

# *The Conservator...*

A PUBLICATION OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY ARCHIVES AND HISTORY CENTER

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

101 Ridge Street, St. George, SC 29477

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Other visiting times can be scheduled in advance. Researchers should call ahead to schedule an appointment. (843)563-0053.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Dear Members/Friends,

The DCA & HC celebrated its first anniversary this past November. The Archives has successfully been established and to date over 100,000 documents have been collected including several rare collections dating back to the early 1700s. Within the Archives, the Genealogy Library has been established and over 80,000 names have been added to the database. Family trees are available for sale and one benefit of being a member, an updated family tree can be printed at your request every 3-5 years, providing you furnish the information.

Development of the History Center (Dorchester County Museum) is now underway. The center will display the history of Dorchester County through artifacts, exhibits, audio and visual aids. Education into the history of Dorchester County as it relates to the history of South Carolina is the objective. Construction of the center will be completed by the end of 2016.

Exciting news! In December 2015, the DCA & HC applied to host a Smithsonian Travelling Exhibit "*The Way We Worked*". Only six sites in the state were to be selected. Not only was the center chosen, we were asked to host first. The exhibit will be on display in the center from January 28 through March 12, 2017. Hosting this exhibit will help tremendously, bring recognition to the center and help revitalize the Town of St. George.

To be successful, volunteers are needed. Attached is a volunteer form. Please complete and return so that everyone can play a part in this most important endeavor. Committees are being created so come on board.

Phyllis

*History is Perishable*

## History Center Exhibits

This is a proposed plan of exhibits planned for the History Center. Artifacts and items pertaining to these subjects are needed. If you have anything that you could loan or donate, it would be appreciated. Contact Phyllis Hughes at 843-209-0644 or Bill Blakely at 843-696-0155, and we will make arrangements to collect the items.

### 1600 - 1800

Revolutionary Period: Entranceway

Arthur Middleton (Signer of the Declaration of Independence) Life Formation Character

SC Militia – Continental Army – Partisan Uniform Exhibit

Signage

### Native American:

Kusso-Natchez Indian Village – Complete with wigwam and characters

Display case of Native American artifacts

Signage

### Fossils :

Display cases exhibiting fossils found in local quarries dating back millions of years

Signage

### Geology Wall:

Painted exhibit, depicting layers of earth, showing the location of where certain fossil/artifacts are found

Signage

### Natural Resources:

Four Hole Swamp Exhibit

Animals

Signage

### Colonial:

Diorama of Colonial Dorchester (1690s-1780s)

Early Plantations

Colonial Parlor

Signage

### Railroad 1800 – 1900:

Development of the Railroad (1830s)

History of the Edisto River – Logging

Creation of Dorchester County (1897)

Signage

### Early Main Street 1900 – 1950:

Guerin's Pharmacy (Oldest drug store in the state)

Country Store (Contents of Clayton's Grocery Store (Ca 1890s)

Post Office

Early School

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# Dorchester County Archives and History Center, LLC

## Committee Volunteer Application

Please complete this application and return to:  
 Dorchester County Archives and History Center  
 101 Ridge Street  
 St. George, S.C. 29477  
 843-563-0053

### Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City, State ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Cell/Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

### Committee Selection

Please **check** which committee (s) you would like to serve on as a volunteer. If you are interested in more than one committee, please indicate which committees you are most interested in or have more experience with previously.

___	1.	Art & Design Committee	Assist in designing exhibits, create artistic projects.
___	2.	Construction Committee	Build exhibits, repairs, assembling items.
___	3.	Decorating Committee	Decorate for events and seasonal activities.
___	4.	Exhibits Committee	Collecting historical items from donors or lenders, keep records of items.
___	5.	Fund Raising/Business Committee	Contact sponsors, partners and public for donations, collect and record revenue from events and promotions.
___	6.	Grant Writing Committee	Write grants and keep records for funding.
___	7.	Historians and Tour Committee	Assist in writing historical literature and labels, schedule and conduct tours, train new docents.
___	8.	Membership Committee	Solicit & record memberships, prepare membership packets.
___	9.	Program Committee	Plan & develop adult and youth programs.
___	10.	Public Relations Committee	Promote the History Center to the public through literature and media, promote special events and projects.
___	11.	Special Events Committee	Organization & development of special public events (ex. opening, annual soiree', special presentations, dinners, etc.), schedule History Center rentals for activities and events, etc.
___	12.	Staffing Committee	Staff the History Center regularly with volunteers and prepare volunteer schedules.

# Dorchester County Archives and History Center, LLC

## Previous Volunteer and/or Work Related Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience and/or work related experience.

## Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

## Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

## Our Policy

The Dorchester County Archives and History Center, LLC is an equal opportunity employer. The DCA&HC does not and will not discriminate based on race, color, religion, gender, age, ancestry, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status with regards to any activities and operations. Nor will any of the aforementioned be taken into consideration regarding hiring or firing of employees, selecting volunteers or vendors, or any other services. The DCA&HC provides an inclusive, welcoming environment for all members of our staff, board, clients, volunteers, vendors and contractors.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us.