

## Upcoming Programs & Events

### HISTORY/GENEALOGY TALK AND AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

#### *Home Birth Records of Dr. Chichester Tapscott Peirce: Revisited 1900-1919*

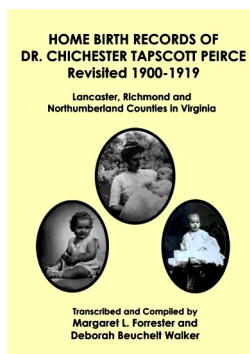
Margaret L. Forrester & Deborah Beuchelt Walker  
Thursday, October 5, 3:00 PM

In-person at Lancaster Women's Club next to Museum.

**Reservations requested to ensure seating.**

**RSVP to LVHS by phone, email, or on website.**

\$5 suggested donation at the door. (Free for LVHS Members).



In their new book, Margaret L. Forrester and Deborah Beuchelt Walker have compiled information on 252 home births in 1900-1919 attended by local family physician Dr. C. T. Peirce in both white and black households in

Lancaster, Northumberland, and Richmond counties. The records were found by searching through hundreds of birth and delayed birth certificates from the Virginia Office of Vital Records released publicly only after 100 years and now digitized online. The authors will speak about their research process, give examples of the birth records and explain the kinds of information they contain, share interesting discoveries, and discuss how these records can be used in conjunction with other available research sources. This is a companion book to Forrester's 2018 *Home Birth Records of Dr. Chichester Tapscott Peirce 1919-1954*, which contained entries derived from Dr. Peirce's office records.

Books for sale at event, LVHS website, or in the Museum Shop.  
\$15.00 (Members \$13.50) + tax/shipping.

### ANNUAL MEETING AND HISTORY TALK

#### *The Huguenot-Anglican Refuge in Virginia: Empire, Land, and Religion in the Rappahannock Region*

Guest Speaker: Dr. Lonnie H. Lee

Tuesday October 24, 4:00 PM

In-person at Lancaster Community Library, Kilmarnock. Virtual viewing options TBA.

**Free admission, but reservations requested to ensure seating.**

**RSVP to LVHS by phone, email, or on website.**

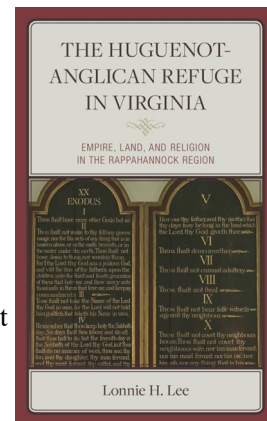
\$5 Raffle Ticket donation suggested at the door.

Followed by business meeting with volunteer awards and board elections.

More meeting info and proxies will be mailed to Members later.

Dr. Lee's book tells the history of a Huguenot emigrant community, established in eight counties along the Rappahannock River of Virginia and comprising more than 260 households, that started with the 1687 arrival of John Bertrand, an Anglican-ordained Huguenot minister from France, to Lancaster County. This Huguenot community comes to life through the examination of county court records in Virginia and French Protestant records in England and France. Virginia officials sought to attract Huguenot settlers by offering inducements such as the availability of inexpensive land and French preaching by a Huguenot minister who would also serve an established Anglican parish. Bertrand, owner of Belle Isle Plantation and rector at St. Mary's Whitechapel in Lancaster County, was the first of five French exile ministers performing this dual track ministry in the Rappahannock region between 1687 and 1767.

Books will be for sale by the author at the event for \$60 cash only, or can be purchased directly from the publisher for \$73.50 at rowman.com using discount code LXFANDF30. LVHS does not have copies for sale, but we do have a library copy for research.



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Museum & Shop open Wed, Thu, Fri 10:00-4:00. Library open by appointment only.

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# ***The OYSTER ROAST is back!***

***(and our Fall Soup Sale is on a break)***

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## ***Get Event Tickets!***

Buy online, call for reservations and payment options, or stop by the Museum.  
\$65 Public / \$60 Members.

**8th Annual Shuckin' on the Lancaster Green**

 **OYSTER ROAST** 

**SAT. NOVEMBER 11, 2023**

**1:00 - 4:00 PM (serving to 3:30)**

**Fundraiser for Lancaster Virginia Historical Society**

**Outdoors on the Museum Grounds, Rt 3, Lancaster Court House**

**Limited Tickets ~ Advance Purchase Required**

**All-Inclusive: \$60 LVHS Members, \$65 Public**

**Steamed & Raw Oysters - Soups - Hot Dogs - Beer - Wine**

**Live Music by "Toby & Larry" Oldies, Classic, & Light Rock Acoustic Guitar**

**Plus, a 50/50 Raffle Drawing for up to \$1000 cash prize!**

Do not need to be present to win. Raffle tickets \$5 each, 5 for \$20

**Tickets On Sale Now!**

**804-462-7280 [www.LancasterVaHistory.org](http://www.LancasterVaHistory.org)**



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## **Can't join us in person?**

### ***Get Raffle Tickets!***

Winner does not need to be present for Nov 11 drawing.  
\$5 single ticket, \$20 book of 5 tickets for a chance to win up to \$1000.  
Buy online, call, mail a check, or stop by the Museum.

### ***Or Make a donation!***

Donate the cost of a ticket, or any amount, as a tax-deductible charitable gift.  
Give online, call, mail a check, or stop by the Museum.

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~ See front page of newsletter for contact information and in-person hours ~

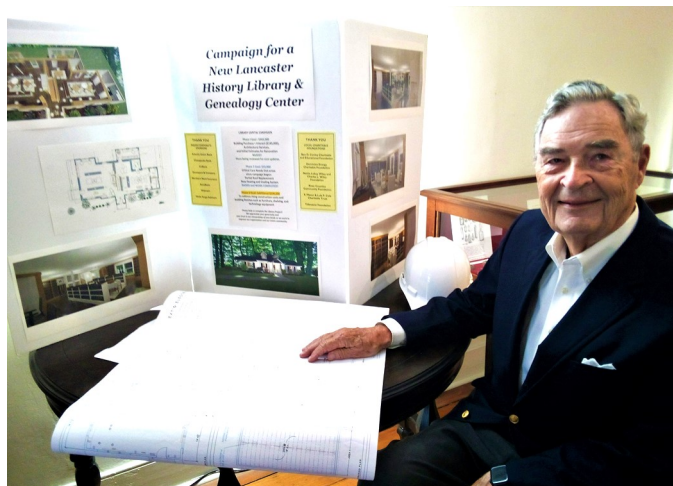
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## ***A New Name for the New Library: Honoring Ammon G. Dunton, Jr.***

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The Board of Directors is excited to announce that our new research center, under construction, will be named the **Dunton Library for Genealogy and History** in honor of Ammon G. Dunton Jr. and his many contributions to our organization and local history.

Mr. Dunton has been a member of the LVHS Board of Directors and chairman of the Library Capital Campaign since 2017, and was a co-winner of the 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award. He has been an outstanding champion for the library project as a community spokesman and a fundraising leader. He has helped raise nearly \$500,000 from local individuals, businesses, and foundations, with a remaining goal of another \$100,000, to purchase, renovate, and furnish the former Catherine “Treene” Chilton home next to the LVHS campus as the new library. He has also set an example with his own generosity, from financial gifts to unique contributions like sharing his home for a Gala event.



The expanded and updated facility will double the size of the current library and provide modern and inviting space for more users, improved technology, and the ongoing growth of the library collections. Maintaining a library with public access to historical and genealogical resources has been an essential part of our purpose throughout the 65-year history of our organization, even under our former name as the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library. LVHS is dedicated to connecting people to the past and to preserving, understanding, and sharing the histories and family stories of Lancaster County and the surrounding area. The new LVHS Dunton Library will ensure that we have the best place to continue carrying out this mission and offering everyone the opportunity to learn about, and to learn from, the past.

A resolution passed by the LVHS Board of Directors stated:

*Whereas Ammon G. Dunton Jr. has provided outstanding dedication and support to the Lancaster Virginia Historical Society and its Board of Directors now and in the past;*

*And whereas he has demonstrated excellence in leadership, vision, and motivation for this organization, especially in the development of the new history and genealogy library;*

*And whereas he has been a driving force for the financial stability of the organization and the fundraising success of the Library Capital Campaign;*

*And whereas he has held a lifelong interest and respect for local history and the pursuit of historical knowledge and preservation, and has shared these values in numerous ways for public good;*

*The Board of Directors of the Lancaster Virginia Historical Society does hereby resolve, unanimously and with great pleasure, to honor and appreciate Ammon G. Dunton Jr. with the bestowal of his name upon the new Library building.*

Mr. Dunton is a native of Lancaster County and a well-known attorney with Dunton, Simmons, & Dunton in White Stone. For over 55 years, he has been the owner, resident, and caretaker of one of the county's few surviving colonial homes. He and his late wife Kathy purchased Verville, built circa 1725, and raised a family there while undertaking the historic preservation and renovation of the property. In addition to his current work with LVHS, Dunton was president during a previous board term in the 1970s. He served, too, as president of the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society, chairman of the Lancaster County Landmarks Commission, and chairman of the Lancaster County Bicentennial Commission. As a board member of the Tidewater Foundation, including 29 years as president, he has also helped local museums and historical societies receive grants from the proceeds of the annual Holly Ball.

**Help us complete the final phase of the Capital Campaign!**

Contact us about cash donations, stocks, IRA distributions, bequests, or other planned giving.

And watch for more announcements soon about special donor recognition areas inside the Library.

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## *Work Begins in the New Library!*

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**Dilday Builders Inc. (DBI)** was awarded the contract for construction/renovation and demolition has begun in the east room of the building.

*Above left:* Chuck Pall, Brayden Pall, and DBI President Lloyd Dilday look over the construction drawings prepared by Randall J. Kipp Architecture.

*Above right:* DBI crews have been working to remove a dividing wall and level the ceiling.

**Gilman Heating, Cooling, and Plumbing** was chosen to install a new heat pump system and the company gave back an in-kind donation valued at \$5,000 toward the \$30,000 equipment and installation costs.

*Left:* Gilman technicians John Rollins and Rick Archer adjust the new ductwork while DBI has the floor open to do foundation work. Gilman crews previously removed the old air conditioning system, boiler, and cast iron radiators.

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