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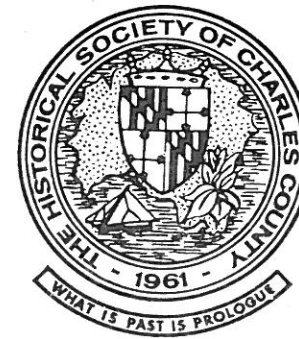
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You are cordially invited to attend our
Winter Meeting Program
Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
January 31, 1998

United Methodist Church, La Plata, Maryland.

Our guest speaker will be Henry Miller, PH D.,
Director of Research
Historic St. Mary's City
St. Mary's, Maryland.

Dr. Miller's subject will be:
"Searching For Maryland's Founders."



MENU

A fine assortment of desserts such as cakes, cookies and cream puffs with coffee and tea.

FEE

This one is FREE!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We extend a special thanks to our Life Members:

Mr. & Mrs. William M. Albritten	Mrs. Vivian S. Malczyk
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Bold face = new life members

OBITUARIES

In 1997 two of our life members died:

Mrs. Philip F. Smith
Capt. Francis L. Busey

In addition to life membership, both were also charter members of The Historical Society.



MEMBERSHIP TOTALS FOR 1997

Memberships=223
Members=306

Life=60
Family=83
Individual=80

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please remember to send address and telephone number changes to:
Historical Society of Charles County, Inc.
P.O. Box 261
Port Tobacco, MD 20677
or
phone Pat Day (301) 934-3768



The Historical Society welcomes the following new members:

Roberta and Dennis Dorsch, Accokeek, MD
John and Beth Foster, Charlotte Hall, MD
Mr. & Mrs. William Gardiner, Zacata, VA
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Norris, La Plata, MD
Anne Marie Scrivener, Gambrills, MD
Mr. Ralph Smith, Daytona Beach, FL
Mr. James Tarrant, Falls Church, VA

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE REPORT

Friendship House will receive a grant of \$1600 from Charles County to pay stipends to docents. The season will begin in April of this year.

We need docents. If you are interested in joining this group, please call Naomi Petrash for information.

Also, if you know a college student or anyone else who is interested in earning some money, please direct them to Naomi at 301-259-4279.

Charles County Census of 1860

The St. Mary's County Historical Society is offering an interesting new issue of *The 1860 Census of Charles County*.

Cost is \$25. + 3.50 (S&H) + 1.25 sales tax.

Interested members should contact:

St. Mary's County Historical Society
P.O. Box 212
Leonardtown, MD 20650

This volume is also available from:

Richard P. Nelson, Jr.
23250 Chestnut Oak Ct., #1034
California, MD 20619

Not A "Tall Tale," But A Very Big Fish Adventure

By Joseph A. Diachenko

This is not a "fishy" fish story. Pictured in the photo below is Edward L. Gilroy, proud fisherman who caught this monster rockfish (striped bass) in the Potomac River, just south of the Harry Nice bridge, near the Morgan Point Power Station.

The fish was officially tallied as 38.5 inches long and weighed 23.9 pounds, in November, 1997.

Ed Gilroy (who works at the Coastal Gas Station in White Plains, Maryland) in a small bass boat using a a White, four-inch "Popper Plug" on the surface, had a

first strike at about 25 yards out. All he saw was a huge mouth come up and miss the popper. Ed continued to reel in the lure, and about 15 yards out, the big fish surfaced again and, this time, gulped down the lure.

The bass boat had to follow the big fish for a while to get enough slack line to pull it in. It is the biggest fish Ed Gilroy has ever caught. To advertise the fine fishing in Charles County, the Maryland Tourism Office will use this picture.

