

DANCING RABBIT GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

November 2016

President's Message

Greetings,

I want to thank all of you who came out to the deed transfer ceremony on Monday. It made me proud to see all the support you gave me at this time in the life of DRGHS. I hope you will all get behind this project and make it work. The Sudduth House is a jewel but it needs lots of TLC and hard work. When Kathy and Marilyn get all the contents inventoried we will be ready to start moving all the furniture into one room so we can begin cleaning. We are hoping to host a Sipping Cider stop at the house in December. That is if we can get one room cleaned up enough to be presentable.

Shirley and I have removed all the old carpeting from the two large rooms in the front of the house, inventory of contents is almost complete and Henry Bryan has removed the vines growing up the side of the house. It sure looks a lot better with them gone. We are hoping to use some of the pieces of furniture for display but there will be some items we will not be able to use. The group will need to make a decision on what to do with them. We have found interesting historical family documents and photographs that were left in the house and I will be sharing them with the group in the future.

We owe Russell Baty a huge thank you for all the work he did to make the acquisition of the Sudduth House happen. He contacted Scott Sudduth and then discussed it with Dixie Petty after which she discussed it with me. Thank you Dixie for your vision and all that you did to make this dream come true. Thanks to Mike Ellis for his part in the process. We owe Attorney Lynn Dorman King a big thanks for her work on the deed for the property. Also a thank you to Waid Prather for the excellent front page coverage in the Carthaginian. Most of all we thank Stella Mae, Mary Emma,

See you at the November Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

1:00 PM

Carthage-Leake County Library

114 E. Franklin St., Carthage, MS

Scott and John Sudduth and all of their descendants for their willingness to donate the property to our society. Thank you to the board members for their continued support. Hopefully I have not overlooked anyone.

We plan on using the Sudduth House as society headquarters and a museum to display historical materials. We hope to serve as a welcome center for Carthage and Leake County. We are in a position to seek sponsors and accept donations for the continued renovation and the day to day operating expenses of the house. Some of you have made donations already and we thank you for those. If you would like to make a donation please note on your check that it is for the Sudduth House and mail to P.O. Box 166, Carthage, MS 39051. DRGHS is a tax exempt 501© (3) organization so a donation can be claimed as a charitable deduction on an income tax return.

We had a wonderful program at last month's meeting. Mr. James Perry did a great job in his presentation about the progress of currency over the years. He also gave some information about coins that we find in our change and the value of some of them. Please come and join us for another exciting program on November 9th presented by Carolyn Gilchrist.

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