

Newsletter



GOOCHLAND COUNTY

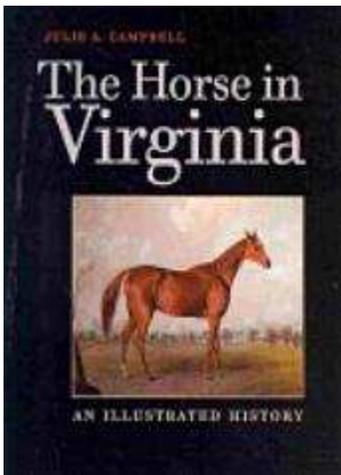
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Founded May 1, 1968

AUGUST MEETING TO FEATURE AUTHOR JULIE CAMPBELL

3 PM August 21, 2011 at Historic Corinth Church

4997 St Paul's Church Road, Goochland, VA



Julie Campbell, the author of *The Horse in Virginia: An Illustrated History* (University of Virginia Press, 2010), is the associate director of communications and public affairs at Washington and Lee University, in Lexington, Virginia. Ms Campbell grew up in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She has a B.A. in history from Arizona State University and an M.A. in history from the University of Arizona. She began her publishing career in Denver, Colorado, working for a variety of magazines. From 1987 to 1994, she was an editor of books and a journal at the Arizona Historical Society, in Tucson. She moved to Richmond, Virginia, in 1994, when she became the editor of *Virginia Cavalcade*, the illustrated magazine of history at the Library of Virginia. It ceased publication in 2002.

Ms. Campbell is the primary author of *Studies in Arizona History*, a high-school textbook published in 1998 by the Arizona Historical Society. She has contributed articles and book reviews to journals, newspapers, and books including *Clothing and Textiles Research Journal*, the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, the *Journal of Arizona History*, the *Washington and Lee Alumni Magazine*, the *Bloomsbury Review*, and *Virginia Libraries*.

She is a past president of Virginia Press Women and of the Friends of the Richmond Mounted Squad. She serves on the boards of the Friends of the Rockbridge Regional Library and the Friends of the Washington and Lee Library. She also serves on an advisory committee to the Museum of the Virginia Horse, which is being planned for the Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Virginia.



Julie Campbell

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

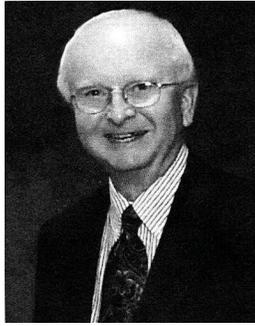
Summertime Greetings,

The title of my message is: **"Members Beware!"** I realize that this may sound more like a dire warning than words of encouragement but, as historical society members we must remember that we have a declared responsibility to try to preserve a cultural landscape that is increasingly being challenged. Although we should "beware," we should not be afraid of the future. Simply, we must insist that some vestiges of the past must be kept alive and relevant into the future either through memory (books, articles, catalogs, etc.), preservation (historical restorations, etc.), or representation (collections of published photographs calendars, etc.).

I don't think that anyone who has lived in Goochland County for more than six months has to be told that change is happening. Urbanization is threatening to overcome our once bucolic county. This is something that Thomas Jefferson thought should/could never happen in America. Yet, it has happened beginning some two hundred and fifty years ago with the coming of the industrial revolution. Goochland, however, was mostly spared the ramifications of serious change up until after the Second World War. Beginning slowly, Richmond's population began to effect life in what primarily had been an agricultural society. Whereas, in the past, a trip from Goochland Courthouse into "the city" took several hours of traveling through open farm lands and wooded areas, today usually takes less than an hour and one hardly ever loses sight of the new developments along the way. Mr. Jefferson's world is definitely gone...and even the world of thirty years ago is fast passing!

When I lived in Augusta County I saw how destructive unrequited growth can be. Within about a ten year period the character of that county changed considerably and much was forever lost. One example was the sudden disappearance of Augusta's Amish population. "Progress" without planning had made it nearly impossible for an old way of life.

Goochland County, however, is not Augusta County. Here, we have lots of good old county folk with deep roots in their communities and fond memories of a past which they realize no longer



apply to the modern world. These "locals," along with a smattering of some very sophisticated and sympathetic city folk, are the people that originally founded the Goochland County Historical Society. Unlike the Amish, they were not religiously opposed to progress. They were, however, connoisseurs of tradition and students of history who saw the value of keeping alive the best memories of the past. Due to the efforts and the influence of the Historical Society, many of the counties oldest and most historical buildings, houses and churches have been restored and preserved. Recently, the Society's historical calendar venture has made many old photographs from Goochland's past easily available to a widening audience. Even more importantly, the Society's publications program regularly illuminates informative and exciting stories from the county's past; information we can remember and use in our own lives.

Certainly old Goochland is not going to disappear overnight; though a growing threat of unplanned and undirected urbanization is always present. Growth in itself does not have to be a negative. Albemarle County has grown enormously over the past twenty-five years, but the beauty of its countryside with its historic vistas is only minimally affected. Contained growth through careful planning makes a difference, but the planning has to be in place before growth gets out-of-hand. In Goochland County those of us who are interested in history and want to maintain at least some of the rural character of our area must speak out and vote for those leaders who understand the importance of the historic fabric of our county. Together, we must seek to uphold and reinforce what has been symbolic of Goochland and in environs. As a historical society, we must work to 1 recognize, 2 preserve, and 3 protect those elements within our cultural and physical landscape that represent our determination to conserve the memory of a traditional, country oriented, way of life that is distinctively Goochland.

Sincerely,


Peter Rippe, President



F COMPANY of the 21ST VIRGINIA INFANTRY



Sandie and Bob Warwick and Bruce Venter discuss history of F Company with the re-enactors



Southall Wallace talks with Captain Tony Turley of F Company

F Company of the 21st Virginia Infantry braved inclement weather and brought a piece of “living history” to Goochland Courthouse. They shared their knowledge of uniforms, equipment, training and army experiences and performed drills at the Grace Church parish house. The Society is very grateful to the Church and to Ben Sloane for all their assistance to provide a place for this exhibition.

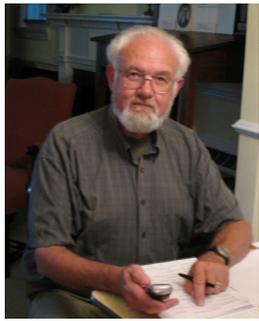
The recreated F Company has been recognized for its donations of time and money to many important Civil War groups, including The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar, the Civil War Trust, the Richmond Battlefield Association, and the Richmond National Battlefield Park. The original F Company was formed in 1859, serving in the 1st Regiment of Virginia Volunteers that was sent to Harper’s Ferry during John Brown’s raid. In June 1861 the company was transferred to the newly formed 21st Virginia Infantry. In 1862 the 21st Virginia fought under the legendary “Stonewall” Jackson during his famous Shenandoah Valley campaign. F Company saw action in many major battles and campaigns during the war, including the Seven Days, Second Manassas, Bristoe, Mine Run, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, Monocacy, Fisher’s Hill, Cedar Creek, and Petersburg. Only a corporal and three privates surrendered at Appomattox.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- William C. Gooch, Elmhurst IL
- Jack Liesfeld, Maidens
- William S. Perkins, Goochland
- Michael and Catherine Tessieri, Manakin Sabot
- Janice and Sara Keesling Chesterfield

RECENT GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY

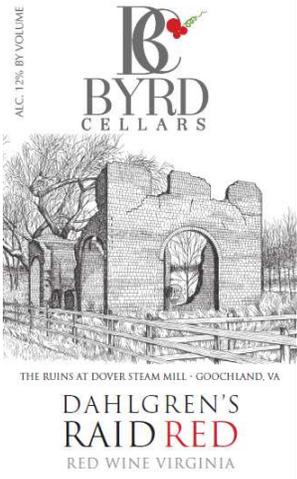
- Scrapbook and personal papers: Earl and Lois Henley estate
- Walker Family Genealogy 1723-2010 by Odell Walker
- High Top Shoes from the Conway Nuckols family
- Donations in Memory of William Marlin Davis
- Items from the estate of Annie Laurie and Roger Fitch



Scott Johnson



Janice Keesling



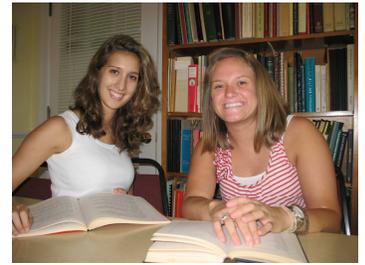
Welcome! New Faces At The Society

The Society has many new faces this summer. We have two new volunteers, Scott Johnson and Janice Keesling as well as two interns and a new Research Assistant.

Scott and his wife Jane are long time residents of Goochland. Scott is a direct descendent of the Massey family of Belvidere. New volunteer, Janice Keesling has previously volunteered at the Virginia Historical Society and is an avid genealogist. She has strong family ties through Goochland.

Denise Gammon is a graduate student at VCU pursuing a Masters in Public History. She is the daughter of Dennis and Melinda Gammon and is doing a wonderful job helping set up the new museum at the old Clerk's office. Laura Meadows has just begun her internship. She is a History major from Longwood University and a graduate of Goochland County High School. Laura will spend an intense two weeks observing and participating in the public history we provide for the county.

Keri Jewett is the Society's new Research Assistant. She is replacing Lee Ellen Harris, who recently transitioned to Capital One. Keri will work closely with senior volunteer Ginny Olsen. Keri is a graduate student at VCU studying Social Work, Administration Planning and Non-Profit Management. She also volunteers for Habitat for Humanity.



Laura Meadows and Keri Jewett



Denise Gammon



Ginny Olsen and Keri Jewett

BYRD CELLARS COMMEMORATES CIVIL WAR

The Society collaborated with Sue Anne Klinefelter of Byrd Cellars to create a wine label that reflects the raid of Ulric Dahlgren and the burning of Dover Mill. Society Vice President Dr. Bruce Venter, a Dahlgren expert, edited the reverse label to tell the story of the raid. This wine is still available at the Winery.



SAVE THE DATE

2011 Up Coming Events on the Society's Calendar

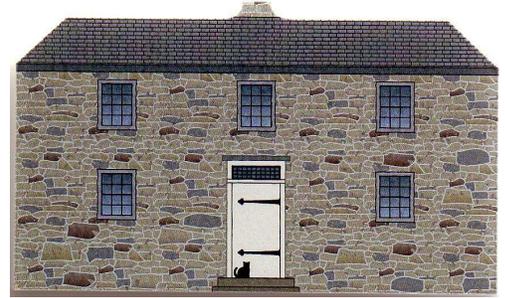
NEW TO THE GIFT SHOP



Goochland Courthouse

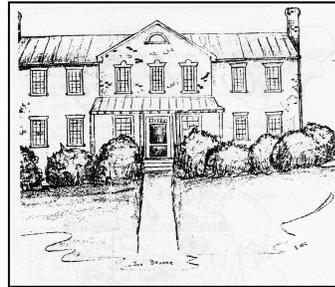
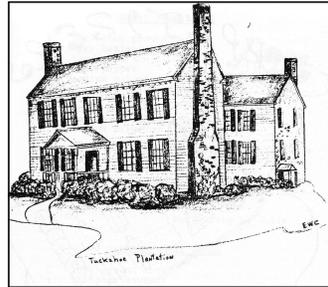


Goochland High School



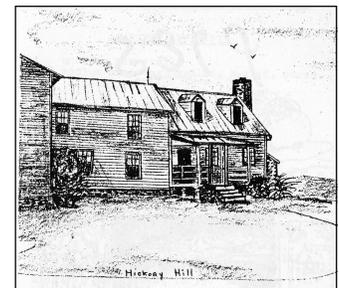
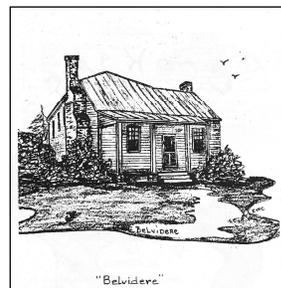
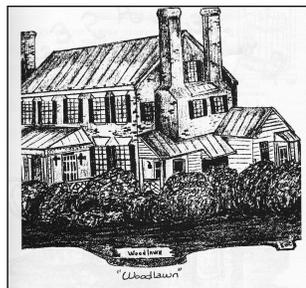
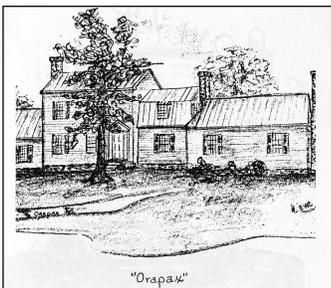
Old Stone Jail

These items are from *The Cat's Meow* collection. They were originally designed and hand-painted by local artisan Gloria Tucker. Gloria gave her designs to the Society who submitted them to the Cat's Meow company where they were converted into the pieces pictured here. Each piece sells for \$15. A set of all three pieces sells for \$40. Each piece is four inches high and one inch thick and will sit perfectly above a door or window frame. Bulk orders of 10 or more are available.



NOTE CARDS FROM THE GOOCHLAND COOKBOOK

Local artisan Eva Childress created these illustrations of well known old homes in Goochland County for the Goochland Cookbook. The first edition was published in 1976 to commemorate the American Bicentennial. Eight of those images have been reprinted in the form of note cards. The history of each house is printed on the back of the card. The houses represented are Top L-R: Hereford Hill, Tuckahoe Plantation, Joe Brook, and Cleveland; Bottom L-R: Orapax, Wood Lawn, Belvidere, and Hickory Hill. These eight cards, with envelopes, sell as a package for \$8.



CALENDAR ERROR

Due to a production error, the wrong calendar page was used for the month of July. We are so very sorry for the mistake and will make every effort to correct the error. We have made arrangements with the printer to have that page of the calendar reprinted but we need to hear from those who want to replace the calendar page. We must order them in bulk to save on printing costs. Please notify the Society to request a new calendar page.

Everything else on this half page remains the same

Phyllis Silber, Editor
Lee Ellen Harris, Research Asst.

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AUGUST MEETING AT CORINTH CHURCH

3 PM August 21, 2011 at Historic Corinth Church
4997 St Paul's Church Road, Goochland, VA

From Goochland Courthouse go west 4 miles and turn left onto Rock Castle Road. Go 3.8 mi bear right onto Three Square Rd. Go 1.5 miles and turn right onto Haskin Rd. In .8 mile stay straight onto St Paul's Church Road. The church is .7 mile on the left.

From George's Tavern turn left onto Cartersville Rd. Go 2.3 mi and turn left onto St Paul's Church Road. The church is about 2 miles down this road on the right.

Our Speaker will be:

JULIE CAMPBELL

Author of

The Horse in Virginia