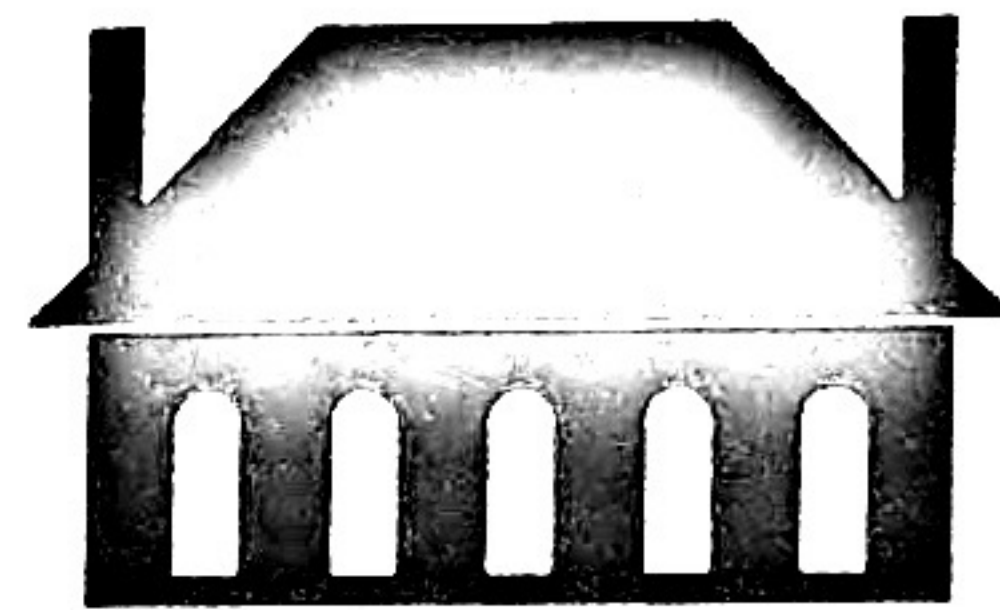


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"I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past." – Patrick Henry

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Washington-Henry Academy

To commemorate the 225th anniversary of Washington-Henry Academy, portions of articles which first appeared in the Herald-Progress on September 5, 1919 and October 5, 1927 are reprinted here, with permission.

An interesting contribution to Virginia history is embodied in the little manuscript volume in the State Library marked "Records of Washington-Henry Academy from January 26, 1778, to January 4, 1873." The book, though primitive and thin in volume, is excellently well preserved. On the 20th of March, 1878, the academy had been in operation 100 years, when it was superceded by the public free schools.

Washington-Henry Academy was commenced at Hanover Town, January 26, 1778, with this entry:

"We, the subscribers, taking into serious consideration the present affecting circumstances of our country, and being fully convinced of the high importance of learning and virtue to support, and promote the public weal, from an unaffected attachment to the interest of the American States in general, and of this in which we live in particular, have unanimously agreed and resolved in reliance on the kind concurrence of Divine Providence, to use our utmost endeavors to establish an academy, under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Daniel McCauley, for the instruction of youth in the learned languages, arts and sciences, etc.; to be erected in Hanover county and parish of St. Paul which, from the convenience of its situation, we judge as well adapted to such a purpose as any in the State, trustees to be elected as soon as 1,500 pounds shall have been subscribed, by a majority of those who shall subscribe to the amount of 10 pounds for the purpose aforesaid."

The Hanover County Historical Society was formed on April 2, 1967 to promote Hanover County's rich history and heritage.

Thirteen trustees were elected: William Macon, William Craighead, John Syme, Samuel Meredith, of Hanover; Thomas Prosser, Martin Burton, Turner Southall, of Henrico; John P. Custis of New Kent; Richard S. Taylor of King William; Charles Smyth of Louisa; Robert Goode of Chesterfield; Thomas Randolph of Goochland, and Anthony New of Caroline.

The subscribers then go on to provide for purchasing land, raising buildings, and procuring such furniture "as shall be judged necessary in order to conduct the design on the most extensive and beneficial footing."

In November 1786, a petition was addressed to the General Assembly for permission to conduct a lottery to raise money for completing and repairing school buildings.

In the providing of teachers it was expressly stipulated that no particular favor should be shown "to any one denomination of Christians more than another."

The proceedings of the trustees recorded in the little book for the best part of a century show the varying fortunes of the academy entrusted to their supervision.

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These subscribers pledged themselves to pay amounts varying from one pound to fifty pounds, and, almost without exception, they are marked "Paid."

Adams, Thomas	Cochran, David	Holland, George	Norton, John H.	Syme, John
Anderson, Bartelot	Coles, Walter	Holt, James	Norvell, William	Syme, John, Jr.
Anderson, Benj.	Cook, Edward	Hoops, David	Oliver, Benjamin	Tate, Francis
Anderson, Garland	Coutts, Reuben	Howard, John	Orr, John, Jr.	Taylor, Col., J. (Capt.)
Anderson, Matthew	Coutts, William	Hundley, John	Owen, Hobson	Taylor, Miles
Anderson, N., Jr.	Craighead, William	Ingram, John	Page, Mann	Taylor, Richard S.
Anderson, N., Maj.	Crenshaw, Charles	James, Richard	Page, Robert C.	Temple, Samuel
Anderson, Robert	Crutchfield, John	Johnson, B. (Henrico)	Parke, Edward	Terrill, William
Anderson, William	Cunningham, Jno.	Johnson, Richard	Parker, Edward	Thillman, Samuel
Armistead, John	Curd, Edward	Johnson, William	Parsons, James	Thompson, George
Armistead, Richard	Curd, John, Jr.	Jones, John	Pearson, Samuel	Thompson, Joseph
Austin, John	Custis, John P.	Jones, Joseph	Pendleton, John	Thompson, Nathaniel
Austin, Thomas	Dabney, Captain	Jones, William	Pierce, Samuel	Thornton, John
Bacon, William	Dabney, Geo., Jr.	Jones, William	Pleasants, John	Timberlake, Henry
Baine, Alexander	Dandridge, Barth.	Kerr, John	Pleasants, Robert	Tompkins, Chris.
Ballendine, John	Dandridge, Wm.	Key, Martin	Prosser, Thomas	Trench, Peterfield
Barrett, John	Darracott, William	King, John	Pryde, James	Trent, Alexander
Bassett, Burwell	DuVall, William	Langhorne, Morris	Qualls, Nathaniel	Trevillian, Theodore
Bates, Daniel	Earnestt, Samuel	Lawton, Thomas	Raine, John	Trotter, Thomas
Bell, Henry	Eggleston, R., Jr.	Lee, Richard	Randolph, Beverley	Trueheart, Daniel
Blackwell, John	Eldridge, Rolfe	Leech, David	Reddick, Collins	Turpin, Thomas
Blakey, Smith	Ellis, Francis	Lemay, William	Richardson, David	Tyler, John
Bradford, James	Ellis, William	Lewis, Charles	Richardson, John	Valentine, John
Bradsford, John	Ewell, Jesse	Lewis, Warner	Richardson, Thomas	Warren, Robt. C.
Brance, William	Fleming, William	Lilley, Thomas	Richardson, Turner	Watkins, John
Bransford, James	Foster, Thomas	Lipscomb, John	Richardson, William	Watkins, Joseph
Brown, Benjamin	Fowler, John, Jr.	Lipscombe, Ambrose	Ross, David	Watkins, Thos., Jr.
Buchanan, James	Fox, John	Littlepage, John C.	Rupsimond, John	Webb, George
Bullock, John	Galt, Gabriel	Lock, William	Russell, Armistead	Webb, John
Burbridge, J. K.	Garland, Thomas	Lynch, Head	Schere, Thomas	White, Barrett
Burnett, Isaac	Gathright, Joseph	Lyons, Peter	Seabrook, Nich. P.	White, Elisha
Burnley, Hardin	Gentry, Simon	Macon, William	Shelton, J. (Goochland)	Whitlock, David
Burnley, John	Glass, Thomas	Manx, Thomas	Sheppard, Benjamin	Whitlock, James
Burnley, Richard	Goodall, Parke	Marsden, James	Shere, John, Jr.	Whitlock, Matthew
Burton, Martin	Goode, Francis	Mauzey, Peter	Sherlock, Robert	Wiley, John
Burton, William	Goode, Robert	Mayo, John	Sherlock, Thomas	Wilkinson, Nath.
Burwell, Lewis	Gordon, James	McKeand, John	Shore, John, Dr.	Williams, Bartelot
Cabell, Colonel	Griffin, Jno. T.	Meredith, Samuel	Smith, Charles	Williamson, Samuel
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Carlin, Andrew	Hall, Elisha	Meux, John	Smyth, William	Winston, Beverly
Carrington, Geo.	Harnson, Burr	Meux, William	Southall, James	Winston, Geddes
Carrington, Jos.	Harris, John	Minor, Garnett	Southall, Turner	Winston, Isaac
Cary, Archibald	Harris, Robert	Mitchell, Robert	Standley, John	Winston, John
Chapman, Richard	Harris, Thomas	Morris, Richard	Starke, John, Jr.	Winston, Mrs.
Clarke, Tacary	Harwood, Samuel	Morris, William	Storrs, Joshua	Winston, Peter
Clarke, William	Hawkins, Joseph	Napier, Thomas	Street, John	Winston, William O.
Clay, John	Heylton, Daniel	Nelson, John	Sutton, John, Jr.	Wood, Leighton
Clopton, David	Hite, Thomas	Nervine, Samuel	Sydnor, Fortunatus	Woodson, Charles, Jr.
Clopton, William	Hobson, William	Nicholas, George	Sydnor, William	