



President's Corner

Summer officially begins June 21; however, we have had some fairly warm days already. This time of year I tend to get the wander lust and enjoy being outdoors. I am always looking for new places to explore and learn about. And what better place than Hanover County with its many back roads! In fact, just today I learned a new way to get to Rt. 360 without going on the interstate. I love the roads less traveled! And in so doing, old houses and places always pop up. For me, history is a never-ending adventure.

As most of you know, the new Hanover Courts complex has been completed and is now in full operation. When I rode through the County Complex a few days ago, it appears renovations are already underway in the old Courts Complex. I believe a completion date is set for late 2018 or early 2019, which means the Old Clerks' Office should be vacated shortly thereafter. The Society is still slated for the Old Clerks' Office sometime after that. Nothing is in the form of a contract yet; however, we are optimistic that we will have a new home before too much longer. Our collections continue to grow, and they need a permanent home. They are currently stored in the Old Jail which is temperature and climate controlled, but there is no space for exhibits. As you meet or talk with your Supervisor, please mention to him/her how much the Society is looking forward to having a museum for Hanover County history.

This is an election year for the Society. A slate of officers will be presented at the September Membership meeting with a vote in December. Our Nominating Committee will be at work filling positions. If you receive a telephone call about serving in 2018-19, please consider doing so, or if you are interested in serving, please let any one of the current Board members know. There is no better way to learn the mechanics of the Society than to serve on its Board.

We continue to open the Historic Courthouse for tours on the second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving as a docent, please contact me at faye.wade@comcast.net or (804) 537-5081. Please support the Society as a docent or as a volunteer in some other capacity.

Our next Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 25, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. at The Fork Church. Our speaker will be John R. Tucker who has portrayed Patrick Henry delivering his "Liberty or Death" speech at St. John's Church for the past 14 years. Please plan to join us for "Patrick Henry Comes a-Visiting." See more details on page 2.

Faye M. Wade

P. S. While this does not affect our Society in any way, if you have not seen the Leonardo Da Vinci exhibit at the Science Museum on West Broad Street, you may want to put it on your to-do list. The exhibit is well worth visiting – just plan on spending several hours looking at his works, mostly his inventions. The Mona Lisa (a replica) is his only painting on display. He was truly a brilliant man!

“Patrick Henry Comes a-Visiting”

Sunday, June 25 2017 at 2:30pm

The Fork Church
12566 Old Ridge Road
(at its intersection with Rockett’s Mill Road)
Doswell, VA 23047

Patrick Henry will be portrayed by
John T. Tucker III

Mr. Tucker has performed reenactments of Patrick Henry’s *Liberty or Death* speech at St. John’s Church in Richmond for the past 14 years. He is on the Board of Directors for The Parsons’ Cause Foundation, among other groups. Mr. Tucker has been the Chief Staff Attorney of the Court of Appeals of Virginia since 1990.



Parsons’ Cause Reenactment at Hanover Courthouse

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The Parsons’ Cause Foundation, Inc.
Summer 2017 program of performances
at the Historic Hanover Courthouse:

The Parsons’ Cause:
Prelude to Revolution
June 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Benjamin Franklin
(Bonus: A Reading of the Declaration of Independence)
July 1 at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Nanny Prosser
July 8 at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Major John Andre
July 15 at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Woodrow Wilson
July 22 at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Thomas Jefferson
July 29 at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Mary Todd Lincoln
August 5 at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Martha “Patsey” Henry Fontaine
August 12 at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

John Rolfe
August 19 at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

The Parsons’ Cause:
Prelude to Revolution
August 26 at 11:00 a.m.

Performances are free and open to the public; donations are gladly accepted. Tickets will be distributed on the date of the show on a first-come, first-served basis. The number of tickets distributed will be limited to the legal capacity of the courthouse. Each performance runs about 45 minutes. **For more information, visit parsonsc ause.org.**