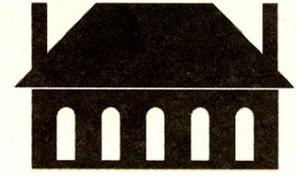


Hanover County Historical Society, Inc.

Highlights



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President's Corner

Greetings Fellow Members and Friends,

We are BACK, live, in-person, face-to-face... with our grand "Reopening" membership meeting and program! Over fifty members, guests and friends joined us for our October program by Frank D. Hargrove Jr., Clerk of the Circuit Court, and District Court Judge David B. Caddell Jr. The documentary film, which features a court case heard in the historic Courthouse and leading to a landmark ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court, was of "60 Minutes" quality! Our thanks go to Frank Hargrove, who produced the documentary and allowed the Society to present the premiere, and to our own Facebook "meister" Robert Szabo who directed and edited the film. The spontaneity of Frank and Judge Caddell in their comments and "Q & A" made the program entertaining as well as informative. Thank you to our Program Committee of V-P Marla Coleman, Lindsay Ryland and Anne Cross for coordinating the event, to the Parson's Cause Foundation for its support in underwriting the program and to Hanover Tavern for hosting our meeting.

And... the surprise presentation of our 11th Patrick Henry Leadership Award, made to Frank Hargrove for his tireless efforts in preserving Hanover records, capped this great evening! It caught most, and especially him, "off guard!" See pictures elsewhere in this *Highlights* and on our Facebook page and website.

Building on this meeting and program, we will have our Annual Meeting & Dinner on Friday, December 3 at the Hanover Tavern Coach House. We will hold our biennial election of Officers for the 2022–2023 term and will vote on proposed Constitution & Bylaw amendments. See the slate of officers and proposed amendments in this *Highlights*. Your vote counts, so mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Dues are now payable for the 2022 calendar year. Renew early and, if in arrears, please catch up! We are still running our free book offer with two-year membership or Life Membership. See enclosed form or visit hanoverhistorical.org to renew and take advantage of the book offer. And to our new members who have joined the Society at recent events, welcome!

We have been working toward increasing our social media presence through our website and Facebook page. As a result, we are receiving and responding to more inquiries about Hanover's history and genealogy. Our Curator continues archival and cataloguing efforts and is considering a scanning project of our accessions. We would value your involvement and help with curatorial work, public relations, mailing out book orders and other needs.

As always, many thanks for being a member of our Society! See you at our Annual Meeting on December 3rd at Hanover Tavern!

Art Taylor

Join us!

2021 Annual Meeting & Dinner

Friday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Hanover Tavern Coach House

America's First Leadership Crisis: Enduring Lessons

Suzanne Munson, Author of *Jefferson's Godfather*

Enjoy a dinner buffet with salad, entrées, sides and dessert.

Pre-registration and payment of \$30.00 per person must be received by November 18.

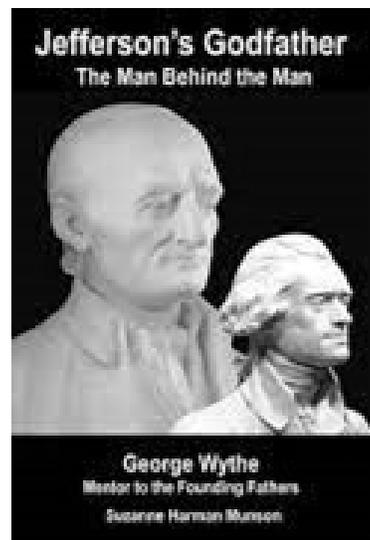
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**Society Presents 11th Patrick Henry Leadership Award
&
Hosts Premiere of New Documentary Film**



Frank D. Hargrove Jr. receives the 11th Patrick Henry Leadership Award from Art Taylor, President of the Society.

Hargrove, Clerk of the Hanover Circuit Court since 2000, was recognized for his career-long preservation of Hanover's history and heritage. His achievements of special interest to researchers include the preservation of Hanover's early records, including the Chancery files. Most recently, he produced a documentary film featuring a court case held in the historic Hanover Courthouse which led to a precedent-setting ruling by the Supreme Court of Virginia as well as a landmark ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court.



Hanover District Court Judge David B. Caddell Jr. makes remarks at the Society's event on October 14.



District Court Judge David B. Caddell Jr. (center) appeared with Patrick H. Bynum Jr. (at right) in the documentary film produced by Frank Hargrove. Society member Robert Szabo (at left) directed and edited the documentary which was filmed in the Historic Hanover Courthouse.

In the film, then Commonwealth's Attorney Bynum gives a first-person account of events in Commonwealth of Virginia v. Stevenson which led to a precedent-setting ruling by the Supreme Court of Virginia regarding "non-verbal hearsay." A related case, Richmond Newspapers, Inc. v. Virginia, resulted in a landmark ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court regarding the Sixth Amendment right to an open trial, not only for the defendant, but interpreted more broadly to include the right of the community as well as the press to be involved in the criminal process to attend trials. The Court found that, absent an overriding interest, the trial of the criminal case must be open to the Press.

