

# Monroe County Historical Society

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About our quarterly speaker...

Lynn Mitchell Cutter grew up at Elmwood. She attended school in Union, West Virginia and graduated from Union High School in 1970. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia in 1978 and her Masters in Special Education from University of New Mexico in 2002.

Lynn has been active in the Monroe County Historical Society, working with her mother, Karen Mitchell, a Past-President of the Society, photographer and historian.

Her personal connection to Elmwood has led Lynn to research the early years of the estate and the man who built it, Hugh Caperton. She will share her discoveries in her presentation on the 13th and we'll meet the man behind the plantation.

**October 2019 Quarterly Meeting  
Presentation by Lynn Mitchell Cutter  
Sunday, October 13th at 2:00 p.m.**

Meet at Ames Claire Church, Rt.3 and Pump Street

## **HUGH CAPERTON OF ELMWOOD AND THE PLANTATION ECONOMY**



This presentation will focus on the early years of the Elmwood Plantation under the ownership of planter Hugh Caperton. Using graphics and photographs, some from Karen Mitchell's personal collection, Lynn will take us back in time to an era before railroads when this part of the upland South was known as the cattle frontier. Hugh Caperton was a financier who owned stores and had financial interests in turnpikes and resorts as well as his plantation and a law office.

## **MCHS Endowment Fund**

In 2016 the Monroe County Historical Society initiated a comprehensive endowment program to support preservation of Monroe County's history and restoration and preservation of its historic structures. The objective for opening the account was to be able to pay the organization's maintenance and restoration expenses from the income earned on the investment. Hopes are to grow the account so that eventually dreams and special projects can also be funded with the income.

The endowment is invested with the Greater Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation. At the close of 2018, the foundation managed 146 funds from entities in Monroe, Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties and had assets totaling \$14.9 million. MCHS benefits from placing funds with the GGVCF as it allows the pooling of resources for greater diversity of holdings and economies of scale in purchasing power. Endowments also reassure donors and granting organizations that the nonprofit has a guaranteed financial future. See donor list on the reverse of page..