

# NEW KENT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Newsletter

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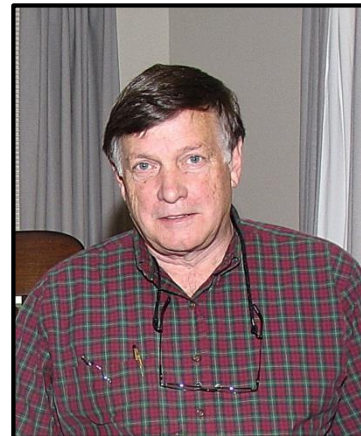
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**HISTORY IS WAITING!**  
**Come Visit**  
**The New Kent Historical Society**



William G. Hodges

**The New Kent Historical Society**  
**is saddened by the unexpected**  
**passing of our First Vice President**  
**William G. Hodges.**  
**Read the full story on page 1.**



## William Garrett Hodges

It is with deep regret and sorrow that I write to you about the unexpected passing of our First Vice President, William Garret Hodges. William passed away suddenly at the age of 68 from the result of a boating accident on Tuesday, September 2, 2014.



William grew up on Ridgefield farm in Gordonsville, Orange County Virginia, the son of William Walton Hodges and Harriet Nicholls Garrett Hodges. He was a historian, art lover, musician, author, appraiser, and farmer who thoroughly enjoyed sharing his knowledge and expertise with others. He served his country faithfully in the United States Army with a tour in Germany. He has supplied various fine art pieces to the White House, the Vice President's Residence, and The Old Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C. Because of his expertise in antique appraising, he had served as an advisor/ appraiser to the FBI for successful recovery of rare items. In addition to being the Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors for the New Kent Historical Society, he was a board member for the Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen, Va.

A graveside service will held Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Williamsburg, VA at 11:00 am. A celebration of life service will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the New Kent Historical Society Museum, P.O. Box 24, New Kent, VA 23124.

To send your electronic condolences to the family, visit Vincent Funeral Home website at [www.vincentfh.com](http://www.vincentfh.com) or you can send a card to the "Hodges Family", care of the New Kent Historical Society at the mailing address listed above.

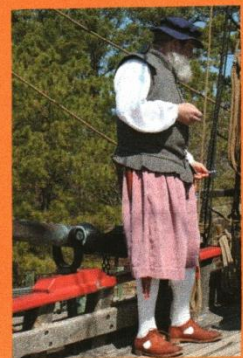
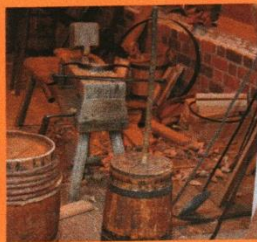
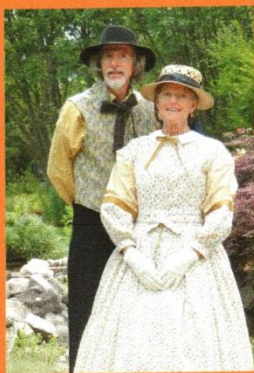
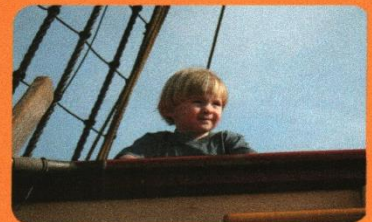
Camilla Lewis Tramuel,  
President

# Cumberland Festival!

## Join us October 11-12, 2014

*Sponsored by the New Kent Historical Society*

*Fun for All  
Ages!*



***LEARN AND ENJOY!*** . . . *Historic Boats . . . Hay Rides . . . Music & Dancing . . . Colonial Crafts . . . Children's Games . . . Butter Churning . . . Candle Dipping . . . Native Americans . . . Colonial Artifacts . . . Tours of Cumberland House . . . Historic Trades . . . Food and Drinks . . .*

◆ **Location:** Cumberland Plantation, 9007 Cumberland Road, New Kent, VA 23124

◆ **Times:** Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-6 ◆ **Entry Fee:** Adults \$10, Kids 3-13 \$5 ◆ **Tickets:** [www.newkenthistoricalsoc.com](http://www.newkenthistoricalsoc.com)



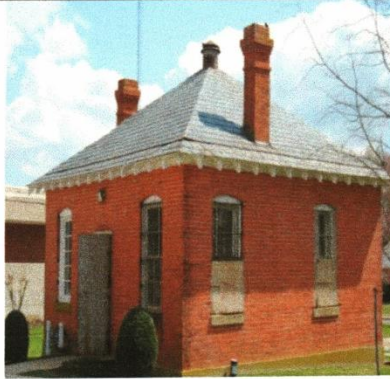
Send us a name or picture of your ancestor to showcase for this exhibit. If you have your ancestor's uniform (up to the Vietnam War), please let us use it for this affair. The exhibit will showcase all veterans who were born or lived in NK. Email or call Lavonne & Camilla and we will pick up your items. Email us at: [info@newkenthistoricalsoc.com](mailto:info@newkenthistoricalsoc.com) or Lavonne Allen at: [lavonne@newkenthistoricalsoc.com](mailto:lavonne@newkenthistoricalsoc.com), or Camilla Tramuel at [milliemac20@yahoo.com](mailto:milliemac20@yahoo.com). Leave a voice mail message at 804-966-8587 and we will return your call. Help us to make this event the hit of the year.



**Take a Tour of the future NKHS Museum, the former Martha Dandridge Woman's Club**



Wear your uniform, hat or jacket for **Our Living Exhibit**



**New Kent Historical Society Presents**

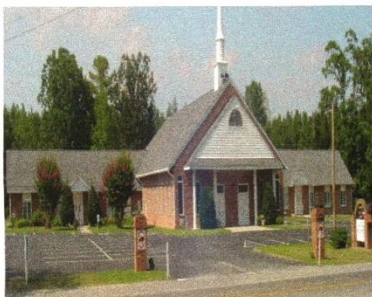


**New Kent Roll of Honor**

**Sat: Nov 8th  
10:00am– 5:00pm  
at**

**Corinth Baptist Church**

**11650 NK HWY  
(Across from the NKES)**

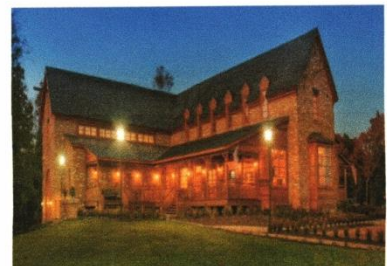


Names and pictures from the following "Wars & Conflicts" will be on exhibit!

- Bacon's Rebellion
- Revolutionary War
- War of 1812
- Civil War
- Spanish American War
- World War I
- World War II
- Korean Conflict
- Vietnam War
- All Other Wars



**Show Your Military ID & receive a discount @ The New Kent Winery**



# ***Look What's Happening!***

**Our November General Meeting will be held Sunday November 9, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. in the Old Courthouse located at 11920 New Kent Highway. The November speaker will be Captain Monroe. He will be talking about his book, "In Service to Their Country: Christ Church School and the American Uniformed Services." It is based on oral history interviews with Christ Church School Alumni and Faculty who have served in the military and who reflect on their experiences at the school and how it impacted their lives.**



**We will elect officers for the next two years at our November General Meeting: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer**



**The New Kent Historical Society has a new Board of Directors. Our new Board of Directors: Camilla Tramuel, Loretta Davis, Hawthorne Davis, Gale Auer, Martha Martin, Gussie Pomfrey, Stran Trout, and Lavonne Allen**



**Donate to the New Kent Historical Society Museum by sending your donations to the New Kent Historical Society  
P.O. Box 24, New Kent, VA, 23124.**



**See you October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Cumberland Festival, at the New Kent Roll of Honor on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and on November 9<sup>th</sup> at the next General Meeting.**

# MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE

This is a gentle reminder that if you pay your dues annually, your membership will expire 12/31/14. We hope you will mail in your dues for 2015 and remain a member of the Society. Attached is a membership form for your convenience.

## NEW KENT HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2015 MEMBERSHIP

\_\_\_\_ Yearly membership (individual or family): \$15.00

\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Membership: \$200.00

\_\_\_\_ Student Membership (Kindergarten through college): \$5.00

\_\_\_\_ Business Sponsor: \$100 – \$500

\_\_\_\_ *New member*                      \_\_\_\_ *Membership renewal*                      *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_                      E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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