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and restoration of Petersburg's historic
architecture, and neighborhoods
and to tell their story."*

A Letter From The President

In July, HPF lost a key Board member with the passing of Miss Peggy E.C. Lee. Although Peggy was a quiet and unassuming person, she was very active in the community, in her church, the Historic Petersburg Foundation, civic organizations and the Cockade City Camera Club. I hope you will read more about this special lady inside the newsletter.

As the summer winds down, we turn our attention to several activities on our events calendar and encourage you to participate.

The itinerary for the fall bus trip on Saturday, September 22 includes a full day of sightseeing. The History Committee Chairman, D. Eugene Atkinson puts in a lot of time and effort planning these day trips for you to enjoy. Seats are still available, so please bring along a friend or two!

Plans are well underway for the Christmas Homes Tour, which will be held Sunday, December 9th. This fundraiser is one of the best ways we have to highlight Petersburg's beautiful architecture and all that the city has to offer. You could be an event sponsor, serve as a docent or ticket marker, bake your favorite holiday cookies for the reception or bring a van load of friends to the tour. I think you will find a real sense of community and pride among these historic neighborhoods.

We are also beginning to prepare for the 10th Annual Ball in the 'Burg, which will be held at the Country Club of Petersburg on Saturday, February 23, 2013.

One of the exciting projects that we are currently working on is a new look for HPF's website. Last month, we met with two web design companies who will submit their proposals to the Board of Trustees at the September 24 meeting. We'll keep you posted on this effort to improve HPF's website and online marketing ability.

The legal documents are almost finished to form the new "For Profit" S-Corporation (Renaissance Petersburg) and the new "Non Profit" organization (Preservation Petersburg). We will be looking for Board members to serve on these two new organizations and hope you will consider serving HPF in this new way.

Thank you for your interest and support of the work we are doing at HPF.

Robert C. White

Peter Jones Trading Station Project Update

The Peter Jones Trading Station (PJTS) Project continues to use the Trading Station as a means to tell the story of that site, Petersburg, and the Tri-Cities Region. The PJTS Story Team, which consists of members of the History Committee and other individuals from the region, has met eight times to guide the implementation of the grant funded by the Cameron Foundation.

The Story Team recently agreed upon a Peter Jones Trading Station logo for this project. It consists of a handshake between an Indian and an Englishman, signifying the consummation of trade between the two men. The slogan will be "Where Commerce Began."

The Story Team is planning a kick-off Peter Jones Trading Station Project conference in November. The purposes for the conference are to publicize the Peter Jones Trading Station Project in Petersburg and the Tri-Cities Region, to provide brief presentations of some of the articles being written for the project, and to encourage other authors to complete their articles in a timely manner. We intend to attract as wide an audience as possible.

The Editorial Board has been established, and it will communicate with the article authors and edit the articles submitted. We also intend to convert the scholarly and understandable articles into appropriate history for popular audiences, circa 9th grade students, circa 4th grade students, and preschoolers. This is an effort to make the history as accessible to as many people as possible. Another effort to obtain the same outcome is to make the history accessible from both android and I-phone applications.

Many of the historical topics specified in our original grant proposal to the Cameron Foundation have authors committed to research and write these articles. Among the authors supporting this project are: Gil Entzminger, Dan Hayes, Dr. Chris Stevenson, Dr. Alan Briceland, Dr. Bill Irvin, Ben Greenbaum, Chris Calkins, Kevin Kirby and Lucious Edwards.



Peter Jones Trading Station—508 McNeil's Alley

In Memoriam

The Board of Trustees is deeply saddened by the death of Miss Peggy E.C. Lee. Peggy was active in the Historic Petersburg Foundation for many years and will be sorely missed. Her contributions helping HPF fulfill its mission will long be remembered.

Peggy loved history and she was very talented at preparing programs and tours that shared information on a variety of topics in interesting ways. When Peggy took on a task, whether it was giving a tour of her beloved church or writing membership renewal letters, she gave it her best effort and we could depend on her to do everything she volunteered to do.

Peggy became a member of Historic Petersburg Foundation in 1981. She joined the Board of Trustees in 1989 and was serving her fourth term as a trustee at the time of her death. As a Board member, Peggy served as Secretary and Membership Committee Chair and was always willing to participate whether it was taking photographs of HPF properties for the covenants, being a docent for the Christmas Homes Tour, or serving as a committee member. Peggy gave generously of her time, resources and talents and all of us at Historic Petersburg Foundation were glad to have known her.

