



## GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Founded May 1, 1968

### DECEMBER MEMBERS' MEETING HELD AT "BELVEDERE"

by ANDREW J. DONNELLY, *1st Vice President & Programs Chairman*

The Goochland County Historical Society held its annual meeting on Sunday afternoon, December 7 at the historic Belvedere Plantation in Hadensville. Belvedere is the 18<sup>th</sup> century home of Jim and Sherry Haskell who graciously acted as host and hostess and opened their restored home which was beautifully decorated for Christmas.

Outgoing president J. Temple Bayliss reported on the Society's activities and current status. He thanked the retiring board members Kay Higgins, Sharon Perdue, Louisa Preston and John Twombly. He also thanked retiring membership vice president Sebastian Volker.

Bayliss then reported the results of the nominating committee and conducted the election of directors and officers. New board members include Janet Lehre, James Richmond, Sandy Warwick and Pete Williams. The new membership vice president is Marty MacMillan and new president is Peter

Rippe. Rippe is the former executive director of the Museum of the Confederacy, the Harris County (Houston) Heritage Society and the P. Buckley Moss Museum in Waynesboro. He is a founding board member of the Nelson County Museum of History, a docent at the Virginia Historical Society and a member of the Hanover Historical Society.

Society Executive Director Phyllis Silber presented retiring President Dr. Bayliss with a gift and all enjoyed a tour of Belvedere and the refreshments served by Claire Donnelly and Paula Sorrell.

The Society will be holding future membership meetings in May (see page 3) and October of 2009. Meetings are conducted in historic locations and guest speakers always prove to be most interesting. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the Society at 556-3966.

*Photographs by Sara Bonovitch*



Meeting host James Haskell and Dr. Bruce Venter as General Cornwallis

RIGHT: Approximately 80 members and guests attended the December meeting. See the December 2008 Newsletter for information about Belvedere.



Retiring President Temple Bayliss (left) with two of the Society's new board members James Richmond and Sandie Warwick, and Andy Donnelly, 1st Vice President.



The Society's new President Peter Rippe



Marie Mabry- and Lois Henley



Society Treasurer Fred Sorrell, Sophie Pryor, and Audrey Eggleston

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To all members, volunteers and friends of the Goochland Historical Society I offer my greetings and salutations. Let's start to get acquainted.

In an effort to begin to know something about the Goochland Historical Society, I've found some good teachers. Ennion and Mary Williams, a part of the founding group of the Society, kindly loaned me their collection of Society publications from 1969 through 2008 to read and to absorb. Temple Bayliss, the Society's immediate past president, has been generous in sharing many of his ideas and aspirations concerning the Society. And, of course, our Executive Director, Phyllis Silber, is teaching me the everyday workings of the organization.

21 January, my first meeting with the Society's Board of Trustees, was an important learning experience. At that meeting, I saw the organization in action. Beginning with reports from Andy Donnelley and Marty MacMillian, our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President respectively, whose firm grasp on the intellectual as well as the social life of the Society assures Society members that now is an exciting time to volunteer and participate in what is the premier historical organization in Goochland County.

But it's not only the public proceedings of the Society that are exciting. The behind the scenes preservation, research and archival activities are equally impressive. During the meeting I was introduced to Carol Salmon, the official Archivist, who is responsible for keeping the Society's collections of books, manuscripts and artifacts. Later in the meeting, two board members, Sandie Warwick and Carolyn Comerford, reported on the Society's oral history program. Since I had met both of these dedicated ladies at an earlier committee meeting, I had a good idea about what they were going to report. Their perspective on the importance of oral history convinced me that this project truly has the potential to preserve the heart and soul of Goochland's more recent historical ambiance at a time when the character of the county is under stress and experiencing serious change.

Although a treasurer's report is not usually intended to be a high point at any meeting, the Society's Treasurer, Fred Sorrell,



is convincingly reassuring. The thoroughness of his report, especially during the present recession, shows the Society to be financially sound at a time when many similar organizations are in difficulty.

Following Fred's report, Ed Wilson gave the board his report on what will soon become Goochland County's first historical county highway marker, the Ellisville Bridge marker. Then Doug Price reported on his long-time area of concern, publications. Doug's Goochland calendar

and the Society's scholarly magazine are continuing high water marks for this organization as well as for Goochland County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

And who am I? You should know that I'm not from Goochland, although I now live in the county. I do however, have strong Virginia ties, especially for a native Minnesotan. My wife is from Richmond with roots in Hanover County (she is related to the John Tinsley of Tinsleyville in Goochland County). I was the first professional director of the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond (my Great Uncle, a German, was a Confederate officer) and a past president of the Virginia Association of Museums. Professionally, I was trained at the Henry Francis duPont Winterthur Museum as a museum curator although I spent my entire career as a museum director (I retired in 2000). I directed a general museum in Houston, Texas and was a founder and president of the Texas Association of Museums. For ten years I was the director of an art museum in Roanoke, Virginia (now the Taubman Museum). More recently, I designed the interior and directed the Moss Museum in Waynesboro where I became well-known for my interest in popular art. I am the author of *P Buckley Moss, Painting the Joy of the Soul*.

I look forward to serving the Goochland Historical Society and working with the people who love Goochland, respect history, and want to preserve the best from the past to serve the intellectual and emotional needs of the future. Thank you for this opportunity.

Peter M. Rippe

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Since November 2008*

James W. Baker	<i>Manakin-Sabot</i>	Janet P. Lehre	<i>Manakin-Sabot</i>
Graham Bowman	<i>Richmond</i>	JoAnn Lindstrom	<i>Manakin-Sabot</i>
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Fred Laube	<i>Gum Spring</i>	Soulè Barrick Wellons	<i>Salem</i>



## SOCIETY'S MAY MEETING TO BE HELD AT "SOLDIER'S LODGE"

by ANDREW J. DONNELLY, *1st Vice President & Programs Chairman*. Photograph by Louise Thompson

The spring membership meeting of the Goochland County Historical Society will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at "Soldier's Lodge" the home of Louise and Earl Thompson.

The guest speaker will be John Chettle, a Rhodes Scholar, attorney, lecturer and author. A native of South Africa, Mr. Chettle holds law degrees from the University of Witwatersrand and Georgetown University.

He has appeared on Meet the Press, the Today Show, CBS News and the Lehrer News Hour.

He has been teaching a course on the U.S. Presidency at Virginia Commonwealth University.

He is currently completing a book, which will be the subject of his talk, "What Do Presidents Read: And Why It Matters."

In it he deals briefly with three early Presidents, Washington, John Adams and Jefferson; and in greater detail with Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Wilson, FDR, Truman, Eisenhower and Reagan. Finally, to consider more contemporary Presidents, he deals with Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, for which he also had extensive interviews, including one with President Bush Himself.

This will prove to be a most interesting topic.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Soldier's Lodge is located west of Oilville on Fairground Road (Route 632), between Broad Street Road (Route 250) and Hawktown Road (Route 637).

For further information, contact the Society's office at (804) 556-3966.

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## BOARD MEMBERS ATTEND ORAL HISTORY CLASS

by SANDIE WARWICK

Last year, Society members learned that there may be gold in the hills of western Goochland. The county's real treasure, however, is her people and their witness to history.

Oral history is a powerful tool for preserving the past. As people, places and events are recalled in this very personal manner, they are far more vivid than the dry and distant words of the historian.

As Goochland grows and changes, capturing and preserving the memories of earlier times in the words of those who were there is a critical mission for the Society.

Carolyn Parrish Comerford and Sandie Warwick recently completed a four session course in the technology and techniques of recording oral history at the Virginia Historical Society.

Experienced practitioners in the field of oral history discussed the methodology for gleaned those memories to gain insight on the past. Practical instruction for preserving those recollections in sound, image and print was also part of the course.

Speakers included professors of history and oral historians who have captured the essence of significant periods in recent American history. They discussed interview techniques and methods of preserving and organizing this type of historical record.

In coming months, these women will team up with Jeff Mabry and Fred Sorrell to conduct interviews that will be recorded on both audio and videotape.

## GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY

**Joseph W.A. Childress:** 1950 Goochland High School Yearbook

**Tom Daniels:** Research for Revolutionary War soldiers for Shoemaker and Lacy families

**Mrs. Lois Henley:** Bench from the old jail; hunting horn; Henley family photographs

**John T.B. Madge:** Book, *The Family Letters: A Portrait of an American Family* by John T.B. Madge

**Sarah Powers:** Photographs of Bolling Hall; women's items from Bolling Hall

**Dr. Bruce Venter:** Book, *Historical Notes on Isle of Wight County* by Helen Haverty King

**Carolyn & Spencer Winn:** Poll Book Records, Goochland County, May 1877

## FIRST COUNTY HIGHWAY MARKER TO BE UNVEILED

On Sunday, February 15 at 3:00 p.m., the Goochland County Historical Society and the Goochland County Board of Supervisors will unveil the first County highway marker to commemorate the Ellisville Community on River Road. The marker will officially name the bridge which crosses Highway 288 on River Road, the Ellisville Bridge, in honor of the Ellis family. This bridge was not eligible for a Virginia Highway marker, so the Historical Society initiated a County marker program which has been approved and supported by the Goochland County Board of Supervisors.

The unveiling ceremony will take place at the bridge on River Road across from the Abbey. A reception following the ceremony will be held at the St. James Baptist Church, 401 Blair Road, Richmond, VA 23103. William Quarles will be Master of Ceremonies and a representative from the Board of Supervisors will speak on behalf of the Board. A presentation about the Ellis family will also be given.

The public is welcome to attend this historic event.

## GCHS VOLUNTEERS VISIT LOUISA COUNTY

Several of the Society's volunteers visited the Louisa County Historical Society in November. Director, Elaine Taylor, gave the group a tour of their new headquarters and shared an oral history video of our own member, Steve Fleming. Steve grew up

in Louisa County. Pictured above are the volunteers having lunch at a restaurant in town. PHOTO L-R: Judy Wilson, Marty MacMillan, Andy Donnelly, Sara Bonovitch, Phyllis Silber, Temple Bayliss, Howard Cobb, Fred Sorrell, and Ed Wilson.

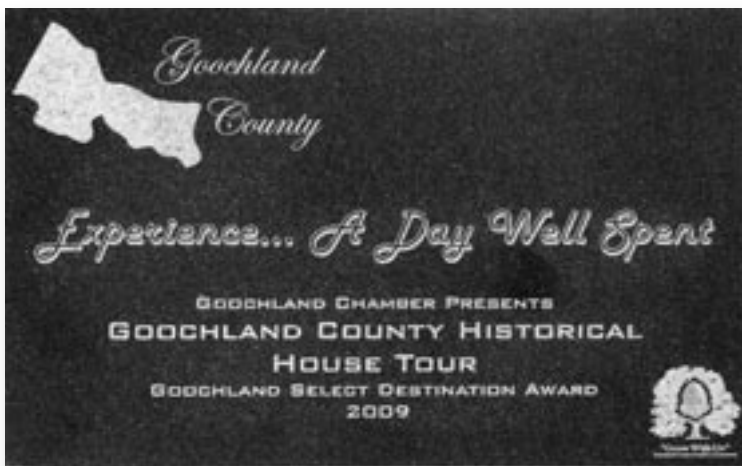




At the Chamber of Commerce's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting, the Goochland County Historical Society received a 2009 Select Destination Award for the 2008 House Tour. The ceremony recognized eight Goochland events whose combined efforts brought more than 80,000 visitors to Goochland in 2008. Rachel Parker and Audrey Eggleston were the co-chairs for the 2008 House Tour.

PHOTO ABOVE, L-R: Fred Sorrell, GCHS Treasurer; Rachel Parker, Goochland County House Tour Co-Chair; Phyllis Silber, GCHS Director; Alisa Bailey, President of the Virginia Tourism Corporation; Peter Rippe, GCHS President

BELOW: Chamber of Commerce's Goochland Select Destination Award 2009



## RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009?

Membership runs with calendar year.  
Your support is important to us.

Please take a moment to renew your membership.

Invite your friends to become members in the Goochland County Historical Society. Consider giving special friends a Gift Membership.

Membership in the Goochland County Historical Society is open to all persons who have an interest in history and preservation. You are cordially invited to join us in this exciting and fulfilling endeavor. Memberships are annual. Contributions to the Society above \$15.00 are tax deductible.

### Membership Levels

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BYRD CREEK	\$250 - \$499
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VOLUME 40/2008 features:

- Lois & Earl Henley Biographies:

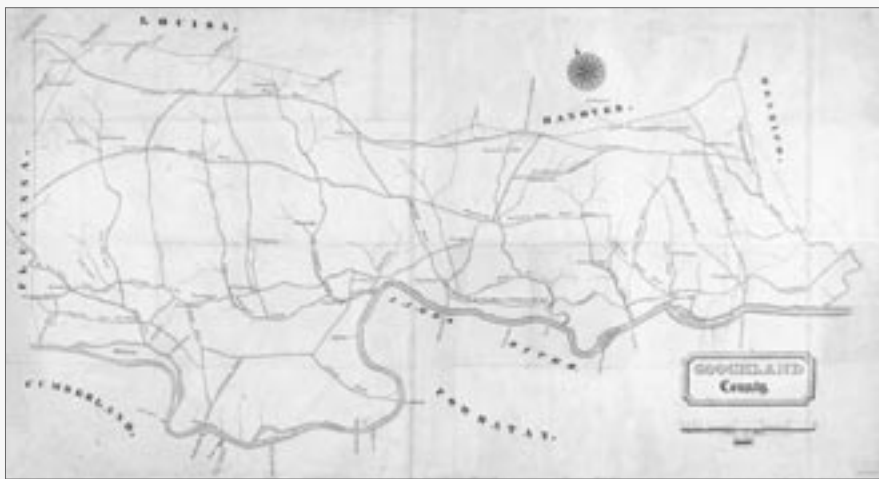


The 2008 Magazine is dedicated to Lois & Earl Henley who have lived their lives in service to the citizens of Goochland County.

- Sequel to Beaver Dam Church
- Index to Goochland Marriages, 1800-1859
- Titles of Articles in the GCHS Magazine 1969-2007
- 184 pages with index - \$10.00

VOLUME 39/2007 features:

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- Reuben Ford & The Struggle For Freedom of Religion
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This map is the earliest known map of Goochland County. It was reproduced from the collections of The Library of Virginia. It shows the location of many of the taverns, ferries, and mills as well as roads that are no longer in use. Reproduced on acid free, heavy weight paper in full color, the map measures 32 x 20 inches.



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Known as "The Gilmer Map" this map dates to 1863. It is a detailed map which contains the names of land owners, churches, schools, gold mines, and other sites in Goochland County. Reproduced in full color on acid free, heavy weight paper from the Collections of the Virginia Historical Society who gave the Goochland County Historical Society permission to print and sell this map. It measures 32 x 18 inches.

Purchase both maps as a pair and save \$5.00 - Both for \$30.00



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*Vintage Goochland*  
Our People, Places & Pleasures



GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2009 CALENDAR

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by appointment.

Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., or

Summer hours (April - September) are:

or by appointment.

Wednesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.,

Winter hours (October - March) are:

at 2875 River Road West (Route 6).

The Society's headquarters are located a half mile east of the Goochland Courthouse

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## Goochland County Historical Society UPCOMING EVENTS

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will be held at  
"SOLDIER'S LODGE"  
on Fairground Road  
Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.

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