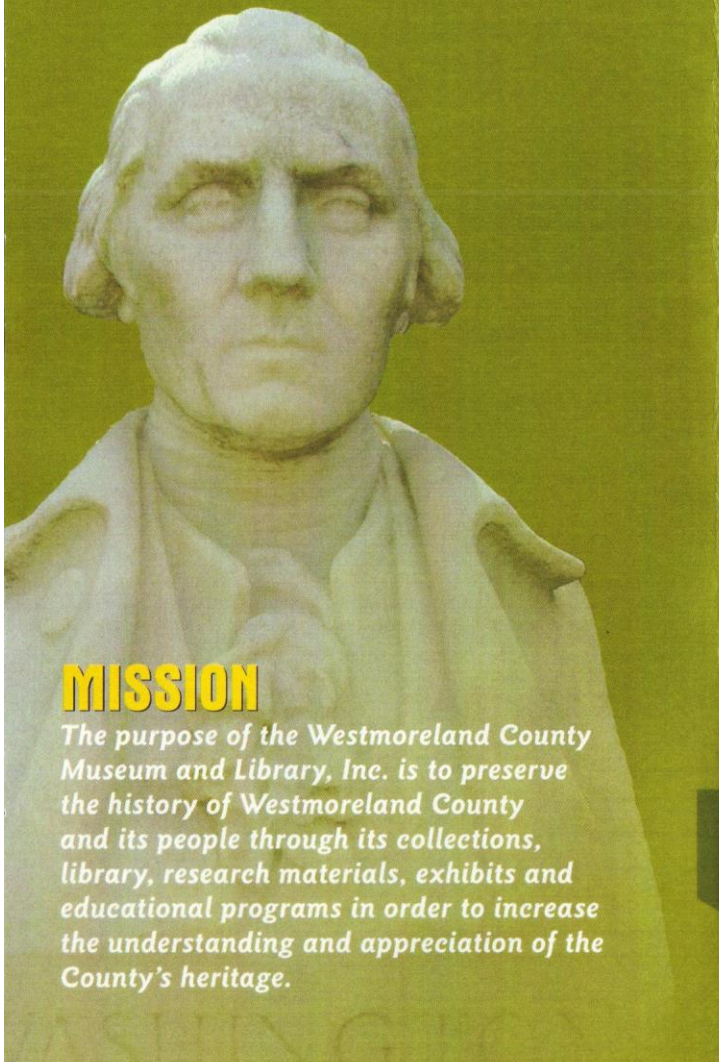


MUSEUM & LIBRARY

Organization

The Westmoreland County Museum, the oldest museum in the Northern Neck, was founded in 1941 to preserve the important history and materials of the county and its people. Its treasures include the notable portrait of Sir William Pitt, painted by Charles Willson Peale, commissioned by the patriots of Westmoreland County in 1768. The Museum is also home to the Presidents' Garden, designed by Miles Gillette and managed by the Westmoreland Garden Club and the Henry Hungerford Reference Library.



MISSION

The purpose of the Westmoreland County Museum and Library, Inc. is to preserve the history of Westmoreland County and its people through its collections, library, research materials, exhibits and educational programs in order to increase the understanding and appreciation of the County's heritage.



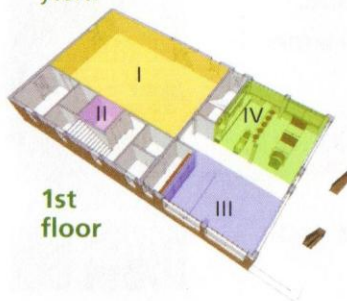
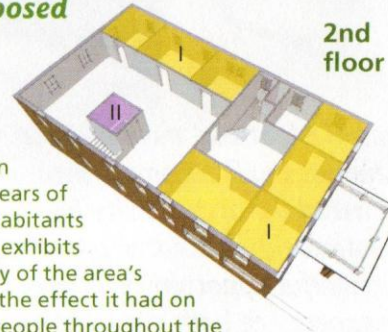
A NEW MUSEUM...

Visitors will take a step back in time and relive the early life of a rural Virginia county and town. There will be a reconstruction of the overhang out front along with other changes to recreate the original appearance and character of this special 1920s building. On the inside, there will be reproductions of both a general store and soda fountain where locals and visitors alike can gather to discuss business, politics and social events as they did nearly a century ago.

The center gallery of the new museum will provide a large multi-use area for meetings, community functions, workshops, demonstrations and other events that offer both entertainment and education to all.

Overhead views of the museum's proposed expansion

There will be a series of exhibit rooms that bring to life the more than four hundred plus years of Westmoreland's inhabitants and cultures. Other exhibits will include the story of the area's natural history and the effect it had on the county and its people throughout the years.



Legend:

- I. Gallery and meeting spaces
- II. Elevator, stairs and restrooms
- III. General store
- IV. Soda Fountain

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

In order to achieve this important and critical goal that will benefit the entire Westmoreland County community, we need your help and support. Gifts of any amount will be sincerely appreciated, and are fully deductible. Please fill out the form below and mail it with your check or pledge to us at:

Museum Expansion Fund
P.O. Box 247
Montross, VA 22520

I __ We __ commit our support in the amount of

- \$2,500
 \$2,000
 \$1,500
 \$1,000
 \$500
 \$250
 \$100

 AMOUNT

Make checks payable to the Westmoreland County Museum.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

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THE NEED

The Board of Directors of the Westmoreland County Museum has committed to purchasing the historic Wakefield Furniture Store building for the purpose of establishing a new museum center to complement current facilities at 43 Court Square. To complete the purchase and renovations that will allow public access to the museum expansion will require more than \$500,000 to ensure the success of this project. More than half of the funds have been raised, but your commitment to and investment in this project is vital to achieve this goal.

There will be opportunities to have components of the new center named in honor or memory of individuals or organizations for generous donations of \$10,000 or more. Please contact the Museum's offices at (804) 493-8440 for more information regarding this opportunity.

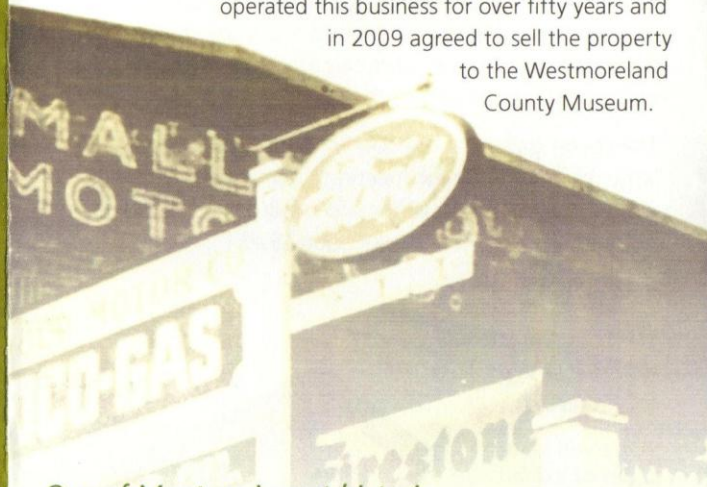
THE OPPORTUNITY

A popular thought is that we must learn from our past in order to build the future. Montross has begun the important task of revitalizing the town and its future. This effort will have a major economic impact on the community and county, establishing a positive and lasting economic effect on both residents and visitors. In purchasing the Wakefield Furniture Store building the Museum committed to saving an important part of the community's past as well as securing a highly visible location that will include the county's information and welcome center. This will become increasingly important as the town proceeds with its revitalization efforts and county businesses move forward with a major push on tourism development within Westmoreland County.

SOME BACKGROUND

Wakefield Furniture stands where the County Clerk's Office was originally located from 1800 to 1904. Dr. M.W. Walker operated an office and a drugstore in the building from 1904 to 1908, at which time it was converted to the Bank of Montross. R. Flynn Smallwood purchased the property in 1927 to build a car dealership and garage. He added second-floor apartments for his family during the 1930s and this is the structure that stands today.

During World War II, the building housed the Selective Service and the Rations Boards. Smallwood sold the building in 1944 to Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield where it operated as a drugstore with a bar situated in the rear. The building was purchased by Lester Miller in 1946 and then sold to Hugh Sisson where he established Wakefield Furniture Store. The Sisson family has operated this business for over fifty years and in 2009 agreed to sell the property to the Westmoreland County Museum.



One of Montross' most historic structures will become a new center of life and activity for Westmoreland County, providing a wonderful opportunity for everyone to experience both our important past and progressive future.

—Carl F. Flemer, Jr.

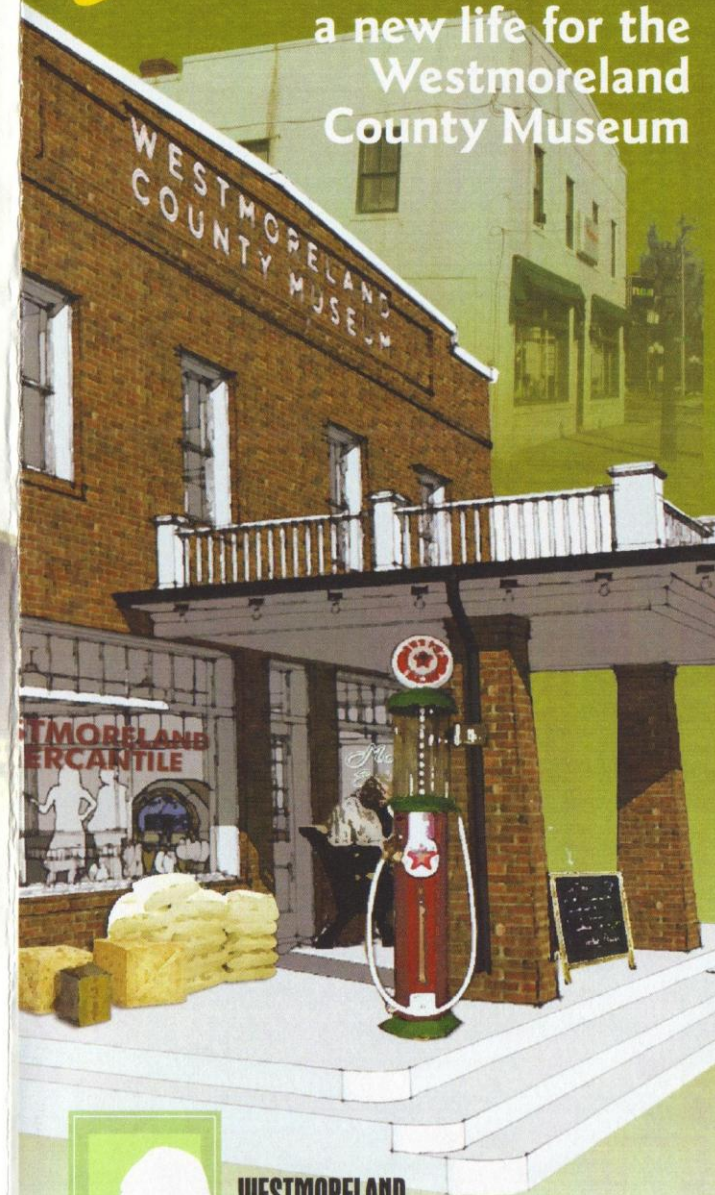
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