



# GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Founded May 1, 1968

## DECEMBER MEETING HONORS JOE AND ROSELLE SCALES



*Roselle and Joe Scales*

Joe and Roselle Scales, both former presidents of the Society, were guests of honor at the December meeting of the Historical Society held at the Library of Goochland. They were presented with a tray engraved with their years of service as well as a tribute to their hard work on behalf of the Society. Letters from members who couldn't attend the meeting were read by Society President, Temple Bayliss. Greg Wolfrey, County Administrator, brought greetings from the Goochland County Board of Directors. The Goochland Garden Club co-hosted the event. Society Board members Polly Anderson and Katherine James were in charge of the arrangements for the meeting. More than 80 people were in attendance.



*Jackie Morsink (rear), Martha Robertson, Joe Scales and Steve Flemming*



*Society president, Temple Bayliss*



*Sophia Pryor and Lee Turner, Goochland Clerk*



*Scales' daughter Mary and Carol Salmon*



*Louise Thompson, Louisa Preston, Joe Scales, Frances Truett, Roselle Scales, Sharon Perdue, Temple Bayliss, Betty Eads*

*Photos by Sandie Warwick*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Society not only had a good year but has ended up in the black. We had spring, fall, and December programs of which we can be proud. The meeting at the Second Union Baptist Church explored the work of philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, truly a hero for all time. The meeting also showed that Goochland's Black Community was quick to take advantage of Rosenwald's help and to fulfill his educational vision. Our meeting at Ben Dover Plantation featured, Alan Pell Crawford the author of *Unwise Passions*, who, as he did before for this Society, gave delightful insights into 18th century life and the later years of Thomas Jefferson. I am looking forward to his book on Jefferson's retirement years. Our Christmas party honoring Roselle and Joe Scales is described elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Society's publications were a source of special pleasure. We owe Doug Price a huge debt, not only for the creation of his Calendar, but also for his intense effort in the production of all of our publications. We also have to thank Fred Sorrell for preparing the Index to the Douglas Register, which is indispensable to anyone looking for 18th century ancestors in Goochland. I also want to thank Jackie Morsink, our hard working editor, who produced a Magazine I was proud of.

Our facilities are in good shape with the recent addition of a security system to help safeguard our increasingly valuable collection. Along with other improvements, it was installed under Dr. George Pritchard the chairman of the House and Grounds committee.

There is a lot that goes on at the Society, including services to many visitors who want to trace their families or look up the origins of their land, our publishing work, and the archiving of documents and objects. This cannot happen without the work of our volunteers. Their work is always much appreciated. The Society also owes a great debt to Marty McMillan who, although she retired from the board at the end of the year, remains as Chairperson for the volunteers and Co-Chair of the House Tour.

Looking forward to next year we are already have a strong line-up of programs, beginning with a meeting at Rock Castle

in May, a Magazine which should be out by early March. I also have every hope for a 2007 calendar as well as a house tour which is now being designed by Marty and Kay Higgins. Later in the year we expect to invite all our volunteers on an expedition to a historic site outside the County.

Beyond these traditional operations of the Society, I hope that your Society's board will take a hard look at least two projects each of which may require special purpose fundraising on their own. One of these is the restoration of the Jail to something like its condition when it was a jail. I think it can become a fascinating if somewhat gloomy place to visit which will help attract visitors to our historic court house complex. This restoration would take place after the movement of most of the displays now stored there to the new County Administration Building.

I understand that there may have once been a town crier's stand somewhere between the jail and the courthouse itself. I hope we will be able to document the existence of this stand, to determine where it was and to look at the feasibility of re-establishing it.

Another project is one in which I hope the Society will take a helping hand rather than a primary role. I hope we will be able to assist the Second Union Baptist Church with the restoration of the Rosenwald school on its grounds. That is the school featured in our spring meeting. It has just been recognized as a Virginia Historic Landmark at the last meeting of the Historic Landmarks Commission, which will pave the way for installing a State historical marker. This building is close to the condition it was in as a school and represents thousands of similar schools throughout the South. In this project our community has an opportunity to preserve a building of extraordinary interest.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation to our tireless Executive Director, Phyllis Silber, who makes everything the Society does possible and who comes up with the ideas that make working with it exciting.

Sincerely,

Temple Bayliss, *President*

## Jamestown 2007

The County of Goochland has been officially registered with the **Virginia 2007 Community Program**. Jonet Prevost White from the Goochland County Office of Community Development and Phyllis Silber, Director of the Goochland County Historical Society, collaborated to submit the application. They will serve as Co-Chair of the committee and are working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Office of Economic Development. The County has received official recognition from the Governor's office as well as a Jamestown 2007 flag which will hang in the Administration building.

The focus of program is to commemorate the founding of Jamestown and America's 400th anniversary in 2007 by encouraging counties to create legacy projects which will benefit their citizens.

One project is already underway with the vintage photograph exhibit which hangs in the new Administration building. This exhibit will be expanded with panels depicting Goochland's rich history and small scale models of houses and buildings in the County. A special day of celebration is being considered as well.

# GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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#### WELCOME RECENT NEW MEMBERS!

INCLUDED IN THE MEMBERSHIP LIST ARE THE NAMES OF THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED THE SOCIETY SINCE THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER

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**Invite your friends to become members in the 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.

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JAMES RIVER	\$500 and up
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BUSINESS	\$50

## It's A Family Affair

Volunteer Eleanore Andrews recently noticed three ladies standing in front of the picture of station master Harvey Ransone which hangs in the new administration building. Eleanore inquired about their interest in the photograph and learned they were relatives. Toler Ransone Clarke (*below*) is the daughter of Harvey Ransone. She was delighted to see the picture of her father on display. She stills wears the same ring on her raised hand that her father is wearing in the photograph. The ring was made from gold from a Tabscott mine in Goochland. Toler now lives in Richmond but maintains her membership in the Historical Society. Traveling with Toler that day was her sister-in-law Irene Ransone and cousin Sue Honesty (*bottom photo*).



Toler Ransone Clark

Photos by Eleanore Andrews



Toler Ransone Clark's sister-in-law Irene Ransone and cousin Sue Honesty

## Recent Gifts to the Historical Society

<b>Eleanor Andrews</b>	Photographs taken at the exhibit in the County Administration Building
<b>Ralph Higgins</b>	Bottle collection from Powell's Tavern
<b>Douglas Price</b>	Complete set of The Museum of the Confederacy Newsletters starting with the Spring 1999 issue and ending with the last newsletter published by the museum, the Spring 2005 issue
<b>Sophia Pryor</b>	The Pryors in America 1790-1997
<b>A. Dix Stephens</b>	Stephens and Allied Families, Vols 1 & 2
<b>Lorraine (Betty) Fielder Waddill &amp; Laura Fielder Crews</b>	Pictures of T. Brady Saunders at Mount Bernard

## Antislavery Program Announcement

**Quakers, African Americans, Antislavery, and the Underground Railroad in the Mid-Atlantic Region**  
February 4, 2006, 2-4 p.m., No fee

In recent years, historians have found that a significant number of Quakers, African Americans, and others in the mid-Atlantic region were actively working to end slavery through a variety of strategies and tactics. Their findings shed new light on abolitionism and the coming of the civil war. This informal conference will allow historians from several states to collaborate further and discuss their research and interpretations with the public. Presenters will include Glenn Crothers, University of Louisville and the Filson Historical Society; Christopher Densmore, Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College; Deborah Lee, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities; Jenny Masur, National Park Service, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program; and Bronwen Souders, Waterford Foundation. For further information, call Jenny Masur at (202) 619-7136.

Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg, Virginia, is the sponsor and location of the conference. The library is a research facility in the National Park Service National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program.

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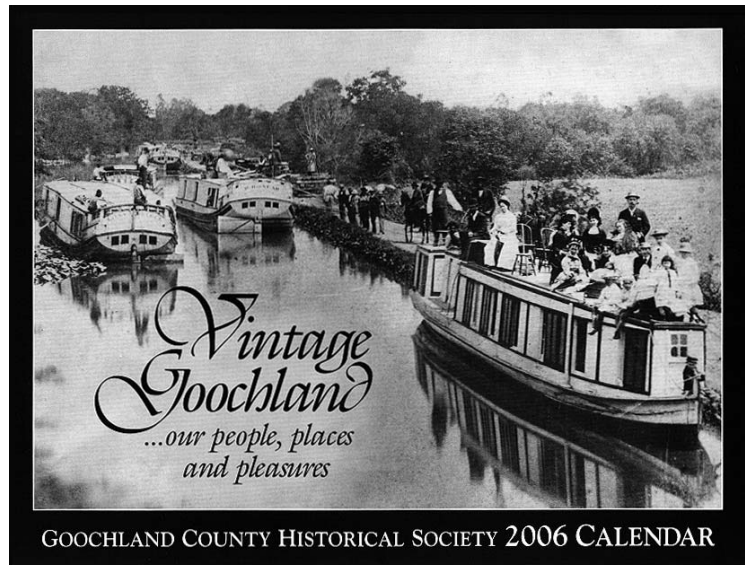
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The Society's 2006 calendar has been hugely popular and a rapid seller due to its quality and uniqueness. The Society has a limited supply remaining so order your copies soon.

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The Goochland County Historical Society is a non-profit organization founded and operated for the perpetuation and preservation of Goochland County heritage and tradition.

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## Upcoming 2006 Programs



**MAY** — Rock Castle, home of Ellen Cabell (Mrs. William Cabell), and the Queen Anne Cottage. Date to be announced.

**OCTOBER** — The Barn renovated into an office for Wedgewood Properties

**DECEMBER** — The home of Fred and Paula Sorrell in Lower Tuckahoe

### 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).

**Our winter hours** are Wednesday - 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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