

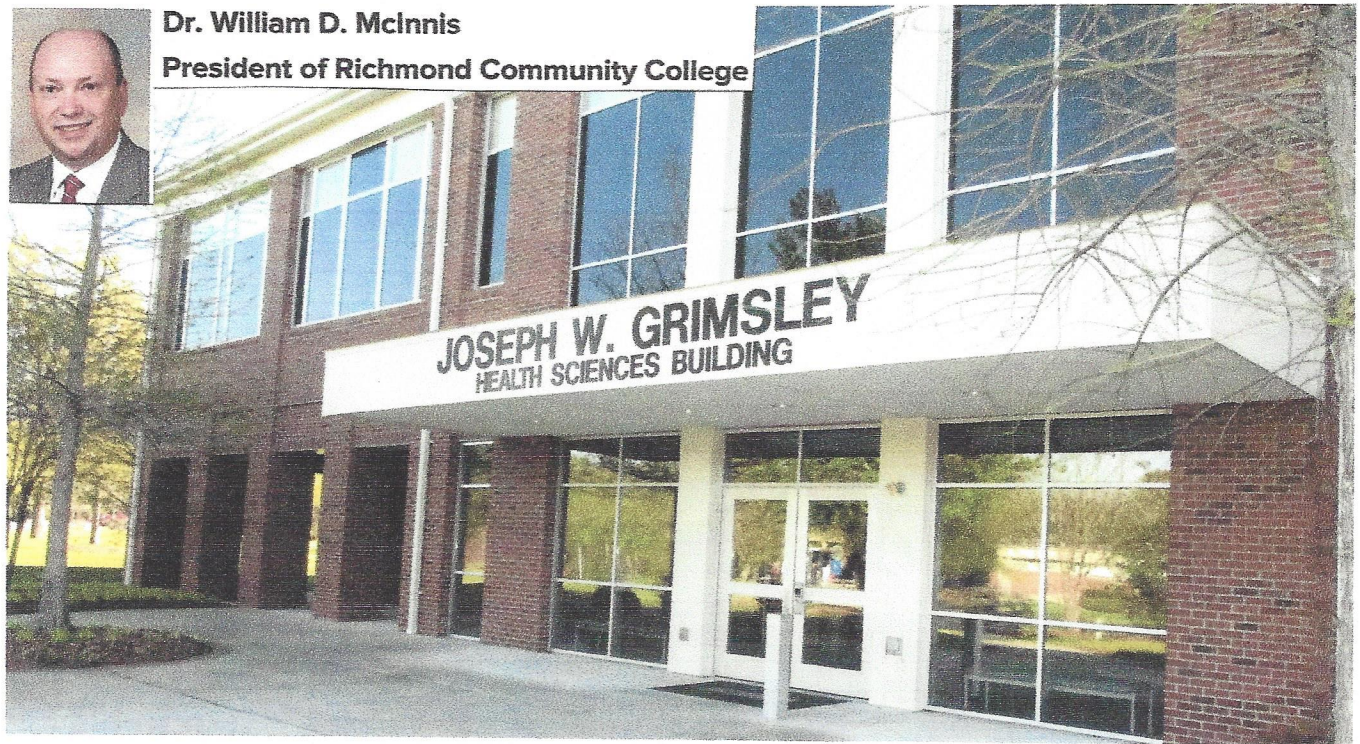
# Richmond County Historical Society

## May 2017 Newsletter

*'Those who don't remember their ancestors don't deserve to be remembered!'*



Dr. William D. McInnis  
President of Richmond Community College



This is the front entrance to the Joseph W. Grimsley Health Service Building at the rear of the Richmond Community College campus, Hamlet.

## RCC pursues nursing opportunities

In a 2004 history of Richmond Community College, Audrey Moore said, "The college's interest in and pursuit of educational opportunities in the medical field may be traced to the very beginning of the institute."

In 1964 it began when a former Practical Nursing Program was added to the curriculum at what was then Richmond Technical Institute.

From how far this program has progressed since then will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Dale McInnis, president of Richmond Community College at the May 15 meeting of the Richmond County Historical Society at 7 p.m., Rockingham City Hall.

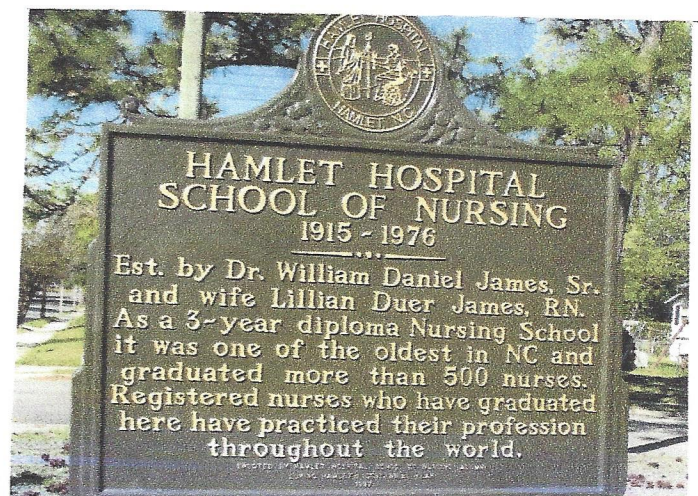
In recent years, RCC has added its newest and largest educational instruction building on campus – the Joseph W. Grimsley Health Science Building.

It reflects the continuing emphasis RCC places on Health Sciences. Within that scope, McInnis will spotlight the Nursing program.

### Long History

Educating nurses has a long history in Richmond County beginning in Hamlet.

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It began in 1915 when Dr. William Daniel James, Sr., MD, and his wife, Lilliam Duer James, RN, moved the James Sanatorium and School of Nursing from Laurinburg to Hamlet. Mainly the move had to do with meeting the needs of the railroad employees in Hamlet.

The Nursing School was affiliated with the Hamlet Hospital and the first and only three-year hospital diploma School of Nursing for North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and beyond.

Students came from places in between Charlotte to Wilmington, and from Columbia, S.C., to Raleigh. Early tuition was \$300.

A lot of bandages have been used in training since then.

Dr. Dale McInnis will enlighten us about how such training has changed to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and how many nurses are being trained for all over the area and United States.

### Garden Improvement

Ugly shrubbery and dead rose bushes formerly inside the entrance to the garden have been removed and replaced with azaleas and other new plants.

Families are continuing to visit the garden on their own, many to take family photographs. Last month some students from Richmond Senior High School came to take their Senior Prom pictures in the garden, which has become an annual "tradition" for many.

### Reminder

This is the first issue of the RCHS Newsletter being sent by email to those requesting it. Some are still being mailed. Please contact Neal or Joanne Cadieu at 895-1660 or at [RCHS84@google.com](mailto:RCHS84@google.com) to convert to email, if you so desire, to save the Society money.

### Local Area Bombed

On December 21, 1927, the Rockingham Post-Dispatch reported a bridge on the Pee Dee River above Richmond County was "attacked" by a dozen big bombing planes from Langley Field and Fort Bragg. The bridge was 1,800 feet long and 17

feet wide. There were 58 sand "bombs" from 600 to 1,100 pounds dropped. Only two bags hit the bridge.

That attack was followed by TNT explosive bombs, then artillery from three miles away to destroy it. Camp Bragg had some 300 soldiers a mile away for the maneuver. The bridge at Swift Island was removed to make way for a new bridge 40 miles northwest of Rockingham.

### Pine Tree Use

Richmond County was once widely known for the pine tree products such as tar and turpentine. But on September 21, 1815, the Raleigh Regulator and N.C. Gazette newspapers printed the following advertisement for another use:

#### PINE TREES

WANTED immediately 350 long-leafed PINE TREES, at least 28 feet long and 10 inches diameter at the smallest end, for the purpose of making Pipes for conveying Spring Water to the City. Proposals in writing, with the price delivered in Raleigh, or as they stand, are requested to be sent to one of the subscribers. **ALEX. LUCAS, WM. HILL, J. GALES:** Committee.

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