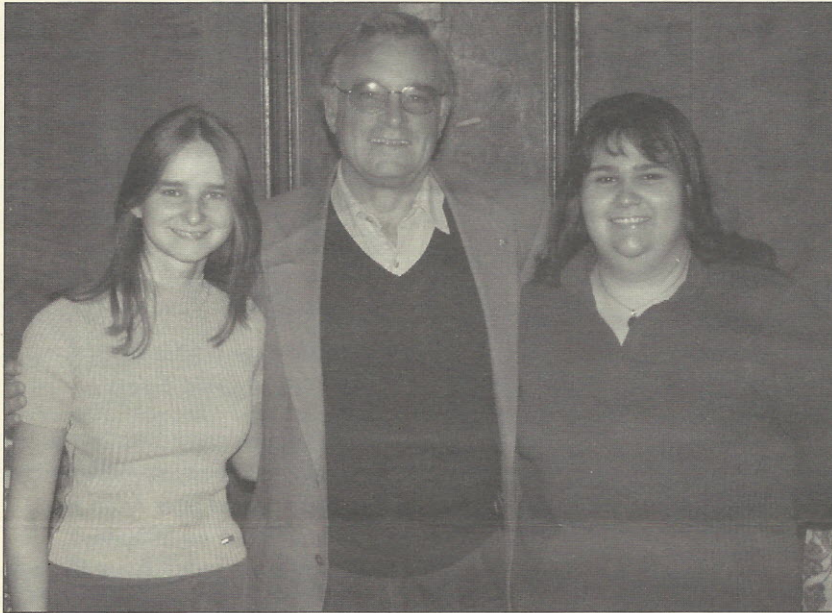


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Safekeepers of Jefferson County History



Jefferson County Historical Society scholarship winners are pictured above with Bill Drennen, President of JCHS. From left: Nadine Zimmerli, Bill Drennen and Marilyn Love.

The scholarship was established by the Jefferson County Historical Society to encourage students to major in history or related subjects. This is the second year that JCHS has provided two scholarships for junior and senior students from Jefferson County as part of an ongoing program to encourage history, research and education in Jefferson County schools.

The JCHS scholarship provides an annual award to current Shepherd students who maintain a GPA of 3.0 and are chosen by the Shepherd College History Department faculty. Anders Henriksson, Chairman of the History Department, said of one of the winners, "Nadine Zimmerli is one of the best history students I've had in 18 years of teaching."



Know some old news? Share it with all of us!

Send your (short) historic article ideas to
Wendy Kedzierski
P.O. Box 1250, Charles Town, WV 25414.
Or e-mail wendyked@juno.com

Deadline for next issue: January 1, 2004

ANNOUNCING JCHS FALL MEETING SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 8

The fall meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Society will be held at 10 a.m. on Nov. 8 at the Shepherdstown Train Station. The speaker will be Richard D. Raymond, Museum Curator at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

In addition to caring for the park's collection, Mr. Raymond has an extensive background in the arts and administers the Artist-in-Residence program at Harpers Ferry.

The title of his talk is "Historical Museums – A Career with the Park Service." Mr. Raymond will share his current curation project at Harpers Ferry, as well as his past involvement in conserving George Washington's dining tent which is on display at the Colonial National Historical Park in Yorktown, Virginia.

PLEASE NOTE: *In an effort to conserve on mailing costs, JCHS will not be sending out postcard notices. This newsletter serves as the announcement for this meeting. The meeting will be held at the Shepherdstown Train Station because the Civic Auditorium was not available. The JCHS is looking for alternative meeting places. Please let the Program Committee (Carmen Creamer, Betty Ann Lowe or Betsy Wells) know if you have any suggestions about where to meet or recommendations for a speaker. The committee hopes to keep the fall meeting in the Shepherdstown area.*

2003 JCHS Summer Picnic
at Tudor Hall, home of the
Grantham family



DID YOU KNOW?

Quick notes from the Jefferson County Museum

The wedding dress of Phoebe LaRue Grantham, wife of James Grantham of Tudor Hall, site of the JCHS 2003 summer picnic, is on display at the Jefferson County Museum.

The Empire-style ivory silk dress with short puffed sleeves is the oldest wedding dress in the museum's collection. Worn by Phoebe Fidelia LaRue at her wedding in 1824, the dress is on display in a case with several other wedding dresses from the museum's collection, located just opposite the entry into the museum.

There is now a \$2 admission charge for adults to the museum. Free admission is offered to Old Charles Town Library cardholders.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Museum will close for the winter on November 29th and will reopen next April.

— Carmen Creamer

JCHS Historical Preservation Committee takes a stand

The JCHS Board of Directors, following the suggestion of President Bill Drennen, has created committees to conduct the business of the society more efficiently.

Carmen Creamer has been appointed the chairman of the Historical Preservation Committee, with board members Walter Washington and Betsy Wells also serving on the committee. The committee drafted and presented to the board the following statements regarding its purpose within the society.

- 1) To educate the general public about historic preservation.
- 2) To make the society's membership aware of historic properties in Jefferson County threatened by neglect, renovation, demolition and/or development.

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3) To propose motions to the society's board of directors to support specific preservation projects in Jefferson County.

In view of Statement 3, the committee drafted the following motion:

“We support efforts to preserve the jail as a contributing building in a National Register district.”

The motion was voted on during the board of directors' meeting and passed.

In the coming months, it is the hope of the committee that this column will be used to report other historic preservation issues to the membership.

Creamer requests members to contact her with any comments or to volunteer to help the committee. She can be reached by e-mail: carmencreamer@yahoo.com.

JCHS Members of the Board

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Who are these people?

*Get to know your board members.
This issue spotlights board member
James Glymph.*

Jim Glymph came with his father to Jefferson County in 1964 to develop Riverside and later Avon Bend – both Shenandoah River communities.

In 1994 Jim moved to Avon Bend to live. He retired from the Federal government in 1998 after 33 years as a Data/Database Administrator. Jim was also an adjunct assistant professor in Information Technology at Northern Virginia Community College for over 20 years.

As the great grandson of a Confederate veteran, his real passion is for the War For Southern Independence. He is a relic hunter, collector and historian of the period. A portion of his collection was donated to the Jefferson County Museum.

The Jefferson County Historical Society is seeking committee members from the general society membership to assist in the following areas: communications, education, historic preservation, programs, membership, finance, publications. If you would like to take a more active role in the society, please contact one of the following members:

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phone 304/876-1236*

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From the President

Second newsletter, and still in business. More history being made every day. Made, recorded, analyzed, reflected upon, decisions made because of the experiences of the past, just like the Vietnam War has guided this generation to be more circumspect in interfering in sovereign states' rights, so the

Rumsey Radio Hour did not have to go back on the air and a historian can run for

County Commission – not that the current commissioners are not historical.

What are we about at Jefferson County Historical Society? We are certainly not about getting ourselves involved in petty political squabbles. We are here, our mission is, to facilitate the historical needs of Jefferson County citizens.

So folks, what are your needs? Do you want increased publication of fully footnoted histories of the local area and people? Do you want more films and books like *From the Shenandoah to the*

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Potomac? Do you want more speakers and events like the picnic? Farm/house tours? Projects like the Peter Burr house or the County-wide inventory of historical resources? Do you want increased access to historical documents and genealogical records for research purposes? Would you like to see the Historical Society take on a historic house preservation project which would include research and teaching facilities and our own archive collection somewhere local? Do you care about archaeological or artifact collection, conservation, and exhibition?

All of these are relevant to our mission of “...collecting and preserving books, papers,

records, writings, relics, etc., relating particularly to the history of Jefferson County and partly to that of West Virginia.”

If you have strong feelings about those issues, let us know. And if you want to help us do stuff, contact the committee chair indicated in your area of interest noted in this newsletter, give them a call and become an active part of your Jefferson County Historical Society.

Historically yours,
Bill Drennen, President

Jefferson County Historical Society



*Looking to the Future...
Preserving the Past*

Please join us in perpetuating
Jefferson County's
Monumental Heritage.

Would you or someone
you know like to join the
**Jefferson County
Historical Society?**

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Annual Membership (\$10)

_____ Life Membership (\$100)

*Annual dues can be sent after Jan.
1st each fiscal year to:*

Membership Secretary
Jefferson County Historical Society
P.O. Box 485, Charles Town, WV 25414

Help Wanted

Dr. Stanley Dickinson, geologist, is doing a study on the iron works of Jefferson County dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries. He has built an iron exhibit for the Jefferson County Museum and is drafting a paper for submission to the Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society. In order to be as thorough as possible, he would appreciate being contacted by folks having information on the furnaces, forges, shops, ore deposits, etc. He can be reached at 304/725-7997 or e-mail skd.ashlee@erols.com.

Carmen Creamer is collecting information on samplers made in Jefferson County. Both the Jefferson County Museum and the Entler have several in their collections. Samplers were often produced in dame schools or schools for women. She is also collecting information on these schools. If you have information to share, please contact Carmen Creamer at the Jefferson County Museum, P.O. Box 992, Charles Town, WV 25414.

Shannondale Club Alumni, an organization formed to preserve the memories of the “Shannondale Experience,” is seeking photographs and anecdotal stories of

times spent at the Shannondale Club from the 1950's to the present. This could include activities as a member or employee, attendance at social events such as weddings and reunions, meetings of civic organizations, political functions or any other interaction that you may have had with Shannondale. The facilities played an important role in many lives of those in Jefferson County and we feel it would be a travesty to lose these memories to time. We may be contacted through our Web site at www.ShannondaleClubAlumni.org or by mail to Rt. 2 Box 429, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-9404. Or contact Willis Nowell by phone at 304/725-2440.

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PUBLICATIONS

One copy of *The Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society* is mailed to each person holding a **PAID** membership. *Unfortunately, those members who are delinquent in their dues will not receive a copy of this publication. Please make sure that your dues have been paid and that the society has your current 911 address.* Until the publication of next year's magazine, members may purchase additional copies for \$6 each; order these from The Society, Box 485, Charles Town, WV 25414. Original volumes or facsimile reproductions are available to all persons at \$7 per magazine.

The Society also has copies of several of its publications available:

The Washington Homes of Jefferson County. \$10 mailed.

Michael D. Thompson, *Calendar and Index to Recorded Plats in Jefferson County, West Virginia (Virginia) Courthouse, 1801-1901.* \$25 mailed.

Between the Shenandoah and Potomac: Historic Homes of Jefferson County, West Virginia. \$45 mailed.

Burials in Jefferson County, West Virginia, 1978-97. \$18 mailed.

The videotape, *Between the Shenandoah and Potomac*, is also available for \$25 mailed.

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