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DON'T FORGET THIS DATE

Thursday, August 11th 7:00 PM

Membership Meeting At

DC Archives & History Center

101 Ridge Street, St. George

NOTE: LOCATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

On December 8, 2010, the T. J. Appleby House was donated to the UDCHS by Dr. Gavin Appleby's daughters in hopes of restoring it. At the time of donation, it was thought to restore the house and utilize it as an archives and genealogy library. Architectural plans were drawn and an estimate for the foundation alone came in and was enormous. Grants were pursued but none available for construction costs.

For the past 5 years, the society has maintained the grounds and kept insurance on the house. The board met in late 2015 to discuss options regarding the house.

In January 2016, by sheer luck, I received a call from a member of the Summerville Preservation Society saying that a local contractor had restored a house in Summerville that was filmed on the DIY Network and was looking for another house. He wanted to know if I knew of a house in Upper Dorchester County that could be considered. I was told that he was looking for one that was in very bad shape. No brainer! "Sure I know of one and actually the UDCHS owns it." Contact information was exchanged and in less than an hour, the contractor met me at the Appleby House in St. George. He loved the house and could see so much potential. Of course the producers had to approve his choice.

Just a few weeks later, the contractor called and said the producers wanted the house. I met will Margaret Myers and Wehme Hutto, two of the Appleby sisters, to give them the good news. They considered it a blessing.

On February 16, 2016 the sale was finalized. In June renovation began and to date the house looks amazing. The restoration has been filmed and will be aired later this year or early 2017. It will be aired on the DIY Network.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, August 11th**, and our guest speaker is historian Dean McCracken. I look forward to seeing you there. Bring a friend.

Get Well

Edith Axson	Linda Baker
Harry Behling	Bettie Berry
E. O. McMahan	Dickie Minus
Diane Minus	Martha Sweatman
Fitzhugh Sweatman	Jim Way

Special Thoughts and Prayers

Family of Kathryn Shuler Whetsell

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 except the St. George (UDC) Cemetery. It also contains 13 cemeteries 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.

Membership Dues

Payable by March 1, 2016

Annual dues: \$25.00

Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

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(Please include current home and email address.)

2016 Calendar of Events:

Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 11	7 PM	DCA&HC St. George, SC
Membership/Awards Meeting	Thursday, November 10	7 PM	Koger House

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday 11 August 7:00 PM
DC Archives & History Center
101 Ridge Street, St. George
Guest Speaker: Dean McCracken

NOTE LOCATION

Historian Dean McCracken To Speak At UDCHS Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Upper Dorchester County Historical Society will be held August 11 at 7:00 PM at the Dorchester County Archives and History Center on Ridge Street. The featured speaker will be Dean McCracken of Lakeland, Florida.

Mr. McCracken attended Youngstown State University with a major in History. He is co-historian and life member of the UDCHs. He holds membership in the following organizations: Oswego Town Historical Society (New York), Ohio Historical Society, South Carolina Historical Society, Waring Library Society (MUSC), and others.

His articles have been published by the Historical Marker Database, the Medical University of South Carolina, as well as other venues. He has donated research to libraries, historical societies, and museums, including the Dorchester County History and Archives Center.

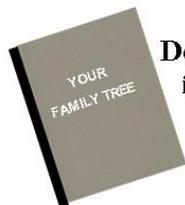
The Way We Worked

In December 2015, the DCA & HC applied to host the Smithsonian Exhibit sponsored by the Humanities Council. The center received notification of the selection just before Christmas. The exhibit, adapted from an original exhibition developed by the National Archives, explores how work became such a central element in American culture by tracing the many changes that affected the workforce and work environments over the past 150 years. The exhibition draws from the Archives'

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.

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



History: Thomas Joseph Appleby House

The T. J. Appleby house located at 300 Quaker Road was built around 1905 after the family's original home which was located near Appleby's Church was destroyed by fire. The original plat for the property shows that T. J. Appleby purchased the sixteen and one half acres on which to build his home from Emery Minus in December 1904.

The house is an "English L" structure that includes seven rooms and a very large hallway that reaches from the front door to the back door. Much of the house has handmade slats covered with plaster. The front four rooms have a fireplace that burned coal and a parlor with a bay window.

Thomas Joseph Appleby, the Dorchester County Auditor, his wife Carolina (Carrie) Virginia Stokes and their five surviving children lived in this home for many years. Their children's names and birth dates were as follows: a son Alfred Stokes, born in 1880, daughter Ruby Inez (Parler), born in 1882, daughter Marie Elizabeth (Wamer), born in 1884, son Charles Lloyd, born in 1886 and daughter Carrie Lee, born in 1888. Another son known only as Tommie was born on October 20, 1893 but died a short time later on January 29, 1894. He was buried at Appleby's Church near their original home but his parents were later buried in the St. George Cemetery. After T. J. and Carolina both passed away, within a month of each other in 1933, daughter Carrie Lee inherited the home. She never married but was taken care of by her nephew Dr. John Gavin Appleby, son of her brother Charles Lloyd.

Around 1950, a kitchen was added on the left side porch area. Also kerosene heaters were installed. This enabled Carrie Lee to live on one side of the house and rent the other side for some income and possibly companionship. She remained at the home until her death in 1968 at which time, Dr. Gavin Appleby, her nephew, inherited the property. He loved the home dearly and maintained it for years. He even climbed on the steep roof to patch any leaks with tar. Eventually, the windows and doors were boarded up due to vandals and vagrants looking for a place to sleep. It served as storage for Camp Meeting mattresses and furniture for many years.

Dr. Appleby died in 1990 and his wife Florence Browning owned the house until her death in 1996. After her death, the house became the property of their daughters: Wehme Hutto, Margaret Myers, Florence Pitts and Susan Greene.

In 2010, the house was donated by the daughters, to the UDCHS, in an effort to save the house. In 2016, the house was sold to a local contractor with the intentions of restoring the house to its original splendor. Once the restoration is completed, the family will have the first option to buy it