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

President's Message

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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 NOTES.

First, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you who contributed financially to the Buchanan Log House *Roof Fund*. The amount was contributed by our always supportive members plus generous donations by the Donelson-Hermitage Neighborhood Association, the Tennessee Beer Festival, the UDC John Donelson Chapter, Larry Keeton, and the HipDonelson Organization. You definitely made a difference and the new roof became a reality in June. B&P General Contractors are to be commended for their excellent craftsmanship and in their thoughtfulness in working with an historic structure. As a 501(C) (3) non profit organization, we are supposed to receive at least one third of our support from the general public. Our roof project met this requirement by the generous non-member contributions.

Second, I want to thank our faithful members for all you do for our Chapter in the preservation of Donelson's oldest historic site. Your membership dues are a main source of income and are needed to continue the maintenance & upkeeps of the property. The new membership year began on July 1st, and I encourage you to renew your dues timely, and to recruit at least one new member.

Recently, an endowment fund was set up to help ensure the financial future of the historic Buchanan Log House. Contributions to this endowment may be made now

so the donor may see the funds at work; or this endowment may be funded through wills or charitable trusts. People choose to create or add to endowment funds for a number of reasons - here's some to consider:

Durability. The idea of creating a perpetual stream of financial support makes sense to people who see a similarity between retirement funds and endowment provisions. They like the concept of a fund that is guarded and invested separately from other assets so the principal of the fund will stay in tact. In our endowment, only the income of the value will be used to support the operations, renovations and repair of the property. The gifts to this endowment will live on forever.

A Positive Legacy. When donors attach their names to an endowment fund or add funds to the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA endowment fund, they create an enduring legacy that will outlive them and influence succeeding generations. Other family members and friends will be reminded of the person's values and commitments. Endowment funds can also be used to honor the lives of others who have made a significant impact on the donor and/or the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA.

Perpetuate Gifts. Many donors see an endowment fund as a means to underwrite their own regular giving. For example, an endowment fund of \$20,000 could create an annual gift of \$800 - \$1,000 forever. It's a great way to leave your mark and insure the financial stability of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA.

A Firm Foundation. Endowments should be properly invested in a diversified long-term mix of socially responsible assets to provide maximum return and minimal risk. The Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA Endowment Trust is managed by the West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation, Jackson, Tennessee. While our Endowment Fund is new, it will be left to grow until its balance becomes significant for a 4% payout to fund at least one-half of its annual budget. When the endowment fund has grown to a significant amount, annual payouts from the endowment fund will permit the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA to plan more confidently for our annual operating expenses and needed repairs. The Chapter with a strong endowment is simply more stable financially.

Personal Satisfaction. There is something wonderfully fulfilling about doing something good that lasts, something that really makes a difference. Other kinds of giving are important, but creating or adding to a fund that will benefit our Chapter for centuries is truly satisfying.

For information about the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA Endowment Fund, please contact me at telephone 615-370-9415, or email: mwhit1930@aol.com

PLEASE
READ

We need
helpers!!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the BBQ & Bluegrass Concert on August 24th; the Folk Festival on September 21st, and the Buchanan Day (which is open to the public) with a cemetery walk in the James Buchanan Cemetery on October 12th.

Continue to enjoy your summer and be safe. Telephone or email me with your suggestions for programs & activities you would enjoy at the Buchanan Log House. It's your chapter - let's work together to make it what you want.

Lu Whitworth

VOLUNTEERS
REQUIRED.

CLEAN-UP
SCHEDULE
FOR THE
GROUNDS
surrounding the Buchanan Log House and the Addison Museum before events: will you help to ensure the property is tidy before upcoming events? Come on the following dates with your work gloves & yard-rake.
Saturday, August 17th, 8:00 a.m. till finished.
Thursday, September 12th, 8:00 a.m. till finished.

August-September Activities

BLUEGRASS & BBQ.

AN EVENING OF BLUEGRASS & BBQ AT THE BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE, 2910 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN. , Saturday, August 24th, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by BAR-B-CUTIE (The World's Best Barbecue Since 1950) and ticket sales will benefit the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA in its effort to preserve the historic buildings on the property.



Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased in advance at Bar-B-Cutie located at 501 Donelson Pike 615.872.0207 or on site at time of the event. To purchase group tickets contact: Terry Tomlin 615-872-0207 or Kathy Blums 615-521-9219.

FOLK FESTIVAL AND BUCHANAN MARKET PLACE.

The annual Folk Festival is scheduled for two days this year: Friday, September 20th is School Kids Day with the 19th Alabama Civilian Corps demonstrating the life and times during the early 19th century. School Groups who want to attend may contact Events Coordinator, Kathy Blums, 615-521-9219 to reserve a time. This event is free and a great educational opportunity to learn early Tennessee history.



The Folk Fest, scheduled on Saturday, September 21st, 10:00 - 5:00 p.m., free event with free parking, will offer many costumed reenactors, along with the 19th Alabama Civilian Corps (who will set up encampment on the Buchanan Log House grounds earlier in the week) - All demonstrating the life &

times in the early 19th century. Live animals, some exotic, will be onsite; live music; food & drinks for sale - a fun family experience. Also, the Buchanan Market Place will be buzzing with vendors selling their wares - an excellent shopping experience.—Kathy Blums

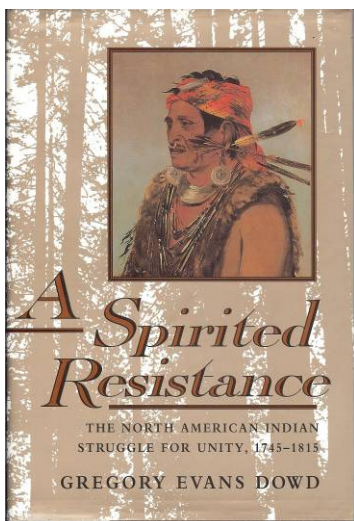
October Activities

"BUCHANAN" Day.

Buchanan descendants and friends of the Buchanan Log House are invited to meet at the Buchanan Log House on Saturday, **October 12th** for a day of sharing "Buchanan" history and genealogy; workshops, speakers, and a cemetery walk with costumed reenactors. The festivities begin Friday night with (no-host) dinner at McNamara's, an appropriate place to remind us of our Scot-Irish & British ancestry. Registration fee of \$20.00 includes registration which begins at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, the 12th, with coffee & donuts; includes the sessions, lunch and the James Buchanan Cemetery walk. The day will end with a (no-host) dinner at the Hermitage Smorgasbord located on the original Archibald Buchanan Land Grant, and more specifically, on the portion of the property leased to Andrew Jackson for his famous race track. In the Buchanan Log House you will see a receipt for a payment of the lease signed by James Buchanan and witnessed by John Donelson.—Lu Whitworth

Book Review

Gregory Evans Dowd has done an excellent job in researching, presenting his findings, and advancing new ideas on the North American Indians efforts to unify against the onslaught of Anglo-American settlers. Beginning with the Seven-Years War, intensifying during the Revolutionary War to the crisis of the War of 1812 saw Indians who were once enemies form alliances from the Great Lakes to Florida—Delaware, Shawnee, Cherokee, and Creeks tried to defend the native held lands from invasion. The thought processes of Indian Profits and Warriors like Pontiac, Dragging Canoe, Tecumseh and Osceola are presented in great detail, as are the many broken treaties that finally lead up to the Trail of Tears.—Joe Cathey



BASKET WEAVING CLASS AT THE BUCHANAN LOG HOME

Did you ever look at a basket and wonder "How did they do that?"

Come join me on Saturday, October 26th from 9:00 to 2:00 and I'll teach you the fundamentals of basket weaving. The joys of making your own basket are simply unparalleled. It is really quite fun and interesting. I have chosen for our first basket a very simple but functional basket called "Hugs & Kisses". This basket can be used in the bathroom to store guest towels, in the kitchen to hold napkins or utensils or any number of other uses.

I will provide all the weaving supplies and light refreshment. Please feel free to pack a lunch as we will take a break halfway through. The cost for this basket will be \$15. Please call me, Sharon Pressley, at (615) 579-8254 for reservations.



Mud Tavern

Mud Tavern is an historic community in Davidson County, Tennessee established in the late 1700s when the first settlers received North Carolina land grants in Tennessee.

The Community developed around the Elm Hill Pike, McGavock Pike and Dabbs Avenue circle. To the west, along Mill Creek, was Buchanan's Station where in 1792 settlers defeated a raiding party of Creeks and Cherokees. Late in the 18th century, a Mud Tavern Inn was built near the crossroads of Elm Hill Pike & McGavock Pike. It was said to have been built of mud and cedar, hence the name "Mud Tavern." It is recorded that Andrew Jackson often

stayed overnight at the inn, and is reported to have spent two days there in May 1806 preparing for his duel with Charles Dickinson. Over the next one hundred years, the Mud Tavern Community became home to many families who played a significant role in the history of the Donelson area in Davidson County. Three of James & Lucinda Buchanan's children married Whitworth siblings; and these families made their homes in the Mud Tavern Community. Another one of the Buchanan children married into the Page family and made their home in the Mud Tavern Community.

By the beginning of the 20th century, Mud Tavern had acquired the assets of a thriving rural community, among which were the Franklin College, a Tennessee & Pacific Railway Station, Peabody College; schools (Leek-Page School and Mud Tavern School); Fanning College; Hite Post Office (housed in the George Hamilton Page's store); Knapp Farm; Elm Hill Community Club which originally was the Mud Tavern School; Ezell Dairy which became the Purity Dairies; and Gleaves General Store, owned for many years by Wallace A. (Bud) Gleaves.



From the earliest days, Mud Tavern was primarily a rural, farming community within six or seven miles of downtown Nashville. Farmers took their produce to market by wagon, train, and truck until well into the 1950s. Some of the community's most enduring institutions supported and influenced its agricultural way of life. Early in the 20th century,

Peabody College established Knapp School of Country Life on acreage that included the old Buchanan Station. Among other practices the school introduced alfalfa as a hay crop among local farmers. The present day Purity Dairies had its beginning in Mud Tavern on the Miles Ezell farm. For many years Oscar L. Farris, agent for the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service, lived on a hill overlooking the site of the old Mud Tavern Inn. Farris and his wife Mary helped farm families of the community adapt as agricultural technology changed rapidly during the 20th century.

Farming and rural life began to give way to urban development when in 1954 the runways of the Nashville Airport were extended to Dabbs Avenue in

order to provide for jet air traffic. Then, in 1965 building of Interstate 40 separated Dabbs Avenue from the northern portion of the community. Historical and current day maps boldly display "Mud Tavern" at the intersection of Briley Parkway and Elm Hill Pike. This is the location where the Tennessee and Pacific Railway train station was located from about 1875 to 1935 (chartered in 1866 with service beginning in 1875) and recognized as the central location of the area that covers several miles around it as "Mud Tavern." The "MUD TAVERN" sign on display in the Buchanan Log House is the original sign from the Mud Tavern Train Station.—Lu Whitworth

New Roof



Longtime APTA Member Charlie Paul celebrates the good work his company did in replacing the roof at the Historic Buchanan Log House. Special thanks to Mr. Paul!!!

Finally, a new top for the historic Buchanan Log House! Great big thanks to those of you who donated to make this possible. The roof has been leaking for several years with patches by more than one roofer. Many of our members and our Donelson-Hermitage Community answered our request for donations and the funds were raised, and in June B&P Construction Company was on site to make this dream come true.



English Gardens at Buchanan Log House. With the direction of Wanda Shotwell, English gardens are beginning to provide a mixture of beautiful annual and perennial flowers and herbs. Many of these are native plants. Blooms are visible from spring through fall with many species of butterflies fluttering around.

The evergreen trees and shrubs along with winter plants provide a beautiful winter structure to the historic site. Gardeners are Wanda Shotwell and Sharon Pressley. Sharon, a master Gardner, recently committed to helping Wanda with the gardens.



News

Meet newly appointed members to the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA Board of Directors.

Mr. Scott Ryan, Director-at-Large, grew up in Donelson, TN where his parents still remain. He attended McGavock High School. His youthful hobbies included baseball, hunting, fishing, and martial arts. More recently, he has taken an interest in family history and genealogy. Recently, he discovered he is a descendant of James Buchanan by way of his daughter, Nancy. Nancy married into his mother's line, Carter.

Scott resides in Gallatin, TN and is employed by the Hendersonville Police Department as Criminal Investigation Lieutenant. His education includes:

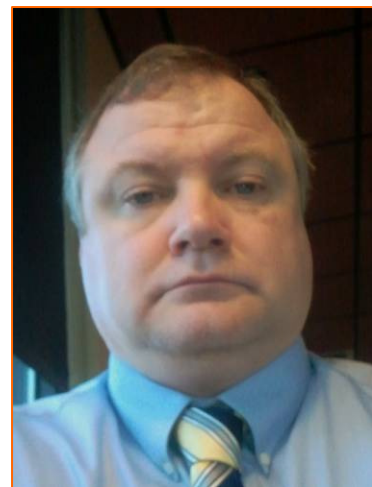


Master of Science, Public Service Management, Cumberland University; FBI National Academy, University of Virginia; School of Police Staff and Command, Northwestern University; and Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice Administration, M.T.S.U.

His volunteer work includes serving as Coordinator, Hendersonville Crime Stoppers Partnership and member of the Sons of the Revolution, Anthony Bledsoe Chapter.

Mr. Joshua Renner has worked in retail sales with Mapco in Antioch and recently took over the Manager's position at Thorntons in Downtown Donelson at the corner of Donelson Pike and Lebanon Road. Mr. Renner brings a vast knowledge of business practices that will greatly assist the Buchanan Log House. Most importantly, he will be our new Building and Grounds Committee Chair replacing longtime Building and Grounds Committee Chair, Bill Prather who enjoys most of his time in the Cumberland Mountains. Joshua has some big shoes to fill, or should I say mower seat.

Mr. Christopher Morin has been the Branch Manager of the Donelson Branch of the Nashville Public Library since 2010. He enlisted and served in the United States Army for 16 years, taking an early retirement due to training injuries. He served with the 101st at Fort Campbell, where he fell in love with Middle Tennessee and knew he would be coming back. He also served in



Germany and Hawaii. After returning to Middle Tennessee, he has worked at Nashville State Technical Institute (now Nashville State Community College), Ingram Library Services, Integra Software Services, Vanderbilt University Book Store, and the Nashville Public Library. He is looking forward to continuing to serve the community and learning more about this wonderful area in which we live.

Two Rivers Mansion



3130 McGavock Pike • Nashville, TN 37214 • www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org



SATURDAY JUNE 15 • 7:30-9:30PM
Classic Rock and Country



SATURDAY JULY 20 • 7:30-9:30PM
Big Band with Dance Floor



SATURDAY AUG. 17 • 7:30-9:30PM
Featuring: Markey Blue, Nick Nixon & Andy T. The Rickey Godfrey Band



SATURDAY SEPT. 7 • 7:30-9:30PM
Contemporary Christian: The River Band
The Fellowship Worship Band

**ADMISSION: \$5 PER PERSON
\$20 PER FAMILY CAR
MEMBERS FREE**
RoseMary Lane Catering has gourmet sandwiches, sides, appetizers & beverages to purchase. Bring blankets, lawn chairs and enjoy an evening on the lawn of Two Rivers Mansion.

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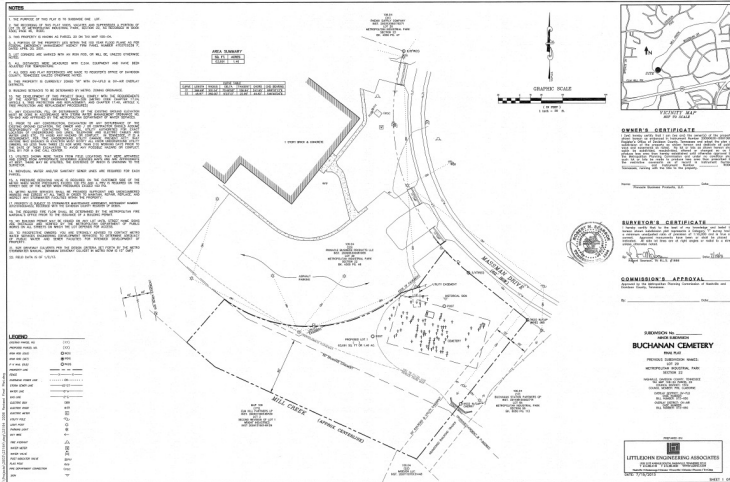
NASHVILLE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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BUCHANAN STATION CEMETERY

We met with Metro Properties to finalize the transfer to metro. The plat below is the copy to be submitted to the Planning Department for review. After we have their comments and add them to the plat, we will obtain a permanent Mylar copy to go into the plat file at the courthouse after it is signed by the owner and Metro. The legal work still outstanding is the deed and transfer docs by Metro legal (we have a lawyer assigned, but we have not met him) and the release by Pinnacle Bank, owner's responsibility. We are



very close to having this done. Thanks to Councilman Claiborne for keeping track of and pushing this forward —Dick Davis

MCCAMPBELL HOUSE

Many have asked the process of purchasing the house once the state puts it up for sale. Once the Building Commission makes the decision to sell it, an internal broker with the

Department of General Services will be assigned to the sale. An appraisal will then be conducted on the home. Next, there will be a 20 day period to allow other state departments or agencies an opportunity to transfer or purchase the home.

If no department or agency takes the home, it then will move on the state's website for a private bid. The bid process will last between 2-4 weeks. Anyone can submit a bid on the home. Once the bidding period ends the highest bid will automatically be accepted as long as it is over the appraised value. If the highest bid is under price then the Department of General Services and the State Museum will determine whether not to accept the highest offer or reject all bids.

Once the internal broker is named I will list it here so you may work with him setting up times to see the home, appraisal, etc... If you have any further questions fire away!—Darren Jernigan, State Representative

Website Links

- [Addison Museum History](#)
- [Buchanan Log House History](#)
- [James Buchanan Cemetery Architectural Significance](#)
- [Be a Volunteer!](#)
- [Reservation Information](#)
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Please visit our website at:

buchananloghouse.com

GRAND OLD DULCIMER CLUB

The Grand Old Dulcimer Club continues to be active with meetings once a month at the Buchanan Log House. The Club held a festival named "Dulcimer Day" which had musicians from all over plus wide representation from members. A workshop was held at the Buchanan Log House by the current National Champion dulcimer player. Come to our meetings! We meet the second Sunday of each month at the historic Buchanan Log House, 2910 Elm Hill Pike, 2:00 to 5:00 PM. In addition, we often have other opportunities to play.—Nancy Seifert

THE NASHVILLE OLD-TIME STRING BAND ASSOCIATION

The Nashville Old-Time String Band Association (Notsba) is a non-profit group made up of musicians who play traditional music from the era in which the Buchanan Log House was first built. Old-time music arose with the meeting of fiddle tunes and instruments from the British Isles and Western Europe with the banjo and its percussive rhythms coming to this country with people from the African continent.

Notsba has enjoyed holding jams at the Buchanan Log House (BLH) for several years and currently welcomes players interested in old-time string band music twice each month there. The first Thursday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. is a members' practice held to play tunes that are likely to be part of any performance the group might have coming up. The second Thursday is an open regular jam for anyone wishing to join in on acoustic stringed instruments.



Photo by Mary Lou Durham shows Notsba players at BLH Fish Fry May 18, 2012

Notsba can be heard playing at some BLH functions that are open to the public. These performances not only enliven BLH events, but also allow folks to hear a still-vital American music genre in a small up-close setting. Notsba's Website, Nashvilleoldtime.org, is a treasure of information about the organization, the music, the jams, and even has tunes for listening and learning.

Look for us at Buchanan Log House events and please feel free to join us at a Jam.—Mary Lou Durham

LAWN MOWER PROJECT

Special thanks go to our new Board member, Joshua Renner who is also chairman of the Grounds Committee. When the lawn mower's engine blew up, Mr. Renner started a fund raising campaign to replace the mower. The goal was \$1,600 and over \$1,400 has been raised.—Joe Cathey

In addition to Joshua, we also want to thank:

Thorntons Inc

HipDonelson

Donelson-Hermitage Neighborhood Assoc.

Lillian's Interiors

MOW HISTORY!



**THE BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE
NEEDS YOUR HELP.**

This beautiful historic property is known and loved in the Donelson area for its rich past and immaculately groomed lawn. Recently, their lawn mower stopped working. Join us in helping this non-profit get their lawn under control.

Donate what you can today at Thornton's (2815 Lebanon Pk) or on Friday's at the HipD Farmers Market (108 Donelson Pk)!



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Bill Prather
This Scrivener
Carolyn Finch
John Brogden
Billy Anderson
and importantly, those who donated at the Hip-D Farmers' Market

Rent the Log House

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 will work with your group for an available date.

Our Event Coordinator's contact information:

Kathyblums@hotmail.com or call 915.521.9219

Please Renew!!!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE.

The new membership year began July 1st for the year 1 July thru June 30, 2014. The dues-paying members are a big source of income needed to support the maintenance & management of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA. We have about two acres of land to maintain and four log structures - the Buchanan Log House, the Addison Museum, the Helt-Paul Craft Center and the Smoke House to maintain. We have the usual expenses: utilities, repairs, insurance, property taxes, etc. As with any old-property, there's always something that MUST be done to repair something. In membership year 2011-2012, we had 124 members; in membership year 2012-2013, we

had 95 members. This year, 2013-2014, we have only 35 members. Will you renew your membership and ask at least one other person to join? Your support is needed. An application is included with this newsletter, or you may join on the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA web page & pay the dues with PayPal. —Lu Whitworth



Grandma Curley's Cake
(Three cakes from same recipe.
Monitor baking time, as her stove
was much different from ours' today.)

Miriam Curley Buchanan Whitworth
(1827 – 1908)

White Cake.
8 eggs whites
2 cups sugar

Yellow Cake.
8 eggs yolks
Same ingredients as *White Cake.*

1 cup butter
1 cup milk
3 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla flavor (or any
flavor to taste)

Mixed Cake.
4 eggs
Same ingredients as *White Cake.*

Sift flour with baking powder. Combine all ingredients and mix well. Grease and flour bottom of 2 9' baking pans. Pour batter into pans and bake for 35 min at 350 degrees. (May use 13x9-inch pan or tube pan.) Use favorite icing, or no icing for great cake with coffee.

Mail Form with check to:

Treasurer, Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA
P.O. 292879 Nashville, TN 37229



WEB PAGE: www.buchananloghouse.com
EMAIL: loghouse@buchananloghouse.com

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP date: _____

BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE CHAPTER, ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF TENNESSEE ANTIQUITIES

Membership Year 2013-2014 (1 July thru 30 June). All membership fees are considered donations and are, therefore, tax deductible.

\$25.00 Individual Membership

\$35.00 Family Membership (Two or more immediate family members residing in same household)

\$100.00 Sustaining Membership to anyone contributing at least \$100.00 to the BLH Endowment Trust Fund.

\$500.00 Corporate Membership.

NAME _____ Check one: New: _____ Renewal _____ (List all names for membership)

Mailing address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Email address: _____

There is NO paid staff. VOLUNTEERS manage & maintain the buildings & grounds and hosts the events. There is always a need for more VOLUNTEERS. WILL YOU HELP?

Special interests: restoration of buildings _____; furnishings & decorating of buildings _____; Buildings maintenance _____
_____; grounds maintenance _____; Helping with garden _____; Helping with flower beds _____;
genealogy _____; fund-raising _____; publicity _____; arranging speakers for meetings _____; House-
sitting during events _____; Assisting during "open hours" for visitors on Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. _____; Assisting in events such as the
Annual Fish Fry in May _____; Folk Festival in September _____; One-time events as scheduled _____; School days' educational programs.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT OF THE BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE CHAPTER, APTA.