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### Greenfield Elementary's Virginia History Day

George "Buddy" Cranford

On March 10 several folks from CHSV had an opportunity to participate in Greenfield Elementary School's 3<sup>rd</sup> biennial Virginia History Day. The Society, represented by Debra Herbst, Claude Baker, Buddy Cranford and Bryan Truzzie, presented several instructional programs that day. Debra Herbst spoke on the Mid-Lothian coal mines, with artifacts loaned by Ken Shiflett while Buddy Cranford and Claude Baker presented a lecture and a slide presentation on "World War One: The Chesterfield Connection." Visual aids from the collections of the CHSV were vintage photos and a Doughboy uniform on a mannequin. Bryan Truzzie, resplendent in period dress, presented the Civil War Traveling Trunk, a collection of artifacts depicting Civil War life at home and in battle, to groups of enthralled students. He also presented a talk on Historic Point of Rocks and Clara Barton. Greenfield Elementary kept the Traveling Trunk after Virginia History Day and will have had it for a month for their students and teachers to enjoy by the time they return it to the Central Library. Other program presenters were Dr. Katie Hoffman of The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, The Virginia Historical Society, The Richmond History Center/The Valentine and the American Civil War Museum. While the students had been well instructed on these topics, the connection to Chesterfield was a new learning experience for them. These bright young students asked many questions after each lecture. The topics presented seem to boost their thirst for more learning regarding their local history. Some of the 5th Grade students had recently been instructed on World War One. To view a 100 year old stereoscopic slide of a WWI scene was certainly a treat for them and to actually touch a real Doughboy uniform put a lot of smiles on their young faces. All in all, the experience was certainly a treat for the CHSV members and we look forward to giving similar presentations to the schools in the near future.



### Annual Membership Meeting at Historic 1917 Court House Sunday, July 26, 2 p.m.

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Chesterfield Historical Society of VA will be held in the historic 1917 Court House on Iron Bridge Road in Chesterfield, at 2:00p.m., Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and join our Society's Officers and Directors for the election of our new Board members and a brief business meeting. An ice cream social will follow in the County Museum next door. Our featured speaker will be Tom Jacobson, former director of Planning and director of Revitalization for Chesterfield County who will present a talk entitled, "Enhance Chesterfield's Future through Historic Preservation." Currently, Mr. Jacobson is Adjunct Professor in Planning at Virginia Commonwealth University. He serves as chair of the Brandermill Historic Project Committee and on the Board of Directors for the Jefferson Davis Association, as well as the Chesterfield Alternatives Inc., and the Partnership for Housing Affordability. Limited parking is available in front of the Court House; additional parking is available behind the Museum on Mimms Road.



### News From Magnolia Grange

Donetta Bantle

After being closed from December 23 to March 1 to address a lead paint issue in the kitchen, Magnolia Grange reopened again for tours and events. On April 15, 21 people attended a Thomas Jefferson Tea. CHS member Jack Bantle presented a program on Jefferson's role in agriculture in Virginia and his inventions. May 2 was the annual Planter's Day. Approximately 100 people toured the house and enjoyed the exhibits outside and inside the house depicting life in the 1800's. Outside, there were musicians, spinners, potters, a Civil War campsite with soldiers, firearms from the Civil War era and a presentation on the mining operation in the area. People could watch a chair being made, several members of the Society manned a table with information about the society and items from the gift shop were sold. Inside, there was a chocolate demonstration, more spinners making wool and a presentation on midwifery. On May 6, 26 guests attended the Mother's Day tea. Susan Poe presented a program on Mary Randolph. Each guest received a booklet with selected recipes from Mary's cookbook and sampled Shrewsbury Cake cookies from the book.

Right before the Mother's Day tea, we had a visit from Stephanie Winfrey Mason and her husband Richard from Sherwood, Arkansas. Stephanie is a direct descendent of William Winfrey and was visiting in the area. It was a pleasure to give them a tour of the house. June started out with a tea on the 2nd with 10 ladies enjoying tea and re-

freshments plus a presentation on Mary Randolph given by Donetta Bantle. In April the house had 88 visitors and volunteers donated 112.5 hours of their time. May saw 217 visitors who came for Planter's Day and tours and 145.5 hours were donated by volunteers.

## Letter from the President

Greetings CHSV members,

Many exciting happenings are occurring at CHSV sites. As you know, Chesterfield County has been very gracious allowing us the use of Trinity Church, the County Museum, Castlewood and Magnolia Grange. Because of the age of these buildings, all require expensive maintenance and renovation.

Many thanks also to longtime CHSV member, Ken Shiflett for organizing visits to the old Match factory and Coal Mines located in Winterpock. A select group of us were privileged to experience this adventure.

We are saddened by the passing of Jim Evans, a longtime Society volunteer, Officer and Board Member, and husband of Tamara Evans.

The Magnolia Grange Committee has kept the doors open in Tamara Evans's absence. All planned programs have continued due to these wonderful ladies. Thanks so much for your dedication.

The Museum is currently undergoing removal of flooring, etc. and water management issues in the basement. Magnolia Grange's kitchen windows are scheduled for restoration as part of a pilot program in mid July.

The Strachan House at Historic Point of Rocks will be fumigated and the structure's foundation secured along with as other issues. This will be a very long project because extensive repairs are needed. However, the signage at the site is wonderful, easy to read and very informative. The Point of Rocks / Strachan House site is open only for tours and special events at this time. It is well worth a visit.

If you have not been to Trinity Church recently, visit and see the beautiful, accurate models of the Strachan House at Point of Rocks and Summerseat, on the campus of Virginia State University. CHSV member Roy Hamilton made and donated these treasures to CHSV. Thanks, Roy! We are so fortunate to be the recipient of your wonderful talents.

Please join us at The 1892 Courthouse for our membership meeting on July 26th. We will have gourmet ice cream and a few surprises.

See you on the 26<sup>th</sup>

Joan

**From the editor:** Submit your story by email to Lipowicz1@verizon.net. Send it by September 15th to get it into the October issue.

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## **BYLAWS OF THE CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA**

The CHSV Governance Committee has completed the process of revising and updating the Society's bylaws. All amendments to the bylaws are *indicated in italics* in the following document. The membership will be asked to vote on these amendments to the bylaws at the Annual Meeting of CHSV to be held at 2:00pm on Sunday, July 26, 2015. Adoption of these amendments requires a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at the meeting. Thank you.

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

**Section 1:** The name of the organization shall be the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia (hereinafter referred to as the CHSV).

### **ARTICLE II: MISSION**

The mission of the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia is to *collect, preserve, interpret and promote the County's past for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations.*

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1:** Any person who *supports the mission of the organization and who tenders the necessary dues shall become a member.*

**Section 2:** Membership shall *consist of Active, Honorary, Life and Affiliate members defined, as follows:*

- a. *Benefactor (conferred by the Board of Directors upon receipt of an annual donation amount, or service rendered, as determined by the Board)*
- b. *Corporate*
- c. *Honorary (granted by the Board of Directors to anyone who has made significant, long term contribution either financially or in service to the organization; honorary membership is lifelong; honorary members cannot make motions, vote or hold office)*
- d. *Household*
- e. *Individual*
- f. *Individual Life (conferred by the Board of Directors upon payment of a one-time fee determined by the Board)*
- g. *Senior (single or couple age 65 and over)*
- h. *Student (registered full-time)*

**Section 3:** Annual membership dues are effective 1 January to 31 December. Individual life memberships shall be effective upon receipt of payment. *Dues paid in the last quarter of any calendar year shall be credited to the subsequent year's dues.*

**Section 4:** The Board shall inform membership of any changes to the dues structure at the July Membership Meeting (hereinafter referred to as the Annual Meeting).

**Section 5:** *The Treasurer shall notify members two months in arrears, and those whose dues are not paid within 30 days thereafter shall be automatically dropped from membership in the Society.*

### **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

#### **Section 1: Board Meetings:**

- a. Board meetings shall occur every other month, or at the call of *either the President or upon written request by three members of the Board.*
- b. *The quorum shall be a majority plus one of the Directors then serving, present in person.*
- c. Board meetings shall be open to the membership, *except when called into executive session at the Board's discretion. Meetings shall be announced through available print and online sources.*
- d. *An agenda shall be sent to the Board prior to the meeting.*

#### **Section 2: Membership Meetings:**

- a. Membership Meetings shall be held on the fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October unless otherwise authorized by the Board.
- b. Notice of Membership Meetings shall be published *through available print and online resources.*

**Section 3: Rules of Order:** Board and Membership Meetings shall be held according to *the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised.*

### **ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1:** The Board shall have the responsibility for the business and affairs of the CHSV.

**Section 2:** The Board shall consist of the Directors-at-Large and the Officers.

**Section 3:** All Board Members must be members *in good standing.*

**Section 4:** *Only one immediate family member may serve on the Board at any one time.*

**Section 5:** *County employees may serve on the Board.*

#### **Section 6: Nominations:**

- a. Nominations from the Governance Committee shall be presented to the Board at the Board Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. *Nominations from the floor may be presented at the Annual Meeting.*
- b. All nominations require the prior consent of the *nominee.*
- c. Board members shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting in July.
- d. Should a vacancy occur on the Board prior to the completion of a Board Member's term, *the Governance Committee shall present nominees to the Board which may appoint an interim replacement subject to confirmation at the next Membership Meeting.*
- e. Any Board Member who fills a vacancy may *serve a consecutive term in his/her own right.*

#### **Section 7: Removal of Board Members**

- a. If a Board Member fails to attend two consecutive Board Meetings without a reason acceptable to the President, he/she may be subject to removal at the next Board Meeting.
- b. *A Board Member may be removed from office, with or without the assignment of any cause, by a two-thirds majority vote of the Directors in office at a Board Meeting convened in compliance with these bylaws, provided that written notice of the intention to consider removal of such Director has been included in the notice of the meeting. No Director shall be removed without having the opportunity to be heard at such meeting, but no formal hearing procedure need be followed.*

### **ARTICLE VI: DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE**

**Section 1:** There shall be *a minimum of six (6) and maximum of ten (10) Directors-at-Large*, one of whom shall be the immediate Past President.

**Section 2:** One-third of the Directors-at-Large, excluding the immediate Past President, shall be elected at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a three-year term.

**Section 3:** A Director-at-Large cannot serve consecutive terms *but may be reelected after a one-year sabbatical.*

**Section 4:** Terms of the Directors-at-Large shall be effective upon election.

### **ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS**

**Section 1(a):** The Officers of the CHSV shall be the following: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary.

**Section 1(b):** *Officers shall be elected for the terms outlined in these bylaws, each to hold office until that Officer's successor has been chosen and qualified or until the Officer's death, resignation or removal. The President shall be chosen from among the Board of Directors, but no other Officer need be a current Director.*

**Section 1(c):** *An Officer may be removed, without cause, as determined by a two-thirds vote of the Board present at any meeting at which there is a quorum.*

**Section 2: President:** The President shall have the following duties:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the CHSV and of the Board; *in his/her absence, appoint a Board member to represent him/her with full authority to conduct the meeting.*
- b. Be an ex-officio member of all committees *except the Governance Committee when it serves as the nominating committee.*
- c. Appoint chairpersons of all Standing and Special Committees *in consultation with the Board.*
- d. May appoint each Board Member to serve as a liaison with one or more Standing or Special Committee *in consultation with the Board.*
- e. May appoint a Parliamentarian whose duty it is to attend all meetings of the CHSV and the Board to ensure orderly meetings.
- f. Sign all legal documents.

**Section 3: Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall have the following duties:

- a. Act for the President when required.
- b. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

**Section 4: Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall oversee the CHSV financial process. As such, he/she shall liaise with CHSV Staff, all Committee Chairs and County-paid staff to:

- a. Supervise the proper handling and recording of all funds received and disbursed.
- b. Prepare all interim and annual financial reports.
- c. File all federal and state tax forms in a timely manner.
- d. Facilitate audits by internal committees or third parties upon the request of the President.
- e. Resolve questions or problems within the accounting function of the CHSV.

**Section 5: Recording Secretary:** The Recording Secretary shall have the following duties:

- a. Keep a record of the Board Meetings and Membership Meetings; of attendance at the meetings, and all supporting documents discussed at the meetings.
- b. Send the minutes of all meetings to the Board members at least two weeks prior to the next Board Meeting.
- c. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

**Section 6:** Officers shall be elected for a term of two years.

**Section 7:** Terms of Officers are effective upon election.

**Section 8:** Only the Treasurer and Recording Secretary may be elected for consecutive terms.

**Section 9:** Two signatories are required on checks issued by CHSV. Signatories shall be the President or any Director-at-Large or Officer (except the Treasurer), and/or any member in good standing as appointed by the Board. Checks for \$500 and more must be approved by the President or any signatory designated by the President in his/her absence.

#### ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors may create such committees with such powers as it deems wise to have.

**Section 1:** No committee may (1) fill vacancies on the Board of Directors or remove Board members, (2) amend the Articles of Incorporation, (3) amend, adopt, or repeal these bylaws, (4) hire or fire staff, (5) approve or change the budget, (6) approve a plan of merger or consolidation, (7) approve the sale, lease or exchange, or other disposition, of all or substantially all the property and assets of the CHSV, or (8) approve the dissolution of the CHSV or revoke a voluntary dissolution.

**Section 2:** There shall be the following Standing Committees:

**African-American History:** Responsible for promoting the research and appreciation of all aspects of African-American history in Chesterfield County.

**Archeology:** Responsible for locating, documenting, and interpreting prehistoric and historic sites within Chesterfield County.

**Cemetery:** Responsible for locating, identifying, and documenting graves and cemeteries in Chesterfield County.

**Collections:** Responsible for collecting, accessioning, preserving, and maintaining the database of all artifacts relevant to the history of Chesterfield County.

**Events & Programs:** Responsible for coordinating, implementing and promoting events and programs, and all public relations and marketing efforts in support of the CHSV mission.

**Executive:** This committee shall consist of the Officers and one additional director elected by the Board of Directors. Responsible for functioning on behalf of the Board of Directors when expeditious action is required that cannot be delayed until either the next called or regularly scheduled Board meeting. Authorization for such action shall be granted only by the President or, in the event of his/her absence or incapacity, by the Vice President.

**Finance:** Responsible for assisting the Treasurer with his/her duties, as well as preparing and submitting the annual budget to the Board one week prior to the November Board Meeting.

**Fundraising:** Responsible for planning, coordinating, and implementing fundraising campaigns, soliciting donations and writing grant applications in support of the CHSV mission.

**Genealogy:** Responsible for promoting interest in genealogical research through workshops and handling of genealogical research requests.

**Governance:** Responsible for identifying, evaluating and nominating potential candidates for the Board; evaluating and updating the bylaws and provide oversight to develop committee policy and procedures upon the request of the Board.

**Library:** Responsible for collecting, accessioning and preserving books, pamphlets, periodicals, photographs, maps, manuscripts and other materials for the purpose of public research into Chesterfield County history.

**Magnolia Grange:** Responsible for maintaining, planning and exhibiting artifacts and documents which relate to the historical and cultural development of the Magnolia Grange site and Chesterfield County, and to actively promote the educational aspects of the site through tours and programs in support of the CHSV mission.

**Membership:** Responsible for maintaining, monitoring, and increasing CHSV memberships.

**Merchandise:** Responsible for marketing and selling appropriate educational items and unique merchandise that promote the history of Chesterfield County in support of the CHSV mission.

**Military History:** Responsible for researching, promoting and interpreting military history in Chesterfield County as well as liaising with the County on the preservation of historic military sites.

**Museum:** Responsible for maintaining, planning and exhibiting artifacts and documents in the Museum and the 1892 Old Jail which relate to the historical and cultural development of the sites and Chesterfield County, and to actively promote the educational aspects of county history through tours and programs in support of the CHSV mission.

**Publications:** Responsible for editing the Quarterly Newsletter and other CHSV publications.

#### Section 3: Special Committees

- a. Special Committees for specific activities and/or projects shall be authorized and appointed by the President, upon approval by the Board.
- b. The Board shall retain supervision of every Special Committee and discontinue activities if it is deemed contrary to the mission of CHSV.
- c. A Special Committee for a specific project ceases when that project is complete and all reports have been made to the Board.

**Section 4:** All members of Standing Committees and Special Committees shall be CHSV members in good standing.

**Section 5:** Standing Committees shall submit biannual written reports to the Board in July and January or as requested by the Board. These reports shall include statistics on members, meetings and projects.

**Section 6:** All committees shall submit their budgets for the upcoming year to the Finance Committee by mid-October.

#### ARTICLE IX: STAFF

All CHSV staff shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

##### Section 1: Executive Director

The duties of the CHSV paid Executive Director shall be performed in accordance with his/her job description as defined in the Employment Agreement between the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia and the Employee, or as amended and changed from time to time, and shall be overseen by the Officers of the CHSV.

##### Section 2: Historic Site Employee(s)

The duties of the CHSV paid part-time Employee(s) who staff historic site(s) shall be performed in accordance with his/her job description as defined in the Letter of Appointment issued by the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia and agreed to by the part-time Employee, or as amended and changed from time to time, and shall be overseen by the Officers of the CHSV.

#### ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

**Section 1:** The bylaws may be amended at any Membership Meeting by two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been distributed two weeks prior to the meeting.

**Section 2:** Amendments shall be effective upon adjournment of the meeting at which they were adopted.

## Farm is Set for "Deadly Shoot-Outs" TV Series

Liess van der Linden-Brusse

*Fuqua Farm*, a Chesterfield County designated historic landmark located south of Swift Creek Reservoir off Winterpock Road, recently served as the film location for an upcoming show in the popular "Deadly Shoot-Outs" television series. Owned by CHSV members Michael and Sherry Seckman, *Fuqua Farm* is a meticulously restored 200-year-old Chesterfield farmhouse. In April



2012, the Society held its Spring Quarterly Meeting at *Fuqua Farm* during which our members were given a private tour of the house. For two days last month, this quiet rural property became a hive of activity as a film crew from LionHeart FilmWorks in Richmond worked with Warm Springs Productions of Montana to recreate the dramatic 1935 shoot-out that ended the life of the infamous Ma Barker and her son Fred. Members of the notorious Barker-Karpis Gang responsible for a spree of kidnappings, murders and bank robberies, Ma Barker and Fred were gunned down by FBI agents in a farmhouse in Oklawaha, FL, on January 16, 1935. The television series "Deadly Shoot-Outs" is presented by the digital cable and satellite network eelzChannel. Previous shows in the series have recreated the shoot-out at the OK Corral as well as the violent demise of Bonnie and Clyde and a story on Jessie James in a robbery in North Dakota that went bad. The episode on Ma Barker and her boys is expected to be shown this fall.

## Coalboro Match Factory - Another Historical Site Saved

Joan Jackson (with photos by James Haskins)

Longtime history enthusiast Ken Shiflett has been searching the Winterpock area of Chesterfield for long forgotten historical sites. Ken's enthusiasm is infectious. When he speaks about his discoveries, his excitement makes a believer out of anyone. Ken can often



be seen hiking through the woods in Southern Chesterfield searching for abandoned mines as well as old structures and has located and documented many.

About a dozen of us were fortunate to be invited by Ken in March to visit the old Coalboro Match Factory and some abandoned coal mine shafts. All of these sites



were located on private properties. Permission to visit was given to Ken by the owners. The Coalboro Match Factory, built around 1900, only lasted about ten years because the matches were highly flammable and poisonous due to the phosphorous content. Mark Sowers, developer, bought the 1200-acre property that contains the old Coalboro Match Factory about 2004. When Ken advised him of the historic nature of the site, Mr. Sowers graciously pledged to preserve the site for history. Many thanks to Mr. Sowers for his dedication to preserving history and to Ken for researching this important find.

## An Opportunity to Recapture the Oral Histories of Our African-American Elders

Audrey M. Ross

These biographies are part of the project entitled *FourScore and More: Capturing Memories of aged 80 and Older African-Americans in Chesterfield County and their Struggles and Successes Experienced* and were prepared by the African-American History Committee.

### Claudia Goode Jennings

Born November 14, 1928

Claudia has lived her whole life on Church Road in Chesterfield. Her parents were Rosa Olivia Couch Goode, from the Brown Grove area of Chesterfield and William Howard Goode. Claudia, her sister Marion Vaughan, and youngest brother Curtis are the only survivors of eight children. She recalls growing up in a very pleasant neighborhood where the children enjoyed dodge ball, hop scotch, and other games. On Sundays the children walked to Rudy's Store, on Hickory Road near Sandy Ford Road, to buy snacks and attended activities at the Dupuy Road Community Center. Claudia attended the 3-room Union Grove Elementary School. They studied the 3R's, home economics, history and geography. Her brother made fire in a wood stove to begin the school day. Over the years, her grandfather, William S. Goode, fought to get better conditions for the black school children in the area. After 7<sup>th</sup> grade, she attended D. Webster Davis High School on the campus of what is now Virginia State University. Students at Davis used many of the college facilities. Claudia worked in the college cafeteria while attending Davis and graduated in 1945. After high school, Claudia attended Virginia State as a Physical



Education major. In August 1950, she married James Lee Jennings, a native of Petersburg, VA. She has one son, Ricky Jennings, and 2 grandchildren. Claudia retired from Defense General Supply Center (Bellwood). She is a lifelong member of **Union Grove Baptist Church** where she was financial secretary for 34 years. She was also a member of the choir. Today, Mrs. Jennings is known as a historian with extensive knowledge of the lives of African-Americans in the Union Grove, Ettrick, and Matoaca areas of Chesterfield County.

**Milton Rudd  
Norma Henderson Rudd**

Milton and Norma were both born in the Skinquarter area of Chesterfield County. His home was near the old Ray Markham Store (Skinquarter Market) on Hull Street Road. His parents were Meade Rudd and Elizabeth Flournoy. His father worked at local sawmills and retired from the Miller Manufacturing Company in Richmond. His mother was a teacher at Beulah Elementary. He had 4 brothers and 1 sister. Her parents were Luther Watson Henderson and Florence May Johnson. She had 3 brothers and 4 sisters. Milton and Norma both attended the two-room **Beulah School**. They were taught by Rosa Flournoy (his grandmother), and Indiana Brunson Rudd. After 7th grade, he worked at sawmills and cut pulpwood. Later he worked at Tredegar Iron Works, Hyde and Dutch (Westvaco), and retired from Old Dominion Iron and Steel Company. He is a U. S. Navy veteran of World War II. On three occasions he prepared to "ship out" for overseas duty but never left Norfolk, VA. After elementary school, Norma wanted to attend high school. However, Chesterfield County provided no transportation for African-American students in her area to attend Hickory Hill. So she moved to Richmond to live with Indiana Rudd and graduated from Armstrong High in 1946. In the 1970s, she became an LPN. She worked at the MCV Hospital and as a Public Health Nurse at the Bainbridge Street Clinic, retiring after 25 years. The Rudds married in 1947. They are both lifelong members and Diaconate at Beulah Baptist Church in Skinquarter. Both were choir members; he was a Trustee and she was church clerk. They have 2 children, Calvin Eugene Rudd and Sandra Yvonne Briley, and 5 grandchildren.



**Born August 30, 1923  
Born March 22, 1929**

**Florence Hembrick Scott**

**Born August 14, 1929**

Florence grew up in Midlothian. Her father was Jesse Hembrick of Winterpock. He was a World War I veteran and a chauffeur for the Larus family of Bon Air. Her mother was Kate Owens Hembrick of Moseley, who worked as a domestic. Florence had three sisters: Marion Howard, Jessye Guy, and Estelle Hembrick. Her mother and father were Diaconate at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Winterpock. Florence was baptized at age 8 or 9 at Tabernacle Baptist by Rev. A. D. Smith. Florence attended the wood-framed Midlothian Elementary School. Initially, Florence, her sisters and a few other children walked the 2-3 miles to school. For a while they rode with Mitchell and Elizabeth Bebb, who taught at the school. Later they rode a school bus driven by Mr. Herbert Bentley. The kids were taught English, arithmetic,

history and geography. They also memorized Bible verses. Another teacher at the school was Daisy Owens (no relation). Florence attended Hickory Hill High School and was among a graduating class of 29 students in 1946. Hickory Hill had an excellent choir and a cheering squad but she does not remember sports competitions with other schools. During World War II, military drills were done at the school. After high school, she attended St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, VA for one year. She then worked at White's Bakery, Miller and Rhodes Bakery, and a restaurant on Main Street in Richmond. In 1950 she married Jesse Scott, Jr. and moved to Hampton, VA where he was beginning a career with the U.S. Air Force. As a military family they enjoyed the opportunity to travel and meet new people. They had two children, Michael (deceased) and Karen Dean, and 5 grandchildren. Florence now attends Broad Rock Baptist Church.



**Out on a Limb....**

Angie Wilderman

The roundtable from 1pm to 3pm at historic Trinity Church continues on most Saturdays. All are welcome to join this discussion group. Email [agwilderman@gmail.com](mailto:agwilderman@gmail.com) for more information and verify that we are meeting or call Diane in the office.

Chesterfield County VA Court Order Book 6, page 282 William Blankinship came into this Court & made Oath that he is an Inhabitant of this State & that he enlisted under Capt Fleming in Col. Byrds Regiment raised during the late War between Great Britain & France & that he served in the same until he was disbanded & that he never has proved his right to or obtained any Land in consideration of such service under the King of Great Britain's Proclamation bearing date one thousand seven hundred & sixty three.

Chesterfield County Court Order Book 18 page 117 1810 May 16 It is ordered that Parke Poindexter employ some person to make the following repairs to the Courthouse to wit, repair the back of the Justices bench and chair of the same: and close the ends of the two front bars assigned for the lawyers; a cross bar to be affixed at each end of the bar and adjoined to each of the Sheriffs stands. To be fixed so as to be raised up and let down as shall be necessary two pine tables, eight feet by four feet and four benches eight feet long.

**Library Donations & Acquisitions**

Lies van der Linden-Brusse, Library Committee

Old photos and books, magazines and newspaper clippings, year-books, brochures, programs, research notes on Chesterfield families, places and events as well as maps and other printed or digitized items about our County are always welcome additions to our reference library at historic Trinity Church. Please keep your Society in mind when you clean out your attic or basement! Thank you! The following items have items have been added to our collection:

**Genealogy**

*Chesterfield County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds (1771-1852)*, compiled by the Genealogical Society of Utah, purchased.  
*Damn the Alligators, Full Speed Ahead*, the autobiography of Porcher L. TAYLOR, Jr., donated by the author.  
*GRAVES, Twelve Generations - Some Descendents and Kin (1608-1977)*, by Louise Graves, anonymous donor.

HATCHER-HOLLAND Family Research compiled and donated by Rachel Lipowicz.  
*Memorial Addresses on the Life and Character of Sydney P. EPES, Late a Representative from Virginia, Delivered in the House of Representatives and Senate, 56<sup>th</sup> Congress (1900)*, donated by Angie Wilderman (Rare Books Collection).

### General Interest

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## Women of Chesterfield County - part 10 Pocahontas and Her Son, Thomas

Patricia Watts

While married to John Rolfe, in 1615, Pocahontas bore a son, named Thomas (an unusual first name for a child who was the first son of a Native American woman.) The next year, the three of them returned to England along with Thomas Dale, it was then that Pocahontas became well-known and loved throughout all of England. Theirs was a very public visit noted in the press and spread by word of mouth. In England, she was called Lady Rebecca, charming the English nobility. It is not known of what, but Pocahontas died at an embarkation point of the Thames River. Her sister who had accompanied her on the trip recounts that they had a meal and afterward Pocahontas became violently sick, throwing up and convulsing. The sister thought it food poisoning.<sup>i[1]</sup> Some historians note that after her death, John and Thomas boarded the ship called "George" and were homeward bound but because of the baby's sickness and that of those onboard, John Rolfe left Thomas at Plymouth, England so that Thomas could receive better care. At a later date historians note that Thomas, who was living in Boston, said that he wished to return to England to procure the "lyving ashes" of his dead Mother. Other historians note that baby Thomas was left in England in the care of his uncle, Henry, who was a merchant there. Alas, there is no evidence that Thomas was ever reunited with his father nor was he able to return to retrieve the ashes of his mother, Pocahontas. Her remains are still buried at Gravesend, England.<sup>ii[2]</sup> About 2 years after the death of Pocahontas in 1619, John Rolfe married Joane Peirce, daughter of William Peirce, Commander of Jamestown and Captain of the Governor's Guard. At his death in 1622, John Rolfe, bequeathed 400 acres in the "Countrye of Toppahannah," situated south of the James River, now Chesterfield County to 'Pocahontas' son', Thomas, and 1700 acres to his wife Joane for life thereafter reverting to his daughter Elizabeth.<sup>iii[3]</sup> It was said that John Rolfe never knew his son, Thomas, leaving him elsewhere to be cared for, but Native American record states that she named her son Thomas, after the boy's father – Thomas Dale whom they believe raped her during her captivity, then seeking out someone to marry her – hence, her marriage to John Rolfe. So began the Pocahontas connection in Chesterfield County. Pocahontas' fame spread throughout not only England but the colonies and continues even today. What are the chances of a Native American woman, marrying a settler and becoming so famous and well-known that children even today honor her and love the stories about her travels?<sup>iv[4]</sup> She had to be an incredible woman.

<sup>i[1]</sup> **The True Story of Pocahontas – The Other Side of the Story**, Dr. Linwood "Little Bear" Custalow and Angela L. Daniel – Silver Star"

<sup>ii[2]</sup> [www.henricus.org/Pocahontas](http://www.henricus.org/Pocahontas); Feb. 6, 2010.

<sup>iii[3]</sup> **Pochaontas' Descendents**, Brown, Myers & Chappel, The Pocahontas Foundation, 1985, pps.282-283. .

<sup>iv[4]</sup> **Pocahontas' Descendents**, Brown, Myers & Chappel, The Pocahontas Foundation, 1985, p.507.

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Register online at [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com)

1st, Sat, 7-9pm

Paranormal Workshop: Haunting of Historic Structures & Museums  
(Magnolia Grange), \$10, Register online at [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com)

3-6th, Mon-Thurs  
9am-1pm

Summer Camp: Heritage Crafts & games, Ages 8-12 (Magnolia Grange,  
Historic Trinity Church, Museum & Courthouse Green), prepaid Registration Required: \$75, (804)796-7121

15th, Sat, 11am-1pm

"Old Fashioned Dolls" Hands-on Children Activities (Museum), Free

24-28th, Mon-Fri

Summer Camp: Diggin' in History, Ages 8-12 (Historic Trinity Church)

9am-1pm

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29th, Sat, noon

Lecture at Magnolia Grange: "Thomas Jefferson, His Life" portrayed by local historian Jack Bantle, Free

### September

Every Sat, 1-3pm  
16th, Wed, 1pm  
19-20, Sat-Sun

Genealogy Round Table (Historic Trinity Church), Free  
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Henricus Publicke Days (Henricus Historical Park), Parking Fee

### October

Every Sat, 1-3pm  
3rd, Sat, 11am-4pm  
10th, Sat, noon-4pm  
17th, Sat, 11am-3pm  
23rd, Fri, 7-10pm

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Falling Creek Ironworks Day (Falling Creek Ironworks Park), Free  
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