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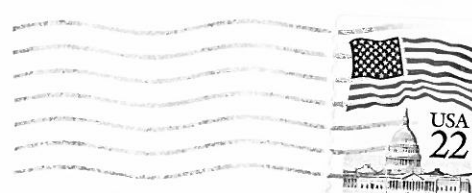
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Elwood M. Leviner, *Editor*

This issue of **The Record** provides the reader with a complete listing of the Historical Society's officers and committee members, as well as announcements and reports from committees. Reports not completely reported this month will be completed in the next issue. The focus upon committees and their work is designed to keep the membership informed about the work of this association. Future issues of **THE RECORD** will continue this practice.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Society was fortunate to have as their guest speaker for their October Dinner Meeting, Mrs. Hope H. Grace, genealogist for the St. Mary's County Genealogical Society who spoke on the topic: Genealogy, Facts and Fiction. Mrs. Grace emphasized the following points when researching your Maryland roots:

- Everyone's ancestors did not come directly to Maryland on the "Ark and Dove". Some came from New England, the West Indies and especially Virginia.
- The early settlers did not always stay in one area. Some moved to Virginia, the Carolinas, Kentucky, New York and Missouri.
- Don't assume that because a man owned land in one county that he lived there. Land owners of St. Mary's county before 1725 lived in New York, New Jersey, Virginia and the Carolinas.
- There were no "Great Halls," silks, satins, laces and velvets in early Maryland. Most settlers were well aware that there were no society as such here to welcome and entertain them. It was primitive beyond our imagination.
- Don't assume that your ancestors had a "Coat of Arms" if a family of the same surname is found to have one.
- Read the Provincial Court records to find out about life in early Maryland.
- Make your genealogy as close to fact as the records available will allow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A book of local interest has been written by one of our members, Dr. William Close. The work, *A Sandlot Saga*, traces the evolution of the Charles-St. Mary's Baseball League from 1947-1985. Copies may be purchased by calling 934-9192. The cost is \$10.50.

WAYS AND MEANS

The Historical Society has for sale the following items:

Friendship House Dolls — \$18.00

Friendship House Stationary — \$2.10

This was the Potomac River by Frederick Tilp

Chesapeake Bay of Yore by Frederick Tilp

please call a member of the Ways and Means committee for further information.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE TOURS

The Friendship House Tours Committee is currently seeking volunteers to become docents for Friendship House who will be available during the daytime to help conduct tours with other docents to groups of school students. For those interested and for more information please contact Anita Wood at 934-4289, 6 to 8 p.m.

The Historical Society is always looking for people to work on any committee and welcomes your participation. For those interested in a particular committee, please contact the committee chairperson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Historical Society will hold its annual winter meeting on Saturday, January 24, 1987, 2:00 p.m. at the Hawthorn Country Club. The guest speaker will be Mr. Hall Kassoff, administrator of the Maryland State Highway Administration who will deliver a slide presentation describing plans for the new Potomac River bridge crossing from Virginia to Charles County's historic western shore near Chicamuxen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Continued)*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Historical Society would like to welcome the following new members since January 1986:

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Jones, Nanjemoy
Mr. Robert A. Gaebler, Oak Park, Illinois
Dr. & Mrs. William Close, La Plata
Mr. Willard Saunders, Jr., Tall Timbers, Maryland
Mr. & Mrs. William Cramer, Silver Spring
Mr. Kemp B. Wills, Johnson City, Tennessee
(Life Member)

SOUTHERN MARYLAND ROOMS

The Southern Maryland Rooms in the Learning Resource Center of Charles County Community College is open Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The following members of the Historical Society have been volunteers in the Southern Maryland Rooms: Ruby Dyson, Kathryn Hickey, Michael Mazzeo, Louise Turner and Anita Wood.

PROJECT COMMITTEE

The project committee has been abstracting information on births, marriages and deaths from The Port Tobacco Times (1845 to 1893). At the present time the reading of the microfilm has been completed through April 1882.

This committee originally had six members working on this project is in need of members to help complete this project in order to make available an alphabetical and printed form for genealogists and researchers.

Should any member be interested in helping to finalize this project please call Eleanor Higdon at 259-2273.

The Friendship House Furnishings Committee announced the recent acquisition of the following antique items:

A pair of late 18th century 16½" pewter chargers (plates), a set of six pewter tablespoons with raised design on the handles, a set of three pewter measurers, and an oval, drum-shaped, tole (tin) teapot with the original decorations. These items join the growing collection of furnishings at the Friendship House on the grounds of the Charles County Community College.

If you happen to have any suitable items for donation or for potential purchase, please call the Committee Chairman, Warren Barley at 934-9629 or 843-6262.

OLD HOME SURVEY

The Old Home Sites files, housed in the Southern Maryland Studies Center of the Charles County Community College currently contain 119 individual folders of 149 historic homes and churches in Charles County. Folders include photographs, histories, architectural drawings, newspaper clippings, pamphlets and other historical information regarding the site. Not only do the files contain folders on sites from Charles County but also numerous folders on sites in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Dorchester, Queen Anne, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's Counties, the District of Columbia and Virginia.

Subsequent issues of **The Record** will contain a listing of our House Sites file index.

CHARLES COUNTY HOUSE SITES FILE INDEX
SOUTHERN MARYLAND ROOM
CHARLES COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LA PLATA, MARYLAND

December 1986

Mrs. Edward C. Turner, *Chairman*

Mrs. Ira Dell Newcomb

Charles County (individual folders)

Acquensicke
Apple Grove
Araby
Ballast House
Betty's Delight
Bird's Nest
Black Friars
Bolton
Bryantown — Boarman's Manor
Brinkwood
Brick House
Cedar Grove — Evergreen
Old Tavern
Sunny Side
Burlean Hall — Mt. Pleasant
Catslide House
Causine Manor
Cedar Grove (Blossom Point Road)
Chandler's Hope
Chapman's Landing — Mt. Aventine
Charleston
Chimney House
Cherry Hill (burned 1980)
Christ Church, La Plata
Christ Church, Wayside
Clifton
Cool Spring Farm
Dearbought
Dent's Levels — Jameson House
Dent's Palace
Digges Mill

COMPOSITE FOLDERS (by region)
(CONTINUED)

Patuxent Manor by Turner
(Also on file at Winterthur,
Wilmington, Delaware)

District of Columbia
Dumbarton House
Key House (gone)
Lindens
Morman Temple

Eastern Shore
Chestertown
Dorchester County
Easton
Queen Anne's County
Talbot County

Montgomery County
Gittings Ha Ha
Pleasant Hills

Prince George's County
Bowling Heights
Bellefield's
Bostwick
Brant House
Beall's Pleasure
Content
Hard Bargain
Hardy Tavern
His Lordships Kindness
Hill-Buck House
High Sheriff's House (Marlboro)
Marietta
Mattaponi
Marlborough Hunt Club
Melwood
Michael Stone House — Sunnyside
Montpelier (Laurel)
Montpelier of Moore's Plains
Mount Airy
Mt. Calvert
Mt. Pleasant
Oxon Hill Manor
Riversdale
Selma
St. Barnabus
St. Mary's Rectory (Aquasco)
St. Thomas' of Croom
Surratt House
Villa De Sales
Warburton
Waverly
Weston
Woodlawn
Woodstock

St. Mary's County
Bachelor's Hope
Deep Fals
De La Brooke
Glen Mary Farm
Notley Hall
Mulberry Fields
Newtown, Breton Bay (Manor of
Little Brittainline)
Ocean Hall
Sandgates
Sotterley
St. Andrews Church
St. Cecilia's Catholic Church
The Plains
Tudor Hall
West St. Mary's Manor
Susquehanna
Etc

St. Mary's City
Outline and Development Plan for
Preservation and Development of
St. Mary's City
Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church
Archaeology
St. Maries City Newsletters
Broke Howard House
Calvert House
Godiah Spray
State House and Inn

Virginia
Adam Thoroughgood House
Bacon's Castle
Blandfield
Camden
Cherry Grove
Kenmore
Monroe Museum
Mount Airy
Mt. Vernon
Monticello
Houses on the Northern Neck
Oak Hill
Tuckahoe
Westover
White House of the Confederacy
Wilton

Gunston Hall by Turner

Mason Houses (Analoaton, Lexington,
Newtown)