



# The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society Newsletter



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## Runnin' And Gunnin' Fund-raisers: Heritage 5K And Frontiersman Reenactment Highlight Summer And Fall Fun At HRHS



Take part in the second annual Heritage 5K Run/Walk and you can have as much fun as these two girls did in last year's inaugural event. (Photo by Allen Litten)

On Saturday, Aug. 23, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society is hosting the second annual Heritage 5K Run/Walk in Dayton.

The race begins at 8 a.m., at Wilbur Pence Middle School, winds through the town and ends at the Heritage Center. Ninety people, ranging in age from seven to 72, participated in last year's event, which raised more than \$1,000 for HRHS. You do not have to be a competitive runner to participate in the Heritage 5K.

The cost for entering the race is \$15. Those who register by Aug. 5 will be guaranteed to receive an official race t-shirt on race day. A limited number of shirts will be available on race day for those who register after the deadline. You also can register on the morning of the race, between 7 and 7:30. You can register for the race on the HRHS website, [www.heritagecenter.com](http://www.heritagecenter.com), where you also will find a

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Mark your calendars now for a late fall evening of history, food and fun at HRHS.

On Saturday, Nov. 1, Simon Kenton, frontiersman and personal friend of Daniel Boone, will visit the Heritage Center, in Dayton. Kenton will speak about his life, from his early years in Fauquier County to his escape to Kentucky because of a girl!

Kenton, whose real-life alter ego is Mel Hankla, of Jamestown, Ky., will display long rifles made by Rockingham County gunsmith Conrad Humble in the 1780s. Humble moved from Brocks Gap to Kentucky in the 1780s. His brother Michael is usually credited with being the first gunsmith in Kentucky, having set up a smithy near the Ohio River. The Humbles' mother was a Custer,

Hankla is researching these and other Custers. He has portrayed Kenton for 10 years as part of the Kentucky Humanities Council's Chautauqua Program. He

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Kentuckian Mel Hankla will portray frontiersman Simon Kenton, Nov. 1, at the Heritage Center.

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## Calendar Of Events

June 2 - Nov. 1 - "Valley Weddings: Then and Now, 1870-2008, an exhibit at the Heritage Center. See article on p. 8 for more details.

Aug. 1, 2008 - May 12, 2009: "A Journey from Schwarzenau to Bridgewater: Celebrating 300 Years of Brethren History, 1708-2008," an exhibit at the Reuel B. Pritchett Museum, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va.

Aug. 23 - 2nd Annual Heritage 5K Run/Walk, Dayton, Va., 8 a.m. See cover story and website for details.

Sept. 18 - Fall Lecture Series: Wedding Traditions and Attire, by Shelvie Carr and Dale MacAllister, 7 p.m., Heritage Center.

Oct. 1 - Annual Banquet, featuring "Childhood in Appalachia" lecture by Peggy Shifflett, JMU Festival of Arts Building, Harrisonburg

Nov. 1 - An Evening with Simon Kenton, Frontiersman, at the Heritage Center. See cover story for more details.

Nov. 20 - Fall Lecture Series: Victorian-Era Mourning Customs, by Lucinda Cooke, and History of a Family Undertaking Business, by C. W. Grandle, 7 p.m., Heritage Center.

Nov. - Dec. - Annual Christmas exhibit, Heritage Center.

Jan. 2009 - Country Store exhibit, Heritage Center.

## 2008 Newsletter Submission Deadlines

- Summer 2008: August 1
- Fall 2008: October 1

All articles are subject to editing. Ideas for feature articles must be submitted in advance of the article.

The editor reserves the right not to use unsolicited feature articles. Submissions should be sent by email to the editor ([dharter@bridgewater.edu](mailto:dharter@bridgewater.edu)), or placed on a computer disk and mailed to Dale Harter, 5641 Glade View Dr., Bridgewater, VA 22812.

**If you change your email address, please let us know by emailing the HRHS Administrator, Mary Nelson, at [heritage@heritagecenter.com](mailto:heritage@heritagecenter.com)**

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## The Diary of John B. Sheets, of Mt. Crawford Co. I, 33rd Virginia Infantry, C.S.A.

Transcribed by Dale Harter  
HRHS Archivist

John B. Sheets enlisted June 22, 1861, in Harrisonburg, as a private in Co. I, 33rd Virginia Infantry Regiment. He was killed in action near High Bridge, Va., April 7, 1865, 18 days after his 27th birthday.

*Editor's note: The diary is being transcribed as it was written, to include errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation. Any information added by the editor will be enclosed in brackets [ ]. If a word is illegible, it will be noted with a question mark enclosed by parentheses ( ? ). The same date format will be used for each entry. The diary begins on Jan. 1, 1863.*

### March 1, 1863

Cloudy, cleared up & windy during the evening. Nothing of interest in camp.

### March 2, 1863

Clear & pleasant all day Finished pay rolls about (10?) (oclk ?) A.M. made them off by myself. Reported that a Bridge was washed away between the junction (Hanover(?)) & Guinea on R.R. no papers. Report of a fight in the Valley. Buracur [Daniel H. Buracker] of Co H to be shot today (?) (?).

### March 3, 1863

Clear & pleasant all day. drew the money & paid of the company amt \$2176.03. Lt. [Daniel W.] Huffman returned. Mr Sherman in camp. D [Daniel] Click returned. Had oysters for supper. No news of interest.

### March 4, 1863

Clear & pleasant in morning wind high about 9 A.M. had dumplins for dinner. Capt [George Huston?] arrives just in time to help us eat them. Nothing of interest in camp. Very cold in evening.

### March 5, 1863

Clear & cold. Made application for leave of absence for 30 days. Carried it to Genl [Brig. Gen. Elisha Franklin "Bull" ] Paxton myself. [David] Neff & Miller [most likely James A. Miller] released from arrest.

### March 6, 1863

Clear & cold. J. [Jewett] F. Harry deserted. Protracted meeting going on in camp heard a good sermon by Rev\_ (McGovey?)\_ Met with my old friend g w Sherman.

### March 7, 1863

Clear & pleasant. Riddles [Harrison and Thomas] released from guard house. Jim [James W.] Crow conscript from Rockingham asgd to our company. Heard a good sermon last night by Rev [Beverly Tucker] Lacy. Two seekers, one profession. 5<sup>th</sup> Regt on picket.

### March 8, 1863

Cloudy & raining. Had an excellent sermon last night & one today by Rev Dr. [Moses Drury] Hoage of Richmond. preaching again tonight\_ [James McK. or William H.] Foley left for home\_ Sermon by Rev Lacy\_ 6<sup>th</sup> ch 7 & 8 of Galatians\_

### March 9, 1863

Clear & pleasant. Thunder storm last night. 2<sup>d</sup> left on picket. Recd a letter from a friend, (?) [Frederick William Mackey] Holliday promoted to Col & [Abram] Spengler to Lt Col. Preaching to night- at the chapel.

### March 10, 1863

Snowing – in the morning\_ Comenced raining during the day. Nothing of interest, Had dumplins for dinner.

### March 11, 1863

Morning clear & pleasant. Rained & snowed last night Reports of artillery heard this morning in direction of Fredericksburg (Aquia Creek) Had cherry roll for dinner (good) My furlough appd [approved] for 20 days.

### March 12, 1863

Clear & pleasant. left camp about 9 A.M. arrived at junction about 4 P.M. Remained there (the?) night. Genl . [Robert E.] Lee on the train. Cold in the evening. Fire on cars \$1.00. Billet the horse \$3.50.

### March 13, 1863

Cloudy & cold. left the junction at 9 A.M. arrived in Staunton about 5 P.M. (furnished?) transportation. Very cold all day. No news of interest. Met with some of my acquaintances in Staunton.

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(Simon Kenton - Continued from page 1)

collects items from America's 18<sup>th</sup>-century past, including rifles.

The event, which is a fund-raiser for HRHS, will include a chili tasting/supper. More details will be available in the Summer 2008 newsletter.

Contact HRHS, at 540 879-2616, or Pat Ritchie, at 540 662-1475 or [patriitchie@verizon.net](mailto:patriitchie@verizon.net) for more information, tickets and to volunteer to help with the program.

Submitted by Pat Turner Ritchie.

## Fall Lecture Series

The Society is pleased to announce the following events in this year's Fall Lecture Series. The theme of the series is "From Cradle to Grave."

Sept. 18: Shenandoah Valley Wedding Traditions and Attire, by Shelvie Carr and Dale MacAllister, 7 p.m., at the Heritage Center.

Oct. 1: Childhood in Appalachia, by Dr. Peggy Shifflett, retired professor of sociology, Radford University, and author of *The Red Flannel Rag*; part of the Annual HRHS Banquet, at JMU's Festival Arts Building, Harrisonburg.

Nov. 20: Victorian-Era Mourning Customs, by Lucinda Cooke, president-elect of the Augusta County Historical Society, and the History of a Family Undertaking Business, by C. W. Grandle, director of Grandle Funeral Home, Inc., 7 p.m., at the Heritage Center.

Submitted by Cathy Dagenhart Baugh, Series Coordinator.

## New Books For Sale In The HRHS Bookstore

- Michele VanPelt, *The Legend of Liskey - Vol. 2 - A Genealogical Journal*.
- Wayne E. Garber, *Johannes "John H." Garber - His Descendants in the Shenandoah Valley*.
- Mildred Renalds Wittig, *Henkel-Renalds Connection with Ancestral Scripts and Collections*.
- Anna Harman Bowman, *George Bowman and His Descendants*.
- Nancy B. Jones, *Banking on the Future - A 100 Year History of Farmers & Merchants Bank*.
- Timothy A. Hupp, *Children Lost in the Mountains*.

All books are available for sale in the HRHS bookstore and online at [www.heritagecenter.com](http://www.heritagecenter.com).

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[www.heritagecenter.com](http://www.heritagecenter.com)**

## The Library Of Virginia Publishes Guide To Personal Papers Collection

by Lyn Hart

*Description Services, Library of Virginia*

The Library of Virginia is noted for being the source for Virginia state and local government records. While these collections comprise the bulk of our archival holdings, there is an often overlooked, but sizable collection of non-governmental records that is an excellent source for researchers on Virginia and Virginians. These private papers, roughly seven percent of our total holdings, contain Bible records, business records, church records, genealogical notes and charts, organization records and personal papers.

There have been published guides over the past several decades to most of the private papers collections, but the extensive personal papers portion of the collection has remained a mystery to many researchers.

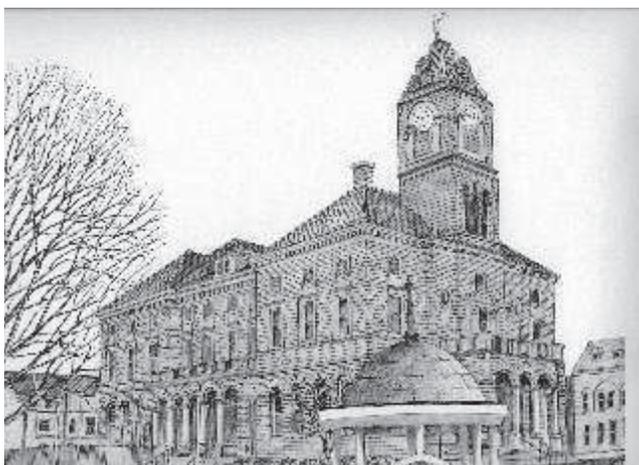
After many abortive attempts to create a guide to this overlooked part of The Library of Virginia holdings, one is now published and available for purchase. It is with a great deal of excitement that the Description Services Branch announces the fulfillment of a long-term goal – the completion of a guide to The Personal Papers Collection at The Library of Virginia, compiled by archivist Trenton Hizer.

This portion of the archival holdings is comprised of more than 5,700 different collections. They range from single items to substantial family papers groupings exceeding 100 boxes. Materials range from letters detailing routine daily life to significant political correspondence. The various accessions may represent a single day to over a century in the life of a family.

The opinions of Virginia citizens are represented in correspondence; the business activities of families may be found within the larger collections. There are comments on religion, and migration to newly opened areas in the south and west. Information on social activities and education may be found therein. Comments on various wars, from both the civilian and military participants' points of view are a part of the collection, including comments from both sides during the Civil War.

All the centuries from early settlement to present are represented in the collection, as are all levels of society and all geographic areas of the state. Among the over two million items,

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### **Limited Edition Prints For Sale**

*Prints of the Rockingham County Courthouse, by Phil Gundel, are available for sale in the HRHS Gift Shop.*

*These numbered pen-and-ink prints, which were created in 2000, are \$14.95 each, plus \$2.50 postage and handling. Virginia residents pay 75 cents tax.*

*Don't delay. Supplies are limited!*

## **What's A Palatine?**

*by Henry Z Jones, Jr.  
Fellow, American Society of Genealogists*

Probably the question I'm asked most frequently at a genealogy gathering is, "What's a Palatine?" Is it a surname, like "Harriett and Irving Palatine," or what?

"Palatine" is, indeed, a term that we often hear when climbing the family tree. In fact, I've been immersed in chronicling these so-called "Palatines" for some 40-plus years now. Basically, here's who they were: if you were a German-speaking immigrant to colonial America in the early- to mid-18th century, you would have been called a "Palatine" by those already here in the New World. It was sort of a generic term, the roots of which come from the word given to the area in southern Germany called the "Pfalz" or "Palatinate" where so many of these early settlers originated. Many American Palatines also came from other regions outside of the borders of today's Palatinate, however: Isenburg, the Kraichgau, Hessen, the Westerwald, Wurttemberg and Siegen, for example.

The first burst of emigration from Germany began in the 1680s and then reached full thrust in 1709-10, with large settlements in Ireland and colonial New York and North Carolina. Later groups went to Pennsylvania, Maryland and other colonies. But sadly, the new arrivals in America were not simply known as "Palatines"; they were a hyphenate and called "Poor Palatines," which denoted the economic and social status in the Europe they had left behind. It was a derogatory term, and, unfortunately, it endured for a few decades.

However, upon their arrival, the Palatine immigrants to colonial America found a wilderness ready to be tamed and transformed into livable communities by perseverance and

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## **Online Database of Names Updated On HRHS Website**

The HRHS online database of names with genealogical interest in Rockingham County has been updated. The database now contains more than 370,000 names and can be accessed at [www.heritagecenter.com](http://www.heritagecenter.com).

To search the database, you must use the password included with your membership. If you find a name of interest, you can contact HRHS to find more details about that person.

The database is available exclusively to members of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society.

*Submitted by Seymour Paul*

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map of the race route.

The Society will award one-year memberships to the male and female winners in six age brackets: 0-13, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50-99. Winners in each of these categories also will receive prizes donated by local businesses and organizations.

Even if you don't want to run or walk in the race, we hope you will consider volunteering on the morning of the race. We will need people to register participants, to direct participants along the race route, to prepare post-race refreshments and to clean up after the event. We also would appreciate monetary donations to purchase refreshments and to defray the cost of advertising and other expenses.

If you would like to help out, or if you have questions about the race, contact the race coordinator, Dale Harter, at 540-828-5457 or [dharter@bridgewater.edu](mailto:dharter@bridgewater.edu).

## Library Acquisitions

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society appreciates the following acquisitions received since the Winter 2008 newsletter was issued:

- Mildred Wittig donated a copy of her book, *Henkel – Renalds Connection with Ancestral Scripts and Collections*.
- Wayne Garber donated a copy of his book, *Johannes “John H.” Garber – His Descendants in the Shenandoah Valley*.
- Henry G. Allen donated a copy of *Madison Century, 1908-2008: Celebrating 100 Years, James Madison University*.
- Anna Harman Bowman donated a copy of her book, *George Bowman and His Descendants*.
- Marcia Loudon donated a CD entitled “Parrett Family of Virginia.”
- Frances and Charles Whetsel donated a copy of their book, *The Whetsel Family – Hans Martin Wetzel to Paulser Whetsel*.
- Richard L. Showalter donated “Pennsylvania Vital Records.”

## 2008 Annual Banquet To Feature Peggy Shifflett and Silent Auction

Dr. Peggy Shifflett, retired professor of sociology at Radford University, will be the keynote speaker at this year’s annual banquet, Oct. 1, at James Madison University’s Festival Arts Building, in Harrisonburg.

Shifflett, author of *The Red Flannel Rag*, will speak about childhood in Appalachia.

The banquet will include a Silent Auction, featuring items and services donated by HRHS members and local businesses.

So far, we have received several unique offerings for the auction:

- ◆ Dinner for six prepared and served by Jan Leach and Sandy Conrad at Sandy's log home. The meal includes wine, and the purchaser can choose from two menus.
- ◆ Guided behind-the-scenes tour of HRHS, by Richard Martin, Museum Curator, focusing on your favorite artifacts.
- ◆ An original copy of *Tenth Legion Tithables, Rockingham County Virginia 1792*, by Harry S. Strickler, donated by Pat Turner Ritchie. This copy is inscribed "To Harry F. Byrd, Greatest Governor Since Spotswood, from the author Harry S. Strickler, Jan. 7, 1932, with his compliments."
- ◆ Tour of Brocks Gap by Pat Turner Ritchie for up to four people. Includes a Turner Ham picnic lunch.
- ◆ Two tickets to HRHS's "Evening with Frontiersman Simon Kenton" on Sat., Nov. 1. See cover story for event details.
- ◆ Tour of beautiful Handley Library, in Winchester, by Pat Turner Ritchie, pointing out features of the Beaux Arts building, and a personal introduction to archivist Becky Ebert, who can assist you with Frederick County research.

Auction items also will be listed on the HRHS website for members who want to bid but can't attend the banquet.

We are gathering auction items now and ask HRHS members to donate items or services. Volunteers are needed to contact businesses for donations and to pick up items.

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something can be found for almost any area of interest.

The guide is arranged alphabetically by the name of the creator and contains information regarding the date range and physical extent of the collections. The entries are analyzed and contain information on format, topics and correspondents or the names of other parties involved with the creator. Geographic information is also included.

In addition to the analysis, there is a full name and topical index of over 49,000 index points. The index refers to the guide entry. Hizer spent several years reviewing the catalogue entries and the collections, and then editing the catalogue records to fit the guide – emphasizing access, yet acknowledging the need to be concise. The resulting guide has over 800 pages of text and 300 pages of index.

The guide will provide researchers with a succinct summary of a collection – the online catalog of The Library of Virginia should be consulted for more detail and, for larger collections, the Virginia Heritage Project EAD [encoded archival description] guide is linked to the catalog to provide additional information and box and folder listings.

These papers put a face to Virginians through the four centuries of our history. In addition to the historical facts and legal information provided by the major governmental collections of the library, the private papers may be used to flesh out the lives and thoughts of early to modern Virginians.

This guide will provide an easy reference and access point to an extensive collection of Virginia-related materials – a substantial source of primary source material that has remained untapped. We hope it will improve access to and acquaint users and potential users to a treasure of un-mined materials housed in the personal papers collection at the library.

The cost is \$45, plus \$7 for shipping and handling, and can be purchased at the library, 800 East Broad St., Richmond, or through their website, [www.lva.lib.va.us](http://www.lva.lib.va.us).

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March 14, 1863

Clear & cold. left Staunton on Valley Stage at 7 A.M. arrived in Mt Crawford about 11 A.M. Bill at Hotel \$2.50 fire on coach \$3.00.

March 15, 1863

Clear & cold all day\_ preaching at M E Church by Rev. Mr. Jones\_\_ No news of interest Met with a great many of my old friends.

March 16, 1863

Cloudy & cold. Very disagreeable. Went to HBurg [Harrisonburg] with (??) Harris. (Court day)

March 17, 1863

Clear & pleasant all day Thomas Chapman Senr Buried today at M.E.C. ((Densale?) preached)

March 18, 1863

Cloudy Commenced Raining about all day.

March 19, 1863

Cloudy & cold all day report of a fight at Culpepper C. H. Commenced Snowing about noon, Still snowing at dark. This my birthday, 25 years of age. Bought 100 (lbs?) Bacon at \$75.

March 20, 1863

Still continues to Snow – noon about 7 or 8 inches deep. Continued to Snow all day 10 or 12 inches deep.

March 21, 1863

Cloudy & Snowing some little.

March 22, 1863

Clear & warm all day Snow melting very fast. No preaching in town.

March 23, 1863

Clear & pleasant all day. Bought 100 lbs Bacon for \$75. Hamptons Battery encamped near town to recruit (their?) stock. [Illegible sentence]

March 24, 1863

Cloudy all day commenced raining about 5 P.M. Still continues at (dusk?) Sold Virginia money at 50 per cent.

March 25, 1863

Clear & warm Sun Shines brightly. Rained all last night nothing of interest going on.

March 26, 1863

Clear & pleasant Nothing going on of interest except a marriage (?) (?) (D.) (?) to Miss (?) (Skelton) at 4 O'clock PM did not get to the wedding

March 27, 1863

Clear & pleasant all day Today Set apart by President Davis for fasting & prayer Services in (?) R Church by Mr. Fri(?), Private of Harts Battery of Artillery encamped near town. (Party all night?)

March 28, 1863

Cloudy & Raining near all day. Clear in the evening. State Salt issues are 6 ½ (?) to each member of families at 9 (?)

March 29, 1863 [Sunday]

Clear & Cold all day no preaching in town. Very rough in the evening.

March 30, 1863

Clear & pleasant all day. Paid a visit on N (?) Party at night about (?) Ladies present.

March 31, 1863

Snowed last night about 5 inches deep. Still snowing this morning. Left town for camp about 3 PM Arrived in Staunton about dark. Lt Miller (in camp?)

April 1, 1863

Clear and cold all day left Staunton at 7 ½ A.M. Arrived at H Junction about 4 P.M. Transportation furnished.

April 2, 1863

Clear & pleasant all day except high winds in the evening. Paid (\$1.00?) to get boxes from (?) to camp. Arrived at camp about 4 P.M. All the boys well. [Jacob A.] Helms released. Sentence was death.

April 3, 1863

Clear & pleasant this morning. Very windy last night. Had a game of Ball. Battalion drill both in morning & evening.

April 4, 1863

Very windy last night. Clear & cold all day. Started in camp on picket 8 AM Received 25<sup>th</sup> Va. Our company on reserve. (Blundell?) & (Shutters?) left for home. Commenced Snowing about dark.

April 5, 1863

Cloudy & Snowing. Snowed last night\_ Very windy & rough\_\_ Nothing of interest. Boys fasting.

*To be continued in the Summer 2008 newsletter . . . .*

## Valley Weddings: Then & Now, 1870-2008

"Valley Weddings: Then & Now, 1870-2008," is now on display at the Heritage Center.

This exhibit explores wedding customs and includes displays of wedding dresses from the HRHS collection and private donors. Shelve Carr, guest curator, led the exhibit team, which also included Shelby Burruss, Fay Curl, Allen and Jean Litten, Richard Martin, Ann Moody and Jane Ritchie.

Using both artifacts and photographs, the exhibit looks at how styles, flowers and gifts have changed during the last 138 years.

In conjunction with the exhibit, HRHS held a tea at the Heritage Center June 13-14. See back cover story for more details.

The exhibit runs through Nov. 1.



Exhibit  
photographs  
by  
Allen Litten



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hard work. Their story is a tribute to their fortitude and quality of character, which enabled them to find the inner strength to meet the terrible difficulties they faced in their new life in a new land. They "took the risk" and succeeded!

Over the years, I have written several books documenting these hearty emigrants and their origins, including "The Palatine Families of New York, 1710," "More Palatine Families," "The Palatine Families of Ireland," "Even More Palatine Families" (with Lewis B. Rohrbach), and "Westerwald to America" (with Annette K. Burgert); all are available at my website [www.hankjones.com](http://www.hankjones.com). Annette's many books on Pennsylvania Palatines and their origins are the best volumes covering that state's "Pennsylvania Dutch"; they are available from her at AKB Publications, 691 Weavertown Rd., Myerstown, PA 17067.

In addition to these books, it would be a wise decision for any descendant of these colonial Germans to join and network with the members of Palatines to America-German Genealogical Society (<http://palam.org>).

*Reprinted courtesy of Genealogy Pointers*

### A Harrisonburg Wedding From 1879

Married in the Catholic Church, in this place, on Wednesday morning the 21st inst., at 9 o'clock, by Rev. Father McVerry, of Staunton, Mr. John Wallace, and Miss Bridget A. Kelly, all of Harrisonburg. The church was well filled with friends of the contracting parties, and citizens of the town, and the ceremony was most solemn and impressive. There were five couples of attendants, who were elegantly and tastefully attired, and they discharged their portion of the ceremony with grace and dignity. The bride was handsomely attired in a gray traveling suit, and looked very lovely as she knelt at the altar to receive the solemn rites. The happy couple left for Baltimore and Washington on the 12:15 train, and took with them the warmest and best wishes of a host of friends for their future success and happiness. We congratulate friend John on his good fortune, and add ours to those of other well-wishers, that his future felicity and prosperity may be all that he could hope for.

The bridal party, and the numerous members of the Catholic church here, were sumptuously entertained at the residence of the bride's mother, in this place, before the happy couple started on their tour.

*Rockingham Register, May 22, 1879*

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*Basic Business memberships start at \$50.*

## *Designated Donations To HRHS*

*Is there a specific area or program in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society you would like to support financially, while honoring or remembering a friend or loved one at the same time?*

*Maybe it's the library, the Cromer-Trumbo House, the museum or the archives? Perhaps you want to support the operation of the business office or the upkeep of the lawn and gardens around the Heritage Center.*

*If you see a need, consider a monetary gift to HRHS. For every \$25 or greater donation, we will recognize your contribution, the person(s) you want to honor or remember and the area/program you want to support in a special section of the newsletter.*

*You can make your donation by mailing a check to: HRHS, P.O. Box 716, Dayton, VA 22821. Be sure to designate on the check the area you want to support and the person(s) you want to honor or remember.*

*All donations are fully tax deductible.*

## Tea And Quilt Raffle Mark Opening Of Latest Exhibit At The Heritage Center



*Above: Dale MacAllister, HRHS President, watches as Polly Frye picks the winning quilt raffle ticket.*

*Right: The Map Room at the Heritage Center was full for Saturday's tea.*

*(Photographs by Allen Litten)*

A tea party held at the Heritage Center June 13-14 raised more than \$1,300 for HRHS.

More than 80 people attended the event, which also served as a kick-off to the Society's latest exhibit, "Valley Weddings Then & Now, 1870-2008."

A quilt pieced by Polly Scott and hand-quilted by volunteers also was raffled during the second day of the event. The raffle raised approximately \$3,170 for HRHS.

Carolyn Landis, of Harrisonburg, was the lucky winner of the quilt.



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