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

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**DON'T FORGET THIS
DATE
Thursday, Feb 21st 7:00 PM
Membership Meeting
At Koger House**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

On November 11, 2012, the Badham House/Dorchester Lumber Company historical marker was dedicated. Herman and Harriet Halmon graciously allowed the society to place the marker in front of the historic Badham House. On November 15th, the society presented a certificate to area local businesses in appreciation of their support in preserving our county's history. On November 17th, the "Historic Homes & Sites Tour" was an overwhelming success with over 400 people touring the sites. Thank you to all that helped to make these events so successful.

The owners of the Badham House have agreed to open up both stories of the house for tour this year. Plans are underway to acquire other sites. Check out our website for updated information.

On January 22, 2013, the directors met to plan this year's calendar. Our first membership meeting is scheduled on Thursday, February 21st, 7 PM at the Koger House. Our guest speaker will be Marion F. Sturkey of McCormick County, author of the newly published book, "Military Monuments & Memorials in South Carolina" which includes all monuments in Dorchester County. He will have his book available if anyone would like to have a copy.

The town of Ridgeville will receive a historical marker this year. Over the next couple of months, I will work with the SC Archives & History Center and the Town of Ridgeville in an effort to secure this marker.

On Saturday, April 20th from 10 AM- 4 PM a fundraiser will be held at the Koger House. Plans are underway, including a BBQ dinner, live blue grass music and much more. If you can help, please contact Frank Thomas, Project Manager, at 843-873-7801. The date for the annual Spring Tea has not been set at this time.

On Thursday, July 11th, the Dorchester County Leadership Group will introduce their new members to the historic Koger House.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Thursday, February 21st and bring a friend.

Phyllis

Meet Our Lifetime Members

Deborah Appleby	Douglas M. Koger
Coe McMahan Atherton	Jack Limehouse
Edith Axson	John Maller
Ann Bailey	Dean McCracken
George Bailey	Bob McKinnon
Dr. Ed. Behling	Bobbie McKinnon
Jean Behling	E. O. McMahan
Mattie Lee Browning	Diane Minus
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Theresa Carter	Timothy Mizzell
Jessie Cockcroft	John Moorer
Terry Collier	Agnes Morrison
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James Connelly	Mary Pearson
Dr. Paul Cooler	Peggy Phalen
Richard Cooler	Florence A. Pitts
Mary Walters DeAntonio	Mary Platt
David Felkel	Douglas Reeves
Randy Floyd	Sandi Reeves
Frank Furtick	Mary Margaret Riser
Andrew Gentry	Marguerite Wamer Sanders
Harold George	Linda Skelton
Beverly Gilmore	Jack Smith
Susan A. Greene	Betty Sojourner
Mildred Heatley	David Sojourner, Jr.
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Darrell Hinton	Charles Spell
Sissy Williams Howell	Fitzhugh Sweatman
Carrie Jane Hughes	Martha Sweatman
Herbert Hughes	Frank Thomas
Phyllis Hughes	Marie Thomas
Heyward Hutson	Janice Walker
Wehme A. Hutto	Grace Walters
Mayor Anne Johnston	Hugh Walters, III
Will Kirby	Jim Way
Mike Kizer	Pete Weathers
Wallace Kizer	Dr. Frances Welch
Sheriff L. C. Knight	Dr. Brunson Westbury
Rep. Patsy Knight	Robert Williams
	Dr. Chris Wimberly

Welcome New Lifetime Member:

Mary Margaret Riser Bowman, SC
Marguerite Wamer Sanders Camden, SC

Special Thoughts and Prayers

Family of Jerry Hughes
Family of Betty Carol Proctor Meyer
Family of Laurie Axson Seabolt
Family of Jefferson Hilton "Buster" Westbury
Family of Mary Kizer Wimberly

Get Well

Edith Axson Mattie Lee Browning
David Sojourner Fitzhugh Sweatman
Grace Walters

Membership Dues

Payable by March 1, 2013

Annual dues: \$25.00

Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

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

Mrs. Jean Behling

113 Bryant St.

St. George, SC 29477

(Please include current home and email address.)

2013 Calendar of Events:

Membership Meeting	Thursday, February 21	7 PM	Koger House
Bluegrass/BBQ Fund Raiser	Saturday, April 20	10 AM –4 PM	Koger House
Annual Tea	TBA		
Membership Meeting	Saturday, May18	2 PM	Koger House
DC Leadership Group Tour	Thursday, July 11	TBA	Koger House
Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 15	7 PM	Koger House
Membership Meeting	Thursday, November 21	7 PM	Koger House

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AT KOGER HOUSE

Thursday 21 February 7:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Marion F. Sturkey

Memorial given in memory of Betty Carol Meyer

By: Mildred Heatley

By: Phyllis Hughes

Memorial given in memory of Mary Wimberly

By: Mildred Heatley

By: Phyllis Hughes

Memorial Stones

To date over 248 books have been sold. This book is a wonderful source of genealogy. You can purchase through the mail or pick up locally at the Tri County Regional Chamber of Commerce in St. George. (843-563-9091)

Donations

Several items have been donated to our society and placed in the Koger House.

Sandra Bird of Summerville: donated an antique rug and a mini spinning wheel.

Brunson Westbury of Summerville: donated a hand-made replica of a Civil War Officer's Stool.

Thank you to everyone who has donated historic artifacts and items to be treasured for generations to come.

Marion F. Sturkey

Marion F. Sturkey will be our guest speaker at our next meeting and will be providing information concerning military monuments in South Carolina.

Marion was born in rural Plum Branch, SC, in 1941. After his parents were killed by a drunk driver 12 years later, he went to the Epworth Orphanage in Columbia and lived there until he finished high school. He attended Clemson College for two years, ran out of money, and joined the U.S. Marine Corps.

During his military service, Marion completed his education through correspondence courses. He was selected for military flight training, received a commission, and flew combat-assault helicopters in Vietnam. With the rank of Captain, he left the Marine Corps in 1968. His military awards include the (1) Purple Heart, (2) the Distinguished Flying Cross, (3) and 10 Air Medals.

After leaving military service, Marion became a commercial pilot for the oil and gas industry. He later held managerial positions in the Engineering, Personnel, and Corporate Security departments of the BellSouth Corporation for 25 years. During the last 10 years of that career he was a guest instructor at Bell Communications Research in Illinois and New Jersey.

After retirement from the corporate world in 1994, Marion taught in a private school and then took a Community Policing grant assignment in McCormick, SC. In 1996 he formed the Heritage Press International. Now 71 years of age he works full time at researching, writing, and publishing technical books about military history and aviation concerns. He lives in his original hometown, the rural "metropolis" of Plum Branch, SC.

Natives Bring Crowd to Tour Koger House

(From Eagle Record article by Jim Way)

Brunson Westbury and his sister Linda, natives of St. George who now reside in Summerville, brought a crowd of friends associated with their local camping club up to the old Koger House for a casual tour of this historic three storied home.

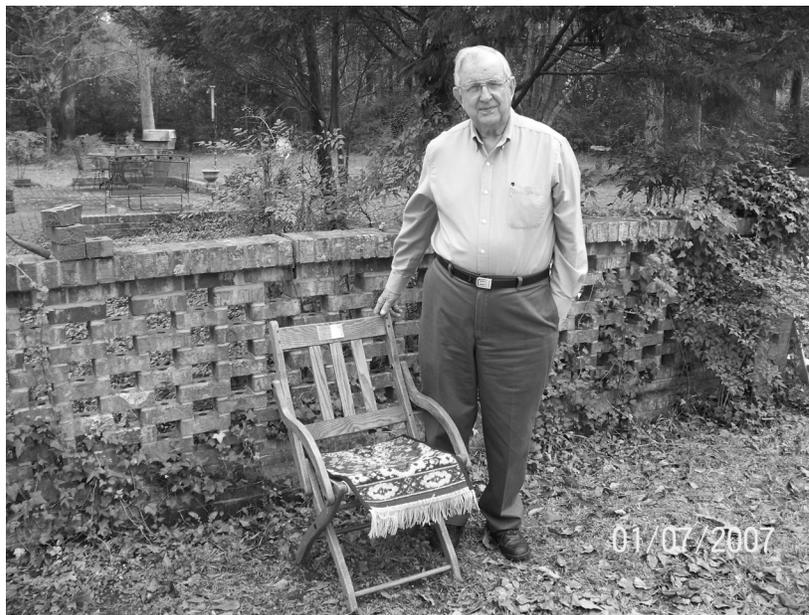
All eighteen toured the structure from top to bottom. A real attention-getter was the graffiti written on the side panel of a window frame in 1848 complaining about it being a cold and miserable, snowy day. This particular item seemed to enhance everyone's interest to learn this was an old stagecoach stop for overnight guests.

Other than the home itself, two other particular items created quite a buzz. Number one was an old F.F.A. Book (Future Farmers of America). This book was salvaged from old St George High School when it was being cleaned out to accommodate it becoming a County Facility. Wendell Easterlin of Dorchester donated this 1950's item to our society a couple of years ago. It contains hundreds of photos of students during the nineteen fifties.

The second item of special interest was a church register associated with the old Pregnall Methodist Church. Listed inside were members, birth dates, children, marriage dates of couples, baptism dates etc. This particular item was donated to our society by Ms. Lou Shepard a couple of years ago, before she passed away.

Now if you look at the associated photograph you will see a replica of a Civil War Officers Folding Chair. Similar chairs were used by the good guys and bad guys. Dr. Brunson Westbury fabricated this excellent replica and donated it to our society. He said it took him about three weeks to complete. You will have to see it to appreciate it fully.

This might be a good time to thank all the many members and non-members who have donated so much. We would not exist without your generous assistance.



Brunson Westbury proudly stands beside an exact replica of a Civil War Officer's Chair that he constructed himself out of solid oak.

(photo by Jim Way)

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