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

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

The holidays are quickly approaching and our last meeting of the year is Thursday, November 19th. Individuals who contributed to our mission to research, record and preserve our county's history will be recognized. Also our guest speaker is Chief Andy Spell of the Edisto Tribe. I have met Chief Spell on several occasions and found him to be so interesting and knowledgeable on the history of his tribe and their connection to the Kusso/Natchez Native Americans.

The historical marker for the St. George School is still being finalized. Wallace Kizer has researched the history of this school and the information has been sent to Columbia; however, there is such a backlog, the process has been slowed down. I will keep you updated as progress moves forward.

On November 16, 2014, the Dorchester County Archives & History Center opened its doors. To date the archives and genealogy library are in operation. In the Archives, over 16,000 historic documents including rare, original documents, maps, early newspapers and several photo collections have been digitized. Thousands more have been donated and await digitization. In the Genealogy Library, over 80,000 names have been entered into the database. I urge you to contribute by lending or donating historical documents and your family histories in an effort to preserve our county's history. Please call Christine Rice at 843-563-0053 to set up a time to meet.

In October, Dorchester County Council gave more space in the old courthouse to help our efforts in developing the History Center/Museum. This center will exhibit the history of Dorchester County through artifacts, displays, audio and visual aids.

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DON'T FORGET THIS DATE
Thursday, November 19th 7:00 PM
Membership/Awards Meeting
At KOGER HOUSE
NOTE: LOCATION

Get Well

Edith Axson	Linda Baker
Harry Behling	Bettie Berry
Albert Heatley	Anne Irick
E. O. McMahan	Dickie Minus
Fitzhugh Sweatman	Jim Way

Membership Dues

Payable by March 1, 2016

Annual dues: \$25.00

Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

Please Mail to:

Mrs. Jean Behling

113 Bryant St.

St. George, SC 29477

(Please include current home and email address.)

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, as well as 13 from Colleton County, and two from Orangeburg County This book is a wonderful source of genealogy.

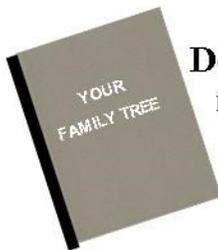
A View Of The Past

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.)

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

2015 Calendar of Events:

Membership/Awards Meeting Thursday, November 19 7 PM Koger House

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

MEMBERSHIP / AWARDS MEETING
Thursday 19 November 7:00 PM
KOGER HOUSE
Guest Speaker: Andy Spell, Chief Natchez-Kusso Tribe
NOTE LOCATION

A Message From The President (Continued From Page 1)

On November 2nd, an application to host a travelling exhibit from the Smithsonian, *The Way We Worked*, was sent to Columbia. The exhibit is being sponsored by the Humanities Council. Only 6 sites will be chosen and will be notified by the end of December 2015. If chosen to host this exhibit, this will bring state recognition to the center. If you would like to volunteer to help in this very important project please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you on November 19th. Please bring a friend and urge them to join our society. There is so much more that needs to be accomplished.

Phyllis

Edisto Kusso-Natchez Chief Speaker At UDCHS Meeting

The Upper Dorchester County Historical Society will meet Thursday evening, November 19th at 7:00 at the historic Koger House (ca 1780's), located on the Wire Road three miles west of Grover.

The Guest Speaker will be Andy Spell, Chief of the Edisto Kusso-Natchez Tribe. At 37 he is the youngest chief to serve the Edisto Tribe so far. He has been active in the tribe since 1987. Spell graduated from Summerville High School and attended Trident Technical College. He is presently employed as Emerson/Liebert Service Manager, Cullum Services, Inc. Chief Spell was elected to the Edisto Tribal Council in 2003 and has served the tribe continuously since then. Spell was appointed Vice Chief in 2001 and served in that capacity until he was elected chief. He is also the tribal appointed historian. He worked on the Edisto Kusso-Natchez Tribe's state recognition petition, which the tribe received in 2010. Chief Spell has also assisted in registering or enrolling 540 tribal members. In addition, he is lead singer of the Edisto Tribe's drum group since 1991. The Kusso Tribe dates back to the 1600's in the low country. The two tribes united over time. Chief Spell will relate the history of these early Native Americans.

UDCHS Books Available Online

Copies of *Memorial Stones, A View Of The Past* and *The Diary of David Gavin 1855-1874* are now available on line. They can be ordered from the UDCHS website. Payment must be made through PAYPAL. To order online go to www.upperdorchestercountyhistoricalsociety.com, click on the "Book Store" tab then click on the PAYPAL link under the book that you wish to purchase and complete the PayPal order form. Once payment confirmation is received your selection will be shipped the next day by US Mail.

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

UDCHS & DCA&HC Memberships

Membership into the Dorchester County Archives & History Center is separate from being a member of the UDCHS.

At this time, Charter Membership into the DCA & HC has been extended through the end of 2015. As a charter member, your name will be placed on a plaque that will be hung in the center. Charter membership is \$100.00. If you would like to join, you can do so by sending a check to DCA & HC, 101 Ridge Street, St. George, SC 29477. I urge you to join and be a part of this very important endeavor.

Note: All joining DCA&HC between 1 Nov. & 31 Dec. 2015 dues will be paid up through Dec 2016.

Memberships

UDCHS

Lifetime \$250 (One time only)

Annual \$25 (Due February)

DCA & HC

Charter \$100.00 (Through Dec. 2015)

Annual \$50.00 (Due 1 Jan.)

Teachers \$25.00 (Due 1 Jan.)

Students \$25.00 (Due 1 Jan.)

DCA&HC Membership Benefits:

1. Unlimited research during hours of operation.
2. Printed family histories every 3 years (providing the information is given)
3. Annual reception honoring members.

Recent Donation



— Eutaw Plantation 1939 © Library of Congress —
(Prints & Photographs Division HABS SC-61)

The UDCHS recently received a dining table believed to have been from the 1850's, though the exact date is not known. . The table was donated by Norman Sinkler Walsh and Marcy Stoney Walsh and is from the Eutaw Plantation (pictured above) which was built by Norman's ancestor, William Sinkler, in 1808. Mr. Walsh is a direct descendent of William Sinkler born Nov. 2, 1787 in South Carolina. It was dismantled in 1941 just before the land was flooded by Lake Marion. Along with the table, several pictures and a map were also donated.

Mr. and Mrs. Walsh plan to attend the meeting on November 19th. Please come out and thank them in person.