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MARK WHEAT TO SPEAK AT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Marc Wheat and family

Marc Wheat, President of the Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies since spring of 2008 will be the guest speaker Sunday August 15, 2010.

Marc is the 4th President of the Germanna Foundation since 1956, descending from Rev. Henry Haeger, Germanna's colonial pastor. He is also a Rector and Fishback descendant,

Marc has spent his entire career in public service, mostly with an eye to strengthening American families and our culture. His first job in Washington was Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman Dennis Hastert, where he led Congressman Hastert's drive to repeal the Social Security earnings limit (later the 7th pledge in the Contract With America). He is presently an attorney working at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission which strives to protect investors, maintain fair, orderly,

and efficient markets, and facilitate capital formation. Prior to his work at the SEC, Marc served as Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, & Human Resources. During his tenure there, he and his staff were successful in getting the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act signed written and signed into law. He learned a great deal about the world after joining the U.S. Department of State under Secretary Colin Powell six weeks after 9/11, where he served as Senior Advisor for Senate Affairs.

In the 1990's, Marc was Counsel to the Energy and Commerce Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he worked principally on health care, bioethics, and bioterrorism; while Director of Tax and Budget Policy for Citizens for a Sound Economy, he succeeded in the elimination of \$8.1 billion of wasteful spending in May 1992, the largest such rescission since 1982. Marc's Porkbusters Coalition was the subject of Adventures in Porkland, a book by Washington Post reporter Brian Kelly and illustrated by political cartoonist Pat Oliphant. A discussion of his anti-trafficking work in Robert Goff's Finding Karishma: Modern-Day Slavery and the New Abolition Movement, and thanked in Francis Fukuyama's Our Posthuman Future: Consequences of the Biotechnology Revolution

Marc received his B.A. (majoring in Spanish) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1987, and his Juris Doctor in the Corporate and Securities Specialty Track at George Mason University in Virginia. A member of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia, Marc and his wife Marie (the former Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Office of the Peace Corps) raise their son and daughter in Arlington, Virginia.

Although a first colony descendent, Marc is equally interested in the second colony settlers and wants to meet every Madisonian descendent of these early families. Spread the word near and far of this great opportunity to learn more about the early days of Germanna. Don't pass up on the great opportunity. Kin and non-kin are welcome. See you there.

The meeting will be at 2:00pm in the auditorium of the Madison County Administrative building

and will be followed by refreshments in the Kemper Residence next door.

MEMBERSHIP

Eugene Ince of Aroda, Virginia, joined the Society since our last newsletter. We are happy to have him with us and hope he has a rewarding membership experience.

KATY POWELL SPEAKS



Speaker Katy Powell

Katrina Powell, a Madison County Native, and author of two books spoke at the May 23 meeting of the Madison County Historical Society. Katy spoke about the research for her two books, "The Anguish of Displacement (2007) and "Answer at Once: Letters of Mountain Families in Shenandoah National Park, 1934-1938."

In May 1926 Congress passed a bill authorizing the creation of a 521,000 acre Shenandoah National Park as long as state and private funds were used to make the purchases. The price of purchasing this land and the homes that existed was considered to be too high for the direct purchase by the state, so in 1928 the state legislature passed the commonwealth of Virginia's Public Park Condemnation Act. The state surveyed and acquired 3,000 tracts of land in Madison County and seven other Virginia counties that would become Shenandoah National Park. The homes of 500 families were condemned so that their land could be given to the Federal government.

Ms. Powell spoke to us about the anguish of these people who were stereotyped by the

media as a class of mountain people low in the social order and as being illiterate. Once the land was seized, those who did not have the means to move were granted special use permits which allowed them to remain in their homes but they had to ask permission to make changes and even to use the land without permission. The letters which many wrote to the government asking for negotiation of their rights tend to demonstrate otherwise. Ms Powell showed some of these letters and pictures of some of these mountain people

The irony of the situation is that we have a beautiful National Park which is enjoyed by thousands of people each year but the land was taken from people without just compensation by the controversial Eminent Domain law.

It was a fascinating presentation the subject of which has touched the families of many local people and is a part of our local history.

Ms Powell's books are available for sale at the Arcade Museum in Madison

Katy Powell greets guests at the Kemper House reception

THE 2010 GERMANNA REUNION

The LARGEST-EVER GERMANNA ANNUAL GATHERING recently took place in the heat of July. HOT, HOT, HOT weather didn't kill the spirit and fellowship of this event but it did indeed take its toll on everyone especially the elderly, who had to limit some of their activities. The event followed a full year of planning consisting of all day board meetings and thousands of emails among the Board of Trustees, the Association Board and various committees.

The Seventy-two guests came from California, Oregon, Washington state, Arizona, Nebraska, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Virginia and neighboring states, as well as Canada.

Where does Madison County fit into all of this? The annual all day Friday tour of the HEBRON VALLEY, THE TOWN OF MADISON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA was the area of focus as usual. Surprising to some the 1726 LAND GRANTS went as far WEST toward the Wolfstown area as it did in the Criglersville area. Yes, where the Sweely Winery now sits Michael Holt had that first land grant as early as 1726.

This included land east of route 657 as well as the additional land grant west of the winery in 1728. The Holt descendents were beside themselves as they passed right through this original land grant on the VERY SAME ROAD (a narrow path then) that their ancestors traveled on their way to the HEBRON CHURCH COMMUNITY IN THE MID 1700'S. Were these GERMANS ALONE and SURROUNDED BY INDIANS? NEITHER!!!!!! MICHAEL HOLT surprisingly enough was surrounded by the ENGLISH who arrived about the same time. Yes, it is generally true that the Germans were west of the English especially placed for the protection of their fellow Englishmen from the dangerous Indians.

The Thrift Road was the focus of the tour since so many of the descendents of this year's tour were families of BROYLES, WAYLANDS, WEAVERS, YEAGERS and other family names that are STILL in the county.

The EAGLE HOUSE with its murder story, the outstanding displays at the ARCADE MUSEUM and the quaint and charming TOWN of MADISON completed the morning. Lunch served by the ladies at HEBRON with ten other MADISONIANS as greeters to match visiting families with local families highlighted the fellowship of the day. This was followed by the history and tour of the church before heading toward the Criglersville area where CARPENTER, TANNER, BLANKENBAKER, WILHOIT, YOWELL, CLORE & CRIGLER grants could be identified along the way. The day ended at the Prince Michel Winery where the two bus loads of guests could purchase wine with their family name on it.

At the same time as this tour was taking place another tour was taking place in Fauquier where families of the 1714 group could see the land of their ancestors. Also for the young and young at heart a canoe trip on the Rappahannock River near the Germanna Visitors Center and Germanna Community College took place giving Germanna descendents a choice of three activities the same day. The evening barbeque followed the dedication of the NEW MEMORIAL STRUCTURE AT THE VISITORS CENTER.

Saturday's Seminars at Germanna Tech Center in Culpeper not only gave the participants a break from the heat but choices of three

seminars going on at the same time. Also a DAY CAMP for children took place all day at Salubria. The EVENING BANQUET, TOUR OF SALUBRIA AND AUCTION drew not only descendents but local, state and nationally distinguished guests as well.

If you are a Germanna descendent and missed this reunion, don't ever let that happen again. THE VISITORS CENTER is open Tuesday through Friday from one to five o'clock. Stop in. Also mark your calendar for the third weekend in July and join in some of these activities. You will be glad you did.

SLAVE QUARTERS RECEIVES FUNDING FOR CHIMNEY



Society President Bill Scholten accepts a check for \$6500 from outgoing Questers President Jacqueline Mow, while Society Board member Beppy White and Questers incoming President Susan Riley Questers Grants Chairperson Pat Eveland look on.

Thanks to the local chapter of the Questers, the Society now has enough funding to proceed with the final phase of the restoration of the Slave Quarters, located in the yard behind the Kemper Residence. The estimated cost for the chimney construction is \$6900. In April, the Questers presented the Society with a check for \$6500, which they raised through a combination of local fund-raising events and a grant from their National Headquarters. Another \$590 was raised at the Antiques Appraisal jointly sponsored by the Questers and the Society on June 26. Questers is an international group which raises funds for historic preservation. A priority of the Madison Questers has been raising funds to help the Society restore the Slave Quarters. The Society is most appreciative of the Quester's

help. The Society has purchased period bricks for the chimney and is currently negotiating for a mason to proceed with the construction

ORANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PICNIC



Several Orange County Historical Society members chat with Ann Miller while other members inspect the Slave Quarters.

Photo courtesy of Lynne G. Lewis

On Monday evening June 28, the Orange County Historical Society held their monthly meeting on the lawn in front of the Slave Quarters and the Kemper-McMullan Law office. Society President Bill Scholten welcomed the visitors. After all appetites were satisfied, architectural historian (and Madison Historical Society Board member) Ann Miller summarized the events of the Slave Quarters restoration project and discussed the place of small houses similar to the Slave Quarters in the local living conditions of the mid-nineteenth century. Everyone enjoyed the evening, and all were fortunate that the threat of rain did not materialize.

FALL TEA AT KEMPER SEPTEMBER 29, 2010



Guest enjoying a fall tea

The team that prepares and serves food for the semi-annual fund raising teas at the Kemper Residence, is offering special consideration to members of the Historical Society and their friends.

The past several teas have been booked to capacity, with waiting lists. But for the September 29 event, our members will have the first opportunity to make their reservations.

Starting when you receive this newsletter, Historical Society members may make their reservations by leaving a message at 547-4398. You will receive a call back with a confirmation. Reservations will open to the public on Friday, August 20.

When your reservation is confirmed, we ask that you mail a check, payable to Madison County Historical Society, to Kemper Tea, Post Office Box 1582, Madison, VA 22727.

"We are holding the line on the price", says Mary Haught, who coordinates arrangements with husband, Bob. "We have made no price adjustments for several years," she said, "so you will be served a generous luncheon tea for only \$18."

That entire amount is a contribution to the Historical Society, since all food is prepared and donated by a group of dedicated volunteers.

Plan now to get a group together and enjoy lunch in our historic Kemper Residence. And call early to secure your reservation.

BATTLE OF JACKS SHOP

Harold Woodward at the podium describing the Battle of Jacks Shop.



On July 14, about 150 people gathered at the pavilion of the Bethel United Methodist Church in Rochelle to hear Harold Woodward Jr., local Civil War historian, present the history of the battle of Jacks Shop, the largest Civil War battle fought in Madison County, and described by Mr. Woodward as “the largest Civil War Battle never recorded”. The pavilion is on the sight of back and forth skirmishes between Confederate and Union troops that took place as part of the Battle. After the lecture Mr. Woodward led a tour of other prominent sites that comprised the Battle. Many in the audience purchased copies of Mr. Woodward’s book For Home and Honor, which he autographed for each purchaser. A detailed account of the battle as told by Mr. Woodward and written by **Beth Burnam** is presented below.

The morning breeze was cool for July as people poured onto the historic Bethel United Methodist Church grounds in Rochelle, Virginia to hear how, on September 22, 1863, cavalry horses—tens of thousands of them—literally covered the surrounding fields for miles. The Battle of Jack’s Shop was fought on this ridge just off the Old Blue Ridge Turnpike, Route 231. Local historian, Harold Woodard, Jr., held an audience of 145 spellbound for over two hours as he set the stage for the battle, and then told of the long day when J.E.B. Stuart was attacked on three sides by Union soldiers—over 7,000 troops firing the fearful new 7-shot carbines (the southerners all had single shot weapons), had his horse Flora shot from beneath him, and narrowly escaped with his life and fully half of the South’s cavalry along with his artillery/cannons.

The stories Harold Woodward tells are some he heard growing up in the tiny village of Jack’s Shop (now known as Rochelle) and others he’s painstakingly researched from original sources since Stuart’s own report of the Battle was never made prior to his death in 1864. Not part of a larger campaign, the Jack’s Shop Battle nonetheless involved thousands of cavalry on both sides and resulted in much loss of life and limb.

By fall, 1863, Madison County had seen years of soldiers, horses, and massive troop movements. A wagon train bearing wounded from Gettysburg passed through Madison for a steady 24 hours—seven miles of horse-drawn wagons.

On the night of September 21, 1863, Stuart was encamped at historic ‘Brampton’, on the Rapidan River, entertaining his hosts with ‘The Taming of the Shrew’ featuring himself as the male lead and one of his officers—a 6’3” 250 lb Hessian with flaming red hair—as the female lead. The party ran late—at one a.m. word came that Madison Court House had been occupied by two Union divisions and Stuart ordered his men to be in the saddle by daylight. Clearly the Confederate Army’s left flank was at risk so Stuart rode north to meet Buford and Kilpatrick’s divisions.

The first fighting was at present-day Shifflett’s Corner, on Estes and Kipps land. The Confederate horses were held in the Estes woods and Margaret Estes tells of an area in the woods where so many terrified horses trampled that the ground still shows the depression. There were terrible losses of life and limb in that field—amputated limbs piled outside higher than the first floor in the Kipps house field hospital and more death to come. Stuart pulled his advance cavalry back to join the division at Jack’s Shop where they rested, having horses re-shod and cooking noon meals.

Six horse-drawn cannon were put on a high hill in sight of the village, without which Stuart would not have survived the Union divisions attacking down the Pike from Madison, up from Madison Mills, and across the Rapidan fords from Greene. Woodward has a letter written by a University Hospital doctor describing cannon fire audible all day in Charlottesville. At one point the cannons were firing in three different directions.

The Yowell house, 'Waveland', still stands in sight of the ridge at present-day Bethel Church. The family hid in the basement from the swirling cacophony; thousands of horses, men and guns. Two year old Sonny Yowell, wearing his father's hat, was seen peeking out a window by a Union officer who sent a Vermont soldier to search the house. When the soldier reported only women and children, his commander told him to burn the house since a confederate hat means a confederate sympathizer. But when the soldier went back he couldn't bear to burn the house as he had a two year old boy back in Vermont, so he fired a barn instead, to avoid court martial. Six North Carolina soldiers were buried at Waveland in unmarked graves, their pockets full of ripe Madison peaches, and peach trees grew from the graves.

Fierce fighting just north of the church's picnic shelter (then a rail fence) ensued as, added to the Union division coming from Madison Court House, General Kilpatrick's troops filtered across the narrow fords of the Rapidan, and, with the Union forces from Barnett's Ford, completely surrounded Stuart. Thousands of men died on that field, none braver than Virginia's Sergeant Major Green who charged alone to the fence separating his men from Kilpatrick's, calling to them to surrender as they shot him.

Stuart pulled his men out of the trap to retreat to Orange along the only road big enough for thousands of mounted men, the Blue Ridge Turnpike, lined with high fences to deter toll-jumping. South of Jack's Shop for a full half mile the road was lined with Union sharpshooters—firing at Stuart's men as they ran a deadly gauntlet to Liberty Mills and across the Rapidan where Confederate General Early provided cover from the bluff. It was a narrow escape for Stuart and, had he been captured that day, the War would have ended with the loss of the "eyes" of the Confederate Army and half her cavalry and all the heavy artillery.

This presentation on the history and landscape of Madison County was jointly sponsored by the Madison Historical Society and the Madison Conservation Friends, including the Piedmont Environmental Council, the Blue Ridge Foothills Conservancy, and the Kemper-Fry-Strother Sons of the Confederacy. The Bethel United

Methodist Church graciously provided their picnic shelter and parking and Hebron Lutheran Church allowed the use of their bus. Woodard's book, For Home and Honor can be obtained from the Madison County Historical Society at the Arcade museum or by sending \$20 (\$15 + \$5/S&H) to Mr. Woodward directly at 459 Gilbert Rd. Ruckersville, VA 22968.

ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW



Leland Nettles appraising an item for Emily Williams

The Questers is an international study club with a chapter here in Madison. Its major objectives are to stimulate an appreciation of antiques and their collection; and to encourage the preservation and restoration of existing historical landmarks. The motivating principles of the organization are to be found in the following words from Mrs. Bardens: "Antiques are part of human history, a tangible record of the things of everyday living. A fascinating hobby, the study of antiques gives the most pleasure to those who strive to learn all they can about where, when, why and how they were made. Through discovery and knowledge of antiques, we may bring the past to life and profit by the experiences of previous generations."



Sarah Hays appraising an item for Jean Coates

The Funds raised by the Road Show will be applied to funding the continued restoration of the Slave Quarters at the Kemper House.



Jean Jackson discussing the care of a table with Jeff Perl.

MADISON COUNTY PICTORIAL HISTORY BOOK



Making sorghum at the Gorrell Weaver farm in Radiant in the 1930s

The collection of photographs for the pictorial history project is well underway and the historical society has more than 200 scanned images in the database for the book. The stories and photographs tell a rich history of Madison County, with more photos and stories coming in every day. The deadline for receiving photos for this book is September 1. After that we will have to start thinking about a second

book and/or new exhibits at the Arcade Museum. The pictorial history goes to the publisher at the end of September and the book is expected to be out next spring

DESCENDANTS VISIT THE KEMPER RESIDENCE



Robert and William Hardaway

Robert Beverly Hardaway and William Francis Hardaway are the only living great-grandchildren of Judge Francis Marion McMullan and his wife, Virginia Anne McMullan. Judge McMullan served in the Civil War with James Lawson Kemper, and later they practiced law together in the recently restored Kemper-McMullan Law Office behind the Kemper residence.

Bob and Bill Hardaway, along with their daughters and several grandchildren from California, Florida and Northern Virginia visited family historical sites in Madison and Greene Counties on June 21, 2010.

At Bob Hardaway's request, Emily Williams, who is also a McMullan descendant, planned for months to arrange the family's pilgrimage. They were joined by Historical Society board member Carole Milks, who is also a McMullan descendant.

Their tour started in Stanardsville and the old community of McMullan, Va. Francis McMullan was born in Greene, and prior to his judgeship, he and his wife taught school at Forest Hill Academy located beside their home there. The school has been beautifully restored recently by current owners, Don and Jackie Pamenter. The group toured what we know as the Kemper Residence and enjoyed a luncheon planned by Emily Williams. The Hardaway "boys" regaled

the group with stories of their childhood when they visited their grandparents, Anna and Ashby Christian, in the home. Anna was Judge McMullan and his wife Virginia's daughter, and she owned the house from 1905 to 1956.

They recalled sitting on the steps of the house, looking toward the mountains. The Skyline Drive lay in the distance, directly ahead, and they could see lights from cars driving on the new road so far away. Today, trees obscure that view.

They also laughed about climbing out of the bedroom window onto the roof of the porch below to catch a cool breeze in the summer.

The visiting grandsons clearly remembered watching Miss Norma Cave come up the very narrow walkway for her daily four o'clock tea. They said she was always outfitted in a big hat and white gloves, and the boys knew the parlor would be off limits, as this was where their grandmother and Miss Cave chatted for what seemed to the boys like hours. That tiny narrow concrete walkway is barely noticeable today, but once seeing it, one cannot forget Miss Cave's formal approach for daily tea and visiting.

The family's tour continued to the Madison United Methodist Church, where their grandparents worshiped, and where Grandmother Anna's name is engraved on the baptismal font. One disappointment was that the Madison Court House renovations were not complete. A portrait of Judge McMullan normally hangs in the court house, but had not yet been replaced following the building's renovations.

The tour ended at Cedar Hill Cemetery, where Judge McMullan and Virginia are buried.



Three generations of this family, whose ancestors were instrumental in development of Madison County, left the area with a renewed appreciation for their family roots. They had walked the same streets and even the same floorboards in Greene County and in Madison, where their great grandparents had walked. That's a unique experience that many of us are not privileged to enjoy.

EMILY WILLIAMS RETIRES FROM HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD

After serving on the Society's Board of Directors for twelve years, Emily Williams attended her last Board meeting on July 8, 2010. Emily joined the Board in 1998. She served as the Board's recording secretary from 1999 until 2006. During her tenure she unilaterally assumed the responsibility of organizing a group of volunteers to staff the Arcade museum. Thanks to Emily's tireless efforts the museum has been open to the public for three days a week since the group of volunteers was organized. With help from her husband Ed, she organized and installed shelves in the upstairs storage room at the Arcade. She and Ed are also responsible for the ingeniously hung array of Madison County U.S. Geological Survey maps hanging on the wall in the Arcade's research room. For the past three years Emily has organized a guided tour of Madison County for attendees of the annual reunion of Germanna colony descendants. The tour included a lunch provided by one of the local churches. These tours have been very popular with the attendees, and have given them a chance to become acquainted with the Society's genealogical records at the Arcade, with land records at the Madison County Courthouse, and with lands settled by their original Germanna Colony ancestors. Madison County and the Society have greatly benefited from the resulting increased interest of Madison County as a settlement of original Germanna Colonists. Emily has also contributed the McMullan family documents on exhibit in the Kemper residence.

The Society is indebted to Emily for all her contributions. We wish her well in her future endeavors. Following her last Board meeting an

ice cream cake was served all around in her honor.



Board member Beppy White cuts a piece of ice cream cake for Emily as Board member Carroll Good awaits his serving

The Arcade Museum would like to have copies of any family genealogies of Madison County families that you are willing to make available for our Family Genealogy Files. If you have questions or concerns about making your family genealogy available to us, please give us a call at the Arcade Museum at 540-948-5488

GENERAL KEMPER TO GREET VISITORS

During the Taste of The Mountains street festival on September 4, the Kemper Residence will be open from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. General and Mrs. Kemper (as portrayed by Dr. and Mrs. Daniel DeSantis of New Hope, PA) will be on hand to welcome visitors at that time. Come and hear his interesting stories about the life and history of the General.

We are in need of members to monitor the various rooms in the Residence at that time. No knowledge of the Residence history is required. If you can spare an hour or two please sign up by calling 948-5488. If no one answers, leave a message and your call will be returned. Thanks in advance to all who volunteer.

2009 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

Copies of the Society's 2009 Annual Report are available by contacting the Society by mail or phone at 540-948-5488. Many were distributed at the February membership meeting. It was subsequently discovered that some pages, notably pages four and nine, were missing from some of the copies. If you have an incomplete copy, we can email you the missing pages, or you may trade it for a complete copy at the Arcade Museum.

FAMILY GENEALOGIES

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, 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 and 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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