

King William County Historical Society Newsletter

October 2013

From Our President

Preservation in King William County

Over the past few months, the society board has been working with county officials and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to assure that we will be able to preserve and protect King William County's important historic resources in the future.

During the 1970s, members of the society developed a map that located many of the historical properties in the county. This map included both standing structures and locations of historically significant sites that no longer existed. During this time, several historic districts were established by the county as well. In the past forty years, little has been done to build on these past efforts.

The society is in the process of doing several things to address this matter. The County's Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) is comprised of mostly members of the society. I serve as the Chair of the Board. We are working toward having this board approved by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) as a "Certified Local Government" entity. This will allow access to grants from DHR and will strengthen communications between DHR and the HARB. New by-laws have been written for the HARB and we will soon be proposing certain changes in the county code which will strengthen the ability the HARB has to oversee historic districts.

The DHR's computerized data base contains the historic homes on the National Register of Historic Places, registered archaeological sites and other properties of historic interest in the county. The goal is to have this information from DHR placed on the county's database. Once accomplished, this information will provide a visual map that can be used for planning purposes. As previously noted, nothing has been done to update the map created in the 1970s. The DHR has records on several hundred structures in King William County and many of these records have not been updated in many years.

The society approached the county about

submitting a grant request to DHR for the purposes of updating and adding to their files additional properties. We have been successful in obtaining a grant of \$10,000 (pending as follows: 50% DHR, 25% KWCHS, 25% KWC). The contractor who will do this work is in the process of being determined. There will be eighty properties on the DHR database that will be updated and forty new properties will be added. The project will start in October and will be completed in May 2014.

We will communicate with you in the future regarding how you may get involved in these preservation activities.

Carl R. Fischer
President

KWHS Membership Meeting July 21, 2013

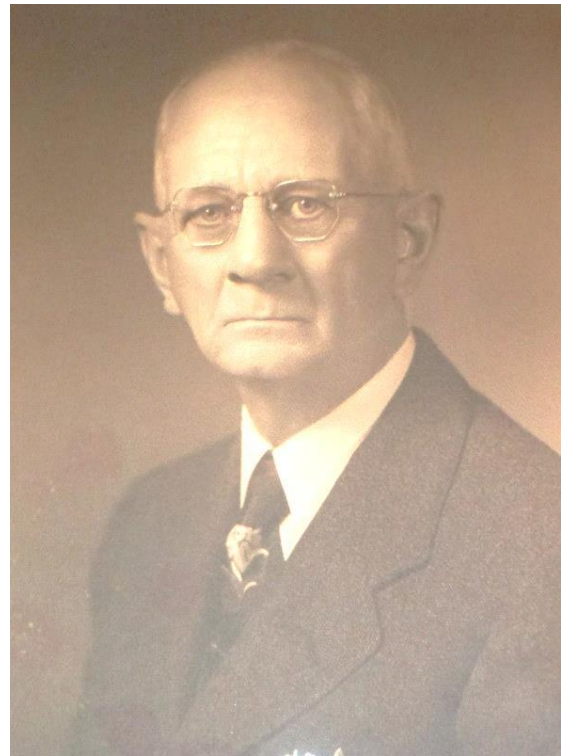


Image of the Dementi Portrait of the Honorable Judge William Temple Mooklar that was unveiled at the membership meeting.

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the King William County Historical Society met in the historic old Courthouse at 2:30 on Sunday, July 21, 2013. Carl Fischer, president, called the meeting to order and conducted a short business meeting explaining that the society did not get the proposed Historic District designation for Acquinton Church and will not proceed any further. He also discussed the grant received from the Department of Historic Resources.

Following the business meeting, Adele Smith, vice president, read a brief testimonial of the life and work of Judge William Temple Mooklar written by three prominent lawyers from King William County in 1964, the year of his death. After the enlightening testimonial was read, Catherine Mooklar Courtney unveiled the picture of her uncle which will be placed in the Old Courthouse. The meeting was adjourned for all to visit the museum before going to the Administrative Building for our annual picnic in air-conditioned comfort.

Adele Smith

Annual Membership Dues

Treasurer's Report

The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, so Membership Dues for 2014 are now due. At latest count, we have 43 members who have not paid their 2014 dues, so if you have not, please do so as soon as possible. For information, we have 142 members, 74 of who are Lifetime Members, so that leaves 68 members who we depend on to pay annual dues to support our mission and projects. Thank you for your support.

The dues for annual memberships are:
Individual..... \$20 Family \$30
Student \$10

Lifetime memberships are:
Single Lifetime... .. \$250
Lifetime Couple.... \$300

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Museum News

Volunteers are Needed

To do any of the following: Tour Guide and Hosting (please consider), Data Research and Entry, and Exhibit Planning and Care, call 804-769-9619 to volunteer.



Exhibit in the Museum

Tools of Freedom Exhibit

On November 9th and 10th there will be a display of modern war artifacts from World War 1 to the Viet Nam Conflict on the Courthouse grounds and the common green. This unique presentation known as "Tools of Freedom" will be open to the public on Saturday, November 9th, from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM and on Sunday, November 10th from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. There will be reenactments as well as exhibits of military equipment, weapons from each era, vehicles and even military field hospital tents. This is a great opportunity to honor our veterans. Be sure to visit.



Part of military display at Tools of Freedom

Rebecca Townsend

King and Queen Historical Society Sunday, November 3, 2013

Tere Pistole will speak at the Tavern Museum about updating the newly reprinted version of *Green Mount*, diary of Benny Fleet. She will speak of retracing Benny's steps in K&Q and KW during the early years of the Civil War. The presentation will be held at the Tavern Museum, K&Q Courthouse, 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2013. Copies of the book are on sale now at the Tavern shop and will be available on the day of Tere's presentation.

Genealogical Gleanings –

Occasionally we get inquiries on our website email regarding people and places in King William's history, some of which we can offer assistance from our databases or research. In those cases where we aren't able to help, we thought it might be appropriate to seek assistance from our membership, since many of you have deep roots in King William's rich history. Below is a list of some of the inquiries for which we need help. If you have knowledge on any of them, please contact us and we will relay the information to the inquirer. Our email address is kwhs@kingwilliamhistory.org. Thank you.

1. A John Whitlock owned land on the Pamunkey River in 1699-1704. He is thought to have died in St. Peter's Parish (New Kent County) in 1717. Another John Whitlock (maybe son?) died in King William Parish (Goochland County) on June 10, 1746.
2. A Colonel Isaac Hill and wife, Margaret Jennings Hill. No dates were given.
3. A John Burruss thought to have died 1705 in St. John's Parish (King William County).
4. A Cauthorn family thought to have lived in King William County prior to 1760.
5. Any information on a Gravatt's Mill (Etna Mills).
6. Old pictures of Lester Manor.
7. Dunn family thought to have lived in the Cohoke/Sweet Hall area.
8. Searching for information documenting a "Slaughter Bride of 1824". The bride may be a young lady who married a Slaughter gentleman, rather than having had a maiden

name of Slaughter. Helpful information might be in the form of a letter, a bible entry, a portrait, a newspaper accounts, etc.

The following queries have included contact information should you wish to contact them directly.

1. George Norman Powell
Born 1790? Hanover, VA
Died 22 Jul 1862 VA (Mangohick)
also, information on James Powell. 1729-1816
Contact Karen Elsen at karen.elsken@gmail.com
2. mvaglide@aol.com "attempting to track John B. Lipscomb b. 1790especially interested in the Lipscomb Family."
3. A descendant of the Waller family looking for a photograph of the Endfield Plantation house or it's remains. Email address is dmdobrick@aol.com
4. James Tompkins 757-714-1769 or shannont575@aol.com is searching for "the Old Fleet Burying Ground" thought to be on, or near the present "Fleet Street". Will share information on the Alabama Branch of the Fleet Family, including an old letter.
5. **Sarah Ann Walker** - Looking for the resting spot of my 3xgreatgrandmother Sarah Ann Cocke who married Andrew B. Walker in King William County, Va. in 1840. She had just passed away when most of the property that had belonged to them was auctioned off in 1915 leaving only 15 acres to the daughters Florence Bradshaw and Charlotte Walker. Property described on plat as "Cocke Tract" near Epworth which had belonged to Sarah's father Richeson Cocke. Property looks to be off Enfield and Route 30. Several documents found imply that they are buried here. Any information would be so appreciated. Please contact Marie Walker Jennings at mwj819@aol.com.