

Tabby Tatler

Spring 2008

Dataw Historic Foundation Newsletter

Featuring

"Cotton Dike Cemetery Rededicated" and "Results of Underwater Search and Discovery"



From the President . . .

Welcome to the spring 2008 issue of DHF's semi-annual newsletter. This issue will tell you about the projects we have been working on since our last membership communications. Plus, it includes a complete report on our dynamic membership, currently at 330 members as of the end of April.

It is my pleasure to give you more details about some exciting news that was first announced by the Dataw General Manager/COO and the Boards about a month ago. The news, which has to do with the **Dataw Historic Foundation** and the Island's new Welcome Center, is twofold:

First: DHF will have a major involvement in the development of a professionally designed historic display to be featured in the main reception area of the Welcome Center.

Second: DHF will be moving most of the Island's artifacts, historic objects and archives to a new storage area in the Center.

The new historic display, referred to in the March press release as the "crown jewel" of the Welcome Center, will include a wall display of many of Dataw's valuable artifacts featured against a backdrop of interpretive panels. The artifacts selected for display will range from pre-historic pieces dating around 10,000 BC to many 18th-19th century pieces from Dataw's plantation period. The panels will be composed of a photographic montage depicting Dataw Island's historic timeline. In addition, the reception area will include the important B. B. Sams Plantation Model that had been located in the DIC Clubhouse.

Dataw Historic Foundation has been the caretaker of these artifacts and historic objects for over 10 years and is currently working with Kevin Rhatigan and a highly regarded museum consultant in Charleston on design ideas for the new wall display. Once approved by the Boards, it is hoped that work on the new historic display will begin in the fall and be finished by the end of this year. It should prove to be a source of pride for all Dataw residents and an invaluable marketing tool for attracting new people to our Island.

The second major project has to do with the move of the Island's collection of artifacts, historic objects and records from the Clubhouse (and even some resident's houses) to a new home--a spacious area in the upstairs of the Welcome Center. This area, which will be called the "Dataw Island History Center", will house a significant collection of artifacts, historic papers, photographs, maps and articles pertaining to the Island's history, its past owners, Alcoa's purchase and early development of the Island, etc. The area is large enough to house all of the Island's historic records in several new storage cabinets as well as providing some space to work on research and have small meetings on Dataw historic subjects. Ultimately, one of our key goals is to create a website providing on-line access to Dataw's rich and interesting history. We have already begun the process of accomplishing this by digitally photographing and scanning all of Dataw's history. We are now in the process of entering the images into a computer database system specifically designed for cataloging museum collections.

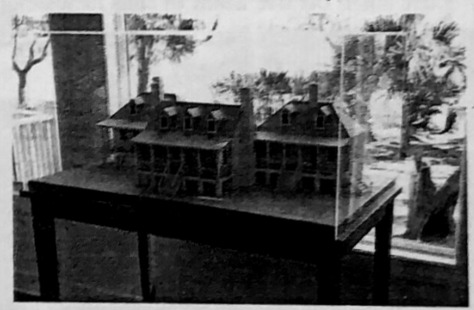
These two projects are probably close to the top of the DHF's "most important" list in its 10+ year history. Clearly, the success of the projects will be due, in large part, to the major support and help of our GM/COO Kevin Rhatigan and both Boards--especially Presidents Susan Beekman and George Beck. Please thank these special supporters the next time you see them.

And, when the projects are completed toward the end of this year, look for an invitation to DHF members to attend a very special DHF Open House. You will have the opportunity to see the new historic display and visit the new Dataw Island History Center.

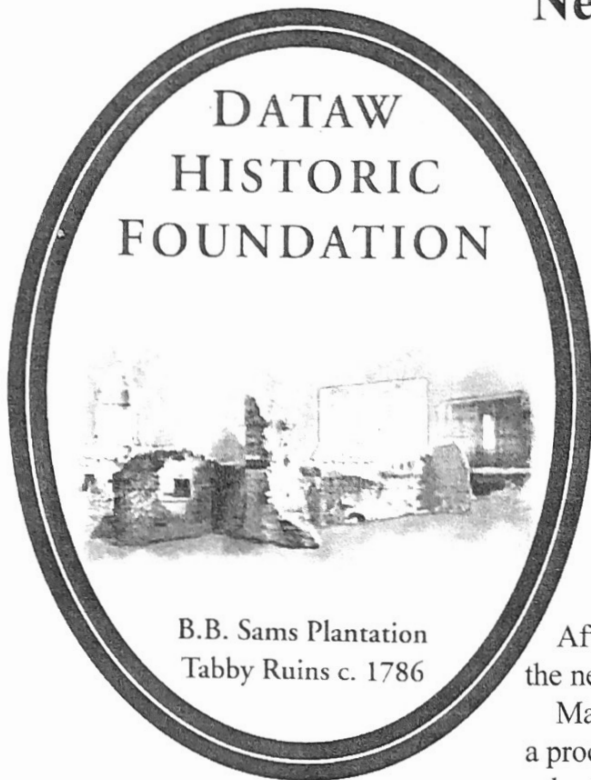
It should be quite a party! *Jack Brown*



Jack, Peter Pearks and Joel Holden move The Model, constructed by Jerry Hubbard, from the Clubhouse to the new Welcome Center



New Logo Unveiled



Marilyn Peck and logo designer Louise Coleman just after the unveiling at the Oyster Roast

After many design submissions, the DHF Board approved the new logo depicting the Sams Plantation tabby ruins.

Marilyn Peck coordinated the project, which became quite a process--designers submitted a variety of shapes, content selections and colors.

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DHF Membership Info

DHF seeks support from all Island residents. If you are not currently a member, please return the form on the back of this newsletter.

Correction to Fall 2007 issue. . .

The letter from the DHF archives mentioned in the *Tabby Tidbit* article did not contain a signature. We have learned it was authored by Brenda Norris, a most prominent early player in collecting Dataw artifacts and forming the "Ruins Committee." The DHF apologizes for this omission.

Note Cards Available

A local printer "found" 500 early DHF notecards on a shelf in his shop.

10 cards for \$10

Available at Community Center or Pro Shop
or contact Denise Ogden at 838-0077



2008 Oyster Roast

A great evening!

Plenty of fresh, steamed oysters, a great selection of food and drink, good music and an array of delicious desserts were featured at the 9th Annual Oyster Roast held on March 10. Under clear skies, 226 DHF members enjoyed a festive evening in the unique setting provided by our plantation ruins.

Chairs Leslie Holbrook and Carol Looney added grilled marinated chicken to the menu this year. It was a perfect complement to the many side dishes. Lynn Maher and Ann MacFarland coordinated the volunteers who made the fantastic desserts, which were served with coffee in the cannery.

DHF President Jack Brown welcomed attendees and introduced Marilyn Peck who unveiled the new DHF logo. Fans with the new logo were distributed.

Highlighting the evening was the drawing for six extraordinary raffle prizes. Special thanks go to Patty Gesell for putting together this profitable portion of the event.

Raffle winners were:

Cotton Dike Hole #4 photo donated by Dave Britton

--Rosemary Little

Unique dragon fly pin donated by Liz Blair--Sally Marks

Battle of Port Royal lithograph donated by Rhett Gallery

--Mike & Louise Koeters

Handcrafted quilted table runner donated by Ann Holden

--Lynn Scoville

Pair of handmade tabby planters donated by R. Wightman

--Marc & Luisa Viguera

Piece of Civil War "red tape" donated by Jane Griffith

--George Beck

Music was provided by the "The Breeze" combo, and caterer Michael Reeves provided, prepared and served the oysters, the chicken and the gumbo.

The Oyster Roast is the major fundraiser for the DHF, and this year nearly \$5,000 was raised to help fund projects. Thanks to all who donated raffle items; all who assisted in setting up, preparing and serving food; all who served beverages, all who bought raffle tickets and all who attended this "sold out" special event.

Ways to expedite some of the food lines are "in the works" as planning begins for next year's event.



Chairs, Leslie Holbrook and Carol Looney



Dessert Chairs, Ann MacFarland and Lynn Maher



Patty and Perry Gesell set up special raffle items.



2008 DHF Members

Membership Categories

- **Lifetime Members.** Those whose lifetime contribution to the DHF is \$2,500 or more.
- **Honorary Members.** Limited to those with an ancestral connection to Dataw Island. This includes Sams family descendants and family descendents of other prior owners of Dataw Island.
- **Friends of DHF.** Those who have made a significant contribution to or have a special connection to DHF.
- **Benefactors (\$250)** • **Patrons (\$100)** • **Supporters (\$50)** • **Members (\$30)**

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*Arthur is direct paternal great,
great grandson of B. B. Sams*

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"Footprints in History" Project

Discussion began over two years ago about dedicating an area (perhaps near the ruins) where engraved bricks or paver stones (heritage bricks) could be placed as a "living legacy" to residents or former residents of Dataw. The DHF is excited to announce approval from the DIOA and DIC Boards to begin investigating this new fundraising activity.

The project would be managed by the DHF and proceeds would go toward future DHF preservation projects or special programs to enhance the appreciation of Dataw's rich plantation history.

With the Boards' approvals, the project moves into an Investigative/Exploratory Phase with a preliminary recommendation expected to be completed by the end of the summer. This phase may have four parts:

Research possible sites

Perhaps prepare landscaping designs for preferred site

Locate sources for purchase and engraving of bricks/paving stones and establish pricing

Develop a profit/loss plan for the project

A recommendation will be prepared for the Boards with a plan for execution hopefully in place by late 2008. Joel Holden, Peter Pearks and Liz Blair are working on the project.

Did You Know?

One of the raffle items at the Oyster Roast was an encased piece of red tape from Civil War times donated by Jane Griffith. Why was this small piece of red tape significant?

During and after the Civil War, War documents were bundled and bound with red tape. When someone wanted to find a particular document, he had to

"cut through all the red tape!"

This is a prototype for a series of historical tidbits that will be regularly featured by the DHF. Liz Blair is assembling material from Dataw's archives.

Underwater Search and Discovery in the Morgan River

After the death of William Sams in 1798, two of his five sons, Berners Barnwell and Lewis Reeve ended up splitting the Dataw Island plantation property. B. B. took over the original house and buildings on the southern portion of the island while Lewis Reeve (some time in the early 1800s) built a home on the Morgan River and planted the fields at the north end. Records indicate that the chimney remains were part of a plantation complex built by Lewis Reeve. To the west of the MR #14 green, remains of a slave dwelling were found substantiating this theory. Evidence shows that the plantation originally extended into the middle of the Morgan River. The Hurricane of 1893 not only destroyed the house, but eroded a large portion of the land surrounding it.

On February 4, 2008, Deep South Divers presented to the Dataw Historic Foundation Board a proposal for a series of underwater "search and discovery" dives on the site known as "The Chimney," adjacent to the 14th fairway of the Morgan River golf course. The DHF was interested in any information regarding the type and layout of the structure, forensic investigation of life and the destruction of the structure, as well as any artifacts relating to the structure. It was hoped that there may be some evidence of an outline of the structure itself. Deep South Divers were contracted for "discovery without salvage" to find out if the site was worth further investigation and if future artifact recovery dives should be performed. They performed a series of dives using their boats, dive support and underwater scanning equipment to search the area. Side scan sonar technology was used to create several images and ensure that nothing was missed at the site (600 feet long by 500 feet wide). The scans showed several anomalies, which were investigated more closely.

A small piece of tabby and a quarter section of a plate were found, but there is no assurance that the plate is historically significant. Divers also found a large, box-like structure on the bottom near the mouth of Jenkins Creek. The structure was an approximately 30-year-old sunken barge (60' x 23' x 4') that may have been used to build some of the docks on the Island.

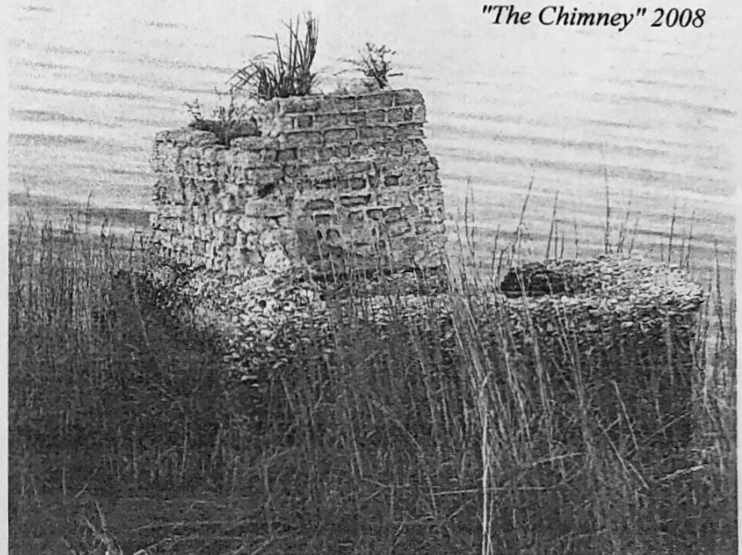
Results showed that the site contains almost no additional structure like the chimney and that historically significant artifacts are either already recovered, washed away, buried in the sand below the sea bed floor or nonexistent altogether. The river bottom out from the chimney is covered in sand, while most of the Morgan River bottom is covered in either mud or a gravelly outcropping. This brings some speculation that this sand may be the decayed building itself? Other theories also exist: 1) the building was in such a state of disrepair at the time of the 1893 hurricane that nothing remains; 2) the building may not have been made totally of tabby or other solid structure; 3) the structure may not have fallen into the river; 4) the site may be thoroughly sanded in far beneath the bottom.

The DHF does not plan to pursue any additional searches.



*Remnants of a plate
photographed underwater at
the site.*

*Deep South
Diver Lew
"SeaJay"
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preparing his
equipment.*



"The Chimney" 2008

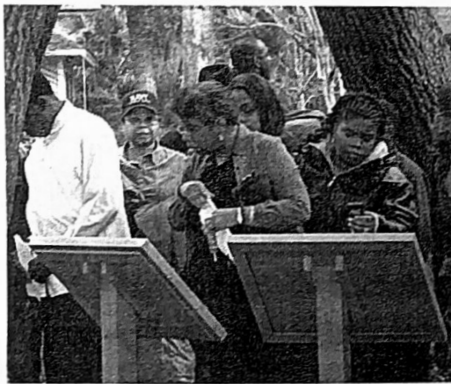


DHF Rededicates Cotton Dike Road Slave Cemetery

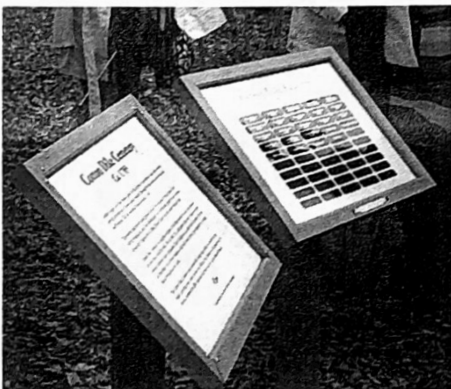
Prior to 1861, Dataw Island was a highly successful cotton and indigo plantation owned by the B. B. Sams family and worked by over 100 slaves. The work was hard, life-threatening diseases were unchecked and lifespans were short. Around 1785, two years after purchasing Dataw, William Sams found it necessary to provide a final resting place for one of his slaves. He chose, as a site for this slave cemetery, a small grove of live oak trees overlooking the marsh at, what is now, the end of cotton Dike Road.



No official records survive to tell us the identity of, or even how many slaves were buried in the Cotton Dike cemetery prior to the Battle of Port Royal Sound and the subsequent occupation of Beaufort by Union troops.



The flight of the plantation owners left the slaves, now free men and women, to fend for themselves. Most had known no other home but Dataw Island and elected to stay on the land and farm it for themselves. Separated by water from the mainland, these former slaves and their descendants developed a unique society—a blend of West African and 19th century American experiences with traditions handed down orally from generation to generation. Among those traditions were shoreline burial practices, which continued at the Cotton Dike cemetery until 1967.



In late 2006, with the aid of ground penetration radar technology, the DHF discovered what is believed to be the remains of at least 39 persons interred there. The actual number of gravesites is believed to have been much larger because over the centuries water erosion has obliterated a large portion of the cemetery.



In early 2007, St. Helena residents, Mr. Andrew Robinson (85) and his brother William (87), asked the DHF to consider a fitting tribute to their ancestors buried in this place. Andrew and William's father, Nathan, was hired by Kate Gleason in 1928 as a caretaker for Dataw, and his family lived here until Andrew was about 12. The family had also lived on Dataw prior to Kate Gleason's ownership. With Andrew and William's assistance, DHF obtained the names of 24 individuals believed to be buried at the Cotton Dike cemetery. Genealogical records were compiled by Nathaniel Robinson, nephew of

December 29, 2007

Andrew and William, from family bibles and from the rich oral history of the native Gullah people.

Two signs were placed at the Cotton Dike cemetery site containing the names of the deceased and a short history of the cemetery. A rededication ceremony was organized by DHF and the Robinson family.

On December 29, 2007, sixty-five members of the Robinson, Chaplin and Allen families, aged from 5 months to 95 years, gathered to recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices made by their great-grand parents to lay the foundation for their family. A number of current Dataw residents stood side-by-side with them in the gently falling rain praying and singing traditional hymns such as "Amazing Grace" and "This Little Light of Mine." After some short speeches by Andrew Robinson and family historian Ruth Marie Johnson, the signs were unveiled. Parents brought their children forward to point out, for the first time, the written names of their ancestors and to express to us their appreciation for making it possible for them to finally know where their relatives actually rested. It was truly a humbling and rewarding experience for all involved in the project.

The DHF thanks Colin McArthur and the DIOA for sanctioning the ceremony; Kevin Rhatigan, Emmett Decker, Christie Henry and their staffs for providing administrative oversight, security, crowd control and seating for everyone. Special thanks go to John Colgan for coordinating the entire project, making all the contacts and putting the program together. John was assisted by Gloria Cartwright and Perry Gesell. Thanks also go to Peter Pearks for constructing the signs and helping to put them up.



Save the date!
Fall DHF Fish Fry
Monday, October 13

Coming November 19
A Fireside Chat with
Larry Rowland

DHF Board Notes

Marilyn Peck and Joel Holden are looking at ways to improve website coverage of DHF and its activities.

Liz Blair is working with Jane Griffith on a special "Did You Know" section to supply interesting historical tidbits to readers.

Ann Craigmile is making updated revisions to the DHF brochure.

DHF also hopes to better inform residents of our activities through articles in the DIC Dateline publication.

Denise Ogden is working with Bonnie McDonald to create notecards from her prize-winning photo of the ruins.

The Publicity Committee has compiled a list of at least 7 of the Sams family summer homes in Beaufort. It is hoped that DHF may be able to assemble additional information about the families and these residences and possibly arrange some tours for DHF members prior to 2011 when Beaufort celebrates its 300th birthday.

Ruins Committee chair, Cathy Crocker, is consulting with two "experts" in cemetery preservation and conservation on repairing the crypt of Sarah Fripp Sams. She also reported that construction precautions will be taken near the cemetery as the Cotton Dike #2 green is moved.

Grounds chair, Peter Pearks, reports that there are new tags on plants in the Antebellum Garden. He has initiated a monthly sign cleaning program and is preparing two new signs which identify the ruins near CD #3 fairway and off the green by CD #9.

Jane Griffith and Barbara Clinkenbeard have been working hard at getting files and furniture into the Welcome Center so they can complete the more arduous task of getting the archives and artifacts in order in the new Dataw Island History Center.

Additional volunteers are needed on the DHF Board. If you are intrigued with Island history, consider being a part of this interesting and active group. Give Marilyn Peck a call at 838-2200.

DHF membership is at 330 as of the end of April. This is down from 360 members last year and far short of the 378 member goal for 2008.

Please, we need the support of all residents. If you have not renewed your membership or joined for the first time, return the form below. ↓

There's still time to become a 2008 member of the DHF.



Membership entitles you to attend DHF special functions; and, most importantly, it helps fund those projects which enable the rich Dataw Island history to become an important part of the total Dataw experience.

Your membership is tax deductible as we are a 501 C3 organization.

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Return this form to Pat Bell, Membership Chair, 226 Locust Fence **OR** mail it to
Dataw Historic Foundation • P.O. Box 819 • Beaufort, SC 29901



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May 10, 2008

Dear Neighbors

To the nearly 340 households who have joined the **Dataw Historic Foundation** this year, we appreciate and sincerely thank you for your support. For those of you who may have missed this opportunity, we need your participation during 2008. Our membership goal for this year is 370 + members or 47% of Island residents.

As you read the attached Spring 2008 edition of our newsletter, the Tabby Tattler, you will learn about recent DHF projects, events and activities. Noteworthy are the plans for a new historic exhibit in the new Welcome Center. The Dataw Historic Foundation has been active for over 12 years. Nearly 40 preservation projects have been completed, totaling over \$100,000. As you can see, DHF is actively preserving our rich island history.

Membership entitles you to attend all DHF special functions; but, **most importantly, it helps fund those projects, which enable the rich Dataw Island history to become an important part of the total Dataw experience.**

Your membership is tax deductible as we are a 501 C3 organization. We need your support and welcome your participation.

Sincerely

Pat Bell
Membership Chair

Dataw Historic Foundation 2008 Membership Campaign

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