



# Virginia Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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### MAY AND JUNE MEETINGS

Meetings for May and June, 1982, were held at the Headquarters of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, 4015 Hermitage Road, Richmond. That for May featured a presentation by Mr. Fred Anderson, Executive Director of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society, whose address is P.O. Box 34, The University of Richmond, Virginia 23173. Mr. Anderson shared with us the history of the Society, founded in 1876, as well as some details concerning its records and activities. The latter includes its periodical, The Chronicle, now in its 8th volume.

The speaker for the June Meeting of the V.G.S. was the well-known Virginia genealogist and publisher, Netti Schreiner-Yantis, who discussed the aesthetics and mechanics, as well as the importance, of getting individual research results into print. Her talk aroused considerable enthusiasm which this Society's directors hope will be translated into practical terms at the typewriter in the weeks to come. Begin by writing either the editor of this Newsletter or of your Quarterly (P.O. Box 7469, Richmond, VA 23221) and let us know what records you have that should be saved for posterity. Our Quarterly earnestly solicits well-documented articles about Virginians, including those who moved westward, especially prior to 1850, concerning whom records now in private hands may be the only surviving documents of this important aspect of Virginia's past.

### ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Arrangements are now in preparation for the opening meeting and banquet of the Society in October, 1982. Complete particulars, including a registration slip, will appear in the next issue of this newsletter, which will be delivered to you in September. Watch for its arrival and make plans to be with us!

### PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY

Your Society's Board of Governors recently voted to enter into a permanent association with the Southern Historical Press, Inc., located in Easley, South Carolina. Under the editorship of Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr., this well-known firm is rapidly building one of the outstanding catalogues of titles related to Southern local history and genealogy. We are pleased to have the help of this prestigious organization as the agent to maintain in print the Society's list of special publications. Inquiry regarding the purchase of these titles should henceforth be addressed directly to the Press, at P.O. Box 738, Easley, S.C. 29640.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Society is pleased to be the recipient of the following gifts:

Boggs Newsletter. Those interested in an informative publication on the Boggs family should direct their inquiry to Mrs. Alice C. Grady, 4 Mitchell Rd., Stow, Mass. 01775.

- Mary Leigh Boisseau. Abstractions of Exemptions from Military Service and Etc., 1862-1863. A Record of Halifax Co. Court House, Halifax, Virginia (1980). Copies at \$6.00 may be ordered from the compiler at 469 Brightwell Dr., Danville, VA 24541.
- Monte P. Buzzard. The Buzzard Family in America. Copies at \$12.00 may be ordered from the compiler at 3860 S. Higuera CS-14, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.
- Mary Tuttle Gaylord. The Tuttle, Branch of Simon (1981). Copies at \$40.00 may be ordered from the author at 108 Paxton Street, Lexington, VA 24450.
- Richard Hayden Gentry. Gentry Family Gazette and Genealogy, No. 11, Part 2 (Jan. 1982). The author may be addressed at 6151 Tompkins Dr., McLean, VA 22101, concerning this periodical devoted to the Gentry family throughout the United States.
- John W. Hansborough. History and Genealogy of the Hansborough-Hansbrough Family with Data on the Hanbury, Garrard, Lash, Devous, Davis, Wathen and Bell Families (1981). The author may be reached at 2014 Travis Heights Blvd., Austin, Texas 78704.
- Meriwether Connections, Vol. I, no. 1 (Jan. 1982). A quarterly newsletter published by The Meriwether Society, at \$10.00 per year. For additional details write Anne Anderson, 3230 McGehee Rd., Montgomery, AL 36111.
- William F. O'Dell. Twelve Families, an American Experience. This book concerns the families of Aikman, Bar/Baer, Gant/Ghent, Green, Horning, Mitchell, Odell/O'Dell, Peerenboom, Riley, Rooks, Springer and Swing. Copies at \$27.50 may be ordered from the author at 5797 Junonia, Shell Point Village, Ft. Myers, FL 33908.

Anne Reed Ritchie. No. 1 Supplement, Corrections, and Additions to Major Francis Wright and Ann Washington with Allied Families. A gift of the author, this publication may be ordered through Cook-McDowell Publications, Inc., 1233 Sweeney St., Owensboro, KY 42301.

The Diary of Robert Rose, 1746-1751, edited and annotated by Ralph Emmett Fall (1977). A gift from Murray Fontaine Rose, Falls Church, Va., this important book touches on many family relationships in the Albemarle Co., Va., area.

John Hale Stutesman, Jr. Jacob Stutzman (-1775), His Children and Grandchildren. Virginia families mentioned include Watkins, Abbott, Randolph, and Rolfe. Copies at \$15.86 may be ordered through the author at 305 Spruce St., San Francisco, CA 94118.

The Society welcomes the following to membership:

Eleanor L. Andrews Burke, VA	Greenville Co. Library Greenville, S.C.	Virginia Runyan Amboy, ID
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#### NEWS AROUND VIRGINIA

Researchers everywhere will welcome the recent announcement by the Virginia Historical Society that its library is now open on Saturdays, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., national holiday weekends excepted.

The June, 1982, issue of the Bulletin of the Hanover County Historical Society announces that preparations for establishing an historical society for the county of New Kent, Virginia, are under way. Interested parties please address Miss Patricia Burgess, Planning Department, P.O. Box 50, New Kent, Virginia, 23124, for additional information. Anyone possessing information or records bearing on the heritage of New Kent County will do a major service to history by sharing them with this new organization. New Kent, it will be remembered, is largely without county records prior to the year 1865.

Virginia is fortunate to have an important and growing list of county historical societies. In the main, these groups tend to emphasize the preservation of local history in the broadest sense of the term: where, for example, certain battles took place or churches once stood. But, whether the subject be fighting or praying (at times, in Virginia, it's been hard to tell one from the other!) people were involved, and it is of course people, especially when considered as members of a certain family group or clan, which are the subject matter of genealogy. Thus, for those willing to participate meaningfully in the activities of our county historical societies-- to study their publications, analyze the artifacts in their various collections-- the results, genealogically, are bound to be rewarding.

Since many of our members are isolated from us by distance, the Newsletter's editor felt it would be profitable to run a series of brief descriptive items about some of these societies, and we will begin this feature in our next issue. For assembling this information, and for her willingness to share it with us, we are indebted to one of the Society's most valuable members, and a former member of its Board of Governors, Mattie E. Jolly.