
Hampshire County Historical Society

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Newsletter

First Quarter

VIRGINIA HERITAGE GROUP VISITS HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

On Saturday afternoon, October 12, 1996, the Fauquier Heritage Society of Marshall, Virginia, made a pilgrimage to eastern Hampshire County to place a memorial wreath at Capon Chapel which is located near Capon Bridge, West Virginia. This dedicated group is striving to preserve Fauquier County history by purchasing and restoring Upper Carter's Run Baptist Church. The forty by twenty-four foot stone structure, located on Rt. 710 behind Marshall Ford, was constructed in 1771 and is the only surviving building erected exclusively as a Baptist meeting house in the state of Virginia. To make the initial purchase they must raise \$108,000. Through the years, Marshall's oldest structure has served as a public school, a polling place, a town meeting hall, and a private home. Once restored the stone house will become a tourist center and headquarters for the Heritage Society. People such as business leader Armistead Wine, Marshall historian John K. Gott, retired grocer Marie Glascock, Joan Fries and Robin Letard are spearheading this remarkable effort. A year-long celebration of Marshall's birth, December 14, 1796, is being held and a trip to Hampshire County is only one of many planned special events.



Monroe family members with Fauquier Heritage Society celebrating the birth of Marshall at Capon Chapel Cemetery.

The connecting link with Hampshire County is one man, Dr. and Elder John Monroe who founded the town of Salem, later Marshall, Virginia. In recognition of his role in the creation of Marshall, a large handcrafted floral wreath was placed on Elder John Monroe's grave. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. Randall Daniels, current pastor of the Marshall Baptist Church, and attended by Rev. Paul Mateer, pastor of Capon Chapel Church; John K. Gott, Arlington; Marie and David Glascock, Marshall; K.E. Kerrick, Warrenton; Melanic Curtis, Gore; John Monroe family descendants Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Riley, Capon Bridge; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gardiner, Stephens City; Barbara Kesner and Holly Lafollette, Capon Bridge; and Jack Kendall, Washington, D.C.

The Baptists are given credit for organizing the first church in Hampshire County. "In 1755 Rev. Daniel Morgan and Rev. Shubal Stearns established a church near Capon Bridge" (Historic Romney). Capon Chapel is almost certainly that church. Historic Hampshire gives the date of this log, clapboard-covered church as 1756. Generations of oral history tell of early settlers gathering on a knoll under a large oak tree for religious services and burials. Maxwell and Swisher's History of Hampshire County lists Elder John Monroe as pastor at North River, Crooked Run, and Patterson's Creek.

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THE FOUNDING OF MARSHALL, VIRGINIA

On May 31, 1997, the town of Marshall, Virginia, will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary. Marshall was founded by the Rev. John Monroe of Hampshire County. If you are interested in history, you are invited to come to Marshall and help to celebrate.

RAFFLE!!!

The Hampshire County Historical Society will hold a raffle. The prizes are (1) A Hampshire County Crock; (2) The Stonewall Jackson Book; (3) Dinner at the Primrose Inn in Romney. The drawing will be held at the Pig Roast at Yellow Springs on July 4. Chances are \$1.00 each.

We are also holding a raffle to be drawn at the Hampshire County Fair. Prizes are (1) A Wooden Miniature of the Court House and a Christmas Ball of the same; (2) Book The Hanging Rock Rebel signed by author Dan Oates; (3) Matted and Framed Print of the Romney Campaign. Chances will be \$1.00 each.

Both chances will be available at the Pig Roast - July 4, 1997.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

This year the Society chose the Parker House, west of Romney, for its Christmas Ball. This house is on the historic register. The ball will be lavender and translucent.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 22

A field trip to Foxes' Hollow is planned. Members will meet at the Food Lion parking lot in Romney.

Saturday, April 5 • 9:30-4:00 p.m.

Heritage Conference at Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA.

Sunday, April 13 • 12:30 p.m.

A field trip to North River Mills, Old Pepper Farm and Cemetery, The Sedan area, North Texas Schoolhouse, and Coffman Grove. Then on to Rio for dinner. Members will meet at the swinging bridge at 12:30 p.m. Rain date is April 27.

Monday, May 5

The Society will meet at Capon Chapel to plan and organize Confederate Days.

Saturday-Sunday, June 7 - 8

The Annual Confederate Days Ceremonies. Covered dish supper at Capon Chapel with services afterwards.

Friday, July 4

The Society will rent a table at the Pig Roast at Yellow Springs for fund raising. Help is needed for tables.

Saturday, July 19

HCHS will meet for their Annual Picnic at Alanna McGuinn's at High View, WV.

Monday-Saturday, August 18 - 23

The Society will have a table at the Hampshire County Fair. Help is needed.

Friday-Sunday, September 5 - 7

HCHS will have a table at Heritage Days in Romney. We will need help to man the tables.

Saturday, September 13 • 2:00 p.m.

The members will meet at Margaret and Ray Brill's home in Hagerstown, MD. Everyone bring a covered dish.

Sunday, October 12

Field trip to Richmond to the Confederate Museum is planned.

Friday-Sunday, November 28 - 30

Craft Show at Capon Bridge Fire Hall. We will have a table and will need help.

Friday, December 5 • 6:00 p.m.

Members will meet at the Court House in Romney to decorate for Christmas.

Sunday, January 18, 1998 • 1:30 p.m.

Monthly meeting of Society at Capon Chapel.

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Local descendants of John Monroe, who was an early Baptist minister at Capon Chapel Church.

John Monroe is surrounded by distinguished company, early pioneer settlers, Caudys, Pughs, Hooks, Nixons, Bealls, Fries, etc., a soldier from the War of 1812, Captain David Pugh, a signer of the Virginia Document of Secession, Union and Confederate soldiers, black slaves, freedmen, and numerous family members.

Many local residents are unaware of Hampshire County's early colonial history. Created in 1754, Hampshire was part of the old state of Virginia and is over one hundred years older than the state of West Virginia. The Fauquier Heritage Society is to be commended for recognizing our past ties to each other and to John Monroe — founder of Marshall to them — early Baptist minister and doctor to us. John Monroe's descendants still live in this area today and attend Capon Chapel Church.

Contributions are welcome by the Fauquier Heritage Society, c/o Marshall National Bank and Trust Co., P.O. Box 38, Marshall, Virginia 20116.

DILLONS RUN MEETING HOUSE

Dillons Run Meeting was established in 1800 or earlier. It was in Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia) near Lupton's Mill, about a mile northwest from the present post office (1936) of Dillons Run. The burial ground is still known as Quaker Graveyard. It is now a community burying ground.

Under the date of April 7, 1800, a minute was recorded at Hopewell Monthly Meeting to the effect that a meeting was established at Dillons Run. (Hopewell Meeting house is located near Clearbrook, VA and is the Mother Church.)

In 1822 Abraham Branson, reporting at Hopewell on behalf of a committee that had been appointed to investigate titles of the various meeting houses and meeting house lots, graveyards, etc., held by that monthly meeting, listed "Dillons Run Meeting House" as among the various pieces of real estate held at that time, and also stated, "We believe that the title is good for the Meeting House lot at Dillons Run."

Under the date of July 4, 1800, we have recorded of an "Indulged" meeting at Dillons Run being held in the school house near Asa Lupton's; and in 1801, a committee was appointed to consider "as handed down in the Extracts," "the pious guarded Education of our youth and state of schools amongst us, and report to next meeting." Some months later, in 1802, the committee reported it had paid some attention thereto, but was continued.

Some marriages at Dillons Run:

"On July 15, 1812, Joshua Johnson of Patapsco Upper Hundred in the county of Baltimore in Maryland, son of Joseph Johnson and Rachel his wife and Lydia George of Dillens Run in the county of Hampshire in Virginia, daughter of Richard George and Mary his wife, were married at Dillons Run." There were 31 witnesses who signed the Marriage Certificate.

"On October 13, 1813, William Lupton, son of Jesse Lupton and Rebekah his wife of Hampshire County and State of Virginia and Mary Barrett, daughter of John Barrett and Rhoda his wife of the same place, were married at Dillens Run Meeting House." There were 37 witnesses that signed this Marriage Certificate.

"On December 14, 1914, at Dillens Run Meeting House, Henry George son of Richard George and Mary his wife of Hampshire County and State of Virginia and Tamar Grimes, daughter of Thomas Grimes and Rachel his wife of the same place, were married." There were 35 witnesses that signed this Marriage Certificate.

GREAT CACAPON MEETING

In Hampshire County, now West Virginia, there was a Friends meeting that was known as Great Cacapon. This is believed by some to have been identical with Dillons Run.

BEAR GARDEN MEETING HOUSE

Bear Garden Meeting House was in Hampshire County, now West Virginia at the eastern foot of Bear Garden Mountain, and about 2 miles north of Highway No. 50. The site can still be located by means of the burial ground. There was a meeting for worship at Bear Garden as early as 1767. It was indulged in 1780 and earlier, and established in 1794. It evidently was not well kept up, for it was re-established in 1804.

In the late autumn of 1767, Back Creek Friends requested leave of Hopewell to hold their meeting once a month at "Bare Gardin". At a Monthly Meeting, some Friends near Evan Rogers requested the liberty of holding a meeting there on First Day afternoon, one in two weeks. The request was granted, and Lewis Walker and Richard Ridgeway were appointed to attend the indulged meeting and report. This record shows that Back Creek meeting was in operation and good standing in 1793. The meeting at or near Evan Roger's was evidently another meeting, at another place, in the vicinity of Bear Garden.

The first reference in Hopewell Records to Bear Garden seems to be under date of 2nd day of 11th month, 1767, when Back Creek Friends asked leave to hold their meeting for worship once a month "at
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Hampshire County Historical Society YEARLY MEMBERSHIP

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

\$10 Individual \$18 Couple \$35.00 Organizations
Members Receive Quarterly Newsletter, Field Trips and Tours

COLONIAL FEAST

The Fort Edwards Foundation will hold its annual Colonial Feast on April 19, 1997, at the Capon Bridge Fire Hall. Wild game and colonial recipes will be on the menu. The foundation is inviting the public to attend and learn about plans for an archeological dig at the site.

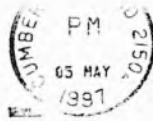
The public is invited to bring a covered dish using an old family recipe.

Early Bear Garden Marriages:
 David Smith son of Henry and Alice Smith of Loudoun Co., Va. married Ruth Wright daughter of James Wright of Hampshire Co. Married November 8, 1798.
 Isaac Brown son of Daniel and Miriam Brown of Hampshire Co. married Rebecca Bonsall daughter of Joseph and Martha Bonsall of Hampshire Co. Married April 15, 1802.
 Stacy Bevan son of Samuel and Susanna Bevan of Hampshire Co. married Lydia Rogers daughter of Owen and Lydia Rogers of Hampshire Co. Married April 12, 1792.

1734-1934.
 (Biergarden) (Biergarden) Edward Walker, Jonathan Wright, Goldsmith Chandler; Source: Hopewell Friends History
 discontinued; Overseers 1759-1851 Owen Rogers, for Bare (Bear) Garden; Trustees 1759-1851 for Bear Garden
 Table of Dates: 1767 Friends hold meeting at Bear Garden; 1809 2nd of 10th month, Bear Garden meeting
 at Hopewell; and on the 3rd day of 12 month, 1804, it was re-established.
 Garden was given liberty to hold meeting twice a week, rendering an account to Back Creek preparative meeting how
 with, and Richard Ridgeway, Jr., and Jonathan Wright were appointed to attend their first meeting. In 1787 Bear
 to hold their meeting four times a month, for the winter season. This, after deliberate consideration, was concurred
 of 12th month, 1784, the committee reported attendance at Bear Garden, also the request of Friends there to be allowed
 worship once a month, and Jonathan Wright and Anthony Lee were sent to attend their first meeting. On the 2nd day
 two months later, that is, in the 7th month of 1784, the Bear Garden Friends were indulged with a meeting for
 Friends in visiting and sitting with them, judge of their strength and fitness, and report.
 White, Jr., Richard Ridgeway, Sr., James Mendinghall, and Abijah Richards were appointed to unite with women
 heretofore." In 1784 Bear Garden Friends requested to hold a meeting - James Steer, Mordecai Walker, Nathaniel
 to alternate between Back Creek and Bear Garden. In the 9th month, 1780, Bear Garden was "further indulged as
 Bear Garden at Evan Rogers during this winter season." The request was granted. In 1777 meetings were established

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 Thank you for your prompt attention.