



The Messenger

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Summer Events Warming Up!

July 10, 12, 17, 19

Kids ages 8 - 11 can take part in Heritage Crafts for Kids at Magnolia Grange, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Reservations required (see page 2 for details)

July 23

Quarterly Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Hopewell City Marina. Boat Tour of the James River. Reservations required (see next column)

How do we spell success?

V-O-L-U-N-T-E-E-R

The preservation of the past depends on you. Do something good for yourself and the community! We need you! Call Nancy Carter Crump at (804) 748-1026 for details

CHS Hours of Operation

Museums:

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday

Research Library:

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday

Quarterly Meeting July 23 . . . Afloat!

The quarterly meeting of the Chesterfield Historical Society will be held on **Sunday, July 23, 1995 at 1:30 p.m.** aboard the Pocahontas II, boarding at the Hopewell City Marina.

Following a brief business meeting to elect new officers, we will enjoy a two hour cruise on the James River narrated by Jim Daniels (CHS president) and Nancy Carter Crump (Executive Director). From the boat you will be able to see sites such as Shirley, City Point, Henricus, and Dutch Gap. The boat will return to Hopewell City Marina at 3:30 p.m.

There is a fee of \$12 per person and advance reservations are required in order to attend. Reservations must be received by Sunday, July 16 and may be made by calling (804) 748-1026.

WHAT: Boat Tour of the James

WHEN: Sunday, July 23, 1995

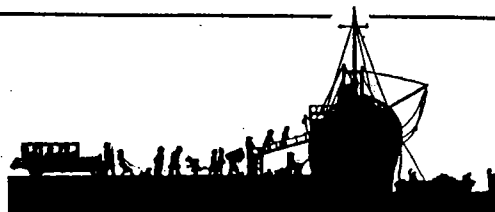
TIME: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hopewell City Marina
901 Riverside Avenue

COST: \$12 per person

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Phone (804) 748-1026



Directions to Hopewell City

Marina: Follow Route 10 east to Hopewell. Make an immediate left after the bridge. Next take the first right under the bridge to the marina.

PLEASE BE ON TIME! WE WILL DEPART PROMPTLY AT 1:30 PM!

Cancellation Policy: The boat tour will go rain or shine, but a thunder or electrical storm will cancel it. Since the weather is rarely the same from one end of the county to the other, you may call the Society an hour in advance of the event if there is some question (748-1026). There will be a message on the recorder.

GREAT GIFTS GALORE!

The Chesterfield Historical Society is your source for unique Chesterfield and CHS items!

Books

Cook Books

Notepaper

Mugs

. . . *and more!*

Call the Society or visit for more information!

WELCOME!

We would like to welcome the following members who joined this quarter:

Earle Spencer
Charlotte Swift
Barbara Owens
Nancy Thompson
Randolph C. Laprade
Helen Laprade
Eloise Pulley
Frances C. Kerr
Sarah Elizabeth Leney

This list may be incomplete. If you are new and were not listed, you will be included next time! Again, welcome!

Library Receives a Windfall!

When thirteen binders of materials on the Moseley family of Chesterfield County arrived in our office recently from one of our members in San Francisco we were truly astounded. John Hale Stutesman, a long-time friend and correspondent in California, donated to us a remarkable collection of his research on this old Chesterfield family. With emphasis on the family during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, it is surely the result of many years of painstaking study.

We feel certain that this large gift together with the seven Moseley books that we already had give us one of the largest

Thank You!

The Society wishes to thank the following persons for their generous donations to our library received during the past quarter:

Jewett Field - Book: **Memoirs of Service with John Yates Beall**

Florida DAR Genealogical Records Committee - Book: **Descendants of Thomas Watkins of Chickahominy, Virginia.**

Pattie M. Grady - Book: **Weevils in the Wheat**

Raymond A. Henshaw - Book: **Raymond A. Henshaw's Family Photo Album**

Library of Virginia - Book: **The Chancery Records of Chesterfield**

Calvin T. Lucy, Jr. - Manuscript: *A Clarke Family Tree, 1701-1864.*

Thomas Byrd Moseley, Jr. - Book: **A Moseley Genealogy, Vol. I and II.**

Pocahontas State Park - Book: **The Civilian Conservation Corps of Virginia, 1933-1942.**

Page Orr Thomson Steele - Book: **The Dunn Genealogy.**

John Hale Stutesman - Manuscripts: *Thirteen binders on the Moseley family of Chesterfield County and Virginia.*

collections of information on this family in any library in Virginia.

Thank you Mr. Stutesman!



Gifts to Our Museums

We wish to thank those who have generously donated items to our museums this quarter:

To Magnolia Grange:

Jewett Field - *Stoneware bowl and a wool carriage blanket.*

To the County Museum:

Mrs. Nancy Dunnivant - *Set of jail keys*

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Clayton, Jr. & Family - *Collection of arrowheads.*

Heritage Crafts for Kids on the Way!

For some lucky youngsters, there will be chores to do this summer that will be more fun than white washing Aunt Polly's fence. During July there will be four workshops where children ages 8 to 11 can learn more about history through period activities. The very successful **Heritage Crafts for Kids** is happening again this year. All classes run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following days:

Mon., July 10	Candle Dipping
Wed., July 12	Bread baking and butter churning
Mon., July 17	Working with herbs
Wed., July 19	Ice cream making

Jacqueline Shoaf will be teaching the herb class. All other classes will be taught by our own Jennifer Grau.

In addition to scheduled craft projects, the children will be able to participate in other activities including period games and touring the house and grounds.

Class size is limited to 12 children (continued on page 3)

Crafts for Kids (cont'd)

per session - advance registration is required. You can register by calling 748-1026.

Payment is due before classes start.

COST:

1 - 3 sessions \$10.00
per session, per child
All 4 sessions \$35 per
child

Out On A Limb:**Tracing Your Family History**

Today is the day to start your family history project. Angie Wilderman, Chairwoman of the Society's Genealogical Committee, has devoted many hours to tracing her own family's history and in helping other people with their projects. The following are some of her suggestions to help get started.

Your primary resource is the older members of your family. Begin by asking your grandparents, parents, aunts, and uncles about your ancestors. Ask them about specific dates and places of marriages, births, baptisms, and deaths. While the information may not always be one hundred percent accurate, it will often lead you to the documentation you need to prove a family connection.

Inventory primary source records. A primary source is an

original record issued at the time of an event such as: marriage, birth baptismal, and death certificates; family Bible records; military records; deeds; school papers; and census records. Again, your family will be the first place to check for these documents.

Inventory secondary source records. A secondary source is a record that was compiled after the fact such as: family histories, compiled records, and abstracts. The information in these records is only as accurate as the researcher who compiled them. Often times the original material is difficult to read because it is faded, deteriorated or microfilmed and is therefore, open to the interpretation of the researcher.

Once you begin compiling your facts you can start to chart your family history on a pedigree chart and a family group sheet. These are road maps to help you stay on the right course as you search for your ancestors. The pedigree chart is an overview that helps you keep track of your direct family line, generation by generation. The family group sheet looks at the units on the pedigree chart under a "microscope." This chart shows the information you have collected on each husband, and wife, and their children. These charts can either be done on paper or by using special computer programs. Both methods allow you plenty of space to cite your sources and keep accurate notes for yourself and the following generations who may look to your work to continue your family history.

The hardest part of genealogical research may be getting started. Once you start, however, you become hooked and finding that next link in your lineage will become a fun way to spend your free time.

Committee News**The Archaeology Committee**

has opened the house site for the season. Volunteers for digging are needed on weekends through November. Volunteers must be age 16 or older, no experience necessary. A story on our dig was recently featured in the Petersburg Progress Index. Several members of the committee will be attending field schools at Mount Vernon and at a Native American site in Prince George County.

The Genealogical Records

Committee would like to call your attention to their Family History File. Letters and research are filed and available to others conducting research and you can submit charts and family group sheets on your ancestors. Remember to cite your sources on these charts so the information can be located again by other researchers. If you would like those researchers to contact you, submit your name so it can be placed in the file also.

The hours of the Historical Society Library have been posted on the Central Virginia Freenet genealogy bulletin board for researchers who are online. Please look into Freenet. If you need information on how to get online, give the office a call.

The committee is experimenting with another research opportunity for Historical Society members to borrow microfilm from the American Genealogical Lending Library. This will be available to members only. More information will be available at a later date.

Dr. Dan Mouer has submitted the **Bermuda Hundred Committee's** application to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and soon Bermuda Hundred will (continued, page 4)

Committees (cont'd)

be designated a national archaeological and historic district. The committee is formulating goals for the interpretation and preservation of Bermuda Hundred.

The BBC is producing a 50 minute program about the Virginia legend of Pocahontas. Descendants, experts or enthusiasts are asked to send comments and stories to: Rebecca Sandiford, BBC Television, c/o 1995 Broadway, Suite 505, New York, N.Y. 10023

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From the Recording Secretary

The regular quarterly membership meeting of the Chesterfield Historical Society was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 23, 1995 at Castlewood with approximately 30 attendees.

After a few words of welcome, Laurie Horner reported that the Centralia House Tour held April 22, 1995 had been a great success and she thanked all who had been involved with it.

Laurie Horner introduced Paul Shelton who gave an interesting and informative talk about the history of the courts in Chesterfield.

Judy Worthington, Clerk of the Court of Chesterfield County, gave an interesting speech regarding the history of the position of Clerk of the Court.

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Chesterfield, VA 23832

Presentations of copies of court records were made by the Library of Virginia to CHS and by the Clerk of the Court to the Chesterfield County Library and to the Library of Virginia.

The **Journal of the Chesterfield Historical Society** was introduced and distributed to attendees.

After the meeting, light refreshments were served.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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