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## *Israel Nuckols Home Saved*

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\$388,000 to purchase about 3 acres at 3501 Gayton Hills Lane.

Dee Dee Sullivan and her western Henrico County neighbors thought county officials would laugh at them.

Located in the Three Chopt District, the home on the site, called the Nuckols house, is believed to be one of the oldest buildings still standing in the county. Israel Nuckols bought the property in 1849, and six generations of the Nuckols family lived there.

In fact, when they first suggested asking the county to buy the historic property across from their homes and transform it into a park, they tossed it out there as a joke.

Fearing that a developer who had purchased the property would get approval to build town homes or single-family residential houses there and that the historical value of the home would be lost, Sullivan and others in the Graham Meadows and Gayton Station communities got involved.

"We totally did not expect this to work out the way it did," Sullivan said. "They like to build out here."

It took nearly a year, but this week Sullivan and her neighbors celebrated.

To Sullivan's surprise, the Henrico Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to spend

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### **THANK YOU APRIL SULLIVAN**

Latest note from April:

It is definitely now county property. The county has done some minor repairs to date and some time in the fall the county plans to involve the community in planning the park. There is a local preservation group that want to hold a silent auction to raise money that would go into the restoration of the house. When I know more about that I will

let you know.

We want to personally thank April Sullivan for getting getting involved with this project to save the old Israel Nuckols Homestead. Those wishing to send her a personal thank you may do so at

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property is assessed at \$316,300. It was last purchased by Gayton Hills LLC on April 27, 2004 for \$250,000.

Board members said the people who worked to save the site will have a say in how the park is developed. Many believe it should remain passive, with possibly a few picnic tables and have the house be the focus of

the park by possibly transforming it into a museum.

Supervisor David Kaechele, who represents the Three Chopt District, praised the neighborhood and the developer, Skip Gelletly, who planned to build on the site, for his cooperation. "This will be a great credit to the county in the future," Kaechele said

### Israel Nuckols Home Part 2



Family descendant G Norwood Nuckols, Jr , left credits Three Chopt Supervisor Dave Kaechele and area neighbors for preserving his family's property as a park.

Far West End Press April 1 1005 by Jonathan Spiers

What may be the oldest structure still standing in Henrico County has been spared from a potential wrecking ball.

The historic Nuckols Farm house, which dates back to the late 18th century, was just shy of being replaced by nine single-family homes when neighbors in the adjacent Gayton Station and Graham Meadows communities stepped up to save it. After hearing their appeals over the past year, county officials have purchased the three-acre site for use as a future county park

Developer Skip Gelletly said some neighbors were receptive to his proposal, which evolved from townhouses to the single-family homes and would have required the two-story farmhouse and detached kitchen to be removed. Gelletly offered to relocate the house for preservation, but in the end, residents decided against the development and garnered the support of Three Chopt Supervisor David A. Kaechele to preserve the house at its original location. The county paid Gelletly

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\$388,000 for the property. "I told people they could move it, but it would have been more a labor of love than a feasible economic solution," Gelletly said. "It's a responsible move by the county, and I feel comfortable that we worked with everybody. I'm happy that they're happy."

"It's a nice solution for the community and the county," Kaechele said. "There was a lot of cooperation from everybody, which is kind of unique. It's an ideal situation that'll seem to all work out."

Located just down Gayton Hills Lane from Nuckols Farm Elementary School in the Far West End, the farmhouse had been home to six generations of the Nuckols family until the early 1960s

Israel Nuckols bought the land in 1849, originally named "Locust grove," and the house was at one time home to as many as 17 family members. Among family buried in the Nuckols cemetery just beyond the farmhouse is Jacob Nuckols, who fought in the Confederate cavalry during the Civil War.

Descendants have since farmed acres throughout the area. G. Norwood Nuckols Jr., great-great grandson of Israel Nuckols, grew up on the farm that eventually became the Innsbrook Corporate Center. A Three Chopt representative on the Henrico Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, he serves as custodian of the cemetery at Nuckols Farm and said he is delighted that his family's history will be preserved intact.

This is my family's ancestral property. I visited up there a lot as a child," Nuckols said. "Up into World War II, there was more farming than anything else going on in the county. I consider my family to be one of the backbones of that farming community."

Nuckols concedes that residents involved in the preservation effort know more about his family now than many of his relatives do, as is apparent in their own observations of the property. "It's very interesting that it's made it this long," said Dee Dee Sullivan, one of the neighbors who rallied for the park. "It has a family cemetery - one of

the people buried there fought in the Civil War. And there's also an exterior kitchen building, which I think is one of three in the county. There's a lot of potential for telling a different story about the county's history."

It was Sullivan and her neighbors who first proposed the idea of turning the site into a park, and Nuckols supported their idea. Resident Michelle Keller called Alice Shulz, who represents Three Chopt on the county's parks and recreation advisory committee, who then leaned on Kaechele and representatives of the parks department. From there, Kaechele and county officials negotiated with Gelletly to purchase the property from him, and the developer agreed

The Henrico Division of Recreation and Parks intends to someday restore the exterior of the buildings and maintain the site as a passive, interpretive park. Residents involved said the county's decision was a pleasant surprise.

"I didn't want it to get developed at all. I had thought it couldn't be," Sullivan said. "I never thought our idea would be taken seriously." "I'm very pleased that the county was genuinely interested in getting the opinion of the neighborhood here," added neighbor Paul Szatkowski. "It is clear the county wants public input. I'm pleased they were receptive." "Dave Kaechele - he's the whole reason this happened," Keller added. "He's the one who's extended himself to preserve the heritage of the area. I compliment the developer, too. He knew that selling it to another individual would slate it for demolition in the future."

I always thought it could be a very special, historic park," she said. "It's amazing to think it was there during the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. We all learned through the history, and the link to that history is Norwood Nuckols." While the residents are pleased with the county's decision, so is the family descendant pleased with the efforts of his latest Henrico neighbors. "It's very unusual to me what these particular newcomers did," Nuckols said. "They really showed an interest. I feel quite honored they did it and impressed and amazed by it."

## DEATH CERTIFICATES UNKNOWN CONNECTIONS

Artie NUCKLES

Female

White

Married

DOB– Month, Day not known, Year 1888

Age 34 years

Born: Wilton, KY

Father; Not Known

Mother Maiden: Brown

Mother born Whitley Co, KY

Died Sept 14 1922 Harlan Co, Alva, KY

COD: Septic Pencilitis with pluracy and effusion

Informant, Jacob Thompson, Alva, KY

No place of Burial noted

Jonathan W NUCKLES

Male

White

Single

Born; not known

Age 32

No Occupation

Father: No History

Mother: No History

Born Rockcastle Co, KY

Died June 9, 1919 Fayette Co, Lexington, KY

COD: Pneumonia

Burial Gas? City Cemetery June 10, 1919

Informant: Eastern State Hospital Lexington, KY

Willie Allie NUCKOLS

Female

White

Single

Born Nov 21 1919 Bell Co, KY

Age 1m 24 d

Father : Henry Nuckols

Father Born; Rockcastle Co, KY

Mother Susan Hendrickson

Mother born Bell Co, KY

Died Jan 15, 1919 Bell Co, KY

COD; Bronchial Pneumonia

Burial Mill Creek Cemetery Jan 16, 1919

Informant Henry Nuckols, Bell Co, KY

(I Had thought this might be a child of Henry Knuckles and Josie Hendricks, as the location and dates fit for his children, but then you would think the husband, being the informant would certainly know his wifes correct name..) But there is not wife named

Susan in the 1920 Census in Kentucky. What makes it more of a mystery is there in no birth record. We have the KY Births on CD and no child is recorded for Henry or Susan.

Martha KNUCKLES

Female

White

Widowed

Born 1867 age 54 Bell Co, KY

Occupation– Domestic

Father Judge Pitemon? Born KY

Mother Betsy Knuckles born KY

Died Sept 30 1921 in Fayette Co, Lexington, KY

Eastern State Hospital

COD: Organic lician of heart

Burial Eastern State Hosp 101/1921

Informant: Eastern State Hosp.

(My first thought was Martha Neal, 2nd wife of Robin Knuckles. Maybe the hospital did not have accurate parental info. I think we still are not real sure who her parents really are.)

### September Special Edition of Newsletter

September's newsletter will be a big one. I will include every unknown connection that I have on file in hopes that someone can identify them. Some may not be really unknown, it could be your ancestor, but because of location or spelling I did not recognize them.

I will include the unconnected lines, the census records, the birth records and death records.

I will also be sending out this one edition ONLY to those on the mailing lists of Nuckles, Nuckolls, Nuckols, Knuckles, Nuchols. It will be in hopes someone can identify them. It will be a "one time" freebe so that we may be able to make some more connections.

I know there are many many people that do not check the website for the unconnected persons, so this will be a way they can have the information at their fingertips when researching.

I am looking forward to doing it. It will be quite a project. ! Also if anyone has someone they are not able to identify, let me know and I will include them.

In fact, it may just have to be 2 editions. (Maybe 3?) (GRIN)

# SAMUEL LEE NUCHOLS

## Morton County North Dakota

Samuel is from the Blount County Tennessee line of Silvester NUCHOLS who has not been connected to our line as of yet.

Bismarck Daily Tribune 01 June 1906

Dispite the fact that S L Nuchols was urged with considerable strenousness to permit his name to be put on the election ballot oppo-site Fernidad Leutz as candidate for state senator, he was not so gracious as the others, and up to the present writing, has not yielded his consent

. North Dakota Bismarck Bismarck Daily Tribune 16 January 1908

Mandan presents an Array of Handsome and Talented Candidates For JudgeThe judgeship question is warming up slightly this side of the river. The candidates so far brought to the forefront...Sam Nuchols of Mandan.

North Dakota Bismarck Bismarck Daily Tribune 01 January 1909

Attorney S L Nuchols of Mandan was a visitor between trains Wednesday North Dakota Bismarck

Bismarck Daily Tribune 22 January 1910

Mandan Brakeman Arrested For Assault An east end brakeman by the name of Smith was found guilty of assulting Attorney S L Nuchols by a local justice court Monday and was fined \$10 and costs. The defendant, however, threatens to appeal the case.The inci-dent which caused the arrest of Smith transpired one day last week when Mr Nuchols was about to board No 4 for Bismark. No 16 also stood in the local yards and was scheduled to follow No 4 east. Smith claimed that No 4 was filled with passengers and that he should take No 16. Nuchols insisted on riding No 4 and Smith became hostile and committed the assault of which he was found guilty.

North Dakota Bismarck Bismarck Daily Tribune 17 July 1911

Judge S L Nuchols and family have returned from Knoxville Tenn where they have been a few weeks. Mrs Nuchols and the children went down with the intention of spending the summer. Their baby Samuel Junior, however was taken ill and the judge was sum-moned two weeks ago . The baby is much better but still slightly ill.

North Dakota Bismarck Bismarck Daily Tribune 09 October 1911

Judge Nuchols of Mandan was also in the city and he says he is not takling nor taking any part in politics, but is interested in the in-stitution of the lodge of Elks which will take place in Mandan next Saturay night.

North Dakota Bismarck Bismarck Daily Tribune 16 October 1911

The initiation of Judge Nuchols was one of the great matters of interest. Many friends came to see the judge perform and there were some so mean that they wanted to see him become so gentled that he would eat out of their hand. The judge is a Tennessean and he likes to meet his adversary face to face.....When Judge Nuchols was through he turned to a friend and said that it was as mild and soothing as a Gladstone Hotel bed and Charlie Klaus handed the judge a really good cigar that he just happened to have

North Dakota Bismarck Bismarck Daily Tribune 13 January 1912

Builders of the Commonwealth by Col Ben G Whitehead-Judge Samuel L Nuchols

A decade counts for much in the great northwest, where a man is measured for what he is more than for what he has, and the career of Judge Nuchols has proven that the people were quick to recognize his fitness for the leadership which he has never abused. Judge Nuchols is a native of Tennessee, where he was educated in the law. He came to North Dakota and located in Mandan and from the first he found that success which will attend men of character and strength as well as ability. Within ten years of his coming here, Judge Nuchols was called to the district bench, and there too, he immediately displayed the qualities which have endeared him to those who have known him intimately. Learned in the law, a man of wide experience and great intelligence, he has taken a high place among the judiciary of the state , and the men of North Dakota are looking toward the gentleman from Morton for a great judicial career. The absolute honesty of this strong man , reared in the atmosphere of the Hermitage and profiting by the traditions which surround that historic spot, has made the people of not only of his district, but of the state at large, applaud the work that he is doing. He gave up a large law practice to go upon the bench, and the people appreciate his sacrifice. Judge Nuchols was from earliest man-hood deeply interested in the military life of his native state and that interest attended his life in North Dakota. His proficiency was such, and his character so commended that he was made judge advocate general of the state militia with the rank of colonel, and his every duty was discharged in a way that would have brought pride to his old comrades in the southland. Judge Nuchols was married at Knoxville, Tenn in 1902 to Miss Minne Vance and three children have come to them .Judge Nuchols was city attorney of Manden for six years. (Photo)

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## **SPECIAL EDITIONS**

There will be a September Special Edition over 50 pages in length. It will be made available to everyone on the mailing lists at no charge. This is an attempt to locate, place , and identify some families in the records. There are many who have never checked the web site and hopefully a hard copy will make things easier. I was not able to include everything in the Sept edition, so I will continue future editions until as such time I have identified all of the UNIDENTIFIED persons.

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Hopefully some people from the mailing lists can identify their families. It may spark their interest enough to join the Society.

Also a note that the newsletter mailing list is a special list organized by Mark Knuckles. When you send in your renewal, you will receive a "goodbye" email, unsubing you, but will AT THE SAME TIME receive a welcome email. This is the only way I have of keeping a good track of renewal dates. You are immediately re-subscribed for another year.