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QUARTERLY PUBLICATION REVISED A Message from the President

Every member of the Virginia Genealogical Society can look forward with anticipation to projected revisions in the quarterly publication of the Society for the coming year. These revisions will be part of the first issue of 1984. A great deal of work on the part of many individuals is now in progress, and the results promise to make our publication a truly representative magazine of its type.

The quarterly Advisory Committee under the leadership of Richard Slatten has set two goals for itself: first, to enhance the professional aspects of the publication and, second, by broadening the scope of its contents to foster greater reader-interest. The other members of this Committee are Louis H. Manarin, Virginia State Archivist, and Paul C. Nagel, Director of the Virginia Historical Society. They have a broad background in historical and genealogical research and this, along with their experience in publication, makes them especially suited to advise and assist our magazine.

Edgar MacDonald, Professor of English at Randolph-Macon College, is preparing to assume general editorship of our quarterly publication. He will continue the fine work of the current editor, the Rev. Charles Austin Joy. Dr. MacDonald's location in the Richmond area will facilitate close coordination between the Editor, the Quarterly Advisory Committee and our printers. In addition to a keen interest in history and genealogy, Dr. MacDonald has extensive experience in the field of scholarly publishing. Besides the periodical literature in which he is widely represented, Dr. MacDonald has had major and book-length contributions published by the University of North Carolina Press, Louisiana State University Press, G. K. Hall of Boston, and I. L. Scribner's Sons, New York. He is represented in the genealogical field by The American Edgeworths.

A recently created Editorial Advisory Board will assist the general editor. This Board is to be made up of representatives from various regions throughout Virginia and from the neighboring states of West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, and North Carolina. The members of this board will constitute a network created to solicit material for the magazine and to advise the editor concerning genealogical resources within their respective regions. A roster of this Board and the regions they represent will regularly appear on the verso of the front cover of the magazine.

The results of the efforts outlined above will contribute to a publication revised both in appearance and content. We expect general uniformity and readability of the magazine to be enhanced by a move to photo-typesetting, and special emphasis will be put on contents with greater balance than has been heretofore feasible. The practice of featuring as much material as possible from burned-records counties will continue, as will the emphasis on materials of sufficiently early date to be useful to those tracing ancestry which left Virginia prior to 1850.

James M. Bagby

COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETIES IN VIRGINIA

Louisa County Historical Society

Contributed by Mattie E. Jolly

Organization: The Louisa County Historical Society, Louisa, VA 23093, was organized 9 December 1966. Its membership is dedicated to preserving the historical heritage and records of this important central Piedmont county which was formed from Hanover in 1742. In view of the fact that the greater part of the latter's records have been destroyed, those of Louisa are of special significance. The current officers of the Society include Mr. E. Benjamin Barbour, President, and Mrs. Eugenia T. Bumpass, Secretary, both of Mineral, Va 23117. Four classes of membership are open to interested parties: Individual at \$7.50 per year, Family at \$10.00, Sustaining at \$25.00, and a Life Membership at \$100.00. For additional particulars, please write Mrs. Bumpass.

Meetings: The Society meets semi-annually, usually at the Louisa Christian Church, Louisa. Mrs. Bumpass, above, may be able to help those interested in current meeting schedules.

Publications: The Society publishes the Louisa County Historical Magazine, a useful and well-produced periodical issued twice yearly and now in its fifteenth volume. The magazine publishes member's queries on a regular basis as well as a column called "Genealogical Notes," taken from papers and publications in the Society's archives.

Collections: The Society has a library and manuscript collection located in the old jail on Courthouse Square, Louisa, which is open to visitors by appointment. At the present time, the Society's Magazine is publishing an item from this collection, the Pottiesville Store Ledger, an account book kept during the period 1818 to 1819. A column entitled "Museum Update" publicizes accessions and cataloging news.

Titles which may be of interest to researchers in Louisa County include:

Claudia A. Chisholm. Revolutionary Public Service Claims of Louisa County, Virginia (c. 1976); Rosalie E. Davis. Louisa County Deed Books A and B, 1742-1759 (1976); Davis. Louisa County Deed Books C, D, D1/2, D2/2, 1759-1772 (1977); Davis. Louisa County Tithables and Census, 1743-1785 (c. 1981); Davis. Louisa County, 1743-1814: Where Have All the Children Gone? [court records] (1980); Malcolm H. Harris. History of Louisa County, Virginia (1936); Kathleen Williams. Marriages of Louisa County, 1766-1815 (1959).

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BRIDGING THE ATLANTIC TO GERMANY: A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY BY MILTON RUBINCAM

Vol. IX, no. 3, May-Jun., 1983, of this Newsletter carried a bibliography prepared for the Society by Mr. Rubincam for use by those seeking to establish the continental residence of their German ancestors. He has since sent us the items listed below which he feels ought to be included on this list. We are grateful to Mr. Rubincam for this supplement.

Boyer, Carl, III. Ship Passenger Lists: National and New England, 1600-1825 (1977). Ship Passenger Lists: New York and New Jersey, 1600-1825 (1978). Ship Passenger Lists: The South, 1538-1825 (1979). Ship Passenger Lists: Pennsylvania and Delaware, 1651-1825 (1980).

Johnson, Arta F. How to Read German Church Records Without Knowing Much German (1980).
Thode, Ernest. Address Book for Germanic Genealogy, Second edition (1980). [This book contains addresses of genealogical societies, national, municipal, and religious archives, genealogical publishers, professional genealogists, and important libraries located in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, and France.]
Atlas for Germanic Genealogy (1982).

