

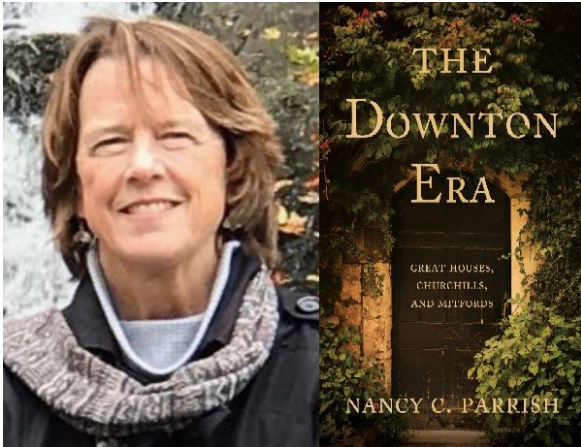


Goochland County Historical Society Newsletter

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SPRING MEETING at BYRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Spring meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, at the historic Byrd Church. Dr. Nancy C. Parrish, author of *Lee Smith, Annie Dillard and the Hollins Group: A Genesis of Writers* and *The Downton Era: Great Houses, Churchills, and Mitfords*,

will be our guest speaker. Ms. Parrish earned her Ph. D. at the College of William and Mary. She has taught in Virginia public schools and for both Lynchburg College and Virginia State University. Her research for *The Downton Era* was conducted in England, Belgium, France, and the United States. She is currently researching a biography of the World War II reporter, Virginia Cowles.

The Downton Era takes the reader on a journey through twentieth century England by pointing out the personal landmarks that make up history.



Directions to the church:

2229 Dogtown Rd., 23063

From River Road West (Rt. 6), turn onto Dogtown Rd. (Rt. 614), the Church will be on the right.

From Sandy Hook Rd. (Rt. 522), turn onto Whitehall Rd. (Rt. 673), then make the first left onto Dogtown Rd. (Rt. 614), the Church will be on the left.



THE SOCIETY is on the MOVE!

The spring of 2020 will find the Goochland County Historical Society in a new home—a rented facility—at 2924 River Road West. The building owned by the county, formerly served as an office building and pre-school; it is located next door to the Courthouse Green. Also, we will take on a new responsibility, serving as the tourism center for the county—a job we look forward to doing.

We have been in our current building since 1997. While it has served us well, it is time to move into a space that allows us to better serve our members, the community, and our many visitors. The new space has many advantages.



For the first time in more than 20 years, we will be able to have a museum to display the many artifacts people have generously donated to help tell the story of Goochland.

The space will allow for small group visits by school classes, senior communities, and others, the new space will be accessible to people with physical disabilities.

It will allow us to provide additional seating for visitors conducting research, and provide for safer, cleaner, better organized, more convenient, and more appropriate storage of our collections.

The new space is more visible to the public and more convenient to the County Clerk's Office, as volunteers sometimes go there with visitors to help them conduct research.

We look forward to moving into our new space and to welcoming you to our new museum and library later this year!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Goochland County Historical Society

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Visit the Goochland Historical Society

The Society's History Center is located one half mile east of the Goochland Courthouse at

2875 River Road West (Route 6)

Office hours:

Wednesday–Friday, 10:00–3:00

2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00–3:00

Note: Those travelling long distances should call the society to confirm it will be open the date of your visit. Phone (804) 556-3966.

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Dear Historical Society Members,

Thank you for supporting the Goochland County Historical Society in 2019. If you have already paid your dues for 2020, we thank you. If you have not renewed your membership for 2020 and wish to continue as a member of the Society, this is a reminder that it is time to do so. This year will be an important one: we are moving to a new facility that we believe will allow us to better serve both our members and the community. We trust you will want to be part of this new adventure.

Your continued support is essential to our efforts to promote, preserve, and keep the history of Goochland County alive for future generations. We continue to expand our programming. In addition to our regular lecture series, in the last few years we have added genealogy classes, history walks and talks, exhibits at the public library, and special events, including dinners at Tanglewood with reenactors portraying famous and infamous people from the past. With your support, we will be able to continue these activities, as well as add new ones, such as exhibits in our new museum space and new programs for Goochland Public School students and teachers. For more on our move, see either our 2019 *Magazine* or page 1 of this issue of our newsletter.

As a member of the Goochland County Historical Society, you will continue to receive our newsletters, annual magazine, and invitations to special events. We trust you will take advantage of our many events.

To continue your membership, you can renew

- online through our website, (using a credit card) at www.goochlandhistory.org,
 - by check, or
 - in person at the Society. Please stop by and visit. We are open Wednesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month, 10 am to 3 pm.
- With your help, we can continue to promote, preserve, and keep Goochland's unique history alive. Please renew today; we look forward to hearing from you.

President

Executive Director

P.S. As usual, if you have old photographs of family, friends, buildings, or scenes from the county, please allow us to scan them. We will not keep your photographs; we only want to make the images part of the Society's collection—they are a rich source of information on the history of Goochland. Thanks.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Hill Top Distillery ✿ Sara Parrish Reed ✿ Jason Hull ✿ Jim Dowdy
Robin Lind ✿ Michelle Lyman ✿ Ryan Dunn ✿ Nancy & Joe Essid

GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOSES TWO FORMER PRESIDENTS



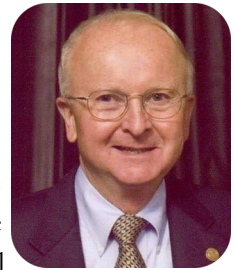
Roselle Faulconer Scales, a lifelong member and former president of the Goochland County Historical Society passed away on January 13, 2020 in Greenville, South Carolina at the age of 98. Originally from Amherst County, Roselle and her husband Joseph H. (Joe) Scales moved to Goochland in 1952 and became active in a number of community organizations. They were founding members of the Goochland County Historical Society in 1968 and both served as board president of the Society—Joe from 1982-1983 and Roselle

from 1989-1990.

In 2005, the couple left Goochland to live near their daughter and her family in Greenville, South Carolina. That year, the Society honored them for their 50 years of service to the organization. Roselle is buried at Byrd Presbyterian Church next to her husband who died in 2008.

Peter Marquart Rippe passed away on January 19, 2020 in Richmond at the age of 82; he is survived by his wife Maria Wornom Rippe. Peter served as president of the Goochland County Historical Society from 2009-2012. After graduating

college, Mr. Rippe served as a fellow of the History and Material Culture Program at Historic Deerfield in Massachusetts and then went on to receive a master's degree in Museum Studies through the Winterthur Museum in 1962. He served as Director of the Museum of the Confederacy (Richmond), the Harris County Heritage Society (Houston, Texas), and the Roanoke Museum of Fine Arts (now Taubman Museum). Before retiring, he helped Virginia artist P. Buckley Moss establish her museum in Waynesboro. ∞ ∞



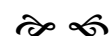
MARK YOUR CALENDAR for GOOCHLAND DAY!



There is nothing like a good old-fashioned hometown parade and celebration! And Goochland Day is just that. Scheduled for Saturday, May 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the event will kick off with a 5k run, followed by a parade on River Road West (Route 6), and then a variety of family-fun activities, including a bounce house, carnival games, dunk tank, and petting zoo. Food will be available throughout the event and many activities will be free. The day will end with a concert featuring Michelle Nixon, a nationally known bluegrass and acoustic country music artist, and the band Slate River Unplugged.



Goochland Day supports Goochland County Public Schools and provides an opportunity for not-for-profit community service organizations, including the Goochland County Historical Society, to increase public awareness of their mission and activities. The Society will be exhibiting throughout the day. For additional information, see the event's website at www.goochlandday.com. Also, we will provide updates about the event on our blog, so stay tuned.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPONSORS GENEALOGY CLASSES

Are you interested in determining who your ancestors were? The Historical Society is giving a series of classes on Beginning Genealogy. The first class, on February 22, is scheduled to be held at the Goochland Branch of the Pamunkey Library at 10:00 a.m. This class will cover the basics of genealogy. The second class, on March 14, is also scheduled at the Library at 10:00 a.m. The United States Census and the information it contains will be covered. The third class, on April 11, will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Library and will cover non-Census sources of information needed to fill out one's genealogy. Additional classes may be scheduled later if there is sufficient interest.



The Layne family, c. 1920

EXHIBITION at the LIBRARY

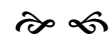


Dr. Arthur Gilbert Blakey and Jessica Cobb Blakey.

To celebrate African American History Month, the Goochland County Historical Society installed a photo exhibit "Faces and Places in Goochland" at the Goochland Public Library, located at 3075 River Road West. The exhibit runs for the entire month of February, so stop by and see some of the people and places from the 19th and 20th centuries that represent the county's rich African American heritage.

African American History Month has been celebrated since 1976, becoming a month of recognition during the nation's bicentennial year. Carter G. Woodson, Virginian and

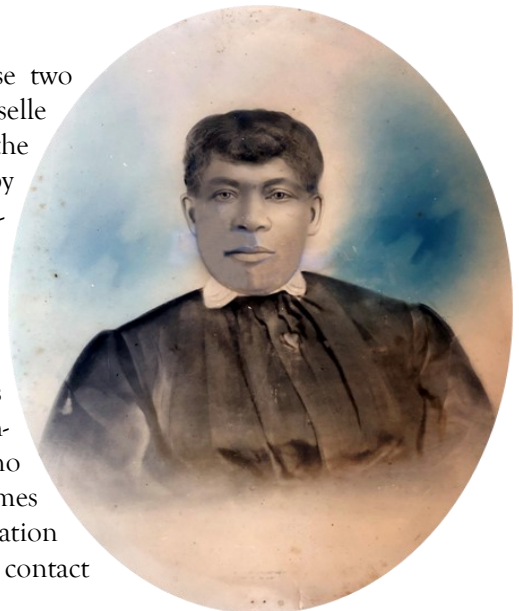
Harvard-trained historian, conceived the idea in 1925 and first celebrated it in February 1926. February was chosen as that month marked the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. From the beginning, it was a resounding success. By the time Woodson died in 1950, it was a central part of African American life, with mayors of cities nationwide issuing proclamations to celebrate the African American legacy and recognize the contributions of African Americans to history and culture. Every American president since Gerald Ford, has issued an African American Month proclamation.



FROM the ARCHIVES—DO YOU KNOW US?



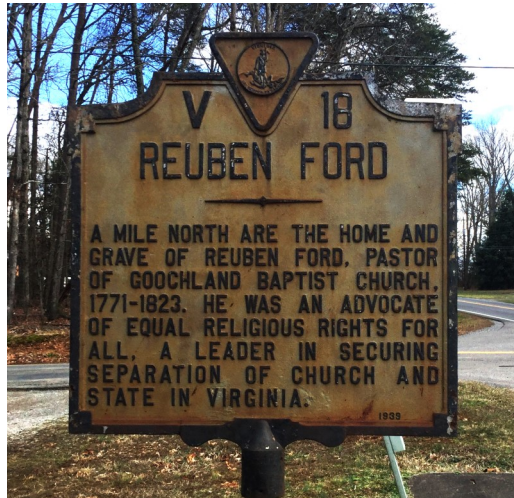
In the collection of the Society are these two crayon portraits from the estate of Moselle Cox. They were probably made in the 1890s, based on the clothing worn by the man and woman. One possibility is James Cox (born 1862) and his wife Rosa (born 1877), the parents of Moselle, but this is only an assumption. As is common with old photographs, no names are written on the portraits to identify who they are and there are no living family members who knew James and Rosa Cox. Anyone having information that can help identify the portraits, please contact us at 804-556-3966.



THE TALE of a VIRGINIA HISTORICAL HIGHWAY MARKER

Within 24 hours in January, the Goochland County Historical Society received three phone calls from concerned citizens and the sheriff's office regarding a downed Virginia historical highway marker on Route 250, near its intersection with Shallow Well Road. Marker V18 recognizes Reuben Ford, pastor of Goochland Baptist Church from 1771 to 1823; he was a strong advocate of religious rights for all and a leader in securing the separation of church and state in Virginia. Evidently the marker had been hit by a vehicle. A call by a Society volunteer to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) righted the wrong. The agency contacted the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) which is charged with installing and maintaining the markers. According to one of our callers, VDOT had Reuben Ford's marker reinstalled by the next day.



The DHR is responsible for many,



but not all, of the historical markers in the county. Their markers highlight people, places, or events of regional, statewide, or national significance. Virginia's is the oldest historical marker program in the country, having begun in 1927 as a means of educating the public about Virginia's history. You can recognize a Virginia historical highway marker because it includes the state seal, plus

a unique identifier; in the case of the Reuben Ford marker, that is V18. While many historical markers are placed by the DHR, others are placed by local organizations, like the Society, or even by individuals.

Should you discover a downed or damaged marker, we recommend that you do not move it from its location, although you may need to maneuver it out of harm's way. Instead, report it to the Society or, if it is a Virginia historical highway marker, you can report it directly to the DHS at 1-804-482-6089, providing the name and unique identifier of the marker, its location, and when you noticed the marker was missing or damaged.

We thank the vigilant citizens who reported the downed Reuben Ford marker. For more information on Virginia historical highway markers, visit the Department of Historic Resources' website at www.dhr.virginia.gov.  

THE CEMETERY CORNER—THE WILLIAMS CEMETERY



Recently, the Historical Society received an inquiry from a gentleman at the Virginia Department of Transportation concerning the discovery of a broken headstone at the base of a tree in a field behind Goochland Elementary School. The headstone was for a George Williams who died in 1929 at the age of 54 years.

However, upon digging into the records for a George Williams, we found a Virginia Death Certificate for one George E. Williams, who died on July 1, 1929 at the age of 53 years at Central State Hospital in Petersburg. George was apparently born in Goochland County in about 1875-76. The Death Certificate said George was buried at an unknown location in Richmond—not in Goochland County where his headstone resides. This may be a mistake



in the death certificate. A search in the County Clerk's Office revealed that a George E. Williams, along with Willie H. Williams, bought a 20-acre tract of land in 1919 from John O. Parrish in the Lickinghole District of the county. Further digging at the Historical Society showed a Williams Cemetery listed in the Cemetery Book for the area where the headstone was found. This cemetery apparently had at least 9 individuals interred there with the surnames of Tilton and Williams. A George

Williams was one of them. Unfortunately, none of the 9 individuals had a birth or death date listed.

A search of U. S. Census records available on the Internet showed Primus Williams, one of the names in the cemetery, was born about 1830 and worked as a blacksmith in the county from 1870 through 1900. He was listed again in the 1910 Census, but this time as a 72 year-old farmer. Primus had two wives—Sarah Jane Elizabeth Daniel, whom he married in 1867, and Celia Tilton, whom he married in 1883. Both wives were listed in the cemetery. Primus must have died after the 1910 Census as he is not listed in any subsequent Censuses. The relationship of the remainder of the Williams in the cemetery to Primus has not been determined.  

CELEBRATING GOOCHLAND DAY

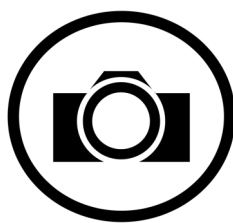
with a PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

To help celebrate Goochland Day on May 9, the Goochland County Historical Society is sponsoring a photography contest. The contest will hold competitions for students and for adults in several different categories. It will celebrate “what Goochland means to you—the people, the animals, the plants, the buildings, the river, the scenes and all that make Goochland special.”

At the adult level, both amateur and professional photographers are encouraged to submit entries. At the student level, there will be two competitions: one for high schoolers and one for those below high school age. For your convenience, guidelines and

the application form are enclosed with this newsletter. Please note that entries become the property of the Goochland County Historical Society and will not be returned. Selected entries may be used on our website or blog or in our calendar.

Winning photographs will be exhibited to the public as part of the Goochland Day celebration. Get out your camera and explore Goochland through your camera’s lens!



LEGENDS—BACK in PRINT

Facts and Legends of Goochland County, by Aynsley Fisher and Wayne Dementi, is a collection of essays and photographs about the people, places, legends and lore of Goochland County. These are stories selected to capture the imagination and represent events of important historical note, are cause for celebration, conjure up nostalgia, or feature individuals who have accomplished remarkable things and exist as legends in their own right. Available at the Society’s gift shop. Hard cover, 160 pages. \$25.00 plus tax.

MEET the INTERNS

Wilson Powers is a veteran, husband, and father of two with a third expected to arrive in May. He is originally from southwestern Virginia, but left home to serve in the United States Army. In 2018, he moved his family to Powhatan County. He is currently pursuing a B.A. in History at Virginia Commonwealth University.

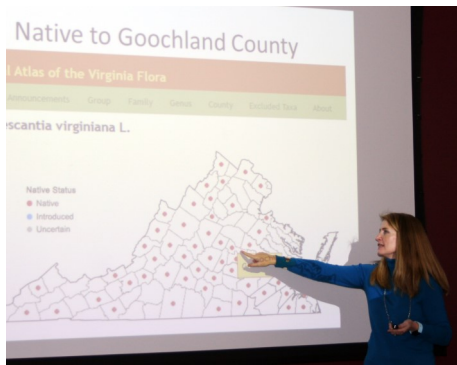
During his spring semester, under the guidance of one of his professors, he is doing an independent study with the Goochland County Historical Society. To fulfill the requirements of the course, he is transcribing a journal kept by Blair

Bolling of Powhatan and Richmond, during the 1800s. The journal mostly describes the travels the gentleman made around the area and frequently to Goochland to visit friends and family. It provides a wealth of social history along the way. At present only a handwritten copy of the journal is available; once transcribed, it will be available in digital format. Mr. Powers’ cumulative activity for his independent study will be an article about some aspect of the journal, giving us a better insight into Blair Bolling’s life and times.

Rebecca Holcomb is our newest intern from Goochland High School where she is a senior. She participates in the school’s Blue Ridge Virtual Governor’s School which requires her to serve a certain number of hours of community service. She selected the Goochland County Historical Society for her internship because of her interest in history; she will be working with us for several months. She recently took part in an archaeological dig at Montpelier, home of President James Madison. Also, Rebecca participates in many school and local YMCA activities.



18th CENTURY “GARDEN of EDEN”



On February 1, 2020 Master Gardner and history buff Cathy McCarthy conducted a lecture on why so many plants have “virginiana” in their names. She explored how military issues, politics, and religion created a perfect storm of influences resulting in many New World plants being named after Virginia. We

learned that Goochland soil and conditions are perfect to grow many native plants. More than 30 people attended the lecture which was informative and engaging. Everyone left the lecture ready to create their own “Garden of Eden”.

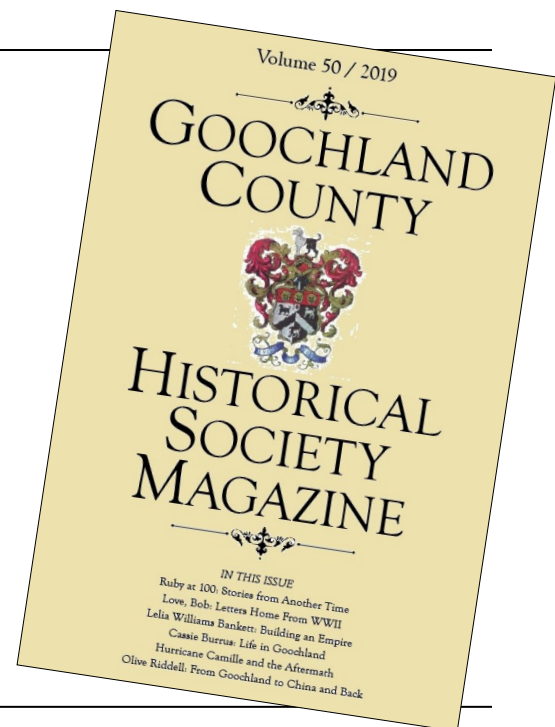
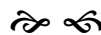


VOLUME 50 is at the PRINTERS

Volume 50 of the Society’s *Magazine* is at the printers! This wonderful addition to our legacy has some amazing articles that we are sure you will enjoy. In celebration of American Evolution 2019, the recognition of key events that shaped this country, the magazine features articles by and about women and events that shaped and impacted this county.

Inside, you will read about the early years of Ruby Amos and Cassie Burrus’ life story. You will also learn about Lelia Lesett Williams Bankett’s

contributions to the legacy and legend of Maggie L. Walker. Find out about Olive Riddell’s journey to China in the early 20th century and read Robert Richmond’s heartfelt letters to his mother from various camps, home and abroad, during World War II. This volume is packed full of the kind of writing that makes *Goochland Historical Society Magazine* worth your membership. Watch your mailboxes, this one will be heading your way soon!



NEW SCANNER DONAT-

Thanks to several members of the Society, we have received the funds for purchasing new scanners! Now we can continue to scan and preserve our collection of photographs and documents.



SPECIAL PROJECT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have some extra time and would like to give back to your community, the Goochland County Historical Society needs your help. We are looking for special project volunteers to help with some of our 2020

events. For example you could help with one of our History Walks or assist with one of our lecture series events. If you know are interested, please call the Society at 804-556-3966 for additional information.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 22, 10:00 a.m.

Beginning Genealogy #1

Location: Goochland Public Library, 3075 River Rd
West, Goochland, VA 23063

Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m.

Beginning Genealogy #2

Location: Goochland Public Library, 3075 River Rd
West, Goochland, VA 23063

Sunday, March 29, 3:00 p.m.

Spring Meeting with Dr. Nancy C. Parrish

Location: Byrd Presbyterian Church, 2229 Dogtown Rd.,
Goochland, VA 23063



TIME to RENEW!



MEMBERSHIPS RUN

JANUARY 1st through

DECEMBER 31st

**Remember, it's your dues that keep the
Society open.**

"We don't want you to become history!"



2020 Goochland County Historical Society Photo Contest Entry Form

Please provide this form for each photograph submitted. Entries must be postmarked, if mailed, no later than April 30, 2020.

1. Applicant designation (check one):

_____ Adult _____ Student, high school _____ Student, other than high school

2. Category—the main focus of my photograph is (Select applicable category.)

_____ Goochland people

_____ Goochland flora/fauna (plants/animals)

_____ Goochland places (buildings/landscapes)

3. Photographer's Name: _____

4. Photographer's Email address: _____

5. Photographer's Phone Number (optional): _____

6. If under 18, Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

7. Describe your photograph

-Location where image was taken: _____

-When image was taken (provide at least year): _____

-Title or brief description of image: _____

Please note that by participating in the Goochland County Historical Society photo contest, you are granting permission for the Society to use your photo in its displays and/or in its print and/or electronic publications for purposes of education and member/public engagement. Photo credit will be given when possible. All submissions become the property of the Goochland County Historical Society; photos will not be returned.



2020 Goochland County Historical Society Photo Contest Guidelines

I. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A. All entries must be photos taken in Goochland County by the submitter between January 2017 and the submission date of April 30, 2020.
- B. Any digital or film camera or mobile phone camera may be used.
- C. Photos may be color or black and white.
- D. Photos must be submitted in print format only on photo paper, 8 1/2 inches x 11 inches. (Photos on regular copier paper will not be accepted.). No digital photos will be accepted.

Permitted modifications include:

- Cropping, resizing, and rotating/straightening photo
- Red-eye removal
- Corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image such as white balance, brightness, contrast, levels, color balance, saturation, sharpening, noise reduction.

Modifications NOT permitted include:

- Adding, removing, or replacing elements in the image
- Artistic filters (including apps on mobile, photo to art-type filters, etc)
- Added borders or frames or mounting mattes
- Titles and/or lettering added to the face of the photo will not be accepted.

- E. Print the name of the photographer and location of photo on the back of the photo.
- F. An entry form must be completed for each photo submitted.
- G. If the submitter is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the entry form in the designated space.
- H. **CONTEST DEADLINE:** Submit print images, with accompanying entry forms, no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2020, if hand delivered. If mailed, submission must be postmarked no later than Thursday, April 30, 2020.
- I. Submit to Goochland County Historical Society, P.O. 602, Goochland, Virginia 23063 or hand deliver to Goochland County Historical Society headquarters, 2875 River Road West, Goochland.

II. CONTEST CATEGORIES

- Goochland people
- Goochland flora/fauna (plants/animals)
- Goochland places (buildings/landscapes)

III. Goochland County Historical Society Compliance with COPPA

The Goochland County Historical Society complies with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule under the Children's Online Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA), 15 U.S. Code 6501-6505, Children's Privacy.