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Joyce Candland, President

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President's Message

Our January 22, 2011 meeting was another grand success. Our speaker, Linda Davis Reno, spoke about the Maryland 400 and their heroic part in the Revolutionary War. Ms. Reno showed a very innovative film depicting the 1776 battle. This film looked at the battle in the settings of modern-day Brooklyn, New York. Her book, *The Maryland 400 in the Battle of Long Island, 1776* can be ordered on-line.

Included in this edition of *The Record* is a list of Civil War veterans living in Charles County as shown in the U.S. 1890 Special Census. This is timely, as 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Much more information regarding these soldiers can be found in Mr. Moore's book (see pages 3 through 6). We hope to consider the Confederate soldiers in a future article.

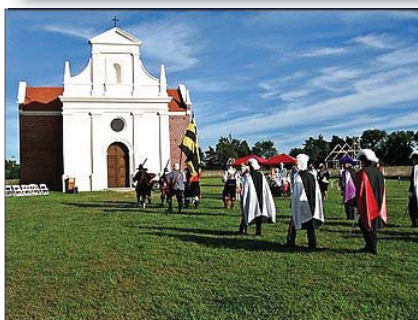
Welcome to new Life Member, Jeanene Candland Crowley.

Your Society at Work

We are all looking forward to the Friendship House garden dedication (see page 10). We are most appreciative for the interest the Charles County Garden Club has shown in beautifying the grounds around Friendship House, and of the cooperation and support of the College of Southern Maryland.

Spring has come with all the events of an active Charles County community. Please note those listed in this issue. The Historical Society is seeking volunteers to staff our table at the Port Tobacco Market Day (see page 8). Last year's event was most enjoyable, meeting and greeting visitors. If you are available to help, please contact Joyce Candland at 301-246-4488 or email: joyce.candland@gmail.com.

Thank you to all for all you do!



Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 21, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Prime Street Grille

4680 Crain Highway • White Plains, Maryland

See RSVP for Menu

Rebuilding the Brick Chapel at St. Mary's City

presented by Peter Himmelheber

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If you would like future newsletters sent to you by e-mail, please send us your e-mail address. Articles of historic interest on Southern Maryland are requested for publication in future issues of *The Record*. Please send your articles and photographs to: The Historical Society of Charles County, Publications, *The Record*, P.O. Box 2806, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Or you can email your articles and photographs to Joyce Candland at joyce.candland@gmail.com.

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 Joyce Candland.

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United States 1890 Special Census of the Civil War Veterans

By Joyce B. Candland

The U.S. Census Bureau attached an additional special census schedule along with the regular census conducted in 1890. They wanted to know how many Union Civil War veterans or their widows there were, and generally about their condition as described in the questions included.

The 1890 Census was destroyed by fire and water damage in the 1920s and only a fragment remains. At the time of the fire, the Special Census was at the Veteran's Administration and escaped destruction.

The schedules provided spaces for the following information: names of surviving soldiers, sailors, and marines, and widows; rank; name of regiment or vessel; date of enlistment; date of discharge, length of service; post office address; disability incurred; and remarks.

Only Union soldiers were to be included, but some Confederates are also listed.

With permission of the author, L. Tilden Moore, we have listed the names of those veterans or their widows and where they were living in Charles County from his book, *1890 Special Census of the Civil War Veterans of the State of Maryland, vol. II: Carroll, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties*.

For those seeking additional information, the Southern Maryland Studies Center, College of Southern Maryland has all four volumes of Mr. Moore's work on the Veterans census.

Thank you to Mr. Moore for his permission.

NUMBER	NAME	PLACE	ADD'L INFORMATION
4362.	Atchinson, William S. (Conf)		
4254.	Baines, John	Spring Hill	Thomas M. Gray, alias
4261.	Ball, Henry	La Plata	
4274.	Barber, Richard	Hill Top	
4284.	Barber, Robert	Nanjemoy	
4287.	Barnes, James	Riverside	
4247.	Bean, James H. (Conf)	Port Tobacco	
4329.	Bell, Hilliary	Charles Co.	
4262.	Boarman, John	La Plata	
4343.	Boarman, Richard T.	Bryantown	
4258.	Boarman, Theodore	Spring Hill	
4332.	Bowen, James T.	Gallant Green	
4349.	Bowling, Alexander	Bryantown	
4242.	Bowling, Constantine A.	Bryantown	
4349.	Bowling, William F.	Hughesville	
4278.	Bragonier, Daniel	Hill Top	
4350.	Briscoe, Joseph	Charlotte Hall	Baptist Wade, alias
4366.	Brown, Caslino	Charles Co.	widow
4289.	Brown, Charles W.	Doncaster	
4292.	Brown, Dennis	Cross Roads	
4264.	Brown, Edward	Spring Hill	
4266.	Brown, George	Hill Top	
4319.	Brown, Henry	Wayside	
4347.	Burch, Gonzaga C.	Bryantown	
4259.	Butler, Jacob	Port Tobacco	

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NUMBER	NAME	PLACE	ADD'L INFORMATION
4388.	Butler, James R.	.9 Charles Co.	
4338.	Butler, Stephen	.Bryantown	Chrissie Smallwood, widow
4249.	Button, John S.	.Port Tobacco	Mary F., widow
4308.	Campbell, Francis		
4310.	Campbell, Joseph		
4286.	Carroll, William	.Riverside	
4341.	Chapman, Henry	.Bryantown	Julia, widow
4339.	Chase, Baptist	.Bryantown	
4313.	Chisley, George F.	.Harris Lot	
4337.	Christ, Henry	.Bryantown	
4377.	Clagett, Geo. H.	.Pomonkey	
4361.	Clements, William (Conf)		
4316.	Contee, Philip A. L. (Conf)	.Wayside	
4268.	Cooper, Samuel	.Hill Top	
4376.	Dement, Benj. F.	.Pomonkey	
4357.	Dement, William F. (Conf)		
4325.	Dent, Henry C. (Conf)	.Issue	
4306.	Digges, Michael	.Maryland	
4312.	Dorsett, James A.	.Newburg	
4354.	Dorsey, Samuel	.Hughesville	
4298.	Dunnington, John	.Doncaster	
4326.	Dutton, John L. (Conf)	.Newburg	
4346.	Dyer, Austin M.	.Dentsville	
4252.	Dyson, John F. (Conf)	.Cox Station	Ferdinand Ploward, alias
4300.	Dyson, Mathias	.Newport	
4265.	Farrill, Joseph	.Hill Top	
4375.	Fletcher, James W.	.Pomonkey	
4381.	Ford, Samuel		Martha A. Ford, widow
4314.	Fowler, Joseph H.	.Harris Lot	
4263.	Frasier, William C.	.Port Tobacco	
4255.	Frederick, Richard (Conf)	.Spring Hill	
4317.	Freeman, Philip (Conf)	.Newburg	
4280.	Garner, James H.	.Hill Top	
4322.	Ginkins, John R. (Conf)	.Issue	
4275.	Gladen, Lamont	.Hill Top	
4290.	Gordon, William	.Doncaster	
4318.	Gray, John T.	.Newburg	
4348.	Gray, Marcena C.	.Bryantown	
4301.	Green, James	.Newport	
4344.	Gross, James	.Bryantown	
4382.	Gross, James R.	.Gallant Green	
4383.	Gross, James R.	.Gallant Green	Maria Gross, widow
4248.	Hall, Henry H.	.Port Tobacco	
4335.	Hawkins, Henry	.Bryantown	
4260.	Hawkins, John	.Port Tobacco	Lettie Hawkins, widow
4378.	Hawkins, William	.Malcolm	
4273.	Hensley, Hendley	.Hill Top	

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NUMBER	NAME	PLACE	ADD'L INFORMATION
4373.	Hodges, Georgeam L.	Pomonkey	
4315.	Huse, Carrol.	Wayside	
4257.	Jackson, James.	La Plata	
4295.	Jackson, Vernon.	Doncaster	
4336.	Jackson, William T.	Bryantown	
4353.	Jenifer, Alphred	Bryantown	
4345.	Johnson, Patric.	Bryantown	
4253.	Johnson, Robert H.	Spring Hill	
4288.	Johnson, Washington.	Cross Roads	
4303.	Jones, Charles	Newport	
4269.	Jones, William	Hill Top	
4271.	Leland, Levin L.	Hill Top	
4299.	Liones, Royal.	Budds Creek.	St. Mary's Co.
4386.	Livers, David		
4304.	Lloyd, Frances	Newport	
4372.	Maddox, Truman E.	Pomonkey	
4331.	Makle, James	Gallant Green	
4311.	Martial, John W.	Wayside	
4389.	Mason, Richard	9 Charles Co.	
4385.	Mason, William		
4368.	McKibben, Joseph C.	Marshall Hall	
4327.	McKinney, James F. (Conf)	Newburg	
4272.	Miles, Ambrose	Hill Top	
4320.	Millard, David (Conf)	Issue	
4251.	Milton, Charles C.	Cox Station.	Irene D. Milton, widow
4360.	Mitchell, Hugh		
4279.	Murdock, Andrew J.	Hill Top	
4321.	Neale, Charles A. (Conf)	Issue	
4374.	Nelson, Frederick W.	Pomonkey	
4334.	Nelson, Henry	Bryantown	
4256.	Norris, Sam	La Plata	
4323.	Page, William (Conf)	Issue	
4285.	Posey, Joseph.	Cross Roads	
4293.	Posey, Sandy	Cross Roads	Wellen, widow
4267.	Price, James	Hill Top	
4371.	Pye, Washington	Pomonkey	
4294.	Richardson, John N.	Pisgah	
4270.	Roberts. Alfred.	Hill Top	
4296.	Ross, Joseph.	Nanjemoy	
4365.	Sanders, Edward I.	Charles Co.	
4282.	Scott, Henry E.	Nanjemoy	
4283.	Scott, Richard	Nanjemoy	
4250.	Sewell, Frank (Conf)	Spring Hill	
4328.	Sheirburn, William (Conf)	Newburg	
4309.	Short, James		
4305.	Short, Robt.	Faulkner	
4358.	Shorter, John		
4297.	Simpson, Alonzo	Nanjemoy	

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Speak Family Annual Convention

By Jerry Draney



he Speak/e/s/es Family Association will hold their annual convention at the Sleep Inn in La Plata, Maryland, on October 14-16, 2011. The family members will be returning from throughout the US to where Thomas Speak immigrated from England over three centuries ago before the year 1660. The name Speke is of English origin but over the years in this country many variations have been used – Speke, Speak, Speake, Speakes, Speaks, Speak and Speeks. The Speak/e/s Family Association believes that most people in the United States who can trace their Speak/e/s line back to 1850 are probably descendants of the English immigrant settler Thomas Speake and his wife, Elizabeth Bowling, who settled before 1660 in that part of St Mary’s County, Maryland, which is now Charles County.

The convention will give family members the opportunity to visit and learn about the area where their ancestors settled and lived and to research into how people lived in the colonial America. There will be

presentations from local academia and historians about topics of interest and tours to local historical sites of interest. We have recently discovered that land once owned by Bowling Speak, son of Thomas Speak, is now the site of the present day St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Waldorf, Maryland. We will visit that area knowing for the first time that our ancestors lived there and farmed the land beginning in the early 1700s and probably before. Thomas Speak’s other son, John (The Innkeeper), lived in the Port Tobacco area and some of his descendants still live in Charles County.

Dr. Julia King will speak on history and culture, and Michael Mazzeo, Jr. will present “A Historic Tour of Charles County”.

Anyone interested in attending this convention is welcome. More specific information about the convention will be available as the date of October 14-16 becomes nearer. For more information you may contact Convention Chairman Jerry Draney, at email: jdraney@me.com

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NUMBER	NAME	PLACE	ADD'L INFORMATION
4390.	Skinner, Henrietta M. K.	Charles Co.	widow of U.S. Sol.
4369.	Smith, Charles G.	Pomfret	
4359.	Spalding, Basil W. (Conf)		
4356.	Speake, Henry		
4330.	Steine, Mary N.	Charles Co.	Widow of U.S.S.
4276.	Sweden, Noble.	Hill Top	
4379.	Tasker, Nathan	Gallant Green	Eliza Tasker, widow
4245.	Taskey, John H.	McConchie	
4364.	Taylor, Montford		
4351.	Thomas, Felix	Charlotte Hall	
4355.	Thomas, John.	Bryantown	
4291.	Tolson, Joseph	Doncaster	
4246.	Troxall, Richard.	Port Tobacco	
4307.	Turner, George		
4367.	Turner, Joseph	Charles Co.	
4379.	Waller, George W.	Glymont	
4277.	Walter, Charles H.	Charles Co.	
4352.	Warrington, Richard	Bryantown	
4380.	Watson, Joseph L.	Gallant Green	
4387.	Webster, Thomas E.	9 Charles Co.	
4302.	Whalance, Sanford.	Newport	
4384.	Wilkinson, Marshall		
4363.	Wills, Francis (Conf)		Not in the war
4333.	Wills, James	Gallant Green	
4324.	Wills, James A. (Conf).	Issue	

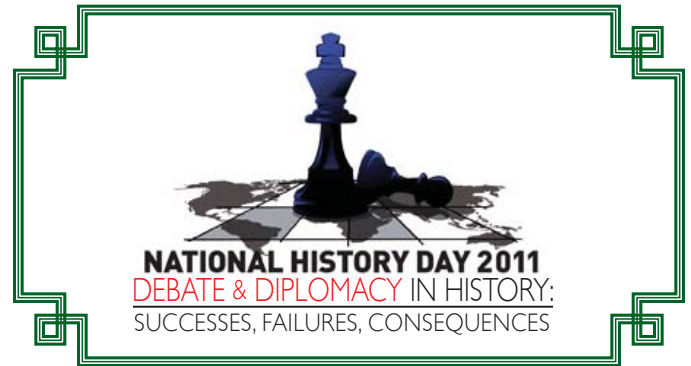
Annual History Day Awards Ceremony

By Michael J. Mazzeo, Jr.

Charles County Public Schools held its Annual History Day Awards Ceremony on March 26th. This year's theme was *Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences*. The Historical Society of Charles County was proud to present the following Special Award winners with a \$100.00 Savings Bond: *Monica Joseph, Angelique Ogunsemound, Cheyenne Scott from Theodore Davis Middle School on their Group Performance Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock (1903) and Carolyn Burgess, Brooke Dement, Carleigh Zimmerman from Piccowaxen Middle School on their Group Performance Title IX - Women's Rights in Sports*. Ernie Irish, Ron Brown and Tom Pike presented the awards.

The Friendship House Foundation also presented the following Special Award winners with a \$100.00 Savings Bond: *Brianna Swann from Westlake High School for her Historic Paper Did Jenna 6 Injustice Demand Outrage? and Tiarra Mason from Theodore Davis Middle School on her historic paper Integration of Schools*. Madelyn Irish presented those awards.

Historical Society members representing other organizations at the awards ceremony were: Anne



Boone of the Ella Virginia Houck Holloway Chapter, U.S. Daughters of 1812 and the Port Tobacco Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; Tom Pike of the Charles County Historic Trust; Ron Brown of the Charles County Heritage Commission; Charles Boone of the Thomas Stone Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; Peggy Schaumberg of the Southern Maryland Studies Center Advisory Board; and Louise Turner of the Smallwood Foundation. Michael J. Mazzeo, Jr. is the coordinator for the Special Awards for the Charles County Public Schools. The National History Day theme for next year is *Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History*.

Friday Lecture Series: CSM Celebrates Archaeology Month

Dr. Julia King will discuss archaeological investigations along the Wicomico River Drainage in a talk entitled "Traitors, Traders, and Indian Forts: Secrets of the Zekiah and Wicomico River Drainages" on May 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the College of Southern Maryland, La Plata Campus, Center for Business and Industry, Room B1-112. Dr. King will include information about the 20-mile Zekiah Swamp where English colonists and local Indian nations came into sustained contact, where an indentured Irish servant bucked Lord Baltimore's direction and married a newly arrived enslaved African, and where a core group of rabble-rousers met to plot the overthrow of the colony's government. Come and learn more about early Marylanders, presented by the Southern Maryland Studies Center and the Smallwood Foundation. Refreshments will be served.

2nd Annual Market

Historic Port Tobacco Courthouse

Saturday May 14, 2011
10 am to 3pm
RAIN or SHINE

FOOD * FUN * TOURS

- Fresh Produce
- Baked Goods
- Local Artists
- Local Authors
- Yard Sale Items
- Antiques
- Handmade Jewelry
- Crafts
- Community Organizations
- Plants

Proceeds to benefit
SOCIETY FOR THE RESTORATION OF PORT TOBACCO

For more information please contact:
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Share Your History: Religious Life in Southern Maryland

Amy Richmond, Coordinator, Southern Maryland Studies Center

*S*hare Your History Day: “Religious Life in Southern Maryland” held on Saturday March 12, 2011 at the Leonardtown Campus of the College of Southern Maryland was a great success. Representatives from over twenty churches brought items to be shared, scanned and/or donated to the Southern Maryland Studies Center. The largest collection came from the First Saint Community Church in Leonardtown, with 453 items and counting. We currently estimate that the materials from these collections will be online by the fall. If you find that any of the items have



been improperly grouped or identified or feel that you can identify any of the people, please contact the Southern Maryland Studies Center at smsc@csmd.edu. We look forward to your participation in next year’s *Share Your History*.

Studio 553 Historic Photograph Restoration

Disclaimer: Studio 553 was represented at the “Share Your History” event sponsored by the Southern Maryland Studies Center Advisory Committee. As a non-profit organization, the Historical Society does not promote or advertise any particular businesses or groups. However, we do think it is very appropriate to make our members aware of the historical photograph restoration aspect of Studio 553 located in the town of La Plata.

Studio 553, located on N. Maple Avenue #200, is a full-service graphic arts studio in the heart of La Plata, overlooking the historic La Plata train station. Specializing in image reproduction, we are experts at photo-retouching and image repair. We can restore

and correct water damaged, discolored images and torn photographs that you may think are not able to be repaired. Studio 553 will then produce a new archival print suitable for framing, in any size.

Original art is digitized here at Studio 553 and are handled with the utmost care. Printing is done on archival papers rated to last over 100 years using either glossy or matte surfaces. Once an image has been retouched, extra copies can be easily printed, and the files are archived at Studio 553. We can arrange digitize-while-you-wait services for rare and high value artifacts. Please call Susan at 301-392-1131 to set up an appointment to have our artists review your cherished photographs.



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R.s.v.p. for the Spring Meeting

Please reply by May 16, 2011

Saturday, May 21, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

Prime Street Grille

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Program

Rebuilding the Brick Chapel at St. Mary's City

Presented by Peter Himmelheber

Menu

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

Kona Coffee Crusted Sirloin & Bruschetta Topped Chicken & Chesapeake Bay Rockfish

Served with vegetable of the day and baked potato

Beverages – soda, water, tea, and coffee included



Number of people attending _____ @ \$32.00 per person = \$ _____ enclosed.

Attendees: _____

- Kona Coffee Crusted Sirloin
- Bruschetta Topped Chicken
- Chesapeake Bay Rockfish

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Send form and check made out to HSCC and mail to:
Mary Pat Berry & P.O. Box 227 & Port Tobacco, MD 20677

A Call for Volunteers

By Amy Richmond, Coordinator of the
Southern Maryland Studies Center

The Southern Maryland Studies Center is seeking volunteers to do the following:

- Conduct research when we receive requests
- Clean up vertical files
- Copy newspaper articles
- Create rare book boxes
- Alphabetize periodicals
- Make sure the books in the Reading Room are in call number order
- Do an inventory on the books in the reading room
- Figure out which collections need to be re-housed
- Identify people and places in photographs

While these are not the most exciting tasks, they are an important part of helping the SMSC run smoothly and could shed new light on the history of Southern Maryland. If you are interested in volunteering, or can think of any projects we left out, please contact us at smc@csmd.edu or 301-934-7606.

Correction

G. Howard Post, the author of the article on Benedict in the January issue of the Record, is writing a book on Benedict, not on the War of 1812. We regret the error.

Mark Your Calendar

- **Monday, May 16** – Charles County Garden Club dedication of the Friendship House Garden at 2:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 21** – Historical Society of Charles County Spring Dinner Meeting
- **Monday, July 4** – Thomas Stone Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Memorial Ceremony at the Thomas Stone National Historic Site
- **Saturday, October 22** – Historical Society of Charles County Annual Dinner Meeting, Durham Church Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Friendship House Garden

By Peggy Schaumburg

The Charles County Garden Club, in partnership with the Charles County Historical Society and the College of Southern Maryland has installed a fenced garden at the rear of Friendship house to screen the utilities and provide a visual barrier from the adjacent modern building and parking lot. The patio area has a picnic table and benches to provide an attractive place for students and faculty to eat lunch.

The garden will be dedicated on May 16, 2011 at 2:00 at the BI Building on the La Plata campus of CSM. There will be a program in the BI with a ribbon cutting at the garden and refreshments at Friendship House. Members of the Historical Society are invited to attend.



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