



## Isle of Wight County Museum

Using the exhibits and help from a docent, answer the following questions:

### **Country Store:**

Country stores were vital to rural communities. List three important products that you could buy at a country store.



Why do you think a country store became a meeting place for local residents?

If you could not find it in the store from which catalogue could you order your goods from? Where would it be delivered?

### **Peanut Industry:**

Who was the man who picked and dated the oldest peanut in the world?



In the exhibit case is company scrip. It works like money within the company's system. Why might receiving company scrip be a hardship for an employee?

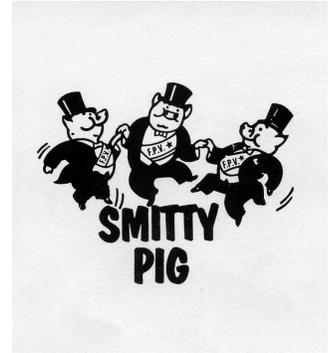
### **Ham Industry:**

Name the first person to record sales of Smithfield ham.

In what year was the largest ham biscuit created in Smithfield?

Who was Smitty the Pig?

In what year was the “Pet Ham” cured?



What do you think the black flecks are on the large ham?

**Watch the film on Isle of Wight County History:**

In what year did John Smith first visit what is now Isle of Wight County?

What other industries other than ham have been in Isle of Wight County?

**Early Colonial History:**

What were the names of the three different Native American groups living in Isle of Wight County? (Must spell correctly)

Name two items that the early colonists traded with the Native Americans.



Look for the objects to the left. What are these and at what early settlement were they found?

Olive oil was an important part of a British sailor’s diet. Find the olive oil jar. In what country was it made?

### **Civil War comes to Isle of Wight:**

What type of cannon is this? What year was it made? (Hint: Look on the side)



Fort Huger was attacked from the James River. What was the name of a ship that fired upon the fort?

Looking at the 9-inch Dahlgren shell, how does a shell work differently than a solid shot cannon ball?

### **Smokehouse:**

Smell the scents of the smokehouse. Which is your favorite?

What ingredient is used in farm and industrial production of ham?

Look at the hog scalding pot. What uses did it have on the farm?

### **Milk Bottles:**

Milk was once delivered to the home. Based on these bottles, what other types of dairy products were delivered?



What is the purpose of the toothache bottle?

Colleges also produced milk for their students. Can you find milk bottles from three Virginia colleges?

## **Agriculture:**

What were the three main crops grown in Isle of Wight County?

In the agriculture exhibit, there is an apple press. What would a farmer make from pressed apples?

The large wooden bowl had a special use on a farm. How was it used?

A corn shucker was used on most farms. Why was it an important tool?

Wagons did the work that trucks do today. List three similarities between a wagon and a truck.

