

Ashcroft

September 2023

President's Corner

Thanks to the Pool Committee and the Social Committee we had a successful pool season and a wonderful 4th of July party. Pickleball has come to Ashcroft with the renovated Tennis and Pickleball Sports Complex. Next up – Doggy Pool Day on October 1.

To follow up on a recent email thread that brought to light the need for reminders about our current systems:

Reservation Systems.

- Reserve a time slot for the exercise room through the website. Until we upgrade the software, you must make your reservations at least a few hours ahead of when you want to use the facility.
- You can reserve the clubhouse for one or more 2-hour blocks of time. Please be sure to clean up after you use the clubhouse.
- The tennis-pickleball courts are available by reservation only. We are working on a way to reserve each of the pickleball courts separately. We are also working on listing our court on the Playtime Scheduler app, but it may only be reserved by an Ashcroft resident. Please close the gate when you leave.
- Next year, pool parties must be scheduled in advance so Kim Martin can arrange for extra lifeguards.

Fobs. If you need to obtain a key fob to access our facilities, contact Ryan.miller@realpropertyinc.com.

Board Activities. Agendas and minutes for the monthly board meetings are posted on the website. All board meetings are open to the public.

Speed Limit. On all Ashcroft roads the speed limit is **25 miles per hour** (even when going downhill on Lego).

Architectural Review Committee. All material changes to the exterior of your property, including all structures, require the approval of the ARC. The application is on the website and should be signed by your adjoining neighbors.

- Tree Removal – ARC approval is required for removal of any trees that are more than 8 inches in diameter (five feet from the ground). Dead trees do not require approval.
- Tradesmen signs are allowed from 7 days before construction begins until 7 days after the construction is completed.
- Political Signs – Only one 2 ft x 2 ft sign per yard is allowed and only during presidential, congressional, gubernatorial, and district campaigns.
- Trash cans can remain on the street from the night before until the night of the collection.
- Exterior lighting should meet the ARC Rules and Guidelines.
- HVAC systems (new or replacement system) must be screened from view.
- Drainage ditches and culverts should be kept clean and operational.

Listserv Emails. The listserv policies are posted on the website. It should not be used to promote commercial activities. Posts should be respectful and not include personal attacks, political commentary, or anonymous postings.

Bob Baumgartner

Social Committee News

The Ashcroft Social Committee is looking to add new members! If you want to find out more, or if you have exciting ideas for 2024, come to our **Meet & Greet** at the clubhouse on Sunday, September 24, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Serving on the committee is a perfect way to get more involved in our neighborhood. The time commitment is minimal, and there are enough of us that we can spread out the tasks and make it fun. Here's what the committee has on tap for the rest of the year:

- We are working out final plans for the annual Oktoberfest and look forward to sharing those details soon.
- Keep an ear out for Skyline Harmony Chorus, whose music will help us kick off the holiday season.

We hope to see you on September 24!

Camille Anderson

Final DDI Update

The diverging diamond interchange, or DDI, at the I-64 and Rt. 250 intersection is substantially complete, reports Harold L. Jones, VDOT district project management engineer. He notes that only a few punch-list items remain.

I want to thank Hal Jones for his DDI communication efforts with Ashcroft residents over the past five years. In addition to holding several DDI meetings with us, Jones has provided numerous project updates and construction alerts that have been emailed to residents. Throughout this spring and summer, traffic concerns that Ashcroft motorists noticed were sent to Jones, and he promptly followed up with the DDI construction manager and traffic engineers.

He reports that VDOT traffic engineers will continue to observe signals and monitor traffic.

Ida Lee Wootten

Addressing Future Needs

A Long-Range Planning Committee (LRP) has begun to identify needs and desires of Ashcroft residents for the next one, five, and ten years. Committed to responding to growth in Ashcroft in a timely and productive manner, the LRP will identify feasible goals and determine the process to achieve them.

The committee consists of Board members and chairs of neighborhood committees and is headed by Lotta Löfgren and Ida Lee Wootten.

Ashcroft Pool

What a fantastic summer! Kim Martin's company, H2O Works, LLC, has kept the pool sparkling clean and welcoming to all, with very attentive lifeguards adding to the positive experience. Thank you!

Autumn Extension. This year the pool will remain open through the month of September! Please note that there will be no lifeguards after Labor Day, Monday, September 4, so the use of the pool will be **at your own risk**.

Doggy Day at the Pool. We spent the "dog" days of summer cooling off at the pool while our furry friends stayed home. How ironic! Now it's their turn to enjoy the Ashcroft pool on Doggy Day on **Sunday, October 1**, from 3 to 5 pm.

Swimming at Own Risk. The pool is open during all daylight hours through September. However, swimming is at your own risk at all times when the lifeguards are not present.

Pool Rules. The rules for the use of the pool are available on our website ashcroftneighbor.com/resources/

Key Fobs. Key fobs are necessary to access the pool, clubhouse and fitness room. Contact Ryan Miller at ryan.miller@realpropertyinc.com to obtain new or replacement key fobs.

Denise Bachman

ARC Corner

The ARC has modified its tree removal policy with regard to Paradise trees (Tree of Heaven or Ailanthus). The new rules state that any homeowner can remove a Paradise tree of any size on their own property without ARC permission. In fact, we encourage you to do so as it is a highly invasive tree. But please note that we do require that you notify the ARC of your Paradise tree cutting plans one week or more in advance. Please contact the ARC if you want more information on effective cutting strategies.

Note: Walnut trees do look somewhat similar to Paradise trees so please be careful when identifying your trees.

Bill Snow

Infrastructure Report

It's been a busy spring and summer for project work in Ashcroft

Swimming Pool. In preparation for the swim season, a lot of work was done. An extended ladder was installed, the filtration medium was changed, and a new pool cover installed. The pool has not been replastered for about 15 years, and inspection revealed deficiencies in the pool bottom due to voids created under the pool. The Association authorized temporary repairs to keep the pool open and operating; however, a more permanent fix is required to avoid failure of the pool structure. Therefore, the pool will be repaired, replastered, and retiled before the next swim season. In addition, damaged pool edging and cracks around the pool deck will be repaired.

Storage Building. The Board approved the removal of the cinder block storage building and part of the retaining wall around the pool because of significant cracking and structural failing in the walls and foundations. A supporting stub wall will be added to bolster the remaining wall, four cedar trees removed, and the soil regraded to allow for better water flow and maintenance. Early next year, the Association will purchase a movable storage shed for the pool chemicals, supplies, covers, and equipment. The storage shed will be located near the double gates at the back of the pool area for easy access, and it will not interfere with the volleyball court.

Guard Rails. The wooden guard rails and posts on Tremont Road and Lego Drive have been power washed, and may be stained or painted. Due to serious deterioration, some of the posts and rails will be replaced, and some posts will have the tops cut off and a protective coating or cap applied.

Posts, Signs, and Roads. A walkthrough was conducted to assess the condition of the wooden sign posts, signs, and roads throughout Ashcroft. A plan to paint, repair, or replace damaged posts is being considered. The Board is also looking at the Reserve Study and comparing our actual road conditions against the engineering life estimates. No road work is needed this year; however, several roads will likely need repair next year.

Clubhouse. A number of small projects have been undertaken this year to enhance the clubhouse use. A large screen TV, video camera, and conference hub have been added for use during Board meetings, annual meetings, and other appropriate events. A smart thermostat was installed to improve control over the cooling and heating of the clubhouse. Large blinds were installed on the east wall windows to reduce the summertime heat into the upstairs space.

Tennis/Pickleball Courts. A major project this year involved resurfacing the court and restriping it to accommodate both tennis and pickleball use. The project took longer than anticipated due to weather conditions and the need to build up the area along the concrete wall to promote proper water drainage. The work remaining involves trimming or cutting away the bushes and trees that overhang the court and improve the swale above the court to reduce or eliminate water retention, which is undermining the large wall. The board will then consider repairing and repainting the concrete walls at and above the courts.

Ted Miller

A Huge Thank You!

A big thank you to the ANA Board for all the hard work, time and expense spent in upgrading the tennis courts and installing two pickleball courts.

The courts are amazing! It is wonderful to see so many people of different ages enjoying the courts.

Once more, thank you!

Denise Bachman



Update on New Development

The first several thousand feet of the new road have been brought up to grade all the way back to a T intersection, approximately 3,000 feet from the clubhouse, where Hawks Nest Trail meets Harrier Lane. (For information on the new road names, see below.)

We have also finished the road to the right and the one going up the hill on the left to within a few inches of final grade.

Gravel is being installed, and ditches are being treated with either matting or rip-rap to control erosion. We are taking this approach because we don't want to progress by tearing up more soil on the final phase of the road until we have controlled erosion on the areas that have already been excavated. I hope most of this phase will be under control within a month.



View of Hawks Nest Trail and Elmcroft Circle from the east. In the center of the picture is the playing field and clubhouse area.



View of the intersection of Hawks Nest Trail and Harrier Lane taken from the west. In the upper right corner is I-64 as it goes by the Shadwell

All sections of the road that are up to grade have been tested for soil compaction and soil-bearing capabilities. All have passed with room to spare—an important issue for the neighborhood. This testing is important because high test scores mean that the dirt under the road is going to be strong to prevent or reduce pavement cracking.

We chose new names for the roads after receiving input from residents following the request for suggestions. Thank you for the input! I appreciate all the interest. People suggested bird names and animal names, and some suggested playing off the name of Oscar Hansen, the sculptor who crafted his art works in a building that stood where the clubhouse is located. However, any name connected to Hansen was off-limits because any road bearing the name has to be attached to another road with that name: for example, a road named Hansen Court would have to attach onto Hansen Mountain Road. The only road

that meets up with Hansen Mountain is Lego.

We settled on bird names---hawks in particular. The road going past the clubhouse is named Hawks Nest Trail, and the road at the T intersection is called Harrier Lane. Harriers are small hawks, about the size of a juvenile crow, that mostly hunt over fields, catching mice and small rodents. I really like hawks since my sisters and I raised a baby sparrow hawk when we were kids living on the family farm.

In conclusion, we're making progress. We have managed to accomplish this without making much of a mess for others to deal with. Our contractor usually stops work when rain is expected to avoid getting mud on the roads.

Rick Beyer

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Technology Update

Ashcroft Listserv. As many users are aware, the Ashcroft listserv suffered a fatal crash, and despite the best efforts of Val (current webmaster) and Spencer (former webmaster), the system could not be fixed. In its place Val established a new Google-based email system for Ashcroft residents to use to communicate with their Ashcroft neighbors.

The email addresses formerly associated with the listserv have been transitioned to the new system, and the community can now be reached using:
ashcroft-neighbor@googlegroups.com

The listservs of the ARC and ANA Board have also been updated to the following addresses:
ARC: arc-ashcroft@googlegroups.com
Board: ashcroft-board@googlegroups.com
Please make a note for future emails.

Scheduling Software. With the new pickleball and tennis court has come new challenges with scheduling. Work is in process to identify and install a more robust software that can handle the more complex court scheduling as well as enhance the clubhouse reservation system. Residents have offered a number of comments and suggestions about the features people would like to have for making reservations and those will be incorporated into the software search.

Website Revamp. The Ashcroft website has been in its current form for many years and it is starting to become cluttered and more difficult to manage. We are considering hiring a web designer to revamp the underlying structure and present a more appealing and more user-friendly site.

Ashcroft Website. Ashcroftneighbor.com

Ted Miller

Not on the Community Email List?

Maybe you should be. The community email list is an easy way to contact your neighbors about any type of issue: notices about neighborhood meetings, recommendations for painters, bear sightings, even night-time celestial viewing opportunities. Once on the listserv, you will receive emails from ashcroft-neighbor@googlegroups.com. The header of the email shows who posted the message. To respond to the author of the post, just hit *reply*. To also include everyone on the listserv, *reply all*.

Here's how to sign up:

Go to ashcroftneighbor.com/listserv-signup and complete the online form.

After hitting *submit*, you should receive a confirmation within the page that someone will be adding you shortly. Or you may send a blank email from the account you would like to enroll to

neighbor-join@AshcroftNeighbor.com

In both cases, you are generally added within 72 hours.

The Policies and Procedures for the listserv are posted on the Ashcroft Resources webpage under Governing Documents.

To access some parts of the Ashcroft website, you need a password.

To obtain a web password, complete the form at www.ashcroftneighbor.com/userrequest.

You should receive your password in about 72 hours. Be aware that because it's an automated email sent via the website, it often goes into the SPAM folder. So, check your spam.

Both the listserv and the web password are only available to Ashcroft owners and residents.

Laura Hoffman

Ashcroft Board of Directors

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2023 ANA Board Meetings

Ashcroft Neighborhood Association Board of Directors meetings are held monthly in the clubhouse and via Zoom. Meetings will begin at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- September 27
- October 18
- November 16
- December 18.

Agendas for the monthly Board meetings are posted on the Resources page of the Ashcroft website, as are the minutes from each meeting. The Zoom information is part of the meeting agenda. All board meetings are open to the public.

Anyone who wants to volunteer on a committee or on the board should contact Bob Baumgartner at rbbashcroft@gmail.com.

Welcome to Northridge by Laura Hoffman

Yes, Northridge. Northridge was the original name submitted for the development, but that was too close to the existing Northfields, and we became Ashcroft. Did you know that? How much do you know about the area where we live? Ever wonder about things like how did Pantops get its name, and where is Pantops Mountain, anyway? Or where did Lego get its name or Hansen's Mountain Road, or what about that ski slope? Well, I did, and several years ago I researched and wrote a series of articles exploring some of these questions. So, if you are curious too, join me in the search, part 1.

"Where are we, anyway...?"

"I live on Pantops Mountain." I say that, just about all of us say it; but do we? As well as having a distinctive name, Pantops Mountain has another distinction; it doesn't appear to exist. Look for it on a map and it isn't there. The U. S. Geological Survey map from 1997 shows an area called Pantops, but they don't call it a mountain. At 500 feet, the area would have the required view, but is it the real Pantops Mountain?

Perhaps it's just not on a map now.

A search of several historical maps found the S. West Mountains and the Green Mountains, and even Carter's Mountain. One name that was used for our mountain: Rich's Mountain – honest, but no Pantops. But it must exist because we know a lot about it. The Jefferson family owned it, and Thomas Jefferson named it. Well, he didn't name it Pantops; Pantops was originally *Pant'ops*, a Greek name meaning "all-seeing".

So, if we can't say for certain we are on Pantops Mountain, what can we say? Well, we are definitely somewhere on the Southwest Mountains, a low chain running from the Rappahannock River to the James River. A Survey Map shows Trevillian Mountain northeast of us and Wolfpit Mountain northeast of there. At over 1400 feet, Wolfpit is the highest in our area.

So where is Pantops Mountain? Evidence seems to suggest that the Giant Food store is sitting on Pantops Mountain, not far from the Pantops Farm – but more on that later.

If we can't locate Ashcroft on Pantops Mountain, how about another landmark? How about near the intersection of Three Chopt and Barboursville Roads, near the Rivanna (Riveranna, named for Queen Ann), on Jefferson's quarter farm Lego?



I couldn't find any information on the Barboursville Road, although a 1794 map does show roads intersecting just east of Charlottesville that roughly coincides with the 250 - 20 intersection. In the early 1700s, the Three Notched Road (sometimes called the Three Chopt Road in the Richmond vicinity) was the "Mountain Road" (i.e., the road that ran westward toward the Blue Ridge). Settlers traveled this major east-west route paralleling the James and Rivanna rivers from Richmond to a pass in the Blue Ridge Mountains named Wood's Gap (now Jarman's Gap). This thoroughfare threaded its way through the Southwest Mountains east of the Rivanna River Gap. In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, parts of the road in western Albemarle County, along with the original Blue Ridge crossing, were superseded by a route passing over Rockfish Gap (the present Route 250 crossing). Otherwise, the Three Notched Road remained a major east-west route in central Virginia until the construction of Route 250 in the 1920s. A VDOT publication gives a history and a description of the route of Three Notched Road. The only copy I could find of this publication that still had a map is in UVa's Special Collections. The publication is available at virginiadot.org/vtrc/main/online_reports/pdf/76-r32.pdf, but without the map. Look at www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=16644 for information on Jarman's Gap.



As to the quarter farm...

I'm in Pantops...and you're not!

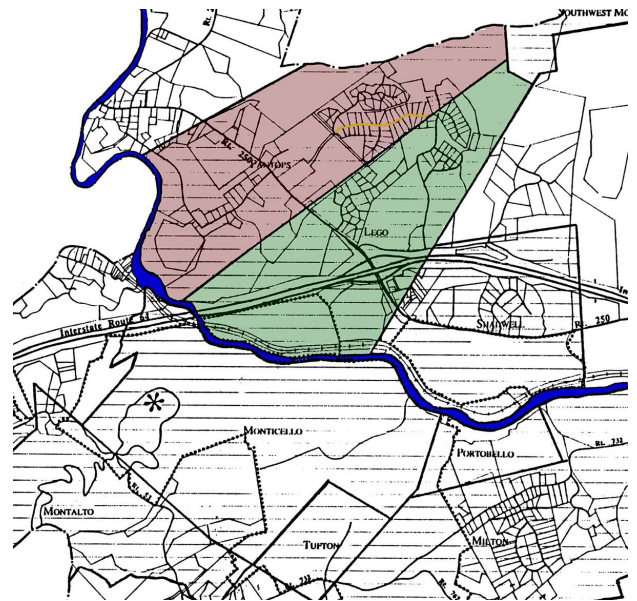
In 1734, Edwin Hickman, Joseph Smith, Thomas Graves, and Jonathan Clark patented 3,277 acres on the north side of the Rivanna River, in the western reaches of Goochland County [Albemarle County was created in 1744 from Goochland.] The land that now embraces Pantops (our modern usage) fell in part to Smith and in part to Hickman. Hickman Branch may be a reminder of this legacy. Hickman Branch is the stream that runs through the pond near the Martha Jefferson Outpatient Building.

Once a patent to land had been secured, two important conditions had to be observed before the title was perfected. Failure to carry out these conditions meant forfeiture. The first was to "seat" the new plantations. Although a very broad interpretation of what constituted a seating in the eyes of the law prevailed in the Colony, erecting a small cabin, no matter how rough, running a small stock of cattle for twelve months in its woods, and planting an acre in tobacco or corn (even if subsequently the weeds were allowed to choke it) met the requirements. The second condition was the quit-rent: payment of an annual rent. I don't know if, or how, Mr. Smith or Mr. Hickman seated their patent. Parson Robert Rose records in his diary that he lodged at Mr. Hickman's on May 14, 1749 after preaching at the Mountain Chapel, but by then part of the patent had been sold. In 1750, Rose went to Mr. Smith's after dining with Charles Lewis at Buck Island, indicating to Rose's editor that the chapel and these residences were south of the present Route 53. [Rose was the first parson of St. Anne's Parish Albemarle, created at the formation of the county. His diary is a remarkable record of his travels through the parish and the state.]

Peter Jefferson, father of President Thomas Jefferson, was one of Hickman's and Smith's neighbors. In the 1730s, he acquired land north of the Fluvanna (upper James River), including some purchased from William Randolph "for and in consideration of Henry Wetherburn's biggest bowl of Arrack punch". Henry Wetherburn was a Tavern keeper in Williamsburg. Wetherburn's Tavern is temporarily closed, but it is one of Colonial Williamsburg's most thoroughly and carefully restored buildings. Arrack is a strong sugarcane-rice liquor. It must have been a potent mixture, as some sources say the purchase was as large as 400 acres! (*More on the punch at the end of the article*). It was on this tract that Peter Jefferson built his home, Shadwell. Although one book I read discussed the abundance of shad in Virginia rivers, it seems the name came from the London parish where Jefferson's wife Jane was born. In 1746, he purchased part of the Pantops tract. Thomas Jefferson inherited 650 acres of Pantops in 1764, and in 1777 purchased about the same amount. About the same time, he purchased 819.25 acres called "Hickman's" from Thomas Garth.

By the beginning of the 19th century, Thomas Jefferson's landholdings in Albemarle County totaled some 5,000 acres. To manage this vast estate, he used a plantation system that had its origins in Virginia's Tidewater region and that divided the land into separate "farms". The area surrounding the planter's dwelling constituted the "home farm"; for Jefferson, this was Monticello Mountain. Outlying lands were divided into "quarter farms" and were run by resident overseers or possibly leased. Thomas Jefferson's quarter farms were Tufton, Shadwell, and Lego. You will notice Pantops was not one of the working farms.

A 1990 map from the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Inc., shows roughly where the boundaries of the farms would be in relation to today's street system. Some streets are missing, but you can orient from North Pantops Drive, which is marked in yellow. Lego is green, Pantops brown. Jefferson's survey maps are on the Monticello website.



So, some of us are in Pantops and some of us are on the Lego quarter farm. What's a quarter farm? This question, like what is beauty, seems to be one of those "I know it when I see it, but please don't ask me to define it" questions. Ralph Emmett Fall, the editor of Parson Rose's diary, defines quarter as "a temporary shelter built on patented land until a permanent dwelling was erected, to satisfy colonial law requiring that every 50 acres be cultivated within three years of the patent date." Perhaps the term just stuck and came to mean any plantation where the owner was not in residence. Parson Rose frequently mentions visiting his various quarters in Nelson, Culpepper and Essex Counties.

From the entries in Jefferson's *Farm Book*, Lego was definitely a working farm, but Pantops has a less clear history. Other than listing the purchase, Jefferson only mentions Pantops twice, and it is unclear whether this is the farm, or a specific field. Some historians believe that Peter Jefferson was buried on the Pantops property, but Monticello's Peter Jefferson webpage states that his burial service was at Shadwell.

In 1797, Jefferson gave the Pantops land to his younger daughter, Maria (called Polly) Eppes as a wedding present. He wrote to his older daughter, Martha, that he was thinking "to open and resettle the plantation of Pantops" for them, so perhaps it had previously had a resident overseer. Jefferson hoped to encourage his daughter and son-in-law to move close to him. Eppes seems to have started some agricultural activity, and perhaps planned to build. However, in 1804 Maria died, and by 1806, Eppes had leased the land. In 1812, he offered the property for sale, upsetting Thomas, who did not want land in his view to be sold out of the family. The lease was in dispute, however, and by then so were Jefferson's finances. They discussed a trade where Eppes would receive land in Bedford County, and his son would eventually receive Poplar Forest (the house originally intended for Pantops, according to one of Jefferson's letters to John Wayles Eppes). Eventually, however, Thomas Jefferson Randolph (a grandson) purchased Pantops from Eppes. By then, grandson Francis Eppes had moved to Florida. Thomas Easton Randolph, Eppes' father-in-law, was the lessee in 1812, and it was he who initiated the move. You can read about part of the family's journey at www.floridamemory.com/items/show/336069. The Randolph family was very large and intertwined with almost every prominent family in Virginia at the time. It can be very hard on an amateur researcher to keep them all straight. The Jeffersons were connected to several generations of Randolphs through marriages.

Randolph eventually sold Pantops to James Leitch, a Charlottesville merchant, and he (according to tradition) built the first house. After Leitch's death, his widow married Capt. David Anderson, and their son, Meriwether Anderson, lived at Pantops from 1831 until 1866. In *Historic homes of the South-West Mountains, Virginia*, Edward C. Mead says that Anderson maintained a productive farm. Around 1874 a road divides the original property – and quite possibly the heirs, as the two sections were not equal in value and there seems to be some ownership difficulties here. After this point, my story is only about the lower Pantops. Green Peyton's 1875 map (you can see a copy at www.loc.gov/item/2012586250/) shows Pantops south of a county road, and lists Anderson as the owner. It also shows Lego and the home of McGee – the present Locust Shade.

In 1879 Dr. Edgar Woods, Presbyterian pastor and Albemarle historian, opened Pantops Academy, a Presbyterian boy's school, on the Pantops property. The school built several buildings on the site which all but obscured Leitch's original house. By 1886, Woods' son-in-law, John R. Sampson, was the principal. During this period, the school prospered. At its peak, there were seven instructors teaching seventy pupils, many of them from out of state and some, from foreign countries. In 1906, at the very crest of the school's popularity, the Academy was closed, and never reopened. A 1906 article in the Daily Progress extols the site as being "absolutely free of malaria" and having "exceedingly pure drinking water". For sale ads have changed a bit in 100 years!

In 1929, Paul Goodloe McIntire purchased Pantops. Later that same year, McIntire gave the entire property to the University of Virginia, hoping that the University would consider using the site for the study of psychiatry and nervous diseases. The University, however, did not share his opinion that isolation was a good recommendation for a medical school site, and soon after sold all 363 acres of Pantops to James Cheek of the Maxwell Coffee family. He hired Benjamin Charles Baker to design a residence for the site; this dwelling was completed in 1938. Not much from the Academy survived this re-building. A 1937 newspaper article recorded "It is understood that Mr. Cheek will tear down the main building and erect on its site a dwelling to cost between \$75,000 and \$85,000". After Cheek's tenure, the entire property went through a series of owners including Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Everette, of West Virginia, Mrs. Edward M. Rolkin, of San Francisco, and Dr. Charles William Hurt. In 1974, Dr. Hurt sold several acres, including the house, to Worrell Newspapers Investment Companies. In 1998, Eugene and Ann Worrell gave the house and 5.6 acres back to the University. The University of Virginia Foundation renovated parts of the main house for storage and museum display space to house the University's collection of Aboriginal art, a collection donated by John Kluge in 1998. Called the *The Kluge-Rurhe Aboriginal Art Collection*, it is open to the public.

The 3 Legos -To be continued. Does anyone have a really old peach tree on their property?

Odds and Ends

Punch

It seems no surviving recipes document the ingredients for Henry Wetherburn's famous Arrack Punch. This one, from Mrs. Helen Bullock's *The Williamsburg Art of Cookery* was published in the July, 1981 volume of *The Colonial Williamsburg Interpreter* - a magazine for their employee education.

Pour the strained Juice of two large Oranges over three-fourths of a Pound of Loaf-Sugar. Add a little of the outside Peel cut in very thin Slices. Pour over it one Quart of boiling Water, one pint of Arrack, and a Pint of hot red French Wine. Stir together. This may be served when cold and will improve with Age.

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Albemarle County

Originally, the county contained the southern two-thirds of modern Albemarle County, all of the modern counties of Amherst, Buckingham, Nelson, and Fluvanna, and parts of Appomattox, Campbell, and Bedford counties. Albemarle's boundaries were considerably reduced with the creation in 1761 of Buckingham County and Amherst County, then also containing Nelson County. Albemarle reached its present size in 1777.

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