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The Hunley Sailor and His Connection to Dorchester County, by Brice Stump, 5 November 2014

Brice Stump has been with The Daily Times in Salisbury for 36 years and has been a consistent award winning journalist and photographer. He has authored several books on Eastern Shore history, and was inducted into the Maryland-Delaware-DC Journalism Hall of Fame in College Park. He was raised on a farm near Bestpitch Ferry, and presently lives near Princess Anne, Md.

Brice spoke about the history of Joseph Ridgaway whose father was a sailing captain who interacted with area ports including Dorchester. Joseph was second in command of the ill fated submarine, "H. L. Hunley", that was used by the Confederate Navy in the first ever successful destruction of an enemy ship by a submarine. Detailed genealogical data on Joseph Ridgaway was added by co-speaker Emma Ditman.

But the key part of the program was about Joseph's photo and how research may have solved a mystery, something that all history lovers would find of interest. The "lessons learned here" are very much appropriate to Dorchester County folks interested in family history and history in general.