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FOR THE BAYNARD MAUSOLEUM

Status of the Challenge



The Baynard Mausoleum

We're well on our way toward matching the challenge put up by Carol and J. Ward Mathis. They have generously offered to match all contributions up to \$2500 toward the saving of the Baynard Mausoleum in the Zion Chapel of Ease cemetery. So far we have received \$1,000 toward that challenge, with only \$1500 to go.

The Baynard Mausoleum was erected in 1846 for the Baynard family. William Eddings Baynard, great-great-uncle of Carol Mathis, was laid to rest there in 1849.

The building, the oldest extant structure on the Island, has been deteriorating and needs the attention of expert architects and/or engineers to preserve it for the future.

Send your checks to the Heritage Library, 852 Wm. Hilton Parkway, Hilton Head Island SC 29928. Mark for "Baynard Challenge."

Start of a Busy Year at the Library

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Peggy Pickett of the Heritage Library as the remarkable Eliza Pinckney who brought indigo to South Carolina.

PRESENTED BY PEGGY PICKETT

Eliza Pinckney: Whims and Schemes

Sunday, March 17, 2:00 p.m.

The Heritage Library

"I have become captivated by her."

So wrote Peggy Pickett about her experience in developing the character of Eliza Pinckney in her repertoire of reenactments. She tells us that she first became interested in this remarkable woman when she attended an indigo workshop at Coastal Discovery Museum. Learning that 17-year-old Eliza began running her father's plantation and then developed the first indigo crops in South Carolina, Peggy began to read everything she could find about Eliza: *The Letterbook of Eliza Lucas Pinckney 1739-1762*; *A Founding Family: The Pinckneys of South Carolina* by Frances Leigh Williams; *Charleston in the Age of the Pinckneys* by George Rogers; and *Eliza Pinckney* by Harriott Horry Ravenel.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We Start An Important Year

Of course every year is important. But in this one, there is much we hope to accomplish. There will be more Civil War events from 1862 that we will want to talk about as part of the Sesquicentennial. We also need to be thinking about 2013, which will be the 350th anniversary of the sighting of Hilton Head by Captain William Hilton and the 30th anniversary of the Town of Hilton Head Island. These special events in our history should be properly celebrated.

In continuing our efforts to defining our Strategic Plan, we will be asking volunteers and friends of the Library for fresh thinking and frank evaluation. (Volunteers will soon be receiving a special questionnaire; we will also appreciate receiving evaluations and suggestions from the public.)

This year you will find an expanded set of our popular history lectures and our talented genealogists will be teaching classes again.

BARBARA MULLER

January/February Classes

Starting Family Research. Nancy Burke. Wednesdays, Jan. 18 & 25, 1:30 p.m.: A two-part workshop for those just starting a research project or those who wish to brush up their skills. \$40 for members, \$45 non-members.

Using Family Tree Maker. Carol Clemens. Wednesday, February 8, 1:30 p.m. Learn the latest version of this popular program.

Genealogy on the Web. Linda Piekut. Wednesday, February 15, 1:30 p.m. Resources and techniques. Intermediate level. \$20 members, \$25 non-members.

Advanced Family Tree Maker. Carol Clemens. Wednesday, February 29, 1:30 p.m. Beyond the basics. \$20 members, \$25 non-members.

More information at heritagelib.org.

Space limited. Reserve yours by calling (843) 686-6560.

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

On-going Research at the Library

Here are some of the specific research projects being undertaken by Heritage Library volunteers.

Paul and Marty Anthony are spending countless hours checking the *Civil War burial orders* from the Hilton Head Hospital, and determining the final cemetery disposition for each order.

Sunni Winkler is transcribing articles written by the *Reverend Dr. Robert Peebles*, preparatory to their collection in a book to be published by the Library.

Diana Luellen is engaged in checking the pension records of *US Colored Troops*, who were born or served on Hilton Head during the Civil War, for any biographical or historical information contained in the depositions.

Barbara Fleischmann has compiled a timeline of owners of the original *John Bayley land* grant on Hilton Head, and is now tracing the ancestry of the *Ulmer family* in this area.

Peggy Pickett is looking into the history of the *Pinckney family* and its connection to Beaufort County.

Dorothy Arwe is helping sort and reorganize the voluminous *Lawton and Allied Families* papers, generously donated by the Rev. Peebles.

Pre Moore is checking the indices to the *land records* for land sold in Beaufort County following the Civil War.

Lyman Wooster is planning to return to volunteer, and will be gathering information on the *Drayton family* from various sources.

Their efforts add much value to our resources by making access to information easier. We thank them for their work, and would welcome any others interested in volunteering.

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Editor's Note:

You can see Eliza Pinckney in the person of Peggy Pickett. See Page 1. Find out why we say these particular researches are of value to all those interested in history on Page 8.



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Visiting the Civil War Sesquicentennial



Bernard George, a Development Coordinator for the city of New Bern, North Carolina, was an enthusiastic participant, representing the First North Carolina Colored Volunteers.



Professional photographer Bob Beine of Beaufort showed off his vintage photographic equipment. He also took photos of visitors using Civil War props but with a modern digital camera.



Representing a typical doctor of the period was Davis Tooms with hair-raising stories of the era's medical practices.



This rifle squad drilled periodically and filled the Honey Horn grounds with smoke and noise.



Visitors from Chicago enjoyed the Hilton Head weather and toured Fort Mitchel. In town for their grandmother's 100th birthday were Nancy Tiedt, Elle Fowler, and Sam Gattuso.



There was even more smoke and noise from the 22nd Georgia Heavy Artillery, represented by Buddy Jones, Howard Williams, and James Moore.



FROM THE
Membership Desk

As I write this the temperature is in the low seventies, but I imagine when you are reading this the temperature is a bit lower than that. This weather reminds us why we are all here, not out shoveling that white stuff!

Since the last issue of the *Observer* we have raised our membership by eighteen. We have four from Georgia: Lewis and Lucy Little, Mary Alston Thompson and Robert Malphrus. From Hilton Head and Bluffton are: Hadley and Claudia Kennedy, Robert and Linda Holmes, William Sweeny, Donna Brunstad, Bob and Evelyn Richardson, Gordon and Judy Levering, Sally Clarke, Jenelle Dove, William Blazek, and Elizabeth Fuller.

We welcome you all and hope you will be using the Library and taking advantage of our knowledgeable volunteers. Better still, find time to help others in their search. It can be very rewarding to help someone find that otherwise unknown ancestor. If you are interested, please let us know and we will help you hone those investigative skills. It is wonderful to hear a shout from the direction of one of the computers, "I found him!"

Our newest addition to the volunteer staff is Ruth Ragland. She will be assisting in spreading the word about the library, working with communications to the various media on the Island. We thank her for coming on board and sharing her expertise with us. Of course one of our best ways to reach the community is word of mouth – that means all of us talking about our Library and what is available here.

Be sure to go to our Web site and see the many workshops and lectures we have scheduled for the new year. If you have any questions or want to register call (843) 686-6560. Space is limited and some classes fill up quickly.

Wishing you a Happy New Year and hope to see you at The Heritage Library in 2012.

GWEN ALTSTAETTER

Eliza Pinckney (Cont'd from Page 1)

Then, as a result of a tip from Natalie Hefter at Coastal Discovery, we got in touch with Peggy and she learned that in our copies of *South Carolina Historical Society's* magazine, we had some information about Eliza's family and her son not published elsewhere. She also read our *Glimpses* article about Eliza and found that we had some books she could consult without waiting for an interlibrary loan.

Peggy writes: "Eliza was a truly remarkable woman who accomplished things we hardly ever think of as being done by women of her time. Yet, she did them within the rules of the society she was part of—she was a wealthy, leisured, cultivated woman motivated by her duty to her family."

Peggy Pickett has been representing women from history for over 20 years as a docent at Colonial Williamsburg. She is now a member of and volunteer at our Library.

While Peggy is captivated by Eliza Pinckney, I believe you will be captivated by Peggy on March 17th.

BARBARA MULLER



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Hilton Head/Savannah Equestrian
Exposition To Benefit Heritage Library**

The Heritage Library is pleased to be a beneficiary of the eighth annual Equestrian Exposition to be held at historic Rose Hill Plantation on Sunday, April 29, 2012.

Ice down the champagne, pack a tailgate picnic, and enjoy equestrian exhibitions, including dressage, carriage driving, and fox hunting, with a polo exhibition match to follow. Gates open at 10:00 a.m.

You can support the Heritage Library by becoming a Patron for the day, during which you will enjoy your own personalized parking space (\$250, \$400) and extra tickets, or by placing an ad in the day's program (\$100 - \$700), or by purchasing a general admission ticket for \$15.

Please contact me for more information or you may call the Heritage Library at (843) 686-6560. Thank you for your support!

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John Witherspoon, in Union army uniform, represented Percival Drayton at the Heritage Library. The screen in the background showed a drawing of the heavy seas encountered by the Union fleet as they sailed to Hilton Head.

AKA JOHN WITHERSPOON

“Captain Percival Drayton”

The Heritage Library revisited the Battle of Port Royal with presentations by Bill Altstaetter and John Witherspoon on Nov. 7, 2011, 150 years to the day after the historic invasion of Hilton Head Island by Union forces.

Altstaetter pointed out that keeping the sea lanes open and outrunning the Union blockade was critical to the South so that it could continue to export cotton, a vital source of revenue. The South had only a modest industrial base with few places to build war materiel. Access to ports in Bermuda, the Bahamas and Cuba was necessary to import ordnance.

The primary objectives of the battle for the Union were to capture Fort Walker and Fort Beauregard and secure the barrier islands to support the blockade.

Witherspoon, wearing a dress-blue period uniform, portrayed Percival Drayton, who played a pivotal role in the battle. Drayton and his sibling Thomas were examples of how the Civil War pitted brother against brother. They were the sons of Colonel William Drayton, a veteran of the War of 1812, with roots in a wealthy Charleston plantation family.

A lawyer and congressman, William Drayton supported federal authority over states' rights, an unpopular view in the South. He ultimately relocated to Philadelphia but his eldest son Thomas, a graduate of West Point and classmate of Jefferson Davis, returned to South Carolina, marrying Catherine Pope of Edisto Island, and establishing Fish Haul Plantation on Hilton Head Island. Thomas cast his lot with the South when the Civil War broke out and urged his brother Percival to do the same.

But Percival, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and a career military officer, remained with the Union, offering to resign his commission if his loyalty was suspect, and volunteering for sea duty.

So on the fateful day of the Battle of Port Royal, Percival was at the helm of the gunboat *Pocahontas*, firing on troops led by his brother Thomas, a Confederate brigadier general. At Thomas' side, as his aide, was his son William Seabrook Drayton.

With overwhelming force, including the heavily armed flagship *Wabash*, the Union won the day, and the U.S. flag was raised over Fort Walker, although Confederate troops held out to almost their last round. With its mission accomplished the Union landed 13,000 troops but failed to push inland, which might have hastened an end to the war. Both brothers survived the battle and there was little loss of life on either side. Thomas later saw action at Antietam and Percival was promoted to command the *Passaic*, the first of the iron clad vessels. After the war, Thomas lost his wife's plantation but was sustained for a time by \$30,000 left to him by his brother Percival, who died of a sudden illness in 1865 while assigned to the Bureau of Navigation in Washington, D.C.

RUTH RAGLAND



Annual Meeting February 29

Wednesday February 29 at 10:00 a.m. members of the Heritage Library will hold their annual meeting at the Library. Members will receive a formal notice accompanied by a proxy form for those who cannot attend. We hope you'll attend, but if you can't, we'll appreciate your returning your proxy so we can be sure to have a quorum.



Last year Heritage Library volunteers collected over \$1600 at the "World's Largest Yard Sale" sponsored by the Island Packet.

Your Part in the Island Packet's Yard Sale Will Benefit the Heritage Library

It's not too early to start thinking about getting rid of "stuff"—that Christmas present you can't stand, the extra set of dishes you never use, all those paperbacks you stocked up on when you were sick and now have read (and gotten well). Whatever "junk" you have (except for clothing and hard-cover books) could be turned into dollars for Heritage Library.

Each year the "Greatest Yard Sale" holds forth on a Saturday in March, this year on March 31. People come in droves to see what they can find for a bargain. Knick-knacks, paperback books, antiques, collectibles, costume jewelry, small appliances that still work—whatever you can contribute for our table will bring in money for Heritage Library's benefit. Please note that the only hardback books we can accept are cookbooks—they are always big sellers.

Start setting aside those items *now*. If you do not have room to store them, you can bring them to the library Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday, or call Heritage Library (686-6560) and someone will be in touch to arrange pick up so they can be transferred to our storage area.

We can always use extra hands to help with pick up, set up, and clean up. Please volunteer your time and contribute your treasures for the sake of the Library. Join us in making this fund raiser a success.

DIANA LUELLEN and SUNNI WINKLER



ROYAL GENEALOGIES Queen Victoria & Christian IX

On Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 at the Heritage Library, member Dalton Parker will delineate the complex interrelationship between many of the names that decorated European history. Among them you will hear about the interrelationships between England, Imperial Germany, Sweden, and Holland; also between Denmark, Imperial Russia, Great Britain and Norway. There are also ties between Tsars Alexander II, Alexander III, Nicholas II and Greece, Great Britain and Germany. Hear how Emperor Wilhelm of Germany is related to the royal families of Great Britain, Greece, and Russia.

No charge. Call (843) 686-6560 for reservations.



SPREADING THE WORD

Heritage Library at the Farmers' Market

For weeks, even in cold weather, Priscilla Russo (left) and Iva Welton represented the Heritage Library at the weekly Farmers' Market at Honey Horn, making new friends for the Library. The Market will resume on April 6, and both Priscilla and Iva plan to be there. They will welcome your help if you'd like to participate.

Photo courtesy of Pamela Owens, Farmers Market

FAMILY SKELETONS

Was Dr. Crippen a Murderer?*J. Patrick Crippen*

Heritage Library member J. Patrick Crippen explores the challenges of getting to the truth about a notorious ancestor at the Heritage Library on Friday, January 27, at 1:30 p.m. Crippen's infamous forebear, Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen, was executed in 1910 for the murder of his wife after a transatlantic

manhunt aided by newly-invented wireless communication—the radio.

Subsequent DNA evidence cast doubt on the verdict. The case was the subject of the recent best seller, *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson, and an episode of “Secrets of the Dead” on PBS. Patrick Crippen, a member of the board of trustees of the Ohio Genealogical Society, has taken the approach recommended by George Bernard Shaw: “If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.”

Fee: \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. Discounts for couples. For reservations call (843) 686-6560.

RUTH RAGLAND



FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

Beaufort History Museum

January 26, 6:00 p.m.

Beaufort City Hall

You may recall that recently a number of historic artifacts were turned over to the City of Beaufort. The Beaufort History Museum has been established to preserve and add to items that illustrate and illuminate the 300-plus years of the history of Beaufort, South Carolina. Under the leadership of co-chairs Katherine Lang and Mary Lou Brewton, the museum is temporarily housed in City Hall. Membership will be necessary to vote. Forms will be available at the door and on the Web site, <http://www.beauforthistorymuseum.com>. If you intend to go, email Mary Lou at maryloubrew@aol.com.

Winter Lecture Series

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 1:30 p.m.: Pre-Columbian Low Country. Bill Altstaetter

The Low Country was teeming with life before the Europeans came. The island of Hilton Head emerged after the Ice Ages and became a favorite place for Amerindians to visit.

Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 1:30 p.m.: The First Europeans in the Carolinas. Bill Altstaetter

Long before Jamestown or Plymouth Rock, the Spanish and the French were attempting to found settlements in the New World, with very mixed results.

Friday, January 27, 2012; 1:30 p.m. Dr. Crippen, Murderer? Patrick Crippen.

See story at left.

Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 1:30 p.m.: Hilton Head in the English Colonial Period: Bill Altstaetter

Hilton Head was sighted by Captain William Hilton in 1663. By the time of the Revolution, the Low Country was to experience cattle ranching and riches from indigo and Sea Island cotton. Local Indians mortgaged the deerskin trade far beyond their ability to pay.

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 1:30 p.m.: South Carolina; The Cradle of Secession. Robert Smith

The philosophical differences between Northern and Southern cultures that led up to armed conflict.

Friday, February 10, 2012, 1:30 p.m.: Gullah Culture. Louise Cohen

The inimitable Island Story-teller, Louise Cohen, talks about the emergence of Gullah culture in the Sea Islands

Sunday, February 12, 2:00 p.m.: Selected Royal Genealogies of Europe. Dalton Parker

European royal families so intermarried that in recent times most of the crowned heads of Europe were related. Genealogies of Queen Victoria of Great Britain, Christian IX of Denmark, Tsars Alexander II, III, and Nicholas II of Russia, as well as William I, King of Prussia. See Page 6.



Note: Lecture Fees: Sunday lectures are free. Other lectures: Members \$8, couples \$12; non-members, \$10, couples \$15.

Why These Subjects of Research

Dr. Peeples' Articles: Robert Peeples, one of the founders of the Hilton Head Island Historical Society and a tireless historian, probably knows more about the history of Hilton Head than anyone. The collection of his many articles published over the years, plus some still in manuscript form, will yield fascinating details about the Island's history. Sunni Winkler is putting them together for future researchers.

Burial Records: According to Dr. Peeples, a cemetery was established for soldiers who died here in the years 1861-1872 but the graves included anyone who died in the hospital here. Many of the handwritten records have been difficult to decipher, and the Anthonys painstakingly solved many of the consequent discrepancies. They have spent many months collecting and printing out source material that will be invaluable to researchers.

Lawton and Allied Families: Dr. Peeples spent years gathering material on these old families and there is much information in our files, now being organized by Dorothy Arwe.

Land Sales: For a brief period during and just after the Civil War, an act of Congress allowed newly-freed men to buy land that had been confiscated for taxes by the Union. The re-

cords of the sales in Beaufort County are from the National Archives and have been transcribed and digitized by volunteers. Pre Moore has completed the work, which will be the subject of a future article in *Glimpses*.

The Drayton Family. This family was a classic example of how the Civil War pitted brother against brother. John Witherspoon has done much research on Percival Drayton and portrays him in reenactments (see Page 5). Lyman Wooster, who has written many articles for our newsletters, will do his usual thorough job in pulling together the voluminous information on this active family.

Pension Records. A huge source of information about the lives of those who served in the United States Colored Troops is to be found in their pension applications. Work on them has been going on for several years, notably by John Griffin. Diana Luellen is adding her efforts to the project.

John Bayley Land Sales. John Bayley was the heir of Landgrave John Bayley who had received a large grant of land in the Island. Neither Bayley ever lived here. His agent, Alexander Trench, handled sales of the land, and it is these transactions whose records have been completed by Barbara Fleischmann.

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