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A PUBLICATION OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mission Statement: To Research, Record and Preserve Dorchester County's History

101 Ridge Street, St. George, SC 29477

August 2021

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**August Membership Meeting
Thursday 19 Aug. 2021
7 PM At Koger House**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings

Summer is winding down; schools are reopening and it seems like time is moving way to fast. Your Board of Directors has been busy planning for upcoming fundraisers and finishing up maintenance at the Koger House.

Speaking of the board, welcome to our newest board members, Theresa McKnight Strickland and Chuck Spell. They were both voted in this past May. Theresa has agreed to be our event coordinator and Chuck will remain as our historian. Chuck is the grandson of the original Sweatman family that purchased the Koger House in the 1940s. We look forward to working with both of them as our society grows.

Our next membership meeting will be Thursday, August 19th, 7 pm at the Koger House. Our guest speaker will be Tom Jennings who will give us the history of Branchville. Please try to attend and bring a friend.

On November 6th and 7th, our society will host the 4th annual Open House and Living History & Educational Days at the Historic Koger House. This will be our only fundraiser for this year so I am hopeful that we can have much success and raise money to help with operational expenses.

The event will include tours of the house, artisans and crafters out on the lawn, refreshments and hot food. If you can volunteer your time, donate toward the event or can suggest any crafters please contact me or any of the other board members.

I look forward to seeing you on August 19th.

Phyllis

Memorials

In Memory of:

Wallace Kizer

by Phyllis Hughes

Bettie Berry

by Class of 1952 (St. George)

Mildred Heatley

Phyllis Hughes

Get Well

Linda Baker

Bill Herman

Margaret Spell

Membership Dues

Payable by March 1, 2021

Annual dues: \$25.00

Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

Make Checks Payable To DCCHS

Ms. Bobbie McKinnon

c/o DCCHS

101 Ridge St.

St. George, SC 29477

(Please include current home and email address.)

NOTE

As of March 31, 2021 all annual (yearly) members who are not current with their dues will have their names removed from the Membership Rolls.

DCCHS 2021 Calendar of Events:

Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 19	7 pm	Koger House
Living History Fundraiser	Saturday, Nov 6	9 am-5 pm	Koger House
	Sunday, Nov 7	9 am-3 pm	Koger House
Membership/Awards Meeting	Thursday, Nov 18	7 pm	Koger House

Please check our website for updates at www.scdchs.com

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY 19 AUGUST 2021
7:00 PM
AT KOGER HOUSE
Guest Speaker: Tom Jennings

Tribute to Wallace Kizer

By Phyllis Hughes

Wallace Kizer died on June 21st after a long illness. He was a faithful longtime-lifetime member, always attending the quarterly meetings and contributing his time and efforts where needed.

In 2010-2011, Wallace served on a committee tasked to record inscriptions engraved on tombstones located in the back woods and church graveyards which lead to the publication of *Memorial Stones Cemetery Inscriptions of Upper Dorchester County South Carolina* in 2012.

On April 30, 2017, the Society's 8th historical marker was erected at the St. George Graded School. Wallace helped in the research and recording of the history printed on the marker. He and some of the members of the Class of 1954 also helped fund the marker. The day it was erected, one of his classmates attending told me about a former principal, a neighbor of his, that had retrieved the old bell from the original elementary school when it was torn down and the fact that he saved it from the trash pile and kept it from being discarded. After the dedication of the marker, the bell was brought back to St. George and was donated to the Heritage Center. If not for Wallace's help with the marker, the museum would never have acquired the original school bell. It is now displayed in the one-room schoolhouse exhibit in the Heritage Museum.

Wallace was such a faithful member and will truly be missed.

A Tribute to Bettie Berry

By LaClaire Mizell

On July 24, 2021, Dorchester Heritage Center and Dorchester County Historical Society lost yet another true treasure. When the Dorchester County Historical Society was organized in 2003 by that small group of individuals who were researching the history of Dorchester County, its mission was, and still is, to research, record and preserve Dorchester County's history. Over the years, Bettie Berry did her fair share of carrying out that mission.

She was a long-time member of the Historical Society, as well as a charter member of the Heritage Center when it was formed in 2014. She was an annual member of DHC until 2018 when she joined as a lifetime member. Mrs. Bettie put in countless hours doing genealogical research both personally and for the Historical Society and the Heritage Center. She compiled the family history book, *The Westbury Family of St. George's Parish, South Carolina: The descendants of William Westbury and Elizabeth Noble*, and generously allowed the Heritage Center to sell copies and donated all proceeds to us.

She served as a docent at DHC during its opening with the traveling Smithsonian exhibit. She continued to be a faithful volunteer at the Museum, was instrumental in the foundation of its genealogy library, led quilting classes and was the inspiration for and provided invaluable guidance for the annual Quilt Show. She donated 2 of her many hand-made and hand-quilted quilts, donating one to each organization to raffle off as fundraisers. She was a faithful Christian who impacted each life she touched. Words can never express how much she will be missed. We are all grateful and better for having been blessed with her in our lives! She was a true gem of both organizations.

Bettie Berry, you will be truly missed!

Mr. Bill Herman

On August 3rd, I received a call from Mr. Bill Herman, letting me know that he was being moved on August 4th to Magnolias of Walterboro, an assisted living home. He is having some health issues that require special care.

Mr. Bill is a longtime, lifetime member and a dear friend. He was one of the first members to join and has been involved since our Society was established. He also served on the board for many years. Even though he is not able to attend our meetings, he is still a valued member.

Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he takes this next step in his life. He has given me permission to share his new address so please send him a note.

Bill Herman
Magnolias of Walterboro
210 Academy Rd.
Walterboro, SC 29488

DORCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 4TH ANNUAL LIVING HISTORY & EDUCATION DAYS



Learn about life in the 1800's at
the historic **Koger House**, located at 123 Sandy Branch Road at the
corner of Wire Road & Quaker Road, St. George

Saturday, November 6, 2021 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
and
Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Koger House will be open with docents
Candle Making, Cooking & More
Live Music Sat, 2 pm – 4 pm & Sun, 1 pm – 3 pm



Admission Fees: (tickets are required for each day)
Adults - \$10 per ticket Students under 18 - \$5 per ticket
Children under 6 - Free

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE
FACE COVERINGS & SOCIAL DISTANCING SUGGESTED

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