

# Greene County Historical Society Newsletter



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

*Assistance requested*



The GCHS is always looking for grant funding to aid with all manner of daily activities associated with our mission as a Historical Society. This charge in the bylaws is stated here in part; 1 . *“the purpose of the Society shall be to bring together people interested in the history of Greene County, Virginia, to insure the preservation of this history; to collect family histories, published materials, photos, and other objects related to the life, conditions, events and activities of the past and present; to assist in the preservation and marking of historic buildings, monuments, sites and trails; and to make these artifacts and information available to the interested public.”*

Please contact the GCHS if you know of any organizations, businesses or private individuals who have such grants available to help us with our undertakings.

The complete text of our bylaws may be read on our website at [www.greenehistory.org](http://www.greenehistory.org).

## President's Message

Greetings to all our members and friends. So much has been going on that it's hard to know where to start. We have held two excellent programs since I last wrote; both our commemoration of the Battle of Stanardsville, with Harold Woodward as speaker, and our Annual Meeting program, when Donna Shifflett spoke about Nathanael Greene, were held to packed audiences in the Court House. Our Annual Dinner attracted over 70 members and guests; the meal was, as always at the Rosebrook Inn, delicious, and Jon Beverly Whitlock gave us some most interesting tidbits of information about 360 Main Street, where he had grown up. And speaking of which, we are making great progress with our plans for 360 Main Street, as you will see in our building update. It turned out that a new building would be more cost-effective than our original plan of renovating the garage, so we have hired Tom Crouthamel, of TC2 Design in Madison, to draw up the plans for the new gallery building. Once again we are about to let the contract for Phase 2 of the project.

At our Annual Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>, the membership voted to create the category of Director Emeritus, to be conferred upon previous Board members who have distinguished themselves with long service and important contributions to the Society. The board has conferred this status on two of the board's longest serving members. One is Eugene Powell, who was the Society's first President, and who has a continuing history of dedicated service, including handling genealogical search requests and overseeing publication of numerous GCHS Magazines. The second is Julie Dickey, who was the second President, and who, among many other contributions, was an integral part of the team that gained National Historic Place recognition for Stanardsville. Both of these members have put in long hours in pursuit of our mission, and I am delighted that we have been able to recognize their efforts, albeit in a small way.

Now I turn to my soapbox, with a couple of messages about members and money. Members are our most important asset, and we need more of you. As the County grows, many more people move here who do not know much about the county's history but would be interested if they did. If any of you are members of other organizations such as garden clubs, Lions or Ruritan, homeowners associations or the like - and think your members would enjoy hearing about the history of the county and the Society's work to preserve it and make it available, please do get in touch with us. We would be very happy to do a daytime or evening program. Call me at 434-990-1958 or email [info@greenehistory.org](mailto:info@greenehistory.org). Through monetary and volunteer efforts, members help support the services and programs offered by the Society. All memberships include a subscription to our newsletter, as well as to our occasional magazine.

Next, to money: in May we set up the Greene County Historical Society Endowment Fund, as part of the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF), with an initial amount of \$100,000.00 from the bequest of Linwood Rhodes. This money will grow and the interest earned will help to support our programs and our facilities. Should you feel you would like to help us financially with a gift to the Endowment Fund, you may send us a check to PO Box 185, Stanardsville VA 22973, or direct to CACF at PO Box 1767 Charlottesville, VA 22902, or through their website [www.CACFOnline.org](http://www.CACFOnline.org). Just specify Greene County HS Endowment Fund in the memo line of your check and it will be deposited in our account. We have also set up a dedicated House Maintenance Fund, to which several of you have been very generous with your donations. Checks sent to us at PO Box 185, Stanardsville VA 22973, with HMF in the memo line, will be dedicated to helping us develop and maintain 360 Main Street. Donations can be made by credit card at the link on the Membership page of our website, [www.greenehistory.org](http://www.greenehistory.org).

We owe a number of debts of gratitude. One is to Greene First LLC, otherwise known as Jimmy Morris, Graydon Lamb and J. T. Knight, who most generously gave us some beautiful furniture and furnishings from the bank building on Main Street in Stanardsville. We will have an office to be proud of, not to mention a comfy chair in our reading nook! See pictures below.



We also thank PJ Networks for giving us a break in the cost of repairing both our office and public computers. Many of our contractors and suppliers are generous in recognizing our not-for-profit status. Tom Crouthamel has given us a very fair quote on the design work he is doing, and Larry Lamb of Nathaniel Greene Construction was generous in the work he and his team put in on our grounds over the winter. After they had finished, Stanley Morton and his crew did a fine job of levelling and re-seeding grass, so that Travis Oliver can keep our grounds looking beautiful. We thank board member Kim Spitzmiller for her donation of a cupola for our new gallery.

Finally, I gratefully acknowledge the work done by all members of your board on behalf of the Society and its mission: Joann Powell, Vice President; Roger Powell, Treasurer; Cheryl Ragland, Secretary; Richard Early, Joe Freni, Kim Spitzmiller, Bill Steo, and newly elected board members Troy Harlow and Bobby Rhodes. I would also like to thank Julie Dickey and Bill Jones, outgoing board members, for all their contributions.

## Commemoration of February 29<sup>th</sup> 1864 – the Battle of Stanardsville



Although we had the pleasure of listening to Harold Woodward speak about the Battle of Stanardsville at our 2012 Annual Meeting, it was clear that Harold had much more to tell. So it seemed appropriate to ask him back on the date closest to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that Battle, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2014. Speaking to a packed court house, Harold told us more about the strategy behind the events of February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> 150 years ago. We were extremely fortunate that this time Adam Forster of VALivingTV.com was there to videotape Harold's talk; it is available for viewing on Vimeo, a US-based video sharing website, at <http://vimeo.com/87985886>. We thank Adam for creating such an excellent quality video, and for making it available. This photo of Harold during his lecture was taken from the video.

### Events

#### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Festivities.**

The GCHS is one of the sponsors of the parade in Stanardsville on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The society provides the chairperson for the festivities (Joann Powell) and the monetary prizes for the parade units. The parade starts at 10:00 AM and travels along Main Street. After the parade there will be activities on the Courthouse lawn, including a reading of the Declaration of Independence, music by the Greene County Singers, vendors and bell ringing. Be sure to bring bells along with you.

#### **Greene County Fair.**

The fair will operate from July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The GCHS will have a booth for the duration of the fair in the large vendor tent. We will be selling various books, including our "Images" book, and will have an unidentified object from our collection for you to try and figure out, so please stop by and say hello.

## Bank of Greene Shareholders

This note from Woodie Parrott is a very timely look back to the first days of the Bank of Greene. Woodie, thank you for sharing this information.

As the old bank building on Main Street in Stanardsville prepares for its next financial incarnation as a branch office of United Bank, this seems an appropriate time to take a look back at the original Bank of Greene.

The original Bank of Greene, Inc., had a stock offering of 250 shares, and as of the date on which the following list of shareholders was drawn up, the stock was largely, if not exclusively, held by residents of Greene County. The bank's first president, the Honorable John Shearman Chapman, 1861-1943, a prominent local attorney and former Virginia State Senator, guided the bank from its founding circa 1910 until his death more than 30 years later.

An undated listing of the shareholders in the original Bank of Greene, Inc., was once drawn and printed under the name of W. J. Garth, Commissioner of Revenue of Greene County, Geer, Virginia. This list of shareholders eventually made its way into the possession of the late Charles T. Garth, and was made available to this contributor through the courtesy of the late Edwin S. Deane.

Under the heading "Below is the list of the shareholders of the Bank of Greene Inc." appear the following names followed by the number of shares of stock that each investor held in the bank.

| Name                | Shares<br>Held | Name               | Shares<br>Held |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Beazley, J. E.      | 6              | Graves, E. M.      | 3              |
| Bickers, B. I.      | 15             | Graves, J. P.      | 10             |
| Bickers, P. P.      | 2              | Graves, J. P. Mrs. | 1              |
| Breeden, R. A.      | 9              | Jarrell, H. C.     | 2              |
| Breeden, H. F.      | 2              | Morris, G. C.      | 10             |
| Chapman, Jno. S.    | 18             | Morris, J. J.      | 8              |
| Cole, W. B., Jr.    | 18             | Morris, J. O.      | 10             |
| Cole, W. B., Sr.    | 9              | Moyers, T. P.      | 4              |
| Davis, Geo. W.      | 1              | Moyers, T. P. Mrs. | 3              |
| Deane, C. P.        | 3              | Moyers, H. W.      | 2              |
| Deane, E. S. Mrs.   | 10             | Moyers, H. W. Mrs. | 1              |
| Burton, H. G.       | 1              | Parrott, G. B.     | 7              |
| Dulaney, C. Q.      | 10             | Sims, Lida S.      | 3              |
| Durrett, N. E. Mrs. | 1              | Stephens, R. N.    | 40             |
| Early, J. B.        | 2              | Taylor, Fannie     | 2              |
| Early, W. L.        | 7              | Via, G. W.         | 7              |
| Estes, F. E.        | 3              | White, Ludie B.    | 3              |
| Estes, Mattie       | 2              | Williams Boy       | 5              |
| Fitzhugh, E. R.     | 5              | May, L. F. & wife  | 3              |
| Gibbs, J. F.        | 2              |                    |                |
|                     |                | Total              | 250            |

## The Blue Ridge School

The following article was written by Jean H. Hart, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge School and a current member of Montpelier Chapter, a Virginia chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

As you drive through the gate of Blue Ridge School in St. George, Virginia, and up a small knoll, on the left just behind pine trees is a square, beige building with "DAR" on the front. Today, it is the home of faculty members, although it began as a gift from the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution in 1952 and was built as a dormitory for boys.

The story of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) relationship with Blue Ridge School really began in 1937. It was then that the DAR established the qualifications for a school to be placed on their Approved List, which meant that the DAR would provide financial assistance. The qualifications were: "a school should be established definitely for underprivileged young people, who otherwise would not have an opportunity for an education, or for Indians, or for foreign-born students; it should have high educational standards and teach sound American principles; it should have a real need of the assistance of the Daughters of the American Revolution." At the time, Blue Ridge was one of nine schools in the country that met the criteria and thus became a DAR Approved School. It was the only Virginia school on the list.



Groundbreaking ceremony

In October, 1941, the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution made the decision to build a dormitory at what was then called the "Blue Ridge Industrial School". Four years and a World War later, in 1945 Mrs. Bernard Bailey, State Chairman of Approved Schools, stated that the dormitory project would begin collecting state pledges: by 1950, Mrs. Bailey had become the Chairman of the Blue Ridge Building Fund with a goal of putting together \$25,000 for the dormitory, and in 1952, the dormitory was finished.

"It was a gala day indeed, that 29th of October, 1952, on which the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated the building they had presented to the School as a boys' dormitory.

Three hundred people, including

representatives of the society on both national and state levels, as well as members of Charlottesville chapters, arrived on campus for the service of dedication. Mrs. C. Bernard Bailey, chairman of the building committee for the Virginia DAR and later a trustee of Blue Ridge School, presided," Elizabeth Copeland Norfleet wrote in her history, *Blue Ridge School: Samaritans of The Mountains*.

In 1967, at the Seventy-Sixth Continental Congress of the DAR and following a thorough review of all of the Approved Schools, the DAR decided that Blue Ridge was "so well established, the service to the students would not be interrupted were the NSDAR to withdraw its sponsorship" and Blue Ridge was asked to withdraw from the list. The last recorded donation from DAR to Blue Ridge was in 1966-1967 in the amount of \$969.11.

The DAR was a generous benefactor. In addition to providing the funds for the dormitory, during the time Blue Ridge was an approved school, it also provided funds for prizes and scholarships, furnishings for the new dormitory, funds for upkeep, and plated silver place settings for the dormitory's dining service. The building was renovated in 1980 and became faculty housing for four faculty members and their families.

The Albemarle Chapter, Charlottesville, Virginia continues to have a relationship with Blue Ridge School by awarding the DAR Citizenship Medal and Certificate to a graduating senior.

### **A Legacy of Maudie Powell Haney**

**by Roger Powell.**

Recently while working at GCHS Museum, I discovered in an unlabeled notebook binder an early 1900s picture of a group of men outside the Greene County Courthouse. I do not know the purpose of the group unless it was a jury group for a trial. As the caption explains, Maudie Powell Haney was given the photograph for correctly identifying all of the people.

I recognized the names Emmett Harlow and Sheriff Russell Malone. Since I remembered Emmett Harlow from the Quinque area, and attend Swift Run Baptist Church with his daughter, Hortense Ann McMullen, I made a copy of the picture to show it to Ann.

At church several people were attracted to the picture and were attempting to identify relatives. "Is that Papa (grandfather) [referring to a Mr. Baugher], or is it his father?" were questions asked by sisters Faye Dean and Shirley Butler. I think they discussed it further with my cousin Eugene Powell. Hortense Ann McMullen and her daughter used the picture, copied several times, and distributed to the Emmett Harlow grandkids.

RIP Maudie Powell Haney (December 25, 1902- May 7, 1994)



(Left to right) John Chapman, John Henry Morris, Charlie Parrott, George Baugher, Alfred Williams, Clyde Harlow, John Gentry, George Parrott, Ed Morris, Iram Lawson, Emmett Harlow, R.A. Malone standing outside a building in Stanardsville, probably one of the old courthouse buildings. Maudie Haney got the photo because

she was the only one in town who could properly identify all the men. John Chapman, left end, was a well-known lawyer at the time, John Gentry was a county supervisor representing the Monroe district, while R.A. Malone was the county's sheriff from 1908 to 1937. Haney guesses the photo was taken around 1917.

**“Find A Grave”**  
**Submitted by Sandra Morris**

I am volunteer amateur photographer for [FindAGrave.com](http://FindAGrave.com) It is a free site where people can search for information of their ancestors, loved ones or friends.

I need your assistance to find the remote graveyards in Greene County. Most of the graveyards that are left to be documented are small and remote. If you have a graveyard on your property or know of one, please let me know, so that I can photograph the tombstones. It is sad to say that a few graveyards have been lost due to neglect and/or destruction. That is why I feel some urgency to complete this task. Also time has taken its toll on the tombstones. Because of the work of the Greene County Historical Society Genealogy Committee, and with their permission, I am able to supplement the information that I find on the tombstones. By the time Volume III was completed, some of graveyards had GPS coordinates included in the information, which is very helpful in locating the graveyards. The Greene County Historical Society printed and copyrighted the survey in Volumes I, II, & III of the Greene County, Virginia Church & Community Cemeteries, & Family Graveyards, which was completed from 1995 to 2001.

[FindAGrave.com](http://FindAGrave.com) is a very user friendly web site. On the right side of the opening page is a list. Select search for a cemetery. Do not enter a name of a cemetery as it requests you to do. Next select United States, then select a county. You can then scroll through the cemeteries and graveyards in that county. Select a cemetery or graveyard from the list. You will then see a list of the persons interred there. If there is a camera by the name then you will be able to see a photograph of the tombstone for that person. If a photograph is not present, then you can request that one be taken. You can also read the rules that volunteers must follow in the FAQ section of the web site. If you find a Memorial created by Simor, that is really me.

When I lived in Ohio I used this site to research my ancestors in Highland County, Virginia. It is encouraging when I get feedback through FindAGrave at Email address-- [Simor4653@me.com](mailto:Simor4653@me.com) or call 434 985-7952

There are approximately 350 cemeteries and graveyards in Greene County and only 100 plus are included on [FindAGrave.com](http://FindAGrave.com).



*The grave of General Nathanael Greene  
in Johnson Square Savannah, Georgia.*

**New Members**

We are delighted to welcome the following new members: Mark and Betsy Martin, and Bertrand and Barbara Nye, of Stanardsville, Ronald Wiggins and Diane M. Bradshaw, and Lisa and Mike Dean, of Ruckersville; the Reverend James P. Jinks, of Dyke; and Amanda Kutch, of Troy, VA, who joined the Society as a Lifetime member. Amanda, thank you for showing such confidence in us.



### New Acquisitions

Among the really interesting artifacts that we have been given so far this year are: some mid-20<sup>th</sup> century marketing materials (coin savers for tolls) from Bickers Ford of Stanardsville, from Kathy Doerr; a phonograph, circa 1910, with records, from the Parrott Farm on South River, from Ethyle Giuseppe via Anne Reel; two items from the Sims Grist Mill near Carpenters Mill Road ó a handcart, and a wooden cam from the mill machinery, from Ben Sims III; also from Ben, a WWII Austrian Rifle, sent back to Greene County as war booty; some glass bottles, a large wooden scoop and a decorative sword artifact, from Chee and Rodney Ricketts; store receipts from Kim Spitzmiller; an original copy of the Dallas Morning News with the breaking news of the assassination of President Kennedy, and the two Images of America books about Luray and Page County, from Bill and Sharon Steo; a backup copy of the Grymes Octonia Stone Book, and architectural drawings dated December 21, 1937 for the new Greene County Administration offices, from Gail Trimmer Untermann; a genealogy of the Underwood family, from John Underwood; and, belatedly, an 1860s Greene County map that came to us last year from Rita Swain. Most recently, however, in fact just last week, Gathelene Parrott Rhodes and her brother, Woodie Parrott, gave us a number of artifacts from the Parrott home place on March Road, where Woodie and Gathelene grew up. These include kitchen utensils and cookery leaflets, hats, farm tools, many of them made to suit their purpose on the farm, a beautiful paper-lined trunk, a fiddle and a guitar. These last two are the first musical instruments in our collection, all the more to be cherished given the long history of music-making in this county. All of these items will help us to do what we are here to do ó illustrate the history of Greene County. We are immensely grateful to the donors for trusting us to care for these treasures.

### Financial Donations

Once again, several people have contributed to our House Maintenance Fund, including: Tom and Gayle Edwards of Ruckersville; Joe and Star Freni, Stanardsville; Rebecca Grainger, Alabama; Tom & Louise Hayes, Stanardsville; Stan Johnson; Ben Sims III, Arlington; Henry and Ann Shelton, Charlottesville; Chuck Swinney, Stanardsville; and Chris Taylor of Greenville, NC. Non-specific financial donations include those from Robert Allan of Ruckersville; Virginia Blossom; Dorothy Bundy, Springfield; Alex and Mick Carrier, Stanardsville; Evangeline Cleage, Barboursville; Dr. Harold and Theresa Fisher, Piscataway, NJ; and Gloria Roberts of North Carolina. Thank you one and all.

### Annual Meeting, May 18, 2014



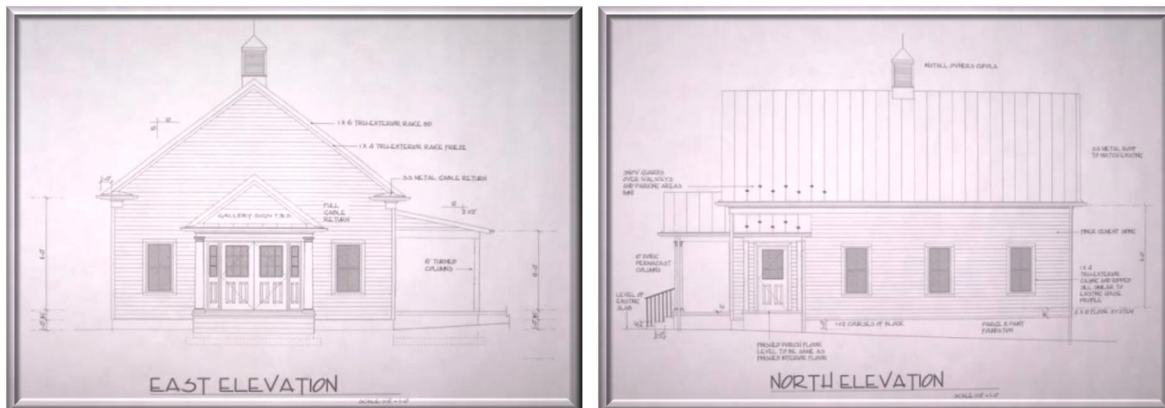
Our Annual Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> was attended by over 60 people, the majority of them members. Two agenda items from the meeting are dealt with in the President's Letter: the creation of two Directors Emeritus, Eugene Powell and Julie Davis Dickey, and the establishment of the Greene County Historical Society Endowment Fund. The Nominating Committee (Jackie Pamerter, Bill Steo and Cheryl Ragland) presented the following slate: Joann Powell (Vice President), Kim Spitzmiller (who by Board appointment has been fulfilling Eugene Powell's unexpired term), Troy Harlow and Bobby Rhodes. These last two replace outgoing Board members Bill Jones and Julie Davis Dickey. There were no nominations from the floor. The membership first approved a waiver of the by-law restricting a further

consecutive term for Joann, and then voted to accept the above slate. As a final item of business, Jackie introduced the Board of Directors, asking them to stand and be recognized. She also asked all the volunteers who were present to stand, thanking them for their service, and encouraging others to volunteer.

Joann Powell then introduced the guest speaker, Donna Shifflett, whose topic was Nathanael Greene, for whom our county is named. Donna, who teaches at Ruckersville Elementary School, started her extensive research on Nathanael Greene when she was a student at the University of Virginia. She recounted his life and career, painting a picture of a very successful military strategist, whose name has been recognized by 17 different counties throughout the United States, as well as many cities and towns. At the end of her talk Jackie presented Donna with several thank you gifts. Finally, member Sandra Morris made a plea for information about small family cemeteries as part of her project to add gravestone photographs to Findagrave.com; an extended article from Sandra is included earlier in the newsletter. The meeting concluded and members and friends adjourned to the court house lawn for refreshments in the afternoon sunshine.

### 360 Main Street Report

The GCHS has hired Tom Crouthamel from TC2 Design in Madison, VA to draw up plans for the construction of a Gallery to be located at the rear of the GCHS House on Main St. The GCHS would like to extend a special thanks to Tom for his expert work and generous fee quoted to us for the project.



The GCHS has been progressing toward the construction of the Museum Gallery (known as Phase II) at the rear of the property on Main Street. The Phase II building Committee composed of Joe Freni and Bill Steo has been working toward securing a bid from interested contractors for its construction. Bids will be accepted by July 8<sup>th</sup>, and then reviewed. A decision will be made as to which contractor has secured the project. It is hoped that the GCHS will have a completed building by late fall.

This is the largest building project in the history of The Society and we are grateful for the support the community has given us. We urge you to contribute toward our building fund which will aid in the sustaining of our Museum and Gallery. When your membership renewal is due please keep us in mind for an extra donation other than membership dues.

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## Membership Form (Rev. July 12, 2013)

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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 Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> with a payment deadline of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Your current membership is valid through the date on your address label. **Please, consider a donation to the House Fund.**

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

Individual lifetime membership \$300 \_\_\_\_ **House Maintenance Fund Donation \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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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