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JANUARY, 1993

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the Orange County Historical Society will take place on Monday, January 25th, at the Society's Headquarters and Research Center, 130 Caroline Street in Orange. Light refreshments will be served at 7:30 and the meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.

This meeting is the Society's Annual Meeting and commemorate the anniversary of the first court held in Orange County January 21, 1734 [O.S.]. In light of the limited amount of business we need to cover we have invited Nancy Alexander, of the Orange Downtown Alliance to present a program on the efforts of the Town of Orange's Main Street Program. Our program will also consist of a report on the activities of the Society over the past year and our plans for 1993. Following this will be the election of new members to the Board of Directors.

The present members of the Board are as follows:

Mary C. Calhoun	Pete Holladay
Larry Dermondy**	Carter Jacobs*
Jeanne Detwiler*	Pam Kirkland-Gottschalk
Ellen Donnelly	Rod Slayton*
Carolyn French	Betty Spiber*
J. Randolph Grymes, Jr.	Frank S. Walker, President

* Term expires January 1993 (Carter Jacobs has agreed to serve another term if elected.)

** Appointed by the Board to fill the unexpired term of Melanie Biermann

The Nominating Committee proposes the following Society members for election to the Board of Directors to replace those whose terms are expiring:

Barbara Harkness	Barbara V. Little
Robert "Bob" Hobson	Carter Jacobs

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT VISITS ORANGE

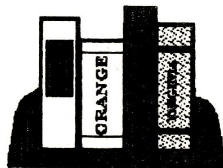
From the January 4, 1934 issue of the *Orange County News* (The Robert E. Lee Tea Room mentioned in the article was removed shortly after Mrs. Roosevelt's visit to make way for the present Orange Post Office):

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, and Mrs. L. A. Hickok of Washington, D.C. had lunch at the Robert E. Lee Tea Room on Main Street, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Roosevelt was driving a Plymouth roadster, and was en route, after spending Sunday night in Charlottesville, where with Mrs. Hickok, she visited the University of Virginia and Monticello. She talked to the White House while at the Tea Room. Messrs. William C. Williams and R. H. Rawlings were among those who shook hands with the first lady of the land, and both gentleman were impressed with her gracious and warm personality.

DUES ARE DUE!! DUES ARE DUE!! DUES ARE DUE!!

12.50 Annual Membership, \$50.00 Annual Sustaining, \$100.00 to 300.00 Annual Patron,
\$300.00 Life Member

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY



From the Z. W. Chewning, Jr. Memorial Fund:

The following editions of the Virginia Regimental Histories Series:

46th Virginia Infantry, by Darrell L. Collins

The Fluvanna Artillery, by David G. Martin

The Caroline Light, Parker and Stafford Light Virginia Artillery, by Homer D. Musselman

JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ORANGE COUNTY 1809-1993

While the County Court was the keystone of the Virginia judicial system for over one hundred sixty-nine years (1734-1903), the General Court sitting in the Colonial Capitol heard appeals from the County Courts and exercised original jurisdiction in serious cases. Until 1683, the General Court consisted of the Colonial Assembly including the Governor's Council and the House of Burgesses. After 1683, the General Court consisted of the Royal Governor and his Council.

After the American Revolution, the General court was continued with judges appointed by the General Assembly. Also a High Court of Chancery was created. The Judges of the General Court and the High Court of Chancery constituted the Court of Appeals. In 1788, the three courts became separate judicial bodies with separate judges.

Also in 1788, the Commonwealth was divided into Judicial Districts and a judge of the General Court presided over each District Court with jurisdiction over criminal and law cases. Orange County was in the Ninth District with the court sitting in Fredericksburg. In 1809, the name of the district court was changed to the Superior Court of Law.

Chancery jurisdiction remained with the High Court of Chancery until 1801 when district Courts of Chancery were created. In 1830, the separate courts of law and chancery were merged to create in each county a Circuit Court of Law and Chancery.

On June 1, 1831, the Honorable Richard H. Field, "Judge of the General Court and the only judge of the 11 Judicial Circuit of which Orange County is a part" entered an order establishing the Circuit Court of Law and Chancery for Orange County (i.e. Orange County Circuit Court).

The following have served as judges of the Circuit Court of Orange County and its predecessors since 1809:

Honorable Hugh Holmes (1809-25)
Honorable Phillip P. Barbour (1825-27)
Honorable Richard H. Field (1827-66)
Honorable Egbert R. Watson (1866-69)
Honorable Henry S. Shackelford (1869-80)
Honorable Daniel A. Grimsley (1880-1910)
Honorable George Scott Shackelford (1910-15)
Honorable John Rutherford (1915-22)
Honorable Alexander Thomas Browning (1922-46)
Honorable Burnett Miller, Jr. (1946-54)
Honorable C. Champion Bowles (1954-66)
Honorable Harold H. Purcell (1966-74)
Honorable Vance M. Fry (1974-82)
Honorable E. Gerald Tremblay (1982-84)
Honorable Lloyd C. Sullenberger (1984-

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FEBRUARY, 1993

NO FEBRUARY MEETING

Due to the usually inclement weather at this time of the year, the Society does not schedule a meeting for February. Our next meeting, therefore, will be March 29th. Look for announcement of the program for that meeting in the March Newsletter.

1993 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Orange County Historical Society's 1993 Board of Directors are as follows: Frank Walker, President; Carter Jacobs, Vice-President; Ellen Donnelly, Secretary; Randolph Grymes, Treasurer; Mary Calhoun; Larry Dermond; Carolyn French; Pam Gottschalk; Barbara Harkness; Bob Hobson; Pete Holladay and Barbara Little.

SOCIETY RECEIVES FRY-JEFFERSON MAP

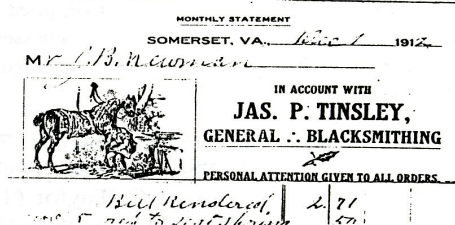


Detail of Fry-Jefferson Map Showing
Orange County

We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Camblos of Charlottesville for the gift of a full-sized (5'x3') framed version of the famous Fry-Jefferson Map of Virginia. The original map, which now hangs at Harvard, was drawn in 1751 by Col. Joshua Fry, the first Englishman to patent land in what is now Madison County, and Peter Jefferson, father of Thomas Jefferson. Our replica is on view in the front room of the Society's Research Center.

LOCAL BUSINESS HISTORY COLLECTION FORMED

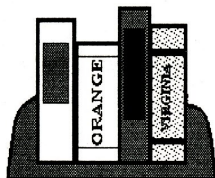
The Orange County Historical Society is trying to build a collection of letterheads and billheads of county businesses and professionals of yesterday. Often these pieces of paper are the only things that remain of once thriving businesses. If you would like to add to our growing collection, please feel free to stop by the Society's headquarters and share with us your piece of history.



ANOTHER DUES REMINDER

As you may remember, membership runs from January 1st through December 31st each year (except of course, for Life Memberships), and the dues are as follows: Annual Regular \$12.50; Annual Sustaining \$50.00; Annual Patron \$100.00 to \$300.00; Life Membership \$300.00

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY



Kindship: It's All Relative, by Jackie Smith Arnold.

From the Z. W. Chewning, Jr. Memorial Fund:

Caroline County, Virginia: Order Book, 1767-1768, Parts One & Two, abstracted and compiled by John Frederick Dorman.

Virginia Revolutionary Pension Applications, Vol. 49, abstracted and compiled by John Frederick Dorman.

QUERY

Canadian member wishes to make contact with her Orange County roots. Would appreciate corresponding with anyone having information on Andrew Newman, b. ca. 1770, son of Alexander Newman & Frances Bourne. Andrew married (1) Mary Ann Fennell - 1789 (2) Genette Garner - 1801. Seeking names & birthdates of his children. Lorraine Calvert, 201-1765 Duchess Ave., West Vancouver, B. C. V7V 1P8 CANADA.

Clerks of Orange County 1734 - 1993

From the creation of Orange County in 1734 until the adoption of the Constitution of 1852, the clerk was appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the County Court. The office of County Clerk became elective in 1852.

The following have served as Clerk of Orange County (Year indicates date sworn):

Henry Willis - 1734	● M. D. Higgins - 1869
Jonathan Gibson - 1740	○ John G. Williams - 1870
John Nicholas - 1745	Philip H. Fry - 1870
George Taylor - 1749	Charles W. Woolfolk - 1906
James Taylor - 1772	J. William Browning - 1919
George C. Taylor - 1798	Paul H. Scott - 1936
Reynolds Chapman - 1801	J. Edward Wiltshire - 1938
Philip S. Fry - 1844	Henry C. DeJarnette - 1952
Philip H. Fry - 1859	Ulysses P. Joyner, Jr. - 1982

- Higgins appointed by Military Governor of Virginia during re-construction period.
- Williams served under Higgins and as interim clerk by appointment of the County Court pending election of Clerk.

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Orange County Circuit Court

Note: Jonathan Gibson (1740) was father-in-law of George Taylor (1749); James Taylor (1772) was son of George; and George C. Taylor (1798) was James' son! Philip S. Fry and Philip H. Fry were father and son.

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MARCH, 1993

MARCH MEETING



The March meeting of the Orange County Historical Society will take place Monday, March 29th, at the Society's Headquarters and Research Center, 130 Caroline Street in Orange. Light Refreshments will be served at 7:30 and the program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

1993 brings to us the 250th Anniversary of the birth of James Madison's good friend and Albemarle neighbor, Thomas Jefferson. The significance of this has not been lost on the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, the owner and operator of "Monticello" and the myriad of enterprises associated with it. The Foundation has scheduled a year-long series of seminars, exhibits, workshops, etc., under the overall title of "The Worlds of Thomas Jefferson."

There is always the danger that we will intend to find out what "Worlds" programs are being offered locally but never get around to it until it's too late. Sound familiar? To ease our minds on that score, we have asked Elizabeth Goss of the "Monticello" staff to come be with us at the March 29th meeting and give us an illustrated overview of the "Worlds" project generally and about specific programs which will be available for us locally during the year.

Betty claims no connection with the Gosses of old "Somerset"; however, it brings back memories just to sound the name. For one evening, at least, we will adopt her. Come join us in doing just that, while we learn about "The Worlds of Thomas Jefferson."

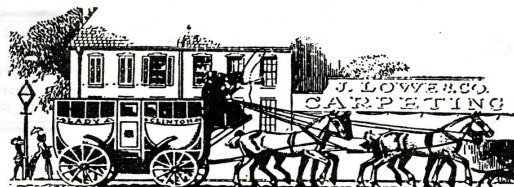
LOCAL TRAVEL IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

The following is an excerpt from "A Sketch of Colonial Orange, 1734-1776," by Bessie Grinnan, quoted in *Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine* (October 1922):

The roads were bad. There was a tax on pleasure vehicles in the county. The most common vehicle was a stick buggy or chaise (a two-wheeled vehicle something like a dog cart with a top). The only Chariot before the Revolution was said to have been Maj. Wm. Moore's chariot, a handsome affair with a gilt moulding around the top, much admired by the good people of Orange, who, for the most part, rode on horseback.



AND IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY



The following is excerpted from the recollections of Judith Francis Aglionby who was a great-great aunt of Society member Virginia Ewers Queitzsch, and a cousin of member Anne Walker Somerville and our president, Frank Walker. (Our thanks to Anne for the copy of these recollections):

To give some idea of the laboriousness of travel is to tell that we took the four horses stage at Orange Court House at Nine o'clock at night, over the pike to Fredericksburg. Some of the stones in the road often could not go in a peck measure. We changed horses every ten miles, breakfasted at Chancellorsville, and from there went to Fredericksburg, arriving at nine o'clock. This was considered quick travel in January 1835, to accomplish 36 miles in twelve hours.

ORANGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE NOTES

(contibuted by Ulysses P. Joyner, Jr., Clerk, Orange County Circuit Court)

NOTE: Life in Orange County under the Confederate States of America was not easy. For much of the war, Orange County was home to most of the Army of Northern Virginia and the Rapidan River was the frontline facing the Union forces occupying Culpeper. The situation is reflected in the minutes of the Orange County Court during that period.

The Court of this County at the suggestion of some of the citizens being of opinion, that for the defense of our County and State funds should be raised to an amount not exceeding \$4000. and that such action is approved and desired by the people of the whole County, do appoint Benjamin J. Barbour, Ferdinand Jones and Philip B. Jones a committee to borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding \$4000. in the aggregate, from time to time as may be required in the opinion of said committee to be applied by them as necessity may require, and the Court pledge themselves to levy on the land and slaves such amount of money, as may be necessary from time to time, to pay the said sums of money so borrowed in installments of one and two years with all interest that may accrue there on.

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[This is the first of several such passages from the minutes of the County Court during the Civil War which we will run from time to time in the *Newsletter*.]

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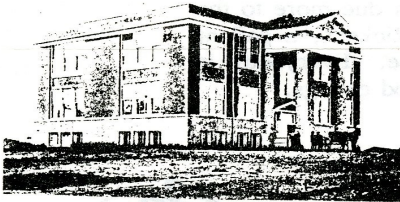
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APRIL, 1993

APRIL MEETING



Old Orange High School

The April meeting of the Orange County Historical Society will take place Monday, April 26th, at the Society's Headquarters and Research Center, 130 Caroline Street in Orange. Light refreshments will be served at 7:30 and the program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Our program speaker for April is Mrs. Shirley Herndon Morris, who will address us on the history of public education in Orange County. A lifelong resident of the County, Mrs. Morris has experienced much of what she will recount. Growing up near Rhoadesville, Mrs. Morris was among the young friends of her neighbor D. N. Davidson, a nearly legendary Orange County School superintendent. Upon conclusion of her own education, Mrs. Morris went to work for the County School Board, where she has now served in various positions for some 38 years. A daughter is a kindergarten teacher. A granddaughter is a student at Prospect Heights. Mrs. Morris' presentation promises to be an interesting one. See you on April 26th.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are heartened considerably by the response to our "dues are due" letter a few weeks ago. We had suspected that all most folks needed was a reminder, and that seems to be the case. If you did not get one of those letters, you either (a) paid earlier, for which we thank you, or (b) are not yet on the mailing list, a problem which we will be most happy to rectify as soon as you let us know who you are! A number of you also made contributions over and above the basic dues amounts. Those funds are of immeasurable assistance in our times of tight budgets. A special thanks to you.

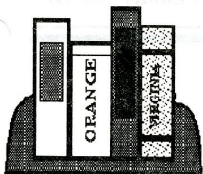
FEATHERS OF THE EAGLE

April 6, 1993 marked the opening at the Gordonsville Exchange Hotel and Civil War Museum of an exhibit on Native American dress from the early 1600s to the present day. The exhibit, researched and installed by Virginia Commonwealth University Fashion Merchandising student Stephanie Hicks, in conjunction with Historic Gordonsville and with the support of the United Indians of Virginia, is housed at the Exchange Hotel in Gordonsville until Fall 1993.

Feathers of the Eagle examines the transition of Native American dress from the early 1600s as described by early writings of the first English to visit Virginia, through an adoption of style due to a variety of sociological events, to present day 1993.

On April 24th at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Hotel, Mrs. Hicks will make a presentation to the community on her research topic. For further information you may call 703/832-2944. The Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO OUR RESEARCH LIBRARY



James Madison: A Biography, by Ralph Ketcham

From the Zed W. Chewning, Jr. Memorial Fund:

The following editions of the Virginia Regimental Histories Series:

64th Virginia Infantry, by Jeffery C. Weaver

7th Virginia Cavalry, by Richard L. Armstrong

10th Virginia Cavalry, by Robert J. Driver, Jr.

ORANGE COUNTY'S CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

The following article pertaining to the Confederate Monument in the Courthouse yard was published in the October 18, 1900 issue of the Fredericksburg *Free Lance*.



The unveiling of the monument at Orange to the memory of Orange county heroes, who gave their lives for liberty and home is the subject of interest just now. On the 18th inst. the imposing ceremony will take place. Rev. Lin Cave, an Orange boy by birth, a gallant member of the Montpelier Guard from Harper's Ferry to Appomattox, and now a distinguished divine of Missouri, will deliver the oration. The culmination of this laudable effort is perhaps due more to the energy and labor of Treasurer [Wm. H.] Ricketts, a gallant comrade of Mr. Cave, than to any one else. Everybody is invited to come and bring a basket full of good eatings.

TOMATO HISTORY

The following interesting and enlightening letter has recently been received by the Society from Andrew Smith of New York. If any of you have the information he is requesting, please let us know and we will forward it on to him:



Since 1987, I have been engaged in the dubious task of writing the history of the tomato in what is today the United States. I have published several articles in historical journals, and am now working on a book focusing specifically on the tomato's introduction and adoption. I have located several thousand primary references to the tomato published or written in America prior to 1860.

The best evidence is that the tomato was used by some people for culinary purposes as early as the mid-eighteenth century in eastern Virginia. Its culture was particularly promoted by French and Creole refugees from 'Santa Dominigo' (Haiti) in the late 1790s. The tomato was generally cultivated throughout Virginia by the mid 1820s. I am familiar with several references related to Thomas Jefferson, but I wondered if you knew of any other references to the tomato from records, manuscripts, letters, or diaries, etc., from Orange County?

I realize that this request may not be easy to respond to, but I hoped that you might know of some obvious sources to check. I would be delighted to cover any cost of copying or mailing.

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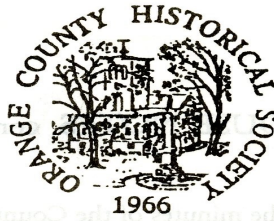
Florida member attempting to ascertain origins of THOMAS JENKINS who married Elizabeth G. Taylor in Orange County 14 January 1800. She was daughter of Dr. Charles Taylor & granddaughter of Col. George Taylor. Any information regarding Jenkins gratefully appreciated. G. Barrett Rich, 4522 Woodmere Rd. Tampa, FL 33609.

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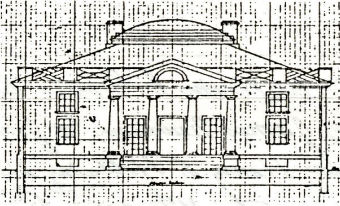
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MAY, 1993

"MAY" MEETING



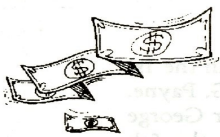
Due to the fact that the last Monday in May is the Memorial Day holiday, our "May" meeting will actually take place on Monday, **JUNE 7TH (PLEASE TAKE NOTE!)** at the Society's Headquarters and Research Center, 130 Caroline Street in Orange. Light refreshments will be served at 7:30 and the program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

As our members know, 1993 marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, and in recognition of that occasion, our program will concern a topic close to the heart of our third president: architecture. Our speakers will be Pam Kirkland-Gottschalk and Ann L. Miller, who will present "The 'Jeffersonian Style' in Orange County."

One Orange County building is known to have been designed by Jefferson. The design of a number of others reflect the so-called "Jeffersonian Classical" style — Jefferson's personal interpretation of the Classical Revival style, which was a major influence on central Virginia architecture from the early 19th century until the eve of the Civil War.

Recent research has uncovered new evidence on the practitioners of this style in Orange and the surrounding area. Many buildings that were formerly attributed to Jefferson are now known to have been designed by builders who once worked for Jefferson, or by their associates. Plan to join us on the 7th to meet not only Jefferson as architect, but the largely-unsung "Jefferson workmen" who built some of our Orange County landmarks.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As you know, we have been on a determined search for a Treasurer ever since Randolph Grymes submitted his resignation from that post earlier this year. Randolph has very kindly agreed to serve for a time; an offer of which we have gratefully taken advantage. We knew that we could not impose on Randy's good nature forever; however, we also knew that we had no one volunteering for the position.

Into the gap stepped Board member Barbara Little. Barbara has had extensive experience with the finances of organizations such as ours, and it is quite fair to say that she would not have objected to someone else offering to serve. No other offer had been received, however, and we deeply appreciate Barbara's willingness to lend assistance where it is sorely needed.

At Barbara's suggestion, and with the concurrence of Lois Deneke, our auditor, we will be installing an accounting program in our computer in the very near future. Once we get it up and running, the bookkeeping and reports production jobs in particular should be easier to handle. Lois is going to continue at her post to help keep us on track. We trust that the general membership will in fact not notice anything different from the routinely superior work they have learned to expect of Randy.

CLASSES ON GENEALOGY PLANNED

If enough interest is evidenced, a course in genealogy will be offered this fall, probably on Wednesday or Thursday night. Topics which could be included would be vital statistics, land, estate and census records. The course could be oriented toward Virginia research or research in general. Those interested need to contact the Society indicating what topics they would be interested in.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO OUR RESEARCH LIBRARY



The Concise Illustrated History of the Civil War, by James I. Robertson.

A Hard Country and a Lonely Place: Schooling, Society and Reform in Rural Virginia, 1870-1920, by William A. Link.

Thrice Three Times Told Tales, by Mary Waller Shepherd Soper (Gift of Margaret T. Macdonald).

From the Zed W. Chewning, Jr. Memorial Fund:

War of the Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Series I, Vol. 29.

Index to Enrolled Bills of the General Assembly of Virginia, 1776 to 1910, compiled by John W. Williams.

ORANGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE NOTES, contributed by Ulysses P. Joyner, Jr.,
Clerk, Orange County Circuit Court

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JUNE, 1993

June Meeting



This month marks the start of our 1993 summer picnic meetings. Our meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 28th, on the lawn of "Woodley," the residence of Mr. William Niven.

"Woodley", ca. 1787, was the home of President James Madison's brother Ambrose Madison, and stands on a portion of the original Montpelier patent of 1723. It is located approximately 3½ miles from the Orange Court House on the right-hand side of Rt. 15 towards Gordonsville.

As usual we provide the atmosphere, you provide your chairs and picnic supper of your choice, and on this occasion Bill Niven will provide the program.

In the event of rain, bring your supper to our headquarters, 130 Caroline Street, where we will carry on with the program and the socializing minus the sitting.

Summer Picnic Schedule	
June 28	"Woodley"
July 26	"Locust Grove"
August 30	"Grotto"

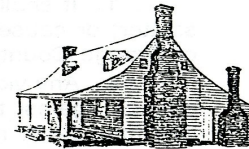
Two Special Events for the Historical Society



As you know from the May Newsletter, our Board member Larry Dermond, who is also Architectural Conservator at Montpelier, is offering a series of lectures entitled "At Home Conservation Techniques: Protect Your Antiques and Collectibles." These lectures are taking place on the fourth Saturday of each month through November, and the upcoming one, "Letters and Other Paper," is scheduled for June 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 in the meeting room of the Historical Society.

Also Being offered in our meeting room this summer will be a lecture series by Ann L. Miller, former Research Director of our Society and an author, architectural historian and historic preservation consultant. These lectures are entitled "How Old Is Your House?" and are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the second Saturdays of the months of July through October. Further details of this series are set forth in the brochure enclosed with this newsletter.

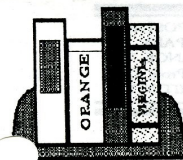
For both of these lecture series a \$10 donation per session to the Orange County Historical Society is encouraged.



To Those Who Have Not Paid Their Dues

We assume you do not wish to renew your membership, so we hereby inform you that we are reluctantly removing your names from our membership list. This will be your last Newsletter unless we receive your dues by July 1st.

Recent Additions To Our Research Library



From the Zed W. Chewning, Jr. Memorial Fund:

New Virginia Justice, Comprising the Office and Authority of a Justice of the Peace in the Commonwealth of Virginia, by William Walter Hening.

Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1927

Guide to Magistrates, by Joseph Mayo.

The Constitution of Virginia: An Annotated Edition, by Armistead R. Long

Plus the following editions of the Virginia Regimental Histories Series:

7th Virginia Cavalry, by Richard L. Armstrong.

10th Virginia Cavalry, by Robert J. Driver, Jr.

Local History Connection



Van Buren

Orange County was indirectly associated with the presidency (1837-1841) of Martin Van Buren in two different ways:

1. His Vice-President, Richard Mentor Johnson, was a son of Col. Robert and Jemima Johnson of Orange County. (Richard was born after his parents moved to Kentucky.)
2. Van Buren's daughter-in-law, Angelica Singleton Van Buren, who acted as the widowed President's White House hostess, was a cousin of Dolley Madison through the Coles Family of Albemarle County.

Genealogist Beware!

The following is "borrowed" from an issue of *Splinters From the Tree*, the newsletter of the Pasadena (California) Genealogy Society:

There are many schemes to extract money from genealogists by misleading people into buying "family history books," which are not what the purchaser expects them to be. The books often turn out to be nothing more than a listing of people from phone books or similar sources, and a few genealogical forms. The U.S. Postal Service has obtained legal writs stopping some of these schemes, but they usually crop up under another name within a short time.

Although most genealogist who have been researching a few years can recognize the promotions for phony genealogies and coats of arms, there are always new traps for the unwary. One of the recent variations is a photocopy of what appears to be a newspaper story about a new family history, with an unsigned personal note urging the recipient to purchase the "family history."

Not So New After All

Many people involved in today's environmental movement tend to think that their concerns are something new. However as seen in this notice published in the May 21, 1928 issue of the *Orange Observer* even then the Board of Supervisors wanted to keep Orange green.

Be it ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Orange County.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person firm or corporation to deposit or scatter, or cause to be scattered, on the right of way of any road or highway of Orange County, any refuse, paper cans, or other such things:

2. Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed an offence against the County of Orange and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$2.50 nor more than \$50.00

3. Each day that any violation of this ordinance continues shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense and shall be punished as such.

4. Upon conviction of any violation of this ordinance, one half of the fine shall be paid to the informer.

J. W. BROWNING, Clerk

[Note: J. W. Browning was also clerk of the Orange County Circuit Court. In those days the County Clerk was automatically Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.]

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