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PIONEERS AND CAVALIERS

Sally and Bill Tunner know exactly where they came from. They have researched and recorded the names of their ancestors who helped to settle the "Colonies". Bill descends from the Sams family who came into Virginia in 1640. They eventually settled in Chesterfield County. Sally is descended from Richard Edelen who first came to Maryland in 1664.

Richard returned to England but in 1669 he "proved rights to 100 acres of land in St. Mary's County, Maryland, for his wife and son". Richard and his sons signed themselves as "Gentlemen", meaning they were members of the land-owning upper middle-class. Landowners ranked just below the nobility in England.

Richard was appointed Deputy surveyor. This was an important position as each immigrant was awarded a "headright" for every person they transported (themselves, family members, and any indentured servants). The immigrant would petition the county court for a "certificate of importation". Once a certificate was obtained, he took it to the Secretary of the Colony who then issued a "right" for 50 acres per person (head) transported. A surveyor would lay out and survey the specified amount of land and return a certificate, describing the boundaries of land, to the Secretary who prepared a patent which was then signed by the Governor.

The issuance of the patent was conditional:

1: annual payment to the Crown of 1 shilling for each 50 acres owned and 2: within a three year period a house to be built and stock to be kept or the cultivation of at least one acre of land.

So whether our forefathers were Pioneers who came to work for years in order to own land on the unsettled frontier of western Virginia, Cavaliers who had moved here with sufficient wealth to join the gentry immediately, or more recent immigrants, it is important to recognize and commemorate them by researching and recording our heritage.

DECEMBER MEETING

Sunday, December 8 at 3 o'clock

At the Home of

Sally and Bill Tunner

**1240 Shallowell Road
Goochland, Virginia**

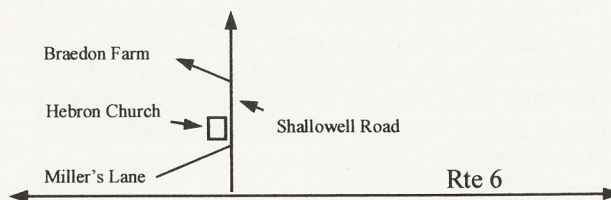
The December meeting of the Historical Society will be held on Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 PM at Braedon Farm, the home of Sally & Bill Tunner.

As is the custom, there will be no organized program but a brief annual meeting will be held with reports from the President and some Chairpersons. The members present will be asked to approve changes in the By-laws which have been recommended by the Board of Directors.

Entertainment will be provided by The Goochland Community Chorus. Several members of the chorus are also members of the Society. Holiday songs will be presented during the social hour.

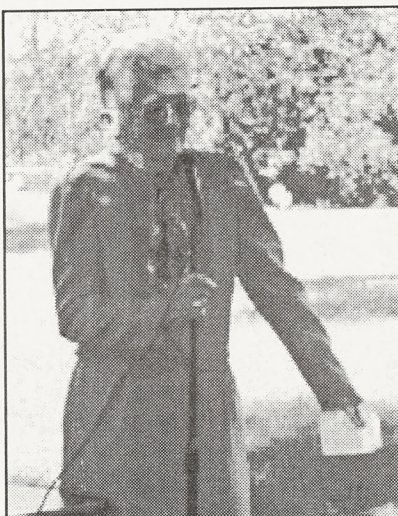
Directions to the Tunner's

From Route 6 follow Route 644 (Miller's Lane) to Shallowell Road (Rte. 641). Turn north onto Shallowell at Hebron Church. The driveway is 1 mile north on the west side of the road. It will be marked with green balloons. Follow the drive all the way up to the house.





Ruth Grubbs and Margaret Henley enjoy ice cream and the beautiful weather.



Guest Speaker Sophia Pryor



Lois Henley & Joe Scales at the speaker's table

And a good time was had by all...

This well used phrase certainly describes the sentiments expressed by the more than 75 members and guests who attended the Fall meeting of the Historical Society. Speakers Sophia Pryor, Lois Henley and Joe Scales shared informative and entertaining experiences about life in Goochland in the 1950's. Rhonda Baker, Rector of Grace Church, sang some beautiful ballads. The Social Committee served ice cream and cookies while everyone mixed and mingled, swapped stories, asked questions, and wondered why we don't do this more often. The Society is very grateful to Sophia, Lois, Joe, and Rhonda for participating in the program and making the meeting special for everyone.

Society Donates Canal Books



L-R: Carter Higgins, Librarian; Shirley Sydnor, Shop Manager; Nancy Trout, Bill Trout, Author.

The Virginia Canal Society asked the Goochland Historical Society to purchase a book about the Kanawha Canal and donate it to local school libraries. The Historical Society bought the atlas, *The James River Batteau Festival Trail: a guide to the James River and its canal from Lynchburg to Richmond* by Dr. William Trout, III. Two copies of the atlas were donated to the Middle School, the High School, Elk Hill and the Goochland Public Library. Copies are also for sale at the Center.

New Members

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

Lt. Col. And Mrs. Shane Tippet	Goochland
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehre	Manakin
Mr. John G. Lewis, Jr.	Manakin
Library of Virginia	Richmond

Some Recent Gifts to the Society

Mr. & Mrs. James Fielder donated the 1850-1870 Census and Birth Record Books for Goochland and Charles City Counties.

Margaret Henley presented the Society with an 1888 first edition of *Good's Virginia Cousins* by G. Brown Goode, curator at the Smithsonian Institution. Margaret also donated a signed print of the Old Manakin Post Office painted by Hilda Henley.

Alice Goodman donated several items:

1. Boxed epaulets with hat band, hat ornaments, and red silk sash
2. Photo of her grandfather, former commissioner of revenue
3. Handmade bonnet
4. 2 wooden file boxes of county receipts

Volunteer Luncheon held at Thorncliff Farm



L-R Front: Kitty Shield, Derenda Reynolds, Hostess; Ann Bright, Gloria Tucker
Shirley Sydnor, Marty MacMillan, Frances Truett, Betty Pritchard, Louise Thompson, Carole Frey, Polly Anderson.

The volunteers for the Society were honored at a luncheon at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Richard Reynolds. Here are some of the wonderful people who donate their time and effort to help with the many projects going on at the Center. Those volunteers who are not in the picture are: Ruby Martin, volunteer chair; Jerri Marx, Ruth Grubbs, Janet Hudepohl, Carol East, Virginia Fergusson, Ruth Quarles, Marie Mabry, Nancy Duley, Sophia Pryor, Sharon Perdue, Kathleen Midkiff, and Katherine James.



Clockwise from front: Ocia Fielder (FL), Charles Matuzak (CA), Phyllis Silber, Jim Fielder (FL), Mary Faridad (OH), Alice Matuzak (OH)

More than 50 people have visited the center since September. On a particularly busy day, volunteer, Louise Thompson, took this photo. There were 2 more guests in the kitchen!

Winter Hours at the Center

November – March the Center will be open Wednesday through Friday 10:00—3:00. The center will be closed December 20, 2002 through January 10, 2003 except by appointment. Leave a telephone message at the Center.

Holiday Shopping

The Historical Center is an excellent place to buy a special gift for the Holidays. We have specialty items that reflect our County's rich history. Choose a print of an historic site; a pictorial history book of Goochland; a sun catcher ornament to hang on a stand or in a window. We have note cards that make wonderful stocking stuffers.

~~~~~ Wishing You a Joyous Holiday Season ~~~~~

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