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A PUBLICATION OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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DON'T FORGET THIS DATE

Thursday, February 8th 7:00 pm

**Membership Meeting At
Dorchester County Archives
& History Center**

NOTE: LOCATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,
Happy New Year!

This year marks the 14th year of our society's charter. As I reflect on all of those that have helped to organize and support the efforts of this society, I realize that this "family" of members is strong and determined to preserve the rich history of our county. I now know so many wonderful people that, if not for the organization of this historical society, I may never have met. Hundreds of people over the past 14 years have stepped up and helped this small organization survive. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your continued support and pray that as time passes this society will only get stronger.

Mr. David Sojourner and Mr. Jim Way gave over 20 years of valuable service to this organization. They were both honored at our November 2017 meeting with the designation of Director Emeritus. They both have pledged their continued support to the organization. Their many personal contributions to this society cannot be measured. Their steady hands and sound advice have been crucial to our success. We sincerely appreciate them both and wish them continued good health.

Others honored in November for helping to fulfil our Mission: "To Research, Record and Preserve Dorchester County's History" were: Chloe Cole, Sandlapper Salon in Ridgeville, Trent Fasnacht, Contractor who restored the Appleby House back to its original splendor, Andrew Gentry, Owner of the Dorchester Eagle Record and Steve Vaughan, representing the Vaughan family, proprietors of Vaughan's Grocery in Ridgeville. Every one keep your eyes peeled. If you know of anyone that helps to fulfil our mission, please let me know and we will honor them in November at our Awards Night.

Mr. Brunson Westbury, DVM, will be our guest speaker at our February 8th meeting. He will speak on the "Band of Angels." During WWII, 63 nurses were captured and sent to an internment camp for the duration of the war. Mr. Westbury's wife's aunt was one of the 63. He will share with the group the untold story of this tragic ordeal and how they survived.

Together let's make 2018 a remarkable year. Again thank you all for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you on Feb. 8th. Please bring a friend.

Phyllis

Get Well

Linda Baker Harry Behling
David Sojourner Martha Sweatman
Fitzhugh Sweatman Jim Way

Membership Dues

Payable by March 1, 2018

Annual dues: \$25.00

Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

Please Use Envelope Provided And Mail To:

Mrs. Jean Behling

113 Bryant St.

St. George, SC 29477

(Please include current home and email address.)

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 843-931-1020 or christinerice@lowcountry.com

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. w.blakely@scdchs.com

DCHS 2018 Calendar of Events:

Membership Meeting	Thursday, February 8	7 pm	DCA&HC St. George, SC
DCHS Annual Tea	Saturday April 28	Noon	Brosnan Forest
Membership Meeting	Thursday, May 10	7 pm	Koger House
Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 9	7 pm	DCA&HC St. George, SC
Membership/Awards Meeting	Thursday, November 8	7 pm	Koger House

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday 8 February 7:00 pm
DCA&HC
101 Ridge Street, St George, SC
Guest Speaker Brunson Westbury, DVM
NOTE LOCATION

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Mr. Brunson Westbury was born and raised in the Shady Grove Area of Upper Dorchester County. He attended the St. George Schools, graduating from St. George High School in 1949. This was the first 12th grade graduating class. Prior to 1949, there were only 11 grades.

After high school, he attended Columbia Business College for 2 years earning an associates degree in business. He then enlisted in the army for 2 years and after, attended Clemson University for 2 1/2 years.

On August 19, 1956, he married Carolyn Elizabeth Rast of Holly Hill. After their marriage, The couple moved to Athens, Georgia where he attended veterinary school and received his DVM.

Mr. Brunson tells the story that he told his new wife; "If you support us for 4 years while I attend veterinary school, then after, I will be the best husband I can be." They celebrated 54 years of marriage.

In 1960, the couple moved to Summerville and opened Westbury's Veterinary Hospital.

Mr. Brunson will share the story of Captain Kathryn L. Dollason, his wife's aunt, who along with 62 other army nurses were captured in the Philippines during WWII and were kept interned through the duration of the war.

<u>Heritage Museum</u>	
<u>2018 Calendar Of Events</u>	
January	Annual Soirée
February 17	Book Signing With Children's Author Kate Palmer
March	Quilting Class
April	Crocheting Class Floral Arranging Class
May	Veterans' Memorial Day Event
June	Summer Camp
July	Summer Camp
August	Speaker Series & Photo Display
September	Speaker Series & Photo Display Model Train & Toy Exhibition
October	Colonial Days Ghost Walk
November	Quilt Show Wreath Making Class
December	Christmas Fair

NEWS FROM HERITAGE MUSEUM

The first year at Heritage Museum has been a busy and interesting one! Throughout the year, the halls were filled with everything from students and families to quilts and ghost stories. The new year promises to be just as exciting! The DCA&HC Member Soirée was held at the Museum on January 27, including a historical presentation of Arthur Middleton by Jeff Neale and music provided by Jessie Cockcroft. All enjoyed a night of good music, food and fellowship. They also enjoyed viewing the newly installed Veterans' Exhibit. Be sure to visit the Museum to see the exhibit because I'm sure you'll be pleased!

Upcoming events at the Museum include a book signing by children's author Kate Palmer on February 17 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and include an autographed copy of a book, a presentation by the author and a tour of the museum. Regular admission rates apply if you choose not to purchase a book.

A Veterans' Memorial Day 2018 Celebration is planned for May 28. It promises to be a memorable day so please mark your calendars! If you know of any veterans who were born or reside in Dorchester County, please be sure to complete a Veteran's Form for them and return it to the Museum so they can be entered into our database!

The Museum also recently received a collection of books on railroad history donated by the Charleston Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. We are in the process of cataloging the books and hope to have them available for research or viewing in the future. If you haven't visited the Museum in a while, I encourage you to do so. There's always something new to see!!

NEWS FROM ARCHIVES

Recently, the Dorchester County Library's microfilm reader broke and they did not have the funds to repair/replace it. This was a big win for us, because they've donated all of the microfilm (Eagle Record, News & Courier and Mercury dating back to the 1920's), as well as many CDs with census information from across the United States. We do have a working microfilm reader and will hopefully be set up and operating soon. In addition to donating all of this wonderful new research material, they also donated a large metal cabinet that had been used to store the material at the Library.

We have begun cataloging and making a list of each item. Once complete, we will know exactly which newspapers, census records, etc we now have. This list when completed will be added to our website to draw in more researchers.

Christine Rice, Archivist

BOOK SIGNING BY AUTHOR KATE PALMER

VISIT THE
HERITAGE MUSEUM
101 RIDGE STREET
ST. GEORGE

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018
2:00 pm**

**Author will present and read 2 books beginning at
2:15 pm**

Books are designed for children grades K – 8, depending on the book

Tickets \$15 each

(includes 1 autographed book of your choice and free admission to the museum)

Regular admission fees for museum tour without purchase of book.