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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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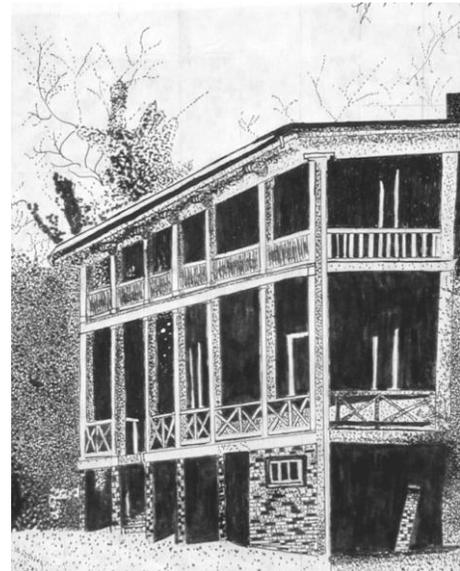
MICHAEL QUINN TO SPEAK AT NEXT MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held on Sunday, June 1st at 2 p.m. in the Madison County administration building auditorium. Mr. Michael Quinn, president of the Montpelier Foundation, will give a slide presentation entitled, "Montpelier As It Appeared in the Days of James Madison." He will discuss the exciting project, just completed, in which a team of specialists determined the appearance and structure of the house during the occupancy of James Madison, the fourth president of the United States and framer of the Bill of Rights. Afterwards refreshments will be served in the Kemper residence.

2004 ORNAMENT

The planned 2004 ornament will feature the Arcade. It is hoped that it will be available for sale at Taste of the Mountains. The Courthouse and Kemper ornaments are still available for sale and may be purchased at the Arcade for \$10.00 plus tax (\$10.45 total)

2003 CALENDAR



Limited supplies of 2003 calendars are still available at the reduced cost of \$5.00 plus tax.

WELCOME – NEW MEMBERS

The Society is pleased to welcome the following new members:

- Mary T. Barnett (Friend)
- Patricia Eveland and Larry Christensen (Family)
- Eileen Farrar (Single)
- Yvonne Edwards (Single)



Jane Henley Photo courtesy Robert Haught

JANE HENLEY SPEAKS ON LEWIS AND CLARK

A timely talk by Jane Lewis Sale Henley was a feature of the Society's annual meeting on Sunday, February 16. A fourth great niece of Meriwether Lewis, she gave some interesting insights on the man Thomas Jefferson chose as commander of an expedition to explore the country west of the Mississippi River.

Lewis and William Clark, a fellow Virginian, led a force named the Corps of Discovery on a bold journey that lasted from May 1804 till September 1806. Lewis later served as governor of the Louisiana Territory. Mrs. Henley said he died en route to Washington with his records and his death has not been fully explained.

For the past 10 years she has been involved with the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, which she served as president in 2001-2002. She also is a member of the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.



ARCADE EXHIBITS

The Museum at the Arcade now has three additional photos of the old Madison High School on Schoolhouse Road before it burned in 1937. Our thanks go to Edna McDaniel and Charles Hawkins. Edna came in with a photo provided by Ashley Daniel. His mother, Mildred Hood Daniel Hoffman, attended the school and preserved the photo and its identity.

To share our excitement and to learn more, Charles Hawkins, whose house is built on the old high school foundation, was contacted. He also had some old photos of the old high school and volunteered to bring them over. Thanks to Charles, we now have two more pictures and much more information. The deed in hand showed that his parents bought six acres of land from Mr. James M. Weaver in 1944 that Mr. Weaver acquired after the fire.

About four years later Mr. Weaver sold to Dr. and Mrs. Powell the adjoining four acres. The Powell house, now owned by their son Billy, stands on what was the high school boy's ball field. Across this field the boys traipsed through the mud to the Agriculture building, which still stands and is now a private home. Down in the dell from the Agriculture building stands the old Home Economics building, also now a private home. The high school girls had a graveled path on which to walk to the Home Economics building. The old house at the end of the road was there during the time of the school. A student who lived there took one of the pictures Charles brought in.

Charles brought with him an old belt buckle he had found in the ashes and debris when he and his family were cleaning up before building the home. He was about ten years old when he found the belt buckle. It has the initials MHS and is his prize possession along with his father's 1923 Madison High School ring.

After a career of 28 years in the Navy and the death of his parents, Charles and his wife, Annette, returned to Madison to retire in his childhood home on the old school foundation. As you approach their property an old concrete wall identifies the old school boundary. The stonewall

in front of the house was built by Charles. You can readily envision the old school sitting on the foundation of the Hawkins house. The setting of the present house and the setting of the old school fit perfectly. A day volunteering at the Arcade never fails to bring a surprise or two. Thanks Charles and Edna!

A new exhibit "The Civil War and Madison" opened during the months of April and will continue through May. Other continuing exhibits relate to the Main Street Project and The Rapidan Railroad. Visit the Arcade on Tuesday or Thursday during the hours of 10:00am to 2:00 pm for a look at these fascinating exhibits.

FLUVANNA HOSTS 14TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

President Rita Cunningham and Board Members Genevieve McLearn and Bob Lovegren represented the Society at the 14th Annual Conference of the Piedmont Historical Societies at Palmyra, Virginia on April 5. The Fluvanna County Historical Society hosted the event.

Kat Imhoff, Chief Operating Officer of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Inc. was the keynote speaker. She gave several examples of how historical societies are involved in protecting historical resources and why such cultural resources significantly contribute to economic development.

Workshops included: -

- Outreach" – an On-Line Approach: Building Bridges from the Past to the 21st Century
- Historical Society Collections – Their Care and Feeding
- Positive Pointers on Preserving Our Heritage
- Capturing the Elusive African-American History

Fluvanna has broadened its mission to be concerned with the historic setting and views from historic sites, not just the site itself. This Society is taking a very pro-active role in preservation including the rehabilitation of the Village of Palmyra, encouraging pedestrian use, and keeping its own unique atmosphere.

This conference provided an opportunity to share information with other historic preservation groups. Highlights that may have value for our Society are:

1. Orange County Historical Society – a leaflet listing books and pamphlets for sale with descriptions, prices and ordering information.
2. Fluvanna County Historical Society – a leaflet on their Old Stone Jail Museum. In addition to information on the jail, there are descriptions of near by historic sites, membership in the Society, volunteer opportunities, and "Some Fluvanna Facts."
3. Information on the Fluvanna County Historical Society Historic Plaque and Roadside Marker Program.
4. Scottsville Museum's use of the worldwide web, e-mail, and computer technology to copy historic photographs and preserve oral histories. Interns from UVA worked on these projects. The 9,600 "hits" each month translates into about 50 questions.
5. Note cards featuring historic buildings being sold by several societies
6. A raffle for a donated Classic Automobile as a fundraiser.
7. Murder Mystery Dinner Theater as a fundraiser.
8. Development of a 5-year plan to chart a society's future.
9. Society sponsored competitive scholarships for students who write about historic themes.
10. Cooperative arrangement with APVA (Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities) to restore an old mill.

Madison had an exhibit to show what we are doing. We think it was the best one after the host Society's. There are 14 organizations in the Piedmont Historical Societies organization. There were 12 organizations reporting on their activities at the closing session. The 14 organizations participating in the 2003 Conference of the Historical Societies in the Virginia Piedmont are:

- Amelia Historical Society
- Amherst County Museum and Historical Society
- Historic Buckingham, Inc.
- Fluvanna County Historical Society
- Goochland Historical Society
- Hanover County Historical Society
- Henrico County Historical Society
- Louisa County Historical Society
- Madison County Historical Society
- Nelson County Historical Society
- Orange County Historical Society
- Powhatan County Historical Society
- Scottsville Museum
- Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church

All made reports on their activities at the closing session except Fluvanna, Hanover and Orange. As yet no organization has volunteered to host the 15th Annual Meeting in 2004

ARCADE VOLUNTEERS

Our Arcade volunteers are greatly appreciated. Their assistance provides Jan Harris opportunity to work with the files and museum items upstairs while volunteers answer the phone and greet visitors. It also allows Jan to run museum errands while volunteers hold the fort. Volunteers also assist by saving clippings, doing research and documenting new museum items. We are truly grateful for all of the help volunteers are providing.

We still need someone to cover the fourth Tuesdays and fifth Thursdays. Also we would like very much to open a few hours on Saturdays. We envision trained volunteers doing this leaving Jan free on weekends. Trained volunteers working a Saturday or two now and then instead of the usual Tuesday or Thursday would open up opportunities for new volunteers to receive training on a Tuesday or Thursday. MCHS members, if you or someone you know, can give assistance don't hesitate to call. We can use your help. Call Emily, Scheduling Co-coordinator for Arcade volunteers at 825-7503

ACQUISITIONS

Martha and Jack Cornwell have donated an eighty-piece set of Wedgwood China to the Society. This lovely china will be used at the seasonal teas and other special events held at the Kemper Residence. Thanks so much Martha and Jack for your generous and wonderful gift.

Also, Peter Rice of Plow and Hearth has donated a large teakettle as well as a lovely teapot. These will be wonderful items for the Historical Society to use at their teas. Thank you so much, Peter.



Members of the Red Hat group enjoy their outing at the Kemper Tea

TEA AT THE KEMPER

The third in a series of Benefit Teas was held at the Kemper Residence on March 26th. A delectable selection of savories, sweets, fruits, scones and teas were served to another full house. We were delighted to use our new Wedgwood China donated by Martha and Jack Cornwell. One of our rooms was a little more colorful than usual with ten members of the Red Hat Club from Gordonsville in attendance. The Red Hat Club is a social club that wears red hats and purple outfits. Needless to say it was quite colorful and fun. The Chamber of Commerce treated five of their volunteers to the tea. It was wonderful to have these two groups. The next Tea is scheduled for September 24th at 12:30PM. Seating will be available on the main floor and in the English Basement, which is handicapped accessible. Reservations are required - make your plans early. Volunteers who prepared, donated and served the delicious food are: Mary Haight, Vi Hilliard, Betty Lynn Yowell, Jill

Schreiner, Anne Hughes, Genevieve McLearn, Heidi Sage and Rita Cunningham. Special thanks go to Bob Haught who made the scones. Our appreciation to Bill Scholten who assisted with setting up tables and chairs. Also thanks to the following who loaned silverware, china and teapots: Genevieve McLearn, Jill Schreiner, Vi Hilliard, Heidi Sage, Mary Haught, Pat Fray and Rita Cunningham,



Bricks piled up and ready for chimney building

LAW OFFICE RESTORATION

Plans are progressing for restoration of General Kemper's law office. The Madison County Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources have approved the Historical Society's plans, which include the reconstruction of the building's chimney.

Douglas Gilpin of the architectural firm, Dalgleish, Eichmann, Gilpin and Paxton of Charlottesville, has prepared blueprints for the chimney reconstruction. The restoration work will be under the direction of Joseph Wayner of Wayner Construction, Inc., Orange, Virginia. Both men are very knowledgeable in the field of historic restoration and will assure that the chimney constructed is compatible with the period and style of the building. In addition the Historical Society is fortunate to have the advice of our own architectural historians, Ann Miller and Tucker Hill.

The bricks from the demolition of the chimneys of Beau Puryear's office building on Main Street were given to the Historical Society by the Puryears and will be used for the law office

chimney. Stalwart Historical Society volunteers have moved these bricks to the construction site. Thanks go to Bill Scholten, Ed Hughes, Roger Schreiner, Linwood Imlay, Khalil Hassan, Rita Cunningham, Tucker Hill and Maury Hanson.

While plans and drawings have been made for the restoration, there is still time for revision and the Historical Society would appreciate any information on the early state of the building (especially its appearance before its renovation by the University of Virginia in the 1960s). If anyone has any recollections of its appearance then or any early photographs of the building, please notify Maury Hanson at 948-3875 or the Historical Society at 948-5488.

CEMETERY DOCUMENTATION

Sandy Stowe has agreed to chair the Cemetery Committee. She has additional help including:

1. Linwood Imlay who will assist in cemetery documentation
2. Jimmy Brown who has knowledge of gravesites in the park
3. Marlene Imlay who will enter the information on her computer, which will lead to a book to be available at the Arcade for visitors.

I am reminded of a recent visit to a county museum down state where information in such a book led to the immediate location of a family gravesite long searched for by family members. We want this kind of information at our fingertips right here at the Arcade. Copies would also be available for sale. Many thanks to the people who contributed to this worthwhile project. If you have a family grave- yard on your property or if you want to help with documentation let us know. Please call 948-6689.

INTERESTING PROJECTS TO DO

Members can assist the Society and have fun in volunteering to do one of several interesting projects. They include:

1. MERCHANDISING LIST – Complete publications list and add other items, which the Society sells. The Orange

Historical Society has prepared a leaflet that can serve as a model.

2. **MARKETING PROGRAM** - Develop agreement to be used with authors. Seek out other products that the Society could sell. Determine possibility of mailing items or providing them to merchants for sale.
3. **PAMPHLET** – Prepare a new Madison County Historical Society Pamphlet. Outline the history of the Society. Provide illustrations of past achievements. Present reasons why the Society needs to be supported today.
4. **INVENTORY OF GRAVE SITES** – Join other members in locating and recording gravesites through out the County.
5. **RAPIDAN RAILROAD** – Research the route the railroad followed from Wolfstown to Orange in 1920-24.
6. **HOST/HOSTESS** – Serve as a host/hostess at the Arcade and/or the Kemper Residence.
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Vi Hilliard, Jill Schreiner, Mary Haught, Genevieve McLearen and Heidi Sage take a break from tea preparations

BEHIND THE SCENES AT A KEMPER TEA

The planning for a tea begins with the choosing of the menu. Savories and sweets are

considered and members volunteer to prepare each item. Flyers are made and table menus printed. Bob Haught writes an article for the paper to encourage people to attend. The day before the tea Rita Cunningham arrives at Kemper at the crack of dawn (At least it seems that way to the rest of us. She's always there when we arrive.) to start the set up process. The residence is spot cleaned. The tables are brought down from the second floor and set up in the four rooms as well as the basement (to provide handicap accessibility). The tables are set with tablecloths, napkins, china and silver. The teapots are brought to the kitchens, ready to be filled with a fine brew by tea maven, Vi Hilliard on the day of the tea. The day of the tea volunteers come in to begin setting out the food. Sugar cubes and milk, jam and butter, nuts and fruit, all are readied for the table. The sweets are placed on the three tier plates. The final heating of the hot savories is done and the three tier plates are completely assembled, ready for the table. By this time guests have arrived and the tea begins. When all our guests have departed the clean up begins. Food is packed away, dishes are washed and put away, tablecloths and napkins are readied for the laundry and the tables are taken down and put away. After eating the leftovers for a late lunch the workers discuss the necessary preparations for the next tea. A tiring, but rewarding day is over. As can be seen there is plenty of work for Historical Society members to do. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. We can also use donations of plates, both dinner and lunch size, teapots, butter spreaders, and small containers suitable for sugar or jam.

MADISON COUNTY--A BRIEF OVERVIEW

By Ann Ferguson

In 1792 the Virginia Assembly adopted legislation to create Madison County from a portion of Culpeper County, effective on May 1, 1793. Following is a list of some interesting information from the 210 years that have passed since then. The years 1793 to 1976 are taken from a listing in the book Madison County Virginia, a Revised

History, by Margaret Davis, published in 1977.

Note that I have added information to some items, shown in italics, and have provided listings for the years after 1977 to the present date.

- 1794** - First county court held at the home of John Yager, Jr. Stocks were built in the county jail.
- 1800** - Population: 8,322.
- 1801** - First post office established in the county called Madison Courthouse.
- 1838** - Thomas Aylor made coffins for \$2.
- 1839** - Apple brandy was 72-1/2 cents per gallon; whiskey was 50 cents per gallon.
- 1846** - The price for a pair of shoes was 36-1/2 cents.
- 1859** - J. R. Chamberlain opened a Daguerrean Studio in Madison. *Daguerreotypes are a photographic process invented in 1839. A picture is made on a silver surface sensitized with iodine and developed by exposure to mercury vapor.*
- 1861** - Albert W. Clatterbuck was killed on July 21--the first casualty of the Civil War from Madison County.
- 1864** - Federal raids in the county resulted in the destruction of 20 churches of different denominations. *It is believed that the most devastating raid was led by George Armstrong Custer as he retreated from a battle at Rio Hill. He destroyed churches, businesses and the homes of Confederate officers.*
- 1874** - General James L. Kemper was elected Governor of Virginia.
- 1898** - Madison was voted a dry town
- 1900** - Population: 10,216.
- 1917** - Two hundred fifty men from Madison County served in World War I.
- 1919** - The first movie theatre comes to town.
- 1925** - A change was made in the Clerk's office to replace the old fireplace with a stove.
- 1926** - Professional baseball players from Madison--Dinwiddie Tucker was sold to the Washington Senators, Carl Yowell was with the Cleveland Indians.
- 1928** - The first fatal automobile accident in the county claimed the life of Nelson Clore.
- 1929** - President Hoover built his camp on the Rapidan. The county held an official welcome day for President and Mrs. Hoover.
- 1930** - The first sound picture machine was installed in the Madison Theatre. Madison High School enrollment 119. *Current high school enrollment is 580.*
- 1935** - The War Memorial Building was dedicated. The Madison Garden Club was formed.
- 1942** - Sugar, gasoline and tires are rationed. Soap, tin, paper, rubber and iron are collected for Army use.
- 1945** - Madison County Volunteer Fire Company is begun.
- 1957** - Tom Kitchen's 1918 Ford tractor declared the world's oldest. *Recognized as the oldest Ford tractor, this gas-powered vehicle remains in the possession of the Kitchen family in 2003.*
- 1961** - Civil War Centennial edition of The Eagle is printed--won a national award.
- 1963** - The postage rate is raised from four cents to five cents.
- 1968** - The first year the county budget exceeded \$1 million.
- 1970** - Population: 8,537.
- 1971** - Joe Fray retires after 50 years in the Treasurer's office.
- 1975** - Joe Jenkins, becomes known as "Joe the Toe" on the University of Virginia football team. *Jenkins' unique name was coined during his seasons as a kicker with the Madison High School team. After graduation from UVA, he tried out for the Baltimore Colts, but did not make the team.*
- 1976** - The Bicentennial Commission celebrates the nation's 200th birthday with an arts and crafts show and an historical pageant.
- 1980** - VDOT installs the first traffic control device in the county--a flashing light at Routes 29 and 634.

- 1982** - Madison Emergency Services Association (MESA) is organized by Connie Johnson and the Madison Ministerial Association. (MESA gives temporary assistance to families in crisis situations).
- 1987** - The Madison County Heritage Foundation (now the Madison County Historical Society) receives a \$45,000 grant to stabilize the Kemper House.
- 1988** - The Board of Supervisors gives the Madison County Heritage Foundation a lease for the Kemper house.
- 1990** - Population: 11,900. In July, the intersection on Route 29 at 230 becomes the first in the county to have a stoplight. In November the flashing light at Routes 29 and 634 is activated as a stoplight.
- 1992** - The first Taste of the Mountains Festival is held on Main Street. Kemper House is opened to the public by the Madison County Heritage Foundation.
- 1995** - A devastating flood carries away dozens of homes. Route 29 is closed when large portions of the road are washed out.

2000 - Population: 12,500. A state-of-the-art post office, located on the east end of Main Street, is dedicated.

2002 - The 10th annual Taste of the Mountains Festival has an attendance of more than 20,000 persons. Hebron Church celebrates the 200th anniversary of its Tannenbaum organ.

2003 - A "Rally for America" at the War Memorial Building is attended by dozens of residents to express support for U.S. troops stationed overseas.

It is possible that residents have daguerreotypes made at the J. R. Chamberlain Daguerrean Studio (see 1849 listing). If your family records contain such photographs, the Society would be interested in knowing about them. Please call Ann Ferguson at 948-5365.

Correction - In the article on Lewis and Clark, in the February 2003 edition of the newsletter there was an error in the number of square miles purchased from France in the Louisiana Purchase. The correct number is a total of 800,000 square miles.

FOR SALE AT THE ARCADE

ITEM	PRICE	TAX
Walking Tour of Madison County	\$2.00	\$0.09
Madison County Almanac 1907	4.50	0.20
Madison County Directory 1896	4.50	0.20
<u>Madison County, Virginia: A Revised History</u>	10.00	0.45
<u>Madison County Land Grants 1722-1865</u> By Dewey Lillard	50.00	2.25
Bicentennial Brochure	Free	
Bicentennial Plate	2.00	0.09
2002 Madison County Calendar	2.00	0.09
2003 Madison County Calendar	5.00	0.23
2002 Ornament – Court House	10.00	0.45
2003 Ornament – Kemper Residence	10.00	0.45
1776 Map Culpeper, Madison, Rappahannock	10.00	0.45
Note Cards	3.50	0.16
Note Cards – Photos by Martha Cornwell	1.25	0.06
Playing Cards – Court House	3.50	0.16
Sheet Music – Madison Song	1.25	0.06
<u>Adopted Son</u> By Greg Glassner	12.00	0.54
<u>Defender of the Valley</u> By Harold Woodward	25.00	1.13
<u>For Home and Honor (Madison County War Between the States, 1861-1865)</u>	5.00	0.23
<u>Hebron Lutheran Church History (hard copy)</u>	22.50	0.00
<u>Hebron Lutheran Church – Brief History(paperback)</u>	3.00	0.00
<u>Hebron Lutheran Church Organ(paperback)</u>	1.50	0.00
Hebron Lutheran Church Plate	16.72	0.00
Hebron Lutheran Church Postcards(church interior)	0.30	0.00
<u>Shenandoah National Park Undying Past</u> _By Darwin Lambert	17.71	Included

Also available by calling the Commissioner of Revenue at 948-4421
Madison County Homes: Pre-Civil War for \$50.00 plus \$2.25 Tax

The Madison County Historical Society is a non-profit organization founded and operated for the perpetuation and preservation of Madison County heritage and traditions. The mission of the Society is to record, preserve, and stimulate interest in the history of Madison County, its families, occupations and way of life.

Membership is for one year with renewals due on the anniversary date of membership. Membership and other contributions to the Society are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Types of Membership:

Patron	\$500 or more	Business	\$50
Benefactor	\$250 to \$499	Family	\$20
Partner	\$100 to \$249	Single	\$10
Friend	\$50 to \$99	Student	\$5

Membership applications are available at the Arcade and the Kemper Residence. For more information call the Society Office at 540-948-5488 and leave your name, telephone number, and address. We will send you a membership application or return your call to answer your questions. You may wish to call the Membership Chair at 540-923-4973 or e-mail him at boblove@nexet.net.



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