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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, May 12th 7:00 PM

**Membership Meeting At
Koger House**

NOTE: LOCATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

On April 14th, the Koger House was visited by the Dorchester Leadership Group on their annual tour of Upper Dorchester County. Everyone enjoyed their visit. Our meeting on May 12th, at 7 PM, will be at the historic Koger House.

Our speaker will be Peggy Murray Phalen who has extensively researched the house which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 through the efforts of Dr. Gavin Appleby. Dean McCracken, UDCHS Historian, will present his gift of a bronze plaque recognizing this distinguished honor.

Mrs. Phalen had been concerned about the deterioration of the house and the lack of recognition which she felt it deserved. She is responsible for having it named to the list of Most Endangered Properties in South Carolina. Having been listed on this site helped the society acquire the SDOT grant that helped restore the house in 2007-2008.

In 2004, Fitzhugh Sweatman donated the house which had been his family home to the UDCHS, assuring that its future was secure.

On May 7th, our annual fundraiser, Spring Tea, will be held at Brosnan Forest. I want to thank all members and hostesses that have continued to support the society by giving a donation of their time and gifts. Each year, proceeds of this fundraiser help to pay operating expenses on the Koger House.

I look forward to seeing you on May 12th at the historic Koger House. Bring a friend and share the wonderful 200 plus years history.

Phyllis

Get Well

Edith Axson	Linda Baker
Harry Behling	Bettie Berry
Bill Herman	Anne Irick
E. O. McMahan	Dickie Minus
Diane Minus	Martha Sweatman
Fitzhugh Sweatman	J. L. Simmons
Catherine Simmons	Jim Way

Membership Dues

Payable by March 1, 2016
Annual dues: \$25.00
Lifetime Membership: \$250.00
Please Use Envelope Provided And Mail To:
Mrs. Jean Behling
113 Bryant St.
St. George, SC 29477
(Please include current home and email address.)

Special Thoughts and Prayers

Family of Jimmy Connelly
Family of Steve Bilton

Memorials Given in Loving Memory Of:

Steve Bilton	By	Phyllis Hughes
Jimmy Connelly	By	Phyllis Hughes

New Lifetime Membership

Given in Honor of Steve Bilton
by Dean McCracken

Memorial Stones

To date over 270 books have been sold. The book contains over 15,000 cemetery inscriptions in all cemeteries in Upper Dorchester County except the St. George (UDC) Cemetery. It also contains 13 cemeteries from Colleton County, and two from Orangeburg County. This book is a wonderful source of genealogy.

A View Of The Past

Recently our society received 200 reprinted copies of *A View of the Past*. This book is a collection of homes and sites in Upper Dorchester County prior to the 1940s. This is our 3rd printing.

If you would like to have a copy of these books for your collection or for a gift, you can pick them up locally at the Dorchester County Archives & History Center, 101 Ridge Street, St. George, ordered from the UDCHS Web Site (www.upperdorchestercountyhistoricalsociety.com) or by mail: UDCHS, POB 15, Dorchester, SC 29437. The books cost \$45. Add \$7 for S/H if purchased through mail or website.

(Payment for books ordered from the UDCHS Web Site must be made via PayPal.)

2016 Calendar of Events:

Membership Meeting	Thursday, May 12	7 PM	Koger House
Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 18	7 PM	DCA&HC St. George, SC
Membership/Awards Meeting	Thursday, November 17	7 PM	Koger House

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday 12 May 7:00 PM
Koger House
Guest Speaker: Peggy Murray Phalen
NOTE LOCATION

Loss of Two Lifetime Members

Our society is saddened by the loss of two lifetime members, Jimmy Connelly and Steve Bilton. Jimmy Connelly acquired a dining table that was originally in the Koger House. After restoration of the house was completed, he and his wife donated it back to the society. The table has been placed in the house for all to enjoy.

Steve Bilton was such a supportive member. Annually, he donated items to be used in our fundraisers and on one occasion, he allowed our society to utilize his dealership to host an antique car/tractor show.

Both men will be missed. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Koger House On National Historic Register

The public is cordially invited to attend the quarterly meeting of the Upper Dorchester County Historical Society on Thursday evening, May 12 at 7:00 at the historic Koger-Murray-Carroll House, located three miles west of Grover on the Wire Road. Featured speaker will be Peggy Murray Phalen who has extensively researched the house which was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1974 through the efforts of Dr. Gavin Appleby. Dean McCracken, UDCHS Historian, will present his gift of a bronze plaque recognizing this distinguished honor.

The Way We Worked

In December 2015, the DCA & HC applied to host the Smithsonian Exhibit sponsored by the Humanities Council. The center received notification of the selection just before Christmas. The exhibit, adapted from an original exhibition developed by the National Archives, explores how work became such a central element in American culture by tracing the many changes that affected the workforce and work environments over the past 150 years. The exhibition draws from the Archives'

Electronic Newsletter

Once again we are asking you to share your email address with us so we can send your newsletter electronically to save on postage costs. Please provide your email address to Bill Blakely, Corresponding Secretary, at the address below and put in the subject line "UDCHS Address". Thank you for your continued support.

bill.blakely@upperdorchestercountyhistoricalsociety.com

FAMILY TREES



Dorchester County Archives and History Center
is now offering printed & spiral bound Family Trees

Up to 20 Pages \$25.00

Up to 40 pages \$35.00

\$1.00 per page for each page over 40

GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT

To find if we have your family in our records please contact
Christine Rice at (843)563-0053 or crice@dorchestercounty.net

Donations Requested

The Dorchester County Archives and History Center is in the process of installing new exhibits and are in need of donations to offset the expense of these exhibits. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost for all or part of an Exhibit/Item listed below. All donor's name will be listed on a plaque prominently located in the entrance hall of the Archives & History Center. If you are interested in making a donation please contact Phyllis Hughes at 843-209-0644 or Bill Blakely at 843-696-0155.

Material & Exhibit Cost Summary

	Exhibit/Items	Cost
1	Barn Doors, 1 Set	\$1,150.00
2	Shutters, 6 Sets	\$783.00
3	LED Lighting, 80 LED Tubes	\$940.74
4	Native American Hut Material	\$1,393.85
5	Display Case For Revolutionary Uniform Display	\$2,950.00
6	Continental Soldier Uniform	\$932.83
7	SC 2 nd Regiment Uniform & Mannequin	\$1,942.22
8	SC 2 nd Regiment Uniform Additional Items	\$1,139.50
9	Partisan Uniform	\$279.00
10	Colonial Dorchester Diorama	\$4,010.00
11	SC Canal & Railroad Diorama (Estimate)	\$5,000.00
	Total	\$20,521.14