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It was a northern invasion of a different kind than the War Between the States. These railroad and steamship heads, bankers, oilmen, corporation heads invested in the large plantation lands of the south for hunt clubs. There was one woman developer – the remarkable Kate Gleason, owner of Dataw Island who became one of the largest property owners of Beaufort County.

Dataw Island's Carolina Room is the perfect setting to hear the authors of *Northern Money, Southern Land* at the USCB Lunch With Author series on Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Stephen Hoffius and Robert Cuthbert have edited and compiled into a fascinating book the Lowcountry Plantation Sketches of Chlotilde Martin, which were originally printed in 1931 for the *Charleston News and Courier*.

Hoffius and Cuthbert will be joined by Martin's grandson, author Roger Pinckney of Daufuskie Island, who has stories of his own. Dr. Larry Rowland's family inherited Dataw Island from Kate Gleason and may join in the day's events.

As Martin recounted, the new owners of these coastal properties ranked among the most successful businessmen in the country and included members of the Doubleday, Du Pont, Hutton, Kress, Whitney, Guggenheim, and Vanderbilt families. Among the later owners are media magnate Ted Turner and boxer Joe Frazier. The plantation houses they bought and the homes they built are some of the most important architectural structures in the Palmetto State—although many are rarely seen by the public. In some fifty articles drawn from interviews with property owners and visits to their newly acquired lands, Martin described almost eighty estates covering some three hundred thousand acres of Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton, Colleton, and Berkeley counties.

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