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50th Anniversary Dinner Meeting



*Premier of the
Friendship House Colonial Clothing Exhibit*

*Sara Rivers-Cofield, Curator of Federal Collections
Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory
will present*

Colonial Clothing of the 18th Century

Saturday, May 5, 2012

4:00 p.m. Tours

5:00 p.m. Dinner & Program

at Friendship House

La Plata Campus,

College of Southern Maryland

The Colonial Clothing Exhibit

was funded through a grant from

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50 Years Ago....

Newly Formed County Historical Society Plans Projects

The Times Crescent - May 31, 1962

Following cocktails and a beef dinner, the Historical Society of Charles County, Inc., held its first general membership meeting at Benedict Pier, Wednesday, May 23. More than eight members attended.

F. DeSales Mudd, master of ceremonies, introduced Charles E. Fenwick, president of St. Mary's County Historical Society, and his wife; Mrs. Edward H. Forney, Washington genealogist and D.A.R. regent; and Norbert G. Mudd of Richmond.

Dr. Reginald V. Truitt, past president of Queen Ann's County Historical Society, spoke of the rich historical background of Charles County and the challenge to a County Historical Society.

Dr. Truitt listed many subjects for research and lecture work:

1. Missionary work among Indians, great men such as John Hanson, Thomas Stone, Daniel of St. Thomas and General Smallwood.
2. Home, manor houses, churches and original grants
3. Culinary accomplishments
4. Collection of graveyard records
5. Indians and their relics
6. War records
7. Local legends
8. Photographic record of antiques and county homes
9. Significance of place names
10. Acquisition of permanent home
11. Establishing a museum

Guy W. Weatherly, Senior Archivist of the Hall of Records in Annapolis, told "What the Hall



Jane K. Linton, Board Member, provided us with the cancelled check from the first dinner meeting of the Historical Society. Her grandmother, Emily Marbury Linton, was the first Treasurer of the Historical Society. With over 80 members in attendance the cost for the dinner was \$201.62

of Records means to the Citizens of Maryland." He invited the society to make use of the largest collection of colonial governmental records in the United States.

The gavel was then turned over to Bennett Crain, president, for a regular membership meeting. He announced the officers for the coming year: Vice-President, Eugene Jenkins, Jr., Secretary, Mrs. Edward J. Edelen; Treasurer, Mrs. Samuel C. Linton, Sr.

Directors will be: Robert T. Barbour, Judge John Dudley Digges, Francis I. Ferrall, Admiral Frank J. Fletcher, Mrs. Worthington S. Kemp, Mrs. George H. Matthews, Miss Louise Matthews, James C. Mitchell, John H. Mitchell, F. DeSales Mudd, Lemuel Wilmer. The treasurer reported 252 members.

Mr. Crain announced that the next regular meeting of the membership would be in October. Plans are underway to establish a permanent headquarters for the society.

Presidents of the Historical Society of Charles County

Bennett Crain 1962-1963

Excerpt taken from *The Maryland Independent*

Bennett Crain was the son of Robert and Margaret Bennett Crain of Baltimore. He was born June 20, 1905 and died at his home, Mount Victoria, November 1978. He practiced law in Washington and Baltimore before retirement, and served in the U. S. Department Justice and the Farm Credit Administration. He was a Democratic candidate for governor of Maryland in 1962. During World War II, Mr. Crain was president of the Navy League, and served as a colonel of the Maryland Civil Air Patrol.

An avid horseman in younger days, he was master of the De La Brooke Hunt Club. Beginning in the Franklin Delano Roosevelt era, Mr. Crain was active in behind the scenes political life at national and state levels. He entertained many important political figures, both at Mount Victoria Farm and on his boat, the *Uncle Willie*, named after William Hassett, an aide of FDR.

Mr. Crain was proudest of working for legislation that culminated in construction of the first Chesapeake Bay Bridge and the Potomac River Bridge on U.S. 301. Route 301 is known as the Crain Highway because Robert and Bennett Crain led efforts to make Southern Maryland accessible by highway. The road is named for Mr. Crain's father, Robert.

Bennett Crain was a member of the Metropolitan and Chevy Chase Clubs in the Washington area, and the Maryland Club in Baltimore. He was a member of the Southern Maryland Society, and the first president of the Charles County Historical Society.

Mr. Crain was a graduate of the St. James School of Hagerstown, and attended Trinity College in Connecticut. He earned his law degree at the Washington College of Law.

Eugene A. Jenkins, Jr. 1963-1964, 1966-1967

From *The Congressional Record*, July 10, 2003

Mr. President, I would like to notice the passing this week of Eugene Augustine Jenkins, Jr. of Maryland, a loyal Senate staff member and legal counsel to several senators over the course of almost four decades. Gene Jenkins came to the Senate in 1953 after serving in the Air Force as an Assistant Judge Advocate General from 1951 to 1953, and after receiving bachelor and law degrees from Georgetown University. He worked for Senators J. Glenn Beall and Charles McC. Matthias of Maryland, Senator Winston Prouty of Vermont, and Senator Roman Hruska of Nebraska.

During his long years of service, Gene Jenkins garnered a reputation not only as a fine lawyer, but also as the most meticulous historian and archivist that a Senator could hire to prepare their historical records and papers. A Senator that hired

Gene Jenkins would have to hide the fact by hiding Jenkins' office because Jenkins' reputation was so well known that if a Senator had hired him, it clearly signaled that the Senator was about to retire.

A member of the family that once owned Jenkins Hill, which we now call Capitol Hill, Gene Jenkins not only served the Senate modestly, but he was a public servant and good citizen in the truest sense, dedicating himself to numerous voluntary organizations, including his beloved Society of the Cincinnati and the Stewards of Georgetown. He was devoted to his Church and volunteered for many years with Mother Theresa's Sisters of Charity. He will be buried this coming Monday at St. Joseph's Parish in southern Maryland, one of the oldest Roman Catholic churches in North America, near his family home in Pomfret where the Jenkins family has been buried for generations – a final resting place befitting a historian. May he rest in peace.

*William H. Irish, M.D.
Majority Leader, United States Senate*

H. Maxwell Mitchell, Jr. 1964-1966

Hugh Maxwell Mitchell, Jr. (Jake) was born in Baltimore Maryland and raised in Charles County. He attended Charles County schools and graduated from Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia in 1951. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia in 1955.

Mr. Mitchell joined the U.S. Navy in March of 1956, obtained a commission from Pensacola, Florida, and served as a Naval Flight Officer (navigator) aboard Naval Aircraft at Patuxent River, Maryland. He joined the Naval Reserve, served as an assistant training officer, and retired as Lieutenant Commander.

Mr. Mitchell served two terms as past Director on the Board of the Charles County Chamber of Commerce, past President of the Historical Society of Charles County, past member of the La Plata Lions Club and past Lay Reader and Vestryman in the Episcopal Church. He is a past President of the General William Smallwood Chapter Military Officers Association of America, and also past Vice-President and Board of Directors for the Chapter. He also served as President and Vice-President of the Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School PTA, and President of the Band Boosters at McDonough High School.

Currently, Mr. Mitchell serves as a member of the Vestry of Mt. Calvary Anglican Church, and as a Director for the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum in Charles County. He is a long time member of the Charles County Farm Bureau, and maintains membership in the River's Edge at Pax River (formerly Cedar Point Officers Club).

Mr. Mitchell is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. He is a life member of the Naval Reserve Association,

Historical Society of Charles County, University of Virginia Alumni Association, and the Thomas Jefferson Society at the University of Virginia.

He is married to Sandra Sowder Mitchell, and has two married children, Hugh M. Mitchell III, and Mariamne Risteau Mitchell Okrzesik.

W. Preston Williams 1967-1968

Excerpt taken from *The Maryland Independent*

William Preston Williams was born in Doncaster March 4, 1897, the son of Peter Preston Williams and Catherine Blake Dunnington Williams. He was a graduate of McDonough Institute in La Plata and the University of Maryland. He attended the Maryland Agricultural College, and finished his formal education at Strayers Business College. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War I, and entered the automobile business in Washington in 1922 as assistant service manager for Hurley Motor Company. He was co-founder and president of Williams and Baker, Inc., from which he retired many years later.

Mr. Williams was a member of the University of Maryland Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity, past president of the Charles County Historical Society, member of the Southern Maryland Society, and Charles County Fair Board. He was past president of the Georgetown Lions Club, and past governor of District 22 C-Lions International. He was affiliated with several Masonic organizations. He died January 18, 1993 and was buried at Mt. Rest Cemetery, La Plata.

John H. Mitchell 1968-1970

Excerpt taken from *The Maryland Independent*

John Hanson Mitchell was born in College Park, the son Hanson Mitchell and Sue Turner Mitchell. He was a retired assistant U.S. attorney, and served in the Maryland House of Delegates from Charles County from 1959 to 1963.

Mr. Mitchell spent a large part of his boyhood at "Hanson Hill" overlooking the Port Tobacco valley. In 1933, he received his L.L.D. degree from the University of Maryland, and practiced law in La Plata with the late Rudolf A. Carrico.

From 1937 to 1942, he was the assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia. Later, he transferred to the Department of Justice and served as a trial lawyer in the criminal and tax divisions. In 1955, he became chief of the criminal section of the tax division. He left the department in 1956, and entered private practice with Edward S. Digges. Two years later, he was elected to a four-year term in the Maryland House of Delegates. He then returned to government service briefly, retiring in 1965.

Mr. Mitchell was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court and was a member of the Maryland, DC, and Charles

County Bar Associations. He was also a past president of the Charles County Historical Society. He died December 8, 1970 at the age of 66 in Port Tobacco.

Watson M. Perrygo 1970-1978

Watson M. Perrygo, field collector, taxidermist, and exhibits specialist for the United States National Museum (USNM), was born in Washington, DC As a young man, Perrygo was a frequent visitor to the USNM. He became a protégé of the ornithologist, Alexander Wetmore, then Director of the Museum, with whom he went on weekend field trips in Maryland and Virginia.

Perrygo began his career at the USNM in 1927 as a scientific aide in the Division of Mammals and the taxidermy studio. In addition to the taxidermic and other collection-related work, Perrygo was sent on field trips to collect birds, mammals, and snakes unrepresented in the USNM. His collecting activities included trips to Haiti, 1929; again to Haiti in 1930 as a member of the Parish-Smithsonian Expedition; to West Virginia, 1936; to Tennessee, 1937; to Kentucky, 1938; to North Carolina, 1939; to South Carolina, 1940; and to Rampart Cave, Arizona, 1942, as assistant to A. Remington Kellogg to excavate skeletal remains of several species of mammals, birds, lizards, and snakes. Between 1946 and 1953, Perrygo also accompanied Wetmore to Panama on several occasions to collect birds.

Perrygo served as exhibits preparator and zoological exhibits worker in the Department of Zoology, USNM, 1952-1958, and as zoological exhibits worker in the Office of Exhibits, Museum of History and Technology (MHT), 1958-1960. He was in charge of taxidermy for MHT, 1960-1962, and for the Museum of Natural History (MNH), 1962-1964. Perrygo was an important figure in the exhibits modernization program at the USNM during the 1940s and 1950s.

After his retirement in 1964, Perrygo was an active participant in historical preservation projects in Maryland as president of the Charles County Historical Society, and as a member of the Board of the Maryland Historical Trust. He also directed the museum exhibits program of the Botanical Garden Museum, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. From time to time, Perrygo also did consulting work on exhibits in the Smithsonian Institution.

George C. Dyson 1978-1982

George Conrad Dyson is the 10th generation of the Dyson family to be in Charles County, Maryland. He has family lines through Dyson, Moran, Bowie, Posey, Milstead, and Ward that can be traced back to the beginnings of the county and colony of Maryland. Born in Marbury, Maryland, he has lived on the family farm in Ironsides since he was four. Still farming, George has placed the family farm under Farm Preservation to preserve it for many years to come.

Mr. Dyson attended and graduated from Nanjemoy School. After graduation in 1943, he began a job at the Naval

Powder Plant in Indian Head. In April 1944, he signed up to attend college at the Virginia Military Institute, but this was interrupted by being drafted for the Army during World War II.

After the war, Mr. Dyson returned to the Indian Head Naval Powder Plant in 1947 to work various positions in the Engineering Section. Eventually he became facilities manager for the Navy while earning his civil engineering degree. After 30 years of working for the Navy, Mr. Dyson went to work for the Charles County Community College as their facilities manager. Upon leaving this position in 1985, he worked as a consultant for local construction companies.

Mr. Dyson was a member of the Charles County Board of Education from 1963 to 1969, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Charles County Community College.

He has been a Masonic member of Perseverance Lodge #208 for over 60 years, and also a member of Eastern Star Grace Chapter #21. He has worked with the Charles County Fair Board and continues to work in the Farm Museum during the fair. He was also the Chairman for Christmas in April from its beginning until 2000.

Mr. Dyson has been a lifelong member of Christ Church Durham. He has worked in and for the church as a member of the vestry from 1949-1986, and as a lay reader and teacher for many years. From 1984 to 1985, he served as consultant for the restoration of the interior of Christ Church Durham. In 1985 he and his wife Ruby worked on the preservation of the records from the church registry, and has kept and updated the church cemetery records. He still gives historical tours of the church when asked.

Mr. Dyson and his wife, Ruby, are charter members of the Historical Society of Charles County. He is a past president of the society. He is a charter member and past president of the Thomas Stone Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He has worked with the Maryland Historical Trust, the Charles County Tourism Committee, and the Charles County Small Museum Consortium.

He served as chairman of the Bicentennial Celebration Committee for Charles County to celebrate our nation's 200th Anniversary. Under his direction, the Committee initiated many projects including the reassembling of Friendship House on the college campus, the restoration of Catslide house in Port Tobacco, the Charles County Flag project, and the beginning of the Historical Society's Cemetery Project. Also, as part of the Bicentennial, \$15,000.00 in funds were made available to Physicians Memorial Hospital for a room highlighting the history of the hospital, a hard cover copy of the History of Charles County was published, and the first edition of the history of one and two room schoolhouses was compiled.

While President of the Historical Society, he continued to encourage a listing of all gravesites of Charles County. The Historical Society at this time worked with Charlotte Hall Military Academy to obtain and preserve the records for the last 200 years of this historic academy. A barn dating from the 1850's was moved and reassembled in 1985 on a location at General Smallwood State Park.

Mr. Dyson has worked on many other preservation projects through various historical organizations, notably the Green's

Inheritance renovation, the adaptive restoration of the first jail in La Plata as office space, and petitioning for Widow's Pleasure to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. He also supported the work for reconstruction of *Habre de Venture*. Most recently, he has worked with the committee to develop a Maryland Veteran's Museum to showcase Maryland's involvement in our nation's conflicts.

Michael J. Mazzeo, Jr. 1986-1992

Michael J. Mazzeo, Jr., is a historian and genealogist and author of *The Simmons and Welch Family of Charles County, Maryland*. He has an A.A. from Charles County Community College, a B.A. from Salisbury State University and a M.S. from Western Maryland College.

Mr. Mazzeo is a charter member and past president of the Thomas Stone Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and past president of the Historical Society of Charles County. He was appointed by the Charles County Commissioners to the Southern Maryland Regional Tourism Committee, the Charles County Tourism Advisory Board, where he served as chairman, and to the Charles County Heritage Commission, where he served as president. He was the illustrations editor for the 2008 publication of *Pathways to History, Charles County, Maryland 1658-2008*.

Mr. Mazzeo serves on the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Charles County, and is the chair of its Friendship House Foundation. He is a member of the Smallwood Foundation Board as well as the Southern Maryland Studies Center Advisory Board of the College of Southern Maryland. He is a Social Studies teacher with the Charles County Public School system, and serves as the chair of the Special Awards Committee for the Charles County School's History Fair.

Dr. Lloyd S. Bowling 1992-1998

Lloyd S. Bowling, Sr. is a native of Charles County. He resides at Westwood Manor, a historically significant grant. He is Professor Emeritus at The George Washington University where he taught and chaired the Department of Speech and Drama, and the Department of Speech and Hearing Science. He holds a doctorate in the field of Education from the University of Maryland.

As past president of the Charles County Historical Society and past president of the County Heritage Committee, he has long held an interest in the history and preservation of the county. He was on the 350th Anniversary Committee and is responsible for producing the DVD of the county history.

He is presently serving on the Charles County Conservancy Board. Having an extensive interest in community theater, he keeps active membership in three theatrical groups: Port Tobacco Players, Hexagon, and the British Players. A lifelong Methodist, he is very active in the La Plata United Methodist Church.

**Kaye O'Kelley
2004-2008**

Kaye Allen O'Kelley was born in Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, North Carolina, to Staff Sergeant Ernie William Allen and Mollie Frances Strother.

Ms. O'Kelley moved to Washington, DC to begin her career service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and continued in government service with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Energy, from which she retired. Soon after retirement, she began another career as Charles County liaison to former Delegates Thomas E. Hutchins, Louis Hennessey, and Daniel Mayer. In 2008, Ms. O'Kelley became involved with her family and spends most of her time currently between North Carolina, Tennessee and New Jersey, although her residence is in Charles County.

She is involved in genealogical research on the Strothers, Allens, and their allied families. She has served as Past Regent of the Port Tobacco Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Past President of the Historical Society of Charles County. She has also served as President of the William Strother Society of Virginia at two separate times, and been Conference Chairman of the Society three times. This Society is Ms. O'Kelley's maternal family, and meets biannually in Virginia. The family was closely allied to the Washington, Taylor, and other colonial families. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Society. She served as Raffle Committee Chairman for Hospice of Charles County for a number of years and has been involved with the Port Tobacco Players.

**Joyce B. Candland
2008 - Present**

Joyce Candland was born and raised in Washington, DC, the daughter of Archie Burgess and Marian Hancock Burgess. Archie and Marian had moved to DC in 1932 from Charles County, Maryland, where their families had been for over 200 years. Joyce attended local schools, and married John Candland, who had moved to Maryland with his family from Utah after WWII. Their family now includes 10 children, 61 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Joyce served as Director of the Washington, DC, Family History Center in Kensington, Maryland, for 25 years. She taught genealogy classes for the Montgomery County, Maryland, Historical Society, served in various positions in Montgomery County Historical and Genealogical Societies and the Genealogical Council of Maryland, and served on speaker bureaus for the Montgomery County Historical Society from 1981 to 1995, and the Washington, DC Public Affairs Office, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, from 1985 to 1996.

Joyce and John have been life members of the Historical Society of Charles County and the Restoration of Port Tobacco Society since the 1960s.

Currently, Joyce serves as the President of the Historical Society of Charles County, and as Director of the White Plains, Maryland, Family History Center. She is a past Regent of the Port Tobacco Chapter DAR, and is active in the Ella Virginia Houck Holloway Chapter US Daughters of 1812, and Charles County, Maryland, Genealogical Society. When not pursuing her passion for family and Maryland history, Joyce enjoys spending time with her family, working as an office manager for a real estate appraisal firm, gardening, and volunteering for Meals on Wheels.



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Together, the College of Southern Maryland, the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco, the Thomas Stone National Historic Site, and the Historical Society of Charles County are proud to present

A Day of Colonial History

Saturday, May 5, 2012



9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Thomas Stone National Historic Site Tours**

12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. **Port Tobacco Courthouse Tours**

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Friendship House Tours**

3:00 p.m. Dr. Julia King will speak on *The Zekiah Fort* in the Center for Business and Industry next to Friendship House. (This presentation is part of the Friendship House Lecture Series sponsored by the Southern Maryland Studies Center and the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium)

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Friendship House Colonial Clothing Exhibit Tours**

5:00 p.m. Dinner on the Lawn at Friendship House (reservations required)

6:00 p.m. Sara Rivers-Cofield will present *Colonial Clothing of the 18th Century* in the Center for Business and Industry

Friendship House Lecture Series

Sponsored by the College of Southern Maryland and the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium.

Saturday May 19, 2012

College of Southern Maryland, La Plata Campus

Center for Business & Industry room BI 113

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Timothy B. Riordan, Historic St. Mary's City will present "Carry me to yon kirk yard": An investigation of changing burial practices in the Seventeenth-Century cemetery at St. Mary's City, Maryland.

A total of 57 burials were excavated in the 17th-century cemetery at St. Mary's City, Maryland. Through a unique combination of the structural history of the site and a detailed recording process, the burials are assigned to three 30-year time periods spanning c. 1638-1730. This data is used to investigate changes in the use and construction of coffins, the function of copper pins, and the evolution of hand placement in the burials. These trends are related to larger changes in English burial practices.

Ruth M. Mitchell, Historic St. Mary's City will present "A vain resistance to an inevitable dispensation": Evolution and dating of the brick lined graves in the cemetery at Cloverfield, Maryland.

A family sponsored restoration of the Cloverfield cemetery on the Eastern Shore provided a unique opportunity to study 38 brick graves dating from 1736 to 1884. Almost half of these had associated ledger stones dating the internment. Variation was noted in the shape and construction of the crypt, the closing of the vault and in the presence of a superstructure. Significant temporal differences were observed in these variables. Using these variables, a model was created of change over time which proved useful in placing the unmarked graves within time periods and aided in probably identification of family members. The dating model created for this project is presented as a tool for use in dating unmarked brick graves.



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Please Join Us for Our
Spring 50th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, May 5, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.
on the lawn at Friendship House
La Plata Campus, College of Southern Maryland
Please reply by April 30, 2012

Program

Premier of the Friendship House Colonial Clothing Exhibit
Sara Rivers-Cofield, Curator of Federal Collections Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory will present

Colonial Clothing of the 18th Century

Menu

Southern Maryland Stuffed Ham & *Maryland Fried Chicken* & *Crab balls*
Parsley Potatoes & *Peas* & *Coleslaw* & *Pasta salad*
Rolls & Butter & *Beverages: Ice Tea, Coffee, and Ice Water* & *Anniversary Cake*



Number of people attending _____ @ \$25.00 per person = \$ _____ enclosed.

Attendees: _____

Checks must be received by April 30, 2012 – (sorry, no exceptions)
Mail this form and your check made out to HSCC to:
Mary Pat Berry & P.O. Box 227 & Port Tobacco, MD 20677

Your Society at Work

Our May meeting will be a grand celebration of the Historical Society of Charles County's 50th anniversary. See page 9 for details. Mark your calendars now.

Our Society will have a table at the Port Tobacco Market Day on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you would like to help greet visitors, please let me know. Joyce at 301-246-4488 or email – joyce.candland@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday May 5th

- A Day of Colonial History
- Dr. Julia King: The Zekiah Fort*
- Historical Society Spring Dinner Meeting

Saturday, May 19th

- Port Tobacco Market Days
- Dr. Timothy B. Riordan: Carry me to yon kirk yard*
- Ruth M. Mitchell: A vain resistance to an inevitable dispensation*

Saturday, October 20th

- Share Your History Day: *Farmers and Watermen* from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Calvert County

* *Friendship House Lecture Series* sponsored by the College of Southern Maryland and the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium.

President's Message

Our January 2012 meeting was a grand success with our speaker, Susan Proctor, from the Surratt House Museum. Her presentation on the movie *The Conspirator* and the part Mary Surratt played (or didn't play) in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln was most interesting. Ms. Proctor is knowledgeable about her subject and a delight to listen to.

The War of 1812 in Charles County's Backyard DVD continues to win recognition and awards. Our congratulations to members Mary Pat Berry and Mike Mazzeo and to the La Plata High School students.

Welcome to new members Pearl Haley, Millie Hamman, Margaret and Richard Heise, June and Gary Leyland, and William Richardson.

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