

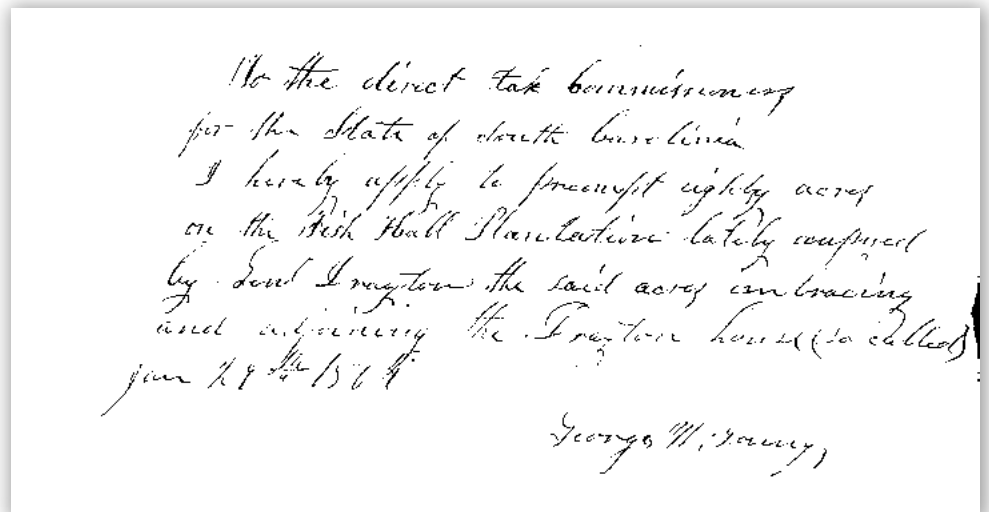
The Library's New Project

By Linda Piekut

The Heritage Library, with funding from the Hilton Head Island Foundation Endowment Fund, has undertaken an ambitious research project dedicated to documenting Hilton Head Island during the extended period of reconstruction, 1861-1896. The Reconstruction Era on Hilton Head Island began as soon as the Union Army invaded the island on November 7, 1861, when the plantation owners abandoned their lands.

The research will encompass five areas of study: the people, the laws, education, occupations, and land sales. Identification of the people on the island during that period will be from the census records, voter registration, militia roles, army quartermaster records, and other miscellaneous records. The study of education on the island begins with the missionaries who came here from the North during the war to educate formerly enslaved residents. The question is, what happened after the war was over?

We know that when the military left, the jobs they provided left with them, and many of the remaining residents left the island to survive. Occupations at that time became subsistence farming and fishing for the most part, but there were still some shop owners and merchants on the island for a period of time. Our goal is to identify those support people and other jobs that may have been needed by the residents. Laws that were passed during the period of 1862 to 1876 had, in some cases, a huge impact on the people of Hilton



Example of a Preemption Application

Head. In other cases, because of the continued presence of the Army and the isolation of the island, the impact was minimal.

The largest part of this project will be digitizing the land records of Beaufort County to compile a picture of the land sales on Hilton Head. Starting with the identification of the plantation owners who returned to reclaim their land and the government land sales because of back taxes due, and on through some of the earliest records of formerly enslaved citizens purchasing their own land, this project alone will involve digitizing and transcribing 25 rolls of microfilm. The resultant database will be invaluable to researchers countywide since Beaufort County deeds prior to 1977 have not been digitized.

I spent a week in Washington, DC, at the National Archives, digitizing the original indentures (land leases) and the reclamation records of plantation

owners who paid their taxes and reclaimed their land. Of course, I couldn't pass up doing a little genealogy research on my family while I was there. The most interesting find was called "Preemption Records." These were applications to purchase land in response to a circular issued in 1863 by General Saxton to the freedmen of the Sea Islands authorizing them to locate on land set aside for them. Many of the applications were from United States Colored Troops who were stationed here. Unfortunately, in February, 1864, this option was repealed. However, many of the former slaves were eventually able to purchase land.

We expect this project, involving a lot of transcription, research, and digitization of records, to continue for the next two years. We have a nucleus volunteer group but need more volunteers. If this project intrigues you, please call Linda Piekut at 843-686-6560.

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The Mayors' Task Force on Heritage Tourism

Statistics compiled by Dr. John Salazar of USCB have shown that there has been a dramatic increase in the number of tourists

who are interested in visiting historic sites and learning the history of places that they are visiting. This type of tourist tends to stay longer and spend more money. In order to attract these tourists to Beaufort County, four of our local mayors and the Beaufort County Council have

formed a Heritage Tourism Task Force. Mayors on the Task Force are: David Bennett of Hilton Head Island, Lisa Sulka of Bluffton, Sam Murray of Port Royal, Billy Keyserling of Beaufort, and Paul Somerville, Vice Chairman of the Beaufort County Council. The Task Force also includes representatives of historic and cultural organizations throughout the county.

Some of the work has been focused on determining the status of the historic sites in the county. These sites have been rated green, yellow, and red depending on certain characteristics such as accessibility, docents

on hand, restrooms and parking, to name a few. One of the Task Force's goals is to help those sites which are not green to become green.

More importantly, the Task Force will be creating "stories" relative to some of our overriding attraction characteristics: the Civil War and Reconstruction, the Gullah People and Culture, the Early Exploration and Settlement of Beaufort County, and Daufuskie Island. Each story has been

assigned to a team. The team from Hilton Head is writing, *The Gullah People and Culture*. Lou Benfante, President of the Heritage Library, is a member of the Hilton Head Team. These "stories" will be aimed at attracting tourists who are interested in specific subjects. Upon completion of these stories an advertising campaign will be launched. The Task Force's work will hopefully be completed by early fall.

In May, Hilton Head Mayor David Bennett spoke at the Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery. He stressed the importance of preserving the site. (Photo on Page 5.)



By Lou Benfante,
President

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Sharing the Heritage

This issue offers an opportunity to learn about one of the most fascinating and interesting stories of the history of our beautiful Island — Mitchelville.

The Mitchelville Preservation Project, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve, replicate and sustain a historically significant site. Their aim is to educate the public about the sacrifice, resilience and perseverance of the freedmen of Mitchelville and to share the story of how these brave men and women planted strong and enduring family roots for generations of future African-Americans — right here on our Island.

After the Union Army's occupation of Hilton Head Island and the departure



By Iva Roberts Welton

of the plantation owners, the slaves who were left behind began flocking to the Fort seeking protection and freedom. Men were employed as carpenters, field hands, blacksmiths, boatmen and laborers. The women contributed their talents as cooks and laundresses.

Mitchelville was established by General Ormsby MacKnight Mitchel in 1862. He stated, "good colored people, you have a great work to do and you are in a position of responsibility. This experiment is to give you freedom, position, homes, property, your own soil. It seems to me a better time is coming...a better day is dawning." It was the first self-governing town of former slaves to be established in the country.

Named for General Mitchel, it was located along Beach City Road on Hilton Head Island in close proximity to the US army base at Fort Welles (formerly Fort Walker) in what we now know as Port Royal Plantation. The land was previously Confederate General Thomas Fenwick Drayton's Fish Haul Plantation. The first mayor of Mitchelville was the Reverend Abraham Murchison who also served as the pastor of the First African-Baptist Church founded in 1862.

You don't want to miss the extraordinary exhibit at the Westin Hilton Head Resort and Spa entitled "Finding Freedom's Home: Archaeology at Mitchelville" located on the second floor mezzanine. Free and open daily from 9am-4pm.

The Mitchelville Preservation Project is located at 539 William Hilton Parkway, telephone: 843-255-7300.

Librarian's Corner

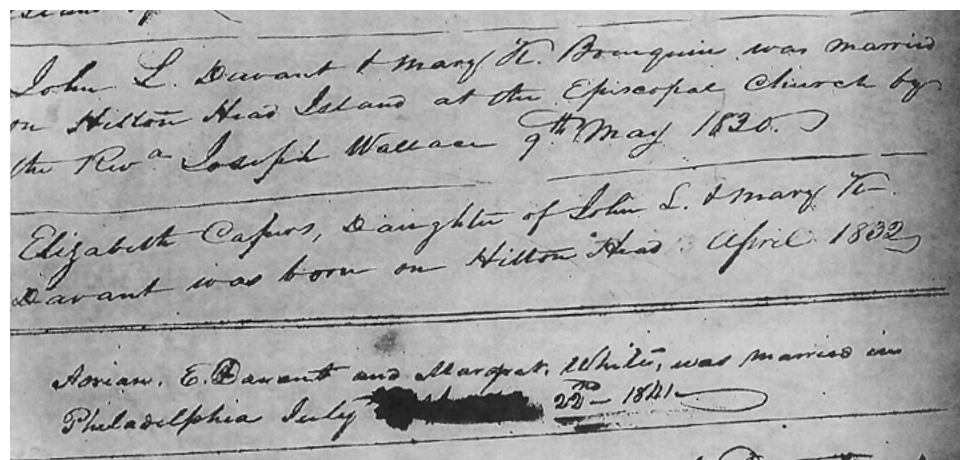
Thomas Johns, a Davant family descendant living in Florida, and his wife, Gretchen, have been deeply involved in the Library's restoration of the Zion Chapel of Ease cemetery and the Baynard Mausoleum. Recently they presented the Library with copies of pages from a Davant family Bible published in 1771 and a Family Register



By Nancy Burke, Head Librarian

listing names and dates for some family members. Grave markers indicate that the first burial in the cemetery was that of Lydia Page Davant, wife of James Davant, in 1795. We now have written information giving interesting details about other family members.

For example, we have written proof



Part of the Davant family Bible records

of the marriage of John Loyer Davant to Mary K. Bourquin on May 9, 1830, in the Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island, clearly the Zion Chapel of Ease, with the Rev. Joseph Wallace officiating. John was born on "Dawfuskie" Island on Sept. 2, 1803, at twenty minutes past three in the afternoon and their daughter, Elizabeth Capers, was born

on Hilton Head in April 1832. John's brother, Adrian, married Margaret White in Philadelphia on July 22, 1841, and their children's entries show that the family resided in South Carolina.

Having a copy of the Davant family Bible records is an invaluable addition to the Library's archives and we thank Thomas and Gretchen for their gift.

Heritage Volunteer

Barrett J. Riordan

Barrett (Barry) Riordan, a Library member and volunteer since 2012, is our volunteer for this issue. Asked why he volunteered, Barry said, “I like the company of other genealogy fanatics, plus I have always been an enthusiast of historic preservation.”

Barry has been involved in genealogical research for 35 years. Because his father died at an early age, Barry knew very little about his father’s family. As Barry’s family research progressed, he discovered that he didn’t know a great deal about his mother’s family either. His original genealogical research at the National Archives has expanded into many additional sources and is still ongoing. His wife, Betty, also a Library member, and Barry traveled to Salt Lake City with the Library group two years ago and they are planning a family research expedition to Ireland in the near future. He explains, “Family



Barry Riordan has been a Heritage Library volunteer since 2012.

research became first a hobby and then an obsession for both of us.”

Barry was born in New York City, grew up in Massachusetts and graduated there from Framingham High School. Pursuing his love of learning, Barry earned three degrees, each in a different field, and then earned a Ph.D. in International Politics at the Univer-

sity of Wales in the U.K. Barry started his career as an economist with major banks in New York City, has held several senior positions with the Federal Government, was Vice President of an economic consulting firm, and a professor with the American Military University.

Barry married Elisabeth Galligan in 1975 in Washington, D.C. Barry and Betty have two sons; Matthew and Michael, and three grandchildren, all of whom live in northern Virginia. Barry’s son Jonathan, from a previous marriage, lives in Charleston. While Michael was a student at the Citadel, Barry and Betty were able to spend considerable time in South Carolina. They loved the natural beauty and climate of the Lowcountry, and bought a second home in Moss Creek in 2008 before moving here permanently in 2010.

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National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom

In 2015, the Heritage Library had the honor to be named a Facility on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, which is a program of the National Park Service that was created by an Act of Congress in 1998. The purpose of the program is to recognize the importance of the Underground Railroad and to coordinate activities to commemorate, honor, and interpret its history. The Heritage Library was one of the hosts of the National Underground Railroad Conference held this June at the Westin. The theme of the conference was *Into the*

Light: Striving for Freedom and “*An equal chance in the Battle of Life.*”

At the Opening Plenary Session on June 14, two of the Library’s Board members took part in the morning panel discussion, “Mitchelville Then and Now.” Lou Benfante’s subject was, “Identifying the Residents of Mitchelville and the members of the 21st USCT” and Ezra “Cal” Callahan’s, “The People of Mitchelville Project and Native Islander Roots.” In one of the afternoon sessions, “Surviving in Place: Gullah Geechee Culture in the Transition,” one of the Library’s members, Emory



The Heritage Library was one of the hosts of a National Underground Railroad Conference in June.

Campbell, spoke about “Learning To Be Gullah.” On June 17 the Library hosted two class sessions on “Researching African-American Ancestry.”

The library is proud to be recognized as a partner of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.



Hilton Head Mayor David Bennett explains the importance of preserving the Zion historical site during a gathering at the location in May.

Zion Historic Site Update



Above: Stoney descendants Beverly Stoney Johnson and Jane Stoney Cook

Right: Tom Martin as William Baynard



Our Advancement Committee for the Zion Restoration Capital Campaign has been very busy contacting individuals and companies, explaining the educational and economic value of

a restored Zion historical site while requesting donations.

In May we celebrated our \$100,000 milestone with a wonderful event at the cemetery when we met two Stoney descendants, Beverly Stoney Johnson and Jane Stoney Cook, and another Baynard descendant, Chuck Yahres.

Also in May, through a generous grant from the Van Landingham Rotary Club, we installed electricity to the site which will be a valuable asset when presenting programs for



By Linda Piekut, Executive Director

adults and children.

June was busy as well. Thanks to a grant from the Bargain Box of Hilton Head Island we were able to have a speaker's platform installed, and Mike Jukofsky of MAJ Enterprises is installing

a beautiful paver pathway from the gate to the mausoleum.

If you have not yet donated to this important project, why not do so now — and — a donation of \$500 or more will purchase a paver, with your name, for the pathway. Please send your donation to: Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, PO Box 23019, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925 and write "Zion Fund" in the memo.

Watch for further updates on www.friendsofbaynard.org.

ZION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

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

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A Tale of Two Monuments

Do you know about Percival Drayton, a Lowcountry native, a Civil War veteran with two memorials in his honor, one at Fort Walker and the other in Yankee territory?

I retired to Hilton Head Island in 2003 and in my training to become a history guide I learned about Percival Drayton, a southerner who fought for the Union. When the Wall

Street Journal printed an article saying that not a single white South Carolinian fought for the Union, I decided to publicize Percival's story to set the record straight. I have given numerous talks to adult and student groups, wearing a Union naval uniform.

William Drayton, (1776-1846), father of Percival and his brother, Thomas, was a prominent politician, lawyer, banker and writer in Charleston and a S.C. Congressman who sided with Jackson and the Unionists in the Nullification Crisis of 1832-1833. In 1833 he relocated to Philadelphia with his family except for Percival and Thomas.

Thomas (1809-1890) and Percival (1812-1865) received superior educations, both deciding to pursue military careers.

Thomas attended West Point where he was a classmate and close friend of Jefferson Davis. Thomas became dissatisfied with his military career, resigned his commission, and worked in railroad construction. After his marriage to Emma Catherine Pope, he actively managed plantations including Fish Haul Plantation on Hilton Head. He eventually owned over 100 slaves and was President and major shareholder of the Charleston-Savannah Railroad.

Percival entered the Naval Academy as a teenager, the beginning of an illustrious lifelong career. Early in his career he served on the Constitution, the Flagship of the Mediterranean Fleet. With his language skill in French and German, he served as an interpreter for senior officers. He later served in the Mexican War, and on the eve of the Civil War, Commander Drayton was an ordnance officer at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

In 1860 and into 1861, Thomas conducted a relentless, unsuccessful letter campaign to convince Percival to



By John
Witherspoon



The Drayton brothers' monument at Fort Walker, which was dedicated in 1961

resign his commission in the U.S. Navy and take up the cause of their native state, South Carolina. Percival's letters during this period have not survived.

On April 12, 1861, war broke out with the bombardment of Ft. Sumter. President Lincoln immediately called for 75,000 volunteers. Percival wrote two letters to the Secretary of War. The first restated his officer's pledge to defend the Union against "enemies both domestic and foreign" and the second requested sea duty, a more active role in putting down the rebellion. A few months later, through the efforts of his naval friend, Commodore Samuel DuPont, Percival was given command of the gunboat Pocahontas.

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This is an excerpt of Witherspoon's article. To read the entire article, including Thomas' letters to Percival, go to http://heritagelib.org/file_download/229/HL-July-John-Internet.pdf

[DRAYTON cont'd]

On Nov. 7, 1861, Commodore DuPont's massive invasion fleet attacked Ft. Walker and Ft. Beauregard. The Pocahontas arrived late. When DuPont noticed the gunboat's arrival at the Battle of Port Royal, he shouted from the deck of the flagship, "Drayton, I knew you would be here." The Pocahontas played an important part in the battle as it approached Ft. Walker, got in close range, and poured devastating fire into the Fort with its swivel gun.

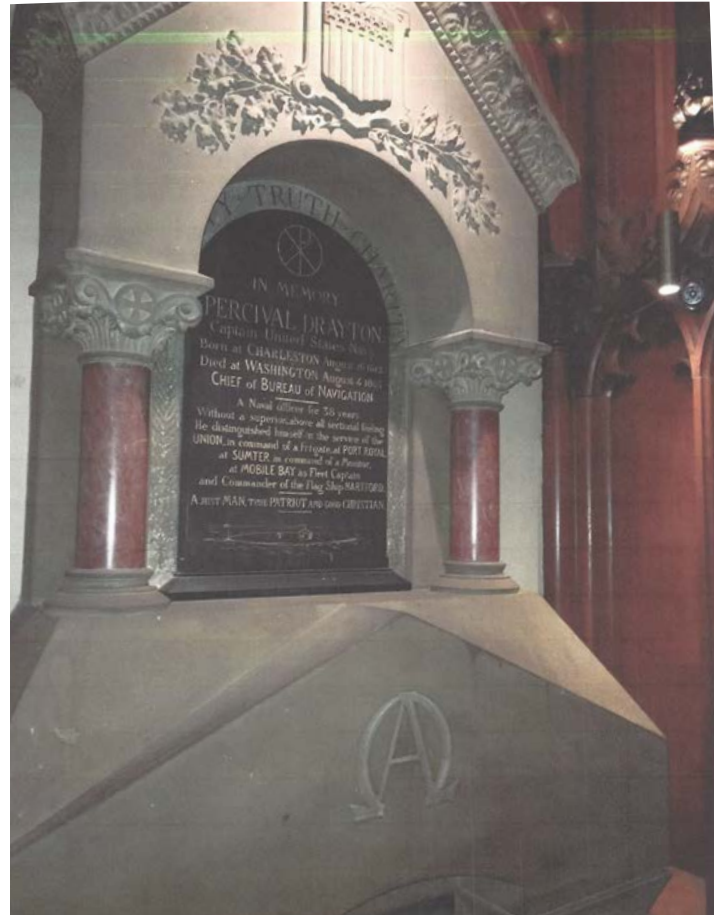
In September 1861, President Jefferson Davis commissioned Thomas Drayton as a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army and assigned him command of the Port Royal District which included Fort Walker and Fort Beauregard. On Nov. 7th, about five hours after DuPont's attack, learning that Ft. Walker's ammunition had been depleted, Thomas ordered abandonment of the Fort and organized the evacuation to the Mainland.

After the battle, Percival was promoted to Captain and given command of the sloop Pawnee. He continued to serve with distinction and his final assignment was Chief of the Naval Bureau of Navigation, a position of great responsibility and prestige. Sadly, Percival died prematurely on August 4, 1865.

Thomas died in 1890 at the age of 81 and was the last surviving member of his West Point class.

The 150th anniversary of the Battle of Port Royal was celebrated on November 5, 2011 at Ft. Walker in Port Royal Plantation on Hilton Head Island. I was one of the speakers at the ceremony. *Brother vs Brother* was my topic.

I thought I had a complete record of the Drayton brothers when in the fall of 2015 my son, David, phoned me



The Percival Drayton memorial at Trinity Church in New York City.

from New York City. During a tour of Trinity Church he noticed a Percival Drayton memorial, took a photo and sent it to me. I started researching this memorial and discovered the following:

Excerpt from Trinity Church, New York Vestry Minutes - Sept. 26, 1865

A communication was received from Messrs. Alexander Hamilton, Jr and John Jacob Astor, Jr. asking on the behalf of many admirers and friends of Percival Drayton, late of the U.S. Navy, permission to place in Trinity Church a monument to his memory. The application was granted, and it was referred to a Special Committee to consist of the Rector and Messrs. Astor and Strong to select a place for the monument and to approve the Design.

The memorial was designed by Samuel Hunt, a distinguished American architect, and was completed and dedicated in 1867.

While the North considered Percival a hero, his southern relatives were heartbroken when he decided to fight for the Union cause.



John Witherspoon dressed as Percival Drayton at the anniversary celebration on November 5, 2011.

History Department

Some June days were hot and humid this year, but the History Department continued to volunteer and spread the word about the Heritage Library and its work on Hilton Head Island that promotes history and genealogy research. One only has to look at the numbers, through May, for 2016 versus 2015:

Ft. Mitchel History Tour

2015: 58 attendees

2016: 71 attendees

Zion History Tour

2015: 29 attendees

2016: 44 attendees

Tuesday History Presentations

2015: 645 attendees

2016: 816 attendees



*By Dee Phillips
History Co-Chair*

Not only have the January-May attendance numbers grown, the number of presenters and presentations for the History Department also has grown. The History Department would like to introduce our new presenters: Luana Graves Sellars, Randy Tardy, and Helen Xenakis

at Hilton Head and Beverly Eggert at the Beaufort Branch. Also, welcome to our new Board members, Alex Brown, Luana Graves Sellars, Rich Thomas, and Barry Riordan. Congratulations to all.

These are the current subjects which will be rotated in the fall:

- Historic Sites of Hilton Head
- Role of Women in the History and

Development of Hilton Head Island

- Gullah People and Culture
- Mitchelville
- The Story of Santa Elena
- Early Explorers of SC Lowcountry
- Pirates
- Cemeteries on Hilton Head Island
- Pedro Menéndez “The Last Crusaders”
- Sea Pines: 1950-1983

Before I close, I want to add that the History Department continued, throughout the spring, to give additional presentations at Blue Waters for their guests. Lou and Dee added some appearances of Living History through the eyes of General Mitchel and Dr. Esther Hawkes. Perhaps a few more will be added this fall.

There is always something new happening in the History Department.

Heritage Weekly Tours

Family Bike Tours

Hilton Head Island has been named a “Gold Award” bike-friendly community, the only one in South Carolina, putting it in the League of American Bicyclists’ top 25 bike-friendly communities nationwide. To celebrate this award, the Heritage Library will offer docent-led weekly bike tours of the historic sites on Squire Pope Road. Beginning on July 7, tours will depart from the Sailing and Rowing Center, original site of the Hilton Head Fishing Co-op, and proceed to Green Shell Park to explore the shell ring and then to the two historic oaks at the end of Squire Pope Road to view the tabby ruins of the Cotton Hope Plantation building, and back to the Sailing and Rowing Center.

When: 1pm Thursdays

Cost: \$12 adult, \$7 children ages 10-17;
Children under 10 not permitted.



Fort Mitchel

A tour of the Civil War battery, on Skull Creek in Hilton Head Plantation, that was built to protect Port Royal Sound.

When: 10am Thursdays

Cost: \$12 adult, \$7 children ages 7-12; Children under 7 not permitted.

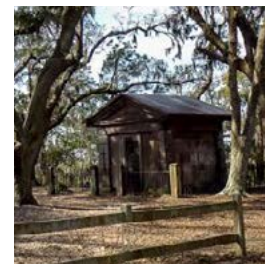


Zion Cemetery & Baynard Mausoleum

A tour of the cemetery where Revolutionary War soldiers are buried and where the oldest existing structure on Hilton Head Island, the Baynard Mausoleum, is located.

When: 10am Fridays

Cost: \$12 adult, \$7 children ages 7-12;
Children under 7 not permitted.



Reservations are required for all tours.

To make your reservation, call the Heritage Library at 843-686-6560 or register online at www.heritagelib.org.

Family Tree Maker

In case you missed it...Family Tree Maker software is back. Ancestry has sold the software rights to Family Tree Maker to Software MacKiev, which has been the developer of Family Tree Maker for Mac for the past six years. The current Family Tree Maker Software will be updated and improved as we move ahead. Remember, this has nothing to do with an ancestry.com subscription or online ancestry.com trees. This is only the software. If you are confused, contact me using the email at the end of this article.

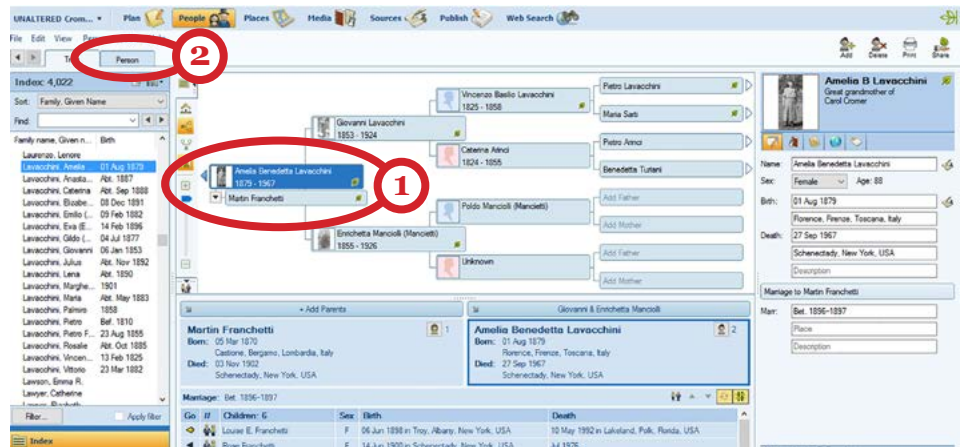


By Carol Clemens

FTM 2014 Tip

Not sure how to show adopted children, step-children, divorces and other similar relationships in Family Tree Maker 2014? Tired of seeing a person's age given when you are positive they are not really 150 years old? There is an easy way to solve these problems.

1. In your tree, find the person (1) you need to adjust and click on their



Person tab (2).

2. From the screen that opens, click on the Relationships tab (3).

3. On the left side (4) you will find the family members associated with the person. On the right (5) you will find drop down areas... one for relationship and, for spouses, one for status. You can click on each person on the left and then select the best options on the right to fit the person. Under relationship, select the best choice for the person, as adopted, step-relation etc.

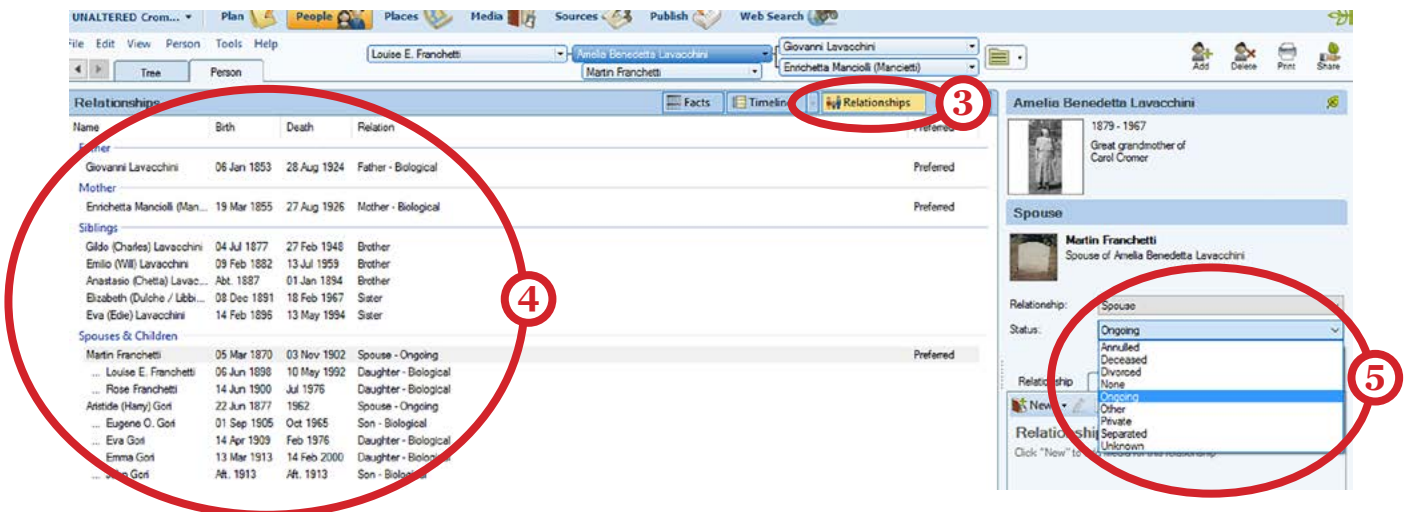
4. For spouses only, in the status drop down select an appropriate option as "ongoing", "divorced", etc. This is a great place to select "deceased" if you know the person is de-

ceased. This will stop the problem of seeing a person listed as 111 years old when you know they are gone but you haven't yet found the year. Be aware, that this "deceased" option is only available for spouses.

5. For anyone else in your tree who you know must be deceased (as an unmarried child etc.), you can simply enter the word "unknown" or "deceased" in the death date box in the tree. This will make FTM stop showing an age for the individual.

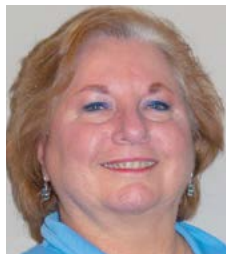
Hope this helps.

Have a FTM question? Submit your question to Carol Clemens at cclemens318@roadrunner.com. Your question might be the subject of a future tip.



Heritage Library Membership

Welcome to 22 New and 50 Renewal Members who have joined our Heritage Library Family.



By *Laurette
Doscher-Benfante,*
Membership Chair

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Roma Holmes, Buchanan MI

Joan and John Kelly, Rockville MD

Susie and Marion Lamb,

Tallahassee FL

Robert Michel, Reynoldsburg OH

Mary and William Porter,

Jasper GA

Donna and Greg Wannemacher,

Lima OH

Georgia and Henry West,

Lake Forest IL

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Barry's first volunteer project with the Library was helping to prepare an ATAX proposal (Accommodations Tax Fund that the Town distributes to nonprofits each year) and he continues to work on ATAX annually. His contributions to other proposals have helped the Library receive awards from the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, the Bargain Box, the state of South Carolina and other sources. Barry is currently preparing an application to place Fort Mitchel on the National Registry of Historic Places. The standards are very stringent and he has been working on this for more than two years.

At the same time, Barry is actively participating in the Zion Capital Campaign, which is meeting its goals thanks to the efforts of numerous Library volunteers. He was elected to the Board of Directors this year and expects this additional responsibility will lead to new challenges. Moreover, since the Library is always looking for additional sources of funds, Barry also expects to be kept busy as a grant writer.

Barry sums up his Library volunteer experience: "I have met all sorts of interesting people and, at the same time, have the satisfaction of knowing that the work of the Library's volunteers will benefit future generations."

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