



President's Corner

Hope this finds everyone well and enjoying the cooler weather. While we are looking forward to spending time with family and friends over the coming months, circumstances are still driving our agenda for membership meetings. Our concerns about gathering safely in a group setting are shared by Covenant Woods which will not be able to host our event this year. As a result, our Annual Meeting & Christmas Dinner scheduled for December 2 has been **cancelled**. We hope to reschedule Dr. Ginger Young's program: *A Jamestown Bride Leaves England & a Hanoverian Returns Home* at a later time.

Hanover County's 300th Anniversary event and opening of the Hanover County Museum scheduled for October 17 has been postponed. Preliminary plans are to carry this event over to next year. Our 300th needs a celebration!

Though we have been unable to host a membership meeting this year, your Executive Committee has been busy. Pam Hawkins has agreed to serve as 2nd V-P for Membership, and Amber Hawkins has stepped in as Curator to carry on the exceptional work that Dale Talley has done for the Society. Welcome ladies and thank you. I would also like to thank Cheryl Copper for guest editing this edition of the *Bulletin*. Woodson descendants will enjoy her article on "Tub and Tater Woodsons." Also, Society member Gary Stauffer will resume regular tours of the historic Courthouse on November 10. The "second Tuesday" tours are scheduled from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. When you visit, please wear a mask.

A big thank you... In my last President's letter, I encouraged a little reading of Hanover history. Well, it seems that many have done exactly that, and book orders are up! Many have taken advantage of the membership special which now includes a complimentary copy of "*Nature's Bounty, Nature's Glory...*" See the insert for details. Whether you are starting a personal library, adding to your collection or looking for a gift book, we have a varied selection of publications that you will enjoy.

Our latest publication, expected to be available in 2021, is *Family Cemeteries of Hanover County, Va.* This will be a consolidation of our *Family Graveyards, Vols. I & II*, with substantial additions and corrections, as well as nearly 150 newly-documented cemeteries. See page two for more detail. (Please keep in mind that most all cemeteries and historical homes are on private property and require owner permission to visit.)

Welcome to our new members and our most recent Life Members. We appreciate your participation in the Society! Over the last several months we have lost two members who were long-serving officers. In July, Fred Hodnett, a Past Treasurer, passed away, and in August, we lost Sterling Anderson, a Charter Member who served as our second and fifth President.

Stay safe and stay tuned to hanoverhistorical.org and [facebook.com/hanoverhistorical](https://www.facebook.com/hanoverhistorical) for the latest. Preliminary planning for next year is underway. I look forward to seeing you at our Spring membership meeting!

Art Taylor

Annual Meeting & Dinner

Our Annual Meeting scheduled for December 2nd has, unfortunately, been cancelled due to venue restrictions and concerns about group meetings. We look forward to seeing you at our Spring membership meeting which is tentatively scheduled for April 11.

New Publication in the Works

Family Cemeteries of Hanover County is a consolidation of *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, there are improved descriptions and GPS readings for many of the previously-published and the more recently-discovered plots. This book, expected to be available in early 2021, will effectively replace the previous publications and will make a fine addition to your library of Hanover history and genealogy.

Society Exhibit:

What Lies Beneath?

Visit the Society's exhibit for a glimpse of artifacts recovered from the ground in Hanover. In ancient times, Tidewater Virginia was covered by ocean waters, leaving fossil remains that aid in our understanding of this area's past.

Artifacts on display include shark teeth, whale vertebra and marine snails recovered from a well in Old Church and a Native American Indian mortar and pestle donated to the Society by Larry and Donna Emerson. Petrified wood pieces are from Alvin and Susie Witbeck.

Thank you to Robert E. Weems, Ph.D., of Ashland who identified the artifacts and provided information on geologic periods.

Our exhibit case is located in the lobby of the Administration Building at Hanover Courthouse.

Historic Courthouse Tours

Tours led by Society member Gary Stauffer will resume on November 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and are scheduled for second Tuesdays thereafter. When you visit, please plan to wear a mask.



Shark Teeth & Petrified Wood in our Exhibit case in the Administration Building at Hanover Courthouse.

