

**ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
DRIVING TOUR ©**

**“Old Places that Matter in Isle of Wight County”
Saturday October 1 – 10 to 3**

Snacks and pleasant stop **E10** at “old” Garner Store, Orbit Road

Or enjoy the tour any other day at your convenience
The tour is created to accompany the themes in:

Also: IWCHS lecture-program
“Why Old Places Matter, how historic places affect our identity and well-being”
Author/Speaker Thompson M. Mayes
SUNDAY 2022 October 2 -- 2 pm
Historic St. Luke’s Restoration (HSLR)
National Register of Historic Places

PRIMARY REFERENCE --- “Historic Isle of Wight” by Helen Haverty King (2007 IWCHS)

This is the basis for the SELF-GUIDED Tour --- with the HANDOUT and MAP

The tour is best appreciated by reading the indicated “HH KING” page numbers with each site.

A limited number of these BOOKS are available from IWCHS – the end of the publication
\$40 to members and new Lifetime members
\$50 book & new single-member registration (please fill out “Information” sheet)
\$60 book & new family member registration (“)
Cash or checks to Isle of Wight County Historical Society

REFERENCE 2 --- “Architectural Survey of Isle of Wight County and the Town of Windsor in Virginia”
RFP No. 2004/2005-0001

REFERENCE 3 --- “Why Old Places Matter, how historic places affect our identity and well-being”
by Thompson M. Mayes (2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, National Trust for Historic Preservation)

Selected PLACES are generally visible from the road without going down some of the long farm lanes.
Please be considerate of the privacy of these farms and homes.

HANDOUT -- IWCHS SELF GUIDED TOUR – NUMBERED MAP – “East Circuit” and “West Circuit”

Suggestion: Begin at the Schoolhouse Museum E01.

Follow numbers for the “East Circuit”

The “West Circuit” is shortened since few or the important PLACES can be seen from the road.

MAP Location stop **E10 at Garner’s Orbit General Store**

HANDOUTS & BOOKS & REFRESHMENTS – about 10 am to 3 pm SATURDAY October 1
Restoration and host -- William V. Garner, IWCHS Board member

MAP Location **E20 at Darden’s Store**

Purchase ham, ham biscuits, ham sandwiches, and other lunch and snack items

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EAST LOOP

- E01** **The SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM** <http://www.theschoolhousemuseum.org/>
516 Main St., Smithfield – near the intersection with Bypass US 259 / VA 10
Virginia Landmarks Register
This small museum of history of African American public education was moved to this site and restored in 2005-07. It was built in 1932 as an addition to the Christian Home School, an original 2-room Rosenwald School built about 1925 that has fallen into a ruin. It was on Longview Drive near the present Christian Home cemetery, near the eastern edge of Isle of Wight County and also near Chuckatuck. Julius Rosenwald, former President of Sears, Roebuck & Co. funded, with local matching funds, the building of more than 5,000 rural schools across 15 southern states to educate black students, in partnership and guidance with Booker T. Washington, who was Founder and First President of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute (now Tuskegee University).
See also **E19**, a ruin of another Rosenwald school at the Ebenezer cemetery and former churchyard
- 1.9 mile mark
- E02** **TYNES House** **HH King p 150-151**
13060 Courthouse Hwy (Rt. 258)
Built c 1750 by Robert Tynes. The 1802 will of Timothy Tynes' provided for manumission of 81 slaves whose descendants continue to live and work and farm in the county.
- 2.0 mile mark
- E03** **"Long Nancy" TYNES House** **HH King p 152-153**
15082 Foursquare Rd, near the intersection with Courthouse Hwy (Rt. 258)
A Tidewater cottage built c 1836 by one of the slaves that were freed by Timothy Tynes.
- 4.3 mile mark
- E04** **YOUNG House (Oak Level)** **HH King p 182-183**
15107 Courthouse Hwy (Rt. 258)
Early 1800s side-passage dwelling with added 1848 center-hall, 2 over 2 addition by Young family, who were County Clerks from before the Revolution until 1905, and for whom the 2010 Laine-Young Courts Building is named (see also Laine Home E09). County records were saved by Youngs during both the Revolution and during the Civil War, in the latter case when they had their slave Randall Booth hide with a mule in cart in nearby counties. The records room of the Laine-Young courthouse is named for Booth.
- 5.2 mile mark
- E05** **ELMWOOD (Wilson House)** **HH King p 78-79**
16091 Courthouse Hwy (Rt. 258)
Built in several stages from an 1830 clerestory section and later 1850 and 1856 additions.
- 6.6 mile mark
- E06** **County Courthouse Complex, OLD CLERK'S OFFICE** **HH King p 207**
17140 Monument Circle / Courthouse Hwy
Courthouse Complex Historic District, *VA Landmarks Register 046-0005 & Nat'l Register Historic Places (NRHP)*
The Old c1820 Clerk's office has been vacant since the 2010 opening of the new Young-Laine building. The old space is being restored and refurbished in 2022 for shared use for county public meeting space and **archive office rental space of the Isle of Wight County Historical Society**.
- E06** **Boykin's Tavern** **HH King p 28**
17140 Monument Circle / Courthouse Hwy <https://www.historicisleofwight.com/boykins-tavern.html>
- 7.8 mile mark – turn RIGHT from Monument Circle onto Courthouse, then turn NEXT LEFT – Redhouse Rd.
- E07** **CEDAR ACRES (Whitley Place)**, *c1811 and 1858 addition* **HH King p 42-43**
12452 Redhouse Rd, Windsor

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8.7 mile mark – continue onto SR-644 Orbit Rd.

E08 **CHARLES HENRY DARDEN House, c1852**
18421 Orbit Rd, Windsor

HH King p 60-61

9.2 mile mark

E09 **LAINE homestead, c1906**
18402 Orbit Rd, Windsor

In 1902 Edward Wiley Laine purchased 187 acres of land from Robert F. Whitley and built the house in 1906 as a wedding present for his son, Edward Littleton, although Littleton did not marry until some years later. In 1898, son William Edward Laine married Minnie Bell Dunn. They lived at the Robertson Little Laine farm until the brothers SWAPPED residences/farms in 1925 so that the 2 sons and 3 daughters of Wm Edward Sr and Minnie could be closer to Windsor schools in the Laine homestead on Orbit Rd. Brothers William Elliott Laine, Sr. (1875-1930) and his brother Edward Littleton Laine (1879-1941) began a legacy of service to Isle of Wight County that continued in the Laine family over the next 100 years. Littleton's civic career was short lived, as a collector of revenue for the county in the 1910's. Brother Elliott was appointed Deputy Treasurer in 1908 and Treasurer in 1911. He went on to be elected and reelected to that post from 1912 until his death in 1930. His oldest son Russell followed in his father's footsteps as Treasurer until he passed away in 1969. Russell's brother William Edward Laine Sr. was appointed Deputy Treasurer in 1930 until he ran for Commissioner of Revenue in 1954. He served the county until his retirement in 1973. Later in the year, his son William Edward Jr. (Bill Ed) was appointed to the position of Circuit Court Clerk. Bill continued in that capacity and was reelected multiple terms before retiring in 2007. The Young-Laine Courthouse building was mentioned with the Youngs in E04.

12 mile mark.

E10 **Garner's ORBIT Store** **snacks and books are available October 23 -- 10 am to 3 pm**
20368 Orbit Rd, Windsor

IWCHS Board member Billy Garner is restoring, for the benefit of the local community, this country store and home where there was also a ham-curing factory, trucking, fertilizer and other businesses that operated from the farm of his grandfather Chesley T. Garner. His father Thomas Fleetwood Garner established the small airport nearby, now home of a glider fleet. Fleetwood set up pilot training facilities in several Virginia locations during WWII and later other aeronautical businesses.

From Garner's Store continue straight just past Murphy Mill Rd to

12.3 mile mark

E11 **Thomas Darden House**
20485 Orbit Rd, Windsor

HH King p 62-63

A sign will be posted at the long private driveway entry on October 1 to invite you to drive slowly to the house and continue around the back to exit on Murphy Mill Road, then left and left to continue south on Orbit Rd. On other dates please do not take this private drive.

– STRAIGHT onto SR-600 / SR-605 and SR 637

13 mi – STRAIGHT – continue SR 627 Orbit Road

15 mi

E12 **BARBER's CROSSROADS ("Indika")** *before 1760, additions 1797 & 1849*
14186 Five Forks Rd, Windsor

HH King p 22-23

15.2 mi – turn LEFT (south) onto SR 693 Shiloh Dr

16.8 mi

E13 **WILLIAM SCOTT House ("Brick House Plantation")** *built before 1765*
12529 Shiloh Drive, Windsor

HH King p 140-141

In 1783 William Scott, possibly a Quaker, freed slaves, 14 adult and 14 underage

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17.2 mi – turn LEFT (south) onto SR-600 Lovers Ln
17.8 mi – turn RIGHT (west) onto US 460 Windsor Blvd
19.8 mi – turn LEFT (south) onto US 258 North Prince Blvd
27.5 mi

E14 **WILLIAM H. VAUGHN House** c1860
28548 Walters Hwy (US-258)

HH King p 154-155

Return north on US-258
35.3 mi – turn RIGHT (southeast) onto US-460 Windsor Blvd
38 mi

E15 **HENRY SAUNDERS House** c1796
13009 Windsor Rd, Windsor

HH King p 138-139

currently listed for sale and development

Note: Virginia Landmarks Register, and National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places, National Historic Landmark

Continue US-460
39 mi – turn LEFT (north) onto SR-690 Ennis mill Rd
40.5 mi – turn LEFT (northwest) onto SR-606 Five Forks Rd
41 mi – turn RIGHT (east) onto SR-603 Everetts Rd
43.4

E16 **SANDY RIDGE House**
16335 Everetts Rd, Windsor

HH King p 136-137

Continue SR-603 Everetts Rd
44.5 mi – turn LEFT (north) onto SR-602 Kirk Rd
45 mi – turn LEFT (west) onto SR-654 Quaker Rd
45.4

E17 **PRUDEN House at Burnt Mill**
21329 Quaker Rd, Windsor

HH King p 128-129

Continue SR-654 (Quaker Rd) for 3.8 mi
49.2 mi – turn LEFT (southwest) onto SR-600 Woodland Dr for 0.9 mi
50 mi

E18 **HENRY PRUDEN House (at Butler's Lake)**
15654 Woodland Dr, Windsor

HH King p 130-131

Continue on SR-600 for 1 mi
51 mi – turn RIGHT onto Bob White Rd for 2.5 mi
53.6 mi – near intersection of Bob White and Poor House Rd – look for 2-story ruined clapboard building

E19 **EBENEZER Schoolhouse of a Rosenwald School – and cemetery**
About 16649 Bob White Road near the intersection with Poor House Rd.

This one-room Rosenwald school was recorded as being open for the 1922–23 school year. Fisk University's Rosenwald archives describe it as being sited on two acres of land and built at a total cost of \$2000. The African-American community contributed \$500, the county public school system contributed \$1,100, and the Rosenwald Foundation awarded \$400. A second room was added in 1939–40, and two teachers occupied the school that year. The school closed in 1948 and students were bussed to Smithfield. Lillian Allmond, Clarice Pretlow, Ruby Ricks, and H.C. Baker were teachers at Ebenezer. The building is still standing but needs stabilization soon.

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Return south on Bob White Rd SR-652 – about 0.5 to the intersection with Bowling Green Rd.
54 mi turn LEFT (east) onto SR-644 Bowling Green Rd – for 2 mi
56 mi

E20 **Darden Country Store** snacks
16249 Bowling Green Rd – at intersection with Carroll Bridge Rd

Continue on SR-644 Bowling Green (NE) for 2.3 mi
58.2 mi – bear RIGHT (north) onto SR-620 Scotts Factory Rd for 1.5 mi
59.7 mi -- bear RIGHT (north) onto Great Springs Rd
60 mi

E21 **SIX OAKS**
14470 Great Springs Rd, *Smithfield*

HH King p 144-145

Continue for 3 mi to US-258 West Main st – turn RIGHT to return to Smithfield

E22 **END of this loop**

IWCHS circuit 6b - EAST LOOP 789

61.6 miles; 1 hour, 39 minutes

