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**Historical  
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# Newsletter

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## Courthouse Weathervane to be Reunited



damaged vane was removed and a replica erected on top of the courthouse. Most of the pieces were stored but the figure, often referred to as a Swiss Guard, was given for safekeeping to the Woodstock Library. The Library Board took very good care of the iron figure. It was beautifully framed and hung in the library's main room.

Several months ago the Library Board voted to donate the figure to SCHS and return it to its home at the historic courthouse, with the understanding that we would preserve this important 18th C. folk art object and exhibit it to the community. The donation took place on Oct. 21, with library president Elizabeth Stevenson making the donation to a grateful SCHS president Barbara Adamson. The figure is now on display, in its frame, in the courthouse museum. SCHS is working to learn more about what the figure

Since SCHS began planning for the visitor's center and museum at the historic courthouse in 2013, we have hoped to be able to exhibit portions of the elaborate, original 1795 weather vane, already in our possession, with the figure from the weather vane. The two were separated many years ago when the original,

## Connect With The Past: An Archivist Toolkit

Join us at 7:00PM on Tuesday, March 15 as Zachary Hotel, Archivist at the Shenandoah County Library, discusses how he is using the Truban Archives to connect us with our areas past. Since arriving at the library in July, Zach has worked to highlight the ways history continues to affect our lives. The program includes information about his initiatives. It will be held at St. Paul's Heritage Center, 106 S. High St. in Edinburg. The program is free and is open to the public. There is ample parking available in the Shentel lot across the street. Light refreshments will be served after the program.

## New Civil War 100th Anniversary Exhibit now at Historic Courthouse Visitor Center



SCHS is pleased to announce that a new exhibit has been placed in the space used for rotating exhibits at the Historic Courthouse in Woodstock. The new exhibit features local items from the Centennial of the Civil War. It is interesting to see how the Civil War was treated 50 years ago. The display includes several  
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signifies and to create an exhibit that will reunite the figure with the remainder of the weather vane. We thank the Woodstock Library for their generosity and appreciate their excellent stewardship of this important artifact for over 70 years.

## Local Quilt Acquisition Effort

At our November program meeting, our presenter, VA Quilt Museum Curator Gloria Comstock, discussed with us the museum's desire to acquire a signed, Shenandoah County quilt from 1843. Signed in ink by Elizabeth Neff, the quilt is for sale and the museum would like our help in raising funds for this worthwhile effort to bring this local quilt back to the Valley. Quilts from this time are not common, and the fact that this one is signed and notes the location, makes it a rarity.  
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Anne Dellinger

## Spotlight on New Board Member Anne Dellinger

We are happy to welcome Anne Dellinger to the SCHS Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created when Rich Rhoades moved from the area.

Anne is a Shenandoah County native who has been involved with the SCHS for many years. Her late husband, Doug, was a past Board member and she was always involved with the Societies many activities.

She grew up on a family farm near Edinburg, graduated from Central High School and Bridgewater College with a BA in Biology. For five years, she taught Biology and Earth Science in the public schools before opening her own private pre-school, Red Barn Playschool, which she ran for 28 years.

Along with this, she and her husband raised beef cattle and Percheron draft horses on their farm, and also raised two children, Chris and Jessica. She now has two grandchildren.

Busy people always have an interesting list of involvements and she is no exception. Anne serves on the Mt. Jackson Library Board and on the Mt. Calvary Day Care

an active member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Edinburg and the Alpha Delta Kappa honorary teachers sorority in Woodstock.

In her spare time, she volunteers at the Therapeutic Riding Camp at Still Meadows, near Linville.

Being a County native, she is steeped in local history interests and especially likes old houses and homesteads.

We look forward to having Anne with us.

### Shenandoah Valley Heritage Day at MSV will be January 23rd

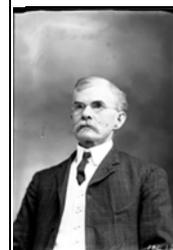
Presented with the Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society, this FREE event at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, includes information tables hosted by historical societies and research organizations, and lectures by genealogists. The event runs from 10 AM to 5 PM. The SCHS will be represented so stop by and say hello.



### Search Virginia Newspapers on line for Free

Virginia Chronicle is a database of historical Virginia newspapers that contains hundreds of thousands of digitized newspaper pages from around the state, published over a 150-year period. Free access to dozens of titles is at your fingertips!

The Virginia Newspaper Project created the database with the assistance of colleagues at the Library of Virginia in Richmond. Go to: [VirginiaChronicle.com](http://VirginiaChronicle.com)



### Morrison Photo Identified

In the Summer edition of the SCHS

newsletter, we featured this photo. Harry Lockhart did a lot of research and feels certain he is Civil War veteran Morgan Schmucker, last surviving member of Stover Confederate Veterans Camp at Strasburg..

This Newsletter can be sent to you electronically. Many photos will appear in color, and it saves postage! Notify us at: [schs.va@gmail.com](mailto:schs.va@gmail.com)

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## Message from The President

2015 has been a busy and successful year for SCHS. As we enter our third year at the historic courthouse I can reflect with pleasure on our appreciative visitors and excellent exhibits, and offer many thanks to our loyal team that staffs the courthouse and makes it accessible to the community. You will read elsewhere in the newsletter about three important projects that have been accomplished, or are underway. They include the creation of a historic marker in memory of the Shenandoah County Alms House, the return to the courthouse of the 18th C. weather vane figure that once sat atop the building and the launch of an effort to preserve and bring back to the Valley a Shenandoah County made 1843 quilt.

I'm extremely pleased that the Shenandoah County Board of

Supervisors has now included the position of library archivist in the county budget. The hard work of new archivist, Zach Hottel, has already had a remarkable effect in the Shenandoah Room and Truban Archives. We hope you can attend our March program meeting and learn about many of things he's accomplished in a short time.

Following the move of board member Rick Rhoades away from the area, it became necessary to fill his position. We are delighted that Anne Dellinger, Shenandoah County native, has agreed to join us on the board. Welcome Anne.

### UPCOMING PROGRAM

Sunday, February 21 – 2-4 PM "After the Civil War – What Now?" will be Richard Kleese's, subject at Strasburg Heritage Assoc.'s Annual Meeting at St Paul Lutheran Church, Strasburg. Public is welcome. For info: 465-5570

### Quilt - (Cont. from Page 1)

The quilt will belong to the museum in Harrisonburg, where it will be properly preserved, displayed, and made available to researchers. We know that there was more than one local Elizabeth Neff from that era and we are currently working to try and identify, if possible, the maker.

Fund raising efforts have just begun, with SCHS spearheading the project. We'll share more information with you as fund raising continues. Checks may be made out to SCHS and sent to PO Box 506, Edinburg, VA 22824 where they will be deposited in the Elizabeth Neff Quilt fund. If you have an Elizabeth Neff in your family, who may very well have been quilting in 1843, let us know!

## Nominations sought for Annual SCHS Preservation Award



### Alms House Marker Dedicated

Though faced with gray skies and a threat of showers, a nice crowd gathered on September 27 to dedicate a marker in memory of the historic Shenandoah County Alms House, which sheltered the homeless for 215 years until destroyed by fire on April 13, 2014. In partnership with the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors, SCHS created the historic marker which includes a brief history of the County Farm and Alms House.

During the Colonial Era, the 230 acre farm was used to support the pastor of the established Anglican church. After the Revolutionary War and church disestablishment, the farm was given to the county to "appropriate to some Charitable purpose...for the sole use and benefit of the poor." Care for the poor has changed over time. By the end of the 20th C., few residents remained at the Alms House and farming operations on their behalf and with their labor had ended. A portion of the farm became a county park. The remainder is leased to local farmers. The non-profit Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter took over the operation of the shelter in the Alms House in 1991 and offered aid to homeless families until the fire in 2014.

The historic marker is constructed of brick and limestone salvaged from the Alms House. It is located within the county park at a site that overlooks farm fields, the site of the Alms House and other farm buildings, and the beautiful Massanutten mountains. The county park is located in Maurertown VA on Rt. 11. Once in the park directional signs help visitors locate the historic marker.

### Volunteers Honored at Brunch

Members of the Historic Courthouse Team who man the Visitor Center each weekend were honored at a November luncheon at the Inn at Narrow Passage. SCHS President, Barbara Adamson, expressed the appreciation of the SCHS and the County Tourism Director, to those who have loyally staffed the Center this past year. Thank you gifts were presented to each Team member.

The Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards will be presented again this year at the SCHS Annual Dinner on May 12, 2016.

Last year the society revived the awards program begun by the former Shenandoah Preservation League and awarded from 1999-2007. Awards will be presented to up to three individuals or organizations in recognition of outstanding projects that further the preservation or the history of Shenandoah County.

The awards focus on projects in the fields of history, architecture, scenic beauty and material culture (includes furniture, textiles, documents, folk art, photographs, basketry, tools and more). Projects must be completed to be eligible.

Last year's winners were: Gloria Stickley for her book, *Strasburg, Virginia: Our History in Post Cards*, which beautifully documents the sites and culture of Shenandoah County, particularly the area around Strasburg, during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries through photographs and written text; Delmar and Joan Hooley for their careful restoration of the historic Wilkins Farmhouse on Swover Creek near Edinburg. With portions of the house dating from 1776, 1789 and 1842, they have faithfully maintained a rare, surviving example of mixed Germanic and English architecture in Shenandoah County; and to the Edinburg Heritage Foundation and the Town of Edinburg for their rehabilitation of the historic Edinburg Mill and its transformation into the Museum at the Edinburg Mill, which displays the history and heritage of Edinburg, Shenandoah County and the Shenandoah Valley. The three-story museum is a result of a unique and effective partnership between the Foundation and the Town of Edinburg.

Nomination forms will be available on the SCHS website, by calling 459-1795 and will be distributed throughout the county. They are due by April 1. The Awards Committee will be headed by SCHS member Leigh Devier.

### Wills from England and Wales Online

The wills of more than 41 million people, some dating back 156 years, are now available online for the first time in a huge online archive. The new database allows the public to search a government archive of wills dating back to 1858.

The search is free, but payment of a £10 fee is required to download and view the complete details. A name and year of death is required to find wills, which should be ready for download within 10 days of order. Previously, copies of many such documents could only be accessed by a face to face request.

<https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills>

(Reprinted from: Eastman's Online Genealogy)

### March Program

Tuesday, March 15th

7:00 PM

### Connect with the Past: An Archivist Toolkit

Zach Hottel  
County Archivist

St. Paul's Heritage Center  
106 S. High St., Edinburg



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# 10 Ways To Jumpstart Your Genealogy (Part II)

(Continued from Fall 2015 Newsletter)

By: Thomas MacEntee [\[http://hidefgen.com\]](http://hidefgen.com)

## Get Out!

- **Visit a Genealogy Library:** **About.com** has a great list of resource covering specific libraries as well as how to prepare for a visit to a library ([http://genealogy.about.com/od/libraries/Genealogy\\_Research\\_Libraries.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/libraries/Genealogy_Research_Libraries.htm)). **Cyndi's List** (<http://www.cyndislist.com/libraries/>) has a list of specific localities Also leverage the power of **WorldCat** to have genealogy books routed to your local public library (<http://www.worldcat.org/>)
- **Join a Genealogy Society:** You don't even have to be a member to attend most genealogy society meetings and events. Go local with your genealogy! Check out the resources at the **Federation of Genealogical Societies** (<http://fgs.org>) as well as the resources at **Cyndi's List – Societies** (<http://www.cyndislist.com/societies>) and at **CensusFinder** (<http://www.censusfinder.com/genealogy-society-directory.htm>) to find a society nearby.
- **Attend a Genealogy Conference:** Genealogy conferences come in many sizes and shapes including large events such as those offered by the **National Genealogical Society** ([http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference\\_info](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info)) and the **Federation of Genealogical Societies** (<http://www.fgs.org/conferences/>) to regional offerings such as the **Ohio Genealogical Society** (<http://www.ogs.org/conference2012/index.php>) and the **Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree** (<http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com>).
- **Take a Research Trip:** One way to combine the Networking way above with an attempt to visit various archives and repositories is to indulge – no, invest – in an organized research trip. The **National Genealogical Society** has a variety of organized research trips ([http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/research\\_trips](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/research_trips)) as does the **New England Historic Genealogical Society** (<http://www.americanancestors.org/events/>). For trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, check out the **Salt Lake Christmas Tour** (<https://sites.google.com/site/saltlakechristmastour/>) and **Family History Expos** (<https://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/expos>) Check out **Cyndi's List** for an overview (<http://www.cyndislist.com/travel/>).

## You

You are essentially a remix of your parents and your ancestors and that is one of the reasons why we are passionate as genealogists. While you can't choose your family (but wouldn't that be great?), you can choose what you let into your life. Another great insight from Austin Kleon: "You are, in fact, a mashup of what you choose to let into your life. You are the sum of your influences." Be selfish. Go ahead! And don't be guilty. Being selfish is not necessarily a bad thing as long as you take the right approach. This means:

- **Find out what makes you happy:** Happiness counts in genealogy. Take inventory with the **Goal Setting** way. For those genealogy tasks that you dislike, perhaps source citation, don't just eliminate them especially if they add value to your genealogy research. Instead, heed the **Embrace Change** way and find a way to do that task that is simple and satisfying.
- **Take care of yourself:** If you've been meaning to make changes in your non-genealogy life, why not add them to your list in the **Goal Setting** section? A healthier you means you are better able to be a better genealogist. Focus on the areas that are important to you: mind, body and/or spirit.
- **Ask for help:** It is not a sign of weakness to get assistance. After all, you're attending this presentation, right? Take advantage of the resources available in the genealogy community. One fun way to do this is to "buddy up" and find a genealogy research partner either online or in-person at a genealogy society or a library. You'll soon find that "joys are doubled and burdens are cut in half."

**Understand the roles of others in genealogy.** This is where the **Networking** way plays an important part. Find value in others who can help you with your genealogy. Is it using people? Not really, it is connecting with other genealogists, sharing and finding out what they can offer.

Check out **Gretchen Rubin** (<http://www.gretchenrubin.com>) and her tips on the pursuit of happiness!

Don't wait to master all the ways to jumpstart your genealogy before you exclaim your results . . . track your journey and share it with others in the genealogy community. You have the ability to connect with and inspire many other genealogists, from the beginner to the advanced, by documenting your goals, your projects, and your results.

You can do this in a variety of ways including:

- **Social media:** post update status messages on **Facebook** (<http://www.facebook>), **Google+** (<http://plus.google.com>), and others.
- **Mailing Lists and Message Boards:** use these sparingly and don't come across as a spammer but still post those resources you think will be important to others.
- **Genealogy Societies Newsletters:** most genealogy societies need articles from members and even non-members on different ways to approach genealogy research. Not only will you be sharing your journey and achievements with a new group of readers, you might even find a new crowd to network with!

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## STRANGERS IN THE BOX

Come, look with me inside this drawer,  
 In this box I've often seen,  
 At the pictures, black and white,  
 Faces proud, still, serene.  
 I wish I knew the people,  
 These strangers in the box,  
 Their names and all their memories  
 Are lost among my socks.  
 I wonder what their lives were like,  
 How did they spend their days?  
 What about their special times?  
 I'll never know their ways.  
 If only someone had taken time  
 To tell who, what, where, or when,  
 These faces of my heritage  
 Would come to life again.  
 Could this become the fate  
 Of the pictures we take today?  
 The faces and the memories  
 Someday to be passed away?  
 Make time to save your stories,  
 Seize the opportunity when it knocks,  
 Or someday you and yours could be  
 The strangers in the box.

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## Shenandoah County Heritage Day 2015 to focus on Fort Valley

This year's Shenandoah County Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, April 9 at the Fort Valley Fire Hall in Fort Valley from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The event will focus on the history, places and people of Powell's Fort Valley though participants are encouraged to bring exhibits that cover other aspects of Shenandoah County history as well.

The committee is looking for exhibitors who would like to bring and share local, community, church, school or family history. You may contact SCHS at 459-1795 or call Barbara Adamson at 465-5570. Look for more information on the SCHS website closer to the date.

### ATTENTION

#### ARE YOUR DUES DUE??

The numbers beside your name on your mailing label is the month and year your membership dues are due.



## From the County Archives

By Zach Hottel, Archivist

The photograph below shows a check written by W.J. Keller on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1929. Keller owned a store in Toms Brook that sold a variety of products including hardware, farm implements, John Deere tractors, and Chevrolet cars. He was also grew apples and operated a barrel factory. The railroad gave him access to national and international markets.

As Keller's check shows, he maintained accounts with the Bank of Toms Brook. This institution operated in the building that now houses the Toms Brook Post Office. It closed in the early 1930s as a result of the economic downturn caused by the Great Depression.

The check was issued to the F.E. Myers & Brothers Company. They were a major producer of pumps and farm implements. A farming community like Toms Brook would have utilized a wide array of their products.



## Genealogy

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- **Speak and Teach:** although you may not have considered it in the past, once you've seen success in jumpstarting your genealogy, the best way to share your experiences is to show others how to do the same. Check out the **Genealogical Speakers Guild** for resources (<http://www.genealogicalspeakersguild.org/>).

**What Does It Spell?** Have you been paying attention to all 10 ways to jumpstart your genealogy? Do you know what they spell if we change the order of the categories?

**G**oal Setting  
**E**mbrace Change  
**N**etworking  
**E**ducation  
**A**dvice  
**L**imits  
**O**rganization  
**G**et Out!  
**Y**ou !

2016 is the year for you to go out there and not just tackle your brick walls, it is the year to make progress in all areas of what genealogy and family history means to you. Now is the time . . . it is the best time ever to be involved with genealogy.

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## Greeters sought for Visitor Information Center and Court House Museum

The Shenandoah County Historical Society and the Shenandoah County Tourism office is seeking Greeters to staff the 1795 Historic Courthouse Museum and the Visitor Information Center. Having the Courthouse open for visitors was a top priority for the Historic Courthouse Task Force back in 2010, and team members are needed carry out that task.

The Courthouse officially opened on June 20th, 2014, with a grand opening celebration, and is now open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Anyone interested in becoming part of the Historic Courthouse Team should call the SCHS office at 459-1795 or Shenandoah County Tourism at 459-6227 for more information.

✦ Continuing Series on Historic Buildings in Shenandoah County ✦

# A HENKEL HOUSE IN NEW MARKET

By: John Adamson

Every time I am in New Market, I think what an interesting place it is. My SCHS newsletter articles have not featured a New Market building, so I am correcting that omission with this issue. Bruce Alger, SCHS board member and New Market resident, provided an entrée to meet with Joe Tusing who owns a Henkel House in New Market and a phone call to Joe produced a quick and friendly invitation to come tour his property.

I have to say that Joe Tusing's property in New Market is a Henkel House, not THE Henkel House. The Henkel family is very prominent in New Market history and they have owned numerous properties. Indeed, the 1878 Gray's Atlas map of New Market shows no less than six different lots owned by various Henkels. The particular subject of this article is the cluster of buildings located at 9417 Congress Street, also referred to as Lot 4 in the town of New Market.

Joe is the direct descendant of Solomon Henkel who purchased this lot in 1802 after a fire destroyed his home just two lots to the north. The chain of ownership goes from Solomon Henkel to Solon Henkel, then to Martha Henkel, then to Elizabeth Tusing, and now to Joe Tusing. Joe devotes a great deal of his time, energy, construction skill and funds caring for this property and he was most enthusiastic in sharing it with me when I asked to see it.

Where to begin? The complex on Lot 4 includes the 1850s portion facing Congress Street. Running toward the rear of the lot is a much older section from 1824 and earlier. There is also an apothecary building in the rear courtyard. The property is rich in architectural features and important local history which I cannot possibly describe in the space of this article. I think it best to stop writing here and include more photos than usual. Anyone interested in Henkel family history should consult the familiar local sources, most of which can be found at the Edinburg Library, Shenandoah Room.



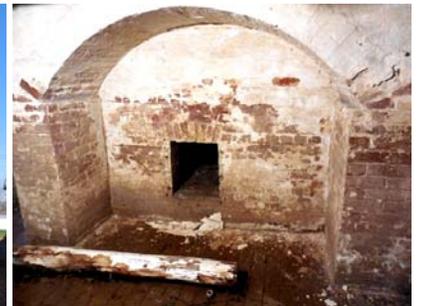
Current view of the Henkel House at 9417 Congress Street in New Market. Front portion built about 1854. Confederate General John Breckenridge is said to have watched the Battle of New Market (1864) from the roof.



1870s view of the house on Lot 4, New Market. Dr. Solon Henkel may be the person standing in the doorway.



The apothecary building located in the courtyard. Dr. Solon Henkel cared for wounded soldiers after the Battle of New Market and practiced in New Market for many years.



Brick arch in the cellar of the 1820s portion of the house. Arches are structural elements often found in the foundations of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings in Shenandoah County.



View showing the 1850s front portion and the 1820s middle section. It is likely that some parts of the rear portion are as early as 1802 when Solomon Henkel acquired Lot 4.



View of the courtyard in the rear of Lot 4. The pump on the right is a reconstruction by Joe Tusing of the original.



Front parlor trompe l'oeil art by New Market artist William Rupp. Despite its appearance, this surface is perfectly flat.



This sign, rescued by Joe Tusing is displayed in the apothecary building. Doctor Henkel's hours seem strange today.



The front door at 9417 Congress St. was kicked in by an unknown Yankee soldier during the Civil War. The expedient sheet metal repair has never been replaced.

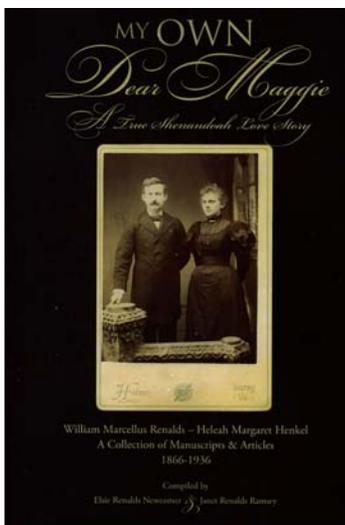


This display case created by Joe Tusing sits just inside the front door and tells the story of the Henkel family who lived and worked at this location, Lot 4, in New Market.



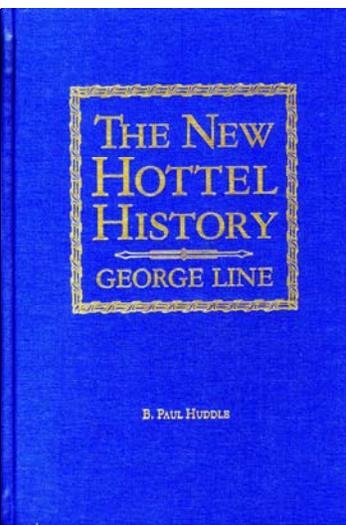
Bottles and other apothecary shop items collected and preserved in the apothecary building by Joe Tusing.

## New Books in SCHS Catalog



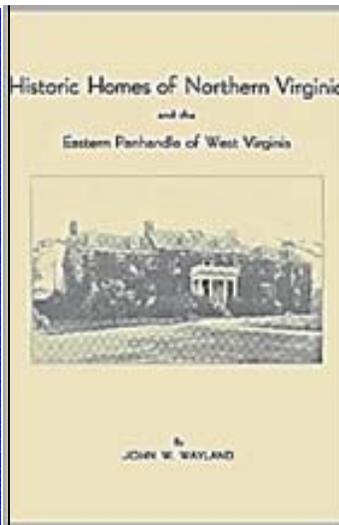
**My Own Dear Maggie - A True Shenandoah Love Story** by Elsie Renalds Newcomer & Janet Renalds Ramsey.

This newest offering by the ladies who brought us 1861-1865, is a fascinating love story which uniquely reveals the rebuilding and growth of the Shenandoah Valley after "The War Between The States". Letters between Willie Renalds and Maggie Henkel and other family members, pictures and newspaper articles paint a vivid picture of what the people of the Valley endured during and after its rebuilding. The subjects of this new book are the grandparents of the authors. Price: \$26; Members \$25



**The New Hottel History - George Line** by B. Paul Huddle, published in 1998,

has long been a go-to source book for those doing genealogy research in the County. A new addition to the SCHS book list, it has been offered through the Hottel-Keller organization. This book begins with Immigrant Johannes Hodel, who became John Hottel and follows the individual and detailed history of George, one of John's four children who came with him from Germany to America in 1732. 1164 pages. A volume chronicling brother Charles is also available and sister, Barbara's is in the works. Price: \$70 / \$65



My brief review of *The Buildings of Virginia – Valley, Piedmont, Southside, and Southwest* by Anne Carter Lee, and contributors, in the Fall edition of this newsletter, ended with a mystery: Although four works by Shenandoah County native Dr. John W. Wayland were included in the bibliography, why was his most relevant work, **Historic Homes of Northern Virginia and the Eastern Panhandle of Western Virginia**, omitted?

*Historic Homes* includes 401 residences in 27 counties – literally the northern portion of Virginia, and Berkeley and Jefferson counties, WV, which were part of Virginia when the homes located there and included in the work, were built. The area covered is roughly Martinsburg to Monterey, the upper James River to Fredericksburg, thence to Alexandria and back to Martinsburg, representing significant portions of the geographic reach of both the new volume of *Buildings of Virginia*, and it's 2002 companion.

Wayland states in the preface that he spent 34 years in preparing the book, which includes 540 pictures, many being photos taken by Hugh S. Morrison, Jr., and irreplaceable hand-drawn maps.

Wayland explains, "*Historic Homes* is herewith offered to the reading public, especially students of history, biography, architecture, landscape-gardening, and genealogy."



Photo #29139

### DO YOU KNOW HER?

Shenandoah Room at the County Library in Edinburg, has 58 albums filled with images from the photo files of Hugh Morrison, Jr.

Stop in and see if you can find someone you know.

Dr. Wayland serves well all those interests.

The original hardcover edition is long out of print and has sold in recent auctions for more than \$300, but the historical society has recently obtained for sale soft cover facsimile reprints from Apple Manor Press.

Wayland covers 21 homes in Shenandoah County and gives his most prominent coverage to Dunmore Mt. Airy, homestead of Taverner Beale, the first sheriff of Dunmore County, established in 1772, and renamed Shenandoah in 1778.

Wayland regales the reader with 10 pages regarding this property, located east of Smith Creek, south of the more recent town of Mt. Jackson, including five and one-half of text, and two exterior and seven interior photos, of the stone mansion built around 1800 by William Steenbergen, who, Wayland states, purchased Mt. Airy on March 10, 1795, for 1,500 pounds from Taverner Beale and his wife Betty (Hite) Beale, and "was refitted after 1841 by John G. Meem and it was rebuilt in 1910 by Daniel Kelleher."

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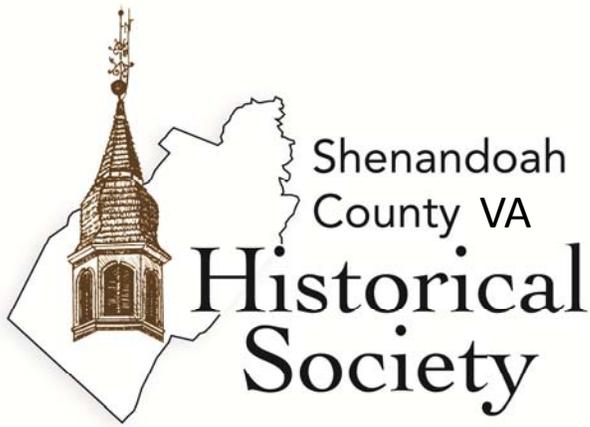
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brochures, license plate attachments, a restaurant place mat, souvenir drinking glasses and a host of other memorabilia produced to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. Many of the items in this exhibit come from the personal collection of Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation board member, Mike Kehoe, including his 7<sup>th</sup> grade notebook showing his hand-drawn map of the Battle of Fisher's Hill.

The new exhibit comes to us courtesy of the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation whose museum may be visited at the Hupp's Hill Civil War Park and Museum located at 33229 Old Valley Pike, Strasburg. For information on the Hupp's Hill Museum, call 540 465-5884 or visit their website: ccbf.us.

The Historic Courthouse, located at 103 N. Main Street, Woodstock, Virginia is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.





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## Historic Homes - [Cont. from Page 7]

For Wayland, the accomplishments, or stature, of the owners was at the core of "historic," more so than the architecture of their edifices. The homes of first European immigrant settlers in the area, like Jost Hite and George Bowman, and military officers, judges, legislators, physicians, and educators earned inclusion.

So did Mounce Bird, whose home on the east bank of Smith Creek, south of Rude's Hill, gained mention due to the 1783 census recording his as "the second largest family in the county, 18 whites and one black." Jacob Honaker was first, with 25 whites and no blacks. The current version of this home is owned by Larry and Carolyn Long.

Only one Shenandoah County home, in New Market, appears in both works and it is differently described.

Wayland describes "The Strayer House on the south corner of the old cross roads [Congress Street and U.S. 211], a substantial brick structure now used as a hotel.... John Strayer who probably built this house, married (1806) Dorcas Lincoln of Linville Creek."

Lee has"...at 9386 N. Congress, the Flemish bond brick house with parapeted gable ends and refined doorway was built c. 1806 for Jacob Stirewalt." The correct address is S. Congress St., now occupied by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation and Jackson's Corner Café. The new historic marker uses "Strayer House."

As to the omission from the bibliography in *Buildings of Virginia*, an e-mail inquiry, via the University of Virginia Press, resulted in this reply from author Anne Carter Lee, "I contacted the contributor who wrote the section on Shenandoah County and he said it was an oversight that will be corrected in the next edition."

Although containing far fewer photos, and none of interiors, *Buildings of Virginia* is more comprehensive regarding types of buildings and geographic coverage. *Historic Homes* is far more detailed and embodies Wayland's obvious love of his subject and dedication to thoroughness. Historic architecture experts and curious interested amateurs will find both works engrossing and authoritative. SCHS Price: \$70 / 65

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## Upcoming Events

January 9 - 3:00 PM

**"Lay Aside Your Prejudices - The Era of George Rye, Shenandoah County Abolitionist."** presented by Shenandoah County Archivist, Zach Hottel, at the New Market Library. Between the time he reached adulthood in the 1830's and his death in 1890, George Rye was one of the few Shenandoah County residents who supported the abolishment of slavery. For this he was vilified, prosecuted, excommunicated and threatened.

February 16 - 7:00 PM

**Consolidating Lives: Integration in Shenandoah County** will be a program celebrating Black History Month that will focus on integration in the 1950s, 60s, and beyond. The program will be presented by Archivist, Zach Hottel, in the Activity Room at the Shenandoah County Library, 514 Stony Creek Boulevard in Edinburg.

February 7 - Noon to 4:00 PM

**Antiques & Appraisal Fair & Chocolate Festival** sponsored by The Woodstock Museum. Details available on the web site: [www.woodstockmuseumva.org](http://www.woodstockmuseumva.org)

The SCHS web site: [www.shenandoahcountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.shenandoahcountyhistoricalsociety.org)

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