



President's Corner

Greetings Fellow Members and Friends,

First and foremost, **thank you all** for supporting the Society! We have welcomed several new members, and renewals are mostly up to date. Many have taken advantage of our special offer on the *Nation's Bounty* book. (See page 2 for details.) If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so. We value your continuing support.

As you know, since this time last year, we have not held membership meetings, but your Executive Committee has been hard at work to advance the work of the Society. Our Program committee, chaired by V-P Marla Coleman, is making plans for meetings in October and December. The October meeting will feature a modern court case that was held in the Historic Courthouse which had national ramifications. Due to restrictions of the press in the courtroom, a case advanced to the U. S. Supreme Court which ruled in favor of the press. Plan on attending this one!

At our Annual Meeting in December, a vote will be taken on some minor amendments to our Constitution & Bylaws. Details will be outlined in our November *Highlights* and distributed to members prior to the meeting. Under typical circumstances, the Society is required to have quarterly meetings each year, so we are making every effort to get back on schedule. Be sure to periodically check our website and Facebook page for the latest information.

The Society makes it easy to continue the "lost art" of reading! Our great publications can be ordered simply by visiting our store at hanoverhistorical.org. Speaking of that, how about the great newspaper article and early 20th-century photograph in the *Bulletin*! The detailed request for bid published in 1827 provides insight into construction plans for the Old Clerk's Office. According to the current Clerk of the Court Frank Hargrove, two County Clerks served in office around that time: William Pollard Jr. (1781-1826) and Philip Bickerton Winston (1826-1846). Additionally, two Clerks were in service in the Superior Court & Chancery: Thomas Pollard (1809-1830) and Philip Bickerton Winston (1830-1852).

The Society needs your help ... a Public Relations volunteer is needed to promote our events and activities. Duties include making contacts and writing copy for the local newspaper and other mediums. Also, as we continue processing our accessions, help is needed with cataloguing and transcribing documents, etc. A great deal of this work can be done "at home." Our new Curator, Amber Hawkins, will be continuing the work that Dale Talley has so ably begun.

Quick update on what was the Hanover 300th, now the Hanover 301st. It is my understanding that Hanover County is planning a celebration this year, circumstances permitting,

Stay safe and stay tuned. See you in October!

Art Taylor

Save the Date!

October 14

Details to be announced.

Join us for the premiere of a short documentary film

Commonwealth of Virginia v. Stevenson

The “Bloody Shirt Trial” held in the Historic Courthouse
&

Richmond Newspapers, Inc. v. Virginia

A seminal case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court

With an introduction and comments by

Frank D. Hargrove Jr.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

&

The Honorable David B. Caddell Jr.

Hanover General District Court

**New Publication
in the Works**

Family Cemeteries of Hanover County is a consolidation of the Society’s *Family Graveyards, Vols. I & II*, with substantial additions and corrections, as well as nearly 150 newly-documented cemeteries. Based on the prior work of Helen K. Yates and further surveys by W. E. Winfrey, improved descriptions and GPS readings are included for many of the plots. This book is expected to be available later this year.



Old Stone Jail:

A mason uses plugs and feathers, also known as wedges and shims, to cut stone in a quarry. A similar technique may have been used to cut stone for the old Jail at Hanover Courthouse.

Photo credit: “Monument & Cemetery Review,” 1923.

For an interesting analysis of the stone used to build the old Jail, see the article on pages 2-3 of the *Bulletin* by Jerrilynn Eby & Rick MacGregor .

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