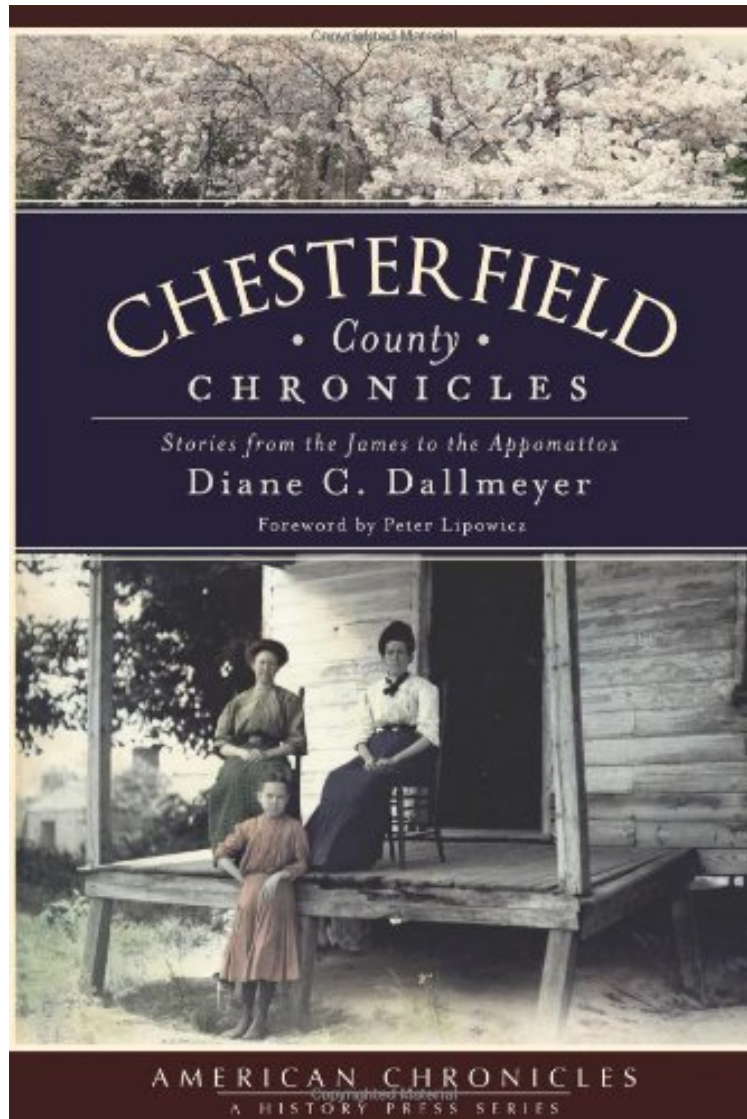


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With four hundred years of history, the land between the James and the Appomattox Rivers is one of the most storied tracts in Virginia. Originally part of Henrico County, it was home to Pocahontas, the site of the nations first incorporated town and the only county in which an entire campaign was waged during the Civil War. From the Courthouse Green to the creeks of Midlothian, local historian Diane Dallmeyer explores this fascinating history with a series of vignettes and articles that first appeared in the Chesterfield Observer. Join Dallmeyer as she reveals stories of General Robert E. Lees visit to Clover Hill, the early years of Virginia horse racing and the mysteries of Wrexham Hall.

"...old times are not forgotten, and the county's wealth of history is vividly described in Diane C. Dallmeyer's Chesterfield County Chronicles: Stories From the James to the Appomattox." --Richmond Times-DispatchAbout the AuthorA recent convert to the lure of history, Diane Dallmeyer moved to Chesterfield County after elementary school. Coming from the Midwest, I missed the elementary school lessons about our community, she writes, so it took me a few more years to discover the many ways in which Chesterfields story is so truly unique. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business at James Madison University, Diane returned to Chesterfield, where she has remained and raised her three sons. A career change brought her to the Chesterfield Historical Society, where she has enjoyed reusing the tools of writing sharpened in college by contributing articles to the Chesterfield Observer, some of which are contained in this book.