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### STONE JAIL RIBBON CUTTING



Left to right: Laura Meadows, Derek Stamey, Richard Toler, Ginny Olsen, Christina Dunn, Louise Thompson, Louise Chapman, Scott Johnson, Jillian Columbus, Wayne Dementi, Phyllis Silber, Rossie Fisher, Ken Peterson, John Budesky, Andy Donnelly, Gerald Hagen, Stephen Geyer, and Preston Perrin. Not pictured Jim Haskel and Gibson Worsham.

The latest life of Goochland's Old Stone Jail officially began with a ribbon cutting ceremony Sunday, September 11, 2016. This is the first phase of the Courthouse Green Project, which will include a visitors' center in the old clerk's office.

Funded by a combination of private donations and \$100,000 from Goochland County, renovations to the venerable 1825 structure include iron jail cells, and interpretive exhibits about the use of the building over the years.

Kyle Stamey, son of Goochland Director of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Management Derek Stamey, called the event to order by ringing the courthouse bell. GHS President, Scott Johnson, welcomed everyone, which included Goochland Supervisors Susan Lascolette, Manuel Alvarez, Jr., Ken Peterson, and County Administrator John Budesky.

A brief ceremony paid homage to John Pierce, an emancipated slave, who was Goochland's first jailer. Virginia law at the time required Pierce to petition the court for permission to stay in the county of his emancipation. Rev. Adlai Allen, Pastor of Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church, and his wife Diane portrayed John Pierce, and his wife Milly. Commonwealth's Attorney Mike Caudill, read the legal decrees that allowed Pierce to remain in his Goochland County home. Rev. Lauren Lobenhofer, Pastor of Gum Spring United Methodist Church, read Milly Pierce's obituary. *Continued on page 7*

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## Greetings from the Board President



In this newsletter, I want to thank our members and provide an update of what your society is doing with your support and participation.

First, I offer a reminder that The Goochland County Historical Society is a membership driven organization. It is such because the Society exists through the generosity of members. Officers and board members are elected by the membership, our volunteers are all members. Our projects are undertaken with the advice and concurrence of the membership and membership dues are the most important and consistent source of revenue for the Society.

Here is a brief outline of what the Society has in progress:

- ◇ The Courthouse Green Project has reached a major milestone with the ribbon cutting at the Old Stone Jail, held on September 11, 2016.
- ◇ Our “History Walk” partnership with the Goochland YMCA has a Behind the Scenes Walk of the Bethlehem Walk scheduled for November 28. Suggestions for new places to visit in 2017 are welcome.
- ◇ Our well-respected Society Magazine is going to the printer in October. This year’s topics are Goochland's most famous horse Sir Archy, the estate of Thorncliff, as well as a list of Revolutionary War veterans.
- ◇ The 2017 calendar “Old Homes of Goochland” is now on sale at the Society gift shop.
- ◇ The Society office has increased its operating hours, opening on the second Saturday of each month.
- ◇ New historical models for the Old Stone Jail were prepared by Society members Joe Higgins, Laura Meadows, and Ennion Williams.
- ◇ Our next Members meeting will be at 3:00 pm on October 23, 2016 at the Goochland County Public Library. The speaker will be Dr. Edward G. Lengel. (See article on next page)

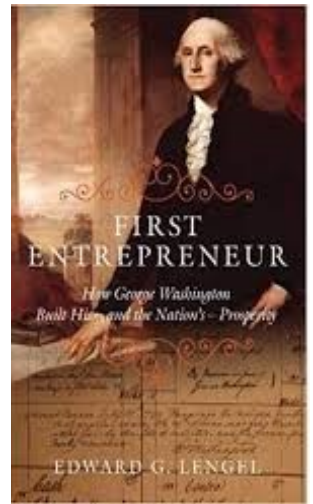
The above are just a few of the items that your membership and participation have helped us achieve. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the next event.

Warm Regards,

*C. Scott Johnson*

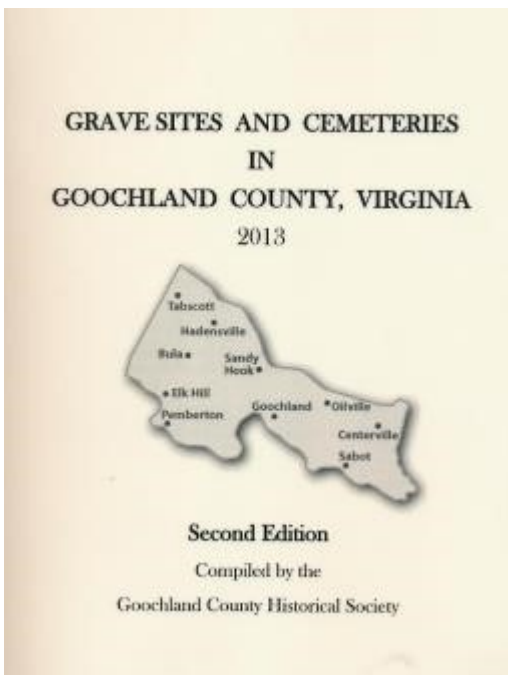


**Fall Society Meeting**  
**Sunday, October 23, 2016**  
**3:00 pm**  
**Goochland Public Library**  
**3075 River Road West**  
**Featuring guest speaker**  
**Dr. Edward G. Lengel**



After twenty years editing and directing the George Washington Papers, Dr. Lengel is now an independent scholar, writing and speaking on topics ranging from the Revolutionary War to World War I. He is the author of several books, including the award winning *Thunder and Flames: Americans in the Crucible of Combat, 1917 - 1918*, and *General George Washington: a Military Life*. The title of his talk will be "**First in War, First in Peace, First Entrepreneur: How George Washington Built His--and the Nation's--Prosperity**"

He is currently working on books about World War I's Lost Battalion and a biography of "Light-Horse Harry" Lee. Copies of Dr. Lengel's books will be available for sale at the event. Refreshments will be served after the lecture.



## CEMETERY BOOK UPDATE

We need your help! The Goochland County Historical Society is now updating its Cemetery Book. First published in 1990, it was authored by Ann Hamner and then was updated in 2013 by the Cemetery Committee. Another update of the graves and cemeteries in the county is currently in progress, as the Cemetery Committee is visiting both family and church cemeteries and photographing those stones that appear to be starting to degrade from the effects of weather.

If you know of cemeteries or grave sites in the county which are not listed in **Grave Sites and Cemeteries in Goochland County, Virginia (2013 edition)**, please contact Richard Toler via email at [denver875@toast.net](mailto:denver875@toast.net), or by phone at 804-457-3103. If you get the answering machine, please leave a message with name and phone number for a return call. Thanks for your help!

# Goochland County Historical Society 2016 Review in Photographs



STATE FARM GROUNDS JUNE 2016 Y-Walk



Y-Walk at LUCK STONE July 2016



Y-Walk at LUCK STONE July 2016



April 2016 Y-Nature Walk at Tucker Park

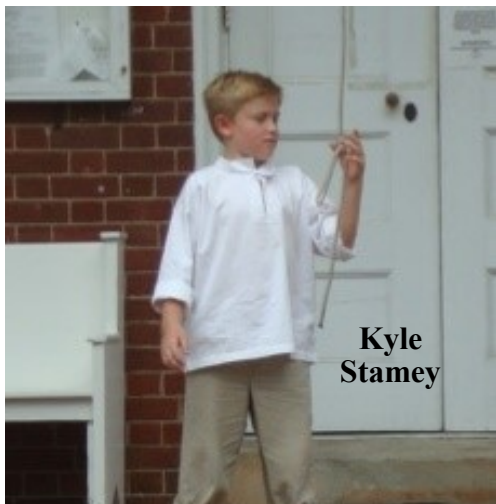


2016 Spring Meeting Sabot Hill



Bethlehem Walk  
Behind the Scene  
Dec 2015

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**Kyle  
Stamey**



**Commonwealth  
Attorney  
Mike Caudill**



**Rev. Adlai Allen**



**Rev. Lauren Lobenhofer**

**Rev. Adlai Allen and  
Mrs. Diane Allen**



**Wayne Dementi & Rossie Fisher**

**GOOCHLAND COUNTY  
STONE JAIL  
RIBBON CUTTING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**



**Scott  
Johnson**



**Dr. Steve Geyer**

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## Welcome 27 New Families 2016

Without your support, the Historical Society could not continue to provide many valuable projects within the community. New members include:

Raymond & Jeanette Blaylock, Crozier  
Erik & Susan Bodin, Goochland  
Mike & Elizabeth Caudill, Goochland  
Sandi Nuckols - Conrad, Rockville  
Jenny Cooper, Fort Belvoir, VA  
Lindsey Dewey, Sandy Hook  
Lucy DeYoung, Woodinville, VA  
Mr & Mrs Robert M Dunn II, Williamsburg VA  
Robert & Patsie Eagan Jr, Manakin Sabot  
Sara Ford, Manssfield OH  
Claire Fortier, Redmond, WA  
Dave & Tracey Harbaugh, Manakin Sabot  
Mr & Mrs Horace Lee Herndon, Richmond  
Apuleius & Susan Hillier, Lexington, VA  
Justin Lacy, Henrico, VA  
E. David LeGrande, Moseley, VA  
Beverley Madison, Richmond, VA  
Edwin MaLechek, Manakin Sabot  
Robert McKeand, Huntington, WV  
Rusty & Kathi Meadows, Maidens  
Cynthia L. Phillips, Staunton, VA  
Jason Pierce, Henrico, VA  
E. Dianne Pollock, Manakin Sabot  
William Poulton, Henrietta, NY  
Steve Suggs, Goochland  
Patricia Thornton, Bowie, MD  
Renaë Townsend, Crozier  
Erin Yearout-Patton, Powhatan, VA

## Special Thanks to our Volunteers

We want to take a moment and thank each of the wonderful, faithful volunteers who give so much of their time and talents to help others  
***See It! Share It! Celebrate It!***

If you have some extra time and would like to give back to your community, while meeting new people from across the U. S., the Goochland County Historical Society has just the job for you. We are looking for volunteers to assist visitors in the genealogy library, and the gift shop, as well as at special events. For more information, please email our Volunteer Chair Cheryl Childress at [cpc1996@gmail.com](mailto:cpc1996@gmail.com)

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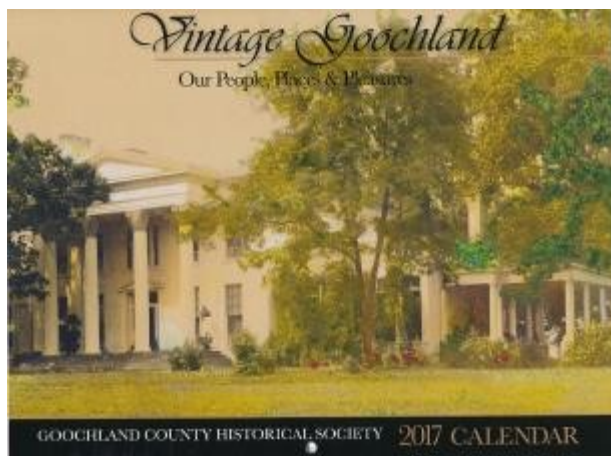
## National Register of Historic Places

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jim Haskell on the addition of their home Belvedere to the National Register of Historic Places.



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## 2017 Vintage Goochland Calendars Now Available



2017 Vintage calendars featuring historic houses, are now available at the Society Gift Shop. At \$10 each, these calendars make perfect gifts for those hard to buy for individuals on your Christmas gift list.

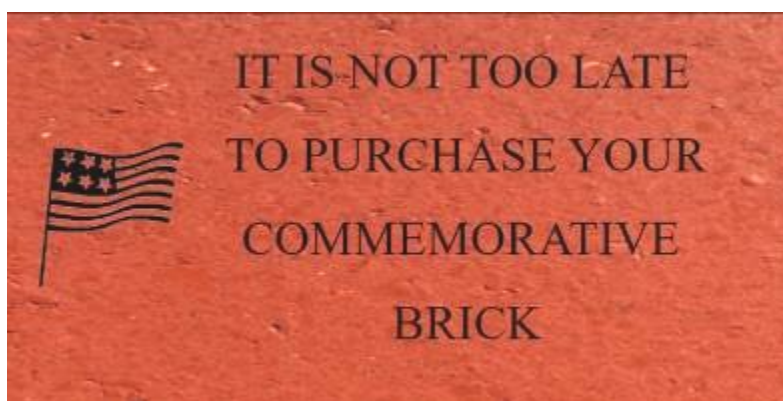
Stop by soon to ensure you get your copy before they sell out.

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Commemorative bricks also make great gifts for the hard to buy for. To celebrate a family member, friend or Goochland institution, please visit our website at:

[www.goochlandhistory.org](http://www.goochlandhistory.org)

You may also obtain order information by calling the office at 804 556 3966.



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### ***Stone Jail Ribbon Cutting—Continued from front cover***

Rossie Fisher and Wayne Dementi, who co-chaired the fundraising efforts for the project thanked all for their participation. “How could you not support this?” asked Fisher.

According to Architectural Historian Gibson Worsham, “Goochland County has the best preserved public courthouse square in Virginia and the most architecturally perfect Jeffersonian courthouse in existence today.” Worsham worked closely with Goochland contractor Jim Haskell of Sermat Construction Services on details of the jail renovations.

Dr. Steve Geyer, Assistant Superintendent of Goochland Schools said that the renovated jail provides an opportunity for county students to connect with their history.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, attendees toured the jail, enjoyed refreshments, and viewed the commemorative pavers newly installed in the main walkway to the courthouse.

*(Photos by Bob Warwick)*

## Visit the Goochland Historical Society

The Society's headquarters are located a half mile east of the Goochland Courthouse at 2875 River Road West (Route 6)

### Office hours are:

Wednesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Note: Those travelling long distances should call the society to confirm it will be open that day at (804) 556-3966.

Email the Society:

goochlandhistory@comcast.net

### Visit us online:

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 23rd Fall Member meeting

**Guest Speaker, Dr. Ed Lengel**

**3:00 pm Goochland Library**

**3075 River Road W., Goochland**

November 28th 4:00 pm at 465 Broad Street Rd, Manakin  
Behind the scenes of the Bethlehem Walk

Thanksgiving week - Society office will be Closed

### Donations to our Library

From the College of Humanities and Sciences at Harrison Middleton University and David Curd, President:

*Citizens of the World Readings in Human Rights* and  
*Standing Down from Warrior to Civilian*: published by The Great Books Foundation with support from Harrison Middleton University.