



The Kemper Residence



The Arcade Museum

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Reconstruction of the Slave Quarters chimney was completed in the spring of 2011,
with funding provided by the Madison County Questers

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BOARD of DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors consists of twelve members, each serving staggered three-year terms starting in February, so that four memberships expire each February. The Board appoints Directors to fill the terms of Directors who leave the Board before their term expires. Board members are elected by the membership at the annual membership meeting in February. Officers are elected by the board from its twelve members.

At the beginning of 2011 the officers were:

Treasurer and President — Bill Scholten	Vice President — Penn Bowers
Recording Secretary — Carroll Good	Corresponding Secretary — Carole Milks

The other Board members were Michael O'Connor, Beppy White, Sandy Stowe, Linwood Imlay, Doris Lackey, Ann Miller, Max Lacy, and Tommy Ford.

There were no changes to the Board membership in 2011.

MEETINGS:

The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month. All meetings are held at the Kemper Residence unless otherwise specified.

MEMBERSHIP

CATEGORIES:

Through 2011, the membership categories and the corresponding minimum annual qualifying contributions for each were:

Sustainer	— \$500
Benefactor	— \$250
Partner	— \$100
Friend	— \$50
Business	— \$50
Family	— \$30
Single	— \$20
Student	— \$5

Memberships are for one year with renewals due on the anniversary date of membership. The Society sends a renewal notice to members in the month when their renewal is due. The Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Membership dues and other contributions to the Society are tax deductible.

In addition, in 2005 the Board created a new category of Honorary Member to be awarded at its discretion to people who have contributed professional services to the Society. In 2005 the Board awarded the first Honorary Memberships to Carole Nash, Ann Miller, and Joe Wayner. In 2008 the Board awarded an Honorary Membership to Don Strode. In 2010 honorary memberships were awarded to Charles Moncrief and Mary Wright for their assistance in preparing the pictures and text for the Madison County Pictorial History Book. No honorary

memberships were awarded in 2006, 2007, 2009, or 2011.

The following members joined for the first time in 2011:

Thomas Ford, Oak Park, VA
Marylyn Hoffman, Madison, VA
Maryvonne Longley, Madison, VA
Nancy Martin-Perdue, Madison, VA
Marcia Kirkpatrick & Gary Grossman, Madison, VA
Leonard M. & Mary Ann Cowherd II, Culpeper, VA
Stephen Cook, Noblesville, IN
Kath Doer, Hood, VA
Jean McClary Stephenson, Newport News, VA
Donald Payne, Charlottesville, VA
Jeffrey Green, Madison, VA

The Society had 1 sustainer, 3 benefactor, 19 partner, 20 friend, 32 family, 39 single, 6 honorary, and 15 life members as of December 31, 2011.

The Society is pleased to recognize these members for their contributions in joining at the following levels of membership:

Sustainer:

Rachel Sanborn

Benefactors:

Daniel & Evelyn De Santis
Mrs. Norma D. Jackson
James M. Tibbs, Jr.

Partners:

John Bowers
Jean D. & Ernest Busboso
Patricia Eveland & Larry Christiansen
Trish & David Crowe
Bob & Rita Cunningham
J. R. Daniel
Faye Harris & Lee Decker
Dr. Maury Hanson, Jr
Robert & Mary Haught
Bud & Hazel Kreh
Doris Lackey
Judith G Mahanes
Mr. Edward Meares
Kathie & Michael O'Connor
Richard W. Robinson
Joseph Y. Rowe
William & Bertha Scholten
Jane & George Volchansky
John & Elizabeth White
Edward K. & Emily M. Williams

Friends:

Edward & Ruth Cogen
William & Marise Craig
Robert B. Hardaway
William & Patricia Heenan
John H. & Carol Imlay
Linwood & Marlene Imlay
Eugene S. Ince
Bill Jones
Robert R. & Judith Lovegren
Virginia McGhee
Gilbert & Carole Milks
Ruth T. Penn
Gilbert K. Queitzsch
Roger & Jill Schreiner
Mr. & Mrs. V. R. Shackelford, III
Bob & Sandy Stowe
Mr. & Mrs. Richard W. Walrond
Doris J. Webb
John & Elizabeth White
Russell & Mary Whitfield

MEETINGS:

Membership Meetings are held quarterly. Nominal dates for the quarterly meetings are the third Sunday in February, May, August, and November at 2:00 PM. The dates can be rescheduled if necessary to accommodate specific programs. The February Membership Meeting is also the Society's Annual Meeting.

Presentations at the 2011 membership meetings included:

- February —Tom Matthes, journalist, free-lance writer and teacher, spoke to the Society in a talk entitled "James Madison's republican legacy for the Constitution." Mr. Matthes, a docent at Montpelier, discussed Madison's views on republics and democracies and how important they became in the formulation of our Constitution.
- May — Jayne Blair, author of two books on the Civil War and a docent at Montpelier, spoke to the Society about the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War and why it is important. The War is the most studied, researched and the most interesting war fought in the last five hundred years and saw this young Nation grow up. Ms. Blair spoke of how the young nation was only 75 years old when the war began was still struggling with the role of a strong Federal government in their lives and the role it played versus that of the states.
- August —Donna Bedwell, 75th Anniversary Coordinator for the Shenandoah National Park, spoke to the Society about the highlights of the decades leading up to the the 75th anniversary and gave an overview of the events of 2011. With projected pictures, Ms. Bedwell explained the beginnings of the Park concept, why and how it was formed and ultimately the finished product.

- November — Ann Miller, local Architectural Historian, author and lecturer, spoke to the Society about early transportation in Madison County. In a power point presentation, Ms. Miller spoke about how inhabitants travelled to and within the region and how the transportation system affected the history of settlement and the development of our society and culture.

Detailed summaries of the above meetings can be found in the Society's newsletters, which are published in February, May, August, and November.

COUNTY LIAISON

The Society continues to work with the Madison County Board of Supervisors in areas of mutual interest. The Board of Supervisors was kept informed of the progress of the restoration work on the Slave Quarters dependency of the Kemper Residence. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Board of Supervisors for the maintenance of the Kemper Residence and outbuildings, the Arcade Museum, and other historical properties.

KEMPER RESIDENCE

The Residence and two outbuildings, the Law Office and Slave Quarters, are leased by the Society from the County. The Residence is used for a variety of meetings, tours, open houses, and other special occasions.

At the 2011 Taste of the Mountains festival visitors to the residence were greeted by General and Mrs. Kemper (as impersonated by Daniel & Evelyn Desantis).

The Residence is available for rent to private parties of the community. Rentals in 2011 were handled by Mary Haught. The "Kemper Girls" continue to be responsible for the decorating and cleaning of the residence. Present members of this group are Mary Haught, Pam Krause, Maryvonne Longley, Kay Reiss, Heidi Sage, and Jill Schreiner.

KEMPER RESIDENCE OUTBUILDINGS

The Law Office and Slave Quarters are outbuildings located in the yard behind the Residence. Restoration of the Law Office began in 1999 and was completed in 2003. By the beginning of 2010 restoration of both buildings was complete except for the construction of a chimney on the Slave Quarters, for which further funding was required. A cost estimate of \$6900 for the chimney construction was obtained in early 2010.

In April, 2010, the local chapter of the Questers, an international group which raises funds for historic preservation, presented the Society with a check for \$6500, which they raised through a combination of local fund-raising events and a grant from their National Headquarters. Another \$590 was raised at the Antiques Appraisal jointly sponsored by the Questers and the Society on June 26, 2010. The Society then contracted with Joe Wayner to oversee the chimney construction. Period bricks were purchased and Brent Ryder and his cousin, Charles Ryder began

construction in late December, 2010 and finished in spring 2011. The Society is most appreciative of the Questers for funding this project.

ARCADE MUSEUM

The Society operates the Arcade Museum, a small historic two-story brick building located in the heart of downtown Madison. The Museum is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. Travelers from all across the United States visit the Museum looking for their Madison roots.

Notable visits to the Arcade Museum in 2011 include:

- Members of the annual reunion of descendants of the first and second Germanna colonies on July 15.
- Group of Westminster-Canterbury residents, many of whom were Madison County residents before retiring, on September 22.
- Annie Segan and friend Brodie Hefner from New York City on November 3. Annie is the daughter of Arthur Rothstein, the photographer who in 1935 was sent to photograph the people living in the mountains who would be moved out to make room for Shenandoah National Park. They spent some time at the museum and then went to lunch with members of the Board before driving up to Skyland.
- The Civil War club from the Wetsel Middle School visited the Museum, the Kemper Residence, Law Office and slave cabin On December 9th .
- several local residents brought civil war documents to be scanned by a technician from the Library of Virginia as part of their 150 Civil War Legacy Project on September 22.

Exhibits at the museum are under the direction of Curator Beppy White. Both the upper and lower floors house permanent and changing exhibits depicting the history of, and life in, Madison County. Permanent exhibits include the Rapidan Railroad exhibit, furnished by Everette Weakley, the Claude Yowell collection of Native American prehistoric tools, the Strode collection of Native American artifacts from Madison County and photographs taken in 1935 of the men, women and children who were living in our mountains when the Shenandoah National Park was established.

Changing exhibits in 2011 included old Madison-made chairs, a collection of blacksmithing tools and hand forged items used by farmers and home owners and a collection of old kitchen utensils, all from the extensive collection of Steve Hoffman. Changing exhibits planned or being considered for 2011 include Madison Drug Co. history and E. A. Clore Furniture Co. history.

On the upper floor there is a Research room, which contains a collection of genealogies and obituaries of Madison families, histories and pictures of old Madison County churches, schools, homes and other buildings. A workroom on the second floor is used for constructing archival storage containers, preparing exhibits and storing exhibit materials and supplies.

The Arcade is staffed by a volunteer group under the direction of Beppy White. Volunteers come one or more days a month to staff the museum. The life of the museum is strong due to our

many faithful workers. New volunteers are always welcome. Those who volunteered at the Arcade in 2011 are: Jane Volchansky, Michael O'Connor, Beppy White, Linwood Imlay, Carole Milks, Carroll Good, Virginia Utz, Gertha Houston, Dona Hutchinson, Marty Taylor, Susan Theiler, Doris Lackey, Ruth Penn and Jim Lillard.

BENEFIT TEAS

The Society held two benefit teas in 2011, on March 24th and September 29th. Each guest was served the “Kemper House” tea, which was complemented with a selection of sweets, savorys, and fruits. Gross proceeds were \$801 from the March tea and \$848 from the September tea. The teas have proven to be very popular in the community and will continue to be a primary source of funds for the Society.

The teas are coordinated by Bob and Mary Haught with the able assistance of Bob Krause, Pam Krause, Meredith Krause, Maryvonne Longley, Genevieve McLearn, Kay Reiss, Heidi Sage, and Jill Schreiner.

CEMETERY DATABASE PROJECT

A CD documenting burials in Madison County is for sale for \$10 at the Arcade Museum. There are over 5000 listings. We have spent most of our time lately trying to find the small family graveyards before they disappear. This is an ongoing project and we need help in updating the church cemeteries. A few of the local churches have not been surveyed at all and if they could give us a list of burials it would be a big help. There will always be a few mistakes in our work so if you buy a CD and find errors or omissions we would like to know so that we can make corrections (and you will get a free updated copy).

Documentation was begun back in the early 80's by Earl Estes, and then passed on to Sandy Stowe. Many volunteers have helped over the years. Many thanks to Mary Wright for putting all of our data onto our computer and then generating the CD's.

MADISON COUNTY PICTORIAL HISTORY

In the spring of 2010 the Society contracted with nationally known Arcadia Publishing Company to publish a pictorial history of Madison County as a part of its popular *Images of America* series. Society Board member Doris Lackey and society member Trish Crowe, agreed to be co-authors. Archivist and board member Beppy White helped with fact checking and writing. Mary Wright entered pictures and text into the database, with computer consultation from Charles Moncrief. Charles and Mary were awarded honorary memberships for their pro-bono professional contributions. Archeologist Carole Nash and Architectural Historian and Board member Ann Miller served as project consultants.

Many people from Madison County and beyond contributed more than 650 images of people and places in Madison County. The stories and photographs tell a rich history of Madison County. These were scanned and are now preserved in the database. Contributors are acknowledged in

the introduction of the book with much gratitude. The book publisher limited photographs for the book to no more than 240 images and no more than 18,000 words. The Society anticipates our own publication of photographs that are not in the book.

The book **Images of America, *Madison County*** became available for sale in the week of March 21, 2011. The Society sells them at the Arcade and at the Kemper House Teas. They are also available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon, among others, as well as from many local vendors. The cost for the book is \$21.99 plus tax.

ACQUISITIONS

The Society continues to receive gifts that enrich our collection. Genealogies, both published and hand-written, have helped fill out our Family Files. We welcome the opportunity to copy other papers when the originals are being retained by the owners. Having a copy of an original affords the same information as the original.

The Historical Society gratefully received two donations from the estate of Alice Goodwin Jones and Walker Lewis Jones, long-time residents of Madison County and supporters of the historical society. A walnut wash stand is a welcome addition to the downstairs bathroom of the Kemper Residence, while a collection of china from the mid 19th century is displayed with the china used for our teas.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Activities planned for 2012 include the following:

- Hold Board Meetings on the second Thursday of each month.
- Hold Membership Meetings in February, May, August, and November. These are tentatively scheduled for the third Sunday of the respective months, but the dates may be changed if necessary to accommodate program participants.
- Hold the Annual Meeting coincident with the February membership meeting.
- Continue publication of the Quarterly Newsletter in February, May, August, and November.
- Hold fund-raising teas in March and September
- Continue to store appropriately all holdings in an acid free environment at the Arcade or at the Kemper Residence.
- Continue building the database of archival materials.
- Continue to collect family genealogies for the Research Room at the Arcade.
- Continue collecting Madison Cemetery data and issuing updated versions of the database on CD.
- Continue operation of the Arcade as a museum with exhibits featuring Madison County History.
- Changing exhibits at the Arcade Museum planned or being considered include the histories of the two oldest businesses in Madison still in business: Madison Drug Co. and E. A. Clore Sons, Inc.

- Continue sales of maps, books, calendars, ornaments, Cemetery data and other items of significance to Madison County history.

2011 Financial Report

Balance on Hand, January 1, 2011		\$25,748.24
Disbursements		\$16,382.77
	Preservation Virginia (APVA)	\$60.00
	Arcade Electric	\$1,642.00
	Arcade Security	\$273.60
	Arcade Telephone	\$876.95
	Arcade Maintenance	\$355.52
	Arcade Water/Sewer	\$337.20
	Award	\$100.00
	Corporate Registration	\$25.00
	Checking Account Service Charge	\$7.50
	Display Cases	\$112.14
	Entertainment	\$119.28
	Genealogy Reference Books	\$28.94
	Insurance	\$538.00
	Items for resale	\$4,273.52
	Kemper Maintenance	\$170.00
	Kemper Security	\$250.80
	Kemper Telephone	\$355.54
	Office Supplies	\$28.34
	Postage	\$282.48
	Post Office Box Rental	\$56.00
	Printer cartridge	\$23.09
	Printing	\$450.00
	Sales Table	\$70.00
	Slave Quarters Restoration	\$5,440.00
	State Sales Tax	\$382.42
	Supplies	\$7.13
	Supplies for Tea	\$67.32
	Web Posting	\$50.00
Receipts		\$18,087.89
	Interest on Money Market	\$7.28
	Kemper Rent	\$450.00
	Donations	\$1,915.72
	Dues	\$4,635.00
	Royalties	\$776.43
	Sales	\$8,654.46
	Tea	\$1,649.00

Balance on Hand, January 1, 2012

\$27,453.36
