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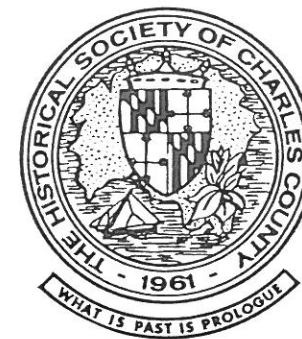
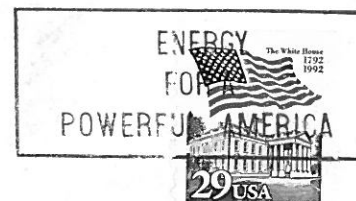
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PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The next meeting of the Historical Society of Charles County will be October 9, 1993, at 6:30 p.m. at Charlotte Hall Academy.

The Academy was founded in 1774 and now serves as the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

Our guest speakers will be Mr. James G. Gibbs and Doctor J. Roy Guyther.

Mr. Gibb, as a freelance archaeological consultant; was contracted by the Veterans Home Commission to undertake an archaeological study at Charlotte Hall Academy. This work was required by the Maryland Historical Trust before the Veteran's Home Commission could undertake building demolition on the old academy grounds.

Doctor J. Roy Guyther has many fond memories as a student at the now-defunct Charlotte Hall Military Academy. In order to keep them alive he has written an history of his more than 200-year-old alama mater.

Because both speakers are well versed in their subject matter, this should prove to be another fine meeting about the history of our local area.

Of course this program will be accompanied by a fine dinner and an important business meeting which you don't want to miss, so mark your calendar today. Invitations with further details of the menu, cost per person and road directions will be sent out in September.

Afternoon Tea A Great Party

The success of last year's "Afternoon Tea" could have been the result of mere enthusiasm for a novel program which would offer no guarantee that this year's "Tea" would also succeed.

However, the second annual "Afternoon Tea" held last month proves that this program, far from being a novelty, created genuine interest and a very good attendance.

The final tally of costs and income from this event will be presented at the Fall dinner meeting, but preliminary figures show that about 300 individuals paid for tickets and most

of that number showed up for a tour of the Johnsontown house as well as a sampling of the refreshments.

Conducting large groups on tour of the house after the dedication of the Wills family cemetery (located on the property) worked very smoothly.

Of course a large project such as this could not work without the hard work of many people to whom we all owe a special thanks. These outstanding members are listed in the reports on the following pages, but the Historical Society owes a large vote of thanks to Mr. Rick Rivoire for

his hard work, patience and loan of his house.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee:

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

Mr. Thomas W. Brawner, Greensboro, NC
 Mr. Mark W. Thomas, Jefferson, KY
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth W. Chandler, La Plata, MD
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Mr. Pere J. Jarboe	Mr. Kemp Wills
Mr. Eugene A. Jenkins, Jr.	Miss Cynthia Wilmer
Mr & Mrs. George S. Jenkins	Mrs. Anita Wood

Afternoon Tea Committee:

FOOD

Pat Storck, who filled the role of Menu Manager or Commandant of Cuisine, did a marvelous job in assembling and replenishing the delicious sandwiches and deserts which were served in the shade of the big tent. Pat would like us all to thank the following people for their help:

Food Donations— Anita Wood, Louise Highby, Ann Liebrecht, Ruby Dyson, Naomi Petrash, Shirley Schindel, Susan Earl, Meg Dunleavy, Sandra Diachenko, Lloyd Bowling, Kitty Newcomb, Madelyn Griffith, Mary Clare Matthews, Miriam Cappers, Sally Barley, Elsie Dent, Betty Levering, Mrs. Garth Bowling, Eleanor Higdon, Linda Hughes.

As with all such complex events, last minute emergencies always must be met, and as usual one or another people voluntarily leap into the breach to take care of problems. For this event, taking place in mid-afternoon of a very hot day, we wish to bestow upon our very own president, Lloyd Bowling, the "Gunga Din Award" for his dauntless effort in keeping the punch bowls brimming and well iced. This award is composed of our collective appreciation etched upon the top of an ice cube which melted away before we could deliver it leaving Lloyd only our thanks.

Speaking of ice, we also owe a large thank you to the Casey Jones Restaurant in La Plata. They supplied all the ice we needed. In addition, the Ed Sanders Insurance Company of La Plata, supplied the large tent beneath which we kept cool as we munched on the goodies.

Pat Storck also reminds us to thank a few other for their cash donations: Vivian Malczyk, James Day, Lil Medas, Mrs. Edward Edelen, Sr.

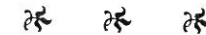
TICKETS

At first, Rick Revoire (owner of the house) thought that no more than ten people at a time could be handled on the walk-through tour.

However, with the efficient aid of Sally Barley on the inside and Vivian Malczyk on the outside, larger groups of 15 to 20 were managed quite well. And, although this event was well attended, there were several members who could not attend, but sent in a donation anyway to help out.

We owe a special thanks to these folks:

Mr. & Mrs. Louis E. Bowie
 Mr. & Mrs. Routh A. Chandler
 Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Chichester
 Dr. Maria Del Rosario
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 Dr. Frank Susan
 Mr. & Mrs. J. Blacklock Wills, Sr.



Cemetery Committee:

WILLS CEMETERY

These graves originally located at *Preference* were moved to *Johnsontown* and dedicated the morning of our Afternoon Tea.

WILLS

Ann C. Wills, my mother and wife of John B. Wills, born Feb 3rd 1779 and died Feb 25th 1811, leaving a beloved husband and devoted son to mourn their loss. Her remains after reposing for nearly 49 years at Mount Carmel Charles County, Md were removed by her son to the resting place of his family trusting that ere this her spirit rests in peace.

C. Ellen Wills, daughter of F. R. and T. Olivia Wills, born April 10, 1861 died Sept. 8, 1862

Francis Reid Wills, M. D. son of John B. Wills, Sr., and Ann C. Wills born April 25, 1803, died June 22nd 1872 in complete communion with the Roman Catholic Church and in the hope of a blessed resurrection

Our brother, John B. Wills, son of Dr. Francis R. and Catherine E. Wills, born June 14, 1831 died Feb 15, 1859, aged 27 years, 8 months, high moral worth and all filial virtue adomed his templar life, and end eared him to all his acquaintances his death left a void in the hearts of his affectionate father and two devoted sisters which time can never fill and as a token of their love they raise this monument. my son

M. E. Wills, daughter of Dr. Francis and Katherine Wills died Feb, 2, 1912, aged 71 years

Our dear mother, Olivia Wills, relict of Dr. Francis R. Wills and daughter of the late Col. John Hughes born Dec. 11, 1828 died Feb 27, 1881

Genealogy Committee Help! Help! Help!

We need volunteers to assist in answering genealogical queries. These requests are received from all over the U. S. The Historical Society charges \$10. per hour for the research work involved. We have a backlog of letters from persons who are anxiously awaiting information about their ancestors.

If you have some free time and would like to get hooked on the very interesting details of genealogy and the history of Southern Maryland, please call Ruby Dyson, Chairman, Genealogy/Research Committee (301)743-7558 and a work schedule will be arranged for you. Whether you have only one day free per month or a few hours here and there during the week, the work can be arranged to fit your available time.

Worldwide Blanton Convention

All BLANTONS and KIN are urged to attend the annual Worldwide Blanton Convention held this year Sept. 17, 18 and 19 at Days Inn in Cave City, Kentucky. Genealogy Workshop Meetings will be held all day Friday and Saturday, get-togethers both nights and Dinner In The Park at Mammoth Cave National Park picnic area on Sunday. For motel reservations call (502) 773-2151. be sure to mention that you belong to the Blanton Convention to receive our cut rates.

For more information contact Col. Rudolph D. Blanton, 111 Magnolia St., Upton, KY 42784, phone (502) 369-7763, or Col. Mary Louise Blanton Attal, 3510 E. Croft Circle, Spartanburg, SC 29302, phone (803) 582-8446.

Small Museum Conference

The 1993 Small Museum Association' Conference will be held Aug. 11, 1993 at the Byron Park, Williamsport, Maryland. This year's conference, titled, "Picnic in the Park," will sample some of our small museums.

The fee, if registering after July 15, is \$21 per person and includes refreshments, lunch, transportation to museums and museum tours. The hotel rooms are \$38 + tax per night at Days Inn, or Howard Johnson's for \$51 + tax per person, one bed, or \$59 + tax for two people, one or two beds, per night with an extra \$8 per person charge.

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If this looks like a "great set of wheels" to you, then you are in

