



*The Kemper Residence*



*The Arcade Museum*

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Reconstruction of the Slave Quarters chimney commenced in December, 2010,  
with funding provided by the Madison County Questers

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## **BOARD of DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors consists of twelve members, each serving staggered three-year terms starting in February, so that four memberships expire each February. Unexpired terms of Directors who leave the Board before their term is up are filled by the Board until the next annual membership meeting. Board members are elected by the membership at the annual membership meeting in February. Officers are elected by the board from its twelve members.

At the beginning of 2010 the officers were:

Treasurer and President — Bill Scholten	Vice President — Penn Bowers
Recording Secretary — Jill Schreiner	Corresponding Secretary — Carole Milks

The other Board members were Tucker Hill, Michael O'Connor, Emily Williams, Beppy White, Carroll Good, Sandy Stowe, Linwood Imlay, and Doris Lackey.

Early in 2010 Jill Schreiner resigned from the board and Carroll Good assumed the position of recording secretary. As a result the officers at the close of 2010 were:

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Jill's position on the Board was filled by Max Lacy. The Society suffered a great loss on February 12, with the sudden death of Board member Tucker Hill. Tucker's position on the Board was filled by Ann Miller. In July Emily Williams resigned from the Board. Emily's position was filled by Tommy Ford. As a result of these changes, the Board members at the close of 2010 were the above officers and Michael O'Connor, Beppy White, Sandy Stowe, Linwood Imlay, and Doris Lackey, Ann Miller, Max Lacy, and Tommy Ford.

### **MEETINGS:**

The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month. All meetings are held at the Kemper Residence unless otherwise specified.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **CATEGORIES:**

Through 2010, the membership categories and the corresponding minimum annual qualifying contributions for each were:

Sustainer	— \$500
Benefactor	— \$250
Partner	— \$100
Friend	— \$50
Business	— \$50
Family	— \$20
Single	— \$10
Student	— \$5

Memberships are for one year with renewals due on the anniversary date of membership. The Society sends a renewal notice to members in the month when their renewal is due. The Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Membership dues and other contributions to the Society are tax deductible.

In the fall of 2010 the Board voted to raise the Family dues rate to \$30, and the Single dues rate to \$20, beginning January 1, 2011.

In addition, in 2005 the Board created a new category of Honorary Member to be awarded at its discretion to people who have contributed professional services to the Society. In 2005 the Board awarded the first Honorary Memberships to Carole Nash, Ann Miller, and Joe Wayner. No honorary memberships were awarded in 2006 or 2007. In 2008 the Board awarded an Honorary Membership to Don Strode. In 2010 honorary memberships were awarded to Charles Moncrief and Mary Wright for their assistance in preparing the pictures and text for the Madison County Pictorial History Book.

The Society had 1 sustainer, 3 benefactor, 22 partner, 21 friend, 39 family, 29 single, and 15 life members as of December 31, 2010.

The following first-time members joined in 2010:

Bonnie Bisglio, Los Olivos, CA  
Thomas Ford, Oak Park, VA  
Marilyn Hoffman, Madison, VA  
Eugene Ince, Aroda, VA  
Maryvonne Longley, Madison, VA  
Nancy Martin-Perdue, Madison, VA  
Richard Robinson, Orange, VA  
James Tibbs, Jr., Forestville, MD

The Society is pleased to recognize these members for their contributions in joining at the following levels of membership:

Sustainer:

Rachel H. Sanborn

Benefactors:

Daniel & Evelyn De Santis  
Mrs. Norma D. Jackson  
James M. Tibbs, Jr.

Partners:

John Bowers  
Jean D. & Ernest Busboso  
Patricia Eveland & Larry Christiansen  
Trish & David Crowe  
Bob & Rita Cunningham  
J. R. Daniel  
Faye Harris & Lee Decker  
Dr. Maury Hanson, Jr  
Robert & Mary Haught  
Bud & Hazel Kreh  
Doris Lackey  
Robert R. & Judith H. Lovegren  
Judith G Mahanes  
Mr. Edward Meares  
Kathie & Michael O'Connor  
Richard W. Robinson  
Joseph Y. Rowe  
William & Bertha Scholten  
Leona & David Taylor  
Jane & George Volchansky  
John & Elizabeth White  
Edward K. & Emily M. Williams

Friends:

Cynthia Bucy  
Edward & Ruth Cogen  
William & Marise Craig  
James & Patricia Gaines  
Carroll & Joyce Good  
Robert B. Hardaway  
William & Patricia Heenan  
Senator Edd Houck  
Eugene S. Ince  
Bill Jones  
Virginia McGhee  
Gilbert & Carole Milks  
Virginia Nuta  
Ruth T. Penn  
Gilbert K. Queitzsch  
Roger & Jill Schreiner  
Mr. & Mrs. V. R. Shackelford, III  
Bob & Sandy Stowe  
Frank S. & Bernice Walker  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard W. Walrond  
Russell & Mary Whitfield

## MEETINGS:

Membership Meetings are held quarterly. Nominal dates for the quarterly meetings are the third Sunday in February, May, August, and November at 2:00 PM. The dates can be rescheduled if necessary to accommodate specific programs. The February Membership Meeting is also the Society's Annual Meeting.

Presentations at the 2010 membership meetings included:

- February —Dr. Carole Nash, a Middle Atlantic archeologist who specializes in Native American studies and human ecology in mountain settings, spoke about the Madison Archaeology Project (MAP) and the Native American Communities of the Blue Ridge Foothills.
- May —Katrina Powell, a Madison County native, spoke about the research for her two books: *Anguish of Displacement* and *Answer at Once: Letters of Mountain Families in Shenandoah National Park, 1934-1938*. . **These books speak to the condemnation of land belonging to mountain families in the Blue Ridge in order to establish the Shenandoah National Park and the anguish suffered by these families as a result of this process.**
- August — Marc Wheat, President of the Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies, **and a descendent of the first colony settlers**, discussed the early days of first and second colony settlers and expressed a desire to meet every Madisonian descendent of these families.
- November —Mrs. Karen Beck-Herzog, Management Assistant and Public Affairs Officer of the Shenandoah National Park presented “Celebrating Shendoah Connections: Past, Present, and Future”, a discussion **of all these periods in conjunction with the 2011 celebration of the Park's 75th Anniversary**

Detailed summaries of the above meetings can be found in the Society’s newsletters, which are published in February, May, August, and November.

## COUNTY LIAISON

The Society continues to work with the Madison County Board of Supervisors in areas of mutual interest. The Board of Supervisors was kept informed of the progress of the restoration work on the Slave Quarters dependency of the Kemper Residence. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Board of Supervisors for the maintenance of the Kemper Residence and outbuildings, the Arcade Museum, and other historical properties.

## KEMPER RESIDENCE

The Residence and two outbuildings, the Law Office and Slave Quarters, are leased by the Society from the County. The Residence is used for a variety of meetings, tours, open houses, and other special occasions.

At the 2010 Taste of the Mountains festival visitors to the residence were greeted by General and Mrs. Kemper (as impersonated by Daniel & Evelyn Desantis).

The Residence is available for rent to private parties of the community. Rentals in 2010 were handled by Mary Haught. The “Kemper Girls” continue to be responsible for the decorating and cleaning of the residence. Present members of this group are Mary Haught, Pam Krause, Maryvonne Longley, Kay Reiss, Heidi Sage, and Jill Schreiner.

## **KEMPER RESIDENCE OUTBUILDINGS**

The Law Office and Slave Quarters are outbuildings located in the yard behind the Residence. Restoration of the Law Office began in 1999 and was completed in 2003. By the beginning of 2010 restoration of both buildings was complete except for the construction of a chimney on the Slave Quarters, for which further funding was required. A cost estimate of \$6900 for the chimney construction was obtained in early 2010.

In April, 2010, the local chapter of the Questers, an international group which raises funds for historic preservation, presented the Society with a check for \$6500, which they raised through a combination of local fund-raising events and a grant from their National Headquarters. Another \$590 was raised at the Antiques Appraisal jointly sponsored by the Questers and the Society on June 26, 2010. The Society then contracted with Joe Wayner to oversee the chimney construction. Period bricks were purchased and Brent Ryder and his cousin, Charles Ryder began construction in late December, 2010. The Society is most appreciative of the Questers for funding this project.

## **ARCADE MUSEUM**

The Society operates the Arcade Museum, a small historic two-story brick building located in the heart of downtown Madison. The Museum is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. Travelers from all across the United States visit the Museum looking for their Madison roots. The Museum was visited by school groups, the Germanna Foundation Tour, and others throughout the year.

Exhibits at the museum are under the direction of Curator Beppy White. Both the upper and lower floors house permanent and changing exhibits depicting the history of, and life in, Madison County. Permanent exhibits include the Rapidan Railroad exhibit, furnished by Everette Weakley, the Claude Yowell collection of Native American prehistoric tools, the Strode collection of Native American artifacts from Madison County and photographs taken in 1935 of the men, women and children who were living in our mountains when the Shenandoah National Park was established.

Changing exhibits in 2010 included old Madison-made chairs, a collection of blacksmithing tools and hand forged items used by farmers and home owners and a collection of old kitchen utensils, all from the extensive collection of Steve Hoffman. Changing exhibits planned or being considered for 2011 include Madison Drug Co. history and E. A. Clore Furniture Co. history.

On the upper floor there is a Research room, which contains a collection of genealogies and obituaries of Madison families, histories and pictures of old Madison County churches, schools, homes and other buildings. A workroom on the second floor is used for constructing archival storage containers, preparing exhibits and storing exhibit materials and supplies.

The Arcade is staffed by a volunteer group under the direction of Beppy White. Volunteers come one or more days a month to staff the museum. The life of the museum is strong due to our many faithful workers. New volunteers are always welcome. Those who volunteered at the Arcade in 2010 are: Jane Volchansky, Michael O'Connor, Beppy White, Linwood Imlay, Carole Milks, Virginia McGhee, Jill Schreiner, Mary Wright, Carroll Good, Virginia Utz, Gertha Houston, Dona Hutchinson, Marty Taylor, Susan Theiler, Doris Lackey, Sandy Stowe, Trish Crowe and Ruth Penn.

## **BENEFIT TEAS**

The Society held two benefit teas in 2010, on March 24<sup>th</sup> and September 29<sup>th</sup>. Each guest was served the "Kemper House" tea, which was complemented with a selection of sweets, savorys, and fruits. Gross proceeds were \$684 from the March tea and \$884 from the September tea. The teas have proven to be very popular in the community and will continue to be a primary source of funds for the Society.

The teas are coordinated by Bob and Mary Haught with the able assistance of Anne Hughes, Bob Krause, Pam Krause, Maryvonne Longley, Genevieve McLearn, Kay Reiss, Heidi Sage, Jill Schreiner, and Betty Lynn Yowell

## **CEMETERY DATABASE PROJECT**

The cemetery committee members finally have something to show for all of the work that has been done over the past 30 years in surveying and documenting burials in Madison County. Many thanks to Mary Wright for putting all of our data onto our computer and then generating CD's, which are now for sale by the Society.

Documentation was begun back in the early 80's by Earl Estes then passed on to Sandy Stowe. Many volunteers have helped over the years and work is continuing. This is a project that will never be finished.

We now have a CD for sale at the Arcade Museum containing the burials documented so far in Madison County. There are over 5000 listings. We have spent most of our time lately trying to find the small family graveyards before they disappear. This is an ongoing project and we need help in updating the church cemeteries. A few of the local churches have not been surveyed at all and if they could give us a list of burials it would be a big help. There will always be a few mistakes in our work so if you buy a CD and find errors or omissions we would like to know so that we can make corrections (and you will get a free updated copy). The price of the CD is \$10.00.

## **MADISON COUNTY PICTORIAL HISTORY**

In the spring of 2010 the Society contracted with nationally known Arcadia Publishing Company to publish a pictorial history of Madison County as a part of its popular *Images of America* series. Society Board member Doris Lackey and society member Trish Crowe, agreed to be co-authors. Archivist and board member Beppy White helped with fact checking and writing. Mary Wright entered pictures and text into the database, with computer consultation from Charles Moncrief. Charles and Mary were awarded honorary memberships for their pro-bono professional contributions. Archeologist Carole Nash and Architectural Historian and Board member Ann Miller served as project consultants.

Many people from Madison County and beyond contributed more than 650 images of people and places in Madison County. The stories and photographs tell a rich history of Madison County. These were scanned and are now preserved in the database. Contributors are acknowledged in the introduction of the book with much gratitude. The book publisher limited photographs for the book to no more than 240 images and no more than 18,000 words. The Society anticipates our own publication of photographs that are not in the book. Arcadia Publishing has set the publication date of book **Images of America, Madison County** for the week of March 21, 2011. The Society will have 400 of the books in hand by that time and will sell them at the Arcade and at the Kemper House Tea on March 30. They will also be available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon, among others, as well as from local vendors who choose to feature it. The cost for the book will be \$23.00 including tax.

## **2010 GERMANNA COLONY REUNION**

For over fifty years the descendents of the 1717 Germanna Colony have been gathering in late July for a reunion. These have become three-day events with one day spent in Madison County. In 2010 Seventy-two guests came from California, Oregon, Washington state, Arizona, Nebraska, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Virginia and neighboring states, as well as Canada. Thrift Road was the focus of a bus tour since so many of the descendents in attendance were families of Broyles, Waylands, Weavers, Yeagers and other family names that are still in the county. Lunch was served by the ladies at Hebron Church with ten other Madisonians as greeters to match visiting families with local families. This was followed by the history and tour of the Hebron Church. The day ended at the Prince Michel Winery where the two bus loads of guests could purchase wine with their family name on it

## **ACQUISITIONS**

The Society continues to receive gifts that enrich our collection. Genealogies, both published and hand-written, have helped fill out our Family Files. We welcome the opportunity to copy other papers when the originals are being retained by the owners. Having a copy of an original affords the same information as the original.

The Society greatly appreciates the following donations received in 2010:

- Loose leaf binder containing pictures of Madison County Schools and school class rooms with students, given by John J. (Butch) Davies.
- Old family photograph, in an oval frame, of Luther and Florence Craig Blankenbaker and family given by Elve Blankenbaker Crump.
- A two-person horse hair buggy blanket with hand holes, given by John Fray.
- Saddle bags used by E.A.Clore for collecting taxes, an old rolling pin made by Mr. Clore, and a brass spittoon, given by David Clore.
- Madison County Confederate Currency, given by Bill Marshall.
- Book of genealogy of Hunton family and history of the Hunton Hotel, along with two chairs from the Hotel, given by George Selby, the current owner of the Hunton Hotel.
- Hoover school blueprints, given by George and Jane Volchansky.

## **PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

Activities planned for 2011 include the following:

- Hold Board Meetings on the second Thursday of each month.
- Hold Membership Meetings in February, May, August, and November. These are tentatively scheduled for the third Sunday of the respective months, but the dates may be changed if necessary to accommodate program participants.
- Hold the Annual Meeting coincident with the February membership meeting.
- Continue publication of the Quarterly Newsletter in February, May, August, and November.
- Hold fund-raising teas in March and September
- Continue to store appropriately all holdings in an acid free environment at the Arcade or at the Kemper Residence.
- Continue building the database of archival materials.
- Continue to collect family genealogies for the Research Room at the Arcade.
- Continue collecting Madison Cemetery data and issuing updated versions of the database on CD.
- Continue operation of the Arcade as a museum with exhibits featuring Madison County History.
- Changing exhibits planned or being considered include the histories of the two oldest businesses in Madison still in business: Madison Drug Co. and E. A. Clore Sons, Inc.
- Continue sales of maps, books, calendars, ornaments, Cemetery data and other items of significance to Madison County history.

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## Financial Report

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Balance on Hand, January 1, 2010		\$15,209.50
Disbursements		\$8,273.19
	Arcade Electric	\$1,997.64
	Arcade Security	\$405.60
	Arcade Telephone	\$792.62
	Arcade Maintenance	\$560.39
	Arcade Water/Sewer	\$337.20
	Award	\$100.00
	Corporate Registration	\$25.00
	Checking Account Checks	\$28.00
	Checking Account Service Charge	\$2.00
	Decorations	\$24.99
	Genealogy Reference Books	\$76.45
	Insurance	\$482.00
	Items for resale	\$107.22
	Kemper Security	\$250.80
	Kemper Telephone	\$343.50
	Museum Exhibits	\$113.17
	Office Supplies	\$144.85
	Postage	\$370.30
	Post Office Box Rental	\$56.00
	Printing	\$408.00
	Slave Quarters Restoration	\$1,460.00
	State Sales Tax	\$42.46
	Web Posting	\$50.00
	Virginia Genealogical Society	\$95.00
Receipts		\$18,811.93
	Interest on Money Market	\$8.14
	Slave Quarters Restoration	\$7,340.00
	Museum Exhibits Fund	\$300.00
	Kemper Rent	\$410.00
	Donations	\$2,219.24
	Dues	\$5,795.00
	Sales	\$1,171.55
	Tea	\$1,568.00
Balance on Hand, January 1, 2011		\$25,748.24

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