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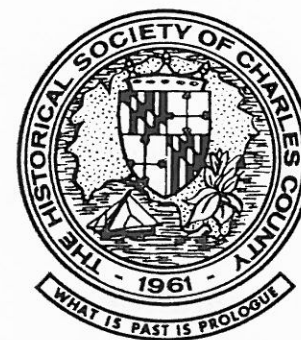
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Editor's Note: This issue marks the 50th publication of the Historical Society of Charles County. In honor of this golden anniversary it is most appropriate to list the feature article and author of each issue from the first to the present:

1963 — History of the Fifth District of Charles County, Rev. D. Wade Safford
 1964 — Our Heritage
 April 1965 — Southern Maryland During the War of 1812, Margaret Brown Klaphor
 December 1965 — Charles Countians who have served in Congress, Eugene Jenkins, Jr.
 November 1966 — Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Rosalie Carrico
 January 1968 — Charles County Court Proceedings, 1674
 Spring 1969 — Charles Calvert's House in The Manor of Zekiah, Anne S. Brown
 Spring 1970 — Trials of Josias Fendall, Anne S. Brown
 Fall 1970 — Maryland's Revolutionary Leaders who came from Charles County, John Hanson Mitchell
 May 1976 — Mt. Pleasant, J. Richard Rivoire
 October 1976 — Writing A History of Charles County, Jack D. Brown
 May 1977 — The Maryland Historical Trust Sites Survey, Mark R. Edwards
 October 1977 — Friendship House Dedication
 March 1978 — Presentation of newly acquired Friendship House furnishings made at Historical Society meeting
 January 1979 — An Old House Burned, Louise Boone Turner
 May 1979 — The Revolutionary Soldiers of Charles County, Susan Shaffer
 October 1979 — Future Historians Depend on You, Marcia E. Monaco
 May 1980 — Dr. James Craik, Robert R. Adams
 February 1980 — Insights into the American Revolution in Charles County in 1781 as revealed by letters of Daniel Jenifer to Governor Thomas Simms Lee, Watson M. Perrygo
 September 1980 — Dr. James Craik, Robert R. Adams
 #21 February 1981 — A Revolutionary War Soldier, Susan Shaffer

#22 May 1981 — The Town of La Plata, Charles County Maryland, Kathryn Cochrane Newcomb
 #23 September 1981 — Dent's Palace, Part 1, Olga S. Hamer
 #24 February 1982 — Dent's Palace, Part 2, Olga S. Hamer
 #25 May 1982 — A Charles Countian's Letters from Yale 1859-1860, Sarah L. Barley
 #26 September 1982 — From Your President and Endowment Fund, George C. Dyson
 #27 February 1983 — Neighbor Washington, Margaret Brown Klaphor
 #28 May 1983 — Saint Thomas Manor, Michael F. Trostel, A.I.A.
 #29 September 1983 — Locust Grove, a newly restored gem for Charles County, J. Richard Rivoire
 #30 February 1984 — William Wirt, Student in Charles County
 #31-32 May-September 1984 — Thomas Stone, Margaret Stone Dippold
 #33 February 1985 — The Mudd Family and Charles County Maryland, Dr. Richard D. Mudd
 #34 May 1985 — Sedition in Charles County? 1861—, Sarah L. Barley
 #35 August 1985 — Olivia Floyd, Herbert Ryerson
 #36 February 1986 — Guarding the Morgantown Bridge, 1942-43, 2nd Lt. Merle T. Cole, MDSG
 #37 May 1986 — Orphans of the Confederacy, Garth E. Bowling, Jr.
 #38 September 1986 — A Bid for Freedom, The Case of Nancy Queen
 #39 January 1987 — Charles County Historic Sites Index, Louise B. Turner
 #40 May 1987 — Historical Society's Cemetery project near completion
 #41 September 1987 — The Healing Waters of Ye Coole Springs, Bernard J. Beary
 #42 January 1988 — The Future of Habre De Venture
 #43 May 1988 — The Forgotten Cavalier: Joseph Lancaster Brent, Garth E. Bowling, Jr.
 #44 May 1988 — The Forgotten Cavalier: Joseph Lancaster Brent (cont'd), Garth E. Bowling, Jr.
 #45 January 1989 — Washington Eastern Bypass Endangers Port Tobacco
 #46 June 1989 — A World War II Prisoner of War in

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Germany, Patrick C. Mudd
 #47 January 1990 — A Post-Revolution Letter from a Charles County Resident, Charles G. LaHood, Jr.
 #48 April 1990 — The Cornwallis or Mattawoman Neck, 1608-1890, Joseph Y. Rowe
 #49 October 1990 — Admiral Raphael Semmes, Paul Semmes Perrin
 While available, the above issues can be obtained at Friendship House on weekends from May to September for free or by mail at 25 cents each.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Keech Edelen,
 Society's First Secretary

The Historical Society was saddened to learn about the death of Mary Keech Edelen on November 4, 1990. She was an organizing charter member of the Historical Society and its first secretary.

Born August 19, 1908 in Dubois, Maryland, she was the daughter of William Keech and Annie Dyer. She was a teacher, homemaker and genealogist. Mrs. Edelen was a member of the Charles County Tercentenary Board of Directors (1958), the Handicapped and Retarded Children's Association and Spring Dell Day Care Center Association, the John Hanson Society of Maryland Board of Directors, the Restorers of Mt. Carmel Monastery, the Descendants of the Manor Lords of Maryland, a charter member of the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco as well as for the Historical Society. She was also an organizing regent of the Port Tobacco Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the Maryland Genealogical Society and a historical photographer who took a collection of slides of Charles County's historical homes and churches shown to schools, organizations and new communities.

Mrs. Edelen was a designer of Charles County's first official flag, a Charles County Museum Committee member, a member of the Charles County Medical Auxiliary, a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames of Maryland and a member of the St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church, Port Tobacco.

Mrs. Edelen always took an active part in the society's programs and projects. She most recently worked with our Church Records Project.

The Board of Directors has made a contribution in the name of the Historical Society in her

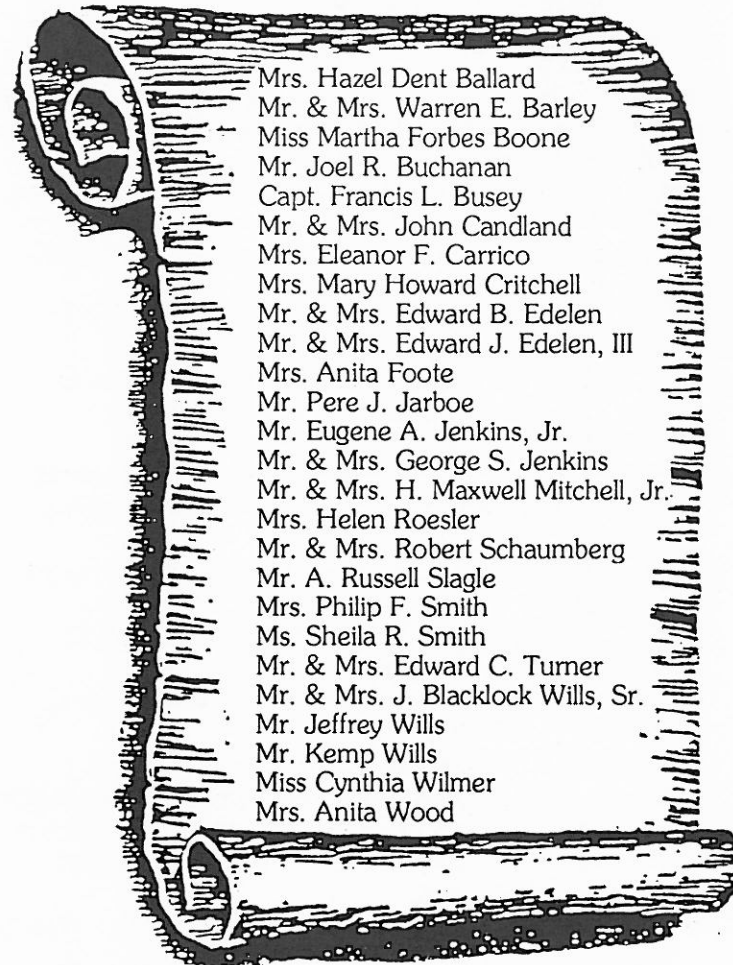
memory to the Southern Maryland Studies Center, Charles County Community College where the Mary K. Edelen Collection is housed.

Membership Committee

The Historical Society would like to welcome the following NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Blanche, Port Tobacco
 Mrs. Susie C. Bowles, Port Tobacco
 Mr. & Mrs. Vincent M. DiSandro, White Plains
 Mr. & Mrs. Ed Seneff, Waldorf
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard S. Sweet, Issue
 Ms. Ruth J. Trapani, Fort Washington
 Mr. & Mrs. Howard M. Dent, Temple Hills
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Heise, III, Indian Head
 Mr. Pere J. Jarboe, Charlotte Hall (life member)

Thank You Life Members



Friendship House

The Friendship House Furnishings Committee uses Colonel William Dent's inventory of 1705 as a guide to furnish Friendship House. Colonel Dent's inventory will begin with this issue and will continue in future publications.

Maryland Hall of Records
 Charles County Inventories, 1677 - 1717
 Liber August 1, 1705, Folio 179 - 186

An Inventory of the goods & Chattells and Creditts of Col. William Dent of Charles County Deceased Taken by us Jn^o Beale and Tho. Stone this 1st day of August 1705.

Att the home house att nangemye

a Large map of all the world
 Ditto of Maryland & Virginia
 an olive wood Scrutere
 a Large ovall Table and Carpett
 1 ditto less - att

11 Leather chaires at 4/6

2 Low ditto at 3/

a Large Looking Glass

6 guns some unfixt at 14/

a glass shelve

a pr screwd pistolls & holsters

In the Room

an olive wood Table & Chest drawers

a Large Looking Glass

6 Cain Chaires at 3/10

a Large Groaning D^o

a cain Couch 10/. a Leather trunk 12/
 a small Looking Glass
 a Small Leather Chaire
 1 bedd and furniture
 5 Small pictures at 2/
 a wooden box & candle & 2 sugar boxes

In the Nursery

6 Straw Chaires at 2/6 4 cain D^o at 8/

1 hatt case at

3 low Chaires and cushion at 2/8

a Close Stoole

2 bedds and 1 Blankett

2 Suits curtains & Vallins & coverlids

1 Chest

The Nursery

2 Beds and some Cloathes

4 p Sheets 1 p good p indiffrent

a Suit Callico Curtains & Vallins

2 Chests at

(to be continued . . .)

Dues Notice

It is now time to pay your 1991 dues. We value you as a member and encourage your support and help throughout the year. The special programs and exhibits we are planning for 1991 will not be possible without your help. Please complete the enclosed MEMBERSHIP ENVELOPE and drop it in the mail with your dues payment. We would appreciate your dues payment by March 1, 1991. (Membership envelopes are NOT included for life members and recent new members).

TOUR GUIDES NEEDED AT FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

One of the Historical Society's most prestigious accomplishments is the rebuilding and furnishing of Friendship House. Today it stands ready to welcome visitors to Maryland's colonial past. Costumed docents (guides) will greet tourists and explain how a colonial family might go about its daily life in a house of this period.

Our 1991 Tourism Season will begin Saturday, May 11th and will continue every Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. through September 1st. A Docent orientation meeting will be held on April 23rd.

Kindly consider signing up as a docent tour guide for the house at least one day this season. We train guides and, because of a grant from the Charles County Tourism Advisory Board, are able to pay \$5.00 per hour stipend. We sincerely need your help. For information call:

Naomi Petrash at 259-4279 or Sally Barley at 934-2251 (ext. 610).

----- Clip ----- and ----- Mail -----
 to: Naomi Petrash, 1606 East Wollaston Dr., Issue, MD 20645

I am interested in being a tour guide for Friendship House

Name _____

Address _____

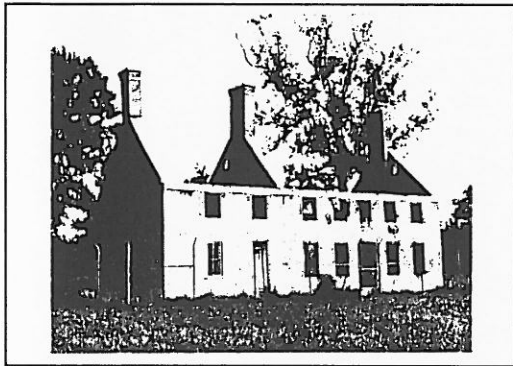
Phone _____

Program Committee

Mark your calendar now for our Spring and Summer Meetings:

Saturday, May 18, 1991 — Spring Dinner Meeting with Dinner on the lawn at Marshall Hall, 5:30 p.m. (rain date - Saturday, June 1, 1991)

Sunday, July 21, 1991 — Summer Meeting with a picnic on the lawn at St. Ignatius Church, Chapel Point, 2:00 p.m.



Marshall Hall

Cemetery Committee

MARSHALL CEMETERY

Marshall Hall Road, Bryans Road

DENT — Under this stone is deposited the body of **Sarah Dent**, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Marshall who died April 9th 1795. aged 59 years, 6 mos. This tribute to the memory of an excellent mother and good woman is made by Geo. Dent.

MARSHALL — Entombed is the body of **Mrs. Ann Marshall** who departed this life the 31st day of July 1805, age 27 years. Inscribed to her memory by her affectionate husband, Thomas Marshall.

To the memory of **Eleanor A.H. Marshall**, consort of Thomas H. Marshall born 6th Dec. 1801, died 25 Oct. 1852, by her affectionate children.

Here lies **Eleanor Douglass**, daughter of Thomas H. and E. A. Marshall died 21 Aug. 1833, age 3 years, 9 mos. & 22 days.

Here lies **Eleanor R. A. Marshall** the child of Thomas H. and Eleanor A. Marshall who departed this life the 26th of Sept. 1829, age 6 years, 9 mos. & 20 days.

To the memory of **Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall**, wife of Thomas Marshall who died in an advanced

age, by her dutiful son Thomas Hanson Marshall, 1772.

Here lies **George D. Marshall**, son of Thomas and Ann Marshall who departed this life on the 11th of Sept. 1822, age 20 years, 2 months and 2 days.

To the memory of **Mrs. Margaret Marshall**, wife of the late Dr. Thomas Marshall died 2nd June 1837 in her 74th year. By her son-in-law Thomas H. Marshall.

Here lies **Margaret Elizabeth Ann**, daughter of Thomas H. and E. A. Marshall, died 18 Oct. 1833, age 9 years, 3 mo. and 22 days.

In memory of **Mary Marshall** who departed this life 3 Jan. 1825 age about 65 years, by her affectionate niece E. A. Marshall.

Here lies **Mary Catherine**, daughter of Thos. H. and E. A. Marshall who departed this life 8 Sept. 1833 age 5 years, 13 days.

To the memory of **Mrs. Rebecca Marshall**, daughter of Col. George Dent and Ann his wife, who departed this life on ye 5 day of December 1770 in the 53rd year of her age, by her loving husband, Thomas Hanson Marshall.

Here lies the body of **Sabina Truman Marshall** wife of Thomas Marshall, gentleman, deceased, and daughter of Col. Thomas Truman Greenfield and Susannah his wife, who departed this life in the 53rd year of her age on the 1st of March Anno Domini 1768.

Here lies the body of **Thomas Marshall**, gentleman, who departed this life on ye 10 day of June in the 65th year of his age Anno Domini 1759.

Here lies **Dr. Thomas Marshall**, son of Thomas H. and Rebecca Marshall who departed this life on the 6 day of June A.D. 1829, age 72 years and 2 months.

The remains of **Thomas Hanson Marshall** are interred under this stone. He was the son to Thomas and Elizabeth Marshall born 9 Apr. 1731 and died 8 March 1801 age 70 years wanting one month.

Here lies **Thomas H. Marshall**, son of Thomas and Ann Marshall died 13 day of December 1843 in 47th year. Placed by his wife E. A. H. Marshall.

STUART — Here lies **Mary**, the wife of Philip Stuart, daughter of Thomas Hanson and Rebecca Marshall, born 26 April 1767, married 17th May 1787, and departed this life 9th May 1789, age 22 years and 12 days.

The Port Tobacco Schoolhouse

The following letter is from the Retired Teachers of Charles County, Maryland. Because of its importance it is printed here in its entirety for your information:

This letter is to inform you of an important activity being planned to take place in our county and to ask for your assistance to help make it happen. The Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco has obtained a long-term lease on the one-room Port Tobacco School from the Frank Wade family. The Society plans to restore it and make it a part of the Port Tobacco Historical Site. The Charles County Retired Teachers Association has agreed to undertake the historical research and the coordination of efforts to restore this turn of the century school.

We believe that this restoration is important for several reasons. The school represents the roots of education in Charles County to a substantial number of its citizens. During the period of segregation, it was used first as a school for white students and later for black students. Our children will have an opportunity to learn about their educational heritage. In addition, the restored one-room school located on the historical site of Port Tobacco will make a contribution to the county's tourism endeavors.

This school in this location is important to preserve since it emphasizes the single most important aspect which makes our democratic nation the greatest nation on earth—the free public education of all of our citizens! To carry out this project the Retired Teachers Association will need financial contributions, materials, services and old furnishings. A record will be kept for future generations to see who made this important resource available to them.

We hope you will help us preserve this important part of our historical heritage.

Contributions Needed for Restoration of Port Tobacco school:

A. Financial — checks should be made payable to Port Tobacco School Restoration Fund. Mail to CCRTA, Treasurer, General Delivery, La Plata, MD 20646.

B. Services and materials:

CONTACT: Jesse Starkey — 934-3162

1. Installing of electric service
2. Wiring of interior building plus exterior lights
3. Installing of security system
4. Levelling and repairing base of structure
5. Restoring brick foundation piers
6. Locating and installing exterior weather boarding as needed

7. Restoring windows
8. Removing loose paint, prime & paint exterior
9. Repairing or replacing exterior door & frame
10. Checking chimney & installing old wood stove
11. Fastening student desks to wooden runners
12. Painting metal roof
13. Installing new steps at front entrance
14. Repairing or replacing old outdoor toilet
15. Installing chalkboard, frame and chalk rail

C. Other materials:

CONTACT: Jesse Starkey — 934-3162

1. 20 gallons primer - exterior
2. 25 + gallons exterior white paint
3. Exterior light fixtures
4. Materials for front steps

D. Items to furnish school:

CONTACT: Elaine Walker — 934-2685

1. Woodland wood burning stove
2. Water bucket and dipper
3. Bells, tap and hand
4. Victrola or Edison Gramophone
5. Globe, pull-down maps
6. Display cases
7. Marbles, dodge balls, etc.
8. Kerosene wall lamps
9. Ink wells, pens
10. Lunch pails
11. Encyclopedias, old textbooks, dictionaries
12. Book bags and straps
13. Teacher's desk chair
14. Folding drinking cups
15. Wooden bench
16. Flag — 48 stars
17. Any other items which might have been in use during this period.

E. Information Needed:

CONTACT: Kathryn Newcomb — 934-2620
or Dr. Ann Jameson — 934-8465

1. Names, addresses and phone numbers of former pupils, parents and teachers from this school.
2. Pictures of school pupils, teachers & activities

Historical Society Raffle

By now you should have received your raffle tickets for the hand-woven oriental rug. The proceeds from this raffle will benefit the Friendship House Educational Tours Program. Because our school tours program will work jointly with the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco, we expect many more tours this year. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile project. The drawing will take place at our Spring Dinner Meeting, Saturday, May 18, 1991. You need not be present to win. If you would like more raffle tickets, please write the Historical Society.