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Lemon Family



In the center of the picture is Jacob Martin Lemon who died July 7, 1896, about three weeks after the picture was taken. Center front is his daughter, Araminta Lemon. To his left in a black lace shawl is Sally Crush Lipps. This picture was given to Phyllis Austin Burch, of Fincastle, by Sam Stevens. Sam and Phyllis are great grand children of Jacob Martin Lemon. It belonged to Sam's mother, Nell Lemon Stevens.

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Come See What's New at the Museum!

Have you visited the Botetourt County Historical Museum lately? If not, you should plan a visit soon to see all the exciting changes that are taking place at our museum on the Courthouse House Square in Fincastle. Our museum committee has been hard at work during the past year reorganizing the artifacts and displays throughout the museum. Several workdays were scheduled and volunteers were recruited to do the heavy lifting and the moving of artifacts. Museum committee chairperson Kate Harris and other members of her committee and volunteers, especially Alice Crowder, have spent many hours cleaning, organizing and rearranging the exhibits. Mrs. Harris has stated that "As museum committee chairperson I want to thank John Graham, Nadine Rankin, and Alice Crowder who also serve on the committee with me. I want to thank those board members that came twice to the museum to help move the heavy items. Special thanks to 'Joe Martin and Company' for their help. Our plan for the museum is certainly an ongoing process. We will continue to place our many artifacts in a theme to be enjoyed by the county museum's many visitors."

We have received many favorable comments from our visitors (over 2000 in 2007) regarding our museum and its displays and extensive collection of Botetourt County artifacts and memorabilia. Museum committee member Alice Crowder reports that "We are trying to rearrange the artifacts that we have in order to be able to better display all of our artifacts, including some that have not been previously displayed. We hope to build shelving in the museum store so that we can better display books and pamphlets for sale and provide a better work space for docents and researchers."

Come by soon and often to visit the museum and shop in the museum store. We continue to add books and souvenirs to our store inventory and we encourage visitors to stop by whenever they are looking for books, pamphlets, or memorabilia about Botetourt County.

The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, give us a call at (540)473-8394 or by email at info@bothistsoc.org.

We hope to see you soon!



Alice Crowder and Kate Harris are enjoying the military display now found in the main room on the second level.



Museum Committee chairperson Kate Harris is showing Executive Director Weldon Martin part of the new colonial frontier life exhibit on the upstairs porch.



Docent Laretta Wolfe is showing a customer one of our many books on sale in the museum store on the back porch on the first level.



The main room on the first level continues to display hundreds of artifacts showing family life in early Botetourt County.