

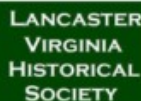
Special Limited-Ticket Event

An Afternoon at Verville

Saturday, June 7, 2025, 3:00 p.m.



Traditional Afternoon Tea in the c. 1725 House
plus a Champagne Welcome and Tour
with host Ammon G. Dunton, Jr.



\$70 LVHS Members
\$100 Non-Member Guests*

This special LVHS fundraiser event is limited to 36 attendees.
Ticket sales begin April 23 at 10:00 a.m. by calling 804-462-7280.
Early reservations cannot be accepted.
Please review the information below before calling.

IMPORTANT TICKET INFORMATION:

- Tickets are pre-paid and non-refundable.
- A limit of 4 tickets may be purchased per person.
- Up to 4 people may request to sit together, as space allows.
- Attendee and guest names are required at the time of purchase to verify membership status.
- *Non-Member ticket price includes a discounted individual membership for one year.
- Event involves indoor and outdoor locations, stairs, and uneven surfaces. House is not wheelchair accessible.



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100 Years Ago: April 1925

in the Rappahannock Record Newspaper

April 9, 1925

Ads for marine and auto welding, repairs, batteries, and other machine shop services.

"Exide" was a battery brand. Was W. F. Ward so well-known he didn't need to list his location? Ads in earlier years place him in Kilmarnock.

CARTER'S CREEK RAILWAY CO.
BUILDERS AND REPAIRERS OF VESSELS
Two Marine Railways, Acetylene Welding and Cutting
All Work Guaranteed

Agents Hubbard Gasoline and Kerosene Thoroughly Equipped Machine Shop
Engines. All Parts in Stock For All Kind Marine Work
Marine Hardware, Full Line of Paints and Varnishes

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All Work Guaranteed Acetylene Welding and Brazing

U. J. PRUETT

Marine Engine and Auto Repairing

IRVINGTON, VA.

Modern Machine Shop Reasonable Charges

W. F. WARD & CO.
General Automobile Repairing

Batteries Recharged and Rebuilt. Acetylene Welding and Brazing
Carbon Burned While You Wait

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April 23, 1925

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Another of the bachelors from Bachelor's Quarters on the corner of Main and Bradley streets was struck last week by cupid's arrow, this time it was J. C. Tapscott, who on last Saturday married Miss Mary Scott of near here. They were married at Lancaster by Rev. L. R. Combs in the presence of the groom's brother and a cousin of the bride; we wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Some unknown person or persons entered the grocery store of C. W. East here one night last week and carried off \$5.00 in cash, and they must have been hungry as the only merchandise that was taken was some cheese.

Standard Oil Company has a force at work at Monaskon erecting their oil and gas tanks. [...]

T. G. Foster is putting down piling on which to erect his cannery. [...]

Great preparations are being made here for the approaching hard crab season. Our efficient boat builder, "Jack" Smith, has been busy for past two weeks building boats for this purpose and he will be employed all this week in the same work.

Watch for more news and neighborhood reports in our weekly "100 Years Ago" series in the modern Rappahannock Record. We thank editor Robert Mason for this opportunity.

Fall 2025 Genealogy Classes

Build your Family History Research Skills

Save the Dates: Thursdays 1:00-3:30 PM
Oct 2, Oct 23, Oct 30, Nov 6, Nov 13

These will be stand-alone classes by our expert instructor Sharon Hodges on various topics (to be announced), so you can take any or all that meet your interests.

Have a suggestion for a topic? Let us know!

You can also get our past Genealogy Classes online!

Purchase video streaming access and exclusive handouts at
<https://lancastervahistory.square.site/shop/video/9>

- Fundamentals of Tracing Your Roots
- Virginia Records and Research
- Finding and Using Library of Virginia Resources
- All About the Census
- Ship Passenger Lists and Immigration Records
- Using Newspapers and Directories

2025 Signature Speaker Series

All programs are free and start at 2:00pm
For more information visit nnk250.us



Dr. Woody Holton
University of South Carolina

January 26, 2025

Forced Founders: Indians, Debtors, Slaves and the Making of the American Revolution in Virginia

University of Mary Washington
Dahlgren Campus
4224 University Drive, King George



Dr. Jennifer Van Horn
University of Delaware Center
for Material Culture Studies

February 23, 2025

Material Culture and the Making of America

Historic Christ Church
420 Christ Church Road, Weems, VA



Dr. Kathleen Brown
University of Pennsylvania

March 23, 2025

Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power in Colonial Virginia

Rice's Hotel / Hughlett's Tavern
73 Monument Place, Heathsville, VA

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Upcoming Speakers:

Apr 27, May 25

Past Speakers:

Free videos online at nnk250.us



NNK250 is a regional initiative to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and its legacy in American history, featuring a variety of programs from a coalition of Northern Neck partners. LVHS is not an organizer of this Speaker Series.



Dr. Brad Hatch
Patawomeck Tribal Citizen

April 27, 2025

The Kidnapping of Pocahontas, Politics, and Mythmaking in Patawomeck Country

Rappahannock Indigenous
Conservation and Education Center
2570 Newland Rd, Warsaw, VA



Dr. Lisa Wilson
Connecticut College

May 25, 2025

A History of Stepfamilies in Early America

George Washington Birthplace
National Monument
1732 Popes Creek Road,
Colonial Beach, VA

July 3, 2025 Music in the New Nation: Popular Songs & Tunes during America's Founding Years



Concert by Ampersand

Save the Date: July 3, 2025, 7pm

American folk and historical music with soaring vocal harmonies and traditional string instruments such as guitar, banjo, mandolin, cello, and hammered dulcimer

Sponsored by the Lancaster Virginia Historical Society

Admission: \$10 cash donation at the door

Families welcome, children free with adult

Location: Lebanon Baptist Church

20 Alfonso Rd, Lancaster

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Researching Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, A Lost Black Church in Upper Lancaster County

By Margaret L. Forrester and Karen Hart for LVHS, February 2025.

Several sources from the late-1800s to the mid-1900s provide evidence that a Black church called Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church once existed in upper Lancaster County. This article shares information learned about Asbury so far, but the history is incomplete and readers are invited to add their knowledge.

Research on this Asbury M. E. Church was started several years ago by Rev. Dr. Larry E. Adams, retired pastor of the Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist Charge, with help from Mrs. Deborah B. Walker and Mr. Maurice Simmons of Mollusk who had firsthand knowledge of the church and its people. After Adams' death in 2022, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Margaret L. Forrester have continued his research and Mrs. Forrester is working on an Asbury book for the Lancaster Virginia Historical Society's Dunton Library for Genealogy and History.

The Lancaster County GIS Parcel Database places the Asbury Church property at the corner of River Road (Rt 354) and Western Branch Road near Mollusk. This Asbury should not be confused with another one, known at various times as Asbury Methodist Episcopal, Methodist, and United Methodist, that was founded in 1896 by a white congregation and located in Foxwells near White Stone. Bishop Francis Asbury, famous figure of the early Methodist movement, was a popular church namesake.

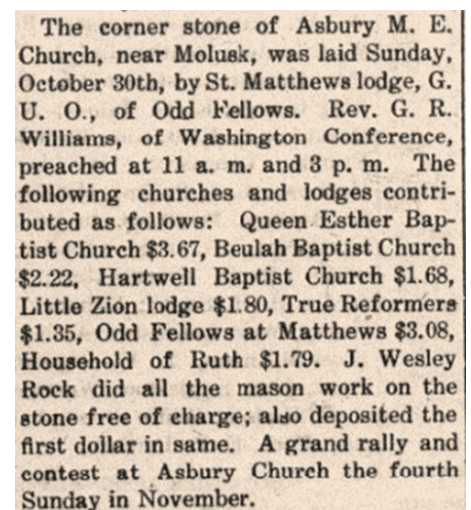
The earliest known documentation for the Black Asbury M. E. Church is a June 17, 1872 court record referencing a deed from "John R. Chilton and A. L. Carter to one John Kelley and others who were trustees of the M E Church (colored) for a lot of land one acre in size." Another court record on April 29, 1887 named John Kelley, Daniel Conaway, Lewis Corbin, and Lewis Jackson as the trustees of "a certain building known and called Asbury Church and a lot of land on which the said house stands."

There were at least two buildings on the Asbury property at different times. The first one originally housed White Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church in Lively (later renamed Bethel Methodist) from about 1814 to 1876. When a newer church was constructed for Bethel circa 1874-1876, the older building was dismantled and carried by cart and horse through a path in the woods to the Asbury land, according to Bethel historians.

On April 22, 1910, in the "Afro-American Notes" section of The Virginia Citizen newspaper, a meeting of the Asbury congregation was announced to "plan for the erection of a new building." The November 18 issue reported that the cornerstone was laid on Sunday, October 30, 1910 and Mr. J. Wesley Rock did the masonry work free of charge. Various issues of The Virginia Citizen from 1903-1911 contain other mentions of the church's members and activities such as summer camp meetings.

Researchers have also found seven state-issued death certificates from 1913-1950 that specify Asbury M. E. Church near Mollusk as the burial place. The deceased were Otha Taylor, Joseph H. Davis, Nancy Fauntleroy, Everett Fauntleroy, Polly Conaway, Charles R. Lewis, and Dalla Wright. Additionally, in a personal interview, Maurice Simmons recalled that he was a pallbearer for the funeral of Priscilla Davis at Asbury in 1950.

So, what happened to the Asbury M. E. Church building and cemetery? That and many other questions still beg to be answered. When did Asbury begin its ministry? When and why did it end? Who were the pastors and congregants? Are there any historical pictures or surviving documents such as council minutes, worship bulletins, or registers of baptisms, marriages, or deaths? If you can help tell more of the story of Asbury and its role in local Black history and religion, please contact the Lancaster Virginia Historical Society at 804-462-7280 or LancasterVaHistory.org.



The corner stone of Asbury M. E. Church, near Molusk, was laid Sunday, October 30th, by St. Matthews lodge, G. U. O., of Odd Fellows. Rev. G. R. Williams, of Washington Conference, preached at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. The following churches and lodges contributed as follows: Queen Esther Baptist Church \$3.67, Beulah Baptist Church \$2.22, Hartwell Baptist Church \$1.68, Little Zion lodge \$1.80, True Reformers \$1.35, Odd Fellows at Matthews \$3.08, Household of Ruth \$1.79. J. Wesley Rock did all the mason work on the stone free of charge; also deposited the first dollar in same. A grand rally and contest at Asbury Church the fourth Sunday in November.

News clipping from The Virginia Citizen,
November 18, 1910
(digitized at virginiachronicle.com)

This article is also online at LancasterVaHistory.org/blackhistory/