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September 14, 2010

The Honorable Michael W. Johnson  
Mayor  
County of Southampton  
Cty Admin, 26022 Administration Center Dr  
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Mayor Johnson:

At Charter, providing an entertainment and information value to our customers is our top priority. In order to achieve that goal, we offer numerous promotional packages for the convenience of our customers.

Containing our programming costs and efficiently managing our operations are critical to Charter's goal of providing our customers with the best value possible. However, at this time, it is necessary to pass through new charges that owners of local broadcast TV stations have levied on Charter for carriage of their TV stations. A Broadcast TV Surcharge will be reflected in the taxes and fees section of our billing statement. We will also make adjustments to our pricing that reflect increased programming fees and costs from our suppliers, as well as the overall cost of doing business.

The new Broadcast TV Surcharge, as well as other adjustments will be effective October 2010. A change in our installation, reconnection and change of service prices will be effective November 2010, and will be reflected in customers' next billing statements after the effective dates. New pricing is subject to applicable taxes and fees.

| Service                    | Current Price | New Price | Difference |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| Broadcast TV Surcharge     | N/A           | \$1.12    | \$1.12     |
| Install/Reconnect/ChngServ | \$29.99       | \$49.99   | \$20.00    |

We remain committed to providing excellent TV services in your community and all communities we serve. Please contact me if I can be of assistance or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Jim Corrin  
Director of Government Relations

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**Blackwater/Nottoway RIVERKEEPER® Program**

P.O. Box 44 Sedley, Va. 23878-2513  
E-mail: [blknotkpr@earthlink.net](mailto:blknotkpr@earthlink.net)  
Phone: 757-562-5173 Fax: Same call first  
[www.blackwaternottoway.com](http://www.blackwaternottoway.com)

*141 Members Strong*

Dear Southampton County Board of Supervisors,

I want to thank you so much for your recent donation to the Blackwater Nottoway Riverkeeper Program (BNRP). The BNRP works very hard to protect the Blackwater and Nottoway watershed. But more than that we strive to educate our citizens and children how to protect our valuable natural resources and why we should do that. Your donation will certainly help in that endeavor. More floating class-room Eco-Cruises I believe is a great way to start to do that and show people just what is available to them right in their back yards. It amazes me how many children and adults have never been on the rivers or even know we have two great rivers. I was the 47<sup>th</sup> Riverkeeper in the world and the first in Virginia. I am proud of that fact and proud of the good work and service we provide this community. I am also proud of the great working relationship that exists between the county and this organization. The counties efforts with the Scenic River Initiative have been exemplary. Before my dying day I hope to see our rivers at the centerpiece of pride in this community, two streams of history, nature and wildlife that all can come and enjoy.  
Thank you again for your donation and support in our efforts, they are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jeff Turner  
BNRP Riverkeeper





## The Genieve Shelter

P.O. Box 1585 • Suffolk, Virginia 23439  
Phone 757-925-4365 • Fax 757-925-2053



August 20, 2010

Michael Johnson, County Administrator  
Southampton County  
PO Box 400  
Courtland, VA 23837

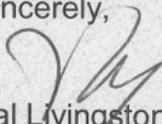
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Dear Michael,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the members of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors for your annual contribution to The Genieve Shelter. As we attempt to address the many needs of the victims (i.e. transportation, childcare, transitional housing), financial support becomes critical if we are to help women become self-sufficient. The support from your locality, as well as others, enables us to continue to provide much needed services to victims of domestic violence.

If there is anything that my staff and I can do to enhance community awareness of our program within your area, please let me know. Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

  
Val Livingston, PHD  
Executive Director

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# Community Donations

## The Genieve Shelter

FIN # 54-1463053

Date: 8/3/2010

Name: Michael Johnson, County Administrator Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name: Southampton County VA

Address: P.O. Box 400  
Courtland, VA 23837

**List all items donated and the estimated value:**

Annual designation for FY 2011 - check # 098050 in the amount of \$ 9,025.00

Thanks!

\* This is your receipt. Please retain for tax purposes

For donations **valued at \$250 or more**, please complete the following:

- No goods or services were provided for this donation.

- Goods or services were provided as listed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Value : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gwen Whitley  
Staff Signature

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Donor Signature



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## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
1401 EAST BROAD STREET  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219-2000

Gregory A. Whirley  
COMMISSIONER

August 9, 2010

Mr. Michael Johnson  
County Administrator  
Post Office Box 400  
Courtland, Virginia 23837

SUBJECT: Enhancement Program – 1831 Southampton Insurrection Tour

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is to advise that VDOT's Transportation Enhancement program will only be accepting applications for existing projects on December 1, 2010. Existing projects are considered to be those projects that received Enhancement Program allocations in past years and may be in need of additional funding to bring about completion. If this project is not going to move forward or is completed, we would appreciate being notified of that.

For more information about this year's application process visit the Enhancement Program website at <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/prehancegrants.asp>. The application has been modified so please ensure that this December's submission is in the proper format. Since the intention of this next application cycle is to complete as many existing projects as possible, an expanded project scope outside the scope described in your most recently funded application or inconsistent with your project administration agreement will not be considered. Since no additions have been made to the modified application, there are no plans to hold Applicant Workshops before the December 1, 2010 deadline. It is anticipated that acceptance of new project applications will resume with next year's December 1, 2011 submission date.

If you have any questions about this year's application process please contact a member of our Federal Programs Staff at 1-800-444-7832.

As a reminder all project sponsors are required to submit a quarterly status report to the District Enhancement Coordinator to ensure VDOT is kept up-to-date on the project's development status. A copy of that report is included in the Enhancement Program Procedure Manual and is available on the above referenced website. Please verify that a quarterly status report has been submitted within the last 90 days.

Thank you for your interest in Virginia's Transportation Enhancement Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Wade Chenault, Jr.".

H. Wade Chenault, Jr.  
Federal Programs Manager  
Local Assistance Division



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August 12, 2010

Mr. Michael W. Johnson  
County Administrator  
Southampton County  
P.O. Box 400  
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I know that you and your Board of Supervisors are in the process of making final decisions about state aid to localities. I feel it is important for you to understand that if Southampton County does not choose to reimburse the amount for State Aid for local Public Libraries, the Blackwater Regional Library will lose \$4,344., which primarily goes toward funding our materials budget. The result will be a significant reduction in our ability to purchase new books, magazines, audio books, DVDs, etc this year.

Thank you for thinking about what this means to the residents of Southampton County.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Hilliard-Bradley  
Director  
Blackwater Regional Library



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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Department of Historic Resources

2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23221

Doug Domenech  
*Secretary of Natural Resources*

Kathleen S. Kilpatrick  
*Director*

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August 17, 2010

**Re: Rochelle-Prince House, Southampton County**

Dear Adjacent Property Owner:

The Department of Historic Resources has been asked to recommend the above referenced property to the National Register of Historic Places and to include it in the Virginia Landmarks Register. The national and state registers are official lists of places recognized as having architectural, archaeological or historical significance at the local, state or national level.

Local tax records indicate that you are the owner of a property adjacent to the boundaries of the nominated property as shown on the map included. I welcome your comments as an adjacent owner who may be interested in this nomination proposal. Enclosed is information on the results of listing on both the national and state registers.

The State Review Board and the Virginia Historic Resources Board will be considering the nomination at their Thursday, September 30, 2010 meeting in the Halsey Lecture Hall at the Virginia Historical Society located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond, VA 23221. Please send your comments to us prior to this meeting in order to be considered with the nomination. You are also welcome to attend the meeting, which will begin at 10 a.m.

If you have any questions or need additional information prior to the meeting please contact Ms. Pam Schenian in the Tidewater Region Preservation Office at 757-868-2818.

Sincerely,

Marc Christian Wagner  
Manager, National and State Registers Program

Enclosures

Administrative Services  
10 Courthouse Ave.  
Petersburg, VA 23803  
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Capital Region Office  
2801 Kensington Office  
Richmond, VA 23221  
Tel: (804) 367-2323  
Fax: (804) 367-2391

Tidewater Region Office  
14415 Old Courthouse Way  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Newport News, VA 23608  
Tel: (757) 886-2807  
Fax: (757) 886-2808

Roanoke Region Office  
1030 Penmar Avenue, SE  
Roanoke, VA 24013  
Tel: (540) 857-7585  
Fax: (540) 857-7588

Northern Region  
Preservation Office  
P.O. Box 519  
Stephens City, VA 22655  
Tel: (540) 868-7029  
Fax: (540) 868-7033

## **Rochelle-Prince House, Southampton County**

### **SUMMARY DESCRIPTION**

The Rochelle-Prince House is located on the east side of Main Street in Courtland, Virginia. This vernacular residence with Federal influences consists of a one-and-a-half-story, two-bay block attached to a two-story, three-bay block. It was built in two phases with the initial construction likely dating to circa 1814. The home was enlarged and remodeled between 1826 and 1827 and a rear ell was added in the early twentieth century. The interior of the house remains much as it was during the nineteenth century, with only minor alterations to convert the private residence to its current function as a local history museum.

### **SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY**

The Rochelle-Prince House is an early-nineteenth century building located in Courtland, Southampton County, Virginia that served as a private residence until the 1970s when it was converted to a house museum by its current owners, the Southampton County Historical Society. The name of the house is derived from several of its notable owners including the Rochelle family, who owned the home throughout most of nineteenth century and from whom the building's significance is primarily drawn; and Miss Anne Louise Prince, who owned the home for several decades during the mid-twentieth century and took great care and pride in preserving the home's historic character, and was responsible for leaving the property to the historical society to ensure its long-term preservation and benefit to the public.

The Rochelle-Prince House is significant both historically and architecturally. It draws its primary significance from its association with the Rochelle family, who occupied the house for the majority of the nineteenth century. Several family members were prominent citizens in Southampton County, and important to local, state, and national history, particular James Henry Rochelle, who had a noteworthy career as a naval officer during the Mexican War, Civil War, and later with the Peruvian Navy. His niece, Martha Rochelle Tyler was a granddaughter of President John Tyler and served as postmistress of Courtland for 14 years. During that time "Miss Mattie" gained respect as a social and civic icon in the town and was reportedly responsible for the renaming of the town from Jerusalem to Courtland. Additionally, the house is an excellent example of early nineteenth century vernacular architecture in southeast Virginia and one of the oldest remaining homes in the town of Courtland.

The property is considered historically significant at the State level under Criterion B in the area of Military for its association with Captain James Henry Rochelle and at the local level in the area of Politics for its association with Martha Rochelle (Miss Mattie) Tyler. It is considered architecturally significant at the local level under Criterion C for being an excellent example of nineteenth century vernacular architecture. The Period of Significance is defined as ca. 1814 to 1886, beginning with the construction date of the building, and ending with the sale of the house in 1886, marking the conclusion of Rochelle family ownership.

# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Historic Resources (DHR), 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23221

## Key Points about the National and State Register Process for Property Owners

- Listing in the national and state registers is honorary. It recognizes a historic property's importance to its community, the State, and/or the Nation as well as encouraging good stewardship of the historic property.
- National and state register listings do not place restrictions on private property owners. Owners have no obligation to open their properties to the public, to restore them, or even to maintain them, if they choose not to do so.
- Under Federal and State laws, private property owners can do anything they wish with their National Register-listed property, provided that no Federal or State license, permit, or funding is involved.
- If a listed property is destroyed or its integrity is greatly altered, it is removed from the registers.
- To ensure public participation in the nomination process, property owners and local officials are notified of proposed nominations to the National Register and provided the opportunity to comment. Further details provided below. In addition, once a nomination is submitted to the National Park Service another public comment period is published in the *Federal Register*.
- Federal agencies whose projects affect a listed property must give the DHR (Virginia's State Historic Preservation Office) an opportunity to comment on the project and its effects on the property. Further details provided below.
- Federal and State Investment Tax Credits for rehabilitation and other provisions are available, should a property owner choose to use them. Further details provided below.
- Owners may also qualify for Federal grants for historic preservation when funding is available. Refer to the National Park Service web site for Federal grant information. Currently, Virginia has no grants available for privately owned properties.

## National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)

Established under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), as amended, the national historic preservation program is a partnership between the Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments; private organizations; and the public. The Act and its provisions establish the framework within which citizens plan, identify, evaluate, register, and protect significant historic and archeological properties throughout the country. Central to this framework is the NRHP--the Nation's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation, administered by the National Park Service (NPS), Department of the Interior. Properties listed in the NRHP include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture.

Historic places are nominated to the NRHP by nominating authorities: the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), appointed by the Governor of the State in which the property is located; the Federal Preservation Officer (FPO) for properties under Federal ownership or control; or by the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) if the property is on tribal lands. Anyone can prepare a nomination to the NRHP, at which time the SHPO, FPO or THPO reviews the proposed nomination, and notifies property owners and local officials of the intent to nominate. Nominations submitted through the State must first be approved by a State Review Board (SRB) before being reviewed by the NPS. The members of the SRB, who are appointed by the SHPO, use the same criteria as the National Register to evaluate properties and then recommend them to the NPS for listing in the NRHP.

The NRHP continues to reflect the desire of Americans, as expressed in the NHPA, that "the historical and cultural foundation of the nation should be preserved as a living part of our community life and development in order to give a sense of orientation to the American people."

## Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR)

Also in 1966, the Virginia General Assembly established the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, now the Department of Historic Resources (DHR). DHR is the State Historic Preservation Office responsible for managing the VLR, the state's official list of properties important to Virginia's history. The Historic Resources Board (HRB), appointed by the Governor of Virginia, is responsible for listing properties to the VLR. Just as the same evaluation criteria are used for the National and State registers, the same register form is also used for both the VLR and the NRHP. Nearly 2300 historic properties are listed in the VLR. This number does not include the tens of thousands of properties within each listed historic district.

## List of web sites with further and more detailed information

[www.cr.nps.gov/](http://www.cr.nps.gov/)  
[www.cr.nps.gov/NR/](http://www.cr.nps.gov/NR/)  
[www.cr.nps.gov/local-law/nhpa1966.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/local-law/nhpa1966.htm)  
[www.dhr.virginia.gov](http://www.dhr.virginia.gov)  
[www.cr.nps.gov/hps/](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/)

(National Park Service main web page)  
(National Register of Historic Places main web page)  
(National Historic Preservation Act of 1966)  
(Department of Historic Resources main web page)  
(Heritage Preservation Services)

# Google maps virginia historical society

Notes A: Virginia Historical Society  
428 N Boulevard  
Richmond, VA

