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The Jones Memorial Library proudly announces three classes for interested patrons this spring

◆ **Family Tree Maker**

Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 9:30 – 12:00 a.m.

Are you new to using your computer to organize your genealogical data? This class will introduce to the Family Tree Maker computer program. You will find out how easily and efficiently you will be able to enter the data, revise it as you find you have new information, record notes and sources, photographs, combine several families with only one common individual, and other ways to make it easier to keep track of what was previously piles of boxes and paper. Jones Memorial Library uses this program for its own Virginia Families Data base of about 150,000 people, and millions of people in America and elsewhere are finding that it is so much faster and easier to share family data with others. Using the program you will also be able to access information on the internet and incorporate it into your own data, or find others working on the same families. We intend for participants in this program to be able to at least become comfortable with the computer for genealogical research. The instructor is staff member Chuck Bradner. The class will take place in the computer classroom of the Lynchburg Public Library.



The cost for each session is \$20.00. For more information contact the Library at (434) 846-0501. Registration should be mailed to attend the classes **five days before each session** to allow for planning and any needed materials.

◆ **Personal Property Tax and Land Tax Seminar**

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Looking for that elusive ancestor? Personal Property Tax and Land Tax records may be helpful. When your ancestor has a common name, and there are two persons in the same county at the same time, with the same name how you can tell which is yours? Again, personal property tax and land tax records may solve this riddle for you. These records can supply you also with many clues into the socio-economic status of the family you search.

A seminar on Personal Property Tax and Land Tax records will be presented by Mrs. Giles Wood, whom many of you already know, in the reading room of the Jones Memorial Library on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 beginning at 10 AM and ending at 12 noon. The class will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Please come a few minutes early to take care of name tags, introductions, etc.

◆ **House History!!**

Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.

The Library is jointly sponsoring with the Lynchburg Historical Foundation a class for homeowners who want to know what resources are available in Lynchburg to trace the history, ownership and architectural plans of their property. The class will take place in the reading room of the Jones Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m. Speakers from the Lynchburg Clerk's Office, the Department of Community Planning and Development, the Design Group, the Lynchburg Historical Foundation and the Library will help you determine what steps to take in using these resources.

June Social scheduled

We are pleased to announce that our June Social this year will be held at the home of Jean and Ted Hannon, 708 Pearl Street. The date is tentatively set for June 2nd.

Historic Hotels of America

Historic Hotels of America is a program of the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](http://www.nationaltrustforhistoricpreservation.org). Historic Hotels has identified more than 200 hotels that have faithfully maintained their historic integrity, architecture and ambience. To be selected for this prestigious program, a hotel must be at least 50 years old, listed in or eligible for the [National Register of Historic Places](http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com) or recognized as having historic significance. A directory of member hotels can be purchased for \$4.00 by sending a check to Historic Hotels of America, P.O. Box 320, Washington, D.C. 20055-0320. Rooms at any of the member hotels can be reserved by calling 800-678-8946 or at www.historichotels.org. Reservations made through Historic Hotels of America support the National Trust, a non-profit organization of 200,000 members that provides leadership, education and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize our communities. The **Craddock Terry Hotel and Event Center** of Lynchburg has been named a member of Historic Hotels of America (HHA).



Endowment Fund Survey

The Endowment Fund Committee as endorsed by the DHHS Board of Directors asks that you complete the enclosed survey and either send it back to Jeff Schneider (email or USPS) or bring it to the March meeting. This survey is important as it could well impact the current guidance regarding uses of the Endowment Fund. Thank you for your input!

Rock Removal

This is the dry-stack rock retaining wall on 14th Street. This wall is in the City right-of-way, and someone is removing these rocks. This is a historic rock wall on Diamond Hill Historic district.



St. Patrick's Day Greetings!

DHHS 2009 Committee Appointments

Our president, with the advice and consent of our board of directors, have appointed the following committee chairmen and other appointees for 2009:

- ◆ Neighborhood Beautification: Robert Eugeni
- ◆ June Social: Jean Hannon
- ◆ Tours: Julianna K. Neighbors
- ◆ Website: Mari Smallshaw
- ◆ Newsletter: Josi Alvarenga
- ◆ Neighborhood Watch: Bob Halpin
- ◆ Children's Activities: Mari Smallshaw
- ◆ Endowment Fund: Jeff Schneider
- ◆ Auditor: Charles Bedat
- ◆ Parliamentarian: Chuck Bradner

Josephine Maud Hatwood Calloway Austin

Josephine Maud Hatwood Calloway Austin, 89, of Lynchburg died on January 5, 2009, at 1421 Clay Street. She was born on June 20, 1919, to William and Louise Douglas Hatwood in Campbell County. Prior to her retirement in 1997, she was employed as a nurse's assistant at the Camelot and Williams Nursing Homes. She leaves a loving, devoted family of five daughters; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 8, 2009, at the Greater Peaceful Zion Baptist Church in Lynchburg. The internment was held in the Presbyterian Cemetery.

VUL Historic District

The HPC held a public hearing regarding making Virginia University of Lynchburg (VUL) a historic district. The commission unanimously approved the request and will forward it to the Planning Commission for approval. It would then go to City Council for final approval. A map of the proposed VUL Historic District is on the next page.

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Meetings

Business meetings are usually held at 7:30 p.m. on first Tuesdays of each month except June, July and August. Owners of properties in the Diamond Hill Historic District and others interested in supporting historic preservation are welcome to attend.

Membership

Annual dues for Active Members are \$10.00 per person and the initiation fee is \$5.00 (first year). Active Membership is limited to adult members of households owning Diamond Hill property. Annual dues for Associate Members are \$10 per person (no initiation fee). All members receive this newsletter at no charge. Newsletter subscriptions for non-members are \$5.00 per year.

Publisher's Statement

The Diamond Hill Historical Society (DHHS) is a nonprofit historic preservation organization approved under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Its purpose is to preserve and encourage—through the fostering of education, research and restoration—the historical and architectural integrity of the Diamond Hill Historic District. DHHS was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia February 22, 1979. Views expressed in the *Diamond Hill News* do not necessarily reflect the position of DHHS or its officers and directors.

Save the Date

Fundraising Projects:	
May 2, 2009	Spring Yard Sale
December 13, 2009	Christmas Candlelight Tour
Other DHHS Activities:	
April 11, 2009	Easter Egg Hunt
April 18, 2009	Neighborhood Clean Up
June 2, 2009	June Social
November 14, 2009	Neighborhood Clean Up

DHHS Hosted Kid's Haven Family Night

DHHS is the host for preparing dinner for family night for Kids' Haven, the center for grieving children. Kids' Haven dinner was on Monday the 9th of Feb. All attended were well fed and very happy. We served about 45 people. Thank you to all of you who prepared the delicious food and helped to serve. Job well done!



Newsletter articles and mailing list corrections

If you have some news you think our members would find interesting, please send it to:

diamondhill_news@yahoo.com

Mailing list corrections should also be sent to the same e-mail address.



DHHS Calendar Sales

Our Treasurer has reported we sold 91 calendars to date, made \$700.00 (58 calendars were purchased by members and 33 by non-members). Calendars are still at the Visitor's Center and the Craddock Terry Hotel.



Mar. Meeting

**Tues., Mar.3
7:30 p.m.**

at the

**Handy House
(1897)
1416 Harrison St**

Hosts: Shirley and Robert
Eugeni

