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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MOSBY'S RANGERS TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2015 MEETING



Eric Buckland

Our speaker for the February 22, 2015 quarterly meeting of the Madison County Historical Society will be Eric W. Buckland and the subject of his talk will be "Mosby's Rangers," one of the most famous units of the Civil War. Colonel John Singleton Mosby, commander of the 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry has had several books written about him and remains the "face" of the command and its only commander. It must be remembered however, that there would never have been a "Mosby" had it not been for the men (Mosby Men) who rode with him.

No military leader achieves greatness without having singularly outstanding and talented subordinates executing his orders and such was the case with Mosby. Colonel Mosby was extremely fortunate in the quality of the men who joined his command- men who after the war

went on to become noted physicians, lawyers, ministers, lawmen and millionaires.

The stories about the men who rode with Mosby add a palpable human aspect to the Civil War and to the America that developed after it. Mr. Buckland will tell us these stories.

Mr. Buckland received a B.A. degree in English from the University of Kansas in 1977 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1999, having spent the majority of his military career in Special Operations with assignments in Special Forces, Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs. He is currently employed at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy as an International Policy Analyst.

Mr. Buckland has written five books about some of the men who rode with the 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry. These include Mosby's Keydet Rangers which tells the stories of 58 men who matriculated at the Virginia Military Institute and rode with the 43rd. The four book Mosby Men series together tell the stories of another 120 Rangers.

Mr. Buckland and his wife Maureen have three sons and reside in Centerville, VA.

The meeting will be held in the County Administrative Offices auditorium at 2pm Sunday February 22nd. 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 22, 2015. 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.

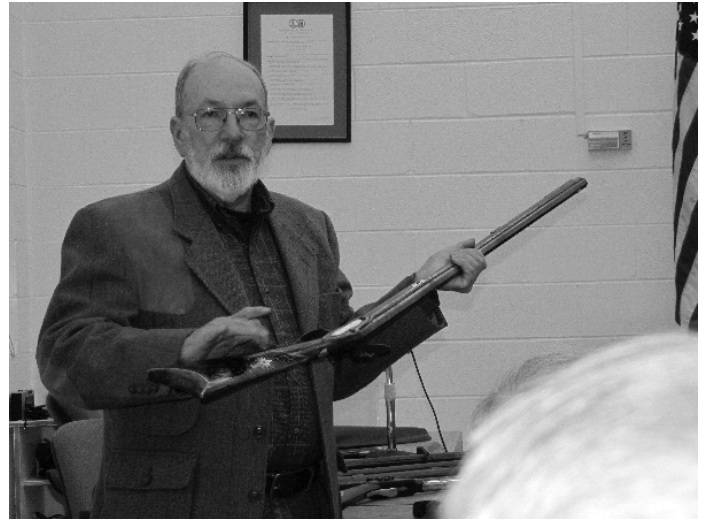
The current members of the Board are as follows, with the year of their term expiration in parentheses: John Berry (2015), Penn Bowers (2015), Jean Busboso (2015), Judy Mahanes (2015), Maxwell Lacy (2016), Pat Lattin (2016), Carole Milks (2016), Roger Schreiner (2016), Marise Craig (2017), Rosa Page (2017), Sandy Stowe (2017), and Beppy White (2017).

The full content of the By-Laws can be accessed on the Society's web page at: www.madisonvahistoricalsociety.org.

MEMBERSHIP

We do not have any new members to the Society this past quarter. Membership renewals were sent in the mail in early December. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2015, please do so at your earliest opportunity.

GORDON LOHR'S RIFLES



Gordon Lohr exhibits one of his rifles

Our speaker for the November 16th quarterly meeting of the Madison County Historical Society was Mr. Gordon Lohr who gave us an excellent presentation on the history and evolution of the early "Virginia Rifle."

Mr. Lohr is a native of Madison County and has always had as his avocation the collecting and restoration of antiques. He began collecting 17th and 18th century antiques as a young man and acquired his first antique rifle at the age of ten. Over time he has acquired many of the various rifles about which he spoke and used them to illustrate the characteristics and manufacture of the early Virginia rifle, known as the "Kentucky" style.

The originals were German made and brought to the colonies by the German immigrants settling in Pennsylvania. Eventually they moved south into Virginia and on to Kentucky. Schools of gunsmiths all up and down the Valley of Virginia and into the Piedmont copied and improved on these rifles and they were often made in small shops, and all the parts were quite often not made in the same shop. They came to be known as Virginia or Kentucky rifles and were used for hunting and fighting in the colonies, on the frontier and in the states during and many years after the Revolution. Daniel Boone was always shown with his trusty rifle. Improvements through the years included machining to allow for common and replacement parts and improved mechanisms for loading and firing the weapons.

Mr. Lohr had many fine examples of these vintage rifles and the various accoutrements necessary for their use on the frontier and these

were available for viewing following the presentation

WHAT IS IT?



The above photos show an item that is owned by the Historical Society. We are looking for help in identifying this item. If you can help, please send information to the society at P.O.

Box 467, Madison, VA 22727. The top and bottom are cast iron. The tubes are tin. It is about 11" high and 10 .5" across. We don't know who gave it to the Historical Society or when it was donated.

ARCADE MUSEUM NEWS

We welcome four new volunteers, Harrison Behl, Martha Breeden, Bill McDermott and Don Ross, to our Arcade crew. They bring with them valuable talents including genealogy knowledge, editing, computer and research skills and an interest in Madison County history. Thank you for joining us.

Also, a reminder that the Historical Society's Arcade Museum is closed for the winter and will reopen on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. This closure gives the staff a chance to make changes in exhibits, catch up on paper work, visit other small museums to get ideas to better our own and to thoroughly clean house

SPRING TEA: MARCH 25 AT THE KEMPER RESIDENCE



While we are living in this deep freeze, the team that prepares and serves food for the semi-annual fundraising teas is thinking spring, and preparing the menu for the March 25 Spring Tea.

These events continue to be quite popular. Limited seating is available, and we usually reach capacity well in advance of the date of the tea. Be sure to make your reservation early so you will not be disappointed.

Get together a group and enjoy a pleasant time together or come as a single and meet new friends. We can accommodate groups of four or six. Reservations open March 1. Simply call 547-4398, and leave a message with your name, telephone number and the number of reservations you are requesting. You will receive a call back to confirm your reservation. If you prefer, reserve by email to maryhaught@hughes.net.

If you have not attended one of our teas before, please be assured you'll enjoy the experience. We serve a generous selection of savories and sweets, beginning with scones and lemon curd. Everything is home made in our kitchens – no store bought goodies. All food is donated by a generous group of volunteers, so your donation of \$23 directly supports projects of the Madison County Historical Society.

We look forward to welcoming you to the historic Kemper Residence on Wednesday, March 25, at 12:30 p.m.

For the 4th year in a row, the Madison County Historical Society presented an educational program about what life was like during Colonial times in our nation. The fourth grade students had been studying Colonial History and we tried to make things look real for them. We had lots of demonstrators and the teachers were very helpful in preparing the students for the program. Many thanks to the teachers, demonstrators, volunteers, and administrators for their assistance with the program. The students seemed to enjoy it very much as they asked lots of good questions and answered some of our questions as well. The weather was friendly to us this year and we could do some outside things as well. The program was held on Nov. 25, 2014 which was the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Demonstrations and work stations included: Pauline Racer and Frances Lacy – Quilting; Candice Fountain, Connie Deatherage, and Shirley Ammon - Spinning and Weaving; Clyde Jenkins and Sons – Basket Weaving; Steve Hoffman - Shingle Making; Pat Lattin, Sandy Stowe, and Beppy White - Soap making and butter churning; Tommy Ford - Clothes Washing using water heated in iron kettle over an open fire; Max Lacy - cooking beans in an iron pot over an open fire, and the youngsters enjoyed eating the beans. The teachers and some of the demonstrators looked natural in their period clothing, which made the program look more authentic. It looks like we may have a tradition to uphold.

COLONIAL DAYS



Connie Deatherage and Candice Fountain during their Spinning and Weaving Demonstration (2013)

MADISON MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL



This photograph shows lifelong Madison resident Jim Lillard beside his 4' x 4' mobile

memorial honoring Madison families displaced by the government to form the Shenandoah National Park (SNP). Government records show that more than 120 Madison families lost lands during the 1920s and 30s for that purpose. Jim has a natural link to this time and place. His mother was 13 when her family had to leave their self-sufficient lifestyle that included the home, lands, orchards, gardens, schools, churches, and community that they and their ancestors had known for many years.

These personal ties with mountain families have led Jim to participate as a Madison representative to the Blue Ridge Mountain Heritage (BRMH) project. This project encompasses all eight counties whose land is part of today's SNP and has as one of its goals, the commemoration of 'park families'. Additional Madison representatives are Madison County Historical members Judy Mahanes and Kit Johnston. Mahanes also represents the Germanna Foundation in the BRMH project. The Germanna Foundation's interest is a welcomed addition since many Germanna names are among those listed on the mobile memorial.

Because of the memorial's mobile feature, Jim was able to show it at a recent BRMH board meeting held in Greene County, at the Literacy Council's holiday bazaars held in the Madison County fire hall, and at the Historical Society's quarterly meeting.

From the bazaar activity (pun intended), Jim and Judy's tie to the Literacy Council has grown because one of the Council's projects dovetails into the Madison Mountain Memorial project. The Literacy Council is planning a 'community read' where many interested Madison readers, young and old, will be reading Delia Ray's "Ghost Girl", a local story about a young women who lived in the mountains and attended the Hoover School during the 20s & 30s. As part of the book's distribution, the Literacy Council has agreed to include a copy of the Madison Mountain Memorial donation flyer in each book.

Similarly to the temporary mobile monument, the flyer lists family surnames of those displaced for formation of the park, contains a few relevant pictures, and seeks tax deductible donations for creating permanent tributes to these families. Checks for this purpose should be made payable to Madison County Historical Society and designated for the "Blue Ridge Project" and

mailed to the attention of the treasurer at P.O. Box 467, Madison, VA 22727.

SOCIETY PROJECT LIST

The following is a listing of possible projects for expanding and documenting the Society knowledge base of Madison County. If you are interested in working on any of these projects, please contact the Society via email at madisonhistory@verizon.net or by phone at (540) 948-5488.

1. Create a booklet about county schools with photos, focused prior to school centralization
2. Create a booklet about county churches with photos, focused prior to 1950
3. Publish 2nd Arcadia picture book of the county with additional photos we have. Not only does this provide a way of exhibiting more photos but it provides an income stream for the Society
4. Update and publish Vee Dove's homes of Madison County
5. Create additional poster boards for hanging on the museum walls including civil war, businesses, homes, Indian origins, Shenandoah Park, county origins, schools, churches, public buildings. These hangings could be changed from time to time.
6. Digitizing newspaper clippings. Determine how to organize them and how to provide public access.
7. Digitize all genealogy information. Determine how best to provide public access. Could income be generated from selling portions of this information?
8. Improve publicity for society, perhaps need a publicity chairperson.
9. Scour county for additional homes or foundation sites of interest in the county.
10. Create booklets for each county community (Oak Park, Graves Mill, Brightwood, etc.)
11. Create booklet about historical hotels and inns in the county.
12. Create booklet about the county during the civil war including life in the county, effect on citizens, all raids, skirmishes, and battles.
13. Booklet about Rapidan Railroad.
14. Booklet about the electrification of the county.
15. Organize oral histories, digitize them and determine best form of access to them.

16. Determine material suitable for web page and what can be placed there for digital searches.
17. Determine improvements to webpage and implement (need alternate people for maintaining web page).
18. Identify liaison to county organizations like County Supervisors, Chamber of Commerce, Questors, Madison Eagle, Garden Club, town council, other historical societies and museums.
19. Create audio version of driving tour
20. Create other driving tours such as short tour (shorter than 3 hours), wineries, shopping, civil war, black history
21. Booklet about public buildings in the county starting with original courthouse.
22. Should we republish the book about the county that was published in the 1970's?
23. Improve Facebook page
24. Historic house tour sponsored by MCHS
25. Booklet about Madison resettlement community including people involved, pictures of old homes, and new homes.
26. Audio interviews of mountain people before they all pass on.
27. Booklet about the development of the county road system.
28. Develop timeline of ownership of both the Arcade and Kemper buildings based on research at county archives and other sources..
29. Pictures of current county vistas should be made. These views in the future will be gone someday when homes and buildings are built. Think of a long shot picture down a certain road. Or ask people to take a picture with their cell phone of their favorite view and send it to you.
30. It is places like Clore's, Yoder's, Hite's, etc. that you live with all the time but don't think about historically preserving.
31. An informational ad in the Madison Eagle Newspaper should be addressed to everyone in the County/Towns to contribute what they can whether they are Members of the Historical Society or not.
32. Documentation and a guide to African-American freeman's villages and African-American churches in Madison. Charles Lewis of the NAACP chapter in Culpeper, as we do not have a separate chapter in Madison, would most likely want to be

involved and even possibly financially support such an effort.

33. Document the 100 year flood of 1995.
34. Document cannery in Criglersville.
35. How about recent newcomers contributing information as to why they moved to Madison and what businesses they are doing.

2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

Account Balances - As of 12/31/2014

	12/31/2013	12/31/2014
Checking Account	\$6,181.55	\$2,843.04
Money Market Account	\$27,237.33	\$36,263.51
OVERALL TOTAL	\$33,418.88	\$39,106.55

income and expenses for the year 2014

INCOME

Dues	\$7,254.00
Funds	
Blue Ridge Memorial Fund	\$1,035.00
Museum Exhibits Fund	(\$64.07)
Strode Collection	\$1,075.00
General Donations	\$823.50
Interest	\$26.18
Jack's Shop DVD	\$345.55
Kemper Income	
Kemper Rent	\$410.00
Kemper Tea	\$1,807.00
Museum Income	
Gift Shop Sales	\$1,449.89
Royalties	\$103.31
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,265.36

EXPENSES

Arcade Building	
Arcade Electric	\$2,226.85
Arcade Security	\$250.80
Arcade Telephone	\$1,047.30
Arcade Water & Sewer	\$546.46
General Operating Expenses	
Newsletter	\$388.75
Office Supplies	\$343.49
Other	\$816.67
Postage	\$479.54
Printer Supplies	\$36.61
USPS Box Rental	\$74.00
Insurance	\$800.00
Jack's Shop DVD expenses	\$275.00
Kemper Residence	
Kemper Security	\$250.80
Kemper Tea Expenses	\$139.04
Kemper Telephone	\$468.81
Museum	
Museum Purchases for Resale	\$352.82
Sales Tax Payment	\$80.75
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,577.69

Income minus expenses	\$5,687.67
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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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