

## History Council Agenda

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 6pm

Arts & Culture Center

### Old Business –

- status of placement of Historical Marker re June 10, 1862 skirmish -
- status of re-internment of Simeon Pinckney - Michael Williams
- Update on research re James Island Airport
- Develop new areas for research and expansion of goals of the History Council in 2014: Establish coordination/cooperation with Charleston Museum; SC Historical Society; McLeod Plantation - CC Parks and Recreation; SC Battleground Trust; American Battlefield Trust, Fort Sumter Civil War Roundtable and James Island Schools. (I met on December 2 with the director of Charleston Museum; Old Exchange, and the director of the Farmers and Fisherman's Lodge on Sol Legare to suggest cooperation: all agreed to follow up with this idea.)
- lectures, demonstrations, at Town Hall, individual interests papers, etc.

### New Business – letter (email) sent to Charleston 250 (Brett Bennett and Ken Scarlett) 2/2/2024

- The Town of James Island has significant interest in becoming an active and contributing part of Revolutionary Charleston. Though not yet an active partner in Charleston 250 the Town has been showcasing and commemorating Charleston's heroes, people, places, and events that helped win American Independence "From First Protest to Final Victory". The Town's commemoration of the Stamp Act revolt at Fort Johnson in October-November of 1765 has been a recurring event since before the COVID pandemic. We placed an Historic Marker remembering the Battle of Dills Bluff in November of 1782 in 2016. We are contemplating, at present, adding to our 'store' of Revolutionary history on James Island with memorial presentations remembering the invasion of James Island late 1779 by British troops at the Hamilton Plantation (now located at the Dill Reserve) and the northwest corner of James Island (near present day Maybank Highway and Riverland Drive). Also to be considered is the taking of Fort Johnson from Patriot Defenders of Fort Johnson in February of 1780 by Hessian mercenaries in the employ of British troops.

These efforts have had a two-fold purpose: 1) to educate the residents, and others, of the major role in the War for American Independence that occurred on James Island in that vital period, and 2) to bring more tourist dollars to James Island and its municipalities: the county, the Town, and the city.

As Chair of the Town of James Island History Council I would ask that the Town be given a 'place at the table' concerning future efforts to mark the celebration of Charleston 250.

Thank you,  
Paul Hedden  
Chair, Town of James Island History Council

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting – March 5, 2024**