



**HERBERT ROWLAND TO SPEAK  
BOTTLES, BOTTLES AND MORE BOTTLES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
GUALE ROOM, ST. MARYS LIBRARY  
7:30, Executive Session 6:30**

Herbert has been an ardent bottle collector for many years, searching through the ancient trash heaps of Camden County. He is not only a collector willing to display his bottles, but is also a student of the history of bottles.

Among those on display will be bottles of the historic Ross Inn here in St. Marys. (You don't know where Ross Inn was? Be sure to come to the meeting.) Mr. Rowland said that through his collecting he has proven that Ross Inn was not a mere rooming house in the "old days", but a pub as well. Long after the pub days, it became the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rudolph.

He will explain the difference between real and fake antique bottles, how to date bottles, and give hints on collecting. This is another of those "I can't miss this one" kind of meetings.

Herbert is a native of St. Marys with his maternal line stretching back here to the early 1800s and with a keen sense of what has gone before locally. He and his wife, Cathy, have done further graduate work at Oxford, England. He teaches Social Studies at St. Marys Middle School.

Many of you remember that he owned and operated Rowland's, the local supermarket, started by his father in the forties. This was located on Osborne Street in the building now occupied by the French Quarter.

We'll see you there!

### FAREWELL, DR. CHRISTIAN

As difficult as it is, we must bid a fond goodbye to Dr. John Christian, who has retired as librarian of the Bryan-Lang Historical Library. This takes away not only our librarian and president of the Guale Historical Society, but also a friend to all of us.

He will be returning to his and Mrs. Christian's home state, Alabama. So that you can stay in touch, his address will be 1200 Stephenson Road, Parrish, AL 36580. Local Historical Society members were able to give him a Godspeed at an afternoon "party" on August 29 hosted by the Historical Society and Library boards.

Dr. Christian has been the first and only librarian the Bryan-Lang has had, which means he was the one who set up the cataloging system-filing system and worked with the board in establishing policy. Under his leadership the holdings of the library have increased substantially.

Those of you who subscribe to the BRUNSWICK NEWS saw the June 8 article about the Bryan-Lang "Best Kept Secret in Camden". It cites some of the space problems felt by the library because of the many new and old books and documents that have been placed in the library under the guidance of Dr. Christian.

In 1990, Dr. Christian began his tenure as president of Guale Historical Society and has led it into years of unprecedented growth. When asked for a comment, Dr. Christian replied, "Just tell the members how much I appreciate everyone's cooperation in the work of the Society."

Thank you, Dr. C., for all the good work you have done in Bryan-Lang and Guale!

At the time of this writing (August 14), a replacement librarian has not yet been hired. This will happen soon, and details will be given in the October newsletter.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Program Chairman Rodney Sheffield has planned exciting programs for the remainder of the year. More details for both these programs will follow in October and November newsletters.

Be prepared for Halloween with a return visit in October by Frank Ward of the Enigma Society. He is a ghost hunter extraordinaire and lives to tell about it.

The October meeting will be, appropriately enough, among the ghosts of Orange Hall on Tuesday, October 12.

On November 9, Buddy Sullivan will be back with a lot of news about his latest book on Bryan County, plus more facts and figures than the majority of us can absorb. Buddy has the knack of turning out books regularly in addition to his full time job as manager of Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve.

### MORE ON SAPELO LIGHTHOUSE

Those of you who went on the Sapelo Ramble in the spring saw the newly renovated lighthouse. You will be interested to learn that the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, recognizing the significant contributions to the field of preservation, has awarded it the Governor's Award for Outstanding Restoration. Congratulations for a job well done, Buddy!

### WOODBINE HISTORIC DISTRICT NAMED TO NATIONAL REGISTER

In late spring, the State Preservation Officer announced that the portion of Woodbine bounded on the north by Second Street, on the west by Parker Avenue, on the south by Eighth Street, and on the east by Georgia Avenue has been named to the National Register of Historic Places.

These approximately forty acres were developed between the 1880s and 1947. It includes residential, commercial and community landmark buildings. The community landmark buildings include the Masonic Lodge (1896); St. Mark's Episcopal Church (1900); First Baptist Church (1934); Methodist Church (1896); Woodbine School, now a community center (1926); Atkinson Memorial Building (1947); and the Camden County Courthouse (1928). The courthouse was already on the National Register with a thematic designation.

The packet of material describing all the buildings and a map of the district are on file in Bryan-Lang Historical Library.

### GROVER ISLAND

A letter from Bill Jones, CEO of Sea Island Company, indicates that their plans to develop Grover Island will move forward. Further correspondence from the U.S. Coast Guard and the Fish and Wildlife Service shows that this development ~~will~~ not take place until full Environmental Studies are completed. Stay tuned!



A shot of the Cumberland Chapel missed by the media.  
Photo Credit — Carol Ruckdeschel

### MORE ROAD CHANGES

Camden County Commissioners are to be congratulated for tabling a proposed road name change at their August 3 meeting until further study could be done. Interested members approached the commissioners with a petition asking that the Old Dixie Highway near Waverly not be changed to Mullino Road. Dr. Christian consulted with County Administrator Barry King and learned that it was not the main road to be renamed, but only a short jog, Dixie Highway East. It was decided that this change was not a major problem.

Thanks to them for being cautious, because much Camden County history is being lost by administrative groups jumping into changes with no consideration for the county's rich history: i.e., a major portion of Colerain Road to Laurel Island Parkway, and in St. Marys Old Jefferson Road to Douglas Drive.

Dixie Highway predates U.S. 17 and was first announced in 1912 as a highway to stretch from Quebec to Miami.

It entered Camden County at the now dead town of Glenco and went west of Waverly, then southward to cross the Satilla River at

Hopewell. The ferry landed west of Woodbine, then the road moved east, but remained on the west side of the railroad until it turned toward Kinlaw and crossed Crooked River. From there it followed today's Martin Luther King Drive (another name change), went west over the railroad in downtown Kingsland, and headed south to a ferry on the St. Marys River.

### BURNT FORT SCHOOL

Camden County's only remaining one-room school is located near the rebuilt Burnt Fort Chapel and is in sad condition. Several years ago a move was afoot to restore it, but the move made little progress.

The July 23 issue of the TRIBUNE & GEORGIAN reprinted an article from June 19, 1991 about saving the Chapel. It included an item about the school. On the strength of that article, someone has now come forward offering to do just that. The Vocelle family has made a generous donation starting a fund years ago to that end, and it has been in savings. Now as this someone spearheads this project, you will be hearing more — and possibly be given a chance to make a contribution to this worthwhile project.

### A NEW BOOK ON ST. MARYS METHODISM

The St. Marys United Methodist Church is celebrating its 200th year in 1999. A number of exciting plans have been made with most activities taking place in late September and October. The local newspaper will be giving details.

As part of the celebration, a complete history of the church has just been released. This hardbound book by Eloise Thompson has not only the church history, but biographical material on the 200 years of preachers, early membership rolls, and marriage and death records. It also includes 178 pictures: early members, pastors, church scenes, and old buildings.

You may get a copy at the church office or order one from St. Marys United Methodist Church, 106 E. Conyers Street, St. Marys 31558. \$15 a copy, \$3 mailing.

### GENEALOGY CORNER — THE RUDULPH FAMILY

The following information is from several volumes of PIONEERS OF WIREGRASS GEORGIA and Oak Grove Cemetery records.

THOMAS RUDULPH, the son of Jacob Rudolph, was born in Cecil County, Maryland, December 3, 1750. His grandfather, Col. Johannes Michael Rudolph, emigrated from Germany about 1700.

Thomas Rudolph married Elizabeth Broom, the daughter of Robert and Frances Broom of Maryland. She was born August 11, 1757 and died February 24, 1844.

Thomas and his brother Michael were Revolutionary Soldiers, serving in Georgia.

Thomas lived in Liberty County, Georgia until about 1790 when he moved to St. Marys. He served as Camden County sheriff 1795-1798. He died April 18, 1811. He and his wife are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Marys.

Their children were: Michael, 1775-1829, married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. Robert, 1777-1817, married Mary Mickler, div. buried Oak Grove. John F., b. 1780, married unknown. Mary Matilda, 1782-1825, married Robert Ripley, buried Oak Grove. Zebulon, 1785-1825, married Elizabeth Sibley, div. FRANCIS (see below). Thomas Chevalier, 1798-1853, married unknown, Capt. U.S. Navy, buried Oak Grove. Mary Frances, 1801-1854, married 1. Joseph Bachlott, 2. Richard Hill, buried Oak Grove.

FRANCIS RUDULPH was born in Liberty County March 4, 1790. He moved to Camden County with his family. He married May 1, 1826 Mary C., daughter of John Bachlott. She was born May 1, 1806.

Mr. Rudolph was a planter with a home in St. Marys. He died November 10, 1855. His wife died June 28, 1867. Both are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Their children were: Elizabeth, born 1827, married Stewart Easterby. Mary M, born 1828, married John Tompkins. John J. 1831-1898, married Elenor Bessant (Herbert Rowland's line), buried Oak Grove Cemetery. Robert, 1833-1907, married Henrietta Einstein, buried Oak Grove. Virginia, 1836-1914, married A. H. Jeffords, buried Oak Grove. Francis T., 1838-1926, married Mary Hannay, buried Oak Grove. Letitia, 1841-1916, single, buried Oak Grove. Catherine, 1844-1911, buried Oak Grove.

### QUERY ANSWER

The May issue of Gualle News asked if anyone knew who Sarah T. Clubb, 1801-1884, buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, might be. Society member and Clubb descendant Jacki Biggane wrote that Sarah was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Miller Clubb. Thomas was the son of John, who came to Frederica with General Oglethorpe.

Jacki also sent much Clubb material, which has been placed in the Bryan-Lang Library for other researchers.

### QUERY

Gary Dickey of 30330 Meridian Circle, Union City, California and a new member of Gualle needs information about his lines connected with Camden County.

"I would be interested in getting in contact with anyone who has family information on Isaiah David Hart, the founder of Jacksonville, and his brother William, who was my ancestor."

If you can help Gary, please send him what you know.

### BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

A LAND SO DEDICATED. The history of Houston County by Bobbe Hickson Nelson. This includes more than 700 illustrations, 1830 census, marriage records 1825-1860, Confederate muster rolls with a lot of family information. Order from Southern Trellis, 1906 Northside Road, Perry, GA 31069. \$35 plus \$5 shipping. GA residents add tax.

The Historic Effingham Society announces the publication of JOHN ADAM TREUTLEN, GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNOR, HIS LIFE, REAL AND RUMORED by Edna Q. Morgan. Ms. Morgan describes Treutlen as "hero of Effingham County, staunch Salzburger, a Mystery Man, and a Patriot in Oblivion..." Copies may be ordered from the Society at P.O. Box 999, Springfield, GA 31329. Cost \$20 plus \$1.40 sales tax. Postage is included in price.

### NEW MEMBERS FOR 1999

Clay Adams, Lutz; David Baldwin; John Bailey Family; John Bowen Family; Mary Cassels, Jacksonville; Charles Curry Family; Gary Dickey, California; Tara Fields; June Jones; Jean Legner; Roland Loveless, St. Augustine; Kathleen Luke & Bill Herman Family; Lanny Morton Family; John Neff; Joan Padgett; Wilbur Sheffield; Joyce Steinecke; Joyce Warren, Baldwin; Nancy Wynn.

LAST CALL FOR RENEWALS: If you have a blue star on your label, this is your last newsletter. According to Gualle Society records, blue star labels mean no payment has been made in 1999. If a mistake has been made, call Mildred Walko 882-5294. If no mistake has been made, send in your dues ASAP to Mildred at 800 Margaret Street, St. Marys, GA 31558. \$15 Family \$8 Individual \$2 Student.

### IN MEMORIAM

Mary Miller

Claudia Blankenship