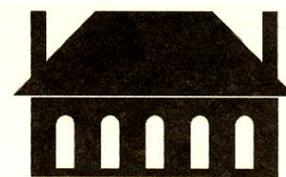


Hanover County Historical Society, Inc.

Highlights



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

Patrick Henry

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President's Corner

March is the beginning of a new season when the long, gray days of winter become shorter and shorter. Daffodils are blooming, and robins have returned (at least one!) to my backyard. Spring is the time when life renews itself, and everything comes alive again! It is my favorite season - how about you?

Our Annual Dinner meeting, held in December, was well-attended and enjoyed by all. Past-President Anne Geddy Cross spoke about the formation of Hanover County, the influence of the Church of England and subsequent Dissenter groups as well as effects of slavery and Reconstruction, among other topics.

This year is an election year for the Society. As our Nominating Committee meets and makes calls, I do hope you will consider serving as an officer for the 2020-21 term. If there is a position you would like to fill, please contact Virginia Darnell at 804-746-3181. Please say "yes" when asked to serve.

As you know, 2020 is the year Hanover County will celebrate its 300th Anniversary. The County has formed a committee to plan events for this milestone in Hanover history. As we learn of events and festivities planned by the committee, I will keep you informed. I am told everything is in the elementary stage of planning and is moving forward. Time is of essence as 2020 will be here before we know it!

Our Spring meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 31 at 2:30 p.m. Join us to hear Frank D. Hargrove Jr., Clerk of the Circuit Court, discuss old and new happenings in the Clerk's office. He will also share some of the more interesting exhibits presented in court cases over the years. We will meet in the Social Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Hanover Courthouse. I do hope to see each of you at this meeting.

As always, if you have ideas for the Society or suggestions of how we can improve in 2019, please let me know: 804-537-5081 or faye.wade@comcast.net. Your thoughts are always welcome.

Just a Reminder: Dues for 2019 are now payable. If you have already paid, thank you. If you have not done so yet, please visit our website: hanoverhistorical.org or send your check, payable to Hanover County Historical Society (HCHS), to Treasurer, HCHS, Inc., P. O. Box 91, Hanover, Va. 23069.

I hope to see each of you on Sunday, March 31, at St. Paul's for our Spring meeting.

Faye M. Wade

**Hargrove to Speak to Society:
A New Look at Old Records
Sunday, March 31, at St. Paul's**

Frank D. Hargrove Jr. has served as Hanover County's Clerk of Circuit Court since 2000. As Clerk, he oversees court administration, probate, land records, collection of fines, court costs and taxes as well as issuing marriage licenses and concealed handgun permits.



Among other achievements, Hargrove has instituted a state-of-the-art records management system making millions of pages of records accessible to the public. Researchers are particularly grateful for his efforts in digitizing the Chancery records that survived the fire in 1865 that destroyed so many of Hanover's records.

A past-president of the Virginia Court Clerks' Association and a former member of the Virginia Court Clerks' Association Education Committee, Hargrove has continued to push for innovative solutions in the courts, both in Hanover County and across the Commonwealth.

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2019 Meetings

**Sunday, March 31, 2:30 pm
A New Look at Old Records
Frank D. Hargrove Jr.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Hanover Courthouse**

**Sunday, June 23, 2:30 pm
Program & Location TBA.**

**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.**

Society Centenarian Club

Bob Bluford joins Helen K. Yates in the Society's Centenarian Club, celebrating his 100th birthday in December. Bob, who received a 2011 *Patrick Henry Leadership Award*, is founder of the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation. He has also worked tirelessly to preserve battlefields and historic properties, including several in Hanover.

Helen K. Yates, who served as the Society's *Bulletin* Editor for three decades, received a *Patrick Henry Leadership Award* in 2010. Among her many accomplishments, Helen was instrumental in producing six publications for the Society, as well as a dozen other genealogical publications.

Bob and Helen are both still keenly interested in the Society's efforts toward preservation, historical interpretation and education.