

30th Anniversary
Of The
Lower Altamaha Historical Society



October 25, 2009

Ashantilly

Built ca. 1820, Ashantilly was the mainland residence of prominent antebellum planter Thomas Spalding (1774-1851), owner of the nearby Sapelo Island plantation. The house, likely built by Spalding's slaves, was constructed of tabby, an equal mix of oyster shell, sand, water and lime. Ashantilly was named for Spalding's ancestral home in County Perth, Scotland. He died at Ashantilly and is interred in the family burial ground adjacent to the property. William G. Haynes, Jr. (1908-2001), proprietor of the Ashantilly Press, was the last owner of Ashantilly. In 1993 the Haynes family donated the property to the Ashantilly Center, Inc.

Presidents of the Lower Altamaha Historical Society

- William B. Dean (1979-1982)
- William G. Haynes (1982-84)
- Albert R. Cook (1984-86)
- William B. Dean (1986-88)
- Marion Ricker (1988-90)
- Carolyn Hodges (1990-92)
- Mattie Gladstone (1992-94)
- Lloyd Young Flanders (1994-96)
- Buddy Sullivan (1996-2000)
- Ed Meyer (2000-03)
- Dinah Jackson (2003-04)
- Peyton Lingle (2004-06)
- Harriet Roberson (2006-10)

A Program of Observance and Dedication

Welcoming Remarks. Buddy Sullivan

Introduction of Honored Guests and Remarks. Harriet Roberson, President, LAHS, and William Merriman, President, The Ashantilly Center

"The Lower Altamaha Historical Society: Reflections Upon Its Past and Some Observations on Its Present & Future" Buddy Sullivan

Complimentary copies of Mr. Sullivan's address will be available to those wishing them following the dedication of the historical marker.

The Ashantilly Marker Buddy Sullivan and the Georgia Historical Society

[Following these remarks guests are invited to proceed along the driveway to Highway 99 for the official unveiling of the Marker]

Unveiling of the Marker with Remarks by Dignitaries

Following the dedication guests are invited to the Ashantilly House for refreshments and a book signing with Buddy Sullivan for his new publication, "Old Tabby: the Ashantilly Legacy of Thomas Spalding & William G. Haynes".