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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

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's "Tea Time Again."

For the past two years we have been unable to have our annual "Spring Tea" at Brosnan Forest due to COVID. This fundraiser usually generates close to \$3000. Having said that, Chuck Spell and Claire Mizell are co-chairing a spring tea on June 18th. It will be held at the Hazel Parson Community Center in Ridgeville. If you can host a table, donate a gift for the silent auction or would like a ticket to attend, please reach out to Chuck or Claire as soon as possible. Claire can be reached at the Dorchester Heritage Center at 843-931-1021 or her cell at 803-682-4948.

Recently, Dr. Norman Walsh of Charleston donated two beautiful pieces of furniture to the Society. Dr. Walsh donated the beautiful dining room table a few years ago. Both "new" pieces were placed in the dining room. I would like to thank Edsel Taylor for moving the furniture to the Koger House and especially thank Dr. Walsh for his generous gift.

Our May membership meeting is Thursday, May 19, at the Koger House. Our guest speaker is Pete Weathers of St. George. Mr. Pete is a long-time historian of Upper Dorchester County and has been researching the history of the Wire Road and will be speaking on his findings. Mr. Weathers also serves on the Dorchester County Conservation Commission.

Please come out on May 19th and bring a friend. Reminder, please help out with the Spring Tea if possible.

Phyllis

**Membership Meeting
Thursday 19 May 2022
7 PM At Koger House**

Get Well

Linda Baker Margaret Spell
Bill Herman

Membership Dues

Payable by March 1, 2022

Annual dues: \$25.00

Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

Make Checks Payable To DCCHS

Mail to: Ms. Bobbie McKinnon

c/o DCCHS

101 Ridge St.

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(Please include current home and email address.)

NOTE

As of March 31, 2022 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, May 19	7 pm	Koger House
DCCHS Annual Tea	Saturday, June 18	Noon	Hazel Parson Community Center Ridgeville, SC
Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 18	7 pm	Koger House
Living History Fundraiser	Saturday, Oct 29	9 am-5 pm	Koger House
	Sunday, Oct 30	9 am-3 pm	Koger House
Membership/Awards Meeting	Thursday, Nov 17	7 pm	Koger House

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY 19 MAY 2022
7:00 PM
AT KOGER HOUSE
Guest Speaker: Mr. Pete Weathers

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

We would like to thank all members who made additional contributions to the Historical Society in 2021.

Additional funds are still 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.

SOUTH CAROLINA 250TH SESTERCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

By: Phyllis Hughes

Back in July 2021, I spoke to Charles Baxley, Chairman and Bill Davies, Vice Chair, of the South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission. In 2019, Governor Henry McMaster and members of the legislature appointed a commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. They were reaching into each county to find groups like the DCHS to help form a county 250th committee to partner with the SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission for events in each county.

In October, Mr. Davies came to St. George and met with Claire, Pat Scally and myself to discuss plans of forming a Dorchester County Committee. His instructions were to form a diverse group of educators, historians and different ethnic backgrounds. The commission wants each county committee to research not only the sites of skirmishes and battles that took place in the county, but the stories of the women that suffered taking care of the homestead and children while their husbands were off fighting and the stories of the African Americans and Native Americans that played a role in the revolution.

Claire Mizell, Director of the Dorchester Heritage Center and myself put together a diverse group and on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, Mr. Davies spoke to the group in the Summerville Council Chambers. He showed a video and explained to all present exactly what was needed. A group of twenty volunteered to serve on the Dorchester County 250th Committee.

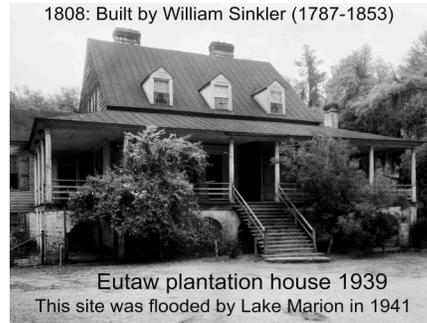
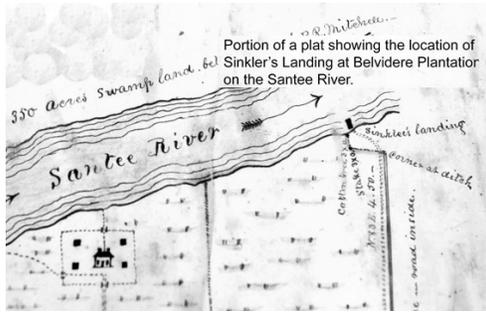
The next step was to go before Dorchester County Council and have a resolution passed accepting this group as an official Dorchester County 250th Committee.

With the help of Councilman Eddie Crosby, on May 2, 2022, Bill Davies was put on the agenda of the Dorchester County Council meeting.

Before Mr. Davies presented to council, Claire Mizell took three minutes to inform the council that the Dorchester Heritage Center had formed a diverse group of educators, historians and members from historical organizations. Mr. Davies then presented the video and explained the purpose of the commission and how a resolution was needed accepting the county committee. In a unanimous vote, the Dorchester County Council adopted a resolution recognizing and approving the Dorchester County 250 Committee.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF EUTAW PLANTATION AND ITS FURNITURE

Dr. Norman Sinkler Walsh



James Sinkler emigrated from Scotland and built a plantation home near the Santee River about 2 miles from the town of St. Stephen, now in Berkeley County.

He died in 1752 and left the plantation, Old Santee, to his son, Captain James Sinkler (1740-1800). By the mid 1700s, settlers in the upcountry had cut so many trees that water runoff produced Santee River floods causing abandonment of the plantations in the St. Stephen area. Many of them moved to higher ground on the Santee River near what is now the town of Eutawville. Sadly, most of those plantations were flooded when Santee Cooper created Lake Marion in 1941. Captain James Sinkler began planting property on Eutaw Springs around 1770. His mother, Margaret Cantey Sinkler (1763-1821), abandoned Old Santee and built a home at Eutaw Springs between 1795 and 1803. She named it Belvidere.

Margaret's son, William Sinkler (1787-1853), was given land on Eutaw Creek and built the Eutaw Plantation house in 1808. It was lived in continuously by Sinkler families until 1941 when it was dismantled before the property was flooded. Some of the plantation land that was not flooded was a campsite for the British soldiers during the Battle of Eutaw Springs in 1781.

Belvidere Plantation property was bordered by Eutaw Springs and the Santee River. In the 1800s, steamboats could navigate this far up the river and there was a landing for Belvidere which is recorded on old plats.

This furniture was purchased by his son, William Henry Sinkler (1820-1856). It was made in Charleston or England and transported by steamboat to the Santee River near Georgetown, then up the river to Sinkler's Landing (copy of plat).

The significance of Sinkler's Landing is that the chest of drawers from Eutaw Plantation has "Sinkler's Landing" painted in black on its back side. None of the remaining Sinkler descendants knows any of the history of the furniture.



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