



# NEWSLETTER

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COMMITTED TO COLLECTING, PRESERVING, AND SHARING THE UNIQUE HERITAGE OF OUR COUNTY

## The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Historical Society of Washington County, Virginia will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015 at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center.

The evening will begin at 6:00pm with a social hour and viewing of the items included in the live auction which follows. Wine will be available by the glass. After the auction, a short business session will be held. The buffet dinner, catered by J.J.'s Restaurant and Sports Bar, will then be served. Our after-dinner speaker is Frank Kilgore, prominent Wise County attorney and author. He will be speaking about his latest book, *Far Southwest Virginia: A Postcard and Photographic Journey*, which was published in November 2014. Copies will also be available for purchase and autographing.

For tickets and information, please call the Society at 276-623-8337, or go to our web page at [hswcv.org](http://hswcv.org), where you may purchase tickets. The price is \$25 per person.

### Proposed Amendments to be Approved

Bylaws of the Historical Society of Washington County, VA dated May 6, 2008, as subsequently amended.

#### AMENDMENT 1

**Section 3.2 NUMBER, ELECTION TERM AND QUALIFICATIONS.** The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Society, the immediate past President and six Directors. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. One person may hold more than one office at a time except that no person may simultaneously hold the offices of President and Recording Secretary.

**{add} When one person simultaneously holds the offices of Recording Secretary and Treasurer, that person will have the title Secretary/Treasurer.**

PURPOSE OF THIS AMENDMENT: Acknowledges that it may be desirable that one person simultaneously serve as Recording Secretary and Treasurer - positions with functionally compatible duties.

#### AMENDMENT 2

**Section 5.7 AUDIT COMMITTEE.** The President shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors, designate, within 60 days after the **annual meeting** {delete and add} **end of the fiscal year**, an Audit Committee composed of not less than three (3) Society members who are not members of the Finance and Management Committee and which committee shall: {specifies duties...}

PURPOSE OF THIS AMENDMENT: Links the date for appointing the audit committee to the January – December fiscal year established by the May 30, 2014 bylaws amendment.

### Slate of Candidates for Officers and Directors To be Presented to the Membership at the May 29, 2015 Annual Meeting

Martha Keys	President 2015 - 2017
Sara Sanders	Vice President 2015 - 2017
Charles Seaver	Secretary/Treasurer 2015 - 2017
Karen McClanahan	Corresponding Secretary 2015 - 2017
James W. Hagy	Director 2015 - 2018
Mark Hagy	Director 2015 - 2018



## DONATIONS AND ACQUISITIONS (Starting October 2014)

<i>William Sanders Oury</i> , by Cornelius C. Smith, Jr.; <i>Western Heroes from Abingdon, Virginia</i>	Dianne McGinley Gardner, Lost River, WV
Framed Picture – Historic Washington County	Lovis Countiss, Abingdon, VA
Articles on Charles Henry Humphreys	Robert Charles Summers, Hutchinson, KS
Papers on Rev. Noah Blevins	Bobby James Greer, Roanoke, VA
<i>History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison, &amp; Nicholas Counties, KY</i>	Florence Powell, Meadowview, VA
Collection of old Newspaper Clippings	Linda Hillis, Abingdon, VA
<i>Descendants of Thomas Henderson and Helen Ley</i>	Jack Hockett, Newark, DE
Postcards of area views, 1861 pamphlet <i>An Account of Alleghany Springs, Montgomery Co, VA</i> ; Photo of painting of McGavock Mansion at Max Meadows	Clayton G. and Emily K. Baker, Nashville, TN
<i>The Barrow Family of Virginia 1620-1972</i>	Brett Compton, Bristol, VA
<i>John S. Battle High School – A History</i>	
1939 <i>The Scroll</i> (Wm. King Annual)	Blair Keller, Jr., Abingdon, VA
WWII coats worn by Glenn Wm. Harley, KIA Germany	Gina C. Thayer-Coleman, Jonesborough, TN
Acts & Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly State of Virginia, 3 vols. 1876-1878	Unknown
<i>Friendliest Town on the Trail, Damascus, Virginia</i>	Bunny Medeiros, Abingdon, VA
Newspaper Clippings	Katherine Vance Clark, Glade Spring, VA
Russell Co., VA Death Records 1912-1923	Jack Hockett, Newark, DE
Smyth Co., VA Personal Property Tax List 1832-1863	
Washington Co., VA Delinquent Tax Records 1782-1815	
Washington Co., VA Deed Book 2	
Washington Co., VA Deed Book 35, 1879-1881	
Washington Co., VA Deed Book 36 1881	
Washington Co., VA Deed Book 37 1880-1882	
Washington Co., VA Deed Book 38 1882-1883	
Washington Co., VA Minute Book 1	
Washington Co., VA Minute Book 2	
<i>Descendants of Thomas Henderson and Helen Lay</i>	
Copy of 1938 Bethel High School Yearbook	Tracy Gray, Abingdon, VA
<i>The Progressive Farmer</i> , April 11, 1914 issue	Kay Ruppensberger, Cockeysville, MD
1932 Letter regarding Brook Hall	
Abingdon Road Extension Homemakers Club (scrapbook)	Bristol, TN-VA Historical Association, Bristol, TN
<i>Bicentennial History of Lee County, VA 1792-1992</i>	
<i>Bicentennial History of Washington Co., VA</i>	
<i>A Century of Furniture: The Rose Cabinet Shops</i>	
Washington Co., VA Business Directory & Community Drive	
Abingdon Fire Department badges and tie clip	John L. Gray, Byhalia, MS
<i>First Families of Tennessee</i> -East Tennessee Historical Society	Jeffery Arnold, Bristol, TN
<i>The Revolutionary War Diary of Major William Croghan of the Virginia Continental Line, 1779-1780</i> , by Randy F. McNew Crouse	Randy F. McNew Crouse, Huntsville, AL
<i>Michael Sword, Ancestry and Historical Narrative</i> , by Randy F. McNew Crouse	
<i>Russell Co., VA, Marriages, 1923-1935</i> , by Randy F. McNew Crouse	
Assorted collection of business papers, permits, newspapers, photos and prints	Town of Abingdon
Special Collection – Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery (66 books)	Dyer Moss, Abingdon, VA

<i>Irish Settlers in North America</i> , by Thomas D'Arcy McGee	Historical Society of Washington County, VA
<i>History of the 17<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry CSA</i>	
<i>Parker's Virginia Battery CSA</i> , by Robert K. Krick	
<i>Prince George's County (MD) Land Records 1696-1702</i>	
<i>The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish Essex County, Virginia 1739-1779</i> by Ann K. Blomquist	
<i>Abstracts of Pittsylvania County, VA Wills 1767-1820</i>	
<i>The History of Lynchburg, VA 1786-1946</i> , by Philip Scruggs	
<i>Sequatchie County, TN</i> , by Henry R. Camp	
<i>People &amp; Places of Jefferson County, TN</i> , by Estle P. Muncey	
<i>Marriages of Davidson Co., TN 1789-1847</i> , by Edythe Whitley	
<i>History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison &amp; Nicholas Counties, Kentucky</i>	
Grainger County – History of Tennessee	
Hawkins County, Tennessee Marriage Records 1789-1866	
<i>When the Trains Came to Norton, Wise County in Old Virginia</i>	

**MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS** (Starting October 2014)

Diana Powell	San Jose, CA
<b>In Memory of</b> Virginia Ditges, Marie Fitzpatrick, Betty Roberts, Geraldine Southern, Anna Elliott, and Mary Hortenstine Everett	Black's Fort Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution
Chris Brown	New York, New York
Margaret Roper	Silver Spring, MD
Patricia Craig Johnson	Dallas, TX
<b>In Memory of</b> Marion Bailey	Jane and Helen Bryan
<b>In Memory of</b> William Graybeal	Jane and Helen Bryan
Jane Bowden Moore Estate	Abingdon, VA
The Scott Family Charitable Fund	Fort Myers, FL
Rosalie Chroma	Camarillo, CA

## Virginia Highlands Festival

Abingdon Civil War Weekend      *July 31-August 9, 2015*      Sinking Spring Cemetery Tour  
 HISTORIC ABINGDON VIRGINIA

Fourth annual Civil War living history week-end at the historic Abingdon Muster Grounds.

Free admission!

**Saturday, August 1, 9am-6pm**

**Sunday, August 2, 10am-3pm**

Meet famous Civil War military and civilian persons portrayed by living historians. See firing demonstrations and presentations by reenactors.

History comes alive as residents of Sinking Spring Cemetery tell their stories of life and death in Washington County!

**Saturday, August 1      5:30-8:00pm**

Each escorted tour lasts 45+ minutes  
 Admission is \$5 /person, cash or check  
 Proceeds benefit the Historical Society



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**Abingdon, VA 24212**

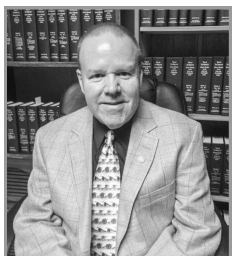
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The Society library is fortunate to be the recipient of a 65-volume collection on the Lewis and Clark Expedition, donated by Mr. Dyer Moss of Abingdon. Thank you so much, Mr. Moss.

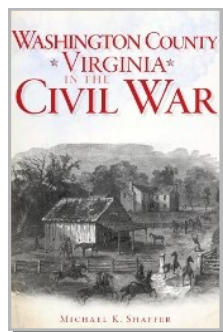
The collection includes: *The Definitive Journals of Lewis & Clark*; *Lewis and Clark — Across the Divide*; *Encyclopedia of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*; biographies of each man; books on wildlife and landscapes discovered; books on the Native Americans encountered; present day photographs of the route taken, and so much more.

If you are an avid Lewis and Clark fan or just want to learn more, we invite you to browse this impressive collection on your next visit to our library.

Civil War author Michael K. Shaffer will be attending the



Civil War  
Weekend on  
August 1 to  
make a presen-  
tation and sell  
his books!



Call 276-525-1050 for information.

Your membership in the Historical Society is appreciated. Please help us stay in touch with you!

- send a change-of-address card when you move,
- or call our offices at 276-623-8337,
- or e-mail us at [office@hswcv.org](mailto:office@hswcv.org)