

Heritage Highlights

A PUBLICATION OF THE HERITAGE MUSEUM AT THE
DORCHESTER COUNTY ARCHIVES & HISTORY CENTER

A Note from the Director's Desk...

Believe it or not, the Heritage Museum is getting ready to enter its busiest time of the year. There are SO MANY events planned for the next several months. There is something that will be of interest to EVERYONE! I'll give brief details here. For more information on each upcoming event, please see the flyers in this newsletter.

October brings out the ghosts and goblins. The 3rd Annual Ghost Walks will be held on October 19 and 26. Two tours will be held each night. Get your tickets early as space is limited and these are always popular. If you have attended the Ghost Walks in the past, please don't think that they will just be a repeat performance! We have all new stories to tell about the strange and unexplained happenings here in the old courthouse! If you attend, please be prepared to be scared! It is Halloween, after all!

If being frightened isn't your cup of tea, November opens with the 3rd Annual Quilt Show. If you have quilts you would like to enter, please get them to us! We will be accepting quilts until November 1 for entry into the Show. PRIOR ENTRIES ARE WELCOME! We will again have 4 categories with judges choosing a winner from each of those categories. Visitors will also vote for the People's Choice winner. If you want to see beautiful works of art, please visit us during the

Show. I know you will be amazed at the talent and workmanship of our local quilters.

The Heritage Museum and the Summerville-Dorchester Museum are partnering in a fundraiser on November 17. British-born actor Howard Burnham will again join us, giving a historical presentation of Lord Cornwallis and his deathbed reminiscences on the American victory in the Revolution. The event will be held at Doar Hall in Summerville. Please contact the Museum or a Board member for tickets!

The Flags of Honor will be flying in November!! Be sure to purchase one in honor or memory of a loved one. Each flag will have a ribbon with the loved one's name on it and will be displayed in front of the Museum during the months of May and November. During the remainder of the year, the flags will be displayed in the hallway of the Museum. This is a wonderful, patriotic way to honor our friends and family members, veterans and civilians alike! Flags are \$25 each and forms can be obtained from the website at www.dca-hc.com or you can e-mail me at contact-us@dca-hc.com.

And you all know what December brings! The Museum will again host Santa

Claus on December 7. Mark your calendars to have your little ones' photos taken with the Man from the North Pole!

Bettie Berry is a volunteer who has devoted her time to the Heritage Museum since it opened in January of 2017. "Miss" Bettie is also a talented quilter. She has graciously donated a king/queen sized quilt to be raffled off for the Museum. The quilt is entirely handmade, hand-sewn and hand-quilted by "Miss" Bettie. It is absolutely gorgeous! Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Contact the Museum or DCA&HC Board members for tickets. The drawing is December 14. It would make a WONDERFUL Christmas present for a loved one so be sure to get your tickets!!

As we approach the end of 2019, please consider a donation to the Museum or a memorial to honor a loved one who has passed. Don't forget that all donations made to The Heritage Museum are tax deductible! No donation is too small or too large and all are very welcome!

As always, thanks from all of the staff and volunteers at the Heritage Museum for your continued support! We hope to see you soon!!

LaClaire S. Mizell

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DCA&HC Operating Hours

- ◇ Sunday - Monday = Closed
- ◇ Tuesday - Friday = 9:00am - 4:00pm
- ◇ Saturday = 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Other visiting times can be scheduled in advance. Researchers should call ahead to schedule an appointment. (843) 931-1020 or (843) 931-1021.

Website: dca-hc.com

Email: contact-us@dca-hc.com

Calling All Veterans & Active Duty Personnel!!!!

The DCA&HC is still actively in the process of compiling a countywide database of all veterans who were born and/or live(d) in Dorchester County. Forms are available in person at the Center or on the DCA&HC's website at www.dca-hc.com.

This is a major effort being made to record and preserve the history of all local Veterans so that they and their sacrifices will never be forgotten. If you know of a veteran or active duty personnel, please let them know about it. Please share this form with family members or other veterans, living or deceased, you may know.

The only way we can complete a comprehensive database of Dorchester County veterans and service members is with your help!



Volunteer of the Month is:

The Dorchester County & Archives Center is truly blessed with a small but dedicated group of volunteers. We are especially lucky to have one particular young woman. She happened to visit the Museum late in 2017 and happened to be interested in the quilting classes we were offering at the time. She joined the class, I asked if she was interested in volunteering and, as they say, the rest is history! **Katie Wright** is a valuable asset to the DCA&HC. She has thankfully taken over the creation and publication of this newsletter. That's why you receive it on a regular basis now! If you enjoy the newsletter and find it informative, she is the one to thank! She is one of the two volunteers in charge of the Veterans' Database; she is the chair of the Quilt Show committee and she is willing to help in any way she can. Katie, you truly make my job as director easier! As always, Katie, — **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for all that you have done for the Museum!**

We Want YOU to Join Our Volunteer Team!

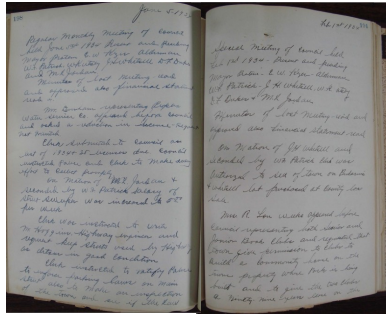
Would you like to join the Volunteer Team at Dorchester County Archives & History Center's Heritage Museum? If you volunteer a mere 12 hours per month, you *and a guest* can get in free at amazing venues throughout the Lowcountry! These locations include —

Audubon Center at Francis Beidler Forest, Charles Towne Landing, Charleston Harbor Tours, The Charleston Tea Plantation, Drayton Hall, Gibbs Museum of Art, South Carolina Aquarium, Boone Hall Plantation, Magnolia Plantation & Gardens, Middleton Plantation, &

many, many more! If you would like to volunteer, please contact LaClaire Mizell at 843-931-1021 or go to our website and complete & return the Volunteer Agreement Form to LaClaire Mizell at 101 Ridge Street, St. George, 29477.

Paleographic Highlights

Curator/Paleographer Patrick Scally is now working to finish the St. George Town Council meeting records from the 1930's. During this period in our history, the town acquired fire hydrants, street lights, & other projects courtesy of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (F.E.R.A.). F.E.R.A. was created in 1933 by President



A sample of the original documents that are being digitized & transcribed for the museum's collection

Franklin Delano Roosevelt to alleviate household unemployment by creating new unskilled jobs in local and state governments. Mr. Scally is also working on a number of old, hard-to-decipher (because of faded writing) documents from the Holleman collection.



Making a Difference

If you don't have an item/artifact to donate or loan to the museum and just can't find the time to volunteer, you can still make a difference and contribute to the preservation of today for tomorrow by making a donation to the museum. Donations can be made using the 'Donate' link on our website or, if you prefer, by sending a check payable to DCA&HC and mail it to 101 Ridge Street, St. George, SC 29477. No matter how large or small, every donation is greatly appreciated! And please remember as tax season approaches, all donations made are tax deductible as the Museum is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization.

Featuring a Museum Acquisition



The museum acquisition featured in this volume of 'Heritage Highlights' has traveled throughout the state of South

Carolina, and possibly beyond, for more than half a century! The bell from the old St. George Grammar School (1908 - 1952) was rescued from a trash pile in 1958 (est.) as the old grammar school was being torn down. Dr. William Tim Brown was able to salvage her from the top of a large demolition mass by simply making an inquiry as to the fate of the historic pile. He was then the Principal (1956 – 1964) of the St. George Elementary School and saw the historic significance of the bell and wanted to save it from the landfill. Although he admitted he

never truly understood why he carried this sturdy summoner from place to place throughout a half century, his invaluable stewardship and its home became evident in 2017 when a plaque was dedicated upon the old site of the prior grammar school in St. George and Dr. Brown reached out to DCA&HC wishing to bring her home. See if you can find out where she silently tolls next time you visit the museum!



St. George Grammar School (date unknown)

Highlighting a Hero



Mr. Vaughan upon his release as a POW in 1973



This volume highlights the bravery &

great sacrifice of Major Samuel Richard Vaughan (known locally as Dickie Vaughan). Dickie was born on October 15, 1945 in St. George, SC, the second of five children. After graduating from St. George High School in 1963 he attended Clemson University where he obtained his bachelor's degree in 1967. He taught high school mathematics for two years & then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserve on September 25, 1969. He entered Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas, on December 4, 1969 & was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Air Force on April 2, 1970. Next, Lt. Vaughan completed Undergraduate Navigator Training & was awarded his navigator wings at Mather AFB, CA, in January, 1971. After navigation school he was assigned to George AFB, CA for Weapon Systems Operator (WSO) training in a F4 fighter-bomber from January 1971 - September 1971. On October 10, 1971 he arrived at Udorn AB, Thailand & was assigned to the 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron as WSO. On December 18, 1971, while flying his 48th escort mission near the Laotian-Vietnamese border, his

aircraft was hit by an air-to-air missile. During ejection, Dickie incurred upper & lower back damage from compressed vertebrae, but both he & his aircraft commander, Major Ken Johnson, ejected safely. Both were also captured by the enemy & imprisoned in camps in Hanoi. Unlike some, he was not tortured throughout the course of his detainment, but endured physical abuse during interrogations. Dickie was imprisoned for 467 days when he was ultimately released on March 28, 1973 during Operation Homecoming. He returned stateside & was briefly hospitalized at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, to recover from his injuries. Not one to be easily dissuaded, in the fall of that same year Mr. Vaughan entered Undergraduate Pilot Training at Moody AFB, Georgia, & earned his pilot wings in July 1975. Capt. Vaughan next served as a CT-39 Sabreliner pilot with Detachment 1 of the 1402nd Military Airlift Squadron at Langley AFB, Virginia, from July 1975 to June 1978, followed by service as an A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot with the 354th Tactical Fighter Wing at Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, from June 1978 to December 1980. Maj. Vaughan served as a T-38 Talon instructor pilot with the 88th Flying Training Squadron at Sheppard AFB, Texas, from December 1980 to November 1983, & then as an F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot and as Chief of Safety with the 50th Tactical Fighter Wing at Hahn AB, West Germany, from November 1983 to December 1986. His final assignment was with the 507th Tactical

Air Control Wing at Shaw AFB, SC, from December 1986 until his retirement from the Air Force on September 1, 1991.







Samuel R. "Dickie" Vaughan is a highly decorated veteran and the last surviving POW of Dorchester County. DCA&HC has his POW bracelets on display. He was also awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (with Valor), the Bronze Star Medal (with Valor), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit with 1 silver & 3 bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Prisoner of War Medal, National Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, the Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Humanitarian Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Short Tour with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Long Tour, the Air Force Longevity Service Award with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star, Air Force Training Ribbon, Republic Of Vietnam Gallantry Cross With Palm Ribbon and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Reflecting on his time away from home and family, he says he took long hours re-evaluating his priorities in life. His advice: "take time to enjoy the little things in life." He also said, "the worst day of freedom is better than best day as POW."

Sources:

<https://www.pownetwork.org/bios/v/v016.htm>
<http://veterantributes.org/TributeDetail.php?recordID=1836>

Calendar of Events

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6 Quilt Show	7	8	9
10	11 	12	13 Quilt Show	14	15	16
17  Lord Cornwallis Portrayal	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7  Photos with Santa
8	9	10	11	12	13	14  Quilt Raffle
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 	23	24	25  Merry Christmas	26	27	28
29	30 End of Hanukkah	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE				

Mark Your Calendars with these Upcoming Events

-  October 19th & 26th - Ghost Walk
-  November 6 - 13th - Quilt Show
-  November 17th - Howard Burnham's Portrayal of *Lord Cornwallis* – Fundraiser @ Doar Hall of Saint Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville
-  December 7th - Photos with Santa!
-  December 14th - Quilt Raffle Drawing

Dates Subject to Change

All events occur @ the Heritage Museum unless otherwise noted

Are you brave enough?

Join us for the

3rd Annual Ghost Walk

at the Heritage Museum

101 Ridge Street, St. George

Saturday, October 19, 2019 and

Saturday, October 26, 2019

We Have New Tales to Tell

Tours start at 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm each night

Visitors should arrive 15 minutes prior to the tour

Tickets \$8 per person

(ALL children on the Ghost Walk must be accompanied by an adult)

Call 843-931-1021 to make reservations

Reservations are required and space is limited!

Pay by phone, invoice, or in person.

Come prepared to be scared!!!

**THE DORCHESTER COUNTY ARCHIVES
& HISTORY CENTER and
THE SUMMERVILLE-DORCHESTER MUSEUM**

Proudly present

HOWARD BURNHAM

Noted English writer and performer of literary and historical dramatic monologues in a moving portrayal of

LORD CORNWALLIS

In full costume, Mr. Burnham will recreate the time and personage of Charles, Earl Cornwallis, as he revisits the scenes of his historic campaign through the Carolinas and, with resignation and humor, gives the British perspective of the final phase of the American Revolutionary War.



Mr. Howard Burnham, as he will appear in full costume as Charles, Earl Cornwallis, commander of the British Forces in the American Colonies.

This performance, coupled with a Reception of Heavy Hors d'oeuvres ... all for the meager sum of only \$25.00 ... affords a very special way to commemorate the 238th Anniversary of the two decisive military encounters (the Battle of Eutaw Springs in South Carolina, and the Battle of Yorktown in Virginia) that brought The Revolution to a victorious conclusion.

**Sunday, November 17, 2019, at 6:00 pm
In Doar Hall of Saint Paul's Anglican Church
316 West Carolina Ave. Summerville, SC.**

You will sit spell-bound as General Cornwallis recalls the Siege of Charleston, the activities of "Bloody Ban" Tarleton, the tragedy of Colonel Haynes, the British victory at Camden and their reverses at Kings Mountain and Cowpens, and ruefully recounts the final thrust into Virginia and its culmination at Yorktown.

Reserve your tickets today by sending your check to:

The Dorchester County Archives & History Center
101 Ridge Street
St. George, SC. 29477
<https://dca-hc.com/>

The Summerville-Dorchester Museum
100 E. Doty Ave
Summerville, SC. 29483
<http://www.ourmuseum.org/>

Space is limited, so act soon. Your tickets will come by return mail

For additional information Call:

843-873-1991 in the Summerville area or 843-931-1021 in the St. George area

The Heritage Museum @ DCAHC is hosting a



DETAILS:

Quilts will be judged by Museum Visitors during the course of the exhibition as well as by 3 judges.

A winner will be chosen in each category as well as an overall winner for the 'People's Choice' award.

SUBMISSION INFO:

FREE!

Deadline: **November 1, 2019**

We are looking for entrants in the following categories:

- *Vintage quilts (50+ years)
- *Hand quilts
- *Machine quilts
- *Baby quilts, lap quilts & wall hangings

SPACE IS LIMITED

So please get your quilt in to the museum as soon as possible to assure entry.

ADMISSIONS:

Admission is only \$8 which grants you access to the quilt show/museum as well as a vote to determine the winner of the 'People's Choice' award!



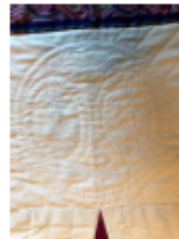
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Questions?
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Dorchester County Archives & History Center

Quilt Raffle



King / Queen sized quilt created, handmade & hand quilted in the Royal Star of South Carolina pattern

Hand quilted with the feather pattern for the Royal History of South Carolina, with hand embroidered state seal, South Carolina State emblem, enlargement of the SC quarter and a Carolina Wren with Jessamine in each corner

Donated to the Heritage Museum by Bettie Berry

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Drawing will be held on December 14, 2019

CONTACT (843) 931-1021 FOR TICKETS!

All proceeds will benefit the Dorchester County Archives & History Center

Heritage Museum Exhibits

The exhibits at the museum are ever changing. We receive new donations/loans from the generous people in our community that wish to share with others the precious items from our past. If you've never been to the museum, you should stop by and see some of the exhibits outlined briefly below. And even if you've already been through once, there's always something new to see so stop on in and see what's new!

- * **Exhibit of the 1600 - 1800's**
 - * See a life-sized Arthur Middleton - Dorchester County Resident & Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

- * **Native Americans**
 - * Kusso-Natchez Indian Village & Native American Artifacts.
- * **Fossils**
 - * Display cases exhibiting fossils found in local quarries and rivers including over 200 new fossils and arrowheads on loan to the museum.
- * **Geology Wall**
- * **Natural Resources**
 - * Four Hole Swamp
- * **Colonial**
- * **Industrial Room 1800-1900**
- * **Early Main Street 1900 - 1950**
- * **Veterans' Exhibit**

- * **Photography Display**

Hallway contains numerous photographs of early town life, camp meetings & Churches



Artifacts and items for the museum are always needed. If you have anything to loan or donate to the Heritage Museum, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact the Center at 843-931-1021 and arrangements will be made to collect the items.

Archivist's Notes...

As we come close to wrapping up the year, I am trying to hit the 10k digitized documents mark in the Legare Walker Real Estate Papers. I'm getting closer!

The Research Library database is growing and is open again (by appointment) after storms shut us down temporarily this summer.

Each week, I add more information to the computers. At this time, several collections are available to researchers, but unfortunately, this database hasn't grown significantly this quarter because of technological issues

resulting from the strong storms this summer, but we are back to normal now and focused on increasing our research library daily for you all!

This database will continue to grow as documents are transcribed or able to be scanned to be researched. Currently, we have several years from the 20s, 30s, and 40s of old Eagle Records, the Moorer-Murray collection, some maps, several photo collections, Council minutes from various county towns and more!

Christine Rice





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Preserving Today for Tomorrow

This newsletter highlights the activities & current events at the Heritage Museum at the Dorchester County Archives & History Center. The DHA&HC is a Non-Profit Organization that was chartered in 2014. We believe that ‘History is Perishable’ and that the best way to care for the past is to tend to our future.

Mission - Preserving today for tomorrow.

Our mission is to preserve the county’s heritage for future generations through innovative leadership, education, and programs by redefining the effort of preservation as a future-oriented, proactive set of behaviors engineered to intelligently and continually weave our values, stories, lands, and culture into the fabric of future growth.

Vision – Every man, woman and child mentally and emotionally engaged in the effort of preservation.

We believe that the stories of the people and places of Dorchester County should not be lost. We want families to document their roots and we want to interpret how our county has developed. We will base our public programs on research and documentation. We believe history is inclusive and will strive to keep a diverse Board of Directors and offer programs that appeal to all citizens. We will provide preservation oriented education and engagement opportunities and assistance to the people of Dorchester Co. by working with and through existing organizations and institutions.

Values—Our Stories, Our Families, Our Land, Our Culture & Our Future

Learning local history helps children build connections to their community. Similarly, the only way we can understand others is by studying their past. We will provide opportunities for the community to engage in systematically archiving and retelling the story of Dorchester County.



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The Heritage Museum is housed within the walls of the Dorchester County Archives & History Center

