May 17th Lecture “Our Man in the Middle East: Ambassador James P Richards”, by Dr. Eddie Lee

“After a quarter of a century representing South Carolina’s Fifth Congressional District in Washington and chairing the House Foreign Affairs Committee, JP Richards retired to Washington. A late 1956 phone call from President Eisenhower however, interrupted his retirement and led to his service as ambassador to the strategic Middle East. He visited 15 Middle Eastern Nations and travelled 30,000 miles as he identified friends and foes in the Middle East.” – Dr. Eddie Lee

Dr. Edward Lee is the former president of the South Carolina Historical Association. He is the author of 15 books, including a biography of James P Richards. For the last 11 years he has served at the mayor of the city of York.

All are invited to attend these free public lectures which cover topics related to local culture and regional history. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch. Lectures will begin at (12PM) noon in the classroom of the Native American Studies Center located at 119 South Main Street, Lancaster, SC. and will last approximately 30 minutes with an additional 15 minutes for questions.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding the series to Brent Burgin at 803-313-7063 or wbburgin@sc.edu. Mr. Burgin welcomes suggestions and ideas for future talks and speakers.