



Highlights

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President's Corner

As we head into warmer days, I'm looking forward to all the great programs and events we have planned for this year. At our Spring meeting, members and guests will become acquainted with the story of Susanna Bolling, a teenaged patriot who risked her life to warn Lafayette of a British plan to capture him. Author Libby McNamee will speak at the historic Courthouse and hold a book-signing at the County Museum on March 17. Seats must be reserved for this free event. See page two for details.

One of the very successful events we had last year was our collaboration with Hanover Tavern Foundation to bring you Mark Schneider as the Marquis de Lafayette. With the overwhelmingly favorable response, we have decided to again team up with the Tavern and bring Mark back to the Bradley Theater. Last year, the event sold out and, with the way tickets are already being reserved, it looks like this will be another full house. Be sure to reserve your seat while tickets are still available! This event is also free, but seats must be reserved. See page two for details. If you would like to make an individual or corporate contribution to defray expenses for this event, please contact me at hanoverhistory@gmail.com or at the Society's new local phone number: 804-781-7073.

When I attended the kick-off event for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in Williamsburg last year, I was inspired to follow the lead of those patriots to take every opportunity to collaborate with other area organizations to bring you informative and entertaining programs and to share news of events in our surrounding counties through our social media pages. The HanoverVA250 Committee, which is coordinating efforts to celebrate events leading to the Revolution, is chaired by the Society's V-P for Programs. See Amber's article on page two.

Two events celebrating Black History Month were well-attended by the public and by members of the Society's Board: *Working Hands Create a New America* with Alphine Jefferson & Donald Coles and *African-American Music* with Glennroy Bailey & Jessi Johnson Patterson. Both events were welcome additions to our knowledge of the black community and history.

With regular quarterly membership meetings and special 250 events, our need for volunteers is ongoing! Please consider volunteering to meet-and-greet the public and to help out with book sales in the Society's booth. We also need assistance with our social media pages. If you're interested in volunteering, contact me at the email or phone number listed above.

The Society received an unexpected and very welcome package recently! A 1731 Court document was returned to Hanover by a descendant of a Union soldier who most likely picked it up as a souvenir in 1865. James Copple of the 62nd Illinois did not fight in Virginia, but marched through Richmond on his way to Washington, DC to participate in the Grand Review on May 24. According to Frank D. Hargrove Jr., Clerk of the Circuit Court, this is the only known record of its kind that pre-dates 1865 and is now the oldest record in the Clerk's office. It chronicles the Court day of 5 Nov 1731 and contains nearly 100 names. See abstracts of the 1731 Court document on pages 5-6 of the *Bulletin*.

Bob Szabo

Join us on March 17 at 2:30 p.m.
at Historic Hanover Courthouse

Author Libby McNamee

will speak about

Susanna Bolling's Midnight Ride

In May 1781, a teenage girl at City Point overheard British plans to capture Lafayette and rode to warn him!

A book signing and reception will follow at the County's Museum of History & Culture, in the old Clerk's office.

This program is free, but seats must be reserved. For a direct link, visit hanoverhistorical.org/events.



Amber Hawkins-Stigall,
HanoverVA250 Chairperson
& Society V-P for Programs

HanoverVA250 is an initiative established to commemorate the pivotal role Hanover County played in the events leading up to the American Revolution. As a key player in shaping the course of American history, Hanover holds a unique significance that we aim to honor and celebrate through a series of exciting and enlightening programs and events. Join us on this journey of remembrance and discovery, exploring our shared heritage and the rich tapestry of stories that make our community an integral part of the nation's narrative. Stay connected with us on social media for regular updates on our programs and events as we collectively celebrate this significant milestone in Hanover County's history and its enduring impact on the American story.

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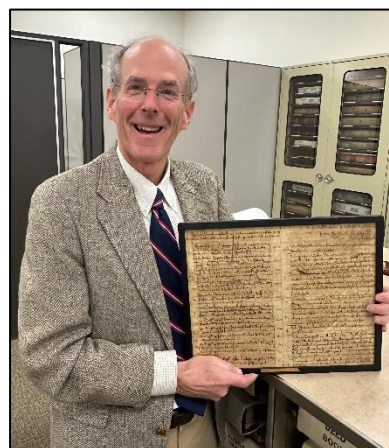
Lafayette Returns to Hanover!
Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m.
Hanover Tavern's Bradley Theater

Mark Schneider as Lafayette will regale our audience with adventures of the Marquis during the American Revolution and on his return trip in 1824-25.

This program is free, but seats must be reserved. For a direct link, visit hanoverhistorical.org/events.

This program was very popular last year and sold out quickly so reserve your tickets now!

Enjoy Lunch or Dinner at the Tavern! Reservations must be made separately. Call Hanover Tavern at 804-537-5050 or visit hanovertavern.org.



Frank D. Hargrove Jr., Clerk of the Circuit Court, with a newly-acquired 1731 Court document. See page 6-7 of the Bulletin for details.

