



GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY *NEWSLETTER*

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Fullstream Farm

“An avid horseman, Dr. James Asa Shield began acquiring land in Goochland in 1946. In 1962, the Shield family moved to their new late Georgian home at Fullstream Farm. Here Dr. Shield pursued his love of horses and hunting, serving as Master of the foxhounds at Deep Run for thirteen years. In 1970, son Andy and his wife Kitty, and their three children moved to the early nineteenth century log house that had once been the Shield’s weekend getaway.” *Bullard, 1994*. Andy and Kitty have recently moved into the Georgian brick house where the annual meeting will be held. The Society is very grateful to the Shield family for hosting the annual meeting and holiday celebration.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

3 o’clock PM

1289 Fullstream Farm Road

Home of
Kitty and Andy Shield

A Farewell Message from the President

In a few short weeks I will complete four years as President of the Goochland Historical Society. This was not a position to which I had aspired, but as with so many things in life, it has been an enjoyable, learning experience. Now it is time for me to say “thank you” to those who have helped me so much along the way. No volunteer organization can operate effectively without a strong commitment on the part of its officers and directors. I am grateful to the Board of Directors for their support and encouragement. Four years ago the Board hired Phyllis Silber to serve as office administrator for the Society. Her duties were to include preparation of the newsletter, overseeing the Web page, assisting the daily volunteers, and office management. Today as Executive Director, she has gone far beyond these initial responsibilities. Her natural enthusiasm and her interest in preserving the history of Goochland County have helped to make the Society more visible in the community. Our volunteers make a significant difference in the day-to-day operation of the Historical Center. Some enjoy doing research; others help with current projects and there are many who work behind the scenes keeping our finances in order, recording data, and managing our sales.

I am proud of what we have accomplished in four years. Among the highlights are the Architectural Survey of the County; restoration and preservation of two early maps of Goochland County; award of a grant to purchase accessioning software; acquisition of the Forrest Sheets library; and a successful effort to get historic recognition for Second Union School, one of the Rosenwald schools. Yet, there is so much more to do. We are in the midst of accessioning the extensive Sheet’s library collection; recording title abstracts from the 1800s; conducting an inventory of artifacts; preserving and recording the correspondence of Peter Guerrant Miller. In the future, as we continue to work with county officials, it is my hope that we will be able to work on a significant preservation project together. We will also continue our efforts to educate the public about their rich heritage as citizens of Goochland County.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President.
Marty MacMillan



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers of the Society, when elected, will serve a two year term. Members of the Board serve a three year term. The nominating committee presented the following people to serve as Officers and Directors:

President: Temple Bayliss

1st Vice President: Sharon Perdue

2nd Vice President: Sebastian Volcker

Secretary: Louise Thompson

Directors:

Mort Eggleston

Louise Preston

Doug Price

Jeffery Mabry

The President will call for a vote from the membership at the annual meeting to approve the slate.

Front Row: Ruby Martin, Marie Mabry, Eleanor Andrews, Susie Jones, Ruth Grubbs *2nd Row:* Marty MacMillan, Carol Salmon, Margaret Walker, Francis Truett *3rd Row:* Sharon Perdue, Phyllis Silber, Gloria Tucker, Kitty Shield *4th Row:* Fred Sorrell, Bob Silber, Doug Price, George & Betty Pritchard

HISTORIC HOUSE COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AT THORNCLIFF

Dr. & Mrs Richard Reynolds hosted the annual gathering of owners of historic properties in Goochland County. The event was very well attended. Remarks were given by Gibson Worsham, architectural historian.

VOLUNTEERS VISIT VA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President, Marty MacMillan, made arrangements for the volunteers at the Society to have a guided tour of the newest exhibits at the Virginia Historical Society. Luncheon was served following the tour.

GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY

Scott Hutchinson— The Roster of Confederate Soldiers 1861–1865 a 16 volume set

Family of Margaret Henley — a document signed in 1783 by Lt. Governor William Gooch

Dan Page from Oklahoma— The Descendants & Relatives of Exolheath Page of Goochland

Ronald Ross of New York—Genealogy pages from the John Maddox Bible

Sons of the Confederate Veterans— James Pleasants' Medal of Honor



L-R above: Dave MacMillan, Nancy Ableoff, Sebastian Volcker, Bill Ableoff attended House Council meeting. Below: House Council guests: Polly Anderson & Jeff Mabry

Winter Hours at the Center

The Center will be open Wednesday through Friday 10:00—3:00 November through March. The Office will be open on a limited basis from December 17 until January 14, 2005.

New Members

Paula & Fred Sorrell Richmond

Barbara Mellor Florida

WELCOME!!



HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



3" oval medallion of Goochland Courthouse in a raised gold image on a blue glass background. \$15.00



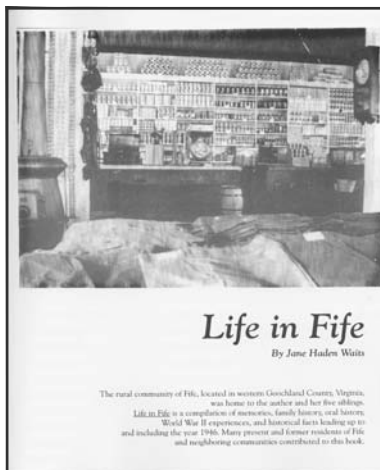
Goochland, Yesterday and Today by CeCe Bullard. A pictorial history of famous places, people, and homes in Goochland. This 8.5 x 11" coffee table book is 185 pages of photographic treasures, with index. \$40.00



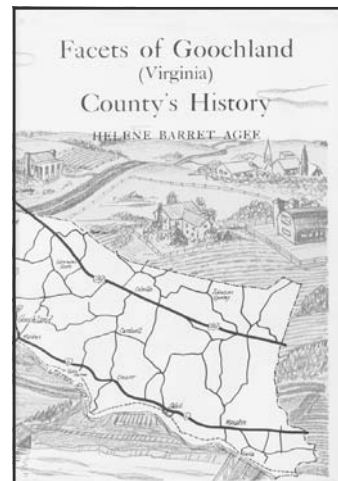
Note Cards
A pkg of 10 cards and envelopes with a pen and ink sketch of the Old Jail or the Courthouse. \$4.00



The Gooch Family Crest
8 x 10 glossy color print
\$15.00

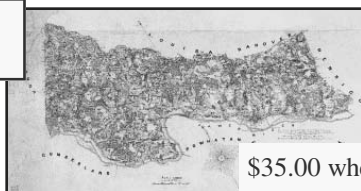


Life in Fife by Jane Hayden Waits
An anecdotal history of family life in Goochland County 1914-1946. \$19.95 plus tax. Order forms are available at the Center.



Facets of Goochland County's History by Helene Barret Agee. 200 pages of highlights of the County's history with index. \$25.00

1863 Gilmer Map
\$25.00



1820 John Wood Map
\$15.00



\$35.00 when bought as a pair

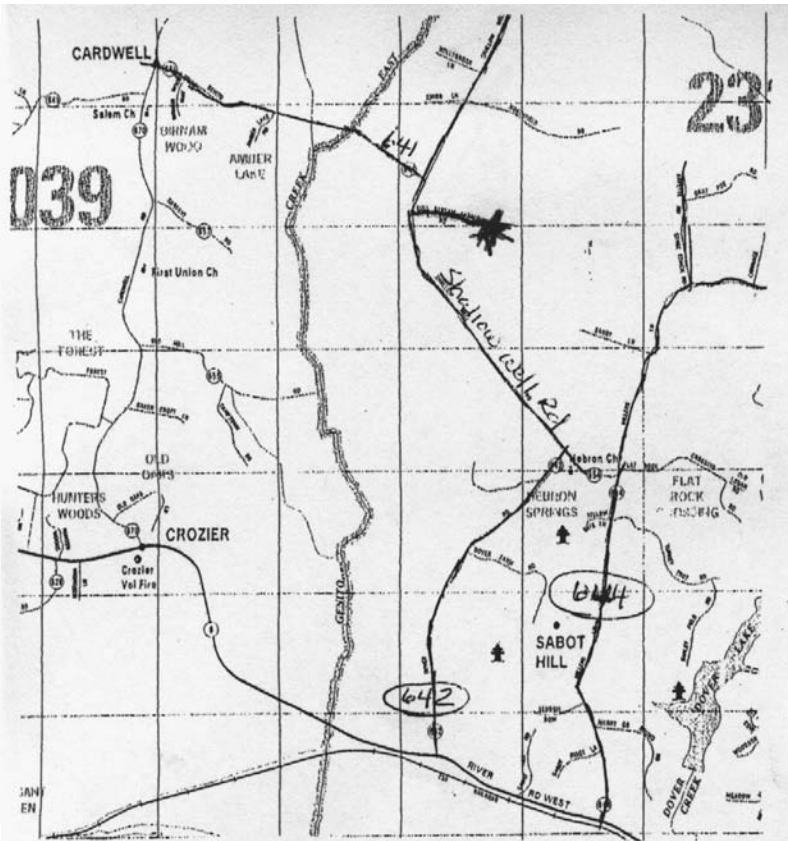
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