**Press Release**

Orange County Historical Society Meets at Barboursville Vineyards

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**July 29, 2012:** Orange County Historical Society meets at Barboursville Vineyards at the Ruins of Governor Barbour’s Mansion

**Governor James Barbour and the War of 1812**

On July 29, 2012 the Orange County Historical Society will host a picnic meeting at Barboursville Vineyard, the site Governor’s Barbour’s mansion. Come to learn more about Orange County’s native son, Governor James Barbour from Stuart L. Butler, archivist-historian and former assistant branch chief of the Military Archives Branch at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. James Barbour, resident of Orange County, served in the House of Delegates, the US Senate, and was Virginia’s Eighteenth Governor, as well as the Secretary of War. Mr. Butler’s remarks will highlight James Barbour’s role as Governor during the War of 1812. Stuart Butler currently serves as a member of the Advisory Council of the Virginia War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission.

Barboursville Vineyards Visitors Center is open from 11 to 5 on Sundays. Wine will be available for purchase before this event. Bring your own picnic, lawn chairs/blanket and plan to dine el fresco on the lawn at the ruins at 4 PM. Program begins at 5. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held at 4 PM in the Museum Room at the Visitors Center. Check [http://www.barboursvillewine.net/winery/](http://www.barboursvillewine.net/winery/) for directions to the Winery.

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