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of  
The Association for the Preservation of  
Virginia Antiquities**

**1928 – 1988**

**Williamsburg, Virginia  
1989**

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*"The object of this Association shall be to acquire, use, preserve, manage, and dispose of real and personal property relating to the history of Virginia and particularly to restore and preserve the ancient historic buildings, tombs, monuments, and graveyards and to acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise the sites of such property, buildings, tombs, and graveyards with a view to their perpetuation and preservation."*

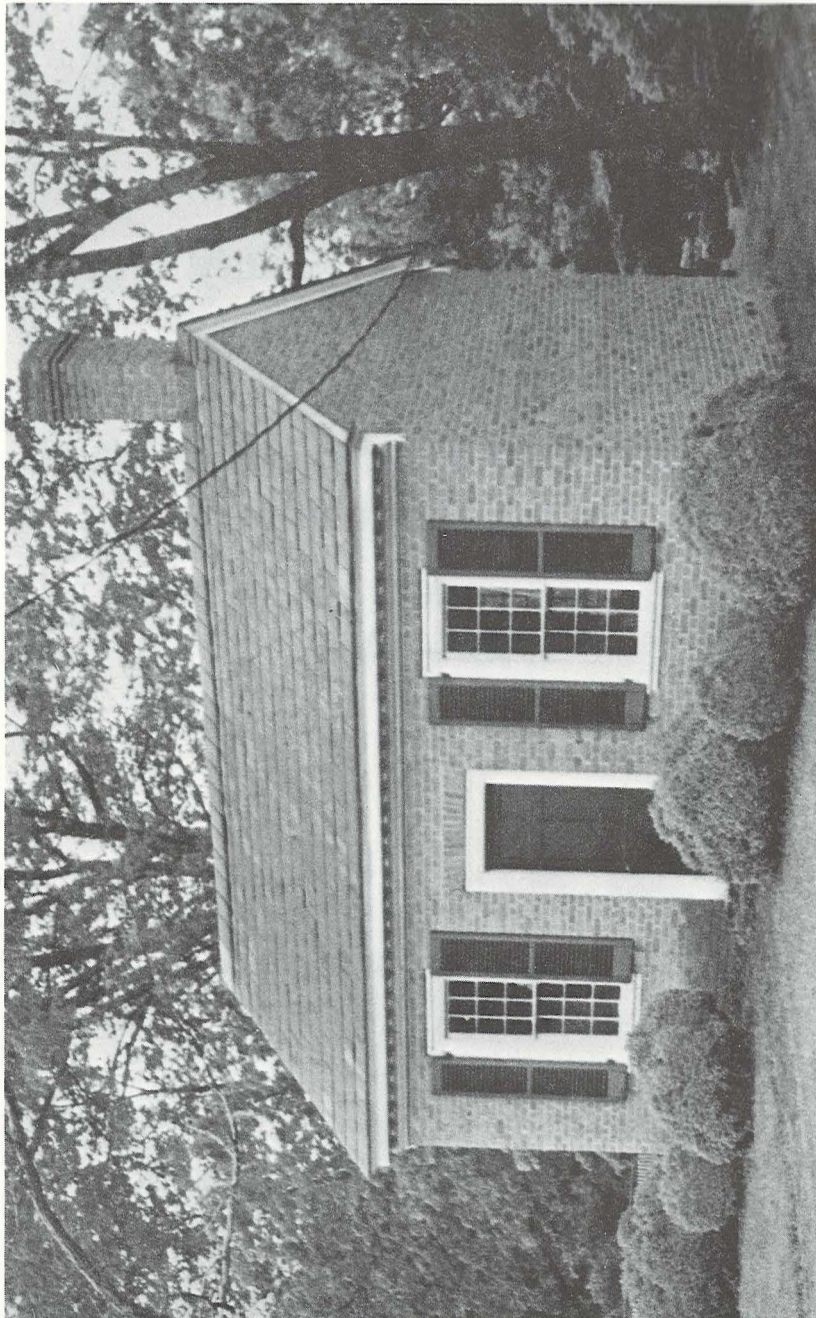
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The Charlotte County APVA Branch Museum  
located in Charlotte Court House, Virginia.  
(Photograph by Gerald T. Gilliam)

## FOREWORD

The Branches are an important part of the organization of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. From its beginning, with fourteen Incorporators from Norfolk, Williamsburg, Richmond, Portsmouth and New York, the concept was always that of a decentralized organization. Branches were provided for by the charter of incorporation of February 13, 1889. The first formally organized branch was the Williamsburg Branch, ably led by APVA organizer, Mrs. Charles Washington Coleman (Cynthia Beverley Tucker). The Norfolk APVA, founded during the summer of 1888 by Miss Mary Jeffery Galt and already at work trying to preserve the Williamsburg Powder Magazine, recognized that it must reconsider its position after the official incorporation of the Association. No longer *the* APVA, the Norfolk group became the second branch. The following year a Fredericksburg branch was formed to prevent the purchase and removal of the Mary Ball Washington House from that city to the forthcoming Chicago Exposition of 1893. These three branches have the longest continuous existence of the twenty-two branches in the present APVA organization.

Branches were established by design, need, hope, and occasionally whim, throughout Virginia and in a number of other states. Wherever loyal and devoted Virginians lived, the APVA organization reached out to them with an appeal to help preserve the endangered symbols of Virginia's rich history. Some branches were established and faded out of existence in a few short years. Others flourished for a decade or so and then declined, to be re-established in another generation.

Shortly after the first three branches were established, branches in New York and Washington sprang up to give enthusiastic assistance and strong financial aid to the APVA over a number of years. By 1890, and as the first activity initiated by the Norfolk APVA in its role as a branch, the preservation project at hand was Jamestown Island. "Save Jamestown" became a mighty cry for Virginia preservationists. In 1896, Mrs. Charles Washington Coleman "whistle-stopped" through Virginia and into Maryland and the District of Columbia to encourage and help in establishing branches. Mrs. Joseph Bryan wrote copiously to known preservationists to encourage them to join the preservation movement and urged her colleagues to contact cousins, aunts and other kinswomen, wherever they were. Twenty-four branches came into existence in 1896.

Some of this branch enthusiasm died when the Spanish-American War diverted attention to war time effort in 1898. Some was revived in 1907 by the 300th Anniversary Commemoration of the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown. A number of branches went out of existence at the time of World War I in 1917, when War Bond Drives absorbed the energy and money heretofore given to historic



preservation. In the early 1920s there was a revival of a number of earlier branches and the establishment of several first-time branches. The Great Depression of the 1930s and World War II restricted preservation work but these branches tenaciously kept their organization and today form the nucleus of the present branch network.

The internal organization of the branches was patterned after that of the parent organization. Each branch was governed by a set of by-laws of its own making, so long as there was no conflict with those of the parent organization. Membership in a branch also meant membership in the parent organization and the dues were divided proportionately between the two. The leadership hierarchy of the branches was simpler with only four officers. The Norfolk Branch retained its Advisory Council of gentlemen which it originated when the APVA was founded in that city in 1888. Within the confines of the organizational by-laws, branches did much as they pleased, reporting once a year to Headquarters at the annual meeting. The major restriction placed on the branches by the parent organization was that they could not purchase, own or dispose of property. This was the organizational prerogative and responsibility of Headquarters.

The system of branches which characterizes the APVA is both a strength and a weakness. The first work of historic preservation by the Association was initiated and carried out by the branches and brought a broad collection of vernacular buildings into the APVA arena. Special projects within a specific geographic area inspire and motivate preservation effort in a way few central organizations can. At the same time, the branch organization dissipates the Association's ability to undertake large and more significant projects. There is no "Mount Vernon" or "Monticello" or "Stratford" in the APVA list of achievements in preservation.

In the one hundred years of APVA organization, no attempt has ever been made to record the individual history of the branches. The present project to do this grew out of the plan of the APVA Publications Committee for the Centennial Commemoration in 1989. Presented as an optional project for branch participation in the Centennial activities, fourteen branches elected to participate. The Publications Committee offered editorial and financial assistance in the publication of the histories and nine branches accepted. These nine histories are now published with uniform format and binding. The remaining branches are publishing their histories independently during the Centennial year.

The histories are intended to be a general survey rather than a definitive study. The independent spirit which has always been the major characteristic shared by all the branches, is especially evident throughout these histories. No two are alike. New perspectives are offered on the branch-parent organization relationship and fresh information, found only in the branch records, provides new insight into the APVA story.

January, 1989

Spotswood Hunnicutt Jones  
Chairman  
Publications Committee

The activities of the newly formed Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA) during the early 1900's captured the attention of many Virginians. As the early branches initiated projects at Jamestown Island, Williamsburg and Fredericksburg interest increased and new APVA Branches began to form throughout the state. The branch in Charlotte County was one of these.

It was on April 21, 1928 that a small group of citizens held a meeting at "Gravel Hill Plantation," the old Hannah home, and organized the Charlotte County Branch of the APVA. Their leader, Robert Francis Hutcheson, Jr., a lawyer and judge whose avocation was historical research, was immediately chosen as the first Director. Other officers elected at this time were: Miss Annie V. Read, 1st Vice Director; Mr. D. Yuille Henry, 2nd Vice-Director; Mr. W.S. Morton, 3rd Vice-Director; Mrs. Anne Atkinson Chamberlayne, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Elizabeth Venable Gaines, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. Bessie Proctor Russell, Treasurer. It was decided at this organizational meeting to begin at once to collect and preserve records, maps, pictures and research pertaining to the history of the county.

The first committee appointed by the Director was instructed to solicit new members. This committee, chaired by Mr. E. W. Fitzgerald, consisted of Mr. Berkley Adams, Mrs. Bessie P. Russell, Mrs. Annie W. Norvell, Mr. Kinsey Green, Mrs. Anne A. Chamberlayne, Mr. [Reps] Barnes, Miss Bessie Berkley and Mr. Yuille Henry. It is apparent that the time was right for organizing an APVA Branch in Charlotte as the minutes show that 75 new members had been recruited by December 6, 1928, when the Branch held its first annual meeting at Charlotte Court House. This was an all day meeting with the business session taking up the morning. Luncheon was served to the group by Mrs. Summerville Loving, the director of domestic science at the local high school. The afternoon program included histories of the village of Charlotte Court House and its churches.

One of the earliest projects of the Branch was the selection and research of historic county sites for placement of highway markers. The Landmarks Committee was made up of Mr. S. P. Daniel, Chairman, Mr. Herbert B. Chermiside, Sr., Judge Robert F. Hutcheson, Jr., Mrs. M. L. Watkins, Mrs. Charles M. Hutcheson, Miss Annie V. Read, Mrs. Berkley Adams, Mrs. Anne A. Chamberlayne and the Misses Gaines [Elizabeth and Mattie]. The present day highway markers throughout the county attest to the success of this venture.

The Branch also played an important role in the collection of the many portraits of noted Charlotte citizens now hanging in the county courthouse and clerk's office. Through the years the Branch has attended to the care and preservation of a number of these paintings.

On June 8, 1929 the Branch met at the "Old Cub Creek Meeting House," the site



of the earliest settlement in Charlotte County. In addition to members and guests, the meeting was attended by Negro and white pastors and elders from the Presbyterian churches in the county. The Director, Judge Robert F. Hutcheson, Jr., read "An Historic Sketch of Cub Creek Meeting House, 1738-1930," prepared by Elizabeth Venable Gaines. This was followed by an address by Dr. Benjamin Rice Lacy, President of Union Theological Seminary, entitled "Cub Creek, the Source of Two Great Streams." Judge Hutcheson then introduced Elder Anthony Lewis, who gave a history of "Ridgeway," the first Negro Presbyterian church in the county, and its founder, Reverend Abel Davis. The program closed with a hymn and the benediction, after which those in attendance gathered at nearby "Gravel Hill Plantation" for a picnic luncheon. Thus began the custom of having a "picnic on the grounds" which has become a tradition with the Branch. Before the meeting adjourned Dr. Lacy made a motion that the 200th anniversary of Cub Creek Church be celebrated by the Branch in June of 1938. The motion passed unanimously.

There were times during the beginning years when financial difficulties arose. The October 30, 1933 minutes record the Branch's inability to send dues owed State headquarters because money was tied up in closed banks. This matter was resolved later in the year when members responded to a request to give voluntarily to settle the account.

Branch minutes are missing between October 17, 1934 and July 18, 1941, but a pamphlet printed by the Branch for distribution to raise funds for a Cub Creek Memorial has been preserved and records the following information on activities in 1936-1937. At an APVA meeting in December, 1936 a committee was appointed to bring in plans for the erection of a suitable memorial at the old Cub Creek Presbyterian Church. Those appointed by the Director were: Dr. A. C. Hopkins, Chairman; Mrs. Anne A. Chamberlayne; Mr. E. S. Fitzgerald; Mrs. Ellen V. Friend; and Mrs. Katherine S. Smith. This committee reported at a meeting of the Branch on April 23, 1937. Approval was given to their plan for "a monument of lasting marble" with bronze plaques on two sides, inscribed with historical data regarding the establishment of the Cub Creek Settlement and church in 1738. Mrs. Chamberlayne was made chairman of a special finance committee to raise the funds needed to carry out the adopted plan. Mrs. Smith served with her along with Mrs. Margaret B. Austin, Mrs. Jennie T. Daniel, Mrs. J. Kent Early, Dr. J. D. Eggleston, Mrs. Annie W. Norvell and Mrs. J. A. Scoggin. The State APVA in Richmond donated \$300.00 toward the monument's cost of \$1,000; the balance was to be raised by the Branch. The pamphlet states "As soon as the necessary funds are in hand, the work will be pushed to completion, and at a suitable time in 1938 the dedication will be held."

The Branch met as planned at the Cub Creek site to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the church and the Caldwell Settlement on June 26, 1938 with the unveiling and dedication of the APVA monument. The events of the day are preserved in the *Bulletin of Hampden-Sydney College*, Volume XXXII, No. 3, dated August, 1938. Dr. A. C. Hopkins presided at the ceremony and Judge Hutcheson, Branch Director, gave an account of the inception of the idea for the monument and the steps taken to finally complete this objective. Dr. W. L. Lingle, President of Davidson College in North Carolina, addressed the gathering of approximately 700

persons, speaking first of John Caldwell, the founder of the settlement in 1738, then turning to Cub Creek Church, her noted ministers and the influence they had in promoting Christian education and religious liberty.

No record has been found of Branch activity during 1939 and 1940. These years coincide with the illness and death of the Branch Director, Judge Hutcheson, which no doubt contributed to this.

Branch meetings were resumed on July 28, 1941. Mrs. Anne A. Chamberlayne, Mrs. Bessie P. Russell, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, Mrs. Ellen V. Friend, Major John D. Guthrie, Mr. Herbert B. Chermiside, Sr., Mr. E. S. Fitzgerald and Mrs. C. M. Hutcheson met at the library in Charlotte Court House to regroup and elect new officers.

The Executive Board adopted a resolution on November 24, 1944 to support the effort being made to establish "Red Hill" as a memorial to Patrick Henry. APVA members D. Q. Eggleston and Major John D. Guthrie served on the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation Board and a committee of APVA members composed of Mrs. Katherine S. Smith, Mrs. Charles M. Hutcheson, Mrs. Margaret B. Austin and Mrs. D. Y. Henry assisted in locating furniture and other articles that were originally at "Red Hill."

When officers were elected in 1944, the chair of Historian was created at the suggestion of retiring director, R. Page Morton, as the Branch wished to accumulate and preserve historic data on Charlotte County. Mrs. Anna A. Chamberlayne was appointed to this office.

The Executive Board had met regularly in 1943 and 1944, but no general meetings had been held and membership had decreased. These were the years of World War II when many county residents were serving in the Armed Forces and gasoline rationing made traveling difficult. To revitalize the chapter the custom of an outdoor meeting and picnic was revived on June 14, 1945. This meeting was held at "Mulberry Hill," the home of the new Director, Mrs. Nellie McPhail Barksdale. Miss Mary Wingfield Scott, Director of the William Byrd Branch in Richmond, was guest speaker. Attendance was good, and to quote the Recording Secretary's minutes of that date, "it [the meeting] aroused special interest and attracted many members and their friends."

At the annual meeting held at "Arcadia" on August 24, 1946, the Branch Historian, Mrs. Chamberlayne, reported the progress made in collecting historical facts on Charlotte County. She had arranged to have the findings published in *The Charlotte Gazette*, the county paper, under the heading, "Old Charlotte: Historical Sketches." Major John D. Guthrie was named Chairman and Editor of this history project. The column appeared in 53 issues of the *Gazette* from June 17, 1947 to July 15, 1948 and was revived in 1949 to continue into 1953. The work of Mrs. Chamberlayne and Major Guthrie in researching and preparing these articles for publication was much appreciated by the Branch.



The office of 3rd Vice-Director was eliminated in the early 1950's. The minutes of July 8, 1950 record the appointment of Mrs. Nellie McPhail Barksdale to this post to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Ellen Vaughan Friend, who had died in 1949. When officers were again elected on July 5, 1952, the office of 3rd Vice-Director was not included. It should be noted that the extensive leadership adopted by the Charlotte APVA is rather unusual among the branches. The reason for this is not stated, but it was no doubt designed to involve more people and create more interest in Branch activities.

From the beginning the need for secure storage of papers and relics was apparent to Branch members. The minutes record the many unsuccessful attempts to arrange for such a depository. A museum became an objective of the Branch as early as 1942. Mrs. Bessie P. Russell held fast to this objective through her 31 years as Branch Treasurer and inspired others to persist in this effort. Any extra funds received were set aside in a savings account to be used for this purpose.

In 1952 the branch received permission from the Charlotte County Library Board to build a brick museum on a lot they owned but did not use. At the annual meeting that year, held at "Moldavia," Mrs. Isabel R. Watkins, Director, presented six suggestions the Executive Board had proposed as aims for the Branch. A Branch museum was one of these. The membership voted to work toward securing the museum before anything else.

During the next few years efforts were made to raise the funds needed to make the dream of a museum a reality. A most successful house tour was sponsored by the Branch in 1957. The courthouse and library in Charlotte Court House, 4 churches and 11 homes were opened to over 300 visitors. The proceeds from this tour, along with those from other money-raising projects, were added to the building fund.

On March 21, 1958, with approximately \$1200.00 on hand in the treasury, the Executive Board voted to take as a project the building of a museum on the library lot fronting Highway #40, thus carrying out the motion made at the meeting in 1952. The building would be a replica of the first Clerk's office in the county built by Thomas Read in 1810. This decision was announced at the Annual meeting held July 5, 1958 at "Red Hill" and received the enthusiastic approval of the membership.

Contributions for the museum were solicited from members and friends and by 1961 half of the estimated cost of \$4,000 had been raised. A committee went to Richmond and appeared before a meeting of the State Board of the APVA to request financial assistance. The request was granted, and at the annual meeting held October 7, 1961 at "Wynyard," Mr. D. Q. Eggleston, Chairman of the Museum Committee, announced the good news to Branch members. Director, Mrs. Eloise B. Daniel, and her Museum Committee worked closely with Contractor Harlan White during the construction in 1962. The long-time objective of the Branch was realized when Branch members and guests gathered on October 6, 1962 at the newly constructed APVA museum in Charlotte Court House for the annual meeting. During the morning hours a bazaar was held, and the building was open for inspection.

Following the picnic luncheon, the Director, Mrs. Eloise B. Daniel, welcomed those present, giving special recognition to the large number of descendants of the Read family who were present. A tribute to Mrs. Bessie Proctor Russell, Treasurer of the Branch from its formation in 1928 until her death on March 20, 1959, was presented recognizing her work and planning for an APVA Museum. In her report on the year's accomplishments, the Director noted the placing of a plaque on the Constitutional Oak, planted on the courthouse grounds 60 years before by the late David Q. Eggleston, then Secretary of the Commonwealth. The most outstanding accomplishment, however, was the construction of the Branch Museum, a replica of the first Clerk's office in the county, built by Thomas Read in 1810. The guest speaker was Mr. Thomas J. Charlton, a Read descendant, who presented an excellent history of Thomas Read, Clerk of Charlotte County for 50 years.

Since many out-of-county members and former residents had made the annual APVA meetings a "homecoming," the Executive Board voted in 1965 to hold a dinner for them at a local country club the night before the meeting. This custom has continued to the present time.

The 50th anniversary of the Charlotte Branch was celebrated at the annual meeting held September 23, 1978 with a tribute to the first Director, the late Robert Francis Hutcheson, Jr. The meeting, planned for the Museum grounds, was held in the county courthouse building due to inclement weather. Judge Hutcheson had devoted much of his life to researching and writing Charlotte County history, but an unfortunate fire at his home destroyed much of his work. His extant writings had been gathered by the Branch and reprinted in one booklet titled, "A Collection of Historical Sketches of Charlotte County, Virginia." This publication was made available to members. The first speaker of the day was Judge R. Page Morton, who reminisced about his experiences as a young lawyer when Judge Hutcheson was serving on the bench. Robert Francis Hutcheson, III, son of Judge Hutcheson, then read excerpts from his father's work. He gave a delightful account of the growth of Charlotte Court House from the time of "Bushy Forest" in the 1750's through the town's life as Daltonsburg, a private town of the Read family, then as Marysville, Smithville, and finally, in 1901, as Charlotte Court House. Honored guests at this meeting included the three Hutcheson children, their children and grandchildren.

Although histories of the various annual meeting sites were given on the day of the meeting, the Branch had not always been able to retain copies of these. In 1967 it was decided to begin preserving these histories by having them printed in booklet form for distribution to members. Some histories from previous years and a reprint of *The Old Trunk* (originally published in 1896) by Powhatan Bouldin were included in this project. This practice was continued until 1982 when the Branch began publishing *The Southsider*, a quarterly magazine. The magazine was the inspiration of Gerald T. Gilliam, who, with assistance from a publications board, prepares the issues for the printer. The publication features photographs, genealogy and articles of historic interest pertaining to Charlotte and surrounding Southside counties. Most of the magazine contents are researched and compiled by publication board members, but contributions of material from others are encouraged. *The Southsider* completed its 7th year of publication in 1988 and was mailed to Branch



members and 77 subscribers, including 13 libraries and historical societies in Virginia and other states.

In 1983, APVA member, Ellen Mercer Clark Maxwell, died and left the Charlotte Branch a substantial estate including her home, "Maple Roads," a handsome brick house built around 1830. Complications involving the will resulted in lengthy litigation, and the estate was not settled until 1988. The house and land were sold by order of the Court. Appropriate covenants were included in the deed honoring Mrs. Maxwell's request that "Maple Roads" be preserved and maintained. The money received by the Branch from this sale has been invested by the State APVA and will be available for some future preservation project in Charlotte County.

The 1988 annual meeting of the Branch was held October 15th at the Grace Episcopal Church in Drakes Branch. The Treasurer reported a current membership of 30 families, 32 individuals and 93 seniors (approximately 185 persons). Plans to observe the State APVA's Centennial Celebration in 1989 with a special spring meeting were announced. The newly elected officers hope to make the upcoming year one of the best ever for the Charlotte Branch.

#### 1989-1990 OFFICERS OF THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY BRANCH

Director	Mrs. Betty R. Petty
First Vice-Director	Mrs. Claudia S. Bates
Second Vice-Director	Mrs. Annie C. Robertson
Recording Secretary	O. Bret Peaden
Treasurer	Mrs. Stuart Wilson Tuggle

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mrs. Barbara S. Bennett	Mrs. Gene Hile McKinney
Mrs. Dorothy B. Butler	J. E. Mills
Mrs. Ann M. Charlton	Mrs. Frances S. Ramsey
Mrs. Margaret W. Freeman	Mrs. Carol F. Spaulding
Gerald T. Gilliam	Mrs. Margaret S. Watkins
Daryl Keeling	T. R. Watkins, Sr.



Monument erected by the Charlotte APVA in 1938 commemorating the establishment of the Caldwell settlement and Cub Creek Church in 1738. (Photograph by Gerald T. Gilliam)



## APPENDIX A

### BRANCH PROPERTIES

#### CUB CREEK MEETING HOUSE SITE

The Branch owns 4.14 acres at the site of the Caldwell Colony on Cub Creek in Charlotte County. This acreage is a part of 10 acres set aside as "Meeting House Land" in 1765 by David Caldwell, son of John Caldwell, founder of the Scotch-Irish Presbyterian settlement in 1738. The Branch erected a monument here in 1938 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the colony and the Cub Creek Church.

On November 4, 1937, while the Cub Creek Congregation was having some repair work done on the church, an unfortunate fire occurred and the 1820 frame building burned to the ground. This fire was reported in *The Charlotte Gazette*, Drakes Branch, Virginia, on Thursday, November 11, 1937. The small congregation decided against trying to rebuild, and on April 2, 1938, T. Roy Adams and Charles E. Adams, "Trustees of the Religious Congregation of Cub Creek Presbyterian Church," deeded to the APVA the 4.14 acres of land which includes the "sites of the old Caldwell Burying Ground, the original log meeting house and the church which recently burned." The Branch files contain a copy of this deed which is recorded in the Charlotte County Clerk's office, DB 100, pg. 451.

Only a small portion of this land is cleared around the monument and church foundation. It is located on State Road 619 in a fairly remote area of Charlotte County. At the request of the Branch metal highway signs were erected in 1955 to mark its location.

#### CHARLOTTE COUNTY APVA MUSEUM

The Charlotte County APVA Museum is located on Route 40 in the village of Charlotte Court House, Virginia. The brick building, completed in 1962, is a replica of the first Clerk's office in the county which was built by Thomas Read in 1810 at his home, "Ingleside." Attempts were made to secure the original building and have it moved to the Branch's lot. When these efforts were unsuccessful, a new building was constructed using great care to duplicate the original.

The Museum houses a collection of Charlotte County memorabilia, books and maps. A table that once belonged to John Randolph of Roanoke and a chair from the old Cub Creek Meeting House are also on display. The Museum is opened on days the Branch meets and during special events such as the Bicentennial celebration and county house tours. At other times it is shown by appointment.

## APPENDIX B

### DIRECTORS OF THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY BRANCH OF THE APVA 1928 - 1988

Judge Robert Francis Hutcheson, Jr. ....	1928-1940*
Judge R. Page Morton .....	1941-1943
Mrs. Nellie McPhail Barksdale .....	1944-1946
Honorable David K. E. Bruce .....	1947-1948
Honorable John Hannah Daniel .....	1949 **
Mr. H. B. Chernside, Sr. ....	1949
Major John D. Guthrie .....	1950
Mr. Joel H. Watkins .....	1951-1952
Mrs. Isabel R. Watkins .....	1952 ***
Mrs. Margaret Smith Watkins .....	1953-1954****
Mr. Lee W. Morton, Jr. ....	1954
Mr. David Quinn Eggleston .....	1955-1958
Mrs. Isabel R. Watkins .....	1959-1960
Mrs. Eloise B. Daniel .....	1961-1962
Mr. William P. Ingram .....	1963-1964
Mr. Thomas R. Watkins, Sr. ....	1965-1966
Mrs. Margaret Russell Eggleston .....	1967-1968
Mr. Henry W. Hoffman .....	1969-1970
Mrs. Zillah Hailey Shafer .....	1971-1972
Mr. W. Burdette Ramsey .....	1973-1974
Mrs. Annie C. Robertson .....	1975-1976
Mrs. Gene Hile McKinney .....	1977-1978
Mr. O. Bret Peadon .....	1979-1980
Mr. Gerald Tate Gilliam .....	1981-1984
Mrs. Frances S. Ramsey .....	1985-1986
Mr. Gerald Tate Gilliam .....	1987-1988

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\* Judge Hutcheson was Director until his death January 12, 1940, however, no Branch meetings were held in 1939 and 1940.

\*\* Mr. Daniel was elected Director in 1949 but could not serve. Mr. Chernside, 1st Vice-Director served in his stead until an election could be held.

\*\*\* Mrs. Watkins completed the unexpired term of her deceased husband.

\*\*\*\* Mr. Morton, 1st Vice-Director, served as Director in 1954 when Mrs. Margaret Watkins was unable to complete her term of office.

FIRST VICE-DIRECTORS OF THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY BRANCH  
OF THE APVA 1928-1988

Miss Annie V. Read .....	1928-1934
Mr. Herbert B. Chernside, Sr. ....	1941-1944
Mrs. Ellen V. Friend .....	1945-1947
Mr. Herbert B. Chernside, Sr. ....	1948-1952
Mr. Lee W. Morton, Jr. ....	1953-1954
Mrs. Isabel R. Watkins .....	1955-1958
Mrs. Eloise B. Daniel .....	1959-1960
Mrs. Frances S. Ramsey .....	1961-1962
Mrs. Elizabeth Tipton .....	1963-1964
Mrs. Zillah Hailey Shafer .....	1965-1966
Mr. Henry W. Hoffman .....	1967-1968
Mrs. Zillah Hailey Shafer .....	1969-1970
Mrs. Anne Charlton Anderson .....	1971-1972
Mrs. Annie C. Robertson .....	1973-1974
Mrs. Margaret Smith Watkins .....	1975-1976
Mr. O. Bret Peaden .....	1977-1978
Mr. Gerald Tate Gilliam .....	1979-1980
Mrs. Anne R. Elliott .....	1981-1982
Mrs. Betty Reynolds Petty .....	1983-1988

SECOND VICE-DIRECTORS OF THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY BRANCH  
OF THE APVA 1928-1988

Mr. D. Yuille Henry .....	1928-1934
Mrs. Ellen V. Friend .....	1941-1946
Major John D. Guthrie .....	1945-1947
Mrs. Nellie McPhail Barksdale .....	1948-1954
Mrs. Eloise B. Daniel .....	1955-1958
Mrs. Frances S. Ramsey .....	1959-1960
Miss Emily Holmes Watkins .....	1961-1964
Mrs. Lucy Tucker Franklin .....	1965-1968
Mrs. Anne Charlton Anderson .....	1969-1970
Mr. W. Burdette Ramsey .....	1971-1972
Mrs. Margaret Smith Watkins .....	1973-1974
Mrs. Gene Hile McKinney .....	1975-1976
Mrs. Anne R. Elliott .....	1977-1980
Mrs. Betty Reynolds Petty .....	1981-1982
Dr. Stuart Wilson Tuggle .....	1983-1986
Mrs. Barbara S. Bennett .....	1987-1988

THIRD VICE-DIRECTORS OF THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY BRANCH  
OF THE APVA 1928-1951

Mr. W. S. Morton .....	1928-1933
Mr. Joel H. Watkins .....	1934-1940
Mrs. Nellie McPhail Barksdale .....	1941-1943
Mr. E. S. Fitzgerald .....	1944-1947
Mrs. Ellen V. Friend .....	1948-1949
Mrs. Nellie McPhail Barksdale .....	1950-1951

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES OF THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY BRANCH  
OF THE APVA 1928-1988

Mrs. Anne Atkinson Chamberlayne .....	1928-1944
Mrs. Sally Harvey .....	1945-1947
Miss Mary Bailey Watkins .....	1948-1952
Mrs. Mary Watkins Rogers .....	1953-1958
Mrs. Frances Rogers Hardinge .....	1959-1966
Mrs. Margaret Smith Watkins .....	1967-1972
Mrs. Florence H. Robinson .....	1973-1976
Mrs. Ellen Nelson Catron .....	1977-1980
Mrs. Ann Jackson Owen .....	1982-1984
Mrs. Claudia Shaw Bates .....	1985-1986
Mr. J. E. Mills .....	1987-1988

RECORDING SECRETARIES OF THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY BRANCH  
OF THE APVA 1928-1988

Miss Elizabeth V. Gaines .....	1928-1934
Mrs. Kate S. Smith .....	1935-1954
Miss Elizabeth Crews .....	1955-1958
Mrs. Lucy Tucker Franklin .....	1959-1963
Mrs. Gene Hile McKinney .....	1964-1972
Mrs. Alice R. Hoffman .....	1973-1978
Mrs. Gene Hile McKinney .....	1979-1982
Mrs. Anne R. Elliott .....	1983
Mrs. Elizabeth M. M. Peaden .....	1984-1986
Mr. O. Bret Peaden .....	1987-1988

TREASURERS OF THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY BRANCH  
OF THE APVA 1928-1988

Mrs. Bessie Proctor Russell .....	1928-1959*
Mrs. Margaret Russell Eggleston .....	1959-1966
Mrs. Zillah Hailey Shafer .....	1967-1968
Mrs. Lucy Tucker Franklin .....	1969-1970
Mrs. Margaret Russell Eggleston .....	1971-1980
Mr. W. Murrie Bates, Jr. ....	1981-1982
Mrs. Gene Hile McKinney .....	1983-1988

\* Mrs. Russell served as Treasurer until her death on March 20, 1959; Mrs. Eggleston took the office at that time.



APVA MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR TO SERVE WITH THE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD OR ON SPECIAL COMMITTEES\*  
1928-1968

Mr. Berkley Adams  
Mr. T. Roy Adams  
Mrs. Margaret B. Austin  
Mr. Reps P. Barnes  
Mrs. Reps P. Barnes  
Mr. Paul Bartholomew  
Mrs. Dudley Barksdale  
Miss Bessie Berkley  
Mr. Gerald Cheney  
Mrs. Daisy E. Chermiside  
Miss Elizabeth Crews  
Miss Bessie Daniel  
Mrs. Jennie Taylor Daniel  
Mr. Sam P. Daniel  
Mrs. Sam P. Daniel  
Mrs. Maude J. Dunnivant  
Mrs. J. Kent Early  
Miss Mary E. Eggleston  
Mrs. S. D. Eggleston, Sr.  
Dr. Sam Elliott  
Mr. Ernest E. Franklin  
Miss Mattie Gaines  
Mr. Kinsey Green  
Mrs. M. K. Green  
Mrs. Mary Lyle Gompers  
Mrs. Charles Holt

Dr. A. C. Hopkins  
Mrs. Ethel B. Hopkins  
Mr. Samuel Hannah  
Mrs. Charles M. Hutcheson  
Mrs. D. Yuille Henry  
Mrs. William P. Ingram  
Mrs. Max L. James  
Mrs. A. W. H. Jones  
Mrs. A. J. Mann  
Mr. Grant O. McGhee  
Mrs. J. D. Morton  
Dr. C. M. Nicholson  
Mrs. C. M. Nicholson  
Mrs. Annie W. Norvell  
Mrs. C. L. Priddy  
Mrs. B. D. Parsons  
Mr. R. H. Pettus  
Mrs. Florence Daniel Riepe  
Mr. William R. Rogers  
Mrs. Susie N. Roberts  
Mrs. Annie C. Robertson  
Mr. W. C. Scott  
Mrs. J. A. Scoggin  
Miss Frances Y. Smith  
Mr. David Watkins, Sr.  
Mrs. M. L. Watkins  
Mrs. Walter Williams

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\* The Branch did not begin to elect a Board of Directors until 1969, however, many people worked with the Executive Committee prior to that date. The minutes from 1928 through 1968 record that these members were active in Branch activities although they did not hold a specific office at that time.

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BRANCH OF THE APVA 1969-1988

Mr. Thomas R. Watkins, Sr. .... 1969-1974, 1981-1986  
Mrs. Margaret Russell Eggleston ..... 1969-1970  
Miss Mary Eggleston ..... 1969-1976  
Mrs. Zillah Hailey Shafer ..... 1969-1976  
Mr. R. H. Pettus ..... 1969-1974  
Mrs. Lucy Tucker Franklin ..... 1970-1974  
Mrs. Robert C. Ayres ..... 1970-1974  
Mrs. M. B. Rice, Jr. .... 1970-1974  
Mr. W. Burdette Ramsey ..... 1971-1980  
Mr. Henry W. Hoffman ..... 1971-1976  
Mr. David Quinn Eggleston ..... 1973-1976  
Mrs. David McGehee ..... 1973-1984  
Mrs. Gene Hile McKinney ..... 1973-1974  
Mr. Stanley Anderson ..... 1975-1984  
Mrs. Ellen Nelson Catron ..... 1975-1976  
Mrs. Annie C. Robertson ..... 1977-1988  
Mrs. Margaret Smith Watkins ..... 1977-1980, 1985-1988  
Mrs. Florence H. Robinson ..... 1977-1984  
Dr. Stuart Wilson Tuggle ..... 1977-1982, 1987-1988  
Mrs. Ann Jackson Owen ..... 1977-1980, 1985-1988  
Mr. Gerald Tate Gilliam ..... 1977-1978, 1985-1986  
Mr. W. Murrie Bates, Jr. .... 1977-1980, 1983-1988  
Mrs. Alice R. Hoffman ..... 1979-1984  
Mrs. Betty Reynolds Petty ..... 1979-1980  
Mr. O. Bret Peaden ..... 1981-1986  
Mr. J. E. Mills ..... 1981-1986  
Mrs. Frances S. Ramsey ..... 1981-1984, 1987-1988  
Mrs. Frances B. Lynn ..... 1983-1988  
Mrs. Barbara S. Bennett ..... 1983-1986  
Mrs. Ann M. Charlton ..... 1985-1988  
Mrs. Margaret W. Freeman ..... 1985-1988  
Mr. Daryl Keeling ..... 1987-1988  
Mrs. Carol F. Spaulding ..... 1987-1988  
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