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Member-Get-a-Member Drive

The Society is recruiting new Business Members and you can help. You are a good customer to a Chesterfield business. Ask that business to join. It is that simple. We will even provide you with the letter and business membership form. Get a copy from Diane or download it from our website. Why doesn't the Society write these letters? Well, we have – nearly 800 of them. But it does not mean as much coming from our office as it does from YOU, their CUSTOMER. Please send your letter TODAY!



Magnolia Grange in 1968

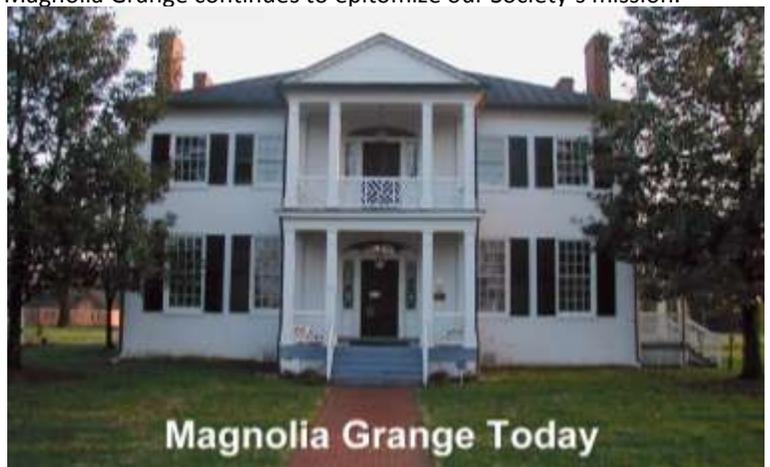
May Quarterly Meeting Magnolia Grange House Museum

10020 Iron Bridge Road Sunday, May 1st, 2011, at 2 pm

In celebration of our Society's 30th anniversary, our Quarterly Meetings this year will be held at each of our historic sites. Please join us as we revisit Magnolia Grange on May 1st (Easter Sunday falls on April 24, hence we postponed our meeting by one week!) Hear how our Society helped save this historic treasure and how we continue to keep its doors open to the public. According to our Library archives, the Society gave four reasons for saving Magnolia Grange, back in 1984:

- It is a registered Virginia and National historic landmark.
- Its *location* directly across from Chesterfield Courthouse presents an opportunity of a lifetime for enhancing the courthouse complex as an *historic district*.
- Chesterfield County has no historic house which is *open to the public* such as 'Maymont' or 'Shirley.'
- This acquisition (of Magnolia Grange) will help meet the *cultural needs* of its citizens.

That year, the county paid \$180,000 for the 19th-century mansion and about one acre, saving it from a developer who had plans to raze it for a shopping center! In addition, a \$600,000 fund drive was launched by the Society to restore and furnish the structure as it would have appeared in 1820-1850. The project was expected to take three years, but on May 4th, 1986, First Lady of Virginia Mrs. Jeannie P. Baliles cut the ribbon to formally open Magnolia Grange Museum House to the public. Today, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and staff, Magnolia Grange continues to epitomize our Society's mission.



Magnolia Grange Today

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**

From the President -

Many of you may already have heard the welcome news that our local economic climate appears to be stable. That's certainly better news than this time last year when severe county budget cuts threatened to close our historic sites and programs. The Society weathered that storm with your help and support, emerging stronger and more determined than ever to fulfill our mission. Now we need to focus on the following:

Increase our membership. Currently, our membership stands at around 600. In February, our Fundraising Committee undertook a Business Membership drive, offering Chesterfield County businesses an opportunity to support Chesterfield history by becoming a Business Member for an annual fee of \$100. Responses continue to come into our Castlewood office. But your support is also needed. Please encourage your business colleagues as well as your friends and family to become members of our Society.

Continue fundraising. Last year, we set a goal of \$25,000 which we reached! Again, our members' support was critical to this success. This year, our goal is \$15,000 which we intend to reach through a variety of programs, including events such as our popular Antiques Evaluation 'Roadshow' and our Annual Golf Classic as well as the sale of our new *Chesterfield County Virginia Veterans* book. This database of 6,232 Chesterfield veterans who served in every conflict since the French & Indian War, was compiled by our library volunteers. Please read the enclosed pre-publication flyer for more details.

Broaden our volunteer base. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Society. The greater the volunteer involvement, the stronger we become. Last year, our volunteers contributed 11,616 hours, spearheaded by **George (Buddy) Cranford**, chair of our Collections Committee, who contributed 1,514 hours all by himself! Thank you, Buddy. We accept your challenge to match this contribution!

Please join us at Magnolia Grange on Sunday, May 1st for the Members Quarterly Meeting, the first of our three-part celebration to mark our Society's 30th anniversary. Revisit this elegant house museum which our Society helped save, restore and furnish. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you.

-Liess van der Linden-Brusse

From the Messenger editor – please e-mail by July 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. Also, I am pleased to welcome a new volunteer, Jennifer McLaren-Granville, who has assisted with this issue. You may also notice a new look as I have changed the font used in the articles.

Veterans Book Sponsors Needed

The book is going to press in April. If you would like to have your name in the book as a sponsor, please contribute. \$50 for the Member Sponsorship. The sponsorship funds will offset our printing costs and other costs to maintain the veterans database. You may make your sponsorship in memory of a friend or family member.

Check us out on Facebook!!

Seems like one hears that message everywhere these days and CHS has jumped on the bandwagon. Like it or not, social networking is the communications vehicle of today. Thanks to members Angie Wilderman, George Cranford and new volunteer Marge Burkell for their ongoing work on the CHS website (www.chesterfieldhistory.com) as well as our new page on Facebook. So, we join the chorus; Check us out on Facebook and become a friend and a fan!

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Peter Lipowicz

Diary of William Bolling of Cobbs Part V

Rachel Lipowicz

The original diary is part of the collection of the Virginia Historical Society. It is a leather bound, pocket sized diary written in William Bolling's own hand. Rachel transcribed it in early 2010. Parts I, II, III, and IV have been published here in 2010 and 2011. This is the final part. The citation for the original text is: *Diary of William Bolling, 1794-1795, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond.*

The Society would like to publish the transcription in its entirety of this important work. The publication would include historical notes not presented in *The Messenger*, and images of the original text. Please contact the Society if you are interested in obtaining a copy.

(Omitted) 24th went to the Play – The Children in the Woods with a Pantomime called The Harlequin Doctor - 26th M^r R^{'s} Fam^y & John Robertson dined with us - 28th Our Fam^y dined at M^r R^{'s} also my Uncle Dandridge 31st Went to the Society the Question of debate whether foreign commerce is Hostile to Liberty decided in the negative I voted in the minority I was elected Vice President –

NOVEMBER

1st My Father, mother & Sister Polly went down to Cobbs – I dined at M^r Robertsons – 3^d Went to a Frolic at Col^o Goodes given in celebration of the Marriage of his Daughter Polly to John Spotswood J^r & of his son Frank to Martha Hughes (Powhatan) there was as large a Compny as I ever saw at a Private House Miss Polly Smith was my Partner – I got but little sleep as my bed was composed of my Great Coat & part of a Sofa – a little before Day for they played Cards the whole Night in the Room where I slept they opened the Farrow Bank There were three Fiddlers which were divided into two Rooms one Room not being sufficient to contain all the Company 4th after Breakfast the Company dispersed – 6th My Brother & myself went to Cobbs we dined at Chesnut Grove on our way – 7th Went to Petersburg with my Father & returned to Cobbs to dinner – 8th Our Fam^y dined at Col^o Walthalls (by invitation) 10th Went to my Aunt Buchanan's with my mother & Sister but find^g nobody at home & hear^g that they were at Col^o Davies's we went there to dinner & returned to Ettrick Banks after dinner & staid all night 11th From EB to Peterb^g & returned to dinner & staid all night 12th We returned to Cobbs 13th I came home had a very lonesome Ride saw M^r murray in Manchester & Crossed the River with Cousin John Bolling went to the Assembly (wch met on the 10th) dined & staid all Night at M^r R's - 14th TBR dined & supped with me, I staid at Home by myself – 15th TBR breakfasted with me ^{went to Church} I dined at M^r Harrison's 17th Dined at M^r Robertsons – 18 my Father & Mother came Home. 19th Went to the (Play Alexander the Great -) 20th Mrs Harrison Miss Sukey Harrison & Sister R & c drank Tea with us – 21st My Uncles John & Rich^d came here 22^d My Uncles dined with us & Maj^r Prior & M^{rs} Copeland drank Tea – 23^d My Uncles Major Prior, M^r R & AR breakfasted with us ~ my Uncle A^d & M^{rs} R's Fam^y dined with us – 24th My Uncle A Breakfasted with us M^r Harrison paid us a Mornings visit Sister R dined with us. 25th Our Fam^y with my Uncle Dined at M^r R's after Dinner we went to the Play (Love in a Village) which was performed very well & the Dancing on the Tight Rope there

exceeded any thing of the kind I had ever before seen – Miss Eliza Duncan was there from the neighborhood of Petersb^g with a very crowded House – 26th Drank Tea at M^r Harrison's went there to see Miss D but was dissapointed – 27th My Uncle Ar: went from here on his way home 28th My Sister & Girls dined & Stayed all Night with us (M^r R gone to G Brook) my Father went to Goochland, 29 My Sister & c went home – 30th Drank Tea at M^r R's after wch went to the play (^{English Merchant}) with my Mother Sister P & Betsey R. & Mr Rich^d Eppes Mama staid all Night at M^r R's & M^r Eppes & AR staid all Night with me

DECEMBER

1st M^r Eppes & AR breakfasted with me, after they left me I went to see Miss Eliza Duncan at M^r Harrison's, with whom I was very much pleased & being invited by M^{rs} H. I staid there to Dinner & after dinner to the Play of the West Indian, being induced & persuaded to go there by the Ladies this Play was for the benefit of the Poor ^{of Richmond} I suppose there were between 5 & 600 people at it – 2^d Instead of going to my Studies which I generally did after Breakfast I again went to see Miss Eliza, she running so much in my head (as would have been the case with almost any other Girl) that I knew if I pretended to read I could not confine my attention to what I was about ^{I therefore spent the morn} ^{with her} AR dined with me – 3^d Drank Tea at M^r Robertson's with Miss Eliza – 4th Went to M^r Harrison's 6th AR & myself Rode up to the Locks of the James River Canal (abt 5 miles) which I had never before seen with wch I was very much pleased AR dined with us & our Fam^y drank Tea with M^r R. - 8th I went to M^r Harrison's & spent the Forenoon with Miss Eliza Duncan, dans une manier non pas le plus agreeable parce' que Je n'avoit pas une opportunite' avour une entretien privee avec lui – 9th My Uncle Gay came down & dined with us – 10th M^r John Bernard came here & went away on the 11th – 12th I dined at Bro R's – Miss Polly Randolph was in Town & it was my Intention to have gone to M^r Harrison's to see her but the Rain prevented me 13th Went to Church – Uncle Dandridge was here – after Church I went to M^r Harrison's to see Polly Randolph and after having had a little agreeable Conversation with her I went to M^r Robertsons to dinner in Comp^y with M^r & M^{rs} Coleman Miss L. Harrison M^r Hancock Maj^r Eggleston, Gen^l Meade & John Gilliam J^r Polly Randolph dined at John Mayos – 14th went to M^r Harrison's again to see Polly R but was disappointed as she & Miss Sally Meade were down Town & in walking from M^r H's to Town I was fortunate enough to meet them in the Street & prevailed on them to come to our House I got up behind the Chariot we called at at M^r H's took in M^{rs} Meade (of Maycox) & I continuing my seat (or rather stand) came with them to our House where they staid a short Time, - 15th Went down Town in order to meet with MRandolph as I knew she was to leave Town this day; I met with them at Mewburns store where they all got out, & then got in the Carriage with MR & went with her to M^{rs} Baylees(?) which was a place we did not know the way to & were consequently some time find^g it during which time we had a great deal of Conversation of the most agreeable kind, the other Ladies waited till we returned at Gillies store – 16th I came with my Father & Mother to Cobbs & as far as Osbornes in M^r W^m Friends Chair with him having given up my Seat in the Chariot to M^{rs} W^m Friend got to Cobbs ab^t 4 OClock & found our Hoggs (41 in No) there – 17th The Hoggs killed – 18th Salted 20th Went to Mt Blanco voir MR dined there with M^r & M^{rs} Meade (of Maycox) & their four Daughters, Sally, Sukey, Nancy & Betsey & their four Sons ~ Andrew, Kidder, --- & --- & R^y Randolph & Lady – 21st Went to Petersburg, M^{rs} Rich^d Baugh called at Cobbs in the Morn^g to go with me, we stopped at Col^o

Walthalls & he went from the House with us to Town – went to Col^o David Meads to see my Aunt Bland came home in our Chariot from M^{rs} Hood's where it had been repaired – 23^d Came from Cobbs to Richm^d to Dinner, after Dinner went up to M^r R's to see my Sister Murray & Fam^y who came down the 21st 24 dined at the R^s with Bro M & Fam^y 25th M^r R's Fam^y M^r M's Fam^y Aunt Bland & M^r Nath^l W. Price dined with us 26th Went to Sukey Harrison's Wedding had a small but agreeable Company Danced three sett Dances with the three following Ladies – M^{rs} Harrison Miss Spears Nancy Murray – Miss Spears is a very handsome sensible & agreeable Girl, just come from the Northward to Ride in Richm^d with M^r Edm^d Randolph late Secretary of State – M^r R has a Daughter (Sukey) who is also a very fine Girl both of which I got acquainted with at the Wedding – 27th Went to Church – This being St. John's Day the Masons of this City all went in procession from the Hall to the Capitol where the was a Masonic Sermon preached by M^r Dunn – Our Fam^y M^r M's Fam^y, Aunt Bland Maj^r Eggleston & Mons^r Ducoudray dined at M^r R's 28th A & TBR & Betsey R. dined with us 29th M^r & M^{rs} R. dined with us & M^{rs} Harrison M^{rs} Gilliam & Jerman Baker drank Tea with us after Tea went to the Play - Robin Hood for the benifit of Mons^r Francisquy -31st Went to the Play House, where was performed, the Tragedy of Romeo & Juliett for the Benefit of M^r Edgar, who is the best performer in This Company (West's) & I think this was the best Performance ~ also a Dramatic Piece in one act called All in Good Humour & a Farce called a Trip to Scotland ~ he had a full House
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Fundraising

Peter Lipowicz

I am pleased to thank our donors who have collectively given over \$3000 in the first quarter. And we did not even have a fundraising drive!

Donations of \$500 or more – Verizon Foundation \$750

Donations of \$100 - \$499 -, Ernest Gates, Sr. in memory of Pete Mann & Baxter Perkinson, Jerri Garofalo, Vanessa Crews in memory of Arline Taylor Sykes, Chesterfield Ruritans, Mary DeVine in memory of Connie Ashman, George Cranford, George Maughan, Amy & Dave Goobic, Bartley Family, Bernard & Charlotte LaRoy

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Support CHS—Join the golf tournament team!

Diane Dallmeyer

The 5th Annual Golf Classic at the Highlands will be held on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 1 p.m. This is one of our most important fundraisers each year and we can build upon it with YOUR support! Hole sponsorships are available for \$150, most of which is tax-deductible. Your "Friends of CHS..." hole sponsorship is a great way to show your support and you can solicit your neighborhood businesspeople for their support as well. Call Diane in the office and she will e-mail you sponsorship information to show to your dentist, dry cleaner or tax preparer.

New Civil War Exhibit at the Museum

Pat Roble

Chesterfield, VA, March 21 – In conjunction with the start of the Sesquicentennial (150th) commemoration of the Civil War and



Emancipation, the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia (CHSV) will open a new exhibit at the County Museum on Saturday, April 2nd, 2011, at 11:00a.m. Entitled, "Fear and Freedom at My Door: Four Stories of the Civil War in Chesterfield County," the new exhibit will feature four faces of the war – The Union Soldier, The Confederate Soldier, From Slave to Freedom, and The Civilian.

The Union Soldier refers to Private William Pecan of the 3rd New York Regiment Infantry from Brooklyn who served as a recruiter and surgical steward. His company made its way across Virginia from Norfolk to Chesterfield County, fighting in the Bermuda Hundred Campaign of 1864-1865. The Confederate Soldier is based on the five sons of Chesterfield resident Josiah Bailey who all enlisted at Skinquarter to join the 14th VA Regiment.



Ranging in age from 18 to 30, all but one brother would survive the war. From Slave to Freedom features Siah Carter, also known as Josiah Hulett. Born a slave in Charles County, Siah was purchased by Hill Carter of Shirley Plantation where he worked until 1862 when he rowed out to the USS Monitor anchored in the

James River. Once aboard, he received safe harbor and signed up as a crewman, serving in the Union Navy until his discharge in 1865. The Civilian is based on Sarah "Sallie" Duval who fled New Kent County only to find herself trapped between two armies at the Battle for Chester Station in 1864. The new CHSV Civil War exhibit will run through the end of July.

Book Review: *The Moodys of Galveston and Their Mansion* by Henry Wiencek

Ronald Seagrave

Virginia author Henry Wiencek is a prominent American historian and editor whose work has encompassed historically significant architecture, the Founding Fathers, various topics relating to slavery, and the Lego company. In 1999, *The Hairstons: An American Family in Black and White*, a biographical history which chronicles the racially intertwined Hairston clan of the noted *Cooleemee Plantation House*, won the National Book Critics Circle Award for biography. Wiencek's *An Imperfect God: George Washington, His Slaves, and the Creation of America* appeared in 2003.

Colonel William Lewis Moody's Civil War Record commenced in 1861. Almost immediately on the secession of Texas, he closed and abandoned a prosperous business and, true to the blood of a real Virginian and the patriotism of a chivalrous Southerner, he organized one of the first companies in Texas and was elected captain in Company G. Seventh Texas infantry Regiment at Marshall, Tex., being mustered into service Oct. 2, 1861. Colonel Moody led his men immediately to the battle in Kentucky, where he steadily advanced. Later he was made a prisoner at Fort Donaldson, and spent six months in the Federal prisons of Camp Douglas, Camp Chase and Johnson's Island. During September, 1862, the prisoners were exchanged and the Seventh Texas Regiment was sent to Clinton, Miss. to prepare for active service again. Captain Moody was made lieutenant colonel of the regiment, which was assigned to General Gregg's brigade at Fort Hudson, La. Afterward the regiment was sent to Mississippi where it saw much active service.

Soon thereafter Colonel Moody was wounded at Jackson, July 19, so seriously that he was incapacitated for active service in the field. The following spring he was promoted to a full Colonel and assigned to post duty at Austin, Tex., where he remained until the end of the war. In 1864, Colonel Moody came to Galveston and engaged in the cotton factorage business, where he established the commercial house of W. L. & F. L. Moody. This firm was succeeded by Moody, Bradley & Co. and later by Moody & Jamison, with a branch house in New York. This partnership was dissolved in 1877, W. L. Moody and the late Frank B. Moody being admitted as members of the firm under the name of W. L. Moody & Co.

Colonel Moody was a member of the immortal fourteenth legislature of Texas, known as the reconstruction legislature, in 1874-1875. His was recognized as one of the leading spirits of that history-making period. He helped to elect to office Governor Richard Coke of Texas and it was said of him that he was to Coke what Stonewall Jackson was to Lee, his right arm. He was appointed a member of a joint committee to investigate and report on the election returns of the governor and lieutenant governor during the contest between the thirteenth and fourteenth legislature. During Coke's administration the governor gave a full explanation of the financial condition of the state and commended the successful efforts of Colonel Moody and others in realizing a large amount of money from the bonds of the state that had been hypothecated to parties in New York and claimed by parties in Europe. It was at this time that he was appointed by Governor Coke as financial agent of the state of Texas.

Colonel Moody was always too modest to refer to his devotion to the best interests of his country or to the part he had in the business and financial betterment of Texas and in strengthening

its fabric of finance. In his services to the community as chairman of the Galveston Deep Water Committee he accomplished considerable strides in 1882, spending much of his time in Washington in the interest of the development of a deep water port on the Texas coast. But it is in the history of the Galveston Cotton Exchange, which he organized and served as its president for many consecutive terms, that he is perhaps better known. He was the presiding officer at its initial meeting, giving to the organization the same close attention and unflagging interest that he gave to his own affairs. I highly recommend adding this book, *The Moodys of Galveston and Their Mansion*, to your collection.

Editor -Colonel Moody lived in Chesterfield County as a child and is buried here.

A Celebration for Baxter

Therese Wagenknecht

"My father knew so much about the Civil and Revolutionary wars he could have fought them," said William Baxter Perkinson, Jr. His father, W. Baxter Perkinson, Sr., passed away on January 17, 2011, in his 90th year. Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia (CHSV) lost a founding member, a Past President, and a historian, who though not trained in history, knew more than many professionals. His knowledge of the history of Chesterfield County, the American Revolution, the Civil War, the World Wars and times in between, was encyclopedic. In addition to history, Baxter loved music. "Everywhere we went we had to sing," remarked his son, Dr. Ivan Perkinson. Baxter's four sons, Ivan, Baxter, Jr., David, and Mark, are still singing and did so at Baxter's funeral in Matoaca Baptist Church.

On September 23, 1981, Lucille Moseley and Baxter Perkinson signed the list of Charter Members of CHSV which now hangs on the front wall in the ballroom of Castlewood. Lucille's signature is first and Baxter's is last. Is there a story? Imagine a library shelf. Those two were the bookends who invited those of us in the middle to make Chesterfield County history exciting. The Veterans' Memorial Wall outside the 1917 Chesterfield County Courthouse is there because of Baxter's continuing energy. In 1984 he began overseeing Chesterfield's Veterans Day ceremony on the Courthouse Green. In 1990 he began pushing for the wall to be built. With the help of the South Richmond Ruritan Club, the Crater Chapter of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, and CHSV, he began soliciting donations for the wall. His son, Ivan, painted and donated a special work from which prints were made and sold for the fund. Bobby Ukrop challenged businesses to get involved, the county added funds, engineering and design work were donated, elementary school children collected pocket change. Everyone got involved. Very few could resist Baxter's enthusiasm. Though it took years of work he never gave up and as we all can see, he was successful. Baxter served in Patton's Third Army in World War II, including the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of the Chesterfield County Zoning Board of Appeals for many years. He joined organizations which concentrated on veterans and history. In 2002 Baxter was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. "Dad got a lot out of life," said Baxter, Jr. He gave a lot to life as well. Baxter and his wife, Stella, were generous and helpful to their friends and neighbors. If they saw you needed something they or the county could provide, they filled the need. If they saw you working in your yard as they drove past, they would stop to pass the time of day. If congratulations were in order they were offered. CHSV, the county, all of us, could not have asked for a better friend. Thank you Baxter!

Out on a limb.....

Angie Wilderman

Are you using online sources to help find information about your ancestors? Genealogy databases are available, however, many of them are subscription based and may seem high-priced. If you use the resources regularly, the fee may seem very reasonable. There are free resources too. Ancestry.com, the best known subscription based resource, is accessed for a myriad of records such as census, military, birth, and death records. And it is available for use free of charge at the Library of Virginia. GenealogyBank.com is a newspaper archives featuring historical newspapers, newspaper articles and obituaries, books, and documents. WorldVitalRecords.com, is a depository for newspaper abstracts and other historical records world-wide. Using Footnote.com, you can find documents, view images, print and download, upload images, annotate, organize your gallery, connect images, create a spotlight, create a Footnote page, add your comments, use profile pages, manage your account, sign up for watches and notifications. Take the virtual tour on Footnote and learn more. Ancestry now owns Footnote, however, they are still separate databases at this time. Periodically, these resources are made available free of charge so that the new user can try the services out before subscribing. Some freebies are Rootsweb.com: http://genealogy.com/index_a.html and Gen Forum by Genealogy.com: <http://genforum.genealogy.com>. They provide forums for surname and place name discussions. They are very useful for linking up with researchers who may be working on your surname or an ancestral location. Also, some nationally known resources are the National Archives, <http://www.archives.gov/index.html>; the Library of Congress (www.loc.gov/index.html) features links to 'ask a librarian,' digital collections, and library catalogs; and State Libraries; <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/> is the Internet address for the Library of Virginia. Don't forget the local historical societies or libraries where your ancestors lived. Family Search, <https://www.familysearch.org/>, is the world's largest free collection managed by the Church of Latter Day Saints. They have a number of databases available and they have articles on resources as well as tutorials. And, then there is Google Books. Go to the Google main page, click on more, select books and plug in a surname or place name. If the book is no longer has a copyright, the book may be digitized in full or it may give you a snippet of information. Google will even help you find out where a copy of the book is located. Good luck. Let us know if you make any exciting discoveries.

Committee Corner

Members are always interested in what are committees are responsible for and current projects. Consider volunteering on one of these committees today.

African-American History Committee mission: to inspire the collection and preservation of an expansive archive depicting the rich history of African-Americans in Chesterfield County. The committee is currently composed of eight (8) members and open to any persons who agree to become CHSV members, who will embrace and promote our mission and share the following core values: Collaboration, Commitment, Compassion, Humility, Innovation, Integrity. We developed the: FourScore and More exhibit that featured some of the oral history interviews which have been recorded to date. In addition, we are continuing our research efforts to identify the undocumented African-American schools in the County. The committee will also work towards installing a marker at each identified site.

Cemetery Committee The purpose of the Cemetery Committee is to locate and document the many community, church and family cemeteries within the historical boundaries of Chesterfield County, VA., to research them and to make that

research available for use in the Society Library. Our further purpose is to emphasize the importance of burial grounds and their markers as chronicles of the past.

Collections Committee maintains, preserves and enhances the historic collections and database. We accession or de-accession of artifacts as needed, perform historic artifact and collections inventories, and plan, develop, and set up museum exhibits at various locations. The Committee also maintains a liaison with Chesterfield County government offices that affect the exhibit preparations. The Committee provides volunteer staffing at the museum. Current projects include: a docent Manual for Magnolia Grange, the Black History Exhibit at the museum, and the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War Exhibit at the Community Development building.

Events & Programs Committee maintains a 12-month Events Calendar, and develops new events and programs. We coordinate & publicize more than 50 fundraising events per year including the Winter Lecture Series, monthly Tavern Talks, Teas at Magnolia Grange, historic site tours, seasonal celebrations such as Halloween Lantern Tours & Christmas Holiday events, regular Spirited History tours, the annual Antiques Evaluation Roadshow, an annual Golf Classic, and the annual Confederate History & Heritage Day. This committee organizes CHS Quarterly Members' meetings and the annual Chesterfield County Veterans Day ceremony, and volunteers to staff the CHS information table at events sponsored by other historic organizations at events such as Henricus' Publick Days, Falling Creek Ironworks Day, Ettrick Day, and others.

Fundraising Committee solicits donations to the Society from corporations, small businesses, foundations, and members. Volunteers are needed to provide new ideas, write and review fundraising letters, make phone calls, work with potential donors, and process donations.

Genealogy Committee abstracts and transcribes records from microfilm; responds to genealogical requests; and educates citizens on genealogical principles and resources. We are currently transcribing Court Order Book 8 and abstracting the Richmond Dispatch dated from 1852. Periodically we provide an article under the "Out On A Limb" byline or abstracts /transcriptions for the Messenger.

Library Committee maintains our collection of accession books, manuscripts, photos, maps, and periodicals. Scrapbooks are restored. A vertical file on Chesterfield people, places and events is kept, as well as a veterans' database. Our librarians also assist local and foreign patrons with research of Chesterfield history. Current projects include digitization of the entire collection, indexing title deed abstracts, and recording oral histories. Chesterfield high schools, Chesterfield business & industry, women of Chesterfield, and Chesterfield rivers, lakes and dams are subjects of research, and brief written histories.

Membership Committee keeps current the list of CHS members, sends out membership dues notices and records members' payments.

The Messenger Committee publishes *The Messenger*, our quarterly newsletter of Society information and County history. Volunteers may write articles, take photographs, or transcribe information that is verbal or handwritten, for publication in this magazine. Assistance is also needed to sell advertisements.

Chesterfield County Historical Boundaries

Peter Lipowicz

Since its inception in 1749 Chesterfield County boundaries have changed eleven times, reducing its area from 482 square miles to 438 square miles. The city of Richmond was involved in four of these boundary changes, and I was surprised to learn that Colonial Heights was involved in three.

- 1784 loses the town of Pocahontas to Petersburg. There is no indication that the boundary (which locates the northern tip of Pocahontas Island as part of Chesterfield County) has changed since this time. The "island" (which is actually a peninsula) was once described as being north of the Appomattox River, but that section of the river is now largely swampland. Pocahontas Island today is better described as being south of the Appomattox River channel, which was dug in 1915.
- 1850 loses area to Powhatan County near Moseley. A segment of the boundary between Powhatan and Chesterfield moved east to Skinquarter Creek.
- 1902 loses area when Manchester independent city is formed, but gains comparable area from Richmond in an adjustment of the boundary
- 1910 Manchester becomes part of Richmond
- 1914 first annexation by Richmond
- 1922 gains area from Henrico County near Dutch Gap. The area gained is Farrar's Island.
- 1941 second annexation by Richmond
- 1948 loses area when Colonial Heights is formed
- 1953 first annexation by Colonial Heights
- 1957 second annexation by Colonial Heights
- 1970 third annexation by Richmond

The Appomattox River east and south of Colonial Heights belongs, in part, to present day Chesterfield County. This boundary terminates just across the river west of Pocahontas Island at a point about one-quarter mile west of where Interstate 95 crosses the river. The boundary picks up again about one half mile upriver (West). The intervening portion of the river is within Petersburg as far west as Battersea. So from the Old Brick House, which was originally in Chesterfield County, but is now in Colonial Heights, as you look east, the river you see, with the exception of the shoreline, is Chesterfield County. The river islands are also part of Chesterfield County. Traveling from Powhatan down river on the James, you would not be within Chesterfield County's borders until you reached a point about one mile upriver of where Falling Creek meets the James.

Source: *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries*, The Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois 2010; except for the change in 1784, which is based on Lutz and other research. You can see the actual historical boundaries at the this internet site: <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/>

Dear Chesterfield Historical Society

[editor-this letter came in from Cyril Miller of Richmond], Today, on a whim, I decided to "Google" the phrase, "Condreys of Chesterfield County." I suppose I was having a particularly nostalgic moment for no apparent reason. To my amazement, I was led to an online issue of "The Messenger," dated July 2009, in which an article by Beverley Condrey Berry entitled, "Growing Up in Chesterfield County" appeared. Reading the article about the history of the Condrey Family was wonderful. You see, in the 1960s I grew up on a farm off of Courthouse Road about a mile back from the road well past what was once Tomahawk Academy on a road called Tomahawk Drive. To my delight, Beverley Berry, in her article, described the Condrey farms that lined Courthouse Road at that time and I was immediately taken back in time to the barefoot days of summers long ago when I roamed the fields, creeks, and wooded pathways of one of those farms rented to my father by "The Condreys" who I always thought lived at the back of Tomahawk Service Station on Hull Street Road. Mrs. Condrey would for years pick my mother and me up on her way to church, a kindness I will always hold dear. I can still remember the address of our farm: Route 2 Box 193, Midlothian, VA 23113. Amazing!

We farmed many of the acres of that farm and raised several black angus. My father insisted that my brother and I learn and do everything "the hard way" -- planting and hoeing many acres of corn by hand, harvesting and "shocking and shucking" it in the fall by hand, and generally working ourselves to exhaustion to teach us the value of hard work and how to raise what we ate, not only for ourselves but also for the cattle. Years later, I would visit the old farm and was devastated to find that the house had burned down, the barn had fallen in and the forest had claimed much of what I remembered. The old smoke house was still there. The old wood shed and well box were still there. Remnants of the kitchen garden, the flower beds that were mine to tend, and the old pet cemetery were still there. I carried away with me that day an old flat rock that had served as a support to part of the barn. I cherish that rock even now as it lays in my garden. What I carried away in my memory and in my heart that day from "the farm" was much more important. It's the place where my thoughts take me more and more as I think of my youth, my parents now both gone, and remember the most important part of my early life. My many thanks to Beverley Berry, the Chesterfield Historical Society and "The Messenger" for a wonderful article, and for the tears I feel thinking of times so long ago.

Save the date! May 4, 2011 is our annual Mother's Day tea at Magnolia Grange.

Call Tamara Evans at 796-1479 to reserve your spots for this special yearly event. Bring your mother, daughter or friend and enjoy homemade delicacies while enjoying pampering by our fabulous Magnolia Grange volunteers!

Units of the Confederate States Army from Chesterfield County

D. Michael Thomas

Virginia provided about 155,000 soldiers to the Confederacy in the War Between the States (1861-1865), more than any of her southern sister states. Studies in recent years have determined that about 90% of the war age men from the Old Dominion served in the military, a higher percentage than any other southern state. Chesterfield County sent over 2,000 men off to war, a significant number when placed against the 1860 county census showing just 10,019 total whites of all ages.

No less than 42,000 Virginians were under arms by July 1, 1861 less than 3 months after the firing on Fort Sumter. Within another 2 months, following the 1st major battle of the war at Manassas and the subsequent Union occupation of much of western Virginia, an additional 50,000 enlisted. The *Richmond Daily Dispatch* reported on May 15, 1861 that "Chesterfield will equip in all eight full companies besides the men she has furnished to the different companies of Richmond and Petersburg". By September, the county had actually provided ten companies.

Over the course of the war, 17 company sized units were raised within the county with all but two accepted into Confederate service. Each is identified in this report with a small amount of amplifying information. Full details of their service history can be found in the acclaimed *Virginia Regimental History Series* held at the main branch of the Chesterfield Library, the Library of Virginia and elsewhere.

A company was the basic unit for the army and formed at local levels within the county or city. This composition meant brothers, cousins and neighbors enlisted together and allowed for a tight knit unit. Military guidelines issued by the Confederate Congress called for a full manning level of a company to be 104 officers and men in infantry and 72 in cavalry. Artillery numbers varied from 87 to 150 with the different classes of guns. A minimum number of privates were required for a company to be accepted in Confederate service with those numbers set at 64 in infantry, 60 in cavalry and 70 in artillery.

The Manchester Artillery, under command of Captain William R. Weisiger, was the first unit from Chesterfield County to be mustered into Confederate service. The men were enlisted and mustered at Manchester, May 1, 1861 for 1 year. Almost at once, the company was sent to the Norfolk area where it received training for both infantry and artillery while serving as an independent company assigned to the 6th Virginia Infantry Regiment. In October, the unit was transferred and became Company I of the 16th Virginia Infantry Regiment. When the army underwent a major reorganization in April 1862, the men of the Manchester Artillery were allowed to re-enlist as an independent company of artillery officially designated as Weisiger's Battery. Somehow, though, it never matured into a fully equipped command and the 92 men carried on its rolls served as a sub-element of the Courtney Artillery (Hanover County). The unit was officially disbanded April 15, 1863 and its men served with the Courtney Artillery the rest of the war. One source calls it "The Bridesmaid Battery".

The Elliott Grays, also from Manchester, grew from a prewar militia known as the Rocky Ridge Rifles dating back to at least 1857. Organized April 1861, the unit was enlisted and mustered in service May 9, 1861 for 1 year service. The next day, it departed for duty at Fort Nelson in Norfolk harbor where it became Company I of the 6th Virginia Infantry. The *Richmond Daily Dispatch* carried a letter on May 10th, 1861 from the commanding officer, Captain Louis F. Bossieux, thanking the

citizens of Manchester and Richmond for their support while being outfitted for service. A special thanks was given to the ladies of Manchester for money given by them to obtain colors for the company. The paper's Petersburg correspondent wrote in the May 13th issue, "In noticing the arrival of the troops, I should not omit to make honorable mention of the Elliott Grays, from Manchester, who came over last evening. Virginia can boast of no finer company of soldiers- certainly none have passed through Petersburg that elicited more compliments."

The Chester Grays, also known as the Southern Braves, enlisted and were mustered into service with a strength of 62 men May 11, 1861 for 1 year. Assigned to the 14th Virginia Infantry Regiment, it was designated Company I. Records indicate some non-Chesterfield County men from the 59th Infantry Regiment were assigned to this unit by special order in May, 1862 to keep its strength high when the army was reorganizing.

The Fleet Rifle Guard from Ettrick, organized April 20, 1861 were enlisted May 15th and mustered into service May 18th for 1 year. It was officially designated Company F, in the 16th Virginia Infantry Regiment on July 1, 1861.

The Alstadt Grays, from Skinquarter, organized May 1, 1861. Enlisted and mustered into service May 24th for 1 year, they were sent directly to Fort Nelson in Norfolk harbor to receive training as both infantry and artillery. There they were designated Company K, 6th Virginia Infantry Regiment.

The Confederate Grays enlisted May 29, 1861 & were mustered in service for a year in Richmond and designated as Company B, 41st Virginia Infantry Regiment. Records show that in April 1862, at the time of re-organization, 41 men from the Virginia militia (none known to be from Chesterfield County) were assigned to their ranks to keep the company strength high.

The Yellow Jacket Artillery, also known as the Chesterfield Yellow Jackets, enlisted May 27, 1861 for a year at the Chesterfield Court House. The June 1, 1861 issue of the *Richmond Daily Dispatch* had this to say about them: "This company, recently formed in Chesterfield, appeared in our streets yesterday creating the most favorable impression. It numbers 76 men...The Yellow Jackets' motto is expressive and to the point—'we sting' ". Initially assigned to a prospective artillery regiment that was later disestablished, the unit became Company C of the 9th Virginia Infantry Regiment and was sent to Craney Island near Norfolk.

The Rough and Ready Volunteers, enlisted June 15, 1861 for 1 year. One source describes them as "Composed entirely of neatly uniformed miners from the Clover Hill coal pits." They originally offered their service on April 25, 1861, but were told to build up their strength with more recruits. Upon acceptance in Confederate service, the unit was designated Company D, 41st Virginia Infantry Regiment.

The Chesterfield Central Guards organized as militia in February 1860 as riflemen. Enlisting at Chesterfield County Court House for a year August 24, 1861, they mustered into service the next day. Shortly afterward, they became Company D, 14th Virginia Infantry Regiment.

The Chesterfield Light Dragoons was the last command from Chesterfield County to join the Confederate army in 1861. The company had previously formed as a militia unit formed in 1851 (Company B, 1st Regiment Cavalry, Virginia Militia) and drilled on a regular basis. This unit served as an unattached company until September 4, 1861 when the 4th Virginia Cavalry regiment was formed and the Dragoons were assigned as Company B.

The only company raised within the county but not accepted into Confederate service in 1861 was another militia cavalry command under Captain Henry W. Cox. This unit, Chesterfield Dragoons Company A, 1st Regiment Cavalry, Virginia Militia, was

formed in 1851 and had a long record of drilling at the Chesterfield County Court House. The reason for not accepting it into service is not known. Records indicate it had sufficient numbers, but neither the North or South wanted large quantities of cavalry in 1861 because cavalry was the most expensive branch of the army. This thinking, of course, changed as the war went on.

Company A 2nd Regiment Virginia Heavy Artillery (The nickname for this unit has not been found.) was formed under the direction of Captain Lawson M. Burfoot and enrolled January 14, 1862. The regiment was formally organized in February, but disbanded on May 23rd, 1862. An entirely new command was formed with 6 of the regiment's companies including Company A and designated as the 22nd Battalion Virginia Infantry. Captain Thomas Burfoot succeeded his brother as commander at this stage. The battalion was ordered disbanded and the men distributed to other commands in December 1864, but this order was never carried out.

Southside Artillery, Company C 2nd Regiment Virginia heavy Artillery was enrolled January 7, 1862. The regiment was organized in February 1862, but disbanded May 23, 1862. Surviving as an independent company, the Southside Artillery was subsequently assigned to man 2 heavy pieces of artillery at Drewry's Bluff serving there or other nearby positions until the fall of Richmond and Petersburg. It remained pretty much intact during the final campaign and surrendered 1 officer and 67 men at Appomattox.

The Chesterfield Rebels were designated Company A, 3rd regiment Virginia Artillery, Local Defense Troops. It was organized February 3, 1862 and the regiment was formed March 5 1862 for the purpose of manning batteries around Richmond. The regiment was disbanded in May when the entire army was undergoing re-organization. Only 1 man in the company offered to re-enlist and the company was subsequently disbanded with the men ultimately dispersed to other commands.

Company C, 32nd Battalion Virginia Cavalry was organized November 29, 1862, but disbanded shortly afterward because it was below strength. Most of the men from this company simply went to Company A, a sister company and served the rest of the war with them. The battalion was later reorganized becoming the 42nd Virginia Cavalry Battalion which later was merged with other small commands into the 24th Virginia Cavalry Regiment. This company represents the last attempt to form a frontline combat unit from Chesterfield County.

Company B, Hood's Battalion Reserves was initially formed as the Matoaca Home Guard on August 24, 1863 and was comprised of employees of the Ettrick Cotton Works, men outside the age of conscription. They became a part of Hood's Battalion for the protection of Petersburg, May 20, 1864. Little in way of records regarding their service is found, but the unit defended Petersburg on June 9, 1861 against Kautz's Raiders and again on June 15th when about 40 of the 67 men were captured. Sent to Elmira and Point Lookout POW camps, 11 died while in captivity.

Chesterfield Reserves, Company G, 1st (Farinholt's) Virginia Reserves was organized April 16, 1864 and mustered into service May 6, 1864. Comprised of "old men & young boys" outside the age of conscription, it was the very last unit Chesterfield County provided to the Confederacy. The regiment never served as a single unit, but dispersed the companies as directed throughout Virginia. The regiment did have some 306 men and officers present in the Battle of Staunton River Bridge, but no records have been found attesting which companies were involved.

Sources:

Information on the individual units came from 3 very authoritative sources. They are:

The Virginia Regimental Series. A 122 volume collection from a multitude of authors covering the history of every single Virginia regiment, battalion and battery that provided Confederate service in the War Between the States. Published in individual volumes between 1982 and 1997 by H.E. Howard Publications in Lynchburg, this series is recognized as an authoritative reference work.

Crute, Joseph H., Jr: *Units Of The Confederate States Army*. Gaithersburg: Olde Soldier Books, Inc; 1987

Wallace, Lee A.: *A Guide To Virginia Military Organizations 1861-1865*. Lynchburg: H.E.Howard Inc.; 1986

Excepting the mention of the 1860 Chesterfield County census, information regarding Virginians in the war contained in the first 2 paragraphs came from articles from solid online sources and a recent book. They are:

"Virginia Soldiers (Confederate) During the Civil War", Encyclopedia Virginia, June 10, 2010 (Online Edition), Published by Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.

"Civil War Research Guide- Soldiers and Camp Life", Library of Virginia (Online Edition)

Sheehan-Dean, Aaron, *Why Confederates Fought: Family and Nation in Civil War Virginia*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2007

Details regarding the sizes of a company came from Crute and circulars issued by the Confederate War Department in 1861 and 1862.

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The Search for the Boat *Madisonville*

Jim Dendinger

Editor – I have done some research and was not able to find any information locally. There is a report on the internet that the boat sank in 1967 and was named the Dixie Queen. Does anyone remember this or any boat operating as a restaurant at Falling Creek or the James River?

My family is interested in the resting place of the diesel-powered excursion vessel *Madisonville* built by Theodore A. Dendinger in Madisonville, Louisiana in 1927. She was 141 tons, and 114 feet in length. She is said to have three decks, a single smokestack, and to be able to carry 350 passengers. According to THE BOATS WE RODE by F Roberts and J. Gillespie, published in 1974, she operated excursions for some years on the Mississippi River at New Orleans, was moved to the Potomac River for cruises at Washington DC and in 1937 was moved to New York Harbor for excursions to the Statue of Liberty. She last operated in New York about 1952, moved south to Baltimore and, according to Roberts and Gillespie, was operating as a floating restaurant on the James River at Falls Creek in 1974.

CHS plans 4th annual Antiques Evaluation event

September 10, 2011 is the date for our exciting yearly antiques evaluation event. Along with "regulars" evaluating old books and manuscripts, furniture, militaria, toys, clocks, pottery, glassware, art and dolls, we anticipate having experts in silver and china as well as jewelry. Be sure to save the date and start getting your treasures together for an expert's opinion on their potential value. Location is likely to be Thomas Dale H.S.

Library: Recent Donations & Acquisitions

Donna Siebold

Old photos and books, newspaper clippings, brochures, yearbooks, research notes on Chesterfield families and places, maps and other printed or digitized items about our County are always welcome additions to our research library at Castlewood. Please keep us in mind when you spring clean your attics and basements! Thank you. The following items were recently added to our collection:

Military History:

"Brunswick Rebel, Johnson, Southside, United, James, Lunenberg, Rebel Pamunkey, Heavy Artillery and Young's Harbarguard, by Jeffrey C. Weaver, purchased.

22nd Battalion Virginia Infantry, by Thomas M. Rankin, purchased.

Donated by Clyde Coats, II
Blue & Gray Magazine, Volume VII, Issue 1 (October 1989), *"Beast in a Bottle"*, and Volume IX, Issue 4 (April 1992), *"The Battle of Five Forks"*.

Civil War in Chesterfield, a bibliography of resources available at the Central Library of Chesterfield, Virginia, donated by the Central Library.

General Interest:

Chesterfield Churchyards, "Gravestone Inscriptions & Burials in the Churchyards of Chesterfield County, Virginia, edited by Rachel Lipowicz (CHSV Cemetery Committee), donated by the Cemetery Committee.

Donated by Leonard Rogers:
"Chesterfield Schools in Action" Newsletters, Volume 1(1) 1966-Volume 2(4) 1967.
"Schools in Action" Newsletter, various issues (1971-1973).
"News" for Chesterfield Educators Newsletter, various issues (1967-1970).
"Kiosk" Newsletter, Chesterfield County Schools, staff newsletters, various issues (1975-1980).
"Progress. Our report to the Community" Newsletter, various issues (Fall 1985-Fall 1986)
"In Print" Newsletter, various issues, (1984-1989)

Donated by Clyde Coats, II:
Midlothian: An American Village, by Maude Kerby,
The Siege of Petersburg, by Joseph P. Cullen.

GIRL SCOUT Materials: Camp materials, letter by Judith Ann Foster, Roy Alcorn Memorial, envelopes, clipping (1956), membership card, donated by Lynn Dee Garrison.

A Woman of Valor: Clara Barton and the Civil War, by Stephen B. Oates, donated by Liess van der Linden-Brusse.

The Early Artisans and Mechanics of Petersburg, Virginia 1607-1860, by Ronald Seagrave, purchased.

Management Summary for Phase II Archeological Evaluation of Site 44CF568, Defense Supply Center, Richmond, Chesterfield County, Virginia, prepared by Alvin J. Banguilan for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, donated by the Defense Supply Center, Richmond, Chesterfield County, Virginia.

Phase II Archheological Evaluation of Site 44CF568 Defense Supply Center, Richmond, Chesterfield County, Virginia, prepared by Alvin Banguilan for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, donated by the Defense Supply Center, Richmond, Chesterfield County, Virginia.

Donated by Charlie E. Richter:

Original deed between Joseph B. Baily and J. A. Condrey, deed book record book 237, pg. 410.
Original deed, for timber rights, between Abner K. Butterworth and J. A. Condrey, dated July 27, 1940.
Payroll ledger, 1941-1943, belonging to J. A. Condrey, sawmill owner and operator.
Payroll ledger, 1944-1945, belonging to J. A. Condrey, sawmill owner and operator.
Record Book, 1938-1940, belonging to J. A. Condrey, sawmill owner and operator.
Record Book, 1928, detailing home expenses of J. A. Condrey, sawmill owner and operator.

Discovered in Castlewood Office during spring cleaning:
Salvage Excavation at Ware Bottom Church, by Dawn R. Burns.
Strategic Plan, Chesterfield County, 2003-2005, by Chesterfield County.
Green Infrastructure: Protecting Resources for Future Generations, Chesterfield County, by Committee on the Future, Draft.
Classification and Compensation Plan for Fiscal Year 2005, by Department of Human Resources, Chesterfield County, Virginia.
Demographic and Economic Profile, Chesterfield County, by Chesterfield County Planning Department

CD: Digital images of art sold at Magnolia Grange Gift Shop: *sketches of Chesterfield County Sites: Castlewood, Eppington, Old Jail, Magnolia Grange, Museum*, (found in Castlewood office).

Photographs, Genealogy & Family Histories

Donated by Nancy Boyd Woolridge:
B&W photos of WWI (c.1919), Armed Forces stationed at Bellwood, Salomon Isaiah Mann's house, and Family history charts for: John Perkinson, Worsham Mann, Robert Belcher, William Mann, John Thomas Belcher, and the Mann family ancestry chart.

The Perdues of Clinton County, by Robert Perdue, donated by Robert Perdue.

Books on Long-term Loan from the Central Library:

Archibald Cary of Amptill: Wheelhorse of the Revolution, by Robert K. Brock.
Pocahontas's People: The Powhatan Indians of Virginia Through Four Centuries, by Helen C. Rountree.
Petersburg's Story, by James G. Scott and Edward A. Wyatt, IV.
Compendium of the Confederate Armies, by Stewart Sifakis.
Prelude to Surrender: The Pamplin Family and the Siege of Petersburg, by Dr. Robert B. Pamplin, Jr.
Richmond Battlefields, by Joseph P. Cullen.
Drums and Guns Around Petersburg, by W. H. Roberts.
Virginians of Distinguished Service of the World War, by Arthur Kyle Davis.
Gold Star Honor Roll of Virginians in the Second World War, edited by W. Edwin Hemphill.
The Civil War Songbook, selected by Richard Crawford.
Sketch Book 76, The American Soldier 1775-1781, by Robert L. Klinger and Richard A. Wilder.
Agriculture in Virginia, 1607-1699, by Lyman Carrier.
Pocahontas, Her Life and Legend, by William M. S. Rasmussen and Robert S. Tilton.
The Chronological Tracking of the American Civil War per the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, by Ronald S. Mosocco.
Montage of a City under Siege: Petersburg, 1865-1865, by Wallace Michael Sewal with Edgar A. Topping, thesis.
A History of the Village of Midlothian, Virginia, Emphasizing the Period 1835-1935, by Barbara Irene Burtchett, thesis.
Appomattox Frontier, by Richard L. Jones (photocopy of original).
Manakin Town: The Development and Demise of a French Protestant Refugee Community in Central Virginia 1700-1750, by Leslie Tobias, thesis.

Library Report

Liess van der Linden-Brusse

During 2010, the Library at Castlewood was manned by 26 volunteers of whom five were interns. Together, these volunteers contributed 2,629 hours. That's more than 50 hours per week! Special projects included a detailed revision and update of our Veterans Database, completed by **Mike Thomas** and a preliminary history of business and industry in Chesterfield County, compiled by VCU intern **James Bowry**. We are also working closely with the Central Library to digitize the Civil War resources in our collection such as photos, manuscripts, maps, etc., in preparation for the Sesquicentennial (150th) Commemoration of the Civil War (2011-2015). Our volunteers assisted 310 visitors with their research, including some who traveled from as far away as the United Kingdom. There is a continued need for volunteers at the Library. We always have more projects than people. Please join us. Thank you.

Membership Report

Rachel Lipowicz

Membership currently stands at 633 members. This quarter we warmly welcome the following 39 new members to the Society. Drs. John & Jane Baskerville & Ms Jeri Baskerville; Mrs. & Mrs. Joseph Blankenship (Annette); Mr. Charles L. Burford & Miss Angel Ross; Ms. Muriel M. Carter; Ms. Maryetta Cascanette; Mrs. Marice W. Davis; Mr. Donald E. Graves; Mr. Randy Huffer; Mr. & Mrs. Don Kinniburgh (Joy); Mr. & Mrs. R. T. Leonard (Mildred); Mr. & Mrs. David MacDonald (Deborah); Mr. & Mrs. Don McIver (Carolyn); Ms. Jennifer McLaren-Granville; Col. & Mrs. Gary D. Metzinger (Penny) & Miss Julie Metzinger; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Mulligan (Patricia); Ms. Valerie Paredes; Mr. & Mrs. Gene Regan (Judy); Ms. Kimberly Sasser; Dr. Jeff Seeman; Mr. & Mrs. George Sproveri (Patricia); Mr. Brian M. Thomas; Rev. Herbert C. Townes; Mr. Edward W. Wade; Mr. Bruce Wells; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Winn (Debbie). I am happy to announce the support of the following

new Business Members: Ms. Sandra R. Claytor, CPA, Express Auto Center, Inc., Howlett's Tavern, Old Stage, Inc., Patient First

The Society offers its condolences to the families of longtime members Curtis Andrews, Mabelle Causby, Baxter Perkinson, and Pete Mann, who have recently passed away.

Cemetery Committee

Rachel Lipowicz

The Cemetery Committee has three new members this quarter. We welcome Joan Jackson, Jennifer McLaren-Granville and Karen Scherzer. Long time member Pat Alling has retired from the committee due to health reasons and we miss her very much. Our recent focus is on Chesterfield's family graveyards and this quarter we have been out to see 8 including, Greenyard, Butler, Gregory, Mead, Trabue, Robinson family & servants, and Vincents. We will continue our visits until warm weather sets in. This quarter 8 members and 3 helpers have given a total of 419 hours in volunteer time.

In Memory of Pete Mann

Doris Hancock

The Society is saddened with the death of our friend Horace "Pete" Mann. Pete was a strong and longtime supporter of the Society and he served in many capacities: President, Vice President, Museum Committee, Historic Sites Committee, Fund Raising Committee, Personnel Committee and the list goes on. He was always there to help to get the job done and we all benefitted from his advice, knowledge, experience and his love of history and the community. He worked tirelessly to encourage staff and the board to work cohesively. He mentored board members and set an example to be followed. We will miss his calm, gentle manner and smile. Our hearts go out to Annie and his family.

NEW BOOK: CHESTERFIELD COUNTY VIRGINIA VETERANS

A listing of over 6,000 veterans connected to Chesterfield County. Includes veterans from The French and Indian War up to Iraq. Includes information on war, branch of military, unit served, rank, death date, and more. Edited by Peter J. Lipowicz & D. Michael Thomas

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY VIRGINIA VETERANS

Pre-Publication price until **April 30, 2011**: \$13 (\$12.38 + \$0.62 tax). After that date: \$16 (\$15.24 + \$0.76 tax)

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2nd, Sat, noon-3pm
9th, Sat, 10am-2pm

14th, Thurs, 9am-Noon
16th, Sat, 10am-5pm
16th, Sat, 11am-noon
23rd, Sat, 2-3pm
25th, Mon, 6-8pm

30th, Sat, 10am-5pm

May

1st, Sun, 2pm
4th, Wed, 1pm
7th, Sat, 10am-Noon
10th, Tues, 5:30pm

14th, Sat, 10-11am
14th, Sat, 8pm
28th, Sat, 10-11am
30th, Mon, 6-8pm

June

4th, Sat, 10-11am
11th, Sat, 10am-2pm

11th, Sat, 8pm
25th, Sat, 9am-5pm
25th, Sat, 8pm

CHS EVENTS

Falling Creek Ironworks Tour (*Bensley Park*). \$8. Register:(804)748-1623.
CHSV Confederate History & Heritage Day (*Courthouse Green*) (804)796-7121
1864 Bermuda Hundred Campaign Tour – Civil War 150th Commemoration Event (*Henricus Historical Park*). \$8. Register online with Paypal
CHSV Beginning Genealogy Workshop (*Castlewood*). \$10, Limited seating. Register online or call.
CHSV Info Table at “Celebration of the Vine” (*Courthouse Green*)
Eppington Plantation Tour (*Eppington*). \$8. Register:(804)748-1623.
Midlothian Mines Tour (*Midlothian Mines Park*). \$8. Register: (804)748-1623.
CHSV “Tavern Talk” with actors Tim Reid & Daphne Maxwell Reid, co-founders of New Millennium Studios in Petersburg (*Howlett’s Tavern*). Reservations: (804)930-1034.
CHSV Info Table “Ettrick Celtic Festival” (*Knox Springs Farm, Ettrick*). Free. (804)526-8367
CHSV Members Quarterly Meeting – 30th Anniversary (*Magnolia Grange*)
CHSV “Mother’s Day” Tea (*Magnolia Grange*). \$25, Pre-paid reservations required: (804)796-1479
Butler’s Offensive – Civil War 150th Commemoration (*Point of Rocks Park*) \$8. Register online with Paypal.
Annual Police Memorial Service (*1917 Courthouse Green*) & Opening of NEW Police Exhibit (*Old Jail*)
Exhibit info: (804)768-7311
Falling Creek Ironworks Tour (*Bensley Park*) \$8. Register: (804)748-1623
Spirited History Tour of *Castlewood*. \$10, Register online with Paypal
Midlothian Mines Tour (*Midlothian Mines Park*) \$8. Register (804)748-1623
CHSV “Tavern Talk” with Todd “Parney” Parnell, VP, Flying Squirrels Baseball (*Howlett’s Tavern*).
Reservations: (804)930-1034.
Eppington Plantation Tour (*Eppington*) \$8. Register: (804)748-1623
Bermuda Hundred Campaign Tour – Civil War 150th Commemoration (*Henricus Historical Park*) \$8.
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Spirited History Tour of *Magnolia Grange*. \$10, Register online with Paypal
CHSV Table at “Cultsha Xpo 2011 - Arts & Culture Membership Day” (*Science Museum, RIC*).
Spirited History Tour of *1917 Courthouse Green*. \$10, Register online with Paypal