



FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUSEUM NEWS

FEBRUARY 2015

February Events at the Museum



**On Friday Evening,
Feb. 20 at 7 PM, in
the Christ Central
Community Center, 235
S. Congress St. (Next
door to the Museum),
Winnsboro, there will be
a free public screening of
the documentary film
*Discovering Dave: Spirit
Captured in Clay*, by the
Archae-
ology
Channel.**

This produc-
tion was an
awards final-
ist in the
Dixie Film
Festival 2013
in Athens,
GA and the

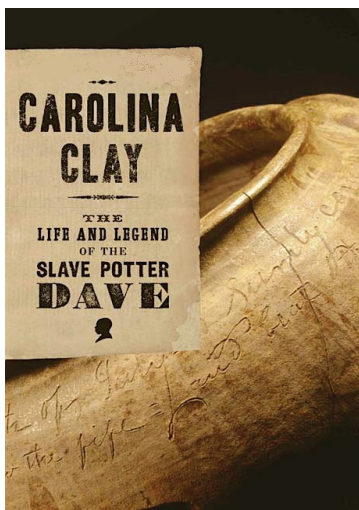
Audience Favorite Award at the
Arkhaos Cultural Heritage and
Archaeology Film Festival
2013, in Hilton Head, SC.

Producers George Wingard,
Savannah River Archaeological
Research Program, and Mark
Albertin, Scrapbook Video Pro-
duction, will present the pro-
gram, with actor/storyteller
Darion McCloud appearing in
the video as Dave the Potter.

This documentary revolves
around the story of the Edge-

field, South Carolina, slave
potter named David
Drake. David, who used his
skills as a craftsman, created
beautiful pottery, which
included jars and pitchers,
during the turbulent
1800s. While producing
thousands of pots in his life-
time, David also wrote po-
etry. He was one of the first
African-American slaves to
sign many of his works. His
story is a testament to his
willingness to be heard and
to leave his mark for ages to
come, even at risk of severe
punishment.

The program is being spon-
sored by the Fairfield
County Genealogy Society.
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**On Saturday
morning, Feb.
21st at 9 AM,
all-day events will be
presented at several sites
in Fairfield County to
observe the happenings
of Feb. 21, 1865 when
General William Tecum-
seh Sherman's four col-
umns of the Union Army
marched into Fairfield
County, having burned
the capitol city of Co-
lumbia.**

Two historic sites, Ebenezer
ARP (Old Brick) Church near
Monticello and the Century
House in Ridgeway staffed with
historians and period musicians
will be open for self-guided
tours while military and camp-
site reenactment groups will be
set up on the Fairfield County
Museum's back campus at 231
S. Congress St. in Winnsboro.
The Museum's new military
exhibit will be available for
touring during the same time.

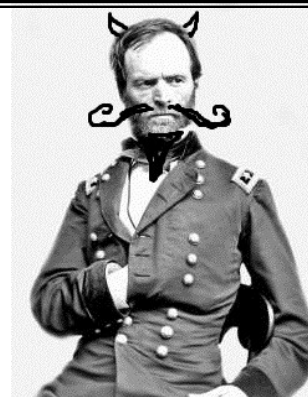
There will be staged dramatic
readings of historic journals and
first-hand accounts of experi-
ences on those days in February
of 1865. The afternoon events
begin in the Community Center
with (1:30) presentations by
several noted authors and histo-



rians, followed by Q & A and
book signings until the afternoon
light fades. A description of these
offerings and a time schedule
follows on the next page.

Eateries and other establishments
in Ridgeway and Winnsboro will
offer midday attractions for visit-
ing and replenishments.

These weekend events are pre-
sented and sponsored by the Fair-
field County Historical Society
and Museum, The Fairfield
County Genealogy Society, the
Town of Ridgeway with support
from the Fairfield County Cham-
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*Did you know?
Many Carolinians wrote ac-
counts of atrocities or excesses
committed by the Union troops,
but there has always been some
debate as to Gen. Sherman's
direct involvement. Come decide
for yourself.*

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"To the citizens of this community-Please excuse us for defacing your house of worship... -a Yankee"

MORNING:

9AM to 11:30: Two important county sites will be open for tours. Historians and reactors will be present to answer questions.

At 11235 State Highway #213 near the rural Monticello community, visitors can enter the **Old Brick (Ebenezer ARP) Church** to view the penciled inscription written on the wall by an apologetic Union soldier for their "defacing" the church to use the floor boards for crossing the nearby creek. This site is eleven miles south east of the Best Value Inn just south of Winnsboro.

The **Century House at 170 S. Dogwood** in the town of **Ridgeway** was the headquarters of Confederate Gen. P. T. Beauregard in advance of Sherman's entry into Fairfield. Local historians and period musicians will be on



hand in the house for touring.

Restaurants in Ridgeway and Winnsboro will be awaiting your midday patronage and...

In Winnsboro, from 9 AM throughout the day: Period reenactors will be present at these sites and behind the Fairfield County Museum (231 S. Congress St., Winnsboro). The Museum debuts a new exhibit about our communities' generations of soldiers from all the wars since the American Revolution up until today's modern wars and will be open during the morning.

FROM 11:30 AM THROUGH LATE AFTERNOON:

Where: On stage in the Christ Central Community Center, 235 S. Congress St. (next to Museum) 11:30 AM: Presentation of some personal narratives from Fairfield County residents who survived the events of Feb. 21—23, 1865.



The Museum at 231 S. Congress St. will have its doors open for viewing our new military exhibits while the backyard behind the buildings will be the site of period reenactor encamp-

ments who will be around the rest of the afternoon.

Speakers to be presented at Christ Central Community Center beginning at 1 PM:

1 PM: Pat McNeely— Author of *Sherman's Flame and Blame Campaign* will speak on Sherman's general plan for his march through Georgia and SC.

1:30 PM: Chester De-Prater— USC Research Associate Professor and archaeologist at the SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology will present his findings of the Camp Asylum Prison for Union Officers archaeological site in Columbia.

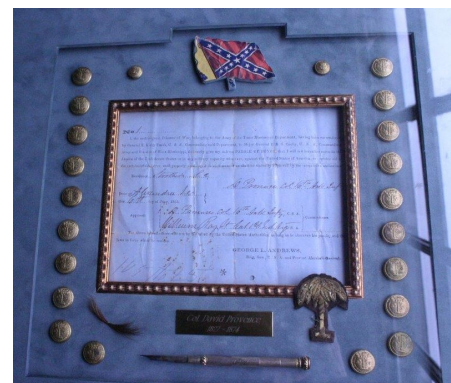
2 PM: Brian McCreight—Charleston author and story teller will relate stories

from *Googly Moogly! The Lowcountry Liar's Tales of History & Mystery* (Pelican Press) passed down in his Fairfield County family during the "Late Unpleasantness."

2:30 PM: Jim Kibler— author, will speak on the destruction of Pomaria Nursery and eastern Newberry by Sherman's troops. *Our Fathers' Fields: A Southern Story*, (Pelican Press).

3:00 – 3:30: Karen Stokes— author of *South Carolina Civilians in Sherman's Path* (The History Press, 2012), will speak on the historic accounts of Dr. Lord, Episcopal Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Winnsboro, SC.

3:30 PM — 5 PM: Greet the Authors and Book Signings in the Museum. (No electronic payment, please.)



Display of uniform buttons, pen used in signing of Secession Ordinance, and post-war official pardon for Col David Provence.

Fairfield Remembers

Sherman

February 21, 1865



The 150th Observance

of the

Carolinas Campaign

Through Fairfield County

February 21, 2015

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*Look for the **Fairfield County Museum** on Facebook also*

