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Dr. Baxter Perkinson

has been kind enough to give us a signed watercolor painting that will be auctioned off at our quarterly meeting in October. The painting is a 24 x 30 framed watercolor of the James River above Boshers Dam valued at \$1,000. The minimum bid will be \$500 in a silent auction. Bids may be submitted by email or by submitting a bid to the Castlewood office. Bids will be accepted immediately. In case of a duplicate bid, the earliest dated bid will be the winner.



October Quarterly Meeting

Sunday October 23 2 pm at *Castlewood*,

Speaker: Robert 'Peppy' Jones

Please join us at *Castlewood* for our Quarterly Meeting, the culmination of our year-long celebration of the Society's 30th anniversary. In the ballroom you will find the framed list of our Charter Members, 261 signatures dated September 23, 1981. Come and listen to Robert 'Peppy' Jones, one of our charter members who was serving on our Board of Directors in 1987 when *Castlewood* was nominated for preservation under the county's new historic preservation ordinance. Five years later, *Castlewood* was purchased for \$290,000 by the County in order "to preserve and protect a rare historical building." Rare indeed, *Castlewood* dates back to the early 1800s, possibly as early as 1770 (a VCU archeological dig in 1999 unearthed the floor of a combined kitchen and slave quarters used between 1770 and 1860). Over the years, *Castlewood* has served as a home, as a parsonage and even as a savings and loan bank. Since 1998, *Castlewood* has been home to our Society head office and research library. Many visitors, local as well as international, have walked through the front door in search of Chesterfield history. More than a few have commented on the condition of the exterior which is in dire need of restoration. We have good news! A recent federal grant has been awarded to the county to give *Castlewood* a facelift. In the spring, the restoration will begin under the oversight of a historical architect. Plans include stripping and repainting the entire structure as well as repairing all exterior woodwork and the restoration of the original front porch as shown in the photo. Copies of the complete preservation and restoration plans will be available for viewing during the meeting. Please join us! The event is free and refreshments will be served.



Mission Statement

The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia serves as the center for Chesterfield County history. Its purposes are to collect, preserve, interpret and promote the county's unique past for the education of present and future generations

**CHS Events See the detailed event information on the back cover.
View our website for the most up-to-date information – editor**

Thru Oct 29th NEW! County Fair Exhibit (*Museum*) “Up on the Ferris Wheel, Down on the Farm: The Old Chesterfield County Fair.” \$2 Admission (804)768-7311

Thru Dec 2011 Police & Sheriff Exhibit: “Protecting our Citizens: A History of Law & Order in Chesterfield County.” (*1892 Old Jail, Tours start at County Museum*). \$1 Admission. (804)768-7311.

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Messenger Editor

Peter Lipowicz

From the President -

Welcome to the 2011-2012 year in the life of Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia. I would like to introduce myself, your President for 2011-2013. Born in Chicago, I received my undergraduate and graduate degrees from The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. My interest in history dates from days in the Chicago area when I was the person to come to as I kept up with political activities in civics classes in grade school. Finding out what came before that time in politics and general history became of much interest to me. When it came time for college, however, I majored in music, with a master's degree in library science and a history minor. I spent my working life as a music, general information, and art librarian, retiring from the Art and Music Department at the Richmond Public Library in 2001.

My husband, Robert (who was President of CHSV from 1989-1991), and I have been members of the Society since its early years, though we moved to Chesterfield a year after it was established. In addition to learning about the history of Chesterfield County, we have been involved in presenting “early” music for CHSV functions. I played harp in Magnolia Grange from time to time, and our historic music group, A Company of Waites, played for at least one quarterly meeting and will appear again at Colonial Court Day on the Courthouse Green on October 29.

I urge all of you to volunteer for one of our many committees listed in the *Messenger*, and attend our CHSV programs. Come yourselves and bring family and friends to the museum and old jail, where the changing exhibits will perhaps give you a new understanding of life in early Chesterfield. Visit Magnolia Grange, which besides its own history, houses our wonderful gift shop; Christmas is coming! Come to Castlewood and investigate our library of books, manuscripts, pictures and special materials. And be sure to visit Chesterfield's Civil War sites.

History is BIG in Chesterfield County!

Therese (Trä) Wagenknecht

From the Messenger editor – please e-mail by December 10 any submissions you would like to see in *The Messenger* to lipowicz1@verizon.net. Your stories, research, and photos are all welcome. If your submission is handwritten or typed, please provide to Diane Dallmeyer.

The new book **Chesterfield County Virginia Veterans** is now on sale at the gift shop and Castlewood. The price is \$16 including tax, plus \$5 shipping. The book contains information on 6261 Chesterfield County veterans of all wars. Get your copy today!

The Fortepiano in Our Parlor

Therese Wagenknecht

On your next trip to Magnolia Grange take a look at the musical instruments in the parlor. Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia (CHSV) has a fortepiano, a violin, and a harp on display.

On December 12, 1985, Dr. Harrison Moseley Etheridge of Washington, D.C., presented CHSV with a fortepiano made by Astor and Horwood of London, England. The instrument can be dated between the late 1700s and 1822. George Astor was associated with the company which made the fortepiano. John Jacob Astor, his brother who had moved to the United States, began importing these instruments from England to America in 1789. The fortepiano, "forte" meaning loud and "piano" meaning soft, was developed partly to provide instantaneous loud and soft sounds when the keys were depressed. The harpsichord was an earlier instrument. When the keys were depressed on the harpsichord hooks plucked the strings. That plucking sound remained at one volume level, not changing no matter how hard the keys were pressed. The fortepiano allowed instantaneous



changes in volume because the keys, which could be depressed gently or with strength, were attached to hammers which hit the strings. As improvements in the fortepiano were made, such as metal frames, and better strings, still more sound would become available. From these changes the piano we use today in our homes and other settings, was developed. In the days before movies, radio, television, hand held internet, phone and music devices, a household provided its own entertainment. Fortepianos, violins, harps, other instruments, and singing were used by the family, or for social gatherings. Our fortepiano has a mahogany case and stands on six turned and ebonized legs, each with a band of brass ornamentation at the top. At some point there were some minor repairs to the rear legs. The sound board to which the strings are attached is pierced satinwood, to allow for resonance in the wood when the hammers hit the strings. The keyboard has 62 keys as

compared with 88 on today's piano. Our fortepiano was restored in 1992 to prepare it for a concert sponsored by the Society. The restoration was carried out by David Stronge and Peter Redstone. Donations from Philip Morris, a memorial fund in memory in Robert Woodcock of CHSV, and a Winterpock house tour in 1991, provided funds for the restoration. The concert was given on our fortepiano in Magnolia Grange on June 7, 1992, performed by Lawrence Robinson, Professor of Music at Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Robinson was also Carillonneur at the Byrd Park Carillon. He played music composed by Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven which could well have been played originally on a fortepiano. We are grateful for all those who have supported the Society and made it possible to have this instrument in our parlor.



Deeds of Valor

D. Michael Thomas

Many instances of valor and courage by soldiers from both the North & the South during the War Between the States are documented. History books often mention Union soldiers who received the Medal of Honor for bravery, but what about Confederate soldiers equally deserving of recognition for their heroism? Were any from Chesterfield County cited for gallantry on the battlefield? In depth research has provided unequivocal answers to both of these questions. During the war, each side sought ways to provide recognition to men who distinguished themselves by gallantry in action. The United States developed the Medal of Honor in 1862 and by war's end had issued nearly 2,500 such awards though over 900 were rescinded in 1917. This was a "one size fits all" type award and the only form of recognition available to Union troops for courage. The South's attempt to set up a Confederate Medal of Honor award never materialized but the gallantry of her soldiers was recognized in other ways. Until mid- 1862, the highest form of recognition a Confederate soldier could receive for his courage was to be cited in print, either by newspaper accounts or in official dispatches from senior officers. Several Chesterfield soldiers, all officers, were so honored in this fashion. The earliest known such mention in a newspaper account occurred in the May 30, 1862 edition of the *Richmond Daily Dispatch* concerning the May 15th Battle of Drewry's Bluff in which a Union gunboat flotilla was badly mauled and defeated while trying to reach Richmond via the James River. In the article, Chesterfield citizen **Captain J. W. Drewry**, commanding the Southside Artillery (a Chesterfield unit), is described as one "...who rendered great service on the occasion...The manner in which young Drewry acted on that day proved very plainly to every man that he been a participant in many fights, and was calculated to keep men cool who had never been under fire." The reporter did not know this battle, in reality, was Captain Drewry's first combat experience.

Two other Chesterfield citizens, each commanding a company comprised of fellow county residents in the 14th Virginia Infantry Regiment, were cited for heroism at Malvern Hill (July 1, 1862) by their regimental commander, Col. J.G. Hodges. In an after-action report to his brigade commander, Hodges wrote "I cannot close this report without calling your attention to the gallantry of **Captains W. W. T. Cogbill** (Company D, Chesterfield Central Guards) and **[Parke] Poindexter** (Company I, Chester Grays), who acted during the whole day with great coolness and bravery." In 1862 the Confederacy devised 2 official ways to provide recognition for gallantry. One was intended to "... provide medals and badges of distinction as a reward for courage and good conduct on the field of battle." The near impossibility of obtaining such medals and badges because of the Union naval blockade led to an amended resolution establishing the Confederate Roll of Honor in which the names of men selected for this award would "...be preserved in the office of the Adjutant and Inspector General for reference in all future time." About 2,000 men from all across the South ultimately received this honor. Three soldiers from Chesterfield County were placed on the Roll of Honor during the war, each for capturing a Union flag at the Battle of the Crater on July 30, 1864. Following that bloody and furious engagement General William Mahone, promoted to Major-General for distinguished leadership that day, sent **Major B. H. Nash** (a Chesterfield native) to General Robert E. Lee with 19 flags captured from the enemy along with a detailed report identifying the individual soldier who captured each flag. The Chesterfield soldiers noted in this report were **Lt. Joseph B. Goodwin** and **Private A. J. Sadler**, each of Company F, 16th Virginia Infantry and **Private Lemuel Tucker** of Company B, 41st Virginia Infantry.

Lee acknowledged receiving the flags and then directed Major Nash to take them personally to Secretary of War J.A. Seddon on his behalf along with a cover letter explaining their origin. Seddon accepted the flags and on August 20, 1864 issued an order to the Adjutant General of the Army which reads as follows: "Let appropriate acknowledgement be made to this gallant General (Mahone) and his brave troops. Let the names of the captors be noted on the Roll of Honor and published." The second form of recognition from the Confederate government was via the Valor and Skill Act of 1862 which allowed for promotion of men whose actions on the field of battle were considered exceptionally heroic. The standards were demanding and promotion was allowed only if there was an open billet in the man's unit to accommodate a promotion. Just a few hundred of the approximately 750,000 who wore the gray received this form of recognition. Research finds two men from Chesterfield County who were so honored.

Edwin Spencer Wooldridge was a 21 year old agent for the Clover Hill Railroad Company who originally enlisted in Company C, 9th Virginia Infantry (Chesterfield Yellow Jackets) on 27 May 1861. He joined Parker's Battery 14 March 1862 and was elected 1st Sergeant. Wooldridge's record indicates he excelled in service and proved to be a natural leader. The Battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam) on 17 September 1862 was the bloodiest single day of combat during the entire war with about 23,000 men from both sides becoming casualties. Parker's Battery earned many accolades for its action on the field that day despite suffering terrible losses in men and horses. Near the end of the day, the battery was pulled back after having exhausted its ammunition, but one of its cannon was left behind because of the lack of horses. The next morning Captain Parker assigned the task of retrieving this gun, now well outside Confederate lines and open to enemy fire at relatively close range, to Sergeant Wooldridge. The inherent danger this task presented was obvious to all and most of the men were hesitant to accompany Wooldridge. However, he gathered enough volunteers to successfully recover the gun in such a manner that he received special praise from Captain Parker and other senior officers. When asked by his colonel why he had not sent a lieutenant to lead this dangerous mission, Parker replied, "If *THAT* sergeant could not get the gun, no Lieutenant could." Wooldridge was also cited for service in other engagements including Gettysburg where Parker's Battery fought so well at the Peach Orchard on the 2nd day of the battle. Despite his heroism and leadership, he could not be promoted because there were no open officer billets within the battery until June 1864. At that point Captain Parker wrote a lengthy letter to the Secretary of War extolling Wooldridge's heroism at Sharpsburg and other virtues recommending him for promotion to lieutenant under the Valor and Skill Act of 1862. In this belated letter, Parker stated Wooldridge "had abundant courage to qualify him to command any Brigade or Division in this Army." A promotion to 2nd Lieutenant was authorized in September 1864 and Wooldridge was the battery commander seven months later at Appomattox.

Henry C. Britton is the other Chesterfield citizen known to have been honored under this award format. Britton, a farmer who stood 6 feet 5 inches, enlisted in Company C, 9th Virginia Infantry May 27, 1861 at age 22. He served with distinction receiving promotions to 1st Sergeant in late 1861 and 2nd Lieutenant in November 1862. Wounded at Malvern Hill on July 1, 1862, he was captured during Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863 and held as a POW at Fort Delaware and Johnson's Island until exchanged March 1864. Because of casualties, he was the only officer with his company for quite some time following his return to duty. On November 17, 1864 Lt. Britton found himself in the Bermuda Hundred area of

Chesterfield County along the Confederate Howlett Line facing Union Army positions. Orders from his division commander, General George Pickett, were issued for a rare nighttime assault on a strong, well manned and nearby Union picket position with Britton and his company in the vanguard. At 10:00 PM the assault force, consisting of several hundred men, crossed rapidly over the "no-man's land" undetected until the last moment. Britton, in accordance with his orders, led his men quickly through the enemy stronghold and to its rear surprising and securing almost the entire camp there while other assaulting elements spread to the left and right taking the rest of the position. Union resistance was greatly hampered by Britton's personal capture of the Union commander, a colonel, in hand-to-hand combat. Many other prisoners, including two officers, were taken by Britton and his men. The next day General Robert E. Lee informed the Secretary of War "General Pickett reports, that last night, a portion of the enemy's picket line in his front was taken possession of and held. One Colonel, two captains, two lieutenants and one hundred and twelve privates were captured, besides the dead and wounded... Our loss, one killed and nine wounded." Without question, Britton's performance was a key to Confederate success. Union forces twice tried to recover the position over the next few days but were repulsed.

Col. James J. Phillips, commanding the 9th Virginia, wrote a letter to Secretary of War Seddon on November 30th recommending Britton for promotion to Captain of his company for his "special gallantry and distinction" in this assault. The letter, found within Britton's Compiled Service Records, contains endorsements from Generals George Pickett, James Longstreet, Robert E. Lee, and Secretary of War Seddon. Britton was appointed Captain on February 8, 1865 and continued his service until his capture at Five Forks on April 1, 1865 resulted in another trip to Johnson's Island as a POW. Certainly there are others from Chesterfield deserving of recognition for gallantry on the field of battle whose stories have been lost in time or otherwise overlooked. Research efforts continue with hopes of recovering them.

Seeking Vietnam War Memorabilia for Veterans Day Exhibit

George Cranford

In conjunction with our annual sponsorship of the Chesterfield County Veterans Day Ceremony in November, the Society is planning a new exhibit, "The Vietnam War, A Retrospective."

This exhibit will highlight the contribution of our citizens to the Vietnam War. Our Collections Committee is asking the public to loan documents, photos, artifacts, uniforms and any other



Vietnam War related objects and stories for possible inclusion in the new exhibit which will open at the Museum on Veterans Day, November 11th. To share Vietnam War memorabilia, please contact George 'Buddy' Cranford, chair of our Collections Committee, at (804)276-7243 or email pastwalker@comcast.net Thank you.

Early African-American Churches in Chesterfield County

Bernard R. Anderson

Since its February 2010 exhibit on Early African-American Churches in Chesterfield County, the African-American History Committee has continued its effort to document the histories of these institutions. The exhibit featured brief histories of 17 churches. They were published in the July 2010 and October 2010 issues of *the Messenger*. Here we are presenting the histories of two more churches. The Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the assistance of the various Pastors, Church Clerks, Church Historians, and other members for their assistance in documenting this important aspect of Chesterfield County's history. Detailed histories can be reviewed in the binder entitled *Early African-American Churches in Chesterfield County*, available in the Society's library at Castlewood.

MOUNT NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH 1111 Old Bon Air Road, Chesterfield, VA 23235 Founded 1868



In the Spring of 1868, a small group of interested Christians began a movement to organize a church in their own community. These individuals were members of the First Baptist Church of Midlothian. The following persons were instrumental in founding this church: Peter Brown, Isham Brown, Claiborne Brown, Squire Jones, James Woolridge, Jordon Johnson, Reverend Alexander Bowe, Shadrack Baylor, Elisa Scott, Betty Scott, Margret Johnson, Kitty Brown, Jane Bowe, and Harriet Scott. One acre of land was given by Mrs. Merkey. A building 25 feet wide and 30 feet long was constructed by the members using logs and mortar. The pews were built by Wilson Mosby. Upon completion, the church was named Pine Top. During the time of Pine Top, there was no pastor. Some of the ministers who served were Alexander Bowe, George Tribbett, and Randolph Woolridge. A Sunday School was formed one year after the church was built. Teachers at the Sunday School were Ben Johnson, Martha Smith, John Cox, Alexander Bowe, and Judge Hancock. As the church continued to grow, the members decided to build a wood framed church and change the name to Mount Nebo. The first pastor of Mount Nebo was Reverend Henry T. Braxton, who served for 15 years. In 1926, under the Pastorate of Reverend J. J. Harris, the members decided to build a new church. Reverend Harris served for 7 years. Reverend P. W. Ross began a long tenure in 1933 and Reverend R. S. Keel was pastor for 17 years. In June 2000, Reverend Lloyd A. Cosby, Jr. was installed as pastor. Mount Nebo has hosted numerous workshops and seminars on Christian Education and leadership. These have been open to members of surrounding churches and have been well received. In 2004, Mount Nebo joined the Center for Congregational Ministry and

continues as an active member of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia and the Tuckahoe Baptist Association. The founders of Mount Nebo left a rich legacy which its members are dedicated to pass on to future generations.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH 8021 Reedy Branch Road, Chesterfield, VA 23838 Founded 1910



The Oak Grove Baptist Church was founded in 1910 in a bush arbor located 1/4 mile west of the present site. The land for a one room building was donated by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gates. The deed is dated August 4, 1911 and is recorded in Chesterfield County's deed book number 158. The first Pastor was Reverend Morris, who served from 1911 to 1919. The founding Trustees were Phillip Lewis, Thomas Mosby, West Crew, and Junious Lazarus Crew. From 1919 to 1923 Reverend Willis was Pastor, while also pastoring the Union Branch Baptist Church in Chesterfield. The first choir was formed around 1927, under the direction of Thelma Jones. For many years the usher board consisted of two members, Ethel Washington and Mary Lee. Reverend Jones served as pastor from 1928 to 1952 and was succeeded by Reverend McCoy Lewis from 1953 to 1962. Reverend William Powell served as pastor from 1962 to 1965 and 1969 to 1974. Under Reverend McCoy Lewis' Pastorate, 1966 to 1968, construction began for a new church building. During Reverend Powell's second tenure, the Board of trustees was formed in August 1969 and the Missionary Ministry was formed in 1974. From 1975 to 1991, Oak Grove was served by five different pastors. The Reverend Stacey Roberts was pastor from 1991 to 2000. During this period, Eliza Bailey was licensed to preach and served as Associate Minister, Milton Bailey was ordained as a Deacon, and the first beginners Sunday School was reestablished. In January 2001, the Reverend Herbert Holly was named Pastor. His leadership resulted in upgrades to the church's facilities, formation of Men's and Women's Ministries, a Youth Ministry, and a Marriage Ministry. On March 21, 2010, Oak Grove Baptist Church celebrated 100 years of service to the community.

Fundraising

Peter Lipowicz

I am pleased to thank our donors who have collectively given over \$1000 in the second quarter. Our total year to date is over \$8000. And remember, there are many ways to contribute to the Society. Your valuable volunteer time is one. Also, when you buy a book or anything else from the gift shop, that helps us out, too.

Donations of \$500 or more – ExxonMobil Foundation for Ken Shiflett volunteer hours.

Donations of \$100 - \$499 Honorable Ernest. P. Gates, Bernard Anderson, Lillie C. Branch.

Donations up to \$99 Joe Hillier, Alex Compton, Teresa Luckert, Haley Buick, Ann Blankenship.

Membership Report

Rachel Lipowicz

Our current membership stands at 596. This quarter we welcome 29 new members to CHS.

Ms. Ann Acker & Ms. Barbara Thomas; Mr. & Mrs. Paul D. Bedard (Dorothy); Ms. Tamara Eastman; the Mark Fausz; the Terry E. Glass; Mr. Charles Hillier; Mrs. Deloris Jackson; Mr. Rusty Lescault; Mr. Gordon Lockett; Ms. Glenda McEachern; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Milone (Linda); Mr. Ian Nelson; Mr. & Mrs. Bill O'Connell (Cara); the Thomas A. Page; Mr. & Mrs. Reinhart Reiss (Lind); Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Richard (Joan); Mr. & Mrs. Roger Seredni (Tracy); Ms. Nisha Sharma; Ms. Carol Thomas; Ms. Susan de Gala.

Business Member: Colonial Honda

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Out on a limb.....

Angie Wilderman

As a genealogist I join organizations that relate to places where my ancestors lived or are special interest groups. My mother's ancestors lived in Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia among other areas. I belong to historical societies in each of these states. My father's ancestors were from Italy. As a result I belong to POINT which stands for Pursuing Our Italian Names Together. There are also a PIE group which is Pointers in email and PIP which is Pointers in person. Because memberships are listed in our Messenger and also in the newsletters or journals of the other organizations, I find that there are members who live in my area who share my interests. I've been fortunate to find a friend in this area who grew up in my ancestor's county in South Carolina. We got together and shared information about our families and he shared information about life in Edgefield, SC. My most recent contact was someone who belonged to PIE. We had never met before and we set a time to get together. So one day over lunch we talked about how our lives had intersected over the years and how our parents lives had intersected as well. We discussed brick walls and challenges of doing research overseas and offered suggestions and encouragement to each other to continue research. Instructors in genealogy often tell us to make sure we interview family members to learn more about our family history but talking to people with a common interest can be very educational and rewarding as well.

Check out <http://telltheirstory.blogspot.com/> which is a blog dedicated to orphan photographs and on Friday nights at 10pm check out <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/geneabloggers> which is a online radio broadcast with interviews with genealogical specialists.

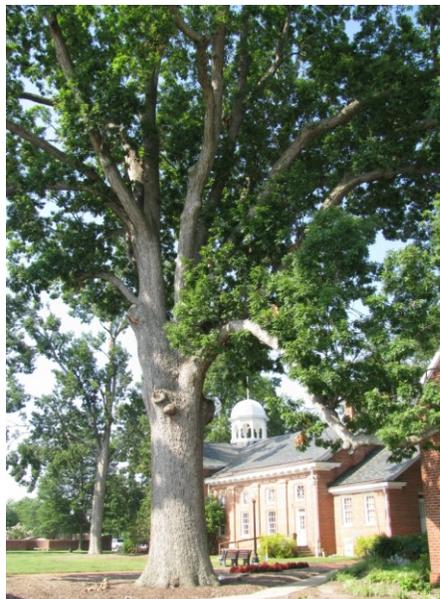
A little online humor! A dying granny tells her granddaughter, "I want to leave you my farm. That includes the villa, the tractor and other equipment, the farmhouse and \$22,398,750.78 in cash." The granddaughter, about to be rich, says, "oh granny, you are so generous, I didn't even know you had a farm. Where is it?" With her last breath, her granny whispered, "Facebook."

Announcements

Diane Dallmeyer

CHS needs volunteers who like to play! **Colonial Court and Market Day**, a new event, will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Courthouse Green. A reenactment of the community festivities that accompanied days when Court was in session, we will have period food, games, music and reenactments. Admission is \$4/adults and \$1/children and admission is free to those who volunteer. Please contact Tamara

Evans at 796-1479 for specific duties and time slots available.



The 10-year measuring ceremony of the **Nunnally Oak** will be held on Thursday, October 20 at 4 p.m. The grand old tree, planted in 1814 by Deputy Clerk Lawson Nunnally, is the courthouse green's oldest landmark and has borne witness to The War Between the States, many court dramas and patriotic celebrations. Join

Judge Herbert Gill, Judge Ernest Gates, Richard Nunnally and other dignitaries for this special event.

Donation of Model of Falling Creek Ironworks Furnace

Liess van der Linden-Brusse

Roy Hamilton, a longtime Chesterfield Historical Society member and dedicated volunteer as well as a gifted craftsman, has donated a scale model he built recently of the historic Falling Creek Ironworks Furnace that was constructed in 1619 and destroyed during the Indian attack of 1622. This unique model is



on display in the ballroom at *Castlewood*, beside the Sidney King painting of "The Great Massacre at Falling Creek Iron Furnace, March 22, 1622." In addition to this model, Roy also built the exquisite scale models of *Castlewood* and *Eppington* which have been on display for many years at *Castlewood* and *Eppington*.

Currently, Roy and his wife Jeanette are volunteering at the library in *Castlewood* to update our Photo Collection which has been sadly neglected for too long. Thank you, Roy! Thank you, Jeanette!

CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA PRESENTS:

Colonial Court Day in 1780



Saturday, October 29

10 a.m.-5 p.m. (No rain date)

Historic 1917 Courthouse Green on Iron Bridge Road, Chesterfield, VA

Experience the hustle and bustle of a typical Court Day in 1780. Enjoy Colonial period crafts, live music, demonstrations, games, costumed interpreters and living history re-enactments.

Food and refreshments available.

Admission: \$4/Adult, \$1/Child (3-12)

*For more information call (804) 796-7131
or go to www.chesterfieldhistory.com*

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Chesterfield Courthouse, 1749



Current Occupant or:

October

1st, Sat, 11am-4pm
3rd, Mon, noon-6pm
8th, Sat, 10am-2pm
15th, Sat, 11am-3pm

23rd, Sun, 2pm
28th, Fri, 7-10pm
29th, Sat, 10am-4pm

November

3rd, 4th & 5th
5th, Sat, 2-5pm

11th, Fri, 2pm
12th, Sat, 10-11am
12th, Sat, 8-10 pm

December

3rd, Sat, 1-4pm
3rd, Sat, 10-11am
7th, Wed, 1pm
9/10th, Fri/Sat, 10-2
10th, Sat, 8-10 pm

January 2012

13th, Fri, 7pm
22nd, Sun, 1pm
27th, Fri, 7pm

CHS Events

CHSV Info Table at "Eppington Heritage Day" (*Eppington*). Free.
CHSV Annual Golf Classic (*The Highlands Country Club*). Sponsors Needed.
Bermuda Hundred Campaign Van Tour (*Henricus Historic Park*). \$15. Register online with Paypal.
CHSV Info Table at "Midlothian Village Day" & Midlothian Mines Tours.
20th, Thurs, 4pm 10-Year Measuring of the Nunnally Oak Tree (*1917 Courthouse*)
CHSV Quarterly Members Meeting – 30th Anniversary (*Castlewood*) Free
"Haunted Lantern Tours" (*Magnolia Grange*). \$5/adult, \$2 Kids (3-10). Reservations required
CHSV "Colonial Court Day" Fundraiser (*1917 Courthouse Green*). \$4/Adult, \$1/Child (3-12).

CHSV Table at "Shopper's Fair" Richmond Area Museum Gift Shops (*VA Museum of Fine Arts*).
Howlett Line Van Tour – Civil War 150th Event (*Henricus Historic Park*). \$15. Register online with PayPal.

Veterans Day Ceremony (*1917 Courthouse Green*). Free. (804)796-7121
Midlothian Mines Park Tour. \$8. Call (804)748-1623
Spirited History Tour of *Castlewood*, \$20 Register online with Paypal

CHSV *Magnolia Grange* Holiday "Open House." Free. (804)796-1479
Falling Creek Ironworks Tour (*Bensley Park*). \$8. Call (804)748-1623
CHSV *Magnolia Grange* "Christmas Tea." \$25, prepaid reservations required.
CHSV "Deck Your Halls MarketPlace" (*Castlewood*). (804)796-7121
Spirited History Tour of *Magnolia Grange*, \$20, Register with PayPal

CHSV Winter Lecture¹: "John Paul Jones" by interpreter Bill Young.
CHSV Quarterly Members Lunch Meeting (TBA)
CHSV Winter Lecture: "Confederate Patents" by Jack Knight.