

INTRODUCTION

In 2014, I joined a group of citizens in a project to write a comprehensive history of Laurens County, South Carolina. We decided to call our history “Discovering Laurens County South Carolina.” To date we have published three volumes:

Volume 1. From Pre-History through the Colonial Period

Volume 2. Revolution and County Growth 1775 - 1840

Volume 3. Dramatic Growth 1840 – 1900.

As an adjunct to this project, I established a Facebook page entitled “Discovering Laurens County.” Facebook is convenient for posting notes and images. I have posted numerous stories on the page and it continues to draw new visitors. Unfortunately, Facebook is not a good platform for providing material for persons wishing to research history.

The Discovering Laurens County project has been working under the umbrella of the Laurens County Museum Organization for several years. During the Discovering Laurens County project, I have accumulated a large database of references and written many historical articles. It is my hope that someday soon, the Museum’s website will be restructured to allow storage and retrieval of articles and sources of historical information. To that end, I have begun restructuring the articles that I have posted on the Facebook page into “.pdf” documents and posting them on my personal website, “neoPerceptions.com” in anticipation of transferring them and related reference documents to the Museum’s website. I hope other authors will follow suit once the Museum’s website makes such a change. I believe the Museum’s website can become an important source of information for historical researchers.

Sincerely,

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