



*The Kemper Residence*



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*The Arcade at Christmas*  
(Photo by John Berry)

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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. Board members are elected by the membership at the annual membership meeting in February. A nominating committee nominates members. Nominations may also be made from the floor, with the restriction that anyone so nominated must have agreed in writing to serve prior to the nomination. Any member may be appointed a Director by the Board to fill an unexpired term. Officers are elected by the board from its twelve members.

At the beginning of 2013 the officers were:

President — Bill Scholten	Vice President — Penn Bowers
Treasurer — Roger Schreiner	Recording Secretary — Jim Lillard
Corresponding Secretary — Carole Milks	

The other Board members were Beppy White, Sandy Stowe, Linwood Imlay, Max Lacy, Tommy Ford, Jean Busboso, and Judy Mahanes.

Linwood Imlay resigned in October and was replaced by Pat Lattin. As a result of these changes, the Board members at the close of 2013 were:

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### **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 2013, 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. Through 2012 renewals were due on the anniversary date of

membership. In 2013 the policy was changed so that all memberships are for the calendar year with renewals due in January. The Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Membership dues and other contributions to the Society are tax deductible.

The following members joined for the first time in 2013:

Mike & Katy Cashman  
Edward L. Napier  
Janet & Bill McDermott  
William Von Raab  
Phil & Joy Brockman  
Kathleen S. Johnston  
Richard F. Barnhardt  
Linda Leifeld  
Garold & Dorothy Stephenson  
Carolyn Bourdow  
Diane C. Enroughty  
Caroline Watts  
Patricia A. Lattin  
Arlene Aylor  
Charles E. & Thelma J. Slaughter

In 2013, the Society had 1 sustainer, 4 benefactor, 21 partner, 26 friend, 33 family, 48 single, 1 business, 6 honorary and 13 life members.

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

Sustainers:

Rachel H. Sanborn

Benefactors:

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

Partners:

John Bowers  
Jean D. & Ernest Busboso  
Patricia Eveland & Larry Christensen  
Trish & David Crowe  
Bob & Rita Cunningham  
J. R. Daniel  
Butch Davies, III & Marty Moon  
Faye Harris & Lee Decker  
Robert & Mary Haught  
Linwood J. & Marlene Imlay  
Bud & Hazel Kreh  
Doris Lackey

Janet & Bill McDermott  
Edward L. Napier  
Kathie & Michael O'Connor  
Richard W. Robinson  
Joseph Y. Rowe  
William & Bertha Scholten  
Roger & Jill Schreiner  
Frank S. & Bernice Walker

Friends:

Richard F. Barnhardt  
Elizabeth J. Bryant  
Edward & Ruth Cogen  
Bill & Marise Craig  
Galen & Candice Fountain  
Robert B. Hardaway  
Janet Harris  
William & Patricia Heenan  
Gertha Houston  
John H. & Carol Imlay  
Eugene S. Ince  
Joseph & Elizabeth Johnson  
Delano Kreis  
Judith G Mahanes  
Virginia McGhee  
Gilbert & Carole Milks  
Bryan Mitchell  
Ruth T. Penn  
Gilbert K. Queitzsch  
Mr. & Mrs. V. R. Shackelford, III  
Bob & Sandy Stowe  
Carole Toone  
Jane B. Walrond  
Kavanaugh & Beppy White  
Ed & Emily McMullen Williams

**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 2013 membership meetings included:

- February — Local historian Harold Woodward presented “Madison County 150 years ago” – a picture of the County as it existed during the Civil War years.

- May — John Blankenbaker, a descendant of some of the first Germanna settlers, presented “The First Settlers of Madison County” – an overview of the time frame and work performed by the 1777 settlement and the areas in Germany from which they came.
- August — Local artist Pat Lattin talked about five artists whose work may be recognized by Civil War buffs but whose names are not well known by the general public.
- November — Louisa County native Greg Hosaflook exhibited and discussed some of the many Civil War Artifacts he has collected over the years.

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. In 2013 the Board of Supervisors extended the lease on the Arcade building until April 2029, which corresponds to the termination date of the lease on the Kemper Residence. The County also paid for the major part of the expense to rebuild the front steps 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.

In 2013 the Society undertook renovations to the first floor bathroom and kitchen. New sheet flooring was laid in both rooms. All the walls were painted and a new sink, countertop, and toilet were installed in the bathroom. Also, a ceiling fan was installed in the kitchen.

Also in 2013 the stairs at the front entrance were rebuilt under the direction of the County. The Society is grateful to the County for planning and directing this project, and for funding the major portion of the costs. A final step in completing this project in 2014 will be the painting of the steps and front porch.

At the 2013 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 2013 continued to be 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, and Heidi Sage.

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. Restoration of the Slave Quarters began in 2007 and was completed in 2011.

## **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 2013 include:

- Members from a number of states of the annual reunion of descendants of the first and second Germanna colonies.
- Visitors also came from Scotland, Australia and at least 15 other states.

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.

In 2013 we continued to exhibit many of the acquisitions we have received over the years.

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 wonderful group of volunteers. They work 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 2013 are: Jane Volchansky, Beppy White, Linwood Imlay, Carole Milks, Gertha Houston, Dona Hutchinson, Marty Taylor, Susan Theiler, Doris Lackey, Ruth Penn, Jim Lillard, Dink Kreis, Max Lacy, Jean Busboso and Judy Mahanes.

## **CEMETERY DATABASE PROJECT**

Documentation of Madison County burial sites was begun back in the early 80's by Earl Estes. This is an ongoing project currently headed by Sandy Stowe. Many volunteers have helped over the years, and there are now over 5000 listings. The Society is indebted to Mary Wright for putting all of our data onto our computer and then transferring the information to CD's, which are now on sale for \$10 at the Arcade Museum.

## **THE BATTLE OF JACK'S SHOP 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

A series of four lectures and a day of special events on September 21, 2013 commemorated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War Battle of Jacks Shop. DVDS of the lectures and the September 21st events are available for sale by the Society. One DVD contains all of the lectures and the other the September 21<sup>st</sup> displays and demonstrations. The 2-disk set is priced at \$20 and can be purchased at the Arcade.

## **MADISON COUNTY DRIVING TOUR**

Several members of the Society developed a driving tour for Madison County. The tour is available at the Arcade. The tour as it currently exists would take about 2 hours and 45 minutes (not for the faint of heart) and covers over 80 miles of driving. It also offers several side trips. In addition to driving directions, the tour booklet is filled with interesting information about Madison County history.

## **MADISON COUNTY PICTORIAL HISTORY**

The book **Images of America, *Madison County*** is available for sale 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.

## **BENEFIT TEAS**

The Society held two benefit teas in 2013, on March 27th and September 25th. Each guest was served the special blend of Kemper House tea, which was complemented with a selection of sweets and savories. Gross proceeds were \$895 from the March tea and \$935 from the September tea. All income goes directly to the Society. Food and materials are donated by those listed below. 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 full participation of Bob Krause, Pam Krause, Meredith Krause, Maryvonne Longley, Kay Reiss and Heidi Sage, with special assistance by Jill Schreiner.

## **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.

## PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Activities planned for 2014 include the following:

- Investigate the feasibility of expanding the Arcade museum space in to the archway area.
- Produce a CD for an audio driving tour of Madison County.
- Develop driving tours targeted to specific areas of the County.
- Consider developing histories for local areas in the County.
- 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.
- Continue sales of maps, books, calendars, ornaments, Cemetery data and other items of significance to Madison County history.
- Develop an email mailing list for Society members and start distribution of Society information via email while duplicating current mechanisms.

