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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

May 2021

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, April 14th, to discuss the calendar for the remaining of this year. Due to the COVID-19 Virus, it has been months since we have had a membership meeting, however; we are planning to host a membership meeting on Thursday, May 13th, 7pm at the Koger House. One of our very own historians, Chuck Spell, will be our guest speaker. As you may not be aware, Chuck is the grandson of the Sweatman's that bought the house back in the 1940s. His memories of growing up there, have given insight into a part of the house's history. Chuck lives in Charlotte, but is planning to move back to the low-country this summer.

The stair-wall plaster repair has been completed, making it possible to open the house more often. Since the Covid, we have been unable to have our annual Spring Tea, which normally profits approximately \$3000 each year. We are hopeful to make up this loss with more events. At the directors meeting, Theresa McKnight Strickland was asked to Chair an Event Committee. She accepted the responsibility. I would like to thank her for accepting this position. If you have any ideas or suggestions of events, please share your thoughts with Theresa.

Jeff Sweatman has given the society permission to restore the little store in front of the Koger House. We are very excited but will need help. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Brett Strickland at 843-693-0694. Our intensions are to restore and use it as a welcome center/gift shop. Tickets, books, snacks and more can be sold out of the little store, keeping us from having to set up tents when hosting events. I never had the privilege of seeing the little store open, but look forward to bringing it back to life.

Plans to host the 4th annual "Open House Living History & Educational Days" has been scheduled for the first weekend in November. Artisans will move in on Friday, November 5th and the event will be hosted on Saturday, 6th and Sunday, 7th. If you know of any artisan or crafter that may want to be included, please call Brett and give him their contact information.

I look forward to seeing you on May 13th. Feel free to bring a friend.

Phyllis

<p>May Membership Meeting Thursday 13 May 2021 7 PM At Koger House</p>

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Theresa McKnight & Brett Strickland

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, Feb 18	7 pm	Cancelled
DCCHS Annual Tea	Saturday, TBD	Noon	Cancelled
Membership Meeting	Thursday, May 20	7 pm	Koger House
Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 19	7 pm	DHC St. George, SC
Living History Fundraiser	Saturday, Nov 6	9 am-5 pm	Koger House
	Sunday, Nov 7	9 am-4 pm	Koger House
Membership/Awards Meeting	Thursday, Nov 18	7 pm	Koger House

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

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY 13 MAY 2021
7:00 PM
AT KOGER HOUSE
Guest Speaker: Chuck Spell

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

We would like to thank all members who made additional contributions to the Historical Society in 2020. These funds made possible the repair of the wall plaster in the foyer and 1st and 2nd floor stairwells.

Additional funds are needed to repair the windows throughout this historic house and to oil/stain all of the exterior of the house. If you are able to make a contribution toward this restoration, please send or drop off your contribution to the office at 101 Ridge Street. Claire Mizell is the Director of the Heritage Museum there, but she is also a Dorchester County Historical Society Board Member and receives our mail at the museum office. Thank you so much for being involved and supporting the Dorchester County Historical Society and all of our local preservation efforts. We will continue to work together to make sure our history will be preserved and remembered by future generations!

HISTORICAL TIMELINE

By: Phyllis Hughes

Researching early land records is very time consuming and at times very confusing. A "Kings Bounty" indicated land being given as service to the King. Petitions for bounty indicate they were immigrants. Between 1766 - 1770, land was allowed; 100 acres for the head of the household and 50 acres for any additional person in the household.

Royal Land Grants and Colonial Land Grants are the same. They were issued between 1725 - 1775.

State Land Grants were issued after 1775.

To further complicate researching, from 1682 - 1785, the state of South Carolina was divided into 4 counties: Craven, Berkeley, Colleton and Granville. Overlapping into the early 1700s, the state was then divided in Parishes.

From 1769 - 1784, the state was then divided into Districts. By 1785, with further settlement, the state was divided into a number of counties, each with a county courthouse and jail.

Dorchester County was not established until 1897. From 1682 - 1785, the lands that are now Dorchester County, were Colleton County and a small part of Berkeley. In the early 1700s the Parishes were created. Our county was located in St. Georges Parish (1717). Which from 1769-1784, was in Orangeburg District. In 1825, the Mills Atlas shows our county in Orangeburg District/Colleton County.

If you are interested in researching your family history, the Dorchester Heritage Center houses several volumes of Petitions for Land from the South Carolina Council and other sources to help researchers in finding their family history. The majority of these books have been donated to the center by Chuck Spell.

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FREIGHT WAGON DONATED



The two horse freight wagon pictured above was donated to the Dorchester County Historical Society by Mrs. Barbara Bilton. Members may remember the wagon being displayed at Steve Bilton car dealership in St. George for many years. We would like to thank Ms. Bilton for this donation.

NEWS FROM THE DORCHESTER HERITAGE CENTER



Hello from the Dorchester Heritage Center!! We are moving forward with plans for an exciting summer and fall – and the kickoff of plans for our new facility near Ridgeville. While we are planning for the opening of the new Center in 2024, we are developing ideas for new and expanded exhibits. Recently, while Phyllis Hughes was doing research for a book the DCHS is working on, she became aware of the opportunity to purchase a 1924 Model T Ford. An anonymous donor generously offered to provide the funding and DHC is now the proud owner of that Model T – the beginning of DHC’s new transportation exhibit! For now, it will be kept in storage but our vision is wide, our plans are big and our dreams are exciting!! Be on the look-out for more news on the new facility!

Submitted by LaClaire Mizell, DHC Director