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HELP CELEBRATE THE PUBLICATION OF CAMDEN'S CHALLENGE

COME TO A PARTY AT BRYAN-LANG HISTORICAL LIBRARY

Tuesday, September 13, 6:00-8:00 Drop In

Guale Historical Society and Bryan-Lang Board members will co-host this evening of browsing, conversation and refreshments.

The new, revised, up-to-date 1994 version, hot off the press History of Camden County is now available. If you have not yet bought your copy, you might want to wait until the night of the "Coming Out" Celebration.

During the drop in hours the price of the book will be reduced by \$1.00 (to \$29.00), but you must attend to take advantage of this one time only offer.

In addition to current information, the history book has fifty more photographs and many more family histories. A number of families updated their information. Those that did not, the 1976 material remained as printed.

Misc. Facts and Figures Quoted From the Revised County History; (New information since original version was published)

Camden County Population in 1990: 30,882. In 1980 it was 13,371.

The local office of the Red Cross is located on the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base.

In 1987, Camden County ranked second in Georgia in pulpwood production.

The last section of I-95 was completed in 1978.

College programs are offered in Camden County by these colleges: Brunswick College, Brenau, Valdosta University, and Georgia Military College.

Limbs of the fabled oak of St. Marys, Washington Oak, are preserved in the restoration of the USS Constitution (Old Ironsides).

Woodbine's new city hall was dedicated June 28, 1987.

M.L. Hill's Kingsland drugstore closed in 1989 after being in business since 1921.

Over 40,000 people visited Cumberland Island in 1992.

Among the statements in the "They Say" chapter is this: "They say Kings Bay is the best submarine homeport in the world. Sailors ask to be transferred here because of the warm weather. They stay because of the warm welcome."

FROM OTHER AREAS:

The Georgia Historical Society offers three programs of coastal interest: Not Soon Forgotten, Pioneer Planters of the Sea Island, Christophe Poulain du Bignon: From Privateer to Planter. Speaker Dr. Martha Turner Keeber of Georgia College. Thursday, September 8, 7:00 at Hodgson Hall in Savannah. On October 13, The John Couper Family at Cannon's Point by Reed Ferguson. These lectures are free to Georgia Historical Society members and \$5.00 to nonmembers.

Hodgson Hall is located at 501 Whitaker Street.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Renewed since May newsletter and through August 10: Charles Davison Family (1994 & 1995), Greenwich, Connecticut; Carl Meeks Family; Mildred Ray; Debbie Britt (New); Patricia Barefoot, Brunswick; Mary R. Bullard, So. Dartmouth, Mass.; Selma Bunkley, (1995); Charlton County Historical Society; Vernon Johnson Family; W.C. Kirby Family (1995).

If you would like to join, send your dues to Guale Society Treasurer Mildred Walko, 800 Margaret Street, St. Marys, GA 31558. \$2 - student. \$8 - individual. \$15 - family.