

# To Be Continued. . .

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**DON'T FORGET  
THIS DATE  
Thursday, February 24  
7 PM  
Membership Meeting  
Koger House**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Members:

Happy New Year! Last year was a successful year for the society. Hopefully, this year will also be great. The directors met on February 3rd to set up the calendar for 2011. Our first Membership meeting will be on Thursday, February 24th, 7 pm at the Koger House. Please try to attend and bring a friend.

On March 10th the Dorchester County Leadership Group will tour historic sites in Upper Dorchester County which will include the Koger House.

In April Mr. Fitzhugh Sweatman's granddaughter will be married at the Koger House. Our Spring Tea at Brosnan Forest will be held on Saturday, April 30th. Planning is underway. Seating is limited so please call me and I will get you a ticket.

On Saturday, May 14th at 2 pm our second Membership Meeting will be held at the Koger House. The past few years the directors planned the May meeting on a Saturday to give our entire out of town guests a chance to attend. On May 24th the Heritage Corridor is planning a tour of historic sites in Upper Dorchester County and they too will visit the Koger House.

On Thursday, August 25th, 7 pm our 3rd Membership meeting will be held at the Koger House.

In October the society will erect and dedicate our 3rd historical marker at St. Paul Camp Ground and on Thursday, November 17th, 7 pm we will host our last Membership meeting of 2011 at the Koger House.

There are still a few copies of A View of the Past available at the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce in St. George. There are no plans to reorder so get your copy while they last.

Together let's make 2011 a memorable year.

Phyllis

## Meet Our Lifetime Members

Deborah Appleby  
Coe McMahan Atherton  
Edith Axson  
Ann Bailey  
George Bailey  
Dr. Ed. Behling  
Jean Behling  
Mattie Lee Browning  
Ed Carter  
Theresa Carter  
Jessie Cockcroft  
Terry Collier  
Dr. Paul Cooler  
Richard Cooler  
Mary Walters DeAntonio  
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Andrew Gentry  
Harold George  
Beverly Gilmore  
Susan A. Greene  
Mildred Heatley  
William Herman  
Darrell Hinton  
Sissy Williams Howell  
Carrie Jane Hughes  
Herbert Hughes  
Jerry Hughes  
Wehme A. Hutto  
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Heyward Hutson  
Mayor Anne Johnston  
Mike Kizer  
Wallace Kizer  
Sheriff L. C. Knight  
Rep. Patsy Knight

Douglas M. Koger  
Jack Limehouse  
John Maller  
Bob McKinnon  
Bobbie McKinnon  
E. O. McMahan  
Diane Minus  
Dickie Minus  
Harold Mizzell  
Timothy Mizzell  
Margaret A Meyers  
John Mooror  
Agnes Morrison  
Margaret A. Myers  
Mary Pearson  
Florence A. Pitts  
Mary Platt  
Douglas Reeves  
Linda Skelton  
Betty Sojourner  
David Sojourner, Jr.  
David Sojourner, Sr.  
Charles Spell  
Fitzhugh Sweatman  
Martha Sweatman  
Frank Thomas  
Marie Thomas  
Grace Walters  
Hugh Walters, III  
Jim Way  
Pete Weathers  
Dr. Frances Welch  
Dr. Brunson Westbury  
Robert Williams  
Dr. Chris Wimberly

## Welcome New Members

Wallace Kizer - Lifetime

Honey Burrell - Annual

### ###Membership Dues###

Payable by March 1, 2011

Annual dues: \$25.00

Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

An envelope, to remit dues, has been provided in this newsletter.

MAIL

Current home and email address to:

Mrs. Jean Behling  
113 Bryant St.  
St. George, SC 29471

## Calendar of Events:

Thursday, February 24th, 7 PM	Membership meeting Koger House
Thursday, March 10th	Dorchester County Leadership will tour Koger House
Saturday, April 30th, 12 Noon	Spring Tea Brosnan Forest
Saturday, May 14th, 2 PM?	Membership Meeting Koger House
Tuesday, May 24th	Dorchester County Corridor Tour will tour Koger House
Thursday, August 25th, 7 PM	Membership Meeting Koger House
October (TBA)	Erect/Dedication Historical Marker St. Paul Camp Ground
Thursday, November 17th, 7 PM	Membership Meeting Koger House

## Memorials

In Memory of Fitzhugh Lee and Eulalie Knight-Sweatman also

In Memory of Leon and Alice Heaton-Spell

By Charles Hugo Sheridan Spell II

The Upper Dorchester County Historical Society has received a \$10,000 donation in Memory of Fitzhugh Lee Sweatman and Eulalie Knight-Sweatman by their grandchildren. The grandchildren have asked that the 2nd floor bedroom used by their grandparents, be designated as the "Sweatman-Knight Room." The grandchildren plan to donate a plaque in memory of their grandparents and other deceased family members for the room. The Historic Society gratefully acknowledges these Sweatman grandchildren for their contributions: Sarah DeLane Byrd-Wilson, Alice Darlene Spell-Helmey, Charles Hugo Sheridan Spell II, Jeffery Alan Sweatman, and Penny Spell-Knight.

## Special Thoughts and Prayers

### Sympathy

The Family of Kyle Judy

The Family of Yvonne "Sugar Pie" Maxey

The Family of Harold Mizzell

### Get Well

Dickie Minus

Peggy Phalen

Fitzhugh Sweatman

### Cemetery Committee

#### Report

Much of the cemetery research has been completed. Tim Mizzell and Wallace Kizer, Chairmen, are working diligently to complete the recording of local church histories and cemetery inscriptions. This is going to be a great book, vital to all genealogists.

### Announcement

Chuck Spell has agreed to serve as our society's historian.. Anyone having newspaper clippings, pictures, event programs or other memorabilia that they would like to donate can contact Phyllis Hughes. Chuck is a very supportive member and we are glad for his assistance



### Colonel Edward Carter

Colonel Edward Carter, UDCHS Charter and Life Member, has been named Citadel Alumnus of the Year in honor of his extraordinary efforts in recovering an historic artifact of significance to Citadel history, namely the Big Red flag believed to have been flown over Morris Island during the firing by Citadel cadets on Union supply ship Star of the West on Jan. 1961. Many historians believe these were the first shots of the Civil War. Col. Carter recruited and organized a recovery team and over the next two years worked diligently to ensure the safe delivery and installation of this artifact currently housed in the Holiday Alumni Center. He also spearheaded a fund raising effort in which private donations paid for the entire expense associated with the return of the Big Red.

## November Preservation Awards

- Harleyville: Mayor Charles Ackerman (Town Park)  
Sal & Susan Anania (Restoration of historic James G. and Ruth Harley Creighton House ca 1890's).  
Dottie Villeponteaux (Restoration of historic building ca 1917), Just Desserts
- Reevesville: Mayor Paul Wimberly (Mims Magnolia Park).
- Ridgeville: Christina Yagman (Restoration of early building Early Post Office), Christina's Pizzas and Subs.
- St. George: Jim Bell (Wamer Photo Collection)  
Michael & Tammy Redden (Restoration of historic building ca 1972), Heritage Downtown Eatery & Bakery.

## Want To Know How Our Towns Were Named

### **Cowtail**

Legend has it that a stream in the rural area between Old St. George community and Reevesville was a popular fishing hole for the children in the area. The stream ran through a cow pasture. One unfortunate cow caught her tail in the fence gate. Struggles to disengage the trapped appendage were futile. The hapless cow finally, with a mighty effort, wrested herself free and left the separated body part in the fence. Afterwards, the children referred to their fishing spot as "Cowtail."

### **Rosinville**

Rosinville was a booming lumber area, prolific with pine trees which not only provided lumber but also rosin (resin), often referred to as "naval stores." The trees were tapped and the tar was collected in attached pans. The tar was used to seal wooden ships to make them waterproof and was also an ingredient in varnish. Pine tar was distilled into turpentine and was used in wood finishing and also for medicinal purposes. The town annually recognizes their origin with a Turpentine Festival.

### **St. George**

Dennis George came from France with Lafayette to help the colonists win their freedom from England. George took advantage of a provision made by the South Carolina legislature for "vacant lands" and received a grant for 2000 acres of land. His son, James, opened a small log cabin store just north of where the railroad now lies. The South Carolina Railroad Company planned to lay a track connecting Charleston to Hamburg near Augusta. The track would pass through George's property. At regular intervals along the tracks, stops were needed to take on wood for fuel and water for steam. Such a stop would normally have fallen at Byrds, two miles east, but James George's gift of land for the depot determined the location of the station. The station was first know as George's Turnout, then George's Station, and later simplified to George's. The U.S. Postal Service dropped the apostrophes. The Saint was later added as recognition of the earlier status of having been located in Saint George's Parish.

*Above personal oral history from Jean Behling.*

### **Ross - Ross Station - Rosses - Dorchester**

In 1854 the town of Ross was listed as a stop on the South Carolina Rail Road. Later in the 1890's it was listed as Ross Station. In 1892 an "Act to Incorporate" the town of Rosses was petitioned. In 1897 Dorchester County was formed from parts of Colleton and Berkeley Counties. At that time the town was listed as Rosses. In 1898 once again it was listed on the map as Ross Station. In 1912 another try to incorporate the town of Rosses was petitioned. Soon after Sam Coburn the railroad agent at that time asked Agnes Wharton Mims the Postmaster to suggest a name for the town, claiming confusion that the Post Office was Rosses and the Depot was Ross Station. She suggested the name of "Dorchester" stating that she felt it a proper name since the newly formed county of Dorchester had just been formed. Her suggestion was accepted and the town was named Dorchester. In early postal records it shows up as Dorchester (2). Postal regulations state that no two towns in the state can share a name however, since the town of Dorchester on the Ashley River had ceased to exist since the late 1700's the post office accepted the name and in early records put a (2) after Dorchester.

*Above personal oral history from Phyllis Hughes.*

More information on how our towns were named in next newsletter