



# Guale News

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**GUALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TO MEET AT ORANGE HALL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 7:00,  
EX. SESSION 6:30  
COASTAL GEORGIA EXPERT  
JAMES JOHNSON TO SPEAK**



James Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia, Southern teacher and instructor for Georgia Southwestern Elderhostel groups, will be speaking on the History and Legends of St. Marys. Appropriately for October, the ghostly legends of this region will be featured.

Mr. Johnson has specialized in coastal lore and will educate and entertain Guale Historical Society members and guests with his stories which he has so painstakingly researched.

We will look for you at Orange Hall on October 21.



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominating Committee Co-chairmen Roy and Iris Norton will be submitting names for election at the October meeting.

Terms for all officers, including directors, end in December.

1997 officers have been: Pres. - Dr. John Christian  
Vice-Pres. - Eloise Thompson  
Corr. Sec. - Virginia Christian  
Rec. Sec. - Susan Lee  
Treas. - Mildred Walko  
Dir. (3 yr. term) - Jeanne Hurt,  
Charles Thompson, Bebe William



## GENEALOGY CORNER - Robert Frohock

This information was supplied by Historical Society member Jacquelyn Biggane and appears in September 1997 Huxford Genealogical Society Magazine. Jackie has since made corrections to the magazine and this writing reflects her corrections. Other material comes from Vocelle's HISTORY OF CAMDEN COUNTY.



**Robert H. Frohock**

J. Robert H. Frohock was born August 11, 1844 in McIntosh County, the son of Charles and Sarah Clubb Frohock. When

Robert was six years old, his father moved the family back to its old home on Cumberland Island.

He attended school in Brunswick. During the Civil War he enlisted in the Brunswick Rifles. After sixty days, this unit was reorganized as Co. A (later Co. K) of the 26th Ga. Regt. He filed an application for discharge on October 31, 1861 while on disability leave. After the war he was a major in the United Confederate Veterans.

He was a member of the State Legislature in 1911-12 and again in 1916. In Camden County, he served as Superintendent of Public Roads, County Ordinary (today's probate judge), a member of the Board of Education, and justice of the peace of the 29th District. He was postmaster and commander of the Kingsland Lodge of Knights of Pythia.

James Vocelle described him as being "... an important factor in county politics and honored in his county with many positions of honor and trust. He has always served his people faithfully and well and enjoys their confidence and esteem. Judge Frohock is a Christian gentleman of the real old Southern type and his life has been one of useful service to his fellow man."

In the late 1800s, he deeded land in the Cherry Point area near his home to the Methodist Church. The Cherry Point Methodist Church was built there and was in use until the early 20s. The property then reverted to the Frohock estate.

In 1864, Mr. Frohock married Margaret Harriet Pacetti, the daughter of John and Margaret Campbell Pacetti. He died March 4, 1928. She died April 25, 1924. Both are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys.

Their children were:

- Robert H., Jr. "Harry" 1866-1957, buried Oak Grove
- David P. .... 1868-1885, buried Oak Grove
- Arthur ..... born 1870, married Laura Walker,  
buried in Miami
- John ..... 1872-1963, married Lizzie Moran  
Elizabeth Douglas  
Myrtle Hawkins  
buried in Miami
- George W. .... 1874-1964, married Alice Walker.  
buried Oak Grove
- Mary Louise ..... 1876-1959, buried Oak Grove, unmarried
- Lester Peckham ..... 1879-1965, married Vernon Bailey,  
buried in Miami
- Charles ..... 1881-1070, married Irene Pacetti,  
buried Oak Grove
- Emiley "Emmie" ..... 1884-1986, married J.W. Readdick,  
buried Savannah
- Grace ..... 1886-1896, buried Oak Grove
- Oley ..... born 1888
- Osgood Branch ..... 1889-1957, married Mable Pacetti,  
buried Oak Grove



## MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC

Historical Society member Mary Bullard's ROBERT STAFFORD OF CUMBERLAND ISLAND GROWTH OF A PLANTER is fast becoming the opera ZABETTE with the music by Georgia born composer Curtis Bryant of Georgia State University and libretto by historian Mary Bullard.

Mrs. Bullard briefly describes the opera in a letter to Friends of Cumberland Island "She was born on Jekyll. He was born on

Cumberland. Their children were born on a cotton plantation called Stafford. Her father and grandmother lie buried at Plum Orchard Plantation. Sound like a guided tour?

"No, it is the scenario for ZABETTE, an opera in three acts, based upon the true life story in Camden County, of two Cumberland Islanders, planter Robert Stafford and Elizabette, born a slave...."

A student premiere is planned for spring 1998 in Atlanta. Its producer is W. Dwight Coleman, who chairs opera studies at Georgia State University. Private sources are funding this project and additional funds are needed to see the project completed.

Gifts are tax deductible and donor's names will be printed in the program. Checks should be made to Georgia State Foundation, School of Music, Opera Zabette and mailed to P.O. Box 4097, Atlanta, GA 30302-4097.

Copies of the Robert Stafford book are available at the Bookseller in St. Marys.



### FROM BRYAN-LANG HISTORICAL, LIBRARY

Among new accessions may be found: The Oral History of Cumberland Island (St. Marys Library also has a copy) and St. Marys Tax Records from the 1940s. These records show block by block owners with original settlers also listed. This will be of interest to anyone living in the Historic District of St. Marys.

The library has also recently acquired a microfilm reader/printer that is available for library patrons.

Materials for sale in the Historical Library:

CAMDEN'S CHALLENGE, A HISTORY OF CAMDEN COUNTY \$30 (\$4 post)

Vocelle's HISTORY OF CAMDEN COUNTY \$11 (\$1.50 post)

Camden County Census Index 1820, 1830, 1840, each \$5 (\$1 each post)

Census Index 1850 \$8 (\$1 post)

Census Index 1860 \$10 (\$1 post)

Census Index 1870, 1880 \$15 (\$2 post)

Census Index 1900, 1910, 1920 \$20 (\$2 post)

Tax Digest 1890 (No 1890 census record is available for Camden County) \$5 (\$2 post)



### FROM OTHER SOCIETIES

The Georgia Historical Society announces its Fall Lecture Series "Agriculture in Georgia" with it's next lecture to be held on October 23 at Hodgson Hall, 501 Whitaker St., Savannah. Buddy Sullivan, McIntosh writer and historian will discuss Rice Cultivation on the Georgia Tidewater, his latest book. A book signing will follow the program.

The Lower Altamaha Historical Society has planned a field trip to St. Marys and the McIntosh Sugarhouse ruins on October 18. Gualde Society member Eloise Thompson will be guiding the group.

Coastal Georgia Historical Society has scheduled a lecture by Dr. Charles Hudson, professor of anthropology at the University of Georgia and a leading expert in southeastern precolonial and colonial culture and history. The meeting will be on Sunday, November 2 at Fort Frederica National Monument auditorium at 3:00. Dr. Hudson will be discussing his latest publication, Knights of Spain, Warriors of the Sun, Hernando de Soto and the South's Ancient Chiefdoms.



### MEMBERSHIPS

If you have a red star our records show you have not paid 1997 dues. Renewed since last newsletter: Jim Burnham Family; Kenneth Gay Family; Dorothy McCaskill, St. Simons. Send dues to Treasurer Mildred Walko, 800 Margaret Street, St. Marys, GA 31558. Family \$15 Individual \$8 Student \$2.



### THANK YOU TO -

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### QUESTION????

Does anyone have a picture of the Cherry Point Methodist Church? If so, please let me copy it. Thanks. Eloise Thompson 882-4587 or drop a note care of Gualde News.



### REMINDER

Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 — Meet at Orange Hall.  
Note change of meeting place