

THE HERITAGE LIBRARY HEIRS' PROPERTY FAMILY RESEARCH PROJECT

What is heirs' property? Heirs' property (sometimes known as family land) is property that has been transferred to multiple family members by inheritance, usually without a will. Typically, it is created when land is transferred from someone who dies without a will to that person's spouse, children, or other heirs who have a legal right to the property. However, even if the person who dies had a will, they may still create heirs' property if they leave land to multiple heirs without specifying who gets which section of land. The Department of Agriculture has called heirs' property "the leading cause of Black involuntary land loss."

The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction defines the issues:

"Each state's law considers heirs' property owners to be "tenants in common" regardless of whether they live on the land, pay taxes, or have ever even seen the land. The laws governing tenants in common generally require full agreement among the heirs to do anything with the land. Full agreement is hard to get, especially if there are many generations of heirs who must agree. Locating all the heirs and getting them to agree to the same thing can be very hard to do.

If a family has land that has been handed down without deeds or wills over the years, problems can arise.

1. The individual heirs who inherit real estate as heirs' property do not have clear legal title to the land (because the deed to the land remains in the deceased ancestor's name).
2. Ownership of heirs' property is transferred through inheritance and often there has been no recorded change in the name of the owner.

3. It can be difficult to sell timber or other natural resources on the land to get income for family members (companies that are buyers usually require proof of ownership).
4. Family members cannot get a mortgage or other type of loan using the land as security for farm operating expenses or equipment if they don't have proof of ownership of the land."



By Linda Piekut
 Project Chair

resolved, so every individual case must be brought before a judge for a ruling. Before a family can initiate the legal action to clear title, they must identify their family members who have descended from the deed holder. This is where the Heritage Library can help.

In August of 2021 the Library, the Town of Hilton Head Island, and USCB announced

a partnership to establish the Heirs' Property Family Research Project. USCB has provided an office for the project, and The Town of Hilton Head Island supports the project financially as an initiative of the Gullah-Geechee Culture and Land Preservation Task Force. This allows the Heritage Library to offer their genealogy skills at no cost to the families. Our partnerships have since expanded to include the Lowcountry Gullah Foundation. Our goal is to expand into all of Beaufort County in 2024. In order to expand this project, and reach more families in need, the Library will need to identify a referring agency and raise the necessary funds. We estimate that it will cost \$50,000 total to grow the project over the next 5 years.

Our team consists of Rick Bart, Bob Blot, Sheila Broadbent, Pat Burke, Murray Christopher, and Rosemary Staples on Hilton Head, and Amanda Hughes, and Christine McKim in Beaufort. Our volunteers have learned genealogy in a brand-new way in order to research a family forward to the living family members – the opposite of what we normally do in family research. Every family has taught us something new in this research that we can carry forward to future discoveries!



In addition, municipalities are often left with deteriorated or abandoned properties, and these properties add to the municipal expense in establishing rights-of-way to pave roads, install sewer lines, etc.

There is no law in South Carolina governing how heirs' property should be

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By *Barbara Catenaci* | Executive Director

Donating to charity is a way to contribute to causes that are bigger than ourselves. For many people, the act of giving is deeply personal. We are emotionally invested in the causes we give to and in the charities we entrust with our dollars to carry out the work needed and desired in our communities, state and country. We are privileged to live in a community that gives generously. And the ways in which you give are more diverse than ever.

Whether you're just dipping your toes into the charitable giving world or you're looking for tax-advantaged ways to maximize your gifts, here are nine smart ways to donate to charity.

1. Donate your time or skills

If you're looking for an affordable and impactful way to give back to the causes you care about, consider donating your time. Many organizations, like The Heritage Library, rely on volunteer efforts to assist with their operations.

2. Participate in your employee gift-matching program

Some employers offer gift-matching programs for qualified charities, meaning they'll match the amount of your donation up to a certain amount. This can effectively double your contribution and make more of an impact on the causes that matter to you.

3. Donate cash

Donors often consider donating cash to be the quickest, most convenient way to give. You often have the option to make a one-time cash gift or set up a recurring monthly or annual donation. Many charities allow you to give online via a credit card in seconds.

4. Donate stocks

If you're looking for a tax-savvy way to donate to charity, consider donating shares of appreciated stock (which are shares that have increased in value over the time that you've owned them). There are many benefits to donating stock, both for you and for your favorite charity. In particular, donating stock gives you the opportunity to save on both capital gains taxes and income taxes. And due to these tax savings, your donation can be larger, making your dollar go further than if you were to sell the stock and donate cash.

5. Create a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

A Donor-Advised Fund, or DAF, is an investment account where all the assets you invest go to charity. Anything you contribute to the fund – including cash, stocks, and cryptocurrency – is managed and invested by a sponsoring organization. Your contributions will grow tax-free, and over time you can recommend grants from your fund to qualifying charities. When you contribute to a DAF, you can qualify for an income tax deduction for the amount you contribute in that tax year. You can choose which organizations you'd like to support and when those donations should be made.

Keep in mind that donations to a DAF are irrevocable. This means that once you contribute assets, you aren't able to withdraw them and use them for a different purpose. They must be

donated in support of a qualifying charity.

6. Make Qualified Charitable Distributions from your retirement account

People 70.5 and older can donate funds from their IRA accounts directly to qualifying nonprofits. This type of gift is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution, or QCD.

7. Leave a bequest to charity in your will

There are ways you can donate to charity that extend beyond your lifetime. One of these is to name a nonprofit organization as a beneficiary in your last will and testament. These bequests are often called planned gifts or legacy gifts.

You can donate to charity in your will in two ways:

1. Name the charity as the primary beneficiary for a specific gift, like a certain amount of money or stock.
2. Allocate a percentage of your total estate to a charity.

A big benefit of leaving a gift to charity in your will is that it costs you nothing now. Your gift will make a difference for a cause you care about without having any financial impact on you during your lifetime.

8. Name a charity as the beneficiary of your non-probate assets

There are certain assets, like your 401 (k) and life insurance policy, that pass on to your beneficiaries outside of your last will and testament. You have to fill out separate beneficiary designation forms to name beneficiaries for these non-probate assets.

9. Take advantage of ways to increase your donation through giving programs that provide a form of match for your donation.

The Heritage Library is proud to be a designated charity of the Heritage Classic Foundation and we benefit greatly through their Birdies for Charity and Champions for Charity Programs. Giving Tuesday programs also help you increase your giving through a match.

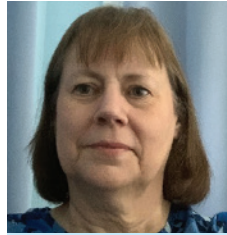
10. Participate in our programs

The fees that are charged for classes, events, tours and other programming are what keeps a non-profit operating and supports continued programming. Part of your “fee” might be tax deductible but you should always check IRS guidelines.

The Heritage Library Foundation thanks you for all that you do to support our organization. The past year was a very busy and it was wonderful to see so many members and guests at our programs and events. We are experiencing more and more visitors to the Library in search of assistance with their ancestry research or to learn more about our local history. It is rewarding to see residents and visitors take advantage of the services we proudly provide. Programming and services are supported by our memberships, program fees and of course donations. All that you do for us what allows us to operate and continue to grow. We are extremely grateful your past support and will work hard to earn your continued support. Thank you!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LIBRARY

We have recently had a few groups visit the Library whose members were working on their genealogy. In talking with them, I was not surprised to find that many routinely use *Ancestry* or other subscription programs to look for family records. But when I asked if they had looked in *FamilySearch*, many had never heard of it. **That** surprised me! *FamilySearch* is one of my favorite websites for genealogical research because it holds a gold mine of genealogical treasures. If you are at all interested in finding out about your ancestors, I tell people that it is the place to start.



BY JANE THEISSEN
Library Chair

for their ancestors, and for years they have been sending their members to church and government archives worldwide to copy records and put them in a central repository in Salt Lake. That repository, now online, is *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org>).

This site will give you access to billions (with a B) of records from around the world, with newly scanned documents being added all the time. Of course you will find U.S. census records, but also birth, marriage, and death records, military records, church records, etc. They do work in partnership with subscription databases on various projects, at times. For example, they partnered with *Ancestry* to get the 1950 U.S. census indexed as quickly and correctly as possible. What a gift for genealogists! So you can expect some overlap in databases, but there are also countless records on *FamilySearch* that you will not find elsewhere (and, remember, they are free!!).

I have been using *FamilySearch* for many years and have found it essential for filling in my family tree. Recently, I was looking for ancestors in Germany and discovered a wealth of original baptism and marriage records from Germany.

This global reach is part of their mission, as noted on their website, “*FamilySearch* is dedicated to preserving important family records and making them freely accessible online. Our work is worldwide and has involved collaborations with more than 10,000 organizations in over 100 countries.”

The site holds more than just documents and records. You can also access family trees, genealogies, books, images, memories people have shared, eBooks, and (another treasure), a research wiki that includes maps, links, and background information about locations your ancestors might have lived. *FamilySearch* is all about sharing your family history, so there are also activities to get every member of your family involved. In addition, the organization holds a free genealogical conference – RootsTech – every February that is both virtual and in-person. This coming year it will be held February 29 to March 2, 2024. Registration is available on the website. It is a must-do genealogical activity.

There is so much more to *FamilySearch* than can be explained in one article, so please, do yourself a favor and take a look at the website. You might be surprised at all the new information about your family you find there!



FamilySearch is a FREE resource, not a subscription program, like *Ancestry* or *MyHeritage*. The only requirement to use *FamilySearch* is to create an account, and no, they will not sell your information to anyone or try to sell you anything. Really!! The *FamilySearch* website is a project of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints based in Salt Lake City, Utah. Part of their belief system involves completing genealogical research

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS: CAROLYN & JIM ROBINSON



Jim and Carolyn Robinson are long time volunteers and supporters of The Heritage Library. They also are extremely active in our community. Jim continues as principle at JYR Architect, PC, serves on the Library Board and is active in the Sons of the American Revolution. He even served as President of his SAR chapter for many years and still serves as a senior Officer. His knowledge and advice are invaluable to both the Library and SAR. Carolyn volunteers at the Library and remains active in her Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter. Carolyn's

vast knowledge of our community and its history and understanding of family research makes her a perfect fit for her work at the Library.

The Robinsons were long time Sea Pines residents until they recently moved to The Seabrook. Lucky for The Seabrook – both Jim and Carolyn are as active there as they were in Sea Pines. Carolyn and Jim are a big part of the Library's success and we hope we can continue to benefit from the skill, knowledge and talent that they bring to our organization for years to come.

2023 - THE YEAR REMEMBERED

2023 was another good year for The Heritage Library Foundation.

Classes: We presented 20 classes focused on family research and local history. We even included a History & Happy Hour and Ladies Who Lunch in this past year's offerings. New to this year past was a partnership with Coastal Discovery Museum that provided discounts to our active members for additional classes offered by the Museum.

Book Club: This was the first year for partnering with the Beaufort County Library (Hilton Head Island Branch) and offering a quarterly Book Club that focused on local history. Book discussions were led by our own Jane Theissen and the Public Library's Warren Cobb.

The National Genealogical Society Family History Conference: The 2023 conference was held in Richmond, VA May 31 – June 3 and we were there. Jan Alpert chaired the conference for NGS and Linda Piekut, Betty Riordan and Barry Riordan represented our Library and showcased the projects we are involved in and the services we offered. This conference provided great exposure to the thousands in attendance.

Tours: The Library once again provided tours at Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery and Fort Mitchel. Visitors and residents learned about local history through the stories told by our docents and living history characters. These tours are educational and entertaining and they help us preserve the sites.

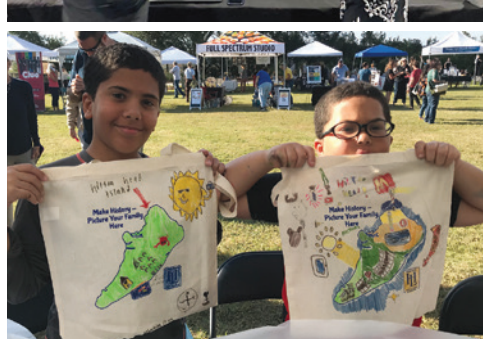
Events: The hosted four events this year... Our Annual Membership Meeting is held in February of every year and it is our opportunity to report to the membership and also hear from the membership. The Meeting is open to all members and is held on Zoom. Sankofa Sunday Brunch provided us an opportunity to celebrate our 25th anniversary with some Gullah culture and lowcountry food and spirits. Here's to another 25 years! Ghosts & Myths is a sold out event every year and it gives our living history characters a chance to bring back the spirits of some of our most interesting historical residents and provide a spooky fun time right before Halloween. Historic Holidays: Authors, Artists & Afternoon Tea is how we close out the year. This event gives locals and visitors a chance to shop local with our featured authors and artists and also take

a break from shopping and experience a holiday tea service. This year we provided some great historical facts about South Carolina tea and also provided guests with a recipe for a colonial orange cake (something from our past to bring to this year's holiday festivities).

Heirs Property Family Research Project: Linda Piekut and her team are hard at work figuring out the intricacies of family histories and helping to identify heirs so local families can protect the legacy of land ownership and protection.

Ancestry Research: Our volunteer genealogists helped more than 1,200 people research their family roots. In addition, to those Library patrons we also had special research days with the Women's Association of Hilton Head Island and Sea Pines Women's Association.

2023 was another good year for the Library and now that we have looked back, it is time to look forward to all that is planned for 2024. Make sure you watch the website, Facebook and our marketing partners so you can join us for the exciting things planned in this a New Year. Let's make it a happy 2024.



VOLUNTEER POWER

In my role as President of The Heritage Library I get to witness first-hand the power that volunteers bring to our organization. We say this over and over again, and every time we say it, we mean it – we can't do what we do without our volunteers. Volunteers provide support for Library operations, assist in genealogy research, develop history research projects, provide tours at our sites, serve on our Board, present programs and classes, assist at events, edit and write for our newsletter and more.

When you get to know our Library volunteers you will discover that their passion for our community goes beyond the doors of the Library. Our volunteers are actively involved in civic organizations, lineage societies, other community organizations, churches and synagogues, local events and more. They serve on local, regional, state and national boards and committees. "Our talent pool runs deep" is an

understatement. The following folks volunteered with us in 2023 and we are grateful that they shared their knowledge and talent with us. Our heartfelt thanks to all:

Nancy Sigmund, Jeff Farmer, Sheila Broadbent, Carolyn Anderson, Shannon Ruff, Marty Anthony, Jane Theissen, Richard Chalk, Audrey Callahan, Peter Cooper, Luana Graves Sellars, Linda Piekut, Paul Anthony, Julie Orr, Rick Bart, Kirstin Clarke, Rick Dekker, Tom Kraft, Lydia Inglett, Diane Larsen, Suzie Oliver, Tom McManus, James Robinson, Jim MacLeod, Veda Keeling, Joe Player, Sunni Bond, Steven Strandmark, Galen Miller, Herb Ford, Jane Stuart, Randy Larsen, Terri Epps, Amanda Hughes, Terry Clark, Carolyn Robinson, Suzanne Moyer, Tom Martin, Ruth McManus, Rosemary Staples, Robert Carpenter, Joe Grondalski,



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President

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Tom Kraft, Judy Pugatch, Robert Danford, Connie Joyce, Bruce Oliver, Nancy Condon, Chris McKim, Cam Benson, Joyce Fowler, Diane Donovan, Lee Wilwerding, Meldon Hollis, Ron Roth, Sarah Takacs, Dodi Eschenbach, Betty Riordan, Eric Washington, Greg DeLoach, Nathaniel Jones, Gwen Altstaetter, Natalie Harvey, and Bill Altstaetter.

If I inadvertently left anyone off this list, you have my apologies, it was an error on our part and we sincerely apologize. Your work and support of our organization are also appreciated.



Larry, Diane, Sheila and John provided tours.



Robert, Audrey, Julie and Kirk support the Library on Thursdays.



Jane and Steven are part of the Monday team.



Dalton and Joe meet up for some family research.



Nancy is always ready to pitch in.

WINTER CLASSES

Family Tree Maker Classes: A Four-Part Series

Dates: 1/11, 1/18, 1/25 & 2/1
Time: 10:00 – 11:30am
Presenter: Carol Clemens



Thursday, January 11, 2024
10:00-11:30am

**PART 1: Overview and
the First Steps**

Thursday, January 18, 2024
10:00-11:30am

PART 2: Getting Started – People and Media Tabs

Thursday, January 25, 2024
10:00-11:30am

PART 3: Introducing the Web Search

Thursday, February 1, 2024
10:00-11:30am

**PART 4: Creating a Final Product – Find and Fix Errors
and Get Started with the Publish Tab**

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
10:30-11:30am

**Community & Conflict:
Colonial Hilton Head 1717-1783**

Location: USCB Hilton Head Campus, Room 214
Presenter: Richard Thomas



Tuesday, January 30, 2024
1:30-2:30pm

**Getting Started
in Genealogy**

Location: USCB Hilton Head Campus, Room 115
Presenter: Jane Theissen



Wednesday, February 7, 2024
10:30am-12:00pm

**How to Use the Ancestry DNA
“Side View Tools”**

Location: ZOOM (a link to the program will be sent to registered participants the day before the scheduled class)
Presenter: Jan Alpert



Tuesday, February 13, 2024
1:30-2:30pm

**The Coercive (aka Intolerable)
Acts of 1774**

Location: USCB Hilton Head Campus, Room 115
Presenter: Lee J. Wilwerding



Tuesday, February 20, 2024
10:00-11:00am

**The Underground Railroad
and Quest for Freedom**

Location: USCB Hilton Head Campus, Room 115
Presenter: Ron Roth



Tuesday, February 20, 2024
1:30-2:30pm

**The Joys & Pitfalls of Publishing
Your Family History Book**

Location: USCB Hilton Head Campus, Room 115
Presenter: Jane Theissen & Robert Durst



Tuesday, February 27, 2024
1:30-2:30pm

Tea and Torture in 1774

Location: USCB Hilton Head Campus, Room 115
Presenter: Lee J. Wilwerding



Tuesday, March 5, 2024
10:30-11:30am

**Crossing the Combahee –
Settlement of the Southern Parishes
and Beaufort District**

Location: USCB Hilton Head Campus, Room 103
Presenter: Richard Thomas



Tuesday, March 12, 2024
10:30-11:30am

Women in the American Revolution

Location: USCB Hilton Head Campus, Room 115
Presenter: Patricia Fall & Kathy Smith



View our full Winter class list (January-March) with descriptions and register at HeritageLib.org

ANOTHER PATHWAY TO GENEALOGICAL SUCCESS

As any person who has been doing genealogical research for any length of time knows, there are many paths to genealogical success. I suspect the one I'm about to tell you about is one that is seldom thought of except for someone interested in becoming a member of Daughters or Sons of the American Revolution. However, it is one source that I have used many times when researching for someone who is not interested in such membership. Even so, they **are** usually interested in learning as much as possible about their ancestors.



By Sunni Bond
Contributor

will want to explore – maybe one of those eight great-grandmothers was a member of DAR. However, when you click on this title, you find that you are required to type in a National number, and you don't have that information. So, on to the final possibility for using this resource – Descendants Database. When you click on this topic, you are given a screen asking for name and state of birth. Supply this information, and voila! You arrive at a screen which shows you all the forms of the name you submitted, along with the name of the spouse, birth and death information (including when and where), and the associated patriot who has been proven by DAR.

I have been the Registrar for three different chapters of DAR in South Carolina. That means that I work with potential applicants to identify and prove their Revolutionary War patriot. One of the first sources I use when I don't know if the individual actually has a Revolutionary War patriot is dar.org. While the actual application is available only to certain approved officers in any DAR chapter, a researcher not associated with DAR can link into a copy of the transcribed application lineage information. Here's how:

First of all, type dar.org in the search box at the top of the screen. When that page comes up on your screen, click on "genealogy" at the top of the screen. The first words of advice on this screen are "Start with what you know". You will find a number of categories to open and they all contain information that will help you on your quest. Here are some tips and tricks:

Let us assume you have completed at least a four-generation lineage chart for yourself. This means you have 16 great-grandparents to explore. In the middle of the screen, you will see a heading "Genealogical Research (GRS)" and underneath that heading you will see "Ancestor Search", "Member Search", and "Descendants Database". Ancestor Search is the section you would investigate if you had the name of an ancestor who could have participated in the American Revolution. This section is not yet relevant for you.

Member Search, you think, is the one you

If you click on any one of the listings, you are transferred to a screen showing a transcript of an approved application. Supplemental applications are those additional ancestors you wish to claim for Revolutionary War purposes) The name of the member along with other information may be indicated as "restricted", that is, not shown; this is because these individuals may still be living. But you will have information about Generation 4 back to the Revolutionary War patriot. By seeing this information, you may be able to ascertain if this is a line that ties in with your own lineage. If so, you are a lucky individual because you now have proof for all or at least part of your lineage back to the late 1700s. I must warn you however that you are likely to hit more negative connections than positive ones, but this is still a resource that is often under-utilized simply because researchers do not understand how it works.

If anyone is interested in exploring the use of this resource but feel a little hesitant to do so on your own, please call me at 864-227-7428 and I will walk you through the process. The best times to reach me at early (8 a.m.) Monday through Thursday or after 6 p.m. on Monday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday. Good luck with your research!

FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED

The Library recognizes the passing of two important friends and remembers them with great respect and fondness.



HENRY "HARRY"
ESCHENBACH
(1934-2023)



NORMAN
HARBERGER
(1929-2023)

*You are missed
but not forgotten.*

Educate & Celebrate

SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: THE BATTLE OF COWPENS



**AMERICAN
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Following British victories in South Carolina at Charleston (May 1780) and Camden (August 1780), Major General Nathanael Greene (1742-86), commander of the Continental army's Southern campaign, decided to divide Patriot troops in the Carolinas in order to force the larger British contingent under the command of General Cornwallis (1738-1805) to fight them on multiple fronts. Part of the reasoning behind this tactic was that smaller groups of men were easier for the beleaguered Patriots to

feed. Brigadier General Daniel Morgan took 300 Continental riflemen and some 700 militiamen with the intention of attacking the British backcountry fort, Ninety-Six.

In response, Cornwallis dispatched Banastre Tarleton with 1,100 Redcoats and Loyalists to catch Morgan, whom he feared might instigate a broad-based backcountry Patriot uprising. Morgan, nicknamed Old Waggoner because he served as a wagon driver during the French and Indian War, prepared for the encounter with Tarleton by backing his men up to a river at Cowpens, a pastureland in present-day Spartanburg County and north of Ninety-Six.

As Tarleton's men attacked, Morgan instructed the militia to skirmish with them but to leave the front line after firing two rounds. The British mistook the



BY BAILEY KEELING
Volunteer

repositioning of the Americans as a rout and ran into an unexpected volley of concentrated rifle fire coupled with a cavalry charge and followed by the return of the militia. Tarleton escaped, but Morgan's troops decimated his army.

American rifles, scorned by Britain's professional soldiers, proved devastatingly effective in this engagement. More than 800 British troops were killed, wounded or captured. The Americans suffered less than 100 casualties in the first Patriot victory to demonstrate that they could outfight a similar British force without any other factors, such as surprise or geography, to assist them. The victory provided an important boost to troops, and later that year, in November, the Americans would defeat the British at Yorktown, the last major Revolutionary War battle.



DID YOU KNOW?

The term "cowpens", endemic to such South Carolina pastureland and associated with the cattle industry, is etched in history because of this battle. The field itself was some 500 yards long and just as wide, a park-like setting dotted with trees, but devoid of undergrowth, having been kept clear by grazing cattle.

Two U.S. military ships were named in memory of the Battle of Cowpens. The first USS Cowpens, an aircraft carrier, served in World War II. The second USS Cowpens, a guided missile cruiser, was commissioned in 1991 and served in the Persian Gulf. Both vessels were nicknamed The Mighty Moo.

FINDING YOUR PATRIOT



BY CAROL CLEMENS
Library Volunteer
Instructor

Is it possible you have ancestors who might have served at Ft. Ticonderoga in upstate New York? The DAR has generously provided funding to help search primary sources

to document those who served at the fort primarily during the period 1755-1783.

According to the website: *The project is designed to comb primary sources from the 18th century and provide firm documentation of service at Fort Ticonderoga for researchers, genealogists, and the public interested in learning more about their family histories. Our efforts have begun by surveying Fort Ticonderoga's own archival collections and, it is hoped, will later expand to other sources to document the estimated 45,000 soldiers and civilians from across North America, Africa, and Europe whose lives intersected with this place.*

Here is the link to the database on the website:

<https://www.fortticonderoga.org/learn-and-explore/collections/genealogy/>

Once you go to the site, in the middle of the page click on the link to "Ticonderoga Online Data Base" and type in a name in the PEOPLE box. Click SEARCH at the bottom and matches will appear on the right. The example below is GREENE and it found Nathaniel Greene. Many of you will recognize Nathaniel Greene as having served closely with General George Washington. Greene led campaigns in South Carolina including the siege at Fort Ninety Six and the battle of Eutaw Springs, before his sudden death in Georgia. (FYI: Gen. Greene is in my family tree although I am not a direct descendant. He is my 3rd cousin 7 times removed!) On the website, click on his name and you will discover biographical info and links to some primary sources.

This entry has Related Records which link to original documents. By clicking on the item, as the Journal or Military Orders, you will have access to the entire document. Under Multimedia links, click on view as a PDF file. There is a list of those mentioned in the document but you will

Ticonderoga Online Collections

Advanced Search

Search Hints: To search by phrase wrap your criteria in quotes. ex: "Find me"

Objects Photos
 Archives Creators
 People Containers

Advanced Search Results

1 results found.

Greene, Nathanael, 1742-1786
1742
Record Type: Person

Ticonderoga Online Collections

Person Record

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Name	Greene, Nathanael, 1742-1786
Other names	Nathaniel Greene
Born	1742
Birthplace	Warwick, RI
Deceased	1786
Deceased where	Mulberry Grove, GA
Places of residence	Warwick, RI; Coventry, RI; Mulberry Grove, GA
Titles & honors	Major General

have to go through it to find the person you are looking for. For General Greene, I found military orders he issued.

While this site will be of limited help linking a person to relatives, it may provide fascinating historical background to help the person in your tree come alive.

Happy searching!

Related Records

 **Journal - 2016.5.1-2**
John Lacey Journal
Record Type: Archive

 **Orders, Military - MS.7200**
Orderly Book of Captain Frazer's Company
Record Type: Archive

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

WOMEN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

During the American Revolution, formal politics excluded women. However, the war effort needed the ethical and material support from the women of that time if it was going to be successful. Women found a variety of ways to support the men of the colonies.



By Kathy Smith
Contributor

First and foremost, they showed their support in the traditional female roles. They took care of the home, handled the economy of the household and took up the slack in their husbands' or fathers' occupations.

Women found that boycotting British goods was an effective tool. They refused to drink British teas and stopped ordering their clothes from England to demonstrate their opposition to Britain. This boycotting took place up to and during the war for independence. They demonstrated their purchasing power by "buying American."

Instead of purchasing material and clothing from England, Patriot women used the long tradition of spinning their own cloth. In addition to making their

own clothes and clothes for their families, they made clothing and blankets for the troops.

Women were also called upon to contribute to the financial needs of wartime. The Ladies Association of Philadelphia was one example. The Association collected funds that Martha Washington took

directly to her husband, General George Washington. In 1780, women collected over \$300,000 through female-run organizations.

Some women could not maintain their homes without the help of their husbands so many became camp followers. Camp followers went with the Continental Army, serving as washerwomen, cooks, nurses and seamstresses. Some even acted as spies. Some Patriot women hid army dispatches and sensitive military information under their petticoats as they rode through British territory.

Of course, there were women who fought in the war. Some were treated with contempt while others were admired for their service. While some women joined the army to support the men they loved, others were lured by the enlistment bonus.

The notion that women must be protected at all costs was the prevailing belief during the American Revolution, but as



women assumed new roles, perceptions began to change. The bravery, cleverness, determination and creativity of these colonial women set the stage for future changes in the role of women in our country.

HILTON HEAD CHURCHES

CONGREGATION BETH YAM

The development of a Jewish congregation on Hilton Head happened over a period of several years. The first "gathering" on the island was for a wedding in 1974 but it was not until 1979 that a Passover meal was held for about 30 people and the seeds of a Jewish association were sown.

The Jewish Community of Hilton Head was adopted as the name and the first Shabbat service was held at First Presbyterian Church on June 12, 1981.



BY RICHARD CHALK
Library Volunteer

The first membership meeting was held in October that year and by early 1982 the congregation included nearly 100 families.

The congregation continued to meet at First Presbyterian until January 1990 when the first Jewish house of worship on Hilton Head was dedicated on Meeting Street. The dedication of Temple Beth Yam was a joyous occasion for the Jewish community.

The 25th Anniversary was celebrated

in June 2007 with a Founders Weekend. Services were held and the 17 founding families were recognized.

After several years of planning the Temple was renovated and expanded in 2009 with a building dedication weekend held on December 4-5.

Congregation Beth Yam continues to be an active center for Jewish life on Hilton Head and has around 275 families. Rabbi Brad Bloom has been the full-time spiritual leader of the congregation since July 2009.



MARTIN LUTHER KING

JANUARY 2024 COMMUNITY EVENTS

★ *Save the Dates* ★

1/6

Sat.

Gullah
Kinfolks
Musical

1/11

Thu.

Ecumenical
Worship
Service

1/12

Fri.

Shabbat
Service

1/13

Sat.

Gullah
Cemetery
Cleanup

1/15

Mon.

MLK Day
Celebration
and March

1/20

Sat.

Children's
Day

1/27

Sat.

Dine and
Dance



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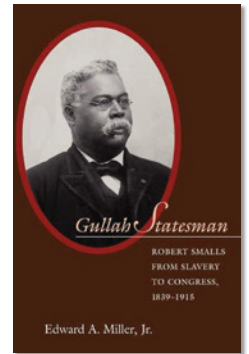
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Book Club Discussion | Hilton Head Public Library
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Gullah Statesman: Robert Smalls from Slavery to Congress

by Edward A. Miller

There is no cost to participate but we do ask you to register in advance at Heritage-Lib.org/BookClub



SAVE THE DATES

NEW ANCESTRY & HISTORY CLASSES: Watch the website www.heritagelib.org.

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