

# Altamaha Echoes

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Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

January 2008

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*"The Mission of the Lower Altamaha Historical Society is to preserve and disseminate the history of McIntosh County."*

## **LAHS Meeting, Thursday, January 17, 2008 7:00 p.m.**

**Fort King George Historic Site  
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Pizza**

Our speaker, Catherine Shuman, will be presenting a program on "*An Archeological Investigation of a Colonial Port City.*" *Sunbury was very influential during the Revolutionary War. During its peak, it was a serious port rival of Savannah.*

Catherine Shuman was raised in Folkston, GA and graduated from Charlton County High School. She obtained a Bachelors degree in Anthropology with an emphasis in Archeology from Georgia Southern University in 2005, and is currently working on her Masters of Arts in Social Science with an emphasis in Anthropology at Georgia Southern.

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## **LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Thursday, February 21, 2008, 4:00 p.m.**

**Fort King George Historic Site  
LAHS members are always welcome.**

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Dr. William Harris, Jr., will be reviewing his new book, *Wassaw Sound*, *about a nuclear bomb that somehow was lost from an Air Force bomber in 1958 and has supposedly never been found.*

As the son of the late Chatham County Sheriff and newspaper publisher, William C. Harris, Sr., Dr. Harris grew up steeped in history, news, politics, gossip and tragedy. With an incredible memory for facts and stories, he is a walking repository of Savannah history and folklore. He is a graduate of Georgia State University and Temple University's College of Podiatric Medicine. He recently retired to concentrate on his writing and lives in Savannah with his wife and three daughters.

## LAHS Meeting, Thursday, March 20, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Fort King George Historic Site  
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Pizza

Robert M. Dunkerly, Chief Ranger at Moore's Creek National Battlefield, will speak on "*Scottish Loyalists During the American Revolution.*"

Mr. Dunkerly holds a B.A. in History and an M.A. in Historic Preservation and has been employed by the National Park Service for many years. He has worked at King's Mountain National Military Park, Gettysburg National Military Park, and Stones River National Battlefield. He is an expert on American Revolutionary Military History and has numerous book publications on the subject. The publications include *More Than Roman Valor: The Revolutionary War Fact Book, 2003*; *Old Ninety Six: A History and Guide, 2006*; and *The Battle of Kings Mountain: Eyewitness Accounts, 2007*. Mr. Dunkerly's employment at Moore's Creek National Battlefield has led him into research of Scottish loyalists during the American Revolution and its root causes. His lecture will focus on Scottish colonial communities of South Carolina and Georgia and what factors in colonial society helped contribute toward their loyalism later during the Revolution.

***This program is a part of the "Scottish Heritage Days" events, outlined on next page.***

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### *News from the Board of Directors:*

- The LAHS Mission has been added to the cover page of the newsletter.
- The Life memberships have been separated to reflect those that have been given honorary memberships because of their service to the organization or for special recognition.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY.

Life \$250.00 - Corporate \$100.00 Annual - Libraries \$25.00 - Family \$20.00  
Individual \$15.00 - Student \$5.00

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND INVITE SOMEONE ELSE TO JOIN SO THEY CAN LEARN OF OUR LOCAL HISTORICAL HERITAGE. YOU CAN SEND YOUR CHECK TO LAHS, P.O. BOX 1405, DARIEN GA 31305 OR GIVE TO JEANNE KLIPPEL, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, OR KAYE TRAER, TREASURER.  
LAHS VALUES YOUR SUPPORT.

## COMING EVENTS:

### VICTORIAN DAY AT HOFWYL-BROADFIELD PLANTATION

January 19, 2008, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Program focuses on the early 1900s when the Dent sisters were young ladies. Patricia Buie, a local Elderhostel teacher and tour guide, will present a program on the life of a Victoria lady. Young ladies will be playing croquet on the lawn and tours of the heirloom Camellia gardens of Miriam Dent will be ongoing.

### SCOTTISH HERITAGE DAYS

***Sponsored by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Historic Sites Division***

March 5 – 7, 2008, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Scottish Heritage Living History Festival. The colonial encampment will take place at Fort King George Historic Site. A nominal admission fee will be charged on Saturday, March 8 - \$5.00/adult, \$4.50/senior, \$2.50/child. Additionally, this encampment will be open on March 5 – March 7 to school groups throughout McIntosh County and neighboring counties. A nominal fee of \$2.00/child will be charged.

March 6, 2008, 7:00 p.m. – Evening lecture at Fort King George Historic Site. Dr. Robert Batchelor, Professor of British History at Georgia Southern University, will deliver a lecture entitled “*Tale of Two Dariens.*” The lecture will be free to the public.

March 7, 2008, 7:00 p.m. – “*Loch Ness*” Film at Ida Hilton Public Library. A scientist is employed to go to Inverness to conduct tests to dispel myths of the existence of Loch Ness. He meets resistance from locals who want the legend to continue in order to keep the tourism industry alive. A mystery awaits all viewers when his discoveries are revealed. The film is free. Popcorn and refreshments will be served.

March 13, 2008, 7:00 p.m. “*Dear Frankie*” Film at Ashantilly Mansion. This film revolves around nine-year-old Frankie and the story his mom invented about a make-believe father. The film features the scenic beauty of the Scottish Highlands.

March 15, 2008, 1:00 p.m. Afternoon lecture and workshop at Ida Hilton Public Library. Renowned genealogist and storyteller Beth Gay will conduct a free program called “*Tracing One’s Scottish Ancestry.*”

March 18, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Evening film, “*The Queen,*” at Fort King George Historic Site.

March 29, 2008, 6:00 p.m. Evening Ceilidh at Ashantilly. The Buddy O’Reilly Band will perform sets of traditional Scottish Celtic music. Food and refreshments will be served. A nominal fee of \$10/individual to benefit the Ashantilly Center will be charged.

**LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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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)

Living History Programs for students and guests are a daily activity at the Fort. Reenactors allow an eighteenth century experience for the observer.

***Oglethorpe at Darien***

*Friday, February 8, 2008, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

*The Highlanders of Darien greet General James Oglethorpe at the fort to commemorate the anniversary of his historic visit to the town in 1736. Reenactors portray various characters that were a part of the festivities and ceremony.*

***Dinner with the General***

*Saturday, February 23, 2008, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*

*Join the Darien Highlanders as they host a historic dinner for their most honorable guest, General James Oglethorpe. Authentic 18<sup>th</sup> century Scottish cuisine will be served at this evening dinner held in the fort's soldiers' barracks. \$30 per person for the dinner. RSVP.*

***School Kids Encampment***

*Wednesday-Friday, March 5-7, 2008*

***Scottish Heritage Day Encampment***

*Saturday, March 8, 2008*

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