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Ellwood at Wilderness Battlefield

### AUGUST 19, 2007 MEETING A VISIT TO "ELLWOOD

The August 19, 2007 meeting of the Madison County Historical Society will be a visit to "Ellwood." Perched on a knoll overlooking Wilderness Run, Ellwood was built by William Jones in the 1790's and served as a 642 acre farming estate. In 1848 it became the home of Betty Churchill Jones, his daughter, who married Horace Lacy. Ellwood became their summer home and remained on the fringe of civil war events until May, 1863.

The house and outbuildings were used as a field hospital by the Confederates during the Battle of Chancellorsville, May 1-4, 1863 and as a Union headquarters during the Battle of the Wilderness in May 1864.

"Stonewall" Jackson was wounded in the Battle of Chancellorsville and treated at the field hospital at Ellwood. His arm was amputated and is buried in the cemetery there.

The National Park Service took possession of Ellwood in 1977 and in the summer of 1988, The Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, in partnership with the Park, opened the building to the public for the first time.

Those wishing to join in this visit to Ellwood (everyone interested is invited) can either meet at the Kemper Residence in Madison at 1:00pm on Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> and carpool as desired or meet at Ellwood at 2:00pm. Directions from Madison are North on Rt. 29 to Culpeper, east on Rt. 3 to the intersection of Rt.3 and Rt. 20, where there is a stoplight. Turn right on 20, proceed about 1 mile west and there is a Park sign on the left for Ellwood. From Orange proceed east on Route 20 and the Park sign for Ellwood will be on the right one mile before reaching Route 3. The home cannot be seen from the road



**EVERETTE WEAKLEY SPEAKS TO SOCIETY** 

With the sound of a train coming down the track Everette Weakley, a lifetime resident of Madison County, began his presentation on the Rapidan Railroad. Mr. Weakley remembers the train traveling through Wolftown during his childhood.

He said that the windows of the house shook as the train passed.

Everette has always had an interest in trains. When he read an article in the *Madison Eagle* written by former editor, Greg Glassner about the Rapidan Railroad he decided to try and build a model for his grandchildren. In researching the railroad he found that it had been chartered in 1920 by the West Virginia Timber Company. It traveled a route from Graves Mill to Orange crossing 100 different properties with a twenty-two foot right of way. The company was given five years to secure timber rights.

Several different engines were used by the company. They were a Shea #3, a Climax #7, a Highsmith, a 4-6-0 Baldwin and a Dinky which was used in the mountains to bring the logs out to the railcars. Mr. Weakley exhibited models of these engines along with other railroad memorabilia.

On April 2, 1920 the tracks crossed Mr. Weaver's property. On April 1, 1921 the first freight train brought fertilizer to Graves Mill. There were plans to expand the line all the way to Fredericksburg which never materialized. Instead they ended at the lumber mill in Orange. Mr. Weakley told tales of children riding home from school on the caboose and some young Madison boys who rode the handcar to Graves Mill. Some boys earned extra money keeping the engines going overnight. The train was occasionally used for freight to deliver mail. Operation ceased in December of 1924 and by 1927 the houses that had been owned by the railroad were sold. Many of the people who came from West Virginia with the railroad staved Mr. Weakley closed his in the area. presentation with a showing of "The Roaring 20's in Madison County" a video depicting his layout.

Several items from Mr. Weakley's collection are on exhibit at the Arcade Museum.



Members view Mr. Weakley's railroad memorabilia

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Margaret W. Jones has become a new member of the Society. We are happy to have you with us and hope you have a rewarding membership experience.

## 400 YEARS OF ENGLISH HYMNS IN AMERICA

The Heartland Campus Choir and The Three Angels' Chorale performed on Saturday May 19th at the Hebron Lutheran Church celebrating 400 years of English hymns in America. The program was wonderful and very moving. This event was co-sponsored by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society.

# TASTE OF THE MOUNTAINS STREET FESTIVAL

Taste of the Mountains Street Festival will be held on Saturday, September 1st. The Kemper Residence will be open to the public from 10AM to 4PM and volunteers are needed to help meet and greet our visitors. Call Rita Cunningham at 948-6542 and help to make this a fun day for everyone.



Front of Welch letter



Back of Welch letter

#### 1858 LETTER TO MADISON RESIDENT FOUND IN SOUTH AFRICA

Amateur philatelist Bill Clair of Warrenton was recently on a business trip to South Africa. While there he visited a fellow postal historian that he had met on the internet. After examining his vast collection "I felt somewhat duty bound to buy something as I had taken so much of his time and he was most generous in showing his award winning collection of South African postmarks" Clair said. So he happened to notice a binder labeled USA. At the front was a cover that had been mailed to a Madison VA address in 1858. In fact, Clair said it was only after some study that he noticed that it has been addressed to Madison Court House, Virginia. It appeared to have been sent by another Madison resident, who used the envelope to forward some cryptic notes - not unlike using the letter as a post card, a system not yet available in the US. On return, Clair contacted one of the Members of the Madison County Historical Society and was amazed at what its members were able to reconstruct from the markings on the envelope. Incidentally, the South African collector had no recollection of how or when the cover came into his possession, and in fact said that he had filed it away years previously with no idea of its possible historical interest.

The envelope is addressed to "Mr. Angus R. Blaky, (atto at Law), Madison CH. Va". On the side of the front of the envelope is written the return address of "T.N.Welch, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1858". There were no contents in the envelope when found. However, there are two short messages on the reverse side, indicating that it might have been used simply as a postcard. On the reverse side of the envelope is written "I have just had the rules suspended & two bills passed. They have gone to the Ho of delegates. T.N.W." also "The stony man mining co. will be enacted I hope on tomorrow. T.N.W."

Angus Rucker Blakey was born in Madison or Culpeper VA in 1816, the son of James D. Blakey and Margaret Rucker. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia. He was the Commonwealth's Attorney for Greene County for 24 years and for Madison County for 12 years [1]. He represented Madison County in the Virginia General Assembly in 1861. He voted in favor of Secession on April 17, 1861 [2]. He died in 1896, probably in Albemarle County.[1]. Thomas N. Welch is listed in the 1850 census as a 28 year old Lawyer living in Madison [3]. In 1852 he acquired some land at the north end of the Town of Madison. Between 1852 and 1857 he built the house currently referred to as the Kemper Residence on that land [4]. He represented Madison County in the Virginia Senate from 1856 to 1859. The Grantor's index for Madison County lists Thomas N. Welch as a grantor of numerous properties in various capacities between 1849 and 1904 [2].

Madison County Land Records for the 1850's list A. R. Blakey and T. N. Welch as co-owners of some property in "Poor Town", located 7 miles southeast of the town of Madison.

On March 27, 1858 the Virginia Legislature passed an act incorporating the Stonyman mining company in the counties of Madison, Page and Rappahannock, "for the purpose of mining, raising and smelting copper and other minerals." The principles were A.R.Blakey and A.G.Grinnan [5]. Stonyman, along with similar mines of the same era and general location, proved to be unsuccessful as mining operations;

their territories eventually formed the nucleus of Skyland in the Shenandoah National Park [6]. The envelope is on display in the Kemper Residence.

#### Sources:

- The Blakey Book being an account of those believed to be descended from Thomas and Susannah Blakey of Christ Church Parish Virginia. Compiled by Bernard Rucker ("B.B.") Blakey, November 1977
- Communication from Caroline Watts, Clerk of the Madison County Court
- 3. Communication from reference department of the Library of Virginia
- 4. Madison County Homes, A Collection of Pre-Civil War Homes and Family Heritages, by Vee Dove, 1975.
- 5. Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia passed in 1857-8.
- 6. <u>In the Light of the Mountain Moon, An</u>
  <u>Illustrated History of Skyland</u>, by Reed L.
  Engle, 2003.



# FUNDRAISER FOR THE SERVANTS' QUARTERS

In historic properties everywhere dependencies have suffered to a far greater extent than primary structures. Many fine old homes have survived but with the loss of some or all of the small surrounding buildings that made life in those homes possible. Only in a few instances, for example, Mount Vernon, can a visitor get a sense of the functioning of an 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century household. The Kemper House in Madison survived with its dependencies intact until the mid 20th century when the University of Virginia,

in creating a satellite campus, demolished the old kitchen and smokehouse in order to build the structure that now houses the County offices. Fortunately a few dependencies survived, including the law office and the servants' quarters.

In 1999 the Historical Society received a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to fund an architectural study of these two dependencies and estimation of restoration expenses. This work was performed by Doug Gilpin of the Charlottesville firm, Dalgliesh, Eichman, Gilpin & Paxton, and the report submitted in February 2000. The estimated expense for restoration of the law office was \$25,000 and for the servants' quarters \$50,000. The Historical Society then applied to private foundations for grant money to accomplish the restorations, and in 2002 received a grant from Richard and Caroline T. Gwathmev Memorial Trust. The amount was inadequate to restore the servants' quarters; however, with careful management, donations of services by Joe Wayner and other Historical Society members, and donation of 19th century bricks by Beau and Agnes Puryear, we were able to restore the law office.

The servants' quarters building is a log cabin with frame siding overlay. Most of the logs have termite damage so extensive that the building will need to be dismantled, new logs used and sound members reassembled. In addition, its chimney was taken down some years ago and will need to be rebuilt with 19<sup>th</sup> century bricks or modern replicas. The Historical Society will again apply for grant support. However, most foundations respond more readily to requests for projects that can demonstrate strong community support. With that in mind we are now planning a program to encourage contributions from our community.

To initiate the fundraising program restoration of the Servants' Quarters the Historical Society is working with the Blue Ridge Foothills Conservancy in planning a weekend of Trish Crowe. events at the Kemper House. Historical Society member and Vice President of BRFC. has organized this the BRFC/Historical Society fundraising event on September 7 and 8. There will be a "Black and White Dinner" on the evening of Friday, Sept. 7. The evening will begin with a reception at the

Madison Inn and then progress to Kemper where Frank Walker, in Confederate uniform, will greet the guests and dinner will be served under a tent in the back yard. An exhibit of Tucker Hill's prints (hence the name, Black and White) will be on exhibit, with prints for sale, in Kemper House. Guests will be able to view the exhibit prior to dinner. The Servants' Quarters and the Law Office will be open. Tucker will produce a poster for display at the servants' quarters, documenting the history of the building and requesting donations for its restoration. The price for the dinner is \$150/person. The speaker for the evening will be Ron Maxwell, producer of the films, Gettysburg and Gods and Generals. On Saturday, the 8th, from 2 to 6, there will be the annual meeting of the Blue Ridge Foothills Conservancy, a barbecue and music. charge for this is \$25/person. Tucker's prints will be on exhibit then as well. The speakers for Saturday are Bob Llewellyn and Avery Chenoweth, authors of a recent book on Music will be provided by the Jamestown. Possum Ridge String Band. One quarter of the net profit from the ticket sales for both evenings will come to the Historical Society for use in restoring the Servants' Quarters; the remainder will go to the Blue Ridge Foothills Conservancy. In addition Tucker has generously offered to donate 30% of all print sales to the restoration fund.

Everyone is encouraged to attend one of these two events and also to purchase a print by Tucker Hill or, if unable to do that, to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Servants' Quarters Restoration Fund.

#### **2008 ORNAMENT**

The crossroads of Rochelle is the 2008 Ornament and will be available at the Taste of the Mountains Street Festival. Cost will be \$11.00. Previous ornaments (Courthouse - 2002, Kemper Residence -2003, Arcade - 2004, Hebron Lutheran Church - 2005, Piedmont Episcopal Church - 2006, and Chestnut Grove Baptist Church - 2007) are also available and may be purchased at the Arcade. For more information call 948-5488.

# ART EXHIBIT AT GRAVES MILL CHAPEL

Historic Graves Mill Chapel was the setting for a Virginia quadricentennial celebration that featured the wonderfully evocative images of Madison County buildings and landscapes by local artist and Historical Society Board member, Tucker Hill. The Blue Ridge Foothills Conservancy and Piedmont Environmental Council joined with the Society in sponsoring this event.



Guests were treated to cello and violin music performed by Hannah and Ethan Wagner of Graves Mill and enjoyed lively conversation and reminiscences by long time residents.



A multitude of Madison residents and visitors enjoyed near perfect weather which allowed everyone to experience the exhibit and enjoy the camaraderie outside around the giant Virginia birthday cake.



Volunteers from the sponsoring organizations worked with the artist to transform the Chapel into a gallery to showcase the beautiful monotypes as well as displays focusing on the history of the Chapel and activities of the sponsoring organizations



# ARCADE MUSEUM AIDS RESEARCHER

Lt. Col. Jeff Riley, Field Historian with the History Division of the Marine Corps University at MCB Quantico, visited the Arcade Museum recently to research the role of Marines in building the roads to President Hoover's Camp in 1929. He had visited the Hoover Library before coming to the Arcade and said, "I will tell you that your society has preserved several stories which I did not find at the Hoover Library" He added, "We appreciate the hard work of local historical societies who often save things that others simply do not have an appreciation for and, years later, researchers like myself are

delighted to find these invaluable items." Much of the credit for Col. Riley's success in finding articles of interest about Hoover's Camp goes to Jan Harris, former Curator of the Arcade Museum.

#### . ARCADE DISPLAYS

As part of the Annual Germanna celebration, we have on display several old books which appear to have belonged to some of the early German settlers in Madison County.

There are two old German Psalm books. One has the name John Hufman 1772 written inside and the other has Joseph Hoffman written in ink. There is an *American Spelling Book* by Webster dated 1809 with the name 'Charles Huffman his book' written in ink. The other book is *Practical Arithmetic*.

Written inside are several names: John Fishback his book, cost 37 ½ cts, January 1832

William M. Fishback, Arithmetic 1832 cost 37 !/2 cts. Also Bob Clore and Andrew Carpenter.

There is also a *History of the Church of Christ* by Rev. Joseph Milner. Written inside:

Bettie F. Hoffman, Mollie T. Crow and Howard S. Hoffman.

These books and our old German 'Bank' trunk were bought at a "Hoffman" auction by Mrs. Philip Morrison and given to the Historical Society in 1980. The Museum in the Arcade is open on Tues, Thurs and Fri from 10am until 2pm. Come visit us soon.

### **MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS**

The Historical Society is grateful to its faithful volunteers who are committed to keeping the museum open each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We can use some additional workers, so keep the history of the County in mind as you make your plans for the fall months. Newcomers will find this a great way to learn about the county's history and for the volunteers that grew up here an opportunity to share what they know. We also learn from the visitors who come through the door. What better way to give back to the community?

We will provide training soon for new folks who plan to come on board so do get in touch with us. One day per month from 10:00 until

2:00 would be greatly appreciated. Please call Emily Williams at 825 – 7503.

### MADISONIANS GREET GERMANNA VISITORS

About thirty local folks gathered at the Hebron Lutheran Church to greet the 40 visitors from various parts of the country who returned for the three day Germanna Foundation reunion. One day each year is designated for a tour to Madison to see where their ancestors lived before heading west to other parts of the country. The tour was centered at the Hebron Church where the Second Germanna Colony worshipped. The ladies of the church provided the annual lunch after the group toured the Hebron Valley, Haywood, Criglersville, Wolftown and Hood.

The Wolftown and Hood part of the tour was important because it provided the tour participants an opportunity to walk on the ground that was the MOST WESTERN PART OF THE GERMANNA FRONTIER in 1728. This most western 1728 land grant of the pioneer Michael Holt was on the present-day farm of David and Betty McMullen. There were English land grants visible all around from this spot.

There was a Michael Holt descendent on the tour, who, like so many others, was speechless! Michael Holt obtained his first land grant in 1726, that being the adjoining eastern tract, recently sold to the Acorn Winery by three sisters of the Weaver family. Michael Holt was one of three to go back to Germany to find a minister and to raise money for the church. However, the new minister died on the return trip, but enough money was raised to construct the Hebron Lutheran Church in 1740. Although Michael Holt purchased additional land from the English that surrounded him, he left in 1755 to settle further west.

To view German Ridge the tour bus traveled through Wolftown (known in its earlier days as Rapidan and Thoroughfare) and turned around at Hood, which was settled by the English in the earlier days, but German settlers soon bought in this area also.

When the visitors on the bus arrived at The Hebron Church Madisonians greeted them with a warm "WILKOMMEN DAHEIM" (welcome home) banner. Cousins with the same family

names were matched with one another for lunch. Family lines were connected and extended. Bill Crigler, Member of the Madison County Board of Supervisors and a Germanna descendant, greeted them as did Nancy Knighting, Vice Mayor of the Town of Madison; Rita Cunningham, President of the Madison County Historical Society and Tracey Williams, Director of Tourism. Well known Historian John Blankenbaker gave a talk on the history of the church and the Germanna Settlers.

The afternoon provided an opportunity for visiting the Court House, Eagle House, Arcade Museum, Library, Kemper Residence and its restored Law Office. The old German custom of waving a white table cloth to say goodbye took place on the porch of the Kemper Residence as the bus pulled away.

Members of the Madison County Historical Society were very supportive throughout the tour.



Front and obverse view of key chain

### **MADISON KEY CHAIN**

Among the items available for sale in the communities supporting the Jamestown 2007 festivities is a key chain with the 2007 Jamestown logo on one side and "The Legacies of Jamestown: Representative Government, Rule of Law, Free Enterprise" on the other. The Historical Society decided to offer this item for sale at the Arcade, but to replace the Legacies of Jamestown with the Madison County Courthouse. The company distributing the items

for America's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was happy to work with us. Accordingly, Tucker Hill took a photograph of the courthouse. This was sent to the design studio in South Carolina where an artist rendered the likeness into a form that could be used to construct a die. That work was approved by the Historical Society and one hundred key chains were cast. These are available at the Arcade for \$10 each, mementos not only of America's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary but also of Madison County.

#### **KEMPER TEA**

Fall Tea at the Kemper Residence will be held on September 26th at 12:30 o'clock. The menu will feature a delicious assortment of scones, tea breads, tea sandwiches, sweets and fruits. The special Kemper House Tea will be served and will also be available for sale. Reservations are required and may be made by calling Rita Cunningham at 948-6542. Cost for this exciting repast is \$18.00 per person.



Portrait of Judge Hay from Arcade Collection

### JUDGE HAY'S RECOLLECTIONS

One of Madison County's more illustrious residents was Judge James Hay who lived across from the Piedmont Episcopal Church where Jane and Willie Lamar now live. A native of Clarke County, Judge Hay came to Madison in 1879 to practice law. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and of Washington and Lee University where he received his law degree in 1877. Madison must have had some attraction to him because, after

practicing law in Harrisonburg for two years, he came here and became Commonwealth attorney, a position which he held for thirteen years. The attraction may have been for a Madison County native, Miss Eloise McRae Cave, who became his bride. She was the daughter of William Jones Cave and Mary Frances "Mollie" Bouton who lived at "Neala". Before being appointed judge, James Hay had a lengthy political career. In 1885, he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates from the 7th District where he served for two terms. He was elected to the State Senate in 1893. In 1897, he was elected to Congress from Madison County, a position he held until his resignation in October of 1916. During his service in Congress, he was the chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs. It was James Hay who wrote and guided through Congress (1915-16) the bill that called for preparedness of the military in case of war, a war that came soon enough. James Hay resigned from Congress on October 1, 1916, to accept the appointment of Associate Justice of the United States Court of Claims made by President Woodrow Wilson. He held this position until 1927. He died in Madison on June 12, 1931, and is buried in Cedar Hill

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displayed in the Madison County Court House. His recollections of the town of Madison follow.

Cemeterv.

His portrait is still prominently

About forty-eight years ago, I first saw Madison Courthouse, as it was then known. And it has occurred to me that it would be of interest to many of our people to know something of the place and its people at that period. Forty-eight years bring about many changes and there are very few people now living in Madison who can recall how the town looked and who lived in it in 1879.

It was in June 1879, I first saw the village. From Edmond Jefferson's shop to the Colored Church, it stretched for at least a mile along the Blue Ridge Turnpike. As you entered it from Gordonsville you saw the blacksmith shop on your left, who lived in the house now owned by John Jefferson on the right of the road I have

forgotten. At the other end of town where the roads fork, one continuing along the Blue Ridge Turnpike to Criglersville, and the other going to Culpeper, stood, on the left the Colored Church while opposite to it was Cedar Hill Cemetery. George W. Smith's shop and residence were the next buildings on the right going from Criglersville to the Courthouse; opposite was what is now the Lutheran Parsonage, but in that day was the property of Mrs. Theophilus Smoot, who had been the widow Garnett before she married Mr. Smoot. Next on the left lived Governor James L. Kemper, the property is now owned by the Reverend and Mrs. W.A. Christian, the latter being the daughter of the late Judge F.M. McMullan, who purchased the property upon the removal of Governor Kemper to Orange County. Next on the same side of the street came the Methodist Parsonage; then the residence of Reverend Thomas F. Grimsley, now owned and occupied by Mr. C.L. Simpson, next was the home of Mrs. W.L. Early, now the home of Mrs. Minnie Thrift. The next building on that side of the street was the Presbyterian Church. Then came the home of Mr. Wm. E. Banks, now the property of Miss Minnie Crisler. Next came the John Payne property, now the home of Mr. E.T. Krider, there was at that time no store house on the site which is now occupied by E.T. Krider & Co. The next building on the same side was the Madison House, a part of which was said to be the oldest building in town, it was owned and operated by McRae Wilhoite, and afterwards by A.R. Thomas; some years ago it was burned and the Carpenter Motor Company has built on the site, its attractive garage and storehouse. Next to the hotel in those days was the drug store of Dr. Walker Jones, a small building, and very different from the home of the Madison Drug Company, which now occupies the same site, and which took the place of the store of E.D. Weaver, the latter store was destroyed by fire at the same time as the burning of the hotel. Next came an old storehouse which in 1879, was occupied by W.E. Banks, who was then closing out his business there; the old storehouse has been occupied as a store by many merchants, the best known of whom was perhaps N.W. Crisler of the firm, Jackson, Crisler & Co. The handsome bank building now stands where the old storehouse stood for so many years

Back of the Payne property was the home of Mr. Larkin E. Jackson, now owned by Mr. J.H. Behind the old storehouse above Lillard. referred to was a small storehouse, then occupied by Mrs. R.A. Jackson; and adjoining that was the jail lot; in those days the jailor lived in the jail. The jail then was of brick construction painted white, and it had rooms for the accommodation of the jailor, who was at the time M. S.H. Thomas (Sam). Across from the jail and on one corner of the public square was the home of Mrs. George R. Teasley. The road from the public square east was then called Church Street, and on the road within sight of the courthouse was the Harrison property, in which at that time, Joseph Hall lived. It is now owned and occupied by Judge James Hay.

On the corner of the square across from the jail stands the old Finks house; in 1879 it was occupied by one Goldback, whose first name I do not recall, he kept a little store in the room which had been used as such since the house was built. The property is now owned and occupied by Mrs. D.M. Pattie. Next on the same side of the street was the home of Dr. Walker Jones, now the residence of Mr. N.G. Payne. Then came the Willis house which in 1879 was not occupied; it is now the home of Mrs. R.A. Hoffman. Across and alley from the Willis house was the property at that time owned by Dr. Hiram W. Gordon, but then unoccupied, now owned and occupied by Mr. Hubert Marshall. The Anderson house came next then lived in by Mrs. Wayman and her daughter Mrs. Anderson. These ladies are dead, and the house is vacant, and the property uncared for. I think the next house was then known as the Gully house, but am not sure. It is now owned and occupied by Mr. Will A. Cook. Next was the Bledsoe house, then occupied by Mr. William and Mr. George W. Bledsoe, it is now owned by Mrs W.H. Hoffman. Then came the house of Miss Louisa Schroffe, which is now the Baptist parsonage. Then came the property of William Noah Gordon, a prosperous colored man, at that day there was not storehouse on it, now it is owned and occupied by Finks Gordon who runs a store. A little back from the street and adjoining the Gordon property was the old Gray house in which lived a colored man named John Red Jackson (To be continued)

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	\$20
Partner	\$100 to \$249	Single	\$10
Friend	\$50 to \$99	Student	\$5

Membership applications are available at the Arcade and the Kemper Residence. For more information call the Society Office at 540-948-5488 and leave your name, telephone number, and address. We will send you a membership application or return your call to answer your questions.

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