

# Altamaha Echoes

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Lower Altamaha Historical Society

November 2018

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

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**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, November 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Fort King George Historic Site**  
**Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. B&J Steak**

*"Shifting Baselines,"* a film showcasing the rich cultural history of Georgia's commercial fishing industry, is this month's presentation. The film, produced by Blue Voyage Productions in collaboration with UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant, features interviews with the men and women of the Georgia coast who have spent generations building their livelihoods on the water.

In the film, charter boat captain Judy Helmey, commercial fisherman Charlie Phillips, and the Timmons and Gale fishing families share their own unique stories, reflecting on the rise and subsequent decline of the fishing industry. The film touches on the relationships and different perspectives between resource managers, and fishermen, highlighting conflicts as well as collaborations. To keep the industry alive, their stories are being shared to keep the industry economically viable so they can keep doing what they've been doing for generations.

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**LAHS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:30 p.m.**



As usual, our Christmas party takes place at our December meeting at the lovely Belvedere Plantation clubhouse on the river in north McIntosh County. Going north on Hwy. 17, turn east onto Harris Neck Road and go 7 miles. Belvedere will be on your left. If you get to Springfield Plantation on your right, you have



gone too far, likewise, if you get to Harris Neck on your left. Maps will be available at our November meeting, or call Linda Daniels (912-437-1702, or cell 912-242-7634) if you need one. The Gate will be open.

LAHS and its Board Members will provide the eggnog, meats, paper supplies, ice and tea. You need to bring a generous covered dish/casserole to fill out the meal (appetizer, potato dish, vegetable, salad or dessert). We will begin the evening at 5:30 with appetizers and eggnog, and the meal will begin at 7:00 pm. Please let Linda know if you are coming, how many will be in your party, and what food you will bring by MONDAY, DECEMBER 10. Please also let Linda know if you are able to volunteer to help set up for the party at the clubhouse OR stay after to help clean up. We look forward to a wonderful evening of food, fun, and fellowship!

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*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

**LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Thursday, January 17, 2019, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Fort King George Historic Site**

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**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, January 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**  
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**Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steak**

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Paul and Cathy Nix will share highlights from their family trip to the Scottish Highlands. Their adventure began in Edinburgh where they toured many historic places, including Edinburgh Castle where the Scottish clans gathered to prepare to battle the English for control of their familial lands. They stayed in New Town, a historic area of Edinburgh designed in 1846 to provide much needed residential areas and pleasant naturescapes to a city which had grown overcrowded due to the influx of farmers and workers during the industrial revolution. From there they headed northwest into the Scottish Highlands with its expansive landscapes of lakes, grasses, and heather – come join the Nixes as they take you with them down memory lane.

**MEMBERSHIPS ARE 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](http://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:

Frank and Georgette Pronesti, John Riehling, Kris Rice, Virginia Ramsey, Eric Teal,  
and Naomi Braff

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*NEWS FROM THE BOARD:*

- Our president, Wes Tippins, has purchased a golf cart and will have it available at the December field trip for anyone who might need help getting over rough ground or the distances between locations. It will hold three or four, so do not let a lack of mobility keep you away.

**Field Trip:** On Thursday, December 6, 2018, we will be visiting BOYS ESTATE/ELIZAFIELD PLANTATION/MORNINGSTAR to learn about its history through the many years it has been of service to youth in some form or another – as well as its former time as a working plantation. DeLeon Peacock will be our tour guide for the morning, a man well-qualified as one who lived there during his teen years and who has written a book to leave intact his legacy of knowledge on the subject. Sign up with Paul Nix (625-0160). We will meet at 10:00 am at the Morningstar entrance off Highway 99 between US Highway 17 and I-95 across from Hofwyl Plantation. There is no charge for this trip, but we will take a free-will offering that day and give it as a donation to Morningstar. We will close out the field trip with Dutch treat lunch at Mudcat Charlie's on the Altamaha River just down the road from the tour site. Bring a friend to join the fun as we are not limited in the number who may participate that day.

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### THIS DATE IN GEORGIA HISTORY:

November 15, 1732: Oglethorpe departed for Gravesend: James Oglethorpe set out in a carriage from London for Gravesend, a Thames River port about 20 miles downriver from London. He carried a few personal belongings – certainly a sword – but most of what he and the colonists would need in the new colony had been sent ahead to be loaded aboard the *Anne*, the ship that would carry the first group of colonists to Georgia.

December 13, 1864 – Fort McAllister assaulted. This day saw the Union assault on Fort McAllister, which protected the Ogeechee River southwest of Savannah.

December 25, 1868 – All Confederates Pardoned. President Andrew Johnson granted an unconditional pardon to all persons involved in the Confederate cause during the Civil War.

January 1, 1862, Kiss the Girl for Me. A Georgia soldier in Virginia wrote home to his cousin – who was also a soldier but home on sick leave. “....You said that you all was not preparing for much fun at Christmas but if there was anything a going that you intended to see it ....I hope that you kissed Paulina for me and told her what it was for and if you did not you do it before you leave. Tell her that I have not forgot her loving smiles and purty face. Eli now don't take the start of me because I am not there to take my own part which I don't think you will but don't forget to kiss her and tell her that it was for me. Then you may repeat it again if it suits her but I rather that I was there to do it myself ....” Source: *In Care of Yellow River: The Complete Civil War Letters of Pvt. Eli Pinson Landers to his Mother*.

January 17, 1733 – Trustees Banned Jewish Settlers. In London, the Georgia Trustees voted to ban Jews from settling in Georgia and further to instruct Jewish leaders to stop collecting money to send Jewish settlers to Georgia. In his journal, the Earl of Egmont noted that the Trustees were divided on the issue but the majority voted against allowing Jews to settle in Georgia “because they generally are not cultivators of land, but Small hedge Shopkeepers, and might keep private correspondence with the Spaniards.” The ban came too late for 43 Jews who had sailed for Georgia earlier that month and arrived in July 1733. They were allowed to settle in Savannah – and some were given land grants. Oglethorpe contacted attorneys in Charleston about allowing the Jews to remain after the Trustees' ban. They advised him that he could not remove the Jews (which must have delighted him, since the colony's only physician was one of the Jews that had arrived in July).

## LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 1405 – Darien, GA 31305

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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)

*The oldest English fort remaining on Georgia's coast.*

**Saturday, November 10, 10 am-4 pm, Autumn Reenactment,** Living history presentations will take place throughout the day, and the battle reenactment will be at 3 pm.

**Saturday, December 8, 2018, 7 pm – 9 pm, A Colonial Christmas at Fort King George.** Join the Friends of Fort King George for a traditional dinner in the soldiers' barracks, and an evening of colonial style Yuletide jollification. Program concludes with a cannon firing. Reservations required. \$35

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THE ARCHIVES WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE HOLIDAY MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER. IF YOU OR ANYONE SHOULD WANT ACCESS TO THE ARCHIVES DURING THAT TIME PERIOD, PLEASE CALL SISSY KAMMER AT 276-492-5577 TO ARRANGE AN ACCESS TIME.



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