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The purpose and scope of the HISTORIC STAUNTON RIVER FOUNDATION is to promote, develop, and preserve the 1864 Battlefield at the Staunton River Bridge, the Staunton River Battlefield State Park, and the Staunton River and its historical areas.

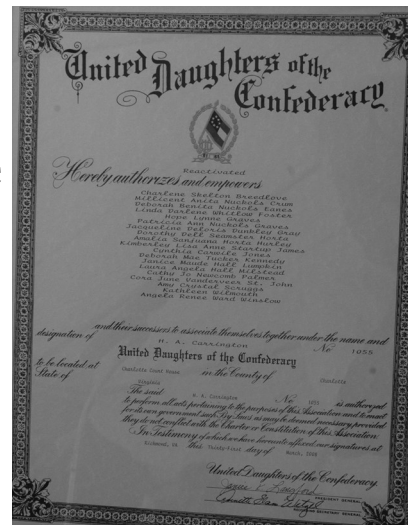
Mulberry Hill Chosen as Site of Local UDC Re-Chartering Ceremony

Mulberry Hill Plantation was the location for the re-chartering ceremony for the H.A. Carrington Chapter 1055 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on Sunday, June 15, 2008. Originally, the chapter was chartered in the village of Charlotte Court House on February 13, 1907. Mulberry Hill is the ancestral home of the Carrington family. Approximately 100 people attended the re-chartering event. The celebration opened with a welcome and invocation by Patt Graves, Chapter Registrar, who thanked all who helped, especially Commander Bob Moates, Charlotte County Grays #1964 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for the use of the podium and for arranging the color guard unit. Graves introduced special guest Virgil H. Goode, 5th District Congressman. Congressman Goode spoke of the War Between the States, the ancestors that the UDC so passionately and reverently honor, and the purpose of why people should continue to honories alive. In addition, everyone should not men but, also of the all wars, who have given much for the freedom by all Americans. UDC Kathy Wilmouth called the Colors, which was County Grays #1964 members. Dr. Gary with his banjo in the "Dixie's Land."

Susie Masters, President, extended a members. She encouraged as UDC members of the UDC mot-pray, and dare." She Chapter must continue

UDC alive and active. Certificates of membership were presented by Ginger Stephens, Division Registrar. The re-chartered chapter has 16 new members and 3 transfer members. The new charter was unveiled citing the official date as 31 March 2008. Third District Chairwoman, Grace Elliott officially installed the chapter officers. Annette Wetzel, UDC Recording Secretary General, brought greetings from Janie Langford, UDC President General, who was unable to attend. Wetzel informed the Chapter that she was there to help at any time and in any way. Jackie Grey offered remarks about being the person who first dreamed of the re-chartering and hosted the first meeting in her home. She remarked, "This was a dream come true."

A special thank you was extended to Jim Zanarini, Park Manager, for allowing the use of Mulberry Hill, and to the Historic Staunton River Foundation who provided docents in period dress and tours of the Plantation.



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Letter from the President



Dear Members & Friends of the Historic Staunton River Foundation,

Fall flew in, and ole man winter still has a blustery grip on us, but spring is rapidly approaching. The summer and fall of 2008 were busy seasons at Staunton River Battlefield State Park.



In June, Dr. Bates and his archeology students were guests at a barbeque dinner hosted by the Foundation. They shared some of the discoveries that they made this year. Also in June, the Commemoration of the Battle of Staunton River Bridge was held. Guest speakers for the afternoon were from the Museum of the Confederacy. Abdul Ali-Haymes presented a lecture on Jefferson Davis, and Sam Craghead informed us about the expansion of the museum. The annual meeting held in October each year had a full agenda. Ronald Epps was welcomed as a new Board of Trustees member. Chuck



Ironmonger entertained us about the life of a soldier during the war. The Foundation extended a sincere thank you to Douglas Powell, long-time trustee and supporter of the Foundation beginning with its infancy to the present. Douglas' term expired on December 31, along with Mr. Newell Butts, who helped secure the purchase of the Bus that the Foundation bought for the Park. Both men gave so much of their time to the Foundation and Park. Last but certainly not least, the park staff and volunteers were recognized for all of their hard work and dedication. The Haunted Harvest Hayride had a lower turnout than usual, but everyone who took part had a wonderful time. The year always ends with the Christmas Open House at Mulberry Hill. There are new ornaments this year, so make sure you visit our gift shop.

The park and HSRF could not continue to bring you these special events without the support of you and the public. Please renew your membership and encourage family and friends to join. You can also support the park and foundation by participating in the "shop and share" program sponsored by Food Lion; more information can be found on page 3.

You do not have to wait for a special event or special meeting to visit the park. The park is open daily so the hiking trails may be enjoyed. For more information about hours, volunteering, or special events, contact the park at (434) 454-4312. Visit stauntonriverbattlefield.org for 2009 events. Hope you enjoy this edition of the *Sentinel* and see you at the Park!

Janet E. Johnson

Warm
Regards,

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Pictured with Foundation President Janet Johnson (far right) are representatives from the Sappony Indian Nation following the Annual Meeting held on Thursday, October 2 at the Clover Visitors Center: (l-r) Sappony Indian Nation Chief Otis Martin and newly elected Trustee Ronald Epps.

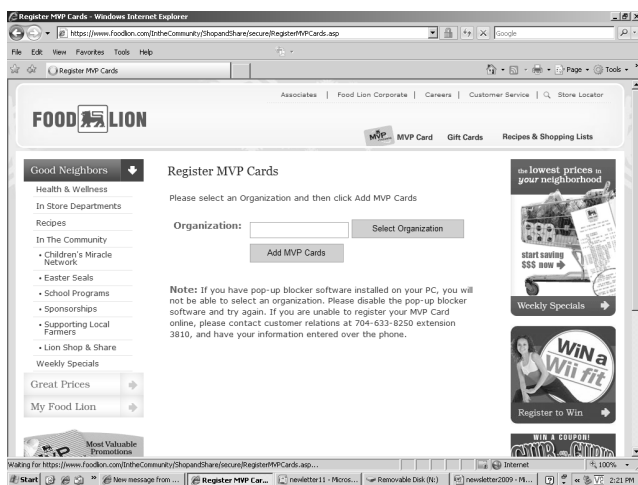
Food Lion MVP Program Benefits Foundation

Food Lion grocery stores have a "Lion Shop and Share" plan that helps support non-profit organizations through their MVP card program. MVP cards allow grocery shoppers to save money and receive discounts on certain products. Food Lion's new "Lion Shop and Share" plan allows consumers to register their MVP cards in support of a non-profit organization, such as the Historic Staunton River Foundation. In order for a non-profit organization to receive benefits, it needs twenty-five (25) people with MVP cards to sign-up and show their support. During purchases at checkout, the MVP card is scanned, consumers enjoy the benefits of being a MVP cardholder and in addition to all those advantages, the Historic Staunton River Foundation receives a percentage of the receipt total. Food Lion totals the quarterly purchases made using MVP cards registered for the Historic Staunton River Foundation's "Shop and Share;" Food Lion then writes a quarterly check based on a percentage of the total and mails it to the Foundation. It's that simple! It's easy to show your support for this beneficial program by registering your MVP card on-line in support of the Foundation.

Follow these simple steps for the Foundation to start receiving benefits.

Visit www.foodlion.com

- On the Left, Click on the "Good Neighbors" (a new page will load)
- Then click "In the Community" on the left
- Once that page has loaded underneath that heading, again on the left, you will see "Lion Shop and Share", click on that name and it will bring you to the "Lion Shop & Share" page
- In the middle, access "Register My MVP" by clicking on it
- Select the "Select Organization" button on the right
- Select "Virginia"
- Select "Randolph, VA"
- Select "Historic Staunton River Foundation, Inc."
- Then click on "Add MVP Card"



- Follow the on-screen directions for entering your MVP card number

If you are unable to register your MVP Card online, please contact customer relations at 704-633-8250 extension 3810 and have your information entered over the phone, or you can contact a member of the Foundation at the contact information found below.

The Board of Trustees eagerly urges you and your friends to sign-up for this free community service program so that you not only can enjoy your MVP benefits at Food Lion, but also can support a non-profit organization fulfill its mission. If you have any questions or need assistance registering your MVP card, feel free to email the Foundation at info@stauntonriverbattlefield.org or call 434.454.6219.

Successful Annual Meeting

The Foundation enjoyed a successful Annual Meeting on October 2, 2008. A "pot-luck" supper was enjoyed by all in attendance and long-time supporter and dedicated volunteer, Chuck Ironmonger of Hampden-Sydney College gave a delightful and insightful presentation on the daily life of a Confederate Soldier. Mr. Ironmonger's friendship, support, and volunteerism for the Park and Foundation is greatly admired and appreciated. A brief business meeting followed, where Mr. Ronald Epps, a member of the Sappony Indian Nation, was voted in as a new member of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees slated to rotate off the Board as of December 31, 2008 included Mr. Douglas Powell, Mr. Newell Butts, and Mr. Shane Newcombe. Cindy Nichols, treasurer, presented a financial report, in which all of the Foundation's accounts and assets were in order. Park Manager Jim Zanarini gave a positive status report on the park. Despite a slow economy and budget restraints, Mr. Zanarini and his park staff are doing a great job in keeping day-to-day operations at the park in order. Volunteers were recognized and presented with awards from Mr. Zanarini and Mrs. Patricia Eastwood, District V Visitor Services Specialist.

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, October 1, 2009 and make plans to attend this year's Annual Meeting. It's where Foundation Trustees, members, friends, Park personnel and staff enjoy good food, good fellowship, good presentations, and good fun!

The Battle of the Staunton

By: Patricia Kell Kendrick

Tread softly upon this soil
where blood and sweat have lain,
where men have cried and boys have cheered,
where history's mark was laid.

A battle was fought not long ago
took husband, son, and father,
and left its mark upon the hearts
of wife, young child, and mother.

Grant set his eyes upon the map
of the mighty Staunton bridge,
and Lee, he sent the order
to the men upon the ridge.

"Rally round," Ben Farinholt cried,
both North and South to wonder,
as the train pushed back and came again,
forcing Wilson and Kautz asunder.

The mighty Staunton flowed in peace
'neath the battle and its thunder.
Its calm so precious as to wage
a battle in its honor.

(1)

Reflections of the battle
can be seen, I've heard some say,
if you look upon the water
as it moves along its way.

The river rolls on slowly,
paying honor to the name
of the trestle high above it
threatened by the Northern flame.

The bridge above a lifeline
tween those who posed to fight.
They dug in deep and held their
ground,
encamped throughout the night.

Mixed voices on the night air
filtered round the low ground plain
as wounded cried and leaders feared
what tomorrow's light would bring.

Yet morning brought us victory-
forty-two and eight, less arms-
the gallantry of men and boys,
now returning to their farms.

(2)

The battle fought that hot June day
o'er river water as it churned
is a story of determination
and of a bridge that would not burn

In humble recollection,
'tis a moral to this tale
of the thousands who fought
against us
and of the hundreds who prevailed.
(3)

Two-New Limited Edition Christmas Ornaments Debut

The start of the
Christmas season re-
minded all of us of a
busy time of the year;

however, it truly is "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." As we all started to think about the season, the Board of Trustees approved the design and production of two-new limited edition Christmas ornaments for the Park. This year's design included the first-time release of the Staunton River Bridge and a new view of Mulberry Hill based on the pen and ink drawing by Carrington descendant Anne Cabell Butler of Farmville, Virginia.

LDA Creations in Dalton, Virginia has been the company of choice for designing and producing the "Made in Virginia" porcelain Christmas ornaments. This year's release makes a total of five Christmas ornaments in the Historic Staunton River Foundation series. The ornaments include two limited edition productions of Mulberry Hill, one printed in black and the other in blue; the Roanoke Station (depot), the Staunton River Bridge, and an alternate viewpoint of Mulberry Hill. Future plans include the release of other ornaments featuring the Earthworks, Sappony Indian Nation, Foundation Logo, and many more.

If you were unable to purchase this year's Christmas ornaments for your collection or would like to purchase additional ones for yourself, family members, or friends, please contact the Foundation at info@stauntonriverbattlefield.org, or call 434.454.6219 or the Park at 434.454.4312. Each is on sale for only \$12.00 (members' price \$11). Only a limited number of each design have been printed, so hurry now to add these collectible porcelain Christmas ornaments in the Historic Staunton River Foundation series to your Christmas tree collection! Please see page 2 for photos of the ornaments!



2009 Upcoming Events



Spring:

Saturday, April 4: **Easter Egg Hunt**, see page 7 in this edition of the *Sentinel*.

Summer:

Saturday, June 20: **Commemoration of the Battle**, Clover Visitors Center, All day (9A.M.-Until); Free – A day-long event where 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, United Daughters of the Confederacy medal presentation, interpretive programs, guest speakers, cannon-firing demonstrations, 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 historic Southside Virginia. Programs will begin at 9A.M. and there will be events throughout the day. More information to follow!

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 your local newspaper or our website at www.stauntonriverbattlefield.org for the different programs and times, or call 434-454-4312.

Fall:

Thursday, October 1: **Annual Meeting**, Clover Visitors Center, 6-9PM; Pot Luck Supper 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. Information will be mailed out in mid-September inviting Foundation members.

Saturday – October 24: **Haunted Harvest Hayride**, at the Fort & Bridge, 7:00-Until; \$5/person Come and enjoy our 6th annual Haunted Hayride. Enter costume contests, play ghostly games, and enter the Maze of Madness. Enjoy local ghost stories and legends while you are riding on a hayride through the battlefield and low grounds. Tour lasts approximately 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 5 and under free. Call 434.454.4312.

Winter:

Saturday & Sunday – December 5 & 6: **Christmas at Mulberry Hill**, Randolph, 1-4PM; \$5/person – Come and enjoy an Antebellum period Christmas at Mulberry Hill. Enjoy touring the historic home and refreshments, joining in with taffy pulling and sampling, other demonstrations, and even a visit from Santa Claus.

This is a "tentative schedule" and every effort has been made to maintain and keep it accurate. For more information on these and other upcoming events, please visit the Foundation's website at www.stauntonriverbattlefield.org, email fo@stauntonriverbattlefield.org, or call the Battlefield Park at 434.454.4312

Mulberry Hill Pen & Ink Drawing Commissioned

The Foundation commissioned a pen and ink drawing of historic Mulberry Hill from a local aspiring artist. Miss Anne Cabell Butler of Farmville, Virginia penned the rendition of Mulberry Hill based on a Foundation photograph. The uniqueness of Miss Butler's commission and artistry is in the fact that she is the fifth great-granddaughter of Judge Paul Carrington.

Miss Butler is a 2007 graduate of Fuqua School in Farmville and currently, she attends Lynchburg College, where her anticipated major will be in Spanish with a minor in Art and Creative Writing.

Outside of school, Miss Butler is interested in photography, reading, writing, traveling, and pen and ink work.

During Christmas 2008, Miss Butler along with her family, traveled to Tanzania, East



Africa to enjoy a safari. She saw and photographed the awesome wonders of the flora and fauna of wild Africa.

She is the daughter of Ms. Pam Butler of Farmville and Mr. William Flournoy Butler of Richmond. Many local historians and Foundation members will note that she is a descendant of the Carrington Family through her father's ancestry.

Anne Cabell's paternal grandparents were James Thomas Butler and Dorothy Dunbar Barskdale, who was daughter of Flournoy X. Barskdale and Ellen Marshall (Nellie) McPhail. Mrs. Ellen Marshall (Nellie) McPhail Barskdale was the daughter of Paul Carrington McPhail and wife, Florence Marshall; Paul was the son of John Blair McPhail and Nancy Cabell Carrington. Nancy Cabell Carrington was the eldest daughter born to Clement Carrington and Jane Watkins Poage. Clement Carrington was the third child and second eldest son born during the first marriage of Margaret Read and Judge Paul Carrington. This genealogy spans eight generations.



The Butler pen-and-ink drawing has been used on two items made for the gift-shop. It first was made into note cards (pictured at left) which are on sale in packs of 10 for \$7.00 (members' price \$6), and in December, the illustration was imprinted onto a limited edition of porcelain Christmas ornaments, for sale in the gift-shop for \$12.00 (members' price \$11). See "Two-New Limited Edition Christmas Ornaments Debut" on page 4 and photos on page 2.



2009 Easter Egg Hunt

Clover Visitors Center, 1-3:30P.M.; \$3/child. Children ages 10 and under need to be accompanied by an adult. Here comes Peter Cottontail and he has brought lots of goodies to share. Join us at Staunton River Battlefield State Park's Clover Visitor Center on Sunday, April 5, as the Historic Staunton River Foundation, along with the park staff, presents an Easter Egg Hunt. But that's not all; you will have the chance to visit with the Easter Bunny, participate in a sack and egg 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 1P.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. In event of inclement weather, the rain date will be Sunday, April 5.



In the early Fall of 2008, the Foundation was presented with a sizeable 41" by 29" reproduction print of Judge Paul Carrington. As far as research shows, there is no portrait of Judge Paul Carrington in the collections at Mulberry Hill. This gift, given through the generosity of Stuart B. Fallen, Clerk of the Circuit Court in Charlotte County, was warmly and graciously welcomed by the Foundation. "Finally, visitors can put a face with a name as they visit Mulberry Hill, the ancestral home of the Carrington family. They now can see the Judge and come to fully appreciate his attributes to our country's independence and the establishment of our infant legal system in the late 1770's. It is always nice to connect a photo or portrait with a name, and this gift will enhance visitor's experiences to Mulberry Hill and the Staunton River Battlefield State Park," remarked Shane Newcombe, Foundation Vice-President. The original portrait, formerly hung behind the judge's seat in the Charlotte County courthouse, now it rests in the Charlotte County Circuit Court Clerk's Office. Until recently, the Foundation urged visitors to visit the Charlotte County Courthouse to view Carrington's almost life-size portrait. An unveiling is set to occur in the near future. More to come...

Foundation Receives Portrait



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Current & Upcoming Events

Many Summer Events & Activities!

Call for details.....

Commemoration—Sat., June 20; 9AM-til; Free; Visitors Center, Fort Hill, etc.

Annual Meeting—Thurs., Oct. 1; pot-luck, 6-9PM, VC

Haunted Harvest Hayride—Sat., Oct. 25; 7PM-until, VC

Antebellum Christmas—Sat. & Sun., Dec 6 & 7; 1-4PM, Mulberry Hill

Many other events like nature walks, bird watching, river runs, and other interpretive programs will be offered through the coming months. Call the Park for details.

Be sure to check us out on the web, with our re-designed and up-to-date website at:
www.stauntonriverbattlefield.org.

Don't forget to renew your membership. Foundation membership runs the calendar year. Dues are just \$15 with so many benefits included!

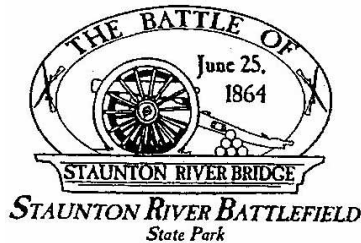
The Clover Visitor Center is open Monday thru Saturday from 9:00 AM til 4:30 PM., and on Sundays from 1:00-4:30 PM. Hours for Mulberry Hill and Roanoke Depot can be arranged by calling the Park Office.

Be sure to mark your calendar with these important dates! Check our website for more upcoming and exciting events!

Call the park for exact program details and times.

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Check out our website:
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Join the Foundation Today!

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Yes, I would like to join the Foundation. Enclosed is my check for \$15.00 for annual dues. Please add my name to the mailing list of the Staunton River *Sentinel* Newsletter.

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