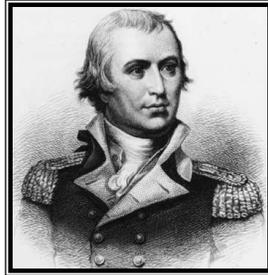


# Greene County Historical Society Newsletter



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*Nathanael Greene*  
*Major General of the Continental Army*  
*Born 1742--Died 1786*

## **Membership Renewal:**

Please don't forget to renew your membership in the Society as dues are due at the first of the year as we work on a calendar year basis. Use the form at the end of this newsletter or if you receive it by mail, the expiration date of your membership is shown on the address label. If you are reading this online and are unsure of when your membership expires, drop us a note at [info@greenehistory.org](mailto:info@greenehistory.org) and we'll let you know. Drop us a note anyway as we'd love to hear from you. You can easily renew online at our website or [www.greenehistory.org](http://www.greenehistory.org) and pay by credit card through our secure site.

## **Mark your calendars with the following dates:**

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Greene County Arts Festival** --- **When:** Saturday, March 21, 2015 (10:00 AM-4:00 PM)

**Where:** William Monroe High School. This year's theme is "Diggin The Arts," so we will have an exhibit of beautiful archaeological finds from our collections to inspire visitors to the Art Show and our talented students. If you have never been to this Arts Festival, you have been missing a real treat.

**Annual Dinner** ---- **When:** Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 3:00 pm.

**Where:** Rosebrook Inn, 1026 Rosebrook Road, Stanardsville. Directions can be found at [www.rosebrookinn.com](http://www.rosebrookinn.com). Cost is \$27 per person, please send your check made out to GCHS to PO Box 185, Stanardsville VA 22973, to reserve your place or places.

**Annual Meeting**--- **When:** Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 pm.

**Where:** Greene County Courthouse, Court Square, Stanardsville. Before our business meeting we will have a presentation by Jim Lillard about life in the mountains before the coming of the Shenandoah National Park. Jim has been adding new material to his wonderful slide show and talk, it was already a must-see program so be sure to be there. There is no charge, we encourage all members to attend, and it is open to the public.

**Grand Opening at 360 Main Street!!** **When:** To be determined, but this spring for sure!!

**Where:** Our new home at 360 Main Street, Stanardsville.

Keep up with progress at [www.greenehistory.org](http://www.greenehistory.org) and [www.Facebook.com/greenehistoryva](http://www.Facebook.com/greenehistoryva). Contact us at [info@greenehistory.org](mailto:info@greenehistory.org).

## President's Message:

Greetings to all our members. The Greene County Historical Society is gearing up for great changes and great things in the next few years, made possible by its benefactor, Linwood A. Rhodes. According to Linwood's cousin, Bobby Rhodes, the bequest was sparked by a visit he and Linwood made to the Old Jail Museum one day during the Strawberry Festival. It was packed with people, and he remarked that "you need a bigger place." When he died later that year he made "a bigger place" a possibility, and his generosity, and that of his sister, Ethyle Cole Giuseppe, is about to come to fruition.

An exciting five year plan has been developed, with plans to increase community activity and participation; membership; and revenues (maintenance of the new facilities needs to be assured!) First and foremost, we will be completing the building that will house the Rhodes Gallery (see Bill Steo's report), creating handicapped access, finishing grounds work, then setting up displays in both the house and gallery, and opening dedicated genealogy and retail space. The date for the move is not yet set, but we hope to be substantially in place by the time of the Annual Meeting. Our annual dinner is a perennial favorite, held again this year at the Rosebrook Inn on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and I look forward to seeing many familiar faces as well as new ones. We will talk more about our plans at the dinner.

We are starting a "Buy A Brick" campaign to replace the broken concrete walk from Main Street to the front door of the house. An engraved brick can honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion. With enough participation by Powells, Breedens, Morrises, Shifletts spelled all ways, and Deans/Deanes, we could probably pave our way to the library! A purchase form can be found in this newsletter, or online at [www.greenehistory.org](http://www.greenehistory.org). Bricks pledged and paid for by the dinner will be part of the initial walkway installation, others will be added periodically. Until now, our most pressing need for volunteers has been as "museum-minders;" I am absolutely delighted to report that we now have a strong contingent to keep the doors open. Online involvement also makes it possible for volunteers to work from home in lots of different ways. Answering genealogy inquiries is one obvious example, and we continue to be truly grateful to Eugene Powell, and also Ron Mosher, for that; other examples include Wendy Mathias's transcriptions, now including the county's School Board Minutes from 1871 to the early 1900s (see her article based on these records, starting on Page 6). Those of you who received the email update recently will be pleased to know that member Chee Ricketts is helping us to make our such communications more interesting and informative, as well as nicer to read! The Society will be asking for volunteers to carry out other functions, including those of Membership, Volunteer and Gift Shop Coordinators.

Mark May 17<sup>th</sup>, 4pm at the Court House on your calendar for the Society's annual meeting, with speaker Jim Lillard from Madison, who will give a presentation on life in the mountains before the coming of the Shenandoah National Park. He has wonderful stories and beautiful photographs of a lost era. I hope to see many of you there.

Jackie Pamerter

## **Proposed Changes To The Bylaws**

At its February meeting the Board agreed to present for ratification at the Annual Meeting proposed changes to Articles IV and VII of the Bylaws, as follows:

Article IV: Classes of Membership

**Add 6. Corporate Membership:** Open to any corporation or business partnership with a desire to support the purposes of the Society.

Article VII: Board of Directors

**Add Section 9.** There shall be three Standing Committees, which will be required to undertake the following responsibilities:

**Budget:** Will prepare an operating budget in advance of the fiscal year for Board approval.

**Program of Work:** Will recommend to the Board a program of work for the Society during the coming fiscal year.

**Long Range Planning:** Will review and update the Society's Five-Year Plan annually and present to the Board for approval.

Each Committee will be chaired by a Board member appointed by a majority of the Board. Other members of the Committee may include Society members/volunteers.

### **Nominating Committee**

In a Nominating Committee report presented by Secretary Cheryl Ragland, two potential board/officer vacancies were identified: the terms of President Jackie Pamerter, and Director Bill Steo are coming to an end. While both are willing to continue to serve, their reelection requires notice and a special vote at the Annual Meeting.

The relevant bylaw is: *"Section 4. A person who has been elected as president or vice president or to the board of directors for two consecutive terms, shall not be nominated to the same office unless one year elapses between the end of his last term and the beginning of the term for which he is nominated, provided, however, that this limitation may be waived by a two-thirds vote of those voting at a regular or special meeting of the society after prior written notice to society members of such proposed waiver."*

These two nominations comprise our slate, which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 17th.

**Birdine Piper McMullen Gilbert**  
**by**  
**Marie Jackson (“Jackie”) Gilbert Williams, her only daughter.**

Birdine Piper McMullen Gilbert, the fourth of Thomas Jackson and Birdie Jarrell McMullen's eight children, was born March 28, 1906. The oldest grandchild of that union, Clyde Bickers, called our grandmother "Murö" and all our family continued to do so, as did lots of town folks in later years. My mother, like her three older siblings, had to leave school before graduation to help at home; however, her four younger siblings were high school graduates. At an appropriate time, she went to work for Mr. Bushong at The Greene County Record, where she became an operator of a Linotype machine. This might explain the uncanny ability she had to read print upside down.

She married Ennis Cecil Gilbert, Sr., September 17, 1925, and the first two of their three children were born in Stanardsville in 1927 and 1929. He was a foreman for the State Highway Department and during the latter part of 1929, he was transferred to Fauquier County. As the depression continued, he was laid off and they returned to Albemarle County, first to his family's farm and later to Advance Mills, where she clerked in Frays General Store. Daddy sold and delivered fruits and groceries. They lived in Washington, D. C. with her youngest sister, Magdelyn, and her husband, Elwood M. Wilson, in late 1936 to mid 1938.

Following their return to Greene County, they rented The Spotswood Inn from Mr. George Collins, Sr. [the Victorian house across the street from the Lafayette Hotel] and prepared it for our residence, as well as commercial use. Because Mama and Daddy had always wanted more children, it was here they felt blessed when Dr. Foster, who lived with us, delivered their second son, Thomas Ivy, when I was 15 years old. Mama ran the Inn as a Boarding House and Tourist Home. Folks from various places, especially the Court House and Clerk's offices, came for lunch during the week and there were lots of tourists during the weekends. Since Route 33 was the primary east-west highway across the mountain and to Skyline Drive, there was a lot of activity in our dining room during the weekends, especially on Sundays. This responsibility made her role a non-traditional wife/parent one, yet, she never neglected either of those.

Even with our help and the regular assistance of Viola Holmes, Nettie Banks, and other domestic help, Mama was constantly in motion. There was little time for social life, even for Setback, which was a favorite card game for both parents. Even though it was an additional responsibility, it gave her great joy, as well as the family and the boarders, to have a pre-school niece and first-grade nephew live with us for a more than a year. Unfortunately, their mother was involved in divorce proceedings that necessitated time to make living arrangements where they lived out-of-state. During World War II, gas and some groceries were rationed. Abiding by this government mandate was a time-consuming task, especially for Mama and other restaurateurs. The latter part of a current TV ad is descriptive of most of my mother's life - i.e., "*A body at rest tends to stay at rest and a body in motion tends to stay in motion.*"

In June, 1946, we moved to the "old Dr. Davis home" just east of town limits on Route 33, which is currently called the "Gilbert Homeplace." Mama had obtained a license for a Home for the Aged and took care of several elderly people, who had varying degrees of need. "Miss Fanny" lived to be 106!! Dr. Rucker once told me that he had patients in the hospital that he would rather have with Mama. In addition to retaining and applying what she read and her common sense, a great deal of her medical knowledge came from Dr. Foster, who lived at the Spotswood Inn the ten years we were there. Quite often there were boarders other than the elderly for short periods

of time at the Homeplace. George Collins, Jr., who was like a third son to Mama and Daddy, lived with us for a long time before he moved to his farm. Murö also lived there during her final months. Mama honored Murö's wishes and ösat upö with the open casket in the living room the night before the burial, a custom of Murö's generation. Actually, Mama slept on a couch.

Although she continued to lead a busy life taking care of folks, there was time for a few outside activities. As a member of Stanardsville Methodist Church, she was President of the Woman's Society in 1952-53. She also served as a Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. She and Daddy were charter members of The 35 Club and I doubt they missed many dances, if any. They often enjoyed evenings playing Setback with friends and young neighbors. She prepared a lot of food for various church and community events, as well as oyster or fried chicken dinners for our friends, especially for the many I brought home from college.

My mother had creative ability as evidenced by the many beautiful quilts and crocheted bedspreads that our family cherish as we use or display them. Some of the quilts are a result of team efforts with her two older sisters. The quilting frames were assembled in one of their homes, most often in the sisters' homes. They would get together to quilt at various times during the days or weeks necessary to complete each project. Mama worked alone on most of the ones we have. One I have is extra-special to me because it is made with scraps of material from dresses and short-pants suits that she created for Big Brother (E. C.) and me with feed-sack fabric when we were very young. As is true of most women of her generation, she was a very good seamstress. Crocheting was Mama's passion, as opposed to the knitting done by many women at that time. Most of her beautiful bedspreads are done with her favorite popcorn pattern. She also created exquisite pieces of needlepoint. When I refused an offer of hundreds of dollars for a Venice scene she did, the friend asked me to inquire as to how much she would charge to do one for him. She answered that money was not an incentive and that she would never do another one unless one of her children asked her. Neither of my brothers did. It was tedious and time-consuming work. Other evidence of her artistic ability includes the irons that we use as doorstops and bookends on which she painted pretty, colorful designs. She also refinished lots of old pieces of furniture, which are now our priceless antiques.

During my mother's lifetime, canning the seasonal vegetables, making pickles, etc., from family gardens was done by most women and my mother was no exception. Daddy was well known for his beautifully groomed, productive gardens and Mama canned a large number of jars of vegetables and fruits each year. Daddy also had pigs and they had öhog killings;ö he had a cow until the mid 60s. I also recall family and friends spending many tedious hours peeling apples and making apple butter that was stirred almost constantly for hours in a large black/copper pot. The öwoman's workö as a result of these things was time consuming. All of this required no unusual talent or ability, but I mention this productive work simply because it illustrates why I continue to be amazed both that she found time for such accomplishments, and that her heart condition allowed her these endeavors even during her later years.

In late 1973, as Mama's health began to decline drastically, she reluctantly started reducing the number of patients she cared for. Finally there was only one patient, a mobile gentleman, we had to move. On the Monday before she died, Dr. Rucker told me not to get an ambulance, but to take her in my car to the hospital. As I drove to the hospital, I wondered why no ambulance. If Dr. Rucker told us, I didn't remember. She died the following Wednesday, July 24, 1974, in the Martha Jefferson Hospital. I cannot recall who, but someone said she was ö68, going on 45.ö Her cause of death was recorded as congestive heart failure, but she also suffered for years with a rheumatic heart and an enlarged heart, for which she was continually treated. Mozelle Brown

wrote weekly articles for The Greene County Record called, "You're Invited". The week after Mama's death, her primary subject was my mother. Even though they were close friends, I believe it was an objective view of how many folks thought about Mama. The following quotes are from Mozelle's article.

*"Greene County has suffered a shocking loss in the death of Burdine (sic) Gilbert. For many of us the Gilbert home was our adopted home while we put down roots in the community. During the days immediately following her death, I heard people telling of their memories of times when Ennis and Birdine helped them. The Gilbert family was a closely knit family, but they accepted the people who lived there and made them feel at home, too.*

*When I first came to live in Greene County in 1944, I had just experienced the loss of my husband. He had boarded at the Gilbert's home and it was there that I met him. The whole family took time to make me feel welcome. Birdine particularly (sic) took time to listen and talk to me while I found my way out of the desolation I felt when I came here....*

*Until her last illness, Birdine was still looking after people who needed help and Ennis was still looking after Birdine. I'm not sure he ever learned to look after himself, but Jackie helped... Thomas Ivy was also.... E. C. had passed on...."*

(Mama and Daddy endured a parent's worst nightmare when Big Brother died at 44 in November, 1971. She, like any devoted, loving mother, never got over that loss, but it was her unwavering Faith and remarkable strength that sustained us.)

One more quote from Mozelle's article sums up Mama's contribution to the community:

*"One wishes there was something they could do for the family. Perhaps they can find comfort in the knowledge that hosts of friends surround them with their love and share their loss. Birdine's spirit will not die; she will live on through the lives of the people whom she helped, and by the people they influence...."*

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## **Greene County School Board Minutes 1871-1906**

Back in 2009, Bill Steo and Richard Early whiled away some time photographing the pages of Greene County's first School Board minutes, dating from 1871 to 1902. Long-time member Wendy Mathias of Chesapeake has gone through the pages to find out just who made up the Board and what it did. There are lots of familiar names here. Wendy's narrative makes fascinating reading.

1. Who was the first superintendent and chairman of the School Board in Greene County?  
A. B.A. McMullen B. William A. Hill C. Z.K. Page D. Jeremiah N. McMullen
2. Who was the first clerk of the School Board in Greene County?  
A. Q. R. Hume B. George Haney C. George B. Jennings D. Isaac G. E. D. Davis
3. Between 1871 and 1906, who served the longest as chairman of the Board?  
A. George B. Jennings B. William A. Hill C. Isaac G. E. D. Davis D. Jeremiah N. McMullen
4. How much was the first County Superintendent paid for his service?  
A. Nothing B. \$1000.00 C. \$75.00 D. \$2.00 per meeting
5. How many school districts were there?  
A. One B. Two C. Three D. Four
6. Who/What were Venable, White, Cook, and Heath?

A. Members of the Board    B. The first teachers in Greene County    C. Law firm representing the Board    D. Authors of some textbooks

ANSWERS:

1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C, 5-C, 6-D

**Minutes by the Numbers:**

- 165 images
- 160 pages of minutes
- 36 years of school board meetings
- 86 meetings (averaging 2 a year)
- 35-37 Board members (confusing handwriting)
- 30-32 other citizens mentioned (again, confusing handwriting)
- 4 presidents of the Board
- 4 clerks of the Board

Yes, it's trivia. But the minutes of the Greene County School Board are not trivial. They are an important record of the beginnings of public education in Virginia, more precisely in Greene County.

FREE education is something we take for granted. However, for two centuries, education in Virginia was largely a private affair. The well-to-do hired private tutors for their children. The rest of the citizens had to rely on maybe a minister looking to supplement his income by teaching. In some communities, neighbors came together to create a school, hire a teacher, set their own tuition and write their own rules. Without uniform standards for teacher qualifications and curriculum, not to mention attendance, the quality of education across the state was uneven, to say the least.

Prior to the Civil War, private schools were common throughout Virginia. In Greene, Francis Marion McMullan and his wife Virginia were teachers both before and after the war. McMullan was principal at the Greene Classical and Mathematical Academy from the early 1850s to the early 1860s. Students were exposed to a wide variety of courses including mechanics, surveying, calculus, logic, elocution, and both Latin and English grammar. After the war, McMullan bought property to build the Forest Hill Academy.

Despite Thomas Jefferson's efforts to develop a strong vertical system of elementary and secondary schools and colleges, it wasn't until 1869 – the Reconstruction period – that Virginia's newly ratified constitution established a statewide system of FREE public schools. By November 1870, public schools were open in every county in Virginia.

The first recorded meeting of the Greene County School Board was held just five months later in April 1871. The minutes show a handful of dedicated Board members taking very seriously the charge to carry out the policies set by the first State Superintendent:

**1. Appoint Trustees: Members of the Board 1871-1906**

Ed Booten	W. H. Booten	Charley Carpenter	C. E. Cassady
William B. Cole	Isaac G. E. D. Davis** *	James Deane	James Dickerson
John Douglass	James L. Dunn	N. B. Early	William A. Garrison
J. B. Garth	Yancy Garth	W. B. Gentry	George E. Gibbs
E. M. Gibson *	George W. Graves	G. Martin Haney	George Haney
D. B. Herndon	William A. Hill**	Q. R. Hume *	George B. Jennings**
B.A. McMullen	Jeremiah McMullen**	Z. K. Page *	B. B. Parrott
W. B. Plunkett	M. D. L. Runkle	James G. Saunders	B.C. Sims
J. L. Thornton	T. B. White	James D. Yowell	

*\*Clerks of the Board*

*\*\* County Superintendents and Chairmen/Presidents of the Board*

## **2. Provide Buildings**

In 1872, the Board set aside \$150 for a school to be built in Ruckersville: \$30 for a lot, \$100 for a building, \$20 for contingencies.

The growing interest in education at the turn of the century led to a new state constitution that put education in the forefront. One goal was the consolidation of rural schools. That might have been the driving force behind the 1903 Board's search for a suitable lot in the town of Stanardsville to build a graded school that would service all the districts. The property offered by Z. K. Page and his wife Henrietta was selected. Each district contributed to the \$800 purchase: Stanardsville \$400, Ruckersville \$200, and Monroe \$150. The minutes do not mention where the remaining \$50 came from.

## **3. Hire Teachers**

The only teachers mentioned by name in the minutes were Fannie Davis, Annie Mitchell, Nellie Robinson, George W. Shelton (Principal), and Ada Thornton. Even early on, the Board adhered to the State's emphasis on finding qualified teachers. One standard that the Board held highly was that teachers must subscribe to the *Educational Journal*, and anyone who did not do so would not be hired. The Board paid for subscriptions for the trustees.

In the early days of public education, teachers' salaries were determined by the number of students enrolled. However, as schools and curricula became centralized and uniform, teachers were required to become certified. Greene paid teachers according to the type of certificate they held. In 1877 the monthly pay was \$25 for a first class certificate, \$20 for a second class certificate, and \$15 for a third class certificate. Later Greene added a fourth level.

Greene offered pre-school training and summer institutes for teachers as well as handbooks with regulations they were expected to follow.

## **4. Provide Education for All Citizens 5-21**

The purpose of the first meeting of the School Board was to select textbooks. Only four titles were chosen: Holmes Spellers and Readers, Venable's Arithmetic, Maury's Geography, and Bullion's Grammars. The Board voted to purchase books through Starke & Ryland, a wholesale and retail distributor of books and stationery in Richmond.

Over the years, the list of titles selected from the State's approved list grew considerably. There were 4 math series, 15 social studies titles including both history and geography of Virginia as well as the nation, 1 science, and 28 language arts titles covering reading, spelling, grammar, and penmanship. One of the more interesting selections was a spelling book by E. C. Glass, superintendent of schools in Lynchburg.

Besides selecting textbooks, the School Board set school hours (9:00 to 4:00) and determined holidays. In 1881, teachers were given 1 day at Easter, 1 day at Whitsuntide, and 5 days at Christmas, but at the next Board meeting, the holidays were rescinded. In 1895, only Christmas day was recognized as a holiday. The very next year, teachers were not granted any holidays. In 1906, Christmas day was back on the schedule as the only legal holiday for teachers.

## **5. Fund the Schools**

The 1869 Constitution established the partnership between State and localities in providing funds for public education. Thus every year the Greene County School Board, on recommendation from the three school districts, requested levies for county and district purposes.

Presumably the county and district funds went for maintaining the school buildings and teacher salaries. However, the trustees felt strongly that the County Superintendent, who also served as chairman of the

Board of Trustees, should be compensated. William A. Hill was given \$50 or \$75 annually. In addition, at every meeting the clerk/secretary of the Board was given \$2 (\$3 in later years). The trustees were generally not compensated, but in the 1890s they treated themselves to dinner at the Eagle Hotel using school funds. It wasn't until 1906 that the Board members asked to be paid for their service.

Thirty-six years after that first meeting in April 1871, the same high level of formality and dedication to improving the lives of its citizens through education remained firm.

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## Gallery Construction

Reported by William L. Steo

Work is progressing according to schedule on the construction of the new Gallery at 360 Main Street. As of the writing of this Newsletter the dry wall has been installed, taped and spackled as well as the partial installation of the sewer line.

The Gallery is now weather tight as we await the manufacture of the metal roof panels.

Here are some pictures of the construction.



## **Correction**

As you may have noticed we mis-titled Barbara Haney's article in the last newsletter. She gave you a great account of the "Fifties Fling Continues," which was held on September 13 last year. It was, of course, more than the Haney family who gathered for the reunion. As noted below, we are grateful for a copy of the very comprehensive reunion book that the organizers issued, which is complete with photos and biographies of many of the participants.

## **Memberships**

We are delighted to welcome more members since our last newsletter. They are as follows: Larkin and Charles Dudley, Blacksburg; Kevin Frazier, McGaheysville; Eloise Giles, Stanardsville; Colleen Green and John McCloskey, Stanardsville; Bill Piland, Stanardsville; Bill Ray, Powells Point NC; Nancy Lee Smith, DelRay Beach Florida; new lifetime member, Kathy Ladika of Stanardsville; and returning members Janie Austin of Staatsburg NY and Sandra Morris Sensabaugh of Ruckersville. We thank them all, and especially Bill, Kevin, Colleen and Kathy, who have joined the ranks of our active volunteers.

## **Artifact Donations**

Elaine Barnett, Techni Pak shirt; Margaret Ann Morris Curran, four cut glass goblets from the collection of her mother, the late Genevieve Morris; Tom and Laurie Dean, ceramic, metal and glass items from the around the foundations of what was the summer kitchen of the Shelton family farm on South River, and Lucullus Shelton's Marine dog tag from his WWI service, from the same source; Eugene Powell, copy of the *'Fifties Fling Continued'* Reunion book; Cheryl Ragland, Ellgreave teapot and 3 linen placemats, formerly property of Miss Violette Moyers; Chee and Rodney Ricketts, ceramic and glass shards from the foundation digging around Skylight Farm, and a weather vane and bottle from the same source; Cecil Taylor, copy of the letter his mother received in 1934 ordering the vacating of her home in the Blue Ridge Mountains; Genevieve Page Vaught and Lloyd Vaught, photographs and documentation from the Page family farm and cemetery on South River east.

## **Financial Donations**

We are extraordinarily fortunate to have been given some major donations towards the end of the year. Grateful thanks are due to: Joann Powell for donating another \$1,000.00, this time to our Endowment Fund; Genevieve Page Vaught of Hughson, California, who also gave us \$1,000.00; Anna Rhoades Little, a \$500 donation; and Jackie and Don Pamerter, \$500 to the Endowment Fund. Every donation counts, and we also accept with gratitude those made by Lester Bush, Gaithersburg, MD, Joe Freni, Stanardsville and Melvin Morris of Sodus NY.

## BUY-A-BRICK

Reported by Joe Freni



The future site of the GCHS at 360 Main St. Stanardsville has a concrete walkway in the front of the house. The walkway is in need of repair or replacement. GCHS Board has decided to replace it with a brick walkway. We would like to offer the public an opportunity to help with this project. People are encouraged to buy a brick with their inscription on it for the walkway the funds from which will pay for the walkway and help support the house budget. In addition, bricks can be purchased in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones. Corporate sponsors will also be welcomed.

Please fill out the form on the next page and send it with your payment to the Greene County Historical Society at PO Box 185, Stanardsville VA 22973. Thank you for your support.

4 x 8 bricks = \$100.00 donationô 3 lines, 15 letters each line, a space = a letter

8 x 8 bricks = \$200.00 donationô 6 lines, 15 letters each line, a space = a letter



# GREENE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## BUY-A-BRICK ORDER FORM

4x8 Size Brick - \$100.00 (up to 3 lines of text) or 8x8 Size Brick - \$200.00 (up to 6 lines of text)

Your name or memorial can become a permanent part of the walkway to the entrance of the Greene County Historical Society Museum at 360 Main Street in Stanardsville. An engraved brick is the perfect way to honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion, or make sure your family name is included. There are two sizes of bricks. Four inch by eight inch bricks can have up to 3 lines of engraving with 15 characters per line. Eight inch by eight inch bricks have 6 lines of engraving. Please print the text you wish to appear on your brick on the grid below, using only 3 lines for the smaller brick. Allow one box for every character, space or punctuation mark. Please use all CAPITAL letters.

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Line 2														
Line 3														
Line 4														
Line 5														
Line 6														

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

All checks should be made payable to: Greene County Historical Society. You may mail the completed form, along with your check to the GCHS, P.O. Box 185, Stanardsville, Virginia 22973. If you have any questions, please leave a message at 434-985-1409. You may also visit our website [www.greenehistory.org](http://www.greenehistory.org) and place your order online (under "Sales" tab), with payment through PayPal.

This fundraiser is sponsored by the Greene County Historical Society, which is a qualified 501 (c)3 charitable organization. The purchase of your brick may be tax deductible to the extent provided by the law. The GCHS reserves the right to refuse any inscription that is determined to be inappropriate for this project. Bricks will be placed randomly. Every effort will be made to honor grouping requests. GCHS is not responsible for incorrectly submitted forms.

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**Membership Form (Rev. July 12, 2013)**

**Telephone:** 434 985-1409 or [www.greenehistory.org](http://www.greenehistory.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information update, (if necessary), Name, address, Email address etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Status: New \_\_\_\_ or Renewal \_\_\_\_ Membership is on a calendar year basis starting Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> with a payment deadline of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Your current membership is valid through the date on your address label. **Please, consider a donation to the House Fund.**

Individual \$15 \_\_\_\_ Family \$20 \_\_\_\_ Institution \$35 \_\_\_\_

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