

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

November 2015

"The Mission of the Lower Altamaha Historical Society is to Preserve and Disseminate the History of McIntosh County."

**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steak**

LAHS members Chris Milner and Buddy Sullivan will present a program about timber rafting on the Altamaha River in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Buddy will give a short talk to place Darien's timber industry in historical context; then Chris will show a video program filmed 40 years ago, *"THE LAST RAFT,"* about rafting days on the river. John Crawford, an actual participant on the *Last Raft* project, will join them with his commentary. Also included will be clips from an interview with the late author Brainard Cheney who wrote historical novels about the lumber days in southeast Georgia.

**LAHS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
December 3, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Belvedere Plantation Clubhouse**

The festively decorated Belvedere Plantation Clubhouse is once again the setting for our Christmas party. This year the hostesses for our party have decided to try a set menu for the meal. Provided as the main course will be pork tenderloin. Our hostesses would like members to bring side dishes to go with the entrée. Each side should serve eight (8) people. The sides needed are as follows:

- 5 persons for Sweet Potato Casserole
- 6 persons for Waldorf Salad
- 5 persons for Green Bean Casserole
- 5 persons for Appetizer of your choice
- 6 persons for Dessert of your choice

If you don't cook, you can sign up for rolls. You will be able to sign up for what you have chosen to bring at the November meeting; or, you may call either Jean Hawkins at 832-6588 or Jeanne Klippel at 832-3318. Either way, if you are planning to attend our Christmas party, please be sure to sign up for something and let us know how many will be in your party. Of course, there will be plenty of the usual *EGGNOG*, fellowship, and fun! We hope to see you there!!!

***** LAHS AFGHANS MAKE LOVELY CHRISTMAS GIFTS *****





LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, January 21, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site

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Our program, postponed from last October, is presented by Dr. Michael P. Morris. His lecture will center on the *Southeastern Indians as they relate to Georgia – such as Indian removal, the Scots-Irish fur traders who took Indian mates in the Colonial period, and their adaptation to the southern backcountry.*

Dr. Morris has a Master of Arts degree from Georgia Southern University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Auburn University. His research specialties are Early America to 1876 and Native American Culture. He has taught History at several state colleges and is currently an Assistant Professor at the College of Coastal Georgia.

News from the Board:

- Due to the resignation of one Board Member and the relocation of two other Board Members, the Nominating Committee is diligently searching for those members who are willing to fill these positions. In order for this organization to fulfill its mission, we need YOU -- to ensure that LAHS continues to grow and be an active part of this community. If you are contacted, please consider their request thoughtfully, and say **YES!**

FIELD TRIP NEWS:

A field trip is being planned for Wednesday, November 18 to McRae, GA, to visit the fully-restored Eugene Talmadge House. We will take a guided tour of the house, outbuilding, and grounds, then have lunch in the dining room there. The cost will be \$35 per person. We need at least 20 people in order for them to give us the tour and lunch. As soon as you get this newsletter, please call me at 265-6729 and let me know if you would like to go. The trip cannot be finalized until 20 people are signed up to go.

Save Thursday, March 31, 2016 for a field trip to Sapelo Island with a guided tour and lunch at the Big House. Mark your calendar for this special event - ferry and tour is \$15, lunch is additional.

Harriet Roberson

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!
MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2016.

Life Membership - \$250 Family - \$20 Individual - \$15 Student - \$5

Pay with a credit card on the LAHS Website

at [www.loweraltamahistoricalociety.org](http://www.loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org)

OR

Make your check payable to LAHS

and mail to P.O. Box 1405, Darien, GA 31305, or give to Yvonne Carter, Treasurer.

If you join in November or December, your membership covers 2016.

**LAHS ARCHIVES WILL BE CLOSED FROM THANKSGIVING DAY
THROUGH NEW YEAR'S DAY**

This Day in Georgia History:

November 19, 1864: From Richmond, Georgia's Delegate to the Confederate Congress sent a telegraph to the people of Georgia indicating that they had met with Confederate president Jefferson Davis ...about Sherman's March to the Sea. The message exhorted the people of Georgia: *"Let every man fly to arms! burn what you cannot carry. Burn all bridges and block up the roads in his route. Assail the invader in front, flank, and rear, by night and by day. Let him have no rest."*

December 3, 1832: Nine Counties Created: Gov. Wilson signed legislation creating Forsyth, Lumpkin, Union, Cobb, Gilmer, Murray, Cass (later Bartow), Floyd, and Paulding counties. All were created from Cherokee County which consisted of all lands in Georgia then occupied by the Cherokee Nation. The new counties were only "paper counties" until the Cherokees were removed by force in 1838. **Forsyth County** was named for John Forsyth, former state attorney general and U.S. secretary of state under presidents Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren. **Lumpkin County** was named for GA governor Wilson Lumpkin who was in office at the county's creation. **Union County** was named in recognition of the federal union. **Cobb County** was named for U.S. congressman and state superior court judge Thomas W. Cobb. Tradition holds that Cobb's wife, Marietta, was also honored when the legislators named the county seat. **Gilmer County** was named for two-time governor George R. Gilmer, governor at the time of the Cherokee's forced removal to the west. **Murray County** was named for attorney and speaker of the GA House of Representatives Thomas W. Murray. **Cass County** was named for Gen. Lewis Cass of Michigan. Because of Cass's support for abolition and the Union, the General Assembly renamed the county in December 1861 in honor of GA Confederate Gen. Francis Bartow who died at the Battle of First Manassas. **Floyd County** was named for Gen. John Floyd who was involved in various campaigns against the Creek Indians. **Paulding County** was named in honor of Revolutionary War hero John Paulding.

January 21, 1733: James Oglethorpe and a small party of Carolina rangers departed in a small boat from Beaufort, sailing southward along the inland coastal waterway. Their destination was the mouth of the Savannah River, at which point they would sail upriver looking for a site for the Georgia colony's first settlement.

LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Jim & Barbara Bruce	Everett Moriarty
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The oldest English fort remaining on Georgia's coast.

Autumn Encampment – Student Day
Friday, November 13, 9 am – 1 pm
Students and teachers are invited to visit the site to experience a wide range of living history presentations. Space is limited. Make reservations today.

The Debatable Land – Autumn Encampment
Saturday, November 14, 10 am – 4 pm
A wide range of living history presentations. A battle reenactment will take place at 2 pm.

A Colonial Christmas
Saturday, December 12, 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Join the Garrison for a traditional dinner in the soldiers' barracks for an evening of Yuletide jollification. \$40 per person. Reservations required.

OUR ARCHIVES/LIBRARY BUILDING ON THE GROUNDS OF FORT KING GEORGE HISTORIC SITE IS OPEN EVERY THURSDAY FROM 11 AM-3 PM EXCEPT FROM THANKSGIVING THROUGH NEW YEAR'S DAY.

