

# Horry County Historical Society



## NEWSLETTER



September 4, 2018

### Horry County History Journal

After fifty years (1967-2016) of publishing the journal entitled the *Independent Republic Quarterly*, the HCHS stopped publishing that journal in 2016 due to time and expense problems. However, continuing the tradition and staying true to the mission of the Society, it immediately began a new, online, publication entitled the *Horry County History Journal*.

The *Horry County History Journal* is a continuation of the collection of history-related articles associated with Horry County, S.C. Articles submitted for consideration should be well researched and documented. Primary sources are highly encouraged. You can find it on our web site: <http://www.hchsonline.org/>

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**Do you recognize the man in the picture on the left?**

The photo was found in Conway years ago. We believe that it might be Thomas W. Beaty (1825-1886). ???

Please contact the Society by email if you have any helpful information. [JBB]

### 2018 Board of Directors:

President - Sandra Lockhart Parler  
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### Membership Meetings:

(3 PM on second Sunday of stated month)

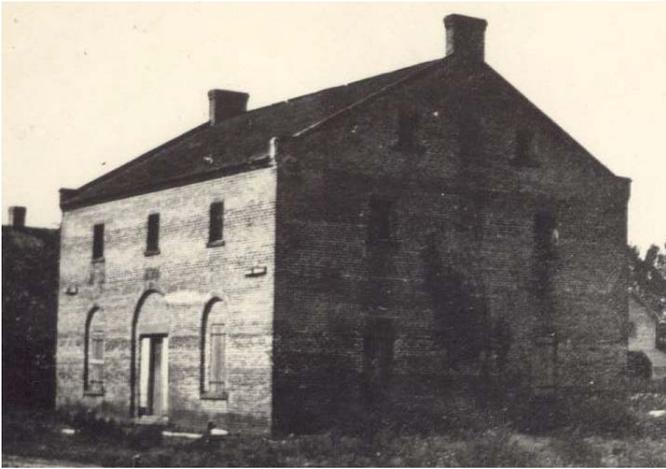
October 14, 2018 - at Bryan House  
January 13, 2019  
April 14, 2019  
July 14, 2019

### Genealogical Research

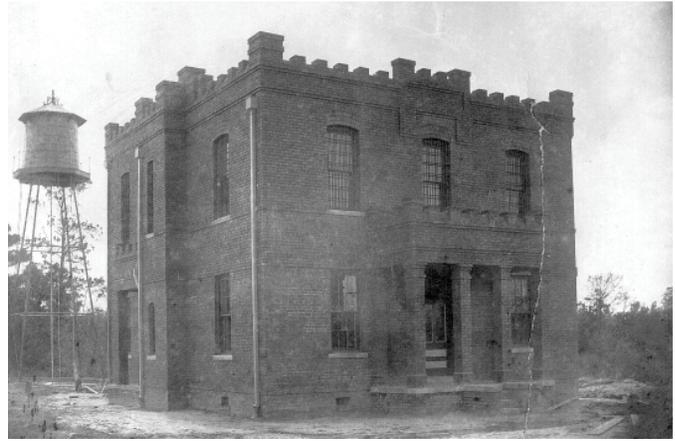
An excellent source of information for those in search of their family history is early land records. Did you know that microfilm copies of South Carolina's colonial land grants and plats can be found in the Horry County Archives Center's Research Room located in Kimbel Library at Coastal Carolina Univ.?

The microfilm readers are connected to computers so all you need to do is bring along a USB "thumb drive" onto which you can save your files. Then you can take them home with you and edit them at your leisure on your own computer.

If you need help to get started just contact Ben Burroughs at CCU (843-349-4056) and arrange for a time to meet in the HCAC Research Room at CCU.



Pictured above is the second Horry District "Gaul", built 1825-28. It was located on Main Street on the south side of Scarborough Alley.



Pictured above is the third Horry County Jail, built in 1908. It was located on the south side of Second Avenue, behind the 1908 courthouse.

### So...What happened to historic: Hearl / Hurl Rocks

Many of the "older" citizens of Horry will remember Hearl Rocks. This beloved historic outcropping of rocks, mentioned in diaries from the 1700's, is no longer to be found along our seashore in Myrtle Beach. Was it simply covered with sand during one of the "Beach Renourishment" projects, or was it crushed and leveled by the massive bulldozers? For hundreds of years it was a place of wonderment and beauty to locals and visitors, yet it seems to have vanished without a mention. If you know exactly what happened to this historic natural feature please let us know. Also, if anyone has good pictures of the rocks at low tide, please share those pictures with us so that at least the images of that historic site can be preserved. Email: [HorryCountyHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:HorryCountyHistoricalSociety@gmail.com)



Fig. 6. Hurl Rock Beach, one mile southwest of Myrtle Beach, S. C. March 4, 1940. Exposure of coquina at the ocean's edge.