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## HISTORICAL RECORDS BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH

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1812 - 1874

At a meeting of the members of the upper College Baptist Church, at Beulah Meeting House, King William County, on the 26th day of September 1812. A church was organized at said Meeting House, having been until then a part of the Upper College Church. Elders John Courtney, Wm Tally, and Robert B. Semple were the presbytery at the Organization. At the same time Joseph Gwathmey, Joseph Fox, and John Robinson were ordained deacons in the said Church. John Robinson appointed clerke and Treasurer.

The said church was called Beulah and agreed to adopt the following constitution —

At a meeting held at Beulah meeting house in September 1812 the Church was called together to appoint delegates to attend the association to be held at Allen's meeting house in Essex County on the 10th October of the same year. Accordingly Jn. Robinson, Jos. Gwathmey and Jos. Fox were chosen delegates and Jn. Robinson appointed to write the Church letter.

At a meeting held at Beulah meeting house on Sunday, March 28, 1813. Mrs. Tombs, Mrs. Bradbury, Rich Bradbury and 3 Negroes Lucy, Polly, and Moses belonging to Mrs. Catlett were received and baptized at Mrs. Hinshaw's Mill.

At a meeting held at Beulah Meeting House on Sunday May 23, 1813 Geo. Powell, Mrs. Betty Chick, Mrs. Ancrow & 1 Negro woman belonging to Mrs. Taliaferro were received and Baptized at Mrs. Hinshaw's Mill.

At a meeting held at Beulah meeting house on Sunday August 22, 1813 the Church was called together to appoint delegates to attend the next Association to be held at Hopefull Meeting house Hanover County & to appoint a person to write the Church letter, accordingly Jos. Gwathmey, Jn. Robinson & Benj. Quarles were elected delegates to the Association & Jn. Robinson to write the Church letter.

At a meeting held at Beulah meeting house on Sunday October 24th 1813. Wm Samuel & Lewis a blk. man belonging to Capt. Starling were received and Baptized at Mrs. Hinshaw's Mill.

At a meeting held at Beulah Meeting House on Saturday, July 23, 1814 the church was called together to appoint delegates to the next association and for other purposes. Accordingly John Robinson, Joseph Gwathmey, and Joseph Fox were elected delegates to the association to be held at Mangohick Church, King Wm County Oct. 8, 1814. Thomas Todd appointed to write the Church letter.

At the same time the Church agreed to the following rules and regulations (viz)

1. The stated Church meetings for worship be on the 4th Saturday and Sunday in each month.
2. The administration of the Lord's supper be performed in March, May, August, and October monthly meetings, and in case of prevention by badness of weather or otherwise then at the next monthly meeting.
3. That the contribution for Church expenses should be raised by subscription.

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*In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of King William Court House is a set of 20 large books which hold the remains from the court house fire of 1885. Most of these records are badly charred and have been damaged by water. The first two volumes cover the years 1703-05. There are a few records of 1722 and then 1794, 95, 96, etc.*

*Recently, Mr. Wolford, our present Sheriff of King William County, asked me to list the names of elected Sheriffs found in these books. This was not too difficult because every year or two, at Court, a Bond was posted for this position.*

*As you will note, there are many gaps in the dates — the records are missing. If anyone has proof of a person who served as Sheriff during any of these "lost" years, I would be happy to add the name to this list.*

*Ame D. Crute,  
Corresponding Secretary*

## SHERIFFS — KING WILLIAM COUNTY

4-11-1702 DB 1, pg. 4	John Waller - Sheriff
11-20-1703 DB 1, pg. 149	Benjamin Arnold - Under Sheriff
4-13-1706	Henry Fox - Sheriff
	(No records 1707-1721, 1722-1786)
11-30-1795 DB 3, pgs. 173-174	James Ruffin - Sheriff
11-16-1798 DB 3, pg. 465	John Roane, Jr. - Sheriff
11-24-1800 DB 4, pg. 23	Isaac Quarles - Sheriff
11-22-1802 DB 4, pgs. 141, 142	William Dandridge Claiborne - Sheriff
6-27-1803 DB 4, pg. 183	Reuben Johnson, - Constable Edward Miller - Constable
6-25-1804 DB 4, pgs. 247, 248	William Dandridge Claiborne - Sheriff
10-22-1804 DB 4, pgs. 291-293	Edward P. Chamberlayne - Sheriff
3- -1805 DB 5, pgs. 33-35	John Roane - Sheriff Mordecai Abraham - Constable John C. Courtney - Constable
6-25-1810 DB 5, pg. 448-451	Christopher Tompkins - Sheriff James Smith - Constable John C. Courtney - Constable Benjamin Figg - Constable John Glover - Constable
7-22-1811 DB 6, pg. 48	Christopher Tomkins - Sheriff

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On Saturday July 22, 1815 at a meeting held at Beulah, the church were called together to appoint delegates for the next association and other purposes. viz

Brothers Jo. Gwathmey, Thos. Todd & Jn. Robinson were delegates to the next association; Brothers Todd & Robinson appointed to write the church Letter.

Brother Thos. chosen to the office of a Deacon.

On Sunday Thos. Patterson, Sarah Patterson, Lucy Horn, Fanny Rollins, Hannah Jerrald & 3 black members viz: Jenny, Judy, & Molley belonging to Mr. H. Fleet, having been previously received were baptized at Dabney's Mill. On the same day three elders were chosen among the black members, viz Osburn belonging to Jos. Gwathmey, James belonging to Mrs. S. Hill, & Abram belonging to Jn. Robinson.

1815 August 27

Miss Sarah Gwathmey and Robert Ancrow having been previously received were baptized at Dabney's Mill.

On the same day Lucy, a blk. member belonging to Thos. Patterson (having been excom.) was restored to fellowship.

On Sunday Novem. 26th 1815, Wm Walters, Miss Lucy Alexander, & 3 blk. people viz: Betsy belonging to Mr. Hawes, Parthena to Mr. Lumpkin, Angelah to Mr. T. Elliott, having been previously received were Baptized.

On Sunday Decem. 24, 1815 Elizabeth Mahon was admitted as a member of this Church. (by letter)

On Sunday January 28th 1816 at a meeting held at Beulah meeting House the Church were called together & Betsy a black member belonging to W. Hawes was excom. for the sin of \_\_\_\_\_. On the same day Brother Wm Hatchett was admitted as a member & chosen as pastor of this Church.

On Saturday September 21, 1816 at a meeting held at Beulah meeting House the Church appointed Brother Wm. Hatchet, Joseph Gwathmey & Thomas Todd to represent them in the next Association & Wm Hatchet & Jn. Robinson to write the Church letter.

On Saturday August 23, 1817, Brothers Wm Hatchett, Jn. Robinson & Jos. Fox were appointed Delegates to the next association to be holden at Upper Kg. & Queen Meetg. House & brother Thos. Todd to write the Church letter.

On Sunday February 22, 1818, Phil a black member belonging to Mrs. M. Gwathmey was rec'd by letter from the lower College Church.

On Sunday March 22d 1818, Harry, Daniel, Diew, belonging to D. Turner, Ned to Mrs. Temple, Milly to Mrs. Redd & Kitty to Mrs. Glover. having been previously received were baptized at Dabney's Mill.

On Sunday May 24th 1818, Mary & Amy belonging to Mrs. Glover, Suckey to Dabney Turner, Siller to Temple Elliott, having been previously recd. were Baptized at Dabney's Mill. On the same day Essex & Lewis belonging to Mrs. Lucy Leftwich were rec'd. by letter from Mount Hermon Church, Spots.

On Sunday June 28th 1818 a blk. member belonging to Mrs. Pendleton was rec'd by letter from upper King & Queen.

On Sunday August 23. Brother Wm Hatchet, Joseph Gwathmey & Joseph Fox were appointed delegates to the next association to be holden at Matthew's meeting House & brother Hatchet to write the Church letter.

1818 September 27th Nancy Mann was received and Baptized.

1819 March 28th Frankey a black member from Mount Hermon belonging to Mrs. Leftwich was recd. by letter.

April 24th Mrs. Hannah Hatchett & Daphney a blk. member belonging to Rev. Wm Hatchet were recd. by a letter of dismission from Bruington Church.

Septem. 26th The Rev. Wm. Hatchet, Joseph Gwathmey & Jn. Robinson were appointed delegates to the association to be holden in Richmond & brother Hatchet to write the Church letter.

1819 Octo. 24th Abraham a blk member belonging to Jn. Robinson was restored to fellowship on condition that he is not allowed to preach again.

1820 March 26th Jenny belong'g to Jn. Lumpkin, Oney to Lucy Leftwich, Lucy to Temple Elliott, Affey to Thos. Row, having been previously received were Baptized at Dabney's Mill.

May 28th Cathy & Jenny belong. to Robert Sutton, Polly to Joseph Fox, having been previously rec'd. were baptized at Dabney's Mill.

July 22d Thomas Puller & Sally his wife members of Salem Church, Taliaferro a blk. member from Mount Hermon belong'g to L. Leftwich were rec'd by letters from said Churches.

1820 Septem. 24th Rev. Wm. Hatchett, Thos. W. Todd & Jn. Robinson were appointed delegates to the next Association to be holden at Bruington meeting House King & Queen County. brother Todd to write the Church letter.

on the same day Simon a blk member belonging to Jos. Gwathmey was restored to fellowship.

Nov. 26th Alice a blk: woman belonging to Thos. W. Todd was recd. & baptized at Mrs. Hinshaw's Mill.

1821 Mav 27th Horace White was rec'd by letter from Hopefull Church Hanover County. at the same time *John Doe* belonging to Jn. Robinson was accused with improper conduct towards the wife of another man & was therefore excommunicated.

1821 June 24, Billy belonging to Dabney Turner, John to Rody Redd, Caroline to Thomas Row were baptized at Dublin Mill.

July 22 Hannah & Cook belong. to Dabney Turner, Taylor to J. Leftwich, Barnett, Isham, Daniel, Sally, Amy, & Billy to George West, Squire to Mildred Glover, Lydia to Jane Atkinson were baptized at Dublin Mill

1822 April 28th Sam a black member belonging to Brother Jos. Gwathmey was restored to fellowship — on the same day Sylva, Theorick, Cook belongg. to Mrs. Rhoda Redd, Betty to D. Turner, Squire to Maj. Atkinson, James to John Glover were baptized at Dublin.

1822 July Abraham belonging to Jn. Robinson was restored to fellowship.

September Lizsy, belong g to Mrs. Abraham Major to Wm Ancrow, Humphrey to B. Tuck, George, Joe & Becky to Jn. Robinson, Clary to J. R. Terry, Obediah to Jos. Fox, Jenny to Mrs. Taliaferro, Serina to Jn. Lumpkin were baptized at Dublin.

March 1823, John belonging to Rhoda Redd was excom. for disorderly conduct.

June Jack & Cathy belonging to Wm Hatchett, Billy, Lucky & Milly to W. Hawes, Deck to Mrs. Trant, Constant & Betty to Jn. Robinson were baptized at Dublin.

1823 August Richmond & Edmond belong to Jn. Lumpkin, Reuben & Sarran to Mrs. Gwathmey, Braxton to J. Garnett, Chang to Mrs. Patterson, Peter to W. Hawes, Phill to T. Puller were baptized at Dublin.

Sept. George *Doe* was excomt. for disorderly conduct.

At the monthly meeting in September the following rules were entered into by the church viz:

1. As it is desirable that each member of this church should regularly attend the Saturday monthly meetings, it is ordered that it be made a rule of the Church, that if any male member shall hereafter fail to attend for two successive meetings without having a reasonable excuse to be Judg'd of by the Church; such member or members shall be dealt with as disorderly members.
2. It is ordered that it be made a rule of this Church, that we think it contrary to scripture and of course improper for one member to go to law with another, therefow in all differences relating to money matters, the case shall be laid before a committee of their members, whose business it shall be to give advice, and should either party refuse to be governed by the advice of said committee, the business may be laid before the Church.
3. When the members of the Church shall be called together for the purpose of transacting business, no male member that is present shall absent himself, unless he first obtain permission from the Church.
4. Ordered that the rules adopted by this Church be read publicly by the clerk at each monthly meeting in March and September annually.

Decem. 28 Obediah belonging to brother Jos. Fox was excom'd for improper conduct.

at the same time Sister Lucy Alexander was recd. by letter from Charles City Church.

1824 May 23 Isaii belonging to Rev. Wm Hatchett, Ephraim & Billy to Mrs. Hinshaw, Richard to Mr. D. Turner, Peggy to Cap. Starling, Julius to Mrs. Mary Gwathmey & Robert Woollard were baptized at Dublin Mill.

on the same day *John Doe* belonging to Bennet Tuck was excom. for

theft & Phil belonging to Mrs. P. Gwathmey was restored to fellowship on conditions that he is not to preach again without permission from the Church.

At a meeting held at Beulah meeting house on Saturday the 28th day of August 1824 John Robinson the clerk of this Church resigned his Office and thereupon Thomas W. Todd was appointed to that Office.

At a meeting held at Beulah meeting house the 4th Saturday of September 1824 The rev. William Hatchett, Jr. Robinson and John Bradberry were appointed messengers to the next association at the upper Middlesex Church, and Thomas W. Todd appointed to write the Church letter.

At a meeting held at Beulah meeting house the 4th Saturday of August 1825 The rev. William Hatchett, John Robinson & Thomas Puller were appointed messengers to the next association at the upper Essex Church and Thomas W. Todd appointed to write the Church letter.

At a meeting held at Beulah meeting house the 4th Sunday of Oct. 1825. On motion it is ordered that brother Joseph Fox be appointed to put glass in the windows over the pulpit and to make and put up shutters to the windows, the expenses of which are to be defrayed by the Treasurer out of the Church fund. On motion it is ordered that brother John Robinson be appointed to procure a box with a lock and key for the purpose of holding the Bible belonging to this Church and the expense to be paid out of the Church fund by the Treasurer.

In Sept. 1827 Elder William Hatchett applied for and obtained a letter of dismission from Beulah Church, he having previously relinquished his pastoral care of said Church, at the same Elder Andrew Broaddus, who has been preaching at Beulah for some months after Elder Hatchett relinquished the pastoral care of the Church informed them that he must also decline preaching for them. The Church then was without any preacher until 1828 when Elder A. Broaddus at their request agreed to preach for them at least 12 months more.

At a monthly meeting held at Beulah meeting house, on the fourth Saturday of March 1832 on motion ordered that as Mary Martin a member of this church in full fellowship has removed to Spotsylvania, a letter of dismission be written by the Clerk & given her dismissing her from this when she shall have joined another church of the same faith and order.

Thomas Dabney appointed clerk in the place of T. W. Todd resigned.

Robert T. Gwathmey appointed Treasurer.

At a monthly meeting held at Beulah Meeting house on the fourth Saturday of March 1832, Brother George W. Trice and Sister Maria Trice, his wife were received as members of Beulah Church, brother Trice by letter.

Richard Gwathmey, William S. Ryland, and Thomas Dabney, were unanimously chosen deacons in addition to those heretofore in office.

James Fox, Baylor Hill, Richard T. Gwathmey, Ruffin Clark, Mary Fox, Mary G. Gwathmey, Emily B. Hill, Edmund Taylor & Lucy Quarles were baptized at Dublin Mill 7th November 1831: also at the same time and place the following coloured persons were baptized. viz. John, Salley, Sillar Thomas the property of Doct. William Gwathmey John, the property of Nathaniel B. Hill Amos, John, Galispy & Robin the property of Richard Gwathmey.

At a meeting held at Beulah on the 23rd of June 1832 the Church Covenant was read, together with the rules and regulations for the government of the Church, also the church covenant and discipline in pamphlet form as advised by the Dover Association. A motion was then made to appoint a committee to revise the Church Covenant and the rules and regulations for the discipline of the church, whereupon Elder A. Broaddus, Richard Gwathmey and Thomas Dabney were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion ordered that the clerk be authorized to purchase a new church book, and to draw on the Treasurer for that purpose.

Richard Bush & Temple Moore also Delphy the property of James Fox were baptized and received the 24th day of June 1832.

At a church meeting held at Beulah the 24th of June 1832. Daniel formerly the property of Temple Gwathmey was received by letter.

Henry belonging to Walker's estate excommunicated for \_\_\_\_\_ John Walker belonging to Benjamin Oliver's estate, & Edy belonging to Salley Ellett were granted letters of dismission.

At a church meeting held at Beulah on the 22nd of July 1833

Rebecca, the property of John Robinson was restored to full fellowship in the church.

Mary H. Garlick, Mary Eliza Hillyard, Sarah Hill, Ann Hickman, Richard Bradberry, William Bradberry & Henry Rowe \_\_\_\_\_ also Henrietta belonging to Richard T. Gwathmey, Eliza belonging to Dr. Wm. Gwathmey, Rachel the property of John H. Walker were baptised and received the 28th of July 1833.

At a meeting of the church at Beulah on the 25th day of August 1832. Brethern Richard Gwathmey, James Fox and George W. Trice were chosen delegates to the next association, and two dollars ordered to be sent to the association fund: Thomas Dabney and John Robinson appointed to write the church letter.

Sarah Ann Seay, Robert Hill, Nancy Robinson and Jane Huxter were baptised and received on the 26th day of August 1832.

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3-24-1812 DB 6, pg. 121	Richard Willerooy - Constable
6-22-1812 DB 6, pg. 148	Benjamin Figg - Constable Thomas Boshier - Constable James Smith - Constable
2-29-1812 DB 6, pg. 171	Temple Elliott - Sheriff
9-27-1813 DB 6, pg. 270	Temple Elliott - Sheriff
7-25-1814 DB 6, pg. 349	John Fox - Sheriff
1-23-1815 DB 6, pg. 371	John Hill - Sheriff
9-25-1820 DB 8, pg. 210	George Dabney - Sheriff
7-23-1821 DB 8, pg. 301	Thomas Starke - Constable Armistead Robins - Constable Thomas J. Powell - Constable
1838 DB 10, pg. 193	Edward Pollard - Sheriff
1843 DB 12, pg. 33	Richard Gwathmey - Sheriff
1843 DB 12, pg. 98	William M. Turner - Constable
1848-1850 DB 13, pg. 228	Thomas Dabney - Sheriff William M. Turner - Deputy Sheriff
1850-1852 DB 14, pg. 71	Martin Drewry - Sheriff William M. Turner - Deputy Sheriff
1852-1854 DB 14, pg. 331	William M. Turner - Sheriff
1859-1861 DB 15, pt. 1, pg. 97	Robert J. King - Sheriff
1861-1863 DB 15, pt. 2, pg. 372	William M. Turner - Sheriff
1863-1865 DB 16, pt. 1, pg. 37	William M. Turner - Sheriff
1865-1867 DB 16, pt. 1, pg. 195	Edward T. Powell - Sheriff
1867-1871 DB 16, pt. 1 pgs. 289-291	John William Taylor - Sheriff A. T. Mookler - Constable L. L. Thornton - Constable
1879-1883 DB 18, pt. 1, pg. 102	John W. Taylor - Sheriff

The King William Historical Society was honored on July 8, 1978 to have as its speaker Mr. Virginius Dabney, former editor of the Richmond Times Dispatch. Mr. Dabney spoke at Seven Springs, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Moffatt. It was very significant for Mr. Dabney to speak here. Seven Springs was the ancestral home of the Dabneys when they first came to America. Mr. Dabney had never been there before.

Miss Willie Weathers, professor emerita of Randolph Macon Women's College, was asked to introduce Mr. Dabney and was told not only to tell of some of his many honors, but to give a brief history of Seven Springs. Miss Weathers did quite a bit of research for this introduction and Mr. Dabney wished a copy of it. His speech, *The Human Qualities of George Washington and Robert E. Lee* was much enjoyed and was reviewed in the Tidewater Review the following week. It was felt Miss Weathers' introduction should appear in the Bulletin.

**KING WILLIAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEETING AT SEVEN SPRINGS  
July 8, 1978**

We are honored to welcome here today in person the distinguished editor whom we welcomed to our homes in print for so many years; and the equally distinguished historian who continues to instruct and entertain us.

No spot in our county could be more suited to the occasion, for this historic house was one of the early homes of the King William Dabneys, who arrived here simultaneously with the name King William, and made their name synonymous with this neighborhood well into the nineteenth century.

Since Seven Springs needs an introduction, as editor-historian Virginius Dabney does not, our program chairman has asked me to tell what is known about its early history. This is regrettably little, and the Virginia Historic Landmark Commission's article printed in our Society's *Bulletin* last October deals chiefly with its architecture. Now, however, thanks to the recent publication of Dr. Malcolm Harris's extensive research, a few facts can be added to the Commission's historical information.

In 1701, the year Pamunkey Neck became King William County, patents for land along the Pamunkey River and Mehixen Creek were issued to George and James Dabney, sons of Cornelius Dabney of New Kent, founder of the family in Virginia; and Seven Springs stands on part of George's grant.

He established his home on the river across from old Hanover town, and from the adjacent ferry it was known as Dabney's Ferry, also called Greenville. The first of four George Dabneys to own it and the ferry, he was a vestryman of the parish and a justice, then sheriff, of King William - not the first sheriff\* as stated in the Landmark article, but one of the first justices. In applying to Governor Spotswood for the sheriff's post in 1715 he declared, "Your Petitioner . . . hath served the said county as a Justis Ever since it was a county."

The year 1729, given in the Landmark article as the date of his death, was rather the date of his will, which was not probated until 1744. This fact reconciles apparently conflicting evidence that puzzled the Landmark writer: the first George, by tradition the builder of Seven Springs, was not dead in 1732, the traditional date of its construction.

Originally called Brickhouse, it was built on a 419½-acre tract of the 1701 grant, probably for the second George, possibly before 1732 but not later; for this George's son George was born here in 1733, as was a second son, James, in 1736. Their father did not own his home, however, until he inherited both it and Dabney's Ferry at his father's death in 1744.

He thereupon moved his family to Dabney's Ferry, and when he died forty years later, left it to the third George, and Brickhouse to James. Though by 1784 James had been settled in Louisa County for some years, perhaps, like his father, he occupied this house as a young man.

It is said that William Byrd II was a visitor here; and in the next generation, George Washington and Patrick Henry. The crossing at Dabney's Ferry was on a main route that Byrd could have used coming from the James River Falls to inspect his King William farms near Mangohick; and Washington after the Revolution on his way from Mount Vernon to the new Capital at Richmond. Henry was, of course, a Hanover neighbor.

In 1795 James Dabney deeded Brickhouse to his son William, who had married in 1792 and may have been already resident here. At any rate, he lived here long enough to acquire the nickname Brickhouse Billy, given to distinguish him from two other William Dabneys in the community; and the name indicates that Brickhouse did not become Seven Springs until after his time. In 1802 he sold it to Captain Yancey Lipscomb, a veteran of the Revolution, and moved to Albermarle. Also, Dabney's Ferry was sold after the death of the fourth George in 1827.

Brickhouse (or Seven Springs) was resold in 1812 and again in 1820; and in the next 125 years it passed through various hands and fell victim to time and neglect. I saw it in 1945 when it was uninhabited and uninhabitable. The contrast today is a triumph of historic preservation, and in their restoration Mr. and Mrs. Moffett have created a fitting reminder of a family numerous, prosperous, and prominent in the 18th-century history of upper King William County.

Our speaker's branch of the Dabneys belongs to Gloucester, the birthplace of his grandfather. His father, Dr. Richard Heath Dabney, was Professor of History at the University of Virginia for 49 years, and his son calls his own interest in the subject "inherited". This interest, as he tells us in an address on "History as an Avocation" delivered before the Virginia Historical Society in 1968, was cultivated by study under his father, and afterwards reinforced by the demands of a journalist's profession; for without a knowledge of the past one cannot, he says, "comment meaningfully upon the present and future." He also recommends historical research for the pure enjoyment of its intriguing and often amusing discoveries.

History has profited by his retirement in 1969 after 33 years as editor of the *Richmond Times Dispatch*. One might say that with the publication since then of *Virginia: the New Dominion* and *Richmond: the Story of a City*, his avocation lost its prefix.

Mention of four of the many honors he has received will suggest the range of interests served by his talents: the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing; the Jackson Davis medal for service to higher education; the Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Service; and most recently, the office of Chairman of the United States Historical Society.

We all know that a cat may look at a king; but for the national society king to speak to this county cat has it purring with pride.

He will speak on "Human Qualities of George Washington and Robert E. Lee."

Mr. Dabney

Willie T. Weathers

\*John Waller was the first sheriff of King Wm. Co.

**OFFICERS**

At the last meeting of the King William County Historical Society held on July 8, 1978 at "Seven Springs", the following officers were elected:

<i>President</i>	Sterling C. Louthan
<i>Secretary</i>	Ame D. Crute
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marian Upshaw
<i>Corr. Secretary</i>	John Garrett

**CORRECTION**

In the October 1977 Bulletin, the last paragraph of the information on Seven Springs contained the name A. B. Pullen. I should have been A. B. Puller.

**KING WILLIAM COUNTY MEDAL**

The face of this is a reproduction of the original seal of the Circuit Court of King William County, Virginia. In 1863 one Daniel Hershey of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, a soldier in the Union Army, while with a raiding detachment at King William, saw and pocketed the seal. In 1927 the seal was located and graciously returned to King William County by Mr. Hershey, who had retained it in his possession.