

# *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**

**November 2020**

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

Dear Members,

Each year, in November, we honor those within our communities that have in some way helped to fulfill our mission to research, record and preserve our county's history.

Due to the coronavirus, our November meeting is being cancelled and our Awards Night postponed until the February Membership Meeting.

However on November 14th and 15th, our society will host its 3rd annual Open House and Living History & Educational Days at the Historic Koger House. This event is being held outside and we feel that social distancing and recommended safety precautions can be adhered to.

This will be the only fundraiser in 2020. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come out, bring a chair and stay awhile. There will be many artisans, exhibits, music, food and of course, the Historic Koger House will be open for tours.

In October, a contract with IP Builders was signed to restore and repair the original plaster up the stair-walls and over several fireplaces in the old Koger House.

Back in 2005-2009 while the house was under restoration, the plaster then in good shape was completely left alone. However over the past many years, it began to crack and in some areas fall off the wall. The cost of this repair is approximately \$31,000. A grant of \$29,500 was acquired to help defray the costs, but \$3,400 had to be paid to the historic preservation architect for drawings outlining the scope of work to be done. The house is on the National Register and any large repairs, such as this, have to be carefully planned out by a historic preservation architect.

As another year soon comes to an end, I hope that you and your family stay safe, well and may God Bless You through the holidays.

Phyllis

**DUE TO CORONAVIRUS  
November Membership  
Meeting Has Been Cancelled**

## Memorials

### **In Memory of:**

**Frances George Connelly**

**by Phyllis Hughes**

**Jimmy Way**

**by Mildred Heatley, Phyllis Hughes, Bobbie Mckinnon,  
Bobbie Mckinnon, Bill Blakely, Jean Behling**

**Mark Clark**

**by Bob & Bobbie McKinnon, Phyllis Hughes, Bill Blakely,  
Mildred Heatley, Frank & Marie Thomas, John Couch,  
John Couch And Assoc., Hutto Ace Hardware,  
Sharbrough 27<sup>th</sup> SCVI, H.L. Hunley SCV Camp 143,  
Sadie Brewster, Kimberly Stone , R. Shsneyfelt,  
Jean Behling, St George Business Men**

## Get Well

**Linda Baker**

**Bill Herman**

**Margaret Spell**

## ### Membership Dues ###

**Payable by March 1, 2021**

**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:

<b>Living History Fundraiser</b>	<b>Sat &amp; Sun , Nov 14-15</b>	<b>9 am-5 pm</b>	<b>Koger House</b>
<b>Membership/Awards</b>	<b>Thursday, Nov 19</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>

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

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**A MEMORIAL TO FRANCES GEORGE CONNELLY ,**

by Phyllis Hughes

Mrs. Frances George Connelly (1928-2020) was a direct descendent of James George, the founder of St. George. She was married to James "Jimmy" Connelly of St. George. Ms. Frances was a Charter/Lifetime Member of the historical society. She and Mr. Jimmy gave the small dining room table to the Koger House. She called me one day and said that the table had come out of the Koger House and they had restored it and that she felt that it belonged back in the house so she and Mr. Jimmy brought it back. She was also instrumental in erecting a fence around the small cemetery next to the St. George Memorial Baptist Church where James George is buried. She will truly be missed.

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**WHEN WADE HAMPTON SPOKE IN ST. GEORGES**

**News & Courier November 4, 1876**

George's, S.C - November 3 - The grand political demonstration of the Democracy here yesterday deserves a more extended notice than could well be given in a brief degraphic report. Indeed the crowd was the largest that has ever been seen in the village. It having been accurately estimated that fully four thousand persons, of whom more than six hundred were colored, participated. General Hampton and staff arrived by special train about 1 o'clock, and were met at the depot by one thousand horsemen, white and colored, and the largest number of negro pedestrians that ever attended a political meeting here.

The cavalry, under the excellent management of Col. T. E. Raysor, as chief marshal, and Capt. L. E. Parler, of our disbanded rifle club, was formed on either side of Main street, extending from the railroad far up into the town, and as General Hampton, with uncovered head and mounted on a fine bay mare, rode gallantly between these two long lines of enthusiastic citizens, the cheering was deafening and the enthusiasm indescribable. The cavalry fell in by twos behind the grand old chief, and escorted him to the residence of Capt. Parler, where he was handsomely entertained. All along the line of march floated beautiful flags bearing peculiar devices, a few of which will admit of mention. Across the street, suspended on a rope which was fastened to the residence of Mr. J. A. Dukes on one side and a large elm on the other, was a mammoth blue flag suggestively inscribed as follows : In the center was a large white palmetto tree with the words "Vote for Wade Hampton" so arranged as to form a diamond around it. This was intended to illustrate that, if Wade Hampton was elected Governor the Palmetto State will again be worth her diamonds. Many others equally pretty and suggestive were to be seen in different parts of the village, conspicuous among them being a red flag of enormous dimensions in the yard of Mr. W. B. Utsey, in the center of which was inscribed the letters "W. H."

**THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order about 2 o'clock by Mr. J. Otey Reed, precinct chairman and Gen. Hampton, Col. E. W. Moise, Judge Cooke, Hon. A. P. Aldrich and Mr. Charles H. Moise, respectively introduced to the audience.

A copy of this article, was found in the collection of Martha Harriet Murray Moorer scrapbook and is part of the Murray-Moorer Collection housed in the Heritage Museum Archives.

It was shared by a Murray descendent, Linda Murray Baker.

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**DORCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL LIVING HISTORY & EDUCATION DAYS**



Learn about life in the 1800's at  
the historic **Koger House**, located at 123 Sandy Branch Road at the  
corner of Wire Road & Quaker Road, St. George

**Saturday, November 14, 2020 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**and**  
**Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

The Koger House will be open with docents  
Candle Making, Cooking & More  
Live Music Sat, 2 pm – 4 pm & Sun, 1 pm – 3 pm  
Knapping Demonstrations with Lee Taylor  
Quilt Exhibition displayed throughout the house



Admission Fees: (tickets are required for each day)  
Adults - \$10 per ticket Students under 18 - \$5 per ticket  
Children under 6 – Free

**FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE**  
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Claire Mizell at (843) 931-1021 or (803) 682-4948

\*\* Exhibitors subject to change