

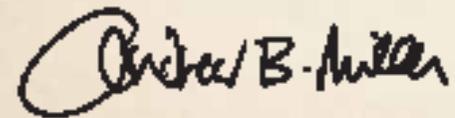
Introduction

Dear Reader,

In creating our Historic Hospitality series of books, it is my sincere desire, as publisher, to present a beautifully crafted book that relates the cherished history of each property and offers beautiful historic and contemporary photography as well as delicious recipes unique to the property, thereby making it the perfect memoir of your visit or a very special gift for a friend. Throughout the exemplary collection, the Historic Hospitality series showcases the craftsmanship of Mary Lawson and her excellent skills as a writer, photographer, and editor. We are proud to include historic St. Simons and Sea Island Georgia, as one of our featured Historic Hospitality sites.

It is our pleasure to share its story here with you.

Sincerely,



Andrew Miller
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THE WAY OF WAR

Today's state of Georgia was the center of conflict between Spain and Britain for centuries. When England laid claim in Georgia, the island became a military base two years after General James Oglethorpe founded the colony of Savannah. In 1736, Oglethorpe built Fort Frederica as a permanent English settlement to defend against possible attack by the Spanish from the south. In addition, a military road was built southward as well as a battery named Fort St. Simons as fortifications on Jekyll Island and Cumberland Island to the south. In 1742 a Spanish fleet with three thousand men from St. Augustine indeed attacked St. Simons from the south. Oglethorpe withdrew his men from the battery back to Frederica. The Spanish were led into an ambush in the marsh. So many Spaniards were slain that the battle became known as the Battle of Bloody Marsh. The Spanish withdrew, thinking they had been surrounded by a superior force. After Oglethorpe's return to England in 1745, the troops stationed at Frederica were withdrawn. The town of Frederica reached its high tide in the mid 1700s, but then quickly deteriorated and was eventually destroyed by a fire leaving only echoes of the past. The ruins are still visible today. A few settlers remained on the Island to harvest the ancient live oaks. Cutting of timber made way for the next era to arrive on the stage of St. Simons.





2 cups all purpose flour
2 cups brown sugar
1/2 tbsp baking soda
1/2 tbsp salt
1 tbsp baking powder
1/4 cups oatmeal

3/4 cups chopped pecans
1/2 cup raisins
2 cups buttermilk
2 sticks butter, melted
2 eggs





COCONUT BREAD

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| 1 | egg | 3 | teaspoons baking powder |
| 1 1/2 | cups milk | 1/2 | teaspoon salt |
| 1/2 | teaspoon vanilla extract | 1/4 | teaspoon ground cinnamon |
| 1/4 | teaspoon coconut extract | 1 | cup sugar |
| 1 | cup flaked coconut | | |
| 3 | cups all-purpose flour | | |

Assemble ingredients and utensils. Moderate - Prep time: 20 minutes - Prepare ahead. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine egg, milk, extracts, and coconut in a blender container. Blend for 30 seconds. Sift the dry ingredients together in a bowl. Pour the liquid mixture over the dry ingredients. Stir to combine; do not beat. Pour the batter into a greased 9x5-inch loaf pan. Bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Let cool completely. Remove from pan, wrap, and refrigerate. Serve chilled.

Yields 1 loaf of 8 servings



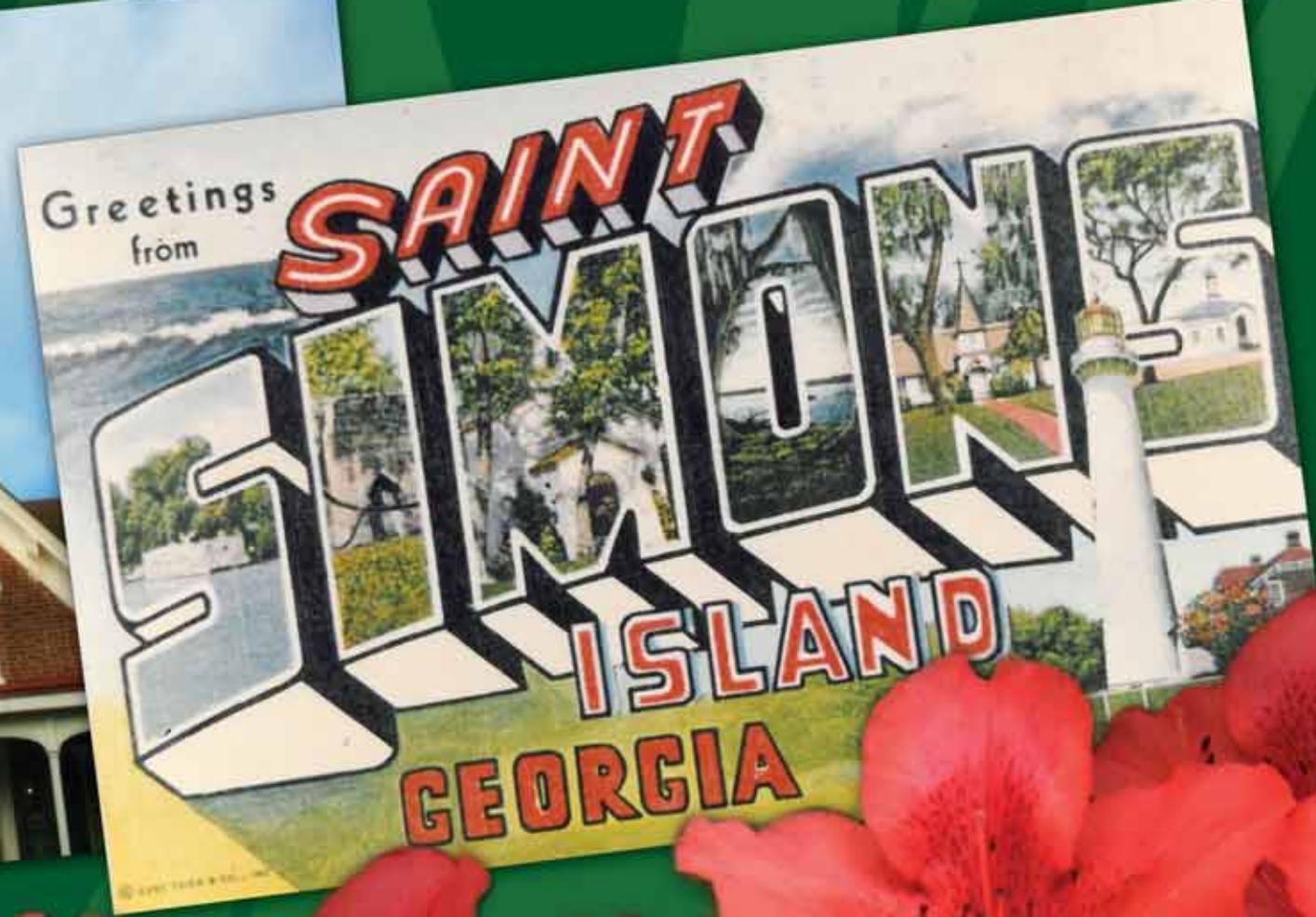




ST. SIMONS' WORLD-RENOWNED STORYTELLER

Eugenia Price, already a noted author of inspirational nonfiction, fell in love with St. Simon's while on a promotional book tour in Florida in 1961. A serendipitous side trip to the island sealed her destiny. The graves at Christ Church's cemetery captured her imagination and "The rest," they say, "is history." In 1965, she and companion Joyce Blackburn moved from Chicago to St. Simons, and Eugenia's career as one of the United States' greatest writers of detailed historical fiction was born. She blended biography, history, and masterful storytelling set in the American South into critically acclaimed works, such as the "St Simons Trilogy" which were based on real people. Her meticulously researched books set the standard for historical fiction of the period and helped create the Christian romance genre. In addition, Eugenia's Florida Trilogy, Savannah Quartet, Georgia Trilogy and twenty-five other works of fiction and nonfiction became popular in sixteen foreign countries. Because many of her millions of readers quickly fall in love with her settings and her accounting of Island families, they come from around the world to visit the island and the cemetery in which Eugenia Price was laid to rest in 1996 near many of the characters who had originally provided her inspiration.







BAKED SEAFOOD SALAD

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| 1 | small green pepper, chopped | 1/2 | teaspoon salt |
| 1 | small onion chopped | 1 | teaspoon Worcestershire sauce |
| 1 | cup celery, chopped | 1 | cup buttered bread crumbs |
| 1 | pound crab meat | 1 | cup buttered bread crumbs |
| 1 | pound raw shrimp, peeled and deveined | | Pepper to taste |
| 1 | cup mayonnaise | | Seafood seasoning |

Assemble ingredients and utensils. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook and clean shrimp. Mix all ingredients except bread crumbs on top and put in casserole. Sprinkle buttered bread crumbs on top. Grated cheese may also be added to crumb topping. Bake for 30 minutes.

Yields 6 servings





AN ISLAND TREASURE

St. Simons's oldest standing church was built in 1880 by Norman Dodge and originally named St. James Union Church. It was repaired in 1897 after a hurricane, and in 1911, because it was no longer used for services, it was de-consecrated, moved to its present location and used as a recreational center. In 1949, the Methodists re-consecrated the chapel, naming it Lovely Lane after the site of the 1784 historic founding conference of American Methodism just after the American Revolution in Baltimore, Maryland, where Francis Asbury ordained the first Methodist Bishop in America. In 1948, Methodists purchased 43.5 acres of what had been the beautiful Hamilton Plantation along the banks of the Frederica River, and Epworth-by-the-Sea was born. The chapel was re-consecrated and restored under the leadership of Bishop Arthur J. Moore in 1950 and is located at Epworth by the Sea Methodist Retreat. The magnificent stained glass windows are irreplaceable pieces of Old English Art Glass. The retreat center flourished under the leadership of Bishop Arthur J. Moore. Epworth by the Sea is now a Christian conference and retreat Center operated by the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodists Church where more than a hundred thousand visitors of all faiths convene annually.



