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Calendar of Events

October 18 to December 23: Exhibit. "Centennial Celebration of our local 4H clubs". See article.

November 9: The Blue Ridge Uplands Folklife symposium at Blue Ridge Community College (see further details in article)

November 9 and 16: Learning about History From People Who Have Lived It - An Oral History Project. See the enclosed item for further details.

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The Aermotor Windmill

There was a time, not so many years ago, when the skyline of Rockingham County was dotted with windmills. These are not the kinds of windmills seen in a Dutch landscape, but rather large, metal contraptions which stood on the top of a steel tower and pumped water for use by the farmer and his family as well as his livestock and garden.

Around 1970, Ronald Shickel and his father Weldon were hunting squirrels when they happened on the top section of an old Aermotor windmill in a metal scrap pile across the road from their home on Bull Hill, located on Route 257 west of Montezuma. Ron and his brother David remember helping their dad drag the top section of the junked windmill back to their home.

The late Weldon Shickel, who died in 1980, restored the windmill to its original condition. An old tower from another Dry River farm was purchased and moved to the Shickel property on Bull Hill. A new "tail" was constructed by Shickel Machine Shop in Bridgewater, and the tail was painted in the original style by Stanley Shifflet of Pleasant Valley. One side of the tail is lettered "C. CHICAGO" and the other side "AERMOTOR" as was the original.



Rockingham County Windmill

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New Members

We have 68 new members since the Summer newsletter, many from out of town.

Megan Angevine
 Harrisonburg, VA

Jane Bachman
 Litchfield, CN

Kenneth H Barnes
 Ft Worth TX

Roger Bates
 West Grove PA

Barbara S Blackwell
 Staunton VA

Trisha Blosser

Carol Browning
 Sun City AR

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 Naples FL

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 Cary NC

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 Belair MD

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 Mt Solon VA

John Callarman
 Krum Tx

Jim & Donna Campbell
 Massanutten VA

Bryce Connelly
 Bridgewater VA

Charles & Carolyn Denton
 Ellicott City MD

James & Susannah Dillon
 Carmel IN

Barbara Dorr
 Danville VA

Tim Dupy
 Houston Tx

Betty M Farrand
 Purcellville VA

Richard L Fetzer
 Aurorah OH

Cindy L Frie
 Stevensville MI

Ted & Dianne Gardner
 Lost River WV

Geoffrey Good
 Phoenixville PA

William H. Griffith
 Howe IN

Lisa Harrison
 Cary NC

Ken Hinkle
 Bridgewater Va

Vivian Hinkle
 Falmouth Va

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Newly Elected Officers and Board Members

At the annual Membership and Board Meeting held on Wednesday October 16th, officers and new board members were elected.

Officers are the same as last year. President: Shelvie Carr, Vice President: Pat Turner Ritchie, Secretary: Dale MacAllister, Treasurer: Seymour Paul.

Board members for the year 2006 are: Casey Billhimer, Lawrence Bowers, Dorothy Hatmaker, Clive Hallman, Gabriel Lanier, Jan Leach, Chris Runion and Elsie Ziengenus. They will serve with current members.

Membership Renewal

Membership renewal for the upcoming 2003 year is now overdue. If you have forgotten to send yours, please renew—we count on your support. There are five membership categories so choose what's best for you: Basic/Individual & Family dues are \$25, Friends/Individual and Family \$50 to \$99, Associates \$100 to \$249, Patron \$250 to \$499, and Sponsor \$500. You may honor a friend or relative with a gift membership in the Harrisonburg - Rockingham Historical Society. If you are wondering what gift to give for a birthday, graduation, or any occasion at all, a gift membership in the Society is an ideal way to express your feelings for someone. Just send your check or charge card # along with their name(s) and address(es), and we will send them a handsome gift card along with our most recent newsletter.

William & Mary Quarterlies

In the process of cleaning out our shelves, we found numerous copies of William & Mary Quarterlies dating back into the 1930's. We feel that these copies do not need to be kept. Anyone that would like to have them can call the office at 540-879-2616 and request them.

10th Virginia Infantry Flag

In response to a number of requests, we have restocked the tee shirts that were sold during our fundraising Save-the-Flag Project several years ago. They are \$10.00 per shirt and we have all sizes S-XXXL.

Acquisitions

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society is appreciative for the following acquisitions received since the Summer newsletter was issued:

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

- Velma 'June' Good Hulvey donated to the library a copy of *Cousins: A look at our Dutrow and Shook Families* written by Ms. Hulvey.
- Eugene Holsinger donated to the library the book entitled *A Passing Shadow* by Robert and Hobert Wampler.
- Ed and Mary Lang donated to the library *The Long Family*, an informational booklet compiled by Mary K Long.
- Jody Meyerhoffer donated to the library miscellaneous obituaries from the Montezuma, Dry River, Dayton, and Bridgewater areas of Rockingham County from the estate of Ireneus Showalter.
- Mr C.S. Kiracofe donated to the library volumes one and two of the books *Johanne Friederick Kinshaf: Early Settlers and Patriarch of Northern Augusta County* by Lula Mae Miller.
- Betty A. Sipe Nuckols donated to the library a copy of her book entitled *Sipe and Meyerhoffer Family History*.
- Thomas Richard Whanger donated to the library *The Wenger Book* by Samuel S. Wenger and also donated *The Wenger Book Index* compiled by Jay V. Wenger.
- Jeffrey M. Earman donated to the library *The Earmans of The Shenandoah Valley, Virginia* written and compiled by Jeffrey Myrle Earman.
- Anna Meyers Harman donated three copies of *Just Twenty Years Ago - Tales of Life on a Virginia Farm in the Early 20th Century* for resale in the book store.
- Enrique B. May donated to the library a chart on the descendants of George May and Martha Houghman of Brock's Gap.
- Elva D. Forman donated to the Society 10 books of various titles to use at our discretion.
- Kenneth H. Burns donated to the library a copy of the Nunemaker Family History compiled by Oran Nunemaker.
- Jim and Evie Brush donated to the library a copy of the *Guide to help You find your Hessian Soldier of the American Revolution* by Johannes Helmut Merz
- Seymour Paul donated to the library a paper written on *The Montezuma Church: Past and Present* by Lisa Cline.
- Mrs. Judy Liskey donated to HRHS 20 copies of *When This You See, Think of Me* for resale.

Mrs. Hilda Welch donated to the library a number of miscellaneous items including obituaries, cemetery information, and genealogy research on the Biller and Welch families to be placed in the vertical files.

MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

- Lois Stover donated a number of copies of County League baseball photographs (Ottobine Club) for reproduction.
- Colonel Walbrook Swank donated a 1926 baseball glove used while he was a child and a facsimile autograph of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.
- Mary Hoover donated a kitchen mirror with a reverse painting.
- Cora Heatwole donated a crazy quilt given to her parents in 1901 as a wedding gift.

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November 7: Dr. Bob Meadows, Executive Director of 4-H clubs in Virginia will be speaking about Rockingham County 4-H clubs. 6:30 in the HRHS lecture hall.

November 14: "Preserving Our Furniture" Caring for furniture so it will last for generations. Lecture Hall, 7 PM. Ms. Lee Langston Harrison of Montpelier will speak.

November 23: 4-H Alumni Day. All Rockingham County 4-H alumni are invited to visit the 4-H Exhibit. 4-H alumni will not be charged an entrance fee to visit the exhibit.

December 5: "Christmas traditions in the Shenandoah Valley". A lecture by John Heatwole at 7 PM in the Heritage Center Auditorium.

January 17 - April 8: Exhibit. "Tools for Woodworking: A Selection from the Armentrout Tool Collection". A variety of wood working tools used in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Happy
Holidays



Book Reviews

The HRHS has received a number of new books in the bookstore. These books are now available and can be purchased. Please include \$4.00 for postage and handling for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional book (unless otherwise indicated). Virginia residents add 4.5% sales tax. Make checks payable to HRHS and mail your check to Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society, P.O. 716, Dayton, Va. 22821. Following are reviews of several of these newly purchased books:

“Sunday Coming” Black Baseball in Virginia by Darrell J. Howard. This book recounts 50 years of black baseball in early Virginia. The state’s black baseball teams played in rural pastures, cleared-out forested properties, city parks, and for a fortunate few, minor league stadiums. The book also covers local teams from Rockingham County and surrounding counties. Sunday Coming documents an exultant time period in Virginia’s African American sub-culture while honoring the tradition of baseball in America. This book is now available at the bookstore for \$24.95, pp. 220, index, soft cover with pictures. 2002.

Covered Bridges in Virginia by Leola B. Pierce. Ms. Pierce retired from the Virginia Department of Transportation and worked for VDOT in the bridge department and served as a draftsman for the bridge system for many years. Over a period of time she gained a respect for the covered bridges in Virginia. In the book Ms. Pierce gives the reader the date the bridge was completed, the status of the bridge if it is located on private or public land and who maintains the bridge. This is an important book for those interested in covered bridges in Virginia and gives many details that would be of interest to the reader. The book contains many photographs, pp. 165, soft covered, index, \$18.95.

The Pottery of the Shenandoah Valley Region by H.E. Comstock. This important book tells the story of a flourishing pottery industry in the Shenandoah Valley from 1750 to 1930. Mr. Comstock traces the development of the pottery industry over three major periods: the Colonial and Neoclassical eras, from 1750 to 1820; the Empire and Antebellum years, from 1820 to 1870; and the Reconstruction and the subsequent period of growth from 1870 to 1930. In writing the book Mr. Comstock draws on local diaries and letters as well as archaeological information he himself has helped to unearth. This is a beautifully illustrated book with many pictures of the various types of pottery found in his research, which helps the readers to identify types of pottery they may be interested in identifying. This book is difficult to find and few copies remain for the buyer. It will soon become a collector’s item. Copyright 1994, pp.538. Index, hardcopy, photographs, \$125.00.

A Letter from Our President

I would like to report that membership dues have been coming in daily. This is great because we will not have to send a lot of follow up reminders and it shows that the interest in family and valley history is important to many people.

On October 18th we opened a new exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 4-H clubs. You need to come by and visit and enjoy the wonderful display of pictures, scrapbooks, and articles from 4-H members and clubs. You will recognize many people and appreciate the influence of this wonderful organization in our community. The 4-H builds leaders and good citizens and we wish them much success in years to come.

The first HRHS tour took place October 18-19 with a trip to Longwood Gardens and Winterthur Museum. Watch the Spring newsletter for another tour to a historical location. If you have suggestions as to a destination give the Society office a call.

We hope that you will join other members and guests in the lecture room on November 14th to hear Ms. Lee Langston Harrison of Montpelier discuss furniture and how to care of it. We are pleased to have secured a speaker with her expertise. Let’s make sure to take advantage of this opportunity.

During December you will be able to enjoy a decorated museum. The Green Dale Garden Club is going to add a few period Christmas decorations. Come and enjoy John Heatwole’s lecture on December 5th starting at 7 PM in the HRHS lecture hall as he discusses Valley Christmas traditions and then tour the museum. A great way to begin the holiday season.

There is a need at the HRHS for an increased number of volunteers to do a variety of activities. 1) We need several more guides for the museum when we have groups visit the HRHS. 2) We need several more individuals to help with our books and genealogy materials. 3) We need several other people to work with Dana in the artifacts area. 4) and we need additional volunteers to work in the gift shop and on the grounds. If you can devote some time please call John Sellers at 879-2616. Work periods are generally three hours in length and very from every week to once a month. We guarantee you will work with and meet wonderful people (we had over 600 visitors the last two months) and leave knowing you have aided a great organization.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Advisory Board, and staff I thank you for your support and extend to you a wish for a peaceful and fulfilling Thanksgiving and Holiday season.

Shelvie Carr

Folklife Symposium to be Held

On November 9th Blue Ridge Community College will sponsor what will hopefully be the first in a series of symposia on the rich folklore traditions found in western Virginia. The Blue Ridge Uplands Folklife symposium will feature the work of four scholars researching the everyday lives of our ancestors. Society members Dr. Scott Suter and John Heatwole will be two of the presenters. Dr. Suter's talk will include information on the traditional basket maker of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and John Heatwole's on The Landscape of Memory - Folk Traditions of the Virginia Uplands will talk about pastimes, cures, and farm customs found in our region and their European antecedents.

Dr. Danielle Torisky will speak on Comfort Foods & Food Remedies in 19th century Cooking Manuals, detailing the medical and nutritional importance of certain foods, with emphasis on how housewives coped with shortages during the Civil War period.

Nancy Sorrels' topic, "All of'em had to be belled' The Tradition of Grazing Cattle in Western Virginia," will expose symposium participants to a traditional activity that was widespread in the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries, based on specific lore passed down in farm families regarding this aspect of life in the uplands of Virginia. The symposium will end with a panel discussion between the speakers and those in attendance.

The day will include the distribution of a published copy of the papers, continental breakfast and lunch. The cost is \$60.00 and space will be limited. Call Blue Ridge Community College from Harrisonburg and Rockingham County at 234-9261 ext. 2215 to sign up, or for further information. Persons outside of Rockingham County may call 1-888-750-2722 ext. 2215.

DEAR ABBY: I was trying to tell my cousin that the children of one's first cousin are NOT second cousins, they are first cousins ONCE REMOVED, and she said I was crazy.

ANSWER: The child of your parent's brother or sister is your first cousin. However, your first cousin's child is NOT your second cousin, but your first cousin ONCE REMOVED, and his child is your first cousin three time removed. Your second cousin is your grandparent's brother' (or sister's) grandchild. That second cousin's child is your second cousin once removed, his child your second cousin twice removed, and so on. And your third cousin? It's your great-grandparent's brother's or sister's great-grandchild. The third cousin's child is your third cousin once removed; his child is your third cousin twice removed. The grandchild of your brother or sister is your grandnephew or grandniece. The sister or brother of your grandparents is your great-aunt or great-uncle. The sister or brother of your great-grandparent is your great-grand-aunt or great-grand-uncle.

(We will publish a chart explaining this in an upcoming issue)

Happy Birthday 4-H !

"I pledge my head to clearer thinking . . ." This is part of the 4-H pledge that was recited by one of every six persons born in the United States who are alumni of the 4-H. For 100 years the 4-H brought together youth from farms and cities, taught them, supported them, encouraged them, and guided them to adulthood. From its beginnings as a boys and girls club to provide better agricultural education, the 4-H engaged youth through its "learning by doing" model.

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society joins in the celebration with its exhibit "4-H Centennial Celebration: a history of local 4-H". This exhibit will lead you through local 4-H history with an exhibit including trophies, ribbons, photographs, scrapbooks, club flags, club quilt, signs and written history. There are project books dating back to the 1950's.



Whether you were in the 4-H or not, this proves to be an exhibit that will bring up fond memories of growing up in the Valley. Do you remember sleeping in the barn or staying up late finishing a hem or presentation? Come to the Heritage Center and join us in saluting the 4-H.

The exhibit will be open until the Christmas Holidays.

Oral History Project

Learning about History from the People who lived it - An Oral History Project is the second program in this project that is scheduled for two consecutive Saturdays, November 9th and 16th from 10 AM to 12 noon. This program will teach children how to capture their families' stories by learning to use procedures outlined in the Southern Oral History Program Guidebook. Children should attend both programs in order to create a successful oral history project.

Space is limited to 25 children for each of these programs. Please call the museum at (540) 879-2616 to reserve a space. There is no charge for the November program. The program will begin in the Heritage Center's lecture hall.

Rockingham Postoffices and Postmasters From 1792-1932

(This is the second installment of the list of Rockingham postoffices and postmasters from 1792 to 1932, as compiled by the author from microfilm of the records obtained from the national Archives and Records Service in Washington.)

by John W. Wayland

Article II

BOWMAN'S MILLS: established January 24, 1828; Samuel Bowman then appointed and still serving in 1832; William W. Littell, October 16, 1852; John Zigler, October 24, 1855; William Lupton, September 23, 1869.

BRIDGEWATER: John Dinkel, Jr. February 28, 1838; David F. Sibert, September 20, 1865; William W. Gibbs, April 13, 1869; Jacob H. Lindsey, March 24, 1871; Moses Strickler, May 22, 1885; David G. Whitmore, June 11, 1889; Solomon G. Driver, June 9, 1893; David G. Whitmore, May 22, 1897; Jacob H. Lindsey, January 17, 1901; re-appointed January 31, 1907; J. A. Riddel, March 3, 1911; William A. Byerly, January 30, 1915; James A. Riddel, September 1, 1923; Nelle V. Whitmore, January 8, 1929; Clifford T. Riddel, September 30, 1929.

BROADWAY DEPOT: John Q. Winfield, September 4, 1854; Henry Walton, August 8, 1859; John Deady, October 30, 1865; Miss (or Mrs.) L. M. O. E. Basore, August 12, 1869; name changed to Broadway, October 25 (?) 1880.

BROADWAY: Lillie M. O. S. Basore, October 25, 1880; J. E. Beard, January 19, 1882. Discontinued March 28, 1882; mail to Timberville. Re-established June 15, 1884; John E. Beard, June 15, 1884; Mary E. Pugh, May 22, 1885; John E. Beard, June 20, 1889; Mrs. Mary E. Pugh, March 27, 1893; Thomas J. Pennybacker, June 17, 1897; James M. Williams, April 1, 1900; re-appointed August 10, 1902; and May 23, 1908; P. W. Pugh, April 28, 1913; Joseph H. Nave, May 15, 1916; Sallie W. Pugh, acting, November 23, 1917; Sidney M. Williams, September 13, 1918; Charles R. Whitmore, January 8, 1923.

Although trains did not run up to Harrisonburg until December 1868, it is evident that grading had been done as far as Broadway, or places for stations laid out as early as 1854. Broadway Depot was made a postoffice in September, 1854. The first passenger train ran up to Mt. Jackson on March 2, 1859. It is now known that trains were operated above Mt. Jackson until after the close of the war.

BROCK'S GAP: established May 12, 1826; Isaac Riddle, May 12, 1826; Thomas L. Doughty, November 2, 1826; Jacob Cootes Jr., December 12, 1827; Jacob Cootes Sr., August 2, 1828, still serving in 1832; Jeremiah Rife (?) May 21, 1839; Jacob Custer, October 4, 1844; Samuel Cootes, August 5, 1852. Name changed to Cootes Store, January 30, 1858. There is evidence that Reuben Moore also served as postmaster at Brock's Gap.

BRUCE: John W. Bixler, June 30, 1890; William O. Hulvey May 7, 1894. Post to Linville Depot, Oct. 21, 1902.

CHERRY GROVE: Jacob A. Mitchell, September 11, 1857; Benjamin F. Mitchell, September 1, 1865; Joseph A. Mitchell, March 8, 1867; John H. Mitchell, January 25, 1882; Joseph A. Mitchell, May 15, 1886 and May 15, 1896. Discontinued; mail to Broadway November 30, 1906.

CHRISMAN: William E. Long, March 31, 1881; Samuel Long, April 4, 1887; Franklin R. Rhodes, May 3, 1893; Hiram L. Burtner, March 25, 1896. Papers to Harrisonburg, October 31, 1902. Hiram L. Burtner February 9, 1903. Mail to Harrisonburg, November 15, 1906.

CLOVER HILL: Reuben M. Sherfey, August 10, 1876; Abraham A. Hess, January 29, 1877, Miss Sallie Hughes, October 6, 1884; Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, October 24, 1884, Daniel Smith, February 13, 1894; Mollie S. Long, May 10, 1897. Post to Lilly, May 24, 1899

CONCRETE: Hattie T. Raines, January 19, 1912. Discontinued; mail to Islandford, August 31, 1914.

CONRAD'S STORE: William Barry (?); Henry Conrad, May 21 (?), 1833 (?); Jacob Miller (?); Joseph H. Conrad, January 19, 1849; George W. Sanford, September 20, 1865. To Roadside, November 28, 1865. Conrad's Store; John M. Conrad, March 2, 1870. Changed to Roadside, November 28, 1870. Conrad's Store; Miss Bettie L. Miller, June 13, 1871. Discontinued January 16, 1872.

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Contributed to the HRHS Newsletter by Pat Ritchie

(Members continued from page 2)

John Hofler Glenmoore PA	Carol Pahl Mason MI
Rita Isom Boley Clifton VA	Doris Parton Dandridge TN
Larry & Sandy Jones Palmdale CA	Wayne Pence Port Republic VA
Arthur Joseph Glouchester England	Pat Potter Inwood WV
Blanche Kerns Stephens City VA	Bobbie Reed & Don Schwarz Lawrenceville GA
John LaBold Tievose PA	Charles Rhodes Harrisonburg Va
Rex H Landrum Elwdood IN	Joan E Ritchey Hill Toledo OH
Keith & Rene Leetun Weyers Cave VA	Jon D Ritenour Harrisonburg VA
J Steve Little Harrisonburg VA	David & Pat Rowand Fairmont WV
Helen Shilling Martin Orange CA	Paul & Jeanette Saneholtz Lancaster PA
Eva L Maxwell West Friendship MD	Kenyon & Sonja Scott Orange VA
G Dale McClain Medina OH	McCluer & Mary A. Sher- rard Martinsville VA
Melinda McKean Staunton VA	D Vaughn Simmons Harrisonburg VA
Megan Angevine Harrisonburg VA	James Sites Harrisonburg VA
Nick & Martha Miller Charlottesville VA	Dorothea & Ray Slumpff Port Huron MI
Albert & Ellena Nuzum Akron OH	James E Smith Columbia SC

Charlotte Stover Shenandoah VA	Steve & Mary Vann Winchester VA
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J Richard & Doris Sutton Marion IN	E Ray Wine Mt Solon VA
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The Whitney Family Alexandria VA	Matthew Wright Harrisonburg Va
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John & Janet Thompson Orlando FL	Wayne Wright Harrisonburg VA
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David Thompson Painted Post NY	
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(Windmill continued from page 1)

Windmills are becoming popular once again

David Shickel and his wife Lisa presently live on the home place. David is now the proud owner of his father's restored Aermotor windmill.

Today, windmills are becoming popular once again. Thousands have been built on windy hills in the western United States to generate electrical power. The power is then fed through the nation's power grid along with electricity from hydroelectric, nuclear, oil, gas, and coal-fired generators. Small windmills are also coming into wider use as energy resources become more scarce and expensive. In this day of energy conservation, perhaps the Shickel's Aermotor will soon be back in style!

Some research revealed that the Shickel's windmill had been torn down around 1960 when a dairy barn was erected and regulations called for a well rather than a cistern as a water supply. Parts from the original tower were used for other purposes on the farm and the windmill was scrapped. Aunt Ida Shickel Grady, who was born in 1906, remembers the windmill having been on the farm and in use as far back as she can recall.

Rare Civil War Items Donated to Museum

While imprisoned in a federal prison during the Civil War, John Henry Marshall carved a number of items to pass the time away. The ownership of these personal effects was passed from father to oldest son in each generation from John Henry, to Charles Henry, to Willis Wood Sr. and to Willis Wood, Jr., the father of Jeannette Marshall Saneholtz who donated these items to HRHS. It was always Jeannette's father, Willis, who desired to end this succession and place these memorable possessions in a museum to be appreciated by all family members.



Paul and Jeannete Saneholtz of Lancaster, PA

John Henry Marshall was born in 1839 in the Beldor-Elk Run area of Rockingham County and joined the Confederate Army at the beginning of the Civil War and served with Co. G of the 26th Virginia Infantry. On June 15, 1864 John Henry was captured in Petersburg, Virginia and subsequently was sent to the Union Federal prison camp in Elmira, New York where he later died on October 16, 1864. It was during this short period of time that John Henry carved these items out of wood that was handed down from family member to family member.

The following is a description of the articles: hand carved toothpick made to look like a small pen knife carved from a chicken bone with small carvings etched on the sides, a small wooden box made to look like a Bible with a sliding side that opens for trinkets with intricate carvings. Six pennies dated from the early 19th century. They are displayed in a glass and wooden hinged box hand made by Marshall Sellers in 1988. It is hoped by HRHS that these items will be viewed and enjoyed by many generations.

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