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OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARDS TO ARWE & HANAHAN

DAILY USE FEE BEGINS JUNE 1

Rising charges for internet subscription services and access charges coupled with the general increases in normal operating costs have resulted in the necessity for a per day charge to use the regular facilities of The Heritage Library. Beginning June 1st there will be a **daily charge of \$5.00** for each non-member age 18 years or older wishing to use the research facilities of the Library including the computers and internet connections.

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Dorothy Arwe with Robert Smith



Santee Hanahan with Bill Altstaetter

The 2003 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Awards were presented to local genealogists Dorothy Arwe and Santee Hanahan at the recent Volunteer Appreciation celebration by The Heritage Library Foundation.

The Foundation's Vice President Robert Smith presented the Distinguished Service Award for the single most significant accomplishment of the year to Dorothy Arwe in recognition of her extensive work on the African American post Civil War Land Certificate data base. Arwe is a part time resident from New Hampshire living in Sea Pines and has been volunteering with the organization for two years.

Santee Hanahan, from Indigo Run, received the Director's Award from the Foundation's President Bill Altstaetter, for her outstanding work on behalf of the Library. President Altstaetter recognized Ms. Hanahan for her many hours of dedicated service

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IRISH OPEN HOUSE A HIT

"A resounding success!" said event organizers of the wine and cheese Open House on Sunday, April 25th held at the Heritage Library, for the "Irish societies" of Hilton Head and Sun City.

Pam Bredin and John Griffin planned the event and with the help of Pat Roche from Sun City welcomed some 50 Irish genealogy fans, experienced and beginners, who came to see what the Library is all about. Many thanks to them and to our guides Joan Keating, Santee Hanahan, Randy Holcombe, Bob and Betty Jane Smith, Isobel Bitner, and Bill Altstaetter.

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From the President

by Bill Altstaetter

Springtime is the season of rebirth, new beginnings, and a time for growth.

So too, a time of growth comes to your library. On a number of occasions in recent months, patrons have experienced “standing room only” for places to work and a seat at the on-line computer work stations. Librarians are having a tough time finding shelf space for new books. Little did we know when we started this whole thing some seven years ago that so much success would smile upon us in so short a time.

As a result, your Board has authorized an expansion plan which will add an additional 800 square feet to our current space bringing us up to nearly 2800 square feet. We expect to have the new space in full use by the end of August. Just in time for the beginning of the fall influx of visitors and the new academic year.

The plan as presently constituted contemplates reconfiguring the computing and microfilm facilities, adding additional shelf space for the book and periodical collections, creating a permanent classroom facility and relocating certain administrative functions so that the reading room may be more available to the patrons in a more library-like environment.

To make all this happen the Board will be looking to the members for an increased commitment of both time and money. Added space means more volunteers to provide effective coverage. The current volunteer staff stands at just over 30. We would like to see this grow to 45 by September. If you are at all interested, training classes for volunteers will start in June and run throughout the summer. If we get enough new volunteers we will add Wednesdays as a regular open day.

While there are just enough funds available to accomplish the minimum requirements of this necessary expansion, more are needed to finish the job. There will be a “wish list” of items to completely equip the new space available at the Library for anyone wishing to designate a donation for a specific purpose or in memory of a loved one.

The Annual Funds Campaign for 2004 will be getting underway in the upcoming weeks and will give you more specifics. In the meantime, should you wish to hear more of the details or take an active part in its development, contact the Library at 843-686-6560 and ask to speak to one of the officers about the Library 2004 Expansion. Norma, Bob, Ben or I will return your call.

The Member Hot Line ~ What's New-By and For the Members

Director Profiles —

Five new directors were elected to the Board of The Heritage Library Foundation at the recent Annual Meeting for terms beginning in February of 2004 and ending in 2007.

Pam Bredin has been researching since she inherited her mother-in-law's family files and pictures in 2000.

Pam and her husband Bob raised their family of two children, Christopher and Mark, in New Jersey, while Bob commuted to New York City.

Bredins moved to Hilton Head Island from Cape Cod in 2001.

Pam says, "After living on the Cape for nine years, I needed more sunshine in the winter and what better place to live than Hilton Head Island?"

Pam comes to us with extensive volunteer experience through her work with school, museum and hospital organizations in the Morristown area.

Soon after her arrival here Pam answered one of our ads in the Hilton Head Monthly. She is a regular on our Thursday crew and last year took on the added assignment of Volunteer Coordinator where she is doing a superb job.

Natalie Hefter has been working for the Coastal Discovery Museum since the spring of 1997. As the Vice President of History, she manages the history

segment of the museum's programs. Hefter also assists in other areas of the museum operations including fundraising and grant writing. In the fall of 1998, Natalie authored *Images of America: Hilton Head Island* containing nearly 200 photographs of the history of Hilton Head Island and a timeline,

Prior to her work at the Coastal Discovery Museum, Hefter was a graduate research assistant at the University of South Carolina where in the spring of 2000, she received a M.A. in Applied History with a concentration in Historic Preservation. She is a graduate of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina with a B.A. in Art History.

Born in Indiana she grew up in Palm Beach, Florida and attended high school in Connecticut, moving to Hilton Head Island with her parents in 1986. She settled permanently here in 1996 and for the past several years has played an active role in the Chamber of Commerce's Junior Leadership program for high school students and was elected chair of the Board of Trustees in May 2003.

Ben Russell is a native of Radburn, New Jersey and received a B.A. Degree in 1954 from St. Lawrence university, Canton, N.Y. After a brief stint at Western Electric Company, Ben entered the U.S. Army, serving for 24 years as an officer in combat arms units.

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from the Membership Desk

Gwen Altstaetter

30 New Foundation Members in First Quarter

Welcome to our new members!

Joining the ranks of the Heritage Library Foundation since January are the following: Gilbert and Marriett Campbell, Kenneth Geroghty, Scott and Susan Foster, Al and Ellen Eaton, Gerry Shira, Ruth Owens, John Watts, Ronni Silett, Joan Nations, Faye Leach, Lee and Larry Anderson, F. L. and Diane Baumgardner, Jack Kzeski, Jr., Richard Morrow, Bruce Arnold, John Present, Ann Finch, Ira and Frankie Goldberg, Natalie Hefter, Rebecca Fink, Hugh and Pat Higgins, Grace Lewis and Sara Timberlake.

The Foundation also appreciates those members who have demonstrated their continuing support for The Heritage Library by renewing their memberships for the coming year.

NGS Annual Conference
in the States
19-22 May 2004
Sacramento, California
Sacramento: A Golden Prospect

REGISTER NOW!

FEATURE ARTICLE ~ *A CHRONOLOGY OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND*
 BY THE REV., DR. ROBERT E. H. PEEPLES
A summary of memorable dates and events from 1520 to 1983 of the Common Era ~

- 1520**
 Aug 18 - In the name of Lucas Vasquea de Ayllon, Goberner, Pedro de Quexes discovered "Punta de Santa Helena" (Hilton Head Island).
- 1562**
 Jean Ribault, representing Gaspard, Comte de Coligny, Admiral of France, leader of the Huguenot party, entered Port Royal Sound, which he then named.
- 1663**
 March - King Charles II, King of England, granted Carolina to eight Lords Proprietors.
- Sep 28 - Captain William Hilton, exploring the Carolina coast at the behest of planters of Barbados, reached the Island, giving his name to the headland, a mariners' landmark for safely entering Port Royal Sound from the Atlantic ocean.
- 1666**
 Dr. Henry Woodward was put ashore here by Captain Robert Sandford as the first permanent English settler.
- 1670**
 Charles Town was settled.
- 1684**
 Yamasse Indians occupied Hilton Head Island at the invitation of Henry Erskine, Lord Cardross.
- 1696**
 Spanish fleet destroyed Cardross' settlement on Port Royal Island.
- 1698**
 Hilton Head Island, except for land fronting Port Royal Sound, was granted by the Lords proprietors to Landgrave John Bayley of Ballinlough, County Tipperary, Ireland.
- 1715**
 April - Yamasse Indians expelled by Governor Craven.
- 1717**
 Dec 10 - Colonel John Barnwell was granted 1500 acres which would become Myrtle Bank and Fish Hall Plantations. (Proprietary Land Grant).
- 1762**
 May 7 - Only Royal Land Grant: to Edmund Ellis and Samuel Green what would become Coggin's Point Plantation.
- 1767**
 Saint Luke's Parish created by South Carolina General Assembly.
- 1781**
 Oct 22 - Revolutionary War Ambush: Private Charles Davant was killed by British Royal Militia Captain Phillip Martinangele of Daufuskie.
- 1781**
 Dec - South Carolina Militiamen commanded by Captain John Leacraft, calling themselves "the Bloody Legion", killed Captain Martinangele and his brother Abraham on Daufuskie Island.
- 1783**
 Dr. George Mosse had Bayley holdings on Hilton Head Island surveyed; he divided 14,924 acres into 47 land lots for sale.
- 1788**
 Zion Chapel of Ease was built by Captain Jack Stoney and Isaac Fripp.
- 1790**
 William Elliott grew the first crop of long-stapled Sea Island cotton on Myrtle Bank Plantation.
- 1793**
 Feb 27 - Captain James Stoney married Elizabeth Mosse.

The Heritage Library is home to The Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society which meets on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May of each year at 9:30 am. and to The Island Writers' Network which meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm. Persons interested in these organizations may reach them by contacting The Heritage Library at 843-686-6560.

1821

Captain John Stoney died in a hunting accident at Fish Hall; his son Captain James inherited 5400 acres of Hilton Head Island.

1826

Captain James Stoney of Otterburn Plantation died; his only son, Dr. George Mosse Stoney (1795-1854) inherited his entire estate except for the 1820 acre Callibogia Plantation (the Island's only rice plantation) which was inherited by his only daughter, Martha Sarah Stoney who married Thomas Henry Barksdale (1795-1834) of 2600 acre Scull Creek Plantation and (2) 1836 Rev. Joseph A. Lawton of St. Peter's Parish.

1860

Dec - South Carolina seceded from the United States of America.

1861

Nov 7 - Hilton Head Island was surrendered by Confederate forces following the Battle of Port Royal.

Nov 22 - Hilton Head Island was renamed Port Royal, South Carolina

Nov 22 - Port Royal, SC was designated Headquarters, Department of the South, U.S. Army with General Thomas West Sherman as Commanding General.

1862

Sep - General Ormsby McKnight Mitchel succeeded General Sherman in command of the Department of the South. Fort Mitchel on Skull Creek is named for General Mitchel. (*The battlements of Fort Mitchel in Hilton Head Plantation next to the Old Fort Pub are open to the public and may be visited.*)

1863

Jan 1 - Emancipation Proclamation.

Jan 1 - U.S. Direct Tax Commission confiscated all Hilton Head Island land and began selling same, mostly to speculators.

1865

May 15 - Confederate President Jefferson Davis was brought to Hilton Head Island for transfer to Fortress Monroe in Virginia.

1872

Redemption Act enabled some planters to reclaim their lands.

1880

Will P. Clyde began buying Island plantations for a hunting preserve.

1931

Landon K. Thorne and Alfred L. Loomis bought two-thirds of the Island for a hunting preserve.

1950

The Hilton Head Company was organized.

1953

S.C. Highway Service ferry service to the Island began.

1956

James F. Byrnes Bridge was opened. And Sea Pines Company was organized.

1961

Oct 1 - Hilton Head Island Historical Society organized.

1964

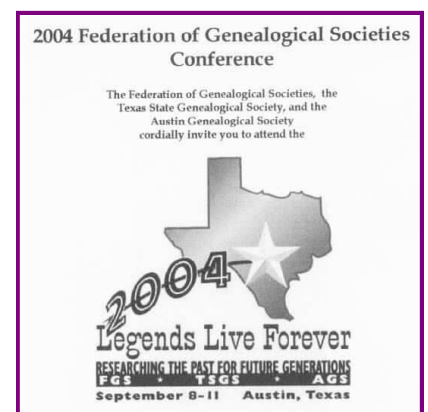
Dec 24 - First Service in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Pope Avenue.

1969

Nov - First Heritage Classic Golf Tournament was won by Arnold Palmer.

1983

Aug - Town of Hilton Head Island was incorporated.

**Voices from the Past**

"Whatever else may be said of history, one thing remains. History is hope. If we do not know yesterday and remember it, how can we imagine tomorrow?" —

Margaret Greer, The Sands of Time, Hilton Head Island, S.C. September 5, 1988

NEW MICROFILM ADDS TO LIBRARY'S CIVIL WAR COLLECTION

New Civil War information for both Union and Confederate soldiers serving in Beaufort County is now available for viewing at The Heritage Library. "Beaufort County: 1862 to 1865 Civil War Burial Certificates" issued by the USA General Hospital on Hilton Head lists burials at the "Soldiers Cemetery" on Union Cemetery Road. It includes both Union and Confederate soldiers, and some civilians. The certificates are arranged alphabetically, and include a place for name, number and locality of the grave, hospital number of the deceased, rank, regiment and company, residence before enlistment, conjugal condition, and residence of the widow, cause of death, age, nativity, remarks & references, date of death and burial. The certificate includes the surgeon's notification of death and request for burial & funeral, and the Quartermasters order to the Sexton for burial. The information requested by the form was not always available. The film includes an alphabetical index.

Other military microfilm arriving at the same time includes Returns for US Military Post 1800-1916, contains Post Reports from Hilton Head, SC from December 1861 thru October 1869 and September 20, 1898 thru Jan 1900; Selected War Department records relating to Confederate Prisoners of War 1861-1865. Among the more interesting

documents included on the later film are receipts for letters containing money November 1864-April 1865. The receipt is a numbered form with date received, who from, who for, amounts include drafts, Confederate and US bills and silver coins. The letters were received at Hilton Head but include prisoners held at Fort Pulaski, Morris Island, and other locations.

FRENCH-CANADIAN PERIODICALS GIFT OF ALAN CHAPUT

Thanks to Alan Chaput our materials for French-Canadian research are expanding rapidly. Just shelved periodicals are: CONNECTIONS, Quebec Family History Soc., Sept 1984-2004; FAMILY TRAILS-MGC Ethnic Studies, Vol 1-5; JE ME SOUVIENS-Am. French Genealogical Soc., 1978-2003; WOODEN MAN-Marquette Co. Michigan) History Society.

NEW FOR CIVIL WAR BUFFS

Thanks to Robert Bowes the collections of CIVIL WAR TIMES and AMERICA'S CIVIL WAR are nearly complete up to 2002.



LIBRARY LAUNCHES NEW DATA PROJECT

Film containing the 1889 South Carolina State Census for Abbeville, Anderson, Barnwell, and Beaufort Counties is now available for viewing on the Library's microfilm readers. This census shows the head of household, number of male and female children between 6 and 16, number of males over 21 and total number of males and females of all ages both black and white.

The Library hopes to add significant portions of the data to its website in the forthcoming months. Checking and cross-referencing with the 1870 Federal Census. is well under way under the leadership of Doctor Peeples. Major work remains to be done on identifying the pages for the townships in St. Luke's Parish. *Anyone wishing to help with this work should contact John Griffin at the Library, 686-6560.*

Other microfilm received in the latest batch include 1868 Voter Registration Abstract for Abbeville, Anderson, Barnwell, and Beaufort Counties. Beaufort County data is separated into four sections, Prince William Parish, St. Helena Parish, St. Luke's Parish, and St. Peter's Parish. Each Parish is further broken down into townships. The voters are listed alphabetically. *Volunteers to help index this material for the Library's online database are needed, too,*

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Ben saw foreign service in Germany, Viet Nam, and Korea as well as with both the Army General Staff and Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. While stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Ben earned a MPA Degree from the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Retiring from the Army in 1978 he held management positions in waste management. In 1996 he retired as Business Manager of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department, Charlotte, N.C. and moved with his wife, Pat, to Hilton Head. Russells, have three children and five grand-children. Ben is a Founding Member of the Heritage Library. He has served as Librarian-in-Charge on Thursdays and in a number of other positions before joining the Board where he now serves as Treasurer of the Foundation.

Smittie Cooler joins the Foundation Board from neighboring Jasper County where he resides at Tickton Hall with his wife Lisa and two sons, Wesley and Alex. Smittie is a native of the Lowcountry and alumnus of the university of South Carolina. He is a Certified Financial Manager with the KCH Group of Merrill Lynch on Hilton Head. A civic leader he volunteers on a number of levels including church youth leader and scoutmaster. He is Chairman of the Lowcountry Revolutionary War Trail Foundation., President of Jasper youth Baseball, Inc., and presides over the Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society. In more quiet moments one

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Annual Memberships in The Heritage Library Foundation of either \$30.00 or \$45.00 continue to include full access to all the facilities and services of the Library.

To encourage use by short-term visitors to the Lowcountry a special **Library Associate ticket** may be purchased at **\$15.00** which will be valid for 30 days from the date of issue.

Library Associate tickets will entitle holders to full use of the Library, to merchandise discounts at the Book Store and special rates for Workshops, Seminars, and Classes conducted by The Library and Foundation during the period of issue. Persons under age 18 will continue to access the Library without charge as will students enrolled in an accredited educational institution. Students may be asked to provide proof of enrollment.

might find him out on the local waters with a fishing rod in hand.

Hunter Montgomery is an associate attorney of Minor, Haight & Arundell, P.C. Hunter received a B.S. in Economics from Clemson University and his Juris Doctorate from Regent University in Virginia. He assists with real estate, estate planning, probate administration and estate litigation. Hunter, an island resident since 1985, now lives in Bluff-

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working on projects including publishing the quarterly Newsletter, lecturing on internet genealogy, speaking to groups throughout South Carolina and surrounding states on the offerings of The Heritage Library, serving as Librarian-in-Charge two Saturdays a month, grant writing, fundraising, Chairing two Galas, and helping candidates for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution receive their credentials.

The whole membership says a great big thanks and well done to Dorothy and Sandee!

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the "new look" of our web site
— visit —
www.heritagelib.org
For a real treat view the new HISTORY section.
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ton with is wife Jennifer and their 6-month-old daughter, Emily. Hunter's childhood years were spent in Mississippi, where he was born. He has a budding interest in genealogy, which was partly spurred on by his discovery of a large family tree produced by his great-grandfather many years ago. Hunter is excited about the opportunity to serve on the board of an organization such as The Heritage Library, and further the common goals of preserving our heritage.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE HERITAGE LIBRARY

Tuesday May 11th 9:30 a.m. Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society Field Trip

Wednesday May 12th 10 a.m.-Noon Genealogy On-Line Workshop (reservation required)

Wednesday May 26th 1:00 p.m.-3 p.m. Introduction to Family History Workshop (reservation required)

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***Coming in the Next Issue***

*Look for new feature called "Queries, Searching, and Questions?" It is planned for future issues.*

*Searching for historical or genealogical answers or family connections?*

*E-mail us at [qsandas@heritagelib.org](mailto:qsandas@heritagelib.org)*

***SEND YOU FIRST REQUESTS NOW FOR POSTING IN THE SUMMER ISSUE***

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