



GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

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September, 2004



Oak Grove

FALL HOUSE TOUR

Saturday, October 16, 2004

Ticket Sales begin Monday, September 13

Ed & Diane Mugford

Don & Mursheda Jean

“Oak Grove”, Margaret Walker

“Chastain”, The family of William T. Reed, III

Stuart White’s art studio

Sam & Denise Jenkins

Advance Tickets \$15.00

Purchased on tour day \$ 20.00

Ticket Outlets:

Luck Stone-Manakin

Saddlery Trade-Centerville

The English Garden-12506 River Road

Paper by Patti Paul

Hampton House-Libbie & Grove Ave.

Belle Kuisine-Short Pump Crossing

The Historical Center-2875 River Road West

A Box lunch will be available for \$10.00 & must be ordered in advance. To order a lunch return the form attached to the ticket or call the Society by Noon, Tuesday, October 12. (804.556.3966)

SEPTEMBER MEETING

“The Good Old Days”

Sunday, September 19th at 3:00 PM

At

The Historical Society Center

2875 River Road West (Route 6)

Goochland, Virginia

The September meeting of the Historical Society will be held on Sunday, at 3:00 PM at the Historical Society Center. There will be three local speakers including:

Louis Parrish

Louis, a Goochland native son, has been a teacher, a coach, Clerk of the Court, a Parole Officer and is currently serving as a Justice of the Peace.

Ruby Amos

Ruby was born and reared in Goochland. The daughter of Stanley and Nettie Richmond, she worked at her uncle’s store in Crozier and at the Post Office. Ruby started a small library in Crozier and was instrumental in bringing the Pamunkey Regional Library to Goochland.

Diane Peterson

Diane has served as Post Mistress of Manakin Sabot Post Office for 17 years. She grew up in Alberta, VA, and currently lives in Glen Allen. Diane has been with the Postal Service for most of her working life.

Directions to the Center

The Center is just east of Goochland Courthouse on the south side of the road under a water tower. The public is invited to this meeting. Weather permitting it will be held outside on the lawn. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.



VIEW OF FIFE, VA. R. H. DUN'S STORE

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

It is believed that the area known today as Fife, VA was named for the family of James Fife, pastor of Licking Hole Meeting House. He also served Perkins, South Anna, and Williams.

James Fife was born in Scotland in 1794 to William and Catherine Fife who were Presbyterian. James, however, converted to the Baptist faith about 1810 and four years later traveled to Richmond, Virginia. James worked as a city engineer in Richmond. Around 1820 James moved to Goochland and began a life of a Vir-

ginia country pastor, "to which he gave his best affections, his untiring efforts, and a large number of years". In 1824 he married Miss Miller. He married a second time to Mrs. Margaret W. Minor. The Fife's possibly lived at the Allen home site, also known as the Ford Place, located behind the Fife Volunteer and Rescue building. Of particular importance in the life work of James Fife is that in 1823, along with Edward Baptist, James founded the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Then, in 1830, James and Edward founded Dunlora Academy in Powhatan County, which in 1832 became Richmond College, and then later the University of Richmond. Fife served on the first Board of Trustees of Richmond College. It is said of Fife, "From none of his churches did he ever receive much material compensation. In this he followed the custom of the day. In his habit, however, of giving to missions all he received from his churches, he was perhaps an exception."

(Ref: VBM3, pp 228ff and Harris, LHM. P 13)" *contributed by Joe Scales*

NEW OLD MAPS OF GOOCHLAND COUNTY



Two important Goochland County maps are available for purchase from the Historical Society. The 1820 map by John Wood is the earliest known map of the County. It was reproduced from the collections of The Library of Virginia. This map 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.

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

- 1820 John Wood Map \$15.00
- 1863 Gilmer Map \$25.00
- Both maps as a pair \$35.00



To purchase, visit the Center, or send a check plus \$4.00 shipping and handling to the Historical Society, PO Box 602, Goochland, VA 23063.



L-R Back Row: Doug Price, Judy Wilson, Ed Wilson, Gibson Worsham; 2nd Row: Myrtle Ragland, Phyllis Silber; 3rd Row: Margaret Walker, Sandie Warwick, Gloria Tucker, Derenda Reynolds; Front: Susie Jones, Kay Higgins. Not pictured: Bob Silber Photo courtesy of Doug Price

SOCIETY MEMBERS GET A LESSON IN ARCHITECTURE

Architectural Historian, Gibson Worsham, lead a group from the Society on an architectural tour of significant homes in Goochland County. The group traveled in a 15 passenger van driven by Bob Silber. They visited Loch Lomond, home of Virginia Duke; Clover Forest owned by Sebastian and Deidre Volcker; the Haden-Scales house home of Joe and Roselle Scales and Groomes Tavern, home of Brenda and David Tinsley.

Tour members were provided a packet with information on each house and Mr. Worsham provided the historical context of the building styles. Several other houses were pointed out along the way as important to the history of Goochland but on site visits were limited due to time constraints. The Society is very grateful to all the homeowners who made us feel so welcome. Another tour is planned for the Spring.

WELCOME!

New members to the Society are:

Jackie & Hatley Mason	Manakin
Jo Garey	Midlothian
Louise & David Martin	Richmond
Lynne Brooke	Arizona
Paula Phillips	Maryland
Mary Campbell	Richmond
Scott Hutchison	Manakin
Neal & Nancy Rogers	Richmond

22 new families have joined the Society in 2004!

Jackie Morsink to Edit 2004 Magazine

Jackie Williams Morsink, author of Goochland: A History for Children, will edit the 2004 magazine. The magazine is an annual publication by the Society that features in-depth articles about the people, houses, and events of Goochland County's history. Contributions and ideas for future articles are always welcome. If you would like to see a particular subject covered in the magazine, please tell someone at the Center or write to us.

SECOND UNION CHURCH WORKS TO SAVE SCHOOL BUILDING

Members of Second Union Church met with the Goochland Historical Society and the Department of Historic Resources to develop a plan to save the Rosenwald School which sits on church property. The school's present location is preventing an expansion of the parking lot at the church. The Society applauds Second Union Church for its efforts to save the school building.

HOUSE TOUR HOSTESSES

Betty Eads and Frances Truett, Co-Chairs of the 2004 Fall Tour of Homes, will be assisted by the following volunteers as Hostess or Chair for the tour.

Louise Thompson
Joan Wilkins
Mary Webb
Audrey Eggleston
Denise Jenkins
Katherine James Luncheon
Susie Jones & Kay Higgins

Tickets
 Design and printing of the tickets and brochure will be done by **Betty Salmons**, of Richmond Printing.

Cemetery Book Update

Ann Hamner has granted the Society permission to update and reprint Gravesites of Goochland County, Virginia. The Society needs information about any sites that may not be included in the current edition. Location of all cemeteries will be included in the archaeology report being conducted by The College of William and Mary, as well as a map overlay which will show the geographic position of the cemeteries.

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 Telephone: **804.556.3966**

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www.goochlandhistory.org

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR