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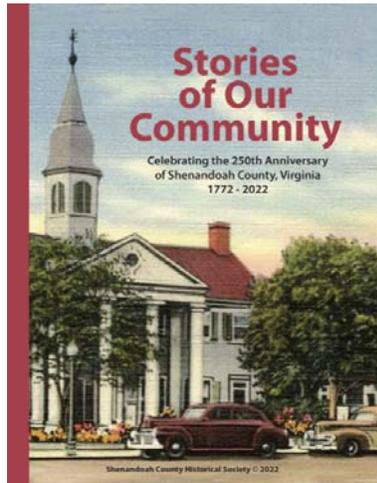
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**250th Anniversary Book Now On Sale**

**Stories of Our Community** is a compilation of 12 booklets released throughout 2022 during the Shenandoah County 250th commemoration. Each booklet shares brief stories that feature some unique aspect of Shenandoah County history, offering a variety of diverse topics. These individual publications were distributed at various 250th events during 2022 and are now contained in a single, commemorative volume. SCHS and the 250th Committee is pleased to be able to offer this book in celebration of our anniversary. We offer many thanks to our twelve authors for their hard work and excellent contribution to Shenandoah County history.



Wade/Peter Stover, *the Stickleys and the Beelers*; Ronald L. Moomaw/*The Early History of Upper Stony Creek Valley-Orkney Springs and Powder Springs*; Laura B. Silsbee/*A Brief Look at Fire and Rescue Services in Shenandoah County*; Linda C. Wheeler/*Post-Civil War Life in Shenandoah County*; Sarah Kohrs/*A Community of Resilience-A Reflection on African Americans in Our County*; Kenna Fansler/*Billy Landis, An Unlikely Folk Artist*; Bruce McClinton/*Fort Valley-A Mountain Refuge*; William Wade/*An Overview of*

**Shenandoah County Folk & Fine Art.**

A special thank you goes to Lynne Crumpacker who designed the book and to Suzanne Montgomery for her editing work. The softcover book is 8.5 x 11 inches in size and contains 212 pages. It is available for \$30.00, plus \$5.00 shipping and handling for postal mail orders.

You can download a printable order form to mail back along with a check for the cost of the book at [www.SCHS1795.com](http://www.SCHS1795.com).

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**New Life Members**

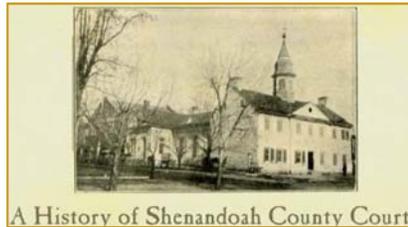
Susan E. Hines

**New Members**

Caitlin Garvey  
Melissa Howell  
Vince Ventimiglia  
Alan & Martha Dodson  
Rich Verjinski  
Frances Sager  
Lorraine Sinden

**Hupp Lecture Is Available On Line**

Judge Dennis L. Hupp (Retired) spoke at a September Shenandoah County Historical Society public program in Edinburg, Va. The program was a part of the 2022 Shenandoah County 250th Commemoration.



The courts have been an important part of county history since the beginning, and Judge Hupp covered several historical milestones, as well as shared personal anecdotes about his long career as a judge. After the lecture, there were numerous requests for the program to be available on line.

We are pleased to announce that we have

now established a video presence through YouTube and this program is now available for viewing. The Hupp program video is live on the new channel and the presentation runs approximately an hour and ten minutes.

The official SCHS YouTube address is: <https://youtube.com@shencohistoricalociety> or, it can be directly accessed at this link: [https://youtu.be/SbaW\\_Jd4I2Y](https://youtu.be/SbaW_Jd4I2Y) If you visit the SCHS website: [www.SCHS1795.com](http://www.SCHS1795.com) and click on a link on the home page.

In the future, we hope to have additional programs on this new video channel.





## From the: Shenandoah County Archives

By Zach Hottel, Archivist

### Liberty Furnace Office

This image shows the office structure at Liberty Iron Furnace. Located west of Edinburg Virginia, Liberty Iron Furnace produced ore from ca. 1821 until 1907.

The office was a two story, wood frame structure constructed sometime in the 19th century along what is now Liberty Furnace Road (the dirt road pictured in the foreground). This building was the center of operations at the furnace where the superintendent and others worked to manage the furnace, the "Dinky" Railroad, company stores, timber operations, and other business concerns.

While the exact dates of its operation are unclear, the office was most likely used through the end of ore production in 1907 and conclusion of timber/railroad operations in 1917. The building then stood abandoned until it was demolished in 1998.



"Liberty Furnace Office," Undated, Morrison Studio Collection, Truban Archives, Shenandoah County Library, Edinburg, Virginia.

The date of this image and the identity of the original photographer is unknown, though it may be around the turn of the 20th century when the "Dinky" Railroad opened. Hugh Morrison reproduced it and a series of other earlier Liberty Furnace photographs in his W. Court Street Studio in Woodstock sometime in the early to mid- 20th century.

This photograph is one of over 4100 images from the Morrison Studio Collection that are now available online at [www.archives.countylib.org/collections/](http://www.archives.countylib.org/collections/).

This Newsletter can be sent to you electronically. Many photos will appear in color, and it saves postage ! Notify us at: [schs.va@gmail.com](mailto:schs.va@gmail.com)

## Message from the President

Happy New Year! I hope for a healthy and happy 2023 for all of you. 2022 sped by as usual. I read an article that addressed the issue of those of us, as we get older, who see time go by faster than it did in years past. This article claims that we aren't wrong (or crazy). Time does seem to go faster for us because our lives tend to be routine, with activities that we've done before. Younger folks are busy doing things that are new to them and those new experiences make days and weeks stretch. At least that's what the article says – and I'm buying it!



The historic courthouse is now closed for the season but will reopen on March 3, 2023. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who enable us to open our doors to the public. They include Robert Frye, Anna Mae Ortgies, Suzanne McIlwee, Dennis Atwood, Sharon Lee, Liz Sollenberger, Kevin Frazier, Sallie Raynor, Kim Stevenson, Jim Stevenson, Susan Walls, Janet Wagniere, CF Wagniere, Meg Trott, Gloria Boone and Bill Boone. We would like to be able to add Thursday back to our open schedule if we had more volunteers. We're stretched thin! If anyone would like to consider volunteering please leave a message at 540-459-1795.

I also thank our intrepid family researcher Kathy Rivers. She does a wonderful job answering requests from all over the USA. It is much appreciated.

Zach Hottel deserves a special thank you for all he does for all of us and especially for his role in chairing the 250th Committee.

SCHS hosted three successful program meetings in 2022. We began with the annual

dinner in May when historian Peter Dalton presented Civil War Memory and the Women of the Shenandoah Valley. In September retired Judge Dennis L. Hupp presented a program well-suited for the county's 250th commemorative year – Shenandoah Justice: A History of Shenandoah County Courts. Our last program for the year was Bill Wine's The Shenandoah County Historical Mapping Project. We had wonderful attendance and interest at each of our programs.

At the May annual dinner Committee Chair, Jim Stevenson, presented two awards for the newly renamed John H. Adamson Excellence in Preservation Awards Program. They went to the Massanutten Antique Tractor and Gasoline Engine Club and to Todd Holtzman and staff for the restoration/repurposing of the 1930s Pure Oil Service Station in Mt. Jackson.

As always I thank the SCHS board for their support. Couldn't do it without Janet Wagniere, CF Wagniere, Ellen Markel, Dennis Atwood, Anne Dellinger, Rick Lytton, Suzanne McElwee, Margie H. Tackett, Susan Walls, Karen Whetzel and Hank Zimmerman.

As 2022 drew to a close so did the Shenandoah County 250th Commemoration. It was a busy year and a rewarding one. We enjoy sharing Shenandoah County's rich history with the public. And enjoyed the collaboration with the 250th Committee that made the year a success.

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## Jackson Family Project and Exhibit at Belle Grove

Belle Grove, our neighbor to the north with many connections to Shenandoah County through the Hite and Bowman families, has focused in recent years on the history of the enslaved people who lived and worked at the plantation.

One of these families is that of Emanuel Jackson. Jackson was a free Black man who purchased the freedom of his children and grandchild from the Hite family. The Jacksons made a new life in Pittsburgh, PA. Research about the family is ongoing.

You may view an online exhibit about the family at <https://virtual.bellegrove.org/the-jackson-family/>

There will also be a free online program about the Jackson family project on Friday, Jan. 13 from 12-1pm. You may register to view the program at <https://bellegrove.org/calendar/Jacksons-online-program>

The late John Adamson, a Belle Grove supporter and volunteer, was especially interested in this project. The genealogical research and exhibit preparation has been funded in part by donations made to Belle Grove in John's memory. He would be very pleased.

### 250th Book - [Continued from Page 1]

The book can also be purchased in person at the Historic Courthouse Museum in Woodstock, Fridays and Saturdays, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, when the Museum/ Visitor Center reopens on March 3rd. Cash or checks only.

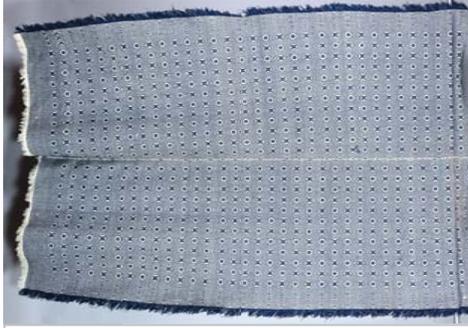
Though the museum is closed during January and February, mail orders will still be processed during the closed months. In the interim, other in-person purchase locations include:

- Shenandoah Valley Cultural Heritage Museum, at the Edinburg Mill, open Mondays through Saturdays, from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm; and Sunday, noon to 5:00 pm.
- Hupps Hill Civil War Museum and Visitors Center in Strasburg, open seven days a week from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- Travelers Treasures on Main St. in Woodstock, is open Monday (closed Tuesdays) through Friday from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm., Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Sunday, from 12:30 to 5:00 pm.

More information about the Shenandoah County 250th History Series is available at [www.sc250.org](http://www.sc250.org) (on the "About" page).



## March Program: "Everything But The Bedroom Quilt" on Tuesday, March 28th



Textiles from the  
Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

While the Shenandoah Valley is known for its strong quilting tradition, quilts are only one facet of the tapestry of textiles produced and used in the region. Samplers and needlework pictures, sumptuously decorated whitework, homespun blankets in vibrant colors, and even firebags emblazoned with owners' names transformed Shenandoah Valley houses into homes.

Drawing largely from the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley Collection, this lecture by A. Nicholas "Nick" Powers, Curator of Collections at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, will explore "everything but the bedroom quilt."



Nick Powers is Curator of Collections at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, Virginia. A native of the Shenandoah Valley, Powers graduated from James Madison University in 2011 with a degree in History. In 2014, he graduated from the Winterthur Program in American Material Culture at the University of Delaware. At the MSV, Powers researches, exhibits, and lectures on the museum's collection of Valley fine, decorative, and folk art, as well as the collection of American, European, and Asian art assembled by museum benefactor Julian Wood Glass Jr. (1910-1992). Powers has written several articles on Shenandoah Valley and Southern decorative arts and material culture.

The Program on Tuesday, March 28th will take place at 7:00 PM at the St. Paul's Heritage Center, 106 S. High Street in Edinburg, VA. Ample parking is available in the Shentel lot across the street from the Center. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served after the program.

## Shenandoah County Heritage Day To be Held on Saturday, April 15th At Strasburg VA Fire Department

A favorite event for SCHS is our annual Shenandoah County Heritage Day. It's a good opportunity to collaborate with Shenandoah County Library Archives archivist, Zach Hottel on an event. It's also an opportunity to visit with and learn from history enthusiasts from all over the county and beyond.

In 2023 Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, April 15 from 11am - 3pm at the Strasburg Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad buildings on King Street in Strasburg, VA. We look forward to having lots of space for exhibits and invite anyone who wishes to attend and share their family history or some aspect of local history to be a part of the day.

As always, there is no fee to participate with an exhibit or to attend. While we particularly hope that people from the greater Strasburg area will participate with exhibits, we encourage anyone from any part of Shenandoah County to bring and share information.

For more information about participating call Zach Hottel at 540-984-8200 or Barbara Adamson at 540-975-0037.

## Morrison Photos Now Available On-Line

For over 50 years, Hugh Morrison was a well-known photographer who had a studio in Woodstock and who photographed the history of the county in pictures during that time. His photos range from portraits, groups, memorable events throughout the County, landscapes, animals, schools and the list goes on. After he retired, his son followed in his footsteps for many more years.

The SCHS inherited around 30,000 of those glass plate photos and has been processing them and making prints for the last 20 years. The collection has been available at the Library for many years for people to come and peruse the many volumes of photos. The photos are now being incorporated into the County Library On-Line Archives and, when completed, will all be available to be viewed on line. Many still need to be identified.

This is currently a work in progress, but over 3200 of these Morrison images are already available at the Archives site: [www.archives.countylib.org](http://www.archives.countylib.org) The subjects of the photos are from all over the County and we hope people will browse the collection and submit an ID form for anyone they recognize.

## ✦ Continuing Series on Historic Buildings in Shenandoah County ✦

### MEEM'S BOTTOM BRIDGE & ORIGINAL STRATHMOOR HOUSE

The Meem family of Mt. Jackson began with John Gaw Meem, Sr. who was born in Winchester in 1794, was a son of Gilbert and Frances Simrall Meem. He moved to Lynchburg where he became a successful businessman. In 1841 he purchased the Mt. Airy property from Beale Steenbergen who had run into financial difficulty after speculating on the cattle markets in Baltimore. The original farm consisted of 2400 acres which he increased to 5000 after purchasing adjoining properties. In the late 1860s, he divided up the property giving Mt. Airy to son John G. Meem, Jr., the Rude's Hill property to his grandson and granddaughter – Thomas Meem and Lelia Meem, children of son Dr. Andrew Russell Meem who had died at the end of the Civil War in 1865 - and Strathmoor to son Gen Gilbert Simrall Meem. At this point, John Sr, moved back to Lynchburg where he lived until his death in 1873.

Gilbert Meem in 1868 had a bridge built over the Shenandoah River to connect the two sides of his 1200-acre Strathmoor farm. The word Strathmoor is Scottish – Strath meaning a wide flat river valley and Moor meaning a broad open area of poorly drained land. During a flood in March 1870, the bridge was damaged. He had the bridge repaired but a major flood on Nov. 22-23, 1877 washed the bridge away. He rebuilt again in 1878.

In 1872 Gilbert built a 28-room mansion overlooking the Shenandoah River & Mt. Airy. The bricks for the house were fired on the premises and the lumber was harvested from the property. The house had three staircases, a ballroom and a huge butler's pantry which required a ladder to reach the top shelves.

As this time period was shortly after the War and he needed money for all his projects, he agreed to a Bond in the Principal amount of \$50,000.00 to Henry Grafton Dulaney, Jr. for a term of 10 years with semi-annual payments of \$1500.00 and, in the event of a missed payment, the entire amount of the bond was then payable.

Gilbert became late on his payments in the 1880s and Dulaney tried to foreclose on Strathmoor. Gilbert fought back, but his appeal was denied. He sold Strathmoor to Franklin Hoover Wissler in 1892 for \$60,000.00. Gilbert then moved to Seattle, Washington where he lived with his daughter Elise Meem Kelleher and her husband until his death in 1905.

The Wisslers were originally from Canada but had been living in the county owning two iron smelting furnaces – Liberty Furnace and Columbia Furnace. Mr. Wissler included his two sons, John L. and Franklin Erb Wissler, on the deed to the furnaces. Mr. Wissler changed the spelling of Strathmoor to Strathmore.



Meems Bottom Bridge (Today)



Original Meems Bottom Bridge



Original Strathmoor House

The Wisslers planted the first commercial apple orchards in the area - Maychild, Turkey Knob and Strathmore.

In 1893-94, Mr. Wissler began building a better bridge over the river. He worked with John W. B. Woods, a well known bridge builder in the area. John was born in 1821, at Soliquay (between Mt. Jackson and New Market but lived in Hawkinstown). Wissler & Woods contracted with J.L. Olinger for 57,000 feet of yellow pine lumber. According to an article in the July 5, 1894 issue of *The Shenandoah Valley* newspaper, it was stated that Wissler was replacing the old bridge across the North Fork of the Shenandoah River, with a single span, elevated 6' higher than the old bridge. Masonry work was done by J.J. Gouchenour and J.J. Estep. The bridge was 191' in length and in the Burr Arch style.

In the 1930s, Mr. Wissler deeded the bridge to the state highway department in return for state maintenance of the structure. It was placed on the Virginia Landmark Register as well as the National Historic Register in April 1975. The bridge was set fire by arsonists on Oct. 28, 1976 which almost destroyed the bridge.

The decision was made to repair the bridge costing \$275,000.00. It reopened again in 1979 only to close again for additional repairs when it was discovered that the arches were weakened while being exposed to the weather after the fire. This repair costs another \$136,000.00.

To this day, despite warning, large trucks are striking the bridge as they head to the industrial park, mainly due to the GPS systems. It remains the only covered bridge in Virginia still open for vehicular traffic.

The Meem mansion property was sold in 1942 to Mr. Bernard Jones from New York who planned to establish a private school. This proved too costly and he then sold the property to J & R Construction for an apple orchard which also failed. The mansion was never occupied after this and has since been demolished.

Several citizens in the area remember the Meem mansion as it slowly collapsed over the years due to neglect and Mother Nature. Many remember the grand staircase and the baby grand piano that was in the ballroom. The story is that when the last remnants of the mansion were bulldozed into the cellar, the piano was also pushed into the cellar.

What a sad ending to such a glorious home.

By: Kenna Fansler

### DAR Exhibit Now At The Historic Courthouse



Bibles hold the recordings of special moments in the lives of a family. These records, written in an ancestor's own handwriting, are a wonderful genealogical resource.

The Narrow Passage Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, is helping to preserve the historical value of family Bibles and they have been photographing and transcribing these Bible records. The exhibit will be at the Courthouse Visitor Center until the end of March. Though the Center will be closed during January and February, there is still time to stop by and see it during March.

## Genealogy Resource:

### Obituaries Provide Vast Array of Family & Local Information

NOTE: *More than a dozen years ago local author and researcher Judy Coffman Stickley published a most valuable addition to the research books available for those looking for information about Shenandoah County ancestors. Her *Someone You Knew* books, contain the person's name, date of birth, age, address, date died, date of marriage and spouses' name including wife's maiden name, parents, children, brothers and sisters and where buried, all priceless information. Here are some edited excerpts from a written program from that time:*

"As I went through the years, it was sad to note the number of young children who died as the result of diphtheria, small pox, whooping cough and various childhood diseases. Also, the number of mothers who lost their lives at the births of their children and the number of children left orphans by their parents deaths at young ages. Especially the flu epidemic of 1918 claimed a large number of people, both young and old, this seemed to be a widespread problem, Strasburg losing many of its inhabitants."

"Many of the victims of the World Wars were noted in the obituary columns, and when their bodies were re-interred in cemeteries in their home communities, this was noted. I have also tried to make note of Confederate veterans who died during this time period. I understand the government is now making allowances for scholarships for descendants of this war. Also I noted the deaths of several Union veterans who evidently moved to this area, married and died here."

"Of interest is the number of people from the county who went to the 'city', or Washington DC for employment, and who lived there, died there and were brought back to their homes for burial. It seems that many people from the southern end of the county (Mt. Jackson and New Market) went 'west', meaning Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, etc., gaining employment there either in factories or farming. Many of these people were brought to their home county for burial."

"Probably the most interesting article was of the little girl who lived out behind Strasburg and who was born with four legs and four arms. She was somewhat of an attraction and was exhibited in carnivals around the state, finally dying at about the age of 5 years in the late 1920s."

"And of course while looking for the obituaries, they were in different forms in the old newspapers, sometimes on the front page, but many times in the social columns. I ran across a lot of facts about the county. In the 1900s, 10s and 20s there was little or no national news in the papers, and the front page contained Shenandoah County community socials and county government, along with marriage licenses, etc. A newsy item right around Thanksgiving and when cooler weather began, was who had butchered the largest hog. Each week so-and-so butchered a bigger 'porker' than the last. Also a common news item was that a large snake was killed, particularly interesting was that a woman had killed it. The weather had a big part of the news. During the early part of the century, it was common to see stories of men taking their horses and sleds out onto the river and cutting huge chunks of ice, which was stored in underground 'freezers'. It seems very hard to envision this, especially since now the river is little more than a stream. Also the floods of 1936 and 1942 caused much damage, for one thing washing out the bridge which led to the Fort Valley over the Shenandoah River at Edinburg."

"Obituaries in the older newspapers were in various forms and were usually listed by Communities."

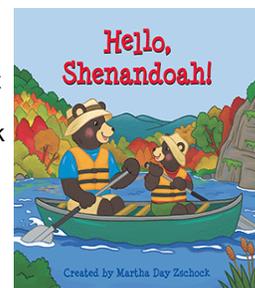
There were 3 editions of her book. All available in the Shenandoah Room at the Shenandoah County Library in Edinburg VA:

*Someone You Knew: a Necrology of Shenandoah County VA 1869-1989* (in two volumes)  
*Someone You Knew: a Necrology of Shenandoah County VA 1903-1981*  
*Someone You Knew: a Necrology of Shenandoah County VA 1990-2005*

When you look at the dates you can see that there are overlaps. We're guessing that she was able to do additional research as time went on and had years that needed to be filled in, more info about people, or more newspapers in the county that might have had different death announcements.

## New Books Available

Welcome to Shenandoah National Park! Parent and child black bears tour the park in this book by best-selling author -illustrator Martha Day Zschock's as part of her Hello!



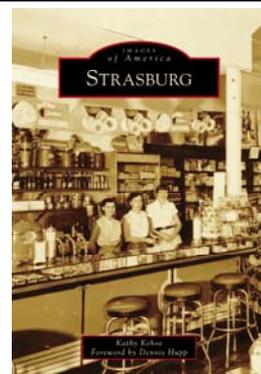
board book series for children. In **Hello, Shenandoah!**, join the pair as they explore the park's Visitor Center, saddle up at Skyland Stables, hike the Appalachian Trail, and roll down the Skyline Drive. With something for the entire family to enjoy, you won't want to say goodbye! Price: \$11 or \$10 for members.

## Images

### Of America: Strasburg

By

Kathy Kahoe and  
Strasburg Museum  
Forward by  
Dennis Hupp



The Images of America Series celebrates the history of neighborhoods, towns, and cities across the country. Using archival photos, each title presents the distinctive stores from the past that shape the character of the community today.

This Strasburg book is the latest addition to the Images series and is written by local historian Kathy Kehoe who has been writing folk history for more than 40 years. She is a Strasburg Heritage Association board member and is married to a fellow historian, Mike Kehoe.

There is nothing in Strasburg that time has not touched, yet nothing time has forgotten either. There are 127 vintage photos that tell the story of the town since 1761 and it has been written in conjunction with the Strasburg Museum.

The book will be introduced at a special book signing at the Strasburg Visitor Center at Hupp's Hill in Strasburg on Saturday, January 21st from 1PM to 4 PM. Both Ms. Kehoe and Strasburg Museum President, Judge Dennis Hupp will be present to sign books. SCHS Price \$23

## Black History Month Program at County Library

The Shenandoah County Library's Annual Black History Month Program will take place on Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 PM at the Library at 514 Stony Creek Boulevard in Edinburg.

This year the theme will focus on the African Americans of the Morrison Collection and what they can tell us about the local African American communities of the early to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.

For Advance  
Planning Purposes:

[www.conference.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.conference.ngsgenealogy.org)

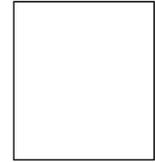


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Lifetime \$250

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mailing label →

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 21st - 1 to 4 PM

There will be a **book signing** at the Strasburg Visitor Center at Hupps Hill in Strasburg with authors Kathy Kehoe and Strasburg Museum President, Dennis Hupp. They will be introducing and signing the newest book in the *Images of America Series: Strasburg* which they have recently partnered in producing.

Friday, January 13th - 12 Noon -1:00 PM

The Belle Grove production about The Jackson Family will be available for viewing. For more information and to register to see the program see the story on Page 3 of this newsletter.

Sunday, February 26th - 2 - 4 PM

*Images of America: Strasburg VA*, A new book in the "Images" series by Kathy Kehoe will be presented at the annual meeting of the Strasburg Heritage Association. Kathy will discuss her writing and gathering for 127 pages of photos of people and places in and around Strasburg. The book was written in partnership with the Strasburg Museum. Forward written by Museum president, Dennis Hupp. Public is invited. Refreshments and fellowship follow the meeting.

Thursday, March 23rd - 7:00 PM

The New Market Historical Society will present Judge Dennis Hupp (Retired) who will speak on A History of Shenandoah County Courts at the New Market Town Council Chambers at Town Hall located at 9418 John Sevier Road in New Market. Guests are invited.

Tuesday, March 28th - 7:00 PM

Nick Powers will speak about *Everything But The Bedroom Quilt* at the SCHS March Program meeting at the St. Paul's Heritage Center at 106 High Street in Edinburg. Ample parking in Shentel lot across the street.

## Exploring the Civil War's Aftermath in the Shenandoah Valley

Listed below are three upcoming seminars by author and professor, Jonathan Noyalas, sponsored by the Shenandoah University's McCormick Civil War Institute. All sessions will occur via Zoom, begin at 7 p.m. EST, and are free (however, donations to MCWI are certainly appreciated to support this series).

#1 "They Come Not with Fire & Sword": Sheridan's Veterans, Reunion, and Reconciliation's Limits" on **Jan. 10th**, 7 - 8:30

#2 "Outlived the Odium": Grand Army of the Republic Posts in the Shenandoah Valley on **Jan. 12th**, 7 - 8:30

#3 "Like a Bird Let Out of a Cage": African Americans in the Postwar Valley on **Jan. 17th**, 7 - 8:30

Please email [jnoyalas01@su.edu](mailto:jnoyalas01@su.edu) to register by Jan. 4th for any or all three programs.

### ATTENTION

#### ARE YOUR DUES DUE??

The date beside the name on your mailing label is the month and year your membership is due. Thank you for staying current.  
Rates on Page 6.

Please note new amounts.