



The Buchanan Log



October-November 2013

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.

Late summer and early fall are very busy times for the officers, board of directors and volunteers of the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA. In late August, we enjoyed a BBQ and Bluegrass Fest. This type of event was a new venture for us, and we are happy to report that it was a BIG success - great food and bluegrass music. The event has been scheduled for next year on June 28, 2014. Our annual Folk Festival was expanded from one-day to two-days this year, with Friday being school day and Saturday, Family Day. On Saturday, the rain dampened our attendance a bit, but the day turned into a great success. This week on October 12th, we will be honoring descendants of Archibald & Agnes Bowen Buchanan and James & Lucinda East Buchanan with an all-day program, including a cemetery walk in the James Buchanan Cemetery.

A real shopping experience will be taking place on November 2d, a Christmas Bazaar, at the Buchanan Log House. This is a time to bring your shopping lists for Christmas gifts, Hostess gifts, birthday gifts - fun and convenient shopping.

As has been mentioned in this newsletter in the past, an endowment trust fund has been established for the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA to help with it's operating and renovating costs in the future. With declining memberships and private donations, the Endowment Trust Fund will help fill that gap. The Endowment Trust will be left to grow to a level whereby the interest earned will

be a substantial amount to supplement the budgeted requirements. In December, we have an opportunity to contribute to the Endowment Trust Fund and have our contributions matched by the Foundation. Consider this fund as one of your year-end contributions, and donate to the Buchanan Log House Chapter Endowment Trust fund - it's a tax deduction for you and it's a principal-balance-booster for the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA. Please, if you have questions about this? Email or call me: mwhit1930@aol.com; 615-370-9415).

There are still 81 members from last year who have not renewed their memberships. Please consider sending in your dues and recruit at least one new member. Your support is needed and appreciated.

It's a great time for the Buchanan Log House Chapter. It's YOUR chapter and we need for you to be a part of its membership and activities.

Looking forward to seeing you soon at the **Buchanan Log House**.

Lu Whitworth

August Activities

The Bar-B-Q and Bluegrass Festival was an enormous success as this Photo Summary attests (Photos provided by Ron Sharpe of Sharpe Images & Lu Whitworth):



September Folk Festival

Considering the downpours the Saturday morning of the Folk Festival, the turnout was excellent. Luckily, the students who visited Friday had great weather to learn "the old ways" and experience first hand the skills of the artisans. The 19th Alabama Civilian Corps set up camp and provided a picture of what life was like back in the 1860s during the War Between the States. For the little folks, Engineer Charlie Paul's Water Valley Express and the animals were the real pleasers of the festival.



Mallie Hooven, Nancy Ann Campbell, Caroline Hooven, Maggie Mae Campbell, and Engineer Charlie Paul ready to leave Buchanan Junction. 9-21-2013 Photo by Laurie Cathey



19th Alabama Civilian Corps encampment. 9-21-2013 Photo by Reverend Ed Evans



Excellent folk music could be heard throughout the day. 9-21-2013 Photo by Reverend Ed Evans

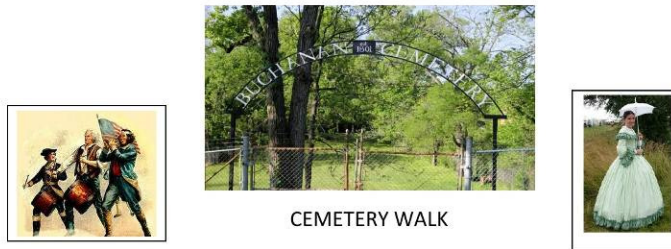


There is nothing that catches the attention of kids and adults alike than a demonstration that relates to animals/livestock. 9-21-2013 Photo by Reverend Ed Evans

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



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 12, 2011

1:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Tickets sold at the gate:

- \$5.00 – Adults
- \$4.00 – Military (active & retired)
- \$4.00 - SENIORS, age 65 & 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. Music around a camp fire.

Plenty of **FREE** parking at the cemetery. The "walk" area is **NOT** wheelchair accessible.



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Hosted by the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA.



Wanda demonstrates the fine art of fabric weavers to local school children at the September Folk Festival. Photo by Reverend Ed Evans

WEAVING Fabric with a LOOM at Buchanan Log House

October 22 (Tuesday)
10AM till 3PM and November 3
(Sunday) 1:30 to 6:30PM

Come spend a day and explore the fun of weaving your own scarf or a special hand towel. You only need to bring yourself; the loom, yarn and instruction are provided by an experienced weaver. Cost is \$60. Now is the time to weave that special Christmas present

or gift to you! Please call Wanda Shotwell at 615-833-5839 to schedule a reservation.—Wanda Shotwell

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.





November Activities

Start Your Christmas Shopping Early!

Buchanan Log House Annual Christmas Crafts Bazaar, November 2

Donelson -- Get some of your Christmas shopping done early at the Annual Christmas Crafts Bazaar at the Buchanan Log House, 2910 Elm Hill Pike! Open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, November 2, the bazaar will feature handmade craft items including sterling jewelry and other hand crafted designer jewelry, ornaments, linens, gift dried and silk flower arrangements, vintage grapevine wreaths, handmade 19th century-style Christmas ornaments, hand-made and embellished greeting and note cards, as well as hats, scarves, and holiday aprons. Admission is \$5 and parking is free.

Crafters from in and around Nashville, and out of state will bring their finest products for sale. Pick up some decorations for your own home or as gifts for others; aprons and greeting cards make wonderful hostess gifts. Come browse the Christmas Bazaar in one of Nashville's oldest historic structures. For more information call Judy Vecchione, 615-424-7548.—
Anne Kelly

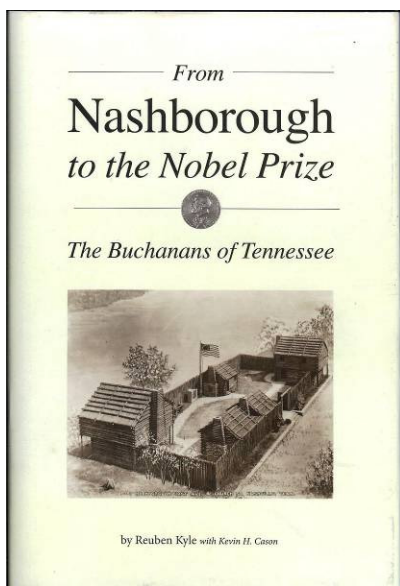


December Activities

Join us in celebrating the Holidays with an Open House at the Buchanan Log House with seasonal decorations by Kelly Childers. The Open House will be on Sunday December 8th between 2 and 4 p.m. We'll be providing more information as plans are solidified.—Anne Kelly

Book Review

Reuben Kyle with Dr. Kevin Cason has pulled together a short history of Middle Tennessee using the Buchanans of Tennessee as the central players—*From Nashborough to Nobel Prize*. As with most families who settled in Middle Tennessee, the Buchanans were of Scot-Irish decent and were looking for independence and religious freedom when they left Scotland then Ireland and finally to the Cumberland settlements. The authors trace the



Buchanan family through generations that experienced pioneer life, the Civil War, Reconstruction, establishment of higher education through Normal Colleges, and finally to a Nobel Peace Prize by Dr. James McGill Buchanan who the book is dedicated too. The book is a very easy read and belongs in the library of those particularly interested in Middle Tennessee history. Highly recommended.—Joe Cathey

Buchanan's Station Cemetery



DeLeusomme Guard led by Maurice Kellogg center with white beard during the 9-30-2012 220th Anniversary of the Battle of Buchanan's Station. Photo by Ron Sharpe of Sharpe Images,

Monday, September 30, was the 221st anniversary of the Battle of Buchanan's Station. We did not hold a public commemoration this year, but we hope that all our members will participate in a special effort to honor those pioneers who fought in the fateful and decisive battle.

The first and primary account of the battle--contained in a letter from Territorial Governor William Blount to US Secretary of War Henry Knox and dated October 10, 1792--

reported that there were fifteen gunmen in Buchanan's Station during the battle. But only one of those fifteen was mentioned by name: John McCrory. Who were the other participants? Over the ensuing century-plus, various accounts of the battle attempted to list those who were present.

Our industrious Friend, Judy Hamill of North Carolina, has compiled an ingenious listing of the defenders, and she has keyed them to the sources that name them. Her rare compilation is attached herewith. Thank you so much, Judy.

Over the next several days, we hope that each of you will study this list, do some research on those listed, and share your findings and comments with the Friends of Buchanan's Station Cemetery. In this way we can

appropriately commemorate the battle and expand our understanding and appreciation.

In addition to those on Judy's list, there are others we must not forget. Foremost among them are Jonathan Gee and Seward Clayton. These were the men who were sent out to scout for any approaching Indians and, having come upon them, were killed before getting the chance to warn the stationers.

We must also remember the brave women who assisted during the attack. In addition to Sally Ridley Buchanan, other stalwart females probably included Nancy Mulherrin, Jane Todd, and Phoebe Castleman. A number of children were also within the fort. Altogether, we estimate that there were perhaps fifty souls whose lives were imperiled by the ferocious attackers.

In addition to being veterans of the under-appreciated Chickamauga Wars, the defenders of Buchanan's Station were a cross-section of Cumberland settlers, and so have much to teach us about the character of the people who founded our city. Indeed, Buchanan's Station and its Cemetery is an important gateway to understanding Nashville's founding era, a picture window onto both the past and present.—Mike Slate, Friends of Buchanan's Station Cemetery

Male Participants at the Battle of Buchanan's Station

Sum	Last Name	First name	Key						Other Name(s)
			A	B	C	D	E	F	
6	BUCHANAN	Maj. John	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6	MULHERRIN	James	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6	O'CONNOR	James	1	1	1	1	1	1	Billy O'Broad
6	TURNBULL	Robin	1	1	1	1	1	1	Wesson/William Turnbull
5	BRYANT	James	1	1		1	1	1	
5	KENNEDY	William	1		1	1	1	1	Thomas
5	MCCRORY	Thomas	1	1		1	1	1	John/ McCrary
4	DURAT	Joe		1		1	1	1	Thomas
4	KENNEDY	Robin	1			1	1	1	Abram
4	LATIMER	Thomas	1			1	1	1	Wetherall Latimore
4	SHANE	Morris	1			1	1	1	
4	WILCOX	Thomas	1			1	1	1	
4	BLAIR	Samuel				1	1	1	
3	CASTLEMAN	John				1	1	1	Jacob
3	CASTLEMAN	Robin				1	1	1	Abe
3	HERD	Charles				1	1	1	
3	HOOD	Robin				1	1	1	
3	MCMURRY	Samuel				1	1	1	
3	THOMPSON	Robin				1	1	1	James
3	WILLIAMS	Sampson				1	1	1	
2	CRABTREE	Joseph	1		1				
2	FINDLESTON	George					1	1	Finalson
2	TODD	James	1	1					
1	CASEBOLT	Robert	1						
1	COTTON	Moore			1				
1	CRABTREE	William			1				
1	DAVIDSON	George	1						
1	FOSTER	Anthony				1			
1	GAIN	John	1						
1	GAIN	William	1						
1	GLEESON	Henry			1				
1	GLISTEN	"Jenny" (coward)		1					
1	GOWEN	John			1				
1	LONG	John	1						
1	RAINS	John			1				

Key
A = Todd in Draper - 1854
B = Todd in Chicago Mag., 1857
C = Washington, 1878
D = Guild, 1878
E = Buchanan Memoir, 1898
F = Albright, 1906

News

Meet newly appointed member to the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA Board of Directors. Brett Wade, appointed to the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA Board of directors, is serving as Chair, Ways & Means Committee. He brings past experience in working with historic sites, namely, The Hermitage. Mr. Wade, in this short time, drafted a strategy plan and other ideas. Welcome, Brett.



The flowers have been picked and the birds have flown away. The renovations to the dining room of the BLH are coming along nicely. As you see from the picture at left, Josh Renner, Chair of Grounds and Maintenance worked hard to make this happen. Please see the Buchanan Log House Facebook page for more pictures (<https://www.facebook.com/Buchananloghouse>).—Kathy Blums

Two Rivers Mansion

Halloween at the Mansion



Sat. October 26, 2013 4pm- 8pm
Free and Open to the Public



**Trick or Treating, Haunted Basement,
Hayrides, Pumpkin Painting, Story Telling,
Best Costume, Food & Music**

Presented by The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion
And
Metro Parks & Recreation



Two Rivers Mansion- 3130 McGavock Pike
Nashville, TN 37214 (615) 885-1112
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HELP INSURE THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE BUCHANAN LOG HOUSE CHAPTER, APTA IN FUTURE YEARS WITH A PERPETUAL GIFT.

Consider naming *the Endowment Trust Fund, Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA* as a beneficiary in your Will or Living Trust. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made, or a gift of part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased.

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

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buchananloghouse.com

MEMBERSHIP

The new membership year began July 1st for the year 1 July thru June 30, 2014, but it's not too late to join up. 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. 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

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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.

Pumpkin Pie

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| 2 cups cooked pumpkin | $\frac{1}{3}$ teaspoon Watkins Nutmeg |
| $\frac{2}{3}$ cup sugar | 3 eggs |
| Scant teaspoon salt | 2 cups milk |
| 1 teaspoon Watkins Cinnamon | 3 tablespoons butter, melted over hot water |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Watkins Ginger | 1 teaspoon Watkins Lemon Extract |
| 2 tablespoons molasses | |

To steamed mashed pumpkin, add sugar, salt and spices. Add eggs slightly beaten, milk, and melted butter. Mix thoroughly. Line pie tin with chilled pastry, brush with unbeaten white of egg. Bake shell in hot oven setting another pie pan of same size inside the pastry lined pan and bake in oven 500 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove second pan; pour in pumpkin mixture. Reduce heat to moderate, 350 degrees, and bake 30 minutes or until firm.

From the Editor's Grandmother, Maude Vaughan Lannom's 1938 Watkins Cookbook