

# FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## Celebrating Floyd County, Virginia

Summer 2012

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### Society and Museum Updates

Appreciation is given to Jean Schaffer and Kathleen Ingoldsby for their diligent efforts in completing the tribute to Effie Brown.

Carmen Bolt is working as an intern with the museum this summer. She is a history major at VT and wanted to do some hands on work at a museum. We were lucky for her to choose her hometown museum.

We are still in the process of repairs at the museum, so please excuse our mess. The front porch is going to be replaced as soon as volunteer labor is able to accomplish the work.

Special thanks to Ricky Cox for painting the side porch.

Thanks go to Gerald and Vicki Via for planting flowers, pulling weeds and doing housekeeping chores at the museum. Gerald hosted a booth for the Society on Memorial weekend at Chantilly Farms Bluegrass BBQ.

Rhonda Smith hosted a Society booth at Kentland Farm Heritage Days and gave a talk at Reynolds Homestead on "Doctors of Floyd".

Jean Schaffer gave a history talk to the residents of Skyline Nursing Home. This is an excellent way to advertise the Society and Museum.

Floyd County Historical Society, Floyd County Historical Preservation Trust and Floyd County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee had a good time at the 1<sup>st</sup> annual "Living History Day at Phlegar House". The weather was great and attendance was good. Thank you to all who helped with this event.



**Gino Williams at Phlegar House  
telling Civil War stories of Floyd soldiers**



**Allison and Katie Gray along with Allison's Mom at  
the clothing display for Hamilton Wade UDC**



**Shooting Demonstration from The New River Rifles**



**New River Rifles Camp**

Ann Shank, Janet Slusher Keith and Dick Giessler have spent hours updating the OnCell audio tour for the new Museum exhibits. Work is beginning on placing the Floyd Historic Walking Tour on OnCell audio.

It is hard to understand how much volunteer help goes into keeping this Society/Museum functioning unless you see the people in action. Make sure to keep track of your volunteer hours for your taxes at the end of year. We have In-kind donation forms that can be used to track volunteer hours as well as cleaning supplies, office supplies, or other tangible items that you may wish to donate to the Museum. Feel free to ask for a list of what we need. We can always use more volunteers! Call the Museum at 540-745-3247 (FCHS).



### **In Memory of Effie King Brown**

#### **— MEMORIAL TRIBUTE —**

**WHEREAS:** Mrs. Effie King Brown was a community treasure with a keen knowledge of Virginia and Floyd County history; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1976, Effie endeavored to establish the Floyd County Historical Society during our nation's bicentennial year; and

**WHEREAS:** Effie was dedicated in past efforts as president of the Society, while also holding positions as a teacher and principal; and

**WHEREAS:** Effie helped establish and support the Floyd County Historical Society's Museum which opened in 2010; and

**WHEREAS:** Effie held national renown as a quilt maker and scholar of regional quilt patterns, sharing freely her expertise; and

**WHEREAS:** Effie was much beloved in Floyd County throughout her 101 years, beginning on the King farm in Check, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS:** Society members, officers, and many others lost a good friend with her death on May 5, 2012, and will miss her deeply.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that, in official tribute, we, the members of the Floyd County Historical Society, Inc., respectfully honor the memory of Mrs. Effie King Brown for her contributions in preserving Floyd County history and for her dedicated community service. On this day, May 5, 2012.

Rebecca Weeks, President  
Floyd County Historical Society, Inc.

## A Family History of Century Farms' Ancestors

Janet Slusher Keith has an excellent exhibit in our Family History Room that will be at the Museum until December 2012. You can call our audio tour line 540-585-3070 and hear Janet talking about some of the items. Her exhibit items are number 8-15. For those of you who need genealogy information now would be a good time to visit. Janet has all the Slusher Association Records on display.



Janet Slusher Keith explaining some of the genealogy in her exhibit to reception visitors

## 2012 Calendar of Events

- 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

### Pre-Order Book

### Images of America: Floyd County

Will be available September 2012

Books can be picked up at Museum in Floyd during regular hours: Thursday-Saturday Noon—5 p.m.

\$23.10 per book  
plus shipping and handling if mailed  
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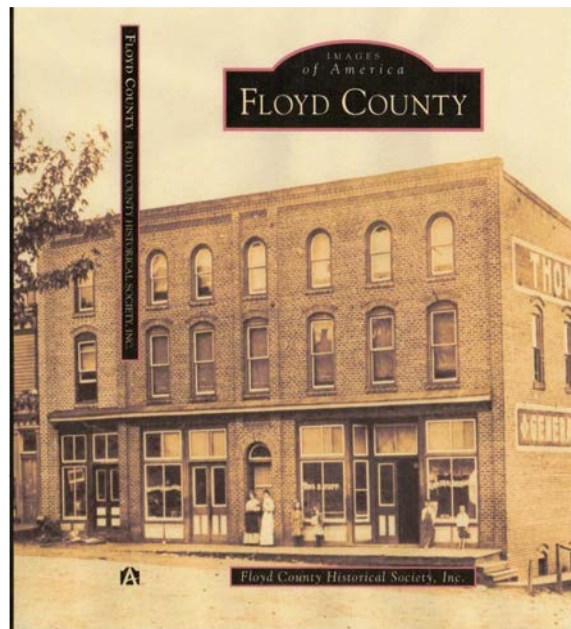
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## Floyd County Historical Society 2013 Calendar

A decision has been made to have the 2013 Floyd County Historical Society Calendar theme be "Post Offices of Floyd County". If you have photos of post offices or postal carriers, please let us know. Maurice Slusher is an excellent resource for the local postal history.

### New Gift Shop Book

Our local historian, Ricky Cox, an instructor of English and Appalachian Studies at Radford University, has completed his book about Floyd County Mills. The book provides individual histories of 140 grist, flour, and feed mills, a few of which also processed wool. Many maps and photographs supplement the text. The Water-Powered Mills of Floyd County, Virginia Illustrated Histories, 1770-2010 by Franklin F. Webb and Ricky L. Cox is now available at the Floyd County Historical Society Museum Gift Shop. \$55.00 for Museum pick up.

## 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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### FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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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