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## ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

THE HERITAGE LIBRARY FOUNDATION

10:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 21, 2007

32 Office Park Road  
Suite 300, The Courtyard  
Building  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

## *Heritage Library Press Announces New Release*



Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. H. Peeples representing the Lawton Family Association with Heritage Library's Book Store Manager, Gwen Altstaetter examining first copies of *Our Family Circle*, fresh from the bindery and ready for release.

*Our Family Circle*, genealogies of *The Lawton and Allied Families* returns to print in a new "Authorized Version" after a 20 year absence.

Just in time for Christmas the Heritage Library Press delivered the first copies of a new edition of *Our Family Circle – Authorized Version*, the genealogies of The Lawton & Allied Families Association members. Shown here are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Peeples, the architects of the project

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together with Gwen Altstaetter, manager of the Library's Book Store which is handling the sale and distribution of this work originally published in 1931 and "out of print" for a number of years.

Over the years, under Dr. Peeples guidance, the original work had been extensively added to and updated as the results of new research into the various Lawton lines became available. During the last three years library volunteers, guided by Peeples have been at work producing the new version using a larger print format.

*Our Family Circle – Authorized Version* is available at \$75.00 a copy plus shipping and handling from the Heritage Library Book Store. Using "print on demand" processing to keep costs at reasonable levels Heritage Library Press hopes to keep the work available to Lawton family members and friends as long as there is a demand.

Interested persons should contact the Heritage Library at 843-686-6560 to place an order or for further information.

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**President's Column**

**By Bill Altstaetter**

*Here comes 2007 — Our Tenth Anniversary Year!*

As we move forward into the new year and toward the Tenth Anniversary of the birth of our Library and Foundation I wish to thank everyone who has played a part in our success. The library volunteers who staff the front desk and operate the bookstore in addition to greeting patrons and answering our telephones provide our visitors with their first glimpses of our world. The librarians and assistant librarians helping patrons with their research keep the operation running smoothly, regularly earning high marks on visitor survey forms. Senior staff, officers, committee chairs, board members and other "behind the scenes people" add their skills to advancing the goals of The Heritage Library and the Foundation. Last but certainly not least are our wonderful members and friends who have contributed so much to creating a strong financial base. You all deserve a GREAT BIG THANKS for a JOB WELL DONE.

The first 10 years have been wonderful. By any measure we have far exceeded our wildest dreams when we started this un-

**YARD SALE  
CANCELLED!**

Unfortunately The Island Packet will no longer be sponsoring the "World's Largest Yard Sale". Apparently there are new things happening and the paper no longer has staff available to set up the event.

*Thanks* to all our members and friends who have supported this event in the past.

As a result of this cancellation we are looking for another event to take its place in our money making calendar. If you have any ideas and would be willing to help please call Gwen at the Library, 686-6560 or at home 689-9558.

dertaking in July of 1997. I'll not bore you with a recitation of past highs (there have been many) or the lows (there were a few), as most of you have been along for the ride, you know all about it, first hand. For the rest, the past is prologue, it's the next 10 that matter most. More especially, what about 2007?

2006 made a sort of a last minute up-beat finish. While our fundraising campaign failed to reach its target of \$50,000 a flurry of activity in the last two weeks of December brought us closer than we thought was likely. By cutting back certain planned pur-

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*Around and About*

***Ulster Historical Society Returns to the Lowcountry  
FOCUS THIS YEAR IS ON SCOTS-IRISH HERITAGE***

***Save Tuesday February 20th for an exciting special event!***

The Ulster Historical Foundation from Belfast, Ireland will be appearing once again at The Heritage Library for an all day event. We are fortunate to have them put us on their annual tour of The United States again this year. Dr. William Roulston, Research Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation will return and be joined by Dr. Brian Trainor, recently retired Director of Research of the Foundation.

Topics in the morning will be “The Ulster Plantation 1610-1641”, “18<sup>th</sup> Century Ulster Emigration and South Carolina”, “Introduction to Irish Genealogy” and “Irish and Scots-Irish Research: Not always at the Bottom of the Pile”.

The afternoon lectures will include “Researching the Farming Community in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland” and “Records relating to the Different Churches in Ireland.”

All lectures will be followed by a question and answer period.

The program will be an all day program with “lunch on your own”. The fee will be \$45 for non-members of the Heritage Library Foundation and \$40 for current members of the Foundation. Reserva-



Dr. William Roulston shown from lecture during 2005 visit. 2005 visit. Inset from left to right—Dr. Roulston, Mr. Fintan Mullan, and Ms. Eimear Henry.

**Preliminary Program**

- 8:30 to 9:30 am—Registration  
 9:30 to 9:45 am—Opening Remarks  
 9:45 to 10:15 am—*The Ulster Plantation 1610—1641*  
 10:15 to 10:45 am *18th Century Ulster Emigration and South Carolina*  
 10:45 to 11:00 am—Break  
 11:00 to 11:30 am—*Introduction to Irish Genealogy*  
 11:30 to 12:00 noon—*Irish and Scots-Irish Research: Not always at the Bottom of the Pile*  
 12 Noon to 1:30pm—Lunch Break  
 1:30 to 2:15 pm—*Researching the Farming Community in 18th and 19th Century Ireland*  
 2:15 to 2:30 pm—Break  
 2:30 to 3:15 pm—*Records relating to the Different Churches in Ireland*  
 3:15 to 4:00 pm—Casual Conversation with Speakers—Informal Q & As and Book Sale.

tions are necessary. .

We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions and to make reservations call 686-6560 and send your check for \$45 to the Library.

**HHI Genealogy Society  
Society News**

Tuesday, February 13th come explore the impact of the Revolutionary War and the Loyalist emigration on the evolution of Canada with Nancy Burke whose husband’s ancestors left the newly established United States for a new life in Canada.

Ben Russell is our guest speaker on Mar. 13 and will tell us what his namesake did in the War for American independence.

All meetings of the Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society begin with coffee in the Peoples Room at The Heritage Library, Suite 300, The Courtyard Building at 9:30 a.m.

***Do join us!***

**SPECIAL GROUP VISITS ADD TO THE VARIETY OF LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

In recent weeks the Library has played host to a number of groups with particular interests and needs in the field of history and genealogy research.

Beaufort Genealogy Society held a working research field trip. Captain William Hilton Chapter, NSDAR conducted a special seminar for its members, and a group of interested ladies from the River Club at Indigo Run recently toured the facility to begin work on their family heritage.

Private sessions such as these for your special group may be arranged by calling The Heritage Library at 843-686-6560.

## **FOUNDATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *January ~ February ~ March 2007*

**Monday, January 29, 2007— “Open House Tour” 10-11:30 a.m.** A free get acquainted tour of the library and a short lecture introducing the subjects of historic preservation and genealogy research. The program is free and no reservations are required. Just show up and bring a friend.

**Wednesday, January 31, 2007— “Genealogy On-Line” 2-3:30 p.m.** An overview of genealogical research sites available through the World Wide Web. This lecture is geared toward the intermediate genealogist. Participants should understand the basics of using search engines and web browsers as well as have a general familiarity with techniques for family history research. Fee: \$15 for non-members of the Foundation and \$12 for current members. Call 686-6560 for reservations. Space is limited.

**Wednesdays – February 14, 28 and March 14—“Hilton Head – The Early Years” 2-3:30 p.m.** Guest lecturer - Natalie Hefter, Vice President, History, The Coastal Discovery Museum will present a series of three lectures – “Dawn to Discovery” , “Spanish North America” and “British Dominion”. Fee for the 3 part series is \$35 for non-members and \$30 for current members of the Foundation. Individual sessions are \$15 for non-members and \$12 for members. Call 686-6560 for reservations.

**Tuesday, February 20—Scots-Irish All day program.** \$45.00 for non-members - \$40.00 for current members  
See separate article on page 3 for details. Call 686-6560 to register and guarantee seating.

**Wednesday, February 21—Annual Meeting of The Heritage Library Foundation, Inc. 10:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, February 27—“Intermediate Genealogy – Using Family TreeMaker Software for Record Keeping”** Participants will use the computing resources of the library to experience the process of entering information into Family Tree Maker. Attendees should bring information about at least six ancestors – full names, birth, death and marriage dates and geographic locations of events. Fee: \$15 for non-members and \$12 for current members of the Foundation. Space is limited so call 686-6560 for reservations.

**Sunday, March 18 – “Sundays with Your Ancestors – The Kirk Family – Beyond Rose Hill” 3-5:00 p.m.** – Guest lecturer Iva Welton, President, Beaufort County Historical Society will present personal reflections of the place in early Beaufort history of the Kirks of Rose Hill Plantation. The event is free of charge but donations would be appreciated. Light refreshments will be available. Call 686-6560 for reservations.

Anyone wishing to suggest historic or genealogical topics and programs they would like to hear presented or are willing to lecture themselves, please e-mail their topic idea with a brief description to:

[bill@heritagelib.org](mailto:bill@heritagelib.org)





# Historical Happenings

## **Foundation History Team and Coastal Discovery Museum Play Host to Long Cove Bikers Historical Bike Tour**



Long Cove Yacht Club bikers at the Zion COE Cemetery with Dr. Robert Peeples during recent bike tour of historic sites on Hilton Head Island.

Heritage Library History Division and The Coastal Discovery Museum hosted a 15 mile bike tour of historic Hilton Head Island for members of The Long Cove Yacht Club Biking Section on Tuesday, November 11, 2006. Beginning in the morning the bikers rode the Cross Island Parkway path to Green Shell Park on Squire Pope Road for a discussion of the earliest island inhabitants, then on to Fort Mitchel at Hilton Head Plantation for a trip into the Civil War era.

Stopping for lunch at the Main Street Pub, the group's final stop was at the Zion COE Cemetery where they were treated to stories of the Colonial and Revolutionary War island residents, some of whom are buried in the cemetery. Then the hardy bikers were off on the final leg of their great circle route back to the Long Cove Yacht Club.

*Anyone interested in arranging special group tours of the historic sites to be found around Hilton Head and its environs should contact either Bill Altstaetter at the Heritage Library or Natalie Hefter at the Coastal Discovery Museum.*



### *On the Lighter Side*

Found in pages of The Los Angeles Times -- by MYRA VANDERPOOL GORMLEY, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

*“Epitaphs lend graveyard humor to research”*

“Upon the tomstones of English and American ancestors you will find carved some amusing and puzzling epitaphs. —

Matrimonial barbs are plentiful:

“Beneath these stones do lie,  
Back to back my wife and I  
When the last trumpet the air  
shall fill,  
If she gets up, I'll just lie still.”

“Here lies my poor wife,  
Without bed or blanket,  
But dead as a door-nail —  
God be thankit!”

“She lived with her husband 50 years,  
And died in the confident hope of a  
Better life.”

“Ma Loved Pa  
Pa loved wimmin:  
Ma caught Pa with two in swimmin',  
HERE LIES PA.”

“Beneath this stone, Humphry  
and Joan,  
Together rest in peace,  
Living indeed they disagreed,  
But here all quarrels cease”

[Others came in for equally pointed barbs]

“LAWYER:  
Here lies an honest lawyer —  
That is Strange!”

“ARCHITECT:  
Lie heavy on him earth!  
For he laid many heavy loads  
on thee.”



*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. and to The Island Writers' Network which meets on the first Monday of each month except for July and August at 7 pm.*

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

## **FUNDRAISING TAKES HIGH PRIORITY SPOTLIGHT FOR 2007**

The never ending need for operating funds takes TOP PRIORITY this year. With the economic slowdown evident throughout 2006 we saw memberships drop off as did the number of contributors to the Foundation's Operating and Endowment Fund drives.

In past years the Board was able to wait until the late Spring or early Summer to begin its major push for funds to sustain the operations of The Heritage Library and the programs of community outreach conducted in the areas of history education, historic preservation and family heritage studies. The need this year is more intense than ever as the Foundation is starting 2007 from lower cash and reserve positions than in the recent past.

Members who might be considering dropping their memberships or reducing the level of their support are urged to consider the value of The Heritage Library to them personally and the greater Lowcountry community.

The Board, Officers, and Volunteers are working every day to earn your continuing support. We believe we are meeting or exceeding your expectations and merit your contributions of time, talent, and financial support.

If we are mistaken please don't just turn your back and walk silently away. Instead, tell us loudly and very clearly where we are falling short. Absent your suggestions we can only assume

we are doing well. We pledge to try to meet your needs.

If, on the other hand, you think we are doing well, renew your support, better yet, increase the level of contribution, even slightly, and if possible do it earlier in 2007 than you might otherwise do.

### **Unique Opportunity to Make Contributions in the Form of Tax-Free Distributions from IRAs**

Persons interested in contributing to the continuing mission of The Heritage Library Foundation have a unique opportunity to do so through a "tax-free" distribution from their IRAs in 2007.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 provides an exclusion from gross income for IRAs certain distributions made to tax exempt organizations such as The Heritage Library Foundation, Inc. Such a distribution must be made at the direction of a taxpayer who is 70 and half or older on the date of the donation, directly from the IRA trustee to the tax exempt organization to qualify. The provision of the IRS Code is effective through December 31, 2007 and is limited to amounts up to \$100,000.

Anyone interested in this type of donation is encouraged to consult with their personal tax advisor. For more information contact the Foundation's Treasurer, Ben Russell at 686-6560

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chases deferring several planned capital improvements it appears we will just about break even on cash receipts and expenditures for the year.

Projections for 2007 look similarly "tight." Major increases in rent and common area charges associated with our facilities in the Courtyard Building are unavoidable and will consume a larger share of budgeted expenses than ever. This will result in cut backs of non essential purchases and a very close look at all purchased services. Also all new capital items will require obtaining specific funding before we commit to the acquisition.

On the income side, The Island Packet has dropped their annual "World's Greatest Yard Sale" project eliminating another source of funds for us.

Members with ideas for adding to our financial resources and the willingness to participate in their development are urged to contact Norma Harberger, our Vice President and Secretary, who oversees the Foundation's funding projects and grant writing.

The regular Annual Meeting of The Foundation, as usual will be in the morning at 10:00 AM, on the Third Wednesday in February (February 21, 2007) at

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Have you read something recently worthy of passing along to your fellow members?  
Write a review and E-mail to <bill@heritagelib.org> Attention Editor, Heritage Library News

# About Our Members and Volunteers

*from the Membership Desk  
By Gwen Altstaetter*

## **NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS JOINING SINCE FALL ISSUE**

As we welcome in the New Year we have some new members of the Foundation who have joined since the last issue. They are Susan Hoots, Dorcas Leibold, Art and Ellen Segal, Paul Thompson, Mary Duvall, Erin Williams, Philip Sine, Carol Adams, Connie Walsh, Frank Meade, Nancy Mestrovic and W. Doyle Evans of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

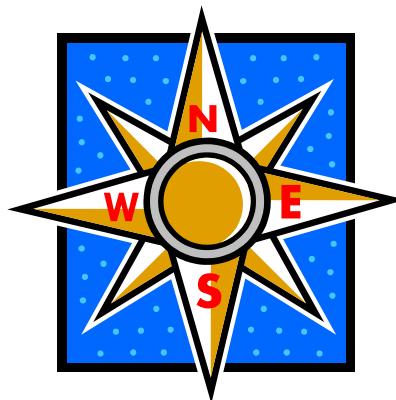
We also want to thank those of you who have renewed your memberships. As we start the new year we would like each of you to try and spread the word about the Library and encourage your friends to join. Share with them the thrill of finding that long lost ancestor.

We want to say thanks to "Pre" Moore who has joined our volunteer staff as a bookkeeper to help our treasurer Ben Russell. Our volunteer staff definitely needs to be expanded! There are jobs of all kinds and we do need you. If you prefer not to work with patrons there are many behind the scenes things to do; answering phones, writing for the Newsletter, pub-

licity, organizing materials for use, helping with the mailings and of course projects with a beginning and an ending. Call Isobel Bitner or John Griffin for ideas of what is available.

One more item with regard to our members – if you have moved or are one of the "snow birds" or "part-timers" please let us know if you prefer to have your mailings sent somewhere other than the address you gave us when you joined. We will be happy to put you on our list of people with changing addresses. Let us know when the address should be changed and we will be happy to do that. We don't want you to miss anything! Remember also to keep in touch with our web site:

[www.heritagelib.org](http://www.heritagelib.org).



## **President's Column**

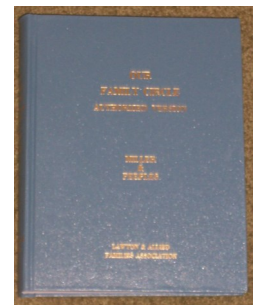
The Heritage Library, 32 Office Park Road, Hilton Head Island, SC.

Every member is encouraged to attend. We will be discussing in detail plans for 2007 and beyond. Your ideas and suggestions for the future are needed and earnestly encouraged. Yes, we need your generous financial support as in the past, but of even greater significance, it will be your time and your talents which will spell success in the long run.

*Now is the time!*

## **NEW AT THE BOOK STORE**

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Authorized Version*



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at 843-686-6560  
Available only through the Book Store at  
The Heritage Library*

***Have the Passion for History? Have some time? Willing to help? Ready to Volunteer?  
Call Gwen at The Heritage Library 686-6560 or at home 689-9558***

————— *Voices from the Past* —————

“ To forget one’s ancestors is to be a brook without a source,  
a tree without a root.”

— Chinese proverb

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