



# GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

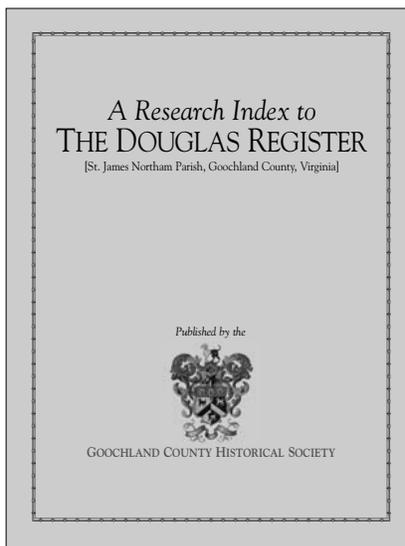
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## SOCIETY PUBLISHES INDEX TO THE DOUGLAS REGISTER

The newest publication from the Historical Society is *A Research Index to The Douglas Register* (72 pages, 8 1/2" x 11").

The Reverend William Douglas kept a record of all the marriages, births and some deaths that took place in Goochland County from 1750 to 1793 during his service to Saint James Northam Parish. Each section of marriages, births, etc. was listed separately. This very important document to researchers was very difficult to use.

In the summer of 2004, volunteer Fred Sorrell accepted the daunting task of creating an index to *The Douglas Register*. Fred spent hours scanning each page of the most recent edition of the book and then generated an



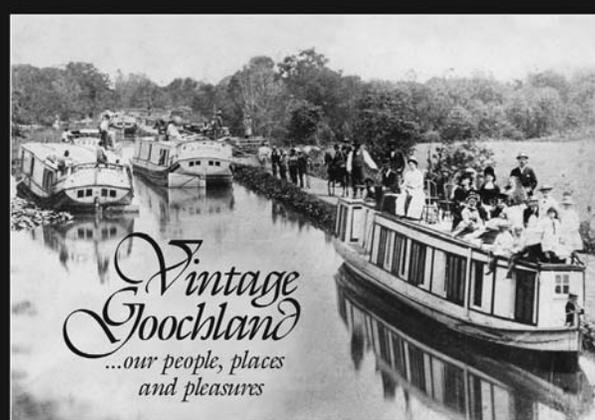
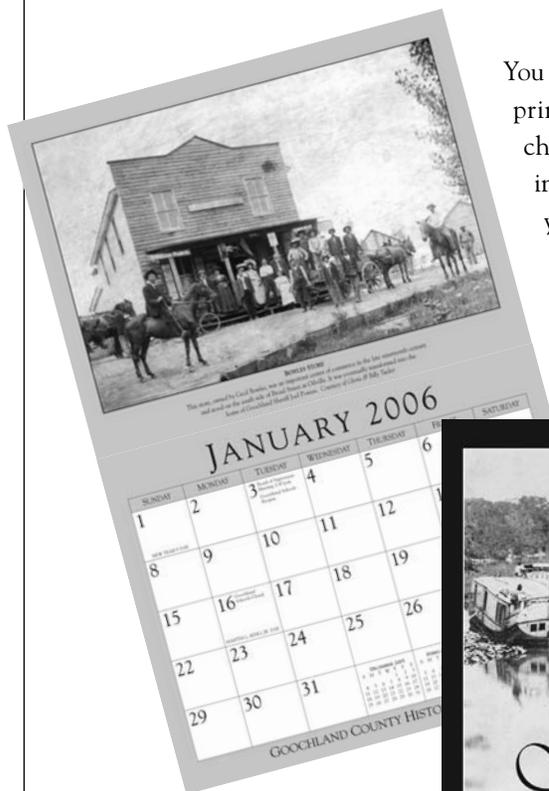
alphabetical listing of all the names. The Index contains more than 2,700 surnames and more than 11,900 individuals. Fred worked with Sharon Perdue and Doug Price to create the Index which was printed commercially. The Society is very grateful to Fred for his efforts to produce this new publication.

*Ordering information:* 1-4 copies are \$15 each. 5 or more copies are \$12 each. Please add 10% of order amount for shipping and handling. Mail orders to: Goochland County Historical Society, P.O. Box 602, Goochland, VA 23063.

## SOCIETY PUBLISHES ITS FIRST CALENDAR

You will love our beautiful 2006 calendar just printed. It is illustrated with vintage images chosen from the Society's collections depicting Goochland people and places from years past. Professionally designed and commercially printed, the calendars feature sepia-toned photographs that are suitable for framing.

See page 6 for details.



GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2006 CALENDAR

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since taking over as the very green President of the Society this past January, I have been impressed by what Marty MacMillan accomplished during her four-year tenure. Her organizational skills are now becoming clear to me. Fortunately, Marty has agreed to serve as Co-Chairman with Kay Higgins of the next house tour, which will be in the fall of 2006. I know the house tour will be a splendid one.

It has been exciting for me to observe the efforts of Phyllis Silber, our Executive Director, Jackie Norsink the Editor of the Magazine, Sharon Perdue, our Vice President for Programs, Sebastian Volker, our membership Chairman, and Pete Williams, who keeps track of our complex finances, makes them understandable to the rest of us and keeps our affairs in order. Pete also did an impressive amount of work to establish our web site. Carol Salmon must be recognized for her work in logging in the documents that keep on arriving and which are so important to the Society's function. She has been a source of energy and guidance.

I have also enjoyed meeting some of the many other volunteers who keep the Headquarters open and serve a remarkable number of visitors. Truly the Society is often a busy place; sometimes it is frantically busy.

The Society's publications are a source of pride for me. Not only was I pleased with the Magazine, but I believe that the Index to the Douglas Register is a triumph. Fred Sorrell, who put in the enormous amount of time to create the Index and has recently been working on the web site, deserves special thanks. Anyone who thinks they might have had ancestors in Goochland in the eighteenth century will want to look at this little book. The Calendar that Doug Price has produced with an astonishing amount of care is exciting and has already proved to be an important source of income. Doug has been the guiding hand that has made all our publications look professional. Mary Webb also deserves thanks for doing an inventory of the Shop's holdings and suggesting ways to keep our inventory in line.

A growing membership is important to us, not least because new members infuse new ideas and expectations. I hope that existing members of the Society will think of friends and newcomers to Goochland who might enjoy membership. Both Phyllis and I will be glad to either mail out letters to prospective members or to send you membership forms or letters that you can pass along to prospects.

Thank you for your support.

Temple Bayliss, *President*

## A Visit to Deep Run School



Chris Gregson, Supervisor of Historic Preservation for Henrico County and Kim Scicola also of Henrico County, provided a behind the scenes look at the restored Deep Run School on Pump Road in Henrico County. Vee Davis, past president of Henrico Historical Society, learned of the Goochland Society's efforts to preserve Second Union school in western Goochland. Vee contacted our Director with an invitation to meet with Mr. Gregson and visit the school. Calvin Hopkins, deacon at Second Union Baptist Church and one of those promoting the preservation of Second Union School, and Phyllis Silber met with Gregson and Scicola to discuss ideas for funding as well as collecting and displaying education artifacts.

*Kim Scicola and Chris Gregson (l-r) of Henrico, Calvin Hopkins stand behind the teacher's desk at Deep Run School in Henrico County.*

## Goochland Administration Art Board

Jonet Prevost-White, Environmental & Land Development Administrator, is Coordinator of the Goochland Administration Art Board which consists of local artists, business people, as well representatives from other interested groups. Phyllis Silber, Executive Director of the Historical Society, has been asked to

serve on the Board. The G.A.A.B. has been set up to initiate and supervise the decorating of the new County Administration Building. It will also oversee new exhibits featuring art by local artists and students in the County schools.

# SECOND UNION BAPTIST CHURCH HOSTS SPRING MEETING

BY SHARON PERDUE, *Vice-President GCHS*

The Spring Program of the Goochland Historical Society Second Union Church was held at Second Union Baptist Church. Historian Karen Lindermuth of Fluvanna spoke about the Rosenwald Schools. Some members of Second Union Church, on Hadensville-Fife Road, came to the Historical Society to ask for help in preserving the school building that sits on Church property. An application was made to have the property designated as a national historic landmark on the National Register of Historic Places. Second Union and the Historical Society are eagerly waiting to hear the decision, which could provide the opportunity to apply for grants to create a black history museum.

As part of the research done by the Historical Society, it was discovered that Lindermuth had written her master's thesis on Early Twentieth Century American Capitalist Philanthropy: Julius Rosenwald and the Rural School Building Program. She was invited to speak at the meeting and to our pleasure, she agreed. Mrs. Lindermuth gave a fascinating talk and concluded with a question and answer session. Members toured the school building following the meeting.

Sears, Roebuck & Company became a household name when Julius Rosenwald developed their mail-order business. He was also a philanthropist and in 1917, the Rosenwald Foundation was created. Part of the funds from this foundation were used to help build over 5,000 schools in poverty stricken black communities of the rural south, "making the American dream possible for these children". This was not a charity. Money was given in the form of a grant where the community had to raise enough money to match the grant, provide 2 acres of land on which the school would be built, and contribute labor to construct the building. This project resulted from Rosenwald's friendship with Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee Institute, both of whom held strong beliefs about self-reliance. There were six models of school buildings, designed by Tuskegee-trained architects, all which arrived at the sites in pre-fabricated kits.



*Speaker Karen Lindermuth and Dr. James Bowles*

The Rosenwald School located at Second Union Baptist Church was divided into two sections. Younger students were taught on one side of moveable panels that divided the building and the older students on the other. The original blackboards still hang in the building. The one for the younger students was hung lower on the wall. This building was erected about 1918; in the 1943-44 school year there were 87 students; and the school closed in the mid 1960's. Several people who attended this school shared their memories and answered many questions.

The teachers were strict, and parents reinforced the fact that their children were there to learn. "There wasn't much noise. We were there to learn and the teacher was in charge" said Calvin Hopkins. There was some bus transportation, but most of the children walked to school. "We didn't think anything about walking three or four miles" said William Henson. "We got a good education here."

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## Archaeological Assessment of Goochland County, Virginia

The College of William & Mary has submitted a draft report of an assessment of archaeological resources in Goochland County. It is designed to serve as the key reference for making decisions about treatment of archaeological sites in the context of land use planning and the development of programs for future surveys. The assessment is the second phase of the architectural

survey project begun in 2002 and was funded by the State Department of Historic Resources, Goochland County Government, and the Goochland County Historical Society. Draft copies of the report are available in the Community Development Office and at the Historical Society.

# GCHS Establishes Program for Local Historic Markers

BY LOUISE MARTIN

Last April 7th, a committee consisting of Temple Bayliss, Carol Salmon, Sharon Perdue and David and Louise Martin met to discuss how an historical marker program for Goochland could be created. The Historical Society felt that creating a program had merit as there were many venues in Goochland that deserved historical marker designation, but did not qualify for Virginia state historical marker designation. Goochland will be one of the first counties in the Commonwealth to have such a program.

At the first meeting Carol Salmon provided the committee with copies of pictures of various historical marker types from various companies that were traditionally used by other counties, along with the rules for the Henrico County Marker Program. Sharon Perdue volunteered to continue researching various county rules and develop rules for the committee to review at the next meeting. David and Louise Martin volunteered to research the styles, costs, and vendors that provide the best marker option.

At subsequent meetings proposed marker styles and rules were discussed at length. The committee strongly felt that the Goochland County seal should appear on the marker. Prices were considered as well as design and color.

The color scheme agreed upon by the committee was a Black background with White letters. The county seal would have a White background. To see an example of Sewah's South Dakota marker style go to the Sewah Studio website.

At the last meeting, the rules for application were close to being established. The requirements for qualification for a county marker will closely mirror those of the state.

## DHR Approves New Goochland County Marker

Although a site has yet to be determined, an historic marker has been approved by the Board of Historic Resources. Listed below is the text that was approved for the marker.

### THE 1936 VIRGINIA PRISON RECORDINGS

In 1936 famed folklorist John A. Lomax visited the Virginia State Prison Farm here and at the Virginia State Penitentiary in Richmond. Working for the Library of Congress' Archive of Folk Song, Lomax canvassed southern prisons in search of traditional African American music. On 13 and 14 June 1936, Lomax, assisted by Harold Spivacke, recorded quartets, banjo tunes, work songs, spirituals, and blues at the State Farm. Among the notable performers were inmates Jimmie Strother and Joe Lee. The Library of Congress first released songs from the sessions in the 1940s and they have appeared on many recordings since. These sessions are among the earliest aural records of Virginia's black folk-song tradition.

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Department of Historic Resources, 2005

## THOROUGH RESEARCH

BY LEE TURNER

A young lawyer wrote to the Postal Department in Washington, D.C. trying to get a title approved to build a new Post Office in a small southern town.

The Post Office Department wrote back to say they were unable to fulfill the request since the title search ended in 1803 and they demanded to know who owned the land prior to that date.

Frustrated, the fledgling attorney replied to the bureaucrats:

*"Please be advised that the government of the United States acquired the right to Louisiana, including the tract of land which my request applies, by purchase from the government of France in the year 1803. The government of France acquired title by conquest from the government of Spain. The government of Spain acquired title by discovery by Christopher Columbus, explorer and resident of that good nation, by agreement concerning the acquisition and authority for any land he discovered while under the patronage and sponsorship of Her Majesty, the Queen of Spain. The Queen of Spain had received sanction of her title by consent of the Pope, a resident of Rome and ex-officio representative and vice regent of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was the son and heir apparent of God. God made Louisiana.*

*I hope this complies with your request."*

## 2004 Historical Society Magazine Errata

The following items were inadvertent mistakes in the text of the 2005 Goochland County Historical Society Magazine. The Society regrets the errors.

Pg 17 ... World War I not World War II

Pg 22 ... Lyrics to the school song: "We're from Goochland" not "We from Goochland"

"E're remain" not "ever remain"

"On to the sea" not "along the stream"

"As our pine trees...look" not "as our country...looks"

Pg 36... "Elizabeth Powers" not "Elizabeth Powells"

Pg 44... "Ellis, Leroy Dabney; Riverview Cemetery, Richmond; Pvt., Co. F, 23rd Va Infantry Regiment" was omitted from the list of Confederate soldiers.

# Welcome New Members to the Historical Society

Lynn Brooke	Nashville, TN	Randy & Maryanne McElroy	Manakin Sabot, VA
Betty Henley Bowman	Manakin Sabot, VA	William & Terese Memmer	Lakewood, OH
Eva Tashjian Brown	Manakin Sabot, VA	Warren P & Warren C Neal	Goochland, VA
Mary Campbell	Richmond, VA	Paula & Charles Phillips	Frederick, MD
Don Charles	Richmond, VA	Dianne Pollock	Manakin Sabot, VA
Laura Lee & Ted Chandler	Manakin Sabot, VA	Louisa Preston	Manakin Sabot, VA
Donald Lee & Toni Cleveland	Manakin Sabot, VA	Dorothy Revis	Daniels, WV
James & Rebecca Parker Davis	Portsmouth, VA	Edith Richmond	Crozier, VA
Warren "Bart" Eib	Mechanicsville, VA	Betty & Bob Salmons	Manakin Sabot, VA
John & Terry Festa	Manakin Sabot, VA	Donna Scott	Maidens, VA
Julia & Van Gallier	Goochland, VA	Jane & Bob Spilman	Manakin Sabot, VA
Karl & Ann Royster Gunther	Hampton, VA	Mary Janes & Mickey Stokes	Powhatan, VA
Leroy Hart	Washington, D.C.	Bill & Sydna Street	Manakin Sabot, VA
Richard Heisel	Greenbrae, CA	James Stutts	Maidens, VA
Kirk & Leanora Johnson	Columbia, VA	Mary Lee Tatum	Prospect Hts., IL
Edward & Sarah Jordan	San Antonio, TX	Southhall Wallace	Manakin Sabot, VA
Murad & Melanie Kerneklian	Manakin Sabot, VA	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wynne	Crozier, VA

## Gifts to the Historical Society

**Bernice Allen Berkley** *Reminiscing* by Bernice Allen Berkley. A book of memoirs from the 1930s.

**Hilary Bowles** Photograph of Ida Bowles Goodman, Elsie Bowles, Ester Bowles Knibb, in front of Cardwell Post Office.

**Warren (Bart) Eib** Documents (c) from Clark's store in Manakin, VA. Some of these papers date to 1850.

**Rebecca Parker Davis** GHS annuals (a) '52,'53,'54; fountain pen used to register guests at her mother's Inn; report from Sandy Hook Ele.; Scripts handwriting book; 1955 GHS graduation announcement; WWII postcard.

**Robert N. Grant** *Identifying the Wrights in the Goochland County Tithes Lists, 1732-1784* (f).

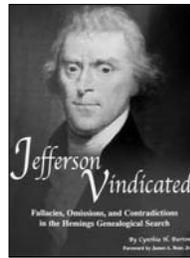
**Ann Royster Gunter** 1950s documents and photographs of the State Farm, notably a picture survey album from 1954.

**Thomas Jefferson Heritage Society, Inc.** *Jefferson Vindicated*, (b) a book by Cynthia H. Burton. Fallacies, Omissions, and Contradictions in the Heming Genealogical Research.

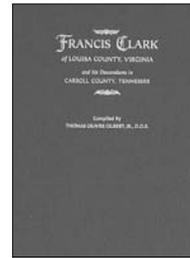
**Jan Kinkade** A copy of *The Story of Goochland* by Richard Wight. Ms. Kinkade lives in Brownwood, Texas and ran across the book at a sale.



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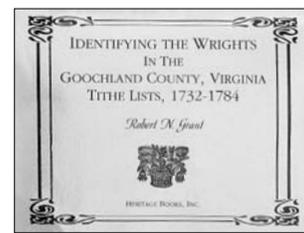
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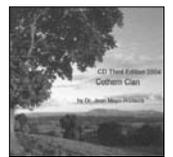
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**Clopton Knibb Family** Painting of the Knibb family house, Little Genito, by Goochland artist Stuart White (e).

**Doug Price** *The Confederate Navy*, a catalogue from The Museum of the Confederacy.

**Margaret T. Proffitt** Omonhundro family correspondence: 5 letters found in a family history book.

**Sophia Pryor** Photographs of the Walter Bowles family of Tabscott.

**Martha Ransone** Framed, pastel drawing of an African American Soldier (d) in a World War I uniform. Samuel Hopkins is written on the back of the picture.

**Dr. Jean Mayo-Roderick** 2004 edition of *The Cothran Clan*; (g) book and CD.

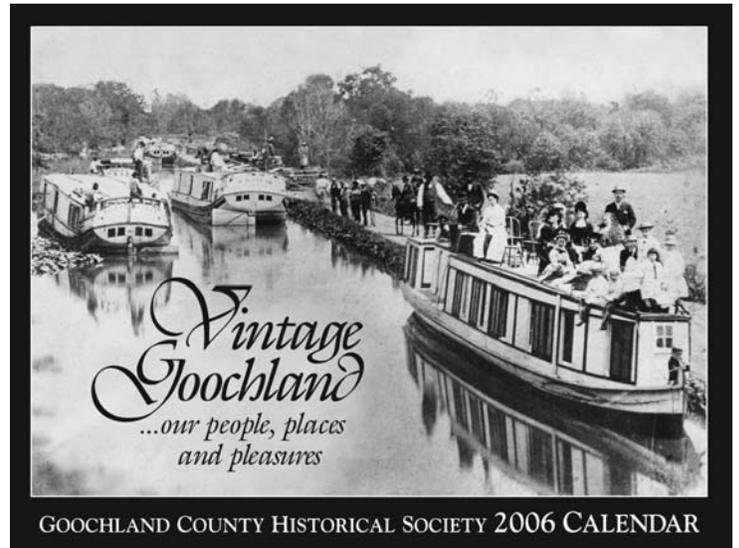
**Ben Truwe** 1858 edition of *Elements of Algebra* on the basis of M. Bourdon. This book once belonged to F. A. C. Perkins of Goochland. Mr. Truwe lives in Medford, Oregon. He found our web site and sent us the book.

# GOOCHLAND COUNTY PUBLICATIONS~PRINTS~MEMENTOS

The Historical Society is pleased to offer its first calendar featuring beautiful vintage photographs printed in sepia-tones, suitable for framing.

2006 GCHS Calendar — *Makes A Perfect Gift.* Only \$7.00  
Illustrated in our 2006 calendar are images chosen from the Society's collections depicting Goochland people and places from years past.

PURCHASE YOUR CALENDARS EARLY. More than 650 copies of this beautiful calendar were ordered before its printing. THE REMAINING SUPPLY IS LIMITED. You may purchase calendars at the Society's headquarters, order them from our website or order them by mail. Proceeds from the calendar will help support the work of the Society.



The calendar measures 11 x 17 inches displayed on the wall.

## Share Your PHOTOGRAPHS of Goochland's Bygone Days

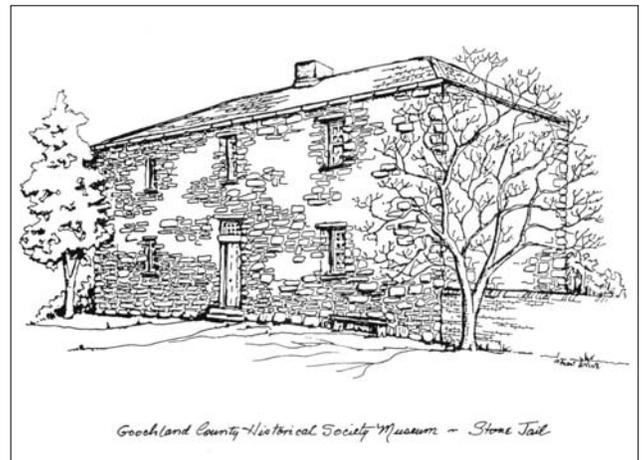
The Historical Society is requesting donations of early photographs of Goochland's people and places for its collection. Suitable pictures may be published in the Society's upcoming Calendars. If you do not wish to donate photographs to the Society, we can copy photographs and return the originals. Photographs should be identified as accurately as possible, giving the date if known, location, activity depicted, names of people featured in the picture, and any buildings shown, and of course the donor's name and address.

Many generous contributors have donated hundreds of historic photographs to the Society. Please help preserve and document Goochland's heritage by sharing your old photographs. Contact the Society at 556-3966 for more information. Invite your friends to donate their vintage Goochland photographs.

### HOW TO PURCHASE FEATURED ITEMS

You may purchase any of these items at the Society's Museum Shop, or from our website at [www.goochlandhistory.org](http://www.goochlandhistory.org) by using the Museum Shop Order Form, or order by mail.

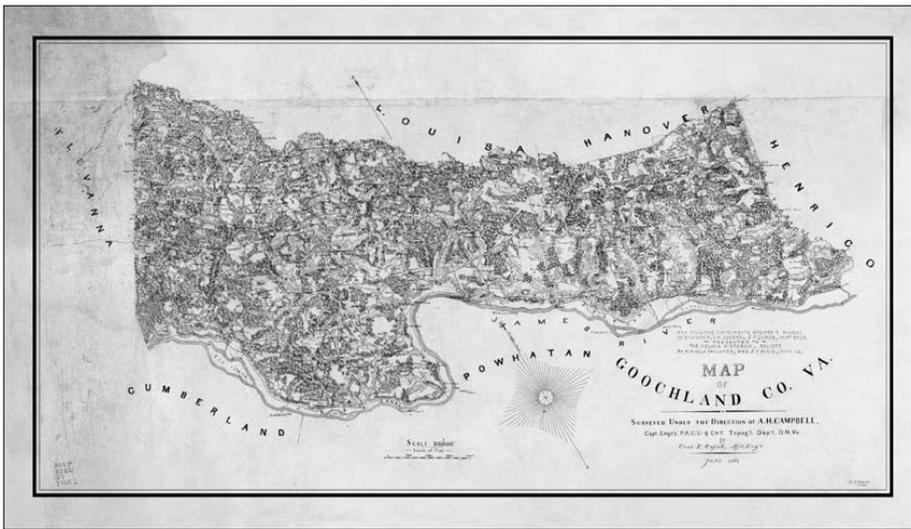
To order by mail, please send us your name, complete mailing address, daytime telephone number and your check for the order amount plus 10% of the order amount for shipping and handling. For maps include \$4.00 for S&H. Please make checks payable to the Goochland County Historical Society. Thank you.



Note Cards Pen and ink sketch.  
Old Goochland Jail, package of 10 cards and envelopes. \$4.00

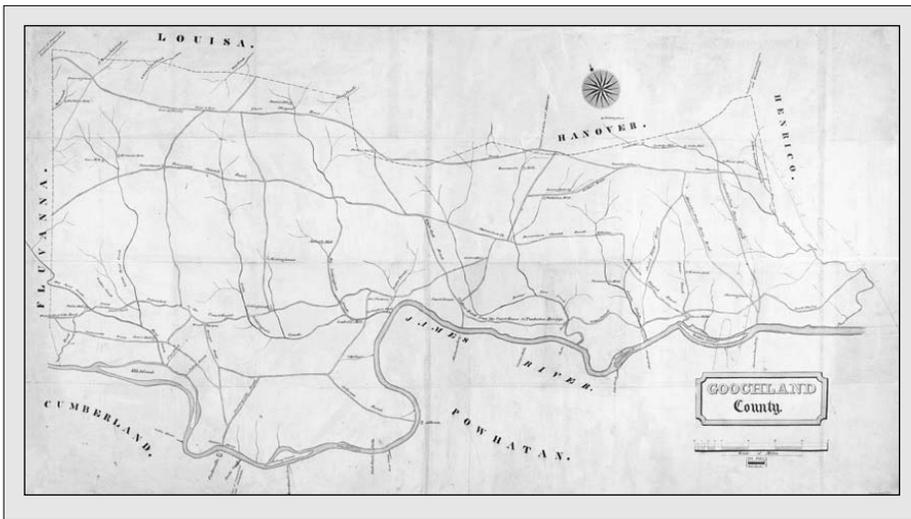


Note Cards Pen and ink sketch.  
The Goochland Courthouse, package of 10 cards and envelopes. \$4.00



**1863 Gilmer Map \$25.00**

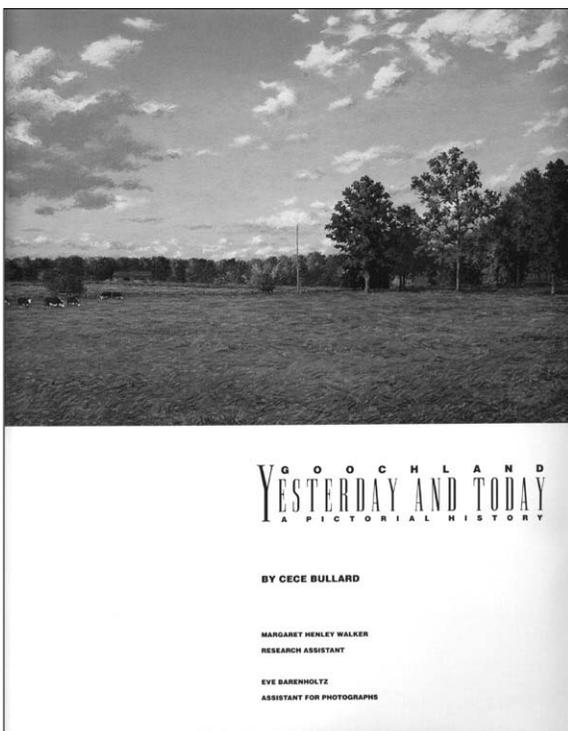
Known as "The Gilmer Map" this map dates to 1863. It is a detailed map which contains the names of land owners, churches, schools, gold mines, and other sites in Goochland County. Reproduced in full color on acid free, heavy weight paper from the Collections of the Virginia Historical Society who gave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



**1820 Map by John Wood \$15.00**

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.

**Save \$5.00** and purchase *both* maps as a pair for only \$35.00. Please add \$4.00 to your map order for shipping and handling.



**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



**3" Oval Medallion** of Goochland Courthouse in a raised gold image on a blue glass background. \$15.00

Thank you for supporting the Goochland County Historical Society.

## Invite your friends to become members in the Historical Society

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.

### Types of Memberships

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

# OCTOBER MEETING AT BEN DOVER IN MANAKIN

October 16th, Sunday, 3:00 PM

*Open to the Public*

The Historical Society will hold the fall meeting on the lawn and under the trees at the historic home of Lou Preston. The speaker will be Allen Pell Crawford discussing his upcoming book about Thomas Jefferson's retirement years. While still untitled, it is due for publication in the Spring. Members will remember Mr. Crawford from his talk at Tuckahoe Plantation when he discussed his novel *Unwise Passions*.

The event will be held at 'Ben Dover' located on the south side of River Road west (Rt. 6) and west of Hermitage Road (Rt. 676) just across from "The Meadows" development.



*BEN DOVER* was sold in 1921 to William T. Reed, Sr., who remodeled the house, removing the tower and adding the pedimented front. Mr. Reed used the estate as a rural retreat for hunting and entertaining. Following Mr. Reed's death, Ben Dover eventually became the property of his daughter Alice and her husband, Dr. Robert S. Preston, and in 1960, it became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Preston, Jr.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Robert S. Preston, Jr.

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