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FIRST IMPRESSIONS FROM A SMALL TOWN LIBRARIAN

Charlene McDonough, Librarian

I first started coming to this small southern town in the spring of 2004. My first impressions were of a quaint little town with lots of potential. Now almost 15 years later those are still my impressions. It has been a privilege serving as the Town Librarian since March 2012.

This truly is a community filled with such deep history and so many dedicated people from all walks of life. Through the years, I have come to love this place and often find myself referring to it as my home away from home. When I first started visiting this community, I worked in the small brick library that sits at the front of Saint David's Academy.



It has been a blessing to see the library grow and prosper. I watched first-hand the progress that was made in the building of the current library that sits up on the hill where a Carrigan house once stood. The current library provides such a peaceful welcoming atmosphere that I often compare it to the feeling of being in a beach cottage. The library went from a small collection of just over 6,500 items to close to 15,000 items and it is still growing. Along with the collection there is a lot more going on at the library that we love to share with all the people that visit, from all types of programming to books to movies and everything in-between. We have watched the town prosper and we've watched the town facing difficulties, but through it all we have watched a town dedicated to maintaining its rich history and culture.

One of my favorite bits of history is the fact that there has been a library in this town since 1822 which means that the town has been dedicated to higher learning and reading for close to 200 years. To me the Town of Society Hill is a hidden gem and once it is found it will never be forgotten. For more information about library programming please call 843-378-0026, anyone that answers can help.

HISTORIC TRINITY CHURCH - ANNUAL SERVICE

April 28 2019 at 4pm - 171 Burn Street, Society Hill, SC 29593

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Long Bluff Historical Society Meeting
- 2nd Thursday, 6:30pm at Depot
Town Council Meeting
- 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm at Town Hall
Catfish Festival Meeting
- 2nd Tuesday, 5:30pm at Town Hall
Garden Club - 3rd Monday, 6:30pm at 454 S. Main
Lions Club - 3rd Thursday, 6:30pm at Town Hall
Welsh Ramblers - 1st Monday, 6:30pm at Welsh Neck Baptist
SH Library Adult Programs - Mondays at 5:30pm
Jacob Kelly House - 1st Sunday, 3:5pm

HISTORICAL TRIVIA

What Revolutionary War Col. was murdered and buried on a the bank of the Pee Dee?



HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT

CROLY HILL

The first dwelling at this site belonged to the infamous Old Mrs. Croly, a 'noted character' and Tory sympathizer during the Revolutionary War. In Bishop Gregg's History of the Old Cheraws (page 387), he relates the story of a band of local Patriots (Whigs) coming upon a party of Loyalists (Tories) being harbored at her home. The Tories escaped, but the Patriots seized the old woman and were about to hang her when two of their officers arrived and ordered her release. Doubtless her house was put to the torch, as Bishop Gregg places her living 'afterwards in the flat woods on Black Creek.'

Later the property was part of Gov. David Rogerson Williams' extensive plantations, and, being on high, sandy ground was a perfect site for the annual 'summering' to escape the malignant vapours of the lowlands near the river. The original house constructed by Gov. Williams was in the Federal style hall-and-parlor — two rooms up and two down, with a shed room across the rear and a deep porch covering the other three sides. Gov. Williams was killed in a bridge accident in 1830, and, shortly thereafter, his widow, Elizabeth Witherspoon Williams, took up permanent residence there.

After Mrs. Williams' death in 1840 the house was used by relatives and overseers until the Civil War began. In 1861 the house underwent extensive remodeling, in the event the two Williams daughters who lived in Charleston might need to leave their homes there. On the porch the smaller federal-style windows were replaced with large French windows, which also are dramatically featured in the two storey addition at the rear of the house. Many Low Country families began seeking safer havens, and Croly Hill was loaned to the family of Gov. R. F. W. Allston, a 'rice prince' from Waccamaw Neck near Georgetown. Though Gov. Allston died at his Chicora Wood home on the Great Pee Dee River in 1864, his wife and daughters were at Croly Hill from 1862 until 1866. In her book Chronicles of Chicora Wood Elizabeth Allston Pringle (Gov. Allston's daughter) devotes five chapters to the time they spent there as refugees and vividly describes the terrors they experienced in March of 1865 when part of Sherman's Army came through Society Hill on their way to Cheraw.

Until the early 1900's Croly Hill remained in the Williams family, inherited, along with Plumfield plantation, by Serena Williams Kirkpatrick and her family. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was among the earliest camellia japonica aficionados in the area and some of her plantings still bloom beneath mature live oaks and dogwoods. In the 1920s J. Harold and Frances Coker Russell acquired this distinguished home and it was dwelt in by three generations of that family until 1995. It is now being loved and lived in by J. G. Gandy, who is eternally grateful for the excellent experience that living in Croly Hill provides.

- J. G. Gandy



HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

COL. ABEL KOLB

Col. Abel Kolb was a Revolutionary War Hero, a gentleman farmer, a politician, and a founding member of the St. David's Society. From this society St. David's Academy was formed and Society Hill also got its name. Through this academy many prominent educators and leaders came. It is now a social society still active today, 234 years later. His family of German descent came from an area in Pennsylvania with the early Welsh Settlers. They settled on the east bank of the Pee Dee River called Long Bluff and later moved across the river to higher ground from the mid to late 1700s.

Kolb was born around 1750. His mother and wife was the daughter and granddaughter of the Rev. Philip James, an early minister of Welsh Neck Baptist Church. The James family also came from Pennsylvania Welsh settlers. Through his wife he came to own 600 acres along the Great Pee Dee River. He and his wife had three children, two daughters, Ann and Sarah, and one son, James, who died young. The girls lived well into adulthood. Ann married and had many descendants. Kolb enlisted in the South Carolina militia early in the Revolutionary War, becoming Captain in the Cheraw District. He supported General Francis Marion, known as "The Swamp Fox."



The Tories plundered homes in the Pee Dee. Col. Kolb was assigned this area to protect life and property against the Tories of which there were many. In one skirmish Col. Kolb killed, hanged, or wounded some notorious Tories. He then returned home believing the enemy was defeated and would soon leave. He dismissed his men thinking they were not needed.

On April 28, 1781 the Tories got revenge on Kolb for taking the Pee Dee from them. During the night they surrounded his home and captured him. He agreed to surrender to save his family and home. In the act of giving up his sword, to become a prisoner, the Tories shot him in front of his wife and children-murdered. They then plundered his home and burned it. He was 31 years old. He is buried on the same spot where he was captured and killed.

Abel Kolb was a leader in the Pee Dee region, member of Welsh Neck Baptist Church, and the House of Representatives from the Cheraw District. He was well respected far and near with the prospects of a bright future, known as a gentleman, kind-hearted, and an easy-going person. Col. Kolb is remembered in the Pee Dee but hardly known in the rest of the state. His name was spelled various ways by his men: Cobb, Col. Culp, Col. Gulp, even Col. Thobb.

- Sandra Martin

ARTWORK FOR SALE....

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DARLINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION & MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

It is a very exciting period for us at the Commission. Thanks to the 4-million-dollar estate bequeath of Carolyn "Bet" Norment Phillips, we are working towards building a Darlington County Museum.

Currently we have contracted with a surveying firm and they are well in the process of drawing full topo survey of our property. This information will let us know just where we can build our addition and approximate size configuration. While we are waiting on the surveyors to complete their task, we have been racking up miles visiting over 56 museums. We are looking at design, best practices, current issues and how they address community demographics. Our goal is to work towards a building that offers our citizens the best value and serve the community as a priceless resource.

We have also completed a new logo design to represent our combined focus as a historical archive and museum. This logo will go before County Council in April and if selected will unveiled shortly afterwards.

Our goal is to establish a marketable image that will serve as a graphic representation of our commitment to our historical heritage, our dedication to preserving our historical narrative and our determination to grow to support future generations.



Brian Gandy - Director