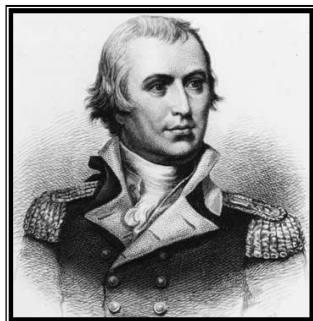


Greene County Historical Society Newsletter



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

Volunteers Needed.

The Greene County Historical Society needs your help. We need additional volunteers to take a once a month, 2½ hour morning or afternoon shift on Fridays or Saturdays, to keep the doors open at the museum which is currently in the Old Jail next to the Courthouse in Stanardsville.

Without more volunteers we will be forced to cut back to **one day a week**, which would be a pity when we have so much to offer.

Museum-minding has something for everyone who enjoys local history. Volunteering is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the history of Greene County and our residents.

A mentor will be assigned to you and guide you through the simple procedure of opening or closing the Museum.

Please call 985-1409 if you would like to volunteer for a 2 ½ hour shift.

Help us to keep our doors open for continued public service.

Write to info@greenehistory.org and we'll get you set up, thank you!

Visit our website at www.greenehistory.org and like us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/greenehistory.org

President's message;

As always we have been busy since I wrote my last message to you, but I thought that this time I would tell you about some of the varied things I get to do as your President. There is a whole lot more going on than this, carried out by a very dedicated team of board members and volunteers ó these items are some of my share.

Occasionally I respond an easy genealogy inquiry; Eugene handles nearly all of these inquiries, and they are many! But this week I got to write to someone and point out that we are Greene County VA, not Greene County TN, and that since our Greene was not established until 1838, our court records don't start till then.

Just talked to Alan Yost, Greene's EDA Director and head of Tourism, about a spring event linked to the Blue Ridge Heritage project with which we will coordinate, and also about signage that will direct travelers on the Stanardsville Bypass and Route 230 to the nationally recognized Stanardsville Historic District.

Yesterday I took a visitor who had driven here from California with his wife and his 98-year old mother to see a family grave marker so that he could photograph it.

Send pleading emails to our wonderful volunteers to make sure that the museum is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 till 3, as it almost always is.

Work with Ivan Henao on text and files to keep our website up to date ó at least, more up to date. It's not Ivan's fault if it isn't.

Post things on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/greenehistoryva. You can visit the page without having to sign up for anything. You only have to be a member if you want to comment, so please come to find out the latest.

Feed encouragement to Wendy Mathias, who is patiently transcribing the information from our earliest School Board Minutes. These started in 1871 and end in 1905. Interpreting the handwriting takes a lot of skill!!

Fill in bits of the State Corporation Annual Report to keep us on the right side of the law.

Treasurer Roger Powell does the rest.

Try to recover from Bank of America some early Bank of Greene documents that have become part of their archives.

Scan photographs lent or given to us by generous people. Margaret Ann Curran, daughter of Genevieve and John Morris, found a treasure trove of photographs in her late mother's attic and has given them to me to scan for our archives. We also have on loan for scanning a collection that belongs to Lanona Robinson of Florida. These last were taken by Linwood Mitchell, whose photography studio name is on many of the photographs (it's sad but not unexpected that the cards say the studio was in Stanardsville !!)

Help Travis Daniel, who is researching VA Civil War uniforms, to find relevant items in our collection. Serendipitously, board member Kim Spitzmiller's uncle is an expert on the subject and Kim was able to borrow much documentation for Travis to use.

Work with Joann Powell and Greg Gilbert to record an oral history with Greene County native Journey Williams. Journey is now 80 years old and has been a self-taught piano tuner and repairer for his whole career. He is very interesting to listen to. Along with all the other oral histories that Joann and Greg have done for us since last summer, you can listen to Journey on the public computer at the museum. Thank you to both for a terrific job.

More next time, Jackie Pamentier

Gallery Construction has started.



On August 20th the GCHS has contracted with Jamie Wayland of OøJennings Home Builders, for Phase 2 at 360 Main Street, Stanardsville. OøJennings will construct the Wildlife Art Gallery that will house the Linwood Rhodes Collection. The late Mr. Rhodes was an avid outdoorsman and hunter, and his collection includes taxidermy specimens, and prints by such notable wildlife artists as Don R. Eckelberry and Michael Mathias Kiefer. The gallery has been designed to showcase these works. We plan to open the museum and gallery at 360 Main Street in the late spring, but until then, please continue to come and see us at the Old Jail, next to the Court House in Stanardsville.

As of the writing of this newsletter the necessary permits are in hand and construction has started. The old garage has been deconstructed by local metal crafter Tom Darnell who will also be reconstructing it and converting it into his workshop at his home.

Tom has purchased the old öMountain View Tea Roomö on US Route 33, West of Stanardsville for his metal crafterø's gallery.



Mountain View Tea Room as seen in the 1930ø's.





Tom Darnell at the deconstruction site.



Oøennings Home Builders have completed the foundation footer trenches.

Greene County “Fast Facts”

- *** Formed from Orange County in 1838
- *** 156.25 sq. miles
- *** Population in 2013 (Estimated) ---18,804
- *** Population in 2000 --- 15,244
- *** Population in 1840 --- 558
- *** 20% (Approximately) of the County is in the Shenandoah National Park

The Haney Family Reunion

**Submitted by
Barbara Haney**

The reunion committee included at least one representative from all classes from 1951-1964 (again with the exception of the Class of 1958). Some classes had 3 or 4 members. I guess you could call me the Chairman (Barbara Haney, Class of 1957) but it was really a joint effort of all committee members. Gwendolyn G. Conkling (class of 1957) served as registrar for the reunion.

The "Fifties Fling Continues" was held September 13, 2014 at October Hill (owned by Barbara Haney and her nephew and his wife- Bill and Leslie Woodward) on Dyke Rd with over approximately 200 alumni and spouses of William Monroe High School. Those in attendance represented class years from 1936 to 1964 with all classes included that had celebrated their 50th class reunion. Ethyle Giuseppe entered the original William Monroe High School building as a first grader the year it opened and graduated in the class of 1936. There were graduates from some of the classes of the 40's, all classes of the 1950's except for Class of 1958 (only 4 graduates since this was the first class affected by the addition of the 12th year) and all classes of 60's through the class of 1964.

Tents with tables were erected around the shelter which were built in honor of Ennis and Frances Haney. Individuals brought their own chairs. Food was prepared by Rodney Lillard of Mill Valley Barbecue.

A book of 80 pages included resumes of the lives of attendees of William Monroe High School (at least those who sent in the brief summary). Eugene Powell collected the information, edited and typed the book for the committee. Class pictures were taken of those who graduated prior to 1951 and then of all class of the 1950's and 1960's.

We were blessed with good weather in the afternoon after heavy showers in the morning. There was a lot of laughter, talking and reminiscing about their years at William Monroe and their lives in the ensuing years. A fun time was had by all!



This beaded and embroidered Christmas Tree ornament in the shape of a boot was donated to us by Ed and Sharon Lumadue. It probably dates to the 1890s or 1900s, as it was found in a kitchen drawer at the Parrott Farm ó Greene Meadows with paper ephemera (school report cards, game cards dated 1903 from the Lions Coffee company, etc.). Appropriate to the subject and the season don't you think?

The Parrott Farm – *Green Meadows*, by Woodie Parrott

Dr. Finks Catterton, M.D., was a Civil War officer and later a well-known physician in this area. When Dr. Catterton's first wife, Fannie Chapman Catterton, died at an untimely age in 1868, he was left a widower with a 3 year-old daughter named Sallie Early Catterton. He had a sister named Sarah Frances Catterton Early, who was married to James B. Early. James B. Early and Sarah Frances Catterton Early resided at *Green Meadows Farm* near Parker's Mountain. The Early's two children both died in early childhood. Seeing that her brother was a widower with a young child to rear, and having lost both of her own daughters, Sarah Frances Catterton Early is said to have pleaded with her brother, Dr. Catterton, to allow her to raise his daughter. Dr. Catterton agreed, and his daughter, Sallie Early Catterton, at age 3, went in 1868 to live with her uncle and aunt, James B. Early and Sarah Frances Catterton Early, at *Green Meadows Farm*. Sallie would live there for the next 82 years.

In 1889, Sallie Early Catterton married George Brightberry Parrott (her distant cousin multiple ways, and brother to the grandfather of the writer, Woodie Parrott). The transfer of *Green Meadows Farm* from the Earlys to the Parrotts began four years later, and eventually George and Sallie Early Catterton Parrott acquired title to the entire estate of approximately 500 acres.

In 1900, George B. Parrott crossed Celt Road and purchased "*Valley Park Farm*," thereby adding another 136 acres to his holdings (*Valley Park* is the current Mickie Cox farm). *Green Meadows* and *Valley Park* together comprised virtually a plantation between the Swift Run River, Amicus and Parker's Mountain, and George B. Parrott bought and sold other farms in the county as well. He was once chairman of the Greene County Board of Supervisors, and it seems to have been largely he who engineered the 1919 write-in vote that got his eldest son, James Emory Parrott, elected Commonwealth's Attorney of Greene County before he had even finished law school.

The exact age of the manor house at *Green Meadows* is unknown. James B. Early built part of the house, and George B. Parrott later added to it, but the builder of the original part of the house isn't known.

In 1974, the house and 24 acres were bought from the Parrott family by Ed and Sharon Lumadue, who started the Christmas Tree farm that continues to this day. There is more information about the farm during the 20th century on the Christmas Tree farm's website <http://www.greenmeadowsfarm.com>. However, Woodie points out that the first paragraph of information on the website's History page is incorrect in saying that George B. Parrott married the daughter of James B. Early. As explained above, he married their niece. He doubts the assertion that George B. Parrott was to be given *Green Meadows* in exchange for marrying Sallie Early Catterton. One of George B. Parrott's daughters told Woodie that it was due to the care that George and Sallie Parrott gave to James and Sarah Early during their declining

years, coupled with the fact that the Earlys had no children of their own, that the Parrotts became the heirs of the Earlys at "Green Meadows." The same page refers to an 1842 map, but that is also in error. The Society does sell an 1866 map of the county, with notations of who lived where. Currently it is out of print, we will resume selling copies after our move to 360 Main Street.



The signs are presently in the possession of Bill and Sharon Steo and they will be donated to the GCHS this spring upon the completion of the Gallery building.

Stanardsville Motor Company



This photograph of the Stanardsville Motor Company, now home to The Noon Whistle Pottery and next to our future home at 360 Main Street, is of a Scrap Rubber Drive that was probably in response to President Roosevelt's appeal in 1942. According to Hugh Rockoff in his research paper "Keep on Scrapping: The Salvage Drives of World War II," (National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Working Paper No. 13418, issued in September 2007), rubber was bought at a penny a pound (\$20 per short ton) by filling stations. The Rubber Reserve reimbursed the oil companies at the rate of \$25 per ton. Profits were donated to charity. This 1942 drive produced approximately 400,000 long tons of scrap rubber.

The oil companies had an indirect interest in the rubber scrap drives. Gasoline was abundant in most of the country, especially the Southwest, by prewar standards, and there was little reason on that account to ration. The exception was part of the Northeast where supplies brought by sea had been interrupted by German submarine activity. It was widely believed, however, that gasoline rationing and low driving speeds - a speed limit of 35 miles an hour - were crucial for conserving tires. Thus, by promoting scrap rubber collection the oil companies hoped to increase the supply of rubber for civilian tires and limit the extent of gasoline rationing. Not only would rationing reduce consumption and profits during the war, it might also accustom some drivers to get along with less gasoline and spoil postwar markets.

The people in the photograph were identified for us by Ben Early, for which we are most grateful. They are, from left to right: unknown, Billy Whitlock (looking through tire), Ivy Bickers, John Whitlock, George Collins Senior, and Thomas "Snake" Early (Ben's dad). We are indebted to Keith Collins of Richmond, whose father was George Collins Jr., for this great photo scan. Keith says, "I remember Snake Early from my childhood. He was the long-time mechanic with the company and was with my father until the business closed."

Financial Donations

Financial donations from the following benefactors are most gratefully acknowledged; Philip & Arlene Anns, Dick & Fran Bernier, and the Amateur Radio Club, from Stanardsville; Butch Davies from Culpeper; Margaret Diggs of Savannah MO; Laura George of Atlanta GA; Charles & Ann Long of Charlottesville; Frank & Betty Ruppert of McLean; and Jackie Williams of Richmond. We thank you all.

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Society: Travis Daniel of Ruckersville; Mary Knighton of Palmyra; Mary Lou Mundy of Gordonsville; and Sara L. Smith of Barboursville. It is interesting to note the diversity of interest. Travis initially came to research our Civil War-related items; Mary Knighton came to find out about Miss Nelie and the Church of the Brethren Industrial School; Mary Lou first came with her cousin Mabel Baker, and found much information about her Morris relatives; and Sara Smith was initially connected to us through the Civil War Sesquicentennial War document scanning program. Very different routes, but we hope they will all find much to interest them in our collections and activities.

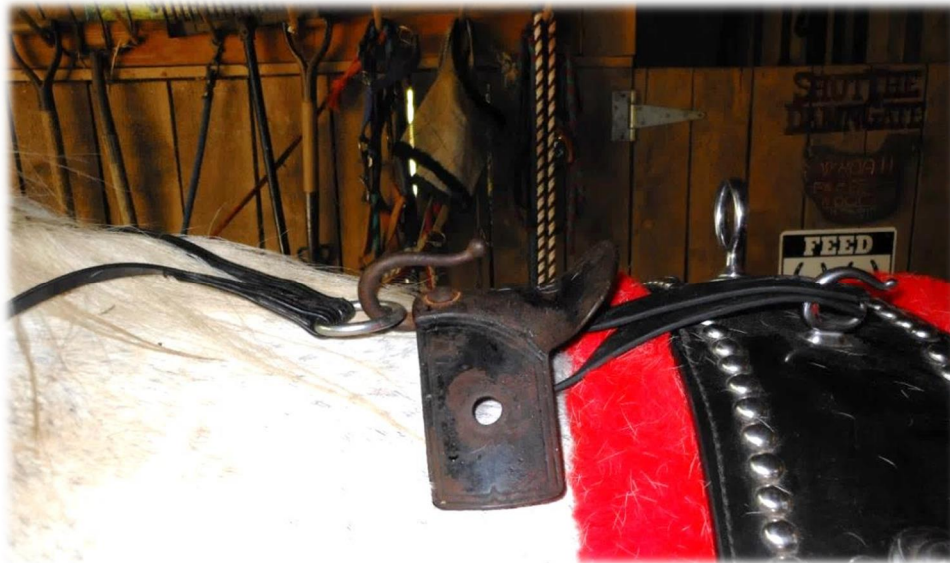
Artifact Donations

Don Brady, 1975 Stanardsville United Methodist Church Cookbook, with local house photos and annotations; Keith Collins, Stanardsville Motor Company and Jarrell House (now Pamenter house) photos, high quality photo scan; Margaret Curran, photos, tintypes and 3 albums, from the home of her parents, John and Genevieve Morris; Kathy Doerr, pencils promoting the Bickers General Store; Beverly Heroy for GRACE, two 1930s scrapbooks with Central VA clippings; Mary Lou Mundy, mid-20th century items from her mother, Altie (Morris) Johnson, including a 1933 Health Bulletin on Raising Baby and a set of dominoes; Maude Pluta, iron hook from farm equipment, found in Lexington Subdivision; Carl Schmitt, County papers from September and October 1981 related to the dedication of the rebuilt Court Square, and a BoS resolution that county portraits be conveyed to GCHS; Sally and Elliott Brock Strickler, mantel scarf crocheted from flax grown on the family farm; Jackie Williams, quilt made by Birdie Jarrell McMullen, Jackie's grandmother, and spectacles and case belonging to Birdie.

Finally we have late breaking news of artifacts discovered as O'Jennings Home Builders began digging for the foundations of the new gallery; a silver-plated teaspoon, and some ceramic shards. As we said on our Facebook page, "Look while you dig, not just before you do. Our thanks go to everyone who thinks of us when they are deciding what should happen to treasured family possessions. Everything that helps to illustrate the way of life and history of this county is valuable, whether or not it goes on display. In addition to displayed items we will strive to always have available detailed descriptions and photographs of every item in our collections, so that they are accessible to our visitors, both virtually and in person.

Mystery Object Identified!!

Congratulations if you knew that our Mystery Object had something to do with horses and harnesses. It is a "Buggy Rein," and is part of our collection that came from the Buck Moyer Barn and Mill before the buildings at the corner of Celt and Main Streets in Stanardsville were razed in 1983 to make room for the Greene County Administration Building. If you thought it might be a monkey, squirrel or dog saddle, or something that attached to the corner of a wall or table, read on. The buggy rein hook holds the check rein, with which the driver keeps the horse's head up. The ring on the underside holds the crupper strap, which goes round the horse's tail. The holes on the sides of this buggy rein were for fastening it to the surcingle, which goes across the back of the horse. In this photo Judy Pagter demonstrates how it was used on Molly, a Percheron from Ohio who has lived in Greene County since December. Judy, a long-time Greene County resident, is a noted horsewoman and musician; she sings and plays autoharp with the band Country Ham. Thank you Judy and Molly, and thanks to everyone who visited at the Fair!



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