

# *To Be Continued . . .*

## **A PUBLICATION OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

**PO Box 15, Dorchester, SC 29437**

**May 2017**

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### **DON'T FORGET THIS DATE**

**Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm**

**Membership Meeting At  
Koger House**

**NOTE: LOCATION**

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

Dear Members,

Our annual fundraiser, "Spring Tea," was held at Brosnan Forest on April 29th. It was a great success with a profit of \$2550. Thank you to all members that helped host a table, gave donations and attended. All proceeds go toward preservation of the Historic Koger House.

On Sunday, April 30th, a historical marker was unveiled at the old St. George High School. Thank you to Wallace Kizer and members of the Class of 1954 who donated funds toward the marker purchase.

This marker equates to 8 markers that have been erected by our society: Cypress Camp Ground, Shady Grove Camp Ground, St. Paul Camp Ground, Dorchester Lumber Company, Town of Dorchester, Town of Ridgeville and the Town of Harleyville.

These markers are beautiful and a wonderful way to preserve the history of Dorchester County.

Bob Welch, Amateur Archeologist, has agreed to speak at our membership meeting on Thursday, May 11th. He has collected artifacts dating to the 1750s found from early plantation sites. Please come and bring a friend.

The Heritage Museum is now hosting a Colonial Life Exhibit featuring a chronological history of Colonial Life in South Carolina. The exhibit will be here through the end of May. I encourage you to visit.

On May 6th, at 6:00 pm, students from Dorchester Academy will portray historical characters in a wax museum. Put this on your calendar.

Just last week, 150 original letters were donated to the archives in an effort to preserve them. Also a Civil War sword was donated by Jim Way. "Preserving Today for Tomorrow." Our mission is becoming a reality.

I look forward to seeing you at the Historic Koger House on May 11th.

Phyllis

**Welcome New Member**  
**George Gruner    St. George, SC**

**Get Well**

<b>Edith Axson</b>	<b>Linda Baker</b>
<b>Harry Behling</b>	<b>David Sojourner</b>
<b>Marvalene Hinton</b>	<b>E. O. McMahan</b>
<b>Martha Sweatman</b>	<b>Fitzhugh Sweatman</b>
<b>Jim Way</b>	

**Special Thoughts and Prayers**  
**Family of Mary Pearson**

**Memorial**  
**In memory of Mary Pearson    by Phyllis Hughes**

**### Membership Dues ###**  
**Payable by March 1, 2017**  
**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.)**

**2017 Calendar of Events:**

<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, May 11</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Koger House</b>
<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, August 10</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>DCA&amp;HC St. George, SC</b>
<b>Membership/Awards Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, November 9</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Koger House</b>

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Thursday 11 May 7:00 pm**  
**Koger House**  
**Guest Speaker Bob Welch**  
**NOTE LOCATION**

**Bob Welch**

Our Guest Speaker Bob Welch is an Amateur Archeologist. He started out helping the archaeologists at Colonial Dorchester State Historical Site for several years. Bob was a volunteer at the Summerville Dorchester Museum for a year or two. He was invited to assist in the discovery and excavations at the Lord Ashley Site near Summerville and has also helped on some other sites such as Hampton Plantation, Charlestown Landing and Spanish Point. Bob discovered the site on the Ashley River in Givhans where the artifacts that he has so generously donated to DCA&HC were found.

**Memorial Stones**

To date over 270 copies of *Memorial Stone* 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and final 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 Heritage Museum, 101 Ridge Street, St. George, ordered from the DCHS Web Site ([www.scdchs.com](http://www.scdchs.com)) or by mail: DCHS, POB 15, Dorchester, SC 29437. The books cost \$45. Add \$7 for S/H if purchased through mail or website.

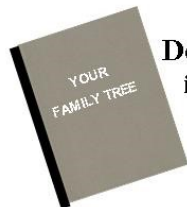
(Payment for books ordered from the DCHS Web Site must be made via PayPal.)

**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.

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**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](mailto:crice@dorchestercounty.net)*

## St. George Public High School & St. George Graded School



The first "free" school in St. George was located at the corner of George and Whitridge Streets with Colonel T. E. Raysor as the teacher.

In 1884, the free school moved into a wooden two-story building at the corner of Johnston and May Streets, erected by Captain William Minus. It was said to be located on the "regular school grounds." In 1901, the school was named "St. George Graded School."

In 1907, the wooden building was moved and a beautiful Greek Revival building was built to house grades one through ten.

In 1927, the St. George High School was built adjacent to the St. George Graded School, changing the 1907 building to St. George Elementary School. The I-shaped building was designed by noted Columbia architect J. B. Urquhart.

In 1936, the school received a W.P.A. grant to build a gymnasium that extended from the rear of the building and had a seating capacity of 900.

The building, constructed in 1927, was abandoned when a new high school was constructed on Minus Street in 1957, with the exception of the gymnasium. Later the upper grades of the grammar school were moved into the building.

In 1961, the old elementary school was declared to be a life and fire hazard by the State Fire Marshall who urged use of the building be discontinued. The old grammar school constructed in 1907, was demolished in the summer of 1962.

In 2000, the 1927 old St. George High School was renovated by Dorchester County and became a county service building.