



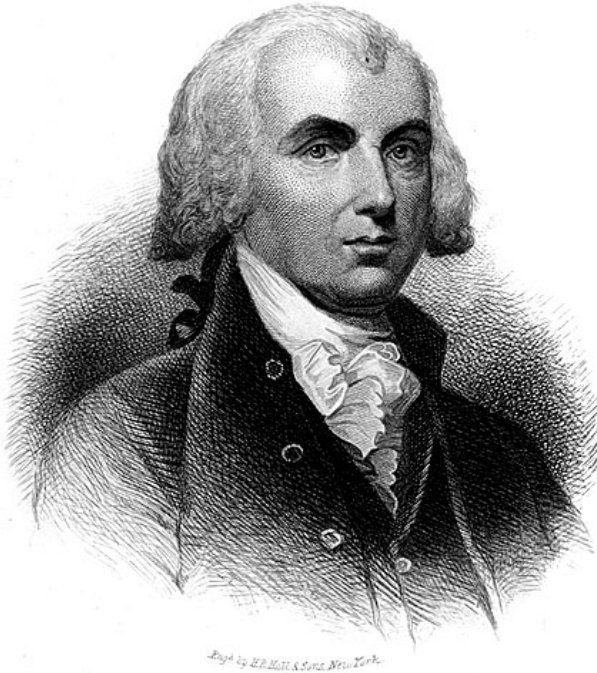
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JAMES MADISON TOPIC ON FEBRUARY 27TH

Thomas G. Matthes, journalist, free-lance writer and teacher, will be the speaker at the February 27, 2011 meeting of the Madison County Historical Society. Tom is presently a teacher at the Huntington Learning Center and also a docent at Montpelier, the restored home of James and Dolley Madison. Having been born in Richmond, Virginia he is, as he says, "by nature a history buff." The subject of his talk will be "James Madison's republican legacy for the Constitution." He will discuss Madison's views on republics and democracies and offer his interpretation of what a republican form of government means in the 21st Century. It will include a review of the history of the two words

"republic" and "democracy" and their roots in Western Civilization. It will begin by noting Madison's almost grim prediction that the 1787 constitutional convention would be critical for the future of republics around the world.

We will have just celebrated President's day on February 21st and it is appropriate that we hear more about one of our great Founding Fathers, the Father of the Constitution, fourth President and the one for whom our county is named.

The meeting will be at 2:00pm in the auditorium of the Madison County Administration building and will be followed by refreshments in the Kemper Residence next door.

ANNUAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2011

The Annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Society will take place on Sunday, February 27, 2011. The Nominating Committee for Members of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society proposes the following for election: Tommy Ford, Bill Scholten, Sandy Stowe and Beppy White. Nominations may be made from the floor but according to Article IV, Section 3 of the By-Laws – "Anyone so nominated must have agreed in writing prior to the nomination".

SHENANDOAH CONNECTIONS



Karen Beck-Herzog speaks

Mrs. Karen Beck-Herzog was the guest speaker at the Madison County Historical Society Membership Meeting on November 14, 2010. Mrs. Beck-Herzog is Management Assistant and Public Affairs Officer of the Shenandoah National Park and has been there since 2002.

The topic of Mrs. Beck-Herzog's presentation was "CELEBRATING SHENANDOAH CONNECTIONS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE". It was illustrated by a computer slide presentation depicting a brief history of the Park which celebrates 75 years in 2011.

The story of the Park's creation provides insight into these connections and is one of controversy, passion, and the sacrifices made in the establishment of a national treasure, a story of families, of boys growing into men, of re-generation and re-creation and of people's connection to this land; past, present and the future.

Records show that by the 1720's, Europeans were settling in the Blue Ridge region and between 1730 and 1780, about 120,000 settlers had arrived. By the mid 18th Century, they were settling in the mountains and making an economic connection to the land.

Governor Harry F. Byrd and others were looking for ways to tap into the growing tourism industry, searching for a way to boost the economy without affecting the surrounding scenery. Congress authorized the park in 1926 with the understanding that no federal dollars would be spent in its creation. Before any work could proceed, land and right-of-way had to be acquired which ultimately required the condemnation of land in eight Virginia counties; Albemarle, Augusta, Greene, Madison, Page, Rappahannock, Rockingham and Warren. The

state of Virginia acquired the land for the park by right of eminent domain and people living in the condemned area were relocated to areas in adjacent counties. This caused hardships for many and for others an opportunity for a better life. Construction of the drive began in 1931 and today the Skyline drive stretches for 105 miles, from Front Royal to Rockfish Gap.

SPRING TEA AT KEMPER MARCH 30, 2011



Maryvonne Longley ready to pour tea

Mark your calendar for the Spring Tea scheduled for Wednesday, March 30 at 12:30 pm. Reservations will be accepted beginning March 1, and if the response is anything like recent teas, it will be important to reserve your place early.

The first benefit tea of 2011 will offer a menu of scones, sweets, savories, mini-sandwiches, cheese wafers and other tasty foods, accompanied by cups of delicious Kemper House tea.

"In March, the weather often is still on the cool side, and enjoying this popular lunchtime experience in a warm, historic setting at the Kemper Residence is a perfect way to welcome Spring," said Mary Haught, tea coordinator.

"We are still keeping the price of the tea at \$18," she said. All the food is prepared, donated and served by volunteers and all proceeds are contributions to the Madison County Historical Society.

We expect to have copies of the Madison pictorial history book available for purchase on the 30th. The book, *Madison County*, is part of the Images of America series. The price is \$21.99 plus tax, and one of the authors, Doris

Lackey, will be present to sign the book if you like.

To make a reservation for the Spring Tea, call 547-4398 and leave a message with your name and the number of reservations you are requesting. You will receive a return call to confirm. You may call the same number with questions or email:

tealady@madisonvahistoricalociety.org.

The increasing popularity of the teas, started in 2002 by Rita Cunningham, who was then president of the Society, has created a need. We were blessed with donations of dishes and teapots at the beginning, and now we are in need of additional teapots. If you have a teapot you would be willing to donate to the Society, please let tea coordinator Mary Haught know. She can be reached at 547-3503 or Maryhaught@hughes.net.

Thank you for your continuing support. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Tea.

MADISON COUNTY PICTORIAL HISTORY

The Madison County pictorial history book is scheduled for release March 21, 2011. The historical society will have 400 of the books in hand by that time and will sell them at the Arcade. They will also be available at the Kemper House Tea March 30. The cost for the book is \$21.99 plus tax.

Compiled by authors Trish Crowe and Doris Lackey with the assistance of data base manager Mary Wright and curator Beppy White, the book contains more than 200 black and white photos of Madison County people and places. Vintage cars, historic churches, homes, and structures, and county citizens from both the 19th and 20 centuries are pictured.

The book is published by Arcadia Publishing Company and is a part of their *Images of America* series. Copies of the book will also be available through Barnes and Noble and Amazon, among others, as well as from local vendors who choose to feature it. Arcadia is printing 1200 copies for the first run and will reprint only when they are all gone

CEMETERY CD

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.

The Arcade Museum will reopen on Tues. March 1, 2011.

MEMBERSHIP

Here are new members who joined the Society since our last newsletter:

Thomas Ford, Oak Park, VA

Marilyn Hoffman, Madison VA

Maryvonne Longley, Madison VA

Nancy Martin-Perdue, Madison VA

We are happy to have you with us and hope you have a rewarding membership experience.

SOCIETY RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS



Society President Bill Scholten presents certificate of honorary membership to Charles Moncrief

On January 26th the Society held a luncheon in appreciation of the services of many past contributors. The following people or groups were recognized:

1. Recently retired Board members Maury Hanson, Jill Schreiner, and Emily Williams. Board member Tucker Hill who died suddenly last February was also remembered.
2. Roger Schreiner for his maintenance of the Society's web site.
3. The "Kemper Girls" for keeping house in the Kemper residence. Present members of this group are Mary Haught, Pam Krause, Maryvonne Longley, Kay Reiss, Heidi Sage, and Jill Schreiner.
4. All those who help with preparation and serving of the semi-annual "Kemper Tea" fund raisers. The teas are coordinated by Bob and Mary Haught with the able assistance of Anne Hughes, Bob Krause, Meredith Krause, Pam Krause, Maryvonne Longley, Genevieve McLearn, Kay Reiss, Heidi Sage, Jill Schreiner, and Betty Lynn Yowell.
5. The volunteers who staff the Arcade. Beppy White is the coordinator of this group. Others who volunteered in 2010 are Jane Volchansky, Michael O'Connor, 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.
6. The staff responsible for assembling the pictorial history of Madison County (see related article). The project was headed by Doris Lackey and Trish Crowe, with editorial assistance from Beppy White. Mary Wright handled computer data entry, with the consultation services of Charles Moncrief. For their pro-bono professional services Mary and Charles were presented with honorary memberships in the Society.
7. The local chapter of the Questers, which has donated generously to the slave quarters restoration project. In addition to contributing toward the initial phases of the restoration, the Questers provided all of the funding for construction of the chimney, the final phase of the restoration project. Questers president Susan Riley gave a brief overview of their current

activities. Several other members were present at the luncheon.

The luncheon was provided by the men's group at the Mount Zion United Methodist Church and was coordinated by Board member Max Lacy. About 35 guests attended in spite of the threat of an impending snow storm. After dining on good old country fare of barbeque pork, beans, stewed tomatoes, greens, corn bread and pound cake the crowd was able to leave before the worst of the storm moved in. Everyone had a thoroughly good time and high praise for Max and his crew. Demand for a repeat performance in the future is a high probability.



Guests enjoy lunch provided by Mount Zion United Methodist Church men's group

MEMBERSHIP DUES TO INCREASE

At their October meeting, the Board of Directors passed a motion to increase the dues in the basic membership categories. As of January 1, 2011 the singles rate will increase from \$10 to \$20 and the family rate will increase from \$20 to \$30. All other categories will remain unchanged, as listed on the back page. This will be the first dues increase since the founding of the Society, and is necessary to offset increases in expenses for traditional operations, such as postage and printing, and expenses for services that have been added since its founding, such as the web site and email service, and security alarm systems for both the Arcade and Kemper Residence. Your continued membership contributions are appreciated.

KEMPER SLAVE QUARTERS CHIMNEY RESTORATION UPDATE



New chimney on slave quarters

As this newsletter goes to press, the rebuilding of the chimney of the Slave Quarters at the Kemper Residence is complete. This is the final remaining phase in the structural restoration of the Quarters. The chimney rebuilding was made possible with generous financial support from the Madison-Piedmont Chapter of Questers International.

The chimney work has been undertaken by Brent Ryder and Charles Ryder of the Madison County firm of Brent Ryder Masonry, Inc. (Ryder Masonry also undertook the construction of the building foundation and chimney foundation in 2009, prior to the rebuilding of the log walls of the Quarters). The handmade brick for the chimney was “recycled” from the site of an early house in Spotsylvania County.

The earlier chimney on the Quarters was removed in the late 20th century due to concerns about its condition. However, a photograph of the building with its chimney in place, from Vee Dove’s book *Madison County Homes*, was used as a model for the restored chimney. Since the top of the chimney had deteriorated, and the interior details were not visible in the photograph, these missing elements were researched, and construction details were planned, based on common building practices

used in Central Virginia during the mid and late 19th century. Joe Wayner of Orange and Ann Miller of the Madison County Historical Society Board consulted with Brent and Charles Ryder on the final design of the replacement chimney.



Slave quarters chimney under wraps

A temporary shelter was erected around the chimney area of the Quarters during the work. Keeping the area “under wraps” allowed some heating of the work area, permitted the masons to work through inclement weather, and protected the newly-rebuilt chimney from the extremes of winter weather until the mortar is properly cured.



A fire burns in the slave quarters fireplace

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:

Sustainer.....	\$500 or more	Business	\$50
Benefactor	\$250 to \$499	Family	\$30
Partner	\$100 to \$249	Single	\$20
Friend	\$50 to \$99	Student	\$5

Membership applications are available at the Arcade and the Kemper Residence, and on-line at the Society's web page - www.madisonvahistoricalsociety.org. (click on "ABOUT US", and then on "application"). For more information call the Society Office at 540-948-5488 and leave a message if no one answers. We will return your call. You can also email us at madisonhistory@verizon.net.

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