



# **CAROLINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

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**The Society will be attending the “A Tribute to Our Legacy” program from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 23, 2017, at the Caroline County Community Center, 17202 Richmond Turnpike, Milford, Virginia 22524**

Rather than having our regular membership meeting in April, the society will be attending the “A Tribute to Our Legacy” program commemorating the anniversaries of World War I and World War II and the Caroline County citizens who took part in both wars. The program is sponsored by the Commonwealth of Virginia and Caroline County. More information about the program can be found on page 5.

## **Message from the President**

Greetings to all and I hope the warmer weather is here to stay. We are gearing up for several interesting events. First, we have started changing over our display cases with World War I and World War II memorabilia. This is in conjunction with the Commonwealth of Virginia and Caroline County sponsored celebration mentioned in the attached county notice. The county’s kick-off event is scheduled on the same date and time as our membership meeting on April 23, 2017. I would like to ask all members to try and attend this special event that will recognize local veterans and their families. The planned program and guest speakers will make this an event you do not want to miss.

The Caroline Historical Society will be participating in the Earth Day event planned for 10:00 a.m. on April 27, 2017, at Fort A. P. Hill military base. They are expecting 1,400 students this year, above the average number. If you would like to assist with our displays at this event, please let me know as soon as possible.—*Wayne Brooks* (804) 633-5217 [wbrooks@bealenet.com](mailto:wbrooks@bealenet.com)

## **Annual Dues Reminder**

As a reminder, please pay your annual membership dues if you have not already done so. The dues for a regular (single) membership are \$15.00 for the year and \$20.00 a year for a family membership. Life membership is a one-time payment of \$200.00. Checks may be made out to “Caroline Historical Society” and mailed to Caroline Historical Society, PO Box 324, Bowling Green, VA 22427-0324.

## **CHS Officers and Board Members Elected for 2017–2019**

The election of officers and board members for 2017 through 2019 took place at the January 2017 membership meeting. The results were as follows: R. Wayne Brooks—president, Cleo Coleman—vice president, Kay D. Brooks—treasurer, Dale Brittle—secretary/historian, Joanne C. O’Quinn—board member, Tim Terrell—board member, Bernard Collins—immediate past president.

## **A Further Look at Rosenwald Schools in Caroline County**

Each year, in early spring, a conference on the Commonwealth's Rosenwald schools is held at John Tyler Community College (JTCC) in Chester, Virginia. Participants representing Virginia communities, school alumni, preservationists, art historians, researchers, and persons interested in learning more about Rosenwald schools in Virginia are brought together to hear about initiatives being implemented to preserve these buildings. The writer has had an opportunity to attend two of these conferences and participated as presenter in 2016.

According to Dr. Alyce Miller, associate professor of history at JTCC, "The era between the Rosenwald Rural School Building Program and the Civil Rights movement provided critical educational opportunities for African Americans in the South. Through this initiative begun by Booker T. Washington, who supported the need for industrial training and education for Negroes, and Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears Roebuck and Company, who wanted to aid rural communities in the South, more than 5,000 Rosenwald schools were built, including 367 in Virginia. It is estimated that nationally only 10–12 percent of these schools remained standing in 2013."

Of the 367 schools built in Virginia, nine were built in Caroline County and two survived into the 1960s. It is thought none of the nine buildings exist today. Additional schools in the county were maintained with Rosenwald monies. These were built between 1912 and 1930. More may be discovered when additional study is conducted. According to the "Record of Negro School Buildings in Caroline County," Table 4, schools in the Bowling Green School District receiving Rosenwald funds for construction were Sycamore (1918), Free Mission (1915), Mt. Zion (1915), St. James (1917), Bowling Green (1912); in the Port Royal District, schools were Delos (1923), Zion Grove (1922), Glenridge (1930); and in the Reedy Church-Madison Districts, schools there were Cassia (1919), Ruther Glen (1921), and McDuff (1925). Ezra School (1922) was not listed in the school board report, however the year of construction was listed on "The Rosenwald Schools of Virginia" Web page as 1921–1922. According to Cleo Coleman, the old Port Royal School, built in 1923, was operated by the Port Royal Colored School League and maintained with Rosenwald funds. It is now a school museum operated by Historic Port Royal.

In the fall of 2015, the president and historian of the Caroline Historical Society visited several school sites highlighted on an Army Corps of Engineers service map of Bowling Green dated 1964. Cultural Resource Archeologist and Field Coordinator Rich Davis of Fort A. P. Hill recorded three Rosenwald sites and privies on base: Free Mission, Delos, and Zion Grove. Documents located in the Caroline Historical Society's files provide background information on many schools, both past and present.

In the late 1890s, the Caroline County Sunday School Union worked to establish a secondary school for Negro children. The first building was a frame structure which housed a girl's dormitory, classrooms, and chapel. In 1903–04, the Bowling Green Industrial Academy was chartered. The school was turned over to the Caroline County School Board in 1914 and the name was changed to Caroline County Training School. In 1921, a frame building was constructed with Rosenwald funds and in 1928 the name Union High School was proposed.

According to the U.S. Department of Interior/National Register of Historic Places (Jericho

School), Rosenwald funds mandated standards in order to receive assistance. One standard dictated the proposed lot for school construction be at least 2 acres. Also the architecture of the school must follow one of the designs outlined in the Rosenwald fund publication, "Community School Plans." The National Register (pg. 3, sec. 7, 8) defined the Jericho School in Caroline County "as an example of an early-twentieth century, one room school ... and demonstrates the overarching influence of the Rosenwald Fund on school construction. ..." Built in 1917, it was constructed on a one-acre lot. "The Ruther Glen School about 3 miles east of Jericho was a one teacher school and built following the Rosenwald design. The McDuff School, after which many Jericho students attended, was located just off U.S. Route 1 about 2 miles northeast of Jericho School. This was a two-teacher school and followed the Rosenwald two-teacher plan."



*The old Port Royal School built in 1923 and supported with Rosenwald funds.*

Although no Rosenwald school funded buildings are known to exist in Caroline County in 2016, the Jericho School is representative of the Rosenwald school type. It's placement on the National Register of Historic Places is a significant step in providing insight into the education and ethnic heritage for African Americans in Caroline County.

As Rosenwald "Community School Plans" became widely available and popular, schools not receiving Rosenwald funds for construction could use Rosenwald designs and apply for monies to support educational programs, teacher training, supplies, etc. In Caroline, seventeen one-room schools were built, nineteen two-room schools were constructed, and two multi-room schools, including the high school County Training School in Bowling Green District, were built.

Two schools not mentioned in the county school records were situated close to the King and Queen/Essex County lines. Members of the Powhatan Federation supported Alps and Central Point schools in eastern Caroline and according to one resident, "stood firm in their native American heritage." Both were constructed using Rosenwald designs. These schools operated

into the late 1950s until the newly built Union Elementary School opened in Bowling Green in 1959.

In the early 1960s, thirty-eight school buildings were recorded in Caroline County. Twenty-four were sold at public auction and seven became residences or were demolished because they resided on land purchased by the government to develop Camp A. P. Hill in the late 1930s.—*Dale Brittle, Historian, CHS*

**Resources:**

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Preservation Virginia, [agarmom@preservationvirginia.org](mailto:agarmom@preservationvirginia.org), “Virginia Rosenwald School Project.”

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*Society members and friends watch with interest the presentation by Tim O’Gorman on his book. “Traveling Virginia’s Tobacco Trail,” at the January 2017 CHS meeting.*





# A Tribute to Our Legacy

100 Years  
WWI

Caroline County Remembers

75 Years  
WWII

April 23, 2017 ~ 2-5 p.m.

Caroline County Community Center  
17202 Richmond Turnpike, Milford 22514

## MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Chairman of the Caroline Board of Supervisors, Jeff Black  
U.S. Congressman, Rob Wittman

## SPEAKER

Colonel Andrew Q. Jordan, Commander Fort A.P. Hill

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mr. Daniel Cortez

*Visual Slide Program of Caroline County men and women who served in both wars  
VIP receiving line and Presentation of Appreciation to each veteran on stage with pictures*

The Caroline County WWI and WWII  
Commemorative effort is looking for  
veterans and family descendants of both  
world wars to participate in our ceremony.

While we seek to identify the men and  
women and learn their stories, we also  
hope that if you are a veteran who served  
our country at any point in time, please  
attend this signature "Kick-off" event.

IN HONOR OF THE MEN AND  
WOMEN OF CAROLINE COUNTY WHO  
SERVED THEIR COUNTRY DURING  
THE WORLD WAR 1914-1918.  
THE WORLD WAR 1941-1945 AND  
THE KOREAN CONFLICT 1950-1953

THE FOLLOWING  
MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

WORLD WAR I

HAMILTON F. ANDREWS	HENRY E. JOHNSON, JR.
ALFONSO BAYLOR	CONWAY O. MYERS
LOUIS M. BAYLOR	HENRY M. PITTS
MAXEY BERRY	E. C. PURKS
EVERETTE L. BYRD	COLTON REDD
HERRELL CARNEAL	J. R. SAMUELS
ROBERT COOPER	L. D. SATTERWHITE
ARMSTEAD L. DAVIS	HARRY M. TAYLOR
LAWLESS P. FORTUNE	JOHN H. TAYLOR
ALEXANDER GREEN	REUBEN WRIGHT
GEORGE C. HAYNES	STEPHEN R. YOUNG
GEORGE D. HOWARD	

WORLD WAR II

RAYMOND W. BARLOW	THOMAS HAIGH
JAMES E. BOWLER	MITCHELL R. JOHNSON
ALBERT N. BODINE	JOHN THOMAS JONES
JOSEPH E. BYRD	ARTHUR VERLIE LANE
OTHO PERRY CAMPBELL	CLAUDE S. PARKER
GEORGE H. CRAWFORD	JOHN GROVER LONG
ERNEST CARNEAL	ROBERT PEYTON MOTLEY
CONWAY G. CARTER	JAMES MYERS
JOHN D. CARTER	THOMAS L. PURCE
LINWOOD H. CARTER	WILLIAM H. SCHULTHES
JOE M. COLLISON	ROBERT SHERWOOD
JULIAN COLLISON	CLARENCE E. SMITH
ROBERT A. GOULDIN	JESSE SOUTHWORTH
JOHN DILLARD GREEN	GEORGE S. SULLIVAN

KOREAN CONFLICT

ALBERT BROWN	DENNIS LEITE
JAMES GRANT JOHNSON	