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Your Museum's Accomplishments & Goals

2013 has been a year of great accomplishments at your Museum!! In January, Ricky Brightwell and helpers presented a program about the ongoing restoration of Brightwell's Mill, and the Hamble Center had "standing room only". On February 17, Ann Rucker and Peggy Myers talked about their recent book SUNDAY DRIVES; this was followed with a van trip on May 25 based on their book. The Annual Meeting was on April 27 so that Tom Mackie, former museum director, could be in Amherst to give a talk on bateaux; this was followed by a delicious barbecue meal and music from two local bands. What fun!

Anticipated events will be a talk on grape growing in Amherst County on September 15 and a cemetery tour on October 20. Mark your calendar now!

A card party with lunch was a fundraising event on March 19. Our annual GALA is being planned for November 9; this is our biggest fundraiser, so plan to come and support us! Details will be in future newsletters.

Improvements continue to be made to complete

the Hamble Center. A lovely driveway has been installed, and the Center is now open for rent. It's equipped with heat, air conditioning, kitchen, and restrooms. Call the Museum for details 946-9068.

The Museum supports itself from grants, dues, and donations. We have all the expenses such as electricity, phone, internet, mowing, snow removal, newsletter, postage, office supplies, insurance, exterminator, and maintenance on the building. You can understand why we need YOU! Amherst County pays the salary of our director, but we must fund the rest.

Thanks go to the Village Garden Club for all the beautiful plantings on the lawn, and their maintenance on the flower beds!

We have other dreams, and, with your help, we'll be able to fulfill them. If you'd like to volunteer or serve on a committee, let us know! It's YOUR COUNTY MUSEUM. Help us make it better.....

Holiday Vacation & Museum Closings

In July, the Museum will close for the week of July 4.
(June 30 through July 6)

Sunday, September 15, at 2 p.m. - Grape Growing in Amherst County

Sunday, October 20, at 2 p.m. Cemetery Tour in Clifford

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9—OUR ANNUAL GALA!

Thank you!

Patrons

*Amherst Woman's Club
The Village Garden Club
Lee Wilkins, VA*

Donors

*Holly Hodges, VA
Thomas C. Wallace, IV, VA*

Friends

*Mr. and Mrs. George Dooley, VA
Mary Frances Olinger, VA*

Welcome to our New Members!

*Patricia Gooch & Michael Dowell, VA
Karen Pilson, VA
Susan Steele, VA*



Some of the visitors at Brightwell's Mill head down to the mill pond to see more of the mill property.

**Sunday Drives Tour on Saturday, May 25,
Brings out Two Van Loads of participants!**

The Museum sponsored van tour in May brought out two van loads of people to see Amherst County in its springtime glory. The day was beautiful and rain was forestalled for another time.

Stops included Oakdale Church near Brightwell's Mills, Brightwell's Mill itself and Edge Hill at Galt's Mill. At each stop a guide gave a talk about the location. Both vans had tour guides to speak about the area as the vans drive along the tour route.

And special thanks to our president, **Bonnie Limbrick** for arranging and driving the second van!

**Need a place for your family reunion?
The Museum's Hamble Center**

...is now available for your event! Conveniently situated in downtown Amherst, this building can be rented for special events. The Hamble Center has a kitchen, two restrooms, plenty of tables and chairs and now has heating and air conditioning. If your family reunion is scheduled for the Museum's public hours, the family historians can do some of their research in the same trip! Call the Museum at (434) 946-9068 for more details.

About the Cash Glass Plate Negatives

Professor Siobhan Byrns presented a lecture, "Frank Cash's Glass Negatives: Images of Amherst, Sweet Briar, Monroe and Lynchburg City 1890-1910." at Lynchburg College on Monday, April 15 at 4 p.m. in Schewel 231. This lecture was just the prelude to the future exhibition of images from this collection.



The Amherst County Museum has arranged to be the first public exhibition of these images and even as we go to press, dates are being arranged. Be sure to watch for details in your August newsletter!

"Grandpa" is Grandfather Seay, Frank Cash's grandfather.

For more about Monroe
see
Miss Christine's Monroe
in the Museum's Gift Shop
\$10

(plus \$4 postage and handling if ordering by mail)

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A Fourth of July Celebration, 1915

From the *Amherst Progress*, Thursday, June 17, 1915, Pg 2.

Big Celebration July 4

The fourth of July Celebration at the YMCA Island, Lynchburg, will be a big affair and adjoining counties are cordially invited to spend a day of enjoyment. A special program has been arranged, in which the girls and boys can compete for some valuable and handsome prizes to be given by the business concerns of Lynchburg. The committees are negotiating with the Southern railway to run a special train early in the morning and return about 11pm, at reduced rate fares. This will be a big picnic day - brass band, fireworks, boating, ball games, humorous contests. No charge for admission. Everybody welcome. We publish below a part of the program and prizes offered. The contests will be quite interesting, as four counties will compete for the prizes.

10:30 AM- Baseball. Prize, watch for each member of the winning team given by First National Bank, Lynchburg. Each county to furnish one baseball team to play for championship of four counties, Amherst vs. Campbell, Bedford vs. Ap-pomattox.

11:00 AM- Tennis. Prize, tennis racket, given by Adkins Hardware Company.

12 M- Pillow Fight, county men only (18 yrs and older), Prize, pair riding leggings, given by L.O. Wren.

Catching greasy pig. (Open to all, city and county) Prize, the pig, given by Chas. P. Shaner

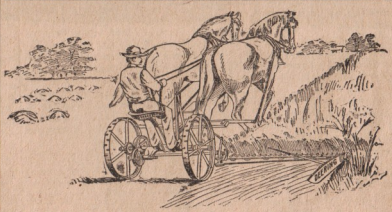
100 yard dash- Amherst County men; Prize, \$18 suit of clothes, given by Wells-Camp Company

100 yard dash- Inter-County Championship (men), Prize, one buggy, given by Hill Buggy & Wagon Company

100 yard dash- Amherst County boys (14-17 years inclusive) Prize, one pair shoes, given by Beasley Shoe Company

100 yard dash- Inter County boys race (14-17 years

Farm Machinery for All Purposes



Thornhill Wagons for every use, Saginaw Redwood Sios, the best silo built, Binder Twine, Deering & McCormick, the best sold, here as cheap as can be bought anywhere. We respectfully solicit your inspection of our stock. You will find it interesting and profitable.

HILL BUGGY AND WAGON CO., Inc.

H. H. SANDIDGE, Mgr., Assisted by F. L. TUBER.

Hill Buggy and Wagon donated a wagon for the winner of the Inter-County 100 Yard Dash

inclusive) Prize, shotgun, given by Barker-Jennings Hardware Company

50 yard dash- Amherst County Girls. Prize, 2lb box of candy, given by Lynchburg Candy Company

50 yard dash- Inter County Championship, girls. Prize, saddle and bridle, given by Lynchburg Implement Company, Inc.

Besides the county events, there will be many other contests open to all.

The county committee must elect the baseball teams and the tennis players.

Those desiring to enter for the other events will notify the chairman of the county committee by June 20.

The committee for Amherst is as follows: C.A. Joubert, Chairman, W.P. Reed, C.E. Cox, W.D. Cox, E.L. Chappelle.

County contestants must be residents of the county.

From the same issue, Monroe News: The Railway Y.M.C.A. is forging to the front. Under the supervision of Secretary W.A. Glazier much is being done. The tennis court has been put in splendid condition, a very good library has been installed and Assistant Secretary Carroll, aided by the pastor of the Methodist church, is soon to organize a men's Bible class.

From the *Amherst New Era Progress*, Thursday, November 7, 1946

One Pint of Whiskey for Sick Horse, 17 Cents

By: Special Correspondent

It has often been commented on that the same family should have produced two such genial and efficient county agents as the Ellis brothers – Charles Ellis of Campbell County and Richard S. Ellis of Buckingham.

Old records from Pedlar Mills throw considerable light on this subject and indicate that these two men inherited their abilities as county agents. The “daybook” of the Pedlar Mills Tavern has recently come to light and an entry on June 9, 1824 shows the inclination and character of their grandfather.

“Richard S. Ellis, Dr., to one pint whiskey for sick horse, 17 c.”

A following entry shows “John Eubank, Dr., to one quart whiskey, 13c”

This would indicate that Richard S. Ellis not only bought whiskey for his horse – he bought the best whiskey!

It seems obvious that any man who would give a pint of good whiskey to a horse would naturally transmit to his descendants those qualities that would make them preeminent in the field of animal husbandry.

This is an age of skepticism in which we live and people do not believe what they see. The question has been raised as to whether the horse ever got the whiskey. The record does not say. In any event, County Agents have to think fast sometimes – maybe “for a sick horse” wasn’t too bad.

Please note; prices quoted above are not OPA* or ABC, they are GONE.

**OPA=Office of Price Administration (Established in 1941; discontinued in 1947, when its functions were distributed to other agencies.)*



At Pedlar Mills, plowing with horse drawn plows.

Below is an advertisement from the *Amherst Progress*, Thursday, June 17, 1915, in which Central Mills announces the completion of their recent improvements. In 1940, this mill would be sold to the Wydnerns and today is known as Amherst Milling Company.

Central Mills
AMHERST, VIRGINIA

To Our Friends And Patrons :

Having completed our repair work and grain elevator which comprises a storage of from ten to twelve thousand bushels. We are now in position to offer the service of one of the most modern Mills and Elevators in this part of the State. Our accomodation for men and teams is also one among the best features of this mill. We want to buy 5,000 bushels of local wheat, for which we will pay the highest market price. Our brands of flour are always uniform. Come night or day, we are ready to serve you.

Baldock & Company,

To Our Friends and Patrons: Having completed our repair work and grain elevator which comprises a storage of from ten to twelve thousand bushels. We are now in position to offer the service of one of the most modern Mills and Elevators in this part of the State. Our accommodation for men and teams is also one among the best features of this mill. We want to buy 5,000 bushels of local wheat, for which we will pay the highest market price. Our brands of flour are always uniform. Come night or day, we are ready to serve you.

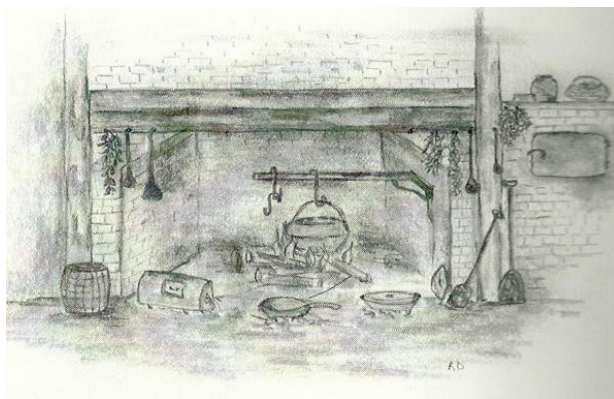
New in our Library:
Cooking at the Hearth
 By Rachel Campbell Deddens

Rachel talks about her wonderful childhood growing up in Amherst County with her Aunt Vernell, where the wood cook stove not only cooked food but produced heat to warm bodies and dry clothes. It was where the smell of rain coming across Big Mount Pleasant meant it was time to get the clothes off the line. Rachel thanks her aunt for many things including teaching her to cook, especially biscuits.

The author describes a twelfth night cake coming out of a Dutch oven. Other subjects include precautionary issues involving hearth cooking, cooking methods, utensils, and materials needed. Specific methods discussed are boiling, stewing, roasting, baking, Dutch oven, frying, and ash cooking. She also provides descriptions for the bulge pot, kettle pot, and spider.

Storage of food was watched over closely by the mistress of the home. Between 1830 and 1850 many modes of transportation opened up for Lynchburg to receive goods from around the world. The changes in local economy and imports during that time are also addressed.

Recipes, or "Receipts," from 1742 – 1847 are listed. 56 pages with photographs and illustrations by the author.



This illustration and others in the book are by Rachel Campbell Deddens

The book includes many interesting facts. Here are just a few:

- A one page list of equipment recorded before James Hemings (Jefferson's cook) departure from Monticello on Feb. 20, 1796
- Past to Present – measurement conversions
- Evolution of places to cook from the stone age to present day
- Explanation of vocabulary and instruction from early cookbooks.
- How to tell if an oven is ready for baking
- Use and creation of tallow



Now in the Museum's Gift Shop!

SUNDAY DRIVES

\$20 plus \$4 postage & handling (Va residents add \$1 tax)



The Mission of the Amherst County Museum & Historical Society is to discover, collect and preserve objects related to the history and genealogy of Amherst County. The Museum & Historical Society shall exhibit, interpret and offer those collections to provide educational experiences for people of all ages.

Memberships are annual from September to September; for details, see www.amherstcountymuseum.org/membership.html

Special Contributions

Friend	\$25 to \$49
Donor	\$50 to \$99
Patron	\$100 to \$499
Sponsor	\$500 to \$999
Benefactor	\$1000 and up

If you would like your donation to go to a certain purpose, please check one of the funds below.

Categories for Donations

Operating Fund _____
 Endowment Fund _____
 Building Fund _____

July Notes

July 13, 1884: Mt. Moriah installed a new organ a Mason and Hamilton model, at a cost of \$175.

Sunday, July 14, 1907: At Emmanuel Episcopal Mission in Madison Heights: Mr. [Rev. Frank] Lee delivered his farewell sermon at the Madison Mission last night [Sunday, July 14] before an audience that filled the church, and he expects to leave the city for Abingdon on Friday.

July 17, 1969: The historic home of Mt. San Angelo burned to a total loss. Today this site is the home of the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

July 19, 1890: The Richmond Daily Planet announced the appointment of Rev. R.D. Merchant to the Board of Education, Ministers and Deacons Union, Amherst.

July 21, 1916: Mr. and Mrs. Simon Wood (Fannie E.) deeded four and a half acres to Central Baptist Church for a parsonage (\$225).

August Notes

August 3, 1962: Agricola Post Office was closed.

August 5, 1934: Mt. Moriah celebrated its sesqui-centennial. The program may be found on the Museum's website at <http://www.amherstcountymuseum.org/collections/mtmoriahhistory.pdf>

August 15, 1909 Dr. T. T. Hatcher of Richmond preached the dedication sermon for Emmanuel Baptist Church, Sandidges.

August 20, 1883: Rev. J.P. Lawrence baptized the following individuals at the Slate Quarry mission near the Cane Brakes: Frances Owen, Johnny Owen, Catherine Mary Jones, David Henry Jones, Owen H. Jones and Joseph S. Tinsley.

August 22, 1952: J.R. Boon opened the Western Auto in the remodeled Wade H. Wood building that had burned down the previous year.

August 26, 1951: Central Baptist Church dedicated their new building.

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