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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year,
I am hopeful that all of you had a wonderful holiday and that you and your family are well.

In 2014, the Dorchester County Archives & History Center was created under the Upper Dorchester County Historical Society. One of the center's main goals was to house a comprehensive history of Dorchester County under one roof through an archives (historic documents, maps, letters, etc.) and historic artifacts (museum exhibits). Collections received have included more of a regional area, thus the name Upper Dorchester County Historical Society was changed to Dorchester County Historical Society in early 2017.

In the latter part of 2019, the DCA & HC board decided to separate from under the historical society, enabling both entities to have an individual Federal ID number. Thus the new name is the Dorchester Heritage Center.

Restoration of the Koger House was completed in 2009. One thing that was not restored in the house was the original horse-hair plaster. Over the past 20 years, the plaster has dried and is cracking. Mark Clark has been getting estimates to repair the plaster and at this time we have an estimate of \$29,500. I have submitted a grant to help with this expense, but have not heard if we will be awarded the money. I will keep you posted.

Our fund raisers this year will be our Spring Tea (25 April at noon) and our Living History and Educational Days in November. If you would like to host a table at the tea, please let me know and if you could donate an item for the silent auction, it would be greatly appreciated.

Our next membership meeting will be Thursday, February 20th at 7:00 PM at the Heritage Center located in the former Dorchester County Courthouse. Our guest speaker is Mrs. Dotsie Murray of St. George. She will speak on the founding history of the DAR (Daughter of the American Revolution). I hope that you will attend and please bring a friend.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Phyllis

**DON'T FORGET THIS
DATE**

**Thursday, February 20, 7:00 pm
Membership Meeting At
Dorchester Heritage Center**

NOTE: LOCATION

Get Well

Linda Baker Bill Herman
Margaret Spell Martha Sweatman
 Jim Way

Membership Dues

Payable by March 1, 2020

Annual dues: \$25.00

Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

Make Checks Payable To DCCHS

Ms. Bobbie McKinnon

c/o DCCHS

101 Ridge St.

St. George, SC 29477

(Please include current home and email address.)

NOTE

As of March 31, 2020 all annual (yearly) members who are not current with their dues will have their names removed from the Membership Rolls.

DCCHS 2020 Calendar of Events:

Membership Meeting	Thursday, Feb 20	7 pm	DHC St. George, SC
DCCHS Annual Tea	Saturday, Apr 25	Noon	Brosnan Forest
Membership Meeting	Thursday, May 21	7 pm	Koger House
Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 20	7 pm	DHC St. George, SC
Living History Fundraiser	Saturday, Nov 7-8	9 am-5 pm	Koger House
Membership/Awards Meeting	Thursday, Nov 19	7 pm	Koger House

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday 20 February 7:00 pm
Dorchester Heritage Center
101 Ridge Street St. George
Guest Speaker: Dorothy “Dotsie” Murray
NOTE LOCATION

Dorothy “Dotsie” Murray

A local resident of St. George will be the guest speaker, Dorothy “Dotsie” Murray. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Charleston Chapter of the Colonial Dames. Mrs. Murray will share information about the founding history of the DAR.

THANKS YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

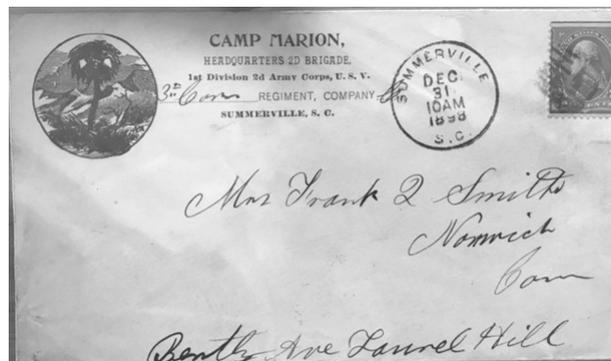
We would like to thank all members who made additional contributions to the Historical Society in 2019. These funds made possible the repairs to the front porch of the Koger House and the historical marker for the Town of St. George (placed at corner of Hwy. 78 and Hwy. 15).

We are now in the process of obtaining funds to restore and preserve the wall plaster and the windows (water damaged) throughout the Koger House. We may be receiving funds (approx. \$29,000) in the near future to restore and protect the wall plaster, but funds (\$19,500) are needed to repair the windows throughout this historic house. If you are able to make a contribution toward this restoration, please send or drop off your contribution to the office at 101 Ridge Street. Claire Mizell is the Director of the Heritage Museum there, but she is also a Dorchester County Historical Society Board Member and receives our mail at the museum office. Thank you so much for being involved and supporting the Dorchester County Historical Society and all of our local preservation efforts. We will continue to work together to make sure our history will be preserved and remembered by future generations!

Camp Marion Comes To life At The Museum!

Until we were creating the Veterans’ Exhibit in the Museum in 2018, I’m sure that most of us had never heard of a Camp Marion in Summerville. As we learned, Camp Marion was used to train soldiers during the Spanish-American War. We are fortunate enough to have on display in the Museum five photographs taken at Camp Marion, as well as an authentic 1898 US Army Heavy Artilleryman’s coat from the Spanish American War period. Also of interest in the exhibit is a stained glass window from St. John the Beloved Church in Summerville, circa 1898. The window has a plaque on it stating, “In Remembrance of the 14th PA, USV Dec 1898.” While that group of soldiers from Pennsylvania was stationed at Camp Marion, they helped construct St. John the Beloved Church. As with many other exhibits here at the Museum, these items are unique and very interesting.

Phyllis Hughes periodically scans the internet to see if she can find any other interesting tidbits of history, especially those which relate to South Carolina and more precisely, Dorchester County. Imagine her surprise and excitement when she saw and was able to purchase an original envelope from Camp Marion! The return address is indeed Camp Marion, Headquarters 2d Brigade, 1st Division 2d Army Corps, USV, 3rd Conn. Regiment, Company C! It was postmarked in Summerville, SC on December 31, 1898 and in Norwich, Conn on January 2, 1899. This is truly an amazing piece of our history! Phyllis has graciously loaned this item to the Museum and it will be on display in the near future!



NEW ADDITION TO THE KOGER HOUSE!



The DCHS recently received a new addition to the furnishings of the Koger House. Cheryl Graham donated a vintage pump organ that belonged to her mother. The organ currently resides in the parlor at the Koger House. Oh, if those ivory keys could only talk!!!

NEWS FROM THE DORCHESTER HERITAGE CENTER

If you haven't heard before now, there have been a LOT of changes at the Museum and Archives! When the Dorchester County Archives & History Center was formed in 2014, focusing mostly on the archives and genealogy aspects of our mission with a SMALL museum, it acted as a "child" of its "parent" corporation, the Dorchester County Historical Society.

As things progressed, a larger museum was opened in January of 2017. Because of the overwhelming support and generosity of those who have loaned and donated items to the DCA&HC, we have grown tremendously. Because of that growth and other considerations, the DCA&HC has come out from under the wings of the DCHS and has formed its own charitable 501 (c) (3) corporation. In the process, we've changed our name as well to hopefully more accurately reflect all of the things we actually do.

We will now be known as the Dorchester Heritage Center. Our address and phone numbers will remain the same (101 Ridge Street, St. George, SC 29477 and (843) 931-1020 or (843) 931-1021, for those who would like it). Our website and e-mail addresses will change. The website will be www.dhc-sc.com and the e-mail address will be contact-us@dhc-sc.com. The new website is now active but the e-mail is not yet up and running right now, although we hope to have it active in the near future. Please keep checking and update your contact information for us accordingly

In addition to all of that, we are beginning a new annual fund drive and are on the verge of a capital fund drive for our dreams of a new facility. As I said, we have so many items that we have out-grown the space here at the former courthouse that Dorchester County Council has graciously allowed us to use since 2014. We want to enlarge current exhibits, create additional exhibits that we don't have room for here and hold many more classes and events that we currently cannot hold, due to the limited space

Stay tuned for information on those upcoming drives! We are SO excited about what the future holds for the Dorchester Heritage Center! Our goal is to preserve our history for our future and, with your help and support, we can continue to do just that! If you haven't visited the Museum recently, please drop by and see what's new! Our hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, with the last tickets are sold an hour prior to closing. Admission fees are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors over 60, military and students. If you would like to arrange a fun group tour, please feel free to contact me and we would be thrilled to schedule it! We hope to see you soon!

AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FROM THE BEGINNING AND FOR WHAT I KNOW WILL BE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AS THE DHC MOVES INTO THE FUTURE!!

LaClaire S. Mizell, Director of the DHC