

Newsletter

OF THE ATHENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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January 2009

The University, Athens, and Georgia's Hidden War by Steven Scurry

Sunday, January 18, 2009

2:30 p.m. at the Georgia Museum of Art

***** note change of time and meeting place *****



In the spring of 1786, Abraham Baldwin tried to break ground and build the University of Georgia, but failed. In a letter penned that summer, Baldwin explains the reasons for the delays in getting the new school built. The last part of the 18th century brought hard times to Georgia as the new state's officials struggled to contend with the claims of the native Creek tribes to the Oconee River basin (the shaded area on the map above), and to control the flood of land-hungry settlers who had been promised land for their service in the Revolutionary War.

Drawing from 18th century manuscripts, historian Steven Scurry will give a presentation about the conflicts that postponed the establishment of the new state university, threatened new settlement in Georgia, and shaped state politics for a generation. In addition to the media presentation which accompanies the talk, period manuscripts and relevant historical artifacts will be on display.

A native Georgian, Steven Scurry grew up in Atlanta and moved to Athens in 1989. He has been studying the relationship of the Creek nation and the colony/state of Georgia and the struggle over the Oconee River basin for more than a decade. Steven is currently working on a book about this era of Georgia's history.

Note the change in meeting time and place above. There will be an intermission with refreshments. The meeting is free and open to the public. Bring a friend (or two or three) to hear this most interesting program!

It's time to renew your AHS membership! If your mailing label has "2009" above your name, your dues are current. Thank you for supporting YOUR society!

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Proposed Slate of Officers for 2009 – The nominating committee of Elaine Neal, Milton Leathers and Charlotte Marshall have announced the proposed slate of officers for 2009, and three new directors for the 2009-2010 term (see box below).

Our sincere thanks go to our retiring board members – Elaine Collier Neal, Wilson Elder and Jenny W. Best have completed their two-year terms. Outgoing president Mary Anne Hoit Abbe will be on the board. We appreciate their dedication and loyal service to the Society!

Proposed slate of officers for 2009

A. Blair Dorminey – President
L. Milton Leathers – Vice President
Elaine Collier Neal – Secretary
George W. Smith, Jr. – Treasurer
Eve B. Mayes – Historian

AHS Board of Directors

<i>2008-2009 term</i>	<i>2009-2010 term</i>
Charles Carter	Mary Anne Hoit Abbe
Fritz Felchlin	Jane Wilfong Mann
James Reap	Marianne Gordon Rogers

Upcoming AHS Meeting Dates

March 15, 2009 - TBA
May 17, 2009 - TBA
October 18, 2009 – AHS's 50th Anniversary!
December 6, 2009 – Holiday Party
January 17, 2009 – TBA

AHS Website & Information

www.rootsweb/~gaahs
email: ebmayes@windstream.net

50th Anniversary 1959-2009 – This is our 50th anniversary and we need your ideas and participation to make it a memorable year! If you would like to be on the committee for the celebration in October, please contact Mary Anne Abbe at (706) 354-8107, or by email at mhabbe@aol.com.

Athens Scottish Festival, Saturday, Jan. 24 – The Athens-Clarke County Library and the Lyndon House Arts Center partner with the Thistle and Kudzu Scottish Society of Athens to present a free festival of “All Things Scottish” on Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lyndon House Arts Center, 293 Hoyt Street, Athens.

The festival will feature activities, demonstrations, lectures, music, dancing, and exhibits for lads and lassies of all ages. A complete festival schedule is available at www.thistleandkudzu.net. For more information, call the Lyndon House Arts Center at (706) 613-3623. The festival is free and open to the public.

In Memoriam

We offer sincere sympathy to the families of these AHS members:
Dr. Elizabeth Clyde Aderhold*, Marion Mathis Allen, Julius Francis Bishop, Grace Hardigree Collier*, Jeanné McCommon Downs, William Loyd Florence, Jr., Mary Ann Chester Elder Gates, Margaret (Peggy) Printy Hartman, Ernestine Saucier Henkel, Harold B. Hodgson, Col. Howard H. (Mac) McWhorter, Jr., Rufus Reaves Paine, Sr., Jeanette Vandergriff Silvey, Col. Warren A. Thrasher, Hoyt Jackson (Jack) Turner, Louise M. Whitaker, John J. Wilkins III, Lovat Anderson Wilkins * charter member