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Making History



'n 2015, the daunting task of raising money to save the Baynard Mausoleum became the goal of the Zion Capital Campaign's Advancement Committee. The Island's oldest standing structure was in imminent danger of collapsing further, removing an artifact that spoke eloquently to the rich history of Hilton Head Island in the Antebellum Period. Under the dedicated leadership of Sarah Takacs, the committee made incremental progress receiving donations from friends of the Library and a leadership gift from Robert Smith until the feasibility of restoration was alluringly close. Then a landmark donation from the Church Mouse Thrift Shop, \$135,000 over a three-year period, made it possible to begin restoring the mausoleum and its fencing.

The work began in May and the final pointing on the exterior of the building will be finished by the time this issue goes to print, and during the course of planning the work, a new goal took form. The Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery location, today at the corner of Mathews Drive and William Hilton Parkway, housed two of three public buildings on Hilton Head at the end of the Revolutionary War, and served as an informal town

center at the time. At present, the cemetery is the only publicly-accessible site on the Island that has visible vestiges tying directly to the Revolutionary Era. The approach of the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War in 2026 will promote a similar, if not greater, level of attention, both local and national, than did the Celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War a few years ago. In this context, the location will assume a more important position in the town's portfolio of historic sites.

Archaeological studies conducted in 2017 identified several features of the Zion Cemetery then unknown: 28 currently unmarked gravesites, the Davant family plot with its tabby brick foundation, the tombstone of Thomas Webb buried under four inches of dirt, and a possible location of a corner of the former Zion Chapel of Ease, missing since the end of the Union occupation of the Island in 1868. An adjacent parcel of land now owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island (TOHHI) has long been believed to have been the location of the militia muster house used by Hilton Head's Patriots and Antebellum militia forces. This is based on an 1825 map of the Island showing the cha-

pel and muster house clearly at the intersection of the Island's main road east of Broad Creek (now 278) and a secondary road connecting to it from the far side of Broad Creek, along what is known as Marshland Road and Mathews Drive today.

The new discoveries, and an idea put forth by the Heritage Library in 2007 to use the town land in conjunction with the cemetery site to create a history park for the Town, gave rise to a proposal to turn the attention of the Advancement Committee to raising funds to complete restoration of the Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery and, then, to improve the location inclusive of Town land to create what would be known as the St Luke's Parish Zion Chapel of Ease History Park. Since that time, the TOHHI has agreed to lease its land to the Heritage Library for that purpose and to have the Heritage Library as the steward of the new site and the interpreter of the history attendant to its location. In addition, discussions have begun with the Town regarding how they will participate in the project in the future, as the project will have a six-year duration, making the park usable in its finished form by 2025.

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From the Board

by Lou Benfante, President

he Board is delighted to announce that Heritage Library has a new Executive Director, Barbara Catenaci. Barbara has lived in the Lowcountry for 33 years and has held a number of leadership positions. She has worked with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce. the Beaufort County School District, and several business development projects where she raised several million dollars in state, federal. and foundation grants.

In recent years, she has been a grant writing and business development consultant.

Barbara has played an active role in non-



profits from developing bylaws to managing programs and serving in a governance role. Barbara has a deep connection with the local business community and with our school system. These connections will help the Library boost its revenue and conduct outreach to local schools. Our Search Committee was impressed with Barbara's track record of fund raising, project management and organizational skills.

Barbara will officially assume her new role on October 15. Until then she will be going

through an orientation process – getting to know us and what we do.

Please join us in welcoming Barbara to her new position with the Heritage Library.

Making History....

The completed restoration of the Baynard Mausoleum is now classified as **Phase I** of a three to four phase project, with completion of interior restoration and addition of replica doors, taking place by the beginning of 2019. Phase II fundraising will begin in November 2018. Phase II work will include: perimeter fencing, installation of security systems (lighting, intrusion sensors and alarms), restoration of the Kirk Plot fencing and repair of the James and Mary Kirk monument, installation of pathways and benches (made from the pieces of the bluestone roof support beam and brick removed during the mausoleum restoration), and construction of a replica Zion Chapel of Ease on or near its original location. Estimates for Phase II work total approximately \$375,000.

Phase III, which is dependent on TOHHI participation, will include the following: installation of a new ingress-egress roadway entering from Mathews Drive and exiting onto the acceleration lane into 278 East, and the construction of a replica militia muster house on or near its original site.

Phase IV is also fully dependent on Town participation and will involve the construction of an observation deck or dock looking over the Broad Creek headwaters and containing signage interpreting the Colonial and Antebellum Plantation Periods on the Island (especially highlighting the Broad Creek plantations of families represented in the cemetery) as well as the institution of slavery and the indigo and sea island cotton culture during those periods,

Phase III and IV work estimates total approximately \$400,000, making the cost of the complete envisioned St Luke's Parish Zion Chapel of Ease History Park close to \$1,000,000.

The Advancement Committee has begun conversations with area organizations to become partners in the overall project to help with its completion. The Heritage Library will be seeking financial support for various elements of the work from TOHHI Accommodations Tax resources, and grants from other sources.

- Richard Thomas

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History Department

Autumn is the transition time from summer to winter. At Heritage Library, autumn marks the transition from Summer Tours to fall History Programs and special events. We have a wonderful full line-up for fall 2018.

Tuesday History presentations at 10:30am at the Library started on September 18 and

will continue through November 27. We have eleven different presentations.

Thursday's Ft. Mitchel Tour and Friday's Zion Cemetery Tour continue with starting time at 10:00am. Docents, as well as historical characters, will be there to share the history of these properties.

October 26-28, Zion will host our Halloween History Tour as many of those



By Dee Phillips *History Dept. Co-Chair*

buried there will come alive to share their stories while living on Hilton Head.

December 1, Zion will host a new event that we hope you will enjoy: Colonial Christmas at Zion. Characters, music, and activities will bring Zion to life to share some of the customs of that time.

The History Department has several new presentations planned for spring and some special educational events for students.

Be sure to attend some of our Fall and Spring presentations. We look forward to seeing you and sharing the wonderful history of Hilton Head Island.



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Librarian's Corner

he Genealogy Classes are back. On Wednesdays we will be hosting varying sessions, adding some new content. The new classes include: Scottish Ancestry, Managing Online Media, HeritageQuest, and a third Family Tree Maker class. We have also added a few afternoon classes in addition to the morning classes to add to your possible choices.

I attended the Federation of Genealogy Society conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana in August and picked up several great tips. Our favorite DNA Expert, Jan Alpert, presented in several sessions. Since the conference center was right across from the Allen County Public Library, I was able to get in some extra research time there.

Rick Bart, one of our genealogy volunteers, had an interesting visitor in August. A local woman, a descendant of Christopher "Mingo" Green (1846-1903) who is in *They Served: Stories of*



Head Librarian

United States Colored Troops from Hilton Head Island, SC, published by our Library, visited us in hopes of learning more about her ancestor. Rick showed her information from the Library's Green Family Heritage folder. She was amazed at the found information which even included the gory details of an acci-

dent that occurred while Mingo was on guard duty in Beaufort. She shed several tears while learning so much about her ancestor.

Rick also shared a story about Frazier's Cabin on Possum Point Plantation and Daniel Frazier who died on the Island in 1889. Rick found details about the location of the cabin and its history in a book he randomly selected from our bookshelves. He inserted the information in his HHI People Public Tree on Ancestry. In June, Daniel's great-grandson contacted Rich after a visit to our Library when he learned about the infamous

family cabin. It was a good find for him and his family

I am asking Library genealogy volunteers to share their success stories. We hope you enjoyed this addition to my column and would appreciate your feedback at: info@heritagelib.org.

Calling all current members and those interested, the Irish Genealogy Group is scheduling an organizational meeting on Friday, November 2, at 10:00 am at the Heritage Library in the Training Room. For more information call or e-mail Jane Stuart: 843-263-0179 or janehhi@aol.com.

Memorials

IN MEMORY OF:

Lyman Woosterfrom Bill and Gwen Altstaetter **Beth Whitney**from Lawrence Watkins

Heritage Happenings

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

- SPECIAL EVENTS -

Oct. 13 History Day



Ghosts & Myths at Zion Cemetery

Oct. 26-28



Nov. 9

Dec. 1 Christmas at Zion Cemetery



PROGRAMS -

HILTON HEAD ISLAND ANCESTRY CLASSES:

\$15/Members • \$20/Non-Members

Wednesday, Oct. 3 - 10:30am Using Ancestry.com

Wednesday, Oct. 3 - 1:30pm Autosomal DNA - Make the Most of your Results

Wednesday, Oct. 10 - 10:30am MacKiev Family Tree Maker 2017 is Here, so Get with the Program!

Wednesday, Oct. 10 - 1:30pm Managing Your Genealogy Media

Wednesday, Oct. 17 - 10:30am Tips and Tricks for Family Tree Maker 2017; Moving Beyond the Basics

Wednesday, Oct. 24 - 10:30am HeritageQuest Online

Wednesday, Oct. 31 - 1:30pm What Can You Find in Census Records? Thursday, Nov. 7 - 10:30am Help Session for Family Tree Maker 2017

Thursday, Nov. 7 - 1:30pm Researching Scottish Ancestry

BEAUFORT ANCESTRY CLASSES:

\$15/Members • \$20/Non-Members

Thursday, Oct. 4 - 10:30am Researching Military Records in Fold3

Saturday, Oct. 20 - 10:30am Making Sense of the Census

Thursday, Oct. 25 - 10:30am HeritageQuest Online

Thursday, Nov. 1 - 10:30am Looking for German Ancestors

Thursday, Nov. 8 - 10:30am Researching Scottish Ancestry

HILTON HEAD ISLAND HISTORY PROGRAMS:

\$10/Members • \$15/Non-Members

Tuesday, Oct. 2 - 10:30am Native Americans Part 1

Tuesday, Oct. 9 - 10:30am Native Americans Part 2

Tuesday, Oct. 16 - 10:30am Hilton Head Island in the Civil War

Tuesday, Oct. 23 - 10:30am Sea Pines 1950 - 1983

Tuesday, Oct. 30 - 10:30am Cemeteries of Hilton Head Island

Tuesday, Nov. 5 - 10:30am

The Gullah People and Culture

Tuesday, Nov. 13 - 10:30am General Mitchel and Reconstruction

Tuesday, Nov. 20 - 10:30am The Story of Santa Elena

Tuesday, Nov. 27 - 10:30am Battle of Fort Pulaski

-TOURS -



Leaving from 137 Squire Pope Rd.
WEDNESDAYS AT 10AM
BIKES & HELMETS PROVIDED OR BRING YOUR OWN
\$15 W/YOUR OWN BIKE& HELMET • \$25 WITH A RENTAL



Hilton Head Plantation
THURSDAYS AT 10AM • \$15/ADULT • \$10/CHILD



Corner of Hwy. 278 & Mathews Dr.
FRIDAYS AT 10AM • \$15/ADULT • \$10/CHILD

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Dear Heritage Library Members and Friends,



It has been my honor to serve as the Executive Director of the Heritage Library for the past six years. The time was filled with new programs, an active Board and Staff, and it has been great fun to be involved with such a lively organization. With my whole heart, I thank all of the volunteers with whom I have had the pleasure of working. Without their skills and enthusiasm, there would be no Heritage Library.

While I intend to stay involved with some of the programs that I love, I will miss the daily interaction with our volunteers and our visitors. I look forward to working with our new Executive Director, Barbara Catenaci, and hope we all cross paths here and there in the future.

istory Day is back on Saturday,
October 13, but with some
exciting changes. This
year you can do the tours by bike
or trolley. All tours will be docentled and there will be docents at all
of the locations with fascinating stories to tell you. Tours are scheduled at
several different times so you can select
the time that suits you best. Tickets must
be purchased in advance; to purchase
tickets, go to www.HeritageLib.org.



During the lunch hour, Melly Mel's catering will be selling BBQ and more at the Coastal Discovery Museum, and Louise Miller Cohen from the Gullah Museum will be there to tell you stories of the Gullah people. Join us for a wonderful day.

MORNING BIKE TOUR, Civil War and More - \$20 bike provided, or \$15 with



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your own bike. Leaves from Cherry Hill School starting at 9:00 or 10:00. This tour winds through Hilton Head's deep roots in Civil War history, visiting Mitchelville Freedom Park, Ft. Howell, Ft. Sherman, Ft. Walker, the Steam Gun site, and Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery. Ages 12 and up, please.



MORNING TROLLEY TOUR, Forts and the Civil War, - \$25. Leaves from Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn starting at 9:00 & 9:30. This tour focuses on the Civil War, visiting Mitchelville Freedom Park, Ft. Howell, Ft. Walker, and the Steam Gun site.

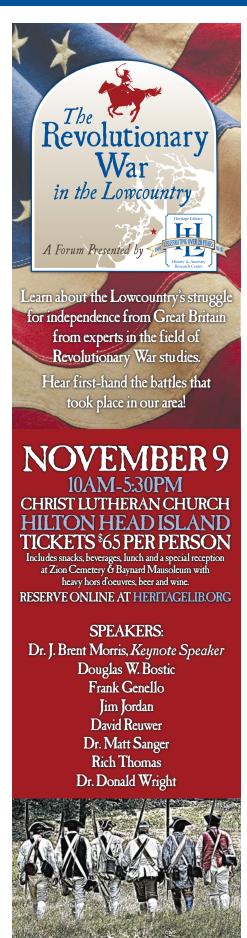
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AFTERNOON TROLLEY TOUR, 4000 Years of Hilton Head History - \$25. Leaves from Coastal Discovery Museum



at Honey Horn starting at 1:00 & 1:30. This tour focuses on the sites within Sea Pines Plantation and visits Harbourtown, Braddock Point Cemetery, the Stoney/Baynard ruins, and the Sea Pines Shell Ring.

Tours are filling up! Book yours today at heritagelib.org.



Ways to Remember the Heritage Library

by Peter Cooper, Treasurer

Please consider making a financial plan to charitably support the Heritage Library. Your plan should be discussed with your financial and tax advisors. Here are brief descriptions of some plans.

DESIGNATE THE LIBRARY AS A BENEFICIARY

If you wish to designate the library as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, IRA, qualified retirement plan benefit, brokerage account, bank account, certificate of deposit, annuity, or other asset, please identify the Library on the beneficiary form by using the following name and address:

The Heritage Library Foundation P.O. Box 5950 Hilton Head, SC 29938-5950 EIN# 58-2332014

The Heritage Library Foundation is a qualified charitable organization and meets the standards and requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 501[©]3. Under this provision, all contributions are deductible for federal income tax purposes (subject to statutory limitations) and for federal estate and gift tax purposes.

BEQUESTS

One of the simplest ways to make a planned gift is to name The Heritage Library Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate, trust, retirement plan, or life insurance policy. You may leave a specific sum, a particular asset, or a percentage of your estate.

Sample Language:

"I give _____ (dollar amount, percentage amount, or description of the asset) to The Heritage Library Foundation, P.O. Box 5950, Hilton Head, SC 29938-5950. This is an unrestricted gift, which may be used to further the purposes of The Heritage Library Foundation."

RETIREMENT DESIGNATION

There can be significant tax advantages to designating assets in retirement plans

(such as 401(k), 403(b), and IRAs) to an organization such as The Heritage Library Foundation. Simply contact the manager of your retirement plan to designate The Heritage Library Foundation as a beneficiary of the appropriate portion of your account. If you are 70½ or more, gifts of up to \$100,000 may be made from your IRA at any time without penalty, and will count toward your required minimum distribution. Please consult your CPA.

LIFE INCOME GIFTS

Numerous tax and financial benefits may be realized with a life income gift such as a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust. The donor makes an irrevocable gift of cash, securities, or property and receives income for him or herself (or another beneficiary) for either life or a specified term of years. When the period ends, the remainder goes to support the work of The Library.

GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE

Designating The Heritage Library Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy will benefit The Library at your death, as long as the policy is kept in force. Giving a policy with cash value provides an immediate gift to The Library.

RETAINED REAL ESTATE

Deed your personal residence, vacation home, or farm to The Heritage Library Foundation while reserving the right to occupy or otherwise use the property during your lifetime. You will receive an immediate tax deduction and the asset will be removed from your taxable estate.

This is not intended as legal or tax advice. For legal or tax advice, please consult an attorney or CPA.

We are grateful to every donor who includes The Heritage Library in his or her personal philanthropic priorities.

ZION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

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

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

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By Laurette Doscher-Benfante Membership Chair

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Library family.

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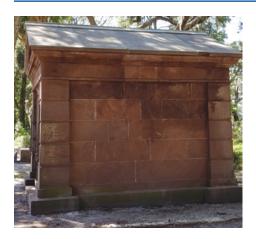
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