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### Fall News and Calendar of Events

# Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. "Early Postal History of Lancaster County"

Talk by Andy Graff about postal history and his collection of covers/envelopes and postmarks from Lancaster and the Northern Neck.

Free admission. In-person and Live Stream facebook.com/lancastervahistory. Co-hosted by the Lancaster Community Library at 16 Town Centre Dr, Kilmarnock.





Envelope mailed from Lancaster Court House to Wicomico Church circa 1860

Andy Graff grew up near Tappahannock and has spent his adult life in Albemarle County where he owns Old Albemarle Surveying LLC. He has been combining his love of history and postal collecting since the 1980s and is a former board member of the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society.

Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m.

Dedication and Grand Opening of the

Dunton Library for Genealogy & History



See next page!

# Tuesday, October 22, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting & History Talk

With guest speaker Susan Anthony-Tolbert on her latest book about the history of the Miskimon Fire Tower.

At Lancaster Community Library, 16 Town Centre Dr, Kilmarnock. More information and board election details will be mailed to Members later.



NEW BOOK! For sale in the LVHS Shop (Wed, Thu, Fri 10-4), online at lancastervahistory.org, and at event. \$15.00 retail / \$13.50 LVHS members (plus tax/shipping)

Almost in the Clouds!
The Story of the Miskimon Fire Tower, Miskimon, VA

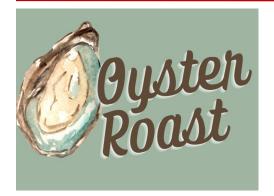
By Susan Anthony-Tolbert



and featuring the
Elizabeth Combs Peirce Genealogy Wing
and
Lorena D. Conner & Mary L. Tadlock History Wing

RSVP requested (acceptances only) 804-462-7280 or history@lancastervahistory.org





## Saturday, November 9 Save the Date!

We anticipate the return of this favorite event, but planning is not yet fully confirmed...further details to be announced in mid-September.

Friday December 13— Saturday December 14 Greenery Centerpiece Sale

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Members' Reception

Details to be announced.





#### Lancaster House Repairs & Preservation

Work during the summer included structural reinforcement in the basement and c.1840 front room (now used as the Museum Shop) by Dilday Builders and exterior painting by McNeal's Painting. This critical project was funded thanks to a major donor gift to the Facilities Fund and a grant from the Conley Foundation.





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### Did you miss any of our Summer Speakers or Co-Partnered Programs?

Visit LancasterVaHistory.org for links to free recordings!

### **September Hours:**

LIBRARY: Library Facilities (current and new) will be closed September 1-October 12 for the moving process. No research appointments will be available during this time.

MUSEUM: The Administrative Office and Book Shop will return to Lancaster House on September 4 and the building will be open to visitors Wed, Thu, Fri 10:00-4:00 along with the Old Jail and Clerk's Office; however, a featured exhibit in Lancaster House will not be on display until a later date.