

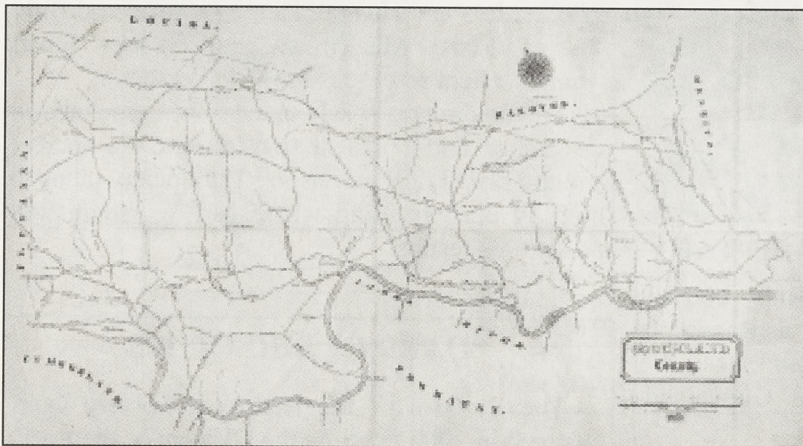


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**NEW OLD MAPS
OF
GOOCHLAND COUNTY**

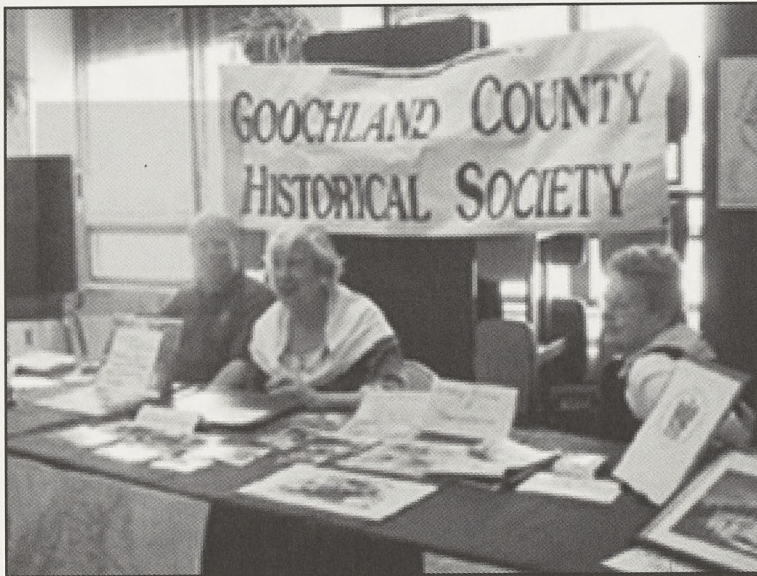


Two important Goochland County maps are now available for purchase from the Historical Society. The 1820 map by John Wood is the earliest known map of the County. It was reproduced from the collections of The Library of Virginia. This map shows the location of many of the taverns, ferries, and mills as well as roads that are no longer in use. Reproduced on acid free, heavy weight paper in full color the map measures 32 x 20 inches.

Known as "The Gilmer Map" the second map dates to 1863. It is a detailed map which contains the names of land owners, churches, schools, gold mines, and other sites in the County. Reproduced in full color on acid free, heavy weight paper from the Collections of the Virginia Historical Society who gave the GCHS permission to print and sell this map. It measures 32 x 18 inches.

1820 John Wood Map	\$15.00
1863 Gilmer Map	\$25.00
Both maps as a pair	\$35.00

To purchase, visit the Center, or send a check plus \$3.00 shipping and handling to the Historical Society, PO Box 602, Goochland, VA 23063.



VOLUNTEERS VISIT RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY

Volunteers, Mack Curle, Roselle Scales, and Ruby Martin, represented the Society at a special activity day at Randolph Elementary School. Students visited their table and looked for clues to answer questions about the history of Goochland County.

Students from each grade level participated in the event. The Society is indebted to Mack, Roselle and Ruby for their time and effort to make this a rewarding experience for the children.

CHAIR SALE A BIG SUCCESS

Due to the efforts of Frances Truett, Doug Price, Carol Salmon, and the Citizens of Goochland, the auditorium chairs from the old High School were all sold in record time. The Society is very grateful to everyone who participated and especially to the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Greg Wolfrey, and Cecil Youngblood for making it possible for the Society to sell the chairs.

HOUSE TOUR CANCELLED

Due to the devastation from Hurricane Isabel, the fall house tour had to be cancelled. Most of the homes scheduled for the tour had extensive tree damage. Fortunately none of the homes suffered from severe structural damage. Each of the owners has agreed to participate, if possible, in the 2004 Tour. The Society regrets any inconvenience the cancellation may have caused and looks forward to next year's tour.

Winter Hours at the Center

The Center will be open Wednesday through Friday 10:00—3:00 November through March. The Office will be open on a limited basis from December 19 until January 14, 2004. During this time, please leave a message at the Center and someone will contact you.

HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

Gibson Worsham, Architect, has been very busy visiting many historic homes in Goochland County. The Society provided assistance through volunteers who met with Mr. Worsham to discuss various historic sites and in some cases went along to visit the houses. Sophia Pryor, Eleanor Andrews, Sebastian Volcker, Roselle Scales, Joe Scales, Carol Salmon, Janet Hudepohl, Margaret Walker, Eva and Howard Henley, Gloria and Billy Tucker, Marty MacMillan, and Frances Truett were excellent resources for Mr. Worsham.

The final report is scheduled to be completed in December and a presentation made to the Society and the Board of Supervisors. The Society plans to hold an open meeting where Mr. Worsham will present his results.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The By-laws of the Historical Society were changed in 2002 to allow the Officers of the Society, when elected, to serve a two year term. Therefore the current officers will continue to serve until 2004. There are nominations to the Board of Directors, however. Members of the Board serve a three year term

The nominating committee presented the following people to serve as Directors for the 2006 term:

Betty Eads
George Pritchard
Frances Truett
Sebastian Völcker

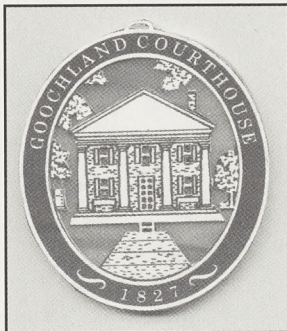
VOLUNTEER AT THE CENTER

Volunteers are an important part of the Historical Society. The web site has increased the requests for genealogical research, and the number of visitors continues to grow each year. Most volunteers stay for 2 or 3 hours once a month but some volunteers stay from 10 am until the Center closes at 3 pm. There are always interesting tasks that need to be done. Some of these include: Genealogical Research (training provided)

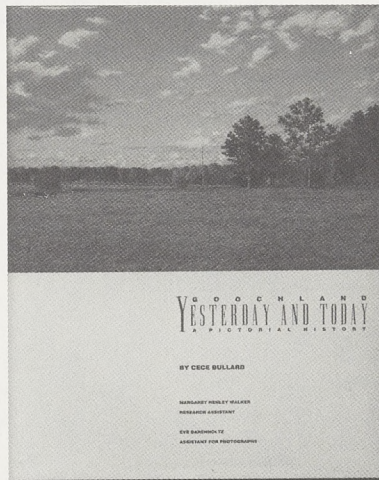
Sorting and preserving files from the court
Organizing and setting up work stations
Entering data into the computer
Recording oral histories

Even if volunteering on a regular basis isn't possible, there will always some project that needs work. Please let someone at the Center know that you are interested in helping preserve the history of Goochland County.

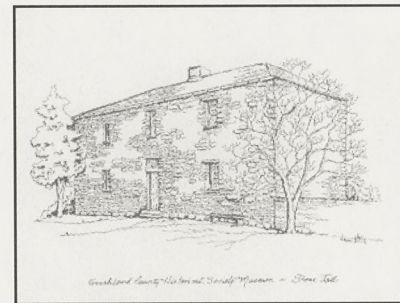
HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



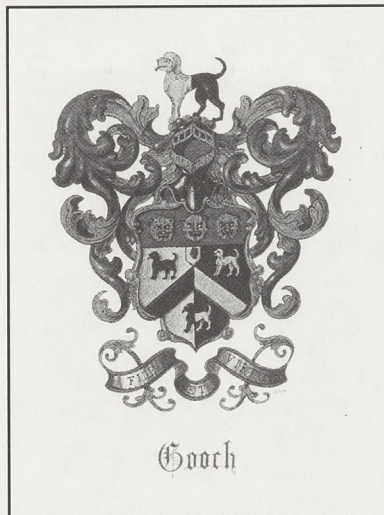
3" oval medallion of Goochland Courthouse in a raised gold image on a blue glass background. \$15.00



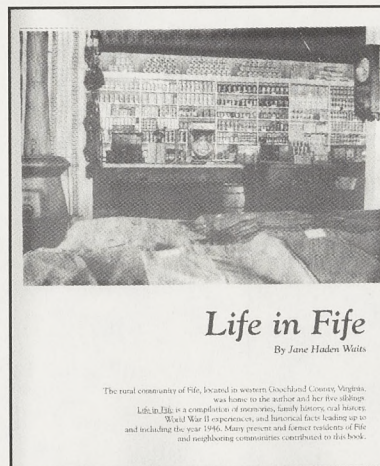
Goochland, Yesterday and Today by CeCe Bullard. A pictorial history of famous places, people, and homes in Goochland. This 8.5 x 11" coffee table book is 185 pages of photographic treasures, with index. \$40.00



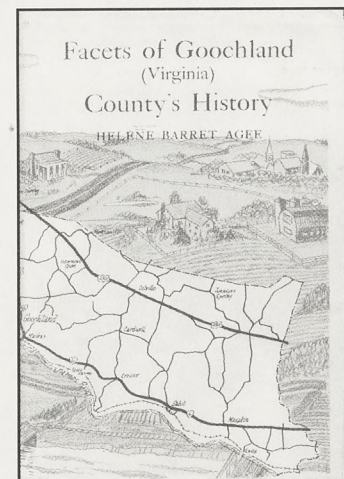
Note Cards
A pkg of 10 cards and envelopes with a pen and ink sketch of the Old Jail or the Courthouse. \$4.00



The Gooch Family Crest
8 x 10 glossy color print
\$15.00



Life in Fife by Jane Hayden Waits
An anecdotal history of family life in Goochland County 1914-1946. \$19.95 plus tax. Order forms are available at the Center.



Facet's of Goochland County's History by Helene Barret Agee. 200 pages of highlights of the County's history with index. \$25.00

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William Miller's Trunk

The Historical Society is delighted to present the newest acquisition to the artifact collection. Due to the generosity of Margaret Henley, a trunk that belonged to William Miller, 4th Clerk of the Court for Goochland County, is now a part of many treasures the citizens of Goochland have entrusted to the Society.

William Miller served as Clerk of the Court from 1791 until 1846. The present Goochland courthouse was built during his tenure. For many years the Clerk's Office was maintained, and all records kept at William Miller's residence. It is thought that this trunk traveled with Miller as he moved between his home and the courthouse. Some

research indicates that the design of the trunk made it possible to be placed between two bars attached at the rear of a buggy or coach. The top was strapped in and the bottom hung out over the back. It could have also been designed to sit within an attached box or compartment on the carriage and still allow easy access to the contents.

William Miller was the first of several members of the Miller family to hold this position. Narcissus Miller, William's son, was next in line. He is credited with saving all the court records by taking them to the woods to be hidden away during the March on Richmond in the Civil War. With one exception, from 1900-1912, a member of the Miller family served as Clerk of the Court until 1955. "This record would appear to be unparalleled in the history of the Clerks of the Courts of this Commonwealth." (Agee)