

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society

November 2019

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

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

LAHS member Wheeler Bryan Jr. will be presenting a history of Sea Island. He is currently the Historian for the Sea Island Community, coming from C. Parks Catering and Events where he was the Director of Sales and Marketing. Mr. Bryan received his undergraduate degree from Limestone College. He attended Mercer University for graduate school before founding Chappell Bryan and is currently pursuing a Masters Certificate in Hospitality Management from Cornell University.



**LAHS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Thursday, December 12, 2019
St. Andrew's/St. Cyprian's Parish Hall
5:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, 6:30 Dinner**



Please join us at a new location – St. Andrew's and St. Cyprian's lovely new parish hall in Vernon Square, Darien -- for fellowship and fun at the annual Christmas party. Bill Barton will be providing ham and turkey, and members are requested to bring the rest. Please sign up at the November meeting with what you will be bringing - appetizers, main dishes of any kind, any other meat you would like, salads, vegetables, rolls, dressing and gravy, and desserts. You should also notify Linda Daniels at 437-1702 or email modine@darientel.net that you will be attending so she will have a count – and also volunteer to help set up/decorate or help clean up afterwards or to contribute to the eggnog. We hope to see you there!

HAPPY NEW YEAR
JANUARY 1, 2020

**LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, January 16, 2020, 4:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site**

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Our presenter tonight, Mark Yeager, is a retired architect, resident of Harris Neck, and holds a lifetime membership in both the Lower Altamaha Historical Society and the Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuge. His interest in Harris Neck began ten years ago and has led him to extraordinary researcher Jim McMahan, also retired, an LAHS member and resident of Belvedere. Their teamwork has taken them to libraries, archives and county courthouses across Georgia, ferreting out little-known details of Harris Neck's controversial and only partly understood history. The presentation tonight will discuss the role that early development of aviation played on Harris Neck, the two airfields that once existed on the north end of it, and the whole country, and the time leading up to the outbreak of World War II and the resulting upheaval locally and across the nation. This talk is planned as the first of a three-part series that spans the period from the Civil War to the present day.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD:

- We are happy to announce that Bill Barton has volunteered to become Program Chairman. We are most grateful. If you have any suggestions for programs you might find interesting, please let him know. Welcome to your new job, Bill!
- Sissy Kammer and Martha Martin have been working on an updated listing of all the books with prices which we have in inventory. This listing will be a new handout and also available on the website – all books will be for sale at our meetings and on the website.
- LAHS has taken on the project of keeping an eye on all the historical markers in the City of Darien. In order to make this happen, we are asking for those willing to serve on this committee to let Wes Tippens know so that he can get the group organized. Please think about it. It is vitally important that these historical markers be kept in good condition.
- Sissy Kammer has reported that Mattie Gladstone and family have made some donations to the Archives. These are much appreciated and will make a wonderful addition to the various items of interest, of historical value, and as sources for genealogists and researchers. Before Mattie became homebound, she was an active LAHS member for many years. In fact, she was the chairman of the LAHS committee which did all the footwork and organization that made our McIntosh Cemetery book possible. It is a valuable resource still in print today. Thanks to the Gladstones for remembering us.
- The August 2019 *Altamaha Echoes* was mailed as usual but was also sent via email to those members whose email address we had on file.
Now we need you to answer the following: Do you want to receive your newsletter by email? **OR** Do you want to continue getting it by way of a stamp and the postal service? Are you regularly receiving your newsletters? If **YES**, stop here. If **NO**, you must tell us so and send us your email or mailing address. Please call Harriet Roberson at 265-6729 and give her your name, address and answers to the required info **OR** email her at wilwave@att.net . This only works if you give us the information we need. Thanks a bunch!!
- We hope to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the founding of LAHS at our Christmas party on December 12. Be there or be square! Don't miss the fun, food and fellowship!

Field Trip: A field trip to Sea Island has been proposed for Wednesday, December 4 from 10:00 am to 12:30 p.m. As a follow-up to his program on November 21, Wheeler Bryan - LAHS Board member who works as Sea Island's Historian - has volunteered to give us a tour of the Island and the new Cloister Hotel. If you are interested in taking part in this trip, sign up at the November LAHS meeting, or call Paul Nix, field trip chairman, at (770) 378-7208 to get your name on the list. Details are available through Paul.

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 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!

Take a drive around Darien and check out the historical markers. Here are a couple:



This day in Georgia history

November 21, 1733 In response to an 8/12/1733 letter from James Oglethorpe stating that rum drinking was responsible for much of the sickness and death in Georgia, the colony's trustees voted to prohibit the drinking of rum in Georgia and directed that all barrels or other containers of rum brought into the colony should be destroyed.

December 4, 1847 Atlanta pioneer Jonathan Norcross made a presentation to an Atlanta town meeting that an effort be launched to encourage the General Assembly to move the state capital from Milledgeville to Atlanta.

January 16, 1920 Georgia went dry as the 18th amendment to the U.S. Constitution – mandating national prohibition – went into effect.

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

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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, November 17, 11 am -12 pm, Squaring A Log: From Tree to Timber. Meet an 18th century sawyer hard at work and learn about the tools and skills it takes to shape a log into a usable timber.

Saturday, November 23, 11 am – 12 pm, Sunday, November 24, 2 pm – 3 pm, March Forward Into The Past. Explore the site with one of Fort King George's finest soldiers.

Sunday, November 24, 11 am - 3 pm, Chat With a Chandler. Our rangers will be making hand-dipped candles in the style of an 18th century chandler.

