



The Buchanan Log

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The Buchanan Log House Chapter Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities



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Greetings from the President. HAPPY NEW YEAR! We, the Board of Directors, finalized our 2012 events calendar at our January Board meeting and it's filled with meaningful and fun activities. However to be successful, we need the support of our membership and our friends - your involvement.... please telephone me to let me know that you will help to make our events "the" place to be in Donelson-Hermitage during 2012. Briefly, some of the events include the following: We will continue the history lecture series with great speakers addressing historical information of activities in & around our area; Fish Fry & Silent Auction; Antique Appraisal Fair; Folk Festival & Buchanan Market Place (need vendors); Holiday Crafts Fair (need crafts' vendors); Holiday Open House; and more. Please volunteer to offer your help: 615-370-9415.

On a very personal note, my deepest appreciation for your support during my recent loss of my dear "Whit" -- your visits, phone calls, memorials to the Buchanan Log House, flowers, food, lovely cards.... for "being there" for me and our family - your presence was very comforting.

Cordially,

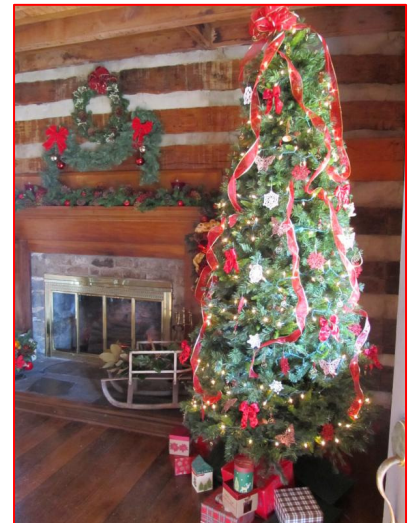
Lu Whitworth

December Activities



Water Valley Express Engineer Charlie Paul prepares for the 27th annual Donelson Christmas Parade that took place on December 4th. The Buchanan Log House had a train load of young and adult riders who participated in the annual event sponsored by the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce. The weather was perfect and the turn out was fantastic. The Buchanan Log House members really had a good time thanks to Engineer Paul.

The December 11th Buchanan Log House Open House was well attended and the group was entertained by two special ladies: Ms. Kell Coulter harpist, singer and entertainer and Dr. Carole Bucy, Professor of History and Chair of the History Department at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin who spoke on Early Christmas Traditions. In addition, the children got to visit with Ole St. Nick.



This concluded our lecture series for 2011 and a special thanks to all who participated. In addition to Dr. Bucy and Ms. Coulter, the Buchanan Log House members were fortunate to have presenters, vocalist and musicians all renowned experts on people and historical events—Woody McMillan on the WWII Middle Tennessee Maneuvers; Andrew and Rachel Jackson visit; Jack

Bell on Historic Horn and Hamilton Springs; musical journey of songs from the Civil War period as presented by Kay Reynolds, Mezzo Soprano, Bob Teague, Baritone & Guitar, Suzanne Potter, Violin, Peggy Pellett, Piano and Audrey Campbell, Narrator; and Dr. Michael Bradley, Motlow State Community College Professor and author of *Nathan Bedford Forrest's Escort and Staff*. -Joe Cathey

February Activities

Open House at the Buchanan Log House continues with free house visits on the second Saturday of the month beginning February 11, 2012. The visits are informal from 10-3 PM with a costumed docent who also plays the dulcimer. We anticipate some strummin' from the VSA Blair Student Dulcimer Choir during the February 11th opening. These students, ranging in age from 13-15 years, played at the 2011 Buchanan Log House Folk Festival and were fantastic. They are supported by the Vanderbilt Blair School of Music thru the David Schnauffer Memorial Fund.



Besides the opportunity to drop-by and explore the log house and hear a little dulcimer, Buchanan Log House Gifts will be open offering our limited edition Hatch Show Print as well as mugs, caps, notes, cookbooks and aprons.—Sue Sutton

BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE will participate in the Two Rivers Mansion Crafts and Antiques Weekend starting Friday February 3rd. Please stop by our both say hello and maybe find a treasure.—Judy Vecchione



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March Activities



Dr. Frank Jones (aka President James Madison) will be our speaker for March 18th from 2:00 to 3:30 at the Buchanan Log House. President Madison's presentation will be in the form of a "Sunday Live News Interview" where Buchanan Log House's Bob Allen will be the moderator asking President Madison key questions of the day (ca 1829 after his presidency). Teaching English is Dr. Jones second career. Following retirement in 1998 after forty years as an orthopedic surgeon, Frank went back to school and got a master's degree in education, but when he actually began to teach, he found that he

needed an enormous bag of tricks in order to meet the needs of a very diverse and constantly changing group of students. President Madison is one of those teaching aids.—Bob Allen

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The mission of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities is to promote preservation, education and interpretation of historic sites in Donelson, Hermitage, Middle Tennessee, and Tennessee.

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NEWS



Chinking and log cleaning and preservation have been completed. 1-30-2012 Photo by BLH's Joe Cathey

Activities at the Addison Museum: As with the Buchanan Log House, Middle Tennessee State University prepared a detailed study of the architectural significance of the BLH and the Addison House. As part of this effort, they made several recommendations to preserve, repair and enhance the educational aspects of

these structures. In addition to the West Wall, they suggested cleaning and preserving Addison Museum logs, chinking with appropriate mortar and adding electricity for climate control. Electrical work on the Addison Museum will begin as soon as a work order is issued by NES, after which the HVAC unit will be installed. Mr. Lyle Admundson of LA's Electrical Service is the electrical contractor. This will complete the current phases of work planned on the Addison Museum structure. Our next step is to determine the appropriate furnishings and collections for the Museum.

Repairs to the West Wall and Second Story Underway: As presented in the December/January 2012 *Buchanan Log*, the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (BLH parent organization) approved the BLH request for funding to repair the badly deteriorated logs, chinking, board and batten, and windows. To protect the badly water damaged logs, cedar siding is being placed to protect the logs for years to come. When funds become available, the siding may be removed and the logs replaced. This work is being monitored by Mr. Tim Walker, Metro Historical Commission's Executive Director. Craig Cropper of Cabin Creek Log Homes is the contractor for this project. -Lu Whitworth



Buchanan Log House west wall and second story repairs. It is believed that the roof leaks are a result of deteriorated logs on the second floor and these repairs should fix those problems. 1-30-2012 Photo by BLH's Joe Cathey

Cumberland University: Tennessee Maneuvers Veterans to Receive Honorary Masters Degrees from Cumberland University 'Remembrance and Respect' is set for May 8, 2012. The terrain of middle Tennessee allowed soldiers to make river crossings and engage in simulated combat in conditions similar to those expected in France and Belgium. From 1941 to 1944, more



Photo courtesy of Dr. Phillip Carter, Cumberland University

than 850,000 soldiers from 25 U.S. Army divisions participated in seven large-scale maneuvers across 22 counties of Middle Tennessee--deadly serious war games (250 soldiers and civilians died in the training) to prepare for the war in the European and Pacific theaters. The Cumberland University commemoration will also pay tribute to those who died in training and in overseas combat.

Cumberland University, which served as 2nd Army field headquarters for those massive exercises, wants to award honorary Master of Military Arts degrees next spring to as many of the soldiers from the Maneuvers as it can find.

"The simulated combat in Middle Tennessee was a critical element in the Allied victory in World War II," said Cumberland University President Dr. Harvill Eaton. "What soldiers learned here, as they engaged in rigorous corps-level exercises, was an important part of their education for their overseas combat assignments. To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the 2nd Army Maneuvers Field Headquarters moving to our campus in Lebanon, we will award the honorary degrees in a special 'Remembrance and Respect' celebration."

Publisher's Statement

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Eaton said the university plans to host the event and confer the degrees on May 8, 2012. The date - the anniversary of Victory in Europe Day - is significant because 22 of the 25 U.S. Army divisions that trained in the Tennessee Maneuvers fought in the European theater.

"We have titled our commemoration "Remembrance and Respect - Cumberland University Honors the Veterans of the WW II Tennessee Maneuvers" because it's important for us to remember how Cumberland University and Middle Tennessee contributed to the Allied victory," Eaton said.

Eaton continued. "We're planning a variety of interactive displays that will allow the veterans to see and touch a large assortment of vehicles and equipment they used, to hear music from that era, to be in the company of other soldiers who shared their

wartime experiences, to see WW II re-enactors, and - most important - to be honored by Middle Tennesseans who recognize and appreciate their sacrifices and service. Those who are unable to attend the event can, of course, receive their degrees by mail."

Phone: 615-547-1387 or Email: veterans@cumberland.edu or Web: www.cumberland.edu/veterans --Joe Cathey

James Buchanan Descendent and BLH Benefactor Died:



WHITWORTH, M.C. "Whit" Age 81, passed away at his home in Brentwood, TN on January 6, 2012. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, M.C. Whitworth, Sr. and Olive Dabbs Whitworth, and parents, M.C. and Robbie Seaborn Whitworth. He was survived by his wife of 37 years, Mrs. Lula Whitworth; children, Rick & Liza Hays of Las Vegas, NV, Kerry & Joy Whitworth of Lynden, WA, David & Norma Whitworth of Lawrenceburg, KY; grandchildren, Jaime & Tim Burnside of Sarepta, LA, Rick O. Hays of Patterson, LA, Kara & Adam Chitwood of Lynden, WA, Karmen & Justin Heilman of Seattle, WA, Chelsea Whitworth and Andrew Whitworth of Lawrenceburg, KY; great-grandchildren, Jack Taylor, Victoria Taylor, Olivia Taylor, Jacob Burnside of Sarepta, WA, Savannah Chitwood and Bretton Chitwood of Lynden, WA, Kennesey Heilman of Seattle, WA. His family remembers him as "Papa Whit". He spent 32 years in the U.S. Army and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He served 3 tours in Vietnam. He was a descendant of James Buchanan and Christopher Columbus Castleman; pioneers who played a part in the development of the city of Nashville. The Buchanan Log House has lost a very special family member, friend and historic preservationist. Published in The Tennessean on January 8, 2012