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Cause of War

Marriage is the reason for wars, for if a man is truly happy at home he will be too happy to fight anyone, too happy and content to argue with anyone, and too much at peace to seek strife. Therefore, all wars are started by unhappy, discontent, angry men looking for a battle they think they can win for a change.

—Dr. Mason T. Chalkley

The Real Thing

Marriage is the honey that folds two separate lumps of clay into one masterpiece of sweetness.

—Dr. Mason T. Chalkley

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Director's Message

by Dennis P. Farmer

Here it is, the first day of summer and we are settled into Castlewood and Magnolia Grange. After all the boxes are empty and the equipment and furniture is in place, we have finished the move from the 1917 Courthouse. Drop on by the Grange and at Castlewood to see what we have done. On that note, with nineteen truck loads, thousands of books, what seemed like an endless array of boxes and heavy items, I would like to thank the 22 volunteers and large number of county staff who made this all happen. In addition, many thanks to our board of Directors, Historic Sites, Cemetery, Genealogy and Library Committees, who offered their time and skills to get the job done.

Most of you are aware of our volunteer board and committee members and the time and effort that they freely give to keep us operating and managing our twenty year Society. In the last half-year, the new Society by-laws, operating procedures and other oversight tasks have been addressed and completed. All of this takes a lot of free time, so offer a quick thanks at our next quarterly meeting, program or even at Ukrops when you see one of our directors or committee members.

Our Historical Fashion Show and Musicale Fund Raiser on June 10 was a lot of fun and with the support of about one hundred people a successful money maker to boot. Sponsored by Brown and Williamson and GD Packaging companies a committee made up of Susan Poe, Beverley Coleman, Lu Henderson, Betty Matthews, Jan Suttentfield, Tamara Puster, Mike Steen and myself over many weeks planned and got this program set up. With 30 folks dressed in more than 45 outfits from 1611 to 1981, I can't list every one here, but would like to mention our musical folks. Featuring, The Chester Brass Ensemble, A Company of Waites, Elizabeth Berry on the harp, The Ship's Company, Dog Watch sea shanties,

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Chesterfield Historical Society Officers

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Hours of Operation

All Museums

10:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

Monday - Friday

1:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M. on Sunday

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Editor

Mason T. Chalkley

Director's Message, cont'd

fiddle music by Paul McKee IV, and The Rhythm-Aires, big band sound.

Also featured was a "silent auction" with gifts, book and lots of good things to bid on. Phyllis Bass and Tamara Puster came up with about \$800 in all. Thanks to both of you for your auction skills. Including in this was a combined effort totaling \$140 for my beard. Underneath our new 40' x 40' (used) tent, the audience enjoyed a wonderful buffet by Magical Faire. Working to improve this effort will take a lot for next year, but we will see!

We are working hard on the 1999 internal audit of the Society books and the 1999 Annual Report, both of which will be done by August 15. Thanks to Angie Wilderman, the 1999 Annual Report will be posted on our web site: <http://members.alo.com/angentree/cchsva.html>

Look forward to seeing you at the July Quarterly meeting and enjoy the summer.

CHS Member's Work Displayed

Harold Himes,

Historic Sites committee member

is also a photographer for the society.

Harold and several other photographers from the district will be showing and selling their photos.

Their show will be during the period

August 4th through the 30th

at the Petersburg Area Art League Building

located near the Farmers Market Restaurant

on Grove Avenue in Old Town

Important Notice

In order to publish *The Messenger* in a timely fashion, we wish to remind you that guidelines have been established for submissions, as follows:

December 1 for January issue

March 5 for April issue

June 5 for July issue

September 5 for October issue

Editor Mason Chalkley's schedule is very full and if he is to continue his volunteer commitment to *The Messenger*, it is important that this schedule be kept. He asks that all articles submitted be copied to a floppy disk in Word 6, Windows 95, with hard copy attached for editing purposes.

Thank You.

Museum Moments

Hello again folks! Here we are half way through the scary year of 2000 already! My how time passes quickly when you are having fun – or at least staying so busy you hardly know what week or month it is. Fortunately, we made it into the new century without all the projected headaches on a national level. Of course, we have had a few of our own on this end of things.

Sadly, we have finally completed our move from the 1917 courthouse. The library and museum shop have successfully relocated on the first floor of Castlewood. My office and an office for docents are now at Magnolia Grange. The kitchen area will be for the docents to work, study or just relax when not doing tours or other assigned duties. My office is located upstairs in the front bedroom, formerly used as exhibit space/conference room. The phone number is 796-1479.

Amid this chaos, we are attempting to put Magnolia Grange in the forefront and make it the center for tour operations. This can create a logistical nightmare. We can still use more docents to possibly staff both sides of the road, at least on some days and times. Now that summer is officially here, our off-the-street traffic is beginning to increase, which is very welcome. It had become almost nonexistent. To help eliminate some confusion for staff and visitors, we have now consolidated the admission prices. Visitors will pay one price of \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for students to see all or any individual sites. This fee will be collected at Magnolia Grange where tours will originate.

Speaking of tours, we made it through another successful school year providing programming for our public and private students here in Chesterfield County. The 1999-2000 school year brought us 30 schools, with 116 classes and over 2,500 students. Many thanks to the docents who helped with those programs for a job well done! Now we are in our summer mode, preparing to work with 10 daycare/summer camp groups already scheduled.

Lastly, a quick update on the Museum. All borrowed objects from the 250th anniversary exhibits on tobacco and Lord Chesterfield have been removed and returned to their institutions. The final elements are being removed at this time, preparing for retouching the gallery walls and beginning the reinstallation of our enlarged permanent exhibit. Current upgrades also continue with improved lighting in the galleries.

As you can see, we have had and still have plenty to keep us going. It seems strange not to be in the courthouse each day, but I am gradually getting adjusted to my new home. Come by and visit – don't be a stranger. Have a wonderful summer and try to stay cool!

Out On A Limb

Submitted by Angela Wilderman

The genealogy workshop on April 15 was a great success. Sessions included Getting Started, Title Searching, Local History, Beginner's Guide to Starting a Web Page, Civil War, Resources at William Smith Morton Library, and the Digital Library. The sessions were all well attended. Many thanks to the speakers - they did a great job. We plan to do another next year and hope many of you will attend again.

Summer is always a big time for genealogical research. I hope that you will plan to visit the Historical Society Library at Castlewood and check out the resources that are available. The 1910 and 1920 Chesterfield censuses, both film and Cds, are new additions to our microfilm collection and now on the shelf. A PC and microfilm reader are available in the library. Remember, as you research your Chesterfield family history, contribute copies of your Bible records, obituaries, photographs and other finds that link your families back to Chesterfield.

Many thanks to the volunteers on the Genealogy Committee who research information, write letters, abstract information from microfilm and type the information into a format for future publications - Louise Armstrong, Kathleen Baker, Ley Diller, Linwood Hudson, Frances Norris, Lynn VanderHerchen.

Visit our webpage <http://members.aol.com/angenatree/cchsva.html>

Genealogy and History

Chesterfield County Court Order Book 8, (continued)

September Court 1788, page 171, Ordered that George Robertson, Richard Burtin?, David Ross and Jesse Cogbill or any two of them do let the rebuilding of the Bridge over Swift Creek and Randolph's Mill.

Ordered that Obadiah Smith, William Martin, Anderson Britton or any two of them do let the rebuilding of the Bridge over Powhite.

October Court 1788, page 172, On the Motion of Daniel Patram and William Gibbs for leave to erect a Water Grist Mill on the Mill Branch at a Place where they are owners of the lands on each side. It is ordered that a Writ of Ad quad Domain do issue and that the Sheriff impanel a Jury at the Place aforesaid on the eighteenth Day of this Month.

Page 174, Francis Goode Gentleman Sheriff complaining of the insufficiency of the Prison ordered that he let the repairing of the Same.

Page 174, Ordered that Thomas Burfoot, Peter Talbott, Samuel Elam and James Moody do view the Grounds proposed to open a Road on by Benjamin Branch & al and make Report.

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President's Message by Rebecca Badger

Your membership has been very productive this season. Russell Harris procured funding from Capital One Financial Corporation in the amount of \$2,500.00 to support the "Experience Life in Chesterfield County 1700" program at all Chesterfield County libraries.

Pete Mann along with our director Dennis Farmer received \$50,000 from the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors. That puts us in a position to develop three galleries on the museum ground floor, the first of which will become a permanent exhibit showcasing Chesterfield history specifically.

Baxter Perkinson was a honored guest at the American Legion Post 284, Colonial Heights in June. The Legionnaires gifted Baxter with a \$5,000 check toward further development of the Veteran's Memorial wall. November 11, veterans' day 2000, is slated for the front wall to be dedicated at that ceremony. Have you considered marking an honorarium or memorial to remember your loved one? Inquires can be sent to Joyce Honderich c/o of War Memorial Committee c/o the Society.

Our Historic Fashion Show and Musicale was a most enjoyable and enriching event. The luncheon was delicious especially since one sat under the shade of our newly acquired canopy. The music played throughout by different ensembles added greatly to the visual parade of history portrayed by members and friends. Lastly the silent auction was more enjoyable. Thanks to all who supported this great event.

Hope to see you at the quarterly meeting at Old Dominion.

Out On A Limb, cont'd.

Page 174, On the Motion of Thomas Branch for leave to erect a Water Grist Mill on Pocoshock Creek he being owner of the lands on each side of the said creek where he is desirous of erecting the said Mill It is ordered that a Writ of ad Quad Domain do issue and that the Sheriff impanel a Jury at the Place aforesaid on the eighteenth Day of this Month.

Queries...

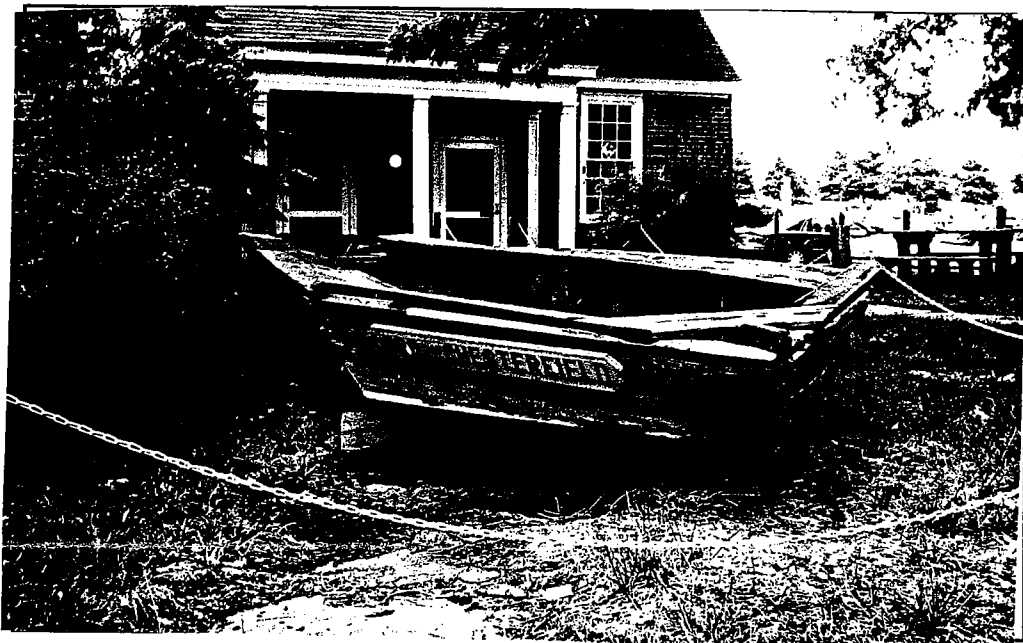
Queries will be included as space permits. Your query may be edited for space. Please include your name, address, e-mail, surnames, and a short query.

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The Lord Chesterfield Batteaux

By Waterman Will

The Lord Chesterfield Crew is one of the original ten batteaux crews that started the James River Batteau Festival in June of 1986. The first bateau was chartered by Chesterfield County to Paul Kreynus and Jay Schutte and named for Philip Dormer Stanhope, (1694 - 1773), the fourth Earl of Chesterfield. It was built in then-Chesterfield mall by Bill Battle, Cliff Brown, Mike Elliott, Tom Knight, Paul Kreynus, Al McDonald, Cindy and Ken Robinson, Jay Schutte, Will Turnage and Bob Zincone. This batteau participated in thirteen consecutive James River Batteau Festivals before it was retired, March 1999, and put on display beside the 1913 Chesterfield County Court House.



The first Lord at rest beside the 1913 Chesterfield Court House

The Chesterfield Historical Society's Bateau Committee is composed of the batteau and crew. As a fund raiser Cliff Brown and Mike Elliott developed a small batteau replica in assemble kit or finished model. It was very popular with the young people.

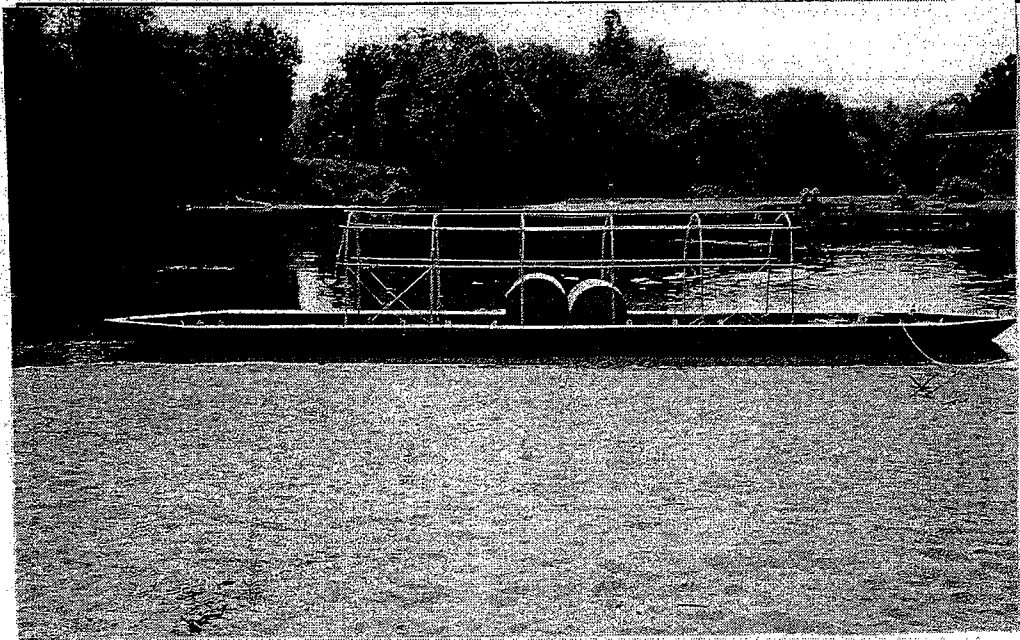
During this time the batteau and crew logged over 2,000 river miles - 1,000 on the James, reopened the Appomattox River from Farmville to Lake Chesdin for bateau travel, took part in two Staunton River Rendezvous' from Long Island to Brookneal. We have also supported the goals of the Festival with participation in a number of events; an annual program at Great Falls National Park, water tours for the Virginia Canals and navigation Society, transportation programs for Chesterfield County Public Schools, and the annual Richmond Jaycees Christmas Parade. The Lord Chesterfield also has been part of historical programs at Boy Scout Camp Brady Saunders in Goochland County, on the banks of the Potomac River at Mount Vernon, in the locks at Alexandria and Big Island, on the Rappanannock River at Fredericksburg, at Washington, D.C. celebration that featured a reenactment of the laying of the cornerstone for the U.S. Capital, the ground breaking ceremonies for the refurbishment of the Haxall Canal in Richmond, and unfurling of the new City of Richmond flag, that features a waterman on Browns Island.

Along with the City of Petersburg and the Virginia Canals and Navigation Society, we take pride in sponsoring Appomattox Batteau Day, held each September at "Old Ferndale Park" on the upper Appomattox Canal in Dinwiddie County.

We were in the opening scene of the motion picture **Broken Chain**; featured on three of Franc White's **Southern Sportsman** television series, and in the chapter on rivers in the **Virginia's Past Today** by Chiles T.A. Larson.

Chesterfield Batteau, cont'd

For the last decade we have been transporting all our period encampment and supplies on board, thereby enabling us to truly experience the cultural history of the Upper James River. The extra time enabled crewmembers Pam Wiley and



Second Lord being undressed at Howardsville during the 1999 James River Batteau Festival

Will Turnage to write two books on food preparation and feeding batteau hands.

The second Lord Chesterfield batteau was built in Pocahontas State Park by Beth Baker, Steve Groseclose, Paul Kreynus, Linda Pettus, George Ramsey, Will Turnage, David Welchons and Pam Wiley, during the Spring of 1999, and had it ready for the 14th James River Batteau Festival in June. However, we did not have a contingency plan for the extremely low water level in the river, and had to pull it off the river at Howardsville.

The crew and bateau were on hand at "Old Ferndale Park" on April 2000 for Appomattox Batteau Day along with the Brunswick Belle to give rides on the canal.

Four members of the crew have received James River Batteau Festival 1000 Mile Award; they are, Paul Kreynus and Will Turnage, who have participated in all fourteen festivals; Steve Groseclose and Linda Pettus, who have participated for thirteen years. The present crew has a total of 65 years of batteauing.

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 — The Editor

**CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: daytime: () _____ evening: () _____

Names of others included at the Household Level: _____

Type of Membership: New Renewal

Student* - \$10. yearly Individual - \$20. yearly Benefactor - \$ 500. yearly

Senior** - \$15. yearly Household - \$30. yearly Corporate - \$1,000. yearly

I wish to volunteer. I am interested in the following committees:

African-American	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Site Docent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Archeology	<input type="checkbox"/>	Genealogy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Magnolia Grange,	
Batteau	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gift Shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	Museum)	
Cemetery	<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program/Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/>	War Memorial	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civil War Sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bermuda Hundred	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Membership year is January 1-- December 31 (pro-rated membership not available). Please make checks payable to: Chesterfield Historical Society. Questions? 804-777-9663

* Full-time students
Please include copy of student ID

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