

Brentsville Neighbors



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Welcome Neighbors!

A new year and a new opportunity to think back about Brentsville. Mary (Pearson) Pumphrey commented that she was glad we were keeping the memories of Brentsville alive. We are glad that she and all of you are helping to do that as well.

We have made no wild resolutions this year as we did in the past. Instead, we can only hope to find time to do some of the things on our list.

We are also considering a slight change in the newsletter format. Details are not firm yet so best not to speculate too much at this point. One thing is for sure, however. We can no longer find the double-sided glossy paper at an affordable price. With our circulation growing all the time and the higher costs of postage, we will have to cut back somewhere, so the glossy paper is the sacrifice for now.

We thank those of you who have offered the many nice compliments concerning our little newsletter. You make it worth while. We would very much welcome any suggestions you can offer as well. So for a new year, we offer our...

Very best wishes,
Nelson and Morgan

Jacob A. Garber

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Jacob Aaron Garber (January 25, 1879 - December 2, 1953) was a U.S. Representative from Virginia.

Born near Harrisonburg, Virginia, Garber attended the public schools of Rockingham County, and Bridgewater (Virginia) College. **Principal of Brentsville Academy in 1904 and 1905.** He was graduated from Emerson College, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1907. He taught in Well's Memorial Institute, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1906 and 1907. Secretary of Emerson College in 1907 and 1908. He moved to Timberville, Virginia, in 1908 and was employed as a bank cashier until 1924. He served as treasurer of Rockingham County 1924-1929. He served as member of the State house of delegates 1920-1922. He was interested in various orchard and canning organizations.

Garber was elected as a Republican to the Seventy-first Congress (March 4, 1929-March 3, 1931). He was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1930 to the Seventy-second Congress. He served as chief of the field and processing-tax divisions, Internal Revenue Office, Richmond, Virginia from 1931 to 1935. He served as delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1932. He was an unsuccessful candidate for election in 1940 to the Seventy-seventh Congress. He served in the State senate 1945-1947. He resumed operation of commercial orchards. He died in Harrisonburg, Virginia, December 2, 1953. He was interred in Church of the Brethren Cemetery, Timberville, Virginia.

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Where W I L D Things Live

Camel or Cave Cricket

The family Rhaphidophoridae includes the cave wetas, cave crickets, camel crickets and sand treaders and most are found in association with caves, animal burrows, cellars, under stones, in wood or in similar environments. They are characterized in part by their long antennae and legs. They may be found on all continents and many continental islands, though Africa has but one species and that is confined to the southern Cape region. Those occurring in New Zealand, Australia, and Tasmania are typically referred to as wetas.

Camel/Cave crickets have very large hind legs with “drumstick-shaped” femora and long, slender antennae. They are brownish in color and rather humpbacked in appearance, always wingless, and up to two inches long in body and 4 inches for the legs. On young crickets the body may appear translucent. As the name implies, cave crickets are commonly found in caves. However, most species live in other cool, damp situations such as in wells, rotten logs, stumps and hollow trees, and under damp leaves, stones, boards, and logs. Occasionally, they prove to be a nuisance in the basements of homes in suburban areas.

Their distinctive limbs and antennae serve a double purpose. Typically living in a lightless environment, or active at night, they rely heavily on their sense of touch, which is limited by reach. While they have been known to take up residence in the basements of buildings, many

cave crickets live out their entire lives deep inside actual caves. In those habitats they sometimes face long spans of time with insufficient access to nutrients. To avoid starvation, they have been known to devour their own extremities, even though they cannot regenerate limbs. Given their limited vision, cave crickets will often jump towards any perceived threat in an attempt to frighten it away. Their large hind legs allow them to jump high and far.

Cave and camel crickets (also known as spider crickets) are of little economic importance except as a nuisance in buildings and homes, especially basements. They are usually “accidental invaders” that wander in by mistake from adjacent areas. They generally do not reproduce indoors, except in situations that provide continuous dark, moist conditions as well as organic debris to serve as food.

Although they appear intimidating, they are basically harmless to humans. They may cause minor damage to stored items, but are easily discouraged by eliminating the dark damp habitat they prefer.

Their long legs have caused them to be more commonly referred to as “sprickets” or “spickets”, a conjunction between “spiders” (whose legs they resemble) and “crickets”. In some parts of the United States they are also referred to as “jackal spider crabs”.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

flashback

Brentsville

By Mrs. Anne Keys

George Yancey, a long-time resident of the county, was buried Sunday at a private cemetery on the Baker property. He was in his ninetys and had been in the Warrenton Nursing Home for some time. He came to Prince William in the 1930's when the government bought his home to make a national park in the Skyland Drive area.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McGlocklin are the proud parents of a daughter, Nita Sue, born Sunday at

3:30 a.m. at Prince William Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 ozs. Mrs. McGlocklin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCuin of Raven, Va., spent the weekend at their apartment in the J. C. Keys home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lerch visited their daughter, Alice, at Roanoke College on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Bobby spent the weekend in Davidsonville, Md., with his cousin, Gary.



A young David Eanes

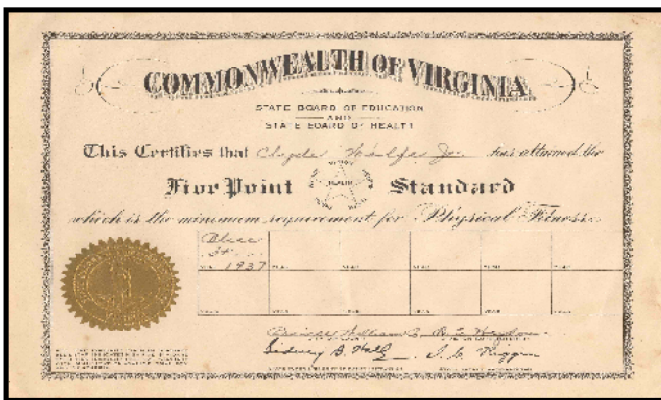
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Where WILD
things live..

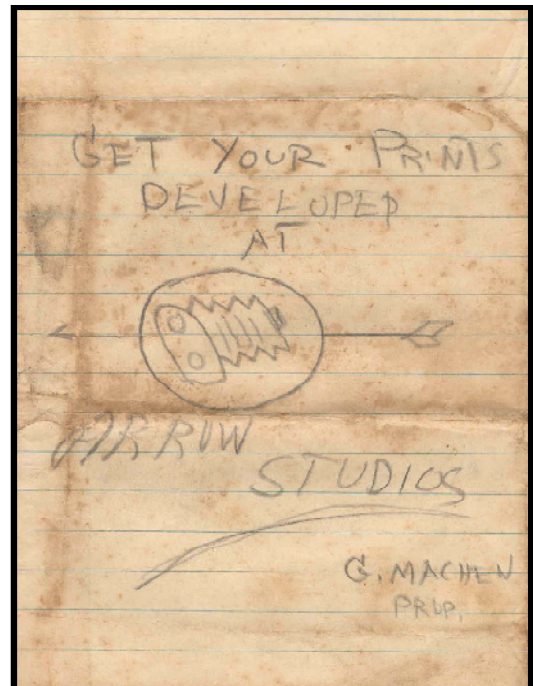


Camel / Cave Cricket
Subfamily Ceuthophilinae
(Species/Genera unidentified)
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Earle Wolfe authorizes an allotment for the
purchase of War Bonds, August 1944



A Physical Fitness "Star" Award issued to
Clyde W. Wolfe during 1937 at the Brentsville
School



Gill Machen's First Business Card



Jane MacDonald with her family visiting the Brentsville Courthouse, October 11, 2008



Rob Orrison, Brentsville Site Manager, explains the Clerk's Ledger to Jane MacDonalds' family

Jane MacDonald Remembers Brentsville

My memories of Brentsville go back only to the late 70's but back then the drive on the unpaved road from Route 234 to Agnes Webster's "White House" seemed endless. Once there, it was always worth every minute of that drive. Agnes's garden was a fairyland especially in the Spring. I learned about all sorts of plants and now own a white camellia and a peony tree because she introduced me to those varieties. I also still have poppies and Egyptian onions she gave me. They both continue to come up and multiply year after year. After reading Stalking the Wild Asparagus, a popular book about nature, by Euell Gibbons, and tasting

Agnes's recipe, I served my family poke until the supply in our yard ran out every Spring.

Actually I knew Agnes because we belonged to the same book club and were both on the county Historical Commission, so it was through her that I was introduced to Brentsville history. My husband and I loved to visit her. She told stories about her own house and how she happened to own it, the courthouse and jail across the street, then being used by the Park Authority for office space, as well as the school, Hatcher's Church and Moorgreen. I think this was about the time that the "Hippies" burned a hole in the floor of Moorgreen. She also told how upset and angry she was that the county wanted to remove the remains of the tavern in her front yard. This did happen but, I believe, not until after her death.

When I was chairman of the Historical

Commission in the 1980's, I remember visiting Peggy Delinocci, the Head of the Park Authority, upstairs in her office at the jail. Going up those rickety stairs was scary and the building was so cold that January that Peggy was dressed in outdoor clothing while sitting at her desk. After conducting my business with her, I went over to the Courthouse, where it was equally cold. With so many people in cubicles, the noise they generated with their typewriters and telephones made it impossible to hear. Later the Historical Commission and Historic Prince William tried to use the building for meetings but the acoustics had not improved.

In the 1990's the Historical Commission began to realize the Courthouse and Jail were treasures and it was time to begin to think about preserving them. We commissioned historical architects to make suggestions as to the priorities of restoration and possible uses. One day Lucy Phinney and I happened to be there when the workers were about to go up in the belfry. They were so excited about having found a six foot high bird's nest in the attic. We were invited up the ladder to see it and then to ring the bell. What fun that was!

Because I don't live there, I really don't know the history of the Friends of Brentsville, so that must be someone else's story to write. In about 2002 I was assigned to the Brentsville Trust as a representative of the Historical Commission and began to attend those meetings. So, of course my husband and I



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A Look Back in History

by
Ronald Ray Turner

“The Records Are All Gone”

In 1862, Brentsville, Virginia was a town and county seat in limbo. Proclamations by the Union Virginia Governor Pierpont and Southern Virginia Governor Letcher were periodically posted on the court house door. Through one of these proclamations, we gain the following insight into local conditions.

In a letter of June 19, 1862, from Jonathan Roberts to Governor Pierpont, he writes: “I have just returned from the three attempts to post your proclamation at the front door of the court houses of Fauquier & Rappahannock Counties, but without success. I have posted them in different parts of Fauquier but was not able to reach Warrenton, without an escort, and Genl. Geary did not think it prudent to send a sufficient escort from his lines to make it safe. He said a small force would be cut off by the citizens of the town. I was unable to reach Rappahannock at any point. I did not see any person that would give me the names of the officers of the county, they would talk freely, and was glad to get your address ‘to the people of Virginia’ of which I have distributed all I had and would be glad to have more as I think it will do a vast amount of good, as the army opens the way, but when I began to talk to them about their aiding in any way, their fears of the consequences immediately manifested itself, and they would not communicate anything.

I have partially succeeded in getting the names of the officers of Prince William, but

have yet got all the magistrates. The records are all gone; both in Prince William and Stafford, and the people do not seem to know anything beyond their own neighbourhood. I will do the best I can – can we not have an election of circuit judge without an organization in all the counties of the circuit.”

This mention of the missing records in Prince William County is the first of two letters written by Roberts with this claim. Was Roberts correct? Were the records in Brentsville missing? Did he mean all the records? If this were the case, were they moved temporarily and returned? We do know that before the War of 1812 commenced, the Prince William government, fearing a British invasion, removed records at the county seat in Dumfries, “inland to a more secure place.”

William F. Keys, a school teacher before and after the Civil War, was the company clerk of Company K. 143rd Regt. Pennsylvania Volunteers. Keys, an educated person in a position of importance, certainly was aware of his location when he wrote in one of the Prince William County Court Minute Books. “John Keys and Walter Keys and all the rest of you Keyes – if you are any relations of mine you had better keep shady at least til this cruel war is over – Culpeper C.H., April 23rd 1864”.

We will have to assume that at least this book was not in Brentsville during a portion of the war.

January 1860 – In response to the John Brown Raid at Harper’s Ferry, local residents form the Prince William Cavalry on the Public Lot. The County’s local militia regiment, 36th Virginia, begins regular drills on the Public Lot

attended the chili cook offs, the reenactments and other activities whenever possible and became acquainted with more and more Brentsville people.

Eventually the Historic Preservation Department came into being and restoration began in earnest. I have taken great pride in showing visiting grandchildren the digs both around the courthouse and tavern as well as Robin Meyering summer projects around the tavern that had been in Agnes Webster's (now Betty's) front yard and, at one time, Gladys Eanes' home.

Last October those same grandchildren came and Rob Orrison proudly showed them the restored courthouse and Morgan Breeden showed them the school house and the beautifully restored little church that we had all thought would have to be destroyed.

Brentsville is such a wonderful place in our history and I am so happy that the people have the school house as a meeting place and that the other buildings are available for us all to enjoy.

AUCTION TOWN OF BRENTSVILLE

The trustees appointed by the act of assembly of Virginia, will offer for sale, on the premises, on the first Monday in January next, THE LOTS of said town, which has been recently laid out around the Court House of the County of Prince William. The following are the terms of sale; vis; One fourth of the purchase money to be paid in hand and the residue to be payable in two equal annual installments, for which bonds with approved securities, will be required. By order of the trustees of the said town.

John Macrae, Secretary

Source: The Alexandria Gazette, December 13, 1822

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wood of Warrenton and Paul Ross were dinner guests of the Spicer Keys family on Nov. 1.

Benny Shoemaker, who has been in France serving with the Air Force for the past two years, is at home with his parents.

The following persons were recently received into the membership of the Brentsville Presbyterian Church: Catherine Corner, Cheryl Corner and Brenda Shoemaker. The Sacrament of infant Baptism was administered to Rocky and Rodney Corner.

The Women of the Presbyterian Church have divided into two Circles. One meets on the first Monday of the Month and the other, the first Friday of the month.

The Adult group of the Presbyterian Church will go bowling on Nov. 14; they will meet at the church at 7:00 p.m.

The Presbyterian Choir will sing at the Brentsville District Council of Churches fifth-night Sunday Service at the Evangelical United Brethren in Aden on Nov. 9. The Rev. Eugene Baker will preach at the 8 p.m. service.

The Men of the Church will serve the Women of the Church a supper on Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. We will have a lay speaker for the occasions.

Ben Shoemaker, Frank Golliday and Jack Pannell have been ordained as Deacons in the Presbyterian Church.

Miss Loretta Clayborne and Edward Chroushorn will be married in the Presbyterian Church on November 15 at 3 p.m.

The officers of the Brentsville-Bradley Forest Ruritan Club will be attending the National Convention in West Virginia on Nov. 13.

The Adult and Teenage Choir will meet together every Tuesday evening for practice at 7:30. The Junior Choir will continue to meet on Saturday mornings at 10.

The Community extends its congratulations to Mrs. Hannelore Powell on becoming an American citizen. Mrs. Powell formerly resided in Germany.

The Adult Bible Class has begun its new series, "The Mighty Acts of God." This class meets every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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