



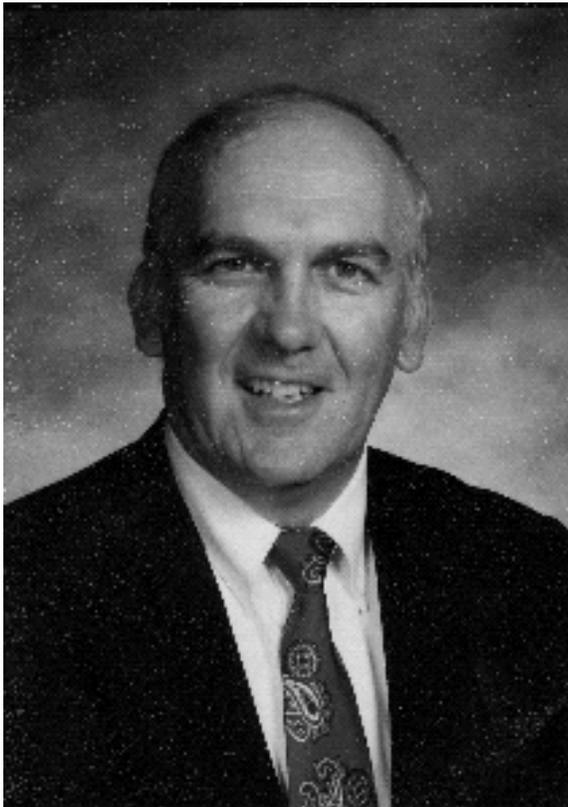
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THE HORSE IN THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

On Sunday May 20, 2012, James Flanagan, President and Founder of the Fauquier Civil War Round Table will speak at the quarterly meeting of the Madison County Historical Society. Mr. Flanagan's presentation is entitled "The Horse in the American Civil War." It is a power point presentation about the importance of the horse in the war: they moved guns, pontoon bridges, food and equipment, ambulances, and carried Cavalry troops and officers. More than one and

a half million equines (mules and horses) were killed in the American Civil War - three animals for every soldier that died. In the battle of Gettysburg alone about 1500 died.

Mr. Flanagan's presentation is a continuance of our recognition of the American Civil War Sesquicentennial celebration. In February 2011, Thomas Matthes spoke to the Society about James Madison's republican legacy for the Constitution. In May of 2011, Jayne Blair spoke to the Society about the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War and why it is important, a war that is the most studied and researched fought in the last 500 years. It saw this young Nation grow up, a nation only 75 years old when the war began and still struggling with the role of a strong Federal government in their lives and the role it played in their lives versus that of the States.

There were a number of cavalry engagements here in Madison County, the most important of which was the Battle of Jacks Shop. The 150th anniversary of that battle will be recognized next year. The Civil War was fought in great part in Virginia and affected the lives of local residents immensely. Mr. Flanagan's presentation of the importance of the horse in the war shows another fascinating aspect of this enormously complex part of our history.

Mr. Flanagan has a B.S, M.S., M.St. in Biology and Geology from Frederick College and Randolph Macon, respectively, and has done extensive graduate work. He is an adjunct professor of Biology at Lord Fairfax Community College and is a Narrator and speaker on The Battle of Kelly's Ford and Brandy Station as well as this presentation on the role of The Horse in the Civil War.

The meeting will be held in the County Administrative Offices auditorium at 2pm Sunday May 20th. Everyone is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided in the Kemper Residence next door following the presentation.



Jim Lillard speaks to full house

MOUNTAIN MEMORIES PRESENTATION

Our speaker at the February 19, 2012 quarterly meeting of The Madison County Historical Society was Mr. Jim Lillard, Commander, Kemper-Fry-Strother Camp Number 19, Sons of Confederate Veterans. The subject of his presentation was "Mountain Memories" and was designed specifically for the Madison Historical Society. Mr. Lillard talked about the families who lived in our local mountains before they became a portion of the Shenandoah National Park, and included in the presentation original family photos as well as photos from the Library of Congress. In a very poignant and often humorous power point presentation he showed pictures of the mountain farms, and spoke to the quality of life experienced by these mountain folk and how they made their living. The subject matter of the presentation was of particular interest because it relates a story of local history which involved the relatives of many present day Madisonians and was well attended.



Volunteers visit each other while enjoying dinner

SOCIETY RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS

In appreciation of the services of the many volunteers who contribute time and energy to the Society, and back by popular demand, on March 20 the "second annual" recognition luncheon was provided by Board member Max Lacy and the men's group at the Mount Zion United Methodist Church. The following people or groups were recognized:

1. Recently retired Board members Michael O'Connor, Ann Miller, and Doris Lackey.
2. Roger Schreiner for his maintenance of the Society's web site.
3. Jill Schreiner for her editing and organizing of the Newsletters.
4. The "Kemper Girls" for keeping house in the Kemper residence. Present members of this group are Mary Haught, Pam Krause, Maryvonne Longley, Kay Reiss, Heidi Sage, and Jill Schreiner.
5. All those who help with preparation and serving of the semi-annual "Kemper Tea" fund raisers. 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.
6. The volunteers who staff the Arcade. Beply White is the coordinator of this group. Others who volunteered in 2010 are Jane Volchansky, Michael O'Connor, Linwood Imlay, Carole Milks, Carroll Good,

Virginia Utz, Gertha Houston, Dona Hutchinson, Marty Taylor, Susan Theiler, Doris Lackey, Ruth Penn and Jim Lillard.

Everyone had a thoroughly good time dining on good old country fare of roast pork, beans, stewed tomatoes, greens, corn bread and pound cake. The crowd had high praise for Max and his crew. Demand for a "third annual" recognition dinner next year is a high probability.



Max Lacy prepares dinner while Tommy Ford supervises



Heidi Sage and Meredith Krause prepare tea

SPRING TEA MARCH 28, 2012

The Spring Tea on March 28th was another resounding success! We had a full house as guests dined on an assortment of savories and sweets, sipped our special blend of Kemper tea and enjoyed friends, old and new.

Many of the guests were "regulars", who attend most of these semi-annual fundraising opportunities for the Society, but there were a few who had not been to the Kemper Residence before. They were overwhelmed at Madison's historic treasure.

The Fall Tea is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3rd. We hope you will mark your calendars now, to avoid a conflict. We will begin receiving reservations on September 1st.

The Fall Tea marks the 10th anniversary of these events. Former MCHS president Rita Cunningham had the idea that an invitation to join friends and have lunch in our historic house might be an innovative way to raise funds for the Society. She was right. These spring and fall events continue to be popular, and we are grateful for the continuing support from the community.

Most of the original Tea Ladies are still part of the group that prepares and donates all the food. We have been joined by two male chefs who have become integral parts of the food preparation, as well as the daughter of one of our members who comes from Northern Virginia to be one of our volunteers.

We hope you will plan to join us on October 3rd, to celebrate ten years of support for the Madison County Historical Society

FOR RENT



Keep in mind that the Kemper Residence is available to rent for receptions, meetings or other events. The rates are very reasonable, and rental income supports Madison County Historical Society projects. If you or someone you know is

interested in discussing use of the building, contact Mary Haught (540-547-4398).

OUT OF STORAGE ARCADE MUSEUM EXHIBITS



One of Arcade Museum's permanent exhibits

This year we are showing off lots of items given to us by Madisonians over the years. In the 1980's we were given a still which has been in a closet until now. It is not set up correctly because some of the parts are missing. The speakers stand made by a Madison native and used by President Hoover when he spoke at the Madison Day celebration is upstairs. We also have some wool blankets made at the Madison Woolen Mill and a beautiful 'second day' wedding dress.

On the main floor there is a display of lots of old toys made of tin or wood. No plastic back then. Another case has a number of old shoes for women, men and children. There is even a pair of homemade socks. Other interesting items are a pearl and shell decorated "hair receiver", a "mustache curler" and new pictures on the walls. The permanent exhibits are Arthur Rothstein pictures in the "Before the Park" display, Mr. Strode's Indian artifacts, Everette Weakley's train display and the Imlay's War Between the States display.

In our gift shop we have a brand new book for young people by Ann Ferguson titled "A Brand New Home for Young James Madison" for \$15.95.

Museum Hours are: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00am-2.00pm

2012 BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED

The Board of Directors has elected the following officers for 2012:

President: Bill Scholten
Vice President: Penn Bowers
Recording Secretary: Carroll Good
Corresponding Secretary: Carole Milks
Treasurer: Roger Schreiner

These officers will serve until the next general membership meeting in February, 2013. We are grateful for their service.

THE JUNIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

Christian Hansen gave a presentation to the board of directors of the Madison County Historical Society at their board meeting on March 12th. Christian, who is Chairman of the Council, described the structure and purpose of this Council. This junior council is associated with the Museum of Culpeper History and is primarily composed of high school students of the Culpeper schools. The group does projects for the museum through the guidance of Lee Langston-Harrison of the museum staff. The members of the council are students that want to help their community, are imaginative, motivated, and interested in history. Christian thought that there would be interest at the Madison County school system in forming a similar group there that might be interested in working with the Madison County Historical Society. It is nice to see groups such as this formed in the school systems and working with the community and such activities certainly should be encouraged.

BATTLE AT JACK'S SHOP

September 22, 2013, marks the anniversary of the Battle of Jack's Shop. The Historical Society is joining with the Madison County Conservation Fund Committee, the Piedmont Environmental Council, Madison County Public Schools and others in jointly preparing for a variety of events to celebrate that battle. Clearly one of the most significant battles during the Civil War fought in Madison County, it was one of the largest cavalry battles during the entire war.

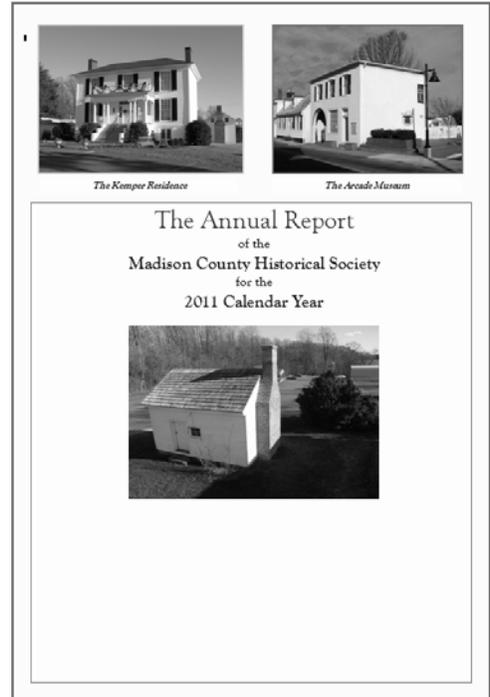
While the joint committee is planning a series of speakers, workshops and school year projects in advance, the activities will culminate in a day-long “muster/campground” on September 21, 2013 at the Madison High School. (The anniversary actually falls on Sunday, September 22.) Events that day will include a Civil War campground reenactment providing a “living history”, bus tours of the battlegrounds, student demonstrations and projects. Maps, books and self-guided tour info will be available.

In the weeks leading up to the actual anniversary a lecture series is planned for the high school auditorium. Speakers will include local historians Harold Woodward, Frank Walker and Jim Lillard. The school system is planning to include topics related to the period in its’ curriculum for the coming school year.

The Historical Society’s representative on the joint planning committee is Linwood Imlay.

raising teas. Come to our next tea and see these plates on the table. (See related tea article.)

We appreciate all donations and are especially looking for tea pots at this time..



2011 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

The 2011 Annual Report of the Madison County Historical Society is now available. The Annual Report comprises a summary of information published in the 2011 Newsletters, plus a financial report for the year. In order to reduce printing and mailing costs, copies will be distributed only by request. The report is posted on the Society’s web page, Madisonvahistoricalociety.org, and can be viewed online by clicking on Newsletter and selecting 2011 Annual Report. Email or printed copies can be requested by emailing madisonhistory@verizon.net or phoning 540-948-5488.

ACQUISITIONS



Luncheon plate

This is just one of 20 plates that Mary Moore donated to the Historical Society for use during their semi-annual teas. Her donation is greatly appreciated. It has been through donations like these that the Society has been able to acquire a collection of china suitable for use at our fund

The Madison County Historical Society is a non-profit organization founded and operated for the perpetuation and preservation of Madison County heritage and traditions. The mission of the Society is to record, preserve, and stimulate interest in the history of Madison County, its families, occupations and way of life.

Membership is for one year with renewals due on the anniversary date of membership. Membership and other contributions to the Society are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Types of Membership:

Sustainer.....	\$500 or more	Business	\$50
Benefactor	\$250 to \$499	Family	\$30
Partner	\$100 to \$249	Single	\$20
Friend	\$50 to \$99	Student	\$5

Membership applications are available at the Arcade and the Kemper Residence, and on-line at the Society's web page - www.madisonvahistoricalsociety.org. (Click on "ABOUT US", and then on "application"). For more information call the Society Office at 540-948-5488 Please leave a message if no one answers. We will return your call. You can also email us at madisonhistory@verizon.net.

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