



THE RAPP SHEET



July, 2021

Summertime Fun

Don't forget the summertime activities offered by Rappahannock Hunt. The website www.rappahannockhunt.com and Rappahannock Hunt facebook has a listing of some of the activities.

There are numerous trail rides available for both first flight level and hilltop level. Both levels are suitable for green horses or to just start getting you and your horse in condition. These offer a great opportunity to get out into our beautiful country. A big thank you to our landowners who make these rides possible.

Huntsman, Jeff Woodall, is working hard training the puppies this summer and has been walking out the hounds quite often. Everyone is welcome to participate. Just give Jeff a call (804-690-0398) if you are interested.

Jump building and trail clearing are also a big summertime project. Once again you can contact Jeff if you are interested in helping.

Come out and enjoy our terrific hunt territory.



Looking forward having fun with the Rappahannock Hunt

FOXHUNTING ATTIRE

Breeches of black, green, or blue
In the hunting field are quite taboo
Beige, tans and light taupe are perfectly right
Except those in scarlets may also wear white

Ratcatcher neckwear is shirt and tie
Open shirt is as gauche as an open fly
Running late? Or in very hot weather
We accept a neat polo or turtleneck sweater

Boots of leather, rubber will do
Must be shined every time and really fit you
And while they are sold in all the shops
Unless you're in scarlet, don't wear tan tops

Hat covers come in rainbow hues
But stay with black or very dark blues
As riders and horses are often up-ended
A cap with chin-strap fastened is recommended

Your stock neatly tied fastened with a plain pin
Horizontally set won't stick in your chin
And after each hunt absolutely you ought to
Launder white stocks in bleach, soap and water

Hunting coats – ratcatcher, scarlet, or black
Should properly fit, not too tight, not too slack
Be long enough to cover your rear
And brushed between wearing of mud, sweat, and smear

For horse and for rider the rule is quite set
Horse- Mane must be short or in braids
Rider- Short, braids or a net
Tack should be plain, create no sensation
Saddle pads are just that, not loud decoration

Good-old is better than poorly made new
So if cost is a factor, here is a clue
Look in the thrift shops, or far in the back
And most tack shops have a second hand rack

If the staff turned out badly, improper or ripped
With horses unbrushed and sadly unclipped
If the hounds were boney and covered with dung
Just imagine the lashing from everyone's tongue

So please for tradition, and to help make our day
Set aside enough time and get squared away
Brush-up on hunting manners, read Wadsworth
anew
And good hunting to all, especially you.

Adapted from "Hunting Do's and Don't's by Mildred Riddell MFH Old Dominion Hunt



Visit the Rappahannock Hunt webpage

www.rappahannockhunt.com

TAKING A LOOK BACK

With Janet Payne O'Keefe, Ex-MFH (RH)



The Parade Hunt

We have always gladly accepted invitations to ride in parades. Below is a parade we attended in the 90s in Marshall. Oliver on the left, Michael behind him, Larry LeHew, MFH on the gray in the middle, I'm on the paint and John Hanback on the infamous Slider on the right front. As a note, Slider was a wonderful appaloosa back in the day when you didn't see too many appaloosa whip horses! He and Slider won the Staff Class at the Warrenton Horse Show two years in a row!! John was so proud of that honor.



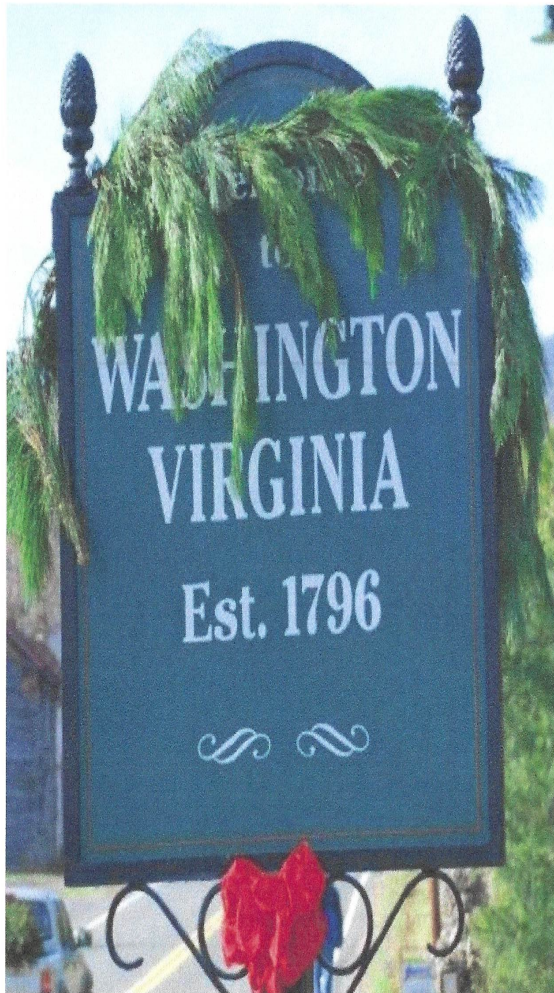


Culpeper Bicentennial Parade 1959

Masters: James W. Fletcher & Jack DeBergh

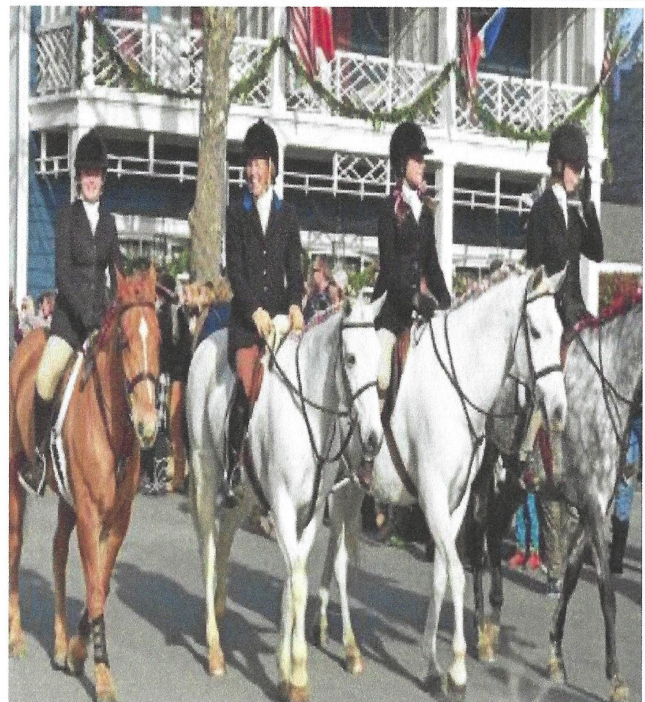
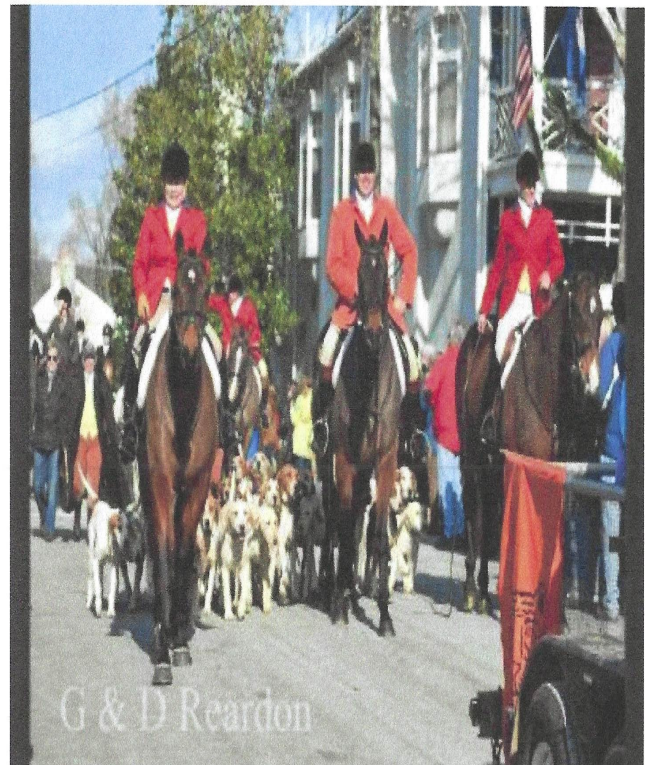
Huntsman: Ollie Dodson, Whips: Billy Dodson & Jimmy Dodson

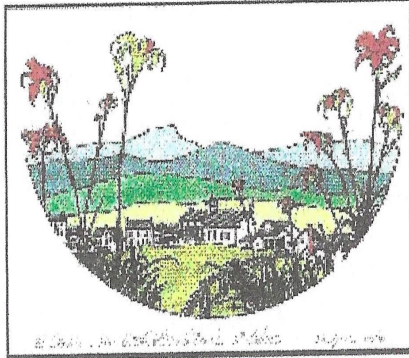




We have participated in many Christmas parades in 'Little' Washington. These photos are from 2017 and 2015. So many of our RH past photos were taken by Ginny & David Reardon – thank you!

On the next page is our certificate for participation in Woodville's bicentennial parade in 1998. That parade was a lot of fun and special to me since that is where I grew up!





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Woodville Bicentennial Organization

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

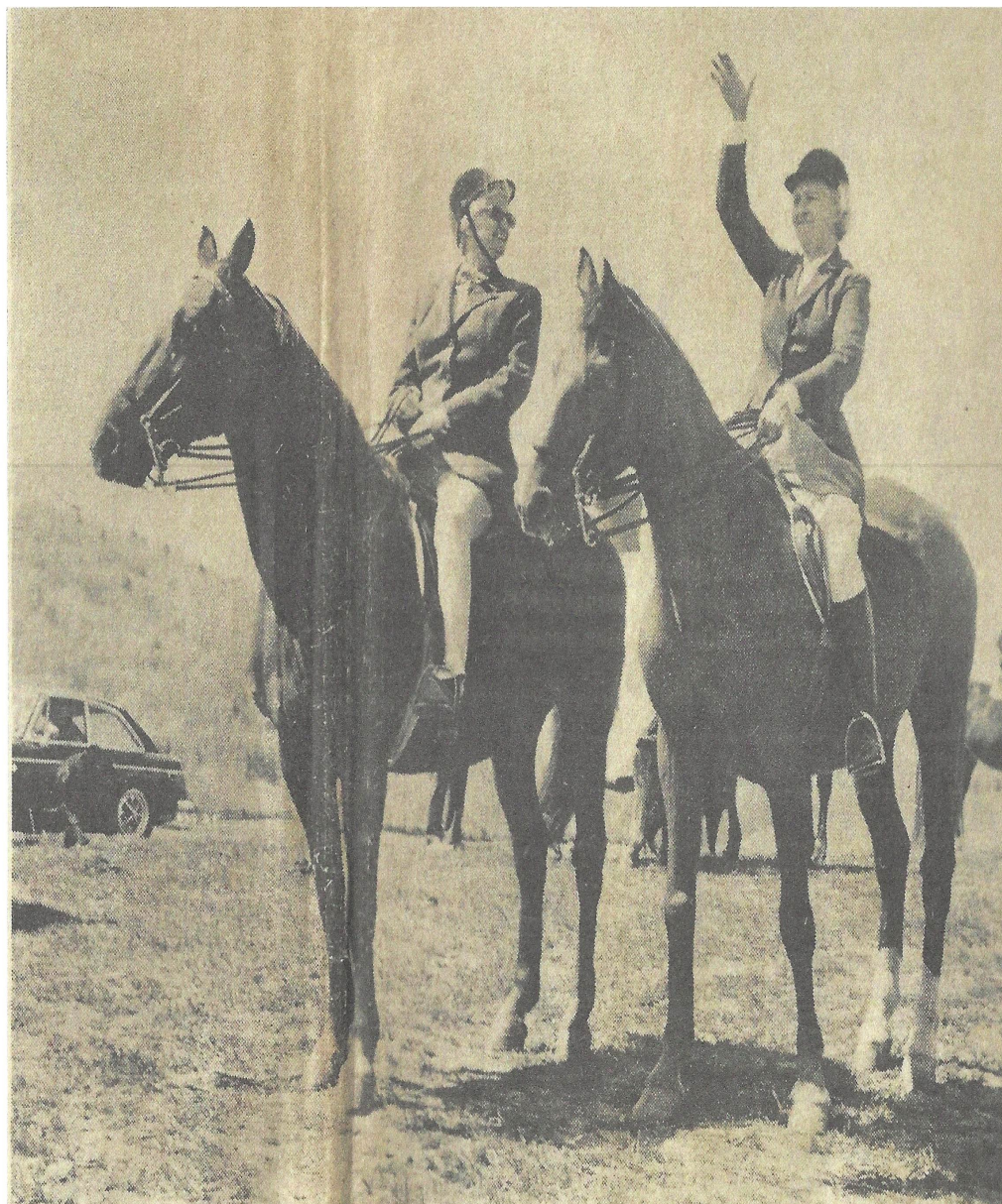
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RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY FESTIVAL AND REGIONAL HISTORY PARADE

September 26, 1998


Jeffrey D. Light, Chairman
Woodville Bicentennial Organization





Dr. Katherine Oettinger and Mrs. Mary S. Van Brederode of Washington ventured out on the trail ride Sunday for the first time. They joined the large assemblage of riders who left Double Gates at noon to ride to Montpelier via the Lee Payne residence near Woodville where refreshments were served. The just right day, sunny and crisp, was embellished with the aroma of apple blossoms, lilacs, dogwood and redbud, to make a perfect setting for a leisurely ride.

Back to a spring trail ride —

Here is photo from the Rappahannock News for the April 1971 trail ride. Double Gates is another name for the Thornton Hill Race Course (kennels). We used to meet there often which is right off Rt. 522 between Woodville and Sperryville. The ride went from Double Gates to Clover Hill (photo in May Rapp Sheet), then over the mountain to the beautiful Montpelier which is located down Rt. 231. That was NOT a short trail ride!

Check out the lovely full bridles and the ladies attire. A bit different from jeans and chaps we often wear today!

Give Them Room

When good men ride in front of you,
And women most of all;
Ride with some little courtesy,
And give them room to fall.
To jump upon a sportsman
Displays a want of taste;
And killing large subscribers,
Is simply a wanton waste.

-Anonymous

