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A PUBLICATION OF THE UPPER DORCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

PO Box 15, Dorchester, SC 29437

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**DON'T FORGET
THIS DATE**

Thursday, Nov 15th

7:00 PM

**Membership/Awards
Meeting**

Koger House

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

November is here and our last meeting of the year is Thursday, November 15th. Once again at the meeting, those that have contributed to our mission, "to research, record and preserve our county's history" will be recognized. If you know of anyone that needs to be recognized, please let me know.

Our society has had much success this year. In March and April our society hosted two very successful fundraisers, a Live Blue Grass Music Show and our annual Spring Tea. Also in April, our third historical publication *Memorial Stones* was dedicated to Bill Blakely. This book created an addition of over 15,000 names to our data base.

In July, exterior architectural drawings of the Appleby House, drawn by Adrienne Jacobson, were accepted by Dorchester County. Interior drawings are now being drawn by Miss Jacobson.

On August 26th, Chris Forbes, Director/Filmmaker of Augusta, filmed the Koger House as a backdrop for scenes in the upcoming movie "*Confederate Cavalry*". The movie is expected to be out summer of 2013.

In October members assisted in book sales at all of the area camp grounds. Thank you to those that took their time and remember this book would make a wonderful Christmas gift.

November is going to be a busy month. On Sunday, November 11th at 3 PM, we will erect a historical marker in front of the Badham House. On Thursday, November 15th is our scheduled membership/awards meeting and on Saturday, November 17th our society is hosting the "Historic Homes and Sites Tour" from 1 – 4 PM. Three of the oldest sites in Upper Dorchester County are on tour along with the Klauber Building (Ca 1894). The Badham Mansion (Ca 1912), celebrating its 100th birthday, will also be open to the public for the first time.

Thank you to everyone that has worked so hard to make this year successful. Please come out and support our efforts in the events coming up this month. As the holidays draw near, I want to wish you all a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Phyllis

Meet Our Lifetime Members

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| Deborah Appleby | Rep. Patsy Knight |
| Coe McMahan Atherton | Douglas M. Koger |
| Edith Axson | Jack Limehouse |
| Ann Bailey | John Maller |
| George Bailey | Dean McCracken |
| Dr. Ed. Behling | Bob McKinnon |
| Jean Behling | Bobbie McKinnon |
| Mattie Lee Browning | E. O. McMahan |
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| Theresa Carter | Dickie Minus |
| Jessie Cockcroft | Timothy Mizzell |
| Terry Collier | John Mooror |
| Frances George Connelly | Agnes Morrison |
| 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 | Linda Skelton |
| Harold George | Betty Sojourner |
| Beverly Gilmore | David Sojourner, Jr. |
| Susan A. Greene | David Sojourner, Sr. |
| Mildred Heatley | Charles Spell |
| William Herman | Fitzhugh Sweatman |
| Darrell Hinton | Martha Sweatman |
| Sissy Williams Howell | Frank Thomas |
| Carrie Jane Hughes | Marie Thomas |
| Herbert Hughes | Janice Walker |
| Phyllis Hughes | Grace Walters |
| Heyward Hutson | Hugh Walters, III |
| Wehme A. Hutto | Jim Way |
| Mayor Anne Johnston | Pete Weathers |
| Will Kirby | Dr. Frances Welch |
| Mike Kizer | Dr. Brunson Westbury |
| Wallace Kizer | Robert Williams |
| Sheriff L. C. Knight | Dr. Chris Wimberly |

Welcome New Member:

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| Harriet A. Halmon | Reevesville, SC |
| Herman L. Halmon | Reevesville, SC |
| Mark Clark | Grover SC |

Special Thoughts and Prayers

Family of Josh Sweatman

Family of Pete Sweatman

Family of Caroline Walters

Get Well

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| Edith Axson | Betty Carol Meyer |
| David Sojourner | Fitzhugh Sweatman |
| Grace Walters | Mattie Lee Browning |

Membership Dues

Payable by March 1, 2013

Annual dues: \$25.00

Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

MAIL

Current home and email address to:

Mrs. Jean Behling

113 Bryant St.

St. George, SC 29477

2012 Calendar of Events:

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| Historical Marker Dedication | Sunday, November 11 | 3 PM | Badham House |
| Membership/Awards Meeting | Thursday, November 15 | 7 PM | Koger House |
| Historic Homes & Sites Tour | Saturday, November 17 | 1-4 PM | |

Note: The historical marker for the Town of Dorchester is in, but due to unforeseen circumstances, the dedication has been postponed. Please go on our website for the new dedication date: upperdorchestercountyhistoricalsociety.com

MEMBERSHIP/AWARDS
MEETING AT KOGER HOUSE
Thursday 15 November 7:00 PM

Membership Meeting/Awards Night

On Thursday, November 15, 7:00 PM at the Koger House, our society will recognize those that have in some way fulfilled our mission to research, record and preserve our county's history.

Memorial Stones

To date over 220 books have been sold. This book is a wonderful source of genealogy. Please think about purchasing this book for a loved one for Christmas. You can purchase through the mail or pick up locally at the Tri County Regional Chamber of Commerce in St. George. (843-563-3091)

Historic Homes & Sites Tour

Saturday, November 17th, 1 – 4 PM

Coming up is our tour of historic homes in Upper Dorchester County. Five sites have been chosen and will be open to the public. They are: Koger House (Ca 1780s), Appleby Church (Ca 1780s), Indian Field Camp Ground (Ca 1801), Klauber Building (Ca 1894) and last but not least the Badham Mansion (Ca 1912), turning 100 years old, will be open to the public for the first time. The tour will begin at the Klauber Building, Main Street, St. George. Tickets, sold at the door, are \$5.00 per person and children under 12 are free.

Please spread the word and help us make this a profitable fundraiser.

Appleby House (Ca 1924)

As plans go forward to restore the historic Appleby House, it will be necessary to raise monies through grants, fundraisers and donations. It was decided by the directors to form a sponsorship table for those that would like to contribute to the restoration of this historic home. Once the house is completed, it will be used for a genealogy library.

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| Platinum Sponsor | Over \$10,000 |
| Gold Sponsor | \$5,000 - \$10,000 |
| Silver Sponsor | \$1,000 - \$5,000 |
| Bronze Sponsor | \$500 - \$1,000 |

A plaque will be engraved with all names of sponsors and placed in the library. If you would like to participate in this historic project, just send in your information to:

UDCHS, POB 15, Dorchester, SC 29437
(Please do not send before January 1, 2013)

Discovering Saint George

A new article entitled “Discovering St. George” written by Christine Rice will be feathered in the newsletter. Christine Rice resides in Saint George with her husband and their two daughters. Christine is a member of the Upper Dorchester County Historical Society. She attends school full-time at the University of South Carolina (Salkehatchie Campus) where she is studying History and English. Christine enjoys learning as much as she can about Southern History; some may even call it an obsession. After she graduates in May, she hopes to be accepted into the Public History program at USC.

Christine is in her final year as an Undergrad at USC and needed an Internship as one of her requirements for graduation. Luckily, Mayor Johnston wanted someone to start archiving the Town’s old documents and Christine was selected to fill this internship. The following information was recorded from the 1875 Council Journal. She writes:

Just in the first few weeks, I learned quite a bit about our past town government, as well as our current government. Some things were quite interesting – for example, in the 1870s, people did not run for council – the town’s people just voted on who they thought should be on the council. If you were elected and refused to serve, once again you would be fined,

“and if any person being Intendant or wardens shall refuse to act as such he shall forfeit and pay to the council the sum of ten dollars for the use of said town. Provided that no person who has attained the age of sixty years shall be compelled to serve in either of said offices. Nor shall any person be compelled to serve more than one year in any term of three years.” (George’s Station Journal, page 2).

I also learned that if council members did not show up to a meeting, they could be fined,

“Any member of the council failing to attend when notified of any meeting of council without a reasonable excuse shall be fined not exceeding one dollar” (George’s Station Journal, page 3).

I like the idea of not having candidates and just voting on whom you think could do the job best. Wouldn’t that eliminate most of the drama we see on a daily basis during election season?

I really do love to learn new things every day, and fortunately, with this internship I get that opportunity almost daily. A few weeks ago, I learned something quite interesting that had driven me crazy for several days and had me questioning whether or not the clerk (writing the journal entries) was sane or not. I came across a word that made no sense and that no one in my office had ever heard of – “Fitnep”. I looked this word up every way I could think: old legal terms, slang, official words, and even foreign words. The only thing I could come up with was “Fitnep” as a last name. Well, that did not fit with the context. Finally, I decided to email a professor I know who specializes in Victorian Literature. Through him, I learned that the “p” was actually an “f” and that was how they expressed the long “s”. I am quite intrigued by this, especially since I have also found “riotnef” and “drunkenef”.

I have, and continue to, learn many interesting facts about the inception of our Town. I consider myself quite fortunate to be working on this project. I look forward to the day I will be able to share all of these interesting facts with you all. That’s why I am currently incorporating my transcriptions into a web page. I now have the first thirty pages already assembled into a web document. The first thirty pages are comprised of all of the Town’s original Ordinances and By-Laws. Next in line for my project will be to begin building the section containing all of the original Council minutes. Hopefully, by the end of this year, they will be online for everyone to read!

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**HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION
AT BADHAM HOUSE
SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 3:00 PM**

**SHOPPING FOR A GREAT
CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR
FAMILY OR FRIEND**

MEMORIAL STONES

WOULD MAKE A GREAT GIFT.

**ALL BOOKS PURCHASED IN
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER
WILL INCLUDE A ONE YEAR
MEMBERSHIP IN UDCHS**

**PRICE \$45.00 + \$5.00 S/H
SEND ORDERS TO
UDCHS, POB 15, Dorchester, SC 29437**

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Klauber Building (Ca. 1894)

Historic Homes and Sites Tour

**November 17, 2012
1 to 4 PM**

Purchase Tickets on Tour date at:

Klauber Building

225 North Parler Ave. St. George, S.C.

Tickets \$5.00,

Children 12 & Under Free



Badham House (Ca. 1912)



**Indian Field Campground
(Ca 1801)**



**Appleby House (Ca. 1920)
(Not Open On Tour.)**



Koger House (Ca. 1780)



Appleby M. E. Church (Ca. 1780s)