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WINTER MEETING NOTICE

Saturday, January 22, 1994 — 2:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church Hall, La Plata

"Using The Latter-Day Saints Library to Trace Your Ancestors"

Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Joyce Candland, Director of Research at the Latter-Day Saints Library, and a member of The Historical Society of Charles County.

In addition to her talk, her presentation will feature the unique CD ROM computer containing millions of names and information from the United States and all over the world. Members will have the opportunity to put a name in the computer in order to research their family line.



COFFEE, TEA AND ASSORTED DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED.

The event is free to members and \$5.00 for guests of members.

New members may join at the meeting for the regular membership fee of \$10.00.

RESERVATIONS ARE NOT NEEDED.

In case of inclement weather, contact one of the following members about status of the meeting: Anita Wood: 934-4289 or Susan Earle: 274-0619

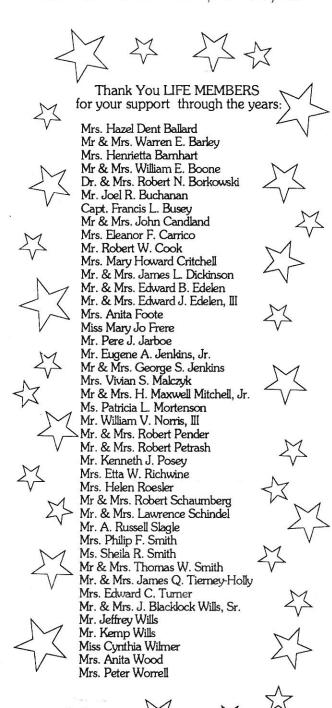
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee:

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

Mr. Lawrence Cox, Rockville, MD

Mr. William C. Fields, Jr., Memphis, TN Mr. & Mrs. Michael Knecht, La Plata, MD



President's Report:

I am delighted to pass along the good news that our "Jefferson Letter" was auctioned off at C. G. Sloan and Co., Rockville, Maryland for the sum of \$10,000. And, because our Society is a nonprofit organization, Sloan charged us only 8% commission instead of the usual 10%.



Friendship House Report:

Docents, we need docents, we need lots and lots of docents-those volunteers who can lend a hand conducting tours of Friendship House. We do have a nucleus of faithful volunteers who have helped out over the years, but due to recent injuries to some and other employment for others. we are in dire need of new recruits.

It is especially difficult to arrange for docents who have an hour or two free at midday to conduct tours for visiting groups of children and during the summer months. May through August. noon to 4pm.

Call Naomi Petrash, at 259-4279.

Publicity Committee Report:

We plan to continue our expanded coverage of all Historical Society events in 1994.

We will add the SMECO newsletter to our list of publicity approaches for the new year, which includes newspapers; posters at business locations; public libraries; Charles County Community College; the Chamber of Commerce; marque signs and CATV channel 15, etc. . . .

We encourage all our members to bring guests to each of our 1994 events. We need you to promote our activities among your friends, relatives and neighbors.

Please mark your calendar now for our 1994 activities. Each of you can make a difference again this year by expanding your commitment and participation in the Society's events.

Program Committee Report:

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SPRING 1994

May 7, 1994—Musical program featuring "The St. Mary's Musica" at Christ Church, Wayside. Dinner and meeting in the hall followed by a performance in the church.

SUMMER

June 19, 1994— "High Tea" at Mount Zephyr.

FALL 1994

"Ghosts of Southern Maryland." Dinner meeting at Old Durham Church Hall.

Endowment Fund for Support of The Maryland State Archives and The Library of The Maryland **Historical Society**

State funding for the Maryland State Archives (MSA) has been severely reduced and has been terminated for the Maryland Historical Society Library (MHSL). The Genealogical Council of Maryland is extremely concerned about what effects this loss of funding will have on further acquisition of records and on the continuing availability of record collections now housed at these two institutions. We are also alarmed about many worthy projects this reduction has put in jeopardy.

At its 1992 fall meeting, the Genealogical Council of Maryland addressed their concerns by establishing an endowment fund to be used strictly for the support of MSA and MHSL. This fund will need continuing contributions from all genealogical and historical organizations throughout Maryland if it is to develop into a significant source of support for the MSA and the MHSL.

The Council asks that each organization consider making an annual contribution to the fund. We also ask that your organization inform your membership about the fund and its purpose. Please encourage each member to make individual contributions to this very worthy endowment fund. Send contributions to:

Mr. Marvin Muhlhausen Genealogical Council of Maryland 10128 Bell Inn Lane Ellicott City, MD 21042 Thank you for your support. Ann Paxton Brown, Chairperson Genealogical Council of Maryland

Maryland Archaeology Week Celebration

Friday, April 15, 1994 Charles County Community College Library Room LR-102 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Speaker: Julie King, Administrator of Research, Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum Title: SMARTER THAN YOU THINK— Southern Maryland Tobacco Farming in the Nineteenth Century.

Contact person: Sally Barley, Southern Maryland Studies Center, 934-2251, ext. 610.

Charles County Heritage Commission

Spring Fund-Raiser Saturday, April 9, 1994, 7:00 p.m. Fine Arts Center Charles County Community College "Gilbert and Sullivan's Greatest Hits" by the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players To be followed by a dessert reception at Rose Hill, 18th century home of Charles and Connie Stuart. Donation required, \$20 per person.

For further information call Sally Barley, 934-2251, ext. 610, M-F 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

