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Tina Clune- CCHS Speaker for November

Tina Clune will be speaking on Tuesday, November 15th to the CCHS on the history of St. Simons Island, its former fourteen (14) plantations and historic landmarks. She will exhibit some of her photographs and images of plantations by Mildred Huie. She hopes to have copies of a CD she has recently recorded as a driving tour and history of St. Simons.

Tina is a member of the Abraham Baldwin Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Carrollton. She said information gathered from CCHS records has assisted members in their family research. Tina's family history, she has recently learned, goes back prior to the landing of the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. You can imagine the surprise at this news and understand her shock and disbelief. Tina's sister Ruth discovered this new information this past summer while tracing the family's lineage. Tina had already verified that she was related to President James Madison. During her research of the St. Simons Lighthouse, she discovered that President James Madison had commissioned James Gould of St. Simons to construct the first lighthouse there and serve as its Keeper.

Tina and her husband of 50 years, Tom, both love history and have enjoyed numerous antique collecting adventures. They once purchased an armoire made in New Orleans during the

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Tuesday, November 15th, at 6:30 PM
The Stallings Community Center Lions Parks Room
The public is cordially invited.

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1800s. Tina owns an iron and brass bed and a dental case owned by a relative who traveled with his unit from Mississippi to fight in the Battle of Peachtree Creek in Atlanta.

Tina is originally from Columbia in southern Mississippi. She has always had an outgoing spirit and served as both Miss Hospitality and Miss Marion County. Her career began as a Stewardess for Delta Air Lines. She loved her job and met movie stars Pat Boone and Robert Mitchum, Astronaut John Glenn, and basketball star Wilt “the Stilt” Chamberlain.

Tina and Tom moved several times and this provided her a career filled with different types of jobs. She worked many years as a secretary for Georgia Power and Southern Company in Atlanta; she was General Manager of the Wanderer Hotel on Jekyll Island, enjoyed working for a photography studio, owned her own One Hour Photo Shop, and now works as a real estate agent with husband Tom. Tina and Tom have two children: Shannon & Phillip Waldrop of Villa Rica and three grandchildren Lily, Abby and Wiley; and their son John & Suzi Clune of Lawrenceville and two granddaughters Ashley and Brooke.

Tina’s photographs have been requested and used for postcards by the St. Simons Lighthouse Museum and the St. Simons Tour of Homes committee for their tour brochure. Her love of the island and its history drew her to a wonderful friendship with Artist/Historian Mildred Nix Huie and her daughter Art Collector/Curator Mildred Huie Wilcox. This friendship provided Tina the opportunity to work on many small books about plantations that once thrived on St. Simons.

St. Simons history is extensive, from the founding of Fort Frederica and the town of Frederica by Georgia’s founder General James Edward Oglethorpe. General Oglethorpe selected St. Simons as the southernmost location for the protection of our state from the Spanish. Cannon’s Point Plantation at the north end of the island provided the tree from which much of “Old

Ironsides” was constructed. St. Simons lumber mills company store was serviced by Wright & Gowen and workers were paid with coins from the store. More than a hundred years after the lumber mills ended, Tina’s husband found one of these coins and it remains in their possession.

Retreat Plantation grounds are now known for international golf and the location of the Sea Island Lodge facing the Sound where ships from foreign lands travel to the Brunswick docks.

Christ Church, considered the birth place of Methodism by John and Charles Wesley still has services on the beautiful grounds where those first residents on the island worshiped.

Tina Clune’s photograph of the historic St. Simons Lighthouse on St. Simons Island



Rocky Ridge Battlefield Expanded

The Civil War Battlefield Trust or Civil War Trust, announcement about acquiring more land comes as great news to McDaniel-Curtis Camp 165 in Carrollton. An additional 301 acres of the Rocky Face Ridge Battlefield have been saved by the CW Trust. This battlefield was where Camp 165 namesake Col. William Erza Curtis was wounded and died. After Col. Charles McDaniel died at the Battle of Perryville, Ky., Oct 8th, 1862, Lt. Col. Curtis was promoted to colonel and led the 41st Regt. Ga Infantry for the rest of the war at Vicksburg and back home in North GA. Rocky Face Ridge, the ridge just east of Lookout Mountain.

The land, which saw the critical opening days of the Atlanta campaign, boasts pristine earthworks and also saw fighting during the February 1864 Battle of Dalton. The site, which features a continuous entrenchment more than 2,000 feet long, adds to the lands already preserved by the Trust at Rocky Face Ridge, totaling an incredible 926 acres saved.

The 1951 movie "Drums of the Deep South" is loosely based on the battle. As of Today the Civil War Trust has helped save the major portion of both battlefields where our Camp namesakes and Carroll County's highest ranking officers in the Civil War were mortally wounded.

The breastworks at Rocky Ridge Battlefield extend for approximately 2200 feet .



Croft Street Bridge

THE CROFT STREET BRIDGE

Captain David William Croft came to Carrollton to serve as a conductor for the Savannah, Griffin, and North Alabama Railroad Company (a predecessor of the Central of Georgia Railway).

He built his family home at 235 Croft Street. In order for his children to go to church without having to cross the tracks, he purchased land from James Tanner for \$65.00 and arranged for the railroad to build the bridge in its current location.

It's believed this happened sometime around 1874.



Request for Family Stories

CCHS wants your Carroll County Family stories for the Newsletters and for the Museum files. If you have collected genealogy information or have family stories that have been handed down, please contact the Society and let us help you document them.

Every member has information to share that would be of interest to other members. If you don't act soon to save those stories, they may be lost forever.

Please act now to preserve your part of Carroll County history!

HELP NEEDED to DOCUMENT MOORE'S BRIDGE

The Carroll County Historical Society needs your help in the following areas:

1. Information about when the entrance to the south end of the ramp to the Moore's bridge burned. Was it deliberately set or was it an accidental fire?
2. Volunteers to help with archival work for the society.
3. Committee of 2 or 3 people to gather historical information about the James D. Moore House and surrounding area, the people who lived there, and the farms, industries, and transportation network.
4. Documents from the 17th, 18th, or 19th centuries such as deeds, land grants, early maps of the roads, McIntosh trails or other Indian trails. CCHS will preserve original documents or make copies if the owner wants to keep the originals. The plan is to mark the roads, trails, etc on the site.

If you have information or questions, please call Scott Eldred at **770-295-9789** or **e-mail him at cchs6079@gmail.com**.

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