

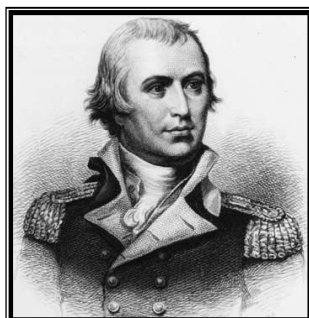
Greene County Historical Society Newsletter



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Nathanael Greene
Major General of the Continental Army
Born 1742--Died 1786

Membership Request:

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Featured Greene County Church ***Shiloh Baptist Church***

Shiloh Baptist Church was organized in 1862, during the Civil War, by Rev. Coleman and a small group of African-America worshippers. They chose the name Shiloh Church because Shiloh is where the Israelites of the Old Testament set up the tabernacle after reaching Canaan. The Dean family deeded the original land for the Church to the Shiloh Baptist Church trustees and their successors as a place for the public worship of God. The original building had a log body and was located 100 hundred feet northeast of the present building.

The Rev. Coleman was Shiloh's first pastor. He served until his death in 1877.

Read more of the history of Stanardsville in the book *Stanardsville Then and Now* edited by Nancy H. Morris. No longer available for purchase, this very interesting book can be read at the GCHS Museum.

President's Letter

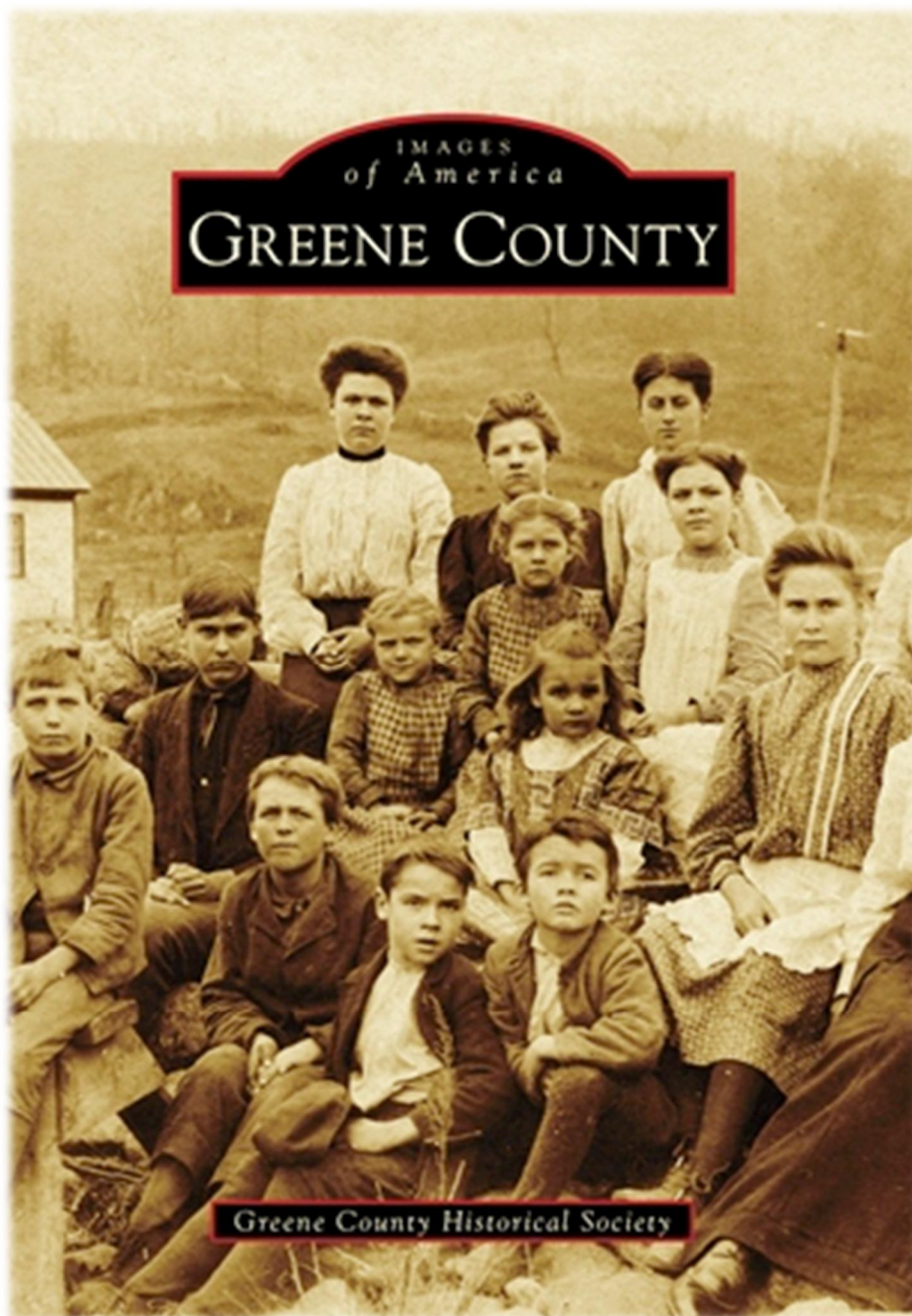
Leaves are beginning to turn and mornings are darker. I hope you have had a good summer ó it has certainly been good for your historical society. We scanned hundreds of photographs for our Images book, and eventually selected 195 for the book, which will be published the week of January 28th 2013 (see next page). And as I said before, we are still collecting! We will have a wonderful archive to illustrate this county, and I won't say "when we're finished" because I don't think we ever will be. I personally learned an enormous amount about Greene and the people who have lived here while I was in "have scanner, will travel" mode, and much enjoyed meeting and getting to know many new people.

I have some news to share about the bequest of the late Linwood Rhodes, who left much of the proceeds of the sale of his farm on South River to the historical society. The farm has just been sold, and we look forward to welcoming the buyers, a family from Texas, to this beautiful area. More news will be forthcoming in the New Year.

As you will see later in this newsletter, I am delighted to be able to say we have a large number of new members, to all of whom I give a heartfelt welcome. While one is from as far away as Indiana, many are local enough to be able to get involved in the Society's undertakings, whether as volunteer museum-minders or in research or other activities. Please do so! In addition to the genealogy research that most people know about, and Ron Mosher's ongoing "clip and paste" project with local newspapers, we have some wonderful items to display and use, such as merchants' day books, scrapbooks and letters.

This time last year some of you lent photographs for scanning by the Virginia Civil War Sesquicentennial Project. The Project ran into staffing problems, so the CDs of the items scanned that were promised to participants have not yet been distributed. But one of the pages scanned here last November is on view online at <http://www.virginiacivilwar.org/legacy/documents.php>. It is the first page of James Gowdy's April 9 1862 letter; the full letter is in transcript in our current magazine, which members received in April this year ó 150 years after he wrote it. I am excited to tell you about a new donation we have received from Peggy McLean of Charlottesville, widow of Dr. Walter Copley McLean, whose name will be familiar to many readers in this area. The McLeans owned "Buffalo Farm," in the Southern portion of the County, which had previously been home to Mrs. Fannie Davis Early, her sister-in-law Sallie Bettie Early, and their friend Miss Kay Towne. Miss Towne taught first at Celt School and then Stanardsville when Celt School closed in 1953; she inherited many early 20th century items from the farm, and they are now coming to us, courtesy of Mrs. McLean. Some are on display in the museum already, including parts of a dressing table set ó an enormous basin and pitcher decorated with gold leaf and a matching lid from a small dish. Other items are too big to display in the Old Jail and will have to wait. My person favorite item is a "Caloric Cook Stove" from 1910, which guaranteed that the "little woman" would no longer have to slave over a hot stove to prepare delicious and nourishing meals for her family. There are many more objects, and we are deeply grateful to Mrs. McLean and her family for their generosity in allowing us to preserve these items of Green County history.

Best wishes,
Jackie Pamerter



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Almost 200 photographs of the County, its people and places

Reserve your copy by calling, writing or E-mailing sales@GreeneHistory.org.

List Price, \$21.99

Some of the photos in the *Images of America -- Greene County* book.



A quilt-tying evening led by Miss Nelie Wampler.



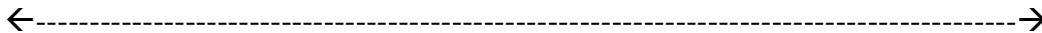
Court Square Stanardsville, VA 1967, with the Clerk's Office to the right of the Court House.



Buddy Gibbons haying at the Gibbons Farm on Madison Road, 1973.

Conference

President Jackie Pamerter, GCHS Board member Bill Steo and GCHS member Sharon Steo attended the Virginia Historical Societies conference hosted by the Tusculum Institute August 11th on the campus of Sweetbriar College. The day was comprised of a series of guest speakers and small break-out sessions where various Historical Society topics discussed.



November 19, 2012 marks the 149th anniversary of the dedication of the Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before usô that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotionô that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vainô that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedomô and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.ö

Abraham Lincoln, November 19, 1863

McMullan Shelter Dedication

On Saturday afternoon September 22, 2012 the Robert and Jeraldine Tata family of Stanardsville hosted the dedication of the McMullan Shelter at their farm in Greene County. The logs for the shelter were purchased a few years ago by Mrs. Tata when her daughter Kendall noticed that her grandmother's house was being razed. The old house sat upon the hill to the west of what is now the Great Valu shopping center in downtown Stanardsville.

The logs are part of a cabin that had been built upon over the years and was in the center of the old farm house hidden from view until the deconstruction company began removing the exterior walls.

Guest speaker Emily McMullen Williams delivered a fascinating talk concerning McMullan family genealogy and the many ties to other families in Greene County.



McMullan Shelter Front.

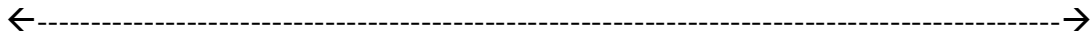


McMullan Shelter Side.

McMullan shelter continued.



L to R; Emily McMullen Williams, Jeraldine Tata, Kendall Tata.



Greene County Historical Society Collections Artifact Donations June-October 2012

Elaine Barnett	WMHS 1992 Greene Dragons sports roster
Cynthia Clatterbuck	1941 VDOT Greene County map
Betty Moyer Colvin	Scrapbook of Ruth Watson McKay (donated 5/14/11 Steo)
Ellen Deane	Handwritten Jennings genealogy
Julie Dickey	Page of early 20 th century poems clipped from newspapers, including ones by Limpin JimøHarlow
John & Anne Ensor	Collection of bottles from Parker Mountain Road farm outbuilding
Joe Freni	Research paper on Greene County Sheriffs
Anita & Gunter Gaede	Early photographs from the Greene Mountain Lake development, including ones of the house originally owned by Ellie and Herman Bluemel
Gerri Gilbert	Childø coffin made by Nathaniel Thomas Knight
Henry Konat	1981 historical society fund-raiser recipe book
The late Dr. Walter Copley McLean and Mrs. Peggy McLean	Artifact collection from -Buffalo Farm, including womenø and childø clothing, tied quilt, spinning wheels, loom, cooking utensils and Cook Stove, trunks, pitchers and other ceramics
Robert Miller	Miller family papers and framed enlargement from the charter for the Establishment of Stanardsville, showing the names
Woodie Parrott	Photo: Engine from lumbering operations, Wood and sons
Eugene Powell	Genealogy plus copy
Anne Reel	Large framed Civil War print signed by artist Don Trolani: -The First Battle Flags, Centreville Virginia, November 28 1861ø
Shirley Ziemer	Sampson Family of Orange/Greene County VA and Migrations Out

New Members

First we have to apologize for calling new member Joseph Tucker of Ruckersville -John Tuckerø in the last list of new members. But then - we are thrilled to welcome twenty-two new members/member families. This must be a record! Thank you all for your interest and enthusiasm. We hope to see all of you, at least the ones who live locally, in the museum doing genealogy research and checking out new displays this fall ó and for those who live further afield, you know what a great place this is to visit.

Barbara Amtower, Fort Ashby WV
Paula Chapman, Stanardsville
Darryl Eppard, Stanardsville
Joe and Star Freni, Stanardsville
Brad Gibson, Barboursville
Barbara Haney, Mechanicsville, VA
Cheryl Harrison, Columbus, OH
Richard, Herring, Stanardsville
Patrick J. Hester, Ruckersville
Joshua David Keller, Ruckersville
Hayward and Zelia, Lawson, Ruckersville
Catherine Lloyd, Culpeper
Ginny Reese, Keswick, VA
Elizabeth Rival, Ruckersville
Mieko Rucker, Ruckersville
Ed & Avra Schwab, Stanardsville
Bobby and Annabel Southard, Stanardsville
Pamela Weldon, Ruckersville
Debbie Westcoat, Orange
Shirley Ziemer, Monticello, IN

Financial Donations

We are most grateful for the financial donations weøve received from the following supporters. Every one of them means a great deal to us.

Mary Breeden, Stanardsville, VA
James and Constance Coulsby, El Cajon, CA
Anne Reel, Stanardsville, VA
Chuck Swinney, Dyke, VA
Shirley Ziemer, Monticello, IN.

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As always, the last page is a membership form. Dues time is coming up, and all dues paid for the rest of the year will be counted as your 2013 dues. Your mailing label indicates when your membership expires. We thank all of our loyal members for their support and interest.

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Membership Form (Rev. Feb. 28, 2012)

Telephone: 434 985-1409 or < www.greenehistory.org >

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip code _____

Telephone Day _____ Evening _____ Date _____

Email address _____

Contact information update, (if necessary), Name, address, Email address etc. _____

Membership Status: New ____ or Renewal ____ Membership is on a calendar year basis starting January 1st with a payment deadline of February 1st. Your current membership is valid through the date on your address label.

Individual \$15 ____ Family \$20 ____ Institution \$35 ____

Individual lifetime membership \$300 ____

Please, complete this form and mail to the GCHS, P.O. Box 185 Stanardsville, VA 22973 with a check for the type of membership desired, made payable to the **Greene County Historical Society**. We encourage you to support the GCHS by becoming a member, and participating as you desire. Joining will ensure that you are invited to all of our events, and in addition you will receive our Newsletter, (Printed three times a year), and the GCHS Magazine, (Published as material is acquired), both publications featuring local and family histories.

As a member of the GCHS, I am interested in the following. Check all that apply:

Museum Minder* ____, Genealogy ____, Family Cemeteries ____, Events ____, Historical Buildings and Structures ____, Officer or Board member ____, Submit Articles/photographs for the Newsletter or Magazine ____, Other _____

** Museum Minding requires a commitment of only 2½ hours a month on a Friday or Saturday, either 10-12:30 or 12:30-3:00. Training is given, schedules are flexible, you meet interesting people, and we thank you for helping us to keep the doors open*

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