



From the January 1855 Savannah newspaper.

New Year's Day. - Monday was the day of general hilarity and pleasure in our city, although there were doubtless not a few whose bereaved hearts refused to be comforted. Indeed, beside the light hearted and gay, we saw the saddened countenance and moistened eye, betokening the absence of those who a year ago mingled in the festivities common to the season. Thus time flies, -- we live and "pass away."

The Savannah Georgian. January 1, 1855.

Carrots for Horses. - The English stable keepers are beginning to find that these vegetables form a cheap and nutritious food to mix with grain for their horses. It is better to give a working horse a peck of carrots and four quarts of oats or corn-meal a day, than give him six quarts of meal.



The Savannah Georgian. January 6, 1855.

Public Sale Day.

Monday last, the 2st, was "general sales day" throughout many of the Southern States; a day when Sheriffs, Executors, &c., offer property at public auction, to satisfy executions, to close estates &c. We notice from reported sales in various localities, that property generally brought good prices, affording gratifying evidence that "the times" are not as "hard" as has been supposed. In this city, Railroad and Bank stocks, lands and negroes sold well, bringing generally all they were worth. In Columbia, S.C., two plantations were sold: one for

\$6,000, the other for \$9,300. Negroes sold at a range of from \$150 to \$1,005, according to age, sex and condition. Girls from fifteen to seventeen brought from \$550 to \$750; boys, same age, \$600 to \$750. Eight negroes from one estate, averaged \$738 each. We need no better evidence than are thus afforded that the money pressure is by no means of a general or serious nature. As we have already said, the country is solvent, and business affairs will soon reguinate [sic] themselves.

The Savannah Georgian. January 9, 1855.

An ambitious man, by the name of **Shannon**, of parts unknown, was caught yesterday morning in the act of selecting for himself, and we learn with considerable taste and acquaintance with the fashions, a pair of boots from the Planters' Hotel. He was taken before the Mayor and after examination, advised to take a short leave of the city.

The Savannah Georgian. January 12, 1855.

Unfortunate Casualty. - We regret to learn that while the Marshall House omnibus was on its way to the Florida boat, yesterday morning, the bit in one of the leader's mouth breaking, the team become unmanageable, and ran against a dray, upsetting the omnibus and severely injuring the driver.

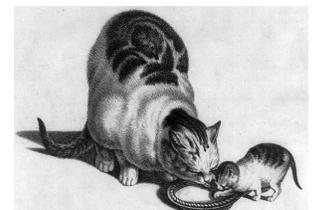
The Savannah Georgian. January 12, 1855.

City Ownership and Printing.

It would seem, from the report of proceedings in Council, that our City Fathers are reaching an alarming height of virtue. The makers of the old Blue Laws of Connecticut were

lax in the comparison. One of our citizens, Mr. AARON CHAMPION, was fined \$20 and costs, Thursday night, for *entering his own store on the Sabbath.* Advising to "set a better example to the rising generation," he was dismissed with the admonition to go and "sin no more." Another citizen, Mr. A. BONAUD, was fined a like sum for a similar offence. It was in vain that he plead the cause of a hungry cat. The logical Father argued that, the precedent established, Mr. CHAMPION might also have hungry cats to feed. Q. E. D., that is, Mr. BONAUD might not feed his cats on the Sabbath. A lady also, (for ladies are not exempt from their fatherly care) was fined 20 for allowing wine to be drunk in her parlor on the Sabbath. It is believed that ere long it will be considered in the Council Chamber a finable misdemeanor for a man to kiss his wife on that holy day.

But our virtuous fathers are thus exercising a paternal care over the city at large, it would appear they are not indisposed to take excellent care of themselves. All the emoluments of the City and the County Printing were bestowed upon one of their members, notwithstanding Rule xvii., of their own adoption, expressing provides: "That no member of the Board shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract, office, or appointment, to be made with or derived from the Board, and which shall have annexed



to it any pecuniary advantage or emolument.”

We are well aware that the rules of the City Council are not like the laws of the Medes and Persians, and may be suspended. We understand that a farce to that effect was actually played. The Council rules, however, are of respectable antiquity and based on common sense and common law. The principle of the suspended one, in particular, is we believe, generally regarded as sound, and constituting a just barrier against percolation and corruption. By what artifice this virtual Council will defend its suspension and virtual annulment, in their own case, thereby opening the City Treasury to one of their own members, thus made a hireling in their service, remains to be seen. It certainly seems to us worse in principle than feeding a cat on the Sabbath.

The Savannah Georgian. January 13, 1855.

Decay of Abolitionism. – Under this head the New York Herald notices the curtailment in size of the New York Times and the New York Tribune, the two devoted organs of Wm. H. Seward. The hard times have proved too much for abolitionism. It is shaky in the legs, as well as corrupt at the core, and can never stand up to a pressure of any kind.

The Savannah Georgian. January 13, 1855.

“A Fifth Avenue young lady, well known in fashionable society, was the recipient, on New Year’s Day, of the most elegant flower-gift we have ever seen in this or any other country. It was made in the shape of an elaborately-wrought table, with an octagonal base, enclosing in a canary bird, suspended under the central basket in a beautiful cage. The flowers were of the rarest – native and exotic – and we are told the cost of the piece of

supreme folly was \$200! The party who sent it is reputed to be a financier of decided ability and large landed interests.

The Savannah Georgian. January 20, 1855.

Returning from Christmas. – A large number of negroes arrived in this city last evening, by the northern cars, returning from their Christmas festivities. Their destination is on the Alatamaha, some twenty miles above Darien, where they are employed in the turpentine business. They left this morning in the steamer Welaka. They seem to have enjoyed their holiday vacation, and are in the fine health and spirits.

The Savannah Georgian. January 20, 1855.

Found – A handsome Port Monnaie, containing a lock of hair, some love verses and a lottery ticket belonging to class 16, drawn Thursday. The owner can have it by applying at this office and paying for this advertisement.

The Savannah Georgian. January 23, 1855.

The Weather. – After weeks of summer weather which reminds one of the tropics, the sudden change Friday night most people by surprise. Stock in winter clothing went up like fancies in Wall Street when times are flush. The mercury was caught as low as twenty five degrees in some places, we understand. Altogether it has been pretty tight times for the last two days. We have the consolation, however, of not being alone in misery. Last night’s mail brought intelligence that snow had made its appearance in many places in the interior. Everywhere it was bitter cold.

The Savannah Georgian. January 30, 1855.

GMH CALENDAR

January 2025

Monday, January 1 – House Closed

Monday, January 6 – 9 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. – House closed for environmental testing/Thermal Audit. No entrance.

- 1 to 3 p.m. – Holiday Decorations Come Down

- 4 p.m. – Training for -160TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 1865 OF 20 AFRICAN AMERICAN PASTORS AND GENERAL SHERMAN/SECRETARY OF WAR STANTON

Sunday, January 12 from 5 to 8

p.m. – 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC MEETING AT THE GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE ON JANUARY 12, 1865 BETWEEN AFRICAN AMERICAN PASTORS WITH GENERAL SHERMAN AND SECRETARY OF WAR STANTON

Wednesday, January 15 – The first Wednesday to be open.

- **5p.m.** – Keepers of Historic Green Meldrim House

Saturday, January 18 from 6 to 8

p.m. – **THE GREEN MELDRIM HOUSE PRESENTS A 19TH CENTURY MUSICALE AND DANCE.** \$20 per person in advance, \$35 per couple. \$22 at the door per person.

Tuesday, January 21 at 6 p.m. –

PARLOR PRESENTATION WITH Anna Habersham Wright Smith **ON EARTHQUAKES, CRANES AND PARAPETS:** ARCHITECT LEADS EFFORT TO SAVE JOHN NORRIS'S GOTHIC REVIVAL ROOF OF HER FAMILY HOME!

Monday, January 27 at 1 p.m. –

Sophie Meldrim Shonnard biographer, Jan Tuckwood, to speak to Docents/Volunteers and Toast to the New Year!

PROGRAMS IN JANUARY.

I. Sunday, January 12, 2025 – **THE GMH WILL COMMEMORATE THE GATHERING OF LEADERS 160 YEARS AGO: 20 AFRICAN AMERICAN MINISTERS MET WITH GENERAL SHERMAN AND SECRETARY OF WAR STANTON**

As a free community event, the historic house will be open for viewing from 5 to 8 p.m. Docents will be on hand to answer questions about the house and its history, including the momentous meeting. This will be a time to reflect on the occasion when men of faith, led by **Pastor Garrison Frazier**, were ask for direction by **General William Sherman** and **Secretary of War Edwin Stanton**, as the Civil War was coming to an end, and a new beginning for African Americans in the USA, not enslaved but free.

There will be a training for docents on Monday, January 6 at 4 p.m. for the event. Anyone interested is invited to attend.



II. A 19th Century Winter Musicale and Dance

When: Saturday, January 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: Drawing Rooms, Green-Meldrim House

Admission: \$20 per person in advance, \$35 per couple. \$22 at the door per person.

Reservations are encouraged. See Tickets at GreenMeldrim.org

Event: The Green-Meldrim House will host an early evening classical guitar musicale of mid-nineteenth century

songs in its Drawing Rooms. As part of the program, Harrison and Virginia Carter



will present a dancing demonstration. Attendees will be encouraged to join in with singing and dancing. Costuming is also encouraged but not required. Refreshments will be offered at intermission. “The program gives patrons an opportunity to hear the type of popular music listened to by those living in the Green home during the Civil War era. There is something authentic about hearing period music in a historic house. The dancing component offers a glimpse of life when intergenerational dancing in the home was a pastime,” said Jamie Credle, Executive Director, Green-Meldrim House.

Additionally: Bella Harmony – Audrey Allgaier and Joe Flanders will provide the musical entertainment.

III. On January 21 at 6 p.m. **Anna Habersham Wright Smith** will present a reprise of her program from September on her important preservation work accomplished at her grandmother’s house, the Green-Meldrim House. Many were unable to attend the earlier presentation of the program because of Hurricane Helene. Please let Jamie/Jennifer know your plans to attend in order to reserve a seat.

IV. **DRESSING JACKIE!** Sophie Biographer to Visit with GMH Volunteers

Jan Tuckwood, journalist and biog-

rapher, will be in Savannah on Monday, January 27. She offered to speak with volunteers about her work on a Sophie Meldrim Shonnard. She has a promotional video to show us of her soon (2026) to be published book. She adds, “I can talk for 30 more about Sophie and Nona and how their Southernness shaped their personalities and friendships... AND key players in their lives beyond Jackie.”
Delish!!



SHOP NEWS:

The GMH will get new equipment that will improve both the shop and the front door sales processes. It is a good thing! Looking forward to an easier time of it!

- **Shop helpers:** Thank you for your good work during the holiday season. Would love to have help in Sophie’s Shop throughout the year. Sign up on **Sign-Up Genius**.

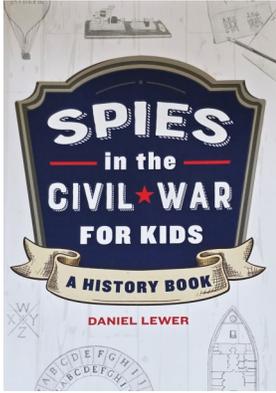
- **Sale on Christmas Items:** Many holiday gift items are on sales. Check out good values – many of them are sweet smelling.

- **Book Description –**

SPIES IN THE CIVIL WAR FOR KIDS

A book worth looking into in Sophie’s Shoppe is “**Spies in Civil War for Kids**,” written by Daniel Lewer, an award-winning teacher from Hawaii, who also has an online education program.

While the book is geared to students between the age 7 and 12, parents may also find it fascinating, because it tells of Confederate spies coming back from overseas and entering the US via Canada, only to be arrested by the



Pinkerton Men, as were **Charles Green**, his sister and **Andrew Low** and his wife.

Young readers may

be surprised by the spy gadgets available then, as well as the cross section of fascinating people, who played key roles in the Civil War. There is a chapter about Black Dispatchers, Black Freedmen, who could slip through secret trails in the backcountry to bring valuable information to Union generals.

Harriet Tubman was an effective spy, as was **Mary Louvestre**, who was a slave in the home of an engineer whom she overheard telling about the ironclad CSS Virginia. Knowing it posed a danger for the Union's wooden ships, she stole the plans, escaped to the North and showed the plans to top officials in the US Navy.

There is also a chapter on female spies active in the Civil War and how they hid important documents in their hair-do's and under their voluminous skirts, and even in eggs, not to mention baking pistols inside bread.

This is the history of the Civil War from a different angle that youths and adults may find surprising, enlightening and fascinating.

Also in the Shoppe is a children's book that can accompany **Susie King Taylor's** memoir.

Marty Barnes

DOCENT NEWS:

- **New Era!** The GMH will open five days a week as we add Wednesday to our schedule on January 15. This reflects an ambitious prospect for the house. Can we staff the house adequately five days a week? We are saying, YES, WE CAN! Please sign up to help either as a docent, door person/greeter or a shop worker. It all depends on you.

- Training Planned for February:

We plan to offer Docent Training on four consecutive Mondays beginning February 10 through March 3rd from 9:30 until 12:30 p.m.

Please let your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances know that his opportunity is available.

YOUTH GUIDE NEWS:

December saw a burst of Youth Guide energy. A *Google* review from one of their tours relates, "Loved our youth tour guides They handled difficult historical topics well while also bringing energetic spirit to the tour of this Savannah treasure." The GMH now has ten full-fledged teenage tour guides.

WORTH MENTIONING:

- **December was nonstop revelry, celebration and tours.** There are many people to thank in navigating the month. If we left your name off the list, know it was not intentional.

- **Extra Tours:** We proved we can handle extra tours in addition to daily tours. There were four specials during the month including one on a Monday (when we are normally closed) and one at 9 a.m. on the day after Christmas. Thank you to **Leigh Anne Hanie, Raleigh Marcell, Rolanda Powell, Karen Menatti, John Sorel, Steve Whiteway,** and **Janet Willingham** for showing

our visitors a great time.

- **Savannah VOICE Festival:**

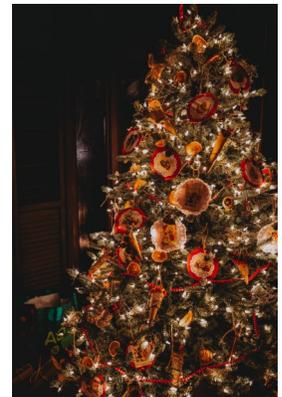
Our partnership with the SVF was magical in December with the performance in the North Drawing Room by four opera singers, dare I call them Divas! The musical selections revolved around Paris as did the food/drink and table display.

Our friends with SVF provided the food, talent and much of the prep/clean-up. Our contribution was the venue, bus help, bar help and some kitchen assistance. Thank you to GMH helpers: **Sue Portner, Pam Tucker, Gena Fausel, Tim Fausel, Jennifer McCarthy, Sue Leggs,** and **Kathy Ogden.**

- **Combo Catering Help:** Pam **Tucker** was a needed assistant with food preparation and service for the December 12's house/church combo tour.

- **Community Christmas Party:** Volunteers, Friends and their invited guests celebrated the season at the GMH Christmas Party on December 19. Those assembled were treated to a viewing of the Rectory with interpretation provided by **Tru** and **Robert Helms**. Special thanks to **Father Dunbar** for allowing us into his home as well as to **Tru** and **Robert**. Having the opportunity to view it was a rare and welcome treat! Our table "runneth over." Thanks to all who added to it. **Sue Legg** bartended. An extra big

shout out to **Cathy Ogden**, who washed dishes much of the evening and to **Savanna**



Padgett (of Noble Jones Tours) who took over once Cathy was done! Everyone liked **Raleigh Marcell's** reading of letters exchanged between William T. and Ellen Sherman. Pianist **Jill Smith** played for the celebration and made the atmosphere festive. It was lovely to see the celebrants linger by the piano.

- **Downtown Neighborhood Association Christmas Tour of Homes:** They weren't and then they were going to have a Christmas tour this year. The GMH was happy to open the house for the community-spirited day on December 14. We scheduled docents and workers to best accommodate the type of visit ToH's people wanted – a brief walk-through. Thank you to our docents who accommodated.

- Thank you for all the help and extra help in December! You know who you are. You helped spread Christmas cheer.

- **Christmas in Wartime:** Our living history show was a success with all performances filled to capacity. Being able to put on such a show is a lesson in generosity by the performers who were **Anne Hagan, Molly Hall, Margaret Highland, Lisa Holbert, Jody Levy, John Leonti, Jennifer McCarthy, Raleigh Marcell, Denise Thompson, Greg Vach, and Jan Vach**, plus musical performers **Audrey Allgaier** and **Joe Flanders**. They provided their commitment to the program, learned their lines, followed direction and were present for the three day production after Christmas. They provided their costumes as well. Thanks to **Jill Wert**, who did not perform for the program, but provided her costume to be used by someone else. She also visited all of the concierges in the Landmark District, informing them of the program

and reminding them of the GMH. A huge shout out to **Sherry Holtzclaw, Karen Keaton** and **Susan Legg** for manning the front door, checking guests in and monitoring sales receipts each night from the front porch! **Raleigh Marcell** is commended for putting together the show and directing its performance. So many good people!



- **Friends Program:** Along with programs, the GHM got out its **Annual Giving Campaign** letter requesting financial assistance for general operating support. Please know that keeping the house open, staffed and clean is an expensive undertaking. If you are able, we encourage you to make a financial commitment to the house, a place you care about and want to see prosper. The **Keepers of GMH** are conscientious managers of the house's finances. They direct resources to needed operations and capital projects. Every bit of assistance is appreciated. Thank you to those who have answered the call.

- **New Year:** Everyone at the GMH is looking forward to working with you in the New Year!

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF
PLANNED PROGRAMS FOR
THE WINTER AND EARLY
SPRING.**

**Fridays and Saturday evening in
February at 5:30 p.m. – Potable
Gold: Savannah's Madeira Tra-**

dition. (Saturday, February 1; Friday, February 7; Saturday, February 8; Friday, February 14; Saturday, February 15; Saturday, February 22; Friday, February 28)

Sunday, February 9 from 2 until 5 p.m. – SuperMuseumSunday.

We will need volunteer assistance for the house to be open for this free community-wide event.

Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30pm/ Program at 6pm – Savannah Chapter/Victorian Society in America, Inc.

Topic and Speaker TBA

Tuesday, March 4 at 6 p.m. – Talk and Book Signing with Bennett Parten, PhD. *Somewhere Toward Freedom: Sherman's March and the Story of America's Largest Emancipation.*

March 7 through 9 – Savannah Architecture and Antiques weekend

Friday, March 7 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. – Grand Gala and Auction at Green-Meldrim House

March 8 at 11:30 a.m., Plant Riverside's Salzburg Ballroom – Keynote Luncheon and Book Signing with Keynote Speaker, James Farmer – Saturday, Saturday, March 8 – Private Home Tour – The Stoddard-Lawton House

Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. – Green-Meldrim House/Savannah VOICE Festival: Salon Series/ Mediterranean Voyages

Thursday, March 20 at 6 p.m. – Recognizing the 250th Anniversary of Lafayette's Return Visit to American/GMH Parlor Presentation: Lafayette and His Visit to Savannah 1825 with Jamie Credle and Raleigh Marcell.

Tuesday, March 25 at 5:30pm/ Program at 6pm – Savannah

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America, Inc.
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TOUR GUIDE SPOTLIGHT

Samantha Lehto.

Twin Sister: My sister,
Natalie Lehto, is my twin.

Born in: Virginia – Alexandria. My
family moved to Savannah in 2013.

School: I am a junior at Savannah
Arts Academy.

Major: Visual Arts

**How long have you been involved
with the GMH?** I participated in the
first Youth Guide class at the GMH.
I have been involved for a year and a
half.

**Why did you get involved the
GMH?** I wanted to try something
new. I was already interested in his-
tory. I thought it would be good in
improving my communication skills.

**What do you like best about the
GMH?** Architecture and the deco-
rations!

**What do you do for fun outside
the Green Meldrim House?** I like
to hang out with friends and play
video games. I am an outside hitter
on SAA volley team – SAA team.
We went to the state championship
this past fall.

**What are your hopes and dreams
for the GMH?** That it becomes
super famous.

**What are your
college plans?**
My choices are
UGA, GCSU,
Agnes Scott – 1,
2, 3.

**Do you have
career plans?** I
hope to do something with interna-
tional relations – business or finance.
I am taking Spanish.



A LOOK AT THE GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE GUEST REGISTER

**During the month of December
2024**, the Green-Meldrim House saw
visitors from all over the US and
world. Interesting hometown names
include Scottsdale, AZ; Port Orange,
FL; Shawnee, Kansas; B. Verwick,
Maine; Escanaba, MI; High Point,
NC; Oswego, NY; Marblehead, MA;
Crystal Lake, IL; Rising Sun, Indiana;
South Lyon, MI; Roseville, MN;
Portsmouth, NH; Milwaukee, WI;
etc. Our international guests, who
signed the register, were from Syd-
ney, Australia; Normandie, France;
Germany; Wexford, Ireland; Tel
Aviv, Israel; Lithuania, and Norway.

**How did they hear about the
Green-Meldrim House?** Jude, Just
visiting, Gordon Low House, from
family member, Francie, hotel bro-
chure, Google, Andrew Low House,
walking around Savannah, carriage
tour, church next door, Concierge –
Andaz, Visitor Center, Internet
search, book, online, Road Scholar,
John Sorel, Molly Jones, daughter.

Comments: *Fantastic! Love it.
Beautiful house. Great! I love this
tour – such history! Amazing tour
guide & such great history . .
.thank you! Lovely home and
tour. Wonderful Christmas décor.
Such an amazing house – what a
wonderful tour by Debbie.
Learned so much! Txs! Thanks a
lot/Jan was super! Charming!
John gave a great tour. Terrific!
Jude is a wonderful guide. So
worthwhile – lovely docent.*

ELLEN AND *CUMP* COMMUNICATIONS – JANUARY 1865

To Mrs. Sherman

Geo., January 2, 1865

“. . . I am now in a magnificent man-
sion living like a gentleman, but soon
will be off to South Carolina and
then look out for breakers. You may
count on my being here till the 15th.
I have not yet had one word from
you since you knew of my having
reached the coast, and only know of
the death of our little boy from the
New York papers of December 22,
but was in a measure prepared for it
by your letter received by Kingston. I
suppose you feel his loss far more
than I do because I never saw him,
but all the children seemed to be so
attached to him that you may be so
grieved at his death you cannot write
to me. I know by the same source
that you are now in South Bend in
Mrs. Colfax's house. It must be very
cold there. It is really cold here,
though the sun shines warm and the
trees have green leaves. Of course
no snow, but ice found in the gutters
and on the pond. General Barnard
got here last night from General
Grant with dispatches, which I have
answered, and the clerks are copying
my letters and as soon as finished I
will send a flat steamer to Port Royal
whence a sea steamer will go to City
Point and thence this letter will be
sent to you . . .

“. . . I have received from high
sources highest praises and yester-
day, New Year, was toasted, etc.,
with allusions to Hannibal, Caesar,
etc., but in reply I turned all into a
good joke by saying that Hannibal
and Caesar were small potatoes as
they had never read the New York

Herald, or had photography taken. But of course, I feel a just pride in the confidence of my army, and the singular friendship of General Grant, who is almost childlike in his love of me. It does seem that time has brought out all my old friends, Grant, Thomas, Sheridan, etc. All sorts of people send me presents and I hope they don't slight you or the girls. I want little in the way, but I think you can stand a good deal. Thus far success has crowned my boldest conceptions and I am going to try others quite as quixotic. It may be that in spite of my fears I may come out all right. Love to all."

January 5

"There are some very elegant people here, whom I knew I better days and who do not seem ashamed to call on the 'vandal chief.' They regard us just as the Romans did the Goths and the parallel is not unjust. Many of my stalwart men with red beards and huge frames look like giants, and it is wonderful how smoothly all things move, for they all seem to feel implicit faith in me not because I am strong or bold, but because they think I know everything."

"I would not be surprised if I would involve our government with England. I have taken all the cotton as prize of war, thirty thousand bales, equal to thirteen million of dollars, much of which is claimed by English merchants. I disregard their consular certificates on the grounds that this cotton has been notoriously employed to buy cartridges and arms and piratical ships, and was collected here for that very purpose. Our own merchants are equally culpable. They buy cotton in advance and take the chances of capture, and then claim . . ."

Home Letters of General Sherman.

Edited by M. A. Dewolfe Howe. New York. 1909.

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PLAN FOR THE MALL! LANDSCAPING AND HARDSCAPING TO BEGIN SOON

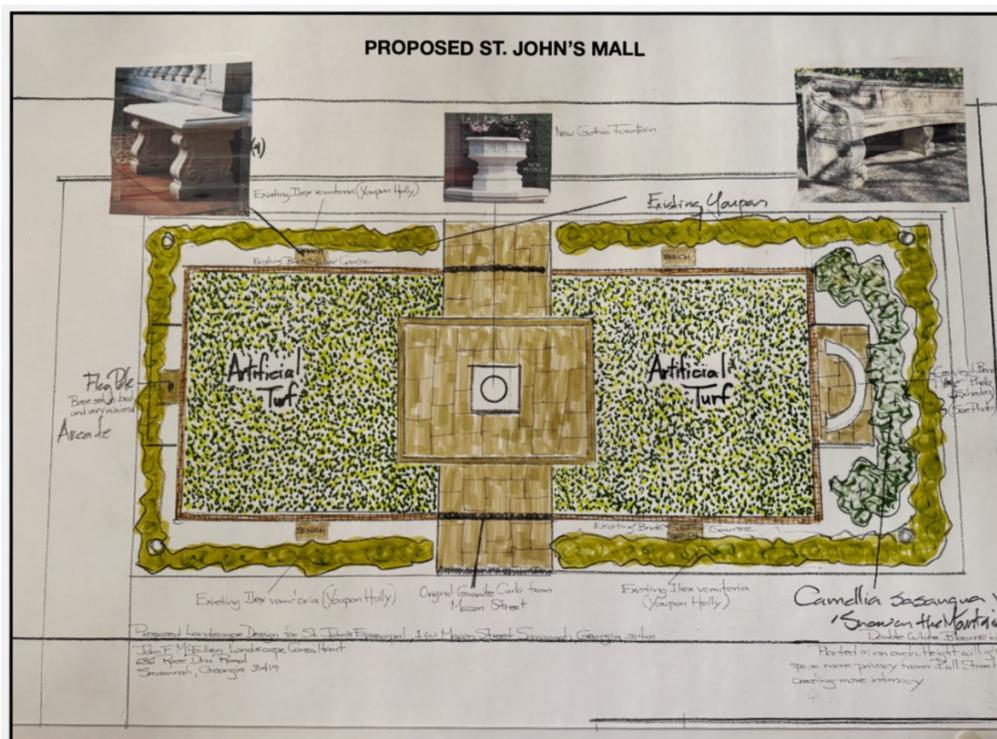
The process leading to the plan was led by Vestry members Sherry Holtzclaw and Terry Pindar. The final plan was prepared by Landscape Consultant **John McEllen**, who is known throughout Savannah for his work on both public and private landscapes and gardens, and who maintained the present mall for over two decades. Inspired by the architectural importance of the Green-Meldrim House and St. John's Church his plan seeks to unify the space and complement the existing architecture.

- The existing **hedge** surrounding the mall will be rejuvenated and pruned, with larger openings to facilitate movement in and out of the space. Four cast-stone **benches** will provide seating inside the enclosure, in a warm ivory tone chosen to complement the paint colors of the Green-Meldrim House doors and church's window trim.

- The existing fountain (with its safety hazards) will be replaced by a cast-stone **fountain** (of the same color as the benches) whose design nods to the Gothic decorative detail of the Green-Meldrim House and the Church's baptismal font. (Acknowledgment of the donors of the existing fountain will be retained.) **Stone pavers** to match those already in place – some of which have been sourced from another historic Savannah property – will surround the fountain to provide for a central gathering spot.

- As natural grass is problematic in this site (especially in muddy seasons), water-permeable synthetic **turf** – already in use at the Ships of the Sea Museum and the Mercer House, as well as other private properties in the historic district – will be installed on either side of the fountain hardscaping. This will result in a surface that is handsome, durable and functional, with lower maintenance costs and color throughout the year.

- At the east end of the site, a semi-circular stone **exedra** provides a space for conversation, contemplation, or performance. The **flagpole** will be re-



positioned at the west end of the space to eliminate a tripping hazard. Both ends of the mall will be framed by plantings of classic white **sasanqua** camellias

- Low-voltage ground level **lighting** will enhance and define the space, provide improved safety and showcase the architectural details of the north wall of the Church.
- As part of the overall commitment to the project, an **endowment** will be established to

provide in perpetuity for the site's ongoing needs, maintenance and upkeep.

Because of the generosity of a parishioner family's major gift, we are poised to break ground on the project as early as January 2025. The Church is seeking additional funding, and soliciting donations of any amount. A few on-site donor recognition opportunities have been designated and are set forth below. All

gifts are needed and will be celebrated and recognized at an appropriate time and manner in a written listing of donors.

There are on-site donor recognition opportunities including the fountain, exedra, endowment, lighting and a bench. See St. John's Church for more information.

From St. John's Church.





GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE
presents a
PARLOR PRESENTATION/RESCHEDULED

EARTHQUAKES, CRANES AND PARAPETS:
How a Local Architect Led the Team that Saved John Norris's Gothic Revival Roof of Her Family Home!

Lecture with Architect **Anna Habersham Wright Smith**

Tuesday, January 21 - 6 pm
Green-Meldrim House
14 W. Macon, Savannah GA 31401
on Madison Square

RSVP to reserve a seat by 1/20/2025 info@GreenMeldrimHouse.org