

KING WILLIAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Quarterly Newsletter
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UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 21, 2018, 3:30 PM

Christadelphian Church
7442 Mt. Olive-Cohoke Road
King William, VA 23086

The next meeting of the King William Historical Society will be held on Sunday, October 21st at 3:30 at the Christadelphian Church. The speaker will be Tim Winthur, owner of Dominion Traditional Builders. Tim's company specializes in historic building restoration. His team has been working on North Point and James Madison's Montpelier. Tim is such a wealth of fascinating information on historic homes AND the minutiae of historic home renovation. He will talk a bit about his own background and some of the homes he has worked on (behind the scenes stuff), and impart some of the challenges and solutions his people encounter in historic homes. Please join us for an interesting discussion.

Refreshments will be served.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am honored to serve as the President of the King William County Historical Society and hope to be able to continue some of the initiatives and projects started by our Immediate Past President, Dr. David Brown. The KWHS Board consists of President and the immediate Past-President, David Brown, Ron Parker, Patricia Haile, Anne Jackson, Rhonda Sonnenberg, John Breeden, Lisa Vawter and Fran Freimarck. I am grateful to every one of them for their dedication and service. The KWHS Board met on September 16 in the old jail of the Historic Courthouse. The Board would like to find ways to increase membership and Museum participation. The budget for preservation funds bestowed upon the KWHS by Alma and Harry Coon was also discussed. Lisa Vawter will be the Corresponding Secretary for the Historic Society so if you have content for the newsletter please let her know. Rhonda Sonnenberg is the Vice-President and she will be getting the programs together for the meetings. Rhonda has secured a very interesting speaker for our next meeting and I am sure she would welcome your thoughts on locations and speakers for future meetings. In other exciting news, the newly revamped King William Historic Society website is live! Please check it out using the link <http://www.kingwilliamhistory.org>.

On Sunday October 21 our next meeting will be held at the Lanesville Christadelphian Church where Tim Winthur, restoration expert and builder will speak. The church is located near the Pamunkey Indian Reservation and the replica Train Stop Village that was built by the late Carol Lee Walker and if you have some time on that day you may want to pay a visit to those sites as well. I would invite you to bring a friend to the meeting to enjoy the beautifully maintained Christadelphian Church with many thanks to all whose hard work have kept it so well especially Carl Fischer.

The fall is especially a time when I think about what our ancestors were doing during this season. Preparing for winter and harvesting their crops. We are fortunate to be able to live in a place where history has been preserved although our lives are very different than those of our predecessors. I think there is a common thread in the repetition of seasons and the steps we take at Mother Nature's calling. I am looking forward to exploring and preserving King William County's history with you and hoping to see you at our next meeting.

Warmest Regards,

Sally W. Pearson
President
King William Historical Society

Minutes of the King William County Historical Society Membership Meeting
Sunday, July 15, 2018

The Membership Meeting of the King William County Historical Society was held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 18, 2018 at the King William County Administration Building Boardroom. There were approximately 22 members and guests present.

President David Brown called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. and welcomed members and guests.

The Minutes of the April 15, 2018 Membership Meeting were approved as submitted.

Reporting for the Museum, Anne Jackson announced the Museum will open on Sundays throughout the season. More docents are needed for Saturdays. The Museum has received the gift of a new artifact - an 1844 letter from the Braxton family. The Museum accounts will be transferred from the Sona Bank to the Bank of Essex.

Treasurer Ron Parker's report shows the following balances as of July 15, 2018.

Checking	\$ 30,162.39
Museum Savings CD	\$ 20,495.06
Church Maintenance	\$ 3,905.04
Wells Fargo Museum Investment	\$131,710.10
Total	\$186,272.59

Unfinished Business: David Brown reported the Lanesville Christadelphian Church is now officially listed on the Virginia Historic Landmarks Register. Listing on the National Register of Historic Places should follow before the end of 2018. Carl Fisher reported that the sign has been installed at the Lanesville Christadelphian Church. Preliminary Information Forms/Nominations to the State/Federal Registers for Acquinton Church are underway.

New Business: On a unanimous vote, the following slate of officers was elected to serve beginning after this meeting.

President: Sally Pearson

Vice President: Rhonda B. Sonnenberg

Corresponding Secretary: Anne Jackson

Recording Secretary: Fran Freimarck

Treasurer: Ron Parker

Board Member at Large: Patricia Haile

Board Member at Large: Lisa Vawter

Board Member at Large: John Breeden

According to the By-laws the following positions are also part of the Board and those listed have agreed to serve:

Past President: David Brown

Parliamentarian: Carl Fischer

Museum Council Chair: Anne Jackson

David Brown thanked the outgoing Board for their service.

Program: David Brown introduced Jay Gaidmore, the Marion and Alan McLeod Director of the Special Collections Research Center in the William and Mary Libraries. Mr. Gaidmore made an interesting and informative presentation on the resources of the William and Mary Libraries that relate specifically to King William County. He showed photos of some of the items. He presented several rare and unusual items like the 1790 plat book of William and Mary lands in King William County. Attendees were invited to look at the books, maps and manuscripts he brought to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. after which the group enjoyed conversations with Mr. Gaidmore and each other and gratefully consumed our annual fried chicken/pot luck picnic lunch.

Respectfully submitted:

Fran Freimarck

Secretary

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Do you recognize this King William home? Hint: it is no longer in existence. Answer on page 5.



April 28, 1777: To be Sold at Aylett's Warehouse, King William County, on the 16th of May, to the highest bidder ... the Cargo of the Schooner Fanny, consisting of Sheeting, White Linen, Brown Sugar, Pepper, Nutmegs, Horn and Ivory Combs, Penknives, Writing Paper, Pins, Needles, Sewing Silks, Sorted Threads and Gun Powder. Edward Hill, Richards, Hall & Co.

King William County, Virginia From Old Newspapers and Files, Compiled and Annotated by Elizabeth Hawes Ryland



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual Membership expires twelve (12) months after your last dues payment.

Family \$30

Student \$10

Individual \$20

Lifetime \$250

Artifact Level \$150+

Pamunkey/Mattaponi Level \$300+

Thomas T. H. Hill Benefactor Level \$500+

Corporate Sponsorship \$500+

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Outside the King William Museum

The King William Museum is open Sundays from 1:00 - 5:00 PM and by prearranged appointment (closed on major holidays).

Located at 227 Horse Landing Road, King William, Virginia

The home pictured on page four is “Woodbury” in King William County, Virginia. It was built in the mid-1700s, the home of Isaac Quarles and Elizabeth Southerland Quarles. Woodbury was demolished in the 1960s for summer homes. The photo was taken during summer 1940 by Evelyn M. MacLelland, a great, great granddaughter.