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A Full Fall Schedule at the Library

Special Events for Capt. William Hilton Weekend



Dwayne Pickett

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Sunday September 25,

2:00-4:00

Co-author of *The European Struggle to Settle North America*, Dwayne Pickett will discuss and sign copies of the book at a reception at the Heritage Library. Call 686-6560 for reservations.

The Pre-Columbian Low Country and the Lost Century

Tuesday September 27 1:30 p.m.

Bill Altstaetter presents an overview of the geography and peoples living in the Low Country and South Atlantic Sea Islands before the arrival of the Europeans in 1492 including little-known events of the years prior to the arrival of the English in late 1600s, frequently known as The Lost Century. \$8 members, \$10 non-members. Member couples, \$12, non-members \$15. Call 686-6560 for reservations.

Free Friday September 30

Research fees will be waived at the Library with an open house, refreshments, and short talks on history and genealogy. A great time to invite your friends to visit the Library and see us for themselves.

New Library Hours

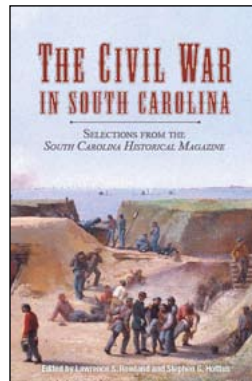
Beginning Tuesday, September 6, the Library will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays and Saturdays by appointment only.

CIVIL WAR IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Larry Rowland and Steve Hoffius Discuss and Sign Their New Book

September 8, 1:30 p.m.



Lawrence Rowland



Stephen Hoffius

Co-editors Lawrence Roland, distinguished professor of history emeritus at the University of South Carolina-Beaufort, and Stephen Hoffius, editor of Home House Press, will discuss and sign copies of their new book, *The Civil War in South Carolina: Selections from the South Carolina Historical Magazine*.

Rowland reported that the book turned out to be much larger than either editor expected, but added that “there were too many articles that were too good to be ignored.”

Hoffius said the book covers all of South Carolina, remarking that the Civil War affected every person and every region of the state. According to the publisher, the articles offer the viewpoints and sensibilities of both sides in addressing such events as the attack on Fort Sumter and Sherman’s March. More, it features consideration of widely disparate subjects from technological breakthroughs to resourceful recipes that substituted for foods embargoed by the Union blockade. Call 843-686-6560 for reservations.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Heritage Library Culture

Every organization has its unique culture, whether deliberately cultivated or evolving from what the organization does.

Debra Thorsen writes that corporate culture is “an energy field that determines how people think, act, and view the world around them . . . an energy force that becomes woven through the thinking, behavior, and identity of those within the group . . . Every time people come together with a shared purpose, [a] culture is created.”

The other day on NPR I heard an official from Southwest Airlines describing that company’s “core values.” Though the names might sound different, I was struck by the similarity of those values to ours.

He listed the three core values of Southwest’s culture as: A warrior spirit (bear with me on this); A servant’s heart; and A fun-loving attitude.

In describing their idea of a “warrior spirit,” he cited things that I would prefer to call a “passionate spirit.” These included striving for excellence, perseverance, and innovation – all of which I see in our volunteers.

“The servant’s heart” includes the obvious, a desire to serve; also, being egalitarian, observing the golden rule and putting others first, treating them with respect. I would add our determination to send patrons away happy. I have seen several examples of this as volunteers, unable to locate the exact thing a patron was seeking, nevertheless found something helpful, and sent the patron away happy.

Finally, Southwest Airlines is like the Library in recognizing the value of loving what you’re doing – having fun at it. There is a certain *joie de vivre* here, of people doing something that is not only interesting, but something of lasting value.

But there’s one joy we have that a commercial organization like Southwest can never know – a particular zest that comes from the fact *we are all volunteers*.

BARBARA MULLER

Upcoming Events of Interest

Beaufort County Historical Society: September 22 at the Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club, Meridian Rd., Beaufort, SC. Joseph McGill will discuss the 54th Massachusetts Troops. Optional light lunch at 11:30 for \$10. RSVP to Nancy Gilley, 843-523-7969

Bluffton Historical Preservation Society: September series of Lost Arts. Learn how to make a fall wreath, a pressed flower candle, or a tussie-wussie. Nominal charge includes materials. For more information contact instructor Susan Scoggins at (843) 757-6953 or (843) 757-2960, or by email at Heywardhouse@gmail.com

October 15 *Northern Money, Southern Land*: book signing and discussion with co-authors Steven Hoffius and Robert Cuthbert. For more information: call 757-6293 or www.heywardhouse.org

The Archaeological Society of South Carolina, Hilton Head Chapter.

Sept. 20 1:00 p.m. at the Coastal Discovery Museum, Nina Powell Rice will discuss the archaeology of South Carolina for the past 16,000 years.

Civil War Round Table

September 14, 6:45 p.m. at the Bluffton High School Auditorium. Dr. Howard Jones will speak on “The Republic in Peril: the Threat of Foreign Intervention in the Civil War.” Guests, \$10. For more information, call Chris Clayton 843-681-1956, or go to the Web site at www.lcwrtsquarespace.com.

American Revolution Round Table

September 22, 11:30 a.m. Sigler’s Rotisserie. Author Michael Coker on “The Swamp Fox’s Forgotten Victory.” \$30 for luncheon. For more information, 705-1048 or 705-7575



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Repairs at Fort Mitchel

Besides its historical interest, Fort Mitchel provides a scenic walkway with moss-hung live oaks, palms, and scenic vistas of Port Royal Sound. But time and erosion had taken its toll.

Thanks to a grant from the Beaufort County Accommodations Tax committee, supplemented by our own funds, we recently completed some long-needed repairs to the walkways. Hilton Head Plantation,

where Fort Mitchel is located, generously donated a truckload of mulch which was used to fill in some badly eroded spots. The pictures below are typical of the work done.

We have plans for additional refurbishing to make the site amenable to lectures; in the meantime, recent storms have meant we had to go in again to repair tree damage.



Left: Visitors, especially the elderly, were uneasy on this walkway. Note how it fell off steeply to the left, with part of the walkway tilted in that direction.

Right: The reassurance of a rail to hold on to, plus correction of the angle of the walkway, made the walk more pleasant.



Left: This extreme upthrust of concrete was caused by tree roots and was a stumbling block for any visitor.

Right: (Seen from the other end) Workmen moved removed a portion of the walk and reinstalled it further from the tree, creating a safer and more aesthetically-pleasing walk.



Left: Ladies especially could catch their heels in the rotting planks of this picturesque walkway.

Right: Removal of the rotted wood and the addition of new wood provides a safer surface for walking.



THE LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

New Books on the Civil War

The Library has recently received several boxes of genealogical and historical books from a local member. Many are publications covering the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, with information on vital and other records which, as yet, have not been digitized. There are also

county and state histories, and several old maps.

In view of the upcoming Sesquicentennial commemoration of the Civil War, one book of particular interest is *Pictorial history of the Great Civil War* by John Laird Wilson, published in 1878. The detailed text gives a contemporary insight, and the many illustrations and maps are useful copies of original material.

Another recent donation also increases our Civil War collection: *Prisoners' Mail from the American Civil War* has information on both Union and Confederate prisons, their history, and postal covers and examined markings.

We thank the donors of these additions, and encourage others to offer us their unwanted materials.

ISOBEL BITNER

Editor's Note: This bounteous gift consists of over 130 titles which are still being catalogued. A complete list is available at the Library for those who are anxious to see whether any of these books will be helpful for their research projects. Some are multi-volume sets. There are 4 titles about English genealogy, 3 about German, 3 about Ireland, 48 about Maryland, 13 about Pennsylvania, 18 about the United States, 33 about Virginia, and 6 about West Virginia. There is also a 4-volume History of the World, and two books on European History.

**Civil War Sesquicentennial**

December 1 through the 4th will be a time of much activity on Hilton Head Island when the Heritage Library, the Coastal Discovery Museum, the Mitchelville Preservation Project, the Civil War Round Table, the Bluffton Historical Preservation Society, the Beaufort County Historical Society, the University of South Carolina-Beaufort, and the Beaufort Historical Preservation Society, all join in presenting a series of events commemorating the first year of the Civil War. November 7 is the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Port Royal, the amphibious invasion of Hilton Head by Union forces.

Plans are being formed now, and will be announced soon. Activities will include boat tours on Port Royal Sound; lectures by eminent historians; "Mary Chestnut" in the person of Chris Weatherhead, who will present a "living history" event; an encampment; and many other events.

These events will be preceded by a forum presented by the Mitchelville Preservation Project. See below.

MPP PRESENTS:

**"Unheard Voices
at the Dawn of Freedom"**

October 22

Westin Hotel

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

A stellar line-up of researchers on Mitchelville and related subjects will present a day-long forum on what it was like for four million enslaved people to be suddenly free. The town of Mitchelville, established in 1862 even before the Emancipation Proclamation, was a signal achievement on the part of those newly freed, demonstrating that they could govern themselves, elect officials, establish schools, and make education mandatory.

To attend this event, you should call Ben Williams, at 843-301-4466. You will need to send a check for \$35 which will also cover lunch.

The Mitchelville people have assembled an outstanding lineup of participants. See the list on Page 5.



FROM THE

Membership Desk

By the time you read this issue the high temperatures will have abated and we will be enjoying the cooler weather. Hope that isn't too optimistic.

I want to welcome our newest members to The Heritage Library. As you

can see our membership is made up of genealogists and historians from near and far. From afar we have Carlton and Michele Dallas from California and from Connecticut William and Beth Pope. From Rose Hill we welcome Margaret (Peggy) Pickett, who is already volunteering; from Okatie, Don and Elizabeth MacGregory; from Bluffton, Robert and Gwen Hynes, Jane and Ken Michel; from Hilton Head, Carol Pfeife, Barbara Thode and Sharon Horton. Remember this is your library and if we can be of assistance in your search just ask.

We now have the results of spring events, the success of which we owe to you, our members. The first event, in April, **Birdies for Charity** in connection with the Heritage Classic golf tournament netted \$2,127. This came from the participation of the following members: Bill and Gwen Altstaetter, Thomas Barnwell, Isobel Bitner, Nancy and Joe Burke, Roberta Burke, Mary Ann and Atlee Compher, J. Patrick Crippen, Ed Dowschinski, John Geisler, Gerald and Pre Moore, Cassie Sanders, Tom and Ann Senf, Bob and Betty-Jane Smith, Jason and Clara Stevens and Harvey Varnet. We thank you all and hope to have even more members joining in next year.

In May, Iva Welton, Barbara and Al Muller, Bill and Gwen Altstaetter and Tom Senf helped put The Heritage Library over the top in supporting the **Hilton Head-Savannah Equestrian Exposition**. A special thank you to Iva and Tom for a superb job of contacting the local businesses who placed ads in the events program. Through their efforts the Heritage Library was the premier seller for the event! As a result the Library received a check for \$4,800.00.

With the coming Fall season we hope all of you will look at the upcoming workshop and events calendars and keep an eye on the newspapers since we have a very active schedule set up.

Current members do receive a special discount for all events and we hope to see you here.

I do want to thank all of you who respond quickly to our renewal notices. If you have suggestions for improving our service please let us know.

GWEN ALTSTAETTER

PRESENTERS AT

“Unheard Voices at the Dawn of Freedom”

The following will participate in the first Mitchelville Forum October 22 at the Westin Hotel. (See story on Page 4):

- **Dr. Monica Tetzlaff** (Indiana University), one of the original researchers on Mitchelville
- **Professor Robert Engs** (U. of Pennsylvania), author of three books on the responses of the freed people and white Southerners to emancipation in the post-bellum era., most recently *The Rise of the Grand Old Party*. He has also developed an electronic archive on the middle 19th Century entitled, *The Crisis of the Union Archives*.
- **Dr. Travolia Glymph** (Duke) whose most recent book, *Out of the House of Bondage*, won the 2009 Taft Labor History prize
- **Dr. Amy Taylor** (State U. of N.Y.), whose research focuses on women and children in contraband villages
- **Dr. Abel Barkley** (Clemson), Director of Pan-African Studies, an innovative interdisciplinary program
- **Dr. Bobby Donaldson** (USC), a recent fellow at the W.E.B. DuBois African American Institute, Harvard University. He also serves on the Board of Trustees at Wesleyan University
- **Dr. Herman Blake**, MUSC Humanities Scholar in Residence, recently director of the Sea Island Institute
- **Michael Trinkley**, Mitchelville archeologist
- **Dr. Emory Campbell**, chairman of the Gullah/Geechee Corridor National Commission (and a member of the Heritage Library Advisory Board).

Fall Classes & Workshops

*Note: Space is limited in all classes.
Call 686-6560 for reservations.*



Starting Family Research

Wednesdays September 28, 1:30 p.m. & October 5, 1:30 p.m.
Instructor: Nancy Burke

A two part workshop introducing the first-time family researcher to the fascinating field of genealogy, its unique nomenclature, and suggested research techniques. It may also be of value to researchers with limited experience who wish to refresh their skills. Participants will receive hand-outs to help guide their research. Fee: \$45 non-members, \$40 members



Using Family Tree Maker

Wednesday Oct. 12, 1:30 p.m.
Instructor: Carol Clemens

This beginning class for FTM 2011 is also appropriate for those using 2009 or 2010. You will learn how to easily prepare and print basic charts, reports, timelines, etc., and how to add online information and sources to your tree. If you think your old program is "good enough", this class just might change your mind! Required: basic computer skills and ability to search the Internet. Fee: \$25 non-members, \$20 members.



On-Line Genealogy

Wednesday Oct. 26, 1:30 p.m.
Instructor: Linda Piekut

An overview of genealogical research sites available online and techniques to make online research more efficient. This lecture is designed for the intermediate genealogist: that is, participants should understand and have experience using search engines and web browsers, and have a general familiarity with techniques for family research. Fee: \$25 non-members, \$20 members.



Newspapers: A Genealogist's Treasure Trove

Wednesday Nov. 2, 1:30 p.m.
Instructor: Carol Clemens

Newspapers offer a lot more to the careful researcher than just obituaries. This class provides an overview of how to use newspapers in your research. You may even find something in a newspaper to help you break through a "brick wall." You will leave this class with:

1. A list of sources for locating newspapers
2. Suggestions on how to most effectively search newspapers
3. Options for obtaining/saving/copying articles
4. Tips on following the clues found in newspapers
5. Ways to flesh out your family history through newspaper research

This class is appropriate for those with basic computer skills and genealogists of all levels.

Fee: \$25 non-members, \$20 members



Brick Wall Workshop

Wednesday November 16, 1:30 p.m.
Presenters: The Heritage Library Team

Beating your head against your brick wall? Bring your wall to share with a panel of library research analysts and fellow genealogists. Others may have conquered your problem and will be willing to share their expertise with you. Fee: \$25 non-members; \$20.00 members



Creating Great Gifts

Instructor: Carol Clemens
Wednesday Nov. 30, 1:30 p.m.

This class will walk you through how to use a free, online site to create unique gifts using your family photos and genealogy research.

You will gain the basic skills needed to:

1. Upload photos, edit them and create an online album to share with family and friends. A better way to

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share photos than sending them as attachments because the recipient doesn't have to download anything.

2. Make high quality photo books you can have professionally printed at a very reasonable cost.
3. Create personalized cards, family calendars, etc. to have printed at a reasonable cost.

This class assumes that those attending have intermediate computer skills including how to get photos onto your computer (scanning and or adding from a digital camera) and have Internet access. Fee: \$25 non-members, \$20 members

Note: A follow-up program to be offered on March 14th on creating a free genealogy Web site will build on the skills taught in this class.

Heritage Library History Series

*Lecture Fees: \$8 members, \$10 non-members.
Member couples, \$12, non-members couples \$15
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The Pre-Columbian Low Country and the Lost Century

Tuesday, September 27, 2011, 1:30

Presented by: Bill Altstaetter

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The English Settlement from King Charles to "King Cotton"

Tuesday, October 4, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Presented by: Bill Altstaetter

The years of struggle to make a permanent settlement amid constant conflicts with American Indian tribes and European rivals France and Spain through

the split with England and the first years of nationhood will be explored in this second installment of the History of Hilton Head Island. The program includes an examination of the Low Country's role as an economic powerhouse from the early days of cattle ranching to the emergence of "long staple" Sea Island cotton.



The Cradle of Secession: Hilton Head Island and Vicinity at the Core

Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Presented by: Bob Smith

The program will examine the lead-in to the war years, 1861-1865 events in the Low Country and the aftermath, including the story of Mitchelville and the rise of the Gullah culture.



The Second Invasion of the Yankees: The Age of Hunting and Timbering

Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Presented by: Natalie Hefter,
Vice-President, Coastal Discovery Museum

Lately the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War has been grabbing our attention – and we're learning a lot about the Union invasion of Hilton Head Island in 1861. But did you know there was another "Yankee Invasion" in the 20th century? This program will explain the history of the hunting club era on Hilton Head Island and let you know more about some of the northerners who used this island as their own hunting retreats. She'll also discuss the timbering industry and the onset of "modern" Hilton Head Island as we know it. How did we turn from a sleepy, isolated community into a major modern resort? Come and find out more at the Heritage Library.

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Heritage Library History Series (Cont'd)

Hilton Head Island From 1950 to 2011: Hilton Head Welcomes the World

Tuesday, October 25, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Presented by: Norman Harberger

Board of Advisors, Heritage Library

A perspective of the development during the Charles Fraser years by a participant. In 1950, roughly 300 people lived on Hilton Head Island. Almost all were “native islanders” – descendants of the freed slaves who had lived on the island before the Civil War and those who came here during that conflict, seeking freedom.

Now Hilton Head Island is an upscale resort-residential community with a population exceeding 37,000. Those who have come during this transformation were seeking a different kind of freedom—the Island’s natural beauty, its amenities, a hoped-for lifestyle —perhaps seeking “paradise.”

How this transformation was wrought and who were the people and circumstances that shaped the outcomes are the subjects of this talk. What were the lessons learned, and were there heroes and villains?

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IN THE NEWS

Camp Lawton: A Major Archaeological Find

Camp Lawton was established during the Civil War in the fall of 1864 by the Confederate Army to house Union prisoners of war. Until now, Andersonville was the sole POW camp in the South to capture the public’s attention and imagination.

Now several archaeology students have uncovered numerous unique Civil War artifacts at the site. Archaeologists said that this discovery of so many such items -- including a pipe, uniform buttons, a picture frame, coins, utensils, bullets and objects fashioned by Union prisoners -- is unparalleled.

“This is truly a stunning find with historical implications that will be studied for decades,” said Georgia Southern University Archaeology Professor Sue Moore, Ph.D.

Watch for more about Camp Lawton in a future issue of *Glimpses*.