

Master Plan Update

By Joe Cathey

The Buchanan Log

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Newsletter of the Donelson-Hermitage Chapter, APTA

As part of the 2011 budgetary process, the Buchanan Log House (BLH) Board met with Congressman Cooper and Mr. Phil Ponder of the Congressman's staff and Mr. Michael Schultz of Senator Alexander's staff in an effort to obtain federal funding for a comprehensive master plan that would guide the projects, programs, and identify major maintenance needed at the Log House and grounds. Although the Senator's Washington staff met with and had lengthy discussions with the Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters representatives, the timing for inclusion in the Corps of Engineers budgetary process was missed and our efforts unsuccessful. The BLH Board will continue its efforts

with our congressional representatives in seeking funding for this project.



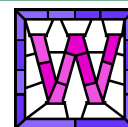
In the meantime, BLH Board members continue to pursue ancillary studies that would assist the master planners in their efforts when funding is available. In mid August, President Whitworth and Board member Joe

Cathey met with Ms. Anne-Leslie Owens and Mr. Michael Thomas Gavin Preservation Specialists from Middle Tennessee State University's *Center for Historic Preservation* and Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Metro Historical Commission. The purpose of this session, facilitated by Mr. Walker, was to explore how MTSU might be able to assist the BLH in its efforts to preserve and interpret the National Register site and to locate grants for the larger master planning process. The MTSU folks will present their recommendation to their Chairman, Dr. West for his approval of reports covering capitol maintenance and an architectural history of the Buchanan Log House complex.

PENNIES FOR PROJECTS.

Recently, a Pennies for Projects was initiated for the purpose of raising funds for much-needed projects at the Buchanan Log House. If we could get improved lighting in the Buchanan Log House, we could increase our rentals for business meetings, workshops, retreats, training session, etc. If we could get the Wilson Pavilion completed, we could rent it for family & business picnics. We have many repairs that need to be done -- with any old house, there's al-

ways something that needs to be repaired. Rentals are down; membership is down; and the Pennies for Projects was a way to generate much needed funds. However, only a total of \$46.31 in pennies and a \$5,000.00 check. It is suggested that this campaign continue for the remainder of this year. Please save your pennies to help with the Buchanan Log House repairs and projects. Contact Kathy Blums if you want someone to pick-up your jar of pennies. 615-521-9219.



Welcome to our **NEW MEMBERS!!!**

Members' dues go a long-way in funding the daily upkeep of the Buchanan Log House.

Carole Brown

Liza & Rick Hays

Marla McDermott

Joyce & Torrence Melberg

Dorothy Parks

Lyndell Randall..

Thanks for your support of Historic Preservation in the Donelson Hermitage

SPATZ, TOP HATS AND ALL THAT JAZZ Alfresco Dinner-Dance

SPATZ, TOP HATS AND ALL THAT JAZZ Alfresco Dinner-Dance in the garden at the historic Buchanan Log House on June 19th was a fun event. Guests, costumed in 1920s clothing, enjoyed wine-tasting and dinner of Seafood & Shrimp with Salsa Verde y Rojo Crudo with Unique Corn Stalk “ s t a m e n s ” ;



Suzanne & Cliff Rockstead



The “Flapper Girls”, Nikki Alexander and Lu Whitworth

Mesciun of Spring Greens, Zucchini Ribbons & Fresh Fruit, topped with Crumbled Gorgonzola, Honey-Spiced Nuts with Raspberry Vinegarrette; Ballotine de Poulet Stuffed with Roasted Asparagus, Herbed Cheese & Sun Dried Tomatoes rolled and poached in Savory Broth, perched upon a nest of red wine cappellini with

Haricot Verte; followed by a heavenly dessert of Limoncello Charlotte Russe . The delightful meal was prepared by our own Buchanan Log House Chapter Member & Chef, Nicholette Alexander.



Wayne Stephenson came in his 1938 Dodge

THE BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE HISTORIC DATA & ARTIFACT REPOSITORY (A Non-Profit Organization)

The Buchanan Log House has become a repository for historic information of all kinds and maintains a main data base of genealogy material on the JAMES BUCHANAN & LUCINDA EAST BUCHANAN FAMILY as well as on several families that helped settle the Donelson-Hermitage area, along with later immigrants to the area.

Please contact us if you have access to any of the following items:

- . Old pictures of the James Buchanan family & related families taken before 1910, including

- homes, businesses, roads, bridges, schools, mills, and folks in general.

- . Old newspaper articles or obituaries, and old Family Bible Records.

- . Genealogy information (written, typed, disk) pertaining to the James

Buchanan families. Old wills, deeds, land grants, land plats, personal letters, diaries, ledgers, military records, etc..

- . Old maps, books, Revolutionary or Civil War letters or documents, etc.

- . Clothes, hats, shoes, or old quilts made by the James Buchanan families before 1900.

- . Items of furniture, dishes, lanterns, farm implements, etc. made before 1880.

- . Children’s toys or clothing made before 1900.

The mission of our organization is to provide educational opportunities of life during the development of our area; and preserve historic homes, sites, cemeteries, and artifacts. We are proud to have the historic Buchanan Log House as

the location to house these wonderful items, documents, pictures, and information.

Please note that we will gladly share with you whatever info we have already collected.

This is a very important project as there is a lot of info that has been lost due to floods, tornadoes, and estate sales --- PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR EFFORTS BEFORE YOUR INFO IS FOREVER LOST!!!! Those who preserve history are as important as those who make history.

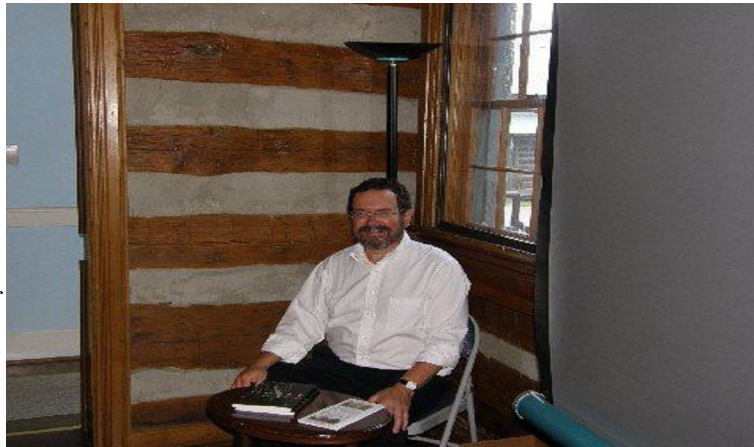
We look forward to your interest and input.

For more information, contact Gloria McAbee, 615-889-2831.

Buchanan Log House Annual Membership Meeting

On June 13, 2010, the Buchanan Log House Chapter held its annual Membership Meeting with the guest speaker being the *Tennessean's* George Zepp who provided a series of photos and explanations of an assortment of historical events that did not make it into his book, *Hidden History of Nashville*. Thirty members were on hand to hear some very interesting little known history of Nashville, receive a briefing on the Buchanan Log House activities and finances, and importantly, Mr. Bob Notestine, President of Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities swore in newly elected officers for the Buchanan Log House Chapter. They are:

President- Lu M. Whitworth
V. President- Don Kent
Secretary- Darlene Kent
Treasurer- Bill Edwards
Director- Kay Tobe
Director- Joe Cathey



George Zepp author of *Hidden History of Nashville* prepares to sign his highly popular book, which is on its third printing— Photo by Nikki Alexander 6-13-2010



Buchanan Log House—Joe Cathey, Director; Bob Notestine, President APTA; Bill Edwards, Treasurer; & Lu Whitworth, President—

ADDISON BUCHANAN DESCENDANT VISITS

Recently, Mr. Wayland Simmons and his wife, from West Texas, stopped by the Buchanan Log House. They were in town for the sole purpose of visiting the Addison Museum, the Log Home built by his ancestor, Addison Buchanan.





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The Donelson-Hermitage Chapter, APTA, promotes and encourages active participation in the preservation of the Donelson-Hermitage area's rich historic, cultural, architectural, and archeological heritage through restoration, advocacy, and area wide cooperation.

Become a Member

Interested in becoming a member. See our easy online membership application.

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President Lu Whitworth
Vice President Don Kent
Secretary Darlene Kent
Treasurer Bill Edwards
Newsletter Bill Edwards

COMING EVENTS

18-Sep 2010 Fall Folk Festival
2-Oct 2010 Cemetery Walk
27 Nov 2010 Decorate the BLH Complex for the holidays
12-Dec 2010 Holiday Program
20 May 2011 Fish Fry & Silent Auction
12 Jun 2011 Annual Membership Meeting

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our membership year began on 1 July. A big THANKS to each of you for making the past year an enjoyable one at the historic Buchanan Log House. It takes each of YOU, our members, to ensure the success of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA. The 2010-2012 incoming Board of Directors were elected at our June membership meeting and are anxious to work with each of YOU to make the upcoming year another great one. You are encouraged to participate in all of the activities your chapter sponsors. Your suggestions for other events/activities will be appreciated – telephone me at 615-370-9415, or email me at: loghouse@buchananloghouse.com. Let's work together to sponsor events which will appeal to all of the Donelson-Hermitage population – to let them know about our historic jewel, the Buchanan Log House Complex.

As you know, our mission is "preservation" and the Donelson-Hermitage area has many historical sites. Recently, Gloria McAbee & Lori Smith of our BLH, APTA Chapter were instrumental in finding a company to look for the burial site of Aunt Ailsey on the McCampbell House Property. With the approval of the Director, Tennessee State Museum (who own the property), Mr. Dave Schaeff brought his sonar equipment and scanned the area. The next step will be done by the Tennessee State Archeological Department. According to reference in Mr. Paul Clements' book, "A Past Remembered," Aunt Ailsey was buried in the McCampbell's garden of flowers. Recently, a replica of the toll gate # 2 was erected at the Toll Gate Preserve on the corner of Lebanon Pike & Stewart Ferry Pike. The costs of tolls for those traveling with or without animals to & from Nashville to Lebanon are listed on the gate. Some

of the landscape on the Toll Gate Preserve will be done by the Gateway Project. If you enjoy gardening, please telephone Mr. Phil Claiborne (Metro City Councilman) and volunteer to help. I, as a member of the Buchanan Log House APTA Chapter, am a member of the Toll Gate Preserve Committee.

If you haven't visited lately, I invite you to visit the little cabin on the BLH property, the Addison Museum. Charlotte Allen has it furnished like it would have been in the 1840-1860 period, loaning us many of the items. We are always looking for artifacts, furniture, etc. of the 1840-1860 period to be used in the Addison Museum.

I'm looking forward to working with you this year, and I am looking forward to seeing you at our Fall Folk Festival and our Cemetery Walk, "A Walk with a Donelson Pioneer and his Neighbors."



CEMETERY WALK

"A WALK WITH A DONELSON PIONEER AND HIS NEIGHBORS"

In the **Historic JAMES BUCHANAN CEMETERY**

2901 Elm Hill Pike; Nashville, TN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010

4:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Tickets sold at the gate:

- \$5.00 – Adults
- \$4.00 – Military (active & retired)
- \$4.00 - SENIORS, age 60 & over.
- \$2.00 - Children ages 6 through 12 years
- FREE – Children ages 5 years and under.



WATER AND DRINKS
FOR SALE



Re-enactors & Characters will share historical moments of Revolutionary Soldier & his wife; of Pioneer settlers; of a Civil War Soldier & his wife; World War I Soldier; of a prominent Criminal Court Judge; area farmers; an 1872 Sheriff and others; Visiting 19th Century Impersonators.

Plenty of FREE parking at the cemetery. The "walk" area is NOT handicap accessible. Hosted by the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA.

Information: Joan Williams 615-889-6606

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BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE FALL FOLK FESTIVAL



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 18, 2010
10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



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