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January Meeting



JOINT MEETING
The Historical Society of Charles County
&
The Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco

Saturday, January 19, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.

*Carol Cowherd will present
Using Land Records and Plats to Look for Port Tobacco in the 18th Century*

La Plata Methodist Church Hall
Coffee & Desserts

The Glory That Was Port Tobacco

(Excerpt from one of the earliest brochures of The Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco)



Port Tobacco, one of the earliest Maryland towns, sprang up on the banks of the Port Tobacco River, in the heart of the Port Tobacco Valley, within a few years of the settlement of the Maryland Colony in 1634, and here developed one of the oldest civilizations on the North American continent.

Although tobacco has been a most important commodity in Charles County since the dawn of the white man's civilization in Maryland Port Tobacco, curiously enough, does not owe its name to the magi weed. The name is a perversion of an Indian word variously Anglicized to Pertafacco, Potopaco, Potobac, and Portobattoo, and commonly understand as being descriptive of the town's location between the hills.

One of the earliest references we have of the white man's advent to this locality is contained on the map of Captain John Smith, bearing the date 1606, and showing the Indian Village of Potopaco. About the year 1639, Father Andrew White converted to Christianity the Indian Queen who ruled the Potopacos, and one hundred and thirty of her subjects. Father White made the Potopaco village his headquarters during the ensuing years, and here composed the first known English work on Indian philology in the New World when he composed

a catechism in the native dialect. He also compiled a dictionary and grammar in the Indian language.

As early as 1639, Job Chandler received a grant of 6,000 acres in this locality which included the site of the village. Chandler built a two-room cabin which is still standing, and which forms part of the present mansion at "Chandler's Hope." On the east bank of Port Tobacco Creek a settlement known as Chandlerstown sprang up, which later became the village of Port Tobacco.

In 1658, Port Tobacco became the first county seat of the newly formed Charles County, a status it held until 1895. [*We now know the first county seat was at Moore's Lodge near Allen's Fresh.*] It was also declared by the Colonial Assembly to be one of the official towns where all citizens "must unlade and put on shore, and sell, barter and traffic away." With its ample harbor, navigable by deep water vessels, it soon became the business rival of St. Mary's, the provincial capital, and grew rapidly in wealth and influence until after the Revolution, when navigation became more difficult because of the silt which resulted from the deforestation of the hills bordering the river on either side. The town was also a principal station on the postal route from Philadelphia to the South, prior to the nineteenth century.

Distinguished men lived in and about Port Tobacco in those days. John Hanson, President of the Continental Congress, lived just to the South, at "Mulberry Grove." "Rose Hill," to the north, was the home of Dr. Gustavus Brown, family physician of George Washington. Thomas Stone, signer of the Declaration of Independence, lived at "Havre de Venture" close by. Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, who signed the Constitution of the United States for Maryland, lived a few miles from the town. Washington was a frequent visitor, the town being located on the shortest route from Mt. Vernon to Wakefield and Williamsburg.



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As the community expanded, its ambitions grew with its riches, and the people began to take a more active interest in the cultural aspects of life. Thomas Kean, the actor-manager who had been playing in Williamsburg, brought his company to Port Tobacco and presented "The Beggar's Opera" in the autumn of 1752. The company met with outstanding success in Port Tobacco, which gave the drama a reception equal to any in the Colonies.

Even after its trade declined, Port Tobacco remained the business and social center of the county through the nineteenth century. Famous lawyers argued their cases in its Court House. Hotels, such as the St. Charles, the Centennial, and the Indian King, dispensed their hospitality. Here, men sat late at cards, and Madeira and porter served over the bars was the best.

The colonial county seat had both plan and character. Seated at the base of imposing, wooded hills, with its houses built close to the streets and adorned by the massive chimneys; with its public square, about which clustered the Court House, the lovely old Christ Church, the important hotels, stores, and a number of lesser buildings, the town was one of the most picturesque in all America.

In 1848, the first Agricultural Fair in Charles County was held here. In the same year the *Port Tobacco Times* began publication. During the Civil War, the residents of Port Tobacco were in sympathy with the South, as was Southern Maryland generally, with its many slave owners. Blockade runners frequented the town, an import link in the underground mail between the South and the Northern states and Canada.

Toward the end of the war there was a well-formulated plot, headed by John Wilkes Booth, to kidnap President Lincoln and bring him to Charles County, so that he might be spirited across the Potomac, using boats hidden by Port Tobacco

residents in the nearby creek. The plot was represented in part by George A. Atzerodt, a coach painter of Port Tobacco who was engaged at the time in blockade running. He was one of the four persons hanged in Washington for complicity in the assassination.

Whatever part its residents may have had in the kidnap plot, Port Tobacco was unprepared for the tragedy which followed. Federal troops descended on the town in search of Booth, who was supposed to have been hidden there.

Thomas A. Jones, a plantation owner who had been ruined by the war, was in the bar room of the Brawner House, later the St. Charles Hotel when a Union officer invited to him to have a drink, saying "I will pay \$100,000 to the man who will give me information leading me to John Wilkes Booth." Jones quietly replied, "That's a lot of money to offer for one man, and if money will bring him out, that ought to do it." At that very moment, Jones had Booth and his companion, David Herold, safely hidden in a thicket near what is now the town of Bel Alton. In a few days, Booth, broken leg and all, slipped safely across the Potomac, to be killed later in Virginia.

Just before the turn of the twentieth century, Port Tobacco was the storm-center of a bitter political battle concerning the moving of the county seat. La Plata, three miles inland, boasting a railroad siding and a telegraph station, was growing



up and began to demand the Courthouse. A special election was held in May of 1892 to determine whether the Courthouse should remain at Port Tobacco or be moved to La Plata. Port Tobacco won easily, but less than three months later, the Courthouse mysteriously burned, although not before the records had been carefully removed. It was obviously an act of incendiarism, but no one was ever convicted. Feelings ran so high that it was out of the question to rebuild the Courthouse at Port Tobacco. Another special election was held in 1895 to determine whether to move the county seat to La Plata or to Chapel Point. Many of Charles County's citizens have never been reconciled to the outcome of this election. At any rate, to La Plata the county seat went, and with it a glorious era in Charles County's history ended. In the half century that followed, the historic village became a ghost town which almost completely buried its past.

Organization Formed for Port Tobacco Restoration

The Times Crescent

January 16, 1948

On Saturday, January 10th, fifty-five prominent citizens of Southern Maryland met at "Plenty," the recently restored Port Tobacco Valley home of Mr. and Mrs. George I. Gardiner, Jr., and formed a provisional organization to promote the restoration of the historic early American village of Port Tobacco.

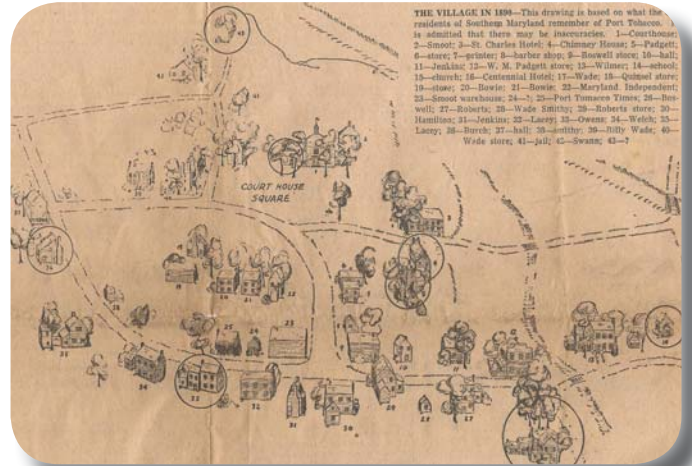
Port Tobacco was the county seat in Charles County from 1658 until 1695, but its history antedates even with the settlement of the state of Maryland. This meeting was the culmination of considerable research and consideration of



the feasibility of such a program. Several concrete proposals were made as to the means by which such a program could be accomplished. Reconstruction of several private home and commercial buildings on their original sites was recommended. It was suggested that these proposed buildings could be constructed as investments by individuals. Another recommendation was that the old Charles County Court House be reconstructed to house a museum, a library and to serve as headquarters for a Historical Society. Also proposed was the re-establishment of the old town square and the planting of memorial trees to commemorate Charles County's war dead. And the reconstruction of the famous hostelry, the old "St. Charles Hotel," to house private apartments, a select dining room, and rooms for social gatherings and meetings was also advocated.

Temporary Officers Elected

Temporary officers were elected to formulate a program and to recommend a permanent form of organization, to be submitted by committees appointed by the temporary President, Robert T. Barbour, at a meeting to be held on February 6th at 8:00 p.m. at "Habre de Venture" the Port Tobacco Valley home of Colonel and Mrs. Peter Vischer. Other temporary officers elected at this initial meeting of the group were: Vice-



President, George I. Gardiner, Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Elva Bohannon DeMott.

Speakers at the first meeting of the group were George I. Gardiner, Jr., Mrs. Elva Bohannon DeMott, Mr. Holland Hawkins, and Robert T. Barbour.

The group is extremely anxious to collect all of the information possible relative to old Port Tobacco, especially sketches or photographs of the old Court House and Christ Episcopal Church before it was remodeled in 1884. Anyone having such information, sketches, maps, photographs or plats concerning old Port Tobacco is kindly asked to contact or send such material to C. Irwin Jones, Jr.

Charter Members

Charter Members of the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco signed their names in an account book dated 1818, which was used in the old Boswell store in Port Tobacco. This book was donated to the organization by the owners of "Chandler's Hope," in the attic of which the old, leather-bound book was found.

The list of Charter Members of the society at present reads as follows:

General and Mrs. DeWitt Peck
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All interested persons are invited to become Charter Members of this organization.

New Additions to Friendship House

Thanks to the generosity of the Gertrude Wright McWilliams memorial donations, the Friendship House Foundation was able to acquire four 18th century hand-carved Dutch Colonial chairs, and a very rare late 18th century Hepplewhite Child's Desk. The Chairs will be placed in the "Parlor" and the child's desk in the upstairs children's room. The chairs were purchased from a retired Army Colonel in Frederick, Maryland, who collected antiques from around the world. In 1988, he supervised the installation of the world's first canopy walkway for nature tourism in Kinabalu Park, Malaysia. The Historical Society is very grateful to the generosity of those who contributed to these memorial donations.



Land Gift Spurs Port Tobacco Restoration

The Times Crescent

January 16, 1948

Inspired by the purchase last week of part of the site on which stood the once famous Court House, two public-spirited members of the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco have offered a gift of valuable land as a further incentive to the Society to carry out its pledge to start re-establishing the Colonial Village that was years ago a historic landmark in Southern Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry V. DeMott, owners of nearby "Chandler's Hope," itself a monument to more gracious times, have offered to present the society with a tract of land just off the Court House Square, to the South of the tract recently acquired by the Society by purchase from the Convention of the White Baptist Church of Port Tobacco. The offer, which the Society hopes to be able to accept, will be discussed in detail at the quarterly meeting to be held in the Chapel Hall of Christ church, La Plata, at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 2nd.

H. Holland Hawkins, president of the Society, has been flooded with congratulatory messages ever since the purchase of the Baptist Church tract became known. He anticipates the most enthusiastic meeting on Friday, since the evening when a small group of local citizens gathered in Port Tobacco, hopefully yet perhaps skeptically, at "Plenty," the home of Mr. and Mrs. George I. Gardiner, Jr. to see if something could not be done to restore the grand old village to a semblance of its past glory.

"I hope that the success achieved by the Society in negotiating at this early date the purchase of the key tract in

our restoration scheme will inspire others to come forward with offers to help us in our work," said Mr. Hawkins. "We have only made the most modest of beginnings. Much remains to be done. Expenses will be high. We need the help of all citizens of good will who would take pride in seeing a historic part of our soil and heritage returned to its once great dignity."

Now that a definite step has been taken toward actual restoration, the Society plans a determined campaign for more and more enthusiastic members. The money obtained through memberships will be used for the purchase of additional land as needed as available, and the drawing up of plans by architects nationally recognized for their knowledge and understanding of Colonial times, with, of course, the beginning of reconstruction at the earliest possible date as the ultimate goal.

Members of the Society were seen last week plowing, disking, and seeding the land around the newly acquired Court House site. By spring, a committee on planting, headed by Mrs. Walter Cady, will undoubtedly have gotten in its work, so that the site should be in better shape than for many long years by the time luncheon, reminiscent of Colonial times, is spread there during the next Maryland Garden Club Pilgrimage.

Editor's note: The Historical Society of Charles County would like to thank the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco, and member Sheila Smith for allowing the reproduction of these three articles from their archives.



Pictured are the Officers and Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Charles County elected at the annual meeting October 27, 2012. Front left: Michael J. Mazzeo, Jr., Joyce Candland, Millie Hamman, Jane Linton, President Mary Pat Berry, Sandra Mitchell, Ron Brown. Back left: Robert Pender, Carol Donohue, Sharon Bolton, Howard Post. Not pictured: Evie Merritt, Charles Boone, Danielle Webber, Tom Pike, and James H. Berry, Jr.

Historical Society Donates George Washington Portrait



From left, Charles Boone, R.G. Bolton, Sharon Bolton, Ernest Irish, J.C. Parks Principal Thadine Wright and Joyce Candland

of J.C. Parks, is directly descended from one of Washington's Brigadier General's, John Dent. Brigadier General John Dent was in command of the Maryland Militia of the Western Shore.

The Historical Society of Charles County donated a portrait of George Washington to J.C. Parks Elementary school as part of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association's efforts in putting George Washington back in schools. The local project is coordinated by the Thomas Stone Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. On hand for the October 18, 2012 dedication was Historical Society President Joyce Candland, Board Members Sharon Bolton, Charles Boone, and member Ernest Irish. Charles Boone and Ernest Irish are members of the Thomas Stone Chapter, SAR Color Guard. Sharon Bolton's grandson, R.G. Bolton, a former student



President Joyce Candland accepting the Charles County Maryland Genealogical Society's books "Burials in Charles County Maryland, Vols. 1 & 2" at the Genealogical Society meeting October 18, 2012. From left are Gary Frick, President of the Charles County Genealogical Society; Joyce Clerico, Cemetery project chairman, and Joyce Candland. The Cemetery transcription project began with the Historical Society of Charles County in the 1960's, and continued until 1986. Subsequently, the Charles County Genealogical Society created an up-to-date, gps, computer database of all the tombstones with photographs. The Historical Society made a generous contribution to the Genealogical Society's production of these two volumes.

Did you know...The Port Tobacco Valley was the home to National Political figures?

- Thomas Stone of Habre De Venture, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- John Hanson of Mulberry Grove, was the first President of the United States under the Articles of Confederation.
- Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer of The Retreat, was a signer of the United States Constitution.

Friendship House Foundation

The Friendship House Foundation was established to preserve, refurbish and promote this unique treasure of Charles County. Donations will help to maintain the historical integrity of the house through its furnishings, tours and educational programs, and to honor those who have devoted countless hours of volunteer time in the preservation and promotion of this Maryland Tidewater Home.



Today, Friendship House sits proudly on the campus of the College of Southern Maryland. Please join the Historical Society of Charles County in contributing to the preservation of Friendship House for many generations to come.

Friendship House Foundation Contributors

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Friendship House Foundation

Levels of Giving:

Friend	\$ 25.00-\$ 99.00
Colonist	\$ 100.00-\$199.00
Patriot	\$ 200.00-\$499.00
Statesman	\$ 500.00-\$999.00
Renaissance	\$1,000.00 +

To donate, please make checks payable to the Friendship House Foundation, and mail to the Historical Society.

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One of the largest expenses of our Society is the printing and mailing of our newsletter. In an effort to cut costs and keep our budget under control, we are asking those of you with email capability to consider receiving your copy of *The Record* by email. This would be of great benefit to the Society and you would receive your copy in color.

If you can help us with this effort please, notify Mary Pat Berry at: berrysbugs@wildblue.net

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President's Message

Dear Society,

Thank you for the vote of confidence in electing me your next HSCC President. I hope I can fill the shoes of our Past President, Joyce Candland. She has been a most gracious and wonderful mentor and friend. I will look to her administration for guidance and inspiration. I was happy to present Joyce with an engraved gavel at our October meeting as a small token of the appreciation of her leadership over the past four years.

Our October meeting at Old Durham Church was well attended, and the meal fantastic as usual! Although George Dyson was not present, his wife, Ruby accepted a plaque on his behalf that highlighted and thanked George for all he has done for the Historical Society.

Looking forward, along with the plans for our January meeting, the HSCC will be providing input in the County's plans to celebrate the Bicentennial of 1812. Currently, the county is forming a group to come up with ways and suggestions to commemorate this anniversary. Howard Post, one of newest Board members, serves as our HSCC Chairperson for 1812. If you have any suggestions, personal family stories to share, or other ideas, please drop Howard a note.

Thank you again, and I hope to meet many more of you at our future events.

Mary Pat Berry, President
Historical Society of Charles County

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News from the Southern Maryland Studies Center

The Southern Maryland Studies Center has received many new items in the last month and would like to thank all those who donated. We have also entered into a partnership with the Alice Ferguson Foundation, where we will scan and catalog their materials.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, January 19, 2013

- Historical Society's winter meeting: *Using Land Records and Plats to Look for Port Tobacco in the 18th Century* at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 18, 2013

- Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage: *Benedict to Bryantown, Then & Now*, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Featuring properties with a War of 1812 connection during the Maryland Bicentennial Celebration of the War of 1812:
 - Information Center, American Legion Post, Hughesville
 - Maxwell Hall, Hughesville
 - The Caleb W. Jones Historic Skipjack berthed at the River's Edge Restaurant, Benedict
 - Zacharia Crossing, Hughesville
 - Old Fields Episcopal Church, Hughesville
 - Manor of Truman's Place, Gallant Green
 - Wiltshire Plains, Bryantown
 - Evergreen Farm, Bryantown
 - Judy's Garden, The Day Home, Waldorf

Saturday, May 25, 2013

- Port Tobacco Market Days



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