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

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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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President's Message

I want to express my appreciation to our Pioneer Council speaker on March 17th, Dr. Natalie Inman, History Professor, Cumberland University. I was unable to attend; and I have heard many glowing comments on the content of Dr. Inman's presentation. She's a dedicated and thorough researcher of the early Indians who were a big part of our early settlements. And, of course, a special thank you to each of you who attended.

I want to encourage each of our members to attend our Pioneer Council Program this year. This is our Sunday afternoon history presentations covering the early 19th century history of Middle Tennessee. As you know, *history* is the starting point of who we are. As importantly as learning our "starting point," it's important to support our speakers who come because of their love for and interest in history and to support the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA - they come without compensation. ***I urge you to support the speakers.*** Our Pioneer Council schedule for the remainder of this year is: April 21st - Mr. George Cate (known to all as 'Mr. Nashville History'); July 21st - Dr. Frank Jones; August 18th -

Mr. Paul Clements (local history author); November 17th - Dr. Fred Hefner, history Professor, Cumberland University. This is a great schedule.

In looking ahead, our annual membership meeting will be on Sunday afternoon, June 9th at 2 p.m. This year, a special invitation is extended to all past members and all volunteers through the years, as well as current members and volunteers, since the organization of the Buchanan Log House Chapter. We want the opportunity to express our gratitude to ALL who have built our organization into the success that it is today. Please pass this invitation along and telephone me to give me names of anyone who should be invited to our Special Thank-You Day to Members (past & present) and Volunteers (past & present).

Last but definitely not least, please begin now, inviting your family, neighbors, and friends to our annual fish fry and silent auction. These will be on the 3^d Friday in May, May 17th, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our activities and events.

Caring matters.....

Caring about our past, our heritage, our present & our future.

Lu Whitworth

February & March Activities



Special thanks to those who participated in the early spring clean-up at the Buchanan Log House in February. We need to maintain this volunteerism throughout the summer in maintaining the grounds and the interior of this historic structure.

The Pioneer Council presentations were kicked off with a special St. Patrick's Day event featuring Dr. Natalie Inman, Assistant History Professor at Cumberland University and a Native American expert, who provided an excellent and informative presentation on how the French and Indian War

affected Middle Tennessee European settlements and how it set the stage for the American Revolution. Dr. Inman's participation in the Buchanan Log House Pioneer Council is greatly appreciated and set the stage for upcoming speakers.—Joe Cathey

April & May Activities

A Special Concert...

JONI BISHOP & SUSAN TRUMP

Old Buchanan Log House

2910 Elm Hill Pike. Donelson, TN / (615) 871-4524

Sat. April 6 @ 7pm

**Tickets: \$15. at the door
\$10. w/workshop registration**

Plus

All-day Dulcimer Workshops with Susan Trump

9:00 -9:30 Registration
10:00 -11:30 Beyond Beginner
12:45 -2:15 Clean Up Your Playing w/Right and Left Hand Techniques
2:30-4:00 Rounds, Duets & Ensemble Playing – Something for Everyone!

\$20 per workshop (90 minutes)
\$50 all three
\$10 Evening Concert

Visit: www.SusanTrump.com

& Folk Art by Joni Bishop

Original photography, paintings & hand-made cigar box instruments!

Visit: www.JoniBishop.com

Don't Miss It!

On April 21st at 2:00 p.m. the Buchanan Log House Pioneer Council presentation will feature Mr. George Cate who was Metro Nashville's first Vice Mayor and his subject will be "Metro at 50." He is on the Metro at 50 celebration committee along with John Seigenthaler, Thelma Harper, and Dr. Carole Bucy. He is currently a Commissioner with the Metro Historical Commission and an attorney with offices at 95 White Bridge Road. An accomplished and entertaining speaker, George will tell us about the early days leading up to the approval of Nashville's and Davidson County's consolidated metropolitan government which was approved April 1, 1963, fifty years ago this month. For more information, go to www.nashville.gov/mhc and go to the "Metro at 50 link" or simply Google "Metro Nashville at 50 Celebration."

George's ancestors were some of the founders of Nashville and he will comment on how far Nashville has come in 200+ years and what were the major turning points that would have made everything different. You will really enjoy his presentation.—Bob Allen



May 12th

May Activities

FISH FRY



Memorial Day May 27th

FRIDAY MAY 17th

4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

**BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE
2910 ELM HILL PIKE, Nashville (near Airport)**

TICKETS:

ADULTS. \$8.00; CHILDREN UNDER 8- \$3.00
CALL 871.4524 FOR GROUP SALES

INCLUDES FRESH CATFISH, FRENCH FRIES, WHITE BEANS, SLAW,
HUSHPUPIES AND DRINK
(DESSERTS AVAILABLE IN THE SWEET SHOPPE AT MARKED PRICES)

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NASHVILLE OLE TIME STRING BAND



JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP
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THE APTA



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GENEROUS SUPPORT.*

FOR INFORMATION: TELEPHONE 615-871-4524; EMAIL: loghouse@buchananloghouse.com;
Web page: www.buchananloghouse.com

**The Buchanan Log House now open to visitors, individuals & groups,
Tuesday AND Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (through October 1st)**

PLENTY OF FREE PARKING IN BACK

**Fifteenth Annual . . .
Tradition Continues
Dulcimer Day Picnic**



With a and Celebration of the Mountain Dulcimer at the

Buchanan Log House

2910 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN 37214

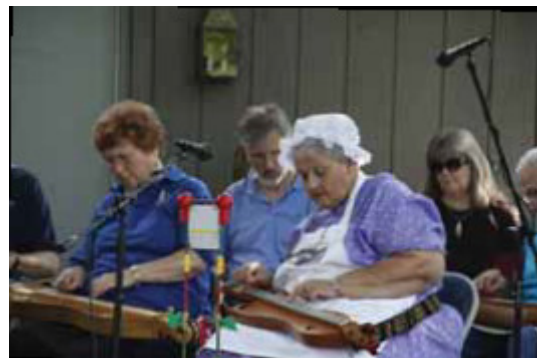
Sunday, **May 19th** Noon Until Five

Family Fun & Free Admission

- * Enjoy stage performances
- * Visit the Historic Log House
- * Jam on the grounds & porch
- * Bring your stringed instruments
- * Bring your own chair
- * Enjoy food provided by
Houstons Meat & Produce

or

- * Bring your own picnic basket



Stage Presentations

Noon until 3 pm—

Featured Performers

3 pm to 4pm—

**Grand Old
Dulcimer Club
& Friends**

4pm to 5pm—



Open Jam

Sponsored by:

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buchananloghouse.com

Buchanan Log House President & Ambassadors Recruit in South Africa

Sally & Bill Prather and Lu Whitworth, members of Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA, recently spread information about the historic Buchanan Log House Complex in South Africa. Bill always wore his bright red "Buchanan Log House" hat.

Their first stop, Cape Point - the fatherliest, most southern tip of Africa, provided an amazing site as they witnessed the meeting of the Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean. On the drive up the coastal-

way, an enjoyable stop was made at the Penguin Colony, the Seals Colony, and the Botanical Gardens which are filled with gorgeous flowers, plants, trees, guineas, baboons, ostriches. During the few days in Cape Town, a cable-car ride to the top of Table Mountain proved that high winds could be a challenge for Bill's BLH hat! One of the many highlights of the trip was a few days' stay at the Kapama Southern Camp where many Safari drives in a Toyota Land Cruiser through the Preserve revealed



BLH Ambassadors Sally & Bill Prather escort President Whitworth on a recruiting trip to Africa.

many beautiful animals (which were not too interested in becoming members of the APTA). The last stop was in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe where a walk in the Rain Forest along the beautiful (and wet) paths bordered the breathtakingly spectacular Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. One of the beautiful African sunsets was enjoyed during a Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River as a huge hippo seemed to escort the boat along the way.

Not many APTA members were found, but they returned home with a lifetime of memories of the beautiful country and friendly people.—Lu Whitworth & Sally Prather

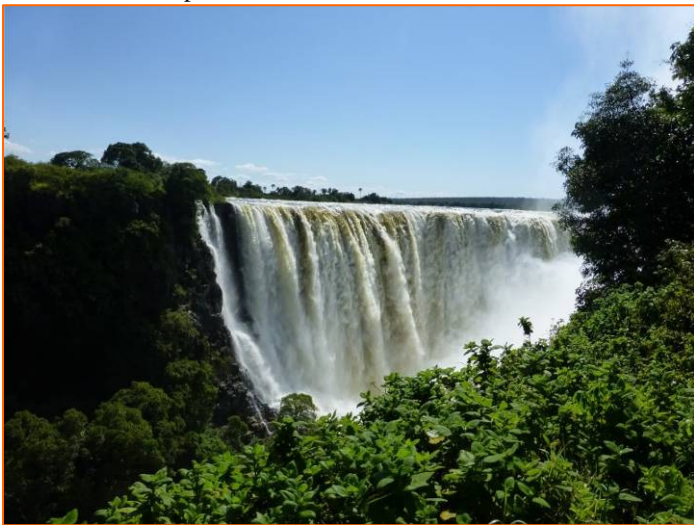
Photo Summary



The Prathers and Lu recruit BLH members at the southern tip of the African Continent.



Lu Whitworth, Becky Gardner, Lori Cowan, Sally & Bill Prather, & Ge Ge Goad at Cape Point, South Africa



The BLH can accommodate large groups. Photo by BLH's Sally Prather of South African Penguins.



Tell me more about the BLH. Photo by BLH's Sally Prather of South African Baboon.



Head's Up on May Activities at Two Rivers Mansion

"Phil the House" Annual meeting with guest visual and performing artist - Sunday, May 19th Art, Music, Food & Wine.—Jeff Syracuse

Replacement Fund

"The roof is leaking, let the donations pour in!"

As revealed in the last *Buchanan Log*, the roof on the BLH is leaking badly and needs to be fixed to aid in preserving this 1806 structure. Your financial support is urgently needed. Please consider making a donation without delay. Your gift may be tax deductible based on your personal tax situation and will ensure future generations are able to enjoy and learn from our historic site.

Please mail a check with your donation to the following address:

Treasurer, BLH
P. O. Box 292879
Nashville, TN 37229

Or, follow this link below to donate via credit card:

<http://blhroof.chipin.com/buchanan-log-house-roof-replacement-fund>

Mammy's Recipe

While having to fend for myself during my wife's frequent absences to care for her Mother, I quickly realized that one can not grill all your meals. Luckily, I remembered the 1938 *Watkins Cook Book* my grandmother Maude Vaughan Lannom left me. If this turns out to be something the BLH members and friends enjoy, I'll publish a recipe with each newsletter.—Joe Cathey

Beef Pot Roast

5 pounds beef	Potatoes
Cabbage	Salt
Rutabagas	Watkins Pepper
Carrots	Watkins Onion
2 tablespoons fat	Seasoning
Watkins Celery	
Salt	

Five pounds beef. Wipe dry, put into hot kettle. Brown meat in little hot fat. Add hot water, salt, Watkins Pepper. Cook at least 3 to 3½ hours. Cook cabbage 1 hour, rutabagas 1 hour, carrots 45 minutes, potatoes 30 minutes. Cook vegetables separately, add just before serving. Thicken meat gravy with little flour and water. Let come to boil, strain. Serve hot with tomato or horse-radish sauce.

NEWS

Bone Marrow & Blood Drive for Sarah Franklin.

Sarah Franklin, a beloved 'leader' in our Donelson-Hermitage Community, is very active in the "Leadership Donelson" program. [The BLH Chapter, APTA President is a graduate of the M-3 Leadership Class, 2012, which was under the direction of Sarah Franklin.] Sarah needs our help.

A Bone Marrow & Blood Drive is planned for Sarah on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at Mt. Hopewell Baptist Church, 2911 Stokers Lane, Nashville, TN 37218, between 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

If you are not on the bone marrow registry and would like to get tested (done by mouth swab) and are age 18-44, it can be done on site the day of the drive. Please telephone Ms. Kia Lewis, at 615-440-6244, to be placed on the "testing" list. At least 20 people need to sign up for them to come out. If you are above the age of 44 you will need to go to be matched and fill out the questionnaire before you can get tested. [Telephone Ms. Kia Lewis at 615-440-6244 for information about this.](tel:615-440-6244)

For others that are already on the Bone Marrow Registry or do not qualify to donate Bone Marrow on-site, please sign up to give blood. If you have any questions, feel free to call Ms. Kia Lewis at 615-440-6244.

TAM Scholarship Recipients Announced

Humanities Tennessee is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2013 Scholarships for the Tennessee Association of Museums (TAM) annual conference. This year, we awarded scholarships to eighteen individuals from eleven organizations across the state. Now in its eleventh year, our program has provided scholarships to 210 people from 67 organizations in Tennessee. Lu Whitworth & Judy Vecchione of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA were among the recipients for the TAM conference. The conference was held in Franklin, TN at the Marriott Hotel on 20-22 March 2013.

BUCHANAN'S STATION CEMETERY—Friends of Buchanan's Station Cemetery are making good progress towards its goals of preserving and interpreting this historic site. The transfer of the property to Metro Nashville will go before the Metro Historical Commission at its next meeting.

A bank account has been established at the Donelson Branch of Wilson Bank and Trust and a membership drive is in full swing. In addition, the Friends now have a Facebook page that contains interesting data and photos; join our group and "Like" us. If you wish to become a member of the Friends, please send me joecathey@comcast.net or Mike Slate nhn.slate@gmail.com an e-mail and we will provide you with an application.—Joe Cathey



The tombstone in the left foreground is that of Elizabeth Ridley, who died in 1810 at 16 years of age. Hers is the earliest *dated* headstone in the Buchanan Station Cemetery. She was likely an orphaned niece of Sarah "Sally" Buchanan, as deduced from this entry in an 1887 genealogy book:

Elizabeth Ridley^s (1), eldest daughter of John^s (1), was born in Georgia (date unknown), left an orphan, carried to Tennessee when a child, and reared among her relatives. She died when about twenty years old, unmarried.

The tombstone on the right is that of George Buchanan, the child with whom Sally Buchanan was 9 months pregnant during the Battle of Buchanan's Station. He, too, was never married and died in 1816 at 23 years old.

Archeologist Dan Allen has suggested that, since they were buried side by side, maybe Elizabeth and her cousin George were romantically involved with

each other. Their untimely deaths and proximity of burials may signify a tragic story of young love at Buchanan's Station.—Mike Slate

The Buchanan Log House Chapter extends an invitation to organizations and to host/hostesses of private luncheons to enjoy a Buchanan Log House Destination Luncheon, 2910 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville TN 37214.

Our program includes a box lunch, costumed docents providing house tours, music and door prizes, all for \$25.00 per person. Reservations must be pre-paid and received by the Buchanan Log House Chapter one week prior to the date selected and a minimum of 15 guests are required for the caterer. We offer free parking to our guests.

If you prefer, plan and arrange your own luncheon, dinner or party. Rental rates are \$40.00 per hour during the week or \$100.00 per hour during the weekend.

Our Events Coordinator, Kathy Blums will work with your group for an available date.

Kathy's contact information:

Kathyblums@hotmail.com

915.521.9219

BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR YEAR 2012-2013. We need you and your support--**PLEASE**. So if you have just put off joining or submitting your annual dues, kindly do so now. As a non-profit self supporting chapter, we receive no funds from Metro Government and totally depend on the Donelson-Hermitage Community to support our projects and programs. **Annual membership dues are \$25 for one year, and may be mailed with your name, address, email address and phone number to:**

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You are very vital to us and we truly need your support.

ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED FOR BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE CHAPTER, APTA

To create an additional avenue of "giving" to insure funding for the future maintenance and renovations of the historic Buchanan Log House complex, an endowment fund has been established in the memory of Malchiga C. (Whit) Whitworth III. As the endowment fund grows, the interest earned will supplement current income to fund needed renovations and major maintenance.

Whit, a James & Lucinda Buchanan descendant was a member of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA and served on its Board of Directors for several years. He supported the Chapter's endeavors financially as well as with his time, energy, and love.

Donors to the endowment will see their contributions grow, serving as a continuing source of income to help preserve the historic Buchanan Log House complex.

The fund, "M. C. Whitworth, III Endowment for the Buchanan Log House", is being maintained and managed by the West Tennessee Health Foundation (WTHF), Jackson, TN. The WTHF is a unique community foundation that manages charitable giving and endowments for nonprofit efforts. With assets exceeding \$24 million, the funds are professionally managed with a very stable investment policy while providing an aggressive spending policy that benefits the charitable effort. Endowments range from \$5,000 to \$5 million.

Contributions to the *M. C. Whitworth, III Endowment for the Buchanan Log House* may be made to:

BLH

& write "Endowment" in the memo line on the check

Mail to: Treasurer, BLH

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