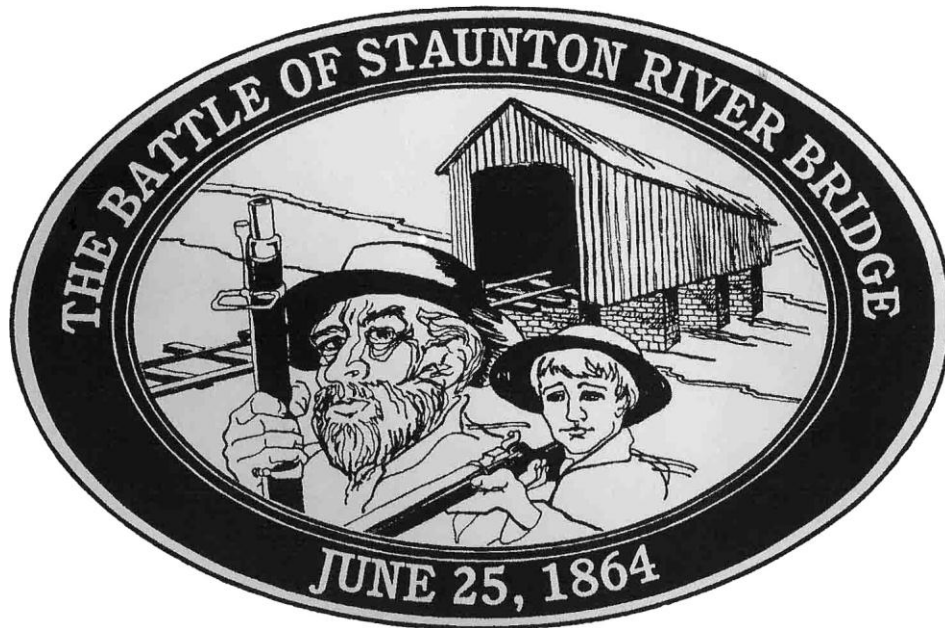


Historic Staunton River Foundation

2011 Annual Report



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HISTORIC STAUNTON RIVER FOUNDATION

Wednesday, May 09, 2012

Prepared by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees:

Janet Johnson, President
J. Shane Newcombe, Vice-President
Grace Elliott, Secretary
Cindy Nichols, Treasurer, and
Korey R. Snead, Trustee

Purpose & History:

The **Historic Staunton River Foundation**, a volunteer, not-for-profit private organization, was formed on December 2, 1994 with the scope and purpose of promoting, developing, and preserving the 1864 Battlefield at the Staunton River Bridge, the Staunton River Battlefield State Park, and the Staunton River and its historical areas. The Foundation also collects artifacts and historical memorabilia for display and works to preserve the integrity of the Staunton River environs and archaeological sites. In addition, the Foundation provides historical, environmental, wildlife, and wetlands education as well as assists in developing programs and events for the general public.

In November 1995, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued a determination letter that recognized the Foundation as exempt from federal income tax; indicating that the organization was exempt under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code and classified as a public charity under section 509(a) 2 of the Code.

Additionally, the State Corporation Commission certified that the Foundation was a corporation existing under and by virtue of laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and in good standing, with a date of incorporation on December 2, 1994.

Mission Statement:

Historic Staunton River Foundation

The scope and purpose of the Foundation is to promote, develop, and preserve the following:

- ❖ the 1864 Battlefield at the Staunton River;
- ❖ the Staunton River Bridge;
- ❖ the Staunton River historical areas and environs;
- ❖ Roanoke Station;
- ❖ Mulberry Hill, the ancestral home of the Carrington family;
- ❖ 44CH62, the Randy K. Wade Archaeological Site, and any future archaeological discoveries in the area of the Staunton River; and
- ❖ the Sappony Indian Nation.

Membership

The Foundation is composed of its members, which is a general non-stock class of membership. The annual dues of \$15 are required, but entitles the bearer to benefits such as a twenty percent (20%) discount in the gift shop at the Clover Visitors Center, a subscription of the Foundation's quarterly newsletter, the *Sentinel*, and the satisfaction of contributing to a cause dedicated to the promotion, development, and preservation of the Foundation's Mission Statement, the Staunton River and the Staunton River Battlefield State Park.

At the end of 2011, the membership roster of the Foundation totaled 45 (2010, 65 members, -20).

A membership list is attached to this report. Please see page 13.

Organization & Governance:

The Board of Trustees is the legal entity charged with the management, direction, and administration of the Foundation. The Board provides direction and oversight for the scope and purpose of the Foundation. It meets the first Thursday of every month in the Conference Room at the Clover Visitor's Center. The Board consists of not less than eleven (11) members, nor more than twenty-one (21). Currently, nineteen (19) Foundation members from the counties of Charlotte, Halifax, Lunenburg, and Mecklenburg with a wide range of interests and backgrounds varying from educators, lawyers, retirees, and homemakers, to administrators, elected public officials, farmers, self-employed business people, historians, genealogists, authors, and veterans form the Board of Trustees. Members of the Foundation elect the Trustees during the Annual Meeting on the first Thursday of September. Trustees are elected for a three-year term on a rotating schedule with one-third (1/3) being elected annually. Terms begin on January 1 and end on December 31. A list of the 2011 Board of Trustees is attached.

Officers of the Foundation include a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers perform the duties prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Foundation, where the authority is not in conflict with the bylaws. They are elected annually by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees, at the November meeting of the Board. Newly elected officers shall assume their duties the first day of January of the following year.

The Foundation's fiscal year runs the calendar year: January 1 to December 31. A written narrative of the Foundation's Annual Audit and a Summary of the Financial Report for the Fiscal Year are attached. Please see page 18.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>County Representing</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Officer</u>
Joey	Bane	Halifax	31-Dec-13	
Butler	John	Cumberland	31-Dec-12	
Butler	Mary	Cumberland	31-Dec-12	
Caknipe, Jr.	James	Mecklenburg	31-Dec-13	
Elliott	Grace	Halifax	31-Dec-12	Secretary
Epps	Ronald	Person (NC)	31-Dec-14	
Foster	Darlene	Charlotte	31-Dec-12	
Foster	Stanley	Charlotte	31-Dec-12	
Geoghegan	Jean	Charlotte	31-Dec-12	
Graves	Patt	Lunenburg	31-Dec-12	
Graves	Ron	Lunenburg	31-Dec-13	
Gregory	Helen	Halifax	31-Dec-12	
Johnson	Gerry	Halifax	31-Dec-13	
Johnson	Janet	Halifax	31-Dec-12	President
Newcombe	Shane	Charlotte	31-Dec-13	Vice-President
Nichols	Cindy	Charlotte	31-Dec-13	Treasurer
Owen	Holly	Halifax	31-Dec-12	
Snead	Korey	Halifax	31-Dec-12	
Ward	Tom	Halifax	31-Dec-12	

Designated terms begin January 1 and end December 31.

Total Board Trustees: Fourteen (19).

Quorum: Seven (7) Trustees must be present.

Jim Zanarini, Park Ranger

Liaison on behalf of Staunton River Battlefield State Park (nonvoting)

Otis K. Martin, Chief of Sappony Indian Nation

Liaison on behalf of Sappony Indian Nation, Person County, North Carolina (nonvoting)

Representation by Counties:

Charlotte – 5

Halifax - 8

Cumberland – 2

Lunenburg - 2

Mecklenburg - 1

Person County, NC – 1

Nonvoting – 2

TOTAL: 21 (19 voting + 2 nonvoting)

2011 EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The following were *undertakings* of the Historic Staunton River Foundations for 2011. These events, activities, meetings, and programs do not include the 2011 Summer Interpretive Programs and Events sponsored by the Staunton River Battlefield State Park. All events are open to public and free, unless otherwise indicated.

Winter

Crossing of the Dan – Saturday, Feb. 19, The Foundation along with 25 other hereditary, social, and civic organizations paid tribute, by laying and presenting a wreath, in memory of the American Patriots who fought during the decisive American Revolution event known as the Crossing of the Dan in South Boston.



Figure 1: Trustees Shane Newcombe and Korey Snead present the Foundation's memorial wreath in honor and in memory of the American Patriots who fought during the Crossing of the Dan in 1781.

Spring & Summer

Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday, April 17, Clover Visitors Center, 1-3:30PM, \$3/child

Children ages 10 and under enjoyed the fifth annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Clover Visitors Center. Approximately, 63 children and 34 adults, for a total of 97 people, participated in the event. Proceeds were \$189.00. Activities throughout the evening included a traditional egg hunting game, live rabbits to pet, egg coloring, tattoos, visits with the Easter Bunny, and miscellaneous children's games. Refreshments were served.

Antebellum Fashion Show & Tea – Saturday, May14, Mulberry Hill Plantation, Free

Period reenactors, consisting of soldiers, gentlemen, ladies, and children, participated in the Foundation's Antebellum Fashion Show & Tea. An emcee presented each Fashion Show participant and eloquently and descriptively provided the audience with a narrative of the period's fashion, clothing, accessories, accoutrements, and history.



Figure 2: Barry Ramsey, Judi McParland, Trustee Joey Bane and his wife Angela, dressed as a period wedding couple, are welcomed by a Confederate Soldier and Foundation member Lawrence Martin stands at attention.

Sappony Archaeological Dig – Thursday, June 2, Clover Visitors Center, 6-8:00PM

Members of the Foundation hosted a dinner in honor of the Longwood University Archaeological Field School and their director, Dr. Brian Bates. This was an expression of the Foundation's gratitude for the hard work, research, and enduring spirit that the Field School has given the Randy W. Wade Archaeological Site on the Staunton River low grounds. Approximately, 30 people enjoyed the social event.

Commemoration of the Battle of Staunton River Bridge – Friday & Saturday, June 24-25

As with tradition, the Historic Staunton River Foundation in conjunction with the Halifax Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), and the Staunton River Battlefield State Park, held the annual Commemoration of the Battle of Staunton River Bridge. This year marked the 147th anniversary of the Battle. To kick-off the weekend activities, noted Virginia ghost author, Mr. L. B. Taylor, Jr. provided several ghost stories to interested persons around an open campfire on Friday night at the earthen fortifications at Fort Hill. Approximately, 20 people attended and several share their own spectral encounters. Saturday's day-long event drew a sizeable crowd of 100+. The day began with a UDC medals presentation (honoring descendants of Confederate soldiers who have served in the armed forces) was held at the monument alongside Fort Hill. It was followed by the Foundation's ceremony with the recognition of descendants of the Battle of Staunton River Bridge. **Mr. L. B. Taylor, Jr.**, author of the famous fifteen volumes of *Ghosts of Virginia* presented a program on "Virginia's Ghosts." Approximately, 60 people attended the lecture. Food and drinks were available for purchase from the Sappony Indian Nation.



Figure 3: Visitors and ghost enthusiasts enjoy roasting marshmallows and sharing spooky stories around a campfire at Fort Hill. Mr. L. B. Taylor, Jr., famous Virginia ghost author (right) provided an insightful presentation to a large crowd of attendees at the 147th Commemoration.

Fall & Winter

Annual Meeting – Thursday, September 1, Roanoke Station, 6-9:00PM

Members of the Foundation, Board of Trustees, Park Staff, volunteers, and guests were all invited to the Foundation's Annual Meeting. A potluck supper was enjoyed by all on the deck of the Roanoke Station Visitor's Center. Several brief reports relating to the Foundation and Park were presented. Trustees to the Board were elected by the membership. Mr. Seldon Richardson, a Foundation member and great-great-grandson of Captain Benjamin L. Farinholt, commanding officer of the Confederate forces at the Staunton River Bridge, was the guest speaker. His presentation, entitled "*Road to Halifax*," covered Farinholt's service in the Confederate Army - leading up to the Battle of Staunton River Bridge. Approximately, 42 people were in attendance.



Figure 4: Foundation members enjoy a potluck supper on the deck of the Roanoke Station Visitors Center following a cool fall rain. Mr. Seldon Richardson (center) presented a PowerPoint slideshow and interpretive lecture on his great-great-grandfather, Capt. Benjamin L. Farinholt, commanding officer of the Confederate forces which successfully defended the Staunton River Bridge during the 1864 battle. Sappony Indian Ron Epps presents Corey Snead, Vice-President with a framed Native American Print.

Charlotte County Sesquicentennial Civil War Seminar – Saturday, September 17. 12-3:00PM

The Foundation joined several other area civic and hereditary societies in providing an informational display about the Foundation and the Battlefield at the Bacon District Fire Department's Community Building. More than 100 people were in attendance for Charlotte County's first organized event to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.



Figure 5: President Janet Johnson, Trustee Shane Newcombe, and Vice-President Corey Snead man the Foundation's informational booth at Charlotte County Sesquicentennial Committee's Civil War Seminar. The Foundation provided handouts about membership, the Battlefield State Park, and the Battle history. In addition, authentic Civil War relics, uniform buttons, buckles, weapons, documents, and portraits, on loan from David W. Newcombe, were on display for the public to enjoy.

Fundraising Stew – Saturday, September 24, All day

The Foundation's community outreach program was successfully accomplished through the sponsorship of a stew with Mt. Laurel Ruritan Club. Flyers were distributed through the local community and all quarts of stew were sold and enjoyed. The proceeds were used to fund the Foundation's mission.



Figure 6: President Janet Johnson counts the number of quarts of stew that have been presold (right); dedicated volunteers help pour stew in quarts to be sold (center); and Trustee Jerry Johnson keeps a watchful eye over the stew.

Halloween Spooktacular – Saturday, October 15, Clover Center, 7-11:00PM, \$ varies/event

For the past decade, the Foundation and Park have hosted the “Haunted Harvest Hayride.” It was decided at the end of the 2009 event that we needed to build more diverse facets into this highly acclaimed event. All agreed that we needed to build on the successes of the past and offer a “haunted harvest” avenue for all ages, and as a result, the 2010 “Halloween Spooktacular” was formed with three related components: Halloween Pirate Adventures (intended for children 0-12); “Haunted Trail” (rated PG-13); and the “Haunted Harvest Hayride” (intended for the whole family). Each integral event had its own target audience, but all shared in the fees.

The “Halloween Pirate Adventures,” intended for children 0-12, allowed children to participate and enjoy in pirate themed games, activities, and events. Cost was \$3/child. Approximately, 20 children with parents enjoyed the event from 2-4:00 PM.

The “Halloween Haunted Trail,” a self-guided and guided tour of the Edgewood Nature Trail, was a big hit with more than 130+ taking part. It was rated PG-13, and children 13 and under were required to enter with a paying parent/guardian. More than 29 volunteers were needed to dress in costume and man the Halloween themed trail. The cost of admission was \$5/person and tours began at 7:00PM.

The “Haunted Harvest Hayride,” a 90-minute ghost-walk/wagon ride through the low grounds and battlefield, was enjoyed by more than 175 visitors. This guided tour, entitled, “Mrs. McPhail’s Tail” featured a narrative and interactive Civil War themed stories surrounding the local legends and anecdotes of the Battle of Staunton River Bridge, Talcott Station (Randolph), and the Carrington family descendants. More than 30 volunteers in period dress were dedicated to the success of the event. Re-enactors make the story come to life with the use of safe and well trained/rehearsed black powder firings. These gun and cannon firing demonstrations help the story manifest into a dynamic Halloween thrill, all the while with safety at the core. Stops are prearranged along the ghost walk/wagon ride where visitors encounter interactive scenes and stations that facilitate the telling of the ghost story. The event was intended for the entire family and the cost was \$5/person.

In total, 240 (174 Haunted Hayride, 66 Haunted Trail) enjoyed the seasonal event and total of 800 combined volunteer hours were donated. Proceeds from the event raised \$851 (Hayride only, Trail raised \$330 and that money was retained by the State Park and is not included in the \$851 figure).



Figure 7: Children enjoy the pirate-themed Halloween Party (left); Scary Clowns pose for a photo during the Haunted Trail (center); and Haunted Hayride Volunteers showcase a medical tent from Mrs. McPhail’s Tails.

Election of Officers – Thursday, November 3, Clover Visitors Center, 7:00PM

The Board of Trustees met to elect officers for the 2011 term. The following Trustees were elected: Janet Johnson, president; Shane Newcombe, vice-president; Grace Elliott, secretary; and Cindy Nichols, treasurer.

Antebellum Christmas Open House – Saturday & Sunday, December 3-4, Mulberry Hill, \$5/person

An Antebellum period Christmas was celebrated at historic Mulberry Hill Plantation. The ancestral home of Judge Paul Carrington and the grounds were open to ring in the holiday season. Re-enactors provided living history demonstrations and campfire cooking in the boxwood gardens. A historic tour of the main house and its dependencies was given by period-dressed docents. Light refreshments were served. Approximately, 98 people were in attendance, and proceeds included \$495, which was donated to the Overseer’s Fund.



Figure 8: Volunteers gather together for a photo following the Antebellum Christmas Open House at historic Mulberry Hill Plantation in Randolph, Virginia and Dr. Charles Davis is seen during his presentation on “Oval Wooden Box Making.”

A REVIEW OF THE 2011 OBJECTIVES:

1. Continue to raise money for the Overseer's Fund.

This fund was established in December 2009 to raise money to renovate the Overseer's Quarters at Mulberry Hill. The amount of \$80,000 is needed for the project.

- ❖ **Apr 16** – The Foundation hosted a tour of Mulberry Hill for the Dickerson Reunion. The Dickerson's are descendants of the overseer Nathan Dickerson.
- ❖ **May 14** – An Antebellum Fashion Show was held at Mulberry Hill to make the public aware of the Foundation's efforts to raise money for the needed renovations. Information about the history of the Overseer's Quarters as well as the architectural evaluation were distributed.
- ❖ **Dec 3-4** – The Annual Mulberry Hill Christmas Open House was held. The house and grounds were open to the public to tour. Foundation members were available to answer questions, and re-enactors demonstrated a living encampment.

2. Make the Foundation & Battlefield Park more visible.

Marketing the Foundation will make the public aware of the efforts that the Foundation does to support the Staunton River Battlefield State Park and its surrounding environs. The development of a brochure is being discussed.

- ❖ **Apr 17** – Each year the children in the community are invited to enjoy the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This event builds support among the Foundation, the park and the public.
- ❖ **Jun 24** – The 147th Commemoration of the Battle of Staunton River Bridge began with telling ghost stories around a campfire on Friday night. Participants shared their experiences about encounters with the unexplained. Everyone also enjoyed roasting marshmallows and eating s'mores.
- ❖ **Aug 25** – Members from the Board of Trustees were guests of the Mount Laurel Ruritan Club for the club's monthly meeting. Trustees presented information about history of the Foundation as well as its purpose, mission, and goals.
- ❖ **Sept 1** – The Annual Foundation Meeting brought together all Foundation members with the Board of Trustees, park personnel and their guests. A time of fellowship is enjoyed at a potluck dinner. After dinner, annual reports were presented, new trustees welcomed, and a guest speaks.
- ❖ **Sept 24** – A community outreach program was successfully accomplished through the Foundation's sponsorship of the Mt. Laurel Ruritan Club Stew. Flyers were distributed through the local community and all quarts of stew were sold and enjoyed. Please see Figure 9.
- ❖ **Oct 15** – The Haunted Harvest Hayride and Haunted Trail was once again a success. Volunteers in period dress re-enacted ghost stories with a Civil War theme. The entire family enjoyed this event.
- ❖ A "Welcome to Randolph" outdoor sign was donated to the Foundation. This will be placed on the Foundation's land located in Downtown Randolph. The sign will be visible by all of those who pass by the crossroads, Post Office, and Roanoke Station Visitor's Center, and welcome them to the area and provide the Foundation's web address. Please see Figure 11.

3. Create a database of Civil War documents.

By creating a database at Staunton River Battlefield State Park, local citizens of Halifax, Charlotte, and Mecklenburg counties can research the history of their ancestors. A computer,

scanner, and printer are needed for this project. It also is in conjunction and honor of the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

- ❖ **Jun 25** – The Commemoration of the Battle continued on Saturday with the recognition of the descendants of the old men, young boys and the soldiers who fought at the bridge. A copy of any documents that pertain to the Civil War about their ancestors were given to the Foundation.
- ❖ Through the 2010 donation from the Carter family of West Virginia, the Foundation secured a valuable original Civil War document listing the service of two soldiers who fought at the Battle of Staunton River Bridge. This document was scanned and cataloged by the Library of Virginia through their Sesquicentennial Civil War Document Preservation Services offered at Charlotte Court House. Please see Figure 10.

4. Partner with similar organizations in the area.

Becoming partners with an organization such as The Friends of the Ft. Mitchell and Keysville Depot, Inc. will enable both groups to promote a common interest. The railroads played a significant roll in the history of Southside Virginia.

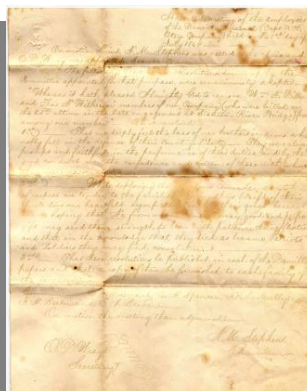
- ❖ **Feb 19** – The Crossing of the Dan Ceremony allowed the Foundation to network with similar historical and civic organization with common interests, purposes, and volunteers. A wreath was laid in memory of the ancestors who fought in the Revolution War and whose descendants fought in the Civil War.
- ❖ **Jun 2** – The Foundation hosted a dinner meeting with Dr. Brian Bates and his archeological students from Longwood University. At the last minute, Dr. Bates and his students could not attend because of bus trouble, but Board of Trustees enjoyed the dinner.
- ❖ **Jun 25** – The Halifax Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy presented medals to veterans whose ancestors had fought in the Civil War. This presentation made at the park brought together several organizations with an interest in honoring our war veterans.
- ❖ **Sept 17** – The Foundation had an information table at the Charlotte County Sesquicentennial Day. Approximately ten organizations with an interest in the Civil War participated in this event which allowed the similar groups to promote and distribute information.
- ❖ **Oct. 29** - A ceremony to pay tribute to John Randolph was held in Richmond. Members of the Foundation attended this ceremony and laid a wreath in his memory.



Stew
to benefit the

Historic Staunton River Foundation
Stewmasters: **Mt. Laurel Ruritan Club**
Saturday, September 24 **\$5.00/quart**
Purchase/Pickup at:
Mt. Laurel Ruritan Club
on Hwy. 746 in
Mt. Laurel
To Reserve Your Stew,
please call Janet Johnson at 454-7157

The Historic Staunton River Foundation is a nonprofit organization that promotes, develops, and preserves the 1844 Battle for Staunton River Bridge. Visit www.historicstauntonriverfoundation.org for more information.



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Figure 9, Figure 10, and Figure 11 (left to right): Image of the September 24 Stew fundraiser; the Carter family donation that was scanned by the Virginia Sesquicentennial Committee of the Civil War by the Library of Virginia; and the Welcome to Randolph sign funded and produced by the Foundation to welcome visitors.

2011 LIST OF MEMBERS

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>
Bane,	Joey D.	214 Bermann Street	South Boston,	VA	24592
Butler,	John H.	109 Swann Road	Cumberland,	VA	23040
Butler,	Mary L.	109 Swann Road	Cumberland,	VA	23040
Caknipe,	James L.	2274 Esnon Road	Chase City,	VA	23924
Carwile,	Nancy	235 Thomas Wood Lane	Cullen,	VA	23934
Crowder,	Dr. T. Harold	1303 N. Main Street	South Boston,	VA	24592
Dalmas,	Thelma H.	1230 Viewmont Drive	Evington,	VA	24550
Dalmas,	John	1230 Viewmont Drive	Evington	VA	24550
Daniel,	Richard	375 Rothwood Road	Monroe,	VA	24574
Elliott,	Grace	1103 Scottsburg Road	Scottsburg,	VA	24589
Epps,	Ronald	1199 Epps-Martin Road	Roxboro,	NC	27574
Foster,	Darlene	781 Bailey Farm Road	Saxe,	VA	23967
Foster,	Stanley	781 Bailey Farm Road	Saxe,	VA	23967
Garrett,	Anna Stimpson	335 John Randolph Road	Farmville,	VA	23901
Geoghegan,	Jean M.	700 Ridgeway Farm Lane	Brookneal,	VA	24528
Geoghegan,	Jean B.	143 W. Academy Lane	Chase City,	VA	23924
Glass,	C. Michael	120 Wyndsong Place	Lynchburg,	VA	24502
Graves,	Hope Lynne	250 My Hawken Lane	Brookneal,	VA	24528
Graves,	Patt	838 Crymes Road	Keysville,	VA	23947
Graves,	Ronald	838 Crymes Road	Keysville,	VA	23947
Gray,	John & Jacqueline	705 Abilene Road	Charlotte Court House,	VA	23923
Hanmer,	Mary C. "Betsy"	230 Hanmer Lane	Keysville,	VA	23947
Hedrick,	Julia D.	5474 Scuffletown Road	Randolph,	VA	23962
Hudson,	Marshall & Esther	2526 Brunswick Road	Blackstone,	VA	23824
Irby,	Toni Hamlett	P. O. Box 321	Charlotte Court House,	VA	23923
James,	May O.	1182 East Hyco Road	South Boston,	VA	24592
Johnson,	Janet	5123 Hunting Creek Rd	Nathalie,	VA	24577
Johnson,	Gerald F.	5087 Mount Laurel Road	Clover,	VA	24534
Lawson	David				
Lynchburg Bird Club	Lucinda Hurt, Tres.	853 Russell Woods Drive	Lynchburg,	VA	24502
Martin,	Catherine J.	3400 Patrick Henry Hwy	Charlotte Court House,	VA	23923
Martin,	Charlene Y.	6907 Oak Bend Trail	Greensboro,	NC	27410
Martin,	George	423 Chickasaw Road	Durham,	NC	27703
Martin,	Lawrence				
Martin,	Otis K.	227 Kerr Drive	Roxboro,	NC	27573
Newcomb,	J. E. & Elaine	2526 Hebron Church Road	Randolph,	VA	23962
Nichols,	Cindy	P. O. Box 92	Randolph,	VA	23962
Palmer,	David & Cathy Jo	3385 Roanoke Station Road	Randolph,	VA	23962
Snead,	Korey R.	3175 Green Level Road	Scottsburg,	VA	24589
St. John,	Cora V.	9287 Thomas Jefferson Hwy	Charlotte Court House,	VA	23923
Sutphin,	Les	117 Craddock Court	Boydton,	VA	23912
Swartzel,	LeRoy & Bernice	197 Seven Winds Lane	Drakes Branch,	VA	23937
Wade,	Gaynell V.	1185 Green Valley Road	Clover,	VA	24534
Wagstaff,	Ellen P.	6900 Trottnridge Road	Skipwith,	VA	23968
Wilkinson,	David Lee	500 Oak Street	Blackstone,	VA	23824

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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2012 EVENTS

➤ Spring:

Saturday, March 31: **Easter Egg Hunt**, Clover Visitors Center, 1-3:30PM; \$3/child
Here comes Peter Cottontail, but that's not all, you will have the chance to visit with the Easter Bunny, enjoy story time with Mother Goose, run in a sack race, participate in an egg hunt and race, pet live bunnies, play pick up ducks, get temporary tattoos, and much more. So don't miss out on all the excitement. Bring your baskets and bring a friend. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the Easter Egg Hunt will be held from 1:15 until 1:45. Other activities will be held from 2:00 - 3:30. Don't forget your cameras! Cost of admission is only \$2.00 per child. Children ages 10 and under need to be accompanied by an adult. In event of inclement weather the rain date will be Sunday, April 1.

➤ Summer:

Friday & Saturday, June 22-23 – **Commemoration of the Battle**, Clover Visitors Center & Fort Hill (Friday 8-dusk, Saturday 9-3:00PM) Enjoy roasted marshmallows and s'mores, Friday Night, as ghost stories and local legends and folklore are shared by any and all around a quaint campfire. Saturday, we honor the “young boys and old men” who gave so much to defend their bridge on that hot summer day knowing that victory would keep the supplies flowing to Petersburg. There will be a Confederate encampment, musket firing, music, UDC medal presentation, interpretive programs, guest speakers and more. So, if you are a Civil War enthusiast or you would like to know more about our nations' history from a local prospective, come by for a truly eventful day here in Southside. Programs will begin at 9 a.m. and there will be events throughout the day.

There are **many interpretive programs** offered at the Park from May to August. Such events include the history of the battlefield, life as Civil War soldiers, period gardening, bird/wildlife identification on the nature trails and wetlands, and many other environmental and historical programs. Check the local newspaper or our website at www.stauntonriverbattlefield.org for the different programs and times

➤ Fall:

Thursday, September 6: **Annual Meeting**, Roanoke Station Visitors Center, 6-9PM
Covered Dish Dinner (meat & drinks provided by the Foundation) Members who attend are asked to bring a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Annual Reports Presented, Election of Trustees, Volunteer Recognition, and Special Speaker. Open to all Foundation members.

Saturday – October 20: **Halloween Spooktacular**, at the Fort & Bridge, 7-11:30PM
Come and enjoy our 11th annual Haunted Harvest Hayride. Enjoy local ghost stories and legends while riding on a hayride through the battlefield and low grounds. Tour approximately lasts about 90 minutes; it is a part walking and part riding ghost tour. Please bring a flashlight and be ready to be spooked with our local myths, legends, and scary tales! \$5 per person, children 6 and under free. In addition, The Edgewood Nature Trail has been converted into a PG-13 Haunted Trail complete with optical illusions, ghosts, goblins, and spirits. \$5/person, and children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

➤ Winter:

Saturday & Sunday – December 1-2: **Christmas at Mulberry Hill**, Randolph, 1-4PM; \$5/person
Come and enjoy an Antebellum period Christmas at Mulberry Hill Mansion during the evening. Enjoy touring the historic home, refreshments; even enjoy a visit from Santa Claus.

2012 OBJECTIVES & GOALS

1. Continue efforts to raise money for the Overseer's Fund.

This fund was established in December 2009 to raise money to renovate the Overseer's Quarters at Mulberry Hill. The amount of \$80,000 is needed for the project. Ways of making the public aware of the project are being done through the use of the internet and special events.

2. Make the Historic Staunton River Foundation, Inc. more visible.

Marketing the Foundation will make the public aware of the efforts that the Foundation does to support the Staunton River Battlefield State Park and its surrounding environs. Visiting other historical sites and meeting with other citizen support organizations will strengthen the Foundation and increase membership.

3. Create a database of Civil War documents.

By creating a database at Staunton River Battlefield State Park, local citizens of Halifax, Charlotte, and Mecklenburg counties can research the history of their ancestors. This project will include making the database accessible through the website.

4. Begin planning for the sesquicentennial commemoration.

A reunion for the descendants of the old men, young boys, and soldiers that fought at the Battle of Staunton River Bridge will be held in June 2014. Efforts to identify and contact the descendants have begun.

5. Begin process of acquiring property and historical artifacts.

Artifacts and collectibles pertaining to the Battle, Mulberry Hill, the Carrington family, the Sappony Indian Nation, and other aspects of the Foundation's mission will help preserve, develop, and preserve the rich history and heritage of the area. By owning property, the Foundation will be able to construct a building to have an office and for storage space. The property can also be utilized for social events.

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Clover Visitor's Center, Hours of Operation: Battlefield & Trails open til dusk
Monday-Saturday 9:00AM-4:30PM Sunday 1:00PM-4:30PM

Roanoke Depot, Randolph, Hours of Operation:
Saturday 9:00AM-4:30PM Sunday 1:00PM-4:30PM

FINANCIAL STATEMENT & FIGURES

During the calendar year of 2011, the Historic Staunton River Foundation **raised \$6,296.02**. This figure includes membership dues, donations, gift shop sales, and admission fees (when applicable).

The Foundation dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and development of the Staunton River Battlefield State Park **expended \$5,628.72** during the 2010 calendar year. Expenses include the miscellaneous costs of hosting and operating the many events held at the Staunton River Battlefield State Park (advertising, supplies, props, etc.) and donations made directly to the Park by the Foundation.

2011	2010
\$ 6,296.02 (income)	\$6,408.00 (income)
- <u>\$ 5,628.72 (expenses)</u>	<u>\$5,849.36 (expenses)</u>
\$ 667.30	\$558.64

Despite a rough economic year, the Foundation was able to operate fiscally sound and ended the 2011 year with **\$667.30** in the black.

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

For 2011, the attendance numbers at the Staunton River Battlefield Park totaled to **30,224** (for 2010, 30,039).

The average attendance figure for the last five years totaled to **26,412**.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Friends, Members, Trustees, and Volunteers, of the Historic Staunton River Foundation logged approximately **547 volunteer** (combined) hours for 2011 (for 2010, 2,079 combined hours). We attribute this decline in volunteer hours to the deficiency of volunteers not recording and logging their volunteer time. We estimate, despite the deficiency, that over 2,000 combined hours were given by numerous volunteers. A streamline method of recording and logging volunteer hours has been implemented by the Foundation in an effort to better record and preserve the volunteer's time.

Based on the Virginia Officer of Volunteerism "volunteer value" of \$19.72/hour, the volunteer efforts channeled through the Foundation contributed **\$10,786.84** to the Staunton River Battlefield State Park; saving valuable tax payer's dollars and contributing to the betterment of the Commonwealth of Virginia (for 2010 \$40,997.88)

IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Federal Tax & Employer ID Number: 54-1742829

Commonwealth of Virginia Corporation ID Number: 0437467-4

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This **2011 Annual Report** is submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Membership of the **Historic Staunton River Foundation, Inc.**

Janet Johnson, President
Historic Staunton River Foundation, Inc.

Date

James Zanarini, Park Manager
Staunton River Battlefield State Park

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Developing, Promoting, and Preserving:

- ◆ *1864 Battlefield at Staunton River;*
 - ◆ *the Staunton River Bridge;*
- ◆ *the Staunton River historical areas and environs;*
 - ◆ *the Roanoke Station;*
- ◆ *Mulberry Hill Plantation, ancestral home of the Carrington family;*
- ◆ *44CH62, the Randy K. Wade Archaeological Site and any future discoveries; and*
 - ◆ *the Sappony Indian Nation.*