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A Visit in 1837

On June 23, 1837, William Meade visited Christ Church during his annual travels as Assistant Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia. The day included several sermons as well as a tour of the church and tombs. Meade marveled at a building he said “exhibits to this day one of the most striking monuments of the fidelity of ancient architecture to be seen in our land,” a structure “whose sacred form and beautiful arches seemed to give force and music to the feeblest tongue.”

Meade spent the night in Lancaster, where an experience convinced him that “we of this day of progressive improvement are not in all things in advance of our fathers, but in some rather the contrary.” Staying with a friend whose house was “a new one scarcely finished,” Meade recalled how the next morning while lying in bed a large piece of the plaster ceiling gave way, striking and bruising him.

Meade could not help but draw a contrast between the “fidelity and durability of ancient and modern architecture.” The ceiling of a new house “not a year old” had fallen upon him, but the church built a century earlier stood “perfectly sound and impervious to rain” except in a few spots where shingles had deteriorated. “Where is the house, built in these degenerate days of slight modern architecture,” Meade asked, “which may compare with Old Christ Church, either within or without?”


Ed Feddeman
President, FHCC



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William Meade, 1857

Ordained in 1811 and elected assistant bishop in 1829, William Meade succeeded Richard Moore as Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia in 1841 and served until his death in 1862.

We might ask the same question today. Few buildings in Virginia or the nation compare to Christ Church. But preserving this special place comes with considerable costs. Your gift to the 2022 Annual Appeal (envelope enclosed) will ensure Christ Church’s survival and help visitors from around the world experience the same “deep impression on the eye and mind of the beholder” that Christ Church made on William Meade that summer day in 1837.

Thank you for your continued friendship and thank you for supporting the 2022 Annual Appeal.


Robert J. Teagle
Executive Director

John C. Bowden III Receives Dawe Award



John Bowden’s family joined him at the 64th Annual Meeting where he received the Louise Belote Dawe Award.

This year’s Louise Belote Dawe Award winner John Bowden III has done it all for the Foundation for Historic Christ Church: docent, Chair of the Volunteer Council, Vice President, President, and member of the Board of Directors. In these leadership roles John has provided steady guidance on key preservation projects,

including the restoration of Christ Church’s 1897 slate roof and the installation of a subsurface drainage system around the church to mitigate rising damp.

But it is John’s daily oversight of the campus at Historic Christ Church & Museum that continues to draw the admiration of volunteers and staff. As Chair of Buildings & Grounds, John has made long-lasting contributions in security and HVAC upgrades, landscape and parking lot improvements, restroom and research room renovations, collections storage, museum exhibitions and more. The Dawe Award

noted John’s willingness to take on any task without a desire for personal recognition and always with an eye to excellence, integrity, and dedication to the Foundation’s mission. Thank you, John, and congratulations on a well-deserved award!

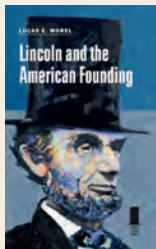
Save the Date

Thursday, February 16: 2 p.m.

Lincoln Scholar Lucas Morel to Kick Off Annual Speaker Series



Historic Christ Church & Museum’s 2023 Speaker Series opens February 16 with Dr. Lucas Morel and “Lincoln, the Founding, and an America Worth Saving.” The John K. Boardman, Jr. Professor of Politics and Head of the Politics Department at Washington and Lee University, Dr. Morel is a widely known scholar on Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and Ralph Ellison. He has taught at W&L since 1999 and is a founding member of the Academic Freedom Alliance and a trustee of the Supreme Court Historical Society. Dr. Morel currently serves on the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. He is the author of *Lincoln and the American Founding* and *Lincoln’s Sacred Effort: Defining Religion’s Role in American Self-Government*.



The HCC&M Readers Book Club will discuss *Lincoln and the American Founding* on February 7 at 9:30 a.m. Please contact the Foundation office if you would like to participate in person or via Zoom.

Bancroft Prize winning historian Woody Holton addressed the Foundation for Historic Christ Church’s 64th Annual Meeting in September. Holton, the son of former Virginia governor Linwood Holton and his wife Jinks, who served two terms on the Foundation’s board of directors, is a professor of history at the University of South Carolina and author of several award-winning books on revolutionary America.





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Archaeology and the Rising Damp Project

Archaeology plays a critical role in the Rising Damp Project. Before a contractor can install the subsurface drainage system that will capture and divert water from the church, archaeologists must excavate each section of the project area to recover artifacts and identify features that were part of the historic landscape. They must also identify the locations of any unmarked burials that might impact the project area.

Led by Katie Brauckmann, a team of archaeologists from DATA Investigations in Gloucester County has spent the past year excavating and documenting the site. These excavations, some of the most extensive undertaken at a colonial church in Virginia, have uncovered artifacts and landscape features that will add important new information to the Christ Church story.



Churchyard Excavations Begin – Archaeologists began excavations in November 2021 at a low point in the southwest churchyard that floods during heavy rains. A catch basin here will collect water and transport it under the churchyard wall through a drainpipe that connects with larger drain lines running to an outfall point near a ravine behind the Chase Center administrative building.



South Walkway Burial – Excavations along the south walkway where a drain line carries water away from the church located a burial about midway down the line (darker soil left of orange cone). Because the burial lies in the project area, archaeologists will excavate any human remains they find and reinter them in another part of the churchyard. Depending on the types of bones that survive, archaeologists hope to send the remains away for forensic and DNA analysis before reinterment.



Northeast Burials and Scaffolding Posts – At the northeast corner of the church, archaeologists identified at least six unmarked burials, visible here as the lighter, rectangular soil stains running parallel along the east (left) side of the excavations. The two circular brick features about five feet from the church are postholes that anchored construction scaffolding. Here Katie Brauckmann explains these findings to Brad McDonald (jeans/hat) and Joanna Wilson Green (behind Katie) of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources while archaeologist Thane Harpole looks on.

Student Dig Day – As it has done with previous excavations, HCC&M hosted a “Student Dig Day” that gave local school children and their families the opportunity to participate in a real archaeological dig. The budding archaeologists excavated units near the Carter tombs and helped screen for artifacts. A group of children from Chesapeake Academy’s summer camp program also participated in the dig on another date.



Aquia Sandstone Windowsill Fragment – Excavations along the west walkway’s south drain line yielded an interesting collection of artifacts and features. Along with remnants of the original footings to the churchyard wall and a boundary ditch likely associated with the 1670 church, archaeologists found a fragment of Aquia sandstone that fit perfectly on a windowsill in the southwest corner of the church. Archaeologists theorize it may have been discarded into a trash pit near the west gate during repair work in the early twentieth century.



Jewelry Fragment – In addition to pipe stems, wine bottle fragments, and ceramics common to colonial sites, archaeologists have uncovered several rings and other personal items of jewelry, including a pair of copper cufflinks in the shape of seashells. This glass gem, either part of a ring or a sleeve button that was molded into a small copper setting, depicts a woman’s face or a colonial man in a wig.



Pipe Stems – Some of the dozens of pipe stems and bowl fragments uncovered in the churchyard have designs that both help date the pipes and reveal more about their origins. These and other bowl fragments have a decorative rouletting or stamping similar to pipes made ca. 1660 by a Native American Algonquian near Nomini in Westmoreland County about 40 miles west of Christ Church.



Red Dust Mystery – Some archaeological features can be difficult to explain, like this deposit of red dust along the northeast wall. Archaeologists and architectural historians speculate that it could be one of several things:

- discarded red wash that bricklayers applied to the small joints in the gauged brickwork around Christ Church’s doorways
- discarded pozzolan or brick dust that bricklayers added to lime mortar to help the mortar set better
- leftover brick dust from rubbed brickwork

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September 18 — Miss Kathryn Barclay Mapes to Mr. Joshua Earl Sullivan

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Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021

Statement of Financial Position

<u>Assets:</u>		<u>Liabilities & Net Assets:</u>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$66,844	Liabilities	\$47,788
Investments	6,340,990	Net Assets	
Pledges & Grants Receivable	17,317	Unrestricted	7,473,180
Other Current Assets	30,500	Restricted	<u>1,091,175</u>
Land, Bldgs, & Equipment	<u>2,156,492</u>	Total Net Assets	<u>8,564,355</u>
Total Assets	\$8,612,143	Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$8,612,143

Statement of Cash Flows

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense:</u>	
Contributions & Grants	\$368,819	Program	\$226,397
Net Sales to the Public	18,796	General & Administrative	144,224
Net Investment Income	45,870	Fundraising	<u>55,033</u>
Other Income	<u>16,515</u>	Total Operating Expense	\$425,654
Total Current Income	\$450,000	Purchases of Property & Equipment	86,444
Change in Operating Assets & Liabilities	<u>128,820</u>	Net Sales & Purchase of Investments	<u>30,024</u>
Total	\$578,820	Total Expense & Purchases	542,122
		Net Increase in Cash	<u>36,698</u>
		Total	\$578,820

The books of account of the FOUNDATION FOR HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH, INC. are maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial statements of the foundation are audited or reviewed annually by Forvis LLP, Certified Public Accountants and Advisors, and garner unqualified opinions. Copies of the most recent audit report, and of the federal tax return (Form 990) are available for inspection at the foundation office.

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Education Programs Return

Fall Crawl Explores Colonial Williamsburg

Not since October 2019 had HCC&M hosted a “Parish Crawl,” the semi-annual excursions where volunteers explore other historic sites that enhance their understanding of early Virginia and give context to Christ Church’s place in that world. Covid put these on hold, but this September the Fall Crawl returned with a trip to Colonial Williamsburg (CW) where volunteers enjoyed private tours of several special sites.

The morning began at the Bray School, an institution established at the suggestion of Benjamin Franklin that educated enslaved and free blacks from 1760-1774. The structure had stood quietly on the campus of William and Mary, where it had been moved from Colonial Williamsburg in 1930, before recent dendrochronology confirmed the small frame building as the school that at one point enrolled 33 students under the tutelage of Ann Wager.

The group walked a few blocks to the next two stops along Nassau Street. At the First Baptist Church site, archaeologist Meredith Poole



Archaeologist Crystal Castleberry explains some of the features that were part of John Custis’ elaborate ornamental landscape in the heart of Virginia’s eighteenth-century capital at Williamsburg.

discussed the groundbreaking excavations at one of the nation’s oldest black churches, including the exhumations of several grave shafts of early members. Archaeologist Crystal Castleberry then led volunteers around Custis Square, a sprawling complex that included a four-acre garden complete with a topiary, classical statues and formal walkways that was home to merchant-planter and horticulturalist John Custis (1678-1749).

Following lunch in Merchant’s Square, the group enjoyed a private tour of “Restoring Williamsburg” with Dani Jaworski, who curated the small but fascinating exhibition that explores some of the 15,000+ architectural fragments that have guided CW’s restoration work for nearly a century. Dani then met the group at CW’s architectural collections storage for a behind-the-scenes look at architectural elements from hundreds of sites from the Chesapeake to England.



Matt Webster, Executive Director of Colonial Williamsburg’s Grainger Department of Architectural Preservation and Research, shares some of the findings he and his colleagues have uncovered as they research the Bray School in preparation for its relocation to Nassau Street next to the First Baptist Church site.

Local Students Enjoy Hands-On History

Like the “Parish Crawl,” it had been since October 2019 that HCC&M welcomed a group of local students for a field trip during the school year. Building on the successful program led for many years by volunteer Carol Poundstone, new School Programs chair Walter Kolos and staff member Paula Stallard recruited a host of new volunteers to join the program.

Over the month of October, some 235 elementary students (and many of their parents) from first, second and fourth grade visited Historic Christ Church. Dividing into small groups, the students in the morning rotated through four main stations with different hands-on activities: drawing the church’s architectural features from a spot outside the west door, touring the church’s interior and making grave rubbings, examining the church’s brickwork and hand molding bricks from clay, and touring the museum to see artifacts and build brick walls and arches like those in Christ Church. Students also tried their hand at writing with quill pens.

After a lunch break, the students dressed in colonial clothing to see just how different fashions were in the eighteenth century. They then split into groups again for three afternoon stations: assembling a king-post truss using mortise and tenon joinery, playing colonial games, and excavating mock archaeological dig boxes to uncover reproduction artifacts typical to colonial sites.

The teachers were thrilled to get back to one of their favorite field trip sites, and the students impressed HCC&M volunteers and staff with their excellent questions and good behavior. The sounds of excitement, curiosity and discovery echoed across the campus, reminding us all how important it is that the next generation explore local history.

Your generosity makes it possible for the Foundation for Historic Christ Church to provide these programs at no costs to the students, who take home a newfound love of history and a souvenir bookmark.



Students excavate a mock archaeological dig box



Students make a grave rubbing from John Carter’s 1669 marker in the chancel

COLLECTION Spotlight



A year after Spanish explorer Ponce de León’s first expedition to Florida (1513), a seedling sprouted in the woods south of what would become the site of Christ Church. Over the next two centuries, this white oak would rise to join the other massive timbers that form Christ Church’s intricate king-post roof truss framing system.

In the fall of 1731 and winter of 1732, as bricklayers completed the top courses of the new church’s soaring walls, enslaved sawyers like Stephen and Jacob felled dozens of these white oaks. After hauling them to the church site, Stephen and Jacob likely worked with enslaved carpenters Dick and Billy, indentured carpenters James Rob and John Seaton, and other craftsmen to shape these timbers into the king posts, cross beams, struts, rafters (principal and common), and purlins that comprised the roof frame. Hoisted to the top of the brick walls then secured in place by large wooden pegs driven through mortise and tenon joints, the timbers took their place among the six king-post trusses, yards of sheathing boards and thousands of cypress shingles that protected an interior which would take three more years to finish.

The tools and methods these builders used left distinctive marks on the timbers. Pit saws created faint vertical lines across the wood as two men moved a long saw back and forth to cut a timber; hewn marks show where carpenters used broad axes to square a rounded log.

In October 2008, through the initiative of Colonial Williamsburg architectural historian Carl Lounsbury, Dan Miles and Mick Worthington of the Oxford Dendrochronological Laboratory in Oxford, England, took samples of Christ Church’s roof timbers to analyze ring growth patterns and determine felling dates. Comparing Christ Church’s timbers with those from a regional growth-cycle directory spanning five hundred years, Miles and Worthington established the fall of 1731-winter of 1732 as the felling dates for Christ Church’s white oak roof timbers.



“Charpente” from Denis Diderot’s *Encyclopédie* (1751)

The photograph above shows pit saw lines (top) and hewn marks (bottom) on an original timber from Christ Church’s roof.

Welcome Office Manager Debbie Byram

Debbie Byram joined the Foundation staff in March as Office Manager. Debbie took over from Nat McMaster, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Theology at McGill University and a Master of Divinity at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

Debbie and her husband Steve moved to the area from Northern Virginia in the fall of 2021. Her background is in the customer service industry. Debbie said she loves her new career path and the opportunity to learn something every day. She enjoys working with all the interesting people connected with Historic Christ Church and appreciates their love of this special place. Debbie has already recruited several of her family members to volunteer. Welcome, Debbie!



New Members Join Board



At the Foundation’s 64th Annual Meeting held September 22, three new members joined the board of directors. Melise Graham (third from left) is a retired elementary school librarian who has lived in Ireland, England, Maine and Texas. Melise volunteers as a docent and is a regular on the Parish Crawls. Marge Gibson (fifth from left) is a retired nurse and master gardener. Marge and herb garden chair Val Verburg worked together in 2020-2021 to establish a partnership between HCC&M and the Northern Neck Master Gardeners to restore the herb garden at the visitor entrance to HCC&M. Jeff Irby (not pictured here) worked as an investment advisor for SunTrust Bank’s Wealth and Investment Division. Jeff also volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and is a member of Sons of the American Revolution. Retiring directors included Regina Gaskins Baylor (fourth from left) and Dr. Pamela A. Ward (not pictured here).

Hunt Chesapeake History Forum Premieres

A packed house enjoyed the premiere in late September of the *John H. Hunt II Chesapeake History Forum*. In “Virginia Roots Music with a Taste of the Chesapeake,” Library of Virginia historian and roots music scholar Gregg Kimball traced the history of traditional musicians from all walks of life who laid the groundwork for some of the most important genres of American music including Country, Blues and Gospel. Vocalist Cluny Brown and guitarist Michael Lawrence joined Kimball in a multimedia presentation that incorporated photographs and period recordings alongside live performance. The band performed songs by the legendary Carter Family, Galax’s original “Hill Billies,” and Tappahannock bluesman William Moore.



—Google “YouTube Christ Church 1735” to see part of the performance.



Members of the Lancaster High School Junior ROTC prepare to present the colors at the 2022 Memorial Day Service.



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