



# The Messenger

of the

Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia

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## Society's April Quarterly Meeting

The April Quarterly Meeting will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 28th at the Ettrick United Methodist Church, 21302 Chesterfield Avenue in Ettrick, Virginia. The Speaker will be Sterling Hawkins, who will be speaking on "The Village of Ettrick: Chesterfield's Historic Southern Gateway".

Directions to the Church from the Historic Chesterfield Courthouse:

Go East on Iron Bridge Road (Route 10)  
Right on Lewis Road (by Shoemith Brothers)  
Right on Bradley Bridge Road  
Left on Woodpecker Road  
Right at the stop sign onto Matoaca Road  
Left at the stop sign onto Hickory Road  
Left at the light onto River Road  
Go over the bridge and keep going straight as this becomes Chesterfield Ave.  
The Church is on the right approximately 3 long blocks from the bridge.

### Martha Washington's Visit

The Lunchtime Lecture Series was great! The varied topics ranged from a detailed retreat of Lee's Army from Petersburg to Appomattox, to tavern furnishings, to early classical Virginia gardens. Martha Washington even came to discuss her courtship, marriage and life with George before his presidency. Susan Berquist, Character Interpreter from Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, mesmerized the audience with her lively narrative of Colonial life..

The Chesterfield Historical Society also wishes to gratefully acknowledge a \$500 gift from Central Fidelity National Bank to help defray costs of the 1996 Lunchtime Lecture Series.





**From the Recording Secretary:**

The quarterly membership meeting of the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia met on Sunday, January 16, 1996 at Bellwood. About 75 members were in attendance. President Laurie Horner opened the meeting by welcoming all and inviting members to bring a friend. Laurie took a moment to recognize our staff, Nancy Carter Crump and Jennifer Grau; board members, past board members, and our committees.

Minutes were read and approved. There is a total of \$139,846.07 in all accounts as of December 31, 1995.

Nancy Carter Crump reported that she had just returned from a week-long museum management seminar. There is always room for more volunteers. The Lunchtime Lecture Series will run in February and March.

**Committee reports:**

Baxter Perkinson of the War Memorial Committee reported that his print is selling well and that there are still several available.

Paul Shelton of The Journal reported on the upcoming issue and asked for submissions to be included.

Rachel Lipowicz of the Cemetery Committee reported on their ongoing efforts to document family, church and community cemeteries in Chesterfield County.

Doris Hancock introduced the speaker, John Quarstein, M.A., curator of the War Memorial Museum of Virginia in Newport News. Mr. Quarstein's talk was entitled, "Virginia's Role in Military History."

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Lipowicz  
Recording Secretary

**JULY QUARTERLY MEETING**

Sunday, July 28th, 1996  
2:00 P.M.

Pocahontas State Park dining room  
Speaker: The Historian for the  
Civilian Conservation Corp.

More Info to be mailed.

**From The Library Committee**

The Library Committee is pleased to announce the completion of the indexing of the 1930 LaPrade map of Chesterfield County. Donna Schneider has, over the past year, prepared an index to this important map, which will enable researchers to quickly locate ancestors living in the county at that time.

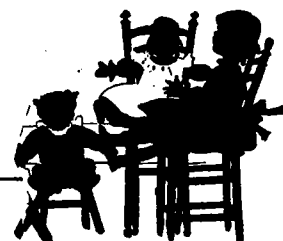
Like the 1888 map of Chesterfield by LaPrade Brothers Surveyors, which Donna indexed two years ago, this map has family names on it, showing the location of all families living in the county in 1930.

Another much appreciated index which Donna prepared is for the Reverend A.B. Tizzard's Dale Parish Register, which covered the years 1828 - 1978.

Indexes allow library users to quickly obtain the information which they are seeking.

Thank you, Donna!

Submitted by Lucille Moseley



**Gifts**

We would like to thank the following individuals for their generous gifts to Magnolia Grange:

Mrs. Mildred Daffron-Her life-sized childhood doll. c.1925-1930.

Mrs. Joyce Lee Smith-The refurbishing of Mrs. Daffron's Doll including a new outfit of dress, hat and shoes.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Archaeology Committee for the Historical Society was formed about ten years ago at the suggestion of Lucille Moseley, who recognized the need to preserve the history of our rapidly developing county. Our committee tries to get to these sites, working hand-in-hand with developers and with the permission of the land owners.

We began with the Ware Bottom Church site (1723-1864), getting started under the direction of Tom Hobbs, a history teacher with a substantial background in archaeology. The remains of the foundation were uncovered, and in the process, a previously unknown 25-foot wing was discovered. With the assistance of the Department of Historical Resources, the top excess layer of earth was removed by machine so we could meet the deadline for a small office park to be built on the site. The excavation was rich in artifacts, first being a site for Native Americans, and followed by the church, which was later burned in a Civil War battle. A display of our findings is in the Historical Society Museum.

Our next project was to search for the remains of out-buildings associated with Magnolia Grange. Working with VCU archaeologists under the direction of Dr. L. Daniel Mouer and Betsy Harker, we found a smoke house, slave quarters, and evidence for a large kitchen structure. The boundaries of the foundations are marked, enriching the interpretation of Magnolia Grange for visitors and school children. The area around the well was excavated also so that the reconstruction of its housing could be reproduced more accurately.

Our current project is an 18' X 20' house site, ca. 1780, which still has the remains of a brick foundation, with a V-shaped hearth and a somewhat unusual built-in brick cooling and storage pit. The significance of this find proved to be important, and we were recently assisted by the College of William and Mary Center for Archaeological Research for a three-week survey project. This year, as hints of spring start appearing, we are eagerly looking forward to another exciting season at the house site. Who knows what will be uncovered! Many interesting artifacts have been found, some of which were on display at the Chesterfield Central Library two years ago for Archaeology Month.

Our committee members belong to the Archaeological Society of Virginia, Richmond Chapter, and attend field schools (training sessions) each year. We have experienced the thrill of working at well-known sites such as Colonial Williamsburg, Poplar Forest (Thomas Jefferson's vacation home), Mount Vernon, and some endangered sites around the state.

We dig during the summer and warm months and clean and identify the artifacts we have found during the winter months. We welcome (and need) more volunteers, ages 16 and older with or without previous experience. The house site is up for sale, and we never know when we will have to stop digging. The more volunteers we have, the more we will be unable to uncover. You will be welcomed in the group by the BEST archaeology volunteers in Chesterfield: Kathleen and Bruce Baker, Al Pfeffer, Richard Diamond and Dick Helm. We work hard, but have lots of fun, and best of all, enjoy the fellowship of working together on worthwhile projects.



Richard Diamond at House Site

Dawn Burns, Chairman Phone 748-7932  
Archaeology Committee

## BOOK SALES

There is never a better gift to a child or an adult than a book. For special occasions, to say thank you, or to support those special public and private school classrooms and libraries, a book is often the most perfect selection. The Society has several books in the Gift Shop that are filled with local history and nostalgia. Several were published by the Society and proceeds go directly back into the organization. Tamara Puster, Gift Shop Manager gladly handles mail order requests, or come by to see the latest in quality gifts. If ordering by mail, call first for postage and handling totals - (804) 748-1026.

### A Time to Remember

#### A Pictorial History of Chesterfield County, Virginia, 1860 - 1960



A marvelous pictorial collection of over 200 local photographs collected by Hugh Goodwin, Chairman of our Picture Collection, of residents and local scenes. \$20.00

#### Chesterfield, An Old Virginia County Vol. 1 1607-1954 Vol 2 1955-1989

Complete historical overview of the land that was to become Chesterfield Co. \$25.00 each or both \$45.00

### In the Chesterfield Manner

A cookbook of all the recipes that Colonial ladies of the house used.. \$10.00

Boatman's Belly Our own Batteau crew's (Will Turnage & Pam Wiley) boat recipes with lively anecdotes. \$5.00

## Spring Heritage Classes

### Basket Making

Teacher & Basket Designer,  
Amelia Nicholson  
April 17 & April 24



### Herbs

Master Gardener, Jacqueline Shoaf  
April 9-"Basics of Growing Herbs"  
April 16-"Herbs & Their Many Uses"  
April 23-"Landscaping with Herbs"

### Lace Tatting

State Blue Ribbon Winner,  
Susan Dawson  
Starting April 1 for 5 Classes

Advance registration and payment for all classes required. Call the Office for information and registration information: (804)748-1026



## War Memorial

Construction of the Wall to honor Veterans of all wars, will be beginning shortly. Remember to support this project by ordering your signed print "Remembering Veterans" now. Send your check for \$15.00, payable to the Chesterfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832. Attention: Joyce Honderich. The War Memorial Committee appreciates your support of this worthy project to remember those from the past.

## Genealogical Records Committee Report

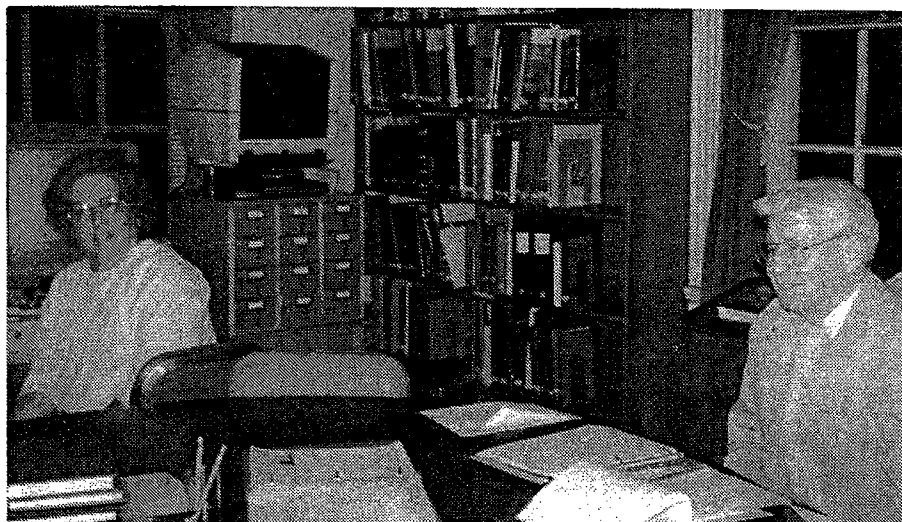
The Genealogical Records Committee provides library services to the public in the Historic Courthouse on the second Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Members of the committee Kathleen Baker, Linwood Hudson, Jim Johnson, Louise Armstrong, and Angie Wilderman continue to meet and work on the other Thursday evenings.

We answer requests for information that are received from folks around the county and also abstract records from microfilm. Currently, the two projects members are working on are the 1860 Chesterfield County census and a List of Tithables, the earliest dated 1747. The marriage records have been completed and a full-name index is available at the library. It is hoped that a means to fund and publish this information will be provided. Other projects also include indexing books which have no indexes. An ongoing project is the Family History File. This file collects information on surnames from the County. Ancestry charts and family group sheets submitted by members and researchers and researchers' letters make up these files. In turn, researchers have access to the files to use as reference and as a means to find others working on their lines. There is a master index to the Ancestry Charts. We encourage our members to submit their family charts to this file. The committee also participates in Plantation Day, the festivities at Henricus, and other events.

The Historical Society received several flyers for ancestor fairs. One will be held on Saturday, September 21, 1996 at the Holiday Inn - Salisbury, 530 Jake Alexander Boulevard, South, Salisbury, North Carolina from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00. There will be vendors, family and genealogy associations, historical societies' exhibitors, and special consultants. Flyers are in the office.

Many researchers are now on the internet. CVA Freenet is one access. The hours of the Historical Society, central library, and upcoming meetings of GRIVA and other events are posted on the local bulletin board. Your queries can also be posted for about a month. If you need information, please come by the office. There are opportunities to explore genealogical resources around the word.

Submitted by Angie Wilderman



Kathleen Baker  
and  
Jim Johnson

## Thank You to our Volunteers

We would like to thank the following volunteers who gave of their time in our facilities in 1995. Without them, our museums, gift shop, and office would not have been open, our library staffed, nor would the multitude of inquiries - by phone and in person - have been answered. We don't say it often enough.....Thank You for your hard work, your dedication, and your valuable time.

Listed below are the names grouped by their cumulative hours since their beginning of service to the Society through December 31, 1995.

10 - 50

BeBe Alexander  
Phyllis Bass  
Jim Emory  
Cynthia English  
Sterling Hawkins  
Jaime Hudson  
Shirley Hudson  
Jane Schwartz  
Nell Yoss

51 - 150

Pat Alling  
Mary Kay Gates  
Linwood Hudson  
James Johnson  
Cindy Moshier  
Patsy Murphey  
Irwin Owings  
Sarah Page  
Michelle Paul  
Susan Poe  
Grace Webb

151 - 300

Thelma Beachley  
Dot Hawkins  
Irma Kauffman  
Dick Page  
Helen Patrick  
Marshall Pearman  
Donna Schneider  
Ann Shelton

301 - 500

Rebecca Badger  
Esther Bass  
Lillian Cubbon  
Mary Plummer Humphrey  
Rovena Jones  
Nora Langford  
Vivian Love  
Betty Matthews  
Lucille Moseley  
Joe Vaden  
Angie Wilderman

501 - 700

Kathleen Baker  
Gwen Coalter  
Mildred Daffron  
Martha DuBose  
Vivian Fogle  
Helen Goyne  
Rachel Holmes  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Gordon Jonas  
Rachel Lipowicz  
Helen Perkins  
Tamara Puster  
Laura Sloan  
Ruby Williams

701 - 999

Margaret Burgess  
Fay Cecil  
Mary Elizabeth Jonas  
Terry Roach

1,000 - 1,500

Pattie Grady  
Mary Mays

1,501 - 2,000

Sam Hilbert  
Marvin Reed

5,000 +

Ed Moseley



# New Members

Louise Armstrong, Richmond, VA  
 Phyllis Bass, Chester, VA  
 James Alberston, Midlothian, VA  
 Susie Biedler, Colonial Heights, VA  
 Beverly Chamblin, Richmond, VA  
 Barbara Fore, Richmond, VA  
 Louis Harris, Farmville, NC  
 Renny Bush Humphrey, Chesterfield, VA  
 Gerald Netherland, Chesterfield, VA  
 Marshall Pearman, Richmond, VA  
 Christine Eastham, Hot Springs, AR  
 Louise Ruffin, Jacksonville, FL  
 Dawn Lerch, Midlothian, VA  
 Eula R. Lucy, Midlothian, VA  
 Caren Lynch, Chesterfield, VA  
 Darlene Johnson, Richmond, VA  
 Chris & Claire Williams, Chesterfield, VA  
 William A. Bailey, Richmond, VA  
 Marigay Holloway, Woodbridge, VA  
 Diana Paulus, Chester, VA  
 Shirley Woods, Chester, VA  
 Peter & Maryanne Lambert, Richmond, VA  
 Carolyn Martinez, Richmond, VA  
 Kay V. Michael, Chesterfield, VA  
 Brenda Boggs, Midlothian, VA  
 Pamela C. Voss, Richmond, VA  
 Donna McClurg, Chesterfield, VA  
 Virginia Commonwealth University Acquisition Services Department

Phyllis T. Hancock, Richmond, VA  
 William & Kathryn Clayton,  
     Chesterfield, VA  
 Charles C. Schwartz, Midlothian, Va  
 Courtney Bowman Rankin, Clovis, NM  
 Betty B. Knudson, Midlothian, VA  
 Theresa B. Janca, Midlothian, VA  
 Robert & Goldie Taylor,  
     Chesterfield, VA  
 Gayla Williams, Midlothian, VA  
 Lisa P. Bohm, Midlothian, VA  
 Fletcher Stiers, Jr. Richmond, VA

There were 927 members as  
 of March 15, 1996!

## Ancestor Queries

Seeking info on Samuel Hatcher et ux Mary Walthall.  
 Son of Henry Hatcher III & Margaret Jane Butler and  
 grandson of Henry Hatcher, Jr. & Dorothy Hardaway

Sincerely,  
 Mary Frances Duncan Bridges  
 529 Oriole Lane  
 Shreveport, LA 71105-4307



Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Student Membership \$5.00 per year  
\_\_\_\_ Single Membership \$12.00 per year  
\_\_\_\_ Couple Membership \$20.00 per year  
\_\_\_\_ Family Membership \$25.00 per year  
\_\_\_\_ Corporate Membership \$500.00 per year

\_\_\_\_ Two Years \$\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Individual Life \$200.00  
\_\_\_\_ Donation \$\_\_\_\_

- Renewal
- New Member

Return to:  
The Chesterfield Historical Society  
P.O. Box 40  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Hours of Operation

All Museums: 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday - Friday  
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Sunday

Research Library: 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday -Friday  
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. 2nd Thursday of Each Month



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