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# The Messenger

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## January Quarterly Meeting

**Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.**



Please join us for our quarterly members meeting and lunch in "The Ordinary," a replica of a 17<sup>th</sup> century tavern at Henricus Historical Park on Sunday, **January 27, starting at 1:00pm**. The menu, catered by King's Korner, includes BBQ hand pulled pork, fried Southern Style chicken, coleslaw and redskin potato salad and baked beans, followed by home-made bread pudding.

In addition to a short business meeting, our speaker will be Scott Williams, chair of CHSV Military History committee who will present a talk on the "Battle of Trent's Reach," one of the final major naval battles of the American civil war which took place in January 1865 in the James River near Henricus.

Please note that seating at the luncheon is limited to 50 persons. Reservations are required with pre-payment of \$18/person, no later than **January 15**. For more information, please call Karen at 804-796-7156. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

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### The Battle of Trent's Reach

Behind the Dutch Gap Conservation Area in Chesterfield County is a long, shallow body of water known as Trent's Reach. Cut off long ago by the modern shipping channel at Dutch Gap, this quiet stretch of the old river is now visited by the occasional angler or kayaker. On the night of Jan. 23, 1865 however, Trent's Reach was the site of a clash between some of the most powerful warships in the world when three Confederate ironclads descended the James River in an attempt to attack the Union supply depot at City Point. Only one Union ironclad and several wooden vessels stood in their way. While now considered a minor footnote in the war, the threat of Confederate ironclads breaking through caused a great deal of concern in the Union high command in the winter of 1865. In the battle that ensued, opportunities were lost and careers ruined.

At the January membership meeting at Henricus Historical Park, Scott Williams will give a presentation that will use maps and period photographs to illustrate the actions of the Union and Confederate navies at Trent's Reach. The location of the meeting at Henricus offers an opportunity to learn about this historic event at the time and place it occurred.

## Letter from the President

My Friends,

The past three years we have worked with Chesterfield County staff on two ambitious centennial programs: for the 1917 Courthouse rededication and the 2018 annual Veterans Day ceremony. Both were quite well received with the help of hundreds of hours of planning by both county staff and dedicated CHSV volunteers. I first conceived this idea in 2015 and wondered if the 2-part centennial project could be viable for the CHSV. Both would take resources that we did not have, so Liess van der Linden-Brusse and I approached county leaders and with their assistance and resources, were able to erect two interpretive signs on the Courthouse Green and remove, restore and install the 1749 Courthouse bell in the museum. We also purchased a not-so-new (1860) look-alike bell and installed it in the 1917 Courthouse cupola while the county was affecting repairs to the cupola. Preservation of the oldest artifact in the county resulted in needed restoration of the historic 1917 Courthouse.

I also worked with Council 6189, Knights of Columbus on Veterans Day to place U.S. flags on the graves of WWI soldiers buried in Chesterfield County and two cemeteries in Richmond where our soldiers are interred. Our veterans of 100 years ago were honored at the historic courthouse and by the Knights of Columbus who also contributed monies to the Centennial Committee. I am proud of the accomplishments that we as a Society have done these past three years. I am proud of all the members who came to my assistance to research WWI veterans, adding this data to our library.

One of the Knights of Columbus summed up our project when he said "I enjoyed this project and discussed it and the significance of WWI and remembering veterans with my grandchildren." His grandkids truly received a history lesson and a memory of their grandfather to last them a lifetime. They will not forget what their grandfather did with them on this Veterans Day.

Now we look forward to the 2019 Winter Lecture Series. I invite you to join me at these free-to-members lectures. They always seem to inspire our quest to learn more of our history.

Happy Holidays!

Respectfully,  
Buddy Cranford

**It's that time again for our BIGGEST  
FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR  
The Annual Trash or Treasure Antique  
Evaluation! March 16, 2019 from 10 am – 3 pm.**  
The Fundraising Committee invites interested volunteers to come to the planning meetings, held at the Trinity Library on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m.

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### \$100-\$499

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### Up to \$99

America OnLine Giving Foundation, Linda Jackson Cole, NSDAR Chesterfield Courthouse Chapter, Shirley Houck, Thomas & Sandra Quinlan, Samantha Kern

## H.E. Bentley Ring

Earlier this year Max Travis II donated a Civil War identification ring he found while relic hunting in Bermuda Hundred back in the 1990's. Max happened to be visiting a local relic shop when two soldiers came in. They were from New Jersey, were stationed here for a time, and asked the store owner if he could recommend someone to take then relic hunting. Max offered to be their guide. He thought they may find success in an area he was familiar with south of Rt. 10 in Bermuda Hundred near the Union earthworks that once went through that area. That area was long ago cleared, and the works leveled for home construction, but 22 years ago it was heavily wooded. After walking through the woods for a bit the trio came upon a redoubt and began their search. The two visiting soldiers were excited to find a few 58 caliber bullets. Max got a signal on his machine that suggested something at a shallow depth. He decided to not use a shovel and instead used his hand to remove the top soil and there he found in his hand a beautifully preserved identification ring. After 100 plus years in the ground, every detail of the soldier's name, regiment and company were clearly visible on the ring. This was an unbelievable find! The soldiers were in shock of what they had found. Imprinted on the ring was:

### H.E. Bentley-98 NYV. CO. G.

Max sent a request to the National Archives for the official records of H.E. Bentley. The records revealed that Hial Eugene Bentley enlisted November 4, 1861 at Bangor New York when he was 18. He served for 3 years and was mustered out On November 21, 1864 at Chaffin's Farm in Henrico County. According to the muster rolls of the 98<sup>th</sup> NY, Bentley served as a drummer.

The 98<sup>th</sup> NY was formed in Franklin County New York. The regiment saw action during the Peninsula Campaign at Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, and Malvern Hill. In 1864 the regiment fought in the Bermuda Hundred Campaign at Port Walthall Junction, Swift Creek, Proctor's Creek and Drewry's Bluff. The regiment also was in the Battle of Cold Harbor and took parts in the assaults against Petersburg in June of 1864. Col. Frederick F. Wead of the 98<sup>th</sup> NY was killed at Cold Harbor. The ring of H.E. Bentley was found near the fort which bore his name. Fort Wead is now a County park site.

Bentley returned to his small home town in far upstate New York. Sadly, he died of tuberculosis in 1870 when he was just 26 years old. His wife Myra, preceded him in death in 1867 at the age of 21. H.E. Bentley and Myra Bentley are buried in Keeler Hill Cemetery, Bangor N.Y.

It is rare to find an artifact in the field that has been hidden for well over 100 years and can be directly tied to an individual. The ring has special meaning for Max since he has identified over 100 relatives who fought for the Confederacy and 4 who fought for the Union. He donated the ring to the Chesterfield Historical Society in order to honor all those who served. The ring is on display at the Chesterfield County Museum.



## Library Donations & Acquisitions

*Liess van der Linden-Brusse*

Old maps, manuscripts, magazine and newspaper clippings, books and photos, programs, flyers and brochures, diaries, yearbooks and research notes on Chesterfield families, places and events are always welcome additions to the society reference library in historic Trinity Church. Please keep us in mind as you clear out your attics and basements! Thank you! The following items have been added to our Library Collection:

### Genealogy

*Virginia Ancestors and Adventurers*, by Charles Hughes Hamlin, donated by the family of the late Pattie Grady

*Ancestors and Descendants of Frances Epes I of Virginia*, edited by John Frederick Dorman, donated by Joyce L. Smith

*Family Papers including Epes, Smith, Crutchfield, Furquerson, Taylor, Vaden*, by the Society of the Descendants of Francis Epes I of Virginia, donated by Joyce L. Smith

*The Jamestown Colony of Virginia, List of Original Planters and those who came on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Relief Voyages*, by Phillip Barbour, donated by Edward Heite

*The Old Farm House, a Poem with List of Family Members*, by George R. Partin, gift of Angie Wilderman

### General Interest

*The Virginia Housewife, or Methodical Cook*, by Mrs. Mary Randolph, gift of Pat Barron

*Bermuda Hundred Before 1622*, History 322 Term Paper (1961), University of Richmond, by Edward Heite, donated by the author (Manuscript Collection)

*Homes & Gardens in Old Virginia*, by Frances Archer Christian & Susanne Williams Massie, gift of David Limmer

*A List of Places Included in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Virginia Directories*, by Ray O. Hummel, Jr., donated by the family of the late Pattie Grady

*Discover Richmond – Dignity, Reverence, Respect*, special issue by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, June/July 2018

*Discover Richmond – In Good Hands, Richmond Wildlife Center*, special issue by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, August/September 2018

*History of the Bon Air Presbyterian Church, April 1935-1952*, donated by Central Library

*Early History of St. Michael's Church, Bon Air, Virginia, 1968*, donated by Central Library

*A Publication for and about Midlothian, VA*, by Country Life Publications, donated by Central Library

*Chesterfield Land & Timber Corporation & Midlothian Company*, Extracts from Chesterfield County Deed Books 645, 1266 & 1279, donated by Terry Roach

*Railroad Timetables & Brochures (1914-1965)* for Atlantic Coast RR, Seaboard RR, Tidewater & Western RR, donated by John Gallacher (Manuscript Collection)

*Tavern Delftware: 18<sup>th</sup> Century Tavern Site at Magnolia Grange* (1987 Archeological Dig), Notes and Photographs, discovered in upstairs office in Castlewood

*The Story of the Alphabet – New Edition 1938*, by Edward Clodd, anonymous donor

*Chesterfield County Historic Sites & Structures, Numerical Index (1979)*, donated by Terry Roach

### Military History

*From Richmond to France – Images and Stories of Richmond & Her World War I Soldiers*, by Kitty Snow, gift of the author

*Chesterfield County World War I Veterans – Volumes I & 2*, compiled by George (Buddy) Cranford

*Virginia Revolutionary War State Pensions*, by the Virginia Genealogical Society, donated by the family of the late Pattie Grady

*German Sailors in Hampton Roads, WWI Story at the Norfolk Navy Yard*, by Gregory J. Hansard, gift of Liess van der Linden-Brusse

*Civil War Resources in the CHSV Library*, by Johnny Bailey, VSU Diversity Internship Program (2008)

## Getting More Out of Volunteering

Did you know there are thousands of companies that encourage both their **employees and retirees to give money and volunteer their time to nonprofits** in their communities? The 2 most popular ways that companies give back are Volunteer Support Programs and Employee Matching Gift Programs.

**Volunteer Support Programs** – often called "Dollars for Doers". These programs reward individuals who volunteer their time to a nonprofit. For instance, a company might offer anywhere between \$15 and \$25 per hour that individuals volunteer.

**Employee & Retiree Matching Gifts** – often called "Dollar-for-Dollar". These are donations an employer makes to match an individual's charitable contributions. Some companies will give double or even triple the original donation.

There are over 1,440 companies that offer these amazing ways to give back to the community. We have a current list in the office and we welcome you to stop

in the Trinity Library or call Karen at 796-7156 to review the list. Listed below are **only 2%** of companies that participate. Please take a minute to look at the list below; you just never know if your company could be on the list!

*Allstate, Aetna, Coinstar/Redbox, Verizon, Microsoft, Dell, Alcoa, Altria, American Honda Motor, Avon Products, AT & T, Bank of America, Ford Motor, Geico, The Gap, Honeywell, Home Depot, JC Penney, Lowes, Mazda, Inc, McDonald's, Neiman Marcus, Nissan, Philip Morris, R.J.R. Nabisco, Radio Shack, Sherwin-Williams, Sprint, Starbucks, State Farms, Tupperware, Wells Fargo, Whirlpool, Kohl's, Target, General Electric (GE), Johnson & Johnson, PepsiCo, Apple, Hewlett-Packard (HP), ExxonMobil and many, many more!*

### **The Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother Program: A dream realized by Lucy Virginia Corr**

The mission statement of the Chesterfield -Colonial Heights Christmas Mother Program is to ensure that no child in our community is without new clothes, books and toys on Christmas morning, no elder is forgotten and no family is without food as we celebrate the holidays. This Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother program is a nonprofit, charitable organization that began as the result of the determination of Lucy Virginia Corr of Chesterfield County.

Lucy Virginia Corr was born October 10, 1907 in King and Queen County, Virginia. Her parents were Thomas and Mary Bray Corr. Lucy had two sisters, Catherine and Mary, and a brother, Robert. As a child she watched her mother helping the needy people in the area. She decided that she would follow her mother's example. She made a career of helping people. She also patterned her disposition on her mother's by trying to never raise her voice or speak an unkind word to anyone or about anyone.

A graduate from Mary Washington College where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1931, Lucy continued her education, achieving a master's degree from William and Mary School of Social Work in 1932. She made it part of her lifelong effort to enlighten the public about social work, a relatively new field. Lucy served in many capacities during the early stages of social work and in many areas of the state before making her mark in Chesterfield County.

Miss Corr came to Chesterfield County in August 1945 to take on the position of superintendent  
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of what was then called the Welfare Department. That same year, she realized there were families whose children would receive no Christmas without help from her department. Although her staff was limited and the department disorganized from lack of a director since WWII, Lucy immediately sought out a few community leaders and took on the project of assisting families at Christmas. The chief of police was her principal supporter and helped with the delivery of food and presents to families until late in the evening on Christmas Eve.

Consequently, the Christmas program for Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights began with an upstairs office in a house near the 1917 Court House. Most of the county was rural then, which made deliveries by Santa Clause difficult. Fortunately, by 1960 the Christmas program had outgrown its upstairs space in the house and was able to relocate to one of the buildings at the Chesterfield Fair Grounds. It became known as the Christmas warehouse. From then on, deliveries were not necessary as those families in need came to the warehouse.

Lucy Corr continued to welcome and receive community involvement for this Christmas program and the residents of Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights became familiar with her booming laugh and enthusiasm for any project. By 1972, the Christmas program had become too large for her department to handle and she naturally turned to the citizens of Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights for help. The Citizens Christmas Committee was formed, and a secretary was hired to handle the organization. It had a budget that year of \$4,000. Lucy's enthusiasm for that project helped it grow into a community project that is still run by a volunteer citizen group today.

Dorothy Armstrong, a Christmas Program volunteer and a past Christmas Mother as well as another of our "Chesterfield Women," wrote in 1985 that, "Every year, Christmas Committee volunteers attempt to convert whatever space is available in the Old Fair Ground Buildings into a Christmas environment. The Christmas Committee is always on the move. Armstrong references Miss Corr in this statement. "As long as mankind is faced with adversities common to our economic society, the Spirit of Miss Lucy will always be needed."

In 1978, the year in which Lucy retired, *Chesterfield County Comments*, a county newsletter, wrote that her program "involved more than \$50,000 in contributions and donations and was perhaps the biggest Christmas program in the state." Corr was satisfied



that her Christmas program would continue long after her retirement. She truly saw the rewarding results of her efforts when, several years after her retirement, she was asked to be the first Christmas Mother and she served in that capacity for the next two Christmases.

The Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother Program today, in 2018, serves about 1,400 families with children as well as senior citizens. It has a budget of \$219,000 and receives more than \$275,000 in in-kind donations of gift cards, bicycles and other gifts which are passed out to those in need. Donations come in throughout the year and the organization is always applying and receiving various grants. The sole purpose now, as it was when Lucy Virginia Corr started the program, is to be of assistance to families in need during the holiday.

**This article emphasizes only one contribution of Lucy Virginia Corr to Chesterfield County. Her complete biography will be published in what is now an ongoing project of the CHSV Library: *Women of Chesterfield*.**

We welcome suggestions of women who merit recognition. Please call the Library: **804-796-7215**, or email **Pat Barron** [Forpbarron@gmail.com](mailto:Forpbarron@gmail.com) or **Terry Wells** [thnx2gd@comcast.net](mailto:thnx2gd@comcast.net)

tor of Operations for the non-profit organization that is based in Vermont, flew to Richmond to present the framed medals to CHSV. "When we cannot find the next of kin, we like to find the medal a Home of Honor," explained Jessica, adding, "Typically, our first look is a hometown Historical Society either in their town or county." George 'Buddy' Cranford, CHSV president, accepted the medals on behalf of the society.

According to research completed by Purple Hearts Reunited, William Vernon Archer was born 15 April, 1895, in Manchester, Chesterfield County, VA, to William and Blanche (Archer) Archer. He was the oldest of four children. By April of 1917, William was serving as a Private in the Maryland National Guard. This guard unit became part of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division (the 'Rainbow Division'). The 117<sup>th</sup> Trench Mortar Battery was formed within the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division with Cpl. William Vernon Archer as one of its members. On May 28, 1918, Sgt. William Vernon Archer was wounded during battle in the Baccaret Sector in France. Following his return to the states, Sgt. Archer was honorably discharged on 27 January 1919. He became active in his community and also joined the American Legion. William Archer died 8 July 1967 in Baltimore, MD, and is buried in Baltimore National Cemetery.



### **Presentation to the Society of Purple Heart medal awarded to**

#### **WWI Veteran Sgt. William V. Archer**

Chesterfield-born WWI veteran Sgt. William V. Archer was honored on November 15 this year when his Purple Heart medal, and two additional service medals, were presented to our Society by the Purple Hearts Reunited organization. Jessica Jaggers, Direc-

### **Winter Lecture Series:**

**January 11th** - Dick Cheatham - A living history interpreter presents Meriwether Lewis

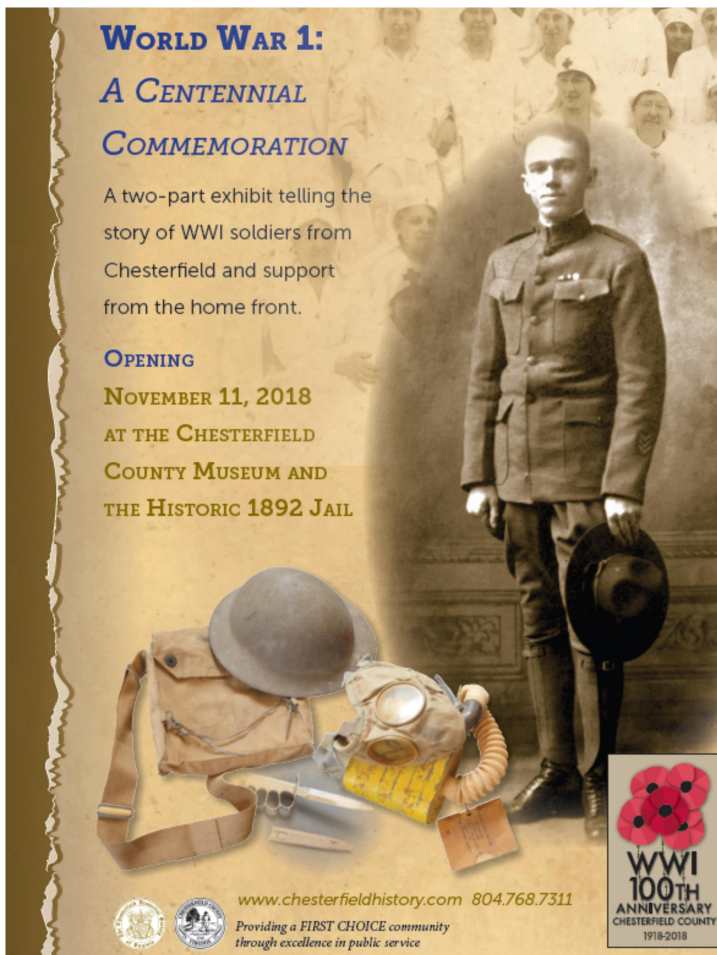
**January 25th** - Libby McNamee – Author of "Sussanna's Midnight Ride, The Girl Who Won the Revolutionary War"

**February 8th** - Lamara Bannister - Reminiscing Turn of the Century Events of 1800-1920 including musical instruments.

**February 22nd** - Reverend Herbert Townes - Slave Trading and Early American Presence in Bermuda Hundred.

**March 8th** - Haversacks & Hardtack String Band - History of Civil War Era & Old Time Music with a mini-concert to end the evening.

**March 22nd** - Christian McBarney- Discusses the Abduction of Important Leaders of the American Revolutionary Times.



## WWI Armistice Centennial at the 1917 Courthouse "Lest We Forget..."

Led by volunteers of the Chesterfield Historical Society of VA working closely with representatives of a dozen county departments, the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, was the culmination of three years of research, planning, coordinating, delegating and implementing.

It was an honor to serve in this role to honor the men and women who serve.



The March of Veterans & Military Salute led by Tommy "Uncle Sam" Sammons.



WWI Interpretive Sign unveiled by (left) County Supervisors Leslie Haley & Dorothy Jaeckle, CHSV volunteers/2018 Centennial Committee co-chairs (center) Liess van der Linden-Brusse & George Cranford, and County Supervisor Steve Elswick.



A field of red ceramic poppies, created by county elementary school teachers and students, represented the Chesterfield soldiers who fought in WWI.

## Could it happen again?

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 1918 influenza (flu) pandemic that swept the globe in what is still one of the deadliest disease outbreaks in recorded history. It was estimated to have killed 50 million people around the world, about one fifth of the world population. Within months, this deadly virus had caused the deaths of more people than any other illness in history. By the end of 1918, the flu had killed 57,000 American soldiers -- 4000 more than those killed in combat. It soon became apparent that unlike seasonal flu, there was little or no immunity. The 1918 flu was especially deadly among the young and healthy instead of targeting the elderly. Almost half of the deaths of young adults occurred by the age of forty.

Known as the "three-day fever" the first of three phases appeared without warning in late spring of 1918. At first, few deaths were reported because many victims recovered within a few days. When it surfaced again in the fall it was much more severe, striking so quickly and eluding treatment that patients often died within hours of their first symptoms. As lungs filled with fluid, suffocation overcame the victim, resulting in death.

It is still not clear where the pandemic began. An outbreak of pulmonary disease in China could have been spread by Chinese or Vietnamese laborers working in France, according to medical historians. At first, despite the numbers of people infected, in most places it rarely killed. When it first began in France, both British and French troops dismissed it as "three-day fever". Because of the war, news about the disease was suppressed in countries involved, including the United States. Spain, not at war at the time, released information about the disease when its king became infected. It soon became known as the "Spanish Flu".

The first recorded instance of an outbreak in the United States occurred in Haskell County, Kansas. Public health officials were warned by a local doctor that an aggressive new virus was observed in his patients. Haskell County was farm country. People lived in sod houses and raised grain, poultry, cattle and hogs. At the time there were no other outbreaks anywhere in the United States. Soldiers from the country reported to Camp Funston (now Ft. Riley) for

training. Soldiers on leave returned to Funston.

On March 4, 1918, the first soldier at the camp reported ill with influenza at sick call. Just hours after the first soldier reported sick, dozens more began pouring into the infirmary. Within hours, hundreds of soldiers had become ill. Within three weeks more than a thousand were sick enough to require hospitalization. Influenza quickly spread from Army camp to camp where 2 million troops were mobilizing for the war in Europe. It is likely that the disease was spread with the arrival of American troops in France.

In mid-1918 nearly 50,000 soldiers were based at Camp Lee near Petersburg when influenza arrived at the camp. With symptoms of a severe respiratory disease, a new inductee was admitted to the infirmary on September 13. Doctors soon suspected influenza. Within hours several new cases were reported. By the morning of September 17, the number had grown by 500 and two days later there were over 1000 cases of the quickly growing influenza epidemic.

Soldiers needed training in preparation for battle and were pushed hard. Many returned to duty before fully recovering. In combination with over-exerted soldiers, the crowded conditions contributed to the spread of the disease. In addition, not under quarantine, soldiers carried the disease on visits to Richmond. It wasn't long before Richmonders were advised to no longer invite soldiers into their homes for Sunday dinner. By this time, however, the city was already dealing with its own crisis.

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The Chesterfield County Museum celebrated the 100th anniversary of World War I on November 11, 1918. Try not to miss "**Chesterfield Remembers World War I: A Centennial Commemoration**," a two-part display that tells the story of the WWI Soldier from Chesterfield County and the story of the Home Front. The Chesterfield County Museum is displaying artifacts from WWI and the exhibit includes wall murals and display cases to show the life and times of our soldiers. The County Historical Jail exhibits activities that Americans on the home front performed to help assist the soldiers overseas.

Gloria Thysell, Chairman  
Museum Committee



General Robert E. Lee Camp #1589

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Dept. of the Chesapeake SUVCW  
Army of the James Camp #1864  
Irish Brigade Camp #4  
Gen. Alfred T.A. Torbert Camp #182  
James A. Garfield Camp No. # 1  
54<sup>th</sup> Mass Vol. Inf. Co. B

United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Virginia Division UDC  
Caroline Grays Chapter #2473  
Chesterfield Chapter #851  
City Point Chapter #2066  
Elliott Grays Chapter #1877  
H. A. Carrington Chapter #1055  
Great Granddaughters Club UDC  
Gr. Gr.Gr. Granddaughters Club UDC

Highlights of the program included a greeting by the president of the City Point Chapter, UDC, Suzanne Townsend; greetings by the Honorable Riley E. Ingram, Delegate to the General Assembly; a brief history of POR by Scott Williams; Surrender of the Marker for Dedication by Dorothy Jaeckle, Chesterfield Board of Supervisors; Dedications of the Marker for the Confederacy and for the Union by John Neville, SCV and Faron Taylor, SUV; unveiling of the marker by Donetta Bantle, President of the Elizabeth Van Lew Tent #1, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Ginger Stephens, President, Virginia Division UDC; keynote speaker Theresa Roane, Custodian, Virginia Division UDC; prayer of dedication by Joseph Monroe; presentation of wreaths; bagpipes, rifle volley and a cannon salute.



*Joseph and Crystal Monroe, portraying Reverend and Mrs. John Alexander Strachan, founder of Enon Baptist Church at the June dedication of the Point of Rocks Cemetery*

## Historic Point of Rocks Memorial Marker Dedication: An Update

An effort that began in 2015 to place a marker at Historic Point of Rocks Park to commemorate the cemetery located in the area during the Civil War was finally realized on June 23, 2018 with a dedication service.

The cemetery was the original burial ground for 43 Confederate and 1,294 Union dead including 720 United States Colored Troops. The cemetery was the primary burial ground for the 10th and 18th Corps of the Army of the James. Confederate dead buried there represented the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas, Alabama and Texas.

The marker is made of Georgia granite cut in a triangular shape. The front and back are smooth cut and the sides are rough cut. The monument is 5'x 4.5'. The face is inscribed thus:

### POINT OF ROCKS CEMETERY

In memory of the 43 Confederate and 1,294 Union

Dead Buried in this Vicinity 1864-1865

Point of Rocks Cemetery was closed

And the Dead were removed when

City Point National Cemetery was established in 1866"

Inscription on the back:

Erected by

Chesterfield Historical Society of Va.  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Chesterfield Courthouse Chapter NSDAR

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865  
Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent #1, Virginia

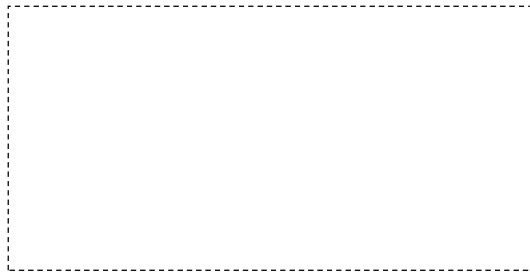
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Virginia Commandery

Order of the Southern Cross

Sons of Confederate Veterans  
A.P. Hill Camp #167  
Charlotte County Grays Camp #1964  
Chester Station Camp # 1503  
Dinwiddie Grays Camp #2220

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## **Events**

### **JANUARY 2019 EVENTS**

**CIVIL WAR TO CIVIL RIGHTS** 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Noon    **Magnolia Grange**    **FREE**  
**PROHIBITION IN THE SOUTH WITH FOCUS ON VIRGINIA** 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 11 am.    **County Museum**    **FREE**  
**HISTORY OF CARDS** 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday, Noon    **Magnolia Grange**    **FREE**  
**MOTHER-DAUGHTER PROGRAM** 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Noon    **Magnolia Grange**    **CHILD FEE \$5.00**

### **FEBRUARY 2019 EVENTS**

**CULTURALLY RELEVANT INSTRUCTION** 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Noon    **Magnolia Grange**    **FREE**  
**FESTIVE FLOWERS** 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Noon    **Magnolia Grange**    **FREE**  
**A PLETHORA OF PUZZLES** 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday, Noon    **Magnolia Grange**    **FREE**  
**KNOW THYSELF – VIRGINIA AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY WOVEN INTO ENGLISH LITERATURE CLASS** 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
Saturday, 11 am.    **County Museum**    **FREE**

### **MARCH 2019 EVENTS**

**MAGNOLIA GRANGE TEA** 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 1- 3 pm.    **COST \$30.00**  
**CELTIC MUSIC CELEBRATION** 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Noon    **Magnolia Grange**    **FREE**  
**12th ANNUAL TRASH OR TREASURE? ANTIQUES EVALUATION** 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 10 am. – 3 pm.  
**COST \$10 per item or three for \$25.00**  
**THROUGH THE AGES WITH WOMEN OF CHESTERFIELD** 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 11 am.    **County Museum**    **FREE**  
**COIN CARRIER CRAFT** 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday, Noon    **Magnolia Grange**    **FREE**

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