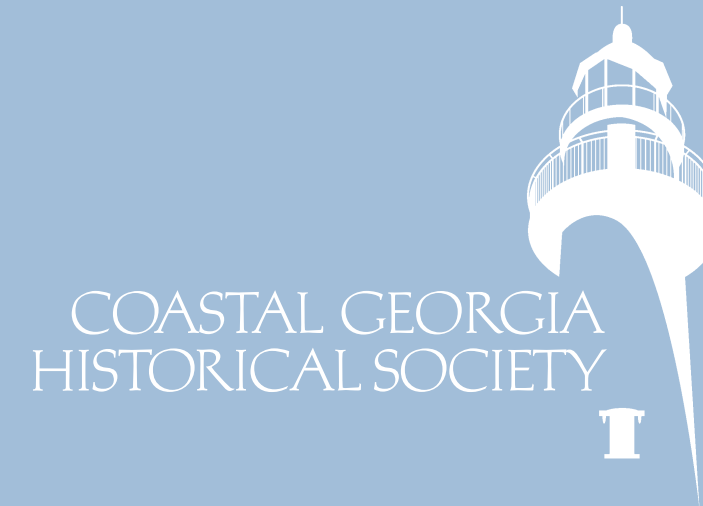




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ANNUAL MEETING AND 2017 REPORT TO MEMBERS
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ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM



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The mission of the Historical Society is to tell the inspiring stories of Coastal Georgia through the collections and historic structures entrusted to its care. Our purpose is to preserve and share these cultural resources, which illuminate our past and give meaning and value to the present and future.

FEATURED SPEAKER: DONALD L. MILLER



The Roaring Twenties. The Age of Jazz. The Age of Ambition. The 1920s were a time of glamour and wealth in New York City. The financial sector dominated the nation and the world. Culture flourished with museums, galleries, universities, musicians, writers, artists, and publishers. New York City became the cultural and commercial center of the country.

In today's presentation, author and historian Donald L. Miller, Ph.D., will examine this transformative decade in a lecture based on his critically acclaimed book *Supreme City: How Jazz Age Manhattan Gave Birth to Modern America*. His story is told against the background of Jimmy Walker's mayoralty, when the dapper politician personified a period of glamour and excess. Jimmy Walker and his second wife Betty Compton, a former Ziegfeld Follies showgirl, visited Sea Island – perhaps when he considered himself the “goodwill ambassador for New York.”

Dr. Miller will discuss some of the ambitious men and women who flocked to New York during the 1920s and made their marks as visionaries and entrepreneurs in emerging industries such as radio, television, fashion, and entertainment. This diverse group of out-of-towners shaped the contours of 20th century America.

Best known for his books on military history, Dr. Miller has also focused on the social and urban history of modern America. In addition to being the John Henry MacCracken Professor of History at Lafayette College, he has hosted, co-produced, or served as historical consultant for more than thirty television documentaries, including PBS's *American Experience* and *A Biography of America*. He is a co-founder and member of the Presidential Counselors Advisory Board for the National World War II Museum.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a great time to be a part of Coastal Georgia Historical Society as we celebrate the progress of the past year and the exciting happenings in the year to come. In addition to a regular calendar of events, the Society focused on bringing the new World War II Home Front Museum to life by designing exhibits and raising funds to support the project. This annual report includes a detailed description of the past year's accomplishments, and I encourage you to review the impressive list of activities.

The Society is a center for cultural and educational excellence in our community, and the staff continues to plan programs that appeal to our membership and beyond. With record attendance and high-quality speakers, this year's list of programs was exceptional. Thank you to the staff for organizing outstanding events such as Journeys, the Chautauqua Lecture Series, membership meetings, and the Brunswick Home Front Stories: A Show and Tell Event.

We have a strong organization with a clear mission and a committed membership. I am grateful to the Development Committee, chaired by Brenda Jones, for the fantastic job that they have done engaging new people and encouraging our existing members to increase their investment in our organization. The Committee recently launched a new Keeper of the Light membership level, Luminary, to recognize members annually contributing \$10,000 to the Society. Luminary is defined as "a person who is an inspiration to others," and we are thankful for these inspirational members whose faithful investment in our organization ensures that the Society will continue to serve the community in meaningful ways.

The Board of Directors extends a special thank you to Ellen Fleming and Bill Jones III who are completing their terms of service on the Board. Ellen has served as a liaison between the

Society and local school teachers and has been Co-chair of the Collections and Education Committee. During her time on the Committee, the Society hired Education Director Sandy Jensen, created new programs such as Community Day and Friday Fun Days, and began developing an archaeology program for children. Bill was actively involved in developing the current strategic plan which envisions the new museum as a ground-breaking cultural amenity for Glynn County. He then served as Honorary Chair of the Campaign Committee for the World War II Home Front Museum, and has been a compelling and highly effective fundraiser, ensuring that the new museum becomes a reality. Both of these individuals have generously given their time, talents, and resources, and we thank them for their devoted leadership. I would also like to welcome our new Board members, Jan Payne, Mary Schellhorn, and Bill Stembler.

Looking forward to the new year, the Board of Directors is energized by the many accomplishments of the staff during 2017, and that we are on track to open the new museum in October 2018. The Campaign Committee achieved great success in raising the lion's share of the funds necessary to complete the new museum in just one year! The Board is grateful to our membership and the community for their partnership and generous support which has made this vital project possible.

Thank you again for your membership, your attendance at Society programs, and your dedication to our mission which makes an exciting 2018 possible. Happy New Year.

Lewis Glenn
President



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Your loyalty as a Historical Society member made 2017 a year of great progress towards opening the new World War II Home Front Museum in October 2018. We have achieved 95% of the funding goal and completed the final phase of Exhibit Design with Gallagher & Associates. Remarkably, the energy surrounding the project has also provided a kick-start to revitalize the surrounding East Beach gateway - a community need that has been discussed for many years. Research for the new museum, especially the personal stories of our community, has created even more excitement for the important Georgia story that the new museum will tell. We also recognize the expanded responsibilities that lie ahead and have already begun to plan for an organization with greater impact and new audiences.

The vision for a new museum can sometimes have modest beginnings. This is certainly true for our Home Front museum. Over the past several years, the Society's original, very modest conception has grown exponentially due to the richness of the content and the enthusiasm of our community. When our partnership with Gallagher began in June 2016, they advised that we use the whole site and install 3,000 square feet of exhibits, including a variety of interactives designed exclusively for our venue. Since then, we have completed the Initial Visioning Workshop, Schematic Design, and this month, the Final Design phase of the project. During 2018, we will be working with Gallagher and 1220 Exhibits, fabricators from Nashville, TN, to bring the designs to life. Landmark Preservation, the historic preservation contractors who restored the Keeper's Dwelling, will spend the next four months modifying the Coast Guard Station buildings and site in preparation for the new exhibits. When the

new museum opens in October, it will be a cultural asset unlike any other in South Georgia.

It is a significant undertaking to create a brand-new museum for Glynn County! To date, \$3.3 million of the \$3.5 million goal has been raised through the generosity of the Board of Directors, staff, members, individuals, businesses, and private foundations. The home front story means so much to people in this area because many of them have relatives who were part of the story or, they were children at the time and remember what went on here. One individual with close ties to Glynn County's history is philanthropist A.D. "Pete" Correll, Chairman of Atlanta Equity Investors LLC and the Chairman Emeritus of Georgia-Pacific LLC. A Brunswick native born in 1941, Mr. Correll and his wife contributed the lead gift to fund the new museum. They also donated a special photograph of Mr. Correll as a young boy, being held in his father's arms at the launching of *SS R Ney McNeely*, a Liberty Ship built in the Brunswick yards in 1943-44. Mrs. Correll kept the photograph safe in her jewelry box for decades and is now excited to make it part of the Society's World War II Home Front collection. Amazingly, we have experienced so many stories like the Correll's, which have truly inspired us.

When the new museum project was conceived in 2014, we knew that the record of our area's contribution to the war effort needed to be preserved, appreciated, and shared. Through our research, we were surprised to learn the extent of the untold story of Coastal Georgia's extraordinary contribution during World War II. When the U.S. was drawn into war in late 1941, Americans marshaled many resources behind the war effort. Around the country, 18 shipyards were dedicated to building

Liberty Ships, the U.S. Navy established 10 airship bases for housing blimps, and five Naval radar training schools went into full-time operation. Remarkably, Glynn County, Georgia was the only county nationwide to operate all three types of facilities. We also discovered that the new museum will be one of only three permanent exhibits in America related to World War II home front history and, it is unique because it is dedicated to documenting the story from a single community's perspective. As confirmation of our findings, a recent press release on the project was picked up by an Associated Press reporter, and his story "Museum to Chronicle How World War II Shaped One Georgia Community" ran in 183 news outlets across America including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Seattle Times*, *Miami Herald*, and *Charlotte Observer*.

With the Home Front Museum as the cornerstone, a grassroots effort to reimagine the East Beach gateway gained traction this year. Along with the Golden Isles Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the Society is leading a coalition of community partners to develop a comprehensive Master Plan for the Coast Guard Station public beach area. Advanced planning will ensure that residents, beachgoers, and visitors to the new museum will all have an excellent experience. WLA Studio, a land-planning architectural firm based in Athens, GA, was selected in mid-August to develop the new plan and has completed the first two steps of a three-step design process. The first step involved WLA Studio gathering information and understanding current conditions in the study area. The next step was the development of a shared vision gathered through a series of public workshops and surveys. The final stage of the project, which will be completed in February 2018, is the development of

a full-scale master plan ready for implementation.

During 2017, the Society's operating budget was negatively impacted by Hurricane Irma, the second hurricane in as many years, and maintenance issues on the Lighthouse tower that had developed since the major restoration project in 2009-10. These events were a clear reminder of the Society's duty as stewards of the historic structures entrusted to our care and the expanded responsibilities that lie ahead in operating two busy historic sites. The Board of Directors will be addressing these challenges during 2018 and quantifying annual preventive maintenance plans for all our buildings. The endowment that was raised as part of the Keeper's Dwelling Campaign, and the Coast Guard Station endowment that is being raised as part of the current campaign, will ensure that adequate funds are available to maintain the historic buildings to a high standard. In memory of Bob West, a dear friend of the Society who passed away this year, a Lighthouse endowment fund was established. To protect Bob's beloved lighthouse, the growth of the fund will be a priority in the coming years.

According to research by the American Alliance of Museums, museums do wonderful things for communities! They tell important stories, they serve as community anchors, and nationally, they preserve and protect more than a billion historically significant objects. Your commitment to the Historical Society makes our community a better place to live and protects our cultural heritage for future generations. We are truly grateful for your friendship and enthusiastic support of our mission.

Sherri Jones
Executive Director

2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Unaudited

Operations

Revenues	\$ 1,130,962
Transfer from General Endowment	\$ 65,128
Expenses	\$ (1,247,212)
Net Income from Operations	\$ <u>(51,122)</u>

General Endowment

Beginning of Year Balance	\$ 1,331,595
End of Year Balance	\$ 1,439,294

Keeper's Dwelling Endowment

Beginning of Year Balance	\$ 325,610
End of Year Balance	\$ 352,611

World War II Home Front Museum Capital Campaign

Goal	\$ 3,500,000
Achieved	\$ 3,330,981

OPERATIONS

Two factors impacted this year's budget:

(1) In February, the Lighthouse tower underwent essential maintenance recommended in a structural evaluation performed in May 2016. The total cost of the project was \$72,000.

(2) Due to Hurricane Irma, the St. Simons Lighthouse Museum, Museum Store, and administrative offices were closed September 7 - 18. We estimate that the hurricane impacted three weeks of operations, reducing actual revenues for the month of September to half of the budget figures. We are happy to report that storm damage to our sites and historic buildings was minimal. There was some damage to landscaping.

2017: HIGHLIGHTS OF AN EXCITING YEAR

The Society's primary service to the community continues to be providing stewardship and public access to the St. Simons Lighthouse Museum.

Much of this year's activities relate to planning, fundraising, and collecting for the development of the new World War II Home Front Museum which opens in 2018 at the Historic Coast Guard Station.

Museum Visitation

General Admission:	37,544
Number of Group Tours:	76
Tour Participants:	3,109

Educational Programming

Attendees at lectures, special tours, and children's programs:	4,577
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Events

Number of Event Rentals:	77
Event attendees at rentals:	7,943

Programs, Lectures and Events

The Society strives to be a center for educational and cultural excellence in our community. The A.W. Jones Heritage Center serves as the venue for a full schedule of activities and lectures, as well as providing space for the Society's offices, archives, library, the Museum Store, and event rentals.

■ Society Senior Historian Buddy Sullivan presented his annual six-week course, "An Overview of Coastal Georgia History," January 17 through February 21. The course attracted 100 participants.

■ **The Society's Annual Meeting** was held on January 22 in The Cloister Ballroom on Sea Island. Keynote speaker Patrick Gallagher, founder and president of Gallagher & Associates, presented a lecture entitled "Telling America's Wartime Stories." Gallagher shared some of the fascinating stories he discovered during research for his firm's projects, as well as the interactive design techniques used to bring these stories to life. Over 300 people registered for the meeting.

Robin White was awarded the **Cunningham Bowl** for outstanding volunteer service, and Anne Stembler was awarded the **Rodriguez Service Award** for extraordinary service to the Society. Five new board members were announced at the meeting: Jim DeLong, Sally Hawie, Casey Lavin, Reg Murphy, and Brenda Thompson. Following the meeting, a reception honoring Keepers of the Light was held at Ocean Forest Golf Club. Board member Cindy Rackley chaired the event. The Society is grateful to the DeLong-Sweet Family Foundation for sponsoring the Annual Meeting.

■ In February, **the Lighthouse tower was carefully cleaned and repaired** as recommended in a structural evaluation performed in May 2016. All exterior metalwork was painted after rust had been removed and repairs made. Windows in the lens room were also repaired and waterproofed, and interior metalwork was painted as needed. The tower masonry was washed to remove staining, and the vent at the top of the Lighthouse was cleaned and screened to prevent intrusion by birds.

■ For **Georgia History Day** on February 3, volunteer Cesar Rodriguez and Education Director Sandy Jensen presented a program about the Lighthouse to 4th graders at Oglethorpe Point Elementary School.

■ The St. Simons Lighthouse Museum participated in the Georgia History Festival's **Super Museum Sunday** on February 5 where we opened the museum free of charge.

■ The Society, in conjunction with the St. Simons Land Trust, offered in-depth history tours of **Cannon's Point Preserve** February 10, 24 and March 3, 10 with a total of 51 participants. Archaeology consultant and Society Board member Myrna Crook provided a detailed interpretation of the historic site, including the John Couper family and life at Cannon's Point during the plantation period.

■ In March, the Society launched its **new website**, www.coastalgeorgiahistory.org, after eight months of careful planning. The new website is an effective tool for members and visitors and includes more information about the Society's collection and programs.

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■ The Society established an **endowment for long term maintenance of the Lighthouse tower** in March after the passing of Bob West, one of the Society's most dedicated volunteers. The endowment will allow the Society to keep the Lighthouse in pristine condition for decades to come.

■ For the 12th year, the Society co-sponsored **National History Day** with the Georgia Humanities Council. On March 15, approximately 100 students from Snelson-Golden Middle School and Frederica Academy presented their projects for judging at the A.W. Jones Heritage Center. The winners went on to compete in the state competition in Macon on April 22.

■ In 2016, the Society introduced a new series called **Journeys** that is comprised of an educational program and an expert-led field trip. The theme of the inaugural series was the American Bomber Boys of World War II. The second annual **Journeys** launched an exploration of Georgia's barrier islands – the first stop was Sapelo Island. On March 23, Senior Historian Buddy Sullivan presented a lecture based on his new book *Sapelo: People and Place on a Georgia Sea Island*. His talk offered fresh insights into the diverse history of Sapelo, particularly regarding the island's unique African American Geechee culture and legacy. A book signing followed the lecture, which included photographer Ben Galland, whose color images illustrate the book. There were 200 people in attendance.

Buddy Sullivan served as expert guide on field trips to Sapelo Island on April 11 and April 18, which were limited to 34 persons per tour. The tours explored the Long Tabby Complex, Hog Hammock community, the 1820 Lighthouse, Nanny Goat Beach, the Howard Coffin/R.J. Reynolds, Jr. mansion, and a visit with famed Sapelo resident, Cornelia Bailey. Other activities included a grass basket weaving demonstration on the first trip and an ecology talk on the second trip.

■ This spring, the Society worked with Frederica Academy teacher Jan Payne to develop a pilot **children's history and archaeology program** for Glynn County 4th graders. Her students took a trip to the Lighthouse Museum, and on March 23 and 24 participated in a mock dig and artifact analysis at the Archaeology Lab at the Coast Guard Station.

■ **The Spring Membership Meeting** was held on April 20. Justine Fletcher, Archives Specialist for The Coca-Cola Company, presented "Coca-Cola Goes to War." She discussed the impact of the war and how

Coca-Cola maneuvered around ration allotments to supply the troops with a staggering six million bottles of Coke per month. Approximately 200 members attended.

■ The Society partnered with the **Cassina Garden Club** in the Spring to present two children's archaeology outreach programs at the tabby slave cabins at Gascoigne Bluff: a Girl Scout patch program and two mock dig sessions at their Earth Day celebration.

■ Over 50 Society volunteers were honored at the annual **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** on April 25. Special recognition was given to those who dedicated over 100 hours of volunteer service in 2016. Those recognized were Larry Bacon, Myrna Crook, Nancy Jenkins, Janis Rodriguez, Anne Thigpen, and Robin White. A special thank you to Board Members Kay Cantrell and Janis Rodriguez for organizing the luncheon.

■ **The Little Light Music Concert Series** opened on May 7 with the Tams, followed by Soul Fish on June 4. Still Cruzin' performed on July 2. Island Garage Band played August 6 and Sensational Sounds of Motown closed the season on September 3.

The series entertained 5,000 concertgoers and generated about \$48,000. The Society is grateful to our generous sponsors: Brown-Rose Wealth Management, Elegant Island Living, Moore Stephens Tiller, Sea Island Landscaping, Sea Island Properties, and Straton Hall Events.

■ On May 11, the Society hosted **a screening of *The Golden Isles at War*** documentary for 200 people in the A.W. Jones Heritage Center Event Hall.

■ Every Friday in June, children under 12 were admitted to the Lighthouse Museum free of charge for **Friday Fun Days**. Crafts, games, and activities designed for family fun took place on the Lighthouse lawn. The Society's summer intern, Lily Vann-Womack, a Museum Studies major at Georgia College, was here for the month of June helping with this event, developing children's programming, and learning how a real museum functions. Approximately 375 children enjoyed this exciting series.

■ **The 2017 Chautauqua Lecture Series, *Treachery! Coastal Ties to Stories of Infamy***, explored Coastal Georgia's connection to some of America's most notorious personalities and events over the past three centuries and attracted 200 attendees per lecture.

The series began on **August 10** with a lecture by Nora Titone, historian and resident dramaturg for the Court Theater in Chicago,

entitled, "Shakespeare by Steamboat: Traveling the Southern Theatre Circuit with the Booth Family." The talk was based on her book *My Thoughts be Bloody: The Rivalry of Edwin and John Wilkes Booth* about the intriguing family of John Wilkes Booth.

On **August 17**, best-selling author and journalist Colin Woodard took us back in time in his lecture, "The Republic of Pirates: Blackbeard and the Real Pirates of the Caribbean." Woodard described the Golden Age of Pirates, when renegade seamen set up a colony in the Bahamas and essentially cut off trade routes between Europe and New World. Woodard was a finalist for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting and his work has appeared in dozens of publications including *The Economist*, *Smithsonian*, and *The Guardian*.

The third lecture on **August 24** explored the tragic saga of the Creek Indian Removal. Journalist and historian William W. (Billy) Winn presented "The Great Creek Land Grab," based on his recent book, *The Triumph of the Ecunnau-Nuxulgee*. Key players in this notorious political drama had roots in Coastal Georgia as members of the McIntosh Clan. Georgia Governor George M. Troup and his cousin Chief William McIntosh were involved in the controversial treaty that led to the removal of the Creek tribe from Georgia to Oklahoma.

For the final program on August 31, author David O. Stewart presented a lecture on Aaron Burr, who visited Pierce Butler's Hampton Point plantation only weeks after his fatal duel with Alexander Hamilton. Stewart's program, "Aaron Burr: After the Duel, Things Really Got Interesting," was based on his 2013 prize-winning novel *American Emperor*. Stewart is an author of four books on American history and has also published three historical mysteries.

The Society is grateful to Wells Fargo Advisors for their generous financial support of the Chautauqua Lecture Series.

■ Over 100 people attended **Brunswick's Home Front Stories: A Show-and-Tell Event**, held on October 12 at Old City Hall, to share their local World War II stories, artifacts, and photographs, and to learn about the new World War II Home Front Museum. Also featured were a talk by Buddy Sullivan entitled "The Greatest Generation: Patriots on the Home Front"; a preview of the new museum design; and a panel discussion with Carroll Martin, Gloria Ramsaur, and Clyde and Susan Smith.

■ Because of the success of this year's Journeys field trips to **Sapelo Island**, an additional tour was offered on October 17. Senior Historian Buddy Sullivan served as expert guide, and stops included the Long

Tabby Complex, Hog Hammock community, the 1820 Lighthouse, Nanny Goat Beach, and the Howard Coffin/R.J. Reynolds, Jr. mansion. There were 27 people on the tour.

■ Representatives from the Society participated in Fort Frederica's celebration of **International Archaeology Day** on October 21. Scott Clark and Marie Meranda from the Archaeology Lab displayed and interpreted artifacts from Cannon's Point. Education Director Sandy Jensen presented a lecture on the new World War II Home Front Museum.

■ The third annual **Community Day** was held on November 4 with free admission to the St. Simons Lighthouse Museum. Over 900 children and family members attended and enjoyed a day of fun, education, history, and exploration. The Society is grateful to our generous sponsors Dr. Zach Powell of Dentistry in Redfern and Sea Island Properties.

■ As part of the kickoff of the public phase of the campaign to fund the new World War II Home Front Museum, the Society hosted a **Screen on the Green** event on the Lighthouse lawn November 4. Over 150 people enjoyed watching *The Golden Isles at War* documentary under the stars.

■ Sandy Jensen and archaeologist Marie Meranda gave a presentation on pirates to 2nd grade **Frederica Academy** students on November 14 in conjunction with the class pirate day.

■ The **Fall Membership Meeting** was held on November 16. Jamil Zainaldin, Ph.D. presented "FDR: Georgia on His Mind" to 200 attendees. Dr. Zainaldin, President of the Georgia Humanities, discussed FDR's love for Georgia and how his association with Warm Springs shaped his life and presidency. Holiday refreshments were served to members before the meeting to celebrate Dr. Zainaldin's retirement after serving the state for 20 years.

■ The Museum Store hosted a **Holiday Open House** on November 18.

■ The Society presented "**SSI Archives**" each month in *Elegant Island Living* magazine. Produced by Mimi Rogers, Sandy Jensen, and Lawrence Certain of Faulkenberry Certain Advertising, these articles on local history featured photographs and artifacts from the Society's collection.

ACQUISITIONS

- 2017.001** Booklet: "The Island Guide," St. Simons Island, 1959
Donor: Lisa T. Goodman
- 2017.002** Books from the library of James Hamilton Couper and other Couper family members
Donor: John A. Shields
- 2017.003** World War II Aircraft Warning Service armband used by Lois McLeod Carlton
Donor: William B. Carlton
- 2017.004** Identification and union cards (2), work permits (3), and union dues booklets (3) of James C. Kinsey, J.A. Jones Construction Co. Brunswick Shipyard, 1944-45
Donor: Diane Kinsey-Dempsey
- 2017.005** Liberty ship photographs (3) from J.A. Jones Construction Co. Brunswick Shipyard, framed
Donor: Ellen Kinsey-Dempsey
- 2017.006** Album with 68 photographs: scenes of St. Simons Island, Jekyll and Cumberland Islands and Brunswick, Georgia, 1917, created by Leonard Benjamin Hayles
Donor: Lawrence D. Sechler
- 2017.007** Brunswick-St. Simons Highway Transportation Card for WPA representative L.D. Bacon, 1941
Donor: Larry H. Bacon
- 2017.008** Commemorative stamped envelopes (4): First All Georgia Air Mail Flight, 1937; First U.S. Airmail Flight, Brunswick, GA, 1941; Dedications of McKinnon Field (1938) and the Post Office Building, Boys Estate (1951), addressed to Clyde C. Smith, Jr.
Donor: Clyde C. Smith, Jr.
- 2017.009** Post World War II Letters (2) from German prisoners of war held at NAS Glynco, to Clifford E. Strickland; translation of one letter
Donor: Edward Strickland
- 2017.010** Photographs of SS *Oklahoma* and Theron P. Davenport family; Merchant Marines pin of Captain Davenport
Donor: Mark Daniel
- 2017.011** Photograph: Launching of Liberty Ship SS *R. Ney McNeely*, J.A. Jones Construction Company Brunswick Shipyard, 1944
Donor: A.D. "Pete" Correll
- 2017.012** Photographs (2): First National Bank (circa 1975) and Trust Co. Bank of S.E. Georgia (1987) Boards of Directors, Brunswick, GA
Donor: Jack E. Hartman
- 2017.013** U.S. Navy notifications of orders for radar training at NAS St. Simons, qualification reports, travel document (8) for Ensign Seth E. Burgess
Donor: Seth E. Burgess
- 2017.014** Infant's cap, Howard Coffin family
Donor: Mildred H. Wilcox
- 2017.015** Photographs, letter, newsletters, guest passes, commemorative dish and wooden box with glass shards, netting and ribbon, corsages, candlestick, identification cards, book, articles and other items associated with J.A. Jones Construction Co. Brunswick Shipyard and the launching of the SS *Johan Printz*, collection of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Fite
Donor: Miranda F. Hires

- 2017.016** Postcard: Liberty Ship SS *William B. Woods*
Donor: David Hayes
- 2017.017** World War II posters (7)
Museum purchases made possible by a donation from Irwin Berman
- 2017.018** DVDs, 2017 Coastal Georgia Historical Society programs
Annual Meeting Lecture: "Telling America's Wartime Stories" by Patrick Gallagher
Spring Membership Meeting Lecture: "Coca-Cola Goes to War," by Justine Fletcher
Chautauqua Lecture Series (4): "Treachery: Coastal Ties to Stories of Infamy"
Fall Membership Meeting Lecture: "FDR: Georgia on His Mind," by Jamil Zainaldin

ADDITIONS TO COLLECTIONS:

- 1998.015** Yearbooks, 2016/17 & 2017/18; 75 caliber musket balls (2); Dutch gun flint (1)
Donor: Cassina Garden Club
- 2009.004** Eugenia Price materials: photographs, slides, an audiotape, a framed invitation, and Georgia Writers Hall of Fame Award and related materials
Donor: Eileen Humphlett
- 2015.006** Slides (2) with accompanying photographs: Ship House, St. Simons Island, 1954
Donor: Merry T. Tipton

- 2016.002** Postcards (11), photographs (12), color transparency, and related maps (2), St. Simons and Brunswick
Donor: Sandy Jones
- 2016.015** World War II U.S. flag, German U-Boat barometer, and U.S. Navy Books, collection of Walter E. DeLong
Donor: James W. DeLong

EDUCATION COLLECTION:

- Portraits** Alfred W. Jones Family portraits (4)
Donor: Bill Jones III

RESEARCH LIBRARY:

- Book:** Carlton A. Morrison, *Running the River: Poleboats, Steamboats & Timber Rafts on the Altamaha, Ocmulgee, Oconee and Ohopee*, 2016
Donor: Bill Brown
- Books:** Stephen Doster, *Her Finest Hour: One Teen's Personal War with Hitler's Germany*; Jane Gabin, *A Living Mintrelsy: The Poetry and Music of Sidney Lanier*; Margaret Toussaint, *Remembering*
Donor: Susan W. Hartman
- Books:** Robert M. Myers (Ed.), *Children of Pride*, and Images of America books on Ossabaw, Sapelo and St. Simons Islands
Donor: Frances Allen
- Book:** Lt. Col. Yvonne Pateman, *Women Who Dared*
Donor: Colleen Kazimir

THE ARCHAEOLOGY LAB

The laboratory at the Historic Coast Guard Station continues to promote the study of local archaeology and to preserve the artifacts entrusted to its care. Scott Clark served as intern during the summer. He is pursuing his master's degree in anthropology at Georgia Southern University. Former intern Marie Meranda, after receiving her M.A. at the University of Southampton, England, rejoined the lab staff in October.

The Golden Isles Archaeological Society continues to provide generous financial support to operations. Don Meaders funded the outfitting of a larger tank for electrolysis and has kindly donated many supplies to keep the lab operational. We appreciate the many hours of work donated by loyal volunteers. Consulting Archaeologist Dr. Nicholas Honerkamp provided guidance throughout the year. Under Society Board member Myrna Crook's management, the lab has become an invaluable asset for the study and preservation of local archaeological collections.

Projects during the year included:

- Processing and curating materials found during projects at Cannon's Point Preserve: timbering due to pine beetle infestation and ground disturbance associated with installation of telephone, electrical and water lines, a septic drain field, restrooms, and power poles.
- Continuing to expand the metal preservation program
- Maintaining a database of all artifacts
- Updating portable display cases for education programs
- Assisting with a mock dig for Frederica Academy students
- Working with Cassina Garden Club on two Girl Scout projects, participating in their public outreach program, assisting with their restoration project at the tabby slave cabins, and processing material found during that project.
- Planning and coordinating the relocation of the lab to the basement of the Coast Guard Station.
- Consulting on ruins preservation and archaeology needs at Hampton Point.
- Providing numerous educational services, including lectures and tours.



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