

Elloree Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, Inc.



MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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Cotton Program

Saturday, October 14, 2023

10:00 a.m. at Museum

On October 14, an interactive program on cotton led by Hugh McLaurin will begin at the Museum in Elloree. Then, the participants will be taken into the fields and to the cotton gin to experience first-hand how cotton is grown, picked, and processed.

Call the Museum to sign up for this program. 803-897-2225



Low Country Boil

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Saturday, October 21, 2023

This year's Low Country Boil will include

A LIVE AUCTION

along with

A SILENT AUCTION.

Dinner: Eat-In or Take-Out
Served 5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Includes shrimp, potatoes, corn, sausage, slaw, grits, dessert, & drinks.

Ticket Price: \$30

Tickets available from Board Members and at the Museum !

Call 803-897-2225



Live Auction!



Live Music!



Silent Auction!

GOLF CAMP at the Palmetto *Traverse* at Lake Marion Golf Course



Golfers: Will Adicks, Noah Bates, Owen Bookhart, Jabin Clark, Colton Coleman, Zion Colon', Jack Daugherty, Bowen Davis, Logan Davis, Christopher Farley, Maines Farmer, Savannah Fletcher, Summer Fletcher, Emma French, Aiden Hess, Channing Hornilla, Aiden Kellogg, Campbell Kinard, Delilah Kittrell, Hugh McLaurin, Remington Owen, Ka'Don Parler, Cameron Piper, Evan Roland, Rob Shirer, Lyon Smith, Walker Stickles, Kinsey Stowe, Ann Frances Tidwell, Carter Tidwell, Ren Weathers, Watson Weathers. The golfers were from 9 different towns and 2 states: Elloree, Santee, St. Matthews, Holly Hill, Bowman, Charleston, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Greenwood, Mississippi.



Thirty two young golfers attended our Golf Camp this year. Teet Breland, of Lake Marion Golf Course, did an excellent job of putting together a terrific team of golf coaches to teach putting, chipping, and driving. The list of coaches included Steve & Bonnie Miles, Lenny & Sue Mainzer, Larry McDonough, Bill Brandenburg, Rusty Munn, Mike McCaw, and George Fox. These coaches helped the young golfers develop skills and grow in a love for the game. Others who assisted in a variety of different tasks were Todd Miller, Haven Walters, Jill Hebert, and Gene Scarborough.



On Wednesday, the campers shared a delicious lunch with their families after a surprise time in the pool.

Jimmy Jones Polaris of Orangeburg provided a large golf cart that was used in transporting the campers from station to station. In-between lessons, there were games and plenty of Gator Aid, water, and snacks.



The campers really enjoyed Mr. Gene demonstrating how to cut the hole in the green. 2023 Golf Camp was a great success!



A special "Thank You" to Ellore Lions Club for supporting our youth camps year after year.

2023 ART CAMP



The boys and girls (grades 2--6) who attended Art Camp in June, enjoyed three days of art lessons taught by Pat McLaurin and her helpers. Campers had fun stamping a flower painting by using vegetables. They stamped a turtle, painted a fish, and a barnyard scene. Together, they painted a cotton field scene by using their fingers to form the chickens and the cotton. This creation is shown to the right. Fun, educational techniques were used to encourage their artistic expressions. The campers produced many unique and individual masterpieces!



Museum docent Van Stickles gave campers a museum tour upon their arrival on the first day. Snacks were provided each day by the Museum.

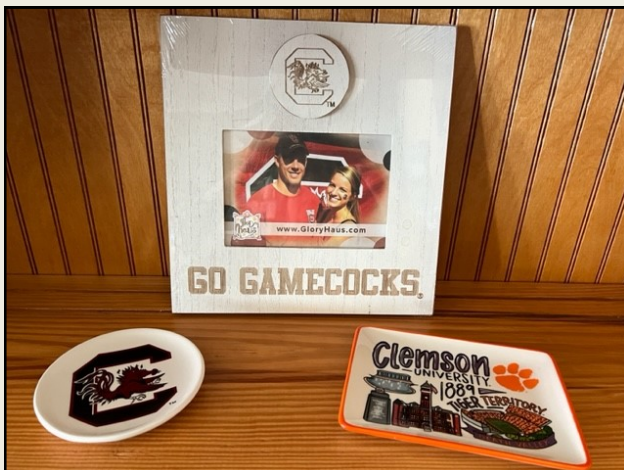
The attendees were from Ellore, St. Matthews, Greenville, Florence, Orangeburg, and Sumter. The campers were Mary Brooks Boland, Angel Cantrell, Willow Chandler, Greer Davis, Summer Fletcher, Savannah Fletcher, Kinsley Grimes, Landon Grimes,

Aiden Hess, Hugh McLaurin, Ellie Perrow, and Carter Tidwell.

The museum is very grateful to the volunteers who gave their time and efforts for this Art Camp. Thank you Pat McLaurin, Renee Fowler, Carolyn Anderson, Jan Wierzbicki, Shelly Antley, and Sally Jo Coulliette. They helped make it a wonderful experience!



New Items!



SHOP SNIDER'S STORE!

Save this date!

Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

**The Museum will be hosting a special evening
with two Generals who grew up in Ellore.
There is no charge, but reservations are required.**

**Major General William H. Brandenburg
USA, Retired**



And

**Major General Rodney O. Anderson
USA, Retired**



Manly Jacob Daniel Dantzler, MD.

By Tom Livingston

Dr. Dantzler moved to Ellore in 1892 and soon after opened the first Drugstore in town. He operated the store until his death in 1918 and his son continued to operate it until 1959. He helped Mr. Snider build the fledgling town in the early 1890's in many ways in addition to his medical practice and drugstore. He served on the Board of Trustees of the local school board and was elected President of the Board before he retired from that board in 1900. In 1886, before he moved to Ellore, he bought two lots on Main Street because the railroad was being built from Vance to Ellore and he thought it would be a huge benefit to Ellore. On the corner of Main and Hampton he built the Ellore Hotel to serve travelers. He rented the hotel for several years and then about 1890 sold it to Mrs. Bardin. It became a mainstay in Ellore for many years called the Bardin Hotel.

Manly Dantzler's ancestors immigrated from Germany to Savannah, GA in 1751. His father, Isaac, was born in 1804 four miles west of Ellore where he was buried in 1844. Manly's mother's maiden name was Caroline O'cain. She was born in 1817 and died in 1867. Isaac and Caroline had three children, Manly, David W. born in 1842, and Isaac Jane born in 1844, four months after her father died.

Isaac had a mercantile business in Orangeburg and had a home on a hill in Orangeburg that is now the site of Sunnyside Cemetery. That is where Manly was born on May 14th 1840. After her husband Isaac died, Caroline moved her family into her father's house, but her father, Daniel O'cain died in 1846.

She then inherited a small tract of land in Jamison, SC. She moved there with her three children and one inherited slave named Charles. Manly grew up in Jamison and that is the place he always considered his home.

He was educated in country schools in the area under very good teachers who were college graduates. He was a small and sickly child but he was a very good student who dreamed of studying in Paris. His mother wanted him to study for the ministry but he rejected that and agreed to study medicine for three years under her physician and friend Dr. A.N. Wannamaker. While studying medicine he was hired at age 19 to teach by two local area schools. His last two years of medical study were done at the Medical College in Charleston.

When he graduated in March 1861 local military units were marching in the streets. One month later "the shot heard around the world" was fired on Ft. Sumter in Charleston Harbor. In August of 1861 Manly enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private in Hagood's Regiment. He engaged in a number of conflicts in the Charleston area including the Battle of Secessionville in 1862. By 1863 he was appointed Assistant Surgeon in the Confederate Army and served in the front lines of many battles in South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Virginia. He was at the final surrender at Appomattox on April 9, 1865.



Dr. Dantzler and sons in Dantzler's Drug Store in early 1900's.

After the war, Dr. Dantzler returned to Jamison and farmed and practiced medicine in several towns in the area. In 1868 he married Emma McMillian of Blackville, SC even though he knew she was in poor health. She died in 1870 just days before her infant baby boy died. In 1875 he married Dora Shingler who was from the Charleston area. He had met her ten years earlier when she was twelve years old and had been sent by her father to live with his mother and uncle because of fear for her safety. Raids were occurring in their community and many lowcountry females were sent inland to live with family and friends.

Manly and Dora settled in a country home in the Providence area about 1881. That house remained standing until it was demolished in the late 1990's. Their marriage flourished as Dora bore him nine children (eight lived to adulthood) between the years 1876 and 1894.

While in Providence Manly was a leader of the school board, involved in politics, and a successful farmer in addition to a very successful medical practice. His practice area, which he visited on horseback and buggy, ran from the Ellore area to 10 miles below Holly Hill and between Four Holes Swamp and the Santee River. In January 1887 while visiting Ellore arranging to buy horses for his medical practice from Mrs. John Cherry, Manly penned an article for the Orangeburg Times and Democrat describing this small but growing community in glowing terms. That article was important to the town's growth and is reprinted in several Ellore history books.

In 1892 while visiting his friend Dr. Eugene Williams who had been practicing medicine in Ellore for a few years, he decided to do his friend a favor and buy his residential lot and partially completed home on Hampton Street. Dr. Williams was dissatisfied because of his inability to collect money for his services rendered from many local citizens and had asked Manly on several occasions to buy him out. Manly completed the house and brought his family to live there the same year.



Dr. Dantzler as an older man.

That home later became the Edward Ulmer (also Ralph Ulmer) home and still stands today. Manly also built his office and drug store next door, fronting on Main St. That lot now contains the Fogle-Hungerpiller Funeral Home. Manly connected two telephone handsets, one in the office and one in his home, and he ran a rope between the two buildings connected to bells. When one end of the rope was pulled the bell in the other building would clang and he would know to pick up the handset. Thus the first telephone system in Ellore was created!!

All of his children lived in and were educated in Ellore. His three sons all became doctors or pharmacists. The middle son, Marion Sims b. 1885, earned four doctorates and operated Dantzler's Drug Store until his death in 1959. Manly was a leading Ellore citizen, a strong Christian man, and a respected contributor to the medical profession through his work with the South Carolina Medical Association. In 1915 when he was too old (75) to practice medicine he wrote his autobiography. Manly died in 1918 and is buried in Jerusalem Cemetery.

This note consists almost exclusively of excerpts from his autobiography which was graciously provided to the Museum by Irvin and Claire Dantzler Shuler.

ELLOREE HERITAGE MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

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Membership at the Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center provides free admission and other special benefits to members. Please note that membership cards are non-transferable and guest passes are for one-time use only.

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 - ♦Private tour upon request
 - ♦Two family memberships to give as gifts
 - ♦One private use of the museum facility (limited to approved facility use activities)
 - ♦Eight guest passes

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Date _____ (Membership is valid for 1 year from date of purchase)

Please send completed form with your check to: Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, Inc.

Post Office Box 54, Ellore, SC 29047

Memorials & Honors may be sent to:

Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, PO Box 54, Ellore SC 29047

Please include complete name and address of the person to whom the museum should send notification of your gift. Memorials and Honors may also be directed to the Museum's Endowment Fund. Please indicate on your check that the donation is for the Endowment Fund.

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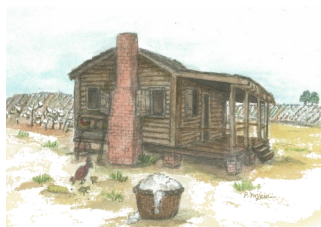
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Upcoming Events 2023

October 14: Cotton Program

October 21: Low Country Boil & Auction

December 5: Evening with the Generals

January 13, 2024: Oyster Roast

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Wednesday – Saturday

10:00 am – 5:00 pm