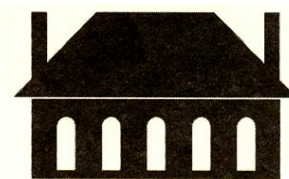


Hanover County Historical Society, Inc.

Highlights



"I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past."

Patrick Henry

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June 2019

President's Corner

Spring is well underway, with Summer being just around the corner. It promises to be as busy as ever!

Thank you, Members and Visitors, who attended our last Quarterly Membership Meeting. It was good to see familiar faces and some not-so-familiar ones as well.

Upcoming Events:

Our next Quarterly Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Hanover Courthouse. Jeffry Burden will be talking about Shockoe Hill Cemetery in the City of Richmond. Shockoe Cemetery is the final resting place for such famous people as John Marshall, 4th Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court; Elizabeth Van Lew, infamous spy during the Civil War and friends and family of Edgar Allen Poe. It is said Poe could be seen frequently walking among the rows of graves. It should be an interesting and spooky program!

The Hanover Tomato Festival is just around the corner on Saturday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pole Green Park (behind Pole Green Elementary School). We hope to have a presence at this event, whether it be our own location or a shared location with another organization. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Art Taylor at 804-449-6702.

Just a reminder that 2019 is an election year for our Society. A Nominating Committee has been appointed (Virginia Darnell, Anne Cross and Lindsay Ryland), so if you see one of these names on your caller ID, please answer and be willing to serve! This is your Society, and your input and ideas are important.

I hope to see each of you on June 23. However, in the meantime, please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have comments or questions. You can reach me at 804-537-5081 or at faye.wade@comcast.net.

Faye M. Wade

We are preparing to install a new exhibit next month in the Society's case in the County Administration Building. You might be surprised by some of the artifacts found in Hanover!

Prehistoric Hanover: Artifacts & Stone Implements

**June 23 Meeting
to Explore the History of
Shockhoe Hill Cemetery***



Shockhoe Cemetery was established in 1822 by the City of Richmond to supersede the first public burial ground in St. John's churchyard. The cemetery is historically significant for the layout of its grounds, the remaining 19th-century botanical specimens, the great variety of stone and metal art works and as the final resting place for many distinguished individuals.

The cemetery, originally known as the New Burying Ground, began as a four-acre section. With the purchase of additional land, the cemetery had expanded to its present-day 12.7 acres by 1870. The City landscaped the grounds with ornamental trees and shrubs, and families also planted roses and other shrubs in their sections. Surviving trees include Virginia elm, pin oak, Kentucky coffee, lilac, silver maple, eastern red cedar, locust and yew.

There is a diverse array of 19th-century funerary art in stone and metal by master artists. The iron fencing is largely from Richmond foundries, and a 19th-century brick wall encloses the cemetery.

Shockhoe is the final resting place for many prominent citizens: U. S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall, early Virginia Governor William H. Cabell, Richmond's first mayor William Foushee, prominent Richmond attorney John Wickham and

2019 Meetings

*Shockhoe Hill Cemetery:
Its History & Hanover Connections*

Jeffry Burden

Friends of Shockhoe Cemetery

Sunday, June 23, 2:30

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Rts. 301 & 54

Hanover Courthouse

Annual Patrick Henry

Leadership Award

Member & Guest Social

Tuesday, September 10, 5:30 pm

Location TBA.

Annual Meeting & Dinner

Tuesday, December 3, 6:00 pm

Location TBA.

Edgar Allan Poe's foster parents. Veterans such as Peter Francisco and others of Revolution, soldiers from the War of 1812 and both Union and Confederate soldiers were laid to rest there. Union spy Elizabeth Van Lew is said to be buried in a standing position and facing North.

Shockoe long ago ceased to have active burials and suffered from a lack of attention during much of the 20th century. National Register designation and the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Marshall fostered interest in preservation. The Friends of Shockhoe Cemetery organization was instrumental in acquiring a Virginia historic highway marker and continues in its efforts to preserve the historic elements of the cemetery.

***Information on Shockhoe Cemetery from the National Park Service website: [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov).**

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