



# Heritage Library News

*Including Chronicles of The Hilton Head Island Historical Society*

*Hilton Head Island  
Historical Society  
Founded 1961  
Historical Education and Preservation*

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## ISLAND WRITERS' NETWORK GRANT FIRST FOR NEW BUILDING FUND



Foundation officers receive check from Island Writers' Network officers. Left to right: Isobel Bitner, Ben Russell, Kathy Wall, Vickie Hunnings, Dawn Josephson, and Jo Williams.

### FOUNDATION LAUNCHES BUILDING FUND WITH GRANT FROM LOCAL WRITERS GROUP

August 17<sup>th</sup>, at a brief ceremony in the Reading Room of the Heritage Library, officers of the Island Writers' Network presented the Heritage Library Foundation with a check for \$1,000.00. This gift from Hilton Head Island's premiere group of active writers effectively launched the Foundation's Capital Funds Account designed to eventually make possible the design and construction of a permanent home for The Heritage Library Foundation in a building of its own on Hilton Head Island.

In presenting the grant check Kathy Wall, local writer, author of the Bay Tanner Mysteries, and Treasurer of IWN, called their grant a token of appreciation for the Library's providing a home for the Writers regular monthly meetings over the last six years and housing the group's hundred plus books on writing and publishing

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### **HERITAGE LIBRARY FOUNDATION & HHI HISTORICAL SOCIETY UNITE**

Details of the combining of Hilton Head Island's two historic preservation and education organizations can be found in a special center section of this issue.

Beginning on Page Five is a four page pull out section describing the coming together of the HHI Historical Society formed in 1961 and The Heritage Library Foundation, founded in 1997.

These two non-profits based on Hilton Head Island specialize in preserving the historic assets of the island and the documents and other records detailing the past history of the Lowcountry, South Carolina, and the United States with an emphasis on the histories and cultures of the inhabitants.

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*Welcome to members joining  
from  
The HHI Historical Society*

### **THE HERITAGE LIBRARY**

*is open for research  
four days each week—  
Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays,  
and Saturdays  
Between the hours of 9:00 A.M.  
and 3:00 P.M.*

# LIBRARY NEWS

Watch this section in future issues for more in depth information on the activities of the Library, special events and services, newly arrived books and periodicals, news of the Library Volunteers.

## Volunteer Update

Pam Bredin is taking a well earned sabbatical so if you are interested in volunteering or participating in the training call Gwen 689-9558 or leave a message at the Library.

Bob Loper and Lyman Wooster have started to volunteer. Bob will be filling in on a varied schedule while he is in training. Lyman will be learning some of the researching techniques our librarians use to help our patrons. Come join us.

As researchers, beginning or advanced, be sure to ask the Librarians for help if you are having trouble with any of our computers, vertical files or finding books in the stacks.

Again welcome and continue to spread the word!

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### THE HERITAGE LIBRARY

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## Latest History Added to the Collection

### BOOK REVIEW

*The Island at the Center of the World—The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony that shaped America—by Russell Shorto*

*Reviewed by Bill Altstaetter*

Thanks go to Alice Baker, a recent addition to the library's volunteer staff for introducing us to the world of Henry Hudson, Peter Minuit (pronounced "Min - wee), and Peter Stuyvesant, all names from the past we more or less recognize; and to Adriaen van der Donck, which most of us don't.

Russell Shorto brings these men, their families, associates, friends and foes to life painting a portrait in words as vividly as any of works of Rembrandt or Vermeer. For the serious student of America's early colonial past or for fans of the historical

novel, this 384 page paperback is, simply put, a great read.

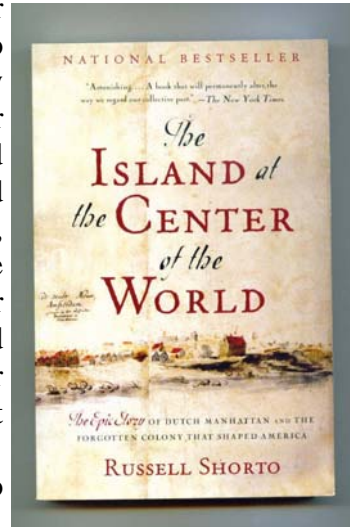
Shorto draws heavily upon the translation work of the New Netherland Project at the New York State Library. The project began in 1974 under the auspices of Nelson Rockefeller as he was leaving the New York governorship for his sojourn in Washington, DC as President

Gerald Ford's "Veep." At this point one Charles Gehring appears on the scene. He had just finished a dissertation in Germanic linguistics with a concentration in Netherlandic studies. The NYSL was looking for someone to work with seventeenth century Dutch documents. Thirty-one

years later he is still at it.

The Dutch documents in question were some three hundred years old, written in the years between the arrival of the

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE HERITAGE LIBRARY

**Library Assistants**—Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays—minimum three hour shifts, helping patrons use the Library's in-house collections and on-line databases. Training provided.

**Receptionists and Bookstore Sales**—Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays—minimum three hour shifts, receiving patrons, answering telephones, assisting librarians. Training provided.

**TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL—PAM AT 686-6560**

## *The Member Hot Line ~ What's New-By and For the Members*

*from the Membership Desk  
By Gwen Altstaetter*

Hope you are all having a wonderful summer and surviving the hot weather!

We want to welcome Dr. William Stoney from Tennessee and the following people from various parts of South Carolina: Wynn Davis, Gene and Carolyn Sullivan, Dean Cullison, Ellen DeSantis, Robert Scott, Robert Simes, Judy Foote, Mary Socci, Bar-

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### ***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Your time and talents are needed!***

***Library Research Assistants -***  
*Minimum three hours, one day a week, for both morning and afternoon shifts.*

***Typists-*** *to help with book production projects currently underway. Can work at own pace from home. Must be familiar with MS Word and MS Publisher.*

***Accountant/Bookkeepers-***  
*Treasurer needs one or two persons to share billing and payables chores. Time flexible.*

***Editors-***  
*Needed to help publish historical materials from the library's collections.*

***INTERESTED? - CALL  
GWEN AT 686-6560***

### ***GIFTS FROM GENEROUS DONORS MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL AND LASTING DIFFERENCE TO THE HERITAGE LIBRARY FOUNDATION***

In the Spring issue of Heritage Library News we offered our members and friends the opportunity to help the Library by contributing to the purchase of several items for the Library. The response was immediate and we would like to thank Allyson and Joe Harden, Jean Pontarelli and an anonymous donor for making possible the addition of those items to the Library. The new shelving for the periodicals is in place and the Front Desk area has been improved with the removal of the old record bin. This type of support means a great deal to the life of the Library. Again, our thanks to each of you.

Special thanks are also due for generous gifts of books and papers from the personal collections of two Hilton Head Islanders, Louise Woodruff and Paul Thompson resulting in significant increases to the history collections of The Heritage Library.

Many of Louise's books came from a bequest to her from a life-long friend and fellow resident of Sea Pines and dealt with the Cold War period of the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Representative titles include: *A History of Russia, Russia Since 1917, Russia and the West Under Lenin and Stalin, The Secret War and The Night Watch*. Several other books of interest to the present day history student are *The March of Democracy from Civil War to World Power* and *A History of Latin America*.

Books from Paul include: *The Minute Book of Sussex Co., NJ - Court Records 1767-1766, Early Families of Your County, PA, Passengers & Ships Prior to 1684 Penn's Colony - Vol.1, Genealogy of Early Settlers in Trenton and Ewing, NJ, and Susquehanna's Indians*. Paul also provided a number of manuscript documents enhancing our vertical files Documents Collection.

To the very thoughtful friends of the Heritage Library—

*Thanks!*

**Have you read something recently worthy of passing along to your fellow members?**

**Would you like to see it added to the library's collection?**

**Write a review and E-mail to [bill@heritagelib.org](mailto:bill@heritagelib.org) Attention Editor, Heritage Library News**



## from the Foundation Front Office —

### Heritage Library Foundation, Inc.

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#### Operating Divisions

Hilton Head Island Historical Society  
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Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery  
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Genealogy Classes and Workshops  
History Lectures and Seminars  
History By Hollywood Series  
Robert Smalls Memorial Lecture

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### **President's Column** **Bill Altstaetter**

This is my first message to the combined membership. Welcome to our friends and new members from the ranks of the HHI Historical Society. Welcome to all.

We are planning a special reception Sunday, afternoon, September 11<sup>th</sup>, *Patriot Day*, to show those of you who have not already visited us, the Foundation's facilities and answer any questions you may have about what you may expect in the way of programs and activities in the fields of American History, historic preservation, education, and research in the upcoming months.

When you hear what we have planned, we hope some of you will be excited enough to want to take an active role in the preservation of Hilton Head Island's historic past. We are extremely pleased and proud that the Foundation is your new home.

Should your schedule not permit the 9/11 Sunday with us, stop in anytime and we'll be delighted to show you around. Also watch the pages of the Heritage Library News for the

## **Foundation Sets Goals for 2005 Annual Funds Drive**

**Target Set at \$35,000.00 for Operations and \$15,000 for Capital and Endowments**

Management set the 2005 funds campaign goals during the recently concluded August budget meetings at \$35,000 for operations and \$15,000 for capital programs.

The campaign begins in earnest in early September following Labor Day and is set to conclude in time for Thanksgiving.

Funds raised for annual operations cover the costs of rent, utilities, internet and computing services, insurance and other general expenses. Capital programs include the new Building Fund kicked off with the recent \$1,000 grant from Island Writers' Network, the Book Purchase Fund aimed at improving the Library's collections, and the Endowment Fund set up to provide financial security for the future of the Foundation and its operating divisions.

In presenting the budget, President Altstaetter remarked that with a membership base of some 450, if each contributed \$150 the goal would be easily reached, in fact surpassed.

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latest up-to-date information about our activities.

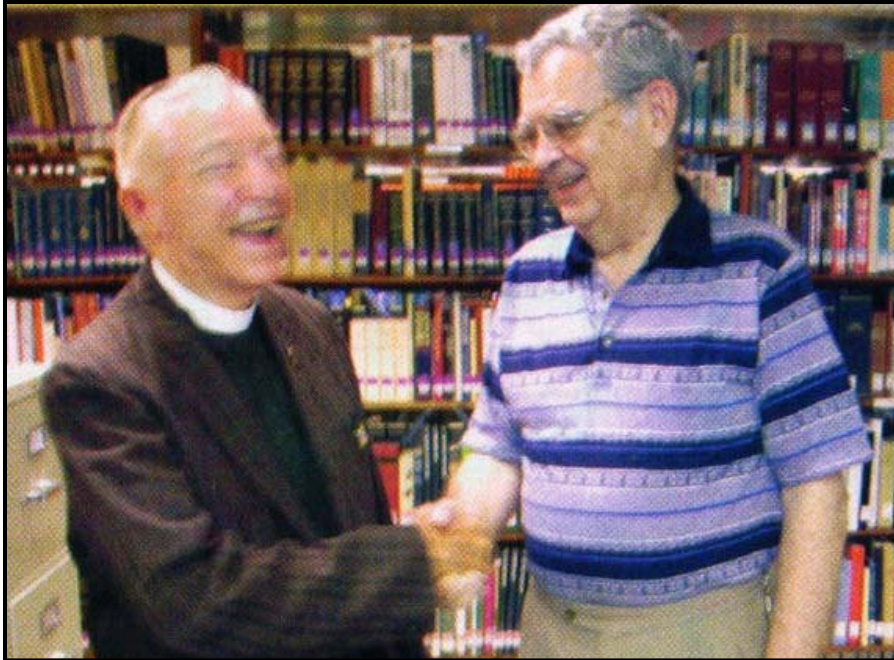
Welcome also to all the regular library research patrons who joined the Foundation over the summer months. We'd love to see you, too on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

*The Heritage Library is home to The Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society which meets on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May of each year at 9:30 am., also The Island Writers' Network which meets on the first Monday of each month except for July and August at 7 pm..*

*Anyone interested in these organizations may reach them by contacting The Heritage Library at 843-686-6560.*

## *Special Section*

# *Historical Society and Foundation Unite*



*Photograph courtesy of Hilton Head Monthly*

Rev. Dr. Robert Peeples (left), and Bill Altstaetter (right), Presidents of the two groups following the final vote

### *Island Historic Preservation Groups Join Forces*

Completing more than a year of discussions and planning by the two organizations, the Heritage Library Foundation and the Hilton Head Island Historical Society have united to form one entity designed to further the study of history in all its forms, promoting history education and historic preservation throughout Hilton Head and the Lowcountry.

In a joint statement issued following the July 12th Board meeting of the Foundation, the Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples, President The Hilton Head Island Historical Society, Inc. and E. W. "Bill" Altstaetter, President, The Heritage Library Foundation, Inc., announced the combining

of the non-profit cultural organizations.

Founded October 1, 1961, the Historical Society is the oldest civic cultural organization currently active on Hilton Head Island. It oversees the preservation of two significant historic sites, one from the Colonial period and the second from the Civil War period.

The Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery at the intersection of Mathews Drive and William Hilton Parkway at Folly Field Road contain graves of a number of the Island's earliest European and American residents. Among others, it is the last resting place of Charles Davant, the only Hilton Head islander known to have been killed on Hilton Head during the Revolutionary War. The graves of other Revolutionary War patriots also may be visited at the cemetery. The Baynard Mausoleum located on the site is the oldest permanent man-made structure more or less intact remaining on Hilton Head.

Fort Mitchel, located within the confines of Hilton Head Plantation adjacent to The Old Fort Pub Restaurant, is the second historic site owned by the Historical Society. It dates from the early days of the Union occupation of Hilton Head Island in November of 1861, when artillery batteries were constructed to protect the approaches to Port Royal Sound through Skull Creek from the advance of Confederate gun boats based at Savannah. Though heavily overgrown by trees and brush, remains of the earthen works may be viewed from a walking path which winds throughout the site.

Many of the island's historic roadside markers have been placed through

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### *Historic Film Series*

Under the auspices of the HHI Historical Society, the Heritage Library will host a film series titled *HISTORY BY HOLLYWOOD*—

#### *Fall Program Dates Selected*

***Sunday, Sep 18—2-5PM***

*World War II—September 1941  
the RAF defends England in climactic battle Churchill describes as "the End of the Beginning."*

***Sunday, Nov 27—2-5 PM***

*World War II—December 1941  
The peace of a quiet Sunday morning is shattered forever. America will never be the same again.*



## *Special Section*

### *Chronicles of The Hilton Head Island Historical Society*

The archives of The Hilton Head Island Historical Society are rich with stories of the origins of Hilton Head Island and of the lives and times of its residents. The manuscripts and documents, records and papers of the Society's thirty-five years on Hilton Head are housed at The Heritage Library and are available for research in the Manuscripts and Documents Collection. To view this collection contact G. Norma Harberger, Archivist, at 843-686-6560.

Selections from the archives of the Society will from time to time appear on these pages under the heading "Chronicles of The Hilton Head Island Historical Society."

#### *Zion Chapel of Ease – Hilton Head Island*

*By Rev. Rev. E. H. Peebles*

St Luke's Parish, Granville County, was established by an Act of the Colonial Assembly passed 23 May 1767. It had formerly been a part of St. Helena's Parish, as was Prince William Parish which had been detached 1745. Appointed commissioners for erecting a Parish Church and Parsonage-House in such part of the Parish as they should deem proper, were Daniel Heyward, John Heyward, Daniel Pepper, Richard Proctor, John Garvey, William Hazard and Stephen Drayton.

However, nothing was done until after the Revolutionary War when William Hort settled his family on the May River in 1786 and was joined by John Bull, James Garbery, George Hipp, Jacob Guerard and Daniel Stevens in building a parish church on four acres given by John Bull. An Act of Incorporation was secured from the Legislature 29 Feb 1788.

Dalcho reports that through the influence of Captain (John) Stoney and Mr. (Isaac) Fripp "another congregation was formed and a church of wood, on a brick foundation,



Baynard Mausoleum, oldest remaining building from the island's Colonial Period

40x30 ft." was built on Hilton (Head) Island. Divine Service was performed alternately at each church (St. Luke's Parish church and Zion Chapel of Ease), and since there was no Parsonage, the Minister resided with his parishioners.

The Rev. William Eastwick Graham was among the first to officiate at Zion Chapel of Ease for he had purchased a plantation on Hilton Head just south of Fish Haul Planta-

tion, the home of his uncle, Captain William Pope, Sr. Mr. Graham had been sent to South Carolina in 1775 by the Bishop of London to be Rector of Prince William Parish and early espoused the American cause with the result that General Provost burned his Parish Church in 1779 following the unsuccessful siege of Savannah. His niece, Elizabeth Mosse, married Captain Jack Stoney's older son, James, in 1793.

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In 1798 he was elected Rector of St. Helena's Parish where he died in October 1800.

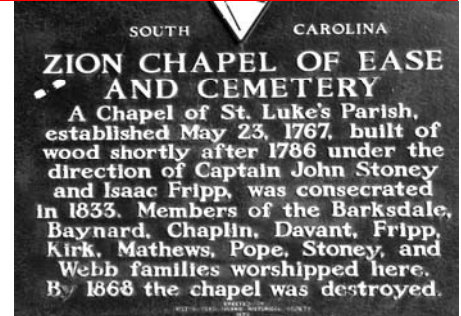
However, the first rector of St. Luke's Parish was the Rev. Andrew McCulley, elected 1791. He represented the Parish at the 9<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese held 18-20 Oct. 1791 in St. Michael's Church Charleston and at the 10<sup>th</sup> Convention held there in October 1792. He was succeeded briefly by the Rev. John O'Donnell.

At the 22<sup>nd</sup> Convention of the Diocese in Feb. 1809 the Rev. Dr. William Percy, Rector of St. Michael's, Charleston, reported that the churches on St. Helena's Island and Hilton Head Island being without a minister, he had visited them and held Divine Services.

Then on 27 April 1811 the Rev. Philip Mathews was elected Rector of the Parish and on 6 March 1812 was also elected Rector of St. Helena's Church, St. Helena's Island. At this point he married Rebecca Davant (1793-1859) daughter of James and Lydia (Page) Davant of Hilton Head, both of whom are buried in Zion Cemetery, and the young couple settled on nearby 600-acre Sand Hill Plantation, eventually acquiring also 500-acre Folly Field Plantation. Mr. Mathews apparently soon resigned the rectorship of St. Luke's Church, limiting his work to Hilton Head Island and St. Helena's Island each of which by this time was considered an independent parish. He represented these two churches at the 26<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese in February 1814, reporting 4 baptisms and 3 funerals on Hilton Head in the preceding year. His daughter, Sarah L. Mathews was born in 1815 and duly baptized in Zion Chapel. His son, Theodore Dehon Mathews, named

for his father's ecclesiastic superior, the Rt. Rev. Theodore Dehon who had been consecrated II Bishop of South Carolina on 15 Oct. 1812, was born in 1811 and likewise baptized in Zion. He would grow up to be a physician, marrying Mary Elizabeth Lawton, a cousin of Winborn Benjamin Lawton whom his sister Sarah married, settling in nearby Robertville where he practiced medicine. The Rev. Philip Mathews also attended the 29<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese in Charleston in Feb 1817, reporting 3 baptisms and 1 marriage in Zion Chapel during the preceding year.

In 1833 the Rt. Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, III Bishop of South Carolina, consecrated Zion Chapel, it having been, the record rather cryptically says "thrown out of use as to the worship for which it had been originally erected", but now happily recovered. The handsome Eucharistic



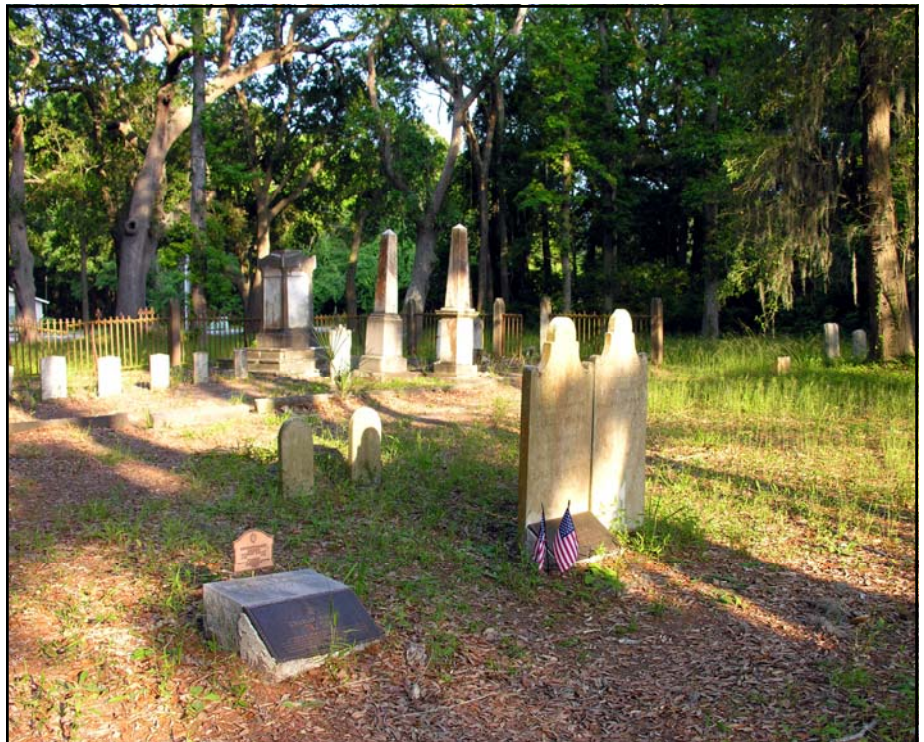
*Historic Marker*

chalices were acquired the following year, 1834.

In 1839 the long rectorship of the Rev. Philip Mathews came to an end, apparently with his death. His widow, Rebecca, lived on until September 1859. He was succeeded at Zion by the Rev. Alsop Parke Woodward who was Rector 1839-1853; he became a part of the Island aristocracy by marrying Sarah Lavinia, daughter of Squire William Pope of Coggins Point Plantation.

In 1853 the Rev. Dr. James

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# *Special Section*

## ***Zion Chapel of Ease***

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Stoney (1820-1870), a great-grandson of Captain Jack Stoney, builder of Zion Chapel, became Rector of Zion. He lived at Trimbleston Plantation on the mainland where his plantation medical office building still stands.

Diocesan records show that Divine Services were regularly held in Zion Church until November 1861 when the invasion of the Island by federal armed forces necessitated the flight of the Island's white population. When the Rev. Dr. Stoney was able to return to his rectorship of the Church of the Cross in Bluffton in 1867, his report says that Zion Chapel, having been built of wood, had entirely disappeared, its Eucharistic silver and all its furnishings, altar, prayer desks, pulpit, pews stolen.

But worst of all for Zion was the fact that all of its members were dispersed, dispossessed of their homes and property, never to return to beautiful Hilton Head Island again.

Only the Cemetery remains.

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General views of the cemetery grounds

## ***Organizations Combine***

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the efforts of the Historical Society's members.

The Heritage Library Foundation, a 1997 addition to the island scene, operates The Heritage Library on the south end of Hilton Head, on the third floor of the Courtyard Building at the corner of Office Park Road and Greenwood Drive. Visitors to this research center, open to the public for a nominal fee, may access books, periodicals and manuscripts dealing with a wide array of historical subjects from local to international in scope. Organized to house a collection of genealogical books and papers, it has grown into a major research center for general history research as well as the more traditional ancestor searches.

In commenting on the continuing mission of the combined organizations Altstaetter recognized the distinguished work of Dr. Peoples, President of the Historical Society for the last 31 years. He expressed how proud and privileged the Foundation members were to have been selected by the members of the Historical Society as their new home. He stated that the Foundation officers, directors, volunteers and members feel a deep sense of responsibility to those who have gone before in carrying on the important work of historic preservation here in the Lowcountry.

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### **Voices from the Past—**

*"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing!"*

*Edmund Burke—letter to William Smith, January 9, 1795*



## Book Review

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first Dutch ships in 1624 at a beautiful bay where Hudson's river spills into the Atlantic Ocean adjacent to "a certain island named Manathans" somewhere north of England's Virginia Colony but south of the Massachusetts colonies; and its surrender in 1664 to the forces of the Duke of York. The Dutch being meticulous record keepers, some 12,000 pages survived the ravages of man and time to reach the present day. The section on the travels of the documents back and forth across the Atlantic makes clear the fact that any survived is nothing short of a miracle.

The author clearly enjoys his sojourn into the past as much as do the members of Charles Gehring's team of researchers. The time and effort of Mr. Shorto and his dedication to bringing the story of the these earliest Americans to life comes through loud and clear.

In addition to his work at the New York State Library, his research took him to Amsterdam and The Hague, to London, to East Anglia, to Harvard University, to the islands of the Caribbean, to Africa and the Mediterranean. Such is the sweep of this saga of an island at the center of the world.

Why, you may ask, haven't we heard the basics of this story before. If the Dutch colony of New Netherlands played such an important role in the forma-

tion of what became the United States of America, why are the history books so silent. Two reasons are suggested by the author. First, the records were written in the Dutch language, 17<sup>th</sup> Century Dutch at that, and second, more importantly "the winners write the history." In this adventure "the winners" were English.

This work is anything but a dry, staid history full of odd sounding names and old dates of little or no current relevance. If you once take up *The Island at the Center of the World*, you won't put it down til the last page is turned. In the process you'll find out, among other things, why we eat "cookies" instead of English "biscuits;" where "cole slaw" came from; and why the American justice system has "District Attorneys." You will discover who crafted the first American log cabins.

You'll learn that the religious freedom and tolerance for the rights of the individual we prize so highly today is owed more to the stalwart inhabitants of New Amsterdam than to the fierce Puritans of New England or the planters of the Virginia Colony.

*The Island at the Center of the World* is a recent addition to the shelves of The Heritage Library.

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## From the Membership Desk

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bara P. Young, Edwin Drane, Eleanor Lehmann, Marion Gosson, Vernie Singleton, Gary Reavis, William Standen, Lyman and Anne Wooster, James Bryant, Dianne DeVoe, John Docherty, Carolyn Lockett, Guyla Daley, W.F. and Maria Keenan and a welcome back to Gay Probst.

As part of the coming together of The Heritage Library Foundation and The Hilton Head Island Historical Society all Life Members of the Society are being presented with Life Memberships in the Foundation.

By virtue of this action the following people have been added to our membership list: James Alberto, Dorothy Anderson, Martha Baumberger, Carol Ann Bernier, William Bethea, Richard Boyd, James W. Bradshaw, Billie Burn, James Coleman, Helen H. Cork, W. Douglas Corkern, Walter Coston, Jr., Angus Cotton, Valerie Curry, Mrs. Fred Dean, John Dixon, Berryman Edwards, Richard Heyward Ellis, Otto W. Ferene, John W. Fischer, Marjory Fowler, William A. Fox, James E. Halbkat, Jessica Hancock, Joseph K. Hall, Joseph and Allyson Harden, C. C. Hoagland, IV, John and Rachel Jakes, Elizabeth Y. James, C. Russell Keep, Clarence H. Keller, Dr. Siegfried Kessler, Stephen B. Kiser, Robert T. Kolb, Jakie H. Lee, W. L. Libertoff, II, Pierce and Bonnie Lowery, Heyward C. Luckey, Rev. Richard P. McConnell, Mrs. Richard McGinty, Capt. E. J. McKenna, John

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*Gleanings from the World Wide Web and other places*

*Planning a research trip or just trying to find what library holds a certain book?*

*Try [www.libraryspot.com](http://www.libraryspot.com) -*

Suggested by George Morgan on Ancestry.com's *Along Those Lines*, this site provides excellent access to libraries and archives online. Even though most genealogical books and materials are not loaned from library collections.

Photocopies of indexes are usually available as are later, requests for copies of the reference pages themselves. This substantially expands the research range into libraries and archives in remote locations without having to actually visit in person.

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*Have any favorite sites you'd like to share with your fellow researchers? Send them in so we can include them in future issues of Heritage*

*Looking for early Philadelphia records? — GO to — [www.contributionship.com/about.html](http://www.contributionship.com/about.html) —and delve into the past.*

Philadelphia Contributionship, the nations original fire insurance company, founded by Ben Franklin in 1752, and still going strong, is making public digital images of all its extant early surveys. These hand-written documents provide a glimpse of the inhabitants of Philadelphia and their homes, taverns and work places from colonial times up to the early 20th Century. Currently on-line are surveys compiled between 1752 and 1847.

Other key documents on the site include the "Deed of Settlement" signed by those interested in forming a Philadelphia fire insurance company.

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techniques. Joining Ms. Wall at the presentation were Vicky Hunnings, Past Chairperson of the Network, Jo Williams, Founder of IWN, Current Chair, and Dawn Josephson, Conference General Chairperson.

The grant funds were part of the proceeds from a recent highly successful writer's conference hosted by IWN at the Palm Key Conference Center in Jasper County.

In accepting the award on behalf of the Foundation, President Altstaetter thanked the IWN and expressed the deep appreciation felt by all the officers, directors, and members of The Heritage Library Foundation for the very generous grant. He added the Library looked forward to continuing the warm working relationship between the Foundation and the Island Writers' Network. Also attending for the Foundation were Ben Russell, Treasurer, G. Norma Harberger, Vice President, and Isobel Bitner, Head Librarian.

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***Library Needs Researchers for Special Projects in History and Family Heritage***

*Work at your own pace, at home or at the Library*

Do you love to "play in the past?" - ***IF YOU DO*** a number of research projects in local history and family heritage are on the drawing boards at the Heritage Library just waiting for someone to jump in and take charge.

If you have a computer, know just a little about MS Word and Excel spreadsheets you can help and have fun at the same time.

***Call Gwen at 843-686-6560 or 689-9558 and sign up.***

*The Heritage Library  
Foundation with  
The Hilton Head Island  
Historical Society —*

*Preserving our past  
To  
Secure our future!*





*Dianne*

**PHOTOGRAPHS BY**

*Original photographs of Hilton Head Island, its historic places, flora and fauna are on available at the Heritage Library.*

Selected photos from the current work of *Dianne Faucette*, local photographer and Foundation member are available framed or unframed at special pricing exclusively at The Heritage Library.

***The price for framed work is \$45.00 each.***

***Unframed, the 8x10 prints are \$15.00, the 5x7s are \$8.00.***

***Proceeds support the ongoing work of the Heritage Library***

*Framed pieces are on EXHIBIT in the Library. Together with a portfolio of the entire collection which may be viewed by contacting the Main Desk staff or any of the librarians on duty.*



***From the Membership Desk***

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