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Timeless Display at Historic Huntley Recalls 1886 May Wedding

Recall a May wedding at Historic Huntley by visiting a temporary exhibit on display at the house now through May 21, 2016. On May 27, 1886, Margaret Harrison married Norman Gibbs at Huntley, an 1825 villa on a hill with lovely views of the Hybla Valley.

Items on exhibit include a book on marriage given to the young couple on their wedding day and a congratulatory telegram. Also on display is a dance card Margaret kept to remember an earlier May day. Carried via a delicate cord wrapped around her wrist the card listed all of the dances and the names of the young men who claimed them. Future husband Norman Gibbs competed with E. A. Thompson for Margaret's attention and the opportunity to dance quadrilles with her. She was an interesting young woman who reached beyond the confines of her family's farm in Fairfax by joining, at age 17, the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. Books in the exhibit reflect her explorations into the worlds of history, literature and science. Margaret's Chautauqua membership card is also on display.

Learn more about this remarkable young woman, her family, and Huntley, their home and farm, by joining us for a tour of Historic Huntley, Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tours are at 10:30 a.m., noon, and 1:30 p.m. Historic Huntley is located at 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria VA, 22306, near Huntley Meadows Park. Call 703 768-2525 for further information.

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