



# Guale News

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## COME TOUR HISTORICAL ST. MARYS, THE EASY WAY

(via Slides)

Guale Historical Society to meet Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 at County Library on Highway 40 and Gross Road.

(NOTE Change of meeting place) Executive Session at 6:30.

What better way to see the historical structures of old St. Marys than sitting back, relaxing (no sand flies) and watching the streets go by. Eloise Thompson will bring slides compiled by Guale Tours and tell the tales of long ago that go with them, some published, some unpublished.

A bit of trivia giving hits of more to come:

Which ancient structure in St. Marys once held, temporarily, a four-footed BIG animal?

Which building has been a store, a post office, a movie theater, and once housed the Davis-Brandon Lumber Company offices?

Which streets are named for the St. Marys founders?

Which building held the first bath tub in St. Marys? (No, the tub is not still in use!)

Which St. Marys hostess faced down British soldiers during the War of 1812? - and by the way, the last battle of that war was not fought in New Orleans!

What is the oldest continually operated business in Camden County?

Which historical out-of-favor character spent time in St. Marys?

AND - did you know - a flip of a handkerchief brought disaster to St. Marys in 1863!



Corner of Osborne-Bryant looking north after the street was paved in 1930's

### REMINDER

May 1 is the deadline for pre-publication price on revised, updated county history, "Camden's Challenge."

See order blank on back for details. If you have questions call John Christian at the Bryan-Lang Historical Library, 576-5601, Ext. 219.

### LANG REUNION IN JUNE

Crooked River State Park will be the setting for the Lang reunion, second Sunday in June. Bring a covered dish and see all your kith and kin. This annual affair has been held well beyond the memory of many of the cousins - but if you have Lang blood, be on hand for a full day of renewing acquaintances and much conversation.

### DUES STILL DUE

If you have failed to renew for 1994, a red star appears on your mailing label, please check. Send dues to Mildred Walko, 800 Margaret Street, St. Marys, GA 31558. Family \$15. Individual \$8. Student \$2.

Members continued from March issue: Ardis Bennett family; James Bruce family; W.H. Buchanan family; Grayson Day family; Betty Gruver, Homerville; Roland Hernandez, Jacksonville; Jeanne Hurt; Sam Lee family; John Love family; Catherine MacDonell; Sheila Mathis, Brooksville, FL; Dorothy McCaskill, St. Simons; Mary Miller, St. Simons; Laura Nasworthy, St. George; Tilden Norris family; Kathryn Payne; Ruby Perritt, St. George; Terrell Porter family; Craig Root family; Herbert Rowland family; Virginia Rowland, Mattapoisett, Mass.; Carol Ruckdeschel; Bob Stephens family; Betsy Thomas; Shirley Thompson; Debra Vasquez; Maxine Wells, Statesboro; W.R. Wells, Martinez; Charles Trimble family. R.G. Raymund, George Brown.

New Members: Robert Patterson family, Winter Springs, FL; Bill Davis, Atlanta; Phillip Sztou family; James Stacy family; Geneva Stebbins, Darien.

If you have rejoined and your name has not appeared in this or earlier newsletter editions, please let Mildred Walko know, 882-5294.

To keep up-to-date on Cumberland Island Natural History, you may want to subscribe to "The Cumberland Island Museum" newsletter, edited by Guale Historical Society member Carol Ruckdeschel. Send \$15 to the newsletter, PO Box 796, St. Marys, GA 31558.

### A BIG DAY AT CROOKED RIVER ELEMENTARY

On Saturday, May 7 a full day of fun, games and heritage displays will keep the spectator occupied. You won't want to miss the renowned Sea Island Singers performing at 11:00 and again at 12:00. Other activities include children's games with prizes, children's art exhibit, Boy Scout display, arts and crafts, a potter, cloggers, and choral singing. From 9 to 2.

### CRAWFISH TIME

Woodbine's annual Crawfish Festival is scheduled for April 30. Parade, Arts and Crafts - and a LOT of good food! Don't forget!

### FORT FREDERICA IN WORKS FOR MAY

May's issue of Guale News will have all the details for the May Ramble - but it will be a trip to James Oglethorpe's Fort Frederica on St. Simons. Stay tuned!

### FROM OTHER AREAS

Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation announces its Spring Tour of Homes: Sunday, April 17, 1-5. Tour tickets are \$12 and may be ordered from the Foundation at 489 Prince Avenue, Athens, GA 30601.

Historic Preservation Commission Training to be held in Athens April 9. For further information call Debra McTier at the Governmental Training Division, Univ. of Georgia in Athens. (706) 542-1328.

Brunswick -Glynn Regional Library: Lecture by Florida Times Union writer Michael Nyenhuis, who wrote the intriguing series "ANNA" that appeared in the Times Union in January. The lecture is free and is to be held Tuesday, April 19 at 7p.m. Those of you who have enjoyed trips to Kingsley Plantation on Ft. George Island will enjoy this lecture.

If you plan to research in the Georgia Historical Society Library in Savannah the hours are: Tuesday - Friday, 10-5 and Saturday 9-3. The telephone number is (912) 651-2128.

Any descendants of Mizell-Pearce family (an old Camden family, most of whom moved to Florida) may want to attend the annual reunion on April 30 and May 1 at PascoEala Lodge, off highway 100 between Lake Butler and Lulu. For more details contact Margaret Pasteur, 4314 South West 22nd St. Ocala 34474-1814.

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