Dear Fellow Members,

The summer has lingered on, but we are finally approaching fall and winter. We recently had a fantastic membership program in September with our guest speaker, attorney and author, Charles Oldham on his new book, *The Senator’s Son*, about the kidnapping of little Kenneth Beasley of Currituck, NC, and its Norfolk twist. We had a nice turnout of members and new friends.

The Wallace History Room continues to receive books, photographs and other items of interest that have been added to our collections. Please see our new newsletter column listing all of our latest acquisitions.

I would like to thank each and every one of you who remembered me during my brief illness with cards, flowers, e-mails, phone calls and prayers. Who would ever believe that at my age I would end up in the hospital with an unexpected appendectomy? I would also like to say how nice it was to receive the phone calls and e-mails congratulating my wife and me on our newest addition to our family! Yes, we now have a little baby granddaughter! She is the first girl to be born into our family since my aunt in 1906. Little Scout Noble Hitchings was born 09-09-2019 and she and her proud parents are doing nicely.

Lastly, I invite you to attend our annual membership dinner program in December. We are having a special guest speaker, historical interpreter, B.J. Pryor from Colonial Williamsburg. Our program, *Christmas with Benjamin Franklin*, will have Dr. Franklin recount his experiences in France as our ambassador from 1776 to 1785. You do not want to miss this program!

As always, thank you for all your support and I hope to see all of you in December!

Robert B. Hitchings, President
Norfolk County Historical Society of Chesapeake, VA
Recent Acquisitions to the NCHSC Wallace Memorial History Room

By Kay Ziegler,
NCHSC Board Member, Wallace Room Manager

Donation from Mr. Wayne Edwards in memory of Mr. William Thompson, Archeologist -- boxes of ancient artifacts found in Norfolk County.

Donation from Mr. Southgate Leigh -- a book *Cyclopedia of Eminent and Representative Men of Virginia and the District of Columbia of the Nineteenth Century*, Ainsworth R. Spofford; 1981

Donation from Mrs. Wing Stanworth Todd Sigler – A collection of the following items:

- Photograph and yearbooks from The Tutoring School, Norfolk VA; 1929-1933
- Yearbook from Ghent Preparatory School, Norfolk VA; 1928
- *Pilot Water Navigation* by Commander C.S. Stanworth, USN; 1911
- *Through the Years In Norfolk*, Anniversary Edition with Newspaper articles about Mrs. Sigler’s relative who was a pilot on Norfolk’s waterways
- Genealogies for family of John Thomas
- Genealogy of Richard Whitehurst of Princess Anne County
- Family History of Ann Brinkley Olson
- *Ye Hysterical Historie of Norfolk Towne* by Frank Wing; 1931
- *The Peterkin Papers* by Lucretia Hale; 1924
- 5 Articles in book cover belonging to Marjorie Wing

Donation from Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Doephe Morrison via Judi Morgan -- a book that was passed down through the John Quincy Adams family titled *The Soldier In our Civil War A Pictorial History of the Conflict, 1861-1865 Vol. II*, Stanley Bradley Publishing Co; 1890.

Donation from Mrs. Donna Bluemink – A set of 5 Harper’s Weekly CDs.

Donation from Ms. Ginnie Handy, Secretary to the Clerk of the School Board, and School Board Administration – A collection of the following items:

- Norfolk County Schools 1920 and 1925 Census
- Minutes/Information from Norfolk County Public Schools
- Minutes from County School Board of Norfolk; 1922-1925
- Minutes from School Board of Norfolk County; 1935-1961
- Minutes from School Board of City of South Norfolk; 1921-1960
By Amy Williamson Jonak,
NCHSC Wallace Room Volunteer

Continuing our family history queries, the following is our latest request. Can you help?

SHERWOOD – My great-great-grandfather, Smith Sherwood, was born in Princess Anne County on 7 Sept 1789. He became a Baptist preacher in several southeast Virginia counties. He married Eleanor Brooks on 24 Dec 1814. They had eight children. Smith Sherwood died on 2 Jun 1839. I have not been able to find out who were Smith Sherwood’s parents. There were Sherwoods in Princess Anne County, but I do not know which ones were his parents. Please e-mail Jennifer at jenwh@comcast.net.

If you have a query you’d like to submit for future editions, email your query to our email address nchs.wallaceroom@gmail.com with “Newsletter Query” in the subject line. Please include your email address so those responding can reach you directly.

By Terry Riggs,
NCHSC Board Member, Wallace Room Volunteer

The Chesapeake mounted patrol was formed in 1969/1970 with Lt. H.P. Bayly as the commanding officer. The horses were owned and boarded by Lindsey Farms, located at West Road and Old Cedar Road. The patrol received support from the Tidewater Western Riders. The tack used by the patrol was “New York Cavalry” style saddles. The patrol would practice at Lindsey Farms where I am told that some unscheduled racing and a few accidents went unreported. The patrol participated in several parades but did not take on patrol duties. The mounted patrol lasted between 6 and 12 months and then was disbanded. More focus was placed on the newly acquired motorcycles.
We are pleased to welcome our guest speaker for the NCHSC Annual Dinner on December 4. Historical interpreter B.J. Pryor will join us as Dr. Benjamin Franklin for *Christmas with Benjamin Franklin*.

Mr. Pryor graduated from William & Mary University with a B.A. in History and for 38 years worked in Colonial Williamsburg as an interpreter of colonial history. Upon leaving Colonial Williamsburg in 2018, Mr. Pryor has dedicated himself to the study and portrayal of Dr. Franklin.

For more about Mr. Pryor and Dr. Franklin, visit them at [franklinlives.com](http://franklinlives.com).

For our program, “Dr. Franklin” will recount his experiences in France as the United States ambassador from 1776 to 1785.

Don’t miss this opportunity to spend an enjoyable holiday evening with Dr. Franklin and your friends from the NCHSC. Be sure to see the newsletter insert for details!