

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society

February 2019

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

**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, February 21, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. B&J Steak**



February is Black History Month. In recognition of that, our speaker will be Wilson D. Moran. Mr. Moran is a resident of Harris Neck, a member and deacon of the First African Baptist Church in McIntosh County, and an icon of his community. His presentation is entitled *Sierra Leone – The Language We Cry In*, the story of how he traced his roots back to a village in Africa by following a “song” that his mother had taught him and his siblings as small children, a song passed down through generations of the family. In 1997 Wilson Moran and Joseph Apala helped organized a family trip which led them to West Africa and ultimately to a small village in Sierra Leone called Sanahunbola. There they met a woman who knew the exact same song Mary Moran had taught her children, and they also encountered others who shared their skills and knowledge. Come hear Mr. Moran elaborate on how he found his heritage -- through a song that led him back through hundreds of years to his roots.



President's Day, *February 18, 2019*, honors and celebrates the life and achievements of George Washington, the first President of the United States (1789-1797). It was created in 1879, first celebrated the following year. In 1971 this was changed to the third Monday in February. It was the first federal holiday created in honor of an American citizen.

Presidential Trivia: (answers on third page)

1. What future President spent part of his youth in Augusta and practiced law in Atlanta?
2. Who was the first Republican candidate for the Presidency, born in Savannah?
3. Who was the first sitting president to visit Georgia?
4. Who was the only Georgia senator to run for President?
5. What seven Georgia counties are named for presidents?
6. What future president fought in the Battle of Atlanta?

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Roadside historical markers can be found throughout Georgia, sharing the stories of our past in an easily identifiable and understandable format. The Georgia Historical Society has administered Georgia's historical marker program since 1998, erecting more than 250 new historical markers across the state on a wide variety of subjects. GHS also recently assumed responsibility for coordinating the maintenance of damaged and missing markers erected prior to 1998. From applying for new historical markers to maintaining the older ones, GHS Marker Manager Elyse Butler will discuss our state's historical marker program.

LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, April 18, 2019, 4:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site

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The World War II Home Front Museum: Coastal Georgia at War opened in December 2018 on St. Simons Island and is the only museum dedicated to the World War II Home Front story from a local community's perspective. Museum Site Manager Kim Campbell will discuss the creation of the museum, its mission, and what guests can expect when they come to visit. Ms. Campbell holds a Masters Degree in public history with a concentration in historic preservation, as well as a bachelors degree in history from Mercer University in Macon. She is a published researcher, most recently in the National Council on Public History's essay collection *Preserving Place* and in the *South Carolina Historical Quarterly*.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD:

- A Nominating Committee has been appointed to seek members to fill openings coming up in June: Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 Board Members, all to serve two-year terms. If you would be willing to serve in one of these positions, please let either Paul Nix or Bill Barton know of your interest. Please think about it - we need good people to help us continue our growth.
- The 40th Anniversary of the founding of LAHS will be celebrated in 2019. If you have any suggestions as to how we might give this event its proper recognition, please let us know.
- Keep your eyes open for an upcoming announcement in the Darien News concerning the dedication of a new historical marker which we are helping sponsor. It is entitled "Weeping

Time” and is tentatively scheduled for early March. It will be installed on Butler Island in front of the Houston House. We hope you will come out and join us for this significant event.

- We want to express our thanks to Linda Daniels and her helpers, Jeanne and Howard Klippel and Kaye Traer, plus all who brought food, set up, cleaned up or in any way contributed to the delightful and delicious 2018 Christmas Party. Give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well done.
- A thank you also goes to Aimee Gaddis who represented LAHS at Buddy Sullivan’s signing of his newest book at Ashantilly. The event was a grand success.

MEMBERSHIPS DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2019.

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

Pay with a credit card on the LAHS website at
www.loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org OR make your check payable to LAHS, P.O. Box 1405,
Darien, GA 31305, OR give to Yvonne Carter, Treasurer.

Please renew promptly. Our small treasury needs your dues!

Please extend a hearty welcome to the following new members. We are happy to have each and every one of you:

George and Dee Bigham, Paul Hammond, Tom and Lyn Klein,
Maryam Payne, and Kris Rice.

Black History Month: The celebration of Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It honors the contributions of African Americans to US history, such as John Mercer Langston, the first black man to become a lawyer when he passed the bar in Ohio in 1854; George Washington Carver, who developed 300 derivative products from peanuts; and Thurgood Marshall, the first African American appointed to the US Supreme Court. It became a month-long celebration in 1976; the month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

.Trivia Answers: (from front page)

1. Woodrow Wilson
2. John C. Fremont
3. George Washington
4. Richard B. Russell
5. Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Pierce, Polk, Taylor, Washington
6. Benjamin Harrison

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

The oldest English fort remaining on Georgia's coast.

Sunday, February 10, 10 am-4 pm, Super Museum Sunday, Free Admission All Day! There will be Colonial toys and games, soldiers' talks, and musket firing demos presented.

Friday, March 8, 9 am-1 pm; Saturday, March 9, 10 am-4 pm; Sunday, March 10, 10 am-4 pm, Scottish Heritage Days. A variety of living history demonstrations will be taking place each day, with a battle reenactment on Saturday at 3 pm. A traditional Scottish "Kirkin' o' the Tartans" will be held on Sunday at 11 am at the First Presbyterian Church.

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.



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