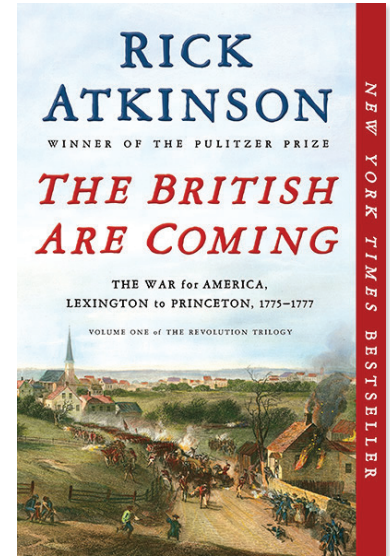


Annual Meeting and Lecture

The British are Coming: Early Years of the American Revolution

The Society's Annual Meeting will feature author and journalist Rick Atkinson, winner of Pulitzer Prizes in both history and journalism. Atkinson will present a lecture on his most recent book, *The British Are Coming: The War for America, Lexington to Princeton, 1775-1777*, the first volume of an upcoming trilogy on the American Revolution.

From the battles at Lexington and Concord in spring 1775 to those at Trenton and Princeton in winter 1777, Atkinson describes the conflict in rich detail, conveying the importance of geography and the perseverance of the main characters. The author sheds new light on well-known personalities, including George Washington, the commander in chief who suffered a stunning defeat in New York early in the war; Benjamin Franklin, the wily diplomat whose job it was to convince the French to support the rebellion; and Nathanael Greene, the Quaker from Rhode Island who became one of Washington's most trusted generals and spent his final year near Savannah on land awarded to him for his service. The story is also told from the British perspective, benefiting from Atkinson's extensive use



Rick Atkinson

of primary materials such as the Georgian Papers of the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle. These include King George III's private correspondence from the 1770s, much of which had not been publicly released.

Atkinson is the bestselling author of the Liberation Trilogy, a narrative history of World War II in Europe. The first volume, *An Army at Dawn: The War in North Africa, 1942-1943*, received the Pulitzer Prize. He received his bachelor's degree from East Carolina University and his master's degree in English Literature

from the University of Chicago. During two decades at *The Washington Post*, he worked as a reporter, foreign correspondent, and senior editor, and served as the Post's Berlin bureau chief. One of his last assignments was covering the 101st Airborne Division during the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 16, 2022, at The Cloister on Sea Island at 3 p.m. Society members attend the meeting and lecture for free. The cost for non-members is \$25. Registration is required by visiting coastalgeorgiahistory.org.

Buddy Sullivan's Local History Course

Senior Historian Buddy Sullivan will present his six-week history course, "An Overview of Coastal Georgia History," on Tuesday afternoons, January 11–February 15, 2022, from 4 – 6 p.m. at the A.W. Jones Heritage Center. The course chronologically traces Georgia's coastal history from Native American culture through 20th century events, including World War II. While covering the coast from Savannah to St. Marys, the focus of the course is on St. Simons, Jekyll, and Brunswick. The cost is \$65 for CGHS members and \$110 for non-members.

Igbo Landing Marker Approved



Dunbar Creek, known as site of Igbo Landing, photographed by Dr. Orrin Sage Wightman in 1954.

One of the most storied events in St. Simons Island history will soon receive a Georgia Historical Marker – Igbo Landing. Earlier this year, students of the Glynn Academy Ethnology Club contacted Sandy White for advice on topics for a history project. They were particularly attracted to the idea of applying to the Georgia Historical Society for a marker commemorating Igbo Landing. Their well-researched application was submitted to the Georgia Historical Society's Marker Program in July, and it was recently announced that the Igbo Landing marker was one of only five approved in 2021. The marker is sponsored by the Coastal Georgia Historical Society in partnership with the St. Simons African American Heritage Coalition.

Igbo Landing is not only a physical place, but also an important cultural memory for the Gullah Geechee people of the southeastern coast. Igbo Landing (pronounced with a silent "g"; also written as Ibo or Ebo) refers to a section of Dunbar Creek where, in 1803, there was a confrontation between enslaved Africans of the Igbo tribe, who were being transported by ship to St. Simons plantations, and their white captors. The incident resulted in the deaths of at least ten Igbo and three white sailors.

The story has been deeply symbolic for African American communities across the south who view the event as a powerful example of resistance to enslavement. The African American community today tells of the Igbo people drowning themselves in protest and that, in death, their souls were released and flew back to Africa.

Although the Gullah Geechee community traditionally commemorates Igbo Landing at the end of Atlantic Drive, an alternative location was sought since the property is privately owned. The St. Simons Land Trust has graciously provided an easement to locate the marker at the Old Stables Corner. This location will ensure that the marker is easily and safely accessible to visitors. The dedication is slated for May 24, 2022.

CELEBRATING *Black History*

Exploring African American History in Savannah: The Owens-Thomas House & Slave Quarters and Pin Point Heritage Museum

Thursday, February 17



Pin Point Heritage Museum

This February, Coastal Georgia Historical Society will reprise its popular Savannah history tour from 2020, visiting two Savannah-area sites that reveal the rich and varied tapestry of Black history on the coast.

The morning will begin with a tour of the Owens-Thomas House & Slave Quarters, part of the Telfair Museums. Built as a Regency style mansion in 1819, the site interprets the complicated relationships between the most and least powerful people in early 19th century Savannah.

During a guided tour, visitors will explore period rooms, interactive

exhibits for all ages, and redefined historic spaces, while learning about the people, both free and enslaved, who lived and worked there 200 years ago.

The Grey, famed Savannah restaurant, will host a private lunch just for our group! Occupying a restored 1938 art deco Greyhound Bus Terminal, the Grey features Chef Mashama Bailey's personal take on Port City Southern food.

The tour will continue in the afternoon with a visit to the Pin Point Heritage Museum, located in the old A.S. Varn & Son Oyster and Crab Factory. The Museum is one of the region's best places to encounter the unique creole culture of the lowcountry, Gullah Geechee, first hand. For nearly 100 years, the community of Pin Point was quietly isolated on the banks of the Moon River just south of Savannah. Now, you can explore the refurbished museum complex and experience multimedia presentations, exciting exhibits, and unparalleled views of the marsh! During the tour, participants will learn about Pin Point's history, its intimate relationship with the natural environment, and the challenges to retain the values and traditions of the community.

The tour will depart from the A.W. Jones Heritage Center at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 6 p.m. The cost is \$150 per person and includes guided tours of both museums, lunch, and transportation to, from, and within the city of Savannah. Once purchased, tickets are non-refundable, though they may be transferred to another person. Registration is required by visiting coastalgeorgiahistory.org.

Fall Speaker Eric Crawford to Present Virtual Program for Glynn County Schools



Pictured left to right: Patrick Holladay, Sherri Jones, Dr. Eric Crawford, Amy Roberts, Griffin Lotson, Odessa Rooks, and Mimi Rogers

On November 10, musicologist Eric Crawford presented a fascinating program on Gullah spirituals to an audience of over 200 (in person and virtual), which included songs, images, and even audience participation. In attendance were Griffin Lotson, commission vice chair of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor; Amy Roberts and Patrick Holladay, co-authors of *Gullah Geechee Heritage in the Golden Isles*; and Odessa Rooks. Both Roberts and Rooks serve on the board of the St. Simons African American Coalition.

Dr. Crawford will present a virtual program to AP History students at Glynn Academy in the near future. The Society is excited to continue its partnership with Glynn County schools by offering them exceptional history speakers and field trip opportunities.

Fall Outreach to Glynn County Residents

In December, the Society ran the last article in a fall series in *The Brunswick News*, which featured the Society's new branding and refreshed mission statement. Our goal was to introduce ourselves to the wider community and provide opportunities for Glynn County residents to interact with us through memorable experiences.

The 2020 – 2025 Strategic Plan for the organization prioritized reaching beyond St. Simons to serve the entire region, as well as our desire to make our programs, services, and museums more widely available.

Each article highlighted a local story and provided opportunities to learn more about the organization. The activities included brand new programs in Brunswick, free admission to both museums, and an invitation to visit our new online collections portal. If you missed any of the articles, please visit the News page on coastalgeorgiahistory.org.

The community has responded with enthusiasm—150 people attended Buddy Sullivan's Brunswick lecture series, all four Brunswick walking tours sold out, and dozens of residents have visited our museums for the first time!

Coastal Georgia Historical Society has one of the region's largest collections of archival photographs, documents, and historical objects. On November 13, the Society launched an online database with a selection of items received from generous donors over the past 55 years. We will continue to add to the database over the coming year. To access the Society's Online Collection, please visit coastalgeorgiahistory.org.

Society Applies for World War II Heritage City Designation

Coastal Georgia Historical Society, on behalf of Glynn County, applied to the National Park Service (NPS) for consideration as Georgia's World War II Heritage City. In 2019, the Secretary of the Interior established the American World War II Heritage Cities recognition program to "recognize and ensure the continued preservation and importance of the history of the United States involvement in World War II." Wilmington, North Carolina was named the first recipient in 2020. The Secretary may designate one city per state or territory as an "American World War II Heritage City." While the designation refers to a city, other types of jurisdictions such as counties, towns, townships, etc., are eligible for recognition.

Based on this criteria, Glynn County is a strong candidate in terms of our contributions to the home front and our current initiatives community-wide to preserve the heritage and legacy of the war effort and World War II history. The World War II Home Front Museum, Veterans Memorial Park in Brunswick, active veteran's groups and organizations, and several annual community presentations and lectures recognize and memorialize wartime events and anniversaries in our area.

The application process was a collaborative effort across Glynn County, including the majority of Georgia's Congressional delegation, the Glynn County Board of Commissioners, and community leaders. The NPS review process will take three months.

"Teaching Through Tourism" Fall Symposium



Cheryl Hargrove, Patrick Gallagher, and Kim Campbell, at the Teaching Through Tourism Symposium.

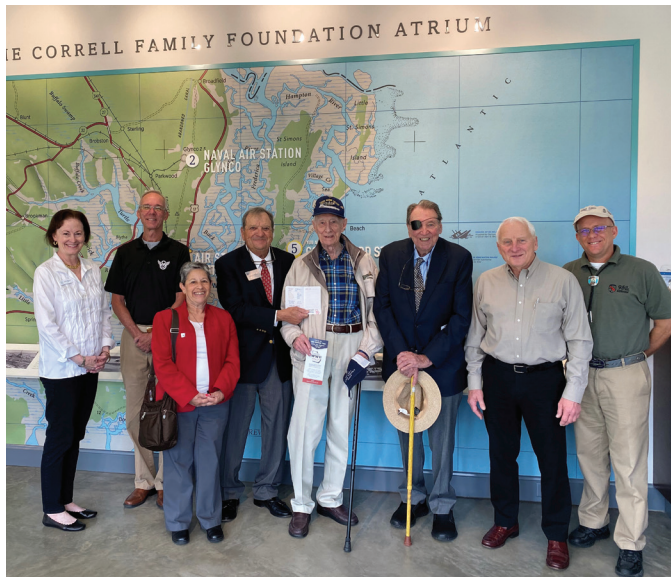
In early November, Kim Campbell, the Society's Director of Interpretation and Preservation, attended the "Teaching Through Tourism Symposium" in New Orleans. Society Board member Cheryl Hargrove co-organized the four-day symposium at the Higgins Conference Center, a part of the National World War II Museum complex.

Campbell attended sessions on topics as diverse as how travelers' expectations have changed since the COVID-19 pandemic began to how historic sites and museums can begin to prepare for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Campbell also facilitated a session called "Creative Interpretation Strategies for Destinations, Museums and Attractions" featuring Patrick Gallagher, President and Founder of Gallagher & Associates, the company that designed our World War II Home Front Museum and serves as lead designer for the National World War II Museum. The Society suggested Gallagher as a speaker and introduced him to Hargrove as a perfect addition to the New Orleans meeting.

Conferences like this one are a strong indicator that the tourism industry is rebounding, and they offer a great opportunity to advertise

the World War II Home Front Museum. Attendees and presenters included a robust list of travel buyers, tour operators, and museum professionals, most of whom represent a new audience for our Museum. Through this network, we hope to build a group tour business for not only the Home Front Museum, but also the entire Georgia World War II Heritage Trail.

World War II Veteran Supports Recognition for Home Front Heroes



Society Board member Ed Hawie hosted a distinguished group of visitors to the Home Front Museum on November 12. Visiting from Dallas, Texas, was the 100-year-old B-17 bomber pilot, John “Lucky” Luckadoo, a veteran of the 100th Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force, who survived 25 missions over Europe. Mr. Luckadoo is pursuing the establishment of a Federal holiday to honor all of the people on the home front who supported our troops during World War II.

Left to right: Mimi Rogers; Geoff and Lisa Collier – Lisa’s father was a radio operator on a B-17 in the 100th Bomb Group, and she is manager of the Capital Campaign at the Mighty Eighth Museum; Ed Hawie; Lucky Luckadoo; Frank Moore, a Founder and Trustee Emeritus of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia and a St. Simons resident; Dave Distelrath, treasurer of the 100th Bomb Group Foundation and son of an Eighth Air Force veteran; Dr. Phil Samponaro, associate professor of history at the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley and an expert on the Eighth Air Force.



Eric Oberg

Museum Stores

We are happy to welcome Eric Oberg as our new Director of Retail Operations. He is excited to expand upon the positive reputation that the Museum Stores have built in the community for our guests and local visitors alike. Eric joins us from SCAD where he served as the Director of Museum Operations and previously spent eight years with Leica Camera as the Director of Retail Operations for North America. His passion for creating a welcoming environment and quality shopping experience will ensure that the Museum Stores continue to be the go-to place for visitors to take a bit of St. Simons home with them, for gifts, or for something

special for yourself. New to the area, he enjoys photography, exploring with his partner, and spending time with their English Bulldog and two cats.

The Lighthouse Museum Store is proud to carry a variety of products from True South Designs. True South is a small, Georgia-based business that creates home accents inspired by our region. Featured this month are prints, a tea towel, and an oyster shell holiday ornament. Perfect for gift giving this season!



Museum News

Both Museums and Museum Stores will be closed for maintenance and inventory January 9–15.

Lighthouse 150th Save the Date

The current St. Simons Lighthouse was first illuminated on September 1, 1872. That means 2022 will mark its 150th birthday! Stay tuned to Society publications leading up to September 2022 for ways to celebrate this Golden Isles icon.

Membership Highlights

Thank you to those who have generously upgraded their membership or increased their level of annual giving.

Keepers of the Light

Dale and Susan Barrett – Sustainer
Leslie and Mac Carlton – Sustainer
Bill and Susan Coleman – Sustainer
Martha Demere – Sustainer
Chris and Tom Ernst – Sustainer
Eugenia Price/Joyce K. Blackburn Charitable Fund – Sustainer
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Alice Selman – Patron
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Michael Bauser – Curator
Lyn Hunt – Assistant Keeper
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Pamela and Michael Mueller – Family
Sara and Charles Rinkevich – Family
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Welcome New Members!

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Carolyn Wilson – Family

Memorial and Tribute Gifts

In Memory of Anne P. King
By her daughters and their families, Lynne and Mike Melder, Ellen and Peter Jutro, and Sarah and Pete Franquet

In Memory of Martha Ellis
By Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers

In Memory of Dennis and Helen Calhoun
By Stan and Donna Sands

In late October, the Development Committee hosted its first event since the pandemic to introduce new friends to the Coastal Georgia Historical Society. The successful event resulted in ten Keeper of the Light memberships and one Lamplighter membership. Many thanks to all!

Calendar of Events

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