

# SUCCESS *Stories*

Success comes early and naturally to Golden Islanders, and it has since the beginning of coastal time. The archives of local history are filled with success stories, both native and transplanted. Some of the most famous names in Golden Isles history made names for themselves before they reached the age of 40. They include:



Gen. James Oglethorpe, native of London, who was 37 when he founded the Georgia Colony.



Poet Sidney Lanier, native of Macon, who was 36 when he penned his famous poem, "The Marshes of Glynn."



Robert Sengstacke Abbott, native of St. Simons Island, who was 35 when he founded "The Chicago Defender," one of the nation's most influential black newspapers.



Jim Brown, a native of St. Simons Island, was 21 when drafted by the Cleveland Browns. He retired from the NFL at 30 to pursue an acting career, appearing in a range of movies, from "The Dirty Dozen" (1967) to "Mars Attacks!" (1996).



Louise Suggs, a native of Atlanta, who was 36 when she became the first golfer to win an LPGA Tour event three straight years. She won two of the major tournaments in women's golf in 1946 at 23. Suggs was the Sea Island Golf Club's first touring professional and a founding member of the LPGA.



Sea Island Co. founder Howard Coffin, a native of West Milton, Ohio, who was 38 when he acquired Sapelo Island, the purchase that eventually led him to Sea Island itself.



Sea Island touring professional, Davis Love III, a native of Charlotte, N.C., was 23 when he won his first PGA victory at the 1987 MCI Heritage Golf Classic at Hilton Head Island, S.C.