

# NEWSLETTER

Lower Altamaha Historical Society, Inc.  
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Meetings are held at the Historic Courthouse on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. The Society extends a hearty welcome to all.

LAHS MEETING, June 18, 1992

“The Nature *Conservancy’s* Altamaha River Bioreserve Project” presented by Ms. Christi Lambert, Bioreserve Director. The Altamaha River is the patron of Darien, McIntosh County, and LAHS. This is an exceptional opportunity for LAHS members to gain knowledge of our River, and perhaps lend assistance as the inventory work proceeds.

“A Bioreserve is a landscape—usually large in size—with naturally functioning ecological processes, and containing outstanding examples of ecosystems, natural communities, and species which are endangered or inadequately protected. “A bioreserve includes core natural areas containing significant biological resources. Long term protection also requires reasonable insulation from threats. A bioreserve is therefore designed to withstand human pressure through its size and configuration or by accommodating compatible human use.”

LAHS MEETING, July 16, 1992

The Graduate students with an Internship working on the Altamaha River project will share with LAHS their contribution to the River Project.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

“Highlanders prepare for Bloody Marsh” July 4, 1992, Fort King George, 10 -4 P.M. On the 250th anniversary year of the Battle of Bloody Marsh, Lt. Mackay’s Scottish Highlanders from Darien prepare to disembark to Ft. Frederica on St. Simon’s Island. Demonstrations, crafts, kilts, musket drills.

Lecture by Virginia Steele Woods on “General Research Techniques” July 9, 1992 7:00 P.M. Ida Hilton Library, Haynes Auditorium

250th Anniversary Celebration of Bloody Marsh Battle  
July 10-13, 1992 Fort Frederica National Park, St. Simons Island

THE LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY was organized in 1979, by William G. Haynes, Hans Newhauser, and Norman Edwards. The first meeting was held at the Historic Courthouse, Darien, Georgia in May 1980.

THE AIMS of the organization are:

1. The protection of the Altamaha River
2. The support of Fort King George and other historical sites.

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#### ELEVEN YEARS OF PROGRESS

Through the effort and support of LAHS, the Replica of John Barnwell's 1721 Blockhouse at Fort King George was completed and opened to the public in 1968. The Fort King George Historical Site continues to attract visitors from all over the world. In April 1992 they registered a record 2012 visitors.

In 1988 LAHS was instrumental in the publishing of the book "Scots of McIntosh" compiled by Lillian Schaitberger. This book details the 177 Scotsmen who founded New Inverness, later called Darien in 1736, and also the earliest settlers of Darien.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAMAHA ECHOS, a collection of original historic stories, will be published this year. You are invited to submit your articles.

COLUMBUS and the LAND OF AYLLON will be celebrated through a weekend seminar, September 25,26,27,1992. All activities are open to the general public.

MEMBERSHIP in LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY is open to all those interested in preserving history. Annual fees for 1992-93 are due. Please make your check payable to LAHS and mail to Ms Lillian Schaitberger ,Box 1405, Darien, Georgia, 31305  
Rates: Libraries, Historical Societies and Corporate \$25. Family \$15 Individuals \$10 Students \$2.50