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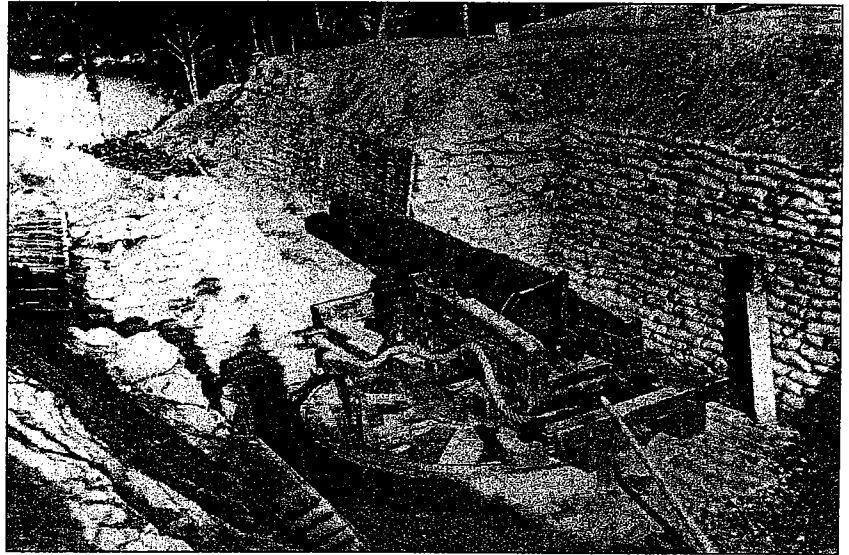
Preservation the Chesterfield County Way

How it all began.

In September 1985, a set of subdivision construction plans came into the Engineering Office Department of Chesterfield County, where I work as a drafting and design technician. These plans were for a new subdivision called Walthall Creek, being developed by Hill Construction Company. The engineers were looking at the road cross sections and commenting on the strange topography on the top of a hill in the cross section. Realizing the area that was being looked at was in the area of the Howlett line, I looked at the plans and saw that this was a Civil War fort, part of the Howlett line of 1864-65. After discussing it with my supervisor, Richard McElfish, to see if I could try to save the fort, I called Mr. B. Forace Hill, owner and developer of the Walthall Creek project. I told him about the fort and the Howlett line, and he sounded interested in preserving the area. By November 1985 he had agreed to relocate the road that was to go through the fort. Then he asked, "What am I going to do with it?" I suggested that he give it to Chesterfield County for a historical park, which he agreed to do.

About six months later, I was talking with Pauline Mitchell, the county news and information officer about what had occurred. She called Bruce Potter of the Richmond News Leader, who came out to meet with Mr. Hill and me at the site which had been saved, with the road now going by, instead of through, the fort. On June 18, 1987 the story went to press.

The National Park Service read the article and investigated our actions. On May 26, 1988, Mr. Hill and I received "Take Pride in America" awards from them for our efforts in Civil War preservation in Chesterfield County. (See October 1988 Newsletter for picture and related article).



*Confederate gun commanding James River at Battery Dantzler.
Photo by Matthew Brady- 1865.*

The support of the County Administration, Deputy County Administrator Bradford S. Hammer, the News and Public Information Office Director Pauline A. Mitchell, the Director of Planning Thomas E. Jacobson, and especially my boss Richard M. McElfish, for allowing me time to work on historic preservation at meetings with the County Administration, has helped in saving many sites within Chesterfield County. Developers in the Bermuda District of Chesterfield County, in which most of the Bermuda Hundred Cam-

paign took place, have been extremely cooperative in efforts to save Civil War sites. While it is not always possible to save everything on a site, important pieces are being saved on a site by site basis.

Currently the County Planning office is in the process of establishing a zoning and land use plan to provide for the identification, categorization and preservation of Civil War sites. If developers know there are sites on their property before development is started, preservation becomes much easier. So far, the sites that have been saved and the developers who are responsible for saving them are:

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Quarterly Meeting Notice

The fall meeting of the society will be held in the Old Courthouse on Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 p.m.

Professor Dan Mouer of Virginia Commonwealth University will speak on his archaeological research project at Magnolia Grange. After the talk, we will walk over to the site and observe his discoveries.

Refreshments and a social hour will follow in the house.

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President's Report

The Chesterfield Historical Society

July 24, 1989

This report covers major activities of the Board of Directors of the Chesterfield Historical Society from July 1987 through July 1989. This very dedicated group of people are working to preserve and record the history of Chesterfield County. The committees met with the board the first Monday of each quarter. It has been said that we on the board talk about objectives, and the committees get the work done. It has also been said the society works from the bottom up to the president. I can truly say that this is a wonderful team that has accomplished much in these past two years.

I appreciate all the work done by the officers, committee chairpersons and committee members. They have labored many hours, with sincere dedication, week after week. It has paid off. **Committee reports:**

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

Committee came into being as the fiscal year ended. You will see the blue highway signs identifying the sections our society will maintain.

ARCHEOLOGY

Dawn Burns, chairman

This committee has been excavating a ca. 1750 house site at Osbornes. They reset the original grid, cleaned winter debris from the site, opened several new squares, found the north end of the laid brick walkway or "patio," photographed and mapped it on the site map. Due to the presence of the laid brick and numerous household type artifacts, they feel the house foundation is nearby.

In September, the Historical Society's Archeology Committee will be assisting VCU in excavating the grounds of Magnolia Grange, to locate outbuildings and landscape features which will eventually be reconstructed for visitors to enjoy.

BATEAU

Paul Kreynus, chairman

This energetic committee was formed in the spring of 1986 and built a replica of a 50' James River cargo boat. They raised their own funds and donated approximately 7,000 hours in the construction of the boat. This committee took several trips on the James and Appomattox Rivers, the New River in West Virginia, and participated in the Bateau Festival from Lynchburg to Maidens.

CEMETERY

Margaret Burgess, chairman

By meeting each Tuesday, this committee has almost finished indexing the large black cemetery on Branders Bridge Road and the Providence Church Cemetery. They contribute about 150 hours to the society each quarter.

CIVIL WAR SITES

George Fickett, chairman

This committee is dedicated to preserving, writing about and giving tours of Chesterfield's Civil War battlefield.

COOKBOOK

Nancy Dunnavant, chairman

The group completed its project of compiling and selling a cookbook. With over \$10,000 in sales receipts, their funds

helped the society expenses for this reporting period. Upon completion, this committee disbanded.

FINANCES

Joyce Honderich, treasurer

The Treasurer keeps track of daily receipts, disbursements and reports required by the board and local, state and federal governments.

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

Angie Wilderman, chairman

They have added 5,682 marriage records to the computer data base, which is invaluable for researchers.

HISTORICAL MARKERS

Lucille Moseley, chairman

Over the past two years, this committee has replaced eight county markers, which had been destroyed, and erected three new markers after getting approval from the Virginia Historical Landmarks Commission. Sponsorship for these markers came from private citizens, the county government, civic organizations and foundations. The society funded the marker for Magnolia Grange.

LIBRARY

Waverly Winfree, chairman

The library continues to collect books, maps, photographs, letters, genealogical charts and notes, Bible records and data concerning Chesterfield County's history.

MAGNOLIA GRANGE

Richard O. Gates, chairman

Magnolia Grange was acquired by the Historical Society in 1986 to be operated as a museum house, reflecting life on a rural plantation in the Federal period (approximately 1822). The house is open to the public for educational purposes, and is available to the county government and limited civic groups for small gatherings. This home has progressed from a vacant house to a fully furnished active 19th century plantation house available to the public for their enjoyment and education.

MEMBERSHIP

Steve Perkins, chairman

Since the society was organized in September 1981, over 1,000
2 people have become members.

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PICTURE COLLECTION

Hugh Goodwyn, chairman

This committee now has collected over 400 pictures from throughout the county. The pictures have been on display at various locations, and the Richmond Newspapers have published one picture weekly for the past 12 months. This has been an outstanding job, and has created much public interest in the society.

PRESERVATION & LONG RANGE PLANNING

Arline McGuire, chairman

The purpose of this committee is to study the historic resources of the Courthouse Complex and to present a plan for its preservation and future use, identifying needs and setting time-tables for goals.

The committee found there is a critical need for additional space, both for the museum and the society. The committee is requesting that the Historic 1917 Courthouse be made available for the use of the County Museum and the Historical Society by June 1990. It was also requested that the 1889 Clerk's Office and the 1828 Clerk's/Treasurer's office be made available to the Historical Society, on or before January 1992. Suggested preliminary plans for utilizing this space have been given to the society directors and the museum board. At the suggestion of this committee, these buildings were recently designated as historical and registered with the State Registries of Historic Places. This brings to 25 the number of historic county landmarks which have been designated in Chesterfield since the Board of Supervisors approved a preservation of historic sites ordinance in 1987.

PROGRAM

Joan Gleason, chairman

Several historical churches and homes have been used for the society meetings. These have included: Eppington, Branch's Baptist Church, Wesley Chapel, and Skinquarter Baptist Church.

PUBLICATIONS

Jeanette Ortiz, editor

The Messenger is published twice each year and plays an important role in maintaining contact with our resident and non-resident members.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Lucille Moseley, chairman

The society joined with the South Chesterfield Ruritan Club in their Veteran's Day program at the Soldier's Monument at the Courthouse on November 11th. Supreme Court Justice Richard Poff was the speaker. Wreaths honoring all veterans were laid by 44 organizations. The Thomas Dale High School band added much to this program. Other events were May Fare, the beautiful Christmas at Magnolia Grange, and the July 4th celebration.

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The Chesterfield Historical Society has been a great success these past two years. How could it be any other way? The Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, the County Administrator's office and staff, and the Planning Department have supported our society 100%. Developers and businesses have donated Civil War sites to the county. The society's Board of Directors have provided good leadership. Committees and volunteer workers have done the work, and the membership has been supported. I thank each of you and may God always bless you.

W. Baxter Perkinson, Sr.
President

Officers and Board Elected

During the July 1989 quarterly meeting of the Historical Society, the Officers and Board of Directors of the Society were elected and installed. The officers are:

Robert Wagenknecht, president;
Gordon Jonas, first vice president;
Bryan Walker, second vice president;
Elizabeth Muttart, recording secretary;
Nancy Dunnavant, corresponding secretary;
Joyce Honderich, treasurer.

The Board of Directors consists of Steve Cormier, Charlotte Farley, Arline McGuire, Edward Moseley Jr., John Pearsall, James Schiavo, Angie Wilderman, Baxter Perkinson Sr., past president, and Lucille Moseley, ex-officio.

We extend our congratulations to these dedicated volunteers and thank them for the important work they do for the society by serving as officers and board members.

The Messenger
of the
Chesterfield Historical
Society of Virginia

Jeanette Hartter Ortiz, *Editor*
Pauline A. Mitchell, *Editorial Assistant*
Susan Whiteman, *Associate Assistant*
Janet L.H. Caudle, *Layout*

Preservation (continued)

Confederate Fort in Walthall Creek	B. Forace Hill Construction Co.
Fort Stevens	County of Chesterfield
Battery Wilcox	Riversbend Trust/George Emerson
Battery Dantzler	Air Products & Chemicals Inc./ Peter C. Kolarik
Battery Burpee and Fort Wead	Ramblewood Trust/ George Emerson, Jay Waddill and C. F. "Sonny" Currin, Jr.

Last year the County of Chesterfield entered into a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service and the Richmond National Battlefield Park. This agreement will help the Park Service and the County of Chesterfield in protecting the existing park boundaries and planning for future development in the area around the park. With their cooperation, the Park Service has also been assisting the County Parks and Recreation Department in protecting Civil War earthworks in two existing county parks.

Fort Stevens, the pivot point of the Battle of Drewrys Bluff, was saved about three years ago. The County of Chesterfield had purchased two acres on which Fort Stevens is located for the construction of a water tower. Like most developers, the county did not know the Civil War fort existed. Another Civil War buff, Wayne Young, told me about the fort/water tower problem. His efforts were rewarded when the county relocated the water tower to another site northeast of Ft. Stevens. Last year the Parks and Recreation Department took over the site from the Utility Department and began to clear it for a new park. With the assistance of the Richmond National Battlefield staff, which included Superintendent Dwight Storke, Historian Mike Andrus, Chief Interpreter Keith Morgan, myself and many others, the county started work on the fort. On May 13, the 125th anniversary of the Battle of Drewrys Bluff, Chesterfield officially opened Fort Stevens Historical Park. The fort was first occupied in 1864 by the Surry Light Artillery and the 27th South Carolina Infantry of Hagoods Brigade. Point of Rocks Park, which is in the southeastern end of the Bermuda District, happened to have the southern end of the Army of the James' Bermuda Hundred Defenses in it. A park study showed those earthworks. To commemorate this, the park annually has a program called "1864 Revisited." In this program living history is re-enacted by Union soldiers and a walking tour of the park's earthworks is given by a Confederate soldier. I also talk on the Bermuda Hundred campaign several times during the day. There will also be another program this fall at Fort Stevens as part of the "Sunday in the Park Series." (Check with Parks and Recreation for time and date.)

At the present time I am in the process of working on a motor tour of the Bermuda Hundred Campaign of 1864, which will include a pamphlet on the campaign, with a brief history of each site and directions. The County of Chesterfield has agreed to print the pamphlets. Korman Sign Company of Richmond is making the markers. Everything is ready to go except funding, which will have to be all volunteer contributions. The Hopewell

Shriner's Club, our first contributor, generously gave \$500 to preserve and share our local heritage.

If anyone would like to contribute, the first goal is \$1,500. Money above this goal will be used for future sites and replacement of markers. Checks should be made to Chesterfield County Historical Society with a note on the check for "Bermuda Hundred Civil War Tour." The address is P.O. Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832, Attention George Fickett, Civil War Sites. All donations are tax deductible. In June, Dr. Herbert M. Schiller, author of *The Bermuda Hundred Campaign*, and David Roth, editor of "Blue and Gray" magazine, came to Chesterfield County to do field work on the September issue of "Blue and Gray." The magazine will feature campaigns and sites in Chesterfield County. David Roth has donated 400 copies of the September issue to assist fund-raising for the Bermuda Hundred Campaign Tour. The magazine can be purchased for \$5.00 per copy and is available at the Engineering Department at the Chesterfield County Courthouse and the Museum.

The Confederate fort at Walthall Creek Subdivision, Battery Wilcox, Battery Dantzler, Battery Burpee and Fort Wead are all sites that have been given to the county, or are in the process of being donated to the county in the near future. Some sites will be opened as parks or set aside for the future. Now it is important to save as many sites as possible for future Civil War historians and buffs. It takes only one person to get things started and to not let off after the first site is saved. By continuing to keep an eye on sites and immediately contacting the developer when a site is identified, much can be accomplished. Five years ago, if I had been asked if I would be doing what I am doing today I would probably have said, "No way." But saving a site is something that needs to be done. I got involved because it needed to be done. As a child, my father took me to most of the the Civil War battlefield parks in the United States to learn about the war. He passed away the evening of the interview on the saving of the Confederate fort at Walthall Creek. The time and effort he spent in making me aware of Civil War history and effort was not lost.

George L. Fickett, Jr.
Chairman, Civil War Sites
Chesterfield Historical Society



Earth works at Battery Dantzler. Photo by Matthew Brady, April 1865

The International Society of the Descendants of Charlemagne

The Governing Council of the International Society of the Descendants of Charlemagne is pleased to announce that the society will once again take applications for consideration of admision into the society.

Those persons interested in being considered for admission should be able to demonstrate a direct descent from the Emperor Charlemagne, in either the male or female line. Each generation shall be proved by reasonable and generally accepted sources of information.

We ask those who wish to be considered for admission to please contact the society for proper forms at the following address:

The Society of Descendants of Charlemagne
Office of the Governor General
Post Office Box 76
Sylvester, West Virginia 25193

A. P. Hill's sword now on display at the Museum

The sword General Ambrose Powell Hill received in 1850 from his father and was wearing when he was killed in 1865 can now be seen at the Chesterfield County Museum.

Geoffrey Hill Applegate, chairman of the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, received this sword from his father, John, on his 21st birthday. At the July quarterly meeting, Applegate, with his mother Rosalie and his daughter Kathie, presented the sword to the museum.

A. P. Hill's sword is a dress scabbard engraved with the words "Lt. A. P. Hill from his Father." The sword was worn by Hill throughout his military career, which included service in the Mexican War and the Civil War. In 1892 General Hill's former troops erected a statue in his honor at the intersection of Laburnum Avenue and Hermitage Road in Richmond. At that time, the General's body was moved there from Hollywood Cemetery, and this became his final resting place.

A. P. Hill was highly regarded by both Generals Jackson and Lee, and the museum is proud to display his sword.



YOU ARE INVITED



Members of the Historical Society are cordially invited to attend a Christmas Open House at Magnolia Grange on Saturday, December 2, from 4 - 8 p.m.

This will be a member-only preview showing of the holiday decorations, with period music and refreshments. The house will be open to the general public the next day, December 3.

Please come and enjoy a social hour with us as we begin the festive Christmas season!



Geoffrey Applegate and Rosalie Pleasants. Applegate present the sword of General A. P. Hill to the Chesterfield County Historical Society. Richmond Newspapers staff photo by Lindy Keast Rodmann.

The Mystery of History

Did you know that Magnolia Grange's original kitchen was not in the main house, but was one of the buildings "outback?" This was a common practice done to reduce noise, heat and fire hazard. But where was the kitchen located and what did it look like? What other buildings surrounded this ca. 1822 plantation house? Surely there were quarters for the 60 slaves that were recorded to be living at the Grange during the 1830 census, as well as barns, storehouses, and other buildings associated with a large plantation. What buildings were they, and where were they located? We can no longer see these buildings, but they have not entirely disappeared. They left their mark and it is underground. It is that mark that is being searched for in an archeology dig that began with a September 8th ceremony.

Volunteers from the Archeology Committee of the Historical Society, under the supervision of Dan Mouer and Elizabeth Harker of the Archeology Research Center of Virginia Commonwealth University, will spend Thursday, Friday and Saturday each week systematically excavating the backyard at the Grange. The volunteers attended an orientation meeting on archeology and the site. They will also receive on-the-job training to ensure that the dig is conducted in a professional manner using proper archeology methods.

Last spring, a test dig around the Grange revealed evidence of garden plantings, outbuildings and indications of another building on the site before Magnolia Grange was built.

There is evidence that this other building was burned, and Dr. Mouer speculated that this other building may have been a tavern, destroyed when British General Phillips burned the soldiers' barracks, Colonial jail and courthouse during the Revolutionary War. With so many Civil War sites close by, it is sometimes overlooked that Chesterfield is also very rich in Colonial and Revolutionary history.

Certainly one of the reasons that makes a dig so exciting is that although we have an educated idea of what they will find before the dig starts, we do not know for sure what will be unearthed. Dawn Burns, chairwoman of the Society's Archeology Committee said that they expect to find outbuilding foundations, glass, kitchen utensils, and household and farm items of historic value. These artifacts will be classified and preserved for future study. Some items may be sent to the VCU lab for conservation, but everything unearthed will remain Magnolia Grange property. Mrs. Burns told of a metal object discovered earlier and sent to VCU for treatment. When found, it was identified only as a "hunk of metal." After special treatment, the "hunk of metal" turned out to be an old lock. Other discoveries will help to accurately interpret Magnolia Grange.

The site will be open to visitors at various times, which will be announced at a later date. During these times, visitors will be given a tour and explanation of the site and artifacts. It is hoped that the work at Magnolia Grange will spark more interest and lead to more archeological digs in the county. As Mrs. Burns pointed out, with the tremendous amount of building currently going on, potential sites are lost each day. No one expects progress to halt, but with more awareness of the importance of what lies below the ground, archeologists and builders could work hand-in-hand to allow digs to be conducted before construction begins.

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New Members

The following people have joined the Society since the last edition:

Miss Julia Palmer
Mrs. Mary Sue Parvin
Ms. Sharon R. Gregory
Mr. Robert Burton
Mrs. Hazel Burton
Ms. Anne A. Pupalaiakis
Mr. W. W. Stillwagan
Mrs. Jeanne C. Stillwagan
Mr. Richard C. Long
Ms. Mary Whitfield Canada
Mrs. Ruby Vaden Brown
Mrs. Linda Pettus
Ms. Niki Pettus
Mr. Joseph C. Love, Jr.
Mrs. Patricia G. Love
Mr. Frederick Ocean England
Mr. Robert D. Bauer
Mr. Samuel R. Hilbert
Mrs. S. R. Hilbert
Mr. Robert A. Lassiter
Mr. Stephen L. Bryant
Mr. Jeffrey Camp
Mrs. Jane Camp
Ms. Catherine Camp
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Polley
Mrs. Theodore G. Moore, Jr.
Mrs. B. E. Gupton
Mr. Earle B. Young
Mrs. Agnes K. Evans
Mr. Leo D. Johns
Mr. Thomas A. Applewhite, Jr.
Mr. Richard E. Page
Mrs. Sarah N. Page
Mrs. Eunice C. Grubb
Ms. Shirley McPherson
Mrs. Maria A. Pill
Mr. Bernard Lewis Brock
Mrs. Marie Harvey Brock
Mr. Richard A. Cordle
Mrs. Susan Fitzgerald
Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Sr.
Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Jr.
Mr. Michael Fitzgerald
Ms. Christina Fitzgerald

Balance at July 1, 1988
\$79,730.00

Respectfully Submitted:
 Joyce E. Honderich

**President's Letter to
 Members**

INCOME:

Bateau Committee	1,188.19
Cookbook Sales	190.00
Donations	456.64
Dues	3,730.00
Genealogy	90.00
Historic Sites Book	1,381.80
Historic Markers	425.00
Interest	4,581.37
Magnolia Grange Admissions	1,854.96
Magnolia Grange Donations	9,648.42
Magnolia Grange Pewter	147.00
Maps & Tubes	692.00
Mayfaire	12.00
Miscellaneous	105.16
Notepaper Sales	<u>27.00</u>
	\$24,529.54

EXPENSES:

Advertisement	5.57
Archeology	15.30
Association Dues	155.00
Bateau Committee	696.97
Computer	1,683.80
Conferences	140.00
Genealogy	52.10
Historic Markers	1,775.00
Hospitality	80.75
Library	212.81
Magnolia Grange	26,389.39
Messenger	1,123.00
Office Expenses	1,524.34
Photographs	181.34
Postage	654.43
Treasurer	<u>207.94</u>
	\$34,897.74

NET INCREASE (\$10,368.20)

\$69,361.80

ASSETS:

Petty Cash	200.00
Genealogy Petty Cash	20.00
Life Member Certificate	200.00
Cash-Dominion Bank Money Market	31,299.21
Cash-Dominion Bank Checking Account	15,506.90
Cash-Investors Money Market	<u>22,148.66</u>
	\$69,374.77

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	<u>12.97</u>
	\$12.97

BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 1989 \$69,361.80

I am delighted to have this opportunity to serve as president of The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia. My present goals are simply to make the society as accurate a reflection as possible of the members' needs and desires, and to continue the high standards set by previous presidents. Ideas from members regarding new ways to promote the society, generate additional income, reach a wider audience including perhaps young people, make the quarterly meetings more interesting and relevant, improve the committee structure, etc., are not only welcome but earnestly solicited.

Regrettably, the October issue of The Messenger will be the last to be edited by Jeanette Ortiz. She has done an outstanding job for the last two years, but for personal reasons, finds it necessary to relinquish overall editorial responsibility. If you know of someone who might be interested in becoming our editor please let me know.

This year Board meetings will be held at the society's headquarters at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of October, January, April and July. Members are always welcome to attend.

I am looking forward to a rewarding two years as your president.

Robert E. Wagenknecht
 President

Mystery, con't.

Once the location of the outside kitchen is found and the shape of the building is determined, reconstruction of the kitchen can begin. Even with the help of volunteers the cost of the dig and reconstruction is estimated to be \$250,000. Contributions are being solicited from society members and county residents who are being asked to donate \$25 to sponsor one square yard of the dig. County businesses and corporations are also being visited by a group of volunteers, headed by Jim Farley and Gordon Jonas. The companies are being asked to make major contributions to the fund. Mr. Farley said the response has been very favorable. If you have not already made a contribution, or if you would like to make an additional donation, fill out the form in the newsletter and send it in with your check.

Would you also like to volunteer on a regular basis to assist with the dig? If so, please call Mrs. Burns at 748-1026 (Historical Society) and leave a message. You will be contacted as to when the next orientation meeting will be held. After that meeting you will be able to work on the site.

Our Appreciation to These Donors

The Society wishes to thank the following persons for their generous gifts to the collection of the Library, Magnolia Grange and the Museum:

The Library

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Long:	Tandy Personal Computer, TRS-80, 64 K Color Computer 2 with disc drive and printer
Faye Cecil:	Compact refrigerator for lunches
Benjamin B. Weisiger:	Knorr, Catherine Lindsay. <u>Marriages of Powhatan County 1777-1830.</u>
Pattie Grady:	LaPrade, W.W. Chesterfield County Map, 1930
	Chesterfield County Map, 1970
Marvin Reed:	Cunningham, Noble E., Jr. <u>In Pursuit of Reason: The Life of Thomas Jefferson</u>
John Hale Stutesman:	<u>Some Watkins Families of Virginia and Their Kin</u>
Charlotte Swift:	Netherton, Sweig, & Hickin. <u>Fairfax County, Virginia: A History</u>
	Beadles, Mary M. <u>A Bicentennial History of Eleven Pioneer Families</u>
Olin L. Taylor:	Morris, Mrs. J. C. <u>Hephzibah to Branch's, 1814-1989</u>
Marla R. Hurst:	Pell, Edward Leigh. <u>A Hundred Years of Richmond Methodism</u>
Margaret Reichenberg:	Perkinson, Bula Thomas. <u>Good Morning, Mr. Featherstone? 700 Years of Perkinson Family History</u>
Harry L. Newell & Mooring Gravitt:	<u>The Whole Story of Winterpock - Chester Lodge. 1878-1988</u>
Edith Tunis Sale:	<u>Interiors of Virginia Houses of Colonial Times</u>
Baxter Perkinson:	Krick, Robert K. <u>Parker's Virginia Battery, C. S. A.</u>
Vaughan LaPrade:	Portrait, J. E. LaPrade Chesterfield Cartographer
Robert E. Spain:	<u>Descendants of Enoch M. and Mary Waltrip Spain. The Spains and the War Between the States.</u>

Descendants of David R. and Martha P. Winn Hogwood. The Perdue/Walkers, Smith/Woodcocks

Magnolia Grange:

Jean Cogbill Stillwagon:	Pier mirror, circa 1850; once belonged to donor's mother, Mrs. Tilgeman Cogbill
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Long:	Baby dress, sacque, and blanket, circa 1875, made by Mr. Long's grandmother
Laura Hurt Sloan:	Quilt, Log Cabin pattern, circa 1885, made by Lucy Ann Gray for Maud McLaurine Hurt
Charlotte Farley:	"Dream Baby" doll, circa 1900, doll furniture, doll dishes, and assorted toys.

The Museum:

Geoffrey H. Applegate:	Sword and belt of General A. P. Hill, 1850
Dale Ruritan Club:	Chesterfield County flag
Laura Hurt Sloan:	Fox hound whip
Nathan Butler:	Framed photograph of Midlothian Train Station, 1950
Ingrid E. Godwin:	Framed photograph of Petersburg Pike, 1916
Raymond Neace:	Two cases of Chesterfield County Police artifacts, 1924-present

A MUSEUM ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Magnolia Grange has recently undergone an evaluation to determine our effectiveness after three years of operation. Through a grant awarded to us by the American Association of Museums, we sought the professional guidance of Mrs. Jean Federico, director of Historical Alexandria. She came to Magnolia Grange on September 14 and examined policies, procedures, organization, collection, etc., After a full day of conferences with the director and members of the Magnolia Grange Committee she is writing a report for us critiquing our methods of operation.

Since opening as a museum house in May 1986, we have grown from an unknown fledgling museum to one of statewide renown. We felt it appropriate at this time to pause, reflect and have a professional evaluate our progress. We look forward to Mrs. Federico's report in the near future.

