



GOOCHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY *NEWSLETTER*

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Society Receives \$5,000 Grant

The Richard & Caroline T. Gwathmey Memorial Trust has awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Historical Society. The money will be used to purchase computer software that will upgrade existing computer files and make them more accessible. Phyllis Silber, Executive Director of the Society, wrote the successful proposal. **Wes Fergusson**, a former president of the Society, was responsible for the first records being placed into a database. Because of his leadership, transferring the data into the new program was much easier than having to enter each accessioned item from a hard copy. This new program will make information retrieval much quicker and more accurate. The Society is very grateful to the Gwathmey Trust for its support.

Society News from the President's Desk



The Society has been very busy this summer. Our membership has increased to 370 families from less than 300 in 2001. Since April 100 guests have visited the Center. Some from Hawaii, Kansas, California, Massachusetts. We have new volunteers, **Sharon Perdue, Jerri Marx, & Kitty Shield**. A special thank you goes to **Elizabeth Salmon** and **Adam Pritchard**, students at the Collegiate Schools. Elizabeth interned at the Society during the summer. Her computer skills were a valuable asset. Adam helped with a major cleanup on the outside of the Center. Our web site has had 3,146 visitors. Treasurer, **Pete Williams** is our Web Master. The Long-range Planning Committee, **Ben Weimer**, Chair, has several projects underway, most notably preparing for the historic survey in the County. **Carol East** continues her valuable assistance as a researcher. **Frances Truett & George Pritchard** provide the TLC that keeps our home in good condition. Thank you all for your support. Marty MacMillan, President

SEPTEMBER MEETING

"Recollections of Life in Goochland"
&
Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 8 at 4 o'clock

At

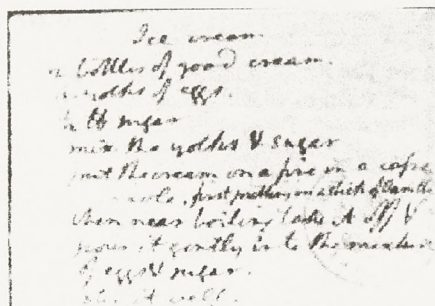
The Goochland Historical Center

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The fall meeting of the Historical Society will be held on Sunday, September 8, at 4:00 PM at the Goochland Historical Center. The program for this meeting will be stories about living in Goochland by Society members **Sophia Pryor, Joe Scales, and Lois Henley**. They will share an experience about farm life, schooling, health care, and the social life in Goochland when they were young. Members are encouraged to bring their family, friends and neighbors to this meeting.

Entertainment will be provided by **Rhonda Baker** on the guitar. Refreshments will be ice cream with all the trimmings. **Ann Bright** is Program Chair. Please plan to attend this meeting and bring ideas for future meetings and projects to share with the board members.





Thomas Jefferson's Recipe
For Vanilla Ice Cream
Holograph 1780's

American Treasures of the Library of Congress

Ice Cream in America

Ice Cream, like so many other things was brought across the Atlantic by our forefathers. A guest of a colonial family wrote "...we had a dessert no less curious; among the rarities of which it was compos'd, was some fine Ice Cream which, with the strawberries and milk, eat most deliciously".

President Washington kept "two pewter ice cream pots" at his home, Mt. Vernon. It is said that Washington bought "a cream machine for making ice" when he was in Philadelphia attending a meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Dolley Payne Madison, wife of our fourth president and granddaughter to Josias Payne of Goochland, is generally credited with having introduced ice cream to Washington Society at a White House reception. As a climax to Madison's second inaugural ball in 1812, a tower of ice cream made of cream from the Madison Dairy at Montpelier, and strawberries from Dolley's garden was served on a silver platter.

County Survey of Historic Goochland

The Goochland County Board of Supervisors and the Historical Society have partnered with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to do a thorough and complete survey of historic Goochland. A comprehensive survey means that a team of trained persons will walk the roads of Goochland County, talk to people, photograph and document historic sites, and buildings. The VDHR will select a company from several companies in Virginia who are experienced in conducting these surveys. Goochland is the only county in a large area around Richmond that has not had this survey done. All of the documents and photographs that result from this survey will remain in the county. This information will greatly expand the current records of the county and the Historical Society since it will include data up through the 1950's. It is likely that the project will begin in early 2003.

Eva Foster is Society Benefactor

The Historical Society received \$5,200 as a donation from the estate of Eva Foster. Ms. Foster was active for many years in the Society. She was well known throughout the county for her efforts to preserve and protect its history and environment. A part of the money will be used to purchase a light for the Court House. The plaque will read "Goochland County Historical Society In Memory of Eva Foster".

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the new members who have joined the Society since April.

Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Whittington	Texas
Geneva Whitlock Campbell	Michigan
Shane & Elizabeth Tippett	Goochland
Kay & Bob Whitlock	Kansas

BYRD CHURCH UNVEILS HISTORIC MARKER



Attending the unveiling of the historic marker at Byrd Presbyterian Church: l-r Myrtle Ragland, Tom Tower, Ermine Haden, Kathleen Kilpatrick, Roselle Scales, Martha Bowling, Phyllis Silber, Joe Scales, Steve Suggs.

The marker reads: Byrd Presbyterian Church's congregation is descended from worshippers organized by the theologian and future Princeton University President Samuel Davies at Tucker Woodson's farm in 1748. By 1753 the group had its own building on Byrd Creek. In 1830 descendants of the original congregation began worshipping here when the existing structure was built. Byrd Presbyterian church is a notable example of the simple brick churches constructed in Virginia during the 19th century. The building retains some of its original architectural features including its slate roof and interior window valances as well as its cemetery. Photo courtesy of S. Suggs

Society Honors Life Members, Capital Donors on 5th Anniversary

To celebrate the 5th anniversary of moving to its present location, the Board of Directors held a coffee at the Center. The guest list included Life Members and donors to the capital fund to purchase the building. Board Member, **Polly Anderson** and Board President, **Marty MacMillan** were in charge of the arrangements. The guests were given an opportunity to see and hear about all the improvements at the Society. "What a great party this has been. We were able to visit with people we hadn't seen in a long time," members, **Virginia & Woody Woodroof** said. **Dr. James Bowles, Sr.** also expressed delight at the chance to say hello to old friends. The Society is very grateful for the continued support of these early members.



NEW AT THE
MUSEUM SHOP

There are several new things for sale at the Historical Society Center. A commemorative ornament suitable for display on a brass stand, to hang in a window or on a Christmas Tree has just arrived. **Shirley Sydnor**, Board member and Museum Shop manager, worked with GoldMark's of Williamsburg to design the ornament. It is a 2 1/2 inch oval backed with semi-opaque blue glass. It displays a picture of the Goochland Courthouse in gold relief bounded by a narrow black band inscribed in gold. The inscription reads "Goochland Courthouse ~1827~". The ornament sells for \$15.00. Display stands are also available as well as suction hooks for a window.

Signed and numbered prints of the Old Manakin Post Office, a painting by **Hilda Henley**, can be purchased for \$45, unframed.

Bev Furillo, a Richmond artist, has used her special technique to reproduce images of historic homes and sites in Goochland. The pictures sell for \$20.00.

A package of 10 note cards of Virginia Wildflowers photographed by locals **Jane Saunders** and **Leanora Stoneman** is available for \$10.00. Each card has a different flower on it.

Books on the Kanawa Canal by Dr. William E. Trout, III are now for sale at the center.

James River Bateau Festival Trail:

A Guide to the James River and It's Canal from Lynchburg to Richmond

Falls of the James Atlas:

Historic sites on the falls of the James. Includes special supplement -Tuckahoe Creek navigation

The Rivanna Scenic River Atlas

All of the books on the history of Goochland as well as the new "Old" Cookbook; prints of "Sir Archy"; and back issues of the Historical Society Magazine can still be bought at the Center.

Any item can be mailed. Order them from the web site at www.goochlandhistory.org.

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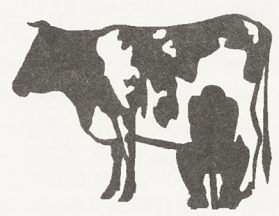
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