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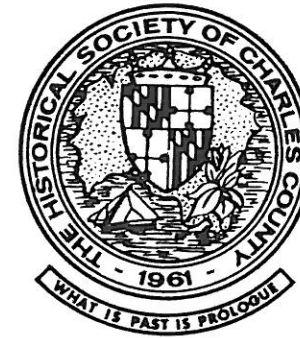
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# News and Notes from

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## WINTER MEETING NOTICE

**Saturday, January 28, 1995 — 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:  
 Wayne Winkler: 934-8305 or Susan Earle: 274-0619

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Membership Committee Report

We extend a special thanks to our Life Members:

Mr. & Mrs. William M. Albritten	Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Mazzeo, Jr.
Mrs. Hazel Dent Ballard	Mr. & Mrs. H. Maxwell Mitchell, Jr.
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The Historical Society welcomes the following new members:

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 Mrs. Debra Goldsmith, La Plata, MD  
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Johnson, Waldorf, MD  
 Mr. Everett Littlefield, Los Angeles, CA  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Youskevitch, Coal City, IL

### DUES-DUES-DUES

If you have not paid your 1995 dues, the **envelope enclosed** with this issue is for your convenience.

In accordance with our by-laws, any member who has not paid dues by March 31st will be assessed a late fee of \$5. And, if dues are not paid by June 30th, they will be dropped from membership.

### A NEW DAY

Please notice the changes made in some of the offices listed on page four. For many years Eleanor Higdon did a marvelous job as our Membership Committee Chairperson. Collecting the dues and

keeping the records straight on an ever-shifting group of some 300 members is just about the hardest job in the Historical Society. Thank you very much Eleanor!!

This tough job will now be done by Pat Day who can use all the help we can offer—mainly that of paying dues promptly.



An artist's sketch of Pat Day

### Friendship House Report

Friendship House will be spruced up, inside and out, in the next few months. Trees will be trimmed and/or removed because they have encroached upon the house as a danger. In one case the tree roots are buckling the cement walk. The college is responsible for this work.

Plans are afoot to have the house painted inside and out. We hope all this work can be accomplished in time for the Pilgrimage House Tour in Charles County. Friendship House will be one of the stops on the April 29, 1995 tour. The open portion of the house will be limited to the first floor.

At that time, tour tickets and Friendship House memorabilia will be sold among which are newly issued postcards of four historical homes.

### Program Committee:

Be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming special programs:

1. **SPRING** meeting—May 20, 1995 at the Episcopal Church in Indian Head. Our guest speakers will be Jim Hovenach and Pat Mudd. Their subject will be about prisoners during World War II.

2. **FALL** meeting—October, 1995 at Christ Church Hall, La Plata. A panel discussion about the Charles County Fair. Kitty Newcomb, Mary Berry Moore and Mary K. Albritten will pitch in to tell us about our most famous county event.

For future programs we would be very happy to hear what the membership would like. Please call Wayne Winkler, Programs Chairman, at 934-8305 with your suggestions.

### Thanks From the Sheriff's Department

Lt. Mancuso of the Charles County Sheriff's Department wishes to extend a large "thank you" to the many members who helped him research historical details about the men who served as our county sheriffs over past decades.

### WayUp North In Dixie

*Did a free black family in Ohio write the Confederate anthem "Dixie"? Do the words reflect memories of a Charles county, Maryland plantation home? Howard Sacks, National Endowment for the Humanities distinguished professor of sociology at Kenyon College, and Judith Rose Sacks, independent researcher, will answer these questions at a lecture at the Fine Arts Center of Charles County Community College on Friday, March 31, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.*

**Way Up North in Dixie: A Black family's Claim To The Confederate Anthem** by Howard Sacks and Judith Rose Sacks was published in 1993 by the Smithsonian Institution Press. In their book, the authors describe the Charles County plantation belonging to Alexander Greer where Ellen Cooper was born a slave in 1817. El-

### Southern Maryland In Four Books

Four newly-published books from The Johns Hopkins University Press cover Maryland's past and present.

*Maryland's Vanishing Lives*, by John Sherwood presents 66 profiles of folks from tobacco farmer Vince Jameson of Port Tobacco to Vera of Vera's White Sands Marina and Restaurant in Lusby. "Slow down and look around before it all goes away," says the author.

*Maryland In The Civil War*, by Robert I. Cottom, Jr., & Mary Ellen Hayward comes from a permanent exhibit of the same name at the Maryland Historical Society. Confederate naval figure Raphael Semmes, the Point Lookout prison and Dr. Mudd's episode are highlighted.

*The Dawn's Early Light*, by Walter Lord. The British advance up the Patuxent River in 1814 and their burning of the White House in the War of 1812.

*Bay Country*, by Tom Horton describes a wide, living range of Maryland people and places.

### In Search of Some Times-Crescent Newspapers

The Southern Maryland Studies Center is looking for 1991 issues of the *Times-Crescent* newspapers for January 2, 9, 16, and 23; March 16; June 26; and any issues dated later than July 17.

Please call Sally Barley, 934-2251 ext. 610.

len, who was sent west to the free territory of Ohio when she was ten years old, later married Thomas Snowden. The Snowden family formed a well-known musical group in Knox County, Ohio; according to tradition in the local African-American community, the Snowdens taught *Dixie* to Dan Emmett, the white minstrel musician usually credited as the author. The Sackses further suggest that it is Alexander Greer's plantation near Smith Point in Charles County that is lovingly described as Dixie Land.

The program is sponsored by the community college, the Charles County Public Schools, the Afro-American Heritage Society, the Historical Society of Charles County, and the Charles County Heritage Commission. There will be a book-signing and reception following the lecture in the Fine Arts Center. For more information call Sally Barley, (301) 934-2251, ext. 610.