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Our mission is
"to lead the preservation
and restoration of Petersburg's
historic architecture, and
neighborhoods and to tell
their story."

## President's Message

Welcome to fall 2013 in Virginia!

During the past ninety days, we have wrapped up the public programming portions of the Peter Jones Trading Station Project, while the story team continues to gather, authenticate, and publish the definitive history of Petersburg. Soon this invaluable educational tool will be on an internet near you, with a delightful business and tourism promotion developed around "WHERE COMMERCE BEGAN" which is, of course, Petersburg, Virginia!

During my spare time I have met twice with Mayor Moore and Charlie Cuthbert, Esq. to further several actions with regard to the Stith House at 109 S. Market St. in an all-out effort to stop any type of group home activity, while finding funds to repair the roof so as to make this edifice desirable to a <u>real</u> preservationist.

Again, thanks to a vigilant Mr. Cuthbert, I called Arizona twice to converse with a lovely lady who wants to reside in Petersburg, and is currently working on Dr. Claiborne's home on Sycamore Street, with appropriate demolition permit, etc. in hand.

Further, in concert with Mayor Brian Moore, an effort to gain support for a group home at Folly Castle was scuttled. Thank you, Mayor Moore!

Recently, Virginia State Library officials met us in the Mayor's Office to further develop the archives needs assessment group now rolling towards a McKenney Building adaptation into a true repository for Petersburg's rich treasure of papers and documents so important to genealogists, researchers, historians, and future investors!

The best summer news for HPF members and friends is the Treasurer's Report showing only <u>one</u> red entry for this past month! My goals are to eliminate <u>all</u> red ink on this vital document while performing real preservation, educating the public about Petersburg history and making HPF a leader in our Commonwealth! Please help!

D. Eugene Atkinson, President Historic Petersburg Foundation, Inc.

## **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, December 8, 2013 from 12 Noon- 4 p.m.

Historic Petersburg Foundation's 36th Annual **Christmas Homes Tour.** This year HPF is partnering with the Battersea Foundation.

**Saturday, February 22, 2014** – **11th Annual Ball in the 'Burg** fundraiser – black tie or Mardi Gras costume themed event with dinner, dancing and auctions.

Check the website for more information as the date nears.

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High Street Inn, 405 High Street, Christmas Tour 2012.

# 36th Annual Christmas Homes Tour Gets a NEW Look

In a NEW partnership between HPF and the Battersea Foundation, this year's Christmas Homes Tour will take place on Sunday, December 8th at a NEW time - 12-4pm and light refreshments will be served at a NEW location. Battersea will be the site for refreshments as well as a spectacular concert afterward. This NEW event is designed to benefit each

organization while providing an entertaining afternoon for the community. Both HPF and the Battersea Foundation ask for your support in what promises to be a wonderful day guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit. More details will be available soon.



410 W. Washington Street, 2012 Christmas Tour.

# Become a Member, Renew, or Invite a Friend to Join

Our members live in Virginia, Alabama, New Mexico, North Carolina, and New York. No matter where you call home, you can support preservation efforts in Petersburg, Virginia.

Members receive quarterly newsletters, annual reports, invitations to educational and social events and opportunities to volunteer for a worthwhile cause. As a member, you will be helping us accomplish our mission by ensuring that future generations can see, touch and experience Petersburg's history first hand.

#### Membership Categories:

\$35 Active Military \$50 Regular \$100 Sponsor \$250 Patron / Corporate \$500 Benefactor

### **HPF Properties**

# For Sale



318 West Washington Street



#### The Morriss House 116 Liberty Street Square ft.: 3,644

An Italianate circa 1830 with separate kitchen building and alley access to stone carriage building. This showplace had during its life world renown landscape architect Charles Gillette designed gardens. Restore this magnificent home and you will have a gem! Walk-up attic and full English basement not included in the square footage. House is located in the Poplar Lawn Historic District. Covenants apply.

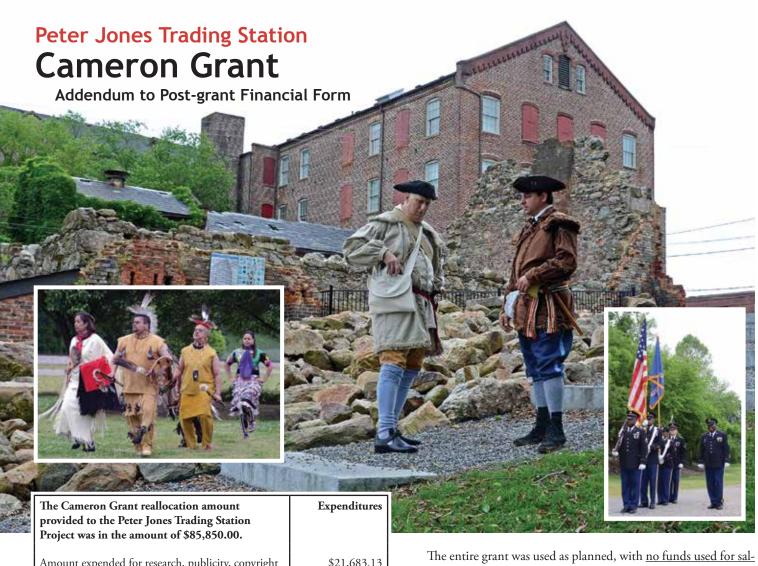
### 849 West High Street

**Lot size:** 50x152 **Square ft.:** 1,410

This historic structure is on corner lot and features a patterned slate roof, heart of pine floors, walk-up attic great for additional finished space. Restoration has started but needs to be completed. Covenants apply.



Check out the website for more information about these and other properties.



\$21,683.13 Amount expended for research, publicity, copyright permissions, and public appearances by authors, academics, scholars, Virginia Indians, military personnel, elected officials, collectors, and school children was \$21,683.13 Amount expended for logo development, website \$26,000.00 and smart-phone technology, licenses, domain hosting, event pages, updating photography, and third-party software for web-user tracking and accountability was \$26,000.00 Thirty-six(36) month contract for services to provide \$38,166.87 broadcast, electronic and print marketing, website maintenance, and social media promotion with contribution and membership capabilities is \$38,166.87



TOTAL

\$85,850.00

The entire grant was used as planned, with <u>no funds used for salaries</u>, <u>training</u>, <u>or personnel</u> as all project initiatives were completed, as designed, by volunteers, with few expenses claimed on their behalf. Some two dozen persons helped this team research and develop a definitive history of Petersburg, with excellent participation and assistance from numerous officials of the Virginia General Assembly and the City of Petersburg.

The forward-moving educational marketing agreement will further enhance tourism, economic development, and pride in Petersburg as the advancing new technology will continue to bring people to Petersburg to share in our unique history and rare architectural splendor. The great publicity garnered by the PJTS Story Team only served to accentuate the many good features of our community, and all of our hard work has paid off in the warm comments from local citizens and high praise from visitors regarding "all the good things" going on in Petersburg!

We deeply appreciate the resources, patience, and understanding of the Cameron Foundation staff as we exercised resiliency and flexibility in meeting the many challenges of this educational project. We are confident that the good will generated for our City will have a value of many, many times the amount of funding, commitment, and hard work.

Again, we thank you for your consideration.

# **D. Eugene Atkinson, President** Historic Petersburg Foundation, Inc.

# Week of Wonder History Camp



"Petersburg's Role in Early History" June 27, 2013



on June 27, 2013. Below, Petersburg Mayor Brian Moore visits the campers. Campers learned about Petersburg's early history at the Peter Jones Trading Station



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