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Restoration Has Begun!

With the first shovel of ceremonial dirt, work is officially underway on much-needed restoration work on the Baynard Mausoleum. On March 9, Hilton Head Island Mayor David Bennett, along with Carol Gyllenhoff of The Church Mouse Boutique Thrift Shop and members of The Heritage Library Board of Directors were on hand for the ceremonial groundbreaking. The event marked the culmination of months of fundraising efforts, and the beginning of an extensive project to restore the mausoleum to its former glory.

Baynard Mausoleum has stood in its location at what is now the corner of William Hilton Parkway and Mathews Drive since 1846, making it the oldest extant structure on the island. Recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it has intrigued generations of locals and visitors. Thanks



to extensive efforts from The Heritage Library and generous funding by The Church Mouse Thrift Shop, it can now inspire and intrigue generations more.



Church Mouse
THRIFT SHOP

Leading restoration efforts will be Mr. Frank Genello of American Building Restoration Corporation (ABRC), the Massachusetts firm that completed restoration work on St. Helena Island's Fripp Mausoleum. On March 15, Mr. Genello removed the roof slabs to expose the broken beams and structures underneath.

"Restoration of the mausoleum is just part of extensive efforts to transform the surrounding Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery into an educational history

park. Since the property is one of very few publicly accessible Revolutionary War Era sites on Hilton Head Island, it has a story to tell about the war and life on the island during that

time." said Heritage Library Executive Director, Linda Piekut.

This undertaking would not be possible without the support of the community and its many area organizations and businesses. The Church Mouse showed exceptional generosity during fundraising, making an historic donation that paved the way for the recent groundbreaking. Learn more about the site at FriendsOfBaynard.org.



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Our New Board Members

The Heritage Library is proud to announce four new board members for the Classes of 2020 and 2021.



Dodi Eschenbach



Greg DeLoach



Herbert Ford



Nathaniel Jones

Dodi Eschenbach was born in New York City and raised on Long Island. She earned a BA degree in history and education from Cornell and did graduate work at NYU. After her marriage to Harry, they lived on Long Island and then in historic, small Topsfield, MA before moving to the Lowcountry in 1998. In her career, Dodi has been a Junior high school history teacher on Long Island, manager of special events for the Celebrity Series for the Boston Arts Organization, and marketing, public relations, and development manager for The Literacy Center in Bluffton and Hilton Head.

After a 29-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency, Herbert Ford, a native islander, returned to Hilton Head. Herb grew up on the family farm in the Chaplin area of Hilton Head Island, playing baseball or crabbing on the creek. With academic scholarships and a helping hand from Hilton Head's first mayor, Ben Racusin, Herb's exemplary career led to a Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal "for distinctly exceptional achievements that

constituted a major contribution to the mission of the agency." Herb will fill an empty slot in the Class of 2020.

Nathaniel Jones received his Bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina, his Master's degree from Loyola College, and his law degree from the University of Baltimore. He is an inactive member of the South Carolina Bar and currently President of Hilton Head Financial Advisors, Inc. Over the years he has been very active in the volunteer community, currently serving on the Finance and Investment Committee of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.

Greg DeLoach is retiring after 27 years as Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Hilton Head Island. In that position, he amassed a great inventory of the town's "intellectual property and history," and that interest in history will be invaluable to the Heritage Library. Greg has also been a member of the South Carolina Bar since 1983.

Honorariums

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Librarian's Corner

Meet the New Librarian

Our treasured Head Librarian for many years, Nancy Burke, has decided to reduce her hours and responsibilities at the Library so she and her husband, Joe, can travel. Nancy will still be involved with the Reconstruction Project and finally be able to tackle her own "to-do" list for the Library. For the last year, she has been training me to fill the Head Librarian position.

I am originally from Orlando, Florida (before Disney). I graduated from Berry College in Rome, Georgia with a degree in Public Relations, and later received my Master of Education in Counseling from The Citadel. I have worked in several positions as I moved around the southeast, and have over 23 years' experience working in Human Services. I have worked as a



Susan Dobbs
Head Librarian

High School Guidance Counselor, a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and Manager, and as a Cognitive Coach with Brain Balance of Bluffton. I also worked for ten years as a Realtor, primarily in the Atlanta area. I moved to Hilton

Head from north of Atlanta almost four years ago with my husband, Ed, to be near his adult children and five grandchildren. In addition, I have two adult children, a daughter who lives in Salt Lake City, Utah and a son, daughter-in-law and grandson who live in Atlanta.

I started doing genealogy research in 2008 on my own family that dates back to the 1600's in America. I am the Membership Chair for the Emily Geiger Chapter of the NSDAR and am recognized as a Volunteer Genealo-

gist with the DAR. In my free time, I enjoy biking with my Maltese in my bike basket, attending grandchildren's events, and continuing to research my own family history as well as my husband's and other extended family members.

I love working with the Library, getting to know the other interesting volunteers and learning new things every day. Please stop by and introduce yourself if I haven't met you yet.

Currently, we have several new volunteers that have joined the staff and are undergoing training for their positions, as well. Our Daily Librarians are as follows:

Mondays & Wednesdays – Sunni Bond
Tuesdays – Bob Blot
Thursday – Susan Dobbs
Fridays – Anita Bagley

History Department

The History Department has been busy adding new programs and expanding some topics into two sessions instead of one. For the first time in our scheduling, we have thirteen presentations without repeating one in the schedule. Completely new is Hilton Head Island in the Civil War. Other changes are as follows: The Role of Women has two sessions. The first ends around 1900; the second ends in 2018. Also, two different presentations will be given on Native Americans. One shares the history of Native Americans around the



By Dee Phillips
History Dept. Co-Chair

Port Royal Sound area. The second shares the migration of Native Americans in South Carolina.

Department of the South on the Offensive will be offered in a Sunday program on April 22, and is a new presentation for the library.

The History Department Volunteers continue to be tour guides at Zion, Ft. Mitchel, and our bike tours on Squire Pope Road. Some do the tours in costumes while others have a tour guide and a costumed character to add a first- person touch. Many vol-

unteers continue to make presentations in the community to showcase the Heritage Library and what it offers to its members and guests on the island.

Hopefully, you have had a chance to hear some of our newer presentations or will revisit one that you previously attended. We love to hear your feedback. You may even have a desire to research and present a program or become a tour guide or a character from Hilton Head's past. If you do, come volunteer with the History Department! We have fun while continuing to learn!

Heritage Happenings

Reservations Required
Register online at HeritageLib.org,
or call 843-686-6560

HISTORY PROGRAMS

Tuesdays at the Library • 10:30am
Admission \$10 per person

- April 3** - Pedro Menendez, "The Last Crusader"
- April 10** - The Role of Women in the History and Development of Hilton Head Island, 1950 to Present
- April 17** - Native Americans of the Port Royal Sound Area
- April 24** - Native Americans of South Carolina

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

- April 8** - Book Talk and Signing: *Paradise, Memories of Hilton Head in the Early Days*; Nelle Smith and Ora Smith
Free, but space is limited.
- April 22** - Department of the South on the Offensive; Rich Thomas
\$10 per person.

Please register at HeritageLib.org,
or call 843-686-6560.

TOURS

- Bike Tours** - Wednesdays at 10am
Ft. Mitchel Tours - Thursdays at 10am
Zion Living History Tours - Fridays at 10am
For more information, see page 7.

Beaufort Update



SANTA ELENA
HISTORY CENTER

Ancestry Class - Free Research Sites

Thursday April 5, 2018, 1:30 – 3:30 •
Admission: \$10 per member; \$15 per non-member

The Beaufort Branch has added Thursdays to their regular hours. Visit the library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and now Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

For an added convenience, the library will be open on Saturday, April 21

What's New in FTM 2017?

If you are using a version of Family Tree Maker (FTM) prior to the new McKiev 2017 version, you may want to consider upgrading. There are several new additions to FTM 2017. Here are five things you can only do with FTM 2017.



By Carol Clemens

1. You can no longer sync in any version prior to Family Tree Maker 2017. The 2017 Tree Sync is much improved and has no tree size limits. Most importantly, you can now sync to BOTH a desktop and a laptop.

2. If you have a subscription, you can set FTM 2017 to automatically search ancestry.com. You can now also set it to automatically search the free Family Search Data base. Both ancestry and Family Search will generate "hints" that are green shaky leaves for ancestry and a small blue box for Family Search. Searching and automatically adding

data directly from ancestry.com is no longer enabled in older versions.

3. FTM 2017 has a color coding system to help you follow family lines. This color coding makes it easier to follow specific branches of a family. It is also extremely helpful if two branches intersect. One drawback that I hope is im-

proved in the future is that you cannot currently print charts with the color coding.

4. The new FTM has added built-in basic photo editing tools, as part of Photo Darkroom. Some things you can now do from the program include adjust the contrast, brightness, and improve old black and white images.

5. FTM 2017 now has an easy option to export a family branch...this is to separate part of your tree.

Have a question on FTM? Email Carol at cclemens318@roadrunner.com

Volunteer Highlight

Peter M. Somerville

One of our more recent volunteers at the Beaufort branch of Heritage Library is Peter M. Somerville who hails originally from Chillicothe, Missouri.

Dedicated to genealogical research as a volunteer, Peter received his BA in History from Washington and Lee University (VA) and his JD



from the University of Missouri.

When he was an employee with the Federal Deposit Insurance Co (FDIC) in Washington, D C, he lived in Vienna VA which is just across the Potomac River from Washington. Peter now lives on Lady's Island and volunteers at the Heritage

Library with his wife, Mary. His other interests include history and travel.

ZION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

The Heritage Library has launched this capital campaign to preserve the Baynard Mausoleum and create an outdoor learning center where programs for adults and children will be held. The following donors are helping to achieve these goals.



If you wish to make a contribution, send your check marked "Zion Fund" to Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Post Office Box 23019, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925.

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Give Me Enough Time... A Genealogy Success Story



By **Sunni Bond**
Monday and
Wednesday
Librarian

One of my research specialties is researching for documentation to be utilized with an application for membership in Daughters

of the American Revolution and/or Sons of the American Revolution. It is always a thrill when such an application is verified at the National Headquarters.

About four years ago I started working on one such application with a lady who was willing to do whatever was necessary to acquire the necessary documentation. To make this event even more stressful, the first application we sent was rejected because the Revolutionary War service previously used on applications had been found to be that of another man of the same name. Unfortunately, this particular ancestor of the applicant did not have the appropriate service to be recognized as a participant in the Revolutionary War.

Fortunately another Heritage Library volunteer, Diana Luellen, was helping with the research and had found another Revolutionary War patriot that we could use. However, in the meantime, another question was raised by the verifying genealogist at DAR Headquarters — we had not been able to give the usual kind of information about the applicant's grandmother because

the grandparents had been divorced many years ago, each going his/her separate way, and the grandmother had virtually disappeared from the applicant's life.

We could tell from the 1900 census the month and year of the grandmother's birth but, being the third generation, usually the full date is required and census records cannot be used for this purpose. In addition, a death certificate could not be found because we did not know what name the grandmother was using at the time of her death. She had remarried but initially no record of that remarriage could be found. Eventually the second marriage was proven, but still no death data could be located.

Eventually the second marriage was proven via an online database found on ancestry.com. But all of this was taking time. By now the application process was well into its second year and usually only two years are allowed after an initial application has been received by the National Society. There was still no indication of death documentation.

This applicant was very pro-active in research to try to locate the necessary documentation. Letters were sent to various government offices in the states where we knew the grandmother had lived as well as contacting distant relatives to see what they might know. In the meantime, the verifying genealogist had indicated that the only thing holding up verification of the

application was the lack of information for the grandmother.

The applicant had participated in DNA research. She received communication from several distant cousins located through DNA. There was a big sigh of relief when one of these distant cousins contacted the applicant and turned out to be a collateral descendant of the grandmother we couldn't find. She wrote to the applicant to say that she had located the cemetery where the grandmother was buried. We were able to get a letter from the cemetery association indicating the date of burial with a statement that this was all the information in their files. Nevertheless, we had hope that this would satisfy the verifying genealogist at NSDAR, especially since I had originally written an explanatory analysis showing that information about the grandmother was limited. And it did! Within a week of the receipt of the additional information provided by the cemetery association, I checked the site online where I could track the status of an application to find that -- Yes! — this application had been verified. Official approval would follow on the 5th of the next month.

Some applicants would have given up after the rejection of the first ancestor. Not this one! Some researchers would have given up when the explanatory analysis was not enough for the staff genealogist! Not this one! I'm like a pit bull — I latch on and don't let go!

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Bike & helmet provided. Bring water, sunscreen & bug spray. Leaving from 137 Squire Pope Rd.

**WEDNESDAYS AT 10AM
\$25/ADULT • \$20/CHILD**



HISTORIC FT. MITCHEL

Join The Heritage Library for a tour of the Civil War battery on Skull Creek built to protect Port Royal Sound and the Seabrook Coaling Station.

**THURSDAYS AT 10AM
\$12/ADULT • \$7/CHILD**



ZION LIVING HISTORY TOUR

Corner of Hwy. 278 & Mathews Dr. Meet historical characters who lived on the Island during the Antebellum period and see inside the oldest existing structure on Hilton Head Island. Tour where Revolutionary War soldiers are buried and explore the location of the planter's antebellum church and muster house.

**FRIDAYS AT 10AM
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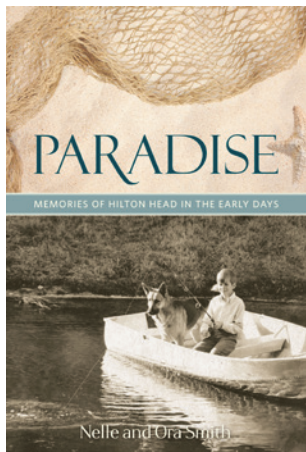
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Sunday Programs

Sunday, April 8, 2:00 – Book Talk and Signing

Paradise; Memories of Hilton Head in the Early Days

From *The Stories of the Sea Pines Wives* comes the memoir of Nelle and Ora Smith, wife and daughter of John Gettys Smith, who moved to Hilton Head Island in 1963 to work with Charles Fraser on the development of Sea Pines. Listen as they tell some of their stories about the early years of Hilton Head development, and have the opportunity to purchase the book!



Free admission, but seating is limited. Please register at HeritageLib.org or call 843-686-6560.

Sunday, April 22, 2:00 – The Department of the South on the Offensive

Hilton Head's role in the Civil War was impactful. As headquarters for the Union's military Department of the South, it was the center of Army and Navy activity in the southeast. Other than the few skirmishes with the Confederate landing parties, Hilton Head Island was notable for the lack of combat action on its land. However, numerous significant offensive campaigns were initiated from its installations. Learn about the innovations in military operations that ensued from their initiatives.



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