

# FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## Celebrating Floyd County, Virginia

Spring 2012

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### Living History Day At Phlegar House May 12, 2012

Floyd County Historical Society will be joining with Floyd County Historical Preservation Trust and Floyd County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee to present "Living History Day at Phlegar House" on May 12 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The New River Rifles Reenactment Group will be on hand to portray the 24<sup>th</sup> VA Infantry and the 83<sup>rd</sup> PA.



New River Rifles

We will have hot dogs, BBQ, chips and drinks available for sale.

There will be information available for you to research your Floyd Civil War ancestor. You can bring your photographs and documents from that era and have them scanned and digitally preserved for future generations to view.



Weavers will be on hand to show how to weave the old way. Booths will have information on various topics.

Local historians will be telling stories of the men from Floyd County who served in the Civil War. Floyd County was not involved in any major battles on the home front, but there were many men from Floyd who served on both sides and some perished during this time. General George Stoneman's men came through Floyd County in April 1865 and looted the area. This caused more hardships for the families that were already suffering from famine and fever. Stoneman's men camped at the Phlegar house so this is the perfect place for you to actually walk in history's footsteps.

The Phlegar house was built circa 1816 and was owned by the family until a few years ago when Floyd County Historical Preservation Trust took ownership. They are trying to restore this gem for future generations. Directions: turn off of Christiansburg Pike (route 615) onto Commerce Center Drive and follow the signs to Phlegar house.



Phlegar House

### **Museum Opens with New Side Porch Floor**

Gratefully we acknowledge the diligence and labor of the Floyd County Historical Preservation Trust in constructing a new side porch at the Museum. Gino Williams engineered a needed, safe and durable finished product. The front porch is on schedule to be updated in the near future.

### **New Board Members**

Gerald Via was elected First Vice President and Julie Hancock was re-elected as Secretary at our election. Our 2012 Officers are:  
Rebecca Weeks- President  
Gerald Via-First Vice President  
Margaret Smith- Second Vice President  
Ann Shank-Treasurer  
Julie Hancock- Secretary  
Carolyn Shockley- Historian  
Effie Brown- Parliamentarian

Thank you to Dick Giessler for all his hard work and dedication while serving as First Vice President.

### **Museum Exhibits Update**

We still have our permanent Medical Exhibit and the Floyd Blue Sox exhibit. This year we will have a Civil War Exhibit to go along with our "Living History Day at Phlegar House".

This will feature weapons and the original photo of Lorenzo Dow Hylton along with his story.

### **Slusher/Keith Exhibit**

Janet Slusher Keith has an excellent exhibit in our Family History Room that will be at the Museum until December 2012. More details and pictures of early farm life will be in the next newsletter.



Early Washing Machine

### **Early Education of Floyd Exhibit**

Margaret Smith has loaned several items from her mother's school teaching days for this exhibit.

### **Small Postal History Exhibit**

As a result of the huge response to Maurice Slushers' full room postal exhibit last year, we asked him to place a small one again this year. In addition to some of the items from the large exhibit, he is displaying Civil War related stamps.

### **Images of America: Floyd County Book Sent to Publisher**

The Floyd County Historical Society has sent over 200 photographs and captions to Arcadia Publishing for our new book titled Images of America: Floyd County. We are hoping to have this available for sale by Fall 2012. Price



will be \$21.99 plus tax with all proceeds going to the Society.

The book is divided into the following chapters:

Introduction

Chapter 1 Places

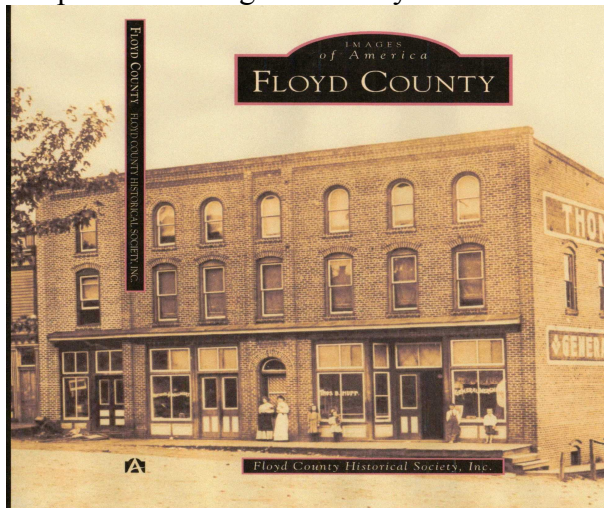
Chapter 2 People

Chapter 3 Churches and Schools

Chapter 4 Business, Industry, and Machines

Chapter 5 Sports, Recreation, and Leisure

Chapter 6 Farming and Family



The interest and support from the community has been helpful for this book project. Please continue to allow us to digitally copy your old photographs for our Digital Archives and possible future books.

This project could not have happened without the help of the entire Book Committee. This committee worked tirelessly to obtain, organize, choose the best photographs, write fact checked captions, and proofread all captions before sending the organized collection to Arcadia. Many hours of volunteer time went into this endeavour with weekly meetings during most of the winter. The Floyd County Historical Society wishes to thank each member of the committee: Gerald Via, Genevieve Starkey, Janet Keith, Ricky Cox, Julie Hancock, Rhonda F. Smith, Ann Shank, Rebecca Weeks, Sue Anne Booth, Gino Williams, Jean Schaeffer, Kathleen Ingoldsby,

Margaret Smith, John Graham, Maurice Slusher, and Alice Slusher.

## **Floyd County Historical Society 2012 Calendar Still Available**

We still have a few of the 2012 Calendar “Remembering Floyd County, Virginia Civil War Veterans (1861-1865)” for sale. They have been reduced to \$5.00 each plus shipping and handling of \$2.50. This is a great keepsake.

### **HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?**

Please check and make sure you have paid your 2012 dues. All membership dues for 2012 were due in January. We don’t want you to miss out on anything that is happening with the Floyd County Historical Society!

### **2012 Calendar of Events**

- May 12 Living History Day at Phlegar House 10 am-4 pm
- July 14 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting 10 am- Jessie Peterman Library- Program 11 am will be Charles D. Thompson Jr. “A Man of Justice”
- Sept.8 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting 10 am- Jessie Peterman Library- Program 11 am will be Robert Whisonant “Geology of the Civil War”
- Nov. 10 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting 10 am- Jessie Peterman Library- Program 11 am will be Connie Smith “Rose Hill History”
- Dec 9 Floyd Christmas Parade

**Donations/In Honor of/In Memory of**

A donation to the Floyd County Historical Society in Honor or in Memory of a loved one is a meaningful gift that can make a lasting difference. Every dollar you donate goes directly to support the Floyd County Historical Society Museum. Your gift will be acknowledged and a card will be mailed to the recipient or the recipient’s family to let them know of your kindness.

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Become a Member, renew your membership or donate to the Museum Fund. You can help preserve the history of Floyd County. Our programs include lectures, publications, community outreach and exhibits. The Society maintains an archive of historic artifacts, documents and photographs.

Annual dues are \$15.00 single \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 family \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ New \_\_\_

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