



**GOOCHLAND
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

*2008
House Tour*
Featuring the Crozier Community

**BROCHURE &
ADVANCE TICKET
OUTLETS**

**Goochland County
Historical Society**
2875 River Road West

Butcher's Block Market
1390 Broad Street Rd, Oilville

**Chapman's Antiques
& Fine Furnishings**
115 Broad Street Road,
Centerville

**Charles Luck Stone
Center**
347 River Road West



RIVERSBEND

*Saturday October 11th
10 until 4*

TICKETS \$20 IN ADVANCE ~ \$25 PURCHASED ON THE TOUR

Edible Garden
12506 River Road

Fresh Catch Seafood, Inc.
Short Pump Crossing
Center

Hampton House
5720 Grove Avenue,
Richmond

Javajodi's Coffee Café
2918 River Road West
Goochland

**Tanglewood Ordinary
Restaurant**
2210 River Road West
Maidens

Five distinctive homes and a restaurant will be open for the Goochland County Historical Society's 2008 House Tour, the Society's 25th tour since 1979, with proceeds supporting the mission of the Society to preserve and present the rich history of Goochland County. The 2003 Survey of Historic Architecture in Goochland County, conducted for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the Society, states that "Crozier is potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as one of the county's most intact rural villages."



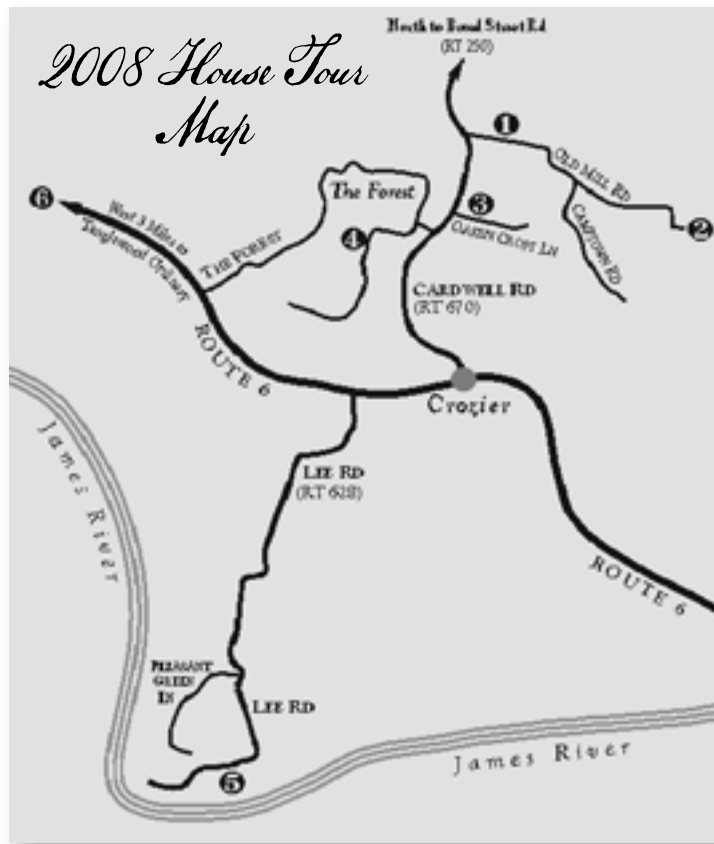
(1) **FIRST UNION SCHOOL** ~ 1522 Old Mill Road

First Union School was one of 12 schools in Goochland partially funded through the Julius Rosenwald Fund which was set up to aid in the construction of schools for black students across the South. His concept was to provide money to communities where blacks and whites worked together to raise the rest, and it was remarkably successful. First Union opened in the fall of 1926 to grades 1-7, with wood stoves for heat and outhouses for toilet facilities, which was also the situation at the white Cardwell School. In 1953, new schools were built and several Rosenwald schools were consolidated at Randolph Elementary. In 1959 First Union was sold as surplus property and converted into a residence. It has been improved by each successive owner, especially the current owners, Bill and Grace King.

The Society's new 2009 Calendars will be on sale at the House Tour.



House photographs courtesy of Jeff Mabry



(BELOW) (2) **OLD MILL COTTAGE** ~ 1350 Old Mill Road
The cottage was built circa 1920 as a one-room hunting cabin on Genito Creek when Woodson's Mill bordered the property. In the 1940's, two rooms were added and nothing more was done to the cottage until it was purchased by Bill and Grace King in 1993. While preserving the original cabin's slate roof, heart pine flooring, and stone chimney, the Kings integrated two major additions. The interior is an eclectic mix of antiques, rough hewn beams, soapstone floors, and reclaimed doors and windows. The rolling grounds include a pond, a meadow of natural and prairie grasses, and a five acre arboretum where a millstone fountain anchors the pathways.



(3) THE MITCHELL HOMEPLACE ~ 1498 *Oakencroft Lane*
Henry Clay Mitchell built this home on his Edgewood property in 1897 and it remained in the Mitchell family over 100 years. It had been vacant a few years and many people thought it beyond repair, when the Adams family arrived in 2003, bringing their expertise and experience in home renovation. Of note are the two-over-two sash windows that reach the floor. The interior chimneys on each end served shallow chimney breasts with small coal grates in each room. The living room has a marbleized slate mantel with pilasters. The slender Doric columns on the front porch indicated the home of a prosperous farmer in late nineteenth century.



(4) 1209 THE FOREST ~ A *Reproduction of Williamsburg's circa 1750 Robert Carter House*

Jim and Ginger Sanderlin recently moved into their remarkably true reproduction of Colonial Williamsburg's Robert Carter House. Especially authentic are the exterior and first floor. The kitchen is particularly appealing with 19th century pine cupboards and two English Aga cookstoves. Several rooms have William Morris reproduction papers. On the 16 acres are a garage disguised as a barn, a guest cottage with a massive dollhouse furnished with dolls and furniture made by the Tudor family of the Tasha Tudor dollhouse at the Abbey Aldridge Folk Museum, a Timberframe barn, and Della's Garden.

(5) RIVERSBEND ~ 575 *Lee Road*

(SEE RIVERSBEND PHOTOGRAPH ON FRONT COVER)

RiversBend, built in 1992, is a stately residence on the James River combining Mississippi Lowland architecture with Jefferson's Palladian influence. On the first level are the formal rooms, kitchen, master suite, and a sitting room. Descending the winding stair, you reach the guest quarters, a study, music room, and an informal entertaining area. A 22' solarium, glassed on three sides ties the two floors together. Topping it all is an octagonal (shades of Jefferson!) room with windows all around. From the observatory you can see the history of transportation in the area, from the bateaux on the James River to the Kanawha canal and then the railroad. Furnishings are predominately 18th and 19th century French and English pieces. In less than two years, the owners Rob and Lynda Bloch have transformed the grounds, especially with the Mediterranean style pool with Peruvian marble paving, fountains, and two octagonal pergolas.

The Goochland Garden Club will conduct a plant sale on the grounds of RiversBend.



(6) TANGLEWOOD ORDINARY ~ 2210 *River Road West*

Built in 1929, Tanglewood was one of the first service stations in the County and is one of the best examples of rustic style vernacular architecture still surviving in Virginia. In 1935, the Barret family added a two-story addition to the rear with a dance floor on the first floor and living quarters above. In 1943 another addition brought this favorite stop on the road between Richmond and Charlottesville to its present size. Dances were held every Saturday night. In the 1950's, Tanglewood was the site of sock hops after Goochland High School's football games and the Senior Prom. Since 1986, Jim and Anne Hardwick have been serving family-style dinners. Tanglewood is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Advance tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from the outlets listed on the front cover. Tickets may also be purchased on the day of the tour for \$25 at any of the six properties.

Lunch will be served at Tanglewood Ordinary from 11am until 2pm for \$10 + tax & tip. No lunch reservations necessary.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just a few weeks ago we reluctantly said good-bye to our capable summer intern, Aaron Bonovitch, who had taken a great load off of our hard-working Executive Director, Phyllis Silber. Happily, Aaron's older sister, Sara, has now joined us temporarily as paid staff (see page 6). This has been a great relief to me, since at this writing Phyllis is away on vacation for two weeks. I hope many of you will be able to go by the Society and meet our able new staff member.



This time of year is a bit frantic at your Society and I am grateful, not only for Sara, but for all of our volunteers. In addition to visitor traffic at the Center, and archiving a continuing flow of documents and photographs, there is a lot of work to be done to edit, prepare and market our publications, including the 2008 Magazine, this newsletter and our 2009 Calendar. The new Calendar has more pages than before and more images. I hope you will agree with me that it is a knockout. Once again, we owe thanks to board member, Doug Price, who gives all of our publications, and especially the calendars, a professional look. Doug also designed the posters and brochure for the house tour, which features stunning photographs of the houses by board member and professional photographer Jeff Mabry.

Regular readers of this newsletter are probably aware that the Society modified its by-laws last year to create the position of Archivist who is ex-officio a member of the board. Both before and after this position was officially created, our Archivist, Carol Salmon, has been working to keep our acquisitions in order and properly cataloged. Recently she has added to her burdens by removing and cataloging books and documents from the old jail, where they were not only not available, but we did not know what we had in most cases. Those of you who have worked in the musty and un-air-conditioned jail will appreciate the difficulties of this labor, for which we should all be grateful.

If you come by the Historical Center you will notice that it is infinitely cleaner than it was and even smells fresher. This is because, thanks to the Chair of our House and Grounds Committee, Kay Higgins, we have engaged a cleaning service. Since our premises are at last cleaned professionally on a regular basis, this is a good time to say thanks to all of you, including Kay, Fred Sorrell, and Betty Pritchard (and I know I must have missed some of you) who have pitched in the past to keep the place clean and tidy. Thanks too to Kay for looking after repairs to the building, including the roof, which lost a few shingles in a squall earlier in the summer.

Your society continues to be involved in the project to restore the Second Union (Rosenwald) School building owned by Second Union Baptist Church. This small historic building reminds us of the vision, generosity and hard work that brought elementary education for African-American students to the County at the end of the First World War. Our First Vice President, Andy Donnelly, has done the paperwork to incorporate the Second Union School and is working on getting it 501C3

Status so that we can set up the School separately from the Society. For the time being, however, this project is still dependent on your Society. As noted in the last edition of this newsletter, we have received a matching grant of \$5,000 from the Alice Rosenwald Flexible fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and we have engaged Gibson Worsham, an architect with extensive experience in restoring historic buildings, to draw up the required plans. Of course, we have to find the required match to pay Gibson.

In a month or so members should be able to see our first Goochland County Historical marker, celebrating the Ellis family and located at the bridge where River Road crosses Route 288. This marker, which was inspired by Louise Martin, is the result of several years work by board members Sharon Perdue, who has tenaciously searched out facts about the Ellis family and overcome a host of difficulties, and Ed Wilson who is supervising the manufacture and design of the marker. Funding has been generously made available by the Board of Supervisors.

Overall your Society is very active, but like most of us it has promises outstanding and what seems to be an ever increasing need for funds. Please help us with our fund raising efforts by buying calendars and attending the house tour. And please think of us when the end of the year approaches and we make our annual appeal for membership donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Temple Bayliss

SOCIETY'S AUGUST MEETING HELD AT HEBRON CHURCH

By Andrew J. Donnelly, *1st Vice President & Programs Chairman*

The Hebron Presbyterian Church on Shallow Well Road was the scene of the fall membership meeting of the Society on August 24, 2008. Featuring a renowned speaker with a fascinating subject, it proved to be one of the most interesting of our meetings.

Dr. Dan Roberts, an ordained Presbyterian minister, a professor of history at the University of Richmond, a former officer in the U.S. Army, a Bronze Star Vietnam veteran, and the host of the award-winning radio series, "A Moment in Time" which is heard by more than two and one-half million listeners each day on over 120 radio stations, entertained the crowd of over eighty members and guests with both words and music. He spoke of "The Great Awakening" in America, a religious renewal of the mid eighteenth century.

The focus of Dr. Roberts' talk was the Rev. Samuel Davies [1723-1761] who, along with the works of George Whitefield, Edward Witherspoon and Jonathan Edwards was instrumental in introducing evangelical religions to Virginia in what has come to be known as "The Great Awakening." In 1740, Virginia was not known for religious tolerance. There was a close relationship between church and state, and parish taxes were levied, in part, to pay for clergy salaries until 1776. The Anglican Church was the established church and the one recognized and supported by the civil authorities. Membership in and attendance of services of the Anglican Church was not only encouraged but required. Lengthy journeys were often required to attend Sunday services and the sermons were often lengthy and delivered with lack of enthusiasm.

Dr. Roberts said that Davies was sent from Pennsylvania to Virginia in 1746 despite the restrictions which Anglicanism placed on the growth of other religions. The civil authorities were suspicious of alternative religions and feared that their growth would lead to political instability. Davies, abiding by the laws, traveled to Williamsburg to obtain from the Governor the required license [a license not required by Anglican preachers] allowing him to preach as a "dissenting minister."

Dr. Roberts pointed out that Davies was responsible for the organization of five churches, known as meeting houses, since places of worship other than Anglican were discouraged and were required to display no outward signs [e.g. a steeple] of a church. He founded Byrd Presbyterian Church in 1748, Providence Presbyterian in the Gum Spring area of Louisa County in 1747 and Pole Green Church in Hanover County in 1748. Patrick Henry's mother took young Patrick to listen to the evangelical Davies' sermons. Davies went on to become the president of the College of New Jersey, which is now Princeton University, upon the death of Jonathan Edwards in 1758.

Dr. Roberts also quoted from one of the Rev. Davies' sermons

which, while based on 2 Samuel, ch. 10:12, sounded in large part like a recruiting plea for volunteers to fight the French and Indian War which began in 1754. This type of sermon appealed to the Governor as the English were in need of recruits to battle the French. The remainder of Davies' sermon was clear- repent of evil ways and God will save Virginia and that, while individually one should turn the other cheek when harmed, when entire societies are threatened retaliation was acceptable and essential.

Many listeners were surprised that Davies' sermons have survived, and Dr. Roberts stated that they are available at the University of Virginia and Union Theological Seminary.

Following Dr. Roberts' talk, he sat at a Steinway piano and filled the sanctuary with the pleasant notes of a selection of songs. Dr. Dan Roberts is a gentleman of many accomplishments and talents.

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to become members in the
Goochland County Historical Society.
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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
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Membership Levels

JAMES RIVER	\$500 and up
BYRD CREEK	\$250 - \$499
GOLD MINE	\$100 - \$249
COURTHOUSE	\$50 - \$99
BUSINESS	\$50
TUCKAHOE CREEK	\$25 - \$49

NEW FACES

Sara Bonovitch is the newest face at the Historical Society. Sara is a graduate of Goochland High School and a 2008 graduate of Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. Sara majored in English with a minor in communication studies. At Longwood, Sara was on the newspaper staff, assisted fellow students as a writing tutor, and volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. She was a member of Lambda Iota Tau, the Honors Society for Literature and Language. During her senior year at Longwood, she completed an internship with Longwood Athletics, attending baseball games, writing game notes, and learning the media relations aspect of sports. Sara recently finished an internship with VCU Athletics, and she is currently a freelance sports reporter for the Goochland Gazette. She wants to combine her interest in journalism and writing with her love for sports and pursue a career in the area of athletic communications or sports writing.

Sara is taking over at GCHS for Aaron, her brother who just recently finished his second summer as a research assistant. Aaron is now well into his first semester at Virginia Tech. He is taking classes required for his history major and leadership studies minor.

Photograph by Doug Price



RECENT VISITORS

The Society's 2007 Magazine featured an article about the circa 1764 Beaver Dam Church. It used a photograph of the Hatcher family's old two-story house at "Fairview" farm donated by Helen Best Heinzen (left). At that time, the Society did not know who Helen was or if she was still living. Soon after the magazine was published Helen contacted the Society and offered to donate more of her Fairview photographs.

"Fairview" was a large plantation on present day Fairground road owned by the Thomas Hatcher family from 1771 until 1871. The circa 1764 Beaver Dam Church was located adjacent to the Hatchers plantation.

In 1907 James Harvey Best, Helen's father, purchased Fairview farm, and on Easter Sunday in 1913, Helen was born in the old house.

Recently at the Society, board member and publications chairman Doug Price (right) interviewed Helen, who at age 95 demonstrates a remarkable memory. They had a fun afternoon looking at Helen's photographs and discussing her recollections of life at Fairview farm. Helen recalled when she was a girl she and her siblings walked down to the old church and sat in the balcony to "listen to the singing and shouting."

Photograph by Andy Donnelly



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Vintage Goochland

2009 CALENDAR PREVIEW



This specially created wall calendar is unique to Goochland County. Each month is beautifully illustrated with vintage images from bygone days printed in sepia-toned colors. The size is 11" x 17" hanging.



The calendar features national holidays, County board of supervisors' meetings and school holidays. Pages provide ample space to write daily notes.

VISIT
OUR WEBSITE FOR
MORE GIFT IDEAS.
www.goochlandhistory.org

2009 Calendars: \$8.00 ea.
Special: 5 or more \$7.00 ea.

2009 Calendars may be
purchased at the House Tour.

THE PERFECT GIFT

The new 2009 Calendar is in stock and available at these locations:

- Goochland Historical Society • Goochland County Administration Building • Brookview Farm Store
- Dameron's Market • The Edible Garden • JavaJodi's Coffee Café

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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Summer hours (April - September) are:
Tuesday - 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

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).

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Goochland County Historical Society UPCOMING EVENTS

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10 am until 4 pm

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, December 7th, 3 pm
(More information and location to be announced.)

ELLISVILLE BRIDGE MARKER DEDICATION

(To be announced)

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