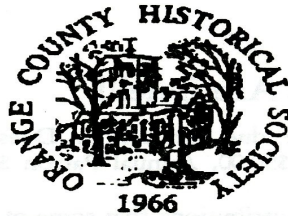


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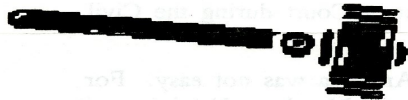
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JANUARY 1994

January Meeting



The January meeting of the Orange County Historical Society will take place on MONDAY, JANUARY 24TH at the Society's Headquarters and Research Center, 130 Caroline Street in Orange. Light refreshments will be served at 7:30 and the meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING COMES "EARLY." Instead of being held on the usual *last* Monday of the month, the January meeting is scheduled for the Monday closest to January 21st, which is the anniversary of the first Orange County court (held in 1734).

This is the Society's Annual Meeting, the one at which Directors will be elected. There will be a short program on Orange County's new tour service and a brief presentation of the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table Annual Conference.

The present members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Kay Calhoun	Bob Hobson
Larry Dermody*	Pete Holladay
Ellen Donnelly*	Carter Jacobs
Carolyn French*	Barbara Little
Pam Kirkland-Gottschalk*	Frank Walker, President
Barbara Harkness	

*Indicates Board members whose terms expire January 1994, two of whom (Carolyn French and Larry Dermody) have agreed to serve another term if elected.

The nominating committee proposes the following Society members for election to the Board of Directors to replace those retiring:

Ben E. Grimm
Ronald E. Wilson
Richard L. Sanford
Larry D. Dermody
Carolyn H. French (Mrs. David M.)

Research Library Acquisitions



The following are a few of many books donated to our research library by Dr. George G. Shackelford, recently retired from the History Department at Virginia Tech:

Speech of J. S. Barbour, of Virginia on the Propriety of Excluding the Agency of the President in Appointing and Removing the Disbursing and Accounting Officers of the Treasury Department: Delivered in the House of Representatives of the United States, March 1828.

State Papers and Public Documents of the United States from the Accession of George Washington to the Presidency, Exhibiting a Complete View of Our Foreign Relations since That Time. Volumes IX and X of 10 volume set.

Kegley's Virginia Frontier: The Beginning of Southwest, The Roanoke of Colonial Days, 1740-1783, by F. B. Kegley.

Jefferson and the Arts: an Extended View, edited by William Howard Adams.

Another Reminder — Dues Are Due!!!

Don't forget Society dues were due January 1. Dues are as follows: Annual Membership \$12.50, Annual Sustaining \$50.00, Annual Patron \$100.00 to 300.00, and Life Membership \$300.00.

We appreciate the much needed contributions that some of you have made in addition to your dues, and hope that others will follow in your footsteps.

Orange County Courthouse Notes

contributed by Ulysses P. Joyner, Jr., Clerk, Orange County Circuit Court

[This is another of several excerpts from the minutes of the County Court during the Civil War which we are running from time to time.]

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 front line facing the Union forces occupying Culpeper. The situation is reflected in the minutes of the Orange County Court during that period.

It is ordered, that William Parker, the agent for distributing salt for this County, shall require of each person receiving salt, a statement in writing, on oath, containing the number of his family on the first day of January past, and that no person shall receive salt 'till such statement is furnished, and all who have already been furnished shall receive no more salt 'till all others shall receive an equal quantity - provided they apply within two weeks after the salt shall have been advertised publicly, as ready for delivery at Orange Court House; which the said agent is hereby required to do in each Magisterial district, previous to delivering the salt.

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FEBRUARY 1994

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 28th. Look for an announcement of the program for that meeting in the March Newsletter

Historians Roundtable to be Formed

Beginning this Spring, your Society will sponsor an Orange County History Roundtable. The Roundtable format will be an open get-together for anyone interested in Orange County history. We will foster informal exchange and discussion of research topics, information, problems, questions, and ideas.



The tentative plan is to meet every other month for 1 to 2 hours, early on a weekday evening, at the Society's Research Center and Headquarters. The exact day and time still need to be finalized, and will depend on the what is most convenient to participants. For more information, interested persons should contact the Research Center (703)672-5366 weekdays between 1-5 p.m.

In Memoriam

We are saddened to learn of the death of Henry C. DeJarnette, former Clerk of the Circuit Court of Orange County, and a long-time member of the Society. "Henry D.," as he was locally known, was a great friend of history and historians. His knowledge and fund of anecdotes on county history, records and personalities were inexhaustible. He took special pride and interest in his memberships in our Historical Society and in the James Madison Museum. He gave tirelessly and unselfishly of himself to other County organizations, including numerous terms as member of the Orange County Planning Commission and board of the Orange County Nursing Home. He was a stalwart in the Orange County Democratic Party and the Virginia Court Clerks Association.

Henry DeJarnette's term of office (1952-1981) made him one of the longest-serving of our county clerks. Only Reynolds Chapman (1801-1844) and Philip H. Fry (1859-1869; 1871-1906) served the county longer in that capacity. As an historian and as a human being, "Henry D." will be greatly missed.

Virginia's History At-Risk

Current levels of preservation and future plans are placing Virginia's history at risk. According to a report published by the Virginia State Library and Archives less than .00009 percent of the documents (100 in a total of 106,000,000 items) currently stored at the Archives were treated for preservation in 1991-2. Those not already treated are slowly, or in some cases quickly, crumbling to dust. Documents sent to the Virginia State Library and Archives by Virginia's County Clerks (including Orange County) are still in the original packets, covered with dust and stacked in aisles—unprocessed and unavailable to researchers. **Current plans call for over half of these priceless documents to be placed in off-site storage** when the Library and Archives moves to its new building in 1996. While plans were made for space for additional books and other items; archives storage is anticipated to remain at its current level. Any new acquisitions would require the removal of current items.

Many users of the Archives are concerned that the bill recently introduced in the legislature to change the name of the institution to the Library of Virginia (removing the word Archives) will cause a further reduction in the attention that these priceless documents receive.

Senate Joint Resolution 96: Establishing a joint subcommittee to study the reorganization of the Virginia State Library and Archives has been introduced in this session of the legislature. It calls for a legislative committee "to investigate the reorganization of the Archives into an autonomous state agency separate from the Virginia State Library." Please contact your state legislators and the governor of Virginia and ask them to support this study. Let them know that you, as a historian and an active voter, are an active supporter of Virginia's history. Ask them to support the resolution and the Archives. Ask them to act now to preserve Virginia's history while we still can.

During the session mail may be addressed to your delegate at PO Box 406, Richmond, VA 23203 or your senator at General Assembly Building, Richmond, VA 23219.

Orange County Courthouse Notes

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Ordered that it be certified to the Post Quartermaster of the Confederate States for the 8th Congressional District that there are in the County four hundred persons who are members of indigent families of soldiers in the service of the Confederate States, that there will be necessary for their sustenance for the next six months ten thousand pounds of Bacon and twelve hundred bushels of corn or wheat, and that it is impossible to procure the same by purchase within said County, and Ferdinand Jones the agent of this County is directed to make out a complete abstract of all collections made giving the name and residence of each party from whom ^{they} were made.

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(Minutes of the Orange County Court May 23, 1864)

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MARCH 1994

March Meeting

The March meeting of the Orange County Historical Society will take place Monday, March 28th, at the Society's Headquarters and Research Center, 130 Caroline Street in Orange. As usual, light refreshments will be served at 7:30 and the program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

The speaker for this meeting will be U. P. "Pete" Joyner, Jr., Clerk of the Orange County Circuit Court, local historian, author and a past-president of this Society. He is also a frequent and much appreciated contributor to our monthly newsletter (see reverse side of this issue). Pete's talk is entitled "Preachers and Politicians."

1994 Board of Directors

Members of the Society's 1994 Board of Directors are as follows: Frank Walker, President; Carolyn French, Vice-President; Barbara Harkness, Secretary; Barbara Little, Treasurer; Larry Dermody; Ben Grimm; Bob Hickerson; Bob Hobson; Pete Holladay; Carter Jacobs; Richard Sanford and Ron Wilson.



Another Dues Reminder



For those of you who still have not paid your 1994 dues, this is a reminder that memberships run 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. We hope to hear from you soon!

Recent Additions to Our Society's Research Library



Burris/Burrus [Family Genealogy], compiled by John W. Burris.

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

The Virginia Genealogist, reprints of Volumes 13 & 14.

The following editions of the **Virginia Regimental Histories Series:**

The Richmond Howitzers, by Lee A. Wallace, Jr.

The Virginia State Rangers and State Line, by Randall Osborne and Jeffrey C. Weaver.

Query

Mr. J. William Mann, 11 Japazaws Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22405 has a Bible owned by the Rev. Thomas J. Faulconer (1831-1892). Thomas was the son of Edward S. and the brother of William Hord Faulconer, prominent in Gordonsville history. Mr. Mann and former owner Mrs. Stanley L. Colla would like to give the Bible to a descendant of one of Thomas's children: Emma Hunter who married James O. Hall; Daniel M. who married Alice V. Herndon, or Harriet Morella Faulconer. Please contact Mr. Mann at his above address if you have any information in this regard.



Orange County Courthouse Notes

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Commissions of Ensigns
Present James Colvard & George Taylor Sent
Ordered that Ann Stewart, the daughter of Charles Stewart, be bound out to Barbara Amberger till she attain the age of Eighteen years and its further ordered that the said Barbara teach her the said Ann or cause her to be taught, to read english & to sew & spin

Ordered that Ann Stewart the daughter of Charles Stewart be bound out to Barbara Amberger till she attain the age of eighteen years and its further ordered that the said Barbara teach the said Ann or cause her to be taught to read English, to sew & spin. (Orange County Road Order Book 3, page 197, August 26, 1742)

Ordered that William Bryant be bound to John Cook till he arrive to the age of twenty one years & that the said John Cook cause him to be taught the art and mystery of a carpenter and give him a years schooling & that at the expiration of his time he pay him five pounds cash and one pound fifteen shillings in tools according to his agreement & that he during his time of servitude carry him not out of this Colony
English Henry Wood sent

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Note: The Court was very concerned that every child be taught the basic skills to become a useful adult. Apprenticeship was the device often employed to accomplish this.

Both male and female children were often "bound out" to learn a trade or the skills needed to make them self supporting citizens.

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APRIL 1994

April Meeting



Fanny Hume

The April meeting of the Orange County Historical Society will take place on Monday, April 25, 1994 at the Society's Headquarters and Research Center, 130 Caroline Street in Orange. As usual, light refreshments will be served at 7:30 and the program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

The speaker for this meeting will be J. Randolph Grymes, Jr., who will speak on his forthcoming publication, *The Fanny Hume Diary of 1862*. Randolph has worked diligently researching and identifying most of the individuals mentioned in Miss Hume's Diary as well as providing background information about her family, their lives and times. He will provide us with some interesting insights into the story of this young lady caught in the midst of the Civil War, even as it comes to her own doorstep.

This is the second Hume diary to be published by the Society. The 1861 Diary was published in 1983.

Exchange Hotel Reopens

The Exchange Hotel and Civil War Museum in Gordonsville, Va. (Orange County) reopened for its 1994 Season on March 15th. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 senior citizens, and \$1.00 students. For more information call (703)832-2944.

Visitors to this museum can view the antebellum elegance that was the Old South and the tools of the war that rendered it gone with the wind.



Exchange Hotel

"The Wilderness" 130th Anniversary Re-enactment

History comes alive when authentic Civil War re-enactors clash outside Orange, Virginia to recreate several battles that changed the course of a nation:

Saturday, May 7th — The Battle of Laurel Hill and The Battle of Trevilian Station

Sunday, May 8th — A Cavalry Engagement and The Battle of the Mule Shoe

Advance tickets and further information are available from the Orange County Visitors Bureau, Orange, Virginia 22960. Phone (703)672-1653. Advance tickets are \$8.00 per person for each day's events. No charge for children six and under. If tickets are still available the gate price will be \$9.00 per person per day.

Recent Additions to Our Research Library



"Through the Shadow: A Boy's Memories of the Civil War in Clarke County", by Samuel Scollay Moore. Published in the *Proceedings of the Clarke County Historical Association*. (Gift of the Clarke County Historical Association).

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

Deed Abstracts of Fredericksburg City, Virginia, 1782-1804 (3 volumes), abstracted and compiled by Ruth and Sam Sparacio.

Louisa County Historical Magazine, Volumes 1 — 10 (1969-1979).

Orange County Courthouse Notes
contributed by Ulysses P. Joyner, Jr., Clerk, Orange County Circuit Court

Note: The Confederates States of America being no more, peace returned to Orange County in 1865. In the Summer of that year a new election was held for county officers.

Garrett Scott, Robert Taylor, Francis J. Sanders, Reuben L. Gordon, Richard Richards, James Coleman, Benjamin L. Sanders, William Daniel, Joseph H. Houseworth, Edward Beazley, Thomas Davis, William F. Brooking, William Faulconer, Joseph B. Pannill, Joab G. Hamm and Richard Chapman, who have been duly elected and commissioned as justices of the peace for the County of Orange for three years commencing on the first day of August 1865. This day qualified as such by taking the oath of fidelity to the Commonwealth, the anti-dueling oath, the amnesty oath, proscribed by the proclamation of the President of the 29th of May, 1865, the oath to support the government of Virginia as restored by the Convention, which assembled at Wheeling on the 11th day of June 1861 and the oath of office.

“Garrett Scott, Robert Taylor, Francis J. Sanders, Reuben L. Gordon, Richard Richards, James Coleman, Benjamin L. Sanders, William Daniel, Joseph H. Houseworth, Edward Beazley, Thomas Davis, William F. Brooking, William Faulconer, Joseph B. Pannill, Joab G. Hamm and Richard Chapman, who have been duly elected and commissioned as justices of the peace for the County of Orange for three years commencing on the first day of August 1865 qualified as such by taking the oath of fidelity to the Commonwealth, the anti-dueling oath, the amnesty oath proscribed by the proclamation of the President on the 29th May 1865, the oath to support the government of Virginia as restored by the convention which assembled at Wheeling on the 11th day of June 1861 and the oath of office.” (Minutes of the Orange County Court August 28, 1865)

Garrett Scott was elected Presiding Justice of the Orange County Court

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MAY 1994

"May" Meeting

SHOW TELL '94

As the last Monday in May is Memorial Day, our "May" meeting will actually take place on Monday, **June 6th (Please take note!)** at the Society's headquarters and Research Center. Light refreshments will be served at 7:30 and the program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

This will be another of our "Show and Tell" meetings. Our previous such meetings have included items of interest ranging from the prehistoric periods to the middle 20th Century, and we hope that this one will be no exception. Anything of "the past," local or otherwise, will be welcomed.

Since this meeting falls on the 50th Anniversary of World War II's "D-Day" (the beginning of the Allied invasion of France), we hope that those of you who have any W. W. II mementoes will make special effort to come and share them with us. But remember, this request does not preclude items of other areas that you can "Show and Tell"

To Those Who Have Not Paid Their 1994 Dues . . .

. . . we assume that you do not want to renew your membership; therefore, you are hereby informed that we are reluctantly removing your name from our membership list. This will be your last *Newsletter* unless we receive your dues check by the end of this month.

Orange County Courthouse Notes

contributed by Ulysses P. Joyner, Jr., Clerk, Orange County Circuit Court

Note: With the coming of "Reconstruction" to Orange County, the following is typical of the changes made in county government by edict of the military governor of Military District #1 (the former Commonwealth of Virginia). The changes were duly noted in the minutes of the Orange County Court. An example is shown below:

*Board Deputies first Military District, State of Virginia
Richmond, Va. December 31st 1868.
Mr. Michael D. Higgins is hereby appointed Clerk of the County and Circuit Courts
of Orange County, State of Virginia, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal from
Office of Philip H. Fry, and is empowered to perform all the duties of the said Office
according to law, until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified.
Before entering on the duties of his office, he will qualify as required by the laws of
the State and of the United States.*

*George Stoneman,
Brevet Major General, U. S. A. Commanding.*

"Head Quarters first Military District State of Virginia

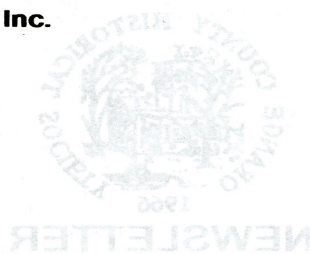
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George Stoneman

Brevet Major General, U.S.A. Commanding"

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Courthouse Notes (continued)

*Mr. Michael D. Higgins
Military Commissioner 18th Division of Virginia
4.30.1888*

Michael D. Higgins, who has by the command of the 1st Military District, State of Virginia been appointed Clerk of the County of Orange will his accept shall be duly elected and qualified. This day came into bond and with Nathan D. Higgins (who professed upon oath as to his sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond, which is intended to be recorded, in the penalty of five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs. Thereupon the said Michael D. Higgins took:

- 1st The oath to support the constitution of the United States.*
- 2nd The oath presented by the 9th section of the Act of the Congress of the United States passed July 19th 1867, commonly called the 'Ironclad Oath'*
- 3rd The oath of fidelity to the Commonwealth of Virginia*
- 4th The Anti-dueling oath; and*
- 5th The oath of office.*

On January 25th, 1869, Michael D. Higgins appeared and qualified by taking the following oaths as set forth above:

- 1st The Oath to support the Constitution of the United States.
- 2nd The Oath presented by the 9th section of the Act of the Congress of the United States passed July 19th 1867 commonly called the 'Ironclad Oath'
- 3rd The oath of fidelity to the Commonwealth of Virginia
- 4th The Anti-dueling oath; and
- 5th The Oath of Office."

Then What Happened?

When Higgins was sent to Orange by the Military Governor of Virginia to become Clerk of the Court as stated in the above documents, his deputy was a local attorney, John G. Williams. In 1870 Williams was appointed by the County Court as interim Clerk. That same year former Clerk Philip H. Fry (who had served from 1859 until Higgins was appointed) was reinstated and continued at that position until 1906.

Saturday Hours

Beginning this month and continuing through the summer, the Society's Research Center will be open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These hours are, of course, in addition to our regular hours of 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Newsletter Changes

Starting this month you will notice a slight format change to the back page of the *Newsletter*. This is being done to enable us to take advantage of the bar-code reading capabilities of the Postal Service. Hopefully by doing this we will be able to get your newsletters to you faster than ever before.

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JUNE 1994

June Picnic Meeting



This month marks the start of our 1994 summer picnic schedule. The first meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 27th, on the lawn of "Greenwood," the residence of Bill and Janet Collier, in Orange County.

"Greenwood," c. 1820, was built by Lucy and Reuben Conway Macon on land given Lucy as a wedding gift by her father, Thomas Macon, who had acquired the land in 1815. Lucy was a niece of President James Madison.

To get to "Greenwood" take Rt. 20 west (towards Montpelier) for approximately 1 ½ miles from the Orange Post Office; turn left onto Rt. 635 (Greenwood Road) and go approximately one mile to the house.

As in previous years, you provide your own meal and chairs and we provide the program. In case of rain, bring your picnic supper to the Society's headquarters for the program and socializing.

1994 Picnic Schedule

June 27 — Greenwood (Orange County)
July 25 — Greenwood (Culpeper County)
August 29 — Barboursville Ruins

"Enchanted Castle" Visitation Set July 16th & 17th

On May 31, Frank Walker and Randolph Grymes represented your Society at a background review and future planning meeting of parties interested in the "Enchanted Castle" archaeological site (the remains of Lt. Governor Alexander Spotswood's home) at Germanna. Other attendees including representatives of Mary Washington College, Germanna Community College, Orange County, Historic Gordonsville, and the Germanna Colonies Memorial Foundation. The gathering had been organized by John N. Pearce, the new Director for Mary Washington's Center for Historic Preservation.

As you probably know, funds available for the "Enchanted Castle" dig have been consumed, and the site has been closed over to protect it. No one is comfortable with this situation, however, and the meeting was called to see about getting the project going again. The proposal receiving general approval is for there to be some limited investigative work at the site during 1994 — and probably 1995. At the same time, a grant proposal for a major, multi-year site investigation and development project would be put together and presented to those parties inclined to underwrite that type of effort. The group is to meet again in September to be updated on how the proposed plan appears to be developing.

Of more immediate interest to those of us in the Society is the fact that the "Enchanted Castle" site will be uncovered and open for visitation this July 16th and 17th. "Salubria," the Culpeper home of Spotswood's widow, will also be open to the public at that time. The dates coincide with a gathering of the Germanna Colonies Memorial Foundation membership. This could be the last chance to see the fully uncovered site for a couple of years at least, and each Society member is encouraged to mark one of those July dates and to make the short pilgrimage.

Recent Additions to the Society's Library



The Rucker Family Genealogy, by Sudie Rucker Wood. (Gift of Warren Rucker)

Except for John Leland, by Albert Johnson. (Gift of Dick Beatty)

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

The Virginia Genealogist, Volume 18 (reprint).

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... And the Circus Came to Town

The Society recently received a letter from Ellanora Robinson Rose whose family members were the proprietors of the John Robinson Circus. She wrote to request information about her family's performances in Orange, and provided us with a list of dates of performances:

- August 22, 1867
- September 29, 1881
- August 31, 1899
- August 13, 1908

So intriguing was her letter that we searched into our microfilm copies of old Orange County newspapers. Unfortunately the papers containing information on the first three performances are not in our collection, but we did hit the jackpot with the 1908 performance, with an advertisement (a portion of which is printed at right) and an article describing the grand show. The *Orange Observer* of August 14th described the show as being "a real hummer." In the full article the following week the *Observer* stated that the show was attended by 10,000 people. One old timer in town said that "it was undoubtedly the largest crowd since the Confederate Army camped here." In addition to the circus there was a grand parade and much fun for all.

When we shared our find with the James Madison Museum an interest was piqued into what else happened in Orange during the summers of old. The result of that quest is the Museum's summer special exhibit "In the Good Old Summertime: Summer Happenings in Orange of Old."

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