

## Nancy Branner Stewart

**Nancy Branner Stewart** is a native of the Shenandoah Valley. She and her husband, John, reside in Broadway, Virginia. Both, retired educators, frequently enjoy the company of Nancy's four children.

Nancy grew up in New Market, VA , graduating from New Market High School. She received her M.A. from James Madison University, served as Chairman of the English Department and taught English during her career at Harrisonburg High School.

History and research provide both interest and challenge to her, and she has authored numerous books (listed at the end). A Board Member of the Shenandoah County Historical Society, the New Market Historical Society, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society and the Woodstock Museum, she works diligently to locate and preserve local history for future generations. For more than 20 years, she has Chaired the History Committee at Reformation Lutheran Church, where she coordinated alphabetical transcription of all membership lists, 1790-1955, from five Lutheran Churches in New Market, Va. Bound, unpublished books with one page per member contain all records available and allow immediate location of specific information for historical inquiries.

In addition to this extensive research on African Americans in Shenandoah County, Nancy has written the following books:

1991 - Reformation Lutheran Church: A Bicentennial History 1970-1991. ed.

1992 - Angel of the Shenandoah: The Jessie Hainning Rupert Story

1992 - Schools in New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia Vol. I

1993 - "Angel of the Shenandoah" - Unpublished Play on Jessie Rupert

1994 - Rough Winds - The Battle of New Market May 15, 1864

1994 - In the Valley of the Shenandoah: Cross Roads, New Market Early Historical Stories about New Market, Virginia

1994 - Houses of Historic Interest in the Town of New Market 2 Vols.  
Unpublished books with all historic New Market Houses on Congress Street, John Sevier Road and Cadet Road with compiled local history and photographs

2000 - Schools in New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia Vol. II.

2005 - "Proclaiming the Nativity of Jesus, the Christ, Our Lord and Savior": Reformation Lutheran Church 1955-2005 Ed.