



GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Founded May 1, 1968

GOOCHLAND RECREATIONAL CENTER, INC. RECOGNIZES TEN WOMEN OF GOOCHLAND

Goochland County Historical Society volunteer Marie Mabry and Society director Phyllis Silber were honored at a banquet held October 28, 2006 in the Goochland Recreational Center on Sandy Hook Road. These two were chosen along with eight other women based on their contribution to the Goochland Community.



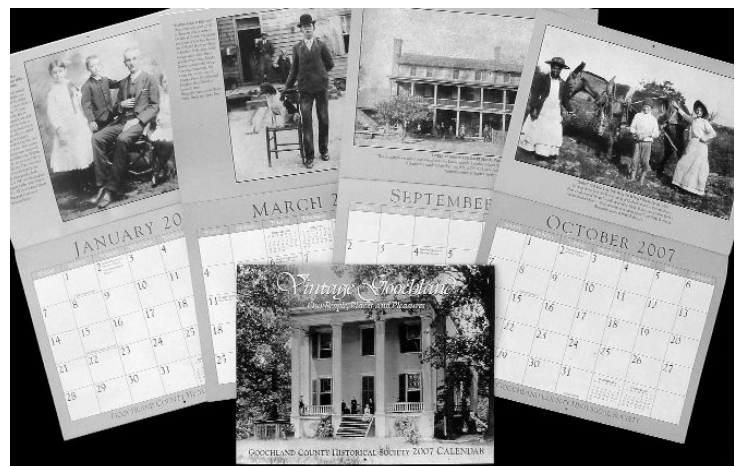
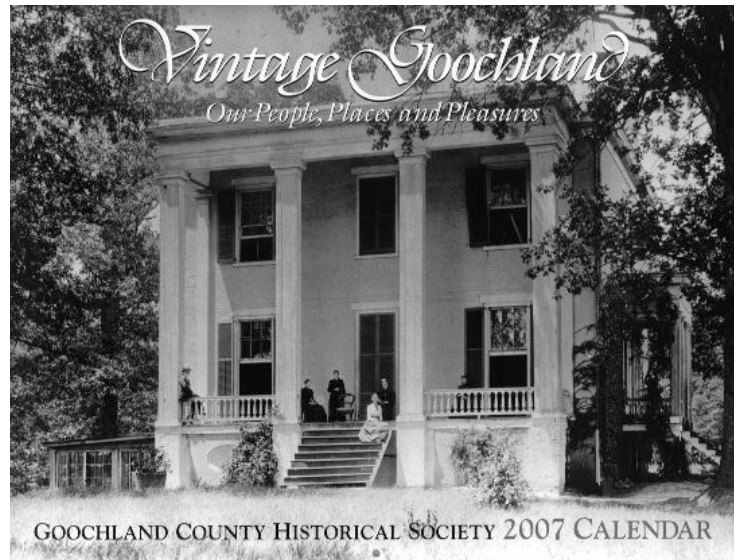
Director Phyllis Silber (left) and Society volunteer Marie Mabry
Photograph by Jeff Mabry

Volunteer's Luncheon

On November 28th, volunteers for the Society were treated to an outing to visit Bolling Hall Plantation and then lunch at Clover Forest Plantation. Twenty-three volunteers participated. Marty MacMillan serves as chair of the volunteers and made the arrangements for the event.

SOCIETY PUBLISHES ITS 2ND "VINTAGE" CALENDAR

Take a photographic journey back in time and enjoy fun scenes of Goochland's heritage EVERY day of the year in this specially created photographic collection calendar. The 2007 cover features the Timothy Ward Wood family of "Blithewood." This almost square antebellum mansion, similar to the White House of the Confederacy, was built by Judge Robert Stanard of Richmond between 1827 and 1844. Stanard's son Robert was a schoolmate and close friend of Edgar Allen Poe. It is thought that Poe visited the Stanards in Goochland as well as Richmond, and Mrs. Stanard (Jane Stith Craig) was said to be the inspiration for Poe's "Helen." See page 7 for some examples of the 15 vintage photographs in the all new 2007 edition calendar.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The October 21st House Tour was fascinating for me. Not only did it provide access to outstanding houses, both old and new, that I would not ordinarily get to visit, but it showed how Kay Higgins and Marty MacMillan could organize a small army of volunteers to get a big job done. In my view, the fund raising from this event (although important) is less significant than giving us a chance to celebrate distinguished homes in Goochland and allowing the public to see them. I was impressed by the talent, taste and energy of the owners. For example, all of the older houses on the tour had been restored with enormous effort while retaining much of the character and charm of earlier times.



The 2007 Goochland County Historical Society Calendar is also a special source of pleasure. Our mission is to preserve the past and make it better understood. For the vanished world from the Civil War to my childhood that can be done especially well with photographs. Doug Price, with help from Jeff Mabry, Louisa Preston and many volunteers, has found poignant images for this calendar. The effort involved in writing the captions has also paid off handsomely. For example, thanks to Margaret Henley Walker and Earl Henley, nearly all of the buildings in the old photograph of the town of Manakin are now identified and many older Goochland residents will remember some of them. The rustic, run-down flavor of the town before its streets were paved is captured vividly. The town of Sabot, circa 1940, is documented in another picture, one which lets us see how an entire town can disappear in little more than a generation. I hope our members will heed the invitation on the calendar to contribute other interesting images to the Society.

Looking to the immediate future, I expect that we soon will be able to help Second Union Church erect a State historical marker honoring all of the Rosenwald Schools in the County. The story of the building of these schools, showing the energy of their local builders and the vision of Philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, is extraordinary. We will also need to consider how a growing number of books, papers, photographs, and other

objects can be conserved. For especially fragile items the creation of a small space which is more carefully climate controlled than our building may be required. Fortunately, for larger, less fragile items we have just had much of our basement storage area re-organized and new shelving installed as part of the Eagle Project of Stuart Williams, the son of retired Treasurer, Pete Williams. I hope that visitors to the Historical Center will walk downstairs and see the dramatic improvement.

The Society's Board has also authorized a modest expenditure to pay an outside contractor to explore what would be involved in restoring the old jail. This work has been put on hold temporarily so that we can move some of the contents of the jail to a storage area. I hope that this will prove to be the first step in a large project that will ultimately draw support from outside funding sources, including the state of Virginia.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to say a special word of thanks to retiring board members George Pritchard and Frances Truett. Both have worked hard to make the Society what it is. George has been chairman of the Building Committee for at least four years; Frances has worked for the Society in so many capacities over so long a period that I could not begin to list them. Until very recently she was Chair of the Nominating Committee, a demanding role that has now been taken up by our retiring Secretary and continuing Board Member, Louise Thompson.

Special thanks are also due to our tireless Treasurer, Fred Sorrell, who, besides keeping our finances in order and paying innumerable bills, fixed a leak that was driving our water bill to an incomprehensible level and maintains our website. Finally, I want to thank Phyllis Silber, our always energetic Executive Director whose guidance and imagination shapes everything the Society does.

Respectfully submitted,

Temple Bayliss, *President*

Recent Gifts to the Society

Jay Wright	New York	\$100
American Legion	Goochland	\$100

Welcome New Members

The Society is pleased to welcome these new members:

Sam & Sherry Kidd	TX
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“From Where I Stand: Contemporary Viewpoints on Richmond’s History” GOOCHLAND COUNTY QUESTIONNAIRE

The Valentine Richmond History Center is in the process of developing a new exhibit on the history of Richmond, Virginia. Key to our planning is an attempt to incorporate the story of Richmond’s relationship to its surrounding area, including Goochland County, into our pending exhibit. To assist us with this endeavor, we ask that you please take a few moments to complete the following questionnaire. Your input will be greatly valued!

Editors Note: Space constraints kept us from printing the form with room for a reply. Answer questions on another sheet of paper or email your response to: goochlandhistory@verizon.net or thobbs@richmondhistorycenter.com

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Age: Race/Ethnicity: Gender:

Do you work in Richmond? Yes No How frequently do you travel to Richmond? Daily Weekly Biweekly Monthly

Why? Work Shopping Entertainment Other:

Area of Residency (Neighborhood/Township/County): Number of Years You’ve Lived In Area?:

1. What are Goochland County’s most important historic landmarks and/or places? List FIVE items, ranking them in order of importance.

2. In your opinion, what eras have been most critical to Goochland County’s history and development? (rank your top choices by numbering them 1 through 5)

- Colonial The Great Depression
- Early National World War II
- Antebellum Civil Rights Era
- Civil War Other:
- Reconstruction Other:
- Progressive Other:
- World War I

3. In your opinion, what is the nature of Goochland County’s historical connection to the city of Richmond?
What history do the two places share?

4. In your opinion, what are the most important things people, whether visitors or residents, need to know about the Richmond area and its history? List FIVE items, ranking them in order of importance.

Thank you for your input!
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Vintage Goochland

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Shown here are some of the 15 vintage photographs
in the 2007 calendar collection.



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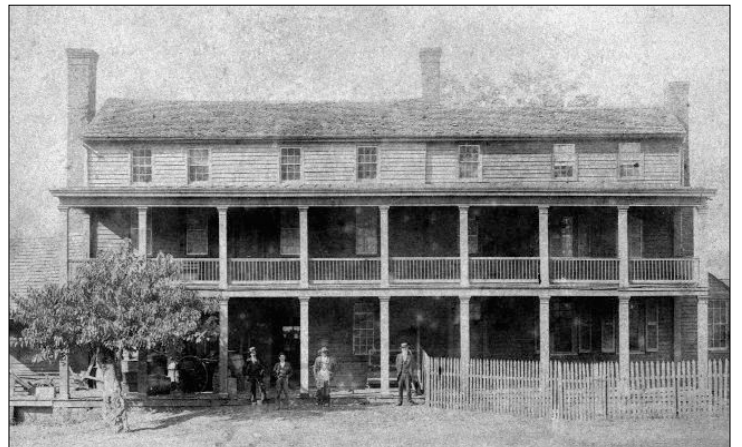
VILLAGE OF MANAKIN



"JIMMY" THE MULE AT THE MALSOM BOWLES FARM, CIRCA 1910



FIVE BASEBALL TEAM, EARLY 1900s



TAVERN AT GOOCHLAND COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA

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Louise Thompson, *Chair*, Sebastian Volcker, Mort Eggleston, and Temple Bayliss served on the 2006 nominating committee. The following slate is recommended for election:

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Voting will take place at the annual meeting in December.