

# Altamaha Echoes

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Lower Altamaha Historical Society

February 2020

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

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February 17, 2020

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**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, February 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Fort King George Historic Site**  
**Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. B&J Steak**

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For nearly a decade, Author Tiffany Young has been doing genealogical research on her ancestors who lived and died as enslaved people on the South Carolina plantations of John and Mary Bull as well as plantations on St. Simons Island and Butler Island, GA. She has also been focusing on the preservation of Gullah Geechee culture and folklore highlighting the special gifts of knowledge they provide.

Tiffany will be discussing aspects of the history of Butler Island including exciting new information on a cemetery she believes she has found.

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**. LAHS Meeting, Thursday, March 19, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**  
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Mark Yeager, lifetime member of LAHS, is a local architect who lives in the north end of McIntosh County and has spent more than a year compiling information on the history of the airfield at Harris Neck. He is interested in many areas of historic preservation and has served on the McIntosh County Historical Commission.

Mark will be concluding the presentation begun in January 2020 of Part 1 of the history of the Harris Neck airfield.

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**LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 16, 2020, 4:00 p.m.**  
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Mason Stewart will present "*The Jewish Connection to Hofwyl-Broadfield*," highlighting the marriage of James Dent and Miriam Cohen. Mr. Stewart grew up in Brunswick on Reynolds Street and graduated from Glynn Academy. He is knowledgeable about much of the local history and writes about it regularly. Articles include the history of Glynn Academy, the evolution of the Gullah Geechee ring shout tradition, and the Jewish Temple Beth Tifilloh. He has even invented a red light LED "sea turtle safe" flashlight.

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***NEWS FROM THE BOARD:***

- Our president, Wes Tippins, is once again sending all our members - for whom we have an email of record - a copy of this newsletter digitally. If you do not get it, and want it that way, please let us know. Thanks.
- Ashantilly is sponsoring a program to be held at St. Cyprian's Church on Fort King George Drive at 10:00 am on February 29 entitled "*Trail Blazing African American Women on the Georgia Coast*." Keynote address will be given by Rutgers University History Professor Melissa Cooper, PhD., author of "*Making Gullah: A History of Sapelo Islanders, Race, and the American Imagination*." At 12:00 noon a light lunch will be offered in St. Andrew's Parish Hall for \$5.00, optional, please RSVP and prepay. Then at 1:30 pm also in the Parish Hall, there will be lectures on three trail-blazing women: Saint Anna Alexander, Elizabeth Elaine Lemon, and Susie King Taylor. This is a free event, but you must register with Ashantilly at 912-437-4473 or email to [ashantillycenter@gmail.com](mailto:ashantillycenter@gmail.com). All are welcome.
- LAHS is co-sponsor of the commemoration of "The Weeping Times" to be held in Savannah on March 6, 7, and 8. This will be an extension of the recognition ceremony and activities held on Butler Island and in Darien last year on the occasion of the installation of the new Weeping Times historical marker and the attendant programs. Keep your eye out for more information on this event.
- We have renewed our subscription to the magazine "Georgia Backroads" which somehow was cancelled last year. If you would enjoy reading it, our copy will be available to you any third Thursday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Archives Building on the grounds of Fort King George.
- Don't forget, if you would be willing to help LAHS keep tabs on the condition of some of the historical markers in Darien, please let Wes Tippins know. We need some help on this committee.
- Reminder: dues are now due for the 2020 year. Please pay the treasurer at the next meeting, mail your dues made payable to Lower Historical Society, PO Box 1405, Darien, GA 31305, or pay on our website using PayPal or credit card.
- Our Christmas party was well attended at our "new-this-year" meeting place - the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, a spacious room in a more central location with no steps to climb. The food was great - with a big thanks to Bill Barton for providing the ham and turkey. And we also want to extend a big hand to Linda Daniels who was in charge of the whole thing. We want to especially thank all our members who live at Belvedere and hosted us there in their lovely Club House for all these past many, many years. We appreciate it more than you know.
- We have added another LIFE MEMBER to our rolls. Thank you Vicky Wallace and Mike Frace.

**Field Trips:** Although no field trips have been planned at this writing, please stay tuned as there are several trips under discussion. We hope to have something to present at our next newsletter.

**++++ REMINDER +++++**  
**MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2020**

Life Membership - \$250      Family - \$25      Individual - \$20      Student - \$5

Pay with a credit card or PayPal on the LAHS website at  
[www.loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org](http://www.loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org) OR make your check payable to  
LAHS, P.O. Box 1405, Darien, GA 31305 OR  
give to Treasurer at the meeting.  
Please renew promptly. Our small treasury needs your dues!

**NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome new members – seek them out and make them welcome.  
We are so glad to have all of you!!

Ed and Mary Sue Murray, Elizabeth Bommer and family, Denise and Richard  
Cummings, Joe Riley, Albert Way, and Kit Sutherland.



**WHAT IS A LEAP YEAR?**

A leap year occurs every four years to help synchronize the calendar year with the solar year, or the length of time it takes the earth to complete its orbit around the sun, which is about 365¼ days. **WHY DO WE CALL IT LEAP YEAR?** The term for inserting extra time in calendars is "intercalation," which doesn't exactly roll off the tongue. We use "leap year" because each date on the calendar jumps ahead two days of the week instead of one. **WHO INVENTED LEAP YEAR?** Roman general Julius Caesar introduced the first leap year over 2,000 years ago. But the Julian calendar had only one rule: any year evenly divisible by four would be a leap year.

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OUR ARCHIVES/LIBRARY BUILDING ON THE GROUNDS OF FORT KING GEORGE HISTORIC  
SITE IS OPEN EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 11 AM -3 PM EXCEPT  
DECEMBER. OTHER DAYS/HOURS ARE AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT.

## LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 1405 – Darien, GA 31305

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### FORT KING GEORGE STATE HISTORIC SITE

P.O. Box 711 – Darien, GA 31305 ---- 912-437-4770

[www.gastateparks.org/fortkinggeorge](http://www.gastateparks.org/fortkinggeorge)

*The oldest English fort remaining on Georgia's coast.*

**Sunday, February 23, 2 pm – 3 pm, Discover Our Past: Explore Archaeology.** Dig deep and find out about the people who came before us with this fun activity.

**Sunday, February 29, 10:30 am -12 pm, An Extra Day In Nature.** Want to make the most of your Leap Day: Join a range on a guided nature journaling walk.

**Saturday, March 14, 9 am – 5 pm, Sunday, March 15, 9 am – 5 pm, Scottish Heritage Days.** Living history demonstrations such as musket and cannon firings, blacksmithing, 18<sup>th</sup> century cooking and music will take place among the live oaks and Spanish moss.

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