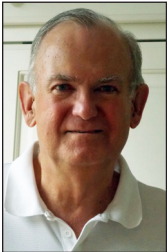


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From the President . . . JOHN COLGAN

I have wonderful news to report! At its annual meeting in late February, the members of the Dataaw Island Owners Association voted overwhelming in favor of the Dataaw Historic Foundation's plan to erect the Dataaw Island History and Learning Center. The Center will go on a plot of land within the Sams Plantation Tabby Complex that will be leased from the DIOA for this purpose. DIOA members voted 93.6% in favor of the proposal. We hope to break ground in the Spring of 2015. Appropriately, 2015 marks the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Dataaw Historic Foundation!

More good news! DHF has compiled the Island's history into a book entitled "*No Ordinary Place — The Rich History of Dataaw Island, SC.*" The manuscript is written, the picture selection is completed and everything is now at the publishers! We expect to have proofs back sometime in late spring or summer. In addition to archival photos and illustrations, this hard cover, perfect bound edition will feature spectacular full color photography of the Island as it is today. Our sincere thanks go to our photographers—in-residence, Dick Golobic, Denise Sullivan, Jim Williams and David Warren, who graciously gave us permission to reproduce their work for a good cause.

Perhaps the most ambitious and exciting archaeological project in DHF history will unfold this summer behind the kitchen fireplace at the Sams Plantation Ruins.

The Columbia-based archaeological firm, TRC Archaeologists, under the supervision of Colin Brooker, will be excavating the area to reveal what is thought to possibly be a cistern, a lime kiln or a pre-Revolutionary War building and Indigo vat. Indigo is believed to have been planted here by Lewis Reeve as early as 1770. Indigo-based dyestuff was exported to England where it was used to color textiles.

None of what I have mentioned could be possible without YOU — our members and volunteers! Your ongoing support of this quest to learn about our island paradise and to share that learning with others is heartening and humbling all at the same time. **THANK YOU!**



Save the Date!
**DHF Lowcountry Boil
at the Gazebo!**

Monday,
October 20, 2014

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A Tribute to Arthur Raoul Sams, Jr.

Known to the DHF Board as "the patriarch of the Sams family", Arthur R. Sams, Jr., passed away on March 26, 2014, at age 100 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Arthur was a direct descendant of the Sams family who owned Dataaw Island from 1783 until 1861.

Arthur and his family have been long-time friends and supporters of the Dataaw Historic Foundation, making generous contributions on more than one occasion. DHF recognized Arthur as its first Lifetime Member in 2006 and honored him at a "Sams Family Tribute" a few years ago.

Arthur grew up in Beaufort and lived for several years in one of the original Sams homes on the Point. He served in the Navy as a Lieutenant in World War II. Later he moved to Charlotte and ran a successful insurance business until he retired at the age of 86.

Arthur is survived by his three daughters (Susan Raoul Sams Allen, Sara Parker Sams and Martha Barnwell Sams), two sons-in-law, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Memorial services were recently held in Charlotte and Beaufort and the family chose DHF to be the preferred charity. Several members of the DHF Board attended the grave site ceremony at Parish Church of St. Helena on April 26.



Looking ahead! Save the date for
the Annual DHF Oyster Roast —
Monday, March 23, 2015

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If you are interested in working
 with the Dataw Historic Foundation
 contact any of the DHF Board members.

Tours of Tabby Ruins Continue to be Popular**Two OLLI Classes come to Dataw**

On April 16, 35 OLLI students enjoyed a history presentation by Joel Holden and a tour of the ruins with Joel, John Colgan and Jack Brown. On April 30, a second class of 33 was scheduled for the same presentation and tour. Unfortunately, extremely heavy rains dampened the attendance and Joel's history presentation in the Cannery. The crashes of thunder, loud drumming of rain on the tin roof, and the Island lightning sirens made hearing difficult. Just as the presentation ended, it stopped raining long enough to get the tour in before the heavy rain resumed.

The Dolan Barracks Tour

On May 1, the Dolan Barracks, a retired Army group that had been stationed together in Germany and reunites every two years in various places worldwide, came to Dataw. Joel gave his "12,000 Years" presentation in the Community Center followed by a walking tour of the ruins. Interestingly, one of the gentlemen in the group pointed out a crack in the roof of the Cold Room, which DHF will be addressing with Colin Brooker.

All persons in each of the tours were impressed with all the DHF has done to preserve Dataw's heritage and present its rich history.

Follow-up on Daufuskie Island Group tour in November, 2013

Jack Brown, in response from a request from Colin Brooker and Ian Hill, arranged for a group of 15 from Daufuskie Island to see what Dataw has done to preserve our tabby structures. Because of our tour, the group was able to obtain support to save their fragile tabby structures. They hired Colin and Rick Wightman to oversee and complete the necessary work.



The Daufuskie Preservation group listens as Colin Brooker talks about preserving tabby structures.

DHF Holiday Card

We are excited about the newest addition to the DHF stationary line. A **holiday card** will be available very soon. The cover of the 7 inch by 5 inch card is a picture of the Sams Plantation at the 2013 Luminary Night. Taken by Dataw resident Jim Williams, it is a hauntingly beautiful photo of our famous ruins.

Inside the card, is a simple inscription saying "May the Lights of the Holiday Season Brighten Up Your Days." It will be a wonderful card to use to keep in touch with friends all over the country. Packets will soon be available in the Golf Pro Shop and the Community Center.

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Major New Archeological Project Approved

... ANN CRAIGMILE

The DHF Board at its April meeting approved funding for a major new archeological excavation project to take place behind the kitchen fireplace structure in the Sams Tabby complex. This project will re-examine the site with the goal of ascertaining the structure's function and age; plus determine if, as suspected, the site includes an unrecorded 18th century component — possibly a cistern, indigo vat, lime kiln, etc.

Bob Welborn, DHF Ruins Preservation Chair, is coordinating the project. Colin Brooker, DHF Architectural Design Consultant, is monitoring the project, with TRC Archeological firm out of Columbia performing the excavation.

What appear to be the remains of a small tabby structure can be seen in the area. The foundation-like structure is not aligned with other walls and buildings in the complex and may predate the BB Sams building period. Initial excavation of the structure done by Brockington and Associates in 1983 reported “tabby rubble and fallen plaster in the interior. Beneath the tabby rubble was an oval tabby feature with curved surfaces. The structure was interpreted as a possible cistern at that point in the excavations. Subsequent excavations revealed a layer of lime at the base of the second tabby wall pour, overlying more tabby rubble. Beneath this layer of tabby rubble was a second layer of lime, overlying a burned layer. It remains unclear how deep the excavation into this structure extended. Consequently, very little data is available to help determine the function of this structure.”

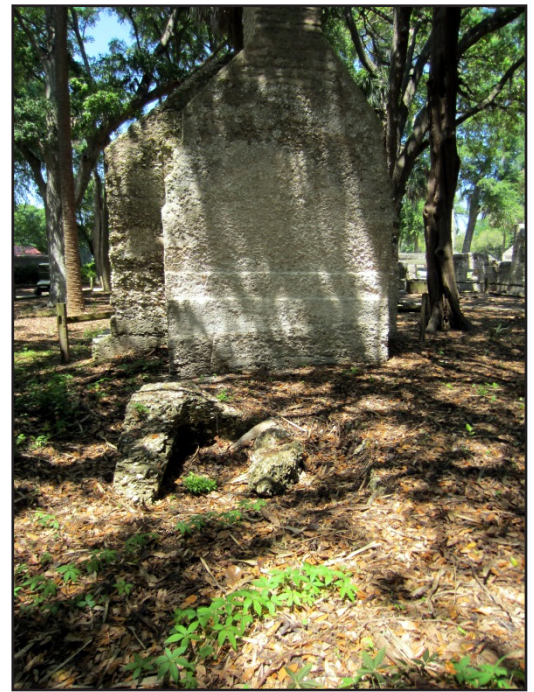
This Brockington report also noted that ceramic analysis of the artifacts from the collection from this site contains a higher percentage of earlier origin types than was typical from other artifacts recovered from the rest of the plantation complex.

TRC will assign a well-trained and experienced team of specialists to perform the cultural resources survey. Sean Norris, TRC Program Manager and RPA certified archaeologist, will serve as Principal Investigator. Ramona Grunden, TRC Senior Archaeologist, will conduct the field work and report preparation. Interestingly, Ramona was part of the original archaeological survey done in 1983.

The excavation archaeological fieldwork is scheduled to take four days. It will include:

- Removal of existing ground cover and spoil piles.
- Clearing of any fill or debris inside the structure.
- Formal excavation in areas that may provide additional insight into the structure's age and function.
- Reporting results — detailing methods along with photographs, maps and descriptions of 18th and 19th century cisterns, indigo vats and kilns as appropriate.

**Top photo is a view of the excavation site behind the fireplace.
The middle photo is the tabby foundation-like structure.
Photo on the bottom is the kitchen fireplace.**



Another OUTSTANDING Oyster Roast!

DHF's Fund Raising Co-Chairs, Diane Roney and Susan Jorgensen, thanked the Dataw community for their outstanding support of the Oyster Roast held in the ruins on Monday, March 24. Over 220 members enjoyed beautiful weather, oysters, gumbo and grilled chicken prepared by Reeves Outdoor Catering, while listening to Dataw's own Dick Nalwasky's band, "Sometimes Later." The evening ended with a delicious array of desserts in the Cannery, prepared by our own Dataw residents.

Raffle prizes were donated by: Arlene Peck, Breakwater Restaurant, Sweet Bay, Rick Wightman, Jerry and Linda Hubbard and Jack and Mel Brown, Rossignol's, and Donna and Martin Stearns.

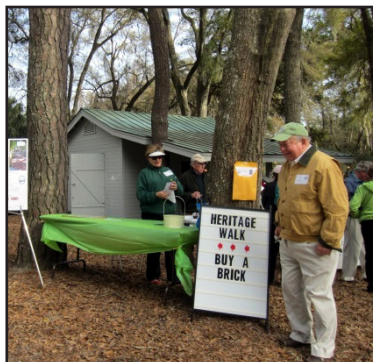
Raffle prize winners were Carolyn Collins, Butch Doerschler, Margot Eld, Frank Seguin, Jayne Krebs, and Barb Kyne. Barbara Dittmer was the winner of the Dataw Heritage Walk "Buy a Brick" special drawing, which supports the DHF goal to create a Dataw History and Learning Center.



2014 Oyster Roast Co-Chairs
Diane Roney and Susan Jorgensen



Arlene Cassutti and Kathy Stanton selling raffle tickets.



Marianne Beck selling Heritage Walk bricks



DHF President John Colgan welcoming our guests.



Peter Pearks tending bar!



Jack Brown and Colin Brooker



On the far left is Dataw's Dick Nalwasky on the harmonica with his band "Sometimes Later."



Betty Freer and Kathy Welborn, Oyster Roast Dessert Co-Chairs, point out their favorites. A lavish spread of homemade desserts made by Dataw volunteers was set out in the Cannery.

Eager diners digging into the pile of oysters. Reeves Catering kept a steady pile appearing all night long. The oysters were sweet and delicious!





The Dataw Heritage Walk
A living legacy to those who have made Dataw the very special place it is today.

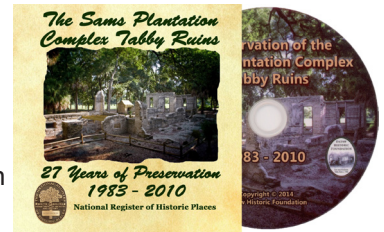
Who is included in Dataw Island's Living Legacy?

The engraved bricks in the Dataw Heritage Walk include residents who came to Dataw Island over a quarter century ago, up to and including residents who recently moved onto Dataw, along with the names of many of our employees.

Also in this list are the names of past owners of Dataw, such as B. B. Sams and Kate Gleason, along with descendants of the Sams Family, all of whom are part of our Island's legacy.

SPECIAL PROMOTION!

There has never been a better time to become a part of the Dataw Heritage Walk. Order your Dataw Heritage Brick now and receive a complimentary DVD documenting the preservation of the Sams Plantation Complex Tabby Ruins.



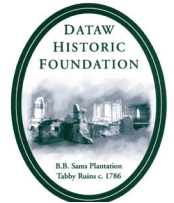
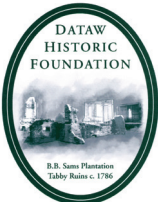
All revenue raised goes towards creating the Dataw Island History & Learning Center, to be created in the near future, and destined to become a significant part of the legacy of Dataw.

To purchase a brick, use the form below. Forms are also available in the Cannery and on the DHF website. **This would be a good time to add your mark to Dataw's rich history!**

DHF Dataw Heritage Walk Order Form

The Dataw Heritage Walk —

A living legacy to those who have made Dataw the very special place it is today.



Brick Cost: \$150. Please use one order form per brick.

Fill in squares with inscription letters using one letter or space per square.

Grid of 20 squares for inscription, arranged in two rows of 15 and a shorter row of 4.

First 2 lines: Limit of 15 characters per line, including spaces
Third line: Year of property acquisition or move to Dataw or employment

Brick examples:

JOHN & JANE
WILLIAMS
2001

THE WILLIAMS
FAMILY
2001

JOHN WILLIAMS
FAMILY
2001

JOHN
WILLIAMS
2001

ORDERED BY:

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Return Order Form & Check Payable to 'Dataw Historic Foundation' to: Peter Pearks, 1148 Palmetto Point, Dataw Island
or mail to: Dataw Historic Foundation, PO Box 819, Beaufort, SC 29901

2014 Dataw Historic Foundation 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 descendents 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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**Not yet a member of DHF?
 Fill out the MEMBERSHIP FORM on page 8 of this newsletter.**

**Help support our efforts to preserve
 this beautiful island that we all love!**

QUESTIONS?

**Call Membership Co–Chairs Susan Converse at 838–5581
 or Dawn Schuster at 838–2460**

DHF Board Notes

The DHF Board thanked the Propane Buyers Group for their donation to the DHF. This money is a welcome addition to the History and Learning Center fund.

The DHF Board officers held a small reception in the Welcome Center on May 6 for John Bonum Sams, Jr., and his sister, Julia Sams Holleman (great–great–great grandchildren of William Sams) who were visiting Dataw Island as guests of John and Judy Myers. Among the guests were members of the Sams family in Beaufort.

Fund Raising

Co–chairs Diane Roney and Susan Jorgensen reported a profit of nearly \$4,500 from the Oyster Roast. The Board thanked them for an excellent job.

Public Relations

Co–Chairs Marilyn Peck and Cindy Schafer showed a copy of the new DHF Christmas card featuring a picture by Jim Williams of the luminaries in the ruins. Cards will be on sale this fall.

The new DHF coffee table book, *No Ordinary Place, The Rich History of Dataw Island*, has gone to the publisher. This beautiful 9 x 12 hard cover volume should be ready at the end of the summer. Plans are underway for marketing this special edition.

Historic

Chair Joel Holden’s informative DVD, *The Sams Plantation Complex Tabby Ruins, 27 Years of Preservation, 1983–2010*, was part of a special promotion for the sale of bricks in the Heritage Walk. Buy a brick and receive a DVD.

Volunteers

Chair Joan Berra, reported that on April 1, four new docents were trained. Joel Holden shared his vast knowledge of Dataw’s history and instructed on how to conduct a tour of the ruins. Another docent training session will be held at the end of May. If you are interested in becoming a docent for the DHF, contact Joan Berra at 838–9935.

Membership

Co–Chairs Susan Converse and Dawn Schuster reported an increase in membership revenue with a total of 301 members as of May 1.

Long-Range Planning

Chair Jack Brown reported there are three activities in process for the History and Learning Center:

- 1) Drafting a land deed between the DIOA and the DHF
- 2) Developing early building plans for the new center
- 3) Planning for fund raising for the building

Ruins Preservation

Chair Bob Welborn is anxious for the excavation work behind the plantation kitchen fireplace to begin. Colin Brooker will oversee the project, which will take place in May.

Grounds

Chair Peter Pearks reported that eleven bricks were sold by Marianne Beck during the Oyster Roast bringing the total to 228. He also updated the Board on routine maintenance needed on the Cemetery Oak tree.

Not a member of DHF yet? Join today and help us in our efforts to preserve this beautiful island!

Dataw Historic Foundation 2014 Membership Campaign

**The Dataw Historic Foundation is a non–profit, all volunteer organization.
Your membership contribution represents a tax–deductible donation.**

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Make check payable to ‘Dataw Historic Foundation, Inc.’

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