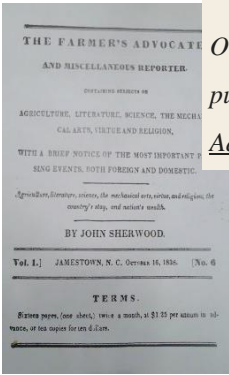


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June 27, 2015 – 2:30 pm at the Civic Center. Learn about the Federal raid on Jamestown (along with other locations) with Chris Hartley, author of *Stoneman's Raid*. Books will be available for purchase.

July 18, 2015—Village Fair, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Join us for a celebration of our history and our community. Visit the buildings and grounds of the Mendenhall Homeplace and enjoy the craftspeople, vendors, historic games and activities for children, music, and food.

August 15, 2015—Bluegrass Day, 2:00pm to 5:00 pm. Bring a chair or quilt and join us for wonderful traditional Southern music on the grounds. Bring a picnic if you'd like.

September 25, 2015—Traditional Afternoon Tea in the Mendenhall New Parlor. Watch for further announcements to come.

November 15, 2015—2:00 pm. Linda Kenner will lead us through the Old School Archives at the Jamestown Public Library. This collection has been building since the transformation of the Jamestown School into the Library over 25 years ago and includes displays of memorabilia that will intrigue you.

December 13, 2015—3:00 pm. The Historic Jamestown Society Annual Meeting. Plans are still being made, so watch for further information.

Many thanks to Mary Bodenheimer of Arts by Alexander who matted and framed two prints of the Mendenhall House and one of a collage of historic buildings of Jamestown as a contribution to Historic Jamestown Society. We have these prints for sale—but the professionally matted and framed ones give a very attractive visual of just how appealing these prints can be when properly presented.

Greetings to the Membership

We have not been invaded by aliens. That is just Shawn in the midst of renovating the New Parlor at Mendenhall House. The windows and walls have been scraped and sanded to a smoothness they have not known in many years. All of this is in preparation for painting the room in colors representative of the original. Shawn has done a study of the many layers of paint on the walls and woodwork thus ensuring that the finishes will be much as they were in the mid-1800s.



Restoration work to repair fire damage at Madison Lindsay House is almost complete. The damaged windows have been repaired and re-installed, and the floors have been refinished. Walnut stain used on the floors was prepared by our own Buzz Setzer from walnuts harvested at the Homeplace. The building also will be re-roofed within the next couple of weeks and damaged siding will soon be replaced.

These are only two of the improvements being undertaken at Mendenhall thanks to the hard work Shawn has done to secure grant funding to underwrite the projects. We hope you will come by soon to take a look at the improvements being made.

The Program Committee has been hard at work. In February, we joined Friends of Jamestown Library in offering a program on gold mining in early Jamestown. Hal Pugh, well-known potter, presented a March program on early Quaker potters in Guilford and Randolph Counties. On May 17, the second annual Mary Browning Historic Preservation Award ceremony recognized Florence Allen with a life-time achievement award for her work in preserving the history of the Deep River and Jamestown areas. The Jamestown Veterans Association received an award for providing the Veterans Memorial in Wrenn-Miller Park.

Please note the list of additional programs planned for 2015. We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to join us. Our membership is now well over one hundred strong. We need your active participation. Attend events, cover the office for a morning or afternoon so that Shawn can complete projects, help with cleaning up and improving the appearance of the area in front of Mendenhall. Let us know what you are willing to do to advance our mission and to keep the Homeplace inviting to the many visitors who come to learn of our heritage.

Peace to each of you,
Shirley Haworth, President
Historic Jamestown Society

Letter from the Director

Many of us have cherished objects, mementos, *heirlooms* that have been passed down within our families from one generation to the next. These items are priceless...irreplaceable. They often represent the memories we hold of those who blazed the trail of our personal lineage. In some instances, such treasured artifacts represent the shared memory of an entire community. This is certainly true for the items that were recently donated to Historic Jamestown Society by Judith Goodman and Mary Ann Cherry.

Judith Goodman, a descendant of Nereus Mendenhall (the son of Richard and Mary Pegg Mendenhall), has entrusted Historic Jamestown Society with a number of original photographs of Mendenhall family members who once called the Mendenhall House home. The well-preserved likenesses of Mary Pegg, Nereus and Orianna, Richard Junius and Abby Swift, Cyrus and several other Mendenhall family members are included in this breathtaking collection. These images will no doubt help us to “put a face with a name” as we interpret the lives and contributions of the Mendenhall family. We look forward to sharing these snapshots of history with you.

Judith has also donated two stunningly well-crafted quilts and an elaborately stitched quilt block to the Historic Jamestown Society collections. One is a beautiful tulip quilt that was hand sewn by Judith Mendenhall, daughter of Richard and Mary Pegg Mendenhall. The other is a blue and white quilt which was made by Orianna Mendenhall, wife of the aforementioned Nereus Mendenhall. The quilt block was fashioned from a combination of vibrantly colored sections of cloth and features an intriguing embroidered “M.”

Mary Ann Cherry has generously agreed to donate a number of historically significant items associated with early rifle maker, Nathan Wright, and her historian/buggy making great grandfather, Henry Clay Briggs. The collection includes a broad ax, anvils, blacksmith tools, and other items associated with Nathan Wright's gun shop and the Briggs Brothers Buggy Co. that were once located on the site of the Cherry residence. In addition, the Cherry family has agreed to explore the possibility of moving the Nathan Wright/Briggs Brothers Buggy Co. blacksmith shop and forge to Mendenhall Homeplace. The blacksmith shop will serve as an excellent touch point for interpreting the early industry and trades of Jamestown and the surrounding communities.

Our duty to serve as stewards for these priceless treasures is one that we take seriously. It is a humbling task that we look forward to fulfilling. Please join me in extending a well-deserved thank you to Judith Goodman and the Cherry Family for sharing their family heritage with our community.

Shawn Rogers, Director
Mendenhall Homeplace

Intemperates Beware!

By Jane Wade

Jamestown has become quite a bustling place at night these days—so much so that it is difficult to find a place to park. Couples and groups are to be seen strolling from location to location as they move from one venue to another to take advantage of the variety of music, food, and alcoholic beverages.

The beautiful town hall, the Jamestown Park, the golf course are amenities that were made possible by the revenues that poured in years ago when the “legendary” Jamestown ABC Store was the only source of alcoholic beverages on this side of the county. There was a time when lines of cars gathered to get into the ABC to purchase the weekend supply.

It is a great irony that 180 years ago in Jamestown, crowds were gathering in *opposition* to the use of alcoholic beverages. According to the minutes of the Jamestown Temperance Society (1834-1840), at least some of the earlier citizens would be shocked and dismayed. But let Article Three of the Society's Constitution speak for itself:

“Art. 3rd. We whose names are hereunto annexed, believing that the use of Ardent spirits is not only unnecessary but hurtful to civil, social, and religious interests of men, agree that we will not make use or traffic them. Nor will we provide them for the entertainment of our friends or for persons in our employment and in all suitable ways Discountenance them throughout the Community.”

The Temperance movement was very serious business, as the minutes attest. Besides the usual business of any organization, members were favored by one, or sometimes more, addresses on the subject of Temperance, which were often described as “very feeling and appropriate.” A Reverend Mr. Miles was often the speaker. On July 17, 1836, “the Reverend Mr. Miles was requested to deliver an address on Temperance which invitation was Excepted and the duties Abley Discharged By that gentleman.”

The meeting place was usually the Jamestown Friends Meeting House, now in High Point City Lake Park, which was variously described as “The Brick Church” and “The Missionary Meeting House.”

Much time was spent exploring the possibility of becoming an auxiliary group to the Greensboro Society and to establishing a society at Springfield. Later a committee reported that there had been “a society but had fallen off.” An attempt was then made to attend meetings at Springfield to revive interest. The possibility of joining Greensboro as auxiliary was dismissed.

One of the most exciting discoveries of the minutes was the mention of the name John Sherwood, the editor of the original Farmer's Advocate. His name is listed on the roster of members and on April 5th, 1840, in the absence of the regular secretary, was appointed Secretary Pro Tem. A Mrs. Sherwood and Priscilla Sherwood were also listed.

Being a society that took its pledge seriously, there was a standing committee to report “Disorderly members”. And active it was—for on July 10, 1836, the standing committee reported that “Thom Smith Sr. and Thom Smith Jr., Robert Green and Joseph Hicks have violated the pledge. On motion the three first individuals named were disavowed, and are no longer members of this society.” There must have been some hope for the fourth man named, for a certain William Woodburn was appointed to converse with Joseph Hicks on the subject of Temperance and report to the next meeting.

Along this line, it is also of interest that Jonathan Church, on June 18, 1836, withdrew from the Society because...“I feel disposed to keep spirits for the accommodation of travelers. Notwithstanding I wish the Temperance cause well...” It would be an

interesting bit of research to find the location and manner of inn he operated.

Another aspect of these minutes which is of paramount interest is the listing of names. Following is a list as it appears in the minutes. The lovely old script was in some cases difficult to read, so some of the names are the most probable spelling marked with a question mark.

Alfred Norman	Mrs. Sherwood		
Rebecca Wood	Thomas Barnum		
John Henderson	Branson Davidson		
Wm. Chynoweth	Melinda Gardner		
James Key	Angeline Barton		
Wm. Leak	Nancy Rolin	Joseph T. Chynoweth	Jane Lamb
John Watson	Hanna Barton	Elizabeth Wood	Martha Key
Sally Beeson	Charlotte Leak	Charlotte S. Fields	John Sherwood
Susan McGehee	Rachel Davidson		
Eliza Potter	Deanna Sane?		
Suzane Beeson	Eliza Mendenhall		
Dilla Brown	Thomas Brown		
Mary Cheynoweth	Priscilla Sherwood	Nancy Wood	Martha Franklin
Wm. W. Howren	Polly Anderson		
T. E. Shelley	James Howren		
Sethe McGehee	Mason Lane		
Hannah Dillon	James M. Westerbrook		
Minerva Potter	David L.? Frazier		

The following is another list which is topped with the date of December 15, 1839:

Jordan Sellers	William W. Warren		
Osius McGehee	Elizabeth Sellers		
Sarah L Idol	Amanda Mendenhall		
Jesse Davidson	Elizabeth Turner	Mary Davidson	
Colored Members:			
Isaac Crow	Harper Field	Nancy Kiley	Thomas Norman
Moses Burns	Sarah Giles	Elisha Booth	Samuel Clark
Osborn A. Giles	Mary Lindsay	Kendrick Gundy	A. C. Lindsay
Grace Horney	Charity Barnes?	Christian Lineback	Jesse Shelly
Jacob Lindsay	Keziah Prichard	George Curry	David Saunders
Robert Beeson	Parthena Shelly	Johne Hande	Thomas Smith Sr.
Amy Prichard	George Curry	Thomas Smith Jr.	G. M. Reese
Abram Lindsay	Henry Mendenhall	J. C. Horney	Robert Green
Betsy Pritchit	George Gray	S. Chaplain	Joseph Hicks
		Jesse Gray	Jesse Field
		John Booth	Mary Carpenter
		Ann Stanley	Polly Holand
		Abram Frose	Elizabeth Carpenter
		Eliab Jackson	Thomas Barton
		Samuel Carpenter	John Millis

In addition to the lists above, the earlier minutes mention other names, presumably those active in the first years of the society's existence. Among those are the following:

John Hubbard	Smith Green
Jeremiah Hubbard	Wm. Davis
Samuel S. Bryant	Jesse Wood
Richard Mendenhall	Ric'd Hayworth
David Beard	David E. Turner
J. H. Siceloff	Maskill Jester ?
David Lindsay	Wm. Woodburn
Lydia Beard	J. W. Burke

Members of the Historic Jamestown Society are indebted to Mrs. Herbert Ragan via Mrs. W. G. Ragsdale, Jr. for the copy of the Temperance Society Minutes, which were given to us in 1975. The original is in the Quaker Collection at Guilford College.

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