



**A CAN'T MISS GUALE MEETING
MAY 9 AT 7:00 GUALE ROOM,
ST. MARYS CITY LIBRARY
Executive Session 6:30
RANGER CRAIG MORRIS
OF FT. CAROLINE TO SPEAK**

All You've Wanted to Know about Timucuan Indians and There's Been No One To Ask!

One of the most frequently asked questions about the coastal area is "What can you tell me about the Indians here?"

Now foremost Timucuan authority Craig Morris will be here to answer your questions. Jacksonville native Morris has been with the Ft. Caroline portion of the Timucuan Preserve since 1987. He is a graduate of the University of North Florida with a history major and a minor in Anthropology. As a student anthropologist, he participated in the significant Guale archaeological dig on Amelia Island, which gives him a feel for both major groups of Indians that called Camden County home, the illusive Timucua and the Guales.

You might want to read some of this material to prepare for Craig Morris' May presentation about the Timucuas.

Charles Bennett, TWELVE ON THE RIVER ST. JOHNS, chapter I; Adelaide Bullen, FLORIDA INDIANS OF PAST AND PRESENT; John H. Hann, A HISTORY OF TIMUCUA INDIANS AND MISSIONS; Edith Lawson, FLORIDA INDIANS; NOBLE REDMEN OF THE SOUTH; Jerald Milanich, THE TIMUCUA.



Indian dugout canoe discovered under bank of Beach Creek on Cumberland Island in 1932. It was sent to the Smithsonian. Local historian I. F. Arrow is shown examining it. Picture credit: George Long

A BRIEF BACKGROUND OF TIMUCUAN INDIANS

Most of this information is taken from Milanich's THE TIMUCUA.

The sole survivor of the Timucuan Indians died in Cuba in 1767, 250 years after their first contact with Europeans. He was the last of perhaps 200,000 Timucuan-speaking Indians once living along the coast of south Georgia and north Florida.

Ponce de Leon was the first European explorer to document contact with these loosely organized groups of Indians when he arrived in 1513. From then on their history and that of the Spanish, French and English explorers and colonists were closely allied.

Only archaeological studies can reveal their precolonial history. These show these diversified groups to be mainly fishers, hunters and gatherers with some farming. Their colonial history has been well documented by mission priests, and most particularly by drawings rendered by Jacques Le Moyne portraying the Timucuan lifestyle.

Although they adjusted somewhat to the changes brought by Europeans, many died from diseases brought from Europe and mistreatment and overwork, leaving a lone survivor 250 years after the landing of Ponce de Leon.

CORRECTION

Last month's Genealogy Corner featured the Long family and showed that George Long (the second) married Margaret Mickler Reddick, daughter of Jacob Mickler. It was Jacob Mickler's granddaughter, Margaret Reddick, that married George Long. She was the daughter of Jacob's daughter Elizabeth, who had first married a Reddick, then a Dellabar. Elizabeth had two sons, John and William. (Camden County Deed Books L, page 436 and K, page 248).

**GENEALOGY CORNER
THE MICKLER FAMILY**

The Mickler family is among the old families of Camden County who are still represented by descendants, but only through maternal lines. The Mickler family moved into Camden County in the 1700s, intermarried with other pioneer families, with many later migrating to Florida. Much of the following information comes from PATHWAY PROCTOR KITH AND KIN, now out of print. It was written in 1978 by Eloise Thompson but is being revised with additions and is to be reprinted with her permission by Guale Historical Society member and Mickler/Proctor descendant Dr. Bill Davis of Atlanta.

Other sources for this column have also been consulted: cemetery records, Camden County deed abstracts, archives correspondence, COLONIAL RECORDS, Huxford's PIONEERS OF WIREGRASS GEORGIA, and Patricia Ferguson Mickler's THE MICKLERS OF FLORIDA.

COLONIAL RECORDS OF GEORGIA show various Michler (sic) land grants awarded in St. Matthews Parish in Georgia as early as the 1750s. St. Matthews later became Effingham County, where we later find Michlers marrying into Salzburger families. Michler may well have been an early spelling of Mickler.

The forefather of Camden County descendants, Jacob Mickler, came into Camden County from Beaufort District, South Carolina about 1790. He was apparently a son of Revolutionary Soldier Peter Mickler. Jacob had a brother Peter, who may have remained in South Carolina.

JACOB was born about 1756 and married EVE, maiden name unknown. Property purchases and sales in St. Marys were frequent among the Mickler family members from 1795-1826, most of them in Blocks 23 and 24, bounded by Osborne, Weed, Bryant, and Seagrove streets. Their children were:

1. PETER, 1775-1839, married Lydia Allen in 1797. His homesite was on Jefferson-ton-St. Marys Road at edge of Dark Entry Creek. Burial sites unknown. Children:
 - 1a Daniel, 1798-1866, married Maria Ann Lowe, moved to Florida, buried Suwanee Co.
 - b Margaret Eve, 1799-1842, married first John DeMott, married second William Proctor, son of Richard. Buried Oak Grove
 - c Elizabeth Allen, 1802?-1868, married John Hebbard, son of Elihu. Buried Oak Grove, her grave unmarked.
 - d Eve 1803?-1836, married Thomas Arden, moved to S.C.

PFM lists these additional children of Peter: Robert, born 1800, married Ana Mier; Mahala, N/D, married her cousin William Mickler; James A., N/D, married Mary Ann Arnaud.

2. WILLIAM, 1776-1848, married Temperance Matthews April 15, 1796. Camden County sheriff 1809-1811. Camden County Militia. Moved to Florida about 1831. Children:
 - 2a Elizabeth, born 1798, married James Kendrick
 - b William Jr., born 1801, married Betty
 - c Margaret, born 1803, died single (Huxford, Vol. 6)
 - d Matthew, born 1811, married Sarah Baisden
 - e Lawrence, born 1816, married Martha Lowe
 - f Eleanor, born 1819, married George Miller

3. JACOB, JR., 1777-1816, married Catherine Clark in 1796. Camden County Militia. Children:

3a William, born 1800, married Mahala Mickler, his cousin

b Jacob III, born 1803, married Manuela de Mier

4. ELIZABETH, born 1779?, married 1. ___ Reddick, 2. Delibar. Children:

4a John Reddick

b William Reddick

c Margaret Reddick married George Long (see April's newsletter)

5. MARGARET, born in 1784?, married first John Bailey, Jr. one son William J. Bailey, born 1807, married Eliza Bellamy. Margaret married second William Seals. They are buried in Palatka, Florida, where they had moved to be near her Bailey son. The Seals children were:

5a Archibald W., 1820-1850, married Elizabeth Ann Hebbard, buried Oak Grove.

b Mary, 1847-1942, never married, buried Oak Grove

c Martha, never married

d Adele

e Catherine, married John J. Richards, Methodist preacher

f A daughter who married ___ Ross

6. MARY, born 1786, married Robert Rudolph, div. 1808.

7. SARAH, born 1789, married Lewis Thomas.

8. JANE, born 1792, married Duncan Curry.

8a Daniel, born 1810, married Mary Green

b William, born 1814, married Hester Ann Fussell

c John, born 1820, married Charlotte Odom

d James, born 1826, married Jane Miller

e Nancy, born 1830, married George Walsh

f Luroney, born 1831, married James Benefield

g Mary, born 1833, married John Odom

h Emily, born 1838, married Matthew Fussell

Jacob Mickler died before July 1795, when the widow married James Nickels Wright. His will is recorded in Camden County Will Book A. Eve Mickler Wright died in 1827 and her son-in-law William Seals was appointed administrator. There are no marked graves for her or her husbands

AROUND THE COUNTY

The cemetery clean-up project of the sheriff's department is moving well. The ancient Holzendorf Cemetery just off U.S. 17 north of Kingsland is almost cleared. What once appeared a jungle is now a cemetery. What once appeared to be a small family cemetery now appears to hold at least 600 graves. This antebellum cemetery has continued to be in use by Holzendorf family members until this day. A dedication service is tentatively scheduled for May 10. Watch the newspapers. Thank you, Sheriff Bill Smith, and your hardworking department! Thank you, Jasper Lang, for getting this project underway!

Cumberland Island Museum has just published SEA TURTLES OF THE GEORGIA COAST by Carol Ruckdeschel, Cumberland Island naturalist, C. Robert Shoop of the University of Rhode Island and George R. Zug, Smithsonian Institute. To order: Send check to Cumberland Island Museum, PO Box 796, St. Marys, GA 31558. \$12.95, plus \$3 mailing. Georgia

residents add .91 tax.

FROM OTHER SOCIETIES

Georgia Historical Society has announced its 2000 Summer Lecture Series. All of them are free, open to the public, and will be held at the Historical Society Library in Savannah at 7 p.m. The library is located at Gaston and Whitaker Streets. A reception and book signing will follow each program.

May 11- DeRenne: Three Generations of a Georgia Family — William Harris Bragg

June 15- All That Savannah Jazz From Brass Bands, Vaudeville, to Rhythm and Blues — Dr. Charles Elmore

July 13- Rice Gold: James Hamilton Couper and Plantation Life on the Georgia Coast — Dr. James Bagwell

August 10- From Beautiful Zion to Redbird Creek: Savannah and Bryan County, Georgia — Buddy Sullivan

2000 MEMBERS

These are our new members for the year 2000:

Heleen C. Alexander, Roy L. Baker, Richard Blocker, Kenneth Cassels, Don & Carolyn Crews, Hoydt H. Drury, Heather Ferguson, Allan Giese Family, Mac & Bara Harden, William Hedges Family, Jasper & Lynn Lang, Frank & Mary Stagl, Louis B. Vocelle.

These have renewed for the year 2000, as of 4/17. Is your name among them? Those not renewing by June 1 will be dropped from mailing list.

Carolyn Anderson, Alan & Diana Bailey, Irving Bailey, Patricia Barefoot, Ardis & Wanda Bennett, Jackie Baggane, Bill Blankenship, Pauline Bosserdet, George Brown, James Bruce Family, Carlton Bunkley, Joe Chaney Family, Kent Chauncey, Robin Cross, Charles Curry Family, Bill Davis, Howard Davis Family, Libby Dawson, June Driggers, Kenneth & Alberta Gay, Patricia Gay, Mayebelle Gifilian, Lilla Greeley, Betty Gruver, Suzanne Hardee, Lonnell Hogan, Dot Holstun (Life Member), P.B. & Anne Howell, Vernon & Minnie Johnson, June Jones, Daphene Junk, William J. & Rosa Lee Kelly, W.C. King, Sam & Susan Lee, George & Carolyn Long, John & Linda Love, Roland Loveless, James Lucas, Derek & Charlene McAleer, Cornelia McClurd, Patricia McMillan, Midge Mathews, Fred & Beth Mercier, E.W. & Mary Merritt, Kenneth Mills Family, Jean Mizell, Lanny Morton Family, Mike & Mary Neff, Tilden Norris Family, Roy & Iris Norton, Barbara Parrish, Robert & Margaret Patterson, Kathryn Payne, Terrell Porter Family, David Richardson, Herbert Rowland Family, Rodney & Linda Sheffield, Wilbur Sheffield, Charles & Patricia Smith (Life Members), Eugene & Diana Sheffield, James Shirley Family, Bob & Joyce Smith, James & Ann Stacy, George & Elaine Sweat, Pat Talley, Shirley Thompson, Charles & Eloise Thompson, William Thompson, Debra Vasquez, Gene & Julia Watson, Maxine Wells, Dottie West, Pat Williams, Edith Willingham, Ruby Wood, Joan Wright-Padgett, Nancy Wynn.

If your name was not listed and you have renewed, please call Treasurer Mildred Walko, 912-882-5294. If you have not renewed, please send your dues to her at 800 Margaret Street, St. Marys, GA 31558.

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