

WCHS

Warwick County Historical Society

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The **Warwick County Historical Society** was organized to further discover and memorialize the history and peoples of old **Warwick County, Virginia**, a bygone original Shire of England dating to 1634. Warwick County, with its seat at **Denbigh**, played a role in the dramatic story of America's founding. Through hard times and plenty, the County endured for three centuries. It was witness to turbulence and triumph in the growth of a young Virginia. Warwick County was... settled in Colonial times; celebrated the founding of America; was devastated by Civil War and the loss of its ancient court records; transformed by railroad tycoons and shipbuilding giants; suffered the loss of 8,000-acre **Mulberry Island** to the eminent domain of the US Army; it's borders were forever altered by **annexations** stemming from the insatiable urban growth to its south. Warwick rallied briefly as the **City of Warwick** (1952-1958) only to capitulate to the contemporary pressures of modernity, commerce, and the practical forces of **Consolidation**. Warwick County's story continues proudly today as the **City of Newport News, Virginia**.

The **Warwick County Historical Society** has among its objectives:

- To further discover and memorialize the history, genealogy, and architecture of old Warwick County, Virginia.
- The study and writing of the history of old Warwick County, including the publishing of a periodical and other appropriate studies.
- The acquisition and maintenance of records, documents, maps, journals, and artifacts of the county in such place or places as shall best assure their proper preservation and accessibility.
- Provide assistance, hold meetings, activities, instruction and information to residents, WCHS members and others in matters relating to the local history of Warwick and Newport News.
- Cooperate with other organizations and institutions having similar interests.
- Educate present and future generations concerning the cultural, economic, social, political and technical development of old Warwick County, Virginia.

To become a part of this exciting, largely untold story, and to learn more about old Warwick County, fill out the membership information here and return with your check or money order (*payable to WCHS*) to the address below:

Name: *(and Spouse's first Name)*

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City, St, Zip:

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