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### Greetings of the Season to our Clients and Friends!

Once again the four partners of Lot's Wife Publishing have the privilege of looking back on an exciting and fulfilling year as we carry out our mission to bring excellence to the publication of local history.

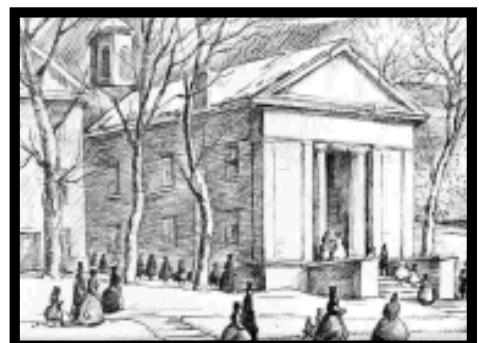
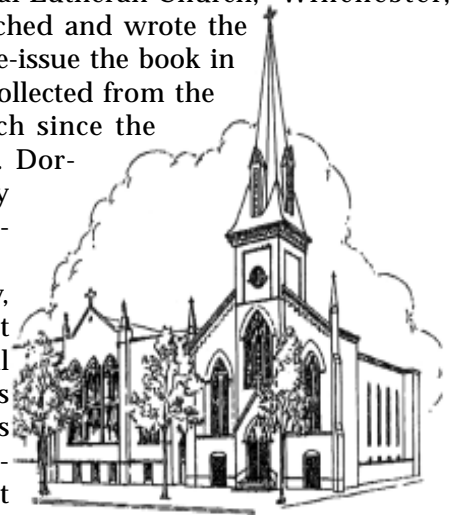
Much of our work this year has been focused on three large projects. One is the completion of the new, expanded edition of *This Heritage*, the history of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winchester, Virginia. Dr. William Eisenberg, beloved pastor of the church, researched and wrote the book for the congregation's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1954. Our task was to re-issue the book in new format, with the material that the church's history committee had collected from the past half century added, with expanded footnotes reflecting research since the original edition, and with new photographs, appendices, and index. Dorothy Boyd-Rush has been our principal on the project, and Nancy Sorrells handled the layout of this complex project. The massive 656-page tome will be delivered in time for Christmas gift-giving.

The second large project is the continuation of the cattle history, which we mentioned in our letter last year. Research on this project was the theme in 2002, and is ongoing. Two special meetings for oral history research took place this year. One was a gathering of many of the Virginia "movers and shakers" in the dairy industry and in genetic advances in breeding of dairy cattle, not only in Virginia, but nationally and internation-

ally. The other brought together families that had played an important role in the remarkable fat cattle export business in Tazewell and Russell Counties for nearly a century after the Civil War. However, writing the cattle history has been our major emphasis in 2003, with three-quarters of the book already written by Nancy and Katharine, and edited with the skillful expertise of agricultural historian Ken

Koons of the Virginia Military Institute. Design and layout of this complex coffee table volume begins early in the coming year, with publication set for September 2004.

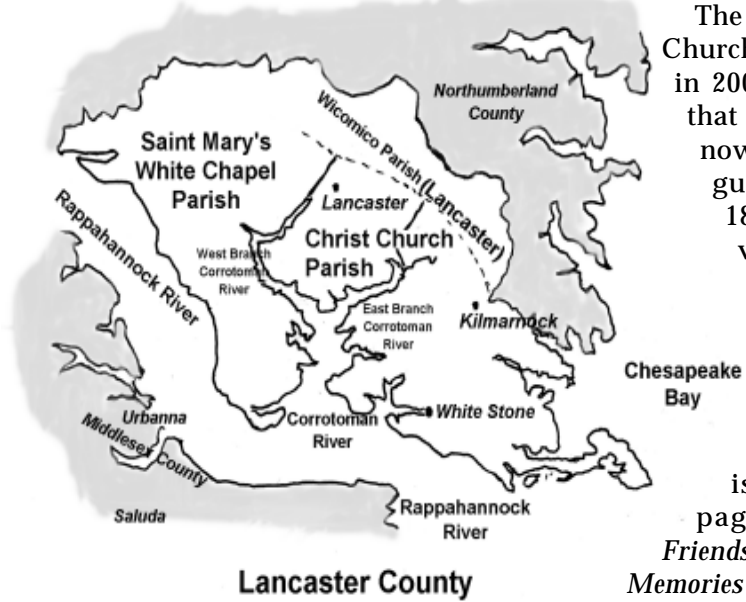
The third large project is the history of First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, for the congregation's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the summer of 2004. At least four American presidents have visited this church, including, of course, Woodrow Wilson whose father was the pastor and who was baptized here. Dorothy and Katharine have spent much of the year researching this and carrying out oral history interviews with lifelong members of the congregation. We were especially grateful to have had the opportunity to talk with Col. Frank Pancake, a



leader not only of the church but of the entire Staunton community, before his untimely death. The writing has begun on this volume, which will be a 7 x 10 softcover with numerous illustrations.

We will send to press early in the new year an exciting volume of historical essays by Staunton journalist and historian, Charles Culbertson. *Staunton, Virginia: A Treasury of Historic Tales* will be in local bookstores in March. Our role in this project has only been that of editing, design, layout, and facilitation of printing. Research, writing, and illustration selection from wonderful historic photographs is all Charles.

We have worked with members of the Stonewall Brigade Band who are preparing for their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2004. We have advised them on the care of their archival and photographic collections, conducted a workshop for band volunteers to process those archives, and we will assist in the production of an insert in the newspaper for the anniversary.



The final volume of the four-book series for Historic Christ Church, Lancaster County, had been slated for publication in 2003. A variety of circumstances necessitated putting that project on hold for several months, so that book will now go to press early in 2004. A family history of a Huguenot family that settled in Lancaster County in the 18<sup>th</sup> century will also go to press in 2004. We are providing editing, design, layout, indexing, and printing for this work by a family historian.

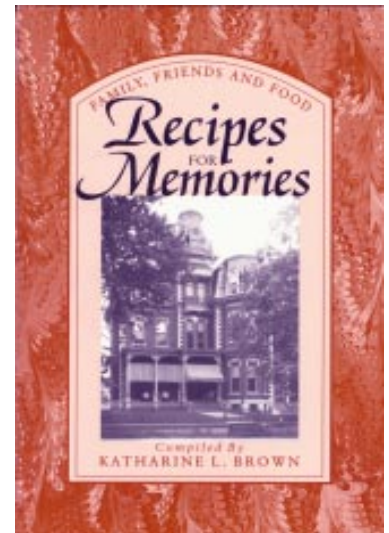
We are in exploratory stages of several other projects that would appear in 2005 and 2006, and look forward to telling you about those in our next letter.

Katharine's lavishly illustrated 176-page cookbook, *Family, Friends, and Food: Recipes for Memories* is a collection of five generations of family recipes from

her home in West Virginia as well as recipes shared with her by friends around America, Ireland, and Germany. This is now available for sale directly from Lot's Wife Publishing for \$10 per volume plus \$2.50 shipping.

We are grateful to the many volunteers from the cattle and dairy associations, Debbie Garrett for her cattle research, Historic Christ Church, Grace Church, First Presbyterian, and the Stonewall Brigade Band with whom we have worked this year. And we are especially grateful to Barbara Corse for her unfailing good cheer and careful layout and design work and Cheryl Lyon for her outstanding cover designs.

We wish all of you a joyful, peaceful holiday in the full spirit of the promise of Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2004!



From The Wives----

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