



The Highland Hourglass

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- Sept. 9 ...
Genealogy class
- Oct. 13 ...
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and Hands and
Harvest Festival
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Family History Research Library to open

A small ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place, Friday, Aug. 24 at noon to celebrate the opening of the Family History Research Library at the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center.

After much purchasing and assembly during the winter months and throughout the spring, the research library is finally ready for public use. Equipping the room has been financed with a grant through the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development agency and generous donation from the Proteus Foundation.

Researching genealogical inquiries has become the number one member and community service that the Highland County Museum provides. Inquiries via email, telephone and U.S. Mail are received by the museum on almost a daily basis.

Most of the researchers sending inquiries to the museum tell us that they eventually plan to visit Highland County. Most often they visit grave sites, cemeteries and the family home places. Most, but many, also visit the Highland County Courthouse, the Highland County Public Library and the museum to continue their research.

The library is equipped with family, local and regional history resources for those interested in researching various aspects of Highland County and extended families. The library has reference materials on Highland, Bath, Pendleton, Augusta, and Pocahontas counties. Our materials will allow a researcher with Highland roots to go back to Bath or Pendleton (before 1847) and on back to Augusta County - all without leaving the room!



Family History Research Library at the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center

A small portion of the library will have information on soldiers who were in the Highland area during the Battle of McDowell and other times during the Civil War. A large number of our museum guests are descendants of Civil War soldiers, and are tracing their ancestor's steps through his service in the army.

The library is also equipped with two computer stations to give researchers access to all the Federal censuses (1790-1930) and other internet resources. Each computer station has a copy machine to use for copying pages from documents and bound materials. The Library also is equipped with a wireless network for patrons who wish to work on their personal laptop computers. During the summer months, students enrolled in the Highland Center's Youth Employment Program will be working at the museum to scan, photograph, transcribe, and catalog various museum collections, photographs, and documents.

These materials will then be available for use in the research library.

Through the students' work, researchers will be able to access copies of all the museum's original materials. Hard copies of photographs and documents can be generated in the library for a small fee, or scanned and emailed to the researchers' home computer.

The research library and all its resources are available to Highland Historical Society members at no charge. Non-members will be charged \$5 per day to use the research library. Everyone will be charged a small fee for copies of photos and documents. A price list for copies will be on display in the library.

In addition, trained volunteers will be available to assist researchers. Volunteers will be trained by museum staff and the training course will also be offered to the public.

- Crysta Stanton

Research training offered to volunteers, researchers

Class set for Sept. 8 at 9 a.m.

A workshop, "Genealogy for Beginners," will be held Saturday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. - 3p.m.

The workshop will be conducted by Highland Historical Society president Clay Hamilton, an experienced genealogist, long-time researcher, and published author.

Anyone just getting started on researching their family tree will benefit from this one-day workshop. This opportunity is being offered to researchers as well as museum volunteers

who are interested in assisting library patrons with their research.

The fee for the workshop is \$25 for beginning researchers and \$10 for museum volunteers. A modest box lunch will be provided. Proceeds will support the operation and maintenance of the research library.

If you have questions or need additional information, call the museum at 396-4478 or email us at highlandhist@mgwnet.com.



The following volumes are available at the library:

- A History of Highland County
- A to Zax
- Abstracts of Bath County Va Will Books 5 & 6
- Alexander Hamilton of Augusta and Bath Counties, Virginia: His Descendants
- Annals of Bath County, Va
- Augusta County Court of Claims 1782-1785
- Augusta County, Virginia Marriages 1747-1850
- Bath County 1870 Census
- Bath County Births 1853-1870
- Bath County Death Records 1853-1867
- Bath County Death Records 1868-1895
- Bath County Marriage Bonds and Ministers Returns, 1791-1853
- Bath County Personal Property Tax Lists, 1791-1801
- Bath County, Virginia
- Braddock at the Monongahela
- Cattle, Sheep and Whitetail Deer: Man in Mountainous Western Va.
- Chronicles of Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia
- General Andrew Lewis of Roanoke and Greenbrier
- Gibraltar of the Shenandoah
- High Road Guide to Virginia Mountains
- Highland County Va 1860 Census/Marriages 1853-1860
- History and Indian Wars of West Virginia

- History of Pocahontas County, West Virginia 1981
- History of Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
- Historical Sketches of Pocahontas County, West Virginia
- Historically Speaking: True Tales of Bath County
- James Patton and the Appalachian Colonists
- Loyal West Virginia
- Omitted Chapters from Hotten's Original List of Persons of Quality
- Pendleton County (West) Virginia Probate Records: Wills, 1788-1866; Inventories, Sale Bills, Settlements, 1788-1846
- Pilgrims in Their Own Land
- Pocahontas County, Virginia (now West Virginia) Marriage Bonds and Ministers Returns
- Robert Crockett of the Great Calpasture; Augusta County, Virginia
- Rockbridge County Bath County Families and History
- Settlement and Indian Wars, 1763-1783 in Western Virginia and Pennsylvania
- Settlers from Delaware River Come to Roanoke and New River Valley
- Slaven Family History Book 1 and Book 2
- Snapshot Before the War: 1860 Bath Co. VA Census
- Stories in Stone
- The Civil War in Bath County
- The Chronicles of Border Warfare or A History of the Settlement by the Whites of Northwestern Virginia and of

the Indians Wars and Massacres in that Section of the State

- The Colonel's Legacy
- The Forgotten Black Soldiers in White Regiments During the Civil War
- The Great Wagon Road
- The History of Pocahontas County, West Virginia
- The Lexington Presbytery Heritage
- The Lightner Heritage
- The New History of Highland County
- The New River Early Settlement
- The Original Lists of Persons of Quality 1600-1700
- The Original Lists of Persons of Quality
- The Peoples' History for Presbyterians
- The Stephenson Family of Highland County, Virginia
- The Usher Sisters of Early Augusta County, Virginia: Their Ancestry and Pullin, Stuart and Dickinson Descendants
- The Valley Road: The Story of Virginia's Hot Springs
- The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography 1
- The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography 4
- Traveling Heritage Road
- Twixt North and South
- Virginia's Black Confederates
- Virginia's Cattle Story
- Virginia's Country Stores
- Virginia Magazine
- We Lived in a Little Cabin in the Yard
- William Preston and the Allegheny Patriots

Lynn Almond recognized for lifetime commitment to The Recorder, Highland County community

McDowell - At the tender age of seven, Lynn Pritchard Almond began to work at Highland County's community newspaper, The Recorder.

The Pritchards moved to Highland County in the summer of 1955 from Logan, W.Va. Lynn's father, Joseph Pritchard, owned and operated The Recorder for 30 years.

Mr. Pritchard was very involved in the Highland County community. He visualized the paper as being a tool to inform the community. He believed that every citizen should be informed, so they could make good decisions when it came to choosing leaders in the community at election time, Lynn said.

At The Recorder, Lynn realized how much she loved her adopted community. Ever since then, she has been passionately dedicated to Highland County, and its newspaper.

Lynn has held many responsibilities at The Recorder. She was entirely in charge of circulation for the paper. She was the business manager. She has been an editor. She composed the historical "From the Early Files," or "Times Past" page for many years. This year Lynn retired from work at The Recorder and closed the chapter on the Pritchard family's active involvement in the production of local news. At the time of her retirement, her accumulated knowledge qualified her as an expert in the local happenings of Highland County - past and present.

"Lynn served not only as a co-worker and delightful companion, but as a gentle leader and mentor for me and countless other Recorder employees. Lynn's poise and sense of grace reminded us all of the Highland County of her upbringing. If we all strive to have Lynn Almond's character and quiet intelligence, the world would be a more beautiful place," said Crysta Stanton, Highland Historical Society executive director and former Recorder staff writer. "Her shoes may never be filled."

"Since we knew of Lynn's profound emotional attachment to the history of The Recorder and the Highland community at large, the board of directors could not see fit to let her retirement pass without recognition. Her contributions deserve celebration," Stanton continued.

Highland County Museum and Heritage Center intern Erin Ralston was given the opportunity to talk to Almond about her experiences at The Recorder. Here, we share excerpts from their interview.

How did your father feel about the community?

He loved his community and truly, deeply cared for it. He wanted to provide a service that could impact everyone in the community in a positive manner, and by providing news that citizens needed and wanted to know. Also, he gave young people the opportunity to work at The Recorder. The young people would come over after school was out and would work for a couple hours. There really weren't many jobs for young people at that time. This instilled responsibility and a good work ethic in these young people.

At the March 2007 HHS Board of Directors meeting, Lynn was presented with a plaque engraved with the following:

**"In Appreciation
Of
Lynn Pritchard Almond
For
Her many years of work and
heartfelt dedication
To Highland County's history
By producing and editing
The Recorder's
Times Past pages.
Presented to her by the
Highland Historical Society
upon her retirement
2007."**



Highland Historical Society Executive Director Crysta Stanton (right) presents the society's first Appreciation Award to Lynn Almond.

How long did you work at The Recorder?

I worked there from 1978 to 2006, so for 29 years.

How do you define community news?

Community news is something that affects and appeals to everyone. This can be different types of news, from local government to sports to obituaries.

Why is it important from a historical point of view?

This is important because the paper can keep a historical record of what happened in the past. So, if someone is interested in finding information on a loved one or someone's obituary, they can look back in the old papers.

What has changed at The Recorder over the years? How has printing changed?

Well, they do not print at office anymore, the paper is sent off to another printer. It was just too hard to print at the office because the printer is so old and it was difficult to find anyone to repair it or find parts for it when it broke down.

How has news coverage changed?

The reporters now are more informed than ever. They carefully research stories and find extra information for the stories with the aid of the internet.

How have news topics evolved?

It seems like there are more controversial issues present now. But, these are important issues that the public needs to be aware of and informed on.

How has editorial views changed?

The editorials now are greatly thought out and researched. They do allow for their viewpoint to be present to inform the public and to just put it out there in the open.

How has the community changed over the years?

The community has changed greatly over the years. It is much more diverse than it has ever been. We have had different people from different walks of life move into our community and bring new ideas into the community, such as establishing the Art Council, the theater, and developing new shops. The community has greatly enhanced over the years.

Benny Ralston recalls life at The Mansion House

McDowell — The Mansion House was brought back to life on June 11, 2007 by one time resident and McDowell native Benny Ralston. *Ralston's granddaughter and Highland Historical Society's and Museum's summer intern Erin Ralston*, was given the opportunity to sit down with her grandfather and learn more about the house's history and her family history. This interview was conducted in connection with Highland County Museum's grant the Save America's Treasures and the National Register of Historic Places status for the Mansion House.

Ralston disclosed information about growing up in the Mansion House and McDowell. Here, we would like to share experts from the interview with our membership.

Where were you born?

I was born down the Bullpasture River down where Bruce Vance lives now.

How old were you when you moved into the Mansion House?

Probably a year and a half...could have been two years old.

Who else lived in the house besides your family?

Oh, when I was a kid there was different people lived there and rented rooms. Mike Kincaid lived there for a while. Eddie and Virginia Rexrode lived there for a while, Fred and Ruth Pullins, Edith and Ollie Demick.

What rooms did your family live in?

Well, we had three rooms downstairs...on the west side,



Benny Ralston

and the upstairs rooms, we had a couple of those.

What did your father do for a living?

Oh, he bummed around (Laughter). No, he farmed a little, worked team horses in the woods once and a while, stuff like that. Yeah, he had somebody helping him once in a while. Kilmer Ervin and Mike Kincaid both had helped him.

When did the house get electricity?

I remember, but not exact, probably in the middle thirties. I don't know when electricity came to McDowell. Of course they had an old Delco plant, it didn't do much. Mainly, when we was little kids starting school all we had were oil lamps.

When did the house get indoor plumbing?

Well, there was some old plumbing in the house I guess when were there. We put the bathroom in...probably in the middle thirties too. I remember when it was built.

You, said there was an out-

house didn't you?

Yeah, we had an outhouse even after we put the bathroom in.

How did the house get water?

Well, had that old dug well out behind. But, you know had a ram system. Just got water out of Crab Run...gravity would flow to the Ram and it would pick it up and push it to the ram and it would pick it up and push it and went to two or three houses. Until, a crawfish get in it and stop it (Laughter) and stop it (Laughter) and we would have to work all day to get that crawfish out of it. But, it was just water out of the river. I don't guess they drank it...and if they did it didn't kill nobody.

Do you remember the log kitchen?

Well, it wasn't used as a kitchen, but I remember the old log building.

What did you use it for?

Well, mom had a brewter in there and she raised chickens in there (Laughter). And peeps. That is what set the fire. And what heated the brewter is what they figured set the fire. Burnt up all of their peepies and I had two dogs in there and lost them.

What about the big, old porch that they had on the side of the house?

Wasn't any bigger then the one is now except that it is two stories. Had rooms up over it. It did wrap around the back of the house. There was five rooms up there over top, maybe six.

What about the old barn?

We built that barn that is there now in '35. I can remember when they built it. Mom took me out on the back stoop. Off it I got my first haircut, while they were building the barn. Of course, my hair was



Frank Jr. and Benny Ralston at the Mansion House

down to my shoulders. About as long as yours. Everybody called me a girl and I didn't like that. I had to get rid of that stuff.

What did you do during the summer?

Oh, yeah had to work. Had chores and stuff to do too.

What did you do for fun?

Kick a can (Laughter). Go hunting or play along the river. Just anything, a couple of us would.

Where did you go to school?

McDowell.

Down here?

Not, that building, but yeah.

Where was the school?

Same place, same ground. Sit in the same spot.

Ahhh, did they tear it down?

No, it burnt down. Burnt down to get me out of high school (Laughter).

How old were you when it burnt down?

The same year I graduated. Born 1931, so graduated in '49. Probably 18.

Was you at school when it burnt?

Caught fire on a Saturday night. Early in the evening. Went down and carried everything out of the school over to the Presbyterian Church. All typewriters and everything we could pack out for two hours I reckon. Glenn Hammer was fire chief and he said it was all out and everything was safe, so we packed 'er back in before we come home. Next morning, Sunday morning about

daylight she was on fire all over. Claimed the kitchen caught it on fire, but who knows. The next morning it was coming out the roof, all around the building, upstairs, everywhere.

So, you didn't have to go back to school?

No, I went to Hiner Church the last ten days. Then, graduated out of the Presbyterian Church.

There, was a abundance of different people in McDowell when you was growing up. Where did these people attend church?

They had an old church up there in the Burg (Anteysburg). So, I guess that is where they mainly went to church. But, I can remember that some of them would come to the Presbyterian Church or the Methodist Church. They get up in the gallery. I can remember black people being there.

When did you first go hunting?

Oh, gosh I don't know. Went, when I was six or seven years old. I was hunting when I wasn't very old, that's for sure.

Where did you go hunting at?

Just wherever you wanted to. Back, then you could hunt anywhere. They didn't care and now if you go out here and hunt where we used to as kids, they would put you in jail. Back then, we used to basically deer hunt and we would go and try to gather up twenty people or thirty, whatever we could get to go and we would drive deer all day long.

What was McDowell like when you were a child?

They had several stores. At least three, most of the time, sometimes four. Had all kinds of stores and they all done a right smart business.



The Old McDowell High School

Appraisal Fair at Museum set for Saturday, Oct. 13

McDowell- The Highland County Museum and Heritage Center will be hosting an Appraisal Fair on Saturday, October 13, from noon until 3 p.m. during the Hands and Harvest Festival.

Our last Appraisal Fair was held in October 2004. The event was wildly successful as many people brought items, had them appraised and returned home to collect more treasures only to bring them back to the museum for appraisal as well.

During the appraisals, a Rockingham-made crock was valued at \$5,000-\$8,000 by appraiser Jeff Evans, owner of Green Valley Auctions in Mount Crawford. The crock belonged to Mrs. Kitty Armstrong from Churchville.

Factors contributing to the crock's appraisal included attributing the item to Rockingham County pottery, its outstanding cobalt blue color, and the item's great condition.

Again this fall, Evans will volunteer his time to appraise items along with Green Valley employee Kent Botkin.

Recently, Highland County Museum and Heritage Center intern Erin Ralston had the opportunity to talk to Evans and Botkin about their experiences with appraisals.

For Evans, auctions have always been a part of his life. His parents collected glass and antiques and took him to auctions at a very young age. Since then, his love for antiques, in particular glass and pottery, has only grown.

Evans has a vast knowledge on appraisal, and informed Ralston that there are many factors that must be considered when appraising items.

The most important factor in appraising an item is the rarity of the item, Evans said. Is this item different or unique?

Next, one must consider its condition. Is the item in good or poor condition?

Last, it is important to consider the history of the piece. How old is it? Does the piece have a history of long ownership?

Further, Evans maintains interest in auctioning and appraisals - especially when he discovers a valuable item. For example, his auction company recently sold a Johannes Splitler Cupboard for \$968,500.

In addition, a wooden weather vane from the New Hampden Mill sold for more than \$15,000 at a Green Valley Auction.

Evans stated this item, which was in the shape of a fish and had a bullet hole



Above, Jeff Evans (left) and Kent Botkin (far left) of Green Valley Auctions appraise a Rockingham-made crock valued at \$5,000-\$8,000 belonging to Kitty Armstrong.

At right, Evans gets a close up view of an appraisal item.

through it said to be made by Union minie ball, was of great value because it was in phenomenal condition and survived so long, and is folk art carved by an artist who had not been trained.

Green Valley employee Kent Botkin developed his love for collecting historical items at a young age as well, by attending yard sales and searching through his Grandmother's home.

Botkin owns a vast array of Highland County items that range from textiles to furniture. His favorite item belonged to the late Doreen Ralston, who he had a personal relationship with. He has her pie safe.

The proceeds of the appraisal fair will go to benefit the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center.

Evans and Botkin will not be giving appraisals on jewelry, fur, or firearms. Only verbal appraisals will be given.

The costs are \$10 per item or three items for \$25, there is a limit of three items per person.

For more information, call the museum at 540-396-4478.



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**Jeff Evans, Owner
Green Valley Auctions**



McDowell Days 2007



Here are just a few scenes from the 2007 event taken by photographer Julio Zangroniz. Top left: George Moor and Brad Schmehl pause to chat with a fellow reenactor.

Top right: One of the pint-sized civilian reenactors mugs for Julio's lens.

Center: Federals fire from the bottom of hill during the battle scene.

Bottom left: The beef halves were butchered Friday morning on the museum grounds for rationing.

Bottom right: Confederates tackle the building of a foot bridge near camp.



Post offices had a place in every community

No need for stamps, recipients paid the postage in 1700s

The United States Post Office Department headed by the Post Master General was a creation of the Constitution and the new Federal Government of 1789. It was built roughly along the lines of the plan instituted by Benjamin Franklin in the colonial period.

Procedures of the early U. S. Post Office Department were much different than today. Stamps were not used. Instead, the charges for mailing a letter were paid by the recipient.

This resulted in many letters being refused by the addressee. These letters eventually were sent to the main dead letter office in Washington and were later destroyed.

Letters never claimed by the addressee had to be advertised in the newspaper serving the general area (before 1877 this "local" newspaper would be in Staunton). If unclaimed, these eventually wound up in the main dead letter office.

Post offices serving the general area around what would become Highland were established fairly early. Bath Court House (later Warm Spring) was set up on 1 January 1795 with Valentine White as the first postmaster.

All residents of Bath County received their mail through this post office until 16 February 1809, when a post office was established at Millsboro under postmaster William D. Waples. Soon after, on 1 October 1809, Hot Springs got its first post office with Benjamin Thomson as postmaster.

The first post office established in an area that later became Highland County was at Crabbottom or Hull's Store. It was begun with Jacob Hull as first postmaster on 1 April 1813. He was succeeded on 1 July 1816 by Nathaniel Budleton and on 26 September 1818 by Alexander Campbell.

Hull's Store served both the upper South Branch Valley and the upper Jackson River area. It probably was located at what is now Hightown.

The second post office was established on 9 February 1818. William Wilson was named postmaster at Wilsonsville, farther down the Jackson. This post office served a growing number of residents on the Jackson from Woodsboro (Vanderpool) to points south toward Warm Springs.

The eastern area of what would become Highland got its first post office at Shaw's Bridge on 30 January 1823. It was located along the



This digital image taken from the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center collection shows a 1937 postmark from the now-defunct Clover Creek Post Office.

lower course of Shaw's Fork with John Devericks as the first postmaster.

The western area of future Highland saw its first post office set up at Ruckman's on 3 May 1827. It was located in the area of present-day Valley Center/ Little Egypt.

The first post office on the Bullpasture was established on 6 January 1828 with Christian Eagle as first postmaster. The office was at Crab Run—later to be named McDowell. The second post office on this river was set up on 28 September 1830 and was aptly named—Bullpasture! Thomas Graham was the first postmaster and his office probably was located near Clover Creek.

Finally, a post office was set up at Doe Hill on 23 February 1832 with Jared Armstrong as postmaster.

- Clay Hamilton

Note: If anyone has examples of letter envelopes with postmarks from any discontinued Highland post office, the Historical Society will be happy to scan it and make you a copy free of charge. Call Crysta at the museum at 540-396-4478.

"Tol' Able David" available through Giveline.com

The Highland Historical Society has recently registered with Giveline.com, an online store that shares its profits with non-profits across the United States.

Among the many items that can be purchased at Giveline.com is a DVD of the movie, "Tol' Able David."

"Tol' Able David" is a silent movie that was filmed in the Crabbottom area of Highland County in 1921.

The movie was directed by native Virginian Henry King.

The top stars of the day Richard Barthelmess, Gladys Hulette and Ernest Torrence.

The DVD jacket contains a wealth of information about the movie including anecdotal vignettes from a few local Highlanders.

Also included on the DVD is rare 1977 interview with King.

Anyone that purchases "Tol' Able David" or any other items—through Giveline.com



will have an opportunity to make a donation to the Highland Historical Society.

Giveline.com offers many items for sale including books, music, movies, gift items and gift cards.

During checkout, customers will be able to select the charity of their choice to receive a donation based on the dollar amount of their purchase.

By selecting Highland Historical Society, a small portion of your purchase will be directed to HHS.

For more information, call the museum at 396-4478 or email highlandhist@mgwnet.com.

Volunteers bring Highland County history to life

McDowell— The Highland County Museum and Heritage Center is seeking docents to bring Highland County history alive. A docent is someone who greets guests, gives tours of the museum, and provides information on exhibits. The docent opens and closes the museum, and rings up sales in the Museum Store.

Individual docents are only asked to commit to working one day a month. Docents should have great communication skills, a positive attitude, and provide excellent hospitality to guests. Docents are recognized for their hard work at the museum by receiving a special discount at the museum store. Service hours are also acknowledged with special gifts and awards. Further, docents are provided with the opportunity of learning more about Highland County history, the Battle of McDowell, and the Mansion House. Also, docents become closer knit with the overall Highland County Community. Docents are essentially the key to the museum's success. In 2006, docents hosted 1,975 guests, and so far in 2007 docents have welcomed over 1,000 guests.

Volunteer orientation training sessions will be held this summer and as follows: **August 24** and **September 1**. All training sessions will be

held at 1 p.m.

The Highland County Museum and Heritage Center Summer hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 11 a.m.—4 p.m., and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

In addition, the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center is looking forward to the opening of the Family History Research Room this summer.

This room will allow guests to research their genealogical history. The museum will need volunteers to aid guests in their research. Further, there will be other educational opportunities for volunteers later this summer, including a genealogical research course.

Among the museum's features are the documentary film on the Battle of McDowell, an antique clothing exhibit depicting the fashions worn during the Mansion's hotel era, Highland Schools, and the Staunton-to-Parkersburg Turnpike.

For more information on volunteering or scheduling an individual session, call Crysta Stanton at 540-396-4478 or email at highlandhist@mgwnet.com.



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Volunteer Larry Held conducts a tour for visitors Rebecca Landrum and Tiffany Armstrong.

HHS supports Highland photo history project

Photographs are a wonderful way to preserve history, the growing of families, and the passing of time. We all have pictures that we cherish. We tell our stories through these captured moments.

HHS Board Member Chris Scott has been given an opportunity to record Highland County's pictorial history. He is working with Arcadia Publishing to create a photo record of Highland County. It will be published in March 2008. Arcadia Publishing is a leading local history publisher with a catalog of more than 4,000 titles in print and hundreds of new titles released every year.

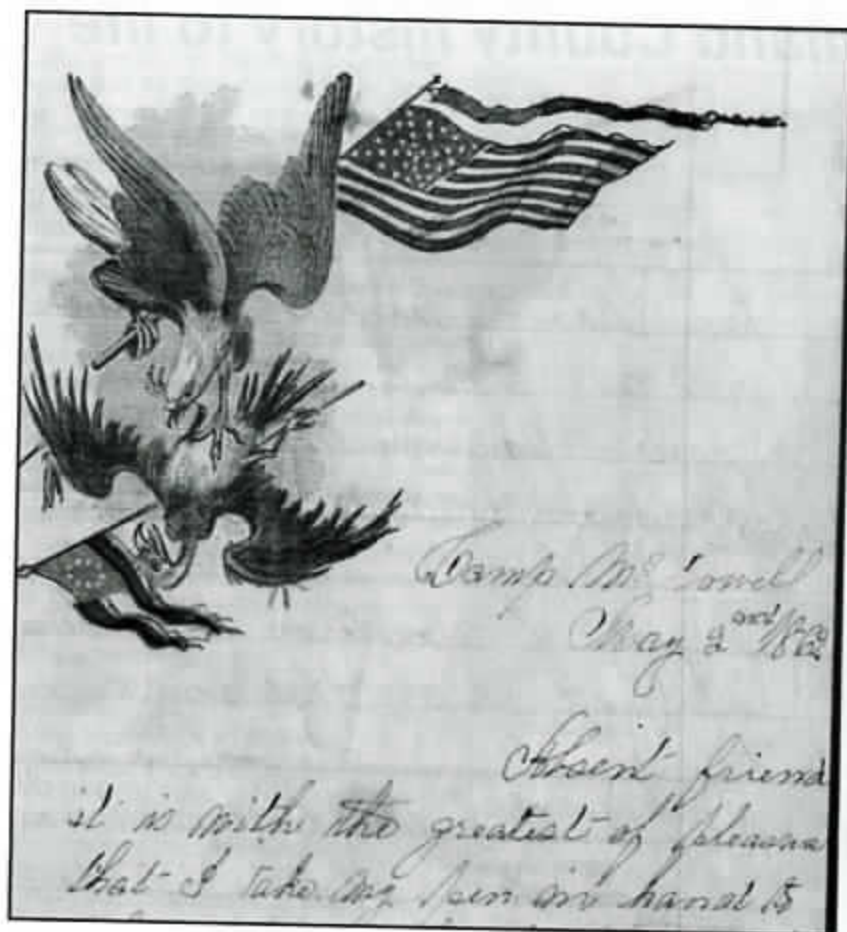
"History should be a collective effort. The history of Highland County should be written and collected by all of us. To create this book I need your help, your photographs. The Historical Society has been supportive as have many private individuals. But I can really use more help in this project," Chris said.

"If you have pictures showing the history of Highland County or sim-

ply pictures from the past, please contact me. I would love to be able to include your contribution in this work. You will retain all ownership rights of the pictures, and you will be allowing generations to come to see and learn about times past in Highland County, Virginia," he continued.

"Reactions to this project have been very encouraging, for the most part. Thrilling collections have been opened to me. I have wondered loud a few times if I am the right person to be doing this history, but I have been told repeatedly that I am the right one to be focusing on the whole of Highland history. I am excited by the pictures I have had the opportunity to see, and to hear the stories of this great county."

"This is an awesome privilege and responsibility to be entrusted with these pictures. I understand that and I feel so grateful to be a part. You can contact me through the Highland Historical Society, by email at Chris@HighlandLogos.com or by phone at 540/396-3460."



Camp McDowell
May 2nd, 1862

Absent friend it is with the greatest pleasure that I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present hoping that these few lines may find you all enjoying the same blessing.

I recieved your very welcome letter some time since and was very glad to hear from you.

I suppose that you have heard that we have moved. We have tramped over all the mountains in western Virginia. We will go to Staunton in a few days.

The rebels thought they would chase us out of Monterey but the stopped up on that.

You know they found that the yankeys was to thick for them and so they took up the old trade of running as they most always do.

They went to Shenandoah mountains and fortified that place so that it would look when no one to captured it. And when we was ready to give them around they was not there.

We are camped in a sugar camp but the sugar is so scarce as hen teeth. We have not cleaned any for some time.

We only have to go on guard every other day and that nine miles from camp.

We have marching orders. We will go on Sunday if the orders are not countermanded.

I expect the rebels will give as a little fight in Staunton. There is a force of them there and still a larger force on the blue ridge.

We have all call four times a day now to keep the boys from going out of camp. The Soldiers are coming into day by the hundreds.

I believe I will adjourn and eat supper and yes we are going to have some fried mush to night. I would just like to be home I bet I would have some mush and milk, but no more of that. Give my love to all.

Write soon.
From your friend.
Aaron Lovett

John Mitchell sends his best respects to all

Letter from Camp McDowell shared with museum

In sharing a little piece of family history with the Highland County Museum, Brian Garvan of Huntsville, Ohio brought another piece of the Battle of McDowell back to Highland County.

Garvan's ancestor, Aaron Lovett (also hailing from Ohio), wrote this letter home on May 2, 1862—just days before the battle. The letter's envelope shows that it was posted in Huttonsville, Va. on May 28, many days after the battle.

The original still resides with Garvin, however, the museum now has clear, scanned images of the letter to file in the Family History Research Library.

A transcription of the letter is printed at right.

1862 Confederate Tax Record available on CD

HHS Board Member Jim Blagg has transcribed the 1862 Confederate Tax Record in the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center collection. It is now available to members and Museum Store customers on CD for \$15 each.

The tax record itself has been transcribed into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. Blagg also put together a summary of the record that is included in Microsoft Word.

Included in the summary, Blagg included such information as:

Greatest aggregate values (& taxes):

- 1- Felix Hull's Est. \$40,515.35 (\$202.58)
- 2- David V. Ruckman \$30,807.16 (\$154.03)
- 3- Samuel C. Eagle \$30,134.19 (\$150.67)

and

Total real estate value for county: \$1,299,004.95

444 land owners listed; average value per listed owner: \$2,925.69

The original record is currently on display in the museum as is a photocopy for visitors to use to search for family history information.

Photo of page one of the 1862 Confederate States Tax Record for Highland County.

Please send me _____ copies of the 1862 Confederate States Tax Record.
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Volunteer Orientation
for Upcoming
Tourist Season
- March 7, 8, 9 ...
Maple Festival
- March 14, 15, 16 ...
Maple Festival
- March 15 ...
Pendleton Pals
Genealogy Group to
meet in the
Research Library
- July 12 ...
Museum to be featured
on Monterey Garden
Club's Home and
Garden Tour

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Volunteer docents were recently recognized during the Highland Historical Society's Annual Meeting in November at the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center. Pictured are (front row, l-r) Roger Orndorff and Peggy Creef; (second row) Ludford Creef; and (back row) Jay Garber and Keith Carson.

Volunteers log 1,500 hours at museum during 2007

Of 152 days the museum was open in 2007, volunteer docents greeted our visitors 95 of those days.

Volunteers and their respective hours are listed below:

- Clyde Beck - 21 hours in 2007; 59 total
- Marilyn Blagg - 40 hours in 2007; 44 total
- Keith Carson - 52 hours in 2007; 95 total
- Ludford Creef - 53 hours in 2007; 75 total
- Peggy Creef - 48 hours in 2007; 70 total

- Jay Garber - 57 hours in 2007; 57 total
- Roger Orndorff - 69 hours in 2007; 135 total
- Agnes Rexrode - 15 hours in 2007; 15 total
- Michael Rexrode - 15 hours in 2007; 15 total
- Charlotte Stephenson - 16 hours in 2007; 16 total

In addition to the volunteer docents, board members and other volunteers contribute significantly to the daily function of the museum. Taken altogether, the Highland Historical Society has logged about 1,500 volunteer hours in 2007.



Above, appraiser Jeff Evans (left), owner of Green Valley Auctions, inspects the top-valued cradle as his employee, Kent Botkin, assists. Botkin's family has roots in the Headwaters area of the county. He is an avid collector of Highland County items.

Antiques Appraisal Fair

Locally-made cradle given the top value of the day

Dot Shepherd of Monterey worked hard to fit her cradle into her car the morning of the Antiques Appraisal Fair at the Highland County Museum.

The effort paid off in the end because her cradle was valued at between \$3,000-\$5,000 by appraiser Jeff Evans, who owns Green Valley Auctions in Mount Crawford.

Jeff and his employee, Kent Botkin, donated their time to appraise antiques to benefit the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center in October.

As a baby, Dot slept in the cradle. Her children slept in the cradle as did one of her granddaughters.

Evans was impressed with the cradle especially because it was coated with its original blue paint. He estimated that it was built in the early 1800s.

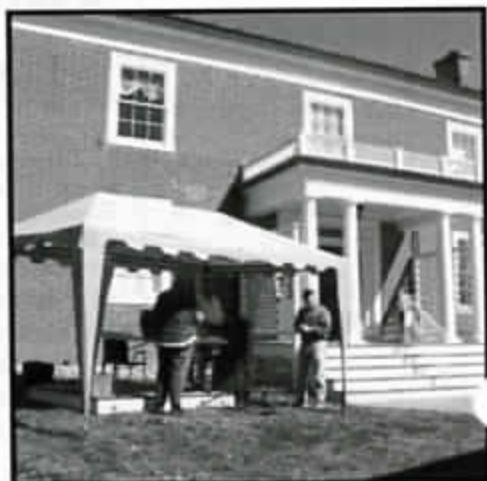


Left, Dot Shepherd of Monterey brought the cradle she slept in as a baby to the Appraisal Fair. Dot is Executive Director Crysta Stanton's paternal grandmother. She is pictured above with Crysta's maternal grandmother, Anita Cauley, of Hot Springs, who also came to the Appraisal Fair.



Above, Evans comments on a locally-made crock belonging to Libby Hefner of Mill Gap.

Below, Iris Hooke of Monterey presents her items at the appraiser's table.





Volunteer Ludford Creed works with children visiting the educational displays during Hands and Harvest.

Left,
Char Sweet's
dyed yarn
was
available
for sale.



All ages come to Hands and Harvest

Although the weather man was calling for rain, the day dawned with bright blue autumn skies for Hands and Harvest Festival at the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center.

Some folks visited for the Antiques Appraisal Fair, others took in the educational displays and demonstrations on the lawn.

Local artisans Char Sweet and Devonne Armstrong demonstrated the crafts of spinning wool and caning chairs.

Seamstresses Jeanne Appgar and company also set up a quilting demonstration on the front lawn for visitors.

To the rear of the building, several educational exhibits were set up for visitors. There was a corn sheller and grinder ... and a crate of chickens ready to eat the finished product.

We are striving to increase and improve our offerings with each festival. If you have a craft to demonstrate or an item to contribute to the educational exhibits, please call 396-4478.



Throughout the day, Devonne Armstrong (above) of Doe Hill demonstrated the craft of creating and repairing cane-bottomed chair seats.



Above, Char Sweet of Mustoe spent her day at the Museum at the spinning wheel working raw wool into yarn. Left, volunteers Jay Garber and Peggy Creef standby as Ludford Creef shows some pint-sized visitors the in's and out's of shelling corn.





HHS President Clay Hamilton (center) happily accepts the portrait from donors Leonard and Twila Phillips of Hightown and Tallahassee, Fla.

Capitola Shumate's portrait new to museum collection

Leonard and Twila Phillips recently donated a portrait of one of Leonard's relatives to the Museum collection.

The item is an unframed enlarged black and white portrait (approximately 16x20) of Capitola Belle Engleman Shumate.

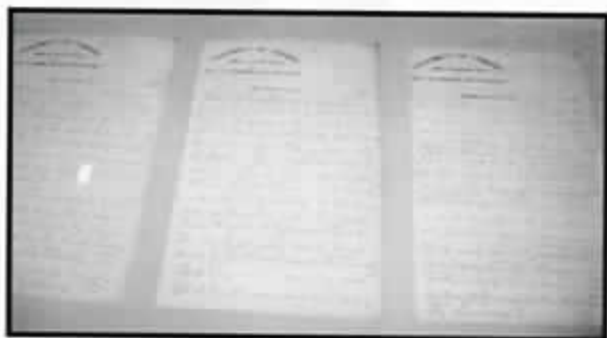
Capitola was the wife of Billy Shumate. During their married life, they lived in The Landmark House in Monterey for a time. Today, the building houses the SPCA's The Attic Thrift Shop.

The Shumates had one child, Clara Belle Shumate Ballengee.

Capitola is Leonard's aunt, as she was the sister of his mother, Iva Frost Engleman Phillips.



Capitola Belle Engleman Shumate



Charles Pinckney Jones item loaned to museum

In 1905, a ceremony was held at the University of Virginia on April 13, Thomas Jefferson's birthday, to install the first university president.

Conducting part of the ceremony was Highland County's own, Charles Pinckey Jones, who was serving as Rector of the University at that time.

The election of the first university president was not the choice of the U.Va. Board of Visitors. It was legislated by the Virginia General Assembly. The University had to react.

Below are excerpts from Jones' speech:

"A growing public sentiment in favor of a change in the government of this University caused the General assembly of the Commonwealth to impose upon the Rector and visitors as the governing body, the duty of electing a President. This sentiment was based on the loyalty and devotion to the vast interests of the University"

"The Board of Visitors after patient and anxious thought on the subject, finally concluded the duty assigned it, by the election of Dr. Edwin Anderson Alderman to the high and responsible trust. We are therefore met, on that anniversary of the



Ann and Ned Jones travelled from North Carolina to bring this framed photograph of Charles Pinckney Jones and a handwritten speech he delivered as the Rector of the University of Virginia. The speech was delivered at a ceremony to install the University's President Edwin Anderson Alderson. The item had previously hung in Ned's mother's home, the late Mrs. Turner Jones of Monterey.

birth of our great founder, to formally inaugurate this change in our government and induct you into office as our first president."

"After following the plan of Mr. Jefferson for three quarters of a century, we have come to depart from that feature of our educational government inaugurated by him, and to fall in line with our sister universities in this respect, so that in the future, we will have a single head devoted to the service of education, and with more time to give to special interests than could possibly have been given by the chairman of the Faculty."

"And while we ... effect this change, we are doing so with the hope that the office will be so administered as to depart as little as may be, from the constitution of Mr. Jefferson ... And may we not believe that the change now made would have been sanctioned by Mr. Jefferson under conditions as they now exist?"

Society honors Chris & Betsy Little

The Highland Historical Society recently dedicated a room in the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center in honor of Chris and Betsy Little. For years, Chris and Betsy have been significant contributors and volunteers with the society.

The room named for the Littles is the Executive Director's office, now deemed "The Little Office." The room's new moniker is appropriate in that it is (along with the Museum Store) the smallest room in the museum.

Although the room is the smallest in the building, be assured that the size of the room is not in proportion with the amount of support the Littles have given to the society over the years.

To name the office for Chris and Betsy is particularly fitting as they have contributed generously to the society's salary expenses since 2004.

Chris has served on the society's Board of Directors and was active as a board member when the Museum opened in 2005. During his tenure as a director, he was instrumental in applying for and administering grants for the rehabilitation of the Museum building.

Chris and Betsy are each life members of the society. They have volunteered together at the Museum's Grand Opening Open House and the McDowell Battlefield Heritage Days events.

Even though Chris no longer serves on the board, society leadership still consider him a trusted advisor on many projects.



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Top, Chris (far right) and Betsy (center) Little get their first look at "The Little Office" plaque on the Executive Director's Office door in the Museum. Accompanying them is Chris's brother, Mike Little, visiting from Hawaii (wearing hat) and their daughter, Beth Little Pierson (between Betsy and Chris), and her husband. Middle, Betsy serves champagne at the Museum's Grand Opening Open House for life members and special donors. Left, Chris also served champagne at the 2005 Open House.



Left, the mantle is complete with a stocking in anticipation of Santa Claus's arrival. The rocking chair is connected to the Armstrong family of Doe Hill. **Above**, the lamp and magazines of the day were loaned to the exhibit. **Center**, 1930s glass and paper ornaments were hung on the tree by youth visiting the display.



The 1930s: Christmas During The Great Depression

Temporary display featured in December



Above, kitchen utensils made up a large part of the exhibit. Included in the display were examples of bubble glass, sandwich glass, jadite, iridescent glass, yellow ware, blue mason jars and zinc lids and aluminum ware. The table covers and dresser scarves pictured were made from the cotton sacks that sugar and flour were sold in.

Right, the doll display was complete with authentic Shirley Temple and Dy-Dee dolls. Also pictured in the right corner is a Cresolene lamp. Cresolene (similar to Vick's salve) was put in the top tray. Heat from the lamp sent vapors into a sick child's room.



Highland County Surname Reference new to Family History Research Library

Among the many resources available to genealogists in the Family History Research Library at the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center are computerized files citing thousands of references for descendants of Highland County pioneers.

These files include thousands of descendants of the more than 120 early pioneers and sub-pioneers listed on pages 257-372 of Morton's *History of Highland County Virginia*.

In addition to information contained in Morton's *History of Highland County Virginia*, other sources cited in the files include: extensive information from the Highland County portion of the Federal Census of 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900; much of the obituary and birth information from *The Highland Recorder* editions of 1889 through 1894, 1930, 1950, 1957, 1960, 1973, and 2000 through early 2007; information for Highland families mentioned in Morton's *A History of Pendleton County, West Virginia*; most of the genealogy information from *The New History of Highland County, Virginia 1983*; and thousands of entries from Matheny and Matheny's *Vital Records of Highland County, Virginia*.

Here is a typical brief entry in the surname citations for Benjamin F. Arbogast, born in 1829:

Name: Benjamin F. Arbogast
Morton, Oren F., *Morton's History*, 258.
H. W. Cochran, *Marriages Highland County, Virginia 1853-1860*, (Pub in 2000).
Date born: 1829, Highland County, VA
H. W. Cochran, *Marriages Highland County, Virginia 1853-1860*, (Pub in 2000).
Occupation: 1855, Joiner
H. W. Cochran, *Marriages Highland County, Virginia 1853-1860*, (Pub in 2000).

Here is an example of a more extensive entry, this one for Samuel P. Beathe, born in 1823:

Name: Samuel P. Beathe
Morton, Oren F., *Morton's History*, 263.
Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 108B.
"Recorder," 15 Jan 1892.
"Recorder," 27 May 1892, gives middle initial.
Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 278, listed in brother Joseph's household.
Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 196B, listed below Samuel were 35 year old Frances and 10 year old Andrew J. Beathe, possibly his wife and son.
Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 224B, listed in household were his brother Joseph, sister Frances, nephew A. J. Beathe, and 13 year old servant Mary Carroll.
Date born: 1823, Pendleton County, VA.
Highland County, Virginia Census 1850, 108B.
Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 278.
Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 196B.
Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 224B.
Died: 09 Jan 1892
"Recorder," 15 Jan 1892.
Location: 1892, Near McDowell, VA lying on Crab Run.
"Recorder," 15 Jan 1892.
"Recorder," 27 May 1892.
Occupation 1: 1860, Farmhand
Highland County, Virginia Census 1860, 278.
Occupation 2: 1880, Farmer

Highland County, Virginia Census 1880, 224B.

Property 1: 1892, Two tracts of land, lying on Crab Run, containing 82 and 41 acres, being the old James Beathe home place.
"Recorder," 27 May 1892.

Property 2: 1870, Owned personal estate valued at \$1,545.
Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 196B.

Property 3: 1870, Owned real estate valued at \$1,000.
Highland County, Virginia Census 1870, 196B.

An example of an entry for someone born in the early 1900s is this one for Margaret Alice Beverage, born in 1925:

Name: Margaret Alice Beverage
New History of Highland County, VA, (1983), 89, 87.
"Recorder," 28, 9 Jan 04.
"Recorder," 21 Jun 1973.
"Recorder," 8, 7 Jun 2007.
Date born: 10 Nov 1925, Monterey, VA
New History of Highland County, VA, (1983), 89.
"Recorder," 8, 7 Jun 2007.
Died: 31 May 2007, Annapolis, MD
"Recorder," 8, 7 Jun 2007.
Burial: Jun 2007, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA
"Recorder," 8, 7 Jun 2007.
Location 1: Bet. 1981 - 2007, Heritage Harbor, Annapolis, MD.
New History of Highland County, VA, (1983), 89.
"Recorder," 28, 9 Jan 04.
"Recorder," 8, 7 Jun 2007.
Location 2: 1973, Washington, DC
"Recorder," 21 Jun 1973.
Occupation 1: American Red Cross in Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA
"Recorder," 8, 7 Jun 2007.
Occupation 2: Civil service employee in Philadelphia, Washington DC, and Germany
"Recorder," 8, 7 Jun 2007.

The surname citation files do not provide kinship information and rarely give clues to the individual's relationship to other family members.

For example, by reading Margaret Alice Beverage's entry above, you would not know that she was married to Joseph Augustine Kiely Jr.; however, you can often identify one or more sources that may contain such information.

In Margaret Beverage's case, her husband Joseph is mentioned in the *New History of Highland County* on page 89 and again in the June 7, 2007 "Recorder," which contains her obituary.

For the Samuel P. Beathe mentioned above you would find his wife, Ann Crickard, listed in Morton's *History of Highland County Virginia* on page 263 and again in the 1880 census. Similarly, for Benjamin F. Arbogast, you would find his wife Cynthia Wilson mentioned in Morton's *History of Highland County Virginia* on page 258 and in H. W. Cochran's *Marriages, Highland County, Virginia 1853-1860*.

More information about how to use the surname citation files is available in the Family History Research Library at the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center.

Use of the library is free for members and non-members may use the library for \$5 per day.

Pages of the surname citation files may be printed directly from the computer for a small fee.



Highland Historical Society Secretary Sarah Samples reads minutes of the 2006 annual meeting to members. Sarah served as the society's secretary for 10 years. This year she is stepping down to assume the role of vice-president.

Research Library topic of annual meeting program

After opening to the public in August 2007, the Family History Research Library has been used often.

Sometimes researchers use the library during regular business hours. Other times special appointments are made.

No matter when the researcher comes to the library, they are always welcome.

During the annual meeting, outgoing Board President Clay Hamilton gave the membership a tour of the library.

Members asked questions

about the collection of materials on the shelves and about the new items that have been added to the computer workstations.

New items on the shelves includes a collection of "The Highlander," the annual school yearbook for Highland County Public

Schools. The oldest "Highlander" is dated 1953.

Books on CDs have been added to the computer workstations including Morton's histories on Highland, Bath and Augusta Counties; and the Surname Citation Index (see Page 7.)



Clay Hamilton speaks with the membership in the Family History Research Library during the 2007 Annual Meeting.

New officers elected for 2008

Elections for officers for 2008 were held at the January Board of Directors meeting. Newly-elected officers are:

- President Lorraine White
- Vice-president Sarah Samples
- Secretary Larry Held
- Treasurer Jim Blagg

Lorraine and Sarah have each served on the board of directors for the past 10 years. During her 10-year tenure, Sarah has served as secretary. Lorraine has served as vice-president for the past five years.

Larry and Jim both came on the Board in 2006.

The officers are elected for a one-year term.



Left, HHS President Lorraine White presents Battlefield Days Reenactor Coordinator Bob Denton with an Honorary Lifetime Membership. Above, Denton speaks in the McDowell Presbyterian Church during 2007 Battlefield Days.

Photo courtesy Julio Zangroniz



Dave Pridgeon has served as Confederate Commander at McDowell Battlefield Heritage Days almost since the event began. He is pictured above butchering beef rations at the 2007 event. Right, Pridgeon (second from right) assumes his role during the battle scene.

Photo courtesy Julio Zangroniz

Denton, Pridgeon receive Honorary Life Memberships

Recently, the Highland Historical Society has bestowed Honorary Life Memberships to two deserving men who give generously of their time and talent during the planning, execution and aftermath of McDowell Battlefield

Heritage Days.

Bob Denton has been Reenactor Coordinator since the event began in 1996.

Dave Pridgeon has served as Confederate Commander nearly as long.



Battlefield Days event changing in 2009 and 2012

With the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of McDowell approaching in 2012, the Highland Historical Society has made plans for the future of McDowell Battlefield Heritage Days.

The primary need for the society currently is to secure the financial future of

the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center. With that in mind, the 2009 event will be a Preservation March for the single purpose of raising money to benefit the museum.

Participating reenactors will take pledges and raise money before the event

in order to participate. The march will be made with the reenactors in full gear somewhere in Highland County.

After departing from the regular event in 2009, the full battle scene event of old will be reinstituted for the 150th anniversary in 2012.

Researchers gather for Genealogy Workshop

The first thing that Clay Hamilton said at the Oct. 20 Beginning Genealogists Workshop was:

"Ancestry is full of heroes and villains. You may find criminals, illegitimate children and slave owners."

The workshop was held at the Museum as an extension of the Family History Research Room that opened this August. Clay, who was serving as HHS president, taught the all-day class.

Clay told the class he found a white male ancestor had a mixed race child with a African-American woman that lived on the Bullpasture River. The child's name was Sipp Scott and lived in the McDowell area.

When Clay uncovered his connection to Sipp, he researched further and found one of Sipp's daughters living in Staunton.

Clay contacted her and arranged to meet her at her home, which he did. The two had a great conversation and a memorable day.

One of the students in the workshop said she researched prison records to gain information about one of her ancestors.

Clay covered such practical beginners' information from identifying primary and secondary sources to the importance of confirming information during research.

"No records made by a human are immune from error. For example, some birth records were entered into court records by family members sometimes months after the event," he said. "Court clerks kept a day book of births



Clay Hamilton (left, standing) led a workshop on genealogy research at the Museum on Oct. 20. Ten people attended and used the Family History Research Room to begin and/or continue their research.

and deaths and then copied it into a ledger at the end of the year."

Clay led the students through the ins and outs of researching court documents including birth, marriage and death records; deeds and wills; and criminal and civil, or chancery, cases.

"Be sure to research nicknames, diminutives and name changes your ancestor may have encountered. These cases were especially problematic in census records," Clay warned. "In many cases, if the family was not a home, the census taker may compile information on the family from a neighbor."

Relationships of family members were covered during the workshop. (See example below.)

In addition to court documents, Clay cited local, state and church newspapers as impor-

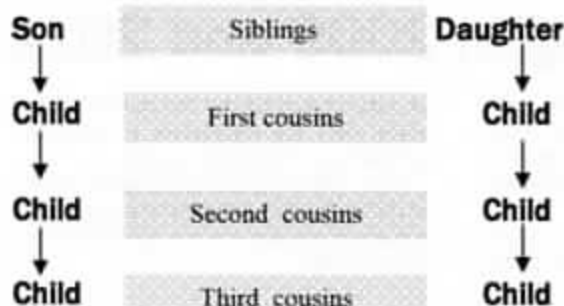
tant sources of genealogical information. Family Bibles are also basic sources of family information. It became common in the 1800s for families to record births, deaths and marriages in the family Bible. Clay told the class to look between the Testaments for blank pages where most of these records were recorded.

Clay encouraged the researchers to interviewing family members. He cautioned students against borrowing material from relatives. "Take your camera and take a picture of documents or photographs that you want for your files," he said. Virginia Historical Society in Richmond.

For more information on genealogical research, upcoming classes or to find out what resources the Family History Research Room has in stock, call the office at 540-396-4478.

1st, 2nd, 3rd cousins

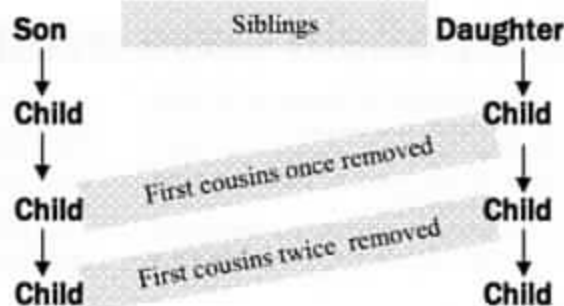
PARENT



These relationship charts show the difference between cousins and cousins that are once or twice removed.

Cousins once removed

PARENT



Museum used as meeting spot for Allegheny Craft Network



Highland Historical Society Executive Director Crysta Stanton spoke briefly at the artisans and craftsmen meeting of the Allegheny Craft Network, a project of the Artisans Center of Virginia in Waynesboro. Recently, The Museum Store has been listed in the Network's directory of stores that carry handmade items created by local artisans and craftsmen.

Project coordinator Stephen Clerico became interested in holding a local meeting about this regional project and the Museum became the host.

Interested folks in the arts and crafts arena attended the meeting here, about 25 in all. The Network consists of a marketing effort through its directory and central website that lists information about the artist along with a photograph of his or her work; an upcoming juried exhibit; and a scheduled small business seminar.

For more information on the program, contact Stephen Clerico at network@artisanscenterofvirginia.org.

Help is on the way ...

When the Museum lawn fills up with walnuts, we have no fear because our neighborhood helper soon comes to the rescue. Here, John Shaner takes a pause for the photographer's cause as he cleans up the museum grounds for the Hands and Harvest Festival.



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Wednesday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday, 1–4 p.m.

Nov. 1–Dec. 10:

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