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MAY 17 MEETING at DOVER BAPTIST CHURCH



Chief Lynette Lewis Allston

We are fortunate to have as our speaker this spring Lynette Lewis Allston, Chief and Chair of the Tribal Council of the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, one of the eleven tribes officially recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia. She currently resides on the family farm in Drewryville (Southampton County), Virginia which has been passed down through multiple generations. Here Lynette spent her formative years, then graduated from Duke University with a degree in history and a certification in secondary education. After two decades of business ownership in South Carolina she retired and returned to Virginia. Since the death of her maternal grandparents in 1987, Lynette has operated the family farm. As Chief of the Nottoway Tribe, she has devoted her organizational and leadership skills to community initiatives. Under her leadership, the tribe has been able to offer educational outreach and opportunities to promote a better understanding of the history and culture of the Nottoway Indians. She is co-author of a book entitled *DoTraTung* which offers a compelling

look at the history, culture and lifestyle of the Nottoway Indians. *DoTraTung*, the Nottoway word for “New Moon”, symbolizes a fresh outlook on the future of the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia.

BRIEF SKETCH of DOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Dover Baptist Church had its beginning in 1776 when Col. Samuel Harris came to Goochland to hold a camp meeting. William Webber, a twenty-year old Manakin youth, heard Col. Harris preach. By 1767 he was baptized and then ordained to preach. After twice being imprisoned in Powhatan for “preaching the gospel with no authority, but from above,” he returned to Goochland. In 1773 Dover Meeting House was constructed, with a membership of 45 people. By 1800 membership had reached 275, including a number of slaves. Webber died in 1808, having established Dover Meeting House, the forerunner of Dover Baptist Church. The Meeting House, a log building on what was then Manakin Ferry Road, was a cross from the current church. It served until 1854; a new sanctuary was built in 1855, but that burned in 1951 and was replaced with the current brick building.



The second church (shown here) was built in 1855

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Goochland Historical Society Friends,

See it. Share it. Celebrate it. We continue to enjoy living up to our Call to Action slogan. I will begin by sharing one of my personal favorites, the emerging opportunity to *see, share and celebrate* Goochland's historic courthouse square. Staff, Board members and a number of our volunteers have been involved in researching the courthouse square, led by noted architectural historian Gibson Worsham. In the process, we have discovered more reasons to be proud of this historic site. We now know that we are historically accurate in saying



"Goochland County has the best preserved public courthouse square in Virginia, as well as the most architecturally perfect Jeffersonian courthouse in existence anywhere."

This affirmation has inspired us. A significant effort is currently underway to plan the restoration of the old stone jail, making it a high quality building and museum, reflecting its original structure. The jail isn't the only possibility for development; the effort, which we now call the Courthouse Green Project, could include other elements, such as the addition of a historic walking trail with interpretative signage and making the old clerk's office into a center for visitors. However, for this project to be fully realized, we will need the continued support of our members. We hope you are planning to participate in the many upcoming activities of your Goochland Historical Society, including three membership meetings and four new outings of the Y History Walkers program.

Future Membership Meetings: **August 30**, at St. Mary's Church on River Road, with Dr. Charles F. Bryan, Jr. who will be sharing his new book *Imperfect Past—History in a New Light*; and **December 6**, for our annual holiday meeting.

Y History Walkers Program: **May 31** at Rassawek, **July 12** at the James River Correctional Center, and **November 29** for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Bethlehem Walk.

We are expanding our efforts to keep you in touch with the goings-on at GHS. In addition to our newsletters and yearly magazine, we have initiated an e-mail blast to make you more readily aware of announcements. We continually work to improve our web site and Facebook page, so please visit GHS electronically (www.goochlandhistory.org) or in person at the Society headquarters and let us know what you think.

So much is happening at GHS; please be active and *See it. Share it. Celebrate it.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Bennett".

SECOND UNION ROSENWALD SCHOOL RECEIVES \$1000 GRANT

Congratulations to the Second Union Rosenwald Board! On January 1, 2015, Second Union Rosenwald School received a \$1,000 General Purpose Grant from The Community Foundation of Richmond.



UNVEILING OF THE MAIDENS HISTORICAL MARKER

On April 27, 2015, the Maidens Historical Marker at Tucker Park was unveiled on a small, grassy spot at the intersection of Maidens Loop (Rt. 717) and Maidens Road (Rt. 522). The Society collaborated with the Friends of Goochland Parks and Goochland Parks and Recreation in the research, design and procurement of this historical marker.



Left to right: Derek Stamey, Chuck Peple, Billy Tucker, Troy Tucker, Alan Tucker, Scott Johnson, Phyllis Silber, Richard LeBlanc, Mark Williams, and Steve Fleming

The Marker states:

This area was most likely first named for “Maiden’s Adventure Farm,” a nearby estate mentioned in the 1733 will of John Fleming. By 1824, construction of the James River and Kanawha Canal reached Maidens Adventure. In 1825 the Maidens Adventure Dam was built to raise the water levels of the James River. Cliffs along the upper side of the James prevented building of a towpath and canal. The Dam created a pond some four miles long. The towpath followed the shore line along the upper side of the pond. After the arrival of the railroad in 1880, the Maidens Adventure Hotel was built to serve passengers on the Richmond and Allegheny Railroad. The William Tucker family bought and operated the Hotel, a general store and a post office in 1896. The first bridge was built at the location across the James River in 1914. Maidens is now primarily recognized as a post office with addresses in three counties.



THE SOUND OF PEACE

At 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015 the bell on Goochland County's venerable courthouse joined countless *Bells Across the Nation* ringing in concert to commemorate the end of the American Civil War in 1865. The meeting between Generals Lee and Grant at Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia ended the deadly conflict that divided our young nation. The Reverend Lauren Lobenhofer of Gum Spring United Methodist Church began the courthouse event, sponsored by the Goochland County Historical Society, with a prayer appropriate to mark both the end of the Civil War and our own time in history.



Rev. Lauren Lobenhofer

Holy One. In your sight nations rise and fall and pass through times of peril. All of the events of 150 years ago: The marches and battles, the rallies and speeches, the victories and defeats unfolded within your keeping, all those who fought, who suffered, who died, all those who lost loved ones or livelihoods, all those who worked for peace, rest within your eternal care. As we remember today the end of those years of war and bloodshed, help us to learn from the events of our past. Unite us as one nation and heal the rifts between us. Give us wisdom to seek the good of all who dwell within our borders and to work toward the time when peace and justice will ring throughout the world. Amen.

Members of the community took turns ringing Goochland Courthouse's bell. When the bell fell silent, noted Goochland Civil War historian Dr. Bruce Venter read from official reports of the surrender ending the war that cost 750,000 American lives. He noted that the tone of leaders on both sides of the conflict laid the groundwork for a national reconciliation that never came to pass due to the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln five days later. The Goochland County Historical Society thanks all who participated in this final observation of the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War.



Dr. Bruce Venter



Left to right standing: Sophia Pryor, Dr. James Bowles, Isabelle Duke, Ned Creasey, E. Steve Fleming. Kneeling: Jacob Massey, J.T. Massey



Some of those who came out to watch the ringing of the bell.

GOOCHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY VISITS BEN LOMOND

On a crisp, but sunny winter day in January, several members of the society visited the ruins of Ben Lomond and the memorial grave site of the famous race horse, Sir Archie. Erich Krause received permission from the owner to show society Archivist, James Richmond, and society members Catherine and Dave Southworth, the property. They walked through the remains and photographed the site, including a small graveyard nearby. In 1736, Isham Randolph, Senior, of Turkey Island in Henrico County, was granted a Royal Patent for 3,000 acres in Goochland County. It was on a part of this land that he built his mansion, Dungeness. Isham's grandson, Archibald Cary Randolph bought the property that comprises Ben Lomond from the Dungeness estate in the late 1700's and built his own house. One of Randolph's passions was horse racing and it was on this farm that famed racehorse Sir Archie was foaled in 1805. To learn more about Ben Lomond, read Vol. 3, No. 1 of the Historical Society's magazine.



Ben Lomond ruins



Sir Archie's memorial and stone wall

Y HISTORY WALKERS



The inaugural Y HISTORY WALKERS walk took place on Sunday, April 26, at Tucker Park at Maidens Landing with approximately 25 walkers in attendance. Wayne Dementi, President GCHS, and Sandy Dutton of the YMCA, welcomed this first-ever gathering. Beth Moore, Chair of Friends of Goochland Parks shared the story of Tucker Park,

explaining the vision for the park and the progress to date. Chuck Peple led the walk, providing an outstanding review of the history of the park. Blake Campbell of the YMCA equipped interested walkers with hand weights, and some tips about fitness and the exercise of walking. The group toured the property to the site of Maidens Adventure Hotel, followed by the one-mile nature trail loop by the river and through the park.



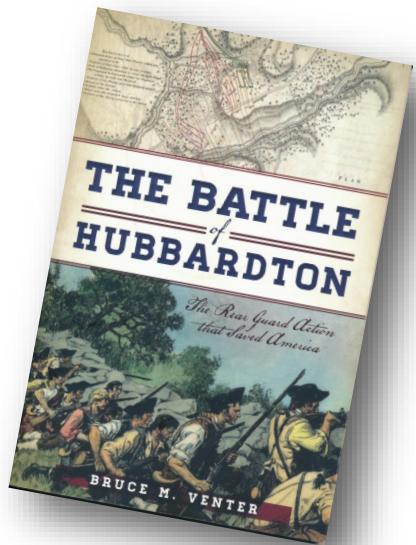
NEW TO OUR GIFT SHOP

The Battle of Hubbardton: The Rear Guard Action that Saved America by Bruce M. Venter

Historian, Bruce Venter, current society member and former board member, has published his first book. It details the Battle of Hubbardton which was the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Vermont. It is the battle that turned the tide of the 1777 campaign for the Patriots. We now have this riveting new account of the battle in our bookshop.

RECENT GIFT TO OUR LIBRARY

| RECORD OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS OF NEGROES upon for the year 1853 | | | | | |
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| BIRTHS | | | DEATHS | | |
| Mother's Name | Date | Sex of Child | Name of Child | Names | Age |
| Jenny | May 17 | Female | | Kelly | 40 |
| Mary | March 1 | " | | April | 18 |
| Sally Ann | July 28 | " | | Government | |
| Veronica | June 19 | Female | | Deathing | |
| Mary Jane | June 19 | Male | | Bennet | |
| Eliza | June 23 | Male | | John | 58 |
| Alice | Aug 3 | Female | | Zephaniah | |
| Mary Ann | Aug 8 | Male | | Conrad | |
| Elizabeth | Aug 26 | " | | Burnett | |
| Marta Ann | Aug | Male | | | |
| Eliza | Sept | Female | | | |
| Polly | Sept | Female | | | |
| Frances | Sept | Female | | | |
| Anna | Sept | Male | | | |
| Elizabeth Ann Scott | Oct | | | | |
| Frances | Oct | | | | |
| Eliza | Aug | | | | |
| Eliza John | July | 3 | Male | | |



Manager's Journal or Daily Record of Blithewood and Bendover Plantations

This book includes the manager's record of daily activities as well as an inventory of slave occupations, births and deaths. Stop by and see this amazing account of life on these plantations from 1853 to 1859, or go to the Members Only section of our website to sample selected entries from this unique book.

Welcome New Board Members



Peter Gretz, Maidens

Christian Jordan Dunn, Richmond



Thank You! Outgoing Board Members

Temple Bayliss

Richard Carchman

Sam Smith

Bruce Venter

Welcome New Members

Robert & Karen Alvis, Glen Allen

Stephen & Debra Arnold, Manakin-Sabot

Martha Griger & Bob Bedinger, Richmond

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Donna Browning, Richmond

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Joshua Payne, Sandy Hook

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Howard Rock, Goochland

Kim Spiller, Mechanicsville

Yasmin Christian, New York, NY

Dianne Walsh, West Chester, PA

Renew your Membership for 2015

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to renew your membership. We value your continuing support and look forward to you remaining a member. Send your check to P.O. Box 602, Goochland, VA 23063. Or, you can renew your membership online at our website using Paypal. Paypal accepts most major credit cards and you don't need a Paypal account in order to pay your membership dues.

Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to be a volunteer and work with visitors from all across the state and the country?

The Society could also use help abstracting and working on specific projects. You don't need any special skills; just your interest and enthusiasm for Goochland County history!

Please email our volunteer chairman Cheryl Childress at cpc1996@gmail.com.

Call for Old Family Photos!

We are looking for great old family photos for our upcoming calendars. People, animals and places of interest are always welcome. If you have some that you would like to share, bring them by. We will scan and return the originals to you on the spot. In addition, we would like to have names, location, and any other interesting information about the photo.

Visit the Goochland Historical Society

The Society's headquarters are located a half mile east of the Goochland Court-house at 2875 River Road West (Route 6)

Office hours are:

Wednesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Closed Thanksgiving week.)

Note: Those travelling long distances should call the society to confirm it will be open that day at (804) 556-3966.

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MAY MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015, 3 pm

Dover Baptist Church

635 Manakin Road

Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103

Directions

From Goochland Court House: Travel about 13 miles east on Route 6. Take a left onto Manakin Road (Rt. 621).

From Richmond: Take Patterson Avenue west (Rt. 6). Turn right onto Manakin Road (Rt. 621).

The Goochland County Historical Society is a non-profit organization founded and operated for the perpetuation of Goochland County heritage and tradition.