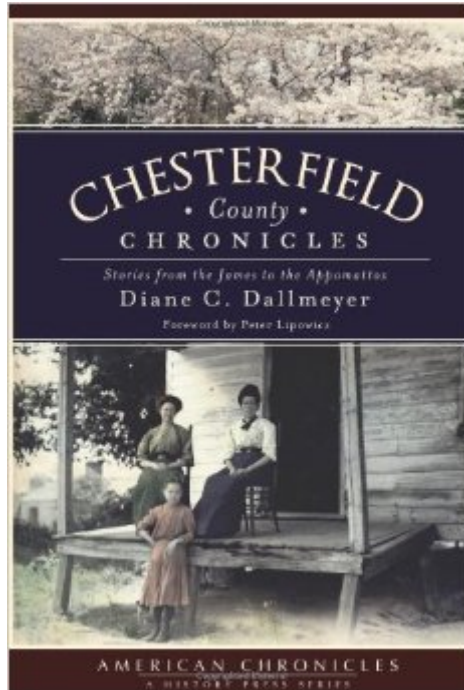


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Very informative.. I enjoyed the way the book was put together and it is always good to learn more about the area one lives in.. Very historical and nicely written but I am a photo hound....and there could have been a few more of them..

I'm a bit disappointed in this book. Perhaps the sub-title should have forewarned me - "Stories from the James to the Appomatox" - because within minutes I found at least one inaccuracy and one misspelling. (It is Hampden Sydney College not "Hampton" Sydney College page 68- if a bad editor changed this then shame; if the author submitted this then double shame.)Some of the "stories" were re-writes of stories in the books in the bibliography and didn't even include material in the other

sources; maybe the book length forced the inclusion. Some of the material made a statement that begged additional questions that can be answered with historical research. Those questions were ignored. The brief biography in the back mentions that the author was inspired by the Chesterfield Historical Society; it is a shame that the book did not rely more on their research material.

Specifically I'll mention that some of her writing about the early railroads has inaccuracies- for instance the Chesterfield Railroad was built using "strap" iron and not "scrap" iron and gravity was not the sole means of movement as she suggested. If someone wants to read a good book on Chesterfield County history I would suggest the Lutz book in her bibliography. The writing in this book would have been better as better researched and edited pieces for a local newspaper.

Very informative and interesting. Its always fun to learn about where you came from. A lot of time and research went into writing this and it shows.

Very well written; the knowledge that Dallmeyer has is evident and the presentation is fun to follow. As someone born and raised in Chesterfield county, I love to see some local history getting notice, and I learned a bunch that I hadn't previously known. What an important and historical area! I recommend this to anyone who enjoys history and anyone who is tied to the central Virginia area. A must read!

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