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## Celebrate With Us

The first quarter of this year brought our Annual Membership Meeting and Sankofa Sunday Brunch – A Gullah Table Celebration. These 2 events focused on remembering our past so that we can move forward with the knowledge that the past brings us.

On February 23rd, the membership met on Zoom to review the past year, elect new

members to the Board of Directors, review the organization’s finances and take a peek into what is ahead for this year. This annual meeting is all about you – the members. Your support makes our work possible – thank you.

On February 26th, we gathered at The Culinary Institute of the South to celebrate our 25th anniversary and the Gullah

culture with food, storytelling and art. Special thanks to Chef BJ Dennis, Sista Patt, Amiri Farris, Culinary Institute of the South and Gullah Parties by Barbara for all that you did to make this a successful event.

2022 was a great year and we look forward to 2023 being even better!



Sista Patt



Amiri Farris



Luana Graves-Sellers, Chef BJ Dennis, Sista Patt



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## From the Executive Director

By Barbara Catenaci | Executive Director

2023 is off to a great start. Last year the Board of Directors took on the task of reviewing and revising the Library's Strategic Plan. In 2017 a team including Lou Benfante, Nancy Burke, Peter Cooper, Ali Diercks, Harry Eschenbach, Diana Luellen, Linda Piekut, Barry Riordan, Jim Robinson, Jeff Stokes, Sarah Takacs, Iva Welton and Sunni Bond did such a great job at creating the previous plan that this year's team faced a less daunting task. The task was not as daunting as it could have been but still resulted in more than a year of work with every board member contributing and advice from volunteers and outside experts. The next five years will find the organization focused on the following strategic goals: Financial Stability, Board Development, Operational Management & Capacity, Historic Site Maintenance & Preservation and Strategic Alliances. Each goal has measurable objectives that will guide us as we grow to meet our mission. This year we begin to implement this new plan and use it as a guide to building an even stronger organization.

We have published a 2021/2022 Biannual Report. This report mirrors what we present at Annual Membership meetings but makes that information more accessible to the full community we serve. This report is a result

of a nudge from one of our Board members and I am glad that he pushed in the direction of reporting to the community. We rely on public financial support for all that we do and this is just one more way that we can demonstrate that investments made with us, are just that – investments. We look to produce similar reports every other year that focus on providing insight into past accomplishments, present and future plans, financial reporting and a focus on special projects.

The Library reached more than 11,000 residents and visitors last year. We have experienced year over year growth and barely stumbled when faced with a worldwide pandemic. We are a 99% volunteer organization. A strategic plan and biannual report are two ways that we continue to bring transparency into how we operate as an organization, who we serve, and how far we reach. Copies of both the strategic plan and biannual report are available at the Library.

The Library is gearing up for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. Check out our catalogue on line (see the article by Jane Theissen) or stop by and explore the many resources available in the Library. Don't forget to also watch the website for a page dedicated to this anniversary. Join us as we Celebrate & Educate.



A number of Library volunteers marched in this year's Hilton Head Island St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12th. Volunteers joining the festivities were Larry Stine, Diane & Randy Larsen, Audrey & Ezra Callahan, Pat Fall, Kathy Smith, Jesus Araiza, Cecil Lewis Fain, Jane Theissen and Linda Sue Markel.

# Town of Hilton Head Island Turns 40

**2023** is a special year for the Town of Hilton Head Island. We are celebrating our 40th birthday! We're still a young municipality compared to our well-established neighbors like Beaufort (founded in 1711), Charleston (1783), and Savannah (1733), but we have a respectable list of accomplishments under our belt.

For the past nine years, I've been working to digitize the Town of Hilton Head Island's historical records. I'm not a historian and I don't have the firsthand experience that many of our long-time residents have. But I have developed a good understanding of the Town's history over the course of this project.

in the early 1970s. Reports and studies highlighted incorporation as a way to control growth and development. This was the main concern of many residents. Their island was evolving quickly, and they wanted a say in its development. The island already had police, water, sewer, and other services that a municipality would typically provide. These services were provided by the County, private communities, businesses, or public service districts. What residents wanted instead was control over the rules. Thus, they eventually settled on the limited services model.



By Lindsey Rambow

ment. We have some wonderful pictures that show the camaraderie and spirit of early Town staff. They seemed to love their jobs and relish the process of creating the Town's government's structure from scratch. The first Town Council, elected in August 1983, was made of five members elected at-large and Mayor Benjamin Racusin. Town Council and the Mayor changed over every two years, and many of them had different ideas of what the Town should do. The young Town also went through several Town Managers. Fire services were provided by two separate fire districts, the Hilton Head Fire Commission and the Sea Pines/Forest Beach Fire Department. The cross-island route caused a lot of heartache and debate in the community. Beach parks and recreational opportunities weren't well-established yet. Comprehensive plans, codes, and ordinances needed to be written. In short, there was a lot to do!



Bill C. Harlowe of Martinsville, Va., left, received the Town of Hilton Head Island's first building permit from Frank Hodge, the town's code enforcement chief. The permit was for a home on Lot 5, Rum Row, in Palmetto Dunes.

The Town incorporated in 1983 following a successful petition and vote. You may be familiar with the idea of the "limited services" model of government favored by those in charge of the early incorporation efforts. This is the reason the Town has a large planning function but does not provide police protection, trash, water, sewer, or other traditional municipal functions. Residents debated and considered the "limited services" model for a decade or more before any vote ever took place. Groups that favored incorporation began to study the process

I don't want to gloss over this fact: plenty of residents did not support or agree with incorporation. Some people thought that incorporation would lead to extra taxation and few benefits for those living outside of gated communities around the island. Regardless of the debates on the matter, the Town was incorporated, and the limited services model was adopted as the framework for the new Town government.

After the hard work of incorporation was done, the rest of the '80s and early '90s was dedicated to building up the Town govern-

By the mid-'90s, the Town began to settle in for the long haul. Town Hall opened in its current location in 1992 after operating from temporary office space in various places on the island. That same year, the Town consolidated fire and emergency services into a single Town department and opened the Municipal Court. In 1995, Tom Peebles won a runoff to become Mayor, a position he held until 2010, and Steve Riley became Town Manager. He would go on to lead the Town for more than two decades. Upon retiring in 2020, Town Council honored Riley by naming the Town Hall campus the Stephen G. Riley Municipal Complex. The Riley-Peebles era was marked by a great push for land acquisition. The Town marked land for conservation and recreation, using some of it to build beach parks and recreational facilities. The Town completed planning and visioning activities, amended its Land Management Ordinance, and took on major capital projects. The Cross Island Parkway opened in 1997.

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The Town built pathways, put the beaches on a regular schedule for renourishment, constructed Fire Stations across the island, and oversaw tremendous growth among residents and visitors.

The Town's accomplishments over the past four decades are reflected in its original "limited" focus: planning, development, controlled growth, beautification, recreation, and environmental protection. What will the next 40 years look like for Hilton

Head Island? The year-round population has grown to about 38 thousand, and over 2.5 million visitors continue to flock here annually. Plans, processes, and ordinances have been written, rewritten, and rewritten again. Following the initial frenzy of planning and building the Town's government and its assets, much of the Town's work now focuses on maintenance and redevelopment. We are under new leadership at Town Hall. We are dealing with new issues like workforce housing, short-term rentals,

and bridge reconstruction. I don't know if anyone can effectively predict what Hilton Head Island will look like in another 40 years. I do, however, hope that someone will be around to care for its archives and tell its story.

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## Spotlight On The Library

In the past few issues of The Heritage Observer, I have discussed some of the wonderful print resources available in the Heritage Library. Many of you may not be aware, or maybe have forgotten, that you can access the library's catalog from home right on our website and locate what you need before you ever leave your house. In this article, I'll take you step-by-step through accessing and searching the catalog, and provide a few tips on how best to find what you are looking for.

I am sure many of you have been to our website (<https://heritagelib.org>) and discovered the treasures there. This is the same place you begin to search the catalog. From our main webpage, I usually start by pointing the cursor to "I want to..." and selecting "Search the Catalog" on the dropdown menu (item number three). Alternately, you can scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the button marked "Search the Catalog."

The main search page for the catalog appears, providing a brief explanation of how to search, along with icons on the left side and boxes along the top. Let's do a search and look at the boxes first.



By Jane Theissen  
Library Chair

By default, the system is set to search "All Words" you type in the empty box and to sort the results alphabetically by "Title." You can change those options by clicking on the down arrow next to each of those. Most of the time, the "All Words" search will provide the best results.

Once you have typed in what you are searching for in the empty box, click on the magnifying glass perform the search.

All Words  Sort: Title

I typed **civil war** into the search box for this example. Your search will return a list of items in the library which match your search term. At the top of this list on the left will be three buttons – Item, List, Shelf – that manipulate how your list displays. You can click on them to find the format you like best. Next will be the count of the items you are looking at and the total number of items found in your search (1 to 10 of 518 in the example below). To the right are buttons to navigate forward and backward on this list. These same options also appear at the bottom of each page.

Once you have found an item that you

are interested in, click on the title to see additional information about it. You can also click on the "Add to Clipboard" button to save this item to a list that can be printed out and brought to the library. To find the book on the shelf you will need the TITLE, the CALL NUMBER, and the LOCATION, which are saved to the clipboard if you use that option.

You probably also noticed five icons on the far left side of the screen – Home, Search,

Advanced Search, Simple, and Clipboard. Home will clear your search and take you back to the beginning screen. Search, Advanced, and Simple provide various ways to search the catalog. Once you have added items to the clipboard they will appear on a list when you click on the Clipboard icon and provide an option to print the list.

I encourage you to explore our vast historical and genealogical resources through our catalog. Click on the various options to see for yourself what they do. You can't break anything so get in and investigate, and once you find some items that interest you, come visit us. We are here to help and we love seeing you!

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## International Women's Day

March is Women's History Month and March 8th is International Women's Day. The Library celebrated women on March 8th with a special visit from the Women's Association of Hilton Head Island (WAHHI). Members of WAHHI's Genealogy Interest Group visited the Library and spent time with our volunteer genealogists learning more about their family histories and picking up research tricks. We enjoyed spending the day with this wonderful group of women. Participants in this fun event were: From Heritage Library: Bob Blot, Jim Closson, Julie Orr, Kirk Clarke, Rick Bart, Richard Chalk, Jane Theissen, and Steven Strandmark. From WAHHI: Kathleen Anderson, Nancy Condon, Susan Fischel, Beth Geibel, Diane Horowitz, Cate Jarrett, Linda Koval, Pam Lazorchak, Barb Magee, Diane Mills, Kathy Nagel, Priscilla Ryan, Patty Scott and Gail Sitvarin. Special thanks to Nancy Sigmund who bravely volunteered to man the front desk on this very busy day.



## Hilton Head Churches

### Providence Presbyterian Church

In this issue of the *The Heritage Observer* we take a brief look at the founding and development of Providence Presbyterian Church.

Unlike the native islander churches on Hilton Head Island that came into existence after the Civil War and churches that were organized as the population began to grow after the construction of the first bridge, Providence had its beginning in 1986 after the island had seen significant growth and development.

The first service of Providence Chapel was held in the auditorium at the Seabrook retirement center on September 7, 1986 with 205 in attendance.



By Richard Chalk  
Library Volunteer

The Presbytery of Charleston issued a charter to the group of worshipers on December 14, 1886 officially recognizing the organization and the name, Providence Presbyterian Church. Membership at the end of the first year was 138.

The Chapel at the Presbyterian Conference Center on South Beach Drive was made available to the young congregation and, after extensive renovations, services began on Easter Sunday, April 19, 1987. They affectionately referred to their church as "the little church in the woods."

In October 1987 two mobile units were added next to the Chapel that were used

for the church office, nursery and Sunday school classrooms.

A fund drive was begun in 1988 to finance a new church campus to be developed on a 26 acre site on Cordillo Parkway. Membership had grown to near 250 and \$1.6 million was raised in 3 months. Over the next five years the fund grew to \$2.3 million.

The new campus was dedicated in February 1993 and included a 400 seat sanctuary, 2 education buildings, a fellowship hall and an administrative building. In 2017 an additional Capital Campaign resulted in upgrades being made to the campus.

There are now around 450 members and average worship attendance of 250.

## Spotlight On Volunteers

We have spent the past year looking at how the different groups of Heritage Library volunteers contribute to the success of our organization. In this issue of *The Observer*, we look at our Board of Directors. The work done by our board and that of many non-profits sometimes goes unnoticed because they are not the faces you see when you come into the Library or attend a class or tour. You might not always see the members of the Board but I can assure you that they are hard at work day after day, week after week, month after month and year after year. They are involved because they believe in the organization and its mission and are extremely generous in giving us their time and talent to insure that we operate within our by-laws and in support of our mission.

Your Board of Directors is elected by you the membership. In accordance with our by-laws we conduct an Annual Membership Meeting in February and present a slate of directors for a new term that has

been approved by the existing Board. We open the floor at the meeting to nominations and then conduct an election. Officers are elected from within the Board. The Library currently has a 15 member Board that meets quarterly in January, April, July and October. In addition, the Board conducts business at the Annual Membership Meeting and special meetings when necessary. The Board regularly reviews the organization's finances and programs, approves contracts, reviews the job performance of the Executive Director, approves grant applications, supports the work done by all other volunteers and this year we will begin implementing a new 5-year strategic plan.

Two things of importance as we move through this year will be to review and revise policies around collections management and investments. The Board is responsible for insuring that our assets



By Ezra Callahan  
President

are protected and this work will help us fulfill that obligation. In addition, we will begin to do long range planning around the use, maintenance, protection and preservation of the 2 historic sites that we own – Fort Mitchel and Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery. We have our work cut out for us but together we will continue to be good stewards of

the organization and protect what was done before us while keeping the organization strong going forward.

Your Board of Directors are: Peter Cooper, Rick Dekker, Greg DeLoach, Laurette Doscher-Benfante, Herb Ford, Luana Graves-Sellers, Lydia Inglett, Nathaniel Jones, Tom Kraft, Jim MacLeod, Galen Miller, Jim Robinson, Sarah Takcas, Eric Washington and myself. We look forward to serving the membership, volunteers and donors.

## History Department War is Hell

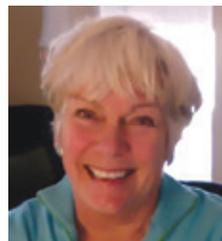
Observer readers know that Clara Barton, the Angel of the Battlefield, visited and worked on Hilton Head Island during the Civil War. She arrived April 7, 1863, having already seen action at Bull Run, Cedartown and Antietam. What she saw at Fort Welles stunned her. "It was unlike any war zone I had ever seen—a city with hotels, dining halls and a hospital." Since ten thousand Union soldiers were stationed on the island, no battles or skirmishes occurred. "We spend our days in complete safety," Clara wrote in her journal. "But it's a dull life. My post is the open field between the bullet and the hospital."

Clara made friends easily with the soldiers and officers' wives at Hilton Head's Department of the South, who spent their time "eating, sleeping, and riding." Clara felt guilty about what she called "polite warfare," knowing her



boys back in Virginia were dining on stale crackers and moldy pork. "I feel my life is without purpose here." She considered leaving Hilton Head, but rumor spread about a summer campaign at Folly Island, near Charleston. By the end of June, most of the infantry had left the island, and Clara followed soon after.

On July 27, Clara witnessed the Battle of Ft. Wagner near Charleston, the one made famous by the 54th Massachusetts Colored Troops. Peering through field glasses from a ship a mile away, she watched 600 black troops lead 5000 white Union soldiers into battle. "I was watching history," she recorded in her diary. The battle was a slaughter; the 54th regiment lost a third of its men. Later that night, Clara and oth-



By Rosemary Staples  
Contributor

ers crawled through the dunes, looking for survivors. "When the day dawned, bodies were strewn along the beach as far as the eye could see, black and white, blue and gray, young and old."

Clara cared for wounded soldiers at Folly Island's field hospital for two months and almost died from typhoid fever. She returned to Hilton Head where she spent the next few months recuperating and recording history for the ages. Clara left Hilton Head on Christmas Day, 1863, her 42nd birthday. Still weak from typhoid, the "angel" forged ahead to Washington to procure more medical supplies for future battles. "War is hell," she wrote. "I hate it through and through. It was only the desire to soften its hardships, to allay its miseries that compelled me to go." So said the Angel of the Battlefield.

# Free Update to FTM 2019 (Not for Earlier Editions)

Carol Clemens

If you registered your copy of FTM 2019, you will receive an email with a free update to the program. You should update! This update easily allows you to find and batch update relationships so you do not have to search individually and make changes and makes other “fixes” in the functioning of the software.

Rule #1...ABSOLUTELY be sure you have made backups of your trees off your computer on an external hard drive, flash drive etc. prior to updating.

You will click on the link sent to you, or use the one below, and fill in the info. If you registered, there is a record of your software. Be sure you click on the version you have (Windows or Mac) in the dropdown. Click on the FREE software download and keep saying no to all the other things they want you to purchase.

[https://www.mackiev.com/techsupport/ftm/update\\_center/2019/index.html](https://www.mackiev.com/techsupport/ftm/update_center/2019/index.html)

Once you go through these steps to verify your copy of FTM, you will get an email

with a link to the actual download. Click on the link in the email to get the update.

It is possible that your security may say the download is unsafe, as mine did, but that is false. Go ahead with the download. Also, for Windows and Mac, you likely will need to download two files, which is fine. Proceed with the download, open the downloaded file, and follow the steps to install it. Repeat this if you have the FTM program on a second computer/laptop NOTE: The easiest way to update your second computer is to forward the email with the link to your other computer and follow the download process.

With the update, you can fix the relationship status for several people at once. Once the update is installed, open your FTM program and a tree. To batch update relationships, follow these steps.

Click EDIT in the toolbar. And from the



By Carol Clemens

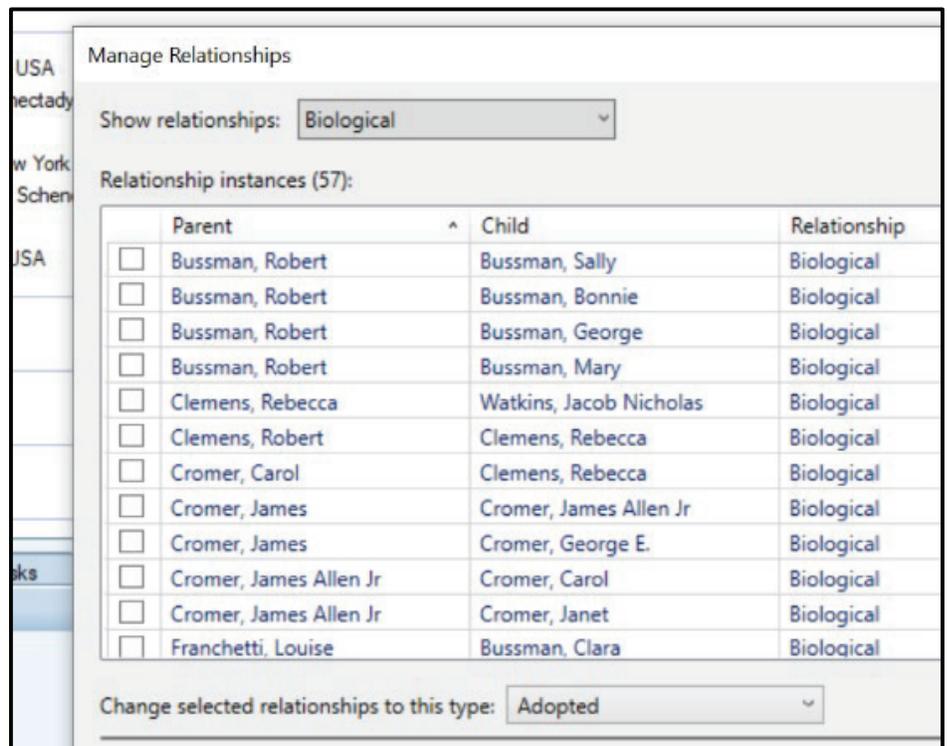
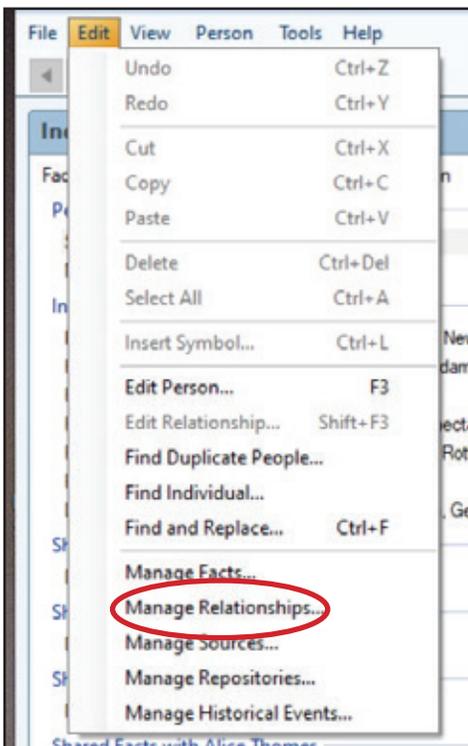
drop down, select MANAGE RELATIONSHIPS.

Once this window opens select the TYPE of relationship you want to check from the drop down as spouse then unknown, etc. You can also update children and parents to change a child to adopted etc.

From the window that opens, check each relationship you want to change, or SELECT ALL. From the change relationship drop down below the window, click what you want to change such as make the selected UNKNOWN relationships SPOUSE or PARTNER. Or change child from BIOLOGICAL to ADOPTED.

Click APPLY and CLOSE.

To read about the other fixes included, go to this page: <https://support.mackiev.com/987348-Whats-New-in-the-FTM-2019-242-Update>



## Give the Gift of Genealogy

On January 7, 2023, there appeared in the Index-Journal, the local paper in Greenwood, SC, where I now live, an article on a lady in nearby Ninety-Six who was celebrating her 105th birthday. She has lived nearly 90 of those years in Ninety-Six. Born in Lincolnton, GA, she moved to SC as a teenager.

Virginia Mims Timmerman worked for Greenwood Mills for many years. She met her husband after moving to SC, raised two daughters, and currently enjoys sitting outside when it is warm enough, enjoying her flowers.

When I read this article, I knew there had to be an interesting story behind those 105 years, more than was printed in the article written by Damian Dominguez. I contacted Mr. Dominguez, introducing myself as an occasional guest article writer for the paper, and told him I loved to do genealogical research. I explained that I never charge for this service – I do it for the love of the search. I asked Mr. Dominguez to contact Mrs. Timmerman and/or one of her daughters and let them know what I wanted to do for them. I was told a few days later that they were delighted I wanted to do this and excited about what I might find.

Whenever I do this kind of genealogical research, I collect copies of census records, vital records, newspaper articles including obituaries, and anything else I can find online about the individual. Since I am the Registrar of my DAR chapter, I also am interested in seeing if the individual has any Revolutionary War patriots in their lineage. If so, I encourage them to join National Society Daughters of the American Revolution or National

Society Sons of the American Revolution. I am deeply committed to this latter organization due to my late husband's involvement as a National officer.

I wasn't disappointed when I did the research for Mrs. Timmerman. In addition to ancestors who participated in the War Between the States – something one would expect from a family so embedded in the Deep South – I found she had eight Revolutionary War patriots.

Much to my surprise, the reporter who wrote the original story called and talked with me at great length about genealogical research in general, how I got started doing this (I was only 16 when I started on this journey), and seemed genuinely interested in my comments. I was doubly surprised when the very next day another article ran in the Index-Journal, this time about me and my efforts to give Mrs. Timmerman a unique birthday present.

This was not the intended end result of my contacting the reporter. I just wanted to get permission to do the research. The article carried the name of Mrs. Timmerman's brother and I took a chance that her maiden name was the same as the brother's last name—and it was. From that point, it was a simple enough process to keep going back through the generations as far as possible.

Unfortunately, I have not yet been able to present Mrs. Timmerman with the finished notebook as shortly after the article on her 105th birthday appeared in the newspaper, she was hospitalized with a severe infection. I am keeping tabs on her



By **Sunni Bond**  
A Volunteer

and hope to get the notebook to the family in the near future.

As I completed Mrs. Timmerman's notebook, the thought occurred to me that although she has been a widow for many years, the family genealogy would not be complete without some information on her husband's line as well. While I am waiting to be able to pass Mrs.

Timmerman's information on to her and her daughters, I have been working on her husband's lineage as well.

This is the kind of genealogical research that brings a great deal of pleasure to someone like me. While I was living on Hilton Head Island, I did such notebooks for several other people. One was a man who had been adopted and while he had wonderful adoptive parents, he never felt as though he belonged to a specific family. Because he was not adopted as an infant but a slightly older child, he had some memories and a few names. I was able to trace his paternal line back five generations. His wife told me he finally felt he had a family to which to belong, even though he had never met any of them.

Another client asked me to do a genealogical notebook for her husband's 70th birthday present. The notebook was about three inches thick by the time I finished accumulating all the available documentation on his lineage.

I encourage all Heritage Library researchers to look for these kinds of opportunities. It will bring you – and the recipients – a great deal of pride and pleasure.



On March 14th The Senior Center (Island Recreation Association) toured Ft. Mitchel.



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## Emily Geiger: South Carolina Heroine of the Revolutionary War

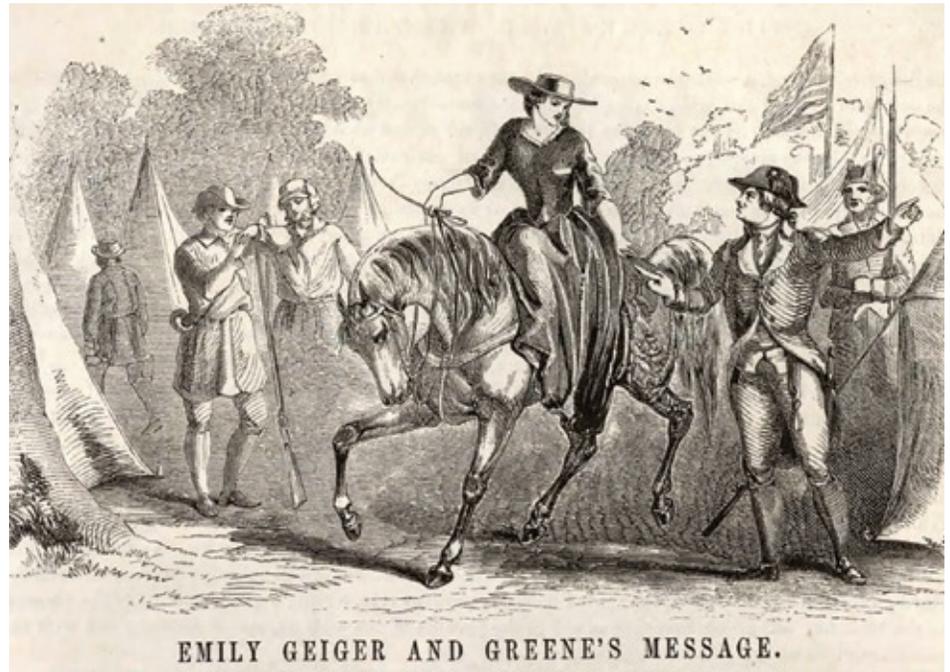
Cameron Benson

During the Revolutionary War, the Carolina colonies were invaded by the British in 1781. Patriot Generals Nathanael Greene, Thomas Sumter, Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee, and Francis Marion were waging an all-out campaign to rid South Carolina of the British.

General Greene had spent 28 days trying to capture the fort at Ninety-Six, South Carolina, but had been forced to retreat when he discovered that British General Lord Francis Rawdon was coming with reinforcements. General Greene felt that Rawdon’s men were vulnerable to attack, but knew he lacked the manpower to win the skirmish.

If General Greene could get a message to General Sumter, the two units could join forces and attack General Rawdon. Two things made getting such a message to General Sumter very difficult: seventy miles of difficult terrain including dense marsh separated the two armies, and the area was known for its British sympathizers.

General Greene hesitated to order any of his men to undertake such a ride, so he called for a civilian volunteer to carry the message. Unfortunately, no one could be found willing to run the risk of traversing a section of country that was infested with revengeful Tories. About two miles from where General Greene had camped with his weary and disheartened troops, stood the residence of a well-to-do farmer named John Geiger, a loyal and outspoken patriot, but an invalid and unable to bear arms for his country. His eighteen-year-



EMILY GEIGER AND GREENE'S MESSAGE.

old daughter Emily was an ardent patriot as well.

Emily Geiger overheard her father and one of his friends discussing Greene’s dilemma and his call for a courier. Without saying anything to her father, she left the house and went to General Greene’s camp, asking to speak to the general personally. She bravely offered to carry his message to General Sumter.

Greene was understandably leery about sending a young woman on such a long and dangerous trip. Emily also stated that she was well acquainted with the route to be traveled, as she had been over it more than once. Desperate, Greene finally consented to let Emily go, wrote his message, and sent her on her way.

Unknown to Emily, a Tory spy had seen her leave General Greene’s camp and reported her activities to a man named Lowry, who in turn sent a man to apprehend Emily. Unsuspecting, Emily continued her journey until she was forced to stop for the night and stay with strangers, who were secretly Tories. In the middle of the night, the man tracking Emily arrived at the house where she was sleeping. He decided to rest a few hours before taking custody of Emily. She figured out what was happening, and while the others slept she sneaked out the window, saddled her horse, and silently rode away. She pushed her horse as hard as she dared, knowing that the rider would be tailing her as soon as he woke. *Continued on page 10*

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Emily had made it about two-thirds of the way to General Sumter's camp when she saw three British soldiers coming toward her. The sight of a young woman traveling alone from the direction of General Greene's camp and on a well-lathered horse made them suspicious. When they questioned her, the soldiers became even more wary of Emily. They took Emily captive and carried her before Lord Rawdon, whose camp was about a mile distant. He questioned Emily about her trip and when he found her answers evasive, he ordered her locked up.

Emily could not be searched until Rawdon could find a woman to conduct the search.

Emily agonized over what to do next. Being found with a message would mean she would be tried and probably hanged as a spy. The answer came to her suddenly. She memorized the words on the paper, and then bit by bit, she ate the message. When a search was conducted, there was nothing to find and Rawdon was honor-bound to permit Emily to continue on her journey, unaware that he was deceived.

With a fresh horse and a guide who could show her a shorter and a safer way, Emily set out, and, by riding all night they were far from Lord Rawdon's camp. At sunrise the guide left her to continue her journey alone. She rode on steadily until 3 o'clock

on the afternoon of the third day when she came upon a file of soldiers, whom from their dress she knew to be friends. They conducted Emily to General Sumter and even though she was hungry, weary and close to fainting, she delivered the message. In an hour General Sumter was ready to march to meet General Greene.

To learn more about Emily Geiger:

<https://www.scencyclopedia.org/sce/entries/geiger-emily/>

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## TOURS



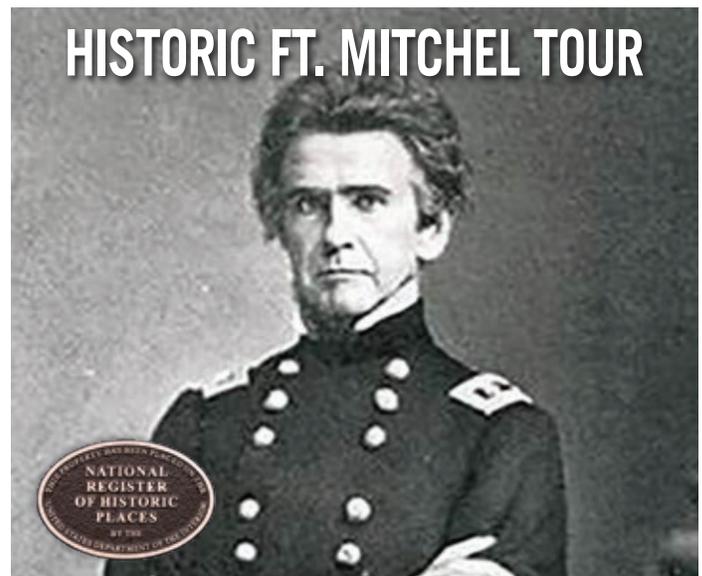
### TUESDAYS AT 10:30AM

Visit the gravesites of four Revolutionary War heroes and find out about the bloody skirmish that was fought just steps away. Site on the SC Liberty Trail.

*Corner of Hwy. 278 & Mathews Dr.*

**\$10/ADULT • \$8/CHILD**

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### THURSDAYS AT 10:30AM

Fort Mitchel contains the remains of a coastal defense battery erected in 1862 to protect the Port Royal Sound by way of Skull Creek from incursions by Confederate gunboats.

*65 Skull Creek Dr., Hilton Head Plantation*

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# 1923 - It was a very good year



**JANUARY:** In the Rose Bowl football game, the USC Trojans beat the Penn State Nittany Lions, 14 to 3. The game was the first to be played in the new Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena, California and was attended by 53,000 people.

**FEBRUARY:** U.S. President Warren G. Harding established the first strategic petroleum reserve in the nation, Naval Petroleum Reserve Number 4, by Executive Order #3797.



**MARCH:** Time, American weekly news magazine, was published in New York City. Time was the creation of two young journalists, Henry R. Luce and Briton Hadden and set a standard for reporting current events around the world.

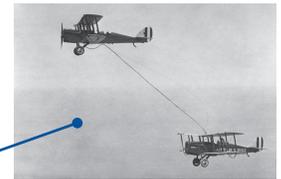


**APRIL:** Elizabeth Hanson was born and 100 years later the Heritage Library Foundation wishes her the Happiest Birthday ever! Elizabeth has been the editor of the Library's newsletter – *The Observer* and keeper of the vertical files for more than 10 years. Her hard work and generosity are very much appreciated.



**MAY:** 1st nonstop North American transcontinental flight (NY-San Diego) was completed.

**JUNE:** Capt. Lowell H. Smith and Lt. John P. Richter performed the first aerial refueling over the skies of Rockwell Field in California, June 27, 1923.



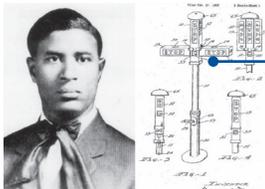
**JULY:** On 24 July 1923 the last Treaty ending hostilities in the Great War was signed at Lausanne in Switzerland. That Treaty closed a decade of violence.

**AUGUST:** The inauguration of Calvin Coolidge as 30th President of the United States was held at the family home in Plymouth Notch, Vermont at 2:47 a.m. Coolidge took the oath of office from his father John Calvin Coolidge, Sr., the local notary public, by the light of a kerosene lamp.



**SEPTEMBER:** The Irish Free State joined League of Nations.

**OCTOBER:** NY Giants & NY Yankees became first teams to play each other in 3 consecutive Baseball World Series; Giants won Game 1, 5-4; first WS game played at Yankee Stadium.



**NOVEMBER:** Garrett Morgan patented his traffic signal design, an important development in automobile safety.

**DECEMBER:** 1st US Presidential address was broadcast on radio by President Calvin Coolidge.



## 1973 was also a good year...Happy 50th



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Membership Chair

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