

# Altamaha *Echoes*

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

## Springing back! *A Word from Wes*

Dear friends,

After more than a year of scrambling to adjust to the many challenges associated with the coronavirus pandemic which kept us from in-person meetings and field trips, your board of directors is enthusiastic about getting our programming back on track. While we're grateful for the video-conferencing app Zoom to continue board meetings and to connect with members-at-large through various presentations, nothing can take the place of the synergy of meeting in person.

This was really evident in March during our field trip to Midway Historic District when members were awed by the large collection of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century heirloom furnishings, paintings, historical documents and artifacts. Our group was able to get inside the Midway Congregational Church, a large historic wooden church built in 1792 that replaced an earlier church building that had been burned by the British during the Revolutionary War. I'm sure you would enjoy your visit if you weren't able to join us – picture-taking wasn't allowed but I'm sure you'd enjoy seeing all that is assembled there when you're ready for a day trip! Dinner at Sunbury Crab Company topped off a great afternoon.

You'll find information elsewhere in this newsletter about several future events and I look forward to seeing at our May 19 meeting at Fort King George when we'll elect a new slate of officers and directors learn about the Civil Air Patrol.

Best regards,

**Wes**

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## *Another page from our Scrapbook . . .*



At our April 21 meeting, Dan Elliot (center) presented a summary of historical and archaeological research at Sunbury and Fort Morris. Christina Orr, site manager, Fort King George, and Jason Baker, Fort Morris ranger, attended to hear first-hand of his discoveries.



Although the recent dig at Fort at Fort Morris unearthed a huge piece of pottery from prehistoric times the “diggers” were disappointed not to find items from the Revolution.

## *Ready to Run!*

At the May 19 Membership Meeting, the Nominating Committee will submit the following slate of officer and director candidates for a two-year term – July 2022 through June 2024.

Wes Tippins – President  
Linda Daniels – Vice President  
Sissy Kammer – Director  
Paul Nix – Director  
Missy Brandt Wilson – Director  
OPEN – Director

No candidate for the open position of Director had been found at the time of this writing – nominations for that slot as well as all other positions will be open from the floor.

## *Archives*

Our Archives/Library Building on the grounds of Fort King George Historic Site will reopen on Thursday, May 19 from 11:00 am – 3 pm and be open those same hours every third Thursday of each subsequent month except for the month of December. Other days/hours are available, contact Sissy Kammer – [snkammer@gmail.com](mailto:snkammer@gmail.com).

Volunteer(s) are needed to man the Archives/Library Building on the third Thursday in October (October 20, 2022). If you are interested and have four hours to spare, Sissy would love to hear from you! Instructions and duties for volunteers will be sent five to seven days prior to their scheduled date.

## Explore Ebenezer with us!

Ebenezer, also known as New Ebenezer, is defined as a ghost town because the economic activity that once supported it has failed. But because substantial visible remaining buildings remain, Ebenezer has become a tourist attraction.

Join us on **Thursday, May 26, at the Museum of the Georgia Salzburger Society, 2980 Ebenezer Road in Rincon at 2 pm.**

The museum of the Georgia Salzburger Society is a colonial style, two story, red brick building that was erected in 1971. The museum was built on the site of the original Ebenezer Orphanage, the first orphanage in Georgia. The area was home of the first Sunday School in Georgia that was held in 1734. The church was built from bricks made of clay and the walls are 21 inches thick. The bells were brought from Europe and are still rung before each service. The Museum houses an extensive collection of artifacts from the area. Following our museum tour Dan Elliot will lead an archeological tour. Reserve today on [loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org](http://loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org).

## PIC NIC

**Thursday, June 16. 6:00 pm, Fort King George  
LAHS PICNIC AND POT LUCK**

The main course will be provided, please bring a favorite appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Linda Daniels, 912.242.7634, [tintabby67@gmail.com](mailto:tintabby67@gmail.com) with the number of guests in your party and the item you will bring along.

***Learn all about the FORT STEWART MUSEUM located in Hinesville***

**Thursday, July 21, 2022, 7:00 pm at Fort King George**

**James Atwater**, the Museum's Director, will be our speaker for the evening. After earning his under-graduate degree from Anderson University in Indiana, he went on to Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. for his Masters. Director Atwater worked at Colonial Williamsburg for three years and in Museums at Ft. Lee and Fort Monroe before spending fifteen years as Curator of the Army Transportation Museum at Ft. Eustis. He became Director of the recently completely renovated Ft. Stewart Museum about three years ago.

The "mission" of the museum is to interpret the history of the 3rd Infantry Division from 1917 to the present day; be a place to collect, present and display historic artifacts related to its history; provide and support Division education, historical programs, research and training opportunities. The Museum is expansive and has four large galleries, which include the history of Fort Stewart and its supporting air fields. Make your reservation online at [loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org](http://loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org). A field trip to the Museum is in the works – details will be provided by email!

***Sympathy to the family and friends on the passing of  
Bill Ramsaur and George Moore***

## LAHS MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

LAHS expenses continued even as we operated on a limited basis and we're grateful to all who kept their dues current during the pandemic. If you haven't already, please remit your dues today and join with other folks interested in learning more about this amazing place we get to call home.

### Memberships

Annual: Family - \$25 Individual - \$20 Student - \$5

Lifetime: Family - \$400 Individual - \$250

Pay with a credit card or PayPal on the LAHS website at  
[www.loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org](http://www.loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org)

*or*

make your check payable to LAHS and bring to the meeting  
*or mail to*

LAHS, Post Office Box 1405, Darien, GA 31305

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### *At a glance . . .*

**Thursday, May 19**, Membership Meeting 7:00 pm, Fort King George  
Civil Air Patrol Then and Now

*Featuring Captain Joan Scarborough*, Senior Squadron, CAP

Captain Scarborough will cover CAP history, local Squadron missions  
and aviation highlights.

**Thursday, May 26**, Field Trip, 2:00 pm

**Museum of the Georgia Salzburger Society**, 2980 Ebenezer Road, Rincon

The township of Historic Ebenezer, founded in 1734 and relocated in 1736, has a  
heritage as rich as America. It was settled by Lutheran Salzburgers seeking a place of  
religious freedom and a chance for a new beginning.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Museum at Fort Stewart

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