

# YORK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM



**Take an exciting journey  
through 10,000 years of history  
in  
York County, Virginia**

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## OUR MISSION

To advance the knowledge and understanding of the history of York County and the Town of York through the preservation and presentation of historical artifacts in a museum

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Museum partners with and supports many other organizations sharing our mission to preserve and promote local history. These organizations include local and regional museums, national, state, and local preservation groups, veterans associations, and municipal parks, recreation and tourism departments.

## FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM

Individuals and organizations who share our passion for history are invited to become "Friends of the Museum." Know that 100% of all membership fees go directly to supporting our Museum and its mission. To become a friend, please complete and return the attached application form.

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to become a "Friend of the Museum"

\_\_\_\_ Contact me about volunteer opportunities with the Museum

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive emails of our newsletter and notices of Museum events? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No thanks \_\_\_\_\_

Age : 12 – 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 18+ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form with your annual membership fee (\$15.00 individual, \$25.00 family) to:  
Friends, York County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 2431, Yorktown, VA 23692 Additional donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ABOUT US

The York County Historical Museum is located at two sites in the historic Yorktown village. Our principal museum site is in the lower level of York Hall, at the corner of Main and Ballard Streets. Right next door is the Museum on Main, located in the National Park Service's reconstructed 18<sup>th</sup> century Medical Shop.

In our Museums you can view a variety of exhibits that tell the rich and varied stories of York County's history. Learn about the people, places, and cultures that helped to shape our county and the region.

The history of our county has been influenced by military service since the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Our museums recount stories of both the battlefield and home front during the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, U.S. Civil War, World War I, and World War II.



## SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL

Between 2011 and 2015, the Museum was a key partner in the commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Civil War. Special projects included a new photo, artwork, and map exhibit for the Museum on Main, sponsorship of the Civil War era play "Kiss My Little Girls," and a time capsule containing Civil War related documents and artifacts, installed in the York - Poquoson Courthouse for opening at the time of the Civil War Bicentennial of 2061 - 2065.

### YORK PATHS

The Museum has sponsored filming of several short videos that are broadcast on the York County YouTube channel. The film clips highlight significant historic sites and events in the county, including the Victory Monument, Nelson House, historic courthouses of York County, the Revolutionary War siege of 1781, and the hurricane of 1933.

[www.youtube.com/user/YorkCountyVirginiaUS](http://www.youtube.com/user/YorkCountyVirginiaUS)

### INDEPENDENCE DAY 8K & 5K RUN/WALK

This annual fundraising event attracts hundreds of entrants of all ages and abilities. The race begins at York High School and runs through the scenic Yorktown Battlefield.

## WWI/WWII COMMEMORATION

The Museum Board participates on the York County WWI/WWII Commemoration Committee. The Committee was formed in recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WWII and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WWI. Its members include representatives of historical groups, veterans' agencies, museums, military installations, and the National Park Service. The Committee will be coordinating activities with the Virginia WWI and WWII Commemoration Commission through 2020.



### SIGNS ALONG THE RIVERWALK

In 2010 the Museum, in collaboration with the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Watermen's Museum, National Park Service, and County Planning and Parks, Recreation, and Tourism staff, installed a series of informative signs along the Yorktown Riverwalk. As visitors walk along the beach path, they can view the pictures and read stories that tell of historical events related to the river and the county, from the time of the earliest American Indian inhabitants to modern-day uses of the river.