



NEWSLETTER

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2013 Membership Meeting and Dinner

The Historical Society celebrates its 77th birthday on Friday, May 31, with a dinner and program open to the public at Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway, just off I-81 Exit 14. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with a social hour, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash wine bar. Back by popular demand, guitarist Tom Deaton will be playing his special mix of old favorites, classical, bluegrass, and country music.

After the business meeting and buffet dinner, Rob Salyer will present the program, *Restoring Antebellum Homes*, based on his own Meadowview home, Edmondson Hall. The evening will conclude with a drawing for door prizes donated by local business supporters.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Society offices or online at hswcv.org.

For information, please call 276-623-8337.

During the business meeting, the following three items will be presented to the membership for approval.

This publication serves as notice of such proposed action.

1) Candidates for consideration for election as Directors and Officers for the terms shown:

President	Martha Keys	2013-2015
Vice President	Charles Seaver	2013-2015
Recording Secretary	Charles Seaver	2013-2015
Treasurer	Interim TBD	
Corresponding Secretary	Karen McClanahan	2013-2015
Director	Karen Fitzpatrick-Hall	2013-2015
Director	Leighann G. Lloyd	2013-2015
Director	Charlie Barnette	2013-2014
Director	Dr. Brett Compton	2013-2014

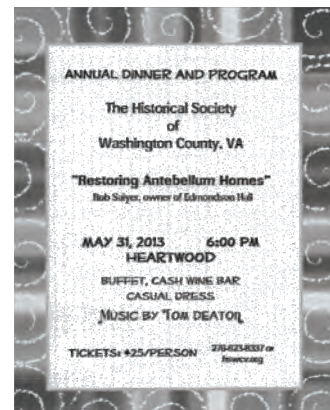
3) Changes in the Membership categories and associated dues:

Annual Individual/Family	\$35
Life – Individual	\$350
Annual Student (any level)	\$10
Annual Local & Regional Libraries & Museums	\$20
Annual Business:	
Level I	\$50
Level II	\$100
Level III	\$200

2) An amendment to the By-laws:

Section 2.6, Article II of the Bylaws of the Historical Society of Washington County, Virginia be amended by replacing Fifty (50) with Twenty-five (25) so that Section 2.6 will read as follows:

Section 2.6 QUORUM Twenty-five (25) Members entitled to vote and present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.



DONATIONS AND ACQUISITIONS	DONOR
Abingdon High School year books, 1965 & 1966 Alexander Breckenridge cabin Information Articles, football tickets, directory, Summers letter Bluff City High School year book, 1966 Books and bulletins Caboose locations in SW VA (Decorative Map) Christmas Ornaments (10), Washington County C of C Series Civil War Memorial Dedication Program, Tazewell Virginia <i>The Compendium of American Genealogy</i> Creepier Train Hoop <i>The Dryden Family & Descendants, Book II</i> Duff family - letters, documents, and photos Ed Kinzel family information Elk Garden CD ETSU year books, 1967 & 1968 Fraley Family Data <i>In Memoriam, Mrs. G. V. Litchfield (biography)</i> <i>A Man of the Mountains</i> Marchant Calculator <i>Myths of Samuel Newell</i> Newspapers, The Knoxville Journal Oral History of Konnarock Paper on Grumble Jones' cabin Paulser Rouse family info Pictures of the 1970's, Abingdon and its Citizens Postcard, Barter Theater Railroad Date Nails (2), 1956; Sidewalk Pavers (4), Chilhowie mark Samuel Hervey Laughlin diary Sgt. Jess S. Whitaker Information Thayer photos <i>Virginia Magazine of History and Biography</i> <i>War of the Rebellion</i> <i>Washington County, Virginia Minute Book No. 4</i>	Jerry Belisle, Abingdon, VA. Kathryn Maxwell, Winton-Salem, NC Patricia Preston Blackwell, Abingdon, VA Charlie Barnette, Bristol, TN Jimmy and Lovis Countiss, Abingdon, VA Mike Pierry, Jr., Abingdon, VA Elizabeth Hayter, New York, NY Linda Burton Bright Mike and Carol Jackson, Abingdon, VA Eleanor H. Hutton, Emory, VA Keith Bievers, Seattle, WA Robert Duff Alexander, Santa Fe, NM Richard & Lynda Wright, Corryton, TN Lawrence Fleenor, Jr., Big Stone Gap, VA Martha Keys, Abingdon, VA. Dave Fraley, Boston, MA Mrs. Stuart Campbell, Wytheville, VA Ray Duncan, Abingdon, VA D. T. Clapp, La Jolla, CA Fred Weyler, Mount Juliet, TN Jim Pless, Virginia Beach, VA Charlie Barnette, Bristol, TN John C. Morefield, Glade Spring, VA Chris Widener, Glade Spring, VA Robert Duff Alexander, Santa Fe, NM Mark Benbow, Arlington, VA Charlie Barnette, Carol Taylor, Bristol, TN Martin Weaver, Springfield, VA Jana Churchwell, Concord, NC Melinda Leland Rubinette Niemann, Abingdon, VA Tom McConnell, Abingdon, VA D. Helton, Salem, OR & J. Hockett, Newark, DE
<i>Marriages of Claiborne & Campbell Co. TN</i> <i>Marriages of Jefferson Co. TN</i> <i>Marriage of Roane Co. TN</i>	HSWCV
Chilhowie United Methodist Church 1806-1994 <i>The Collector's Guide to Cumbow China</i> Konnarock Training School - Its Spirit Lives On <i>Marion and Hungry Mother State Park, Images of America</i> <i>Smyth County, Images of America</i>	Kitty Henninger, Abingdon, VA.
Children's High Top Shoes, ca 1900 (2 pair) Pottery jug <i>Franklin County, Virginia Birth Records 1853-1870</i> <i>Franklin County, Virginia Birth and Death Records 1855-1862</i> <i>Franklin County, Virginia Birth Records 1860-1879</i> <i>Franklin County Virginia Marriage Bonds 1787-1853</i> <i>Franklin County Virginia Marriage Bonds 1853-1875</i>	Jane Oakes, Abingdon, VA



HOLY COW!!

Yep, Holy Cow! Every year when I write about what we have accomplished for the year in the media center, I speculate on what we could have done if we had more money and more manpower. Well, in 2012 we had more than we ever have had before. We got to hire Leighann Lloyd, in-between teaching jobs, and we had the donations to pay her. So for seven months we had two people in the media center. The results speak for themselves. In 2012, we scanned **7634** pictures and **18395** pages of documents. We also added **16894** lines of index.

We continue to process the tombstone pictures from Charlie Barnette and slowly but surely, we are going through and digitizing the 76 years of collected archives. Some days I don't think we will ever finish. Every week, every month we find another box, another Bible, or another stack of papers. And this year we broadened our scope. A collection of birth and death certificates were discovered in the Russell County courthouse. In a joint venture with the Russell County Genealogy Group, we scanned and indexed 3000 of these. We hope to finish in 2013.

We must be gluttons for punishment, especially with the backlog we have, but we are still asking anybody and everybody to bring their pictures or family papers, old documents, letters, etc. in and let us scan them. I know of so many instances this past year when the oldest member of a family died, and pictures, the family Bible, and who knows what else, was divided up, left the area or in some cases went in the trash. That's Washington County history folks! It's your family history too and what do you tell a cousin from Michigan about "Grandma's diary"? Now which sibling, or cousin or in-law took the diary...? You would be amazed at how many people come in with pictures to compare with ones we have scanned, trying to identify the people in their picture.

We have updated all three indices on our website. Please check them out. We are working on other ways to better share what we have. Soon we are going to offer a tiered pricing system for pictures and documents: printed copies or copies on a CD at one price, and a lower price if we put them on your memory stick or if we email them to you. That would be cheaper for you and a faster turn around. Remember, with very few exceptions, we are a volunteer organization.

So yes, Holy Cow! After eight full years a volunteer and two college kids, who have long since graduated, some wonderful monetary contributors, and the best and most generous donors in the world who have shared their family's best with us, we have arrived at this: **28,678** pictures, **64,200** pages of documents and **127,720** lines of index. We will keep going if you continue to support us.

Jane Oaks

April 2013

MONETARY DONATIONS

Lees Summitt, MO	For James Edward Perigin of Wallace, VA
Diana Powell, Atherton, CA	In memory of Jim Faris
James Ballard, Houston, TX	In memory of Gene Matthis
Jane Bryan, Abingdon, VA	In memory of Beatrice Hagy and Phillip Widener
Carol Lee Shankel, Newman, GA	In honor of Kitty Henninger
Dale Anderson Douthit, Charlottesville, VA	In memory of Bettie Mae Anderson Ferrier
Cathy McCoy, St. Petersburg, FL	
John Hinkelwood, Abingdon, VA	
Roy Brown, New York, NY	
William D. Wilson, Fredericksburg, VA	
Mary Landrum, Bristol, TN	
George Bird Metcalf, Jr., Abingdon, VA	
Rose Gray Hudson, Abingdon, VA	
Dr. Pryse H. & Louise Duerfeldt, Negaunee, MI	
Pauline M. Defriese Belvedere Fund, Trustees	

Genealogical Connections

***Searching for the **father** of John Gilliland (1768-?). John Gilliland married Sarah Berry (b. 1768) in Washington County, Virginia on 27 December 1787 by Rev. Charles Cummings. John Gilliland and Sarah Berry purchased 159 acres of land in 1795 on the north side of the Holston River (Washington Co., VA: Deed Book 1, pg 206). John and Sarah then sold the 159 acres in 1799 (Washington Co., VA: Deed Book 2, pgs 5 & 6). They had four children: John Berry (b. 1790), James Berry, David Berry and Samuel Berry Gilliland. The family is known to have moved to eastern Tennessee sometime around 1800. John Berry Gilliland's family had a son, Benson Green Gilliland (b. 1825), born in McMinn County, Tennessee. Any factual information on John Gilliland's father would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me:

Victor G. Gililand - vggililand@aol.com

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



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Do you recognize anyone?

We would love to be able to put names with faces for the good of our fellow researchers. Information can be emailed to karidancer@aol.com



The Crabtree Opening night June 3, 1947

SNIPPETS

FROM OUR COLLECTIONS

"Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McClung were instantly killed at 6:30 Sunday evening when their car was shoved....."

....the right to have a road by public taxation leading from the Russell Old Courthouse and Abingdon Turnpike to Gobble Mill.... July 21, 1872

Birth certificate for Ralph Layne Ball

