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COME RAMBLE!!! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 FORT CAROLINE CALLS!!!

Meet at 10 A.M. - Old Winn Dixie parking lot in Kingsland, next to United Methodist Church.

Read on for more details - Program Chairman Henry Williams has once again lined up a trip you will want to be a part of!

After leaving at 10 sharp, the group will travel over to Regency Square via Dame's Point Bridge to have an early Dutch Treat lunch at Piccadilly Cafeteria, then on to the nearby fort! No entrance fee!

A ranger guided tour will begin promptly at 1:00. Besides this tour, you may also take a self-guided historical tour and spend awhile in the museum. Included in the display are Timucuan artifacts, and copies of the Jacques Le Moyne drawings which depict the lives of these early Indians, who once made Camden County home.



Le Moyne's sketch of Timucua activities. Large reproductions may be seen at Fort Caroline National Monument.

MORE ABOUT FORT CAROLINE

Fort Caroline National Monument located on a bluff on the south bank of the St. Johns River is the site reputedly where Jean Ribault landed in 1562 with plans to establish a New France. Here he erected a stone marker symbolizing French ownership.

Two years later in June 1564, the French built Fort Caroline to defend their settlement of French Huguenots and their claim to the new world. In September, only three months later, St. Augustine founder Pedro Menendez marched overland during a hurricane and captured the fort.

REPRINTING THE COUNTY HISTORY

Peggy Aronson, who is updating Camden's Challenge for re-publication, announces that work is moving quite well. It should reach the printer by mid-December and be on sale in January. Many families have updated their 1976 histories and about two hundred new ones submitted theirs before the deadline. Response to updating churches and civic organizations has been disappointing - but the help of those who did send material has done much to update the book. Watch this space for pre-publication orders!!

DEDICATION PAGES

If you haven't heard, a maximum of 50 pages are being offered. These may include up to 2 pictures (Additional pictures \$20 each) and any text the family might want to add subject to editing for brevity. This is a great way to honor or memorialize family members. Funds will be used to help with printing costs. Send your reservation now to Bryan-Lang Historical Library, P.O. Box 725, Woodbine, GA 31549. Pictures will be returned, but would prefer you not send originals, accidents can happen. Remember - **No more than Fifty are Available!**

WOODBINE CENTENNIAL

Christmas Day 1893 - the first train came through Camden County marking the beginning of new towns to grow along the tracks, Woodbine, which would later become Camden's seat of government, among them. Regular service began in January. Now Woodbine is planning a celebration to end all celebrations - in fact, a full year of activity.

First of all - here is how you may help. If you have early photos to lend for the proposed photo display, please take by the Bryan-Lang Library to Dr. Christian who is chairman for the Centennial Celebration.

One successful activity has already taken place, an evening of reminiscences of older Woodbine citizens - who shared their experiences of long gone days. These will be incorporated into a booklet to be printed during the year.

Put this down as a **MUST ATTEND** - Woodbine Homecoming on November 13. This will be a covered dish dinner, place to be announced.

In December city church choirs will combine voices for an evening of Christmas music at city hall, as well as the lighting of the city Christmas tree.

Among other events in the coming year are a womanless wedding and a pageant giving the history of Woodbine. So look ahead to all these great events!

FROM OTHER AREAS

Mark your calendar for October 22 - 23 for the fall meeting of the Georgia Historical society to be held on Jekyll Island. This will be hosted by the Jekyll Island Historic District Museum and the Coast Georgia Historical Society. Watch for further details in the October newsletter.

A great genealogical research resource may be found in Douglas at the Satilla Regional Library, 201 S. Coffee Street. Books, microfilm, census records, and large files of family history are all available there. The gracious librarian Winifred Gourley is on hand to assist. Hours are Monday - Friday 9-1 and 2-6. The library is closed when the librarian is away so you might want to call before going. 912/384-6450.

THANK YOU'S TO:

Gene Ward, of Ward Memorials in Waycross, who repaired the monument in the Davis Lot that a tree limb had shoved from its base. It was **BIG!** and took a lot of work - **GREAT JOB!**

Charlie Thompson who worked overtime putting Guale Members in the computer which simplifies updating and printing labels. **THANKS SO MUCH!**

Camden Printing for a well done job of printing the newsletter!

Winnie Wainright to typing the roster for the board in Oak Grove Cemetery - a tiresome job! and it looks great.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The roster of Oak Grove burials now needs to be put into place. How about it? The plexiglass panel is **LARGE** - nailed in - some shingles need re-nailing - and a couple of other little chores need attention on the board - if you can help call Dr. Christian at the historical library. 576-5601, ext. 219.

MEMBERSHIP

If your name is not included below, then there is no record of your having paid dues in 1993. So please send to Mildred Walko, 800 Margaret Street, St. Marys, GA 31558. \$15 Family. \$8 Individual. \$2 Student.

Carol Anderson, Fernandina; Peggy Aronson; Dr. Sam Atkinson, Jacksonville; Louise Bailey; Patricia Barefoot, St. Simons; Dot Barker; H.A. Bennett Family; Bill Blankenship Family; Pauline Bosserdet; George Brown, Atlanta; James Bruce Family; W.H. Buchanan Family; Annabelle Buie; Mrs. Wm. Bullard, So. Dartmouth;

Carlton Bunkley; Selma Bunkley; Joe Chaney Family,

Brunswick; Charlton County Historical Society; Dr. John Christian Family; Mrs. Joseph Clements; Caroline Covert; Michelle Covert; Howard Davis Family; Charlie Davison Family, Greenwich, CT; Grayson Day Family; Josephine Demmond; Carolyn Durden, Fernandina; Ernest Felder; Terry Floyd Family; Kenneth Gay Family; Mayebelle Gilfillan, Monte Vista, CO;

Nancy Goshorn, St. Simons; Ruby Green; Betty Gruver, Homerville; Flem Hall Family; Harold Heagy; Lois Hemminger; Roland Hernandez, Jacksonville; Lonell Hogan, Jacksonville; Dot Holstun; Irma Jeanne Hurt; Kay Johnson, Fernandina; Vernon Johnson Family; Carol Jones, Tallahassee, FL; Phil Jory Family, Atlanta; Bill Joyner; Daphene Junk; Mrs. Beulah King; W.C. King, Avondale Estates; W.C. Kirby; Helen Lang;

Hubert Lang Family, Brunswick; Sam Lee Family; John Love Family; Catherine MacDonell; Dorothy McCaskill, St. Simons; Mary McLaughlin, Jacksonville; Shelia Mathis, Brooksville; Yates Meeks; Mary Miller, St. Simons; Laura Nasworthy, St. George; Mary Louise Nelson, Amelia; Tilden Norris Family; Roy Norton Family; Evelyn O'Barr, Jacksonville; John O'Donnell-Rosales, West New York, NJ;

Barbara Parrish, Jacksonville; Kathryn Payne; Ruby Perritt, St. George; Terrell Porter Family; Eugenia Price, St. Simons; Mildred Ray; R.G. Raymund, St. Simons; Craig Root Family; Burt Rhyne Family; Carol Rowland, Amelia; Herbert Rowland Family;

Virginia Rowland, Mattapoisett, Mass; Robert Ruchhoft, Cincinnati; Carol Ruckdeschel; James Russell; Richard Soeey Family; Charles Smith Family; Bonita Spradlin, St. Simons; Robert Stephens Family; Mignon Sterling; William Stoddard Family; Mrs. George Sweat, Jacksonville; Marjorie Sylvia, Brunswick; Jim Talley Family;

Betsy Thomas; Robert Thomas Family; Charles Thompson Family; Shirley Thompson; Debra Vasquez; Stanley Walko Family; Richard Waters Family; Linda Wells; W.R. Wells, Martinez; Emmett Williams Family; Henry Williams, Sr. Family; Edith Willingham.

Reminder: Saturday, September 18th. Meet 10:00 A.M., Kingsland parking lot across from the Methodist Church for ramble to Fort Caroline.