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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## JIM LILLARD SPEAKER AT NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 2012 MCHS QUARTERLY MEETING



Local resident Jim Lillard

On Sunday November 18, 2012, Jim Lillard, Commander, Kemper-Fry-Strother Camp Number 19, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will speak at the quarterly meeting of the Madison County Historical Society. Mr. Lillard's presentation is entitled "Civil War Crossings" and is a power point presentation about the engineers in the Civil War and how they trained, fought and built the pontoon bridges, timber bridges, stone bridges and other works and includes many pictures from the Library of Congress. Jim has made this presentation to other organizations, SCV Camps and Historical Societies where it has been very well received.

Mr. Lillard, a lifelong resident of Madison County, is recently retired from the Virginia Department of Transportation as a Bridge Safety Engineer and is presently part owner and principle inspector for Piedmont Bridge Inspection Service. He is a twenty year member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a forty year collector and hunter of civil war relics, and a several year member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. In February of this year he gave a power point presentation to the Madison County Historical Society entitled "Mountain Memories" designed specifically for the Society. It is the story of the families who lived in our local mountains before those parts of the mountains became a portion of the Shenandoah National Park. It was excellent.

Mr. Lillard's presentations are informative, interesting and fun, and "Civil War Crossings" will be of utmost interest to everyone. The meeting will be held in the County Administrative Offices auditorium at 2pm Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided in the Kemper Residence next door following the presentation.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Members of the Society will elect four members to the Board of Directors at the general membership meeting scheduled for February 17, 2013. The Board consists of twelve members, each serving staggered three-year terms, so that four memberships expire each year. Article IV, Section 3. of the Society's By-Laws states:

The Board of Directors shall be elected by the general membership. One third of the Board shall be elected at the first

designated regular membership meeting of the calendar year. A Nominating Committee shall nominate members. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Any one so nominated must have agreed in writing to serve prior to the nomination. A Board member whose term has expired may be re-elected.

As noted above, in addition to nominations by the nominating committee, a member can run for a seat on the Board by submitting his or her desire in writing prior to the general membership meeting. These can be submitted to a current Board member or by mailing them to the Society at P.O. Box 467, Madison, VA.

The current members of the Board are as follows, with the year of their term expiration in parentheses: Linwood Imlay (2013), Maxwell Lacy (2013), Carole Milks (2013), Roger Schreiner (2013), Tommy Ford (2014), Bill Scholten (2014), Sandy Stowe (2014), Beppy White (2014), Penn Bowers (2015), Jean Busboso (2015), Carroll Good (2015), and Bill Tidball (2015).

The full content of the By-Laws can be accessed on the Society's web page:

[www.madisonvahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.madisonvahistoricalsociety.org).

## HISTORY OF THE MANAHOAC PRESENTED AT QUARTERLY MEETING



Dr. Carole Nash

Our speaker at the August 19<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting of the Madison County Historical Society was Dr. Carole Nash, a Middle Atlantic archeologist who specializes in Native American

studies. The topic of her talk was "The Historic Manahoac Indians of the Upper Rappahannock." Using pictures, maps and diagrams, Dr. Nash explained to the Society how references to identified Indian communities in this region are extremely limited after the first documented European encounter with the Manahoac of the upper Rappahannock River Valley in 1608. Court records, however, as late as the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century include cases involving "Sapony" who were arrested for a variety of crimes against frontier English and German settlements. Analysis of the locations of these incidents in relation to archeologically known Late Woodland or Contact Period sites, demonstrates that several ancestral Manahoac settlement areas were cores around which small, family based groups continued to live for decades. This was after the Manahoac as a people are believed to have abandoned the Piedmont and migrated northward with the Tuscarora.

Dr. Nash has spoken to us before and her presentations are always interesting, informative and well attended.

## GROUP FROM WESTMINSTER- CANTERBURY TOURS MADISON



Tour Group at the Arcade Museum

On Monday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, the Historical Society hosted a group of ladies from Westminster/Canterbury in Charlottesville who wanted to come to Madison for a tour of the Arcade, Main St. and Piedmont Episcopal Church. The event was planned by Susan Hull Bagby with Beppy White conducting the tour. Beppy boarded their small bus when they arrived at the Arcade at 10:30 and directed the driver

south on Main St. She pointed out buildings and homes and gave some interesting information about each. On the way back north on Main St. they turned onto Church St. and stopped at Piedmont Church. All went inside and enjoyed hearing stories about this beautiful old church.

Back on the bus to go north on Main St. to Kemper and the county offices (did not get out) and back up to the Arcade Museum. The ladies went inside and looked at the exhibits before leaving for lunch at the Pig and Steak.

After lunch Susan took them to Graves Mill to see where she grew up and to visit Graves Mill Chapel.

## **TENTH ANNIVERSARY TEA, OCTOBER 3, 2012**



Jane Burdette raffle winner

October 3rd marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the series of fund raising teas at the Kemper Residence. Proceeds from the teas have been a major source of support for projects of the historical society.

Ten years ago, in the Fall of 2002, Rita Cunningham, who was then president of the Madison County Historical Society, suggested a new project: holding a luncheon tea in the Kemper Residence. The project would bring a social event into our treasured historic building,

much as its former residents, James Lawson Kemper and his wife, Belle, had hosted in the middle 19th Century. An added purpose was to provide an opportunity for members of the community to contribute funds to help support the Society.

We planned the first tea with a great deal of uncertainty. Those original sponsors supplied tea cups, plates and teapots from their homes to serve the guests. The event was so well received that we planned another one the following January, and thanks to generous support from the community, a tradition was begun.

Through the years we have hosted 23 teas, which provided \$13,179 for the Madison County Historical Society. Over this decade, thoughtful donors have filled the tables with lovely antique plates, teacups and tea pots, so we now have a permanent collection to use for the teas.

As we reviewed tea records, we discovered that several food items became staples, and have been served at every one of the teas. For this anniversary occasion, we also brought back a few other items that were served at that first tea.

Great appreciation goes to those in the community who have attended the teas through the years, and encouraged us to continue. The project is possible only through their support and the enthusiastic leadership of the Kemper Team. We look forward to the second decade of Kemper Teas!

There were several special touches for the birthday celebration, including a "cake" made from flowers. A drawing was held at the end of the tea and Jane Burdette, one of the guests from Culpeper, took home the floral "cake". A special toast was raised in honor of the celebration with sparkling wine donated by Prince Michel Winery.

The ten chefs who prepare all food for these events are pleased to host members of the community in the historic building, much as its former residents, James Lawson Kemper and his wife, Belle Cave Kemper had done in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century.

If you would like to plan ahead and attend the spring tea, mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 27, 2013. You may make reservations beginning March 1.

## LAKE OF THE WOODS QUESTERS VISIT MADISON



On a beautiful fall day in October the Lake of the Woods Questers came to Madison. Their first stop was the Kemper Residence where they were met by Jim Lillard and Beppy White. Jim told them all about James Lawson Kemper and his time living in Madison.

Mary Haught then invited them into the Residence for a tour of the house. She did a wonderful job of telling them more about the family. She and Jill Schreiner explained how the home had been restored and furnished. Unfortunately we have no original Kemper family furnishings but several groups and individuals (UDC, Madison Garden Club, Steve Hoffman, E. A. Clore, etc) have generously donated or loaned all furnishings in the house.



Jim talked to the group again in the English basement before Beppy led them outside to see the Law Office used by Kemper and his partner Francis McMullen and the servants' cabin.

The ladies then followed Beppy up Main St. to the Arcade Museum. They spent some time looking at the exhibits before walking down to the Madison Inn for lunch.

Joan Tanner promised to open her Feed Store Antiques for them to explore after lunch.

## VISITORS GREETED BY GENERAL AND MRS. KEMPER



Dr. and Mrs. Daniel DeSantis portray James and Belle Kemper During the Taste of The Mountains street festival on September 1st, General and Mrs. Kemper (as portrayed by Dr. and Mrs. Daniel DeSantis of New Hope, PA) greeted visitors to the Kemper Residence, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The General and his wife treated visitors to interesting stories about the General's life and history, and the family's time spent in the Residence

Remember the Society when doing your Christmas shopping. Purchases can be made during the Arcade Museum's hours (T, Th, F 10:00am – 2:00pm) or you may make purchases on line at:

<http://www.madisonvahistoricalsociety.org/>

MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRICE LIST			
ITEM	Full Price		
	Price	Tax	Total
<b>ORNAMENTS</b>			
Society Ornament – any year	\$10.00	\$0.50	\$10.50
Jamestown Medallion Key Chain	\$8.00	\$0.40	\$8.40
<b>BOOKS</b>			
<i>Adopted Son</i> By Greg Glassner	\$12.00	\$0.60	\$12.60
<i>Madison County, A Revised History</i> By Margaret Davis	\$15.00	\$0.75	\$15.75
<i>Madison County Land Grants 1722-1865</i> By Dewey Lillard	\$25.00	\$1.25	\$26.25
<i>Shenandoah National Park and its Neighbors</i>	\$21.99	\$1.10	\$23.09
<i>President and Mrs. Hoover's Rapidan Camp</i>	\$1.00	\$0.05	\$1.05
<i>Ask for Nothing</i> By Maxine Weaver Crane	\$18.00	\$0.90	\$18.90
<i>A Sky-Line Drive</i> by Reed Engle	\$16.95	\$0.85	\$17.80
<i>Everything Was Wonderful</i> by Reed Engle	\$16.95	\$0.85	\$17.80
<i>Light of the Mountain. Moon</i> by Reed Engle	\$16.95	\$0.85	\$17.80
<i>In the Shadow of Ragged Mountain</i> By Audrey Horning	\$16.95	\$0.85	\$17.80
<i>The Dean Mountain. Story</i> by Gloria Dean	\$5.50	\$0.28	\$5.78
<i>Lewis Mountain Man</i> by John Stoneberger	\$8.00	\$0.40	\$8.40
<i>Shenandoah Secrets</i> by C & J Reeder	\$13.95	\$0.70	\$14.65
<i>Shenandoah National Park Undying Past</i> By Darwin Lambert	\$19.95	\$1.00	\$20.95
<i>Walking Tour of Madison County</i>	\$2.00	\$0.10	\$2.10
<i>Madison County Almanac 1907</i>	\$4.50	\$0.23	\$4.73
<i>Madison County Directory 1896</i>	\$4.50	\$0.23	\$4.73
<i>Bicentennial Plate</i>	\$10.00	\$0.50	\$10.50
<i>1776 Map Culpeper, Madison, Rappahannock</i>	\$10.00	\$0.50	\$10.50
<i>Note Cards (Arcade) - per package</i>	\$1.00	\$0.05	\$1.05
<i>Note Cards – Photos</i> by Martha Cornwell	\$1.25	\$0.06	\$1.31
<i>Legacy of the Land note cards, series 1</i>	\$15.00	\$0.75	\$15.75
<i>Legacy of the Land note cards, series 2</i>	\$15.00	\$0.75	\$15.75
<i>Sheet Music – Madison Song</i>	\$1.25	\$0.06	\$1.31
<i>Madison County Calendar - any year</i>	\$2.00	\$0.10	\$2.10
<i>Indian Tribes Puzzle</i>	\$16.00	\$0.80	\$16.80
<i>Twelve Generation Family Charts</i>	\$4.00	\$0.20	\$4.20
<i>Madison County Images of America</i>			\$23.00

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](http://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](mailto:madisonhistory@verizon.net).

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