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**The Society will meet at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 22, 2018, at the Kilwinning
Crosse Masonic Lodge located at 102 Chase Street,
Bowling Green, Virginia 22427**

**HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY - Caroline Historical Society, Inc.
(1968 – 2018)**

Message from the President

July 2018 will mark the Caroline Historical Society, Inc.'s (CHS) 50-year anniversary. This is a great milestone for our organization to reach. We have come a long way and remain dedicated to the preservation of our local history. CHS could not have reached this point in time without the tireless efforts of so many dedicated members, both past and present, who truly believed Caroline County needed an organization to preserve items of local historical significance. Special appreciation goes out to the many individuals who have donated items to CHS over the years and helped build and expand our collection. Having a collection of historical items is just a part of a historical society. One of the basic needs is to have adequate storage and exhibit space. For 50 years the Caroline County Board of Supervisors has supported CHS by allowing us to lease space in county-owned buildings. In our humble beginning (1968), CHS' first location leased was the vacant county jail built in 1900. After some interior renovations, display cases were moved in, exhibits prepared, and CHS was opened for business. This facility served us for many years until new space became available when the former Union High School was renovated and became the County Community Services Center. CHS volunteers opened the exhibits on a limited basis and on special occasions. As the county's government services grew, space at the Community Services Building was needed so CHS was without a space for a short time. In 2013, the county again came through by allowing us to sign a lease agreement for storage and exhibit space in the Sidney E. King Arts Center. CHS is truly grateful to the Caroline County Board of Supervisors for their continued support over the years and their understanding of the importance of our local history to the community.

Herbert Ridgeway Collins

The Caroline Historical Society, Inc., started with a group of dedicated citizens who gathered with the idea of creating an organization to preserve local history. The first steps taken were by E. Winston Woolfolk, who organized the first planning meeting on October 17, 1967. The founding members of this group received its corporation papers in July 1968 and officially became the Caroline Historical Society, Inc. CHS owes a great deal of gratitude to those individuals who cleared the path for the first 50 years. Special thanks go to Herbert Ridgeway Collins, one of the original founders, who has remained active in the Caroline Historical Society, Inc., since the very beginning.



R. Wayne Brooks, President - wbrooks@bealenet.com

Program for July Meeting

The guest speaker for our July 22nd meeting will be the noted author Stephen Price (Gammon Irons). Mr. Price will be presenting a PowerPoint program on his recently published book entitled, *“Soldier! Oh, Soldier”*. The book relates the World War I experiences of Caroline County native Corporal Stephen Garrett (1895-1992), pictured below, while serving in the United States Army. The author will discuss his personal relationship with Mr. Garrett and how, through their friendship, the book and his story became a reality. Stephen Garrett was born in Caroline County and was the grandson of William Richard Garrett who owned the farm “Locust Hill” where John Wilkes Booth was killed by Union Cavalry after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. This program will fit in well with our current World War I display, especially with its direct connection to a Caroline County native.



Corporal Stephen Garrett

About the Author: Stephen Price (Gammon Irons) retired from the U.S. Navy in 1994, has enjoyed teaching, and has written several books on various subjects. He lives in a nearby county and is currently working on another military history. Please bring a friend and enjoy the program, refreshments, and fellowship.

CHS Field Trip to John J. Wright Museum



CHS members Cleo Coleman, Joanne O’Quinn, Pat Morris, Armando Flores and Tim Terrell enjoyed the trip to the John J. Wright Museum.

As you may know, in lieu of our standard quarterly membership meeting in April, it was decided to schedule a field trip to the John J. Wright Educational & Cultural Center in Spotsylvania County. Although the attendance was not as expected, everyone who attended had a most enjoyable tour of the museum. I would highly recommend a visit to see their exhibits that provide a great deal of history about the African Americans of Spotsylvania County.

USO Big Band Dance

The Caroline Historical Society, Inc. is partnering with the Town of Bowling Green to sponsor a USO Big Band Dance on September 22, 2018, at the Bowling Green Town Hall (former USO building). Music will be provided by the Fredericksburg Big Band Orchestra. The details on the exact start times and ticket prices are still being determined. Further information will be provided as it becomes available. Advertisement for the USO Big Band Dance will be posted on the CHS Facebook and Web site.

Good News for Virginia Native American Tribes

Virginia Native American Tribes were in the news. In January 2018, President Donald Trump signed legislation granting federal recognition to the six remaining Virginia tribes that included the Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Nansemond, and Monacan. This recognition by the federal government will allow these tribes to qualify for additional government benefits to support their tribal members and families. This news is mentioned because of Caroline County's rich history associated with some of these Native American tribes.

Dedication of Richard and Mildred Loving Historical Highway Marker

On Saturday, June 2, 2018, the Caroline County Board of Supervisors dedicated a historical highway marker honoring two Caroline residents, Richard and Mildred Loving. The Lovings, an interracial couple, were arrested in 1958, shortly after their marriage, for violating the law prohibiting interracial marriage. Their case became a 1967 landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that overturned the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals (*Loving v. Virginia*) and legalized interracial marriages. This new marker is located on the east side of Route 301, approximately 3.5 miles south of Bowling Green, Virginia



*Peggy Loving Fortune
(daughter of Richard and Mildred Loving)
with her family at the June 2, 2018, dedication.*

New CHS Exhibits



In cooperation with the Sidney E. King Arts Center, the Caroline Historical Society has placed two medium size glass display cases in the large gallery room containing Sidney King's Civil War murals. The display cases contain various artifacts from both Union and Confederate soldiers. In addition to the artifacts, there are two mannequins dressed in reproduction Union and Confederate uniforms. The uniforms and artifacts in the display cases provide visitors with a three-dimensional view of the equipment, uniforms, weapons, and other items represented in Mr. King's murals. Please stop by for a new perspective while viewing the art work.

Welcome New Members

Stephanie and Hunter Brooks

Recent Donations to the Caroline Historical Society

Photo Scrapbook of 1955 Bowling Green Fire – Ben Baughan (Grandson of late Dorothy Terry)

Book – *Caroline County, Virginia Free Black Community, 1733-1874* - Kimberly C. Campbell

Collection of USO papers & documents from 1940s – Dan Hansen

Collection of Photos & documents county buildings 1950s – Dan Hansen

70 Bound Copies of *The Caroline Progress* Newspapers (1951-2009), Tidewater Publishing, Inc.

“Caroline Women in History”

The Caroline Historical Society completed its March project providing insight into the contributions made by outstanding women from the county. March is designated as National Women in History Month, which originated as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passes a law establishing National Women’s History Week. After being petitioned by the National Women’s History Project, Congress designated the month of March 1987 as “Women’s History Month.” During the next several years, attention to women’s history grew and became part of the history curriculum in schools and colleges across the nation. Since 1995, President Clinton, Bush, and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations sustaining this designation. This March you may have witnessed T.V. and newspapers ads highlighting women’s achievements across the nation.

The Caroline Historical Society recognizes Caroline women who have become successful individuals in their careers. These women demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in their career fields – medicine, politics, government, community education, arts, athletics, literature, technology, and the armed forces.

During the last 5 years, close to 100 names have been submitted for consideration. In 2015, Mrs. Mary Adams, Ms. Helen Hull Jacobs, Ms. Mae Brooks, and Mrs. Kathy Hancock were honored with articles about each appearing weekly in *The Caroline Progress*. In 2016 Ms. Dorothy Hamm, Mrs. Virginia Wright Durrett, Ms. Clara Lee Smith, and Mrs. Dorothy Roy were selected. Captain Sally Tompkins, Mrs. Cleopatra (Cleo) Coleman, Mrs. Carolyn Lane and three CHS Collection Committee volunteers (Mrs. Kathy Burchell, Ms. Carolyn Roth and Mrs. Many Young) were chosen in 2017. This year Mrs. Carolyn Davis, Mrs. Leeanne Laden, Mrs. Pauline (Polly) Campbell and Mrs. Kay Brooks were four who were celebrated in March’s 2018 Caroline Women in History. All these women represent a cross section of historical periods, geographic regions, and significant contributions.

According to CHS Historian Dale Brittle, the “collection of names with supportive documentations is on-going.” *The Caroline Progress* publishes articles about the individuals and offers the public an opportunity to discover stories about women they may already know and women who they may never have known. ***Dale Brittle, CHS Historian***

Dates to Remember

July 22, 2018 – Sunday – CHS Quarterly Meeting – 3 p.m., Kilwinning Crosse Lodge

September 22, 2018 – Friday – Town/CHS USO Big Band Dance, Town Hall

October 20, 2018 - Saturday - Bowling Green Harvest Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

January 27, 2019 - Sunday - CHS Annual Meeting, 3 p.m., Kilwinning Masonic Lodge

FLASHBACK - Caroline Schools of Yesteryear You May Not Remember



Lee Maury School Main Bldg.



T. C. Smith School, Main Bldg.



Lee Maury School Main.



Union High, Old Shop & Cannery



Union High Classrooms



Union High Recreational Facility
Black USO in WW II



Union High Administration Bldg.



Sparta School



Union High Auditorium

Program for October Membership Meeting

Our guest speaker for the October membership meeting will be Jane Conner and her presentation will cover the history of Government Island in Stafford County, Virginia. Stone quarried from this island was used in the construction of the U.S. Capitol and the White House. Ms. Conner is a teacher, author, and avid preservationist with many awards in that field. Join us for a very interesting program that will include a “Show & Tell” time with possible entertainment.

In celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Caroline Historical Society, Inc. I thought it would be appropriate to list the families, individuals and businesses who are current members of CHS, without them, we would not have a historical society. Thanks to all.

Lifetime Members in bold

New Members – 2018 in italic

John & Diane Ballman
Michael & Terry Banks
Gordon & Margie Barlow
Henry & Nancy Barlow
Niki Booker

Mary Bowie
Gilbert and Dale Brittle

Jean & John Broaddus
Lynwood & Becky Broaddus
Ashby & Erin Brooks
Hunter & Stephanie Brooks

Wayne & Kay Brooks
Jerry & Peggy Brown
Frances Webb Burch
Garland & Kathy Burchell

Catherine J. Burke
Burke Holdings, LLC
Waverly Burruss

Linda Butt
Ray & Kim Campbell
Clyde & Bonnie Cannon
Willie & Thelma Carneal

Conway & Karen Carter
Robert & Ada Caruthers
Calvin & Ollie Clark

Cleopatra Coleman
Mary Frances Coleman
Herbert Ridgeway Collins

James B. & Joan H. Collins
Fred & Elizabeth Broaddus Cox
Glen & Joy Crombie

Don & Marie Cunningham
Richard & Mary Davis
John & Carolyn Davis

Steve & Jo DeJarnette Davis

Jim & Betty Day
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Deitrick
Daniel & Carol Donohue
John Frederick Dorman
Hardy & Lee Dunnington

Helen B. Elliot
Cheryl English
Woodrow & Cherry Everett
Virginia R. Fall

Jim & Mary Jo Fickle
Melissa Fitzgerald
Armando Flores
Alma J. Gaddis

Manning & Jefra Gasch
Gordon & Lisa Gattie
Clark & Mary Tod Gray
John M. Greene, Jr.

Mrs. Thomas A. Haley
Judi Hardin
Gary Haynes
James B. Hearn, Jr.

James & Elizabeth Heimbach
William E. Henderson
Will Hiley
Lei & Susan Hillier

Kerri C. Holland
Dave Johnston
JoElsa Jordan
Marie Kay

Jean M. Kelly
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Kidwell
Clarence & Betty Kunstmann
Alexander & Nancy Long

Rick & Colleen Longfellow
Jim Madison

Walton Mahon

Carl L. Martin
Jim Mason
Kathy McVay
Patricia A. Morris

Lawrence & Alice Moter
Lawrence Moter, Jr.
Lewis R. Murray
Steve Nicklin

Joanne C. O’Quinn
M.R. & Patricia Piland, III
Thomas & Joan Poland
Mr. & Mrs. John Pratt

Carolyn A. Roth
Mark Royston
Paul T. & De’Anne Scott
Doris R. Shelley

Mrs. Robert Smalley
Judson & Dianne Smith
Troy & Heather Smith
Charleen Spicola

David & Katie Storke
Michael Thomas &
Patrick DeCrane
Timothy Terrell

G. Wayne Tillman
Union Bank & Trust
John F. Wall
Kathryn W. Watson

Edythe West
Margaret Whitehead
Dorothy Wogh
David L. Wright
Amanda Young & John Fulton