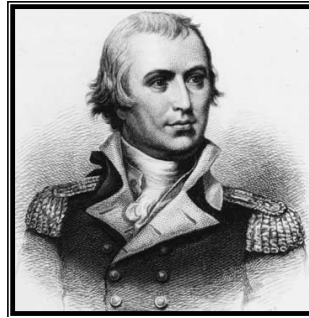


Greene County Historical Society Newsletter



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

Request for artifacts

As we strive to illustrate the part played during the American Revolutionary War by patriots connected with what became Greene County, we are hampered by lack of tangible exhibits. If you would like to donate Revolutionary War artifacts or documents that are connected to a Greene County family please contact us at 985-1834 or through info@greenehistory.org.

Financial Aid to the GCHS

If you order merchandise on-line you can use "Amazon Smile" for purchases. This program enables Amazon to donate a small monetary amount to the non-profit organization of the purchaser's choice. The Greene County Historical Society is on their list.

It is easy to sign up at <http://smile.amazon.com> . Choose the Greene County Historical Society from their list and a small amount of your purchase cost will be donated to the GCHS. This procedure **does not add** any additional expense to your purchase. *Amazon Smile* is a simple way of lending financial support to the Society and it will be greatly appreciated.

If everyone does a little, a lot will be achieved.

Please, remember that the GCHS annual membership dues are payable **by January 1, 2016**. Payment can be made by cash or check, or by PayPal through our website. Early payments will be appreciated.

President's Letter

What a day we had! October 4th could have turned up with nicer weather, but that didn't deter over 200 people from coming out to help us celebrate at our Grand Opening. We had two ribbon-cutting ceremonies: for the first, at the Linwood A. Rhodes Wildlife Art Gallery, Barbara Rhodes, widow of Linwood A. Rhodes, and Linwood's half-sister Ethyle Cole Giuseppe cut the ribbon; then we proceeded to the front of the house, where Jon Beverly Whitlock and Abby Dudley cut the ribbon at the entrance of the Bickers/Whitlock house. Jon Beverly is the grandson of Ivy and Irene Bickers, Abby is their great-great-granddaughter. Then, as you can see from the photographs, people streamed in to admire the new exhibits, and also to enjoy music and refreshments in the Rhodes Gallery. It was a wonderful event, and the culmination of an enormous amount of work by very dedicated board members and other volunteers. With a new flagpole and signage as well to highlight where we are, we've had lots of visitors since the opening – long may that continue! We have beautiful new exhibits; now that we have the space to really show 'the history of Greene County,' using pieces that have been stored for many years. I may be a little biased, but it is a very welcoming place for locals and visitors alike, so I urge you all, whether you live locally or not, to put a visit on your calendar and come to see us soon.

I have some leadership changes to report. After very many years, Bill Steo has stepped down from the board, having had a major hand in everything we have done since he joined the board in 2003, most recently at 360 Main Street but always at the Jail, the Greene Co. fair, and anywhere else we have had a presence. He will be hugely missed and we know that other Greene County organizations that will get 'our' share of his time will greatly benefit. 'Thank you Bill' doesn't come close to expressing my personal gratitude.

And I also need to tell you that Joann Powell, our very capable vice president, has taken my place as president. I'm not leaving town either, but will concentrate on our collections as well as doing my share as a museum minder. I've had a wonderful 11 years as your president - think about how much we all have accomplished in that time! And I thank all of you who over the years have supported me as the representative of your Society. I know you will be as supportive of Joann – it feels good to hand off to someone whose family ties to Greene go back such a long way. The next "President's Letter" will be Joann's to tell you how we are doing at 360 Main Street. I know she will have good things to report.

Please visit us at www.greenehistory.org and www.facebook.com/greenehistoryva, or at 360 Main Street. As before, we are open on Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 till 3, and by appointment.

Best wishes, Jackie Pamenter





In Memoriam

It is sad to report that one of our very good friends, Dookie Deane, passed away in October. He was a fixture in Stanardsville, and a trusted source of stories, information, history and friendship. Dookie was 90 when he died and had seen many changes in his lifetime. We had looked forward to sitting with Dookie on the front porch at 360 Main Street, just as he had sat at Great Valu, watching the passers-by and telling stories of the way things used to be. He is greatly missed.

Memberships.

We are delighted to welcome twenty-seven new individual members and member families: Janet and Tom Call, Stanardsville; Michael Carolan, Belchertown MA; John Howard Carpenter of Stanardsville; Lewis Dickerson, Ruckersville; Tara & Mike Harrison, Ruckersville; Phil James, Crozet; Kit Johnson of Reva; Beth & David Laine, Stanardsville; James Lillard, Rapidan; Jim and Janet McConnell, Ruckersville; Alex Moore, and John and Susan Barkley of Ruckersville; Peggy Moyers Stanardsville; Robert Notto, Ruckersville; Pat Peck, Stanardsville; Donna & Tony Shifflett, Dyke; Erva Shifflett, Stanardsville; Robert & Donna Skaggs, Solana Beach, CA; Frank Steele, Ruckersville; Pat and Roger Temples, Stanardsville; Sam Towler, Charlottesville; Gail Unterman of Stanardsville; Genevieve Page Vaught, Hughson CA; Frank & Bernice Walker, Orange VA; Peggy Whitcomb; Stephanie Williams, Stanardsville; and new Lifetime Member Robert Allan of Ruckersville.

Financial donations.

We have had a wonderful response to our Buy-A-Brick campaign and the new walkway looks terrific. It is not complete!! You can still buy a brick to memorialize your family – or another - and we include the form in this newsletter. Brick buyers to date include: the Art Guild of Greene, Barbara Bickers, the Calls, Karan Calloway, Chesley Creek B&B, the Clarkes, the Comiskys, Margaret Curran, the John Davis family, the Paul Davis family, Mildred Dean, the Carroll Deane and Charlie Deane families, Draper Aden Associates, the Dudleys, the Dyes, Richard Dynes, the Earlys, James Eddins, Deb Erickson, the Fizers, the Forrests, the Frenis, Muriel George, Gerri Gilbert, Ethyle Giuseppe, Daniel Haney, George Haney, Donna Oakey Hughs, Cynthia Hutcherson, the Johnsons, the Joness, Heidi Ladd, Mary Laine, the Lams, Anna Rhoades Little, Doris Lyon, Bill Martin, Wendy Mathias, Ann McDaniel, Gene Oakey, Noon Whistle Pottery, the Palette Art Gallery, the Pamenters, Performance Signs, the Plutas, Joann Powell, the Roger Powell family, the Pyles, Cheryl Ragland, the Reels, the Rhodess, the Ricketts, the Rupperts, the Saxton family, the Schmitts, the Schwabs, Neil Shawen, the Sheltons, the Sims family, Steve Smith, the Spitzmillers, the Steeves, Louise Sullivan, Charlene Swartley, Rebecca Tate, the Page Vaught family, the Walker family, the Weiss family, Stuart White, the Whitlocks, Emily McMullen Williams and Jackie Gilbert Williams. Joe Freni has prepared an Index to the walk, which enables viewers to quickly find the names they are looking for.

We have received other financial donations this year too: we are most grateful to the following: Janet & Tom Call, John Howard Carpenter, Nina Catalano, Joyce Haney Dittman, Rebecca Grainger, Doug Graves, Bill Henry & Jo McKeown, Butch Davis & Marty Moon, Jim & Betty Morris, Bob & Doriene Steeves, Chuck Swinney, Jerri Morris Tata and Gail Unterman. We thank you all.

We also want to thank people who helped us to decorate for the opening on October 4th: Len at the Corner Store in Ruckersville, and Heidi at Great Valu in Stanardsville, both of whom generously gave us pumpkins. Pat Temples took photographs on the big day and has also recorded details of displays in the house and gallery, for all of which we are most grateful.

Artifact donations

Given that we were closed for much of the year, it is amazing that we have been given any items to add to the collections at all! But we have, and, importantly, all have been accepted by the Collections Committee as being items that add to our understanding of Greene County and its history. Despite having wonderful new space, we cannot accept everything that is offered to us, and this Committee is charged with making that decision.

Donations include: from Barbara Brownell, who found us all the way from California, a set of 15 1936 building blueprints from the Rural Resettlement Administration (which was responsible for resettling families moved from the mountains to make way for the Shenandoah National Park); Dorothy (Skip) Bundy, a needlepoint sampler with Miss Violette Moyers' buttons and pins, with documentation; Mike Dean, scans of three 1960s photos of buildings on Routes 29 and 33; Carroll & Ellen Deane, 1920s dress of Lillian Deane Rhoades, receipts from the T.D. Deane store at Kinderhook, two Rumford cook books and a card, and a Greene County souvenir glass goblet; Ethyle Giuseppe, a singletree from the buggy in which Ethyle and other South River children rode to school in in the early 1920s; Kathy Hensley Caswell and Jack Hensley, a copy of Kathy's "*Baughner Family of Rockingham County VA*", published 2014; Barbara Rhodes, more items from the collection of the late Linwood Rhodes, including trophies and miniatures; Bobby & Gathelene Rhodes, a 1940s radio, framed photographs of Barbara and Linwood Rhodes, and Ethyle Giuseppe; a commode chair, a child's crib, two china dolls; Josie and Philip Snow, Haught family memorabilia from their residence in a Madison Road house, and a 1936 schoolroom map of the United States; Barbara Lambert, booklet "*Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story*;" Wendy Matthias, "*Fielding Jollett and early Jollett families of Virginia*;" Sue Reich, "*World War I Quilts*," featuring our Red Cross fundraiser quilt; South River Methodist Church, 1960s console radio (now in working condition courtesy of Larry Mezzoni); Kim Spitzmiller, 1960s Skyline Drive souvenir plate; Bill Steo, two metal signs from Greene Meadows Farm and a 1993 clipping from the Greene County Record of an interview with then Mayor Jean Blakey; Jenny & Joe Thompson, decorated cake tin; Emily McMullen Williams, Transcribed love letters of F. M. McMullen & Henrietta McMullen 1853-1876; Alan Yost, Greene County EDA, a listing of those displaced from the Shenandoah National Park. We are grateful to all.

L.A. Rhodes – a short biography, written by his good friend Henry Shelton.

Linwood was born in his family's farmhouse on South River, Greene County Virginia, March 31, 1929, at the beginning of the Depression. He was the only child of Robert Edgar (Doc) and Edna (Parrott) (Cole) Rhodes, both parents having other children from previous marriages. He grew up in an isolated country farm environment; locally, the only boy of a similar age was Henry Shelton, who lived a mile or so away. They would meet on Sundays at the South River Methodist Church. Together they developed a deep appreciation of the natural world from their environment, learning to hunt and fish in order to supplement meat on the Depression-era table. Henry was most interested in guns and hunting, whereas Linwood was most interested in fishing. They shared many hours teaching each other to trap animals for fur, selling fox, mink, muskrat and skunk fur by postal sales. They shared the well-read monthly magazine "Fur/Fish/ Game." They fished the South, Middle (Conway) Rivers and their tributaries, Colic's Run and Devil's Ditch. Both were introduced to fly fishing after they purchased a Royal Coachman Fly from Miss Mamey Fletcher's Store on the Middle River.

As World War II developed, Linwood realized that his middle name Adolph was not very popular. Henceforth, he used his initials – LA - while attending William Monroe High School. LA graduated from High School in 1946, having served as class President for his Senior Year.

LA was initiated into big game hunting at a tent camp set up at "Big Levels," a remote mountainous area west of the Blue Ridge Parkway (approximately, 50 miles south of the Shenandoah National Park). After shooting his first deer on the third morning of the hunt, in a remote valley, he hid it under a blown down tree—hid it so well that it took several hours to find! LA served as a member of the US Army in Germany, as part of the Cold War. While in Germany he used every opportunity to travel through Europe, visiting historic sites and collecting mementoes. After service he worked in Washington DC, and attended school at night. He graduated from Strayer College (now Strayer University) and Georgetown University. He worked for the US Agency for International Development for 38 years. His accomplishments led to the very important position of department head overseeing automation for that agency. LA retired in December 1987, with a letter of congratulations from President Reagan.

Meanwhile he continued ownership of the family farm on South River. He eventually restored the old home-place and maintained it as a modern example of country property stewardship. He provided life rights to improvements made by his half-sister Ethyle Giuseppe. His interest in the natural world, and his passion for hunting and fishing led him and his wife, Barbara, to many interesting overseas adventures. They travelled extensively to Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Scotland, England and other ports of call - photographing wildlife wherever they went.

Linwood died on December 7, 2009, after a short, hard-fought fight with cancer. He and Ethyle Giuseppe generously left the proceeds from the sale of the family farm to the Greene County Historical Society. That bequest has allowed for the purchase of the complex that now houses the County Museum and his wild life collection. His trophies of many trips afield are displayed for the enjoyment of all. It is hoped they will be an inspiration to younger generations of the future.



GCHC BUY-A-BRICK PROGRAM

The Buy-a-brick program has been successful and will continue to be an important part of the Society's fundraising programs. Not only does the program allow folks to memorialize friends or loved ones permanently at the County Museum, it has replaced the old sidewalk in front of the museum and contributed needed income to the Society's operating expenses.

Over 100 bricks have been engraved and installed to date and the potential for many more exists.

GCHS would like a volunteer or volunteers to take ownership of this program.

Specifically, it requires processing the order form, having the brick engraved at a Charlottesville laser engraver (an ample brick inventory exists on Museum property), coordinating placement (it would be more cost effective if the volunteer was capable of installing the bricks), updating the Brick "locator chart" and, finally, providing minimal maintenance on the sidewalk.

Anyone interested in helping with this program, please contact GCHS at info@greenehistory.org.



GREENE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



BUY-A-BRICK ORDER FORM

4x8 Size Brick - \$100.00 (up to 3 lines of text) or 8x8 Size Brick - \$200.00 (up to 6 lines of text)

Your name or memorial can become a permanent part of the walkway to the entrance of the Greene County Historical Society Museum at 360 Main Street in Stanardsville. An engraved brick is the perfect way to honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion, or make sure your family name is included. There are two sizes of bricks. Four inch by eight inch bricks can have up to 3 lines of engraving with 15 characters per line. Eight inch by eight inch bricks have 6 lines of engraving. Please circle size required. Please print the text you wish to appear on your brick on the grid below, using only 3 lines for the smaller brick. Allow one box for every character, space or punctuation mark. Please use all CAPITAL letters.

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Line 6															

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

All checks should be made payable to: Greene County Historical Society. You may mail the completed form, along with your check to the GCHS, P.O. Box 185, Stanardsville, Virginia 22973. If you have any questions, please leave a message at 434-985-1834. You may also visit our website www.greenehistory.org and place your order online (under "Sales" tab), with payment through PayPal.

This fundraiser is sponsored by the Greene County Historical Society, which is a qualified 501 (c)3 charitable organization. The purchase of your brick may be tax deductible to the extent provided by the law. The GCHS reserves the right to refuse any inscription that is determined to be inappropriate for this project. Bricks will be placed randomly. Every effort will be made to honor grouping requests. GCHS is not responsible for incorrectly submitted forms.

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Membership Form (Rev. 7/21/15)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip code _____

Telephone Day _____ Evening _____

Email address* _____ Date _____

Membership Status ___ New ___ Renewal

Update (name, address, email address etc.) _____

Type of yearly membership (January 1 through December 31) Payment deadline Feb 1st of each year

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

Corporate \$100 _____ Individual lifetime membership \$300 \$500 (as of 2016) _____

*Please send newsletters electronically to the address above Yes _____ No _____

Please complete this form and mail to PO Box 185 Stanardsville VA 22973, with a check for the chosen membership category, made payable to the **Greene County Historical Society**. Since you have an interest in history, we encourage you to support the Greene County Historical Society by participating as you desire. Joining will ensure that you are invited to all of our events; in addition you will receive our regular Newsletter, and a Magazine featuring local and family histories, which is published as material is acquired.

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 ___; Committee or Board member ___; Newsletter or Magazine Contributor ___; 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! www.greenehistory.org

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