



NEWS & EVENTS

Annual Member Meeting | Photo and Document Scanning



December 8 - Annual Meeting,

Clerk's Office Renovation,
Country Store Talk & Tour

2:00 PM - Isle of Wight County
Supervisors' Board Room

17140 Monument Circle, Windsor.

Join us for our short annual meeting, Board elections and a presentation on Country Stores, followed by a peek at the Historical Society space under renovation in the "Old" Clerk's Office. Then adjourn for snacks in the nearby Orbit Country Store at 20365 Orbit Rd.



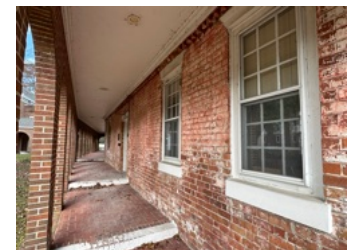
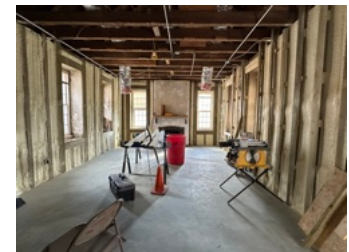
The circa 1820s Isle of Wight County Court Clerk's Office is currently being renovated by County Facilities crews. When renovation is complete, the new space will be used for Archives of the IWCHS. Other space will be utilized for a shared public meeting facility. Come see progress during our Annual Meeting, December 8th at the Isle of Wight County Supervisor's Board Room.



January 11 - Photo Scanning: In Search of Historic Isle of Wight County

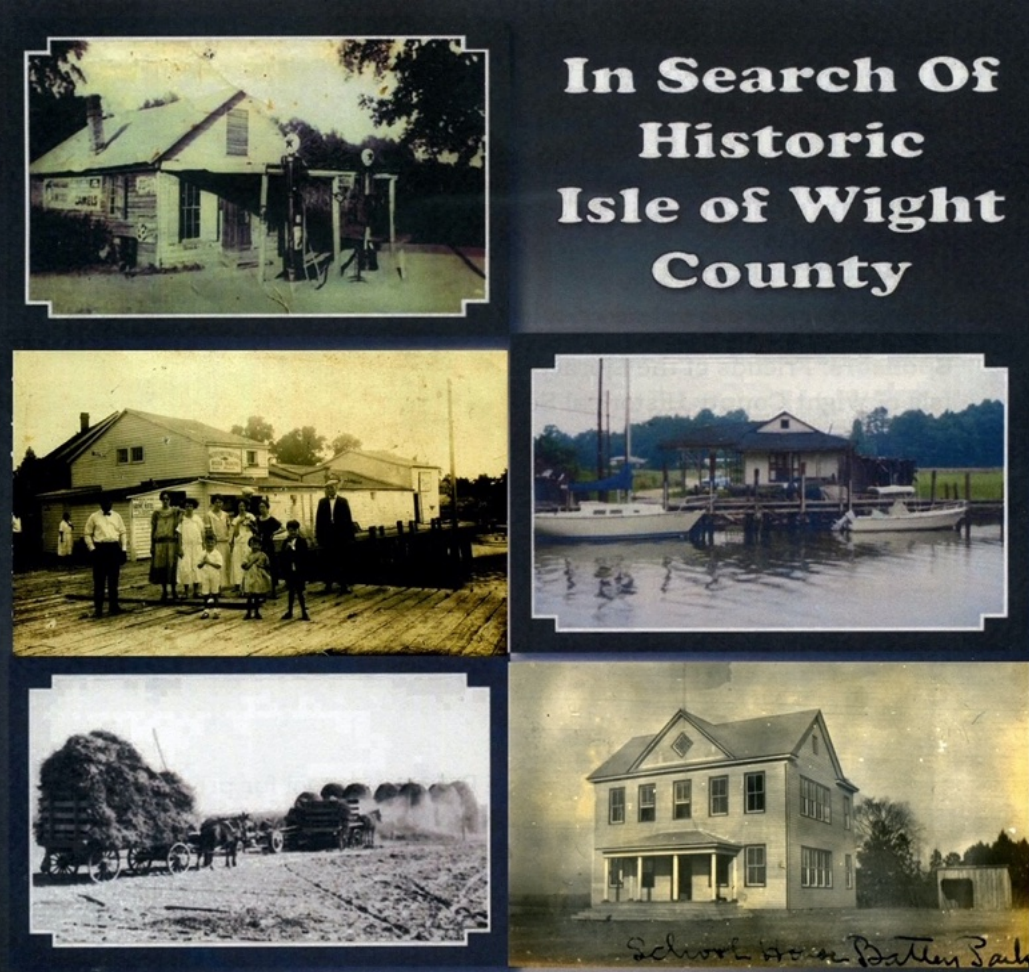
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Library
255 James Street, Smithfield

Bring your historic photos and documents to the Smithfield Library to be scanned, archived and cataloged for future research and publication.



January 11, 2025 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Blackwater Regional Library, Smithfield Branch, 255 James Street, Smithfield, VA



In Search Of Historic Isle of Wight County

The Digital Imaging History Project seeks to locate early images (photographs) and documents of Historic Isle of Wight County, Virginia and to create a historical database. The images will be carefully scanned into the history database and cataloged for future publications and research.

The following is a brief list of items of interest:

- Historic buildings (houses, barns, kitchens, slave quarters, dairies, smokehouses, corncribs, icehouses, country stores, schoolhouses)
- Early farm scenes (peanut shocks, wagons, equipment, field hands, hog killings, plantings and harvests.)
- Waterfront scenes (oyster boats, steamboats, wharf scenes, etc.)

School House Battle Path

“I agree with you that it is the duty of every good citizen to use all of the opportunities, which occur to him, for preserving documents relating to the history of our country.”

Thomas Jefferson, 1823

March 16 - Carl Lounsbury Speaker: Isle of Wight County Courthouses

2:00 PM - Isle of Wight County Supervisors' Board Room

17140 Monument Circle, Windsor.

Join us for a presentation on Isle of Wight County Courthouses by Carl Lounsbury, author of *The Courthouses of Early Virginia: An Architectural History* (2005). Co-sponsored by the 1750 Isle of Wight County Courthouse. Professor Lounsbury has been a Member of the Architectural Research Department at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation since 1982, and responsible for long term research projects including public buildings, 17th and 18th century theaters, building craftsmen, 17th-century rowhouses, churches and meeting houses. His research interests include Early American Architecture and British Architectural History, 1550-1850.



Side and back of 1750 Courthouse

Endangered History

Carroll's Shop was probably built early in the 19th Century by Samuel Carroll, Carrollton's namesake. The building, also known as the Joe Jordan place, has served through the centuries as a Post Office, country store, a bar and a residence. The construction style is of the vernacular clerestory-type dwelling, two full stories topped by a gable roof with a clerestory dormer.



Community Websites

1750 Isle of Wight County Courthouse - 1750courthouse.com

This historic building, the first erected in Smithfield, witnessed the growth of America from its earliest settlements, to life under colonial rule, the quest for Independence, the Revolutionary War, and the first days of our Republic.

Genuine Smithfield Events - genuinesmithfieldva.com/events

Isle of Wight County Clerk of the Circuit Court Record Room co.isle-of-wight.va.us/our_community/history/genealogy.php

Wills, Deeds, Birth, Orphan, Death and Marriage Records.

Isle of Wight County Library (Smithfield) Research Room

blackwaterlib.org/library-branch/smithfield/

Library of Virginia Subject Guides - lva-virginia.libguides.com

Resources created by Library of Virginia librarians and archivists, grouped by subject.

Surry County, VA Historical Society - surrycountyvahistory.org/

VA 250 - va250.org/localevents/

Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) aims to form a more perfect union by educating Virginians about their history and civic duty and sharing diverse narratives that capture Virginia's complete story and role in shaping the nation..

Notice of Board Elections

- 1) This is Notice that the election for the 2024-2029 Board of Directors will be held at the December 8, 2024 Annual Meeting.
- 2) Nominations for the Board should be sent in to the Nominating Committee NLT 10 days prior to this meeting.
- 3) Please submit nominations to isleofwightvahistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Historical Society Projects

Historical Marker for Elizabeth Bennett Young, caretaker of Court records during the Revolutionary War - Carolyn Keen and Kent Lewis

Historic Isle of Wight by Helen Haverty King, 3rd Edition - Carolyn Keen, Kent and Audrey Lewis

Ebenezer Rosenwald Schoolhouse Preservation – William V. Garner with Brown’s AME Church & Schoolhouse Museum

Board of Directors

Carolyn Keen - President

Gerald Gwaltney - V Pres

Jim Henderson – Treasurer

Nick Blevins

William V. Garner

Kent Lewis

Kim Newman

Beverly Walkup

Join the adventure, share the knowledge! Drop us a note at...

Email: isleofwightvahistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/IOWCHS/](https://www.facebook.com/IOWCHS/)

Website: iwchs.com

We have a few copies of *Historic Isle of Wight* by Helen Haverty King, 2nd Edition

Each \$40 plus VA sales tax \$2 = Total \$42 each

Shipping \$7 each -- or pickup to avoid this charge.

Also *Why Old Places Matter* by Thompson Mayes

Each \$50 plus VA sales tax \$2.50 = Total \$52.50 each

Shipping \$7 each -- or pickup to avoid this charge.

2025 dues are due. Student \$5; Individual \$20; Family \$30; Business \$50; Lifetime \$250

Please make check payable to IWCHS and remit to:

Isle of Wight County (Virginia) Historical Society

P.O. Box 121

Smithfield, VA.

23431-0121

Thank you for your renewal, our memberships support the Society’s mission.

Let’s have great New Year!

Membership Information

The Isle of Wight County (Virginia) Historical Society (IWCHS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporated organization that encourages all those interested in the heritage of this region to join in our mission to educate and interpret our history.

The IWCHS normally meets at least three times per year, including an annual meeting for election officers – EXCEPT we did not have meetings in 2020 and 2021 and much of 2022 for the extraordinary impact of the Coronavirus and related restrictions on public meetings. We are back.

Please join or renew your membership --- and please complete or update the form below:
Select your membership category – with Annual Dues January 1-December 31, 202_____ .

- Individual Member \$ 20.00
- Family Member \$ 30.00
- Individual Life Member \$250.00 *[Life members need not send updated info unless there are changes]*
- Business Member \$ 50.00
- Student Member \$ 5.00

Please include check payable to: Isle of Wight County Historical Society – or simply “IWCHS”

MAIL with information FORM to:
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P.O. Box 121
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<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL or <input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER		<input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBER with changes	DATE _____
NAME(s) _____			
ADDRESS _____			
CITY-TOWN _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____	
EMAIL _____			
Home phone _____		Cell phone _____	

- (1) I would like to actively support the IWCHS with the following:
- Contributing to News Letter/Publications
 - Fundraising
 - Grant discovery and writing
 - Special Projects/Events
 - Organizing meetings and programs
 - DONATION included with Member renewal _____

Contacts for suggestions or information:

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