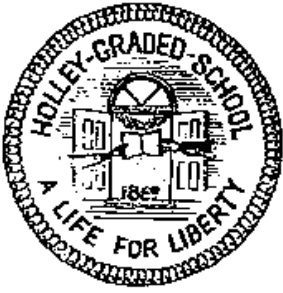


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## Holley-Graded School

Holley Graded School is located in Lottsburg, Virginia and like many other schools in America was started by private citizens. Two ladies, Miss Sallie Holley and Miss Caroline Putnam saw the need to educate children who were being denied an education.

Thus, Holley School was born in 1869. It was the only education opportunity for black children in that part of the county.

The state gave limited funds to the school, with the majority coming from the black community. The Holley School continued in operation for decades, instilling tough discipline in its students. Many of the girls who were educated there later became teachers at the school continuing the legacy and tradition of academic excellence. When Northumberland County Schools were desegregated in 1959, the Holley Graded Schools closed its doors, but it was not abandoned.

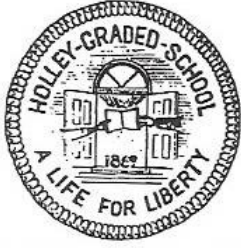
Mrs. Ruth Blackwell (Boo'Tee) and others made it their mission to keep up the building and grounds. In the 1980's more people in the community joined forces to help keep the Holley Graded School alive. They raised money and received a matching grant to perform restoration of the building. It is now on the list of National Register of Historic Places and is designated as a Virginia Historic Landmark as well.

Thanks to the support of the "Friends of Holley School" Holley has become an Historical Institution in Northumberland County.

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## Holley Graded School "The Liberty"

How to best use the building is an ongoing challenge for all of us but some decisions have been made:

1. Have a Museum Room to display artifacts and pictures.
2. Set up an actual classroom as it would have looked in the 1900"s and invite students from the area to view their HISTORY"
3. Use the building for community services and events.
4. Rent it out for private use, charging a small fee.

We welcome all suggestions and ideals from concerned members and friends.

### 2016 Upcoming Events

**Holley's Monthly meeting is every 2nd Saturday @ 10am**

**February 13th—Holley Museum "Grand Opening"**

**March 5th— Hake Fish Breakfast - 7am**

**April 17th—Just, talking "Baseball" - 11am**

**May 14th —Holley "Spring Dance" - 7p—11p**

(dates and times subject to change, notification will be given)

**Questions contact: [holleyschool@gmail.com](mailto:holleyschool@gmail.com)**

The Presidents Corner:

Greetings Everyone, Holley School Incorporated and the Holley Board of Trustees are excited to announce the resumption of the Holley Graded School Newsletter aka "The Liberty". Forthcoming issues of "The Liberty" will present articles to keep you abreast of activities, projects and also acquaint you with the 146 years of history at Holley Graded School. We are grateful for and acknowledge the support of all individuals, institutions and businesses that provide time, talent and treasure for the upkeep and preservation of Holley Graded School.

Harold E. Blackwell, President

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## To Holley Graded School Alumni, Descendants of Alumni & Friends:

A donation and membership drive is underway! The immediate needs are for repair and painting of the building. Our goal is to prevent further deterioration and damage.

We collectively have the ability to keep Holley Graded School viable if we share our resources, time, skills and finances – in order to make a difference.

Holley Graded, Inc is a **non profit** organization. Please help by joining and/or making a **tax deductible** donation and mail to the address below.

### Holley School, Inc Membership Enrollment Form

I/We wish to become a member of Holley School, Inc. (dues are \$5 a month-\$60 yearly)

I/We wish to become a "friend of Holley" by making a donation .

I/we are Alumni or Descendant(s) of Alumni. Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_.

( Copies of quarterly newsletters will be sent to all of the above, starting Jan 2016 )

Date\_\_\_\_\_

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