



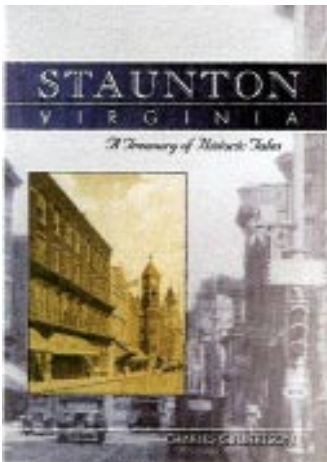
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Greetings of the Season to all our clients and friends!

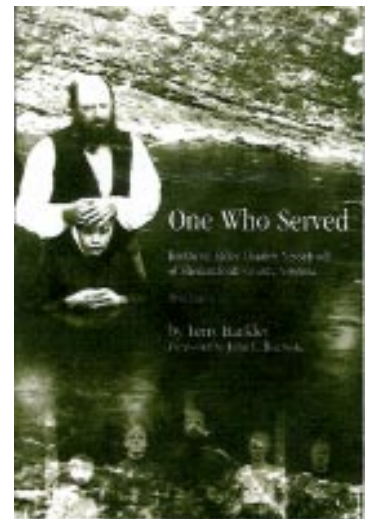
We four wives look back on 2004 as another successful year in our local history publishing world with seven new volumes on the shelf.

This year saw a record number of books roll off the presses under our name. The first was local journalist Charles Culbertson's collection of vignettes, *Staunton, Virginia: A Treasury of Historic Tales*. This 232-page hardcover book was laid out by Barbara Corse, with an attractive four-color dust jacket designed by Jennifer Wood of Wood & Associates, Staunton. With a vigorous publicity campaign including TV and radio interviews, newspaper reviews, and local book signings, Charles has already sold out!



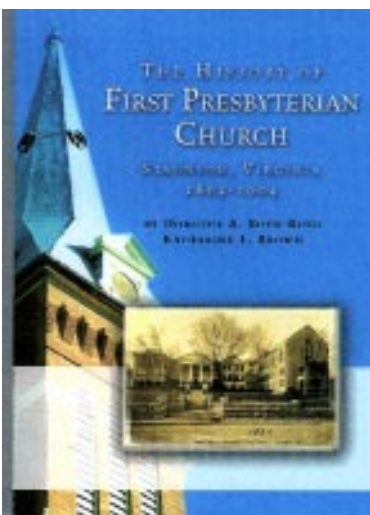
Culbertson

Terry Barkley, Archivist at the Alexander Mack Memorial Library at Bridgewater College, had earlier prepared a history of a late nineteenth century Brethren minister in the Valley. Lot's Wife re-issued the 100-page volume in an attractive new softcover format, with a compelling cover designed by Gretchen Newman of Staunton. The book, *One Who Served: Brethren Elder Charles Nesselrodt of Shenandoah County, Virginia*, features a foreword by Valley folklorist John L. Heatwole.



Barkley

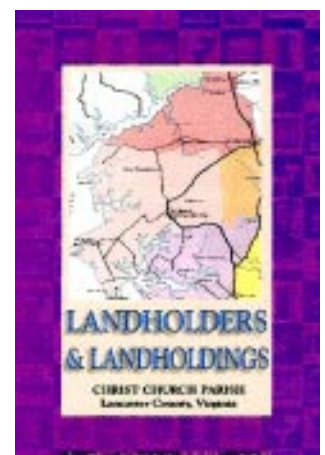
Dorothy and Katharine completed *The History of First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Virginia, 1804-2004* in time for the congregation's anniversary celebration in June. The 232-page softcover book in a larger 7" x 10" format laid out by Barbara Corse features another of Gretchen Newman's colorful and attractive covers. The history committee from the church was a pleasure to work with and the assistance of various members of the congregation in sharing memories and photographs helped fill the volume with illustrations and recollections.



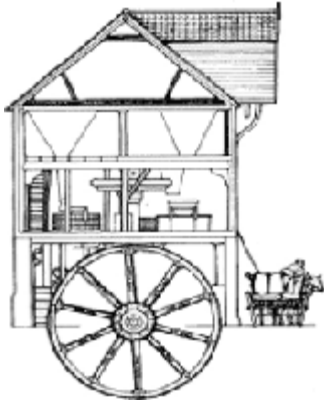
Boyd-Rush and Brown

Katharine and Nancy completed their long-term project with the Foundation for Historic Christ Church in Irvington, Virginia with the publication of the last of their four volumes. Nancy compiled and edited this one, using the research materials collected during a decade of dedicated work by the volunteer researchers at the foundation. *Landholders & Landholdings: Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, Virginia*, is a 64-page softcover with a vibrant cover designed by Cheryl Lyon of LDA Creations, Dayton, Virginia, who also designed the three companion volume covers.

The book is completed with a 20" x 24" fold-out color map of the parish with the holdings of every landowner in 1750 located. Lancaster County cartographer Jim Gearhart produced the map. A reception and book signing with comments by Nancy, Katharine, and Jim brought this four-year project to a conclusion in September. A generous grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund made the four volumes in the series possible.

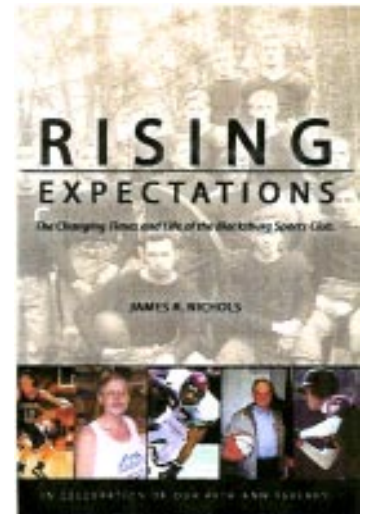


Right: Sorrells--the final of our four books in the series for the Foundation for Historic Christ Church, Irvington, Virginia



Three of our books arrived on the market just in time for Christmas giving. **Augusta County Mills**, compiled by Janet Baugher Downs and Earl Downs with assistance from Nancy Sorrells, has been published for the Augusta County Historical Society. All proceeds from the book will benefit the educational mission of the society. The 368-page hardcover, 8 1/2" x 11" is full of pictures of long-forgotten mills from all areas of the county and from Staunton and Waynesboro, reminding us how important wheat culture and mills were to the economy of Augusta County from colonial times through World War II. Barbara Corse handled the layout. The handsome cover design is the work of Cheryl Lyon of LDA Creations, who also designed covers for the four mill books that the Downs produced for Rockingham County.

Dr. James R. Nichols, retired Dean of the School of Agriculture of Virginia Tech, is an avid fan and supporter of the sports programs of Virginia Tech and of Blacksburg High School. He undertook to write a history of the Blacksburg Sports Club, an unusual community organization that has provided forty years of support and recognition for the programs and athletes of those two institutions. **Rising Expectations: The Times and Life of the Blacksburg Sports Club** is a 464-page hardcover volume, fully illustrated with both black and white and color photos, and with biographical sketches and photos of all the student award winners. David Pugh did the layout of this complex book, complete with timelines and sidebars, Nancy helped design the interior and the color spread, and Jennifer Wood of Wood & Associates designed the attractive dust jacket.



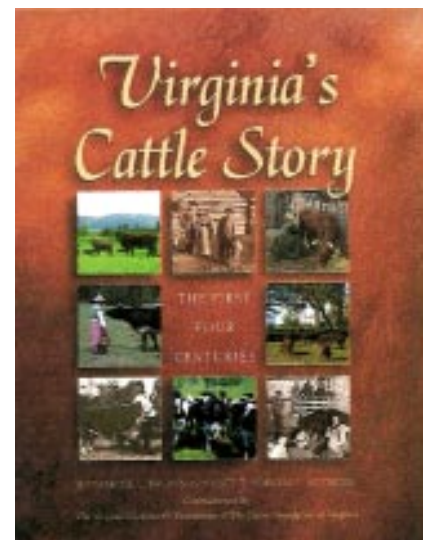
Right: Nichols



Nancy and Katharine gain an intimate working knowledge of their book subjects

The long-awaited cattle book, which has occupied Katharine and Nancy for a large part of three years, made its debut at the Homestead Resort in Bath County on November 29 at the Virginia Farm Bureau annual convention. We would have to admit to being more than a little pleased and proud to be presented bouquets of a dozen long-stem red roses, and to witness the auction sale of the first two volumes, one signed by Virginia Governor Mark Warner and the other by Congressman Bob Goodlatte, Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, for \$10,000 and \$10,100 respectively! Those proceeds go directly into the education foundations of the Virginia Cattlemen's Association and the Virginia State Dairy Association, sponsors of the book.

Virginia's Cattle History: The First Four Centuries is a stunning 368-page coffee table volume with four-color printing throughout, a gold foil embossed cover, and a full color varnished dust jacket. From the first documented calf at Jamestown to the latest technological advances of the 21st century, the story is there, handsomely illustrated with photographs generously lent by persons from all over Virginia, and by the work of two dozen Virginia artists, past and present. The editorial boards of the two foundations, whose idea the book was, were wonderfully supportive through the entire project. Ken Koons is a superb person to have as an editor. Cheryl Lyons' original template for the book and her attractive dust jacket add much to its appeal. The staff at Good Printers was so attentive and helpful. But Betty Jo Hamilton's creative imagination, layout skill, and exceptional dedication to making this book beautiful worked the real magic.





Moving from printer's ink to ink on the marriage register, our colleague, Dorothy Boyd-Rush and retired airline pilot Bob Bragg tied the knot in the summer. She is now Dorothy Boyd-Bragg. They flew off to Tenerife and London, but Dorothy is back at her desk now editing two forthcoming volumes. We wish Dorothy and Bob many years of happiness ahead.

We approach 2005, our tenth anniversary year, with eager anticipation. We already have half a dozen projects lined up and look forward to working on each of them. We also hope to have the opportunity to produce one or two books of our own in the course of the coming year. This will fulfill a long held dream.

Our website is now under construction and will make its debut in January. To keep up with us in the coming year, please visit our website at www.lotswifepublishing.com

We wish all of our clients and friends a joyful Christmas season and a New Year of health and happiness.

Nancy Sorrells



Sue Simmons

Dorothy Boyd-Bragg

Katharine Brown

