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A SPRING LOWCOUNTRY TOUR

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*Huspa
Plantation
Paige's' Point
Beaufort County,
South Carolina*

We are fortunate in our area to not only having the many resources of the Heritage Library to keep us in touch with our chosen homes but to also have access to several tours which illuminate and display the unique beauties of our region.

Each spring and fall there are tours and excursions, which delve into the past of our area. On March 22 the annual Episcopal Church Women of St. Helena's Parish Church low country tour set off from Beaufort for a visit to several historical sites.

First stop on the self-driving tour was Huspa Plantation which is on Paiges' Point in Beaufort County. This was a 35,000 acre King's grant to the Fuller Family in 1662. It remained in the family until the Civil War and a descendent of the Fuller family regained ownership in 1976. The original house burned many years ago, but left magnificent chimneys and old foundations still remaining. The entrance is through a magnificent oak alley and the present house dates from 1979. Paneling comes from splitting beams from the Union Station in Atlanta and since the present owner is an aviation enthusiast many of the artworks and mementoes are aviation-oriented. There is a two-direction airfield close to the house and classic barnstorming open-cockpit airplanes were taking off and landing for the entertainment of the tour.

Another stop on the tour was a visit to St. James The Greater Church, which was established in the tiny town of Catholic Hill in 1826 to serve the plantation owners and their slaves. The church burned in 1856 and was not rebuilt for 40 years when a priest Daniel Berberich accidentally found the presence of Catholic peo-

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From the President

by *Bill Altstaetter*

Many thanks to all the volunteers and members who participated in the NGS Regional Conference. By all counts it was a rousing success. Members of both the Foundation and the HHI Genealogical Society, staffed the registration and reception tables and the exhibits at the Hilton Oceanfront Resort in Palmetto Dunes, site of the two day conference, introduced the outstanding lecturers, and worked behind the scenes to bring our first attempt at hosting a nationally recognized genealogy conference here in the Lowcountry.

Others came onboard to help staff the Library during the week leading up to the Conference and on through the weekend. Many visitors registered for the Conference came early in the

week to research at our center. In fact, John Griffin, our Librarian-in-charge for Mondays reported that the first five patrons to arrive on Monday morning were planning on attending the Conference.

In the following weeks many encouraging and complimentary comments have been received by letter and email on both the conference and the library. This very positive response to our initial venture into the world of genealogy conferencing is due in great measure to the dedicated efforts of our members and all volunteer staff. Congratulations to you all and thanks again.

Of special interest to you all was the recent arrival of a box containing a three volume set titled, "*Descendants of Samuel Mapes and Mary Smith from Howells, NY*". Each contained the following inscription, "*This book is donated to the Heritage Library by Joseph and Patricia Boyle in appreciation of the help and hospitality shown by the library staff February 13 — 15, 2003.*" The Boyles vacationed here to attend our conference.

Minutes of our Seventh Annual Meeting of the The Heritage Library Foundation are printed on pages 5 and 7 of this Newsletter. It is hard to believe seven years have come and gone, but gratifying to see the progress made with your help and the contributions of our members, the local government and community and other organizations. Many thanks for your efforts during the last years.

Great work gang! Keep it up.

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Sharpening History Skills

In re: "Why Lowell?" (RWR 6:10): A wealth of information about Lowell, Massachusetts, and particularly its role in the Industrial Revolution, is available from the Lowell National Historical Park at:

http://www.nps.gov/lowe/2002/loweweb/lowe_history/lowe_handbook/

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NEW SURNAME MAILING LISTS

ALCHIN, BARRELL, BIERS, BLITCH

CHEEKE, CHEEKS, CLEVERLY, CLIBORNE,
CLOUTHIER, CORDOVA

CHARLEMAGNE -- Genealogy of Charlemagne -- aka
Charles the Great (742-814)

DETTMANN

GANGER

GROTTENDICK, GULLATT

HADDENHAM, HALSAN

KETELSEN, KLIBOURN, KLIBOURNE

LEONHARD

MCCLEOD, MILBERGER

OLDING

RAGAN, RANOUS, RATLEDGE, ROLFSON

REITH-SCOTTISH -- The REITH surname from Scotland

SMITH-CA -- The SMITH surname in California

SMITH-NJ -- The SMITH surname in New Jersey, U.S.A.

SCHIMKE, SEEL, SEISCHAB, SICKLER, SNAKELS

TOBING, TOWERSON

VENKHOUSE

ZERING, ZIERER, ZWIRNER

NEW ETHNIC AND SPECIAL INTEREST MAILING LISTS

CAN-Naturalizations -- Finding ancestors in naturalization records in Canada

CAN-ONT-MATTAWA -- Mattawa, Ontario, Canada

STALAG_POW_CAMPS -- WWII Prisoners of War or the camps around Europe that they were held in by the Germans

USA-Naturalizations -- Finding ancestors in naturalization records in the U.S.A.

NEW REGIONAL MAILING LISTS

ENG-CORNWALL-REDRUTH -- Redruth, Cornwall, England

ENG-DERBYSHIRE-CHESTERFIELD -- Chesterfield, Derbyshire, England

NW-ALABAMA -- Lauderdale, Limestone, Colbert, Franklin, Lawrence, Winston, Marion, Walker, Lamar, Pickens, Fayette, and Tuscaloosa counties in Alabama

A Low Country Tour

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ple in this tiny rural area. The former slaves had kept their religion alive and a new church was built in 1897. The small red-painted sanctuary is furnished with antiques of the period. Many families in the congregation of 35 are descendents of the original membership and present priests travel from Charleston to serve the worshippers each Sunday.



Clarendon Plantation

nied by a blue grass band and enactors in Civil War costumes.

The last stop was to White House Plantation in Colleton County just over the Combahee River. This originally was a rice plantation acquired by Edmund Bellinger in 1702. It remained in the family for the next 2 centuries until as so often happened in the aftermath of the Civil War the property was sold by the Colleton Sheriff because of a debt of \$171.08 owed by Joseph Bellinger. The present Charleston owners use the present property as a duck-hunting retreat and the present house is approx. 20 years old built on the site where the former house burned to the ground. There are several buildings on the plantation including a guest quarters that survived the fire and was moved into a beautiful garden when the present house was built. The furniture, which has many unusual pieces with a hunting motif, is scattered throughout the main house and 2 guest cottages. As the tour guests strolled amongst the magnificent live oaks and huge lawns overlooking Ivanhoe Creek and a large bass and duck pond, they were taken back in time by the wonderful harmonies of the Huspa Baptist Church Choir. The centuries dropped away and it was easy to imagine how Hilton Head Island must have seemed in those days.

The Heritage Library has a large collection of books encompassing these times and areas and tours such as described go a long way towards enriching our lives.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
10:00 A.M. Wednesday, February 19, 2003
Suite 300 – The Courtyard Building

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Altstaetter at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Peoples offered a prayer, followed by the salute to the flag.

Norma Harberger reported that the number of proxies received plus those members in attendance numbered thirty-eight providing a quorum.

William Altstaetter welcomed those in attendance and introduced the members of the board. Altstaetter then explained the changes in the By-Laws, approved October 8, 2002, that instituted staggered terms of three years for board members. Today all members of the board have submitted their resignations. John Griffin will not be standing for election. This leaves two open slots on the board that will be filled in the near future. The random drawing of terms resulted in the following

- One year terms – Alan Coyne, Dori Dixon, Bob Scherrer, one new member
- Two year terms – Bill Altstaetter, Isobel Bitner, Bob Smith and one new member
- Three year terms – Tom Hanahan, Norma Harberger, Rev. Peoples, Mark Swelland

MOTION – The slate be accepted unanimously and the secretary cast the appropriate ballot

Moved by Tom Hanahan Second – Sandee Hanahan Approved

Robert Scherrer, treasurer, reported on the current financial status of the library and the report was accepted.

- A short discussion of the financial needs of the library was held and Tom Hanahan spoke of the effects of the Town's decisions regarding ATax funding and what this may mean to the library.
- Robert Smith mentioned that a letter had just been mailed to many firms on the Chamber of Commerce business list soliciting contributions.

News Materials Available Now

By Pam Bredin

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed volumes to our Library. It is through your generosity that our library continues to grow. Most recently Noel H. Goeke contributed to the Civil War collection a set of the “Collector's Library of the Civil War.” This is a full 24 volume set of memoirs, memories, reminiscences, diaries, and personal recollections of the participants, blue and gray, originally published in the decades following the events recorded and republished in the series by Time Life Books in the 1980's. This addition to our library presents a fascinating look through the mists of time into the real lives of real people. It's a “must read” for all true fans of that period of the American experience.

Dr. Antonio Reyes-Guerra, a local author, has expanded our information on the Twentieth Century with the contribution of Time Life Books series on the Second World War and The History of Aviation. These series are richly illustrated with photographs and maps and will provide a wealth of data to anyone researching the events of the last century.

Alan Chaput, is a historian and author and recent addition to the Hilton Head Island writing scene having relocated from northern Ohio found a home for his 218 volume collection of genealogical and historical books. With Alan's help our Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Virginia collections have really grown. More significantly Alan's gift has grown our Canadian data from one book to a total of 44. One of the Canadian collection's special additions is the 7 volume set of the 26 original founding families of Canada — Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Canadiennes.

We thank each of these men for their contribution. If you are finished using some of your research books and need a home for them, please think of the Heritage Library where they will be used and cared for. Please call if your need someone to pick them up. In the meantime come by and see our latest additions.

Welcome New Members

By Gwen Altstaetter

Our membership Chairman, Dori Dixon, continues to spread the word about the Heritage Library and with the help of other volunteers we have added more new members to our genealogy “family” — John Chamberlin, John & Pete Gehrig, Jack Talmadge, Jadwin Satore, Lloyd Roberts, Dorothy Arwe, Iva R. Welton, Madeline Thiessen, Thomas Gallagher, Robert Stichweh, Dorothy Tartaglione, Carol Wilson, George Schneider, Matt Mattoon, Russell Williamson, who incidentally has started to volunteer as an assistant librarian on Mondays, Gary and Carolyn Broman from Minnesota, Joanne R. Case, Tad L. Ryan and John Reilly.

We welcome these members and invite them to become active researchers. Remember you can learn more about the Library and the subjects of history and genealogy by volunteering at the Library. Volunteers are what we are all about. Members helping members. If you would like to become a Library vol-

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Randy Holcombe, Director of the Library, reported that the library was working on a very professional level

- Our re-cataloging of materials is almost complete.
- The catalog is on our website
- We have about every on line service that is available for our visitors to use, Heritage-Quest being the largest.
- Our computers are working on Windows XP.
- Hours given by our volunteers have more than doubled in the past year.
- The NGS Conference held on the island last weekend kept the library open for longer hours and brought many visitors to work at the library. The response was glowing.

In the year to come Holcombe said

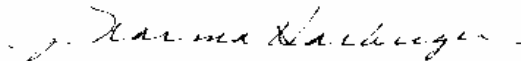
- Computers will continue to be upgraded
- We will continue our outreach to other groups as well as continue to offer educational opportunities for the public.

During general comments Robert Smith stated we need to expand our area history emphasis and collection. It was agreed that we investigate coordination with the Bluffton group. Our set up can expand with minimal cost but we need more members and volunteers to make it work.

President Altstaetter reminded the members of the board that a short meeting for the election of officers would take place immediately after adjournment of this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Norma Harberger, secretary

Letters from Hannah

Recently donated by Rose U. Shivar, this lovely compilation of the letters tells a wonderfully frank and poignant story of the life, love and turbulent times experienced by Hannah Elizabeth PHILLIPS the daughter of Julia Sara Jones and the Rev. David Arthur Phillips and her fiancé (over the strenuous objections of her parents), Charles Ephraim ULMER, Jr., son of Charles Ephraim Ulmer, Sr. and Elizabeth Drayson Baynard.

From the Prologue... "The correspondence she had with this young man over the next five years and after her marriage, while she was away from Bluffton and Charles, shows the growth of their love and the difficulties they incurred during this period of courtship and marriage. Her letters, which were kept by Charles, include clippings, drawings and poems, as well as descriptions of Hannah and her family's daily life." The transcriptions cover the time period from 1914 after Hannah's graduation from Columbia College when she moved to Bluffton for her first teaching position and there met the man she would later marry. The correspondence continues over the next five years and after her marriage. They include letters to Charles while they were separated by World War I. It is part love story and part history and mentions people and places in and near the Bluffton area. The back pages contain Hannah's family tree and the following names appear: Bolin, Cooper, Corbi(e)tt, During, Evans, Fanning, Fanning, Felder, Ha(e)rtzog, Hawkins, Hill, Jones, McColphen, Phillips, Salley, Shaumloffel, Snell, Stone, Suber, Utsey, Utsey, Von Arx, Williamson, and Youn/Yonn.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8	Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society — Alexia Jones Helsley presenting " <i>Genealogy and Copyright</i> ", 10 a.m. at the Heritage Library
April 25-26	Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Society featuring Elizabeth Shown Mills, Baton Rouge
May 6	Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society — <i>Field Trip to Ebenezer Historical Site</i> , (colonial Salzburger settlement), Effingham County, Georgia
May 28-31	National Genealogical Society <i>Conference in the States</i> — Pittsburgh, PA
June 10	Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society — 10 a.m. at the Heritage Library
July 5	<i>Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Thomas Heyward</i> — 10 a.m.
September 3-6	Federation of Genealogical Society <i>Countdown to Discovery</i> — Orlando, FL