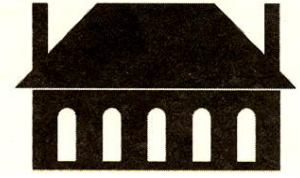


Hanover County Historical Society, Inc.

Highlights



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President's Corner

Greetings Members & Friends,

On a positive note ... Winter seems to be over! Jonquils are blooming brighter than ever, grass is starting to green, but no spring robins to speak of yet. Maybe we'll have an early Spring!

We held two great programs at the Hanover Tavern Coach House in 2021. Our Gala & Patrick Henry Leadership Award was held in October featuring Clerk of Court Frank D. Hargrove Jr. as presenter and capped off by, to his surprise, his receiving the award. Congratulations again, Frank! We closed the year with our Annual Meeting and Dinner where officers for the 2022-23 term were elected. See list elsewhere in *Highlights*.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as President once again. I will do my best to keep us heading in the right direction and moving forward. I'd like to welcome Charlie Schmetzer to our Executive Committee as our 1st Vice President for Programs. He is already working as you will see on our March meeting.

We have a great program planned for our March 27th with Patrick Henry "Comes a Visitin' Again" at the historic Courthouse. He last visited the Society at Fork Church in 2017, dropping by from his home at Scotchtown. We look forward to a Sunday afternoon of history, fellowship and refreshments on the portico. The Old Jail will also be open afterwards for a tour by our Chief Docent Gary Stauffer. Be sure to stop by the Jail as some reinterpretation has been done. We have learned more about a 20th-century jail break that you'll want to hear about. Don't miss this opportunity to see the Courthouse and Old Jail!

Some housekeeping ... be sure to look at your dues status. Reminders are in this mailing for members in arrears. Please stay with us and renew your membership! And again, as this year starts, we need volunteers. Areas of need are curation/working with accessions, mailings of our books stored in the Old Jail, refreshments committee and public relations/meeting notices. Step up and help us out! For those who have inquired, the Society and the County museum in the Old Clerk's Office are two distinct organizations. We have loaned farm implements for the opening and a quilt made at Selwyn for a recent exhibit.

While the Society is pleased to have the Old Jail as our headquarters, we are looking for a suitable building for accession storage and work space. We have recently looked at two properties and realized that the cost of renovations would exceed our capabilities at this time. If you would like to participate on a committee to assess needs/resources and to review potential sites, please give me a call at (804) 449-6702.

Hope to see you on March 27th at the Courthouse!

Art Taylor

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 27, 2:30 p.m.

Join us at the historic Hanover Courthouse to meet with Patrick Henry, portrayed by **John Tucker** of the Parsons' Cause Foundation. The Society's Chief Docent, **Gary Stauffer**, will also give an overview of the Courthouse history and tour of the Old Jail.



June 26: Membership meeting, TBA

Sept. 13: Gala & Leadership Award

Dec. 6: Annual Meeting & Dinner

Officers: 2022-2023

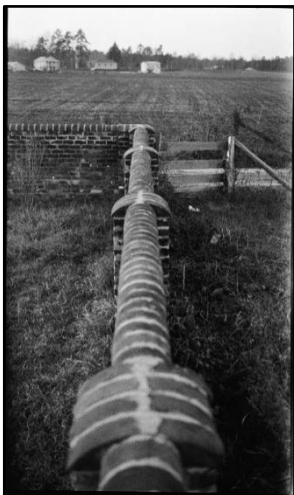
President: Art Taylor

1st VP: Charlie Schmetzer

2nd VP: Pam Hawkins

Treasurer: Cindy Lowry

Rec. Secretary: Judy Lowry



This image of the brick wall around the Courthouse Green is part of the Historic American Buildings Survey which began as a WPA project in 1933. See pages 3-4 of the *Bulletin* to see more photographs in the collection at the Library of Congress and to see the Courthouse from an architect's perspective.

Recent Acquisitions

The Society has received two unique donations since the beginning of the year.

One is the February 1931 issue of *The American Architect*, donated by the estate of James L. Deck Jr. The issue features a description and drawings of the historic Hanover Courthouse. See the *Bulletin*, page 3-4, for the article and drawings by architect Beaufort N. Eubank.

The other is a cache of documents is from Heritage & History of Hanover County Inc., the organization behind the book, *Nature's Bounty, Nation's Glory*. When the group dissolved after publication, the Society was not only gifted the remaining inventory of books, but also recently received the notes collected by and for the author Martha McCartney.

As expected, topics vary widely, including agriculture, education, transportation, religion, Native American Indians, African-Americans, military events, old homes, and archeological investigations. Although a good portion of the material is familiar, there is lesser-known information which will appear in future *Bulletin* articles.



An unusual photograph in the *Nature's Bounty* collection is labeled "Mother, Elvira and Pearley Carver." The photo, developed in Richmond by the Hall Optical Co., is likely from the early 20th century based on their clothing. If you have information about this Carver

family, please email the Editor at hanoverhistory@hotmail.com.