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DON'T FORGET THIS DATE

Thursday, May 10th 7:00 pm
Membership Meeting At
Koger House

NOTE: LOCATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

It is with great sadness to inform you that Mr. Fitzhugh Lee Sweatman passed on May 1st. He is survived by his wife Martha, children and grandchildren.

In 2004, Mr. Fitzhugh and Ms. Martha donated the Koger House to the Historical Society; a selfless act and a most generous gift. The society was newborn, yet they entrusted this historic treasure, to the society, in an effort to save it from further deterioration.

Through the efforts of so many, restoration of the house was completed in 2009. Mr. Fitzhugh loved and protected the old place from trespassers. If he saw someone over there, he would check them out. He once told me of a group of teenagers that he ran off.

He later built the pump house in an effort to protect the water lines during freezing weather. He will truly be missed. Please keep his family in your prayers.

On Saturday, April 28th, our Spring Tea was held at Brosnan Forest. Our profit was \$2438. Thank you to all that helped to make this event a success.

An application to order a historical marker for the Town of St. George has been submitted. Hopefully later this year, we will be able to erect it.

On Monday, May 28 at 1:00 PM, the Heritage Museum will host a Memorial Day Ceremony on the museum courtyard. Prior to the ceremony, all veterans and military personnel will be escorted by the Dorchester County Sheriff's deputies, the Summerville Police, the St. George Police and members of the Patriot Guard, in a procession from Summerville to the museum in St. George. Please note the information enclosed in this newsletter.

Our upcoming meeting is on Thursday, May 10th, 7 PM at the Historic Koger House. Our guest speaker is Mark Clark, Commander of the H. L. Hunley Travelling Exhibit.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Phyllis

Special Thoughts & Prayers

Family of Fitzhugh Lee Sweatman

Get Well

Linda Baker Harry Behling
David Sojourner Martha Sweatman
Jim Way

Memorials

In memory of Fitzhugh Sweatman by Phyllis Hughes

Membership Dues

Payable by March 1, 2018

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.)

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

To find if we have your family in our records please contact
Christine Rice at 843-931-1020 or christinerice@lowcountry.com

DCHS 2018 Calendar of Events:

Membership Meeting	Thursday, May 10	7 pm	Koger House
Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 9	7 pm	DCA&HC St. George, SC
Membership/Awards Meeting	Thursday, November 8	7 pm	Koger House

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday 10 May 7:00 pm
KOGER HOUSE
Guest Speaker Mr. Mark Clark
NOTE LOCATION

Tribute to Fitzhugh Sweatman

Fitzhugh Lee Sweatman, Jr., 83, husband of Martha Westbury Sweatman, 4091 Wire Road, St. George entered into eternal rest Tuesday morning at his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 P.M. Thursday, May 3, 2018 in Grover United Methodist Church with Reverends Melvin Bell and Fred Davis officiating. Burial will follow in the Utsey Cemetery, Grover, SC.

Pallbearers will be Nick Drew, Justin Sweatman, Rob Huskey, Chad Crane, Wyatt Drew, and Kevin Dantzler. Visitation will be one hour before service Thursday at the Church.

Fitzhugh was born January 17, 1935 a son of Fitzhugh Lee Sweatman, Sr. and Eulalie Knight Sweatman. He was a Farmer, owner and operator with his wife of Sweatman's General Store. He was a graduate of St. George High School and served his country in the South Carolina Army National Guard and was a member of Grover United Methodist Church. He was predeceased by a grandson, Jonathan Sweatman, great-granddaughter, Avery Drew; siblings; James R. "Bobby" Sweatman, Frances M. "Buster" Sweatman, Mary S. Taylor, Mildred S. Utsey, Edna S. Judy and Ruth S. Geddings.

Surviving: his wife, Martha Westbury Sweatman; Children, Tammie Sweatman (Michael) Drew, Walterboro, Jeffery Allan (Renee) Sweatman and Janet Sweatman (Chevis) Pendarvis, both of St. George; Grandchildren, Nick Drew, Amanda D. (Rob) Huskey, Justin (Kim) Sweatman, Jennifer (Kevin) Dantzler, Paige (Chad) Crane, Tonya (Greg) Lewis and Christy Pendarvis: great-grands; Wyatt Drew, Emma Drew, Millie Drew, Kaylynne Huskey, Madison Sweatman, Molly Sweatman, Bowen Sweatman, Murray Lynn Dantzler, Emma Dantzler, Thomas Dantzler, Paisley Crane, Chandler Crane and Kelly Kizer; and, three sisters; Margaret S. (Charles) Spell, Smoaks, Evelyn S. (Carlisle) Avant, Barbara S. Sundgren, both of St. George. A special thanks for the care given to Fitzhugh by Virginia Walker, Liz-zie Fair, Maria Godbold, Edna Buckner and Amedisys Hospice of Walterboro.

<u>Heritage Museum</u>	
<u>2018 Calendar Of Events</u>	
May	Floral Arranging Class Veterans' Memorial Day Event
June	Summer Camp
July	Summer Camp
August	Speaker Series & Photo Display
September	Speaker Series & Photo Display Model Train & Toy Exhibition
October	Colonial Days Ghost Walk
November	Quilt Show Wreath Making Class
December	Christmas Fair Photos With Santa

VETERANS' MEMORIAL DAY 2018 CEREMONY

The Heritage Museum within Dorchester County Archives & History Center is hosting a Veterans' Memorial Day 2018 Ceremony to honor Dorchester County veterans and all military personnel. The service will begin at 1:00 pm and will be in the courtyard of the Heritage Museum at 101 Ridge Street, St. George, SC.

MILITARY PROCESSION:

A military procession of the veterans' personal vehicles will be led by the Patriot Guard, the Dorchester County Sheriff's Department, the Town of Summerville Police Department and the Town of St. George Police Department.

Veterans from the lower part of Dorchester County will meet at the Service Building at 500 North Main Street (the corner of Highways 78 and 17) in Summerville at 11:30 am.

The procession will leave the Service Building no later than 11:45 am and proceed on Highway 78 to the Dorchester County Courthouse at 5200 E. Bilton Boulevard, St. George.

The veterans from the upper end of the county will meet at the Dorchester County Courthouse at 12:00 noon.

They will join in the procession as it arrives at the courthouse.

The entire procession will then be escorted to Heritage Museum in the former courthouse at 101 Ridge Street, St. George for the ceremony.

The ceremony will include:

The keynote speaker, Brigadier General (Retired) Henry L. "Hank" Taylor.

Following the ceremony, the Heritage Museum will hold the grand opening of its Veterans' Exhibit and new Military Photographic Exhibit.

Light refreshments will be served.

Members of your group are cordially invited to attend this ceremony. The overall purpose of the day is to honor the service and sacrifices of Dorchester County's and South Carolina's many veterans and military personnel. Your presence will greatly enhance the service and would be appreciated. Seating is limited. Please let us know how many of your members plan to attend. Family members may want to bring a folding chair.

Also, it would be greatly appreciated if you could help us spread the word about this ceremony. Please announce it in any and all of your organization's community outreach or community events outlets.

If we have not yet discussed it with your organization, the Center would also like to include your group in the ceremony's program as an honorary sponsor. It is merely a means of recognizing your group's support of our honored veterans. As soon as possible, please let us know if we can include your group's name on the program.

You can contact us by phone at (843) 931-1021 or e-mail at contact-us@dca-hc.com. Your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MAY 28, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.



**Keynote Speaker
Brigadier General (Retired)
Henry L. "Hank" Taylor**

Brigadier General Taylor began his service in the military in 1968, serving in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was the Vice Director for Logistics, the Joint Staff, Washington, DC. In addition to many other positions he has held since his retirement from the U. S. Air Force, he is currently Chairman of the Board for the Dorchester County Economic Development Corporation.

**Remembering Our Fallen Heroes and
Honoring All Dorchester County
Veterans**

**HERITAGE MUSEUM COURTYARD
101 RIDGE STREET,
ST. GEORGE**

Light refreshments will be served.

Contact 843-931-1021 or
contact-us@dca-hc.com for details

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