



Chronicle

Campbell County Historical Society

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Historic Courthouse Museum Update & Volunteer Needed

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Special interest:

2013 membership dues are now due reminders will be mailed soon. CCHS now has a new option for memberships: \$100.00 for a lifetime membership!

Membership Meeting will be at 2:30 P.M. on January 27, 2013 in the Board of Supervisors Room located on the lower level of the Haberer Building.

The CCHS is pleased to announce the publication of its book, *Campbell County...* It is available on our web site, from the museum, and from many local vendors. We also offer for sale the second trivet in a series of landmarks in our county. This one features county railroad depots.

To paraphrase Sir Winston Churchill, the Historic Courthouse Museum is nearing the end of its beginning. On the horizon are days of museum expansion, a Gift Shop, and a much greater range of exhibits and artifacts to tell Campbell County's story. To help speed up the time line, input and assistance is needed from you, ASAP.

CCHS still has exhibits on the second floor for early county history, the Historic Courthouse, World War II, and Campbell County schools. However, at the current time, the county has turned off the primary heating systems and closed the second floor restroom facilities. All the county offices in the Historic Courthouse have been moved.

CCHS members and the administration of Campbell County are working with terms for a long term lease agreement which will allow CCHS to operate the Historic Courthouse Museum in all the rooms of the second floor plus the use of the three ground floor rooms of the former Registrar's Office. A ten year lease term automatically will enter a review process at the start of the ninth year with a lease for a second ten year term to be signed well before the end of the first term. The long term lease will provide CCHS the opportunity to seek grant monies and other fundraising to finance installation of modern HVAC equipment for

climate control.

The ground floor conference room / meeting room will remain available to use by county staff and by CCHS and its museum. The county and CCHS will communicate with each other to coordinate scheduling of events in this room or on the courthouse grounds.

Campbell County must hold a public hearing before it can enter into any contract. This process will provide a great deal of public exposure to CCHS and to its plans for the Historic Courthouse Museum. CCHS will be asked to present a brief summary of our goals and plans for future museum exhibits, programs, and events at the Historic Courthouse.

Please let us hear from you! We want involvement of the full CCHS membership of CCHS.

Let's hear the voices of current museum volunteers, persons who want to become more involved with museum planning, programs, and events, and of persons who want to pass along suggestions for exhibits and names and contact information of sources of particular artifacts. We have been asked to provide certain feedback to Clifton Tweedy by January 5th. The CCHS Board of Directors will meet a few days later, followed by other meetings, a public hearing, and action by the county Board of Supervisors.

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Some CCHS members will be contacted prior to mailing of this issue of the Chronicle. We still want your comments and suggestions over the course of the next weeks and months. Further updates and announcements will follow in the local newspapers and in the April issue of the Chronicle.

Plans for expanded spaces, exhibits, and museum programs – plus a Gift Shop – will provide the Historic Courthouse Museum the opportunity to become involved in regional events of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. We can plan for greater coordination with Appomattox, Avoca, and Patrick Henry's Red Hill, Historic Sandusky, the Lynchburg Museum System, and many others. Exhibit and office spaces on the ground floor will provide handicapped access to museum activities.

We can plan to be open for regular hours, such as certain weekdays, as well as by appointment. We can plan for a schedule of visits by students from local schools.

Each step of this planned growth will involve volunteers and museum committees.

Local and out – of – town members all can become more involved. Contact us with your interests and we will follow ups with details.

For the past six years, we have had temporary exhibits and some long- term exhibits. Exhibits from different periods of history have been combined into the same rooms.

Ground floor museum spaces =

- Gift Shop w/ storage room
- One exhibit room
- Office

Second floor museum spaces

- Witness Room
- Jury Room
- Historic Courtroom
- _____ Room
- _____ Room
- Former Judge's chambers

Planning can include a variety of themes for exhibit rooms – a room for each theme or time period...

- Native Americans
- Colonial period
- African Americans
- War between the States
- Agriculture
- World War I and World War II
- Campbell County Schools (early years)
- Campbell County Schools – possibly to feature a series of exhibits tailored to specific sections of the county... a certain number of months or semester for the black schools and Campbell County HS; similar number of months or semester for sectional feeder elementary schools and their high school – with artifacts from its student body and its championship sports teams
- The former judge's chambers at Mike Daly's former office – currently, we do not plan to change the appearance of this room. We hope to involve Judge William Sweeney (ret.), Judge Samuel Johnston (ret.), Judge Moon (ret.), and others to seek out and to display artifacts appropriate to this room

Volunteers can become involved with:

- Research (can be from long distance or involvement locally) – specific persons, events, locations, structures, etc.
- Exhibits planning: Opportunities for sponsorships of events and programs, and particularly naming rights for certain exhibit rooms or events = opportunities for donations and funds to expand the collection, to conserve properly the museum artifacts, and to create displays which the public will enjoy.

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- Museum docents
- Museum Gift Shop
- Museum marketing: Updated flyers and brochures, with updated hours of operation, website links, and contact info...



- Museum outreach – power point and portable displays for presentations at schools, libraries, community groups, etc., or in meetings with corporations or other potential donors
- Museum Resources or References: to compile contact info, etc.: Names of reference persons knowledgeable of specific communities, villages, families, historic figures, or time periods; contact info of persons with certain skills or education, specializing in periods etc., viz: textiles; colonial pottery; leather; blacksmithing; coopering; period currency and documents; period re-enactors; storytelling; mills; militaria; photography; tobacco industry; Quakers; railroads; canals, and the list goes on. These resources may help to identify or to appraise an artifact; to identify fakes or reproductions; they may perform or guide conservation of an artifact; they may advise or guide exhibit planning, or they may dress in period clothing and participate in specific events or storytelling days.
- Museum Resources: Also may include contact information and descriptions of artifacts or collections – potential sources for loans or donations of artifacts for exhibit displays.
- Museum Development
- Volunteers Training and Scheduling

Please let us hear from you. Your comments on this outline of potential museum plans are very important. To volunteer with the museum, please include topics and tasks of interest to you.

Moving forward, to provide information of known artifacts or reference resources, please include your contact information, the contact information for the person with the described skill, etc. A digital image of an artifact, with data for its dimensions will be helpful.

This information will be compiled for potential use. Museum storage and exhibit spaces remain very limited. We have procedures for acceptance and recordkeeping of any loans or donations of artifacts. Planning is essential.

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Genealogy Corner

Readers of the *Chronicle* may recall an article in the April 2012 issue (p.2, column 1) about a group of Cyrus descendants with a plan to dedicate a somewhat-forgotten Cyrus cemetery. Since that article, the group (led by CCHS members, Richard Carroll and Letty and Raymond Cyrus) has seen their project through to its completion. The cemetery, located off Nowlin's Mill Rd. in Campbell County, was the burial place for the first known member of the local Cyrus clan, Nicholas Cyrus, who came to Campbell County in 1783; the last burial was that of Peter Cyrus in 1939. The interval between the first and last interments, however, was an active time, for at least 78 un-inscribed fieldstone-marked graves exist and possibly many unmarked ones. On Saturday, November 10, 2012, the cemetery was dedicated with an unveiling of a large boulder and plaque commemorating the burial ground and those laid to rest there. Richard Carroll welcomed the group of approximately forty members of the Cyrus family and invited guests, and Letty Cyrus made the following dedicatory remarks:

...In this cemetery, we are able to come together and meet – in a way – the early Cyruses who came before us, who lived their lives here on this very land, and who now lie buried here. With this rock, we have created a link between our Cyrus ancestors and our community of today. And in doing so, we have said to future generations who may look back upon this endeavor that we stand in the spirit of several generations of family members who lived here over the past 229 years.

We offer this rock as a tribute to the people who lived here once upon a time and now lie buried here. And the rock is also a tribute to us -- the living -- to know that we came together, worked together, and we made this happen. I'm very proud of this.

Now and then, let us take time to remember the memorial we have placed here today. On a rainy day, I will stand at the window and picture our rock in the wet, gray mist. Early in spring, I will see in my mind's eye, our rock gently shaded by the canopy of new green foliage coming to life all around it. and on a cold winter afternoon as I watch from the window, I will see the snowflakes silently fall outside and will imagine our rock blanketed in white against the dark silhouette of the trees in the graveyard.

Let us remember the Cyrus men, the women, the children, and the babies who are buried here. And let us remember the friends we've made along the way, and all those who have had a hand in bringing this memorial to a reality. I know that when like-minded people come together, wonderful things can happen, as they have here today. Thank you for coming and God bless you all.

Following the dedication attendees enjoyed a meal served at Sherwill Community Center. The Campbell County Historical Society commends the Cyrus family for their dedication to preserving this part of their family's history.



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What Is This?



Front

Back

This was found in a letter written during the war period 1861 to 1864. Can anyone tell me what it signifies?

A braid of hair surrounds words that I have been unable to completely decipher beyond "-- with your - image." The bow is pink. The outer edge and center are blue. The inner ring is (or was) white.

Who Is This?



Does anyone recognize the man in the picture on the left? I believe his name is William Brown and his son is Richard Throw Brown, my great-grandfather (pictured on the right in about 1930). He may have been known by his grandchildren as Powee. The grandchildren of Richard Brown called him Powee.

If you have answers or suggestions for either of these questions, please email me at connie2044@cfl.rr.com. Also, any information about this Brown family would be greatly appreciated.

AN AMERICAN TURNING POINT
WAGING WAR | January 12, 2013 - May 5, 2013

The Lynchburg Museum is pleased to present the second episode of *American Turning Point: Waging War*. The exhibition covers the military story of the Civil War in Virginia in ways you've never experienced with more than 200 rare objects and interactive media programs. Explore innovations and technology, meet the generals, and learn about the battles that shaped Virginia. It's all in your backyard!

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An American Turning Point is made possible by the Virginia Historical Society in partnership with the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Dr. Henry Shephard Moon,

CCHS mourns the loss of a former member, Dr. Henry Shephard Moon, of Richmond. Dr. Moon died on December 29, 2012, at his home. Born in Lynchburg on April 25, 1915, he was the son of the late William P. Moon and Julia P. Moon. Henry Moon attended Lynchburg College and graduated from MCV. Dr. Moon first practiced dentistry in Nelson County, then at Chanute AFB in Illinois, and finally, in Richmond. He served as a Lt. Col. in the Air Force and later in the Army National Guard. His wife, Alma Gaddy Moon, preceded him in death. His obituary published in *The News & Advance* on December 31, 2012, stated that "He enjoyed a full life and will be remembered for his love of family and friends, his warmth, generosity and sense of humor. He will be greatly missed."

Campbell County in War Times January – March 1863 Part 6 of a series

By Amelia A. Talley



Monthly court dockets of 150 years ago reveal orders involving exemptions from military service, relief for the needy, settlements of estates, slaves, roads and bridges, small pox, and distillation of alcohol.

Some grabbed my attention and give us a flavor of the life and times of the county in war times during the winter of 1863.

The cases below represent a cross-section of social, cultural, and political history. Court met once a month, and the following were taken from records found at the Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Order Book 28. Each case was reported just as it appeared.

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January 12, 1863

In the chancery case of Sarah M. Terrell versus Mitchell Fariss, the Court decreed that Richard Morgan, Jesse Jones, Adam Clement, and George W. Clement were to appraise the slaves which Nancy Terrell possessed and held as dower in the estate of her late husband, Peter Terrell. They were to divide them into four parts, allotting one part to Sarah M. Terrell, one part to Edmund Callaham and his wife Mary W., one part to Mitchell Fariss and his wife Elizabeth, and the remaining fourth part to James B. Nowlin and John T. Davis, executors of Mathew B. Nowlin, deceased, which part they are entitled to receive for their testator's estate, who purchased in his lifetime, the same from Achilles S. M. Terrell.

Mary A. Puckett, administratrix, with Henry S. Holt, her security, acknowledged a bond to obtain letters of administration on the estate of Matthew W. Puckett, deceased.

The Court appointed Bowling Clark, William H. Tardy, and Charles A. Douglass,

commissioners, to allot to James Dearing his portion of the slaves belonging to the estates of James G. Dearing and A. L. Dearing.

The Court appointed Hiram Fleshman, in place of Thomas Harvey, surveyor of the public road from Shannon's old field to Ephraim Gardner's.

Charles H. Holcombe, Commissioner of the Revenue for the Eastern District, reported 217 births and 88 deaths in 1862.

George W. Lee and George W. Bruce were appointed deputy sheriffs by Francis Thornton, Sheriff.

The Court quarantined the home of William A. Moore and appointed Dr. A. I. Clarke to attend to the sick. The surgeon in charge of Camp Winder Hospital in Richmond was requested to give Moore a furlough for 10 or 15 days to nurse his wife who was sick with small pox.

James Lindsay was appointed to solicit contributions for county soldiers.

Henry S. Holt made a motion that Henry A. Franklin, road commissioner, view the route for a road from Holt's home to the main road leading to Walker's mill and determine whether any yard, garden, or orchard would have to be taken.

The report of the division of the slaves belonging to the estate of James Murrell deceased was ordered to be recorded.

John D. Alexander was certified as a proper person for exercising the privilege of distilling alcohol in the county.

February 9, 1863

Edmund Early, Abner Early, and Reed Arnold were appointed to examine Alexander's Bridge over Otter River.

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The Court appointed Thomas J. Old to replace John W. Burruss, who was serving in the army, as surveyor of the road leading from Lynch's road across by Early's old mill to the Campbell County Court House Road.

The Justices were summoned to appear on the first day of the March term to consider the propriety of making a further appropriation of the relief of the needy families of soldiers.

To the application of Henry S. Holt for a road report, the Court ordered that the road going around the new ground of James Grishaw be opened and kept in order 15 feet wide.

William H. Tardy was certified as a proper person for exercising the privilege of distilling alcohol.

March 2, 1863

A meeting of the "Exemption Board" was convened under the Proclamation of the Governor of Virginia, issued on the 10th day of January 1863, for the examination of all residents of Campbell County, between the ages of forty and forty-five years, claiming exemption from military service. Present were John Bosseau, Presiding Justice; Robert Johnson and Cornelius Hubbard, Associate Justices; Lieut. William T. Burton, enrolling officer for the 53rd Regt. Va. Militia; George W. Lee, Deputy, for Francis Thornton, Sheriff; and John D. Alexander, Clerk of the County Court and ex officio Clerk to the Exemption Board.

It was ordered that Thomas Hogan, John R. Depriest, William C. Smith, John M. Merritt, E. G. Frasier, Henry B. Sumpter, Samuel B. Pettigrew, Martin F. Webber, Robert P. Mattox, David Trent, James L. Poindexter, John H. Foster, Edward Irvine, Allen Bailey, Micajah C. Moorman, John M. Dowdy, William N. Merritt, John T. Pribble, George Stanley, Alexander Thompson, Charles E. Mason, Thomas B. Moorman, James C. Walton, and Thomas B. Jefferson be exempted from military service under said Proclamation by reason of permanent bodily infirmity.

Thomas C. Pugh, A. W. Smith, John C. Murrell, Philip T. Withers, and A. J. Brooks, having furnished able-bodied substitutes for the war, regularly accepted by competent military authority, were exempted from service.

Since the professional services of Dr. Thomas Dillard and Dr. D. C. Ward were necessary for their respective neighborhoods, the Board detailed them to practice medicine in the county and that as soon as they ceased practice they would be liable to perform military duty.

Michael Staples and Joseph Phillips, both of whom were over the age of forty-five years, were declared to be exempt from military service.

The Board overruled the petitions of exemption for Richard Unrue, George W. West, Richard Fox, James W. West, Charles West Jr., Archibald Woody, David Pigg, and William H. Kid (sic).

The Board decided that the following were not exempt: Benjamin F. Tardy, owner of a water grist mill; Miles Brooks, shoemaker; Thomas J. Stevens, blacksmith; William T. Burton, owner of a wool-carding-machine;

and Daniel E. Franklin, manager of over twenty slaves on three plantations. All desired to appeal the decision and were allowed twenty days furlough to enable them to prosecute the appeal.

March 9, 1863

In the chancery case of Cordelia A. and Cora A. North, underage children of Martha L. North, versus John C. Murrell, administrator of the estate of Anthony W. North, deceased, and other, George K. Fox was appointed guardian of Susan M. North, Mary A. North, and Edmonia W. North. The Court ordered that John C. Murrell sell to the highest bidder the slaves mentioned in the plaintiffs' bill.

The Justices were ordered to be summoned to appear the first day of the April term to consider the propriety of making a further appropriation for the relief of the many needy families of soldiers in the service of Virginia or of the Confederate States.

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The Court appointed Armistead C. Tucker, in place of Peter F. Clark, surveyor of the public road commencing at the cross roads near Mrs. Leason's and running by Betterton's mill to Red House Road. To keep the road in repair were the road hands of Armistead C. Tucker, Mrs. Charlotte Betterton, the estate of William Whitlow, deceased, and Robert C. Tweedy.

Abner Early, Edmund J. Early, and D. R. Arnold, commissioners, reported that the bridge over Otter River at Alexander's plantation was unsafe. The Court ordered that they contract to have the bridge repaired.

March 9, 1863: Meeting of the Exemption Board

At an adjoining meeting of the "Exemption Board," held for Campbell County, at the Courthouse thereof, on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1863, was convened under the Proclamation of the Governor of Virginia, issued on the 10th day of January, 1863, for the examination of all residents of this County, between the ages of forty and forty-five years, claiming exemption from Military service under said Proclamation. Present were John Boisseau, Presiding Justice; Robert Johnson and Thomas H. Franklin, Associate Gentlemen

Justices; Lieu't. William T. Burton, enrolling officer for the 53rd Reg. Va Militia; George W. Lee, Deputy for Francis Thornton, Sheriff of said County; and John D. Alexander, Clerk of the County Court and ex officio Clerk of the Board.

Charles. W. Hogan, Francis H. Jackson, John P, Cunningham, and Edwin R. Page were exempted from military service because they were, each, the manager of over 20 slaves on a plantation, having no other white male adult thereon.

D. R. Arnold, John N. Clement and Daniel E. Franklin were exempted from military service because they were, each, the manager of over 20 slaves on not more than three plantations contiguous to, and within five miles of each other, and that there was no other white male adult on said plantations.

Also exempted were John H. Swinney, post master; Thomas J. Stevens, blacksmith; and Benjamin F. Tardy, owner of a water grist mill, and has no one to attend to the same.

Morton Pannill, Addison W. Ward and George Perkins, having furnished able-bodied substitutes for the war, accepted by competent Military authority, were exempted from service under said Proclamation.

James M. Sale was exempted from military service since he was over 40 years of age. The exemption was subject to the condition that he produce evidence satisfactory to the enrolling officer that he is forty-five years of age.



We have a new web site @
[http://www.campbellcountyva
 historicalsociety.org/](http://www.campbellcountyvahistoricalsociety.org/)

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Message from the Campbell County Historical Society

During 2012 the Board of the Campbell County Historical Society decided to pursue a lease agreement with the county for the use of the Historic Courthouse. The Historic Courthouse has been used jointly by the County and The Historical Society since the new courthouse was opened around 1995. During that time the County utilized the lower level and the Historical Society utilized the upper level encompassing the old courtroom and small areas for a museum and storage areas. In summer of 2012 the County determined that the heating and air conditioning for the entire building needed to be replaced. Due to the high cost and current budget constraints the County decided to close the building and has vacated all county employees. The Historical Society has been allowed to maintain a presence in the building with tours and museum openings on a limited basis. Although the Historical society now had access to much need accessible meeting space the absence of heating and air conditioning poses significant limitations to utilization and threatens the preservation of museum artifacts and the physical condition of the building itself.

A preliminary review by several Board members has determined that the Society may be able to secure grants and other funding if the society were able to lease the building. County staff and several members of the Historical society met in December 2012 to review this possibility and the County has agreed to draw up a proposed lease agreement which will be reviewed early in 2013. Information regarding the status of this agreement will be presented at our Jan 27 Membership meeting.

I encourage all members of the Campbell County Historical Society to become familiar with what is taking place to preserve the Historic Courthouse. This old building has faithfully served the citizens of Campbell County since 1848. This iconic structure is one of the few remaining buildings that reflect the distinguished heritage of this county. Your support and your input are needed.

Plastering



*Close up of the all-seeing eye of God*¹

THE subscriber, a Plasterer from Baltimore, having located in this place, offers his services to this community and surrounding counties. With an experience of nearly 20 years in his trade, and most of that time spent in the Northern cities, he thinks he can please any who may favor him with a call. He understands the Ornamental branch, as well as imitations of Rock and Granite in Stuccoing. Those who have plastering to do, would do well to give him a call before engaging anyone else, as he is well supplied with hands, and there is no danger of disappointment.

N. B.—Repairing done with dispatch and neatness²



*Fleur-de-lis*¹



*Decorative plaster molding*¹

Sources:

¹ Photo by Amelia A. Talley

² "Plastering", *Lynchburg Virginian*, Lynchburg, Virginia, 13 July 1846, p. 3

Calendar of Events

For local members, we hope to see you at the Jan. 27 program at 2:30 pm in the basement of the Haberer Building in Rustburg. The program will be on Joel Sweeney, creator of the 5-string banjo.

About Our Organization...



Preserve the Campbell County Courthouse as an historical museum for the enjoyment of the citizens and visitors to the area.

- Collect and preserve manuscripts, artifacts and other materials pertaining to the history of Campbell County.
- Identify historical structures, cemeteries and other sites in Campbell County with appropriate documentation and file with the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
- Provide quarterly educational programs to members and other interested parties.
- Research and publish dominant and minority racial and cultural histories.
- Stimulate the youth and adults of the County to appreciate and preserve their heritage.

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