



# The Heritage Observer

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## National Registration Dedication Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery



The ceremony recognizing the placement of the Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places was held on May 6, 2019 at the Zion Cemetery property at the corner of Mathews Drive and William Hilton Parkway.

The event was attended by representatives of the Town of Hilton Head Island government and by Brad Sauls, Supervisor of Registration for the State Historic Preservation Office of the SC Department of Archives and History, which is the agency in charge of National Register properties in this state. Board members and volunteers of the Heritage Library, owner of the property, and Island residents were also in attendance.



Brad Sauls presented the bronze plaque designating the Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery as a National Register property to Iva Roberts Welton, a Heritage Library Board member who conducted the research required for submitting the National Register application. Iva accepted the plaque on behalf of the Heritage Library, citing the historical significance of the site and the special nature of its features which qualified it to be designated a National Register of Historic Places property. Mr. Sauls noted in his comments that Zion Cemetery is unusual in both the historical significance of many of those interred and in the representation of many conventions of funerary art. Town of Hilton Head Island Mayor, John McCann, addressed those gathered citing the significance of Hilton Head's historic sites and their importance to future tourism.

The cemetery was adjacent to the St. Luke's Parish Zion Chapel of Ease, a country church built in 1788 as a convenience for the parishioners of Hilton Head Island, a location remote from the central church of the parish. The Zion Chapel of Ease and cemetery site is along Mathews Drive, named for the first permanent minister, Reverend Philip Mathews, who arrived on the Island in 1811 and served as the St. Luke's Parish rector until 1828. The chapel is known to have disappeared by 1868 so when James Jenkins Stoney, great-grandson of one of the founders, arrived to serve as minister he was too late.



*Iva Roberts Welton and Brad Sauls*

The cemetery holds the remains of some of the Island's wealthiest residents dating back to the 1700's. It is also the site of the oldest building standing intact on Hilton Head Island, the Baynard Mausoleum, which was built in 1846 and restored in 2018. The first known burial was Lydia Page Davant in 1795, one of 47 interments known to be on its grounds until the recent discovery of at least 28 additional unmarked gravesites suggesting that an earlier interment may have occurred. The cemetery also contains the markers for four Revolutionary War Patriots, making the location the most numerous grouping of Patriot memorials along the entire South Carolina coast outside of the City of Charleston, according to the S.A.R. Graves Registry.

Adding Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery to Hilton Head Island's other National Registry properties is a significant achievement for the Heritage Library.



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## From the Executive Director

This quarter The Heritage Library is pleased to receive two new exciting grants and with these grants also the opportunity to build strong partnerships with the grantors.

Women in Philanthropy is a dedicated group of local women who are making a difference in the Lowcountry through the power of collective giving. Since their founding in 2003, they have built an endowment of over \$1 million and, since 2006, have awarded more than \$500,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Beaufort County. In 2019 they awarded grants totaling more than \$75,000 in support of "Preserving our Lowcountry Heritage & History."

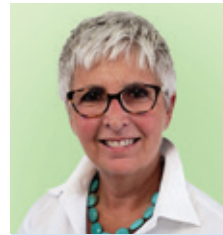


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The Women in Philanthropy Fund is an endowed giving circle fund of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry that continues to grow in perpetuity. The Fund is invested prudently, and provides grants to help strengthen families and individuals in the areas of arts and culture, community development, education, the environment, health, and human services.

The Heritage Library is privileged to be the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from this incredible group of dedicated community members. The Library will be using these funds to help update and upgrade the technology that helps our patrons in their research projects (history & ancestry) and provides us the means for preserving large collections that tell the special story of Hilton Head Island and its history and culture.

The Cypress of Hilton Head Island is an award-winning continuing care retirement community in the beautiful Lowcountry of South Carolina. Life at The Cypress springs into action on Hilton Head Island and within the secure-gated waterfront community, Hilton Head Plantation. The Cypress experience is one that makes financial sense with security,



By Barbara Catenaci  
 Executive Director

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The Cypress has partnered with the Library to provide a special membership to its residents to include tours and classes focused on their interests and inputs. We will be working with appropriate staff and the residents to design and present historic tours at Zion Cemetery and Ft. Mitchel and create history and ancestry programming that tell Hilton Head's special story based on the interests of The Cypress residents. The Cypress has graciously joined the Library's effort to create a History Park at the Patriot Level of giving.



Cypress residents enjoyed dinner at Old Fort Pub and a tour of Ft. Mitchel

We look forward to working with these two outstanding community organizations this year and beyond. They truly are an incredible group of dedicated and involved citizens and we could not be more pleased that they are willing to invest in our purpose and work.

# Nancy Burke is Retiring

We say “Job Well Done!” to our wonderful volunteer, Nancy Burke, who has decided to retire from “active duty” at the Library. Nancy came to the Library as a volunteer in 2000.

Nancy was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, the daughter of a military family, so had the opportunity to live in Puerto



*Nancy with Bill and Gwen Alstaetter*

Rico, Washington, DC, Hawaii, and Virginia in her childhood. She graduated from Mt. Holyoke College and spent a year at Oxford University in England as a Fulbright scholar before joining the Marines. Later, she earned her Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan. In 1963, she married Joe Burke, a career officer in the Naval Dental Corps, and continued to move about the country. After his retirement from the Navy, Joe practiced dentistry in Michigan and Nancy was his office manager. They moved to Hilton Head in 1993. Nancy and Joe are still traveling, having visited over 85 countries in their lives together. Nancy and Joe have two children, Michael and Kathryn, and four grandchildren.

Nancy joined the library as a volunteer, hoping to put her library science degree to work. Here she became interested in

genealogy and researched and wrote a book on Joe's family history which is in the Library's collection. In 2005, she became the Deputy Director of the Library and Assistant Head Librarian; in 2006, she became a member of the Board of Directors; and in 2012, Head Librarian. Along the way, she also developed and taught several of our genealogy classes and workshops and has been involved with the Sun City Genealogy Club for many years. Her knowledge of genealogy led her to become a registrar for the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. Nancy is the editor of *They Served*, a book published by the Heritage Library in 2017 that has received critical acclaim for its representation of the soldiers of the United States Colored Troops from Hilton Head Island.

On June 14th the Library held an open house so members, volunteers, patrons, and donors could thank Nancy for all she has done for the Library and wish her well in her retirement. Ezra “Cal” Callahan, Board President, presented Nancy with the 2018 President's Award. “Nancy, we want you to know that your tenure here is sincerely appreciated and your contributions on all fronts have been a major part in the Library's success. You may be retiring from ‘active duty’ but you will always be a part of the Library family.”



*Cal and Nancy*

## History Department

The Summer heat is here which means the History Department is feeling the heat both inside and outside the Library. Let me explain. Many members of the History Department's staff have moved outside to promote Zion Cemetery and Ft. Mitchel with docents and living history characters in costume. And, yes, those costumes can be hot for our characters. Still, we do love seeing our costumed volunteers at Fort Mitchel, now on Mondays, and Zion Cemetery, now on Thursdays. Just a little change that we hope will bring more summer visitors to these sites. These tours are a wonderful way to entertain your visitors – fascinating excursions – and your participation will



**By Dee Phillips**  
*History Dept. Co-Chair*

help the Library.

Inside, Rich Thomas and I are working on new classes at the Library, special venues, and USCB. Our living history characters and docents will be ready for Ghosts & Myths in time for Halloween 2019 and History Day in December 2019 and we hope that you will be too. Check our web site often so that you can mark your calendar for events that are both educational and fun. Your support uplifts us and helps us plan those new events.

As always, we are looking for volunteers. If you have a desire to help at any of the events, just leave me a message at the Library.





## Do You Know About Champions for Charity?

The Heritage Library is a registered charity with the Heritage Classic Foundation which provides the Library and our donors with a way to help meet our financial needs through the Champions for Charity program.

100% of the donations designated for our Heritage Library are returned to us along with a match from the Heritage Classic Foundation.

Donations should be made online at [www.heritageclassicfoundation.com](http://www.heritageclassicfoundation.com) and must be payable to the HCF. Be sure to designate Heritage Library as your charity of choice.

The minimum donation is \$1,000. The maximum donation is \$10,000 per person per charity.



# Librarian's Corner

Two new books have been written about our area. *Backwater Frontier – Beaufort County, South Carolina at the Forefront of American History* by our own Richard E. Thomas came out this spring. It includes stories about several important figures including: Pedro Menendez de Aviles, Eliza Pinckney, Robert Smalls, Harriet Tubman, General Ormsby Mitchel, and Charles Fraser. Rich's book is for sale at the Library. Coming out in August is, *Gullah Days: Hilton Head Islanders Before the Bridge 1861-1956* by local authors, Thomas Barnwell, Emory Shaw Campbell and Carolyn Grant.

The Library has received some town records, donated to us by the Town of Hilton Head Island, that involve local modern-day history and information. Lindsey Rambow, Town Records Administrator, compiled the information in binders. Here are some of the topics: Broad Creek management plan; Chaplin initiative area and plan; evolution of



**Susan Dobbs**  
Head Librarian

a town; land use plan; Urban Development Team; neighborhood planning; Stoney initiative; Island comprehensive plan; Ward One master use plan, etc. If you are interested in Island history, come in and learn more about the area.

There are no summer genealogy classes scheduled at this time but we have an exciting schedule lined up for the fall starting in September. New classes will include information on the newest edition of "Mackeiv's Family Tree Maker 2019" program. Also, a class on "Genealogy Research – Where to Start for Free" will be offered. Keep an eye out on our website, [www.heritagelib.org](http://www.heritagelib.org), for details and registration information.

For all you researchers of either genealogy or local history, summer is a great time to come to the Library. It is generally slower than the other months, nice and cool inside, and always staffed with our friendly volunteers should you need assistance. Hope to see you soon.

## The Winners Are...

The annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was held on Friday, May 3rd. Ezra Callahan, Board President, welcomed everyone saying, "Please know that the contribution that each of you brings to the Heritage Library Foundation is truly appreciated and respected. Your contributions are immeasurable."

At this luncheon we are recognizing several of your colleagues for their 2018 contributions to the Library.

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

She volunteers three days a week at the Library. You can find her as Lydia Davant at Zion Cemetery on tour days. She has researched, purchased, and organized our costume collection. Whether you visit the Library or phone, she will greet you with a gentle voice and with a smile on her face and make you happy to

be there. **We present this award to Diane Larsen.**

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Her attention to detail is unparalleled. Because of her extensive work and that attention to detail, the Library has the best organized vertical files anywhere. We have one of the best organization newsletters, the Observer. Thanks to her, it is diverse in information, beautifully edited and something we can be proud of each quarter. **We present this award to Elizabeth Hanson.**

We are presenting two President's Awards this year. This winner is unable to be present today and she will receive her award at a later date. **We present this award to Nancy Burke** (NOTE – See Page 3 for information about Nancy.)

# An 1890 Census Substitute

The 1890 census was destroyed by a fire in the government building where the census records were located. All that paperwork was destroyed, not by the fire itself, but by the water poured into the building to try to curtail the fire. For weeks, maybe even months, those paper records sat, molding and mildewing until there was nothing usable left.

After working with two chapters of the NSDAR inventorying the cemeteries in Beaufort, Jasper, and part of Hampton countries, I had an idea. I decided to go through the inventories we had compiled and pull out the names of all decedents who would have been alive in 1890. After culling the names and listing each one with birth and death date and cemetery, I decided I should provide more information. I am a researcher, through and through.

My two primary sources of information were the area 1880 census and 1900 census. This was how I found parents and, in some cases, grandparents and in the 1900 census, additional information. I also utilized findagrave.com and Draft Registration cards for World War I and II. Death Certificates were examined but they are not the “be-all, end-all” of documentation. I discovered that they frequently have errors.

All of this may sound pretty cut and dried, easy to accomplish, just requiring time. However, such is not the case. There were a lot of fairly common names and similar dates, so I had to be careful that I listed the correct parents or grandparents. It



**By Sunni Bond**  
Monday and  
Wednesday  
Librarian

wasn't always possible to find a piece of additional data I desired. Very frustrating.

Once I had all the raw data, I began the job of creating the database. Names were listed alphabetically. The format was established: name and dates as shown on the headstone, cemetery name, inscriptions of a general nature found on the headstone, and a summary of the information I had acquired through research. The indexing procedure was very involved. Every possible variation of a name had to be included. I listed the name shown on the headstone first and then “aka” names—name at birth, name due to marriage, etc.

In the beginning I worked on this project both at Heritage Library and also at home but I soon realized that if I did not confine my research to my two days a week at Heritage I would soon have no life at all. I spent almost three years on this endeavor.

I wanted the NSDAR Library to have this information so they could, through their GRC database, make it available to any researcher, not just DAR members. The NSDAR Library allows one to index the material in a quick fashion. Also, I wanted Heritage Library to have access to this information. Therefore, there is a hard copy along with the index, on our Library shelves – in lime-green notebooks with the index in a forest green binder.

Come in and browse for your ancestors who lived in the Lowcountry and were alive in 1890.

## Barnwell Tabby Ruins

Kirk Clarke and Julie Orr, Heritage Library volunteers, have helped with the excavation work at the archaeological study of the Barnwell Tabby Ruins on Squire Pope Road.





# ZION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

*The Heritage Library has created this capital campaign to preserve the Baynard Mausoleum and create the Zion Chapel of Ease History Park. 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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*Historic*  
**Zion Chapel of Ease  
History Park**

*Home of the Patriots and Planters*



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# Hilton Head Churches

*Hilton Head Island has a rich history and that history includes the growth of churches and religious diversity. As a Heritage volunteer, my project is to research that history from the first house of worship up to the present day. Because today is tomorrow's history, I began my project by making a list of all the religious institutions*



By **Richard Chalk**  
Volunteer

*on the Island today. I plan to write about each one including where and when it started and its religious roots.*

*Each Observer will have a story about an Island Church. I hope you will find these as interesting as I do.*

## FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

*Established 1862*

**T**he early history of religious practices on Hilton Head Island took place in Praise Houses and the Zion Chapel of Ease, all of which no longer exist.

A report in The New South newspaper, dated 30 August 1862, describes the organization of the First Baptist Church of Hilton Head – now known as First African Baptist Church – the oldest church on Hilton Head Island. The newspaper account reported that the church was established with about 120 members, all contrabands. “Of these nearly 70 were professing Christians under the rule of their late masters, while the others have been converted and baptized since our advent among them.”<sup>1</sup>

The church was organized and the pastor ordained on Sunday, 17 August 1862, with the assistance of Union soldiers who had established a major presence on Hilton Head Island and had brought freed slaves (“contrabands”) from surrounding plantations to the Island. The first pastor was Abraham Murchison, a former slave from Savannah, who was literate and a leader in Mitchelville – the

first self-governed freedman’s town in America.

In a report from Major General O. M. Mitchel to S. P. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury, Mitchel states that “Yesterday, which was Sunday, a little church, built for the negroes, was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God.”<sup>2</sup> The date appears to be 12 October 1862, two months following the organization of the church.

The congregation moved to the Chaplin Community for a brief time, where they adopted the name, Goodwill Baptist Church, and moved to the present location on Beach City Road in 1889 where they initially took the name Crossroads Baptist Church before adopting the present name First African Baptist Church

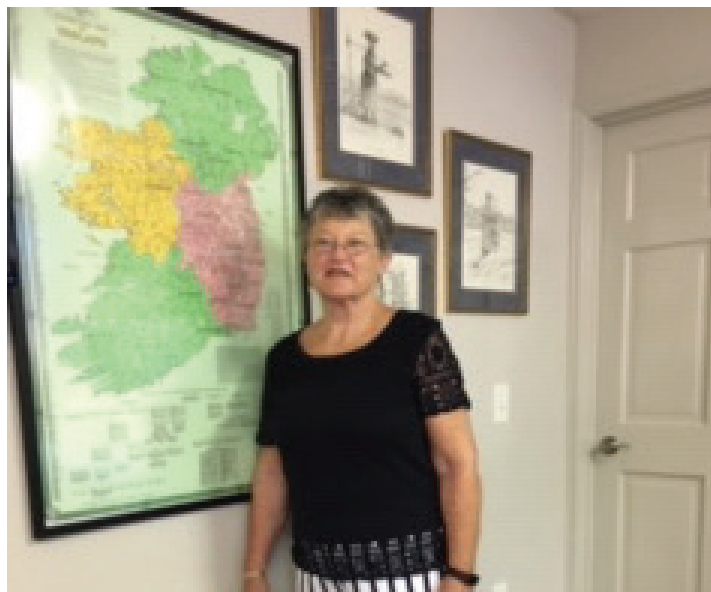
The church continues to have an active congregation serving the community with approximately 300 members.

<sup>1</sup> *The New South Newspaper* 30 August 1862 page 3

<sup>2</sup> *Cincinnati Daily Gazette* 1 November 1862 page 3

## Thanks to Our Irish Group

We are grateful for the Irish Genealogy Group’s donation of the framing and glass for our Irish Ancestral Map. Jane Stuart, group Coordinator, is shown here with their gift. The group will resume their monthly meetings on Friday September 6 at 10:30am.





# Heritage Happenings

Reservations required. Book online at [heritagelib.org/Tours](http://heritagelib.org/Tours), or call 843-686-6560.

## WEEKLY TOURS



### HISTORIC FT. MITCHEL TOUR

**MONDAYS AT 10AM**  
Tour the Civil War Earthworks Battery in Hilton Head Plantation  
**\$15/ADULT • \$10/CHILD**



### HISTORIC BIKE TOUR

**WEDNESDAYS AT 10AM**  
Enjoy a safe and fun three-mile trip  
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with your own bike  
**\$25/ADULT • \$20/CHILD**  
if bikes are provided



### COSTUMED CEMETERY TOUR

**THURSDAYS AT 10AM**  
Visit the Baynard Mausoleum built in 1846 and meet Lydia Davant  
**\$15/ADULT • \$10/CHILD**



### HILTON HEAD HAUNTED HISTORY TALES GRAVESIDE STORYTELLING ADVENTURE

**WEDNESDAYS • 8:30PM**  
Hear spine-tingling tales of Hilton Head's shadowy past at the Zion Chapel of Ease.  
**\$25/ADULT**  
**\$20/CHILD (AGES 8-16)**

## Follow the Clues...and Ask for Help

Sometimes people become so engrossed in researching family lines to see how far back they can go, that they forget to follow through on clues that can bring a family to life.

My Mom passed away in January. While cleaning out her apartment, we came across an interesting item. Tucked away in a drawer, was a roll of old-fashioned brown packing tape that you need to moisten to use. The interesting thing was what was printed on the tape:

"Vrooman's Hardware, Stoves, Paints, Heating, Plumbing 152 Erie Blvd. Phone 988". With a phone number of three digits, I knew it had to be quite old.

In my tree, I had a Jacob Vrooman who ran a hardware store in Schenectady but knew little else about him or the business. A bit of online research did provide some additional information, but not much. My next step was to ask for help from the Schenectady Historical Society.

My brief email with a photo of the tape provided a wealth of information. Susanna Fout of the Historical Society had access to records not available online. Here are highlights of the background info Ms. Fout shared:

The store opened by Jacob V. Vrooman in 1854 was originally located on State Street. In 1918, the store was moved to 241 Dock Street, which ran parallel to Erie Blvd. In 1920, Dock St was incorporated into Erie Boulevard and the address of the



By Carol Clemens

store changed to 152 Erie Blvd. Then, in 1934, the store was again relocated, this time to Ferry Street. So, now we know the date of the tape! It must have been made sometime between 1920-1933 when the address of the store was on Erie Blvd. In 1939, "J.V. Vrooman & Sons, Co." hardware store stops being listed in the local directory. I am assuming it was closed, unless it was continued on by another family member under a different name.

Unfortunately, I could not find a photograph of the store while it was on Erie. However, lucky for us, the brothers decided to include an image of the store in two advertisements for the business directory. I have included a picture of the original store when it was on State Street.

This information from the Historical Society makes Jacob Vrooman come alive. If we had tossed the tape and not followed through by asking for help, I would have missed this interesting family history. Remember, after you have done your best, ask for help...you might find a bonanza of information. By-the-way, after saving a portion of the tape, we did donate the rest of the tape to the Historical Society. It is now safely cared for as a piece of local history.



**VROOMAN'S HARDWARE**  
Stoves Heating  
Paints Plumbing  
152 Erie Blvd. Phone 988

# Heritage Volunteer

## Diane Larsen

**D**iane Larsen can be found in our Library three days most weeks working as the receptionist and as Lydia Davant in Zion Cemetery on tour days. She's a valuable member of our volunteer contingent.

Diane grew up in a small town in Southern Minnesota not far from the *Little House on the Prairie* town of Walnut Grove. If you have read this book or watched the TV show, you would discover that you already know a great deal about Diane's family. Diane's grandfather was born in a sod house. The family homestead, a farm in the 1800's, is still in the family. Diane has always been the keeper of family history and stories. As a child she recorded the names of family members in photographs so the information would not be lost.

Diane married her high school sweetheart, Randy Larsen, 48 years ago. Randy wanted to go into marine biology so they moved to Florida for his education. However, he was sidetracked into medicine where he specialized in



vascular ultra sound studies. They have one son, Travis, who lives in the Atlanta area. Last December their granddaughter, Kristen age 12, played one of Lydia Davant's granddaughters in Colonial Christmas at Zion Cemetery.

Diane started her career in retail, managing jewelry stores and a bridal registry. She became a gift and jewelry buyer for a Scandinavian company, going to Europe to buy for five stores. Looking for a career change, she joined Cracker Barrel

Old Country Stores where she was a District Manager in charge of the operations of 20 to 30 stores. Diane loved Cracker Barrel's country store concept. After 29 years with Cracker Barrel, Diane retired in 2013.

Diane became a Heritage volunteer about two years ago. She attended a Library History Talk, learned that there was a shortage of receptionists and jumped in to learn that job. When the Library received donations to buy costumes to be worn during tours, she was asked to research and buy women's and men's clothing typical of the 18th and 19th centuries. She searched online and at local thrift shops and we now have volunteers in correct dress for both Zion and Ft. Mitchel tours.

Diane admires the Library's Librarians, true professionals she says, and loves the stories they find for our patrons. "I feel especially honored and surprised to be named Volunteer of the Year 2018. Being honored for something you really love doing is a special moment in time."

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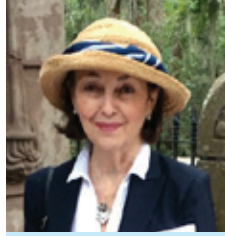


# Sharing the Heritage

On May 6th the Hilton Head Library received a bronze plaque designating the Zion Cemetery as a National Register property.

The Hilton Head Historical Society, under the direction of Dr. Robert Peeples, originally owned Zion Cemetery. While the Society did not have the funds to maintain the site in the good condition it is today, Dr. Peeples was often seen there with his wife, “Miss Cora,” with rakes in their hands. In 2005, the Society became part of the Heritage Library Foundation and so did Zion Cemetery. I was a volunteer in their first office at the Courtyard Building.

I used to walk in Zion Cemetery, intrigued by the graves that dated back to the mid 1700’s and shocked at its shameful condition. I was astounded to discover a pedestal in memory of James Kirk and his wife, Mary. In the 1980’s I studied the Kirk family in detail when I was researching the Rose Hill Plantation House to have it placed on the National Register in 1983. I received a portrait of James Kirk to hang in the Rose Hill House and had his will and over 100 letters written by members of the Kirk family but there was never a mention of a burial plot on Hilton



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Head. This discovery sparked my interest to study the families that were buried there – many wealthy planters and their families. The site was in deplorable condition. The wrought iron fencing and gates had been damaged by vandalism and the mausoleum was full of moisture and sure to cave in if drastic measures were not taken.

I started my research to have Zion Cemetery, with its Baynard mausoleum placed in the National Register. Funerary art was one of the most interesting aspects of putting together this application. The stone cutters came from Europe, set up shops in Charleston, and left their initials with their designs and symbols on the grave-stones. The meanings of the symbols are found in many books.

We are grateful to the SCAD students, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Taylor, who performed a condition study of the Baynard mausoleum and identified what measures should be taken to preserve the structure, built in 1846 by William Baynard who, at 49- years-old, died just three years after it was built. Above the doorway, “William E. Baynard, Integrity and

Uprightness” is displayed in raised letters. The inverted torches on either side of the door signify a life cut short. The mausoleum originally had strong wooden doors and white marble doors inside that led into the chamber that could hold 20 coffins. I discovered letters by several writers who saw the mausoleum in the early years; fascinating to read and one of the joys of my research. It has been a delight to meet Baynard family members who are gracious donors. And, thank you to Frank Genello from the American Building Restoration Co., also a donor, who worked tirelessly to remove the roof of the mausoleum, restore it, and replace it.

Research takes you into areas of knowledge that you might never think of going. While it broadens your outlook and knowledge it can also give you a feeling of excitement when you discover answers to the questions posed by the National Register. I have thoroughly enjoyed working on this project for several years and I feel strongly that we, as a community, have a responsibility to recognize, restore, and cherish our precious history. Preserving our historic sites is an excellent way to teach our future generations about our past.



Recently Bob Blot and Robert Carpenter helped the Library to recognize our donors by putting together, painting and mounting our new Donor Tree. The Tree honors significant donors each year. We appreciate the great work done by Robert and Bob and offer our heartfelt thanks – you are the best.

# Heritage Library Membership



By **Laurette  
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Membership Chair

Welcome to 62 New and 111 Renewal Members who have joined our Heritage Library family.

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