

2011-2012 Annual Report



Greater Chuckatuck
Historical Foundation



Progress Report

Our mission of “*Making the Past Come Alive for Future Generations*” became a reality in 2011-2012. Chuckatuck–Crossroads in Time began distribution December 2-3, 2011 at the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department and local churches. Over 1,300 copies were sold through June 30, 2012.

This handsome “coffee table” book includes 214 pages; 11 chapters w/Forward, Introduction, Memorials and Honorariums, Acknowledgements and Sources; 339 pictures, 14 maps, and 26 documents. The memories are countless.

Its accompanying state-of-the-art DVD takes you on exciting helicopter overflights of the area, provides captivating video interviews of memories, and shows extra photos, many not found in the book.

The publication truly has “*made the past come alive*” for many longtime residents, newcomers to the community, those nearby and those well beyond (from Florida to California).

We are upgrading our website, ChuckatuckHistory.com, in format and capability to give users more information about the community and its surrounding history. It continues to be a work-in-progress as resources are available.



Above: *Aerial view of Chuckatuck crossroads. (Drexel Bradshaw)*

Cover photo: *Lafayette Gwaltney, early 1970s.*
(*James A. Walker, Jr. | The Virginian-Pilot*)



What's Next?

Our mission of “Making the Past Come Alive for Future Generations” is expanding.

Early on, our focus was on producing a book of history: “Chuckatuck—Crossroads in Time.” We soon realized we needed a DVD to contain the abundance of exciting material we had accumulated. Finally, we built and tweaked our website—ChuckatuckHistory.com.

All the while, we have been steadily building an archive of photos, audio interviews with written summaries, videos and recorded documents.

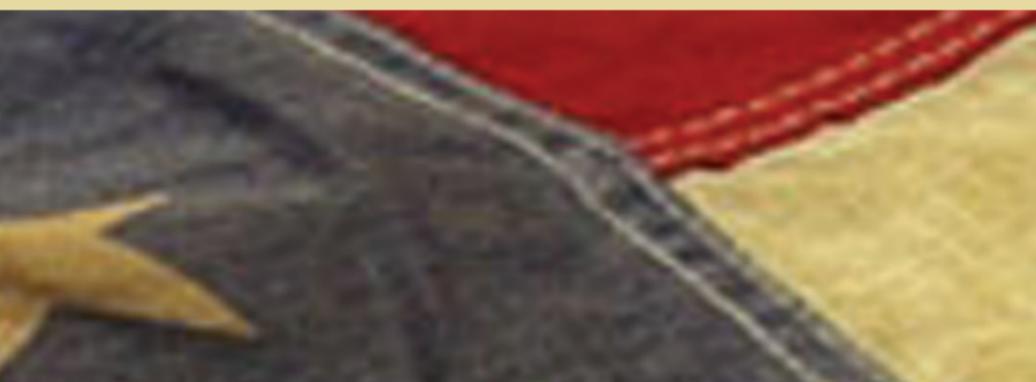
So, what's next? In early 2012, the Gwaltney Store on the corner of Route 10 and Route 125, right in the heart of Chuckatuck, was slated for demolition by the City of Suffolk. The Greater Chuckatuck Historical Foundation (GCHF) and some local citizens saw an opportunity (with interest from the owner) to restore and preserve it as part of our mission.

In the 2012-13 year, the GCHF primary focus of action will be to:

- continue to market the book/DVD and accept donations,
- add to an organized archive of items provided by the public,
- enhance the website, creating a “go to” place for up-to-date and timely information, and
- help the owner renovate the Gwaltney store as an authentic representation of the past.

What can you do to be a part of this interesting venture?

- Let others know the book/DVD is available. See the attached Donation/Order form.
- Help build the archives with your photos, documents, etc. Call or e-mail us.
- Visit ChuckatuckHistory.com often. Send us your stories.
- Learn more about the Gwaltney Store. Donate and learn how you can get involved.



“Thanks to you and all your group that published “Chuckatuck—Crossroads in Time.” As a newcomer, you have certainly brought my land on Cherry Grove Road North to life for me. I’m certain you have done the same for others. —Richard Goldbach

My mother Burnette Graves and my grandparents Junius and Maude Graves are pictured in your book. Thank you so much! You have opened a door of history that I can share and pass down to our 7 year-old son!
—Selma Patillo-Simms

My wife and I just finished watching the DVD on Chuckatuck. What a wonderful job on putting this together! For me it brought back many memories of my childhood and made me want to move back there. My thanks to the many people involved in putting this together. Great job.
—Charles Darden

I saw the website through something on Facebook. I grew up in Chuckatuck and want to order the book for my father for his birthday (January 3). They are currently in Florida, and hope head to Blacksburg. [Later. . .] Thought staff would want to know the great joy the book has brought to my parents. —Bill Powell

I just finished browsing through my new book and watching the DVD. It was great!!!! My hat is off to all that participated in such a great product. —Fred Byrd

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Financial Highlights

Many hours of extensive research and hard work by dedicated volunteers, consultants, and contractors culminated in the fall, 2011 book launch of CHUCKATUCK—Crossroads in Time. Approximately one half of the initial printing has been sold through June 2012.

The next phase of the Foundation’s mission will be dedicated to creating and maintaining a comprehensive interactive website for visitors to share their histories and learn more about the Greater Chuckatuck area.

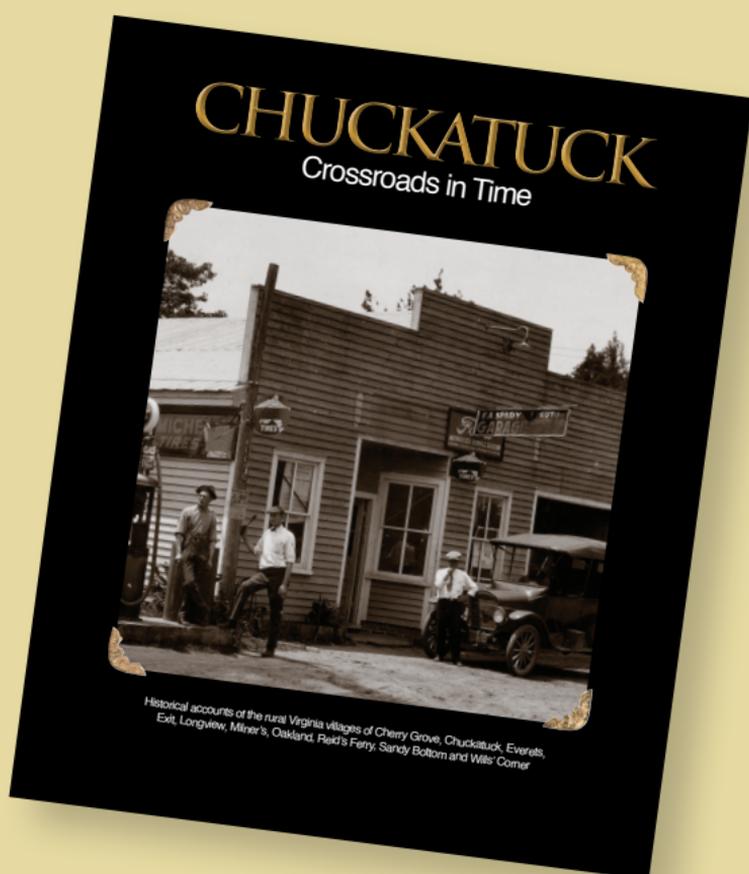
Funds for this project and for the Foundation’s planned relocation of its offices to the old Gwaltney’s Store will come from book sales as well as continued corporate and individual support.

Below is a financial summary for the two most recent fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and 2012, as well as cumulative totals since inception of the Foundation in 2009:

	2010-2011	2011-2012	TOTAL TO DATE
Revenues			
Book Sales	0.....	\$45,190	\$45,190
Business Contributions.....	\$9,400.....	\$11,577	\$37,757
Individual Contributions.....	\$10,520.....	\$11,634	\$32,169
Total Revenue	\$19,920	\$68,401.....	\$115,116
Expenses			
Contract Services.....	\$14,600.....	\$56,216	\$70,816
Facility & Equipment	\$1,500.....	\$1,600	\$6,898
Other Operating Exp.....	\$924.....	\$4,805	\$8,248
Total Expenses.....	\$17,024	\$62,621.....	\$85,962
Net Income.....	\$2,896	\$5,780.....	\$29,154



Books Still Available



Why not learn more about the many stores in Chuckatuck in the early 1900's by purchasing a book from one of the locations listed below?

Christine's Market (Crittenden), Bennett's Creek Pharmacy, Edward Jones and Dr. Dwight Bradshaw's office (Bennett's Creek), Nautical Decor (Smithfield Station), Ringo's, The Oaks Veterinary Clinic, St. Luke's (Smithfield), Saunders Supply and Kitty's Salon (Chuckatuck) and Train Museum, Jester's (Cultural Arts Center), Riddick's Folly, Visitor's Center and Dr. Ralph Howell's office (Suffolk).

You may also purchase directly from a foundation member or order on line at ChuckatuckHistory.com.

Donation/Order Form

Donations

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____.

Made in memory or in honor of:

(Gifts are tax deductible.)

Please make Donation checks separate from order.

Book Order

_____ Books/DVD @ \$40* (*includes tax*) . . . \$ _____

**Shipping (approximately \$6) is not included.*

Ordering Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

*Please make all checks payable to **GCHF** and
mail to the address below.*

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