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YARD SALE PROJECT GEARING UP

March seems a long way off, doesn't it? However, time does fly and we are planning to participate once again in the Island Packet's World's Largest Yard Sale. In the past we have been pleased with the monetary results and hope you will help us to continue this success.

Please start saving your items remembering that one person's trash is another person's treasure. We do not take clothing or hard cover books with the exception of cook books. If you can store them it will help, but if

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MAJOR EVENTS HIGHLIGHT GULLAH HERITAGE CELEBRATION AT THE HERITAGE LIBRARY THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER



Photographs from Hilton Head Island 1904—1905 from the Dimock Collection

The Heritage Library kicks off a month long celebration of the African-American and Gullah influence throughout the Lowcountry focusing upon Hilton Head Island opens Sunday, November 5th with a presentation by Beaufort resident, historian, educator and musician, Dan Huff. Titled "*Gullah Contributions in Art and Music*," this second program in the regular "Sundays with Your Ancestors" series on Lowcountry history showcases Huff, a regular with the Beaufort Orchestra, who will examine the significance of the Gullah culture on the lifestyles of 21st Century America. Using performance, excerpts from videos and audio productions Huff brings to life the art of "*we people*" interpreting the impact of the Gullah heritage.



Dan Huff

For an interesting and different experience, come to The Heritage Library from 3 to 5, Sunday, November 5th, 2006. Make plans now to invite your friends and travel together back in time to gain a new look and see a new side of a marvelous culture with whom we share these

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The Heritage Library—Hilton Head Island's Center for history education and preservation, also Family Heritage Research

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**President's Column
by Bill Altstaetter**

2006 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN UPDATE

In place of my regular column on the comings and goings of the foundation and library I am devoting this space to a status report of our annual campaign for funds to keep the library alive and well.

This is not a happy report.

2006 is fast drawing to a close. With 60 days left to complete this year's campaign for operating funds receipts are running far behind expectation. As of publication cut off we have received \$10,380 in cash and checks and an additional \$16,500 in pledges for a total of \$26,880. *We are falling short of our goal for 2006 of \$50,000.*

Frankly, such a shortfall will require major reductions in services, program, and activities in the new year. It is ironic that 2007 happens to be our Tenth Anniversary Year.

Anticipating this unfortunate result, we are taking several steps immediately to shore up our financial position and prepare for a very lean 2007:

- With this issue The Quarterly Newsletter is being reduced to eight pages.
- The subscription data services are being frozen at today's services.

HeritageQuest packaged with Ancestry Library Service has an annual price tag of \$1,500. Genealogy.com costs \$ 200.00. No new databases will be added to these subscriptions in 2007 unless specific underwriters for them are found. Anyone interested in underwriting all or part of these subscriptions is urged to contact our Treasurer, Ben Russell, at the Library.

From the Foundation's management side we will be doing everything possible to insure the uninterrupted delivery of the very best history and family heritage research opportunities to our patrons. That said, however major reviews are underway by all departments to identify effective cost cutting opportunities. Nevertheless, we will continue to strive for the very best in historic preservation and education in the coming months.

To our members and friends, the final results are up to you. Revisit your decision not to support The Heritage Library Foundation this year. Please consider adding us to your year end giving program. If you have made a modest gift earlier in the year, consider an additional gift at this time, maybe in honor of a friend or relative in this holiday season.

Are you willing and able to help? — The time is now.

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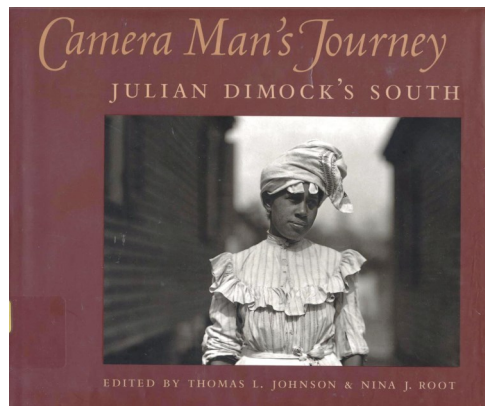


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wonderful islands.

Later in the week, Thursday, November 9th, The Heritage Library and the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina cordially invite you to celebrate the opening of CAMERA MAN'S JOURNEY: JULIAN DIMOCK'S SOUTH, a photo exhibit of African-American life at the turn of the 20th century at a special lecture and gallery walk by the authors of Camera Man's Journey, Nina Root and Dr. Thomas Johnson. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Lecture and gallery walk are set for 6:00 pm followed by a book signing and reception with the authors.



Both events are free, however donations to help defray expenses will be appreciated.

For reservations and additional information call the Heritage Library at 686-6560.

The photographs taken in 1904-05 in and around Columbia, Beaufort and Hilton Head present their African American subjects as they really were without being romanticized or

politicized. They come to the Greer Gallery following an extended stay at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia and will be on display at the Greer throughout November, December, and January.

The exhibit comprises only a small portion of the 155 photographs found on the pages of Camera Man's Journey. Copies of the book will be available at the book signing at \$40.00 each or by ordering through the Bookstore at The Heritage Library.

JULIAN DIMOCK (1873 – 1945) was born in New Jersey and traveled widely across the United States, taking photographs on his own.

THOMAS L. Johnson has been a field archivist associated for more than twenty-five years with the South Caroliniana Library at the University of South Carolina.

NINA J. ROOT is Director Emerita of the Research Library at the American Museum of Natural History, where, among many other ac-

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From the **LIBRARIAN'S DESK**
By Isobel Bitner

PROJECTS AT THE HERITAGE LIBRARY

Currently, volunteers at the Heritage Library are involved in several different projects. The following is a brief summary:

1. Tax Commission Land Sales, 1863-1864. These sales were ordered to release land to freedmen during and after the Civil War. The Heritage



Library has obtained microfilm of the sale certificates for Beaufort County, and a volunteer is in the process of digitizing the records, prior to their being posted on our Web site.

2. Hilton Head residents in the Civil War era. In conjunction with the above project, we are checking several books of contemporary writing, to extract names and other relevant information, of people living and working in this area at that time - such as freedmen, military personnel, etc. Included are such books as "Dear Sister" by Eliza Summers, "Dear Wife" by Jack Davis, and "Census Department of the South, 1864" taken at Jacksonville, which also covers Beaufort County.

3. Bibliography of Beaufort County. Bibliographies of material on Hilton Head and Beaufort County which already exist are being checked, to bring them up-to-date, and with the hope of obtaining as many citations as possible, for inclusion in our collections. Bibliographies in such books as "Hilton Head" by Virginia Holmgren, "History of Beaufort County" by Lawrence Rowland, and Walter Edgar's history of South Carolina, as

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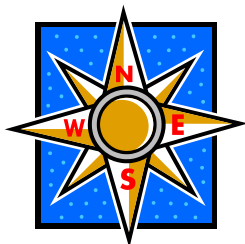
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complishments, she cataloged the Julian Dimock photograph collection.

The Celebration continues through the balance of November at the Library with an exhibit of the ongoing project by Library volunteers collecting, organizing and cataloging military service and pension records of members of the United States Colored Troops regiments raised here on Hilton Head Island between 1862 and 1865.

During the Library's regular open days, Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm sample documents will be on display and members of the project team will be available to discuss the work with interested parties.

This project was made possible through a grant from The Heritage Classic Foundation.



2006 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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You have seen this message before, but it bears repeating.

In reaching your decision on a gift this year to The Heritage Library, think about what the Library means to you personally. Consider what the knowledge of your past is worth to you *and to your "off spring."*

Think also of the significance of the American heritage.

THE HISTORY OF AMERICA DOES MATTER!

Take a moment or two away from your hectic schedule to visit Zion Cemetery. Stroll through the last resting places of some of our earliest Hilton Head islanders and think upon the sacrifices of the Revolutionary War patriots sleeping there. Visit Fort Mitchel. Explore the remains of the 1862 Union Battery. Gaze across Skull Creek and consider what it must have been like for the young men and boys standing guard so far from home, in a strange land; and for the former Islanders on watch across the water who could no longer come home to their island.

The author Willa Cather wrote,

"The history of every country begins in the heart of a man or a woman."

If this means as much to you as I believe it does, I know you will find it in your heart to join your fellow members and friends of The Heritage Library Foundation with a generous contribution to the 2006 Annual Fund Campaign.

THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS

Have you read something recently worthy of passing along to your fellow members? Write a review and E-mail to <bill@heritagelib.org> Attention Editor, Heritage Library News

Anyone wishing to suggest historic or genealogical subjects they would like to hear presented or would present themselves, please e-mail their topic idea with a brief description to:

bill@heritagelib.org

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 except for July and August at 7 pm.

Persons interested in these organizations may reach them by contacting The Heritage Library at 843-686-6560.

Feature Article — John Rutledge of South Carolina

By Cora Mackenzie Peeples

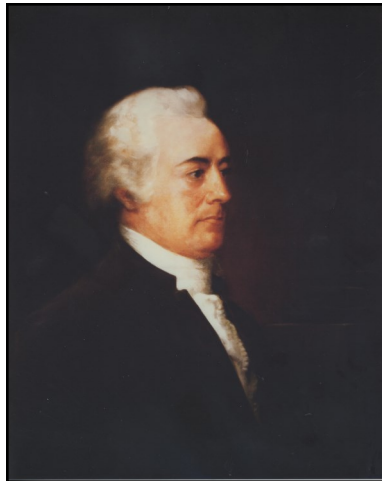
John Rutledge was born September 1739 in Christ Parish (present Mount Pleasant area) South Carolina. He was the eldest of seven children of John Rutledge and Sarah Hext Rutledge. (The Hext House in Beaufort was part of her family's property.) Mother was a niece of the Royal Governor of South Carolina, Thomas Boone. She inherited lands from her father Thomas and his two brothers. John died without children. Sarah owned lands on St. Helena's and Edisto Islands as well as Waccamaw, Stone and Wando Rivers.

Dr. John Rutledge died when hired David Rhind as a tutor for study with the younger children his to guide him. Andrew Rutledge Commons House when Andrew province. John learned the practical aspects of law. When Uncle Andrew died four years later, his with her lawyer James Parsons. was declared ready to practice on her son should have the same education he went to Middle Temple in London on Christmas Eve 1760. to his mother's small house on the was on the verge of bankruptcy slaves – her bank account!

In this period of time lawyers three years time John made it his granted the privilege of practicing his History of South Carolina that success" on his own. John handled 11 cases in court his first year of practice losing only one. The following year he had 22% of all cases tried and lost none. The following year he had 26% although there were 30 practicing lawyers in the province. He was the first lawyer that made practicing law a vocation. He did it by soliciting the men who believed in law and order for the jurors.

In May 1763 John Rutledge married Elizabeth Grimke of third generation French Huguenot family. The couple was married by the Rector of St. Philips in a private ceremony avoiding the social activities that usually accompanied such an important marriage. They moved into their newly built home at 116 Broad Street in November 1793.

To summarize, John Rutledge should be honored as South Carolina's outstanding citizen. He served in the Common's House of Assembly and was Attorney General of the Royal Government. He served in all



Copy of portrait of John Rutledge from original which hangs in The Supreme Court of the United States. Gift to the Heritage Library in honor of Mrs. Cora Mackenzie Peeples

John was 12 years old and his mother her children. When John refused to uncle, Andrew, a Lawyer, was chosen-took John to his law office and to the served as Attorney General of the cal aspects of law. When Uncle Another arranged for John to study law After two years of study with him John his own. Sarah was determined that cation that his friends enjoyed so off don, England. He returned to South When his brothers arrived to take him wharf John determined that his mother because she was selling some of her

practiced law as an avocation but in vocation. In early 1761 John was law alone. Dr. David Ramsay says in John Rutledge was an "instant suc-

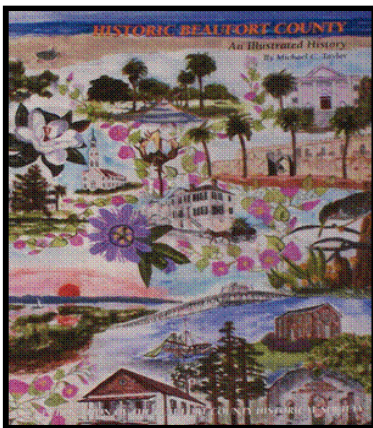
Voices from the Past—

"Let every man honor and love the land of his birth and the race from which he springs and keep their memory green. It is a pious and honorable duty"

~~~~~ *Henry Cabot Lodge 1850—1924* ~~~~~

### ***Meeting Notice***

The Bluffton Historical Preservation Society will host the Beaufort County Historical Society at the Bluffton Library on Saturday morning November 18 at 10:30 am for a presentation by top historians., Dr. Larry Rowland, Dr. Stephen Wise, and Mike Taylor, author of Historic Beaufort County, An Illustrated History. Please call Iva Welton at 671-4865 for more information.



Historic Beaufort County  
Book Cover

### ***Yard sale***

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you need to have us do it, give us a call at 686-6560 or call Gwen at 689-9558 and we will arrange to pick up the items.

Also if you are willing to give 2-3 hours that Saturday call Gwen. We need lots of help that day and we do have fun! If you enjoy pricing things we need you beforehand.



### ***John Rutledge***

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branches of State Government, Legislative, Executive and Judicial.

His services to the Federal Government were:

1. Stamp Act Congress – wrote a letter to the House of Lords
2. First Continental Congress, Chairman of the Committee on Government
3. Second continental Congress, Chairman of the Committee on Government
4. Represented the United States Government in collecting money for the war that had not been paid until after he addressed the several state governments
5. Chairman of the congressional Committee to draft the Constitution in 1787
6. The British Army under Lord Cornwallis was literally whipped to death in the swamps of South Carolina with guerilla warfare which John Rutledge supervised as Commander-in-Chief of South Carolina, the Battleground for Freedom where more than 187 battles were fought

George Washington said that John Rutledge was the most capable man in the United States

and appointed him Associate Justice of the Supreme Court 1789-1791, and in 1795 appointed him Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He served for one session.

When one considers the statement of Dr. David Ramsay “South Carolina rests her claim to fame on the talents and elegance of John Rutledge” no one can deny John Rutledge his rightful place as Mr. South Carolina.

*Barry, Richard, Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina, Duell, Sloan and Pearce 1942, N.Y.*

### ***HHI Genealogical Society News***

Tuesday, November 14 Patrick Crippen will be making another presentation with “What Bit Me?”

His topic will deal with tracing ancestors in the United States. For those of you who attended the February program when Patrick talked about his ancestor who was an English murderer know that it will be entertaining. Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation before the program.

Also put December 12 on your calendar. There will be no formal program but we will have our usual holiday luncheon at noon in the Heritage Library. There will be a sign up form at the November meeting to bring sandwiches, salads, deserts or wine. Cheryl Echols has volunteered once again to host the event.



# About Our Members and Volunteers

*from the Membership Desk  
By Gwen Altstaetter*

Fall is in the air and we are welcoming back many of our members from their summer travels. We have some new members who have discovered us and are searching for their ancestors so be sure to give them an extra smile.

Our most recent members from out-of-state are: Gray Wells, from Alabama, Elizabeth Kadel from Virginia, Jack Molloy from Florida, and Michael Hangis from Massachusetts. Joining us from Hilton Head and Bluffton are: Carrie Hirsch, Jen Bialocki, Karen Gobrecht (who is also volunteering with one of John Griffin's many projects), Helen Benjes, Yvonne Edwards, Nancy Haase, Paul Ricker, Billy and Lorah Anne Perry, and Leslie Richardson and Family.

We welcome you all and look forward to seeing you at the Library as well as attending some of our upcoming workshops.

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URGENT CALL FOR HELP

Volunteers are needed to help in the library during the Summer Vacation to fill in for the Winter regulars who have taken flight. Openings exist Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

WE NEED YOU NOW!

LIBRARIAN'S DESK

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well as the books listed in #2, are among those to be checked.

4. Hilton Head Island cemeteries.

A list of these cemeteries is already posted on our Website, but volunteers are searching for additional information to be added, such as a list of burial names, and a history of the cemetery.

5. Historical sites. Work is underway on some Island historical sites. The Fort Mitchel site is to receive new signage, and the area has been cleared of undergrowth. Another project concerns the rehabilitation of the Zion Chapel of Ease site, and the development of the adjacent Patriots Park. Although not a Library project, we are monitoring the efforts to restore the area around the Mitchelville.

6. Chicora archaeological reports.

We are attempting to compile a list of all such reports made by this group, pertaining to sites in Beaufort County. Some are already obtainable at different places in the county, such as the Hilton Head Island Town archives, and at the Coastal Discovery Museum, but it would be useful to have a comprehensive list, together with, if possible, a copy of each in one location.

7. U.S. Colored Troops, 21st Regiment (Hilton Head Island), pension and service records. Copies of the original documents for Southern Beaufort County are being obtained from the National Archives, with a grant from the Heritage Classic Foundation. These records will be exam-

ined for historical and family information.

8. U.S. military burial records, Hilton Head Island 1861-1865. An index to these records has been prepared, and further work in being done to extract relevant information.

9. Internet links. A library volunteer is embarking on a project to incorporate our "Useful Links" list into our catalog. This would give a direct link to these sites on the same page as our books and CDs. Thus, researchers interested in a particular subject or region (eg. Pennsylvania) would find a listing of our books, CDs, and links to Internet sites, all in one place.

10. Book publishing. The Publishing Division has been busy. For example, the Membership List of the William Hilton Chapter of the DAR has been issued, and a new edition of "Our Family Circle" by Rev. Dr. Robert Peeples is currently being prepared for publication.

11. Julian Dimock Photographs. Earlier research by a volunteer into the 1904 -1905 photographs of the South by Julian Dimock has contributed to the forthcoming exhibit at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, and to arranging a lecture by the authors of "A Camera Man's Journey", a book on the photographs.

We have other projects on the back burner, and we can always use volunteers! If you have any interest in the history of this area, and could help, give us a call at

843- 686-6560.

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*Have the Passion? Have some time? Willing to help?  
Ready to Volunteer?*

**Call Gwen at The Heritage Library 686-6560 or at home 689-9558**

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE HERITAGE LIBRARY

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday  
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday  
November 23, 24 and 25, 2006

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

The Library will be closed for the Christmas Holiday  
Saturday and Monday  
December 23 and 25, 2006

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

Saturday and Monday  
December 30, 2006 and January 1, 2007

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