

# The Messenger

OF THE CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

MISSION: TO COLLECT, PRESERVE, INTERPRET AND PROMOTE THE COUNTY'S PAST FOR THE EDUCATION AND ENJOYMENT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

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## A Letter From President Scott Williams

“As my term as President draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for the honor of serving in that role. I have been fortunate to have a great group of volunteers and staff to rely on during the past 2 years. I feel blessed that I did not have to contend with challenges that other Presidents had to deal with such as the shutting down of our historic sites due to a budget crisis or the COVID pandemic. Thanks to the Nina Thaxter bequest, grants and our membership contributions, the Chesterfield Historical Society is in good financial shape, and I believe we have the leadership in place to take on the challenge of the coming years.

We recently hired Dianne Mallory as our Executive Director, and she has already made great strides in growing our membership and increasing our profile and outreach in the Chesterfield Community. Jerry Netherland, our next President, is a retired Chesterfield County Police Captain and has served on our Board for a number of years. He has been the Chair of the Governance Committee and is very familiar with our day-to-day operations. His background and passion for history will provide the guidance that the Society will need for the next two years.

I hope I have helped to lead the Chesterfield Historical Society in a positive direction during my time in office. I am happy that we were able to get some of our old programs running again like the Winter Lecture Series and the upcoming Antiques Evaluation. I am proud that we met with County officials and spoke up in public budget meetings to ask for funds to restore and maintain historic buildings owned by the public. I am also proud that we

continue to be the voice for the preservation and interpretation of history in Chesterfield County.

Going forward, however, we need to be an even bigger voice. Chesterfield is experiencing a rapid population growth and record development. This makes our mission even more important. We will need to grow our organization and our influence if we want to ensure that our shared history is preserved and interpreted for future generations. I ask that you all join in this effort and support your Board, Officers, and Executive Director as we move forward with new ideas that will help us to seize the opportunities that are before us.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve.”

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## A Message from Dianne Mallory, Executive Director

When I was hired on March 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, I promised to spend my first 90 days as the CHSV Executive Director doing two things: listening and learning – hence the “L&L” Tour.

I met with volunteers, staff, community partners and county leadership, and two things became very clear: there was and is a lot for me to learn AND The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia continues to be a highly valued community resource and asset!

I thank all of you who voluntarily went on this “tour” with me for openly sharing your ideas and aspirations for The Historical Society. I thank you, too, for sharing some of the hiccups we have had in the past. I also thank you for your dedication and commitment to fulfilling the work of The Society and responding to the challenges brought on by the pandemic.

I will continue on the “L&L” tour for as long as I serve as your Executive Director. Only now I will add another letter to this on-going tour - “D” for doing.

Our mission remains what it has been since the founding of The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia in 1981: *To collect, preserve, interpret and promote the county’s past for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations.* I will always keep the mission at the forefront of all that I do on behalf of The Society.

### Say “Hello!” to Lex, our summer intern.

We are excited to have Lex Krauchunas, a Chesterfield resident, working with us this summer. Lex joined CHSV as the VCU Summer History Intern on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Lex will be with The Society until Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Dianne Mallory will be Lex’s Site Supervisor.

Lex is a history major who will graduate in 2025. Lex’s major and minor are *History* and *Teacher Preparation for Historians*, respectively.

One of Lex’s assignments will be to work with Pat Roble in the County Museum and David Limmer on The Society’s Collections Team. Lex also has a research project to assist the County’s Parks and Recreation Department gather information about the history of the game of cricket in Chesterfield.

### Welcome our new members!

Mariah Arieux; Pattie Arwood; Barbara Banyase; Justin Carl; Renee Farkas; Doris Gilmore; Laurie Giudice; Patricia Jones; Herbert Loveless; Amanda Monroe; Pamela Nosek; Rodney Phillips; Paula Rabinowitz; William Seymour; Nancy Staggord; Karen Tignor; Edward and Susan Wakem; Marvin Waldrop

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**Executive Director** - Dianne Mallory

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#### Society Office

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Diane Hewett

The deadline for submitting articles for the next issue of The Messenger is Wednesday, September 4. Please limit your article to a maximum of 650 words and two images. Thank you.

# DONORS and DONATIONS

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 Donors

### Up to \$99

Army Quartermaster Foundation, Inc.  
GFWC W. Woman's Club  
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### Over \$500

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## Library Donations and Acquisitions

Liess van der Linden-Brusse

The research library in Historic Trinity Church is open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Staffed by our volunteers, the library collection contains over 28,000 items on Chesterfield history. We welcome the public and look forward to helping find the resources needed to further each research request. At the same time, we welcome donations to our extensive collection of books and manuscripts, maps, photographs, memoirs, newspaper clippings, CDs and DVDs, yearbooks, brochures, flyers and programs on Chesterfield people, places and events. Please keep us in mind as you clear out your attics and basements. Thank you!

Recent additions to the Library Collection include:

### **Genealogy**

*The First Emancipator, the Forgotten Story of Robert CARTER, the Founding Father who freed his Slaves*, by Andrew Levy; gift of Lilian & John Mullane  
*A Madman's Will – John RANDOLPH, 400 Slaves and the Mirage of Freedom*, by Gregory May; gift of Lilian & John Mullane  
*BELLWOOD, Frank James & wife Hellen Pollard Bellwood US Naturalization Certificates (1932), Tax receipts, Rental & Insurance documents (1932-1950)*; gift of Frieda Antrican (Manuscript Collection)  
*Dr. A. J. HURT - Medicine & Surgery Board Certification Issued by the State of Virginia*; anonymous donor (Manuscript Collection)  
*The Lees of Virginia, Descendants of Richard LEE and Anna CONSTABLE who came to Jamestown in 1639*, by the Society of the Lees of Virginia; gift of Jerry Rudd  
*WINFREE/BASS Marriage License, July 21, 1807*; gift of Joe Hugins (Manuscript Collection)

The following items donated by Marsha Hall & Mary C. Sollog were accessioned into the Manuscript Collection:  
*MANN, Thelma – Chesterfield County Public School reports: 1925-1927 Chester Agricultural High School, and 1930-1933 Chester High School*  
*MANN, Thelma – Chester High School Diploma dated 5 May 1933*  
*MANN, Thelma – My Memories of School Days (1933), Senior Year Book of Remembrance*  
*MANN, Thelma – Girl Scouts Inc., Troop 5, Richmond, VA, (1927-1930)*  
*PERDUE Family – Wedding invitation for marriage of Mildred LaFon PERDUE to William Brown SPENCER, on 5 August 1942*

### **General Interest**

*Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Bermuda Hundred Chapter, Annual Booklets (1950-1956), and program for 50th State Conference, Virginia DAR, in Richmond, VA, March 1946*; anonymous donor  
*Chester Telephone Directory 1970-1972, published by Chester Garden Club* gift of Marsha Hall & Mary C. Sollog  
*Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, VA, Register of Internments, Volume I (April 1822-December 1850)*, by A. Bohmer Rudd; gift of Jerry Rudd  
*Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, VA, Register of Internments, Volume II (January 1851-December 1950)*, by A. Bohmer Rudd; gift of Jerry Rudd  
*Skinquarter Baptist Church (1778-200) - 225th Anniversary* compiled by Dr. Joel A Rackley; gift of Jerry Rudd

## Maps

*Virginia 1976 – Virginia Independence Bicentennial Highways*, by Commonwealth of VA, Department of Highways & Transportation; gift of Marsha Hall  
*Richmond, VA, 1974 – Richmond and the Historic Richmond-Petersburg Area*, produced by Exxon Co.; gift of Marsha Hall

*United States 1784 – A New and Correct Map of the United States of North America* by Abel Buell, reproduced by *American Heritage* magazine from an original at the NJ State Historical Society; gift of Henry Coalter

## Military History

*U.S. Official Pictures of the World War (WWI) Showing America's Participation, Selected from the Official Files of the War Department* by William E. Moore, late Capt. USA, and James C. Russell, late Capt. USA; gift of Verna D. Cook (Rare Books Collection)

*Service Record Book of Men and Women of Powhatan County WWI and WWII Veterans*, by Powhatan American Legion Post 201; gift of Jerry Rudd

## Scrapbooks

*Chesterfield Historical Society of VA – 2024, Scrapbook No. 21*, compiled by the CHSV Library Committee  
*Home Demonstration Club Centralia-Chesterfield 1935-1939*; gift of Dan Morrissey  
*Home Demonstration Club Centralia-Chesterfield 1941-1946*; gift of Dan Morrissey

## Yearbooks

*Chester High School – ‘The Reflector’ 1930, 1933 & 1936*; gift of Marsha Hall and Mary C. Sollog  
*Falling Creek Middle School – ‘The Panther’ 1980-1982, 1984, 1987-1993, 1995 & 1997*; gift of Louise King

## Museum Donations since January 2024

### Collection Committee

The following items were donated by Dan Morrissey:

- ♦ Wooden Hay Rack
- ♦ Hog Doctor Booklet
- ♦ Sears Roebuck and Company 1909 Consumer Guide
- ♦ Riggers Handbook
- ♦ Basic Field Manual U.S. Rifle 1903
- ♦ Pine Tree Hip-Pocket Farm Guide
- ♦ Brood Sows and their Litters Booklet
- ♦ Jan. 14, 1950, The Saturday Evening Post Magazine
- ♦ Feb. 4, 1950, The Saturday Evening Post Magazine
- ♦ Framed Picture of the 1924 Virginia State Senate
- ♦ 16 old milk and assorted bottles

The following items were donated by Alda Moore:

- ♦ Bellwood Elementary School Pennant
- ♦ Bellwood Bulldogs Sweatshirt
- ♦ Bensley Bermuda Rescue Squad Helmet
- ♦ Bensley Bermuda Rescue Squad License Plate Placard
- ♦ Bensley Bermuda Rescue Squad Patch

The following was donated by Faye Crenshaw:

- ♦ Vintage Student School Desk

The following was donated by William Seymour IV:

- ♦ Portrait of Zuleime DuVal

The following items were donated by Randall Bass:

- ♦ Plaque presented to Mary H. Palmore for service as Post Mistress
- ♦ Framed Post Office “Closed” sign
- ♦ Framed 30-year Service Award for Mary H. Palmore

The following items were donated by Rose Koch:

- ♦ Framed drawing of Captain Raymond Koch, Chesterfield Police
- ♦ Display box of personal possessions of Captain Koch

The following items were donated by Jane Hensley:

- ♦ “The Diamante” Stenograph machine circa 2009
- ♦ 1960’s Stenograph machine



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**Gerard H. Durkin**  
Director

May 7, 2024

John Longnaker, Treasurer  
Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia  
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**FY2025 Chesterfield County Community Contracts and Donations: \$5,000**

Dear John Longnaker:

We are pleased to inform you that Chesterfield County has awarded your agency a FY2025 Chesterfield County Community Contract Donation for the period of July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 in the amount referenced above.

In order to release the funds, the County must receive a request for disbursement of funds via invoice no later than **April 30, 2025**.

The community agency funding helps a diverse range of organizations provide services that make a meaningful impact on the lives of Chesterfield County citizens. We are grateful for your contribution to our residents, and we appreciate your partnership. Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Gerard H. Durkin, Director of Budget and Management

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 PM

**Regular Board Meeting\***

Historic Trinity Building  
10111 Iron Bridge Road  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 PM

**Regular Board Meeting**

Historic Trinity Building  
10111 Iron Bridge Road  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – 2 to 3:30 PM

**Annual Membership Meeting**

- ♦ “The Fourteen Forgotten”  
-Lecture by Dr. Richard Groover
- ♦ Induction of New Board Members
- ♦ Election of Board Officers

Bensley Recreational Center  
2900 Drewry’s Bluff Road  
Chesterfield, VA 23237

Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – 2 to 3:30 PM

**Quarterly Membership Meeting**

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\*The following have been nominated for the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia’s Board of Directors. These three nominees will be presented to the CHSV Board at the July 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting which is open to CHSV members. If the three nominations are accepted by the CHSV Board, they will be inducted at the upcoming CHSV Annual Membership meeting scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>. Then, each nominee will begin a three-year term in September 2024.

The three nominees are:

Karen S. Dailey, Century 21 Realty; Midlothian Virginia  
Invited by Dianne L. Mallory, CHSV Executive Director

Lillian B. Mullane, CHSV Library Committee Volunteer  
Invited by Liess van der Linden-Brusse, CHSV Volunteer Head Librarian

C. Robert Wilson, Slater Realtor and James River Realtors  
Invited by Jerry Netherland, Chair, CHSV Governance Committee

The CHSV 2024 Board Officer nominees are:

*President*  
Jerry Netherland  
2024-2026

*Treasurer*  
John Longnaker  
(No term limit)

*Immediate Past President  
and Governance Chair*  
Scott Williams  
2024-2026

*Vice President*  
Robert ‘Bob’ Talbot  
2024-2026

*Recording Secretary:*  
Crystal Monroe  
(No term limit)

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

All events are free. Events with a course number require registration with County Parks and Recreation. To register, call 804-748-1623 or click <https://www.chesterfield.gov/150/Parks-and-Recreation>. Events with a registration requirement may be canceled if there are not enough registrants.

### FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Genealogy Roundtable from 1-3 PM  
Bring your pedigree chart or come and talk about how to solve your genealogical “brick wall.”  
Trinity Building  
10111 Iron Bridge Road  
Chester, VA 23832  
(804) 796-7121

### JULY

Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – Noon  
“History of Ice Cream and Ice Cream Social”  
Course Number 44646  
Magnolia Grange House Museum  
10020 Iron Bridge Road  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Noon  
“Medicine through the Ages: From the Renaissance to Modern Man”  
Course Number 44637  
Magnolia Grange House Museum  
10020 Iron Bridge Road  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – 11 AM to Noon  
“Ocher: Mankind’s First Yellow”  
Course Number 44631  
-Lecture by Miguel Carter-Fisher  
Chesterfield County Museum  
6813 Mimms Loop  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

### AUGUST

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Noon  
“Fascinating Fibers – Part Two”  
Course Number 44638  
-Lecture by Sarah Reese  
Magnolia Grange House Museum  
10020 Iron Bridge Road  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – Noon  
“Symbols & Sentiments of Blandford Cemetery – Part Two”  
Course Number 44640  
Magnolia Grange House Museum  
10020 Iron Bridge Road  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – 11 AM to Noon  
“United States Fractional Currency”  
Course Number 44632  
-Lecture by Henry Coalter  
Chesterfield County Museum  
6813 Mimms Loop  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

### OCTOBER

A MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF  
CHESTERFIELD’S 275<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!  
Look for future details on the CHSV website.

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

CHSV Antique (we can't use the name of that show) Evaluation Event! LOTS of Appraisers! Bring your treasures for a verbal assessment! Look for future details on the CHSV website.

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – TENTATIVE

The African-American History Committee will host a celebration of Pleasant View School, an historic artifact of a typical school building where Chesterfield's African-American children attended segregated public schools in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## **NEW EXHIBIT AND LECTURE**

Opening Saturday, October 26, 11 AM

### **Railroading in the United States, Virginia, and Chesterfield County**

The Chesterfield County Museum will open an exhibit: "Chesterfield County Railroads: From Mule Power to Steam Power."

Discover the history of Chesterfield County's railroads in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This temporary exhibit will include displays of railroad artifacts, photographs, and stories from the heyday of Chesterfield railroads.

Bill Scanlon, a docent from the Richmond Railroad Museum, will discuss railroading around the country and locally. He will cover some of the basics of trains, railroading's influence on the country and the world, and will speak on both historic and modern railroading.

## **ONGOING EXHIBITS**

### **Farming in Chesterfield 100 Years Ago**

Chesterfield County Museum  
6813 Mimms Loop  
Chesterfield, VA 23832  
(804) 768-7311  
\$2 suggested donation

### **History of Chesterfield County Jails**

Historic 1892 Jail ("Old Jail")  
6813 Mimms Loop  
Chesterfield, VA 23832  
(804) 768-7311  
\$2 suggested donation

## **COUNTY HAPPENINGS**

Visit the County's Parks and Recreation website to learn of other programming and events.

[Parks and Recreation | Chesterfield County, VA.](#)

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Turn to page 18 for a list of exhibitions and workshops being presented in advance of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Revolution.



## Out on a Limb

Angie Wilderman

At the May 2024 CHSV Genealogy Round Table meeting, we touched on the subject of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it can be used in Genealogy. Since that meeting, I experimented with AI on MyHeritage which is a subscription-based family tree with some search capabilities. Based on the limited information in the profile of my ancestor (vital records and miscellaneous information), AI created a short article about that ancestor. It was a bit repetitive so, it is necessary to always proofread what AI creates because you never know if it will assume something which may be incorrect. Using AI may help you get started writing your family stories. And don't forget to write about your special memories of your immediate family. Start a family history "scrapbook."

Are you looking for historic photos? Here are some sites to search: AncientFaces.com; DeadFred.com; Library of Congress ([loc.gov/collections/](https://www.loc.gov/collections/)); Google.

## Chesterfield Historical Society Quilting

Ruth Snead

A group gifted a quilted wall hanging of the Chesterfield County Sheriff Monument to Lt. Col. Matthew Wilkerson, Chief Deputy, Chesterfield County Sheriff Department and to Earl Kirby and David Chapman, Chesterfield County General Services, during the Chesterfield County Memorial Day Program held on May 26, 2024.



Lt. Col. Matthew Wilkerson



Earl Kirby and David Chapman

## The Great Battle At Drewry's Bluff

May 16, 1864

Jerry Netherland

**Note:** the following is another excerpt from the writings of William A. Day, a private serving in Company I of the 49<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. Private Day and the 49<sup>th</sup> returned to Chesterfield County in May of 1864.

On reaching the woods we were halted and our line, which had become broken in places by the double-quick movement through the brush, reformed. The 24<sup>th</sup> and the 49<sup>th</sup> were the only regiments in the brigade sent out on the right and they were both under the command of Col. Clarke, Gen. Ransom being wounded a few days before.

It required but a few minutes after reaching the woods to reform our broken line. We then moved slowly forward through the woods, and soon came in sight of the yankees in a line of breastworks that we had thrown up ourselves under Capt. Baxter in the hot days of July 1862. They also occupied a smaller work fifty yards in front of their main line, which gave them two heavy lines, and both in breastworks. Col. McAfee was slightly wounded, going through the woods and went back to the rear. Lieut. Col. Fleming was in command of the brigade skirmishers at another place and the command of the 49<sup>th</sup> devolved on Major Davis. The moment we came in sight, the yankees opened on us. Major Davis gave the command: Charge! We threw our guns to a trail, gave a Southern yell and dashed for the works. The yankees poured in volley after volley, but we kept on and drove them out of the first line. They fell back to the second line, which doubled their force and opened such a fire of musketry and artillery on us that we were compelled to halt at the first line. We fell in behind it, and returned the fire, and for half an hour a terrible battle raged, both sides fighting behind breastworks, and about fifty yards apart. The enemy decidedly had the advantage of us for they were behind good works, while we were on the rear side of a small work. The 24<sup>th</sup> was ordered to move in on our right, but through some misunderstanding in their orders came dashing in on the 49<sup>th</sup>, which doubled our line, but crowded us, and left our right exposed, which the yankees soon perceived and took advantage of. While we were busily engaged fighting those in front, the yankees sent two regiments around our right flank, and in a short time would have had us surrounded or

cutoff. We found it out however and saved ourselves. That news which serves to demoralize a soldier quicker than anything else, that the enemy was flanking, ran down the line. It was passed with lightning speed from one to another. And at the same time Major Davis gave the command to fall back immediately. We obeyed at once, and fell back rapidly, stepping over the bodies of our dead and wounded comrades who had fallen in the charge; the yankees using their guns with telling effect until we had gained the shelter of the woods which placed us out of their sight. We halted in the edge of the new ground where we had formed for the charge, reformed and awaited orders. Soon after reforming Major Davis ordered Company I out on picket. Capt. Connor led us out a little to the right of where we were in the charge; deployed and moved us forward through the woods until nearly in sight of the yankee works, then halted and took position behind the trees. The heavy fighting on our left had gradually ceased and at that time there was very little firing going on. The firing had ceased in our front and at that time everything was quiet. We concealed ourselves behind the trees and bushes with orders to keep a sharp lookout. We were afterwards informed by prisoners that three regiments of Federals occupied the works in front of our picket line. We had been out there but a few minutes when Woodford Sherrill caught sight of a yankee through a small opening in the trees standing on the works. Capt. Connor told him to shoot him. To use the Captain's words: "Let him have it Woodford." Woodford placed his gun against a tree and taking deliberate aim fired, and the yankee dropped back behind the works. Woodford's shot brought the fire of the whole three regiments against our picket line. For a few minutes it almost rained bullets. They cut the bushes and barked the trees; they flew high in the air, and raked the ground; they were everywhere. We hugged the ground as it was called, and stood behind the small trees, there being no large ones in there. I stood beside a small sapling not large enough to protect me, and the balls kept striking it so fast I thought it would be my time next, and seeing an old stump a few paces in rear, which had been overlooked in the scramble for places to hide heads, fell back and lay down behind it. A number of bullets struck the stump but none of them went through. Andy Powell was lying behind a small tree on my left. Andy told me afterward, he thought they were going to shoot my stump away. I escaped unhurt.

In that tornado of bullets we only lost two men, Thompson Brown, shot through the head and instantly killed, and John Hill, through the body, and lived about an hour. When the firing ceased we fell back to the main line, expecting the enemy to charge, and after lying there a few minutes Lieut. Sherrill of Company I was ordered to take a small squad out to reconnoiter; we went out to our old position on the picket line, and lay there about ten minutes, everything being quiet in front. I told Monroe Danner, I would like to know what it meant and if he would go with me would see. We crawled along on the ground, keeping ourselves concealed by the undergrowth until we were in plain view of the yankee works. Some dead men lay back in the field but we saw no movement about the works. The battle was about over and the smoke had mostly cleared away. The firing had almost ceased along the line, and the yankees were beginning to fall back. A few balls from several hundred yards in rear of the yankee works clipped the bushes near where we were concealed but seeing no movement about the works we concluded they were gone, after consulting over the matter we concluded to go over and see. We got up and stood a few moments, looking and listening, then started across the fifty-yard open space that lay between us and the works. Monroe's face was white and I guess mine was too. We both had been in close places but that slow charge on the yankee breastworks by two beardless boys was about the worst. We kept our caps pushed down on our heads and mounted the works and found only a few wounded Federals suffering for water. They immediately surrendered and told us their troops filed out of the works immediately after firing on our pickets. Sending Monroe back to report I took the wounded men's canteens over to a small stream and filled them with water which greatly revived them. One of them asked me to go back to a board shelter in rear and get a pair of boots for him that one of his comrades had borrowed from [him] [th]e day before. I found the yankee lying under the shed with the boots on but he wouldn't let me have them. We called for our comrades back on the picket line, and they quickly coming up, took possession of the works. A few bullets were sent in from the distant sharpshooters but did no damage.

Our troops took possession of the works along the line, and by the middle of the afternoon Gen. Butler's proud army was in full retreat to his gunboats at Bermuda Hundred. It was said that our orders were to move up close to the enemy, form in line of battle, and lie there to prevent a flank movement on the troops charging

below. But instead of that we were sent in and thrown against the enemy's breastworks in a headlong charge, with no reserves to support us, and after carrying the works were flanked and driven out with heavy loss. It was then we missed our old General Matt Ransom.

Could he have been there everything would have been carried out right. Old Matt, the boys called him, and he knew it, but didn't care. When Old Matt galloped along the lines it was all right with the boys. They knew he was brave and careful, but on that day he was not there; he was away suffering with wounds from which he did not recover till late in the fall. I used to think Gen. Matt Ransom was the greatest man in North Carolina, and I think so yet. [To Be Continued]

## Enslaved Graveyard, Part II: Patterson-Haskins Genealogy

Elizabeth Logan Harris & Lilian Mullane

### Cemetery History

Part I (*The Messenger*, April 2024) outlined efforts to preserve an African American cemetery situated on land once belonging to Judge James H. Cox (1810-1877) of Clover Hill-Winterpock. Cox owned and operated the Clover Hill Mining Company from the 1830s through the 1870s. Vulcan Materials Corp., owner of the land where the cemetery is situated, is in the process of conducting a survey with the intention of deeding the land to nearby Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Archaeologist Joanna Green of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources has authenticated the cemetery, estimating it contains as many as thirty unmarked graves. Research indicates that burials took place from the 1850s to the 1930s. Cox family papers describe the location of this graveyard.

### Patterson Family Graves

Edward "Ned" Patterson (abt 1835-1937) and his wife, Martha Jane "Jennie" Haskins Patterson, (abt. 1846-1938) are almost certainly buried here. The Pattersons appear as Winterpock residents on the Federal Census from 1870 to 1930. By 1930, they are not only dwelling in "Clover Hill" but more specifically in a house (since razed) on the original Cox parcel where they stayed for the remainder of their lives.

About eighteen of the graves are organized in two straight lines. Sweet Briar College Professor Lynn Rainville (*Hidden History: African American Cemeteries in Central Virginia*, UVA Press, 2014) suggests that this linear placement, rather than family group clusters, could indicate that the deceased belonged to a single family. If so, then many graves may be Patterson relations. Of Jennie and Ned's sixteen children, seven died young. These children—and at least one grandchild—may be interred with them.

### Patterson Family

Born enslaved in Chesterfield County, Jennie and Ned wed while still in bondage, probably in the early 1860s, and were married for about seventy-five years. Legal documents connecting Jennie's first enslaver—Frederick Leonard (1760-1846) and Ned's enslavers, the Patterson-Winfree family, suggest the two likely knew each other in their youth. Jennie mentions registering their marriage in 1867.

Edward "Ned" Patterson's death certificate lists his father as "Daniel Patterson" and his mother as "Rebecca." Ned's paternal grandfather was likely Daniel Patterson (Sr) (1789-1853), enslaved by Lucy Pateson (later changed to Patterson) (1794-1854) and her husband, James Wiley Winfree (1781-1846). Rebecca Branch (age 90) living next door to the Pattersons in 1900, is likely Ned's mother.

### Haskins Family

Martha Jane "Jennie" Haskins Patterson's death certificate lists her mother as Maria Haskins and her father as "not known." Her daughter, Maria Patterson Hilton (1882-1956)—buried at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Winterpock—was the informant. In two 1930s interviews, Jennie identifies the Leonards as her first enslavers. Indeed, Frederick Leonard's 1845 will lists four enslaved girls by name: Martha (Jennie), Maria, Patty, and Susan. Jennie also mentions knowing her grandfather, "Rufus Murray."

The Pattersons' surviving adult children (and spouses, if known): **Grace Giles "Nannie"** (1866-1926) m. James Royal Johnson; **Maria Elizabeth** (1870-1956) m. William Hunt & Joseph Hilton; **Rebecca** (1873); **Lily Frances** (1877-?) m. (Ford); **Alice Phoebe** (1879-1947) m. James Jackson (1835-?); **George Edward** (1882-1968) m. Annie Holmes & Virginia Monroe and **Nathan** (1886-?).

A complete version of this article with more information about the Patterson genealogy and the graveyard preservation will soon be posted on the CHSV website. Please contact Elizabeth Logan Harris with questions or information: [eloganharris@gmail.com](mailto:eloganharris@gmail.com)

## Paths of History

Bill Lipsett

Next time you are out for a walk during the warm months in one of the County's parks, have you ever considered a 'historical' walk in one of the many fine places that are maintained by our Parks and Recreation Department?

A few years ago, I was reading "Grant's Left Hook" by Sean Michael Chick, which I purchased in the CHSV's headquarters on Ironbridge Road. It's a fascinating read on the Bermuda Hundred Campaign of 1864 which is full of very interesting photos, maps, and experiences of the battle that took place in our county that year.

In the back of the book, there is a chapter on a driving tour. This book was published in 2021, so any references discussed are up to date. There are 11 stops to get out and explore; except for Parker's Battery and Drewry's Bluff, the other sites are maintained by the County. There aren't any overgrown sites to weed through to inspect the earthworks and a handful of interpretive signage to bring you up to speed on what happened there in 1864. Most of these sites are just off Route 1 / 301, or the present Richmond Turnpike. I won't go through all of them due to printing restraints.

My journey started at Drewry's Bluff, which is only a short walk down a paved path to the site where, in



May of 1862, a river assault by the Federal gunboats trying to get upriver to bombard Richmond, was repulsed by the Confederates. If you look downstream at this fort, next to an 8-inch gun facing south, you can see why this bluff made it a most impregnable

position for the rest of the War. This fort actually housed the Confederate Naval Academy. Drewry's Bluff had the distinction of not being occupied by the Federals until after the surrender at Appomattox in 1865. I would suggest spending an hour here, as there are many short trails leading to the historical sites.

My next stop was Fort Stevens, which, just by looking at this site, you would think was someone's backyard. Very little of this Fort remains besides a few earthworks next to a few picnic tables. During the Bermuda Hundred Campaign, it was the extent of the Federal's advance on Richmond and was the site of the largest battle, involving over 35,000 troops. As this park is less than 2 acres, you can cover what there is to see in about 15 minutes.

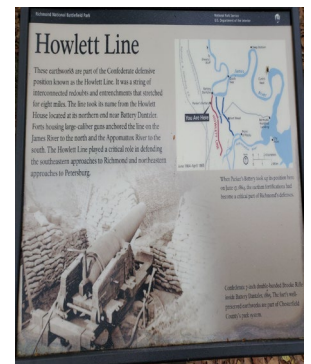
Because of the heat of the day, I decided to move south to Battery Dantzler. There was a lot of construction adjacent to this location, which made it hard to figure out which was county property; however, there are some walking trails and signs that are within a short walk of a parking lot, to the bluffs



overlooking the James River. The battle of Trench's Reach, which was one of the last naval battles of the war in 1865, is below you, on the James River, which you can make out from a small observation deck.

Not too far from Battery Dantzler is Parkers Battery, which is one of the best-preserved sites of the short tour. This was where the famous Howlett Line, which was a critical part of Richmond's defenses began. There is a short loop trail that follows around earthworks and a memorial that mentions how veterans of the Fort kept coming back for reunions and took care of the property for many years.

Sadly, industrial and residential development has encroached next to most of these historical sites; I encourage you to visit what remains of a bitter and



discouraging end of the Civil War in the Union's quest to unite the nation. We have a few people who work with the Historical Society, such as Scott Williams, George Fickett, and Bryan Truzzie, who have helped make sure that what remains of these most important sites is pertinent to not only Chesterfield County's history but our nation's past for future generations to actually 'walk in their shoes'. Next time you want any information about any of these sites, please visit the friendly people at the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia at 10111 Ironbridge Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832. You won't be disappointed! Have a great summer.

## **The Elliott House and Free-Black History of Swansboro**

Thomas Elliott

I love old houses. Often the smallest houses have the biggest stories to tell. When I purchased the small house at 2718 Bainbridge Street in Richmond (formerly Chesterfield County) some 35 years ago, I was not aware that it would be the key to unlocking the history of a significant free-Black community of antebellum Chesterfield County. (Figure 1.) The early house is currently about 600 square feet in size but was probably originally constructed as a one-room dwelling.<sup>i</sup> (Figure 2.)

When renovating the gable-roofed house at 2718 Bainbridge, I found that the tongue-and-groove flooring was as thick as a two-by-four. When repairing the walls, I discovered that there was whitewashing on the inside of the exterior walls and ceiling joists, indicating that the house was originally constructed with no interior wall or ceiling sheathing. Excited by this discovery, I consulted the late architectural historian Jeffrey O'Dell of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and noted author of *Chesterfield County, Early Architecture and Historic Sites*.

According to Jeff O'Dell, who made a site visit in 1990, "... the Elliott House is a rare surviving example of tiny, one-room-plan exposed-frame dwelling... The Elliott House can be added to a short list of very small late 18<sup>th</sup>-and early 19<sup>th</sup>-century dwellings in Chesterfield County that originally lacked interior sheathing..." O'Dell described the original unit of the house measuring 16'-1" by 14'-3" deep with an early

addition in probably around 1800-1840 with a second story added after the Civil War. O'Dell concluded that, "... the Elliott House is one of the oldest houses in Richmond, and its original unit is probably the smallest house recorded in the city. It is a rare survival illustrating the hardscrabble living conditions of many of the area's early inhabitants." O'Dell also mentioned the possibility that it was a slave dwelling converted into a freeholder's dwelling.<sup>ii</sup> I believe that it possibly was built as a slave dwelling to the rear of what was later known as the Woolfolk House on nearby Clopton Street.<sup>iii</sup>

Recently undertaking deed research, I discovered that the house was purchased in 1823 by two free-Black men named Peter and George Logan.<sup>iv</sup> The property next door was purchased in 1822 by Walter Logan, a free-Black man who was a carpenter by trade.<sup>v</sup> Walter Logan probably had a hand in enlarging the adjacent home of his kinsmen.

Peter, George and Walter Logan, along with Walter's mother, Mourning Logan, and many kinsmen were set free from slavery in the monumental *Pleasants v. Pleasants* court case.<sup>vi</sup> Quaker Robert Pleasants, the president of the Virginia Abolition Society,<sup>vii</sup> sued his own family to carry out the mandate of the wills of his father and brother, John and Johnathan Pleasants, for the manumission of the family's hundreds of slaves when it became legal in Virginia to do so.<sup>viii</sup> (I found this information of particular interest because my earlier research indicated that the antebellum John Miller House in Oregon Hill was owned by a free-Black man whose family also was freed by the *Pleasants v. Pleasants* court case.)<sup>ix</sup>

The laws of antebellum Virginia required that all free-Black citizens register with the county and to carry their "free papers" at all times to prove that they were not escaped slaves. Peter, George, Walter and Mourning Logan were freed in Powhatan County where the Charles Logan plantation was located, and they settled in Chesterfield County. (Figures 3-6). Mourning Logan left an estate with 42 acres when she died in 1838, according to her Chesterfield County will.<sup>x</sup> The recently freed Black residents overcame immense obstacles to become property owners.

In 1833, Peter Logan sold the property now known as 2718 Bainbridge Street to Ophelia Scotti who was a free-Black woman<sup>ties</sup>. In part two of this report, we will explore other free-Black families who purchased lots in the adjacent original Chesterfield County Swansboro development.

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Free Negro Register, Chesterfield County, Untold: The African American Narrative, Library of Virginia.

Walter Logan, 5 April 1806, registration papers of Walt, son of Mourning signed by Frederick Woodson who was "... one of the commissioners appointed by the high court of chancery to ascertain the ages of the slaves of said John and Jonathan Pleasants and to discharge from slavery such of them as were thirty years old." Walter Logan later received a replacement free registration having lost the original.

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<sup>xii</sup> Free Negro Register, Chesterfield County, Untold: The African American Narrative, Library of Virginia. Robert Scott registry. In this register document, Ophelia Scott, age 47, along with over a dozen of her relatives, registered as a free-Black woman as emancipated by the will document of their former owner, also named Scott.

**To the MEMBERS of the HUMANE SOCIETY.**

**WHEREAS** there appears to be several material defects and omissions, in the Constitution of the Society lately formed at their meeting in Richmond, with which divers members are dissatisfied; and it appearing also that, there are some other matters of business proper to be considered previous to the time appointed for the next meeting, I have thought proper, by and with the advice and concurrence of several members of the acting committee, to call a special meeting of the society, to be held in Petersburg on the 15th day of the ensuing month called June. It is therefore requested that the members do as generally attend as circumstances will admit.

**ROBERT PLEASANTS.**

N. B. The acting committee is desired to attend at nine o'clock, at the Methodist Meeting-house in Petersburg, on the morning of the day following the above appointed meeting; (viz. the 16th of the 6th month) and those who desire to become members, will please to apply at that time, in order to be admitted.

R. P.

Va Chronicle, June 9, 1790, page 4, c3

**Lots for Sale.**

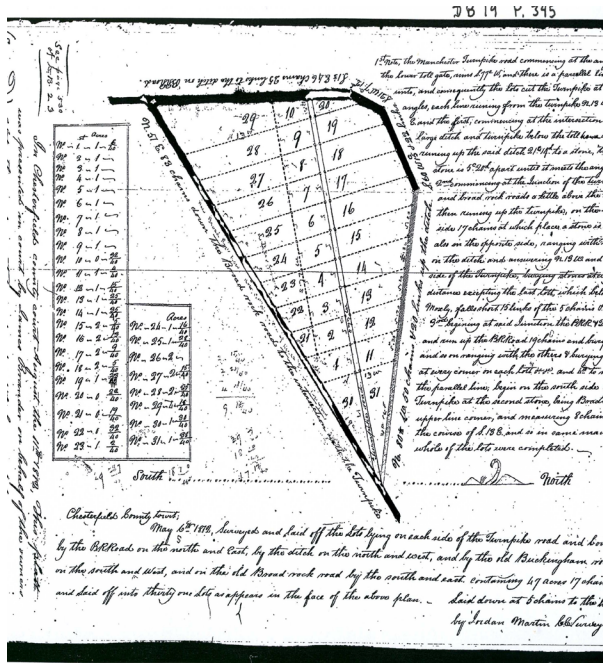
**I**N consequence of the badness of the weather on Saturday the 30th ult. the sale of the LOTS on the turnpike road just above the town of Manchester at the place called Buck-Hill, is postponed till Monday the 29th of this month; the sale will commence at the Toll-Gate, at ten o'clock, A. M. on the terms mentioned in the former advertisement.

**JAS. CLARKE, Attorney**  
in fact for the proprietors.

April 4, 1805.

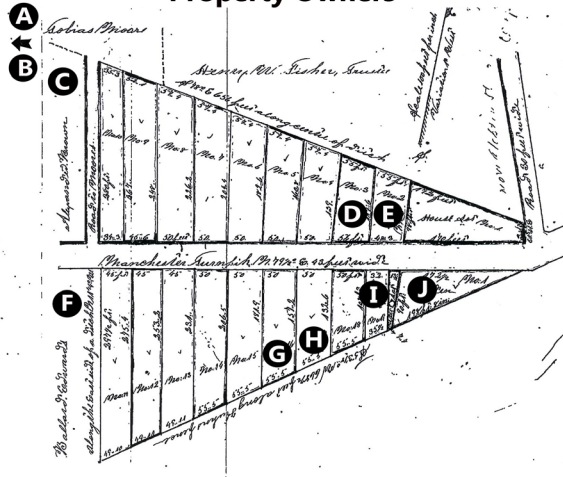
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Va Argus, 10 April 1805, page 4



Chesterfield DB 19 P 345

**Swansboro Antebellum Free-Black Property Owners**



- A). George Logan, Peter Logan; Ophelia Scott; Thomas Howell, Sarah Howell
  - B). Walter Logan
  - C). Alexander Brown, Lucretia Brown
  - D). Edward Wilkinson
  - E). Mary Ann Howell, Betsy Glenn (with burial grounds on lot)
  - F). Ballard Edwards
  - G). Kitty Otter
  - H). Elizabeth Bowman
  - I). & J). Edward B. Edwards
- Free-Black Swansboro owners without identified lot numbers:  
 Henry Anderson  
 Thomas Hewlett, Elizabeth Hewlett  
 Charles Hickman, Julia Hickman  
 Mary Ann Howell  
 Archer Morris, Betsey Morris, William Morris  
 Polly Tompkins

Chesterfield DB 42, P 598 with free-Black names added

James Clarke  
To { Deed  
Kitty Otter.




This Indenture made this the fifteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, <sup>Between</sup> James Clarke of the county of Powhatan as agent for & on behalf of the proprietors of the Town of Severus borough of the one part, & Kitty Otter a woman of colour of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Clarke, as

Kitty Otter DB 22 Page 9 excerpt

1016	Lucinda Brown	33 years	Black	S. F. S. S.	a scar on the left cheek near the eye, one on the back of each hand, one on the right side of the neck, and one on the left.	Born free.
1018	Edward B Edwards	Twenty One	Yellow	5 ft. 7 1/2 inches	a scar in his left hand	Born free
1019	Betsy Morris	18 years	Yellow	5 ft. 3 inches	No mark	Born free
1020	Kitty Otter	27 years	Brown	5 ft. 7/8	a scar over & under her right eye	Born free
1021	...	...	...	...	...	...

Examples of Chesterfield Co free Black registrations

The back line of said lot of land, there being hereby intended to be made a reservation to the said Betsy Glenn of the land without the said last mentioned line, the same containing a family grave yard and furnishing the means of access thereto. And the said Betsy Glenn retains generally the lot of land hereinbefore conveyed.

Witness the following signatures and seals -  
 Betsy Glenn, her X mark   
 Alick Brown his X mark   
 Lucinda <sup>her</sup> X mark 

Excerpt of DB 40, P 590 reserving family graveyard

James Clarke of  
To { Deed  
Edward B. Edwards.

This Indenture made this fifteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seventeen between James Clarke of the county of Powhatan as agent for & on behalf of the proprietors of the Town of Summerville of the one part and Edward B. Edwards a man of colour of the other part

Edward B Edwards DB 22 Page 12 excerpt



## Magnolia Grange Advertisement

Buddy Cranford

It was just a short few years ago (May 4, 1986) that Magnolia Grange opened its doors as a house museum. That was done with a lot of fanfare and diligent work by Lucille Mosely (deceased), whose family still resides in Chesterfield County. About three hundred people had toured the home that day. Many notables were in attendance. This magnificent house that sits back from Route 10 and faces the historic 1917 Courthouse has a long history in Chesterfield. It originally sat on a 720-acre farm and was first named “Cold Water Run” after the creek that was nearby. Our newsletter, the Messenger, has many articles referring to its history. Stories of the infamous Beattie Trial and the judges who travelled to Chesterfield are also listed. The stories provide an insight in how the judges who were housed at Magnolia Grange had to wrestle with circumstantial evidence and the arrival of the mother of the slain daughter (Beattie’s wife) making a grand entrance into the courtroom in her long black dress and creating a stir among the courtroom attendees. These stories are vivid and a constant reminder to us regarding the histories within these historic walls.

Sometimes another piece of history will pop up that reveals another historic bit of Magnolia Grange. A friend of the Society, **Jill A Balsamo**, Land Records Supervisor for the Chesterfield Circuit Court Clerk’s Office, discovered an interesting advertisement for the sale of a farm and hotel in 1878. The original file is in the County Chancery Files in the Records room of the new Courthouse. Jill is quick to share historical information with the CHSV. She shared an 1877 advertisement (pictured). The advertisement went into detail describing the 12-room hotel, the land which was located three miles from the “Half-Way “and five miles from Chester on the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad. The ad goes on to reveal what it was like in Chesterfield and about the Northern and Western settlers coming to the Chesterfield Area. It also revealed a timetable for the county court meetings. It mentions the sale of Magnolia Grange. A copy of the advertisement can be found at Magnolia Grange.

**BY FRANK J. SAMPSON,**  
Real Estate Agent, Auctioneer and Notary Public, 521 Hall Street, Manchester, Va.

**COMMISSIONERS' SALE**

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Chesterfield county, in the case of Jarvis, Glenn & Co. vs James R. Halsey et al, on the 14th day of November, 1877, we will sell, as commissioners, at public auction, on the premises,

**On Thursday, February 14th, 1878,**  
at one o'clock, P. M., the following valuable

**FARM & HOTEL**

at Chesterfield Old Courthouse, in Chesterfield county, Va., known as **MAGNOLIA GRANGE**, or "Old Courthouse Tract." The farm contains 720 acres, more or less, with a first-class Brick Dwelling with eight rooms and all necessary outbuildings, in first-class order and repair, and one

**LARGE FRAMED HOTEL,**  
recently built, containing about 12 rooms, situated immediately at and surrounding the "Old Courthouse." The land lies well, and is for the most part highly improved and well wooded and watered, in a healthy and respectable neighborhood, convenient to churches, schools, railroad stations, post-offices on the premises, &c. This valuable property is only three miles from Half-Way and five miles from Chester Station on the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad.

Very recently a large number of Northern and Western settlers have located in the immediate vicinity of the Courthouse, who have improved their farms and buildings, and many more are expected at an early day looking for houses in this locality.

This farm is susceptible and particularly suited to a division into several farms, and therefore offers great inducements to persons seeking safe and solid investments. The County Court is held regularly once in every month, and lasts from two to seven days; the Circuit Court meets twice during the year, and sits generally from six to ten days, besides special terms of several days duration, and the clerks' offices of both courts are on the premises, showing that the hotel business alone is profitable, to say nothing about the valuable farm.

**TERMS:**—Cash, or note, to run six months, at 5% interest, payable for \$2,000, with its interest, on the 1st day of January, 1879, and on a credit of six months, at 5% interest, payable on the 15th day of January, 1879, and for the residue upon such terms as the said trustees of the commissioners may direct on the day of sale.

**DAVID L. FULLAM,**  
**WILLIAM A. MYERS,** Special Comm'rs.

Richmond Dispatch 7/24/78.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The Chesterfield Courthouse Chapter, NSDAR is excited to announce the opening of the **American Revolution Experience** at the Chesterfield County Central Library on September 6, 2024.

The innovative pop-up exhibition includes display panels and interactive digital kiosks that use storytelling, illustration, technology and unique artifacts and primary accounts to connect modern audiences with the people and places that shaped the birth of our nation. Created through a collaboration between the American Battlefield Trust and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the exhibit is also made possible by generous matching funds from the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program.

The exhibit will run through Monday, September 23, 2024, at the Chesterfield County Central Library during normal library hours. An Opening Celebration will be held on Monday, September 9 from 1-3 PM. The public is invited to attend.

### FINDING AND PROVING YOUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTORS

Bermuda Hundred Chapter, NSDAR is offering a public genealogy workshop entitled *Finding and Proving Your Revolutionary War Ancestors*.

This workshop will be held on Thursday, September 12, from 10-11:30 AM in the Central Library large meeting room. Lori Purcell and Betty German will lead the workshop.

Registration is required and begins two weeks before the program. To register, go to [library.chesterfield.gov](http://library.chesterfield.gov) – Things to Do – Event Calendar – Find class and register.

### FINDING AND PROVING YOUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTORS OF COLOR

Chesterfield Courthouse, NSDAR is offering a public genealogy workshop entitled *Finding and Proving Your Revolutionary War Ancestors of Color*.

This workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 17, from 6-7:30 PM at the Central Library performance stage. Angie Wilderman, Betty Waltman, Jenny Jolinski, and Lori Purcell will lead the workshop.

Registration is required and begins two weeks before the program. To register, go to [library.chesterfield.gov](http://library.chesterfield.gov) – Things to Do – Event Calendar – Find class and register.

***Be sure to visit Chesterfield County's 275<sup>th</sup> Celebration webpage at  
[www.chesterfield.gov/Cfield275](http://www.chesterfield.gov/Cfield275)  
for up-to-date information on programming for this  
milestone year of commemorations.***

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