

News and Notes from The Historical Society of Charles County

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Fall Meeting Program October 5, 1996 — 6:00 p.m. Charles County Community College

Our guest speaker will be Dr. John Sine, president of the college.

The program will be about

The past, present and future of the college.

We will have the opportunity to tour the new
Community, Business, and Industry (CBI) building.

Also, Naomi Petrash will have Friendship House open from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

A full supper will be provided at this meeting by the staff of the college. I have seen the menus and the food looks wonderful. As we get closer to October you will receive detailed information regarding the menu, the cost, where you should park, etc.

For our January meeting, we plan to have Dr. Henry Miller who will speak on

Searching for Maryland's Founders.

All of a sudden there has been more interest in having someone speak about the grave of John Wilkes Booth and if he is actually buried there. I am contacting people who have done extensive research in this area and they seem interested in speaking on this subject. More about this subject at a later date.

NOTICE

Due to the 911 Enhancement Program, there are many house number changes.

Please inform our Membership Chairperson, of your address change:

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or phone Pat Day (301) 934-3768

TO TEA OR NOT TO TEA

No, we will NOT have a Fall Tea Program this year. We pushed and squeezed the dates around the calendar as much as possible, but always came into conflict with one or another function scheduled in the county. So, we were left with only one option—to postpone the tea until sometime in 1997.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We extend a special thanks to our Life Members:

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Bold face = new life members

The Historical Society welcomes the following new members:

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Current membership totals are:

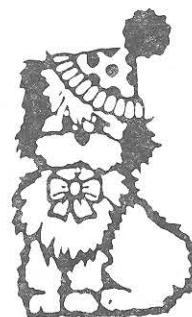
Life=57, Student=3, Individual=85, Family=96

Total members = 354. Memberships = 258

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Thank you all for your concern regarding my recent health problems and the recovery of my dog Angel after her encounter with a moving boat trailer.

We are both on the mend and slowly returning to normal. Both of us thank you for the get-well cards we received. I was surprised that Angel got so much mail!



Thanks for the cards, but you should've sent a bone.

By the way, please remember that neither Angel nor I are responsible for any "artwork" our editor chooses to decorate this message.

For publicity, I have put articles about our latest meetings in the *Maryland Independent* as well as posting announcements on are bulletin boards.

Life Membership Reminder

The price for a life membership is \$100 **per person**. This was not always clear on past membership applications, but will be clarified on our next batch of applications.



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GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Due to the closing of the Community College Library for renovation, the Southern Maryland Studies Center is closed to the public until the renovation is completed. As this was our headquarters and the main source of our research material, our research for the next year or so will be limited.

However, the committee will be doing the best we can with the resources at hand, when the records are moved to their temporary quarters in St. Mary's County, and we are settled in.

Thank you Joyce Candland for joining the Genealogy Committee and helping us catch up with out inquiries.

A used book sale to benefit the Anne Arundel County Genealogical Society and the Anne Arundel County Historical Society will be held Saturday, October 5, at the Glen Burnie Improvements Association from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Both hard cover and paperback books will be available for sale along with genealogical periodicals. Reading categories include fiction, non-fiction, biographies, history, cookbooks, children's books, and much more.

A special will run from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. during which time you may take all the books you can carry for a \$2.00 donation.

Please mark your calendars and plan to stop by on October 5th. The Glen Burnie Improvements Association is located at Crain Highway and 1st Avenue. Parking is available at the rear of the building. For further details call Lois Ryno at: (410) 766-4239.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE REPORT

Friendship House will be open August 24th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Other times are by appointment only. If you are interested in becoming a docent call Naomi Petrash at 259-4279.

If you have not visited Friendship House recently you are in for a pleasant surprise. The house now sports a new paint job inside and out as well as new rain gutters. The walkway and shrubbery have also been improved. Drop by and take a look. After all, it was your generosity which made these improvements possible.



Southern Maryland Studies Center

With the temporary closing and relocation of the Southern Maryland Studies Center Research materials, a few objects were relocated in different areas.

Specifically, the portrait of Walter Hanson by artist Hesselious was donated to the Maryland Historical Society with the proviso that they display it and give us a photo of the painting. The Board of Directors made this decision because the Historical Society of Charles County is not equipped to be a repository of items other than books and documents.

Walter Hanson (1711 - 1794) had a distinguished career in Maryland. He served as a sheriff in Charles County as well as judge and chief justice.

This Indenture

Witneseth, that Mr. Lloyd Bowling hath put himself, and by these presents, by and with the consent of his father, doth voluntarily, and of his own free will and accord, put himself apprentice to Master Carpenter George Dyson to learn the carpentry art, trade, and mystery, and after the manner of an apprentice, to serve the said Mr. Dyson, and the Dyson heirs and assigns, from the day of the date hereof, for and during, and to the full end of seven years. During which term the said apprentice Lloyd Bowling shall faithfully serve Mr. Dyson, carpentry secrets keep, and obey lawful commands every where.

Mr. Bowling shall do no damage to Mr. Dyson's tools and premises, nor see such done by others without giving notice to Mr. Dyson. Said apprentice Mr. Lloyd Bowling shall not contract matrimony within the said term; shall not play at cards, dice, or any other unlawful game, whereby said Mr. Dyson may have damage. Without license from said Mr. Dyson, said apprentice Mr. Bowling shall neither buy nor sell; shall not absent himself day or night, from said service, nor haunt alehouses, taverns or playhouses during this term. And the said Mr. Dyson shall endeavor to teach, and instruct the said apprentice in the trade and mystery of carpentry, and procure and provide sufficient meat, drink, clothing, lodging and washing, fitting for an apprentice.

(Actual wording of an 18th century Indenture Contract obtained from the Smithsonian and edited here).

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