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THE BUCHANAN LOG

Spring 2023

Join Us for our Annual Community Festival

Our annual Buchanan Log House Community Festival and Fish Fry is only a few weeks away. We will have several local vendors and wonderful items in our silent auction, not to mention our signature Fish Fry, live music, and children's activities.

This is our largest fundraising event of the year! We hope to see you there and thank you for your ongoing support of this wonderful historic home.

Saturday, June 3, 2023

10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Fish Fry 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Adults: \$12 | Children 10 and under \$8

Fried Fish Pieces | Hush Puppies | French Fries

White Beans | Slaw | Sweet/Unsweet Tea

Bottled water and dessert = \$1.00 additional cost

Local Vendors | Live Music | Children's Activities

Silent Auction | Buchanan Log House Gift Items

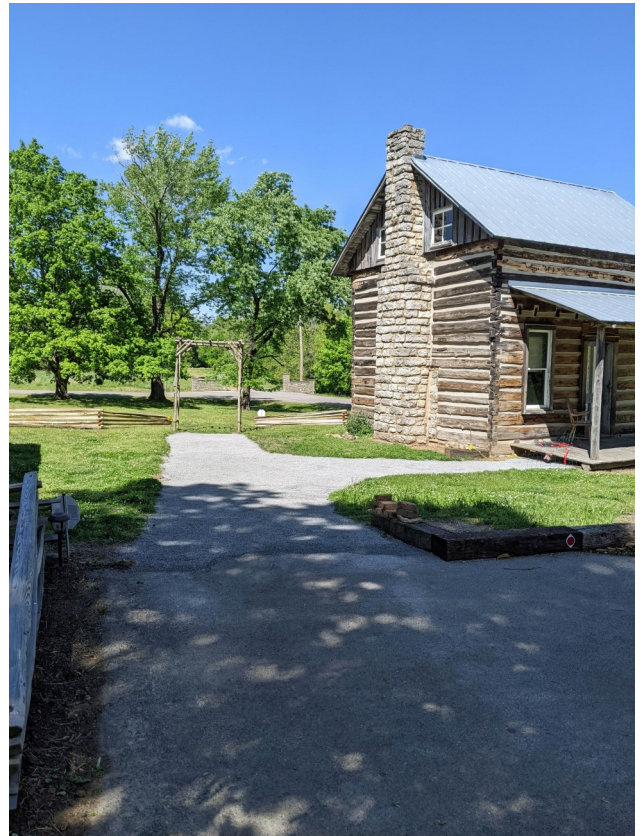
Our Historic Property Gets a Facelift!

Our Building and Grounds team, led by Board Director Becky Bogle, has been hard at work opening up event space in the backyard, cleaning up flower beds, relocating a non-historic shed, and creating a smooth handicap walkway from the grass parking to the log house back yard. **Special thanks to Matt Weathers and Mid State Mobile Concrete for donating their time and supplies and putting many volunteer hours into contouring and finishing the walkway.**

With new split railing along the property and new seating where the former gazebo was, Buchanan Log House is ready for outdoor events. There is new grass in the backyard and expanded areas just perfect for summer weddings and reunions.

Our Spring Cleanup efforts included help from members of the **Nashville Old Time String Band Association.**

On June 9, **Deloitte** professionals will help with painting, work projects, and work in the cemetery as part of their annual Impact Day.



Above, new seating area where the gazebo used to be and bulbs have been planted around the brick. Above right, a new walkway from the back parking area allows for easy handicap access into the front parking lot and Buchanan Log House. At right, the space has been expanded and seeded between the Buchanan Log House and the Buchanan History Center creating more space for outdoor events.



MTSU Students Create Virtual Tours

Students at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Masters in Public History Program recently used 360-degree camera technology to create virtual tours of Buchanan Log House exterior and interior as well as the interior of the Addison Museum.

The projects were overseen by Antoinette G. van Zelm, Assistant Director for the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation. Students Amy NeeSmith, Kaitlin Cashion, Steve Mills, and Ryan Nedrow worked on the project and created the tours that can be updated and enhanced on an ongoing basis.

Using this technology, anyone can experience Buchanan Log House and feel like they are walking in and looking around. The Buchanan Log House interior tour starts you at the side entrance. You can use your mouse (or finger on a smart device) to rotate and walk throughout the house. The tour allows you completely explore both the downstairs and upstairs. The 1820s upstairs addition tour includes photos of a wool waist coat owned by James Buchanan and a mourning dress.

The Addison Museum tour explores both downstairs and upstairs, and focuses on artifacts uncovered at the original site of Addison Buchanan's home before it was moved to the Buchanan Log House property. Visitors can also access a 1999 architectural survey conducted for the APTA and the the Metropolitan Airport Authority by DuVall and Associates, an Archaeological and Historic Services company. The 69-page study details the history of both the Buchanan Family and the Addison House in early Davidson County as well as the artifacts found on the site and the conclusions made based on the site research.

QR Codes have been created for each tour that can be put on brochures, signage and social media. To access use a QR Reader or the camera on your smartphone. You can also access the tours on the Buchanan Log House website under virtual tour.



Tour QR Codes

Addison Museum Tour	
Buchanan Log Home Interior	
Buchanan Log Home Exterior	

Special thanks to Amy NeeSmith,
Kaitlin Cashion, Steve Mills, and
Ryan Nedrow for creating these tours

Annual Meeting Set for Sunday, July 9, 2023

Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, July 9, 2023, beginning at 1:30 pm at Buchanan Log House. The meeting is open for members in good standing.

Our program will be an overview of projects at Buchanan Log House by Middle Tennessee State University students in its Masters in Public History Program. See more on Page 3 regarding the recently created virtual tours of Buchanan Log House and the Addison Museum.

Historic Landmark Overlay Complete

The Nashville Metro Council took its final vote in favor of the Historic Landmark Overlay for Buchanan Log House property and the Buchanan Family Cemetery. Thank you Metro Council members Jeff Syracuse and Kevin Rhoten for shepherding this process. This designation protects both property against future development. Any outside structural changes to historic buildings on the Buchanan Log House property will be reviewed by the Metro Historic Zoning Commission.

Buchanan History Center Update

A new work station at the Buchanan History Center is being completed with a new custom countertop and map and storage drawers. Chapter Historian Sarah Arntz is busy organizing family history and other donated books on the custom shelves. Our goal is to have the library available for home school groups to visit and space for research on the Buchanan Family.



James Buchanan Cemetery Needs Your Support

Strong winds in March pulled a large tree out of the ground from the roots in a corner of the James Buchanan Cemetery close to the graves of James and Lucinda. Another tree also fell in the corner of the cemetery, landing on top of a headstone. Thankfully, no damage was done to any of the grave stones.

The cost to cut and remove the downed trees required large equipment (the largest tree was several feet in diameter) and was an expensive process. Upkeep for the cemetery is funded by descendants and private sources. If you would like to contribute to the cemetery upkeep, checks can be sent to Robert Whitworth, Buchanan Memorial Association, 3024 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN 37214.

Looking for Volunteers to Support Event Rentals & Tours

Have a few hours each month to support Buchanan Log House? The Buchanan Log House Board is looking for volunteers to serve on the building and grounds committee, public relations, serving as a docent for tours as well as help with sitting duties while the property is rented to outside organizations. Contact us at loghouse@buchananloghouse.com.

We mourn the passing of Buchanan Descendant Sam Crutchfield

Sam Shaw Crutchfield Jr., passed away at his home in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 5, 2023. He was the 2nd great grandson of James and Lucinda Buchanan and great grandson of their daughter Sarah Ann (Ann) Buchanan.

Sam was a longtime member and benefactor of Buchanan Log House and was a Life Member and former Chief Counsel of the Clan Buchanan Society of America. He is survived by his son, Firmadge Whitworth Crutchfield; daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Stephen Berry; six grandchildren: Ian Berry, Sydney Berry, Emma Crutchfield, William Crutchfield, Caroline Crutchfield, and James Crutchfield; brother, James A. Crutchfield, and sister-in-law, Regena Hawkins Crutchfield, of Franklin, Tennessee.

A private service for family members will be scheduled at a later date. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Buchanan Log House to support the property and in memory of the Buchanans from Scotland, via Ireland, who built the house and settled the land, and from whom Sam proudly descends.

Next MTSU Project Will Focus on James Buchanan Cemetery

MTSU's Masters in Public History Program are working with the James Buchanan Cemetery and Buchanan Log House to finalize a new project focused on mapping and identifying unmarked graves at the cemetery.

The project will include the use of light and radar technology (LiDAR). Short for Light Detection and Ranging, this technology utilizes pulsed lasers to accurately and constantly measure distances to a given target or area. LiDAR sensors are essentially light-based measurement and mapping tools that are incredibly useful in a variety of sectors.

The project will take several weeks from its start with a goal of confirming graves where headstones currently exist and expanding over to areas with historically known graves but with no stones. With information from Buchanan descendants and a history of the cemetery written in the 1990s, at the end of the project we hope to be able to provide more information about the cemetery graves. One focus will be on an area traditionally known as a burial site for enslaved people and their descendants.

Our Membership Year begins on July 1

Membership renewal letters have been sent out to those who were members both in 2022-2023 and the prior year. If you are not a current member, we encourage you to join and support Buchanan Log House and our many projects, as well protect and promote the story of James and Lucinda and life in the early days of Tennessee Statehood.

Membership and donation information is on our website if you wish to use a credit card. Paypal is our 3rd party provider to process credit cards; you do not have to have a Paypal account to pay for your membership or to donate to support our efforts!



Membership Form 2022—2023

Mail Form with check to:
Treasurer, Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA
P.O. Box 292879
Nashville, TN 37229

Membership Year is 1 July—30 June

All membership fees are considered donations and are, therefore, tax deductible

- _____ \$25 **Individual Membership**
_____ \$40 **Family Membership** (two or more immediate family members residing in the same household)
_____ \$100 **Corporate Membership**
_____ \$100 **Sustaining Membership** (all monies go to the Endowment Fund, designated for BLH log structure)
_____ \$250 **Preservation Partner** (all monies go toward maintenance and upkeep of the log structures)

Name: _____ check one: New _____ Renewal _____

List all names for membership _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Descendant: YES _____ NO _____

There is no paid staff. The Buchanan Log House is maintained and operated solely by volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please check those areas you are interested in, or contact us at email@buchananloghouse.com.

I would like to volunteer for the following:

Building Restoration _____ Building Furnishings & Decorating _____ Building Maintenance _____
Grounds Maintenance _____ Gardening _____ Genealogy _____ Fund Raising _____
Publicity _____ Gift Shop _____ Housesitting for events _____ Assist with tours for visitors _____
School Days Educational Programs _____ Assist with our Annual Events _____

Your Membership Includes:

- Buchanan Log House membership card
- Free admission to all APTA properties (if you show your membership card)
- 10% discount on rental of the Buchanan Log House
- 10% discount on Buchanan Log House gift shop items
- Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA newsletter

