



Brickyard School, 1915

African-American Schools in Chesterfield County During the Segregated Era



Ochre
School,
1947

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The African-American History Committee
of the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia



D. Webster Davis High School

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Our work depends on the involvement and enthusiasm of members and friends who contribute their time and effort to support the Committee.

We welcome information about and photos of families, churches, schools or community events. We will scan and return your originals.

If you are interested in joining the Committee, sharing your personal story, family history or genealogy, please contact the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia at:

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Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Midlothian (Hallsboro) Circa 1890

As the preeminent organization of its type in Chesterfield County, we research and celebrate the history of African-Americans. It is our objective to collect and preserve an extensive archive of their history in the County. We are working to document their important contributions to education, community development, public service, the military and other endeavors.

In 2014, the story of the County's segregated schools was presented in an exhibit at the Chesterfield County Museum.

The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia

The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia (CHSV) is a private, non-profit 501 (c)3 organization funded by tax deductible membership dues and donations.

Mission

To collect, preserve, interpret and promote the County's past for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations.

History of the Committee

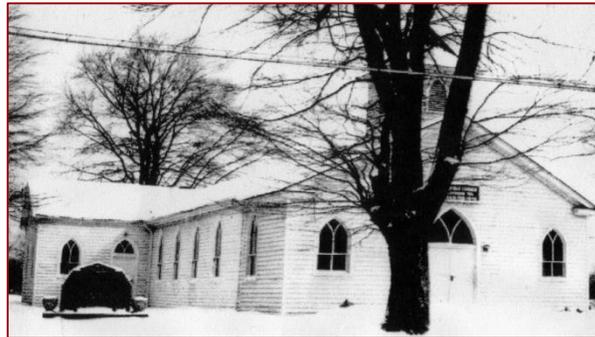
- 1999 - CHSV's Board of Directors proposed a new committee, the African-American Research Committee.
- 2007 - the committee was renamed the African American History Committee.
- 2013 – the committee began a collaboration with John Tyler Community College to connect college students with African-American elders in the community.

The committee, with community help, continues to work to raise the awareness of the County's rich African-American history. The results of our research has been presented in public exhibits at the Chesterfield County Museum and at local libraries. Also, articles of interest are published in the CHSV newsletter, the *Messenger*, and in local newspapers.

Early African-American Churches in Chesterfield County, VA

(Exhibited at the County Museum
February 13 to April 17, 2010)

Beginning with the meeting of enslaved persons in bush arbors, the church has been a center of community development and a source of hope, strength, education and refuge.



First Baptist Church of Midlothian – Founded 1846

Before the Civil War, three African-American churches were formally organized in Chesterfield County. These were First Baptist Church of Midlothian (1846), First Baptist Bermuda Hundred (1850) and Beulah Baptist, Skinquarter (1859). By 1918, about 20 churches across the County were the centers of religious instruction, cultural enrichment and political awareness.

FourScore and More



Oral Histories

of African-Americans in Chesterfield County Age 80 and Older

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In 2011 and 2012, Black History Month Exhibits at the Chesterfield County Museum displayed the stories of more than 50 African-American elders.