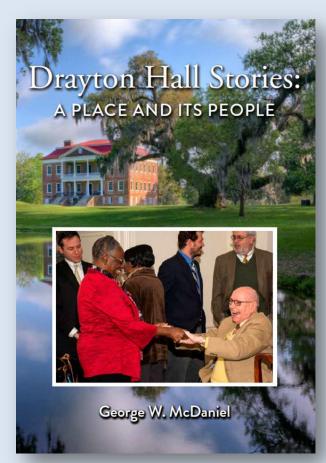
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Author George W. McDaniel served as Drayton Hall's Executive Director for over 25 years. Today, he is the President of McDaniel Consulting, LLC, a strategy firm that helps organizations use history to build bridges to its broader constituents. <u>mcdanielconsulting.net/drayton-hall-book/</u>





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