

# *To Be Continued . . .*

## **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**

**February 2015**

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### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

#### **Happy New Year!**

The Dorchester County Archives & History Center is open and running great. Over 100,000 documents, over 500 maps and several photo collections have been donated. Director Christine Rice is busy digitizing and cataloging these items. Also, Bettie Berry and Bill Blakely have been volunteering their time inputting hundreds of names in the genealogy database. To date over 10,000 documents have been digitized and over 71,000 names have been added to the genealogy database.

Heather Judy, Education Coordinator, and Christine are working closely with Dorchester Academy and Woodlands High School involving student volunteers. This is a wonderful opportunity for these young people to be involved in this type of center. Their contributions are also very helpful to Christine.

The Moorers/Murray Collection, dating back to the early 1700s, is being digitized and filling in many gaps in our county's history. Anne Irick (Moorer Family) and Linda Baker (Murray Family) will be our guests speakers at our upcoming meeting on Thursday, February 19th at 7 PM.

Southern Railway has given us use of their Lodge on Saturday, May 2nd, to host our annual Spring Tea. Mrs. Jean Behling is in the process of acquiring our hostesses. If you can help, please call her at 843-563-3287 and volunteer. Also, if you can donate an item for the silent auction or door prize, please contact me for pick-up. This fundraiser is vital to secure the funds needed each year to pay insurance on the Koger House.

On Monday, February 2nd, the board went before Dorchester County Council to ask for more space in the old courthouse to organize the history center. This center will portray the history of Dorchester County through displays of artifacts, audio and visual aids and much more. Council decided to put the matter in committee for further discussion.

Look forward to seeing you on Feb. 19th.

Phyllis

**DON'T FORGET THIS DATE**  
**Thursday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**  
**Membership/Awards Meeting**  
**At Dorchester County Archives**  
**& History Center in St. George**  
**NOTE: NEW LOCATION**

**MEMORIAL GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Cassandra "Cassie" Coker Lewis      By      Phyllis Hughes  
Linda Westbury, Lifetime Member      By      Phyllis Hughes  
Grace Walters, Lifetime Member      By      Phyllis Hughes

**Special Thoughts and Prayers**

Family of Cassandra "Cassie" Coker Lewis  
Family of Doug Clayton  
Family of Linda Westbury  
Family of Grace Walters

**Get Well**

Edith Axson  
Fitzhugh Sweatman  
Bobby McKinnon

**### Membership Dues ###**

**Payable by March 1, 2015**

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.)

**Welcome New Lifetime Member**

Harriet Halmon      Reevesville, SC

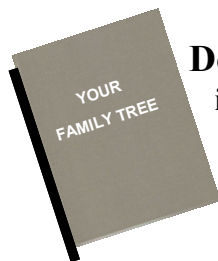
**2015 Calendar of Events:**

Membership Meeting	Thursday, February 19	7 PM	DCA&HC St. George, SC
UDCHS Annual Tea	Saturday, May 2	12 Noon	Brosnan Forest
Membership Meeting	Thursday, May 21	7 PM	DCA&HC St. George, SC
Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 20	7 PM	DCA&HC St. George, SC
Membership/Awards Meeting	Thursday, November 19	7 PM	DCA&HC St. George, SC

Please check our website for updates at [www.upperdorchestercountyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.upperdorchestercountyhistoricalsociety.com)

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**At Dorchester County Archives & History Center**  
**101 Ridge Street, St. George, SC**  
**Thursday 20 February 7:00 PM**  
**Guest Speakers Anne Irick and Linda Baker**

### **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**

To find if we have your family in our records please contact  
*Christine Rice at (843)563-0053 or [crice@dorchestercounty.net](mailto:crice@dorchestercounty.net)*

### **DCA & HC**

It was decided by the Board of Directors, to extend the Charter Membership Drive (\$100) until November 15th, 2015. A plaque will be placed in the center listing all charter members. Please come and join.

This center will be an invaluable tool for future citizens in search of the county's history.

Annual membership is \$50 per person and \$25 for teachers and students.

The benefits of becoming a member are:

- Research during hours of operation.
- Every 3 years, an updated printed copy of your family tree, providing you furnish updated information to the center.

Special Note: Membership is on an individual basis, not a company.

### **Electronic Newsletter**

Once again there has been another postal increase so 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](mailto:bill.blakely@upperdorchestercountyhistoricalsociety.com)

### **Membership Meeting Change Of Venue**

Remember the change of venue for the November Membership Meeting, it will be at the Dorchester County Archives & History Center, 101 Ridge Street, St. George, SC

# Dorchester County Public Schools 1921

By Phyllis Hughes

I have in my possession a Topography Map, issued by the War Department, Corps of Engineers. I found this map many years ago and have used it numerous times in research. The map shows rural churches and schools scattered throughout the upper Dorchester County area. I am hopeful that there are those that can still tell something about each of the schools listed below: where was it located, names of principals, teachers and students that attended. Describe the building or give us a tale about something that may (or may not) have happened, depending on who is telling the story.

These early rural school buildings were mostly one or two room wooden buildings, heated by wood stoves. Teachers sometimes traveled from other towns and would stay during the week with local families eager to have their children taught and proud to brag the teacher boarded with them.

Anyone that was raised in Dorchester County and is 75 years young or older may remember these memorable old schools. Please ask your grandparents, parents, family and friends to share any information they can remember. If you know of any rural schools that are not listed below please let us know that also. Send me the information at [pchughes24@aol.com](mailto:pchughes24@aol.com) or call Wallace Kizer at 843-563-4364 and give us the school name you are referring to and the information. Please try to help gather this information. Time is not on our side. *To be Continued....*

## St. George and Reevesville:

Oak Villa School  
Greenville School  
Cattle Creek School  
School Number 82  
Independence School  
Kelley School  
Turkey Pond School  
Pine Forest School  
Heaton School

## Harleyville and Rosinville:

White Pond School  
St. Paul School

## Dorchester:

Zion School  
Sand Ridge School

## Grover:

Lower Grover School

## Byrd:

Byrd School  
Pine Grove School

## Bend of Four Hole:

Bell School  
Mizell School  
Elmo School

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## Memorial Stones

To date over 270 books have been sold. This book is a wonderful source of genealogy. You can purchase through the mail or pick up locally at the Tri County Regional Chamber of Commerce in St. George. (843-563-9091). The book cost \$45 add \$6 for S/H if purchased through mail.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> printing. If you would like to have a copy for your collection or for a gift, you can pick up locally at the Tri County Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, St. George or by mail: UDCHS, POB 15, Dorchester, SC 29437. The book cost \$45 add \$6 for S/H if purchased through mail.