

Horry County Historical Society



NEWSLETTER



November 15, 2018

November Membership Meeting

On Sunday, November 18, at 3 PM, the Horry County Historical Society will hold its **Fall Membership Meeting**. All members and their guests are welcome.

The meeting will be held at the HCHS Headquarters, the Bryan House, 606 Main Street, Conway, SC 29526.

We will conduct business of the Society, including the election of Directors for 2019, discuss various history related projects that the Society is involved with and talk about ways that we can share genealogical research tips.

Additionally, we will make plans for a **Christmas Parade Viewing Party** at the Bryan House for December 8 at 10:30 AM. Your participation is encouraged.

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We want to thank HCHS member Harold G. Cushman for contacting us in regards to the identification of the man in the photograph that was printed in October's newsletter.

Mr. Cushman agrees that it might be a photograph of his relative, Thomas W. Beaty (1825-1886). He is planning on contacting his sister who has some old family pictures and see if this one matches any that she has.

If anyone else has any information on this please let us know.

2018 Board of Directors:

President - Sandra Lockhart Parler
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Membership Meetings:

(3 PM on second Sunday of stated month)

November 18, 2018 - at Bryan House
January 13, 2019
April 14, 2019
July 14, 2019

Bryan House participates in *Conway Downtown Alive's Fall Ghost Walk*

October 18-20, 2018

1,084 attend event over 3 nights!!!



Electro-Plating.

Editors Courier:—Knowing your anxiety to encourage the sciences and fine arts of our infant Republic, as well as your disposition to report the result of experiments, I ask leave in your columns to bring to the notice of the chemical world, a very useful invention of our townsman and friend, Dr. J. H. Norman. By industry and perseverance he has succeeded in bringing the process of Electro Plating to its greatest perfection. On invitation we visited his office and witnessed the transformation of some of the base metals into the most beautiful and brilliant specimens of silver and gold. Indeed, in less time than I have penned these lines, a firm, thick coating of silver was placed on an old iron spoon, and when burnished it dazzled the eyes. In less time other articles were made gold; and it would have made a Charleston Jeweller crazy on beholding the precious metals.

The process is very simple, quick and short. Anything from a thimble to a large tray can be plated, and warranted to last twenty-five years, in five minutes. Manufacturing jewellers should remember this invention and apply to Dr. Norman for information.

I learn that a patent will be applied for by Dr. Norman. As he is a great talker and very liberal in explanation, I suggest to him the propriety of keeping his mouth shut, and observe silence to his friend "Josiff Addum."

ADONIRAM.

Conwayboro', S. C., April 6, 1864.

The above article is taken from the Yorkville Enquirer newspaper, Yorkville, S.C., April 27, 1864.

The article is referring to Dr. James Henry Norman (1829-1877). He was the son of Joshua S. Norman and Sarah Jane Beaty Norman. Educated at the Citadel, he was married to Caroline M. Beaty and they had five children together. Their home was located on the north side of Fifth Ave., between Laurel St. and Elm St. in Conway, S.C.

So...What happened to historic:

Hearl / Hurl Rocks

MANY THANKS to HCHS member Bob Gray for responding to October's inquiry about Hurl Rocks. Mr. Gray reports:

"The Hurl Rocks are still in place. They were just covered with sand during beach re-nourishment.

While I took a geology class at Clemson in the mid 60's, the professor pointed out that there are only two natural rock outcroppings along the entire coast of South Carolina. Both are in Myrtle Beach. Everyone knows about Hurl Rocks. The other is Indigo Rocks. The 2nd Ave Pier is built on-top of Indigo Rocks."

Bob's report got us interested in doing a little "digging" to find more information on the historic site. We found the following article in the Independent Republic Quarterly from October, 1968, V. 2 No. 4 page 3:

"HURL ROCKS IN DANGER!"

As we go to press, word has come that a prospective motel operator in the Hurl Rocks section of Myrtle Beach has petitioned the Mayor and council to remove the rocks! Horrylites, we cannot countenance such wanton desecration of our natural landmarks. As long as human life has existed on our stretch of strand, these rocks have served as a place of refuge and recreation for fishing and picnicking, for a moment of ecstasy when we behold their contour in relief against our sandy shore. Hurl Rocks are unique on our southern coast. They have long drawn property holders and Investors to the south end of Myrtle Beach. Why should we now destroy them at the whim of one man who is not yet in business? Furthermore, the Hurl Rocks Park serving as parking area for fishermen, bathers, picnickers, and strollers over the rocks was given to the city for use of those wishing to enjoy the rocks. If the rocks be removed, the heirs of the donor may then press their rights to reclaim the park. Members of the Horry County Historical Society, express yourselves now to Mayor Mark C. Garner and his council lest unwittingly Irreparable loss strike our strand."

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