



NEWSLETTER

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Introducing **Cinder**, Engineer of the Abingdon Line

Many thanks to all of you who contributed such great names. It was a tough choice, with Cinder winning by a muzzle.

Cinder will be on display until October, when he will be auctioned off at the Advance Abingdon gala. Hopefully, all Cinder's friends will help him to stay with the Society.



On Saturday, November 10, 2012, Cinder will have the opportunity to welcome new visitors to his home.

The Roanoke Chapter, National Railway Historical Society is headed out again to one of its most popular destinations ever, Abingdon, Virginia!

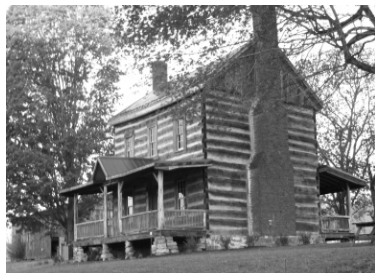
The train will operate on to Bristol before returning; riders have the option of staying onboard for the additional ride.

Historical Society-Sponsored Events during the Virginia Highlands Festival

Walking Tours of Sinking Spring Cemetery July 28 and August 4 9:00 am both days

There is no charge.

Joe Preston, Washington County native, area history teacher, and Society Board member will lead this 45 minute walk through American history from the 1770s to the present. The site is on land where the first Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church was built in 1774. The tour begins at the Rev. Charles Cummings cabin (circa 1774). Bring an umbrella and water and wear walking shoes. Tours will be held rain or shine.



Log Cabin Tours

August 4 – from 10:00 am until 12 noon

August 5 – from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm

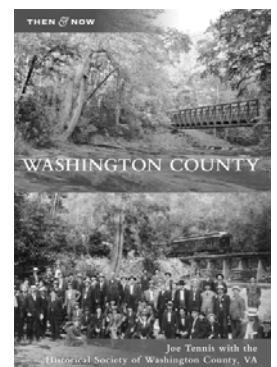
These tours will go to 4 log cabins: Cummings, Breckenridge, Yeary, and Fairview. Transportation will be provided. The tours will begin at the Sinking Spring Cemetery and Cummings cabin. Tours will be held rain or shine.

There is no charge, but participants are asked to register at the Historical Society office at 306 Depot Square, or call 276-623-8337 by August 2.

Washington County, Virginia: Then & Now with Joe Tennis

Thursday, August 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, VA
Free Admission

From Clinch Mountain to Konnarock, and from Three Springs to Glade Spring, *Washington County, Virginia: Then & Now* highlights the history and beauty at the heart of the Virginia Highlands, showing images from the late 1800s to the late 1900s, contrasted with contemporary photographs of Washington County as it appears today at Abrams Falls, the Great Channels, and the Virginia Creeper Trail. Join local author and photographer Joe Tennis as he shares from his recent book, *Washington County, Virginia: Then & Now*, produced in cooperation with the Historical Society of Washington County, Virginia.



Donations and Acquisitions

Sinking Spring Cemetery Association Minutes notebook from Tony Hughes, Abingdon, VA (STA VA WASH.647.4)

Four bricks – Chilhowie Brick Co., W.H. Counts Log Cabin, Lindell and King Palmer and a railroad #56 nail from Charlie Barnett, Bristol, TN (Archives)

Rosa Vaughn Roark Bible from David L. Cox, Spring Valley, CA (Archives)

Photos of Abingdon Fire Company from C.H. and Florence Arnold, Jr., Abingdon, VA

The Minnick Family group sheet from Nelle Frances Minnick, Fresno, CA (VF-Fam. Minnick)

Ancestors of John William Latham from Deroma A. Lynn, Midway, GA (FAM Lat.1)

William Clark & Isaac Baker from Riley Clark, Abingdon, VA (FAM Cla.7)

Battle of Kings Mountain Participants, Sketch of William King from Sandra Darden, Abingdon, VA (Dup.)

Missing Links- the African and American Worlds of R.L. Garner by and from Jeremy Rich, Scranton, PA (ART Bio.69.7)

Deaths in Smyth County, VA by and from Pat Hatfield, Smyth-Bland Regional Library, Marion, VA (TBA)

Washington County-Then and Now by and from Joe Tennis, Bristol, VA (STA VA WASH.630.2)

King's Quest: A History of a Virginia Family by and from A. Joy King, Chesapeake, VA (FAM KIN.7)

Nine Meadowview School Yearbooks 1944-1959 from Elizabeth Phillips Snead, Abingdon, VA (Rare book coll. – Schools)

Beach to Bluegrass, Southwest Virginia Crossroads from RubINETTE Niemann, Abingdon, VA (Dup.)

Ruth Hunt resume/genealogy from Ruth Hunt, Jersey City, NJ (VF-FAM Hunt)

Civil War Memorial Dedication at Concord United Methodist Church from Linda Burton Bright and the Tazewell Historical Society (TBA)

Salt Trail Guide by and from Doug Ogle, Saltville, VA (TBA)

1940 Census Washington Co VA (WCV) Damascus Town (Holston Dist.), Meadowview Town, District 96-7

Glade Spring Magisterial District, Meadowview Town; More Deaths 1950-1953, Jack Hockett, Newark, DE, 05 May 2012;

Washington Co Va (WCV) Deaths Jan – Mar 1931 (All), Jack Hockett;

WCV Deaths 1930 Remaining Hitherto Unsubmitted And Some Additions To Those Already Submitted; Russell Co Va (RCV) Deaths 1928 Remaining; WCV Deaths Remaining Hitherto Unsubmitted For Year 1929, all donated by Jack Hockett, Newark DE (PC- Library Mngr.)

Purchases for the Library

Whitetop by Doug Ogle; purchased by HSWC (STA VA WASH.429)

1812, The Navy's War purchased by HSWC (WAR 1812.9)

Russell County, VA Marriages, Michael Sword, purchased by HSWC

The Revolutionary War Diary of Major William Croghan purchased by HSWC (TBA)

Nineteenth-Century Brick Architecture in the Roanoke Valley and Beyond: Discovering the True Legacies of the Deyerle Builders, by Michael J. Pulice; purchased by HSWC (ART.Arch.53)

Sponsors for Annual Dinner

Pop Ellis Soda Shop, Abingdon, VA; **Babycakes Eatery**, Abingdon, VA; **The Olive Oil Company**, Abingdon, VA; **Highlands Union Bank**, Abingdon, VA; **Anthony's Desserts**, Abingdon, VA; **Foxglove Antiques & ETC, LLC**, Abingdon, VA; **Karen Hall**, Abingdon, VA; **K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc.**, Abingdon, VA.

Monetary Donations

B. Ann Oppenheimer, **San Antonio, TX**; G. Lawrence Warren, **Falls, Church, VA**; Jane T. Matthis, **Abingdon, VA**; Pauline B. Gotham, **Abingdon, VA**; James & Mary Jones, **Abingdon, VA**; Doris R. Martinson, **Knoxville, TN**; Myron K. Peck, **St. Lois, MO**; Mrs. Norris Avey, Jr., **Heber Springs, AR**; W.S. Mark, **The Woodlands, TX**; Nell C. Clark, **Abingdon, VA**; Vicki Baker, **New Castle, DE**; Joan Enright, **Virginia Beach, VA**; Shelley & Richard Hart, **Moses Lake, WA**; Hazel & Richard Blackwell, **Edison, NJ**; Caroline Spires, **Abingdon, VA** Jeanne T. Hurt, **Bristol, VA**; Wallace & Norma Davenport, **Houston, TX**; James H. Garrett, **San Antonio, TX**; Riley & Emma Clark, **Abingdon, VA**; Richard McQueen, **Abingdon, VA**; John & Jana Dreyzehner, **Abingdon, VA**; Randy & Sue Smith, **Abingdon, VA**; Fern Bowling, **Dallas, TX**; William D. Wilson, **Fredericksburg, VA**;

New Members

Sheri Bostrom - Sandy, UT; Ron Bramley - Eads, TN; Cole Conley - Floyd, VA; Reed Cooke - Abingdon, VA; Vance Cosby - Abingdon, VA; Carolyn DeLoach – Damascus, VA; Dave and Sharon Edwards – Wadesboro, NC; Kim Allison Eller – Saltville, VA; Carolyn T. Fleenor – Abingdon, VA; Victor G. Gilliland – Jamestown, NC; John Hunter – Cincinnati, OH; Garrett Jackson – Abingdon, VA; Howard Jones – Baton Rouge, LA; Deroma Lynn – Midway, GA; Robert MacKey – Corbin, KY; W. Allen Mock – Mechanicsville, VA; Lois Peak – Asheville, NC; Billie Pett – Longmont, CO; Katherine Ravenholt – Kingsport, TN; Sandra Rutherford – Lexington, KY; Leona Sauser – Frederick, MD; Herbert Tregar – Irving, TX; W. Frank Wells – Hot Springs Village, AR; Ron Wilson – Gallatin, TN

Genealogical Connections

Walnut Grove Cemetery

In the January issue of the Newsletter, there was a note about a census report on the people buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Where can I find it, if I can get back to Abingdon?

Thank you,

Terry L Moore - tlmoore999@hotmail.com

Family Research surname for query:

Rebecca (Rebekah) Kendrick m. William Phipps d. 1818 Wythe Co. VA. She went with son, William, to Mo. ca. 1837. Any info on Phipps or Kendrick would be appreciated. Known children: George; Catherine m. Adam Miller; Mary; William A. m. Barbara Stroup; Jacob m. Nancy; James m. Juley; John; Jasper m. Margret Murphy; Isaac m. Mary .

Wanza Barker Merrifield --wanerri@cableone.net

To list your Family Research surnames, please email your name, email address and surnames to Karidancer@aol.com

Your membership in the Historical Society is appreciated. Please help us stay in touch with you!

- send a change-of-address card when you move,
- or call our offices at 276-623-8337,
- or e-mail us at office@hswcv.org

Do you know the Who, What, Where & When of this photo?



If you recognize any of these young men or have other information, please send your information to karidancer@aol.com



Landon Boyd is in the first row, 2nd from right

Both speakers are active members of the Historical Society.

Audrey Anderson Jones and her family traveled from Stephens City, Va., to attend the April 28 dedication of two Civil War markers in Abingdon, one of which features her great-great-great uncle, Landon Boyd, who played an important role in the history of Washington County. The second marker tells the story of Capt. James Wyatt, a former resident of Abingdon.

The interpretive markers are designed and installed by Civil War Trails, a Richmond-based program that collaborates with communities to tell the stories of legendary people and places of the Civil War. The two markers are the first for The Town of Abingdon to receive.

Michael Shaffer, assistant director of Kennesaw State University's Civil War Center, presented the markers at the morning ceremony beginning on the grounds of the Fields-Penn 1860 House Museum and concluding at Abingdon's Linear Park on A Street. David Winship of Abingdon, who helped research the information, also spoke at the ceremony.

Capt. James Wyatt of the 13th Tennessee Cavalry (U.S.A.) was a former Abingdon resident with a grudge against a county judge. Staying behind after Federal forces had passed through in 1864, he sought revenge by climbing into the courthouse cupola and setting the courthouse on fire. He was later fatally shot by a member of a Confederate cavalry party chasing him.

Landon Boyd was born into slavery on Sept. 15, 1838, in Abingdon. After the war, Boyd lived in Richmond where he served on the petit jury for the U.S. District Court in 1867, assigned to try former Confederate President Jefferson Davis for treason. Charges against Davis were later dismissed in 1869. Boyd returned to Abingdon in the late 1870s and lived with his family in the Kings Mountain area. His wife, Kate, was a teacher at the Kings Mountain School. Boyd, who died in 1899, rests in the African American section of the Sinking Spring Cemetery.

At the conclusion of the event, Mrs. Jones presented a picture of Landon Boyd with other members of petit jury to the Historical Society of Washington County. Mrs. Jones and her family were given flowers by The Town of Abingdon for her to place on the grave of Mr. Boyd in Sinking Spring Cemetery. "There are special stories all families hope to find in their ancestry. This has certainly been a special one," said Mrs. Jones.



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Southwest Virginia's Finest Old Quilts and Coverlets Take Center Stage at Ferrum College's Blue Ridge Institute & Museum

The Great Western Virginia Cover-Up: Historic Quilts & Bedcovers showcases the region's bedcover-making traditions from the 1700s to 1950.

Ferrum, VA (June 12, 2012) – Over 50 of Southwest Virginia's finest old quilts and coverlets take center stage in a new exhibition at Ferrum College's Blue Ridge Institute & Museum.

The Historical Society of Washington County has loaned seven quilts from its collection to Ferrum for this show.



The exhibition runs now through Spring 2013 in the Institute's DuPont Gallery on the Ferrum College campus. Admission is free.

The Museum is open Mondays through Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., year-round; and Sundays, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., mid-May through mid-August. For more information, call (540) 365-4412 or visit www.blueridgeinstitute.org.

Source:
http://www.ferrum.edu/Articles/southwest_virginias_finet_old_quilts_and_coverlets_take_center_stage_at_ferrum_colleges_blue_ridge_institute_museum.aspx

Hours for the Library

The Historical Society Library hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11:00 a. m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Closed for legal holidays and inclement weather.

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