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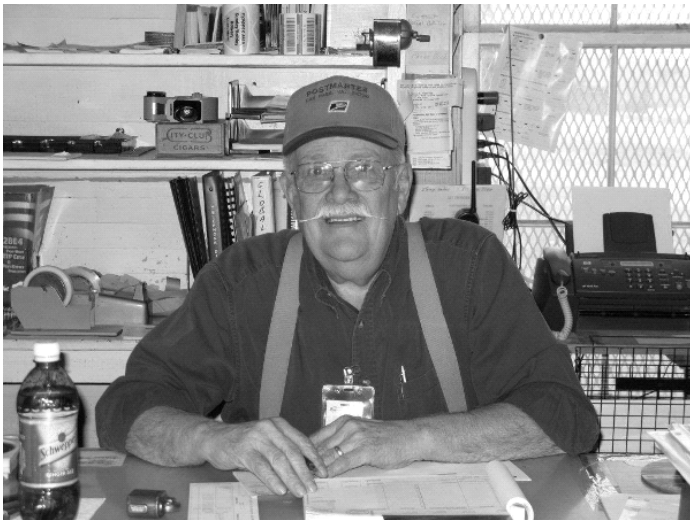
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MAX LACY TO SPEAK AT FEBRUARY MEETING



Max Lacy at the Oak Park Post Office

Our speaker for the February 16th quarterly meeting of the Madison County Historical Society will be Maxwell Lacy. Maxwell is a Madison County native and fourth generation Lacy postmaster at Oak Park. The topic of his power point presentation is "Madison County Post Offices Then and Now" and will be a history of Post Offices in Madison County since the county was formed in 1792. In the power point presentation there will be post marks, pictures and other items of interest from all of the Post Offices that have existed in Madison County. He will also have on hand for guests to view a list of all the Postmasters who have served in Madison County to date. Beginning in 1866, Mr. Lacy's great grandmother, grandfather, father and he himself have served the Oak Park Post Office. Maxwell has been involved in community service organizations in Madison all of his adult life

including, the Jaycees, Youth Sports, Senior Center and is presently a Madison County Historical Society Board member. He is a member of Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Oak Park and is President of its Men's group which has adopted the Madison Senior Center as one of its main missions. The meeting will be held in the county administrative offices auditorium at 2:00pm Sunday, February 16th. Everyone is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided in the Kemper Residence next door following the presentation.

GREG HOSAFLOOK SPEAKER AT NOVEMBER MEETING.



Greg Hosaflook exhibits saddle

Our speaker for the November 17th quarterly meeting of the MCHS was Greg Hosaflook, a Louisa County native with a lifetime interest in Civil War history. The title of his presentation was "Collecting the Civil War- an Artifact

Sampler.” It was a fascinating presentation of a wide range of Civil War items which he displayed and about which he talked. The items included letters sent through the Confederate Postal system, many types of guns and swords which were used by soldiers in the War, Confederate currency and soldier’s equipment of many kinds. On display was a uniform with the accouterments of a cavalry soldier and also an actual cavalry saddle which a union soldier had sent to his father for safekeeping and the letter which the soldier had written to his father concerning the use and care of the saddle. It was an excellent show and tell presentation and the audience was able to view and discuss the items with Mr. Hosaflook after the program.

JACK’S SHOP DVDS

A limited number of the Jack’s Shop DVD set will be available for sale at the Society’s Membership Meeting on Sunday, February 16. The cost for each set is \$21.06, payable by check or with exact change, please. One DVD in the set features photography by John Berry and Pat Temples of the commemoration events on September 21, 2013. Recordings of lectures by Frank Walker, Prof. Ervin L. Jordan of UVA, Jim Lillard, and Harold Woodward, Jr. make up the other.

The DVDs may also be obtained by contacting the Arcade Museum on Main Street in Madison after the museum reopens in March 2014.

Call 540-948-5488 (leave message if there is no answer) or send an email message to madisonhistory@verizon.net

2013 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE SOON

The 2013 Annual Report of the Madison County Historical Society will soon be available. The Annual Report comprises a summary of information published in the 2013 Newsletters, plus a financial report for the year. In order to reduce printing and mailing costs, copies will be distributed only by request. When completed the report will be posted on the Society’s web page, Madisonvahistoricalsociety.org, and can then be viewed on-line by clicking on Newsletter and selecting 2013 Annual Report. Email or printed copies can be requested by emailing madisonhistory@verizon.net or phoning 540-

948-5488 (leave a message if no one answers). The financial report for 2013 is printed on page 5.

THE KEMPER RESIDENCE IS FOR RENT!!!

As you and your friends plan for upcoming events, remember the Kemper Residence is available to rent at very reasonable prices. Madison’s historic treasure has been the setting over the past few months for a wedding rehearsal dinner, bridal showers, church meetings and open houses.

One frequent renter for a ladies’ church group wrote recently: *“I just wanted to take a minute to thank you and the rest of the Kemper Board for the use of the facility for our annual Christmas gathering. It is something the ladies look forward to each year. It feels like we step back in time to celebrate an old fashioned Christmas! Thanks again for everything, and Lord willing, we will see you again next year!”*

If you are thinking of hosting, or helping plan an event, let me know. I will be happy to work with you as needed. We offer rental rates for use of the Meeting Room and kitchen or the entire main floor. Separately, you can rent just the lower level – or the entire house is available at a bargain rate. Every penny of the rental fees goes directly to support the Madison County Historical Society.

Mary W. Haught, Manager, The Kemper Residence 547-3503 maryhaught@hughes.net

SPRING LUNCHEON TEA SCHEDULED FOR APRIL

Mark your calendar for the Spring Tea scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at 12:30 p.m. Reservations will be accepted beginning March 1, and if the response is anything like recent teas, it will be important to reserve your place early.

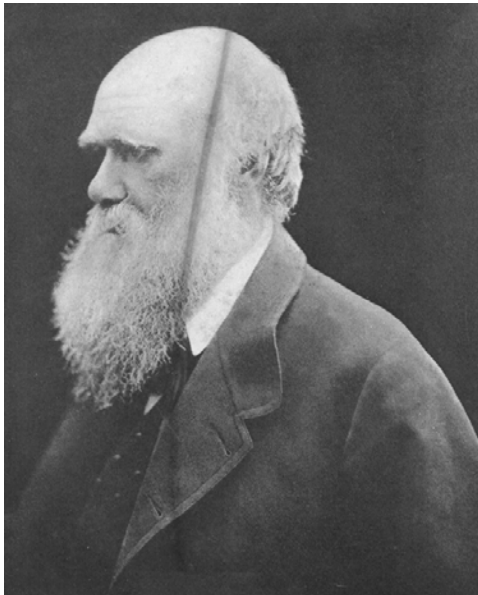
As in years past, the hosts will offer a menu of scones, sweets, savories, mini-sandwiches, cheese wafers and other tasty foods, accompanied by cups of delicious Kemper House tea.

“Spring weather should be in the air by the first of April, and enjoying this popular lunchtime experience in a warm, historic setting at the

Kemper Residence is a perfect way to welcome Spring,” said Mary Haught, tea coordinator. “We are still keeping the price of the tea at \$20,” she said. The food is prepared, donated and served by volunteers, so all proceeds are contributions to the Madison County Historical Society.

To make a reservation for the Spring Tea beginning March 1, call 547-4398 and leave a message with your name, telephone number and the number of reservations you are requesting. You will receive a return call to confirm. You may call the same number with questions, or email maryhaught@hughes.net.

PORTTRAITS



Charles Darwin

Credit for the identity of our mystery portraits goes to Ann Miller —many thanks Ann. Ann informed us that the two images are celebrity photographs from the later 19th century (I'd guess the 1870s or 1880s). The older man with the beard is Charles Darwin (as in theory of evolution). The slightly younger man with the wavy hair is the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, probably one of the most famous preachers of the era. People then often collected photos of famous people or places to display in their homes (prints, engravings, chromos, etc. served a similar, although often more decorative, purpose). Sometimes these photos were used as “props” for discussions, sometimes these were hung or set in prominent places because the house owner admired the individual or place shown, or because they wanted to make plain

that they were well educated or current with important events or personages. This practice continued well into the 20th century.



Henry Ward Beecher

MYSTERY PICTURE



This is another unidentified picture from our collection. Can anyone tell us who is in the truck?

You may call 948-5488 and leave a message or email beppy@usa.com.

We would still like to scan your old Madison County pictures to add to our collection. Please bring them to the Arcade Museum during museum hours. (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00am to 2:00pm). The Museum will reopen on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Society since the last newsletter:

- Arlene Aylor
- Charles E. & Thelma J. Slaughter
- William & Linda Bazzle
- Margaret McFarland
- Virginia Lillard
- Florence Morgan
- Bryan Mitchell

We are happy to have you with us and hope you have a rewarding membership experience.

You should have received your 2014 membership renewal letter. If you have already paid your dues, we thank you. If not, we hope you will consider renewing your membership.

COLONIAL DAYS AT WAVERLY YOWELL SCHOOL



Sandy Stowe, Pat Lattin and Beppy White showing the 4th graders how soap and butter were made the old way.

The Madison County Historical Society sponsored an educational event that depicted crafts and demonstrations of what life was like during colonial times in America. Students had been studying Colonial history and this program kind of brought those lessons to real life. This is the 3rd year that we have done this program, so the teachers and demonstrators were very valuable in making this happen. Thanks to all of the volunteers, teachers, and demonstrators, the program was a huge success. The students were very inquisitive and seemed to really enjoy what was done for them. The program was held

on Nov. 26, 2013, which was the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Demonstrations and work stations included: Pauline Racer and Frances Lacy - quilting; Candice Fountain and Connie Deatherage - spinning and weaving; Clyde Jenkins - basket making; Steve Hoffman - shingle making; Melondy Phillips - deer hide tanning; Beppy White, Sandy Stowe, and Pat Lattin - soap making and butter churning; and Max Lacy - outdoor cooking. Several things that were to be done outside had to be inside; other activities were cancelled because of the rain.

ARCADE MUSEUM EXPANSION

The Historical Society is starting a process of investigating the possibility of enclosing the archway of the Arcade Building to provide additional museum exhibit space. As you all know, the exhibit space at the museum is very limited, particularly for handicapped visitors. Last year the Society investigated the availability of other spaces in the town for museum expansion, and for various reasons none were found suitable. As a result, expansion into the archway is the only identifiable option at present. There are a lot of issues to address in this process including impact to the historical building, costs, code requirements, and utilization of such additional space. We have recently signed a new lease agreement with the County with the understanding that the Society may modify the Archway for exhibit space (with County approval of the project design). We have had preliminary discussions with the County Building Inspector on what the code requirements might be. To date, we have not yet consulted with any architects to assist us with such a project. Should you know of any architects or other professionals that might be able to assist with this project, please contact the Society. Since the Arcade Building is an historical building, the overriding concern on our part would be minimal impact to the building, its appearance, and performing any construction in such a way that the building could be restored to its original configuration sometime in the future should other exhibit space become available.

2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

Account Balances	12/31/2012	12/31/2013
Checking Account	\$5,379.79	\$6,181.55
Money Market Account	\$27,208.91	\$27,237.33
OVERALL TOTAL	\$32,588.70	\$33,418.88

INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 2013

INCOME

Dues	\$7,554.83
Funds	
Museum Exhibits Fund	(\$105.30)
General Donations	\$268.00
Interest Inc	\$28.42
Jack's shop DVD	\$1,403.58
Kemper Income	
Kemper Rent	\$701.25
Kemper Tea	\$1,830.00
Museum Income	
Gift Shop Sales	\$1,192.71
Royalties	\$195.72
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,069.21

EXPENSES

Arcade Building	
Arcade Electric	\$2,209.78
Arcade Maintenance	\$310.13
Arcade Security	\$250.80
Arcade Telephone	\$959.27
Arcade Water & Sewer	\$363.72
General Operating Expenses	
Newsletter	\$504.50
Office Supplies	\$325.32
Other	\$370.65
Postage	\$373.46
Printer Supplies	\$212.68
USPS Box Rental	\$58.00
Insurance	\$710.00
Jack's Shop DVD	\$2,050.00
Kemper Residence	
Kemper Maintenance	\$2,576.02
Kemper Security	\$350.80
Kemper Tea Expenses	\$137.95
Kemper Telephone	\$420.57
Museum	
Sales Tax Payment	\$55.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,239.03
INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	\$830.18

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.

Memberships expire at the end of the calendar year. 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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