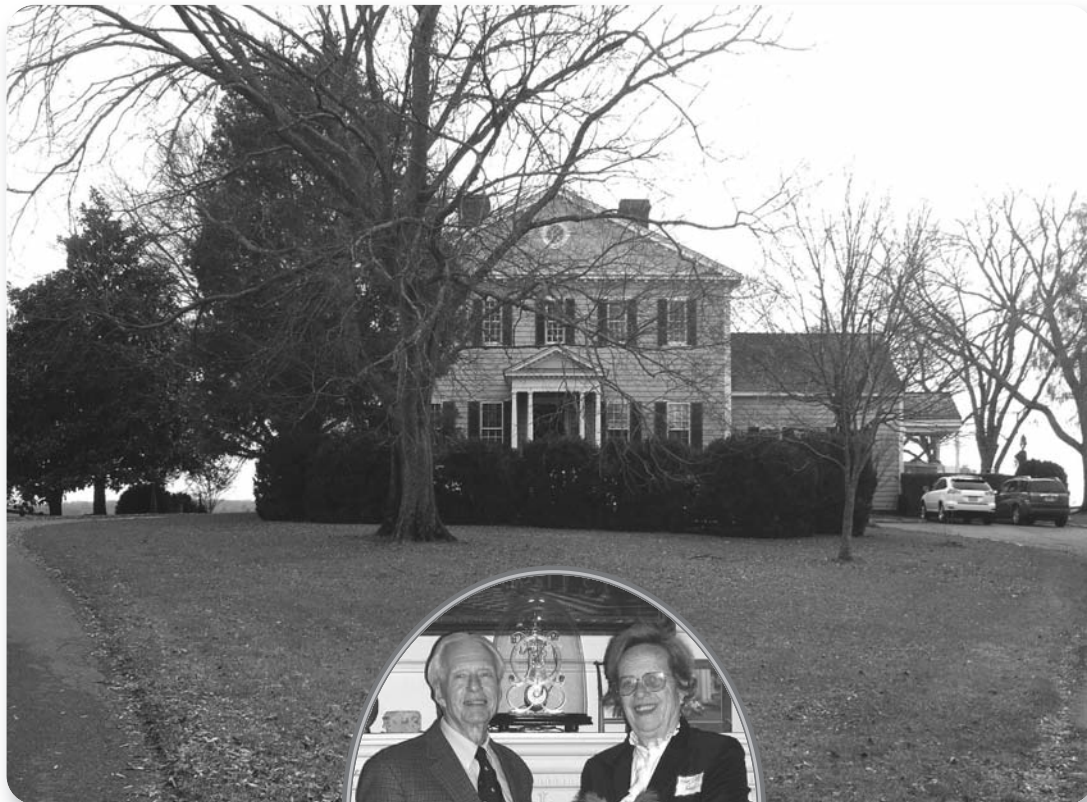




Founded May 1, 1968

### SOCIETY'S DECEMBER MEETING HELD AT C.1789 CHASTAIN

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



Front entrance view of historic Chastain  
Photograph by Fred Sorrell

LEFT: Andy Donnelly and  
Helen Scott Reed with her dog Inge  
Photograph by Lee Ellen Harris

Approximately eighty members of the Goochland County Historical Society gathered on Sunday afternoon, December 6, at historic Chastain [circa 1789] in the village of Sabot for the Society's annual meeting. Our hostess, Mrs. William T. [Helen Scott] Reed graciously opened her family's beautiful home for our fire-side gathering. The home sits on a hill overlooking grazing cattle and the James River Valley which added special warmth to the winter day. *(For more information about Chastain, please see the December 2009 Newsletter.)*

The members socialized with each other and enjoyed refreshments provided by Ann Bright, Polly Anderson, Past President Marty MacMillan and President Peter Rippe. Elected county officials and members Supervisor Jim Eads and Clerk of the Court Lee Turner who are frequent attendees at the meetings were introduced to enthusiastic applause.

In addition to Mrs. MacMillan, our immediate Past President

J. Temple Bayliss was in attendance. Society Archivist Mr. James Richmond had 2010 historic calendars available for sale and research assistant Lee Ellen Harris acted as official photographer.

The highlight of the meeting was The President's Annual Report to the membership. Peter Rippe reviewed the year's activities and recognized the members who had a special role in the functioning of the society. President Rippe presented the report of the Nominating Committee and conducted the election of the 2010 slate of directors. Those elected were J. Temple Bayliss, Jane Delores Allen Bowles, Bruce Venter and Ennion Williams.

It is customary to limit attendance at the Annual Meeting to members of the Society. If you are not a member we invite you to join and attend our next Annual Meeting in December 2010. Our membership meetings in May and September will be open to the public.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Membership in the GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY corresponds to the calendar year except for the few original Life memberships that are on-going. Therefore, it seems appropriate for me to use this March Newsletter to thank the Society's members for their generous support of this institution. From its beginning in 1968, the Society has relied on its members for the bulk of its financial support. Although other projects, grants, and investments have benefited the Society, members have been and remain GCHS's primary source of revenue.



Why do people join the Goochland County Historical Society? It's certainly not because of its magnificent building, or its splendid gallery, or its overflowing calendar of elegant social events. Of course, the Society does have a pleasant but small and useful headquarters building. It also, in the past, has presented some thoughtful historical exhibitions and still has a number of important historical objects from its growing museum collections on display at its headquarters. And while no one would compare a GCHS social event to the Queen's annual Garden Party, the interactions between members after an excellent lecture or during the Society's Annual Meeting in December always seem to turn out to be enjoyable events.

But belonging to the GCHS is more than visiting a place or being a participant at a certain event. It seems to me that it's something about PRIDE: pride in one's heritage, pride in one's community, and pride in one's associations. People who don't even live in Goochland County often join the Society because they feel this element of pride while using the Society's library resources to research their roots and they want that feeling to continue. They join and rejoin, I believe, because they want to be a part of the wave of pride that is Goochland County's legacy. Frequently, I've noticed that many local "Goochlanders" join because somehow their support of the Society is related to what the ancient Greeks and Romans thought of as Civic Responsibility. This is not a guilt trip, joining because it's good for you; Society membership is a privilege that is offered in this community that presents the possibility of helping to make Goochland County a more caring, understanding, and culturally rich place in which to live. The Goochland County Historical Society has

been and remains a positive good for Goochland County.

These somewhat "highfalutin" ideas came to me recently after hearing an excellent lecture by a renowned scholar of Classical history. In his lecture the professor compared the ancient Greek and Roman concept of freedom with the later Renaissance idea of freedom. To the Renaissance philosophers, freedom was the inalienable right given by nature or nature's God to protect oneself and one's property **from** tyranny or injustice, etc. The Greeks and Romans, in contrast, believed that freedom was a virtue that gave individuals the privilege **to** become citizens of a polis, a community, and work together with other citizens for the common good. Interestingly, the distinguished speaker said that both concepts of freedom were in the minds of the founding fathers as they wrote, argued and compromised what became the United States Constitution. While the "from" aspect of freedom is definitely important in our daily civic life, it's the "to" aspect that I think most often affects our normal everyday lives. The example that came to mind was that we belong **TO** the Goochland County Historical Society not because we want the Society's protection from modern progress or contemporary ideas, but because we want **to learn for ourselves and share with others our pride in a Goochland's past achievements as good citizens of a proud and historically rich community.** We have inherited Goochland from our ancestors, both by birth or adoption, and like the ancient Greeks and Romans, we intuitively know that it is our obligation to remember, preserve, honor, and contribute to the ongoing history of this old and beautiful Virginia county. We know, as the ancients knew, that to be a member of this organization, our own polis (an ancient Greek city-state), figuratively speaking, is both our responsibility and our pleasure.

Thank you all for being proud and participating members of the GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Rippe". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Peter Rippe, *President*, GCHS

**AMY HARRIS:  
Society's New Research Assistant**

As the research assistant in charge of archiving, I am delighted to be able to have a hands-on role assisting the new head archivist James Richmond. The historical society's archives are not new to me: this summer I completed a three credit internship for Longwood University. During my internship, I organized, inventoried, accessioned and de-accessioned a small part of our collection from the Old Stone Jail. Carol Salmon, Archivist Emeritus, did an enormous amount of work just to prepare the Jail artifacts for the move to the Historical Society. In addition, Carol had ordered archival materials to properly store the artifacts. With the help of our Executive Director, Phyllis Silber and research assistant Sara Bonovitch we were able to tackle the large and tedious process of preparing each artifact for storage. When the project was completed, we added the new information to our data base and verified the current information in order to best serve our patrons. The volunteers have been a great help in covering many of the research duties so that I have been able to focus primarily on data entry, organization and storage.

Since I have been here we have set up numerous projects to improve the storage and accessibility of our archives. I created a Transcription Project where our volunteers help transcribe older documents and ledgers. James Richmond has become head archivist. He has worked to become familiar with the archival storage system and computer data entry. James serves as Deputy Clerk for Goochland County and as such has worked with the original court documents in the Records Room. I look forward to the work with James to learn from him and to help expand and record our collections.



*Amy Harris and James Richmond display artifacts in the second floor storage area.*



*Photographs by Lee Ellen Harris*

## 2010 WORKSHOP FOR VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO ATTEND

# Where History Begins

A Workshop for Virginia's Local Historical Societies

Monday, May 3, 2010 | 9:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Library of Virginia | 800 East Broad Street | Richmond, VA  
[www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov)

 The background of the flyer features a historical map with various place names and a sketch of a building with a chimney, possibly a mill or a farmstead. The map includes labels like "MILL", "PIKE", and "MOUNTAIN".

In December of 2007, the first state wide conference for Historical Societies in Virginia was held at the Library of Virginia. The idea for this workshop was initiated by the Goochland County Historical Society in partnership with Dr. John Kneebone, history professor at VCU, and the Henrico County Historical Society. The positive response from that meeting convinced the staff at the LVA to request funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) to hold another workshop. The request was granted and plans are underway for a second workshop to be held on May 3rd, 2010 at the Library of Virginia. **More details about the event can be found on page 6.** Director, Phyllis Silber, serves on the planning committee for the workshop and Board Member, Andy Donnelly will give a presentation during the workshop.



South (rear) view of Chastain



Chastain's finest woodwork is in the ballroom.



Society president Peter Rippe



Louisa Preston, Hostess Helen Scott Reed and Gordon Lohr



Chastain's entrance hall staircase



Detail of the hand-carved staircase



Past-president Temple Bayliss



Treasurer Fred Sorrell & 1st Vice President Andy Donnelly



Monte Weston and Nettie White admire the collection of animals in the study.



Jeff Mabry studies the fine detail of a miniature display in the entrance hall.



Hilltop view looking southward toward the James River Valley



View looking southwest with cattle grazing at sunset



The refreshment table was beautifully appointed by hostesses Ann Bright, Polly Anderson and Marty MacMillan. L-R: Mary Webb, Nettie White, unidentified, Lynn Bayliss, Maria Rippe and President Peter Rippe.



L-R: Marie Mabry, Doug Price, Jeff Mabry and Lee Turner appreciate the detail of the miniature displays in the entrance hall.



L-R: Audrey Eggleston, Howard Cobb, Lonnie Johnson and Claire Donnelly



L-R: Margaret Walker, Polly Anderson, Ann Bright, Lynn Bayliss and Maria Rippe



L-R: Louisa Preston, Mary Williams, Becky VanBrackle, Rachel Parker



L-R: Polly Anderson and Audrey Eggleston



L-R: Ann Bright, Mary Newton, Peter Rippe

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Society's Spring Meeting will be held May 23rd at "RiversBend"

The May meeting will be held at RiversBend, the home of Lynda & Rob Bloch on Lee Road. See the back cover for all details.

### Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Watch for more information for our first GCHS fundraiser for the Spring of 2010. It will be a wine event with hor'dourves, and a wine expert to provide wine tasting and information about each of the wines. The wines tasted will be available for sale at below the retail price.

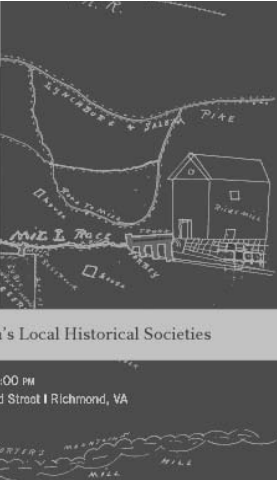
If you would like to volunteer for any of our upcoming events, please feel free to contact us with your availability: 556-3966 or [goochlandhistory@verizon.net](mailto:goochlandhistory@verizon.net). We will need at least 15 volunteers for the wine tasting.

**SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO ATTEND**

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**WHO SHOULD ATTEND** — active members of local historical societies, staff, and volunteers.


**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN** — tools for basic preservation, working with your collections and other organizations, finding grant opportunities, and building support for your society.

- Take behind-the-scenes tours of the Library of Virginia.
- Program and registration information available in March 2010.


A limited number of travel stipends will be available for attendees more than 150 miles from Richmond. This workshop is made possible by a generous State and National Archival Partnership (SNAP) grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

For more information, please call 804.692.3648.


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## RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010?

Membership runs with calendar year.

Renewals are due in January.

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

JAMES RIVER	\$500 and up
BYRD CREEK	\$250 - \$499
GOLD MINE	\$100 - \$249
COURTHOUSE	\$50 - \$99
BUSINESS	\$50
TUCKAHOE CREEK	\$25 - \$49

### Vintage Photographs Wanted for Society's Calendars

The GCHS is requesting vintage photographs of Goochland County people and places for its "Vintage Goochland" Calendar.

By sharing your old photographs, you help the Society document Goochland's heritage.

Please contact the Society if you have vintage Goochland photos. The owner may donate the photos or loan them long enough for the Society to copy them.

Calendar sales are our primary fundraising source. All calendar proceeds are used to support operating expenses.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Society at Goochland Farmers' Market

Look for our presence at the Goochland County Farmers Market. We will be there the first Saturday of every month. We will have a booth on opening day of the Goochland Farmers Market on May 1st from 8 am to 12 pm; we will also have an OPEN HOUSE at our GCHS Center from 8am to 11pm. Later that day we will be at the Goochland County Spring Festival from 11 am to 4 pm.

### Welcome Our New Members

James M. Driskell	Washington
Harrison Middleton University	Arizona
R. David Lee	Tennessee
Juanita D. May	Chesterfield
Valerie & David Pace	Maidens
Dianne Walsh	Pennsylvania

### Welcome New Members of the Board of Directors

(terms effective January 1, 2010)

Dr. J. Temple Bayliss  
Jane Delores Bowles  
Dr. Bruce Venter  
Ennion Williams

### Retiring Board Members

(terms ended December 31, 2009)

Thanks for their dedication and service to the Society.  
Mort Eggleston  
Jeff Mabry  
Douglas Price (continues as Chairman of Publications)

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## Volunteer Opportunities. You Can Do It!

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Enjoy fun scenes of Goochland's heritage EVERY day of the year...

## 2010 VINTAGE GOOCHLAND CALENDARS

Price: \$8 each ~ 5 or more calendars \$7 each. All proceeds from calendar sales support the Society.

Our custom designed, 32-page 2010 wall calendar is unique to Goochland County.

Each month is beautifully illustrated with vintage images of people & places from bygone days.

Commercially printed on acid-free paper in sepia-toned colors.

# Vintage Goochland

Our People, Places & Pleasures



GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2010 CALENDAR

"O.B. TAYLOR'S STORE, SABOT"

Features national holidays, county board of supervisors' meetings and school holidays.

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2010 Calendars are available at these locations:

Goochland County Historical Society • Goochland County Administration Building • Brookview Farm Store  
• Dameron's Market • JavaJodi's Coffee Café • White Hawk Music Café

**Visit the Goochland Historical Society**  
The Society's headquarters are located a half mile east of the Goochland Courthouse at 2875 River Road West (Route 6).

**Winter hours (October - March) are:**  
Wednesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.,  
or by appointment.

**Summer hours (April - September) are:**  
Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., or  
by appointment.

**Those traveling long distances should call the Society to confirm it will be open that day.** (804) 556-3966

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## UPCOMING MEETING

will be held at "RIVERSBEND"  
the home of Lynda & Rob Bloch  
575 Lee Road (Route 628), Crozier VA 23039

**Sunday May 23rd, 3:00 p.m.**

A talk, "*Cabell's Canal: The Story of the James River and Kanawha*",  
will be presented by the author  
Langhorne Gibson, Jr.



LANGHORNE GIBSON, JR. graduated from UVA and The Darden School of Business. He retired from a successful career in investment banking to pursue his dream of writing. Gibson's love of history, family and biography resulted in the publication of four books, most recently, *Cabell's Canal: The Story of the James River and Kanawha Canal*—the subject of his talk.

**DIRECTIONS TO RIVERSBEND:** On Route 6 (River Road West) go one-half mile west of the Crozier Post Office and turn south on Lee Road (Route 628) and go to the end of Lee Road.