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Robert Garlick Hill Kean

Robert Garlick Hill Kean (October 7, 1828 – June 13, 1898) was a Virginia lawyer and Civil War bureaucrat, whose wartime diary, published after his death, continues to provide useful insight into the inner workings of the Confederate government during the War.

He attended Frederick Coleman's Concord Academy, Episcopal High School in Alexandria and obtained his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Virginia. He began his law practice in Lynchburg, Virginia. He married Jane Nicholas Randolph, a descendant of Thomas Jefferson, and their children included Dr. Jefferson Randolph Kean, who became a distinguished Army doctor and colleague of Walter Reed. Both Jane Kean and Jefferson Kean were buried in the cemetery at Monticello.^[1] The Keans lived at 1418-1420 Madison Street which was built in 1855.

When the Civil War began, Kean enlisted as a private. In 1862, his wife's uncle, George Wythe Randolph, took Kean on as his aide, and Kean followed him into the War Department at Richmond. Kean became the chief of the Bureau of War.^[2] Of Kean's wartime diary,^[3] the Encyclopedia

of the American Civil War provides this description: "Published as *Inside the Confederate Government* in 1957, this primary source is for the most part accurate, critical, objective, and reflective of the drama that was the Civil War. Virtually every significant character, of both the military and civilian sectors, who comprised the highest levels of the Confederate government is discussed within this diary. It remains an indispensable resource for those seeking first-hand, in-depth discussion and analysis of the Richmond government."^[4] The diary was edited by history professor Edward E. Younger, of the University of Virginia.^[5] The diary was reprinted in paperback in 1993.^[6] From the time of Gettysburg, "[o]n July 7, 1863, Kean wrote that Lee had captured 40,000 of the enemy at Gettysburg but remained skeptical as there was no official news. The next day, he recorded the truth. 'The week just ended has been one of unexampled disaster since the war began.' Vicksburg had surrendered and Gettysburg was 'a virtual if not an actual defeat.'"^[7]

After the War, Kean resumed his law practice in Richmond. He was a charter member^[8] and served as the second president of The Virginia Bar Association.^[9]

He served on the Board of Visitors of the



Robert Garlick Hill Kean

University of Virginia, including two terms as rector.^[10]

Kean died in Lynchburg and is buried in Springhill Cemetery. At the time of his death, he was "with the exception of Postmaster-General Reagan, of Texas, the highest civil officer of the Confederacy living."^[10]

Notes and references for this article are on next page.

Robert Garlick Hill Kean**Notes and references**

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Assignment of our Historical Collection to Jones Memorial Library

The Board of DHHS has approved the move of our historical collection to Jones Memorial Library. Currently the only materials moved to JML are the house-research files. It will take months to process these files by the library. After these files are completed additional information will move to JML.

The objective of having an agreement with Jones Memorial Library to store our historic document collection is to make these files available to the general public for research and education.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Jane Dooley for taking care of this collection for so many years. We also would like to thank Jim Carrington for being so instrumental during this process.

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Meetings

Business meetings are usually held at 7:30 p.m. on first Tuesdays of each month except June, July and August. Owners of properties in the Diamond Hill Historic District and others interested in supporting historic preservation are welcome to attend.

Membership

Annual dues for Active Members are \$10.00 per person and the initiation fee is \$5.00 (first year). Active Membership is limited to adult members of households owning Diamond Hill property. Annual dues for Associate Members are \$10 per person (no initiation fee). All members receive this newsletter at no charge. Newsletter subscriptions for non-members are \$5.00 per year.

Publisher's Statement

The Diamond Hill Historical Society (DHHS) is a nonprofit historic preservation organization approved under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Its purpose is to preserve and encourage—through the fostering of education, research and restoration—the historical and architectural integrity of the Diamond Hill Historic District. DHHS was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia February 22, 1979. Views expressed in the *Diamond Hill News* do not necessarily reflect the position of DHHS or its officers and directors.

DHHS Secretary being recognized by Central Va. YWCA

The YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) of Central Virginia eliminates racism and empowers women through a variety of services provided at our two facilities. The main building, located at 626 Church Street in downtown Lynchburg, serves as residential and transitional housing for women as well as the site for many other programs. The shelter for "Domestic Violence Prevention Center" provides a safe place for women and children escaping violent homes. The Center provides emergency housing, food, counseling, court advocacy, support groups, legal services, and a 24-hour hotline.

The YWCA of Central Virginia honored 11 women for outstanding achievement by inducting them into the elite Academy of Women. The YWCA reserves its biennial Academy of Women Award for those who have achieved excellence in fields ranging from art to government to ministry. This year's honorees are only 13th class of inductees the academy has welcomed since its creation in 1986. In the category of Communication: Mari White Smallshaw has been recognized by YWCA. In addition of being our secretary, Mari is also an active member of Centenary Methodist.

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

For more information regarding YWCA, volunteer opportunities and donations please visit: www.ywca.org/

Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service

The Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will be held Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Firefighters Memorial Fountain in Miller Park. Local and state dignitaries will be present, and the Lynchburg Pipe and Drums Corps will perform. In addition to honoring all the Lynchburg Firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty, this year's event will recognize former Lynchburg Fire Department employee, Wesley Carwile who was killed in action in World War II. The event is open to the public.

Parking fee changes in downtown Lynchburg

Lynchburg officials have decided to offer a discounted parking period instead of free period in the city owned Midtown deck off main Street. Effective September 30, drivers will be charged 25 cents for the first hour of parking in the Midtown deck. The normal rate of \$1 per hour with a daily maximum of \$5 will apply after that.

Up until now, the Midtown deck's first hour of parking has been free. It was one thought that a complimentary period would be preserved in the new downtown parking system now being phased in, but officials abandoned that idea this year, saying it would cost too much to reprogram the electronic pay stations.

The pay station installed in the Midtown deck has never been capable of providing a free period, but enforcement officers have been giving drivers a pass on the first hour pursuant to a policy adopted by the Lynchburg Parking Authority. The parking authority, a mix of downtown stakeholders and City Council members, decided last week to put an end to that system in favor of the 25 cent rate structure.

The city is re-introducing paid parking in the downtown central business district in keeping with the recommendations of a 2007 study. It is not clear when changes on-street parking will come. Council has to sign off on that phase of the plan before it can start.

The parking authority voted to make free parking passes available to members of city boards and commissions that meet downtown. The passes must be requested by the relevant city department. Members of the parking authority would be eligible for this amenity, although none have expressed interest in getting a pass.

At the request of Lynchburg museum, parking passes also will be distributed to museum volunteers. A request for passes for museum visitors was denied.

The parking authority also decided to allow city staff to sell up to 20 monthly parking permits in the Clay Street deck. The permits which will cost \$50 a month, will allow holders to use the public parking level of the deck.

Halloween Safety Tips

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Teach children how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

CARVING A NICHE:

- Small children should never carve pumpkins. Children can draw a face with markers. Then parents can do the cutting.
- Votive candles are safest for candlelit pumpkins.
- Candlelit pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy table, away from curtains and other flammable objects, and should never be left unattended.

HOME SAFE HOME:

- To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, parents should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.
- Parents should check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.
- Wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.



October Events

Thomas Jefferson Poplar Forest

October 9, 11:15 am, 12:15 pm, 1:15pm, 2:15 pm
Archeology Open House

Old City Cemetery

October 17, 3:00 pm
Apple and Cheese Pairing –Hosted by apple historian Tom Burford

Point Of Honor

October 1, First Friday
Civil War Artifacts of Lynchburg with Doug Harvey (to be held at the Lynchburg Museum within the Old Court House)

October 2, Day at the Point
10:00 am—4:00 pm

Day at the Point offers a look at life in Lynchburg in the early 19th century—house tours, living history demonstrations, batteau, period music, food and beverage. FREE admission.

Lynchburg Historic Foundation

Ghosts of Historic Lynchburg
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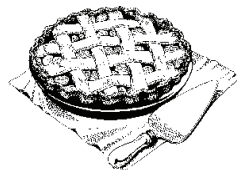
Apple Pie Making Contest

The 13th Annual Fall Festival, Day at the Point, will be held Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of Point of Honor, 112 Cabell Street in Lynchburg. This year’s event will feature a number of new presentations and activities. People may enter a home-made apple pie between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Bake Sale tent. Judging will take place at 3:00 p.m., and prizes will be awarded that day. The pies will be sold to benefit the Lynchburg Museum System.

Admission to Day at the Point is free. The event brings living history, food, kid’s games and crafts, period music, and more to Point of Honor each year. The historic home was built in 1815 by the Cabell family and is among the finest examples of Federal architecture in Piedmont Virginia.

For more information:
Call the Museum at 455-6226

Or visit:
www.lynchburgmuseum.org
www.pointofhonor.org
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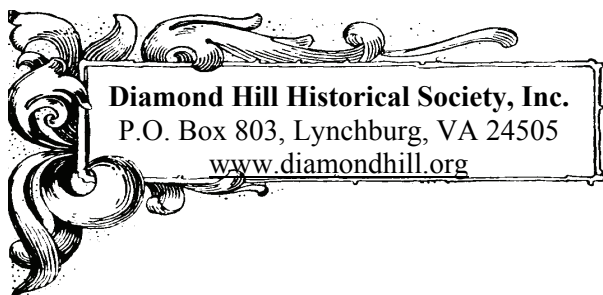


LHF Annual Historic Tour

Thank you to Diamond Hill Historic District residents and to the Lynchburg Historical Foundation along with many volunteers for the successful Annual Historic Tour and Patron’s Party. LHF guests had the opportunity to become familiar with our neighborhood and it’s history.



Oct. Meeting
Tues., Oct. 7
7:30 p.m.
at the
John M. Moore House
(c.1910)
1420 Madison St
Hosts: Julie and Louis Kibby



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