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Our Winter shutdown will begin after close of business on Saturday December 13. We will re-open on Tuesday March 3, 2015.

This is the time we use for inventory, cleaning, etc. and there will be no volunteers on duty. However, if you want to come in and purchase something, research on your own, or bring in pictures for scanning, please ring the doorbell. If someone is there, we will let you in.

Online Store orders will be filled and emails will be checked - just not as often. Phone messages may take several days to answer. If there is an emergency, contact us through our Facebook Group page.

A Very Special Donation

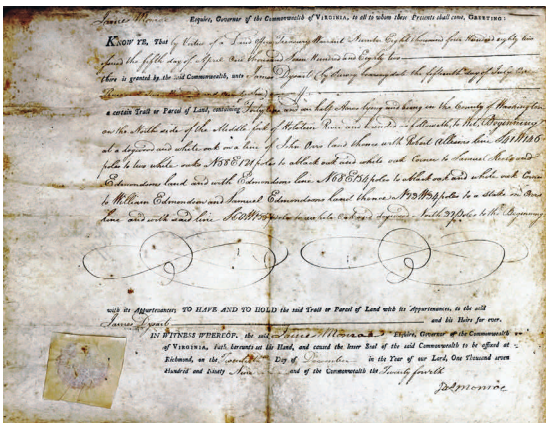
The Society has been given an original copy of a late 18th century land grant given to James Dysart and signed by John Monroe, Governor of Virginia. The land granted to Dysart was on the north side of the Middle Fork of the Holston, bordered by Edmondson, Allison, and Orr lands.

The document was given to the donor's family by a member of the E. L. Edmondson family. Both families had their roots in Washington County before moving to central Virginia, where they lived next door to one another in the 1880s.

The valuable document is beautifully matted and framed in archival quality materials. This is an amazing gift and the

Society is honored to have been chosen to hold it for future generations to appreciate.

Thank you so much to Ms. M. M. Gibbs.



A WW I era postcard from the HSWCV collection

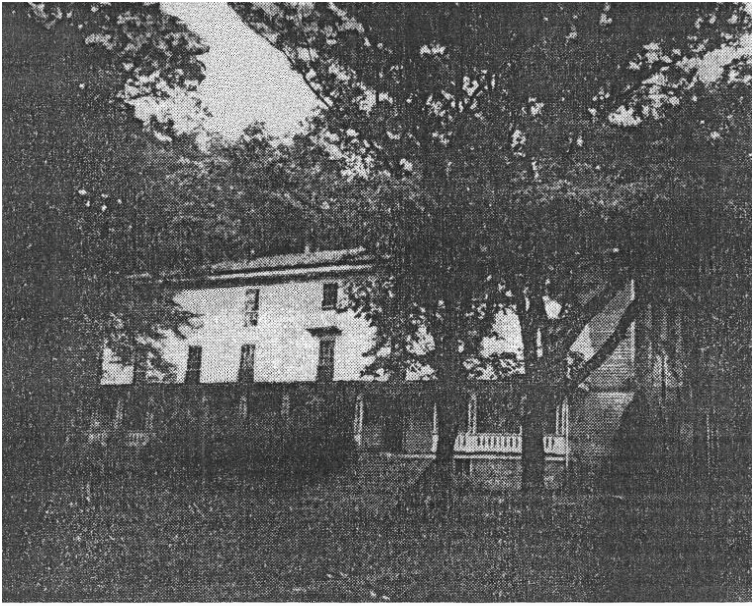
August 2014 Sinking Spring Cemetery Tour



Reenactors are, clockwise from top left: Bill Graybeal, Ron Dickerson, Garrett Jackson, Amy Looney, C. Phillip Kestner, Donna Akers, Carol Hawthorne-Taylor, Charlie Barnette, and Robert P. Warren.

Please join us for the 2015 Tour, which will be during the August Virginia Highlands Festival. Exact date to be announced.

There Were Two Separate Seven Springs in Washington County VA



No Longer Proud, Washington Springs Hides Among The Trees

The tale of the first Seven Springs, later known as The Washington Springs, begins in the late 1830s with Dr. Edmund Longley, newly arrived to Washington County, Virginia from Maine. Supposedly he came here for his health and after having heard of the miraculous healing powers of the Springs, he investigated and soon purchased the property. During the next 25 years, he built the Washington Springs Hotel which was located 2 miles from Glade Spring off of Plum Creek Road. It was an ideal location for a place of its type.... a private resort with many spas, a large lawn, a pool, and tennis courts. A Bristol newspaper article only referred to it as the Washington Springs Hotel, but a letterhead dated 1900 noted Edmund Longley as Manager and notes it as the Washington Springs Resort.

The first broad attempt to call attention to the Washington Springs was apparently undertaken in the form of a full page broadside issued in 1860 by a man named Jonathan Leach. Broadside were meant to be widely distributed by means other than the local papers and were often nailed upon posts, the sides of buildings, fences, and other places where they could be seen and read. The heading said "THE WASHINGTON SPRINGS" and under that in small letters was LEACHES.

It notes the Proprietors of these extraordinary waters are now prepared to announce to their friends and the public that the 1st "installment" - their "Hygeia Mansion" and Cabin No. 1 would be ready for visitors the coming season. Also in this broadside, the springs have all been named: The George Washington (Old Chalybeate), The Augustine Washington (Sulphur), The Lawrence Washington (Limestone), The Martha Washington (Alum), The Mary Washington (Magnesia), and The Mount Vernon (Freestone).

Professor J. A. Davis, A.M. of Emory & Henry College was reported to have analyzed the spring waters with the results amply explaining and confirming the well-established FACT of their surpassing healing virtues. Leach gives a good accounting of the properties of the waters, their use as a cure for many diseases, extols the green grassy grounds around the crystal springs, and even invites Capitalists to invest in the Springs - noting the estate embraces 267 acres.

It further addresses the neighbors, who have been accustomed to occasionally spending a few days under the kind roof of Mr. Jonathan Leach, to imbibe new life from the invigorating waters of the Springs, - (to say nothing of Mrs. Betsy Leach's nice table and motherly care). "We are constrained to say we shall be glad to receive them in plain home style whenever our rooms are not filled by regular company. At least, friends, come up and see what we are up to." The broadside concluded with a note that during the summer, commodious hacks would be in readiness to receive passengers on arrival at the Glade Spring Depot. It is signed, "The Washington Springs Company".

BUT...this article is also about a second Seven Springs, known as the Seven Springs Resort, that wasn't quite as famous as the Washington Springs Hotel and succumbed to economics several years earlier. This resort and its commercial enterprise, known as the Celebrated Seven Springs Iron & Alum Mass Company, was also located about 2 miles from Glade Spring, in the shadowed hollows of Walker Mountain between Glade Spring and Clinchburg.

A newspaper article noted the second Seven Springs Resort was located at a community called Tin Bridge Hollow between Glade & Clinchburg, and burned about 1935. A man named L. Curtis Vinson from NC bought the property and rebuilt it, but it was not successful. Supposedly Vinson was a one-legged German POW who was injured in WWI and who, when he arrived here by train at Glade Spring, rode his bicycle to the Springs area.....(hmmmm, I am trying to picture that in my mind). It was Vinson who later built the 7 small Cathedrals for the seven waters of the Seven Springs. I would imagine not all were bottled, and one would have had to bathe in them to receive any benefit.



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<i>1940 Re-Echo, Damascus VA High School yearbook</i>	Family of Mildred Parker, Deland, FL
<i>1965, 1966 Abingdon High School Yearbooks</i>	Jerry Belisle, Abingdon, VA
<i>2 Copies of History of Washington County, Virginia to 1865</i>	James W. Hagy, Abingdon, VA
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<i>Bristol, Virginia Citizens Cemetery</i>	Citizens Cemetery Organization, Bristol, VA
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Christmas Ornaments (10); Washington County	Elizabeth Hayter, New York, NY
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<i>Following in the OWL'S Footsteps- A Guide to the Sites Photographed by O. Winston Link</i>	John C. Abbott, Silver Springs, MD
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<i>Newspapers, The Knoxville Journal</i>	Jim Pless, Virginia Beach, VA
Obituary of John W. Thomas	John Thomas, Union, MI
<i>Peter Mumpower, 1740-1814 Washington Co., VA Connected to Jacob Mumbauer, Germany 1685</i>	Joseph Mumpower, Hollywood, FL
Photocopy of Andrew Goff Bible	Ann Regen Myhre, Garner, NC
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Postcard - Barter Theatre	Mark Benbow, Arlington, VA
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1894 Bank Note, Glade Spring Graduation (1945), Byars Cobb Methodist Church (1954), Glade Spring Commencement (1943), War Bonds	Janna McConnell, Abingdon, VA
<i>Caboose Map</i> ; Photo of Caboose at night with Christmas Lights	Mike Pierry, Abingdon, VA
<i>1948-1949 Hills Bristol, Tennessee City Directory</i> ; 1966 Bluff City High School year book; <i>Oral History of Konnarock</i> ; <i>Trails to Mannville & Districts</i> ; <i>Tales from the Gap – The Life and Times of Polly & Vernon Counts</i>	Charlie Barnette, Bristol, TN

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<i>My Emerald Isle Roots</i> <i>My Coffee, Stratton & Related Families of VA</i>	Diane McGinley Gardner, Lost River, WV
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<i>Alamance County</i> <i>Alexander Rose of Person Co. NC</i> , by Ben Lacy Rose <i>Amherst County, VA Heritage 1781-1999</i> <i>Amherst County Story</i> , by Alfred Perry Assorted pieces of China from Montgomery Estate <i>Brunswick County VA</i> <i>Evans Family 1700-1983</i> <i>History of Pittsylvania County VA</i> <i>Life by the Roaring Roanoke</i> <i>Nelson Co. VA Heritage 1807-2000</i> <i>The Rose Family of Kilravock 1290-1847</i> , by Christine Rose <i>Virginia Magazine of History & Biography</i>	RubINETTE Niemann, Abingdon, VA
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The Waters

An 1872 Bristol newspaper advertisement noted D. B. Payne & Son of Washington County, Va. represented the Seven Springs bottled products as for sale in ounce and gallon capacities. Their ad noted only the Alum Water as being available.

July 5, 1872.—W.

FRESH ALUM WATER

FROM THE SEVEN SPRINGS

Washington County, Va.

WILL be kept on hand by the Gallon or Glass; during the warm season. This Water is as good, if not SUPERIOR to any Alum Water in the country. It will be put at the low price of Thirty Five Cents per gallon, or 30 cents if Five Gallons is taken at a time. Dr. CARTER, at Carter & Smith's Tobacco, Cigar and Confectionery Store has kindly consented to attend to the sale of the water for us.

D. B. PAYNE & SON.

An 1877 *Hostettler's Stomach Bitters Almanac* notes, "Natures Remedy - the Celebrated Seven Springs Iron & Alum Mass could be bought of Landrum & Litchfield of Abingdon." It seems that this company had a "distillery" in Abingdon for bottling the product. A later ad from 1888 noted Cam Anderson, Druggist, was a proprietor in Bristol.

DR. FRED. HORNER, JR., of Salem, Fauquier Co., Va., writes:—The "Iron and Alum Mass" furnishes a valuable remedy to relieve Uterine Hemorrhage and this class of female diseases—far superior to the Dialysed Iron.

DR. W. A. GREENE, of Macon, Ga., in an article on "Hemorrhagic Malarial Fever," published in the *St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal*, reports a number of cases successfully treated, in which the "Seven Spring Mass" was the principal remedy employed.

—The "Iron and Alum Mass" is for sale by nearly all respectable druggists. Retail at \$1 per bottle, or six bottles for \$5. Sent by mail on receipt of price, post paid. Orders sent to us, or any of the following wholesale druggists, will receive prompt attention.

March, 1878.

LANDRUM & LITCHFIELD, Abingdon, Va.

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The Famous "SEVEN SPRINGS" Iron-Alum Mass.

A remedy that every physician needs in his daily practice. Neither patent nor proprietary. A gift of nature, being the condensed constituents of the Celebrated Seven Springs of Washington County, Va. Analysis on each package. The mass: Iron, Tonic and Appetizer in the world. Its tonic, alterative, styptic, astringent, diuretic and spermat qualities render it one of the most valuable therapeutic remedies we have for the treatment of Anemia, Chlorosis, Amenorrhea, Menorrhagia, Leucorrhoea, Chronic Diarrhea, Dyspepsia, Sick and Nervous Headaches, Throat and Nasal Affections, Kidney Troubles, &c. It is sold by druggists everywhere, or sent by mail.

Price, \$1.00 for Large and 50 cts. for Small

size bottles. Each large bottle represents fourteen gallons of mineral water. A pamphlet giving the experience of noted physicians with its use, will be mailed to any one making application, mentioning THE MASS, WORLD.

Dr. CAM ANDERSON, Manufacturer,
BRISTOL, TENN.

NATURE'S REMEDY.

The Seven Springs IRON AND ALUM MASS.

This is truly nature's remedy, being the "salts" of medical solids of the wonderful "Seven Springs" of Washington county, Va., reduced to a mass by evaporation. The mass obtained from these waters, as analysed by I. W. Mallet, of the University of Virginia, contains nineteen distinct, well proportioned alkaline properties, the combination of which, as developed by actual experience, possesses unusual therapeutic virtues.

The analysis is given in full with each package, and is published in our pamphlets and printed matter. Our pamphlet contains full particulars, and will be mailed to any person sending us their name and P. O. Address.

As may be inferred from the very nature of this remedy, it is neither a Patent nor a Proprietary preparation. But, as there are several other preparations of Alum Mass manufactured in Virginia from other springs, we would advise all who order from the Druggist to mention "Seven Springs Mass." Prepared by Landrum & Litchfield.

In support of some of its claims, we give below extracts of a few letters received from physicians in different parts of the country who have used this mass, and will take pleasure in mailing our pamphlet to any person sending us their address.

DR. F. O. NORRIS, of Eagle Lake, Texas, writes:—The Mass answers many purposes for which I can find no substitute.

DR. PATTERSON, of Englewood, Texas, writes:—From the experience I have already had with the "Seven Springs Mass," I believe it will prove to be the best medicine we have in use for chronic diseases.

DR. G. T. HARRISON, of New York, writes:—I have found no one single remedy to yield such satisfactory results in the treatment of Dyspepsia, Chronic Diarrhea, in Anemia, Chlorosis and for Chronic Eczema, I find it invaluable, associated with appropriate tropical treatment.

DR. GRIGSBY, of De View, Arkansas, writes:—The "Mass" seems to act with specific virtue in the treatment of Dyspepsia, ulcerations of the mouth and throat, inflammation of the neck of the bladder, and leucorrhea, etc.

The term "Mass" in the Celebrated Seven Springs Iron & Alum Mass Company name came about, it seems due to the claims of the product itself. According to advertisements, the Spring waters' properties were "condensed" via evaporation and an ounce bottle actually contained 14 gallons of the Healing waters. I suppose one added more regular water to the Mass or else took it all in one dose.

Sales of the Spring water was a successful business venture for decades. Many local merchants & druggists sold the bottled waters. The Company had office outlets in Glade Spring, Bristol, Abingdon, and Richmond as well as in 7 other Southern States. Many testimonials from well known, prominent, and well-educated folks favored the Seven Springs Iron & Alum Mass as a cure or remedy.

Charlie Barnette



The Way it Was

A Novel Marriage

On Tuesday evening last, James Newton and Amanda Spahr, both of Washington county, VA. rode up to the Rev. J. K. Hatcher's gate in Sullivan County, Tennessee, and requested the Parson to make them happy by uniting them in the holy bonds of matrimony. This the Parson did, the bride and groom sitting on their horses. It was soon over. The novel ceremony of a marriage on horseback had been performed, and man and wife cantered across the country.

Bristol News, November 27, 1869



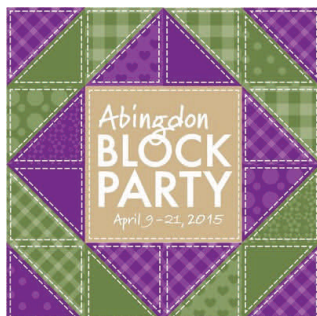
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The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Historical Society will be held on Friday May 29, 2015,
6:00 pm—9:00pm, at the SW Virginia Higher Education Center.
Ticket information and Agenda will be in the Spring *Newsletter* and on the Web page.

Make plans now to be in Abingdon April 9-21
for the 2015 Block Party Quilt Show. The
Historical Society will have its collection of
vintage quilts and textiles on display, along
with hundreds of others
around town.



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Smyth County's foremost antebellum industrialist, Abijah Thomas, was born in 1814 and married Priscilla Scott in 1838. In 1856-57 he built the octagonally shaped house that still stands near the center of Smyth County, Virginia. With its unusual design, once-beautiful interior decoration,

and mountain view, the residence is symbolic of the rise to prominence of a pioneer family of southwestern Virginia in the years just prior to the Civil War. Although most of the walls are structurally sound, everything else is currently in great need of restoration. A Foundation has been formed to save and restore the Octagon House. For more information contact:

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