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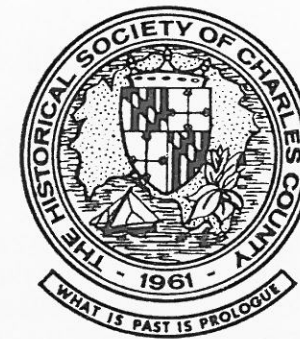
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SUMMER PROGRAM NOTICE

Mark your calendar for our first Summer Event:

Sunday, July 21, 1991 - 2:00 p.m.

Dessert on the lawn at St. Ignatius Church, Chapel Point Maryland
 in honor of their 350th Anniversary Celebration.

This very informal program will feature a walking tour of the interior of St. Ignatius Church and St. Thomas Manor as well as the grounds and cemetery.

Refreshments and dessert will be provided by the Board of Directors of the Historical Society.

This event is free to members of the society and \$2.00 for guests.

Please bring a lawn chair if you would like.

This will be your **only notice** of this program, so please **r.s.v.p. by Sunday, July 14 to:**
 Ann Liebrecht (932-6223) or Melissa Willett (375-9214)

Endowment Fund Revisited

At its April 17, 1991 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Historical Society revised and adopted the following Endowment Fund guidelines. The Endowment Fund was established in 1982 and a separate account has been established for the fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Endowment Fund should call 934-2251 (ext. 610) or 932-2318.

Purpose - The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to provide resources to assure the continuation of the Historical Society's activities in pursuit of the objectives of the organization. Those objectives include:

- Maintenance of Friendship House.
- Support of programs of research centering around Friendship House, and
- furtherance of such other activities in the pursuit of the preservation of Charles County's History as the Board of Directors shall deem appropriate.

Type of Endowments - Money for the endowments can be obtained through various sources including:

- Memorial Contributions
- Direct Cash gifts to the fund
- Life Memberships

—and other sources as designated by the Board of Directors.

Memorials - Endowments for memorials can be given to the Society in remembrance of an individual under this category. An Endowment Fund Book will be maintained which shall list the donor and the name of the person to be remembered. A letter of acknowledgment of the memorial will be sent to the donor and to the family of the memorial designate.

Cash Gifts - Cash gifts to the Endowment Fund will be accepted and the name of the donor will be recorded in the Endowment Fund Book. Each gift shall be acknowledged by a letter from the Society.

Life Memberships - All life memberships shall be deposited in the Endowment Fund.

Control - The Endowment Fund will be invested at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The principle amount of the Endowment Fund will always be retained. Interest may be utilized at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Other funds received shall be invested or utilized at the discre-

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tion of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors shall always be guided by the intent of the Endowment Fund to have funding available through interest resulting from investments.

Board of Directors - The Board of Directors shall have the authority to act for the Society in the selection of projects for the utilization of funds generated by the Endowment Fund.

A complete and separate accounting of Endowments will be maintained by separate records as a part of the Treasurer's record books. The Treasurer shall provide the Board of Directors with a complete endowment report at its meetings. The Treasurer shall report to the membership at its

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Genealogy & Research Committee:

Society member Joyce Candland has recently donated 50 state-by-state research guides for the entire United States. The guides are housed in the Southern Maryland Studies Center of Charles County Community College and serves as an encyclopedia as to where to go to research your family in a particular state.

The guides feature names and addresses of research facilities grouped for Archives and Libraries, Bible Records, Cemeteries, Census, Church and Court records as well as research centers for Military Records, Immigration and many other categories. These guides will no doubt help the researcher identify what is available and where for their quest for their ancestors. The guides were published by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Cemetery Committee

STONE CEMETERY at "Havre De Venture"
Rose Hill Road, Port Tobacco

BROWN

In memory of **Gustavus Brown** born August 17th 1783 died June 1st 1841.

In memory of **Sally**, wife of Gustavus Brown born Apr. 28th 1788 died Dec. 28th 1849.

COOKSEY

In memory of **H. G. Cooksey**, son of J. H. & C. M. Cooksey who died Oct. 17, 1850 in the 4th year of his age.

regular meetings the Endowment amount, interest available for use, and the utilization of funds since the last meeting.

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for increasing Endowment Fund awareness among the membership and developing and supporting methods to assure continued growth of the Endowment Fund.

Friendship House Summer Hours

July — Saturday and Sunday; 12 – 4:00 p.m.

August — Sunday only; 12 – 4:00 p.m.

STONE

In memory of **C. G. Stone**, daughter of W. B. & S. A. C. Stone, who died Oct 17th 1850 in the 10th year of her age.

Margaret Stone, wife of Thomas Stone and daughter of Richard and Margaret Brown, departed this life on the 3rd of June 1787 aged 36 years. She was endowed with elevated talents and blessed with piety and every female virtue.

Margaret Graham, daughter of Wm. Briscoe & Caroline Brown Stone, born at Havre De Venture Oct. 24, 1825 died at Havre De Venture Feb. 2, 1913 and there shall be no right there for the Lord God giveth them light and they shall see his face.

Thomas Stone, son of David & Elizabeth Stone, departed this life on the 5th of October 1787 aged 44 years, The Archives of Maryland show the offices of trust he has filled. He was an able and faithful lawyer, a wise & virtuous, religious, honest and good man.

ADDITIONAL MARKER: Thomas Stone 1743–1787, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Member of Congress, Placed by the Maryland State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, July 4, 1978.

William Briscoe Stone, son of Michael Jenifer Stone & Mary Harrison Stone born April 13th 1797 died December 1st 1872 and his wife, Sarah Ann Caroline, daughter of Gustavus Brown & Sarah Fowke born July 24th 1807 died March 3, 1873.

Friendship House Colonel Dent's Inventory

(Continued from The Record, issue #51)

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

In the Porch Chamber

a Table
a bedd and furniture
4 Caine Chairs at 5/
1 Groaning Chaire
2 tea cups & a tea pott

In the Store

10 p hollsters and pistols at 25/.6
a Side Saddle
5 p wom: ticken bodice at 3/6
6 p parragon D^o at 6
1 p Stais
2 p Girls at 20
1 Camlett Coat
1 Broad Cloth Coat
1 Druggett coat and Jackett
a Silk gown and petticoat
a p black silk Staise
1 girles petticoat
a Stuft gown & petticoat
3 p ticken bodice at 3/6
a p cell curtain fringe
6 perch lines at 4
15 Large Gimblets a 2
17 drum Lines at 15
4 Sheeps head lines at 10
11 doz: Sheeps head Hooks at 6
3 tin Candlesticks at 6
3 D^o less at 4
2 Brass d^o at 18
3 Small pewter salts at 10 (to be continued . . .)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY RAFFLE

Congratulations to W. Mitchell Digges of La Plata, the lucky winner of the beautiful, hand-woven Oriental Rug donated by Mrs. Eleanor Carrico. The drawing was held at our May 18th Spring Dinner Meeting at Marshall Hall. The Board of Directors and the members of the Friendship House Committees would like to extend their grateful appreciation to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause. Over 900 raffle tickets were sold and the proceeds will be used for our Friendship House Tours and Educational Programs.

CALLING CARDS

Calling—paying ritualized visits to friends—was the most important leisure activity for middle-class women in the post-centennial era. The task of leaving cards fell to the woman of the household, who, if at all genteel, was presumed to have the time to devote to this activity. It was a complex and mannered procedure by which people identified their social intentions and maintained or sought to overcome class distinctions. The card ritual was evidence of conspicuous leisure and an instance of non-productive, albeit gracious, labor.

The Vocabulary Of Calling

Fold The Upper Right Corner: The caller came in person, rather than sending the card by way of a second party.

Fold The Upper Left Corner: congratulations.

Fold The Lower Right Corner: goodbye; the caller is leaving town.

Fold The Lower Left Corner: condolence.

Fold The Entire Left End: the caller had intended to visit all the women in the family, rather than just her peer.

Fold Both Upper Corners: The caller was only paying respects and did not wish to be received.

A Card Without Any Folds: The caller has not come in person.

Occasions For Use Of Cards

- if a friend is sick
- to return a call
- terminate a friendship
- return a first call
- after a first invitation to dine
- welcome a new arrival
- pay condolences
- after a dinner or ball

Other Rules

- Calls should be made between three and five o'clock in the evening. Visits early in the morning, late in the evening, at meal times, or when someone would be engaged in housework or business were improper.
- To ignore a visitor's card and not return it with a visit is an expression of distaste.
- If the servant at the door says "Not at home" before the cards are tendered, no offense should be taken—the lady is not receiving.
- A proper call or visit lasts no longer than 10–15 minutes
- Young ladies should not have cards of their own until their first year in "society"—instead, her name was printed beneath her mother's name on mother's card.

Source: *Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore*