As is customary, there will be no membership meetings in January and February. There is a Board Meeting scheduled, however, on January 26, at Marietta, 10 a.m.

Our March meeting is to be at Marietta, on Saturday, the 9th at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Sherod Cooper will speak on the restoration of the Liberty Ship John Brown.

February is Black History Month. You will find several interesting programs being offered in Prince George's County during the month of February. For information you may wish to call M-NCPB Commission, Arts Division, 301 864-2786.

Abraham Hall Restoration Completed. The M-NCPB Commission announces that after six years of planning, meetings and great anticipation, that Abraham Hall is expected to be completed in the month of January. In 1887, the members of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham, Rebecca Lodge No. 6, joined eleven black families in buying lots from the new subdivision of the Mark Duvall estate. A year later in 1888, the Hall was built as a meeting place for members of the lodge.

The Prince George's County Historical Society enjoyed a presentation this past fall on Abraham Hall and other restoration and preservation activities in the County. For further information please contact Marsha Brown, Black History Specialist at the M-NCPB Commission, 301 779-2011.

February Reception Announced. "The Architectural Heritage of Prince George's County: An Exhibition of the Photographs of Jack E. Boucher, chief Photographer, Historic American Buildings Survey," is to be launched with a reception on Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m., February 3rd. It is to be held at the Arts Club of Washington, 2017 Eye St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

The invitation is extended to us by Parris N. Glendenning, County Executive; the county Historic Preservation Commission;
the county Historical and Cultural Trust; in cooperation with the Historic American buildings Survey, National Park Service; the University of Maryland Graduate Program in Historic Preservation and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Planning Department.

RSVP 301-952-3520 by January 30th. If you cannot make the reception you will still be able to view the exhibit at the Arts Club in the days following.

Hearts and Flowers at Surratt House. On the weekends of February 2-3 and 9-10, historic Surratt House and Tavern, 9110 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland, will present a salute to the romantic Victorian era with the annual Antique Valentines Display. For further information call 301-868-1121.

New Book on Forgotten Tobacco Plantation. Author and archaeologist Dennis J. Poague has written a fascinating true story of an abandoned, forgotten, 17th century Patuxent River tobacco plantation. The story titled, King's Reach and 17th-Century Plantation Life, was derived from data recovered in a three-year archaeological exploration at the Calvert County, Maryland site. The site is one of 75 located at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, a 512-acre preserve in southern Maryland. Visitors there may watch digs in progress. For information about the Park and Museum dial (301) 586-0050.

The new book may be ordered for $5.95 plus $2.50 postage and handling, by writing Maryland Historical and Cultural Publications, Room 449, 45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401-1907 or by calling (301) 974-5585.

Membership Report. Members not previously mentioned who are joining the Prince George's County Historical Society are listed below. Information submitted by PGCHS Treasurer John Bourne.

Samuel H. Becker, Jr.
Sandra Capone Haney
Mark and Margaret Melcher
Andrew Nitz
Florence Riedeset
John J. Rogers

Part-time Museum Assistants Needed - College Park Airport. If interested in working in the airport museum please call Cathy Allen, M-NCPP Commission, History Division, 301-779-2011.

Board of Directors' News. On December 1st, President Bud Dutton called the meeting to order. Items discussed were:
Treasurer's report; items of correspondence; gift certificates for the excellent Virta Pictorial History now available from Mrs. Sarah Bourne; a unified Calendar of Events.

The House Committee reported that the job description for facilities manager at Marietta has been released and applications are being accepted by the History Division of M-NCPP Commission.

Nancy Brennan is reviewing the History Division report Phase I of the Heritage Center. Gene Roberts attended the Master Plan review hearing on Historic Sites and Districts. A second printing of the Illustrated Inventory was recommended to John Rhodes.

Ways to get more members involved in the work of the Society were discussed. Also discussed, a budget for the coming year.

On December 27th, President Dutton chaired a second meeting of the Board of Directors. Items discussed were:

Letter from MARPAT denying our request for a library/museum planning grant; a Treasurer's report; a House Committee report on purchase of a volume to be used for the Docent program. (Additional Docent training is to take place while Marietta is closed for the winter.)

The Alan Virta history to be delivered around the end of January.

Other items were: application for County funding; a request from the Prince George's Community College for assistance from the PGCH Society in developing a lecture series on County History; and finally discussion of the 1991 budget for the Society.

President Dutton and the members of the Board of Directors are volunteering a great deal of time and effort on behalf of the Society during the winter, as evidenced by the many considerations (and many other items of day-to-day work not cited) reported above. Members are invited to express their appreciation of this work and also invited to join in the several valuable and interesting activities of the PGCH Society.

Julia's Houseparty, Summer 1855

(This article is reprinted by the kind permission of author Peggy Callcott. It appeared in The Riversdale Letter, published by the Riversdale Historical Society, Fall 1990 issue Vol. 7, No. 32.)

Julia was Rosalie and George Calvert's youngest daughter...when Rosalie Calvert died in 1821, relatives offered to take young Julia, but George Calvert wanted to keep his diminished family together. Fortunately, the Calverts' oldest daughter Caroline had completed her education, returned to Riversdale, and was available to care for Julia....
This arrangement worked well, but not for long. Caroline married Thomas Willing Morris two years after her mother's death and moved with him to Philadelphia. Care of Julia, then nine, fell to her other sister, seventeen-year-old Eugenia, recently home from school in Philadelphia....

In 1831, Julia served as a bridesmaid to her cousin, Mary Custis, at Mary's marriage to Robert E. Lee, which took place at Arlington House. On the occasion of her own marriage in 1833, Thomas Sully painted Julia's portrait; his portrait reveals a dark-eyed, dark-haired, oval-faced beauty with a dramatic combination of her mother's and father's features. Julia's portrait hangs today at another Lee home, Stratford Hall, but it regularly returns to Arlington House to mark the Custis-Lee wedding anniversary...

Julia married at nineteen in 1833; her choice was a Virginia physician, Richard Henry Stuart. The wedding took place at Riversdale, and the couple made their home at "Cedar Grove" in King George County, Virginia. Julia and her doctor husband had eight children, all of whom lived to adulthood.

In 1855, fourteen-year-old Agnes Lee wrote in her journal of a summer excursion from Arlington to Julia Stuart's Cedar Grove plantation for a houseparty with a number of her cousins:

"June 8th - we have been and returned from C[edar] G[rove] which is more than sixty miles down the [Potomac] river. We started, with Mr. Webster in the "Columbia" which literally pokes, found on board Cousin Eugenia Hall and Alice Bowie with her children, and Ella Carter, who were going with us ... [Eugenia Carter Hall, Alice Carter Bowie, and Ella Carter were Eugenia Calvert Carter's three oldest daughters. They were going to visit their Aunt Julia.]

"[June] 11th - ... After becoming perfectly worn out, we at last reached "Boyd's hole" about one and were transported to the shore in row boats. There in the burning sun, we waited until our belongings were safely deposited, and then drove to the house... The portico was filled with a mass of pink robed females and I assure you it was with no little dread I anticipated my introduction to my unknown cousins. We sprang out, kissed them all promiscuously and were conducted hot and tired to our rooms. It is one of the most convenient houses I ever saw. A fine hall, with dining room and sitting-room [on] one side from which you pass to the wing containing the offices, pantries, etc; the other side to the parlour, staircase, library, etc. - altogether some eleven or twelve bedrooms. One hall door opens on the river about twenty yards distant, it is nearly five miles wide just opposite.
Every one was so affectionate and kind, Margaret and Julia [Stuart] were at school in Balt., but the Dr. [Richard Henry Stuart, Julia's husband], cousin ____? Rosalie, the eldest [Stuart] daughter who is very sweet and pretty, Mary, Ada, Carrie, little Dick and Calvert [all children of Julia Calvert Stuart], Cousin Julia Morris [daughter of Caroline Calvert Morris], the Halls, Bowies, Ella and Mildred C--- [all daughters of Eugenia Calvert Carter] and ourselves composed a large household, but there was plenty of room for all. I shan't be able to describe half the pleasures of our visit. The first Saturday most of our party went to spend the day with Cousin Patsy Stuart, who lives a few miles down the river ... We found 'quite a company' awaiting us, and everything was done to make us enjoy ourselves, not forgetting a fine dinner at which a roast pig with an apple in his mouth was eminently conspicuous... We had a charming row home, the tide was so low the boatmen had to bear us ashore in their arms. 'Joshua' was my bearer, 'Noses' Annie's [Agnes' sister]. The funniest thing was to see Dr. Stuart who is very tall, on the back of one of the shortest men carried safely to land... The next week the girls had to say their lessons to Miss Taborah, still we had a nice time. One day Mamma, Cousin Julia, and I went round returning visits, I heard the affairs of the Lees, Carters, Childes, Grymes and others discussed at length.

"We went bathing by moonlight several times, it was perfectly delightful. We feasted on crabs, fried chicken, green peas, cake, strawberries and ice cream which later was particularly acceptable...."

"Agnes returned to Arlington House to find letters from "Papa" [Robert E. Lee, who was on a western trip with the 2nd Cavalry] and an anxious "Grandpa" [George Washington Parke Custis] awaiting her return." [Taken from Growing Up in the 1850s: The Journal of Agnes Lee, edited by Mary Custis Lee de Butts (UNC Press, 1984).]

Rosalie Calvert surely would have been pleased with this gathering of her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren, and with her daughter Julia for taking an active interest in the offspring of her two older sisters, both dead by this time. It was proper repayment for Caroline's and Eugenia's assumption of responsibility for Julia years before. - Peggy Callcott.

The Ghost of Snow Hill

[This article was written for us by Prince George's Historical Society member Morris Warren of Snow Hill, Laurel, Maryland.]

One of the first questions people ask about Snow Hill is, "Have
you any ghosts?" To this I answer, "Not now, he left!" Then in answer to their puzzled looks I tell them this true story.

My father, Dr. Bryan Warren, bought Snow Hill in the summer of 1939 but we did not move into it until the summer of 1941. During this period a tenant farmer and his family occupied the first floor but would not got upstairs after dark because they claimed that there were ghosts in the attic. Strange noises came from there.

Finally in the summer of 1941, the farmer moved to a new bungalow. Snow Hill was cleaned, electrified, the woodwork painted white and the inside walls covered with another layer of wallpaper (bringing the total to eight). When all was complete save for the connection of power, Jimmy Alexander (who later started the Laurel Rescue Squad), my brother Bryan and I began to move our family from 307 Prince George Street in Laurel down to the "farm" -- Snow Hill.

We set up a second floor bedroom (now the master bedroom) as temporary sleeping quarters for the moving team. It was late when we finished work on the moving operation and we threw ourselves exhausted into our beds. A small door across the hall (then) led to the attic (it is now a closet). The attic held only some old trunks and a 500-gallon water tank, filled daily by pump.

We townspeople, of course, did not believe in ghosts, nevertheless we had a small arsenal of pistols, rifles and shotguns, plus Bryan's German Police dog, "Thor" at our side.

In the middle of the night we were awakened from our deep sleep by a noise from the attic. The dog sat up. Three flashlights came on. We all reached for firearms. The noise came from the far end of the attic and with a strange thumping sound came down the narrow attic stairs. The dog whimpered and ran wildly until the sound of the attic door opening three feet away, came through our closed door. The dog squeezed under the bed, then jumped into bed to glue himself against my brother, whining and shivering. After an eternity we heard the attic door close and the sounds stopped.

The dog relaxed and we three exhausted young men did too. We didn't talk about the noises during the following busy day. The power was delayed so we used a kerosene lantern that night. We had a sword cane, several loaded shot guns and a powerful flashlight. We locked the attic door on our side, checked that the other doors of the house were securely locked.

But again, there was feeling of fear in our hearts, as deep in the night we were once again awakened by a thump from the attic. Again it moved toward the attic stairs. Flashlights came on, the
dog whined and paced, then became frantic, watching our bedroom door, as the noise reached the stairs and started down. Clearly we heard the attic door open and close. Whatever it was stood just outside our door. Nobody breathed.

Then the sound moved off towards the steps going downstairs. The noise was like a deep thumping from dragging a sack. It reached the bottom of the stairs. Then we heard the squeaky hinges of the locked front door opening. BAM! The door slammed shut as though someone were saying, "Goodbye, I've had enough and am leaving for good."

Since then we have never heard strange sounds in the night and can only surmise that the ghost in the attic left for more agreeable quarters.  [Written November 27, 1989.]

Calendar of Events Planned For 1991

The Board of Directors has a draft plan for 1991 events, none ghostly, as follows:

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The St. George's Day Celebration will be on Sunday, April 21.

The Donald K. Skarda awards will be presented at the June 8th membership meeting.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 14 in conjunction with a membership meeting.

Again, many thanks to the members of the Board of Directors and to committee members who have planned another fine year for us.
Reminder: You should have your dues reminder slip by now. Due to higher expenses, dues are slightly higher. Example, $20 member.

Contributions of news and articles are very welcome. Our next deadline is Feb. 15, 1991. Contact Vera Rollo, editor, 577-5308.

WEATHER ADVISORY. In the event of questionable weather for meetings, a message will be on the Marietta telephone 464-0590.

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NEWS AND NOTES from the

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box #14, Riverdale, MD 20737

President: W. C. "Bud" Dutton. Editor: Vera F. Rollo

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As spring approaches the members of the Prince George's County Historical Society are invited to gather to meet your friends, hear an excellent speaker and enjoy refreshments.

Our March meeting is to be at Marietta, on Saturday, the 9th at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Sherod Cooper will speak on the restoration of the Liberty Ship John Brown. Dr. Cooper will offer insights into the history of the ship and the ways in which strong volunteer support carried through the successful project.

Tours Resume. With the first Sunday in March, the 3rd, regular tours of Marietta will resume. Since restoration work will begin around July 1st, you may wish to visit the mansion before then. After construction begins on Marietta, docents will alter tours to include items of interest available while the house is being repaired and strengthened.

Board of Directors' News. On February 16, a very frosty day, President Bud Dutton called the 10 o'clock morning meeting to order at Marietta. Among usual items of business discussed were: The Treasurer's report; a report on membership renewals; items of correspondence.

There followed a presentation regarding Heritage Resources Awareness in the Public Schools, the proposed 1991 program to be led by Jim Wolfe of the County schools and John Walton of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission's History Division.

This is a project undertaken by the County's Heritage Coalition of organizations interested in County history and in preservation projects. It will be a partnership in planning and funding between the public schools, the Coalition and the MNCP&PC History Division.

The purpose of the activity is to build an appreciation of the County's heritage reflecting its considerable diversity; to link County history with that of the nation; and to expand an appreciation of the many historic sites in the County.
To carry out these goals, there is to be a two-week summer project. During the first week six elementary school teachers and six middle school teachers will study and visit historic sites in the County. The second week will be devoted to writing a curriculum packet for County schools and developing resource information. This second week will involve six teachers.

St. George's Day Dinner. The Board appointed a committee made up of John Mitchell, John Giannetti and Warren Rhoads to work with Board members on the St. George's Day Awards. Members are invited to submit names of those people and organizations active in County restoration and historical research projects. Deadline for submissions is March 15th.

The St. George's Day event will be held at the Marlboro Hunt Club on April 21st. Invitations will be mailed to members.

The Marietta House Committee reported on special events planned for 1991, on the lease schedule, and on video tape documentation by Harry Durity on the year-long restoration process to begin at Marietta July 1st. Mr. Durity has accepted this challenging work.

Facility Manager. John Walton, History Division, MNCP&P Commission, presented the new Facility Manager for Marietta, Susan Wolfe. Mrs. Wolfe has previously been educational coordinator of the National Colonial Farm.

Further reports were heard on the progress made in plans for the St. George's Day Dinner, the Fall Fundraiser event, a review of the Society newsletter News and Notes (with Ann Ferguson, Joyce McDonald and Vera Rollo involved in improving the publication for you); calendar publication and the spring Bus Tour.

IMPORTANT NOTE. The Spring Bus Tour has a change in date. The Bus Tour date has been moved up now to May 4th, a Saturday. The site, Odessa, has been confirmed. Flyer in March newsletter.

Other Board News. Plans were made by several Board members to attend the Small Museum Association Conference which is to be held February 24-26 in Ocean City, Maryland.

Meetings are planned with the Maryland Historical Society and with other (county) historical societies in Maryland.

Plans were discussed for History Month, Week and Day, celebrations with a committee made up of Paul Lanham, Fred DeMarr and Edith Bagot.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is to be held at Marietta on May 16th at 10:00 a.m.
Membership Report. Members not previously mentioned who are joining the Prince George's County Historical Society are listed below. Information submitted by PGCHS Treasurer John Bourne.

Daniel T. Hall

Also, new Life Members:

John W. and Evalina Mitchell

Correction! Last month we incorrectly listed a new member as Samuel H. Becker. This should be Samuel H. Beck.

Dues Due! Treasurer Bourne reminds us—any of us who have not paid their dues, are urged to do so. This will save the Society the time and expense of mailing a second request. We thank you members who have renewed memberships.

Part-time Museum Assistants Needed - College Park Airport. If interested in working in the airport museum please call Cathy Allen, M-NCPP Commission, History Division, 301 779-2011. The remuneration is a bit low, but the rewards in involvement with the public and with the history of this early airport, are high.

IT IS HERE! Yes, it has arrived. Copies of the excellent Virta Pictorial History of Prince George's County are now available from Mrs. Sarah Bourne or at Marietta. The Alan Virta history was delivered in mid-February.

It is a fine publication, as we think you'll agree when you see it. New material, bringing County history right up to the 1990s, has been added by author Alan Virta, and a Foreword by Fred DeMarr, plus other text material (including an account of the work of the Society) and many excellent color photographs.

An order form is enclosed in this edition of News and Notes.

Assistance Requested. Your assistance is requested to help the Society store, Market and assist in sales of the Alan Virta history of the County. Please call Fred DeMarr if you can help us, please.

Calvert Book Planned. For some time the Society has been planning to re-issue a fact-based historical story for young readers on the Calverts of Maryland. Paul Lanham is heading this project.
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Miscellaneous

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The St. George's Day Dinner. The annual St. George's Day Awards Dinner, April 21st, will be our April meeting.

Able work by a committee made up of John Mitchell, John Giannetti and Warren Rhoads have planned a delightful luncheon and program for us at the Marlboro Hunt Club. Invitations will be mailed to you.

The committee members are meeting April 6th to work with Board members on the final selection of St. George's Day Awards from nominations submitted.

IMPORTANT NOTE. The Spring Bus Tour has a change in date. The Bus Tour date has been moved up now to May 4th, a Saturday. See the flyer in this news-letter from tour leader, Warren Rhoads.

NOTE! Departure from Marietta NOT Park & Planning!!

From the University at College Park

By David Fogle, Ph.D.

The University of Maryland is negotiating a five-year lease for a portion of the estate of the Lords Baltimore in North Yorkshire, England, as a year-'round study center.

Kiplin Hall, a fine Jacobean manor house, built in 1623 by George Calvert, First Lord Baltimore, is the destination of a study tour in August 1991 led by David Fogle.

Some of the proceeds of the tour will be used to assist in the restoration of the house and grounds. Anyone interested should call Professor Fogle at 405-6309, or Joan Patterson, Director of Alumni Travel at 905-4576. This is a unique opportunity to delve into Maryland's English heritage.
From Your Treasurer

By John Bourne

Membership Report. Members not previously mentioned who are joining the Prince George's County Historical Society are:

Carol A. Beenick
Mrs. Lucy S. Blocker
Ellen M. Nedde and William M. Shipp
Michael Tilch

Double Dues May Be Due. Remember ---- many of us when we pay our County Historical Society dues, do not remember that we must pay a separate sum for membership in the state, Maryland Historical Society. If you wish to join the Maryland society, you may mail your check, made out to the PGCH Society, to the PGCH Society address, P.O. Box 14, Riverdale, MD 20737. (Individual dues are $15; for husband and wife $25.)

Treasurer's Report.

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The President's Report

Copies of the excellent Virta Pictorial History of Prince George's County are now available from Mrs. Sarah Bourne or at Marietta. The Alan Virta history was delivered in mid-February, and in just a month 100 copies were sold. Only 150 are left. This reprinting project was led by Joyce McDonald whose work on this successful project is most appreciated. It is a fine publication, as we think you'll agree when you see it.

An order form is enclosed in this edition of News and Notes.

Also, President Dutton notes, that major changes in the lease of Marietta have been approved which reflects the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission's pleasure at the work the PGCH Society is doing at the mansion.

Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation

The University of Maryland at College Park announced in February, the appointment of David P. Fogle, Associate Professor of Architecture, as director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Historic Preservation.

Professor Fogle, an urban planner, is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of California at Berkeley, and has been active in numerous preservation projects. He directs summer programs in historic preservation in Cape May, NJ and at Kiplin Hall in North Yorkshire, England, the ancestral home of the Lords Baltimore.

The program awards a masters certificate in historic preservation upon completion of 24 credits at the graduate level. For more information call (301) 405-6310.

Riversdale II: Restoring the Heritage

This is a restoration conference for "The Grand and Humble Abode" on April 20 and 21, 1991, a Saturday and Sunday, on Riversdale in Riverdale, Maryland. The Riversdale Conference will be held at the Riverdale Elementary School, 5005 Riverdale Road. The Riversdale mansion is just two blocks away.

The second of three planned conferences at Riversdale, it will address the process of restoring and interpreting the historic American home. Speakers, experts in restoration, will address a wide spectrum of topics.

Under the sponsorship of twelve organizations, the conference will be coordinated by the University of Maryland. For more information contact the Maryland Historical Trust, 45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401.
Lord Baltimore Tour

A really wonderful tour has been planned for July 31 - August 14, this year. Participants will have a rare opportunity to visit Kiplin Hall in England after a week spent touring fascinating sites in Scotland. Side trips in England are included in the second interesting week.

For details contact the Office of Alumni Travel, University of Maryland, (301) Joan Patterson 405-4676.

The Society Needs Coordinator

The Prince George's County Historical Society very much needs a Hospitality Coordinator. No, you do not have to provide refreshments and refreshing drinks—but the Hospitality Coordinator arranges that these be provided---coordinates! We need a person with executive ability. Members attending meetings will be most grateful. If you can help, please call Sarah Bourne at 277-5468.

Book of Letters Available Now


Translated from the original French and arranged as a chronological narrative, the sparkling correspondence of Rosalie Stier Calvert provides an intimate firsthand account of life in Prince George's County in the early nineteenth century.

This excellent 400-page book is available at $34.95 each, from the Treasurer, Riversdale Society, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, MD 20737.

Open House and Programs

Pyramid Atlantic, concerned with the art of paper, prints and books, of Riverdale, Maryland, is offering an Open House Day that features Japanese Papermaking, Origami and an opportunity to view an exhibition of prints and books in their research gallery and library on Sunday, April 21st. For more information about their preservation seminars and other events, call (301) 459-7154.

Fine Art Show

The Prince George's Artist Association will hold a reception and show at the Bowie Community Center, Rt. 450 & Stonybrook Dr., Bowie, MD. Saturday April 27, 11:00 to 5:00 and 3:00 to 5:00 Sunday, April 28th.

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"Weaving Baltimore"

Transparencies by the Baltimore Weaver's Guild will be featured in the Main Gallery, Montpelier Cultural Arts Center from April 9 through May 28. A reception for exhibitors on Saturday, April 20, is scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m.

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY II

Yes, the first Mad Hatter's Tea in April was such a popular event and so many more people wanted to attend than was possible at that time, Sami Sharkey announces that a second one is set for April 13th, 2 p.m. at Marietta, $4.50 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult. You may contact Sami Sharkey at 927-5397 for your reservation.

Old Theater Revived

By Alan Virta

The old movie theater in Greenbelt Center, closed in the late 1970s, has been refurbished and reopened for business as a 99-cent discount theater. Paul Sanchez, who operates other discount theaters in the county, is the proprietor.

The first motion picture ever shown at Greenbelt Theater was "Little Miss Broadway" starring Shirley Temple, on September 21, 1938. In 1990 the theater reopened with "Ghost" on Christmas Day. On display in the lobby of Mr. Sanchez's theater in the Laurel Town Center, are photographs of several old suburban Maryland theaters (including the Hyattsville Theater).

Our Society At Winter Conference

By Virginia Reinhart

The Prince George's County Historical Society was represented at the winter conference of the Small Museum Association by President Bud Dutton and Corresponding Secretary Ginny Reinhart.

The conference, held in Ocean City in February focussed on sharing information and expertise. On the program were sessions on fund raising, legal responsibilities for handicapped access to museums, instituting living history presentations and a training session on applying for grants.

One of the highlights of the two-day program was an open forum in which members of the 61 institutions attending described activities and procedures which worked well for them in various fields. These included recruitment of volunteers, publicity and special events.
Participants were given special tours of the Calvert Taylor Museum and the historic Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, Maryland. Susan Wolfe, newly appointed facilities manager at Marietta, served as vice-chairman for the conference.

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Help Me Find Birmingham Manor

By Morris Warren

You probably didn't know that the first Snowden home built in this country was about 1-2 miles east of Snowhill and Montpelier along Brock Bridge Rd (the old Phila-Richmond Post Rd) in Anne Arundel County. During high school and college I was told that Birmingham Manor and the graveyard containing Major Snowden's grave was at one location. Now the graveyard has been replaced by a school and the graves located elsewhere. Since Birmingham Manor was near the graveyard, its location has also been changed. Here is the story.

After my father, Dr. Bryan Warren, bought Snowhill many wonderful and interesting members of the Snowden family would visit and this greatly deepened our knowledge and interest in the history of that family. Also Dad had treated Julius Snowden who told him that Birmingham Manor (note the use of the word manor as this was the first home) was located at the intersection of Brock Bridge Rd and the old Annapolis Rd.

From Julius, Dad told me that Birmingham Manor burned in the 1890s (confirmed) and that a wooden house was built on the old foundation. I vaguely remember this building and the huge cedar trees surrounding it when I would accompany my father on house calls (for 2.00) at the location above.

When World War 2 started, all the land east of Brock Bridge Rd was taken over by Ft. Meade and the homes were picked up and moved leaving the foundations or basements untouched. Annapolis Rd was renamed Boundary Rd. Dad was most concerned that someone would fall into the deep empty basement made of old bricks (into which I climbed many times) and that the Snowden cemetery located about 100 yards south would be destroyed.

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As the war progressed this area was used for night maneuvers and something crashed into the graveyard knocking over Julius Snowden's obelisk. Major Snowden's slab, which had been mounted on a brick foundation was also knocked off and cracked. We did our best to right everything.

After the war we rode our horses almost weekly on Brock Bridge Rd to the site referred to above as the Boundary Rd coupled into hundred of miles of splendid unused, but well maintained, gravel roads in Ft Meade that became our riding paths. Many a time I would ride into the Snowden cemetery to show it to guests and also point out the nearby deep foundation, which Dad said was Birmingham Manor.

In the 50s the B-W parkway was constructed about 300 yards east of the cemetery site and this new road split all lands west of the parkway from Ft. Meade, so this property was given to Anne Arundel County.

Forty five years later my dear friend Ann Waters Reilly and a history buff visited me and while talking about Birmingham Manor, it became apparent that we were not talking bout the same location. They kindly took me to the Snowden graveyard via a long route through Ft Meade and now it was no longer up high, but in a low wooded area and furthermore it had migrated to the east side of the B-W Parkway. Nearby were the remains of a basementless foundation and marvelous old well. The B-W Parkway was only 100 feet away. The Major Snowden slab was now mounted on concrete.

Today Brock Bridge School stands where I remember the old cemetery site. The big trees around the nearby deep basement are gone but there is secondary growth from their roots that clearly mark the site. Someone said the old cemetery was consolidated with another one on government property when the land west of the B-W parkway was given to Anne Arundel County. This is what I believe happened as the government is much concerned about these matters.

In 1960 a local historian published a book which said that the Snowden Cemetery marked the site of Birmingham Manor and since it was on the east side of the B-W Parkway the old remains next to it must be Birmingham Manor. I believe this was another old Snowden home where Julius Snowden lived, but not the high and beautiful site that I remember as a boy. I have heard that the Whitehead family lived in the house on the foundation Dad said was Birmingham Manor.

Any help to solve this mystery would be appreciated. Where was Birmingham Manor? Was the Snowden Graveyard located where Brock Bridge School is today moved and consolidated with one at it's present position?

Finally, very vaguely I seem to recall a historical marker marking Birmingham Manor at the Brock Bridge School location.

March 1991, Snowhill (301) 459-7090

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The Board of Directors has a draft plan for 1991 events:

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Author to Speak

The May membership meeting will be held Saturday, May 11th at Marietta, 2 p.m.

Our speaker will be Dr. Margaret Law Callcott. She will tell us some of the background of the research and writing of her new book, *Mistress of Riversdale, The Plantation Letters of Rosalie Stier Calvert, 1795-1821*. Dr. Callcott edited the correspondence, researched the background of the period and identified the persons mentioned in the letters. The book is published by the Johns Hopkins University Press.

Translated from the original French and arranged as a chronological narrative, the correspondence of Rosalie Stier Calvert provides an intimate firsthand account of life in Prince George's County in the early nineteenth century and a look at life in Belgium, as well.

Dr. Callcott is author of several other books, one of these is *The Negro in Maryland Politics: 1870 - 1912*.

Her latest book, a unique 400-page book will be available at the meeting and there will be an opportunity to have it autographed by Dr. Callcott. The book is $34.95 plus tax, a total of $36.70 each.

The St. George's Day Dinner

The annual St. George's Day Awards Dinner, held Sunday, April 21st, at the Marlborough Hunt Club, Upper Marlboro, was our April meeting.

A list of those receiving awards will appear in our next News and Notes.
Fred DeMarr Honored

Frederick S. DeMarr, who served for many years as President of the Prince George's Society, who founded the collection of papers and books that now make up the Frederick S. DeMarr Library of Prince George's County History, and who has led so many projects furthering the cause of the preservation and collection of County history was named Prince Georgian of the Year. This award is sponsored by the Office of the County Executive of Prince George's County.

It is awarded annually to the person who has performed public service and has contributed to the County with their work. Certainly Fred DeMarr has done this. He is a repository of County historical knowledge, a treasurer of information.

Warm letters of support for DeMarr's nomination for this honor came in to the County Executive from numerous individuals and heads of organizations. Congratulations were in order at the April 25th luncheon at which the award was presented.

The Alan Virta History

Joyce McDonald

The Virta history has been named Book of the Month by Walsworth Publishing.

Copies of the excellent Pictorial History of Prince George's County are now available from Mrs. Sarah Bourne or at Marietta.

NOTE: A few copies of the new edition of the book delivered in mid-February contain a printing error: pp. 96-112 is missing and pp. 113-129 appear twice. Unfortunately this error was discovered after many copies had been distributed. If you received a flawed copy, please return it to Sarah Bourne, 6808 Dartmouth Ave., College Park, MD 20740 (277-5468). A replacement copy will be mailed to you.

Lord Baltimore Tour

There's still time for the tour of historic England planned for July 31 - August 14, this year. Participants will visit Kiplin Hall in England after a week spent touring fascinating sites in Scotland. Side trips in England are included in the second week. For details contact the Office of Alumni Travel, University of Maryland, (301) Joan Patterson 405-4676.
The Society Needs Coordinator

The Prince George's County Historical Society very much needs a Hospitality Coordinator. If you can help, please call Sarah Bourne at 277-5468.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party, II

The first Mad Hatter's Tea in April was sold out early and so many more people wanted to attend than was possible at that time, Sami Sharkey arranged a second one for April 13th, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Marietta. Thirty guests arrived for each serving.

Well-dressed children, sporting immaculate white gloves, frilled socks, flowered dresses were accompanied by suitably impressed adults.

Wonderful trays of delicious sandwiches, cakes and other refreshments circulated, tea flowed into the Marietta tea cup collection. A white rabbit with a tousled tail flashed through the house. Warren Rhoads in gentleman's garb of the 18th century supplemented the appearance of the Mad Hatter (who looked a lot like Maxie Phillips).

Edith Bagot, Sami Sharkey, Julie Rhoads and several others saw to it that refreshments flowed, Susan Wolfe, Marietta facilities manager led tours of the mansion while the children listened to a story read by Warren Rhoads.

The rain fell gently on the fields and trees but failed to dampen the high spirits engendered by this very special event.

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From Your Treasurer

By John Bourne

The Society's By-Laws include the stipulation that those who had not paid their 1991 dues by April 1 are to be dropped from membership. On March 28, 1991, President Dutton wrote to urge every member delinquent in payment of dues to make payment promptly and to advise him of their comments and suggestions.
If you are among those who have not paid your dues, please do so today and your membership can be reinstated.

The Treasurer is pleased to note that a donation of $275 has been received from the C & P Telephone Company.

Manager's Report

By Susan Wolfe

The inventory and general organization of Marietta is being completed. An office has been set up where work goes on. The manager is at the mansion four days a week and for the Sunday tours.

Archeological work has been completed. Action can now be taken to address the termite problem.

Poster Available

A group portrait of almost a hundred representatives of many County preservation groups and governments assembled in January at Magruder House in Bladensburg to have a group portrait made.

The picture has been made into a poster celebrating the cause of historic preservation. For a copy of the poster you may call Preservation Maryland, 301/685-2886.

This year's Preservation Month and Week celebrate the 25th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Calendar of Events Planned For 1991

The Board of Directors' plans for 1991 events:

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June 8th, at 2:00 p.m., at Marietta there will be a most interesting meeting. (We are hoping for a beautiful June day to enjoy the old mansion, our friends and refreshments.)

Susan Pearl, well-known historian, will speak on several of the communities in the County. As you know, the communities of our historic county have been the focus of research this year by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, History Division. It is fascinating to learn how our towns began and something of their history.

Susan, MNCP&PC's Research/Architectural Historian has taken part in a recent historical and architectural survey of County communities. Some of these are North Brentwood, Bowie and Brandywine.

Speaking of communities, this was the subject for students participating in the annual Donald Skarda History Awards program. Cheryl Adams, coordinator of this annual program, reports that students researched the beginnings and history of towns. At the June meeting the awards will be made and winning entries will be on display.

We hope that you will be able to attend the June meeting, for this is our last meeting until September. There are no meetings in July or August.

Manager's Report

By Susan Wolfe, Facilities Manager, Marietta

Marietta has been the scene of several gatherings these past months. On April 1st we hosted the annual Glen Dale Recreation Council's Easter Egg Hunt. Children, eggs, parents, cars were everywhere. It was an excellent turnout, of about 300 persons.

In April there were 21 visitors to the Frederick DeMarr Library; 61 people attended Sunday tours of the mansion; 30 persons arrived for scheduled weekday tours.
Over 100 volunteer hours were given in April. This was in addition to the hours donated by Society Librarian Fred DeMarr, Society President Bud Dutton, and work done by the members of the Board of Directors, and the volunteer time given to newsletter editing and distribution.

Marietta has been treated for termites, a most important preservation project. The weeds are gone from the flower beds and flowers have been planted.

Dan Hall of Randall Farms is interested in working with us to establish plantings of historic interest. Society members interested in helping to develop a plan for historic plantings are invited to contact me at Marietta.

In May (12-18), "Preservation Week," was celebrated by local groups and by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission with "open houses" in the County on Sunday, May 12th. Marietta was one of the historic mansions open to the public, at no charge, on that date.

What an achievement! In getting all maintenance items and a great deal of trash cleared from Marietta's basement rooms and trucked away. No sooner was this done than air conditioning equipment arrived.

Research and writing, record keeping, are continuing. I am also sending out press releases to local newspapers on coming events at Marietta.

May Speaker, Dr. Margaret Law Callcott

The DeMarr Library at Marietta was filled with Society members and friends who had come to hear Dr. Margaret Callcott speak. She gave us fascinating glimpses into the writing and research that went into translating, selecting and editing the letter that make up her latest book, Mistress of Riverdale: The Plantation Letters of Rosalie Stier Calvert, 1795-1821.

Dr. Callcott spoke with wit, knowledge and enthusiasm about life in the late 18th century. The time passed all too quickly as we learned about the Stier family of Belgium and their adventures. The author explained the romance and marriage between Rosalie and George Calvert. Life on the tobacco plantation in Prince George's County was brought to vivid life by her words.

Mistress of Riversdale is available ($34.95) from the Treasurer, Riversdale Society, 4811 Riverdale Rd., Riverdale, MD 20737.

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Farewell and Welcome

By Sarah Bourne

The Board of Directors of the Prince George's County Historical Society has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Sami Sharkey. Sami was one of the small volunteer army recruited by Joyce McDonald in the summer of 1987 to prepare Marietta for public viewing. In a six-week period Joyce, Sami and Sarah Moseley scrubbed and scraped, painted and polished, until the house was ready for visitors.

Since that summer, Sami has given untold hours to the Society as Manager of the Gift Shop and Chairman of the House Committee. She has been a member of the Board of Directors this past year. Sami and her family are moving to Loudoun County, Virginia, where we are certain that someone will find out how valuable she can be. We send with her our deepest thanks and our best wishes.

We are delighted to announce that the vacancy on the Board of Directors will be filled by Jane Eagen. For more than 30 years Jane has served as an elementary school teacher in the County. During this time she had also worked in many capacities emphasizing the importance of local history and heritage to students. In 1989 the Society recognized these efforts with a St. George's Day award. Jane is retiring in June and the Society is fortunate to catch her before her schedule is completely booked. Welcome to the Board, Jane. The next meeting is June 8th at Marietta, 10:00 a.m.!

Awards Ceremony

At Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, on April 25, County Executive Parris Glendenning and President of the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce, Tyler Webb, presented awards to nine citizens of the County for their contributions to life in Prince George's County.

Frederick S. DeMarr of Hyattsville was named Prince Georgian of the Year for 1991. He was given a handsome medallion and awards citation for "outstanding contribution to the community and to your fellow citizens...."

Bob Ryan and Lee Thompson of WRC-TV introduced the officials and awardees. The awards were sponsored by the County's government and by the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce.
The St. George's Day Celebration

On Sunday, April 21st, over 90 Society members and friends gathered at the Marlborough Hunt Club in Upper Marlboro to celebrate the 295th anniversary of the founding of our county.

Susan Pearl spoke to the gathering on the 1991 inductee into the Prince George's County Hall of Fame, Samuel Sprigg.

Samuel Sprigg was born of a prominent family in 1781. By 1808 he was trained in the practice of law and living in Prince George's County. In January of 1811 he married Violetta Lansdale and the couple went to live at Northampton, a 1000-acre plantation.

After service in the War of 1812, Samuel inherited Northampton from his uncle in 1815. He became active in several County business and charitable organizations. It was as something of an unknown, however, when he was elected Governor of Maryland in the winter of 1819. He was re-elected for two additional one-year terms, the maximum allowed at that time.

Retiring to Northampton he managed his large plantation and was also active in various business and philanthropical enterprises. He was particularly interested in improving transportation in Maryland. At the age of 74, Samuel Sprigg died, April 21, 1855 at his home. He was buried in the churchyard of St. Barnabas'.

[We hope to bring you more details of Susan Pearl's excellent talk in later issues. These are but a few of the highlights she mentioned.]

An oil copy of a portrait of Samuel Sprigg by Charles Willson Peale has now been made a part of the Hall of Fame.

Awards were given to:

The Glenn Dale United Methodist Church for the publication of a history of Perkins Chapel and Dorsey Chapel.

The Sacred Heart Parish for preservation activities.

The Laurel Historic District for work in the field of historical preservation.

The Abraham Hall Restoration at Muirkirk for research into the history of, and the rebuilding of, Abraham Hall.

Ed Bosanko for his book *Triumphs and Traditions: History of Firefighting in Prince George's County*.

Marsha Brown for her work in the field of black history in the County.

Elaine and Willard Entwisle for their many contributions to historical preservation in the County.

Prince George's County Commun. - TV for their contributions to the Society's oral history project.

**Hospitality Coordinator**

Member Gloria Brown has generously volunteered to serve the Society as Hospitality Coordinator. She will be calling on you for your assistance this fall. We know you will respond to her requests in appreciation of her taking on this task that adds so much to our enjoyment of our meetings.

**Odessa Tour a Success**

Virginia Reinhart, your newsletter distribution coordinator, reported to the Board of Directors, at their May 11th meeting, at Marietta, that the trip to Odessa had been a most enjoyable one.

Thanks to the excellent planning of Warren and Julie Rhoads the bus trip, and the luncheon went off well. The tour guides at the sites visited were excellent.

**Newsletter Editor Needed**

Vera Rollo, our editor for *News and Notes* since the summer of 1988, is resigning in order to promote her new book, a biography showing the impact on aircraft design of the brilliant young E. L. "Burt" Rutan, *Burt Rutan: Reinventing the Airplane*.

"I have really enjoyed working with the volunteers who do so much for the Society," Vera tells us. "I'll still be able to lend a hand at various jobs. You can count on me."

**Postmaster Interested**

Seabrook/Lanham Postmaster Jeffrey L. Peters recently expressed an interest in the work being done by the Society. While delving into the files at the Post Office, he came across a program in which the venerable Study Club of Lanham presented a "Lanham Heritage Tour of Homes and Gardens," Sunday, May 3, 1964.

The program is being donated to the DeMarr Library.

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From Your Treasurer, John B. Bourne

New Members:
Lisa M. Austin
Lida H. Churchville
Helen W. McLeish
Colleen M. Prosser
Charles A. Shaughnessy

We regret that those listed below have been dropped from membership because of non-payment of 1991 dues, as required by the Society's By-Laws:

Mr. & Mrs. Francis G. Addison, III
Alice Bowie Arnot
Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel duBois Arnot
Mr. Theo L. Bissell
Mr. & Mrs. Frank B. Bosma
Marsha L. Brown
Camillus Clagett
Cynthia Ann Dean
Richard J. Deni
Joseph Emmerich, Jr.
Domenico Firmari
J. Kirkpatrick Flack
Carl E. Flynn
William F. Fronck, Sr.
Mrs. Louis Hays
Susan K. Helmann
Linda Holcomb
Dan & Mitzi R. Howard
Rebecca Jenkins
Mrs. Virginia Kutish
Claire Lenihan
Thomas V. Matkovic, MD
Mrs. Dorothy Moore

Elizabeth A. Moreland
Timothy J./Elizabeth T. Morrison
Mrs. Helen H. O'Leary
Katherine Budener & James K. Queen
Clara C. Quintal
Rev & Mrs. Edward C. Raffetto, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond L. Rowe
Mr. Michael J. Sampson
Mr. Timothy J. Schoepke
James R. Snyder
Christopher Magee Steel
Ms. Mary Stevenson
Kathy & Phil Stump
Joseph J. Sullivan
Ashley Brooke Tessmer
Melissa Thompson
Miss Reba A. Turner
Joseph V. Vacek
Archibald & Sue Ward
Mrs. Helen M. Wells
Garland & Marie White
Bill Wilkerson
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May 21, hearing on the Historic Sites Plan.

June 8, 10 a.m., meeting of the Board of Directors, at Marietta.

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Twenty-second Annual Candlelight Tour, Chestertown, MD.

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Second Annual Donald D. Skarda Memorial History Award

-Cheryl Adams

The recipients of the second annual Donald D. Skarda Memorial History Award were honored at the June 8th Society meeting at Marietta. Students in grades 4-8 in the County's public schools were eligible to enter by selecting and researching the history of a town. Susan Pearl presented an outstanding program on the history of Upper Marlboro, Bowie, and North Brentwood and explained the steps involved in researching a town. Her presentation was enhanced by slides of maps, town plats, and buildings which showed what these towns used to look like and how they look today.

First place winner of the Skarda Award was Michael Koss. Two students tied for second place, David Humphreys and Chris Hall. Michael received a check for $50 and Chris and David each received checks for $25, and they each received a complimentary membership in the Society for a year. Since all of the students were from Bond Mill Elementary School in Laurel, we invited their teacher, Mr. Bellows, and other Bond Mill students whose projects were not among the top three in their school to join us at Marietta. Mr. James Boss, chairman of the Laurel Historic District Commission, presented the awards to the students.

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New News and Notes Editor

The Board of Directors wishes to thank Vera Rollo for her outstanding service as NEWS & NOTES Editor for the past three years. Her faithfulness and good humor in regularly producing this document has been of great service to the Society and its membership. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavors.

The Board is pleased to announce and welcome our newest volunteer, Brother David Richardson, O.S.C., as our new Editor. Br. David is a long time member of the Society and a native of the District of Columbia. For the past twenty-seven years he has been a member of the Order of the Holy Cross (Crosiers), a Roman Catholic religious order of men founded in 1210 in Belgium.

Although raised (until his late teens) in Capitol Heights, Maryland, he has been living out of the area until recently. Upon his return to the Washington area he has indicated his desire to become active with the Society. He currently serves as Assistant to the Director of the Paul VI Institute For The Arts in downtown Washington, D.C.
Society Receives Small Museum Assistance Grant

The Society has received a grant from the State of Maryland's "Historical And Cultural Museum Assistance Grant Fund" in the amount of $2500. This grant will enable us to begin our project to produce a computer catalogue of the Society's collection in the Frederick S. DeMarr Library of County History.

Initial expenditures will be for computer hardware and supplies, with the Society matching the grant with $400, plus many hours of valuable contributed time.

Fred DeMarr will serve as Project Coordinator. An impressive team has been assembled to work with Fred, including Edith Bagot, Cheryl Adams, Lida Churchville, Veb Bennett and John Walton, Jr. Assisting the project in grant writing and administration are Susan Bourne, Susan Wolfe, Jack Bourne, Eugene Roberts and Bud Dutton.

An application for the 1992 Museum Assistance program has been submitted for a grant of $10,000 to continue the program, to allow for hiring of a specialist contractor and needed preservation materials.

County Support Grant Received

Parris N. Glendening, County Executive, and the County Council approved our request for a third grant to support our efforts to expand our outreach services to the citizens of the county.

Mr. Glendening presented a check for $7500 to a delegation from the Board of Directors on July 18. The funds will assist us in several programs, including improvements to and acquisitions for the library, acquisitions for Marietta, and continuation of our oral history and publication program.

Board Member is Trustee of the Maryland Historical Society

Our Board member, John Mitchell, has been elected to a four year term as Trustee of the Maryland Historical Society at their Annual Election on June 18, 1991. He was accompanied to the Annual Meeting and new exhibit of portraits of well known Maryland figures by Bud Dutton. Congratulations, John!

Quilt Raffle

The Historical Society is selling raffle tickets on a beautiful cabin quilt made by Alice Skarda. The proceeds from the chances support the Donald D. Skarda Memorial History Award sponsored by the Society. County students in grades 4-8 are invited to submit local history theme projects to the competition. Projects are submitted in April and cash awards are presented to the winners at the Society's General Meeting in June.

The tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5.00. The drawing will be held on December 14, 1991. Tickets are available at the Marietta Gift Shop.

Facility Manager's Report - Susan Wolfe

The most noticeable change to the facility has been the installation in late June of room air conditioning units in the library and kitchen.

My fiscal year July 1, 1990–June 30, 1991 Annual Report to M-NCPPC History Division showed that the Historical Society docents gave tours for 687 people and that another 641 people attended special programs here at Marietta. A total of $591 was collected in tour fees.

In July, 1991, 44 people toured the mansion and $39.25 was collected for admissions. Twenty-two people used the library on Saturday afternoons. The Glenn Dale Citizens Advisory Council and the Duvall Society Board had meetings in the (air conditioned) library.

The M-NCPPC, History Division has given permission for Alternative Specialty Crop Consultant, Neride Ellis, to work in the Marietta bamboo grove. She will be establishing eight 5'x5' plots. Some will be left natural and others mulched and fertilized. She will be monitoring shoot and tree growth. Some dead canes will be removed. No one other than Mrs. Ellis has permission to work in or to remove the bamboo.

A new phone line was installed for the facility manager. I can be reached at Marietta at 301/464-5291.

Maryland Park High putting together reunion

The 1943 class of Maryland Park High School is forming a committee to plan for a 50th reunion in 1993. The school no longer exists but used to draw students from the Capitol Heights and Seat Pleasant areas. Call Richard A. Alger at 301-354-5863 for more information.

Surrattsville class of '71 organizing 20th reunion

The 1971 class from Surrattsville High School is organizing its 20-year reunion. For more information, write to Pat Becker Oles, at 3702 Molina Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32821, or call (407) 438-1197.
The meeting was called to order by the president at 10:30 a.m.
The minutes of April 6th and May 11th were approved as distributed.
The treasurer distributed a financial report; forty-three members were removed from the mailing list for non-payment of dues for 1991. Payments are recorded for 170 copies of the Pictorial History. The treasurer discussed the current insurance premiums and the coverage.

Correspondence included a thank you note from the State Historical and Cultural Trust for our assistance with the Riversdale II; from the University Baptist Church with a contribution for $25.00; an announcement of the Small Museum Association's summer meeting at Smallwood State Park on July 15 and one from Governor Donald Shaffer concerning the Statewide Heritage Tourism Initiative.

The House Committee review has not been done. The President asked Dusty Rhodes to convene this committee to determine alternatives to covering the Marietta activities.

The facilities manager reported that the Law Office has been treated for termites and the house for flying ants. Neride Ellis, special crop consultant, has plans for the bamboo plantings. Photographs and slides are being prepared for use in displays and presentations. The renovation date is still vague.

Vera Rollo has resigned as editor of NEWS & NOTES. A discussion of possible routes to a new editor followed. The possibility of hiring an outside professional as opposed to looking further within the Society for a volunteer was discussed.

Brother Richardson, a member has offered to serve, but he is unavailable on Saturdays. It was decided to ask him to produce the next issue with Ann Ferguson serving as liaison. She also has ideas about printing and mailing which will be explored.

The first phase of the Oral History project was completed with a wrap-up session with Susan Ewing. Joyce McDonald was not present to tell us about plans for the second phase.

The Library Committee has completed the selection of hardware and is waiting for the state check to conclude the purchase. The prime software has been purchased with Society funds. The application for the 1991 grant has been completed and will be mailed next week. The main focus of this request is funds to contract with an expert to begin the cataloging process with Fred DeMarr. The intention is to concentrate on the photographs, maps and business papers. The application requests $6000.00 for wages and $4000.00 for archival supplies. A motion to submit the grant proposal was approved.

Gene Roberts reported that he has been in contact with Nancy Breman concerning the development of an outline of procedure. He will set up a meeting for a presentation in the immediate future.

The fall FUN-d raiser is set for Sept. 21 at His Lordship's Kindness. In view of the County budget deficit, we will arrange for the design and printing of the invitations but will continue to assume that the History Division will handle the postage. They will be hand-addressed as in the past, but will be sent on the bulk mail permit. A motion was approved to authorize Ann Ferguson to contract with the caterer and arrange for the tent.

The publication of CALVERT OF MARYLAND is underway. Proof copies should arrive soon with the shipment to follow as soon as these are found acceptable. Shipment will be made to Bud's office.

Cheryl and Blaine Adams have invited the Board and spouses to a covered-dish social at their home in Calvert County. This will be on August 25 with a short board meeting first. Guests will be able to boat and enjoy the out-of-doors during the meeting.

The Summer Project with the County Public Schools is set for June 24th to June 28th. Twelve teachers will meet at six different historic sites to become better informed about the background. Several speakers will address the group and Jane Eagen will act as a facilitator between the groups. Cheryl Adams will address the group when they are at Marietta to acquaint them with the Skarda Awards. Since the emphasis of this curriculum will again be about Houses and Buildings.

Jane Eagen reported on her attendance last month at the Consortium of All the continued on page 4...
The fourth Annual FUN-d Raiser will be held on Saturday, September 21, 1991 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. at His Lordship's Kindness, 7606 Woodyard Road, Clinton, Maryland.

contribution: $25.00 per person
Mail check to: Treasurer, Prince George's County Historical Society, P.O. Box 14, Riverdale, MD 20738

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Historical Societies in the State. The group decided to meet twice a year with the next meeting in Frederick in the fall. Our Society has offered to host the spring 1992 meeting. A dozen main concerns were discussed and it appears that the concerns are much the same throughout the state. The focus of the fall meeting will be on selection and care of collections and volunteers.

The president asked for input as to topics the county wide consortium should be cooperating on. Suggestions are: sharing of information about available grants, emphasis on education and an attempt to get more heritage information into the County Library system and into their exhibits.

The gift certificate for Mount Airy will be raffled at the FUN-d raiser in September. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40.

The next Board meeting will be at the August social unless there is a need for an earlier date.

Respectfully submitted: Sarah Bourne
- Secretary

PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Continuing Education and Evening Programs
301 Largo Road
Largo, MD 20772-2199

The lecture fees for each individual are:
One lecture - $20
Two lectures - $38
Three lectures - $53
Four lectures - $65

Registration forms are available at Marietta, at M-NCPCC historic sites, at the Community College. For more information, or to have a form mailed to you, call the Society's library at 301/464-0590 and leave your name, address and telephone number. Advance registration is required.
Modern technology is an integral and necessary part of accurate contemporary historical restoration. To determine the interior decorating scheme of Marietta during the period that Judge Gabriel Duvall lived here, one of the tools of that technology, an historical paint analysis, was conducted by Matthew J. Mosca in 1989. Mr. Mosca is a professional in research, restoration and design in Baltimore. His report gives us the information we need to recreate how Marietta looked in the early 19th century.

The first stage of the paint analysis project was the collection of paint samples from each of the rooms and passageways of the mansion.

The paint samples were examined in Mr. Mosca's laboratory under a microscope with a "white light" illuminator. Ultraviolet light exposure was also used.

The various paint layers were identified and matched to the Munsell Color System, a universally recognized means of color notation. The principle means of identification for color pigments and media used were optical and chemical. The majority of pigments can be identified by their physical characteristics. Chemical analysis was used to confirm the identification of discolored paint chips and to give relative dating for the various paint layers.

For each area examined (window sill, baseboard fascia, door architrave, etc.) a chromo-chronology was divided. The chronology gives the number of the sequence of layers starting with the earliest (oldest) and working to the latest (newest). Next is the general description of the color (white, greyish-yellow, etc.) followed by the number of original color on the Munsell Chart (5Y8.5.1). Next is other information in regard to the pigments or type of paint (lead base, white wash), then a description of the use of the paint layer (prime or finish). The last piece of information is the finish number (F-1, F-2) noting the sequence of the finishes, F-1 indicating the original or oldest layer.

Example:

Workwork Surfaces
The Drawing Room
A. Window architrave, Reveal
   Door architrave
   Mantel (refer to note below)
   Baseboard molding
   Chairrail: All surfaces except sill

1. Yellowish grey 5Y8.5/1 lead base Prime
2. Yellowish grey 5Y8.5/1 lead base Finish F-1
   -surface dirt accumulation-
3. Greyish yellow 2.5Y9/4 lead base Finish F-2
   c.1930
4. Pale yellow 2.5Y9/4 lead base Prime
5. Pale yellow 2.5Y9/4 lead base Finish F-3
   post 1850
   c.1930

The report basically found three finish periods excluding the painting that was done by the Historical Society a few years ago. F-1 is the first finish period dating to the period of the construction of the house (c. 1812) and the north addition (c. 1830). This is the finish that would have been exposed during the lifetime of Judge Duvall.

F-2 is the second finish dating to after c. 1850. These layers are identified by the presence of zinc oxide which was not commercially available until after 1850. The use of dark graining may indicate the 2nd finish may be as late as 1870. This is the period of the residency of Edmund Bryce Duvall II and Caroline Lansdale Duvall.

F-3 is dates from the early 20th century to possibly 1930 when Mary and William Bowie owned the property.

In part II of this article we'll explore the F-1 finishes that were revealed in Mr. Mosca's report. (Part II - October 1991)
What’s Ahead

THE NEWEL POST, A Preservation Enterprise of
the Prince George's County Historical and
Cultural Trust: OPEN: 1st and 3rd
Saturdays of each month: now thru November
10:00 A.M. - 1 P.M. And by appointment.
Location: County Warehouse, Routes 4 & 301
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
(behind Gateway Ford Tractor)
(301) 627-3429

Sunday, August 25, 1991  1 P.M.
Very short Board Meeting & Social
at the home of Cheryl & Blaine Adams
Prince Frederick, Maryland

Wednesday, September 4, 1991  7 P.M.
Prince George's County Genealogical
Society Meeting at Greenbelt Public
Library. Speaker: Emil Rasa will
discuss Occupants of the White House
from Adams to Bush.
contact: Lucy Blocker: 301/262-1019

Saturday, September 21, 1991
Candlelight Walking Tour of Historic
Chestertown, Maryland  6 P.M. - 10 P.M.
contact: Dusty Rhoades  301/464-0819
for further information

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 1991
History Lecture Series at Marietta
6:30 - 9:30 P.M.  Fee

Saturday, October 12, 1991
General Membership Meeting at Marietta

Saturday, October 26, 1991  8:30-4:30
Climbing Your Family Tree Can Be Fun
PGCGS -$23 early registration before
October 2, 1991
Limited to 150 individuals
Brynwy Presbyterian Church, Berwyn
Heights, MD  Contact PGCGRS
P.O. Box 819
Bowie, MD 20718

Prince George's County Fair
Exhibit

The Society will sponsor its second
County Fair Exhibit at the 1991 Fair on
September 2-8, 1991 at the Marlboro Fair
Grounds. The exhibit again will be part of
a major County heritage presentation staffed
by the Council of County-wide Heritage
Organizations and coordinated by the History
Division of M-NCPPC.

Would you like to spend some time as an
information volunteer at our exhibit? Your
help would be greatly appreciated. If so,
please call Bud Dutton at 301/627-6722.
(A limited number of passes will be avail-
able).

Support Given to History Division Project

Representatives of the Society appeared
before the County Council on April 23, 1991
to support the programs of the History
Division, in particular continuation of
funding for the part-time facility manager
at Marietta. Since the Budget Hearing again
fell on St. George's Day, President Bud
Dutton and Board Members Dusty Rhoades
and Jack Bourne presented the Council members
with miniature Happy Birthday balloons.

The requested funds subsequently were re-
instated by the Council for fiscal year '92.

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The Memorial Award was named after
Donald D. Skarda who was a long time resi-
dent of Berwyn Heights and a member of the
Society. Mr. Skarda proposed that the
Society sponsor an essay contest for stud-
ets, but died in May 1989 before the
Society could begin giving the award. As a
fitting memorial to Mr. Skarda, who was the
author of a book on the history of Berwyn
Heights, the Society will present this
award annually to encourage students to
learn more about the County's history.
Plans are under way to insure a broader
participation of County schools next year.
Quilt & Doll Exhibits Planned

Susan Wolfe

The October Quilt Exhibit will open with the October 12th General Meeting and will be open to the public on Sunday, October 13, 12-4 PM; Saturday, October 19, 10 AM-4 PM; Sunday, October 20, 12-4 PM; Saturday, October 26, 10 AM-4 PM; and Sunday, October 27, 12-4 PM. Quilts will be available for sale in the Gift Shop. On October 26, Alice Skarta will be available to document quilts, especially those made in Prince George's County, and Hazel Carter will be available to give oral and written appraisals for a fee. Mrs. Skarta will also give a lecture on the care and conservation of quilts on that day. On November 9-10, 16-17, and 23-24, the Historical Society will host a Doll Exhibit. This, of course, will be followed by the Holiday Candlelight Tours, December 6-7 and 13-14. Special music will be provided on the 6th by the singing group, Con Viva Musica.

High Tea For Teachers

Jane Eagen

The Historical Society and History Division of Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission are renewing their efforts to inform teachers in our county of the services and information available to enrich their teaching.

A tea is planned for Thursday, October 24 from 3 to 5 PM. The teachers of Supervisory Area #3 will be invited. The publications, photographic resources of the library, and pre-visit historic slide programs will be shared with our guests. Tours of Marietta will also be offered.

Conrad Koch, the Assistant Supervisor of Area 3 has agreed to distribute the invitations and has advised PGCHS that a minimum of one teacher from each school in Area 3 will attend.

In keeping with the ambiance of Marietta and ecology, we will use china and linen. If you wish to lend some napkins or teacakes, please call Jane Eagen at 301/429-6409.
last month we learned about the procedures for collecting paint samples and the technology used to determine paint colors as described by Matthew J. Mosca, who is responsible for the Historic Paint Research Report for Marietta, the source of information for these articles. This part of the article will detail the report’s analysis of the various finishes that are believed to have been at Marietta during the period that Judge Gabriel Duvall was in residence.

The report showed there was a consistency in finishes throughout the original section of the house and the later addition. While the first floor rooms now have walls painted in colors appropriate to the early 19th century, Mr. Mosca’s research revealed that the dining room and parlor walls, above and below the chairrail, were not given a white finish coat, indicating that the intended finish for the walls was wallpaper. Unfortunately, no remnants of the original wallpaper survives, since they appear to have been removed during the early twentieth century. The woodwork in both rooms is similar. The woodwork surfaces, including the window frames, door frames, mantels, chairrail excluding the sill, and baseboard moldings, all had the same lead base yellowish grey prime and finish coat, producing a stone color. The baseboard fascia had a yellowish grey lead base prime coat but were finished with painted black and white marble pattern. The chairrail sills were also finished with the marbling effect. The marbling of the baseboard fascia was carried around the plinth of the mantel pilaster and across the flat fireplace surround. However, it is not carried across the door architraves or the base of the door as is common in Pennsylvania houses. It survives best in the dining room but was not done in both rooms. The doors to the hall or center passageway have a yellowish grey lead base prime, a pale yellow ground, and are finished with red ochres: burnt sienna & burnt umber in oil/varnish medium and grained to simulate mahogany.

The first floor north addition room or "new room below", as described in Duvall’s 1834 inventory, had yellowish grey woodwork, including the mantel, and a dark greyish reddish brown finish on the baseboard fascia. The plaster wall surfaces had a whiting whitewash finish. The most exciting finish in this room was that on the door to the stair hall. It had the most extraordinary special decorative graining finish, employing a yellow lead pigment, with yellow edging and mahogany grained rails and stiles. It is an extremely important finish and one that Mr. Mosca suggested be fully exposed and restored on both sides.

From the first floor up to the attic landing, the hall was plastered with a finish white coat and appears to have been painted in a light blue color which was made from a poor quality Prussian blue pigment. The woodwork here was the same yellowish grey stone color as in the main rooms, however the baseboard fascia were not marbled, but painted in burnt umber brown over a thin, yellowish grey lead base prime coat. The stair risers had the same finish, but the treads were never painted. The balusters in the staircase were a burnt umber oil stain rubbed into the wood. The handrail was treated in the same manner as the balusters. Both exterior doors in the hall, the front door and the original back door that now leads to the...

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NEW YORK, Aug. 27—On a grassy Brooklyn hillside some 200 patriots and politicians today remembered the Battle of Long Island, a little-known but crucial Revolutionary War skirmish in which 256 Maryland soldiers died.

Here to rededicate a marble and granite monument in Prospect Park on the 215th anniversary of the battle, Maryland Gov. William Donald Schaefer and other officials paid tribute to the soldiers, members of the elite Maryland 400 regiment, who fought a rear-guard action against British forces and enabled other American troops to escape.

The Maryland unit, led by Baltimore merchant Mordecai Gist, was chosen to hold off the British because its men were the best trained, the best equipped and "the only ones with bayonets," said Brooklyn historian and photographer John J. Gallagher.

Amid martial music and a musket salute by a Revolutionary War-style color guard, Schaefer unveiled the 96-year-old monument, a 27-foot column refurbished at a cost of $37,114 in public and private funds after years of neglect, vandalism and harsh weather.

"Let's have respect for those who gave their lives for freedom," Schaefer said.

"This is a great day to be an American," added Del. Curt Anderson (D-Baltimore), a member of the Maryland Military Monuments Commission.

The 256 Maryland soldiers killed in the battle were buried by the British in a mass grave about a mile from the monument. The burial site, then a hummock in a rural marshy area, is now under concrete near the busy intersection of Third Avenue and Eighth Street in Brooklyn. The neighborhood, called Park Slope, is a racially and ethnically mixed area of row houses.

The rededication ceremonies, organized by the Office of Maryland Secretary of State Winfield M. Kelly Jr., drew scores of history buffs, members of the Sons of the American Revolution and representatives of the American Legion and National Guard from Maryland and New York.

"Personally, I'm very proud," said J. Scott Ridgely Watkins, 26, of Reisterstown, Md., a descendant of several Revolutionary War figures, including Lt. William Ridgely, a member of the Maryland 400 who was wounded and captured in the battle.

"There is a lesson here," Watkins said. "And that is if there is a will, people can overcome incredible odds."

In the weeks before the Battle of Long Island, Gen. George Washington had brought his Continental Army south from New England, expecting a British attack on New York, then a town of 15,000 to 20,000 on the southern end of Manhattan.

The area that is now Brooklyn east of Manhattan on Long Island was largely farmland with about 3,000 people, Gallagher said.

Washington had set up key fortifications in Brooklyn overlooking the East River, which separates Brooklyn and Manhattan. About 12,000 American troops were assigned to Brooklyn, Gallagher said, 9,000 in the inner defenses guarding the fortifications, the rest scattered beyond in "outer defenses."

British Gen. William Howe landed 20,000 troops on Long Island and began a series of attacks on the outnumbered American soldiers, culminating in a morning-long battle on Aug. 27, 1776, in which the Americans in the outer defenses were routed.

Washington's commanders selected the Maryland 400 regiment to fight a last-ditch delaying effort to allow the rest of the outer defense troops to return to the fortifications across a creek and marshy area.

The Marylanders fought valiantly, Gallagher said, capturing a strategically located house held by the British, while other Colonial units escaped to safety.

Of the 400 Marylander soldiers, 256 were killed and buried in Brooklyn, while others were wounded or captured. Only 96 returned to Colonial lines.

Even though the Americans lost the battle, the Maryland 400's delaying action permitted the eventual evacuation of Washington's troops from Long Island.
Historical Surveys Done On Five P.G. County Communities

On Thursday, August 1, 1991, the Prince George’s County Planning Board (M-NCPPC) transmitted five community surveys, completed by the Historic Preservation Section of the Planning Department in July. These surveys were requested by the Towns of Riverdale, North Brentwood, Fairmount Heights, and Takoma Park, and by the Piscataway Citizens Association. These surveys will now be forwarded to the appropriate municipality or citizens’ association.

The Riverdale Historic Survey focuses on the town’s two oldest subdivisions: Riverdale Park platted in 1889, and West Riverdale platted in 1906. It documents the town’s development and the general architectural character and age of all residential buildings within the survey area.

The survey also includes a general analysis of popular local building forms from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

The Historical Survey, North Brentwood, Maryland includes background history of the community and the settlement of the first black families in the subdivision (Holladay Company’s Addition to Highlnd) which was first platted in 1891. It describes the connections between the developer and men who served in the U.S. Colored Troops during the Civil War; it analyzes building types and earliest dwellings, and outlines the establishment of community institutions.

Fairmount Heights: A History from its Beginnings (1900) to Incorporation (1935) outlines the early history and the sequential platting of the six subdivisions (between 1900 and 1923) which became Fairmount Heights. It describes the building of some of the earliest homes, and the establishment of community institutions in Fairmount Heights, a community which was at the time of its incorporation, the largest black municipality in Prince George’s County.

The Takoma Park Historic Survey summarizes a comprehensive field survey of the Prince George’s County portion of the City. The report describes the architectural character of the survey area; a newly developed computer database includes the architectural form and date of construction for over 1000 buildings, and will be used to retain inventory data.

The Piscataway Village Rural Conservation Study documents the history and defines the character of this rural village, which was established in 1707 and which became a thriving commercial center throughout the eighteenth century. The village faded to a small commercial crossroads community during the nineteenth century, and today is the best surviving example in Prince George’s County of a rural village clustered along a single road. The study proposes design concepts for guiding new construction and retaining village character.

Copies of these five studies may be obtained through the Planning Department of M-NCPPC, at 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive in Upper Marlboro. For more information contact the Historic Preservation Section at (301) 952-3520.  

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLANS AND STUDIES

1. Broad Creek Historic District Study, 1983 $4.00
2. Broad Creek Historic District Design Guidelines, 1987 $2.00
3. Fairmount Heights, Maryland: A History from its Beginning to Incorporation, 1991 $3.00
4. Historic Contexts in Prince George’s County: Settlement Patterns, Transportation and Cultural History, 1991 $4.00
5. Historic Sites and Districts Plan Preliminary Amendment, 1990 Free
6. Historical Survey, North Brentwood, Maryland, 1991 $3.00
7. Illustrated Inventory of Historic Sites, 1990 $5.00
8. Mount Ranier National Register Nomination, 1990 $4.00
10. Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report Free

*Not available by mail. May be picked up at M-NCPPC Information Center.

Please add $1.00 for postage and handling for each item.

Mail check payable to M-NCPPC and send to Historic Preservation Section, Planning Dept., C.A.B. Fourth Floor, 14741 Governor Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

NAME ____________________________
ADDRESS ____________________________
CITY/STATE/ZIP ____________________________
Lord Baltimore's
KIPLIN HALL

Sarah Bourne

Kiplin Hall in North Yorkshire, England was built in the early 1600's by George Calvert, the first Lord Baltimore. This red brick Jacobean style country home was placed into a public trust by the last private owner, Bridget Talbott. Miss Talbott was a relative of the Calverts and recognized the historical value of her home.

She attempted on a number of occasions to involve the State of Maryland in the fate of Kiplin. On one occasion there were plans drawn to move the Hall, brick by brick to Maryland and re-build it here. Fortunately, this project failed.

One of the original trustees was a Marylander, Leonard Crewe from Baltimore. In the mid-1980's, he contacted the University of Maryland to see if there was a possibility of using Kiplin in some educational program. This query fell into the hands of David Fogle, the director of the graduate program in Historic Preservation of the College of Architecture.

Fogle and the Crewes visited Kiplin to investigate the potential and by the time they were back in Maryland, the Crewes had agreed to finance the work necessary to turn the Victorian stable block into a residence for 12 students and to furnish this house.

The summer of 1987 saw the first group of Maryland students and Professor Fogle in residence for a six week program of Historic Preservation. This program is divided between "hands-on" work at the Hall or dependencies, visiting other significant historical sites in the area, and lectures by British experts.

This program continued, with support from Mr. Crewe for three summers. By the time the 1980 session was over, there was talk of trying to formalize this relationship with the University. Many negotiations throughout the following year culminated in March of this year. The University and Kiplin Hall trustees have signed a five year lease on the stable block/home.

This structure is now officially The University of Maryland Study Centre at Kiplin Hall.

Other University groups are making plans to use the facility for seminars and programs. The location, less than an hour drive from York is an ideal setting for literary exploration, art and historical research. Since many of the passengers on the Ark and Dove came from this area it is an excellent hub for geological research.

Since 1988, Dick and Sarah Bourne have had the good fortune to be a part of Professor Fogle's support team. They are ready to talk to you about the joys of Kiplin at the least hint of interest.

Coming in November Issue......
The PGCHS has recently had reprinted CALVERT OF MARYLAND by James Otis. This will be reviewed in our next issue by Senator Mike Miller of Maryland. The book has 166 pages, is an excellent history book for children interested in Maryland history and sells for $7.00. Available from the PGCHS Gift Shop and through the mail.
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prime coat with a pale yellow ground and
were finished with red ocheres: burnt
sienna, burnt umber in old/varnish mediums
and grained to simulate mahogany. The use
of exterior graining for the front door
was noted as in the example of the
George Read House in New Castle, Delaware
that dates to around 1807.

The second floor repeats the color
scheme of the first. The woodwork is
primarily yellowish grey stone color. The
baseboard fascia in the hall and the west
lodging room were painted burnt umber while
the baseboard fascia in the east lodging or
guest bedroom was marbled as in the first
floor rooms. All the doors, except the door
to the little room, were grained to simu-
late mahogany. That door's interior was
painted to match the rest of the woodwork.
The early plaster finishes prior to the
early 20th century are missing from the
East lodging or guest room. The West lodg-
ing room had whitling distemper finish, as
probably did the little room. The North
addition rooms had yellowish grey stone color
woodwork and a dark greyish reddish brown
enamel on the baseboard fascia. The doors
matched the woodwork. The inner bedroom
(currently occupied by closets and a bath-
room) was painted a very pale blue while the
north bedroom was Prussian blue from the
fragmentary evidence. The window frame in
the bathroom and the interior window over-
looking the back stairs appear to be origi-
nal to the addition.

A wealth of information on the original
finishes of Marietta has been provided to
the Historical Society. The complete report
is available in the library to all who
would like further information.

Gift Shop Sale

Fall Clearance Sale...Price Reductions....
From 10 to 20% on Most Items....
New merchandise arriving in time for October
Marietta quilt exhibit. Beginning in October
and through Christmas Candlelight Tours in
December, the Gift Shop will be open both
Saturdays and Sundays from 12 PM to 4 PM.
Avoid the crowded malls, do your Christmas
(and Hanukkah) shopping in the Historical
Society's Marietta Gift Shop.

What's Ahead

October Meeting:
October 12 – 2 P.M.
Marietta

James Wolfe, Social Studies Teacher,
Suitland High School, Suitland, Maryland,
director of the summer project to acquaint
county school teachers with the historic
resources available in the county. Part of
the multicultural curriculum program being
instituted in the public schools, this
summer project was a cooperative effort
between the public school system and many
historical organizations in the county, and
received a major part of its funding from
the PGC Historical Society. Mr. Wolfe will
discuss the project and the curriculum
development which has resulted from this
innovative program.

November Meeting:
November 9 – 2 P.M.
Marietta

Patricia Carter Sluby, Primary Patent
Examiner, U.S. Department of Commerce,
Patent and Trade Office, will speak on un-
usual patents held by women and minority
inventors. Mrs. Sluby, a member of the PGCHS
is the author of Creativity and Inventions –
The Genius of Afro-American Women in the
United States Patent System. She is also a
certified genealogist. Reminder: Elections
for 1992 Officers and Board will be held at
the November meeting.

December Meeting:
December 14 – 2 P.M.
MARIELLA

Christmas Party. Members are requested
to share favorite party treats (and the
recipes unless sworn to secrecy). Guests are
welcome. Marietta, as usual, will be decor-
ated for the holiday season.

Gloria Brown, wife of Josef Brown, has
graciously accepted the position of
Hospitality Coordinator for the Society.
Please be ready to help when she calls on
you. Thanks, Gloria!
Holiday Candlelight Tours

At Marietta on December 6 - 7 and December 13 - 14, 1991 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tours will be conducted every half hour by appointment. Tours will also be available for walk-in visitors on a space available basis. Admission is $2.00. Refreshments will be served. Call 301/646-5291 for information or reservations.

Season’s best to You!

Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Bersbach
John D. Biggs
Ruth S. Clements
Barbara S. Glover
Chris Hall *
David Humphreys *
Michael P. Koss *
Eugene D. Manning
Rosemarie Moore
Jeffrey L. Peters, Jr.

*Donald D. Skarda Memorial History Awards Program Winner


WELCOME BACK!
Susan K. Helmann
Christopher Magee Steele
Archaeologists dig for Revolutionary shipyard's remains

Associated Press

SHADY SIDE, Md. — Archaeologists hope to discover much about Maryland shipbuilding in the 1700s when they excavate a newly-found shipyard on the West River next spring.

The yard, built by financier Samuel Galloway and shipbuilder Stephen Steward about 1740, was burned by British forces during the Revolution in 1781, historians say.

It was discovered just off shore this July by state archaeologists and divers. A number of artifacts were found during a dig this summer, but the major work is expected to start in April.

"We probably know less about Revolutionary-period shipyards than about the Revolutionary-period ships themselves," said Paul Hundley, Maryland's underwater archaeologist.

"It's a National Historic Landmark-type site," said Bruce Thompson, an assistant state archaeologist who directed the dig. "It meets all the criteria."

The shipyard site, on a creek southwest of Chalk Point, probably was chosen because of nearby stands of live oak, Thompson said.

Thompson said between 20 and 40 vessels likely were built there.

During the American Revolution, records show, the shipyard received an order to build at least two ships known as galleys for warfare on the Chesapeake Bay. Galleys were roughly 60 feet to 70 feet long and could be sailed or rowed.

They had shallow drafts, were swift and were outfitted with 20 guns. Historians say they often were used as messenger ships.

Thompson said two of the galleys known to have been built on the West River were the Johnson and the Conqueror.

They took five months to build the Johnson," Thompson said.

The British raid in which the shipyard burned happened in April 1781, just six months before the end of the Revolution.

The attacking force surprised the Americans, who fled after offering little resistance, records show.

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Bruce Thompson
archaeologist

Similar attacks were mounted on shipyards at St. Michaels and Crisfield as the British tried to suppress American naval strength.

While the existence of the Steward-Galloway shipyard was well-known, its exact location had been forgotten in the 210 years since it was destroyed.

"People have been looking for these yards for a long time without success, I think, because they were looking on land rather than in the water," Thompson said.

The site finally was found in July during a routine survey of known historic and prehistoric sites in the Galesville area.

A key to the discovery, Thompson said, was the recollection of Galesville resident Emil Hartge, 78. "He remembered stories from his grandfather about ships being slipped into the channel by means of oxen and a pulley block across the creek," Thompson said. "The place he pointed out to us turned out to be 20 meters from the actual site."

Thompson confirmed the location when he stuck a pole into the mud and found a long-buried timber.

This August, diggers worked offshore, groping through the bottom mud, looking for artifacts.

They found ceramic fragments, a leather harness strap, a broken ruler, an iron shipfitting and plenty of charred wood and melted glass indicative of an intense fire.

When the dig resumes, archaeologists hope to learn more about sources of iron, the complex commercial networks needed to supply the yard, and the nature of the labor force employed there.

The archaeologists also are pressing the National Archives for access to more of Galloway's business records, which were donated to the government with certain restrictions on public access.

"One of the benefits we see in this shipyard," said Thompson, "is that we will be getting a better view of the history of this period for the state of Maryland."

Developers of a nearby 117-home housing subdivision have agreed to wait for next year's dig before moving ahead with plans for a marina on the site.

Michael T. Rose Cos. of Laurel and Lovell Land Inc. of Columbia said the marina ultimately could be moved.

"We are agreeable to deferring the marina until the Maryland Historical Trust completes its investigation. If their finds prove to be significant... then I think we would be willing to revise our development plans," said Lovell Vice President Oliver Hand.
Originally called Poplar Hill, this National Historic Landmark derives its current name from a 7,000 acre land grant from Lord Baltimore to his relative Colonel Henry Darnall in 1703.

Promoting County History

by Susan Wolfe

After a brief business meeting during which the 1992 slate of officers for the Board was presented by Warren Rhoads, Mr. James Wolfe gave an informative presentation on the efforts being made to promote the utilization of county historical facilities in the teaching of state and county history. Mr. Wolfe, a native of Laurel, has taught history in the county for 22 years and is currently at the University magnet at Suitland High School.

Mr. Wolfe has held an avid interest in county history for many years. As he watched his own children go through the county public school system, he lamented the fact they usually took field trips to historic sites outside the county. He began to formulate an idea that would promote our county history and make using county historical sites desirable and easy. He talked to John Walton, Director of the MNCPCC History Division, to determine his interest. Mr. Walton was very enthusiastic about the program. Mr. Wolfe then contacted the Board of Education and explained his idea to Dr. Flynn, Assistant to the Supervisor of Instruction, Dr. Waynant. The program, as presented by Mr. Wolfe, called for a two week workshop for elementary and middle school social studies teachers. The first week would acquaint teachers with the History Division's special programs such as Black History, Archeology, Research, and Tours. The second week was used by the teachers to develop lesson plans and related activities for pre-site and post-site visits. One of the objectives of the exercise was to expand traditional interpretation of the sites to be more inclusive of women, children and servant populations, and to develop cross curriculum lessons to include science, math and English as well as history.

To fund the project Mr. Wolfe sought the support of several county historical and preservation groups. The Prince George's County Historical Society was the first of these groups to endorse the project and pledge substantial financial support. The Prince George's County Historical and Cultural Trust and the History Division of MNCPCC also pledged their support to supplement the Board of Education's grant.

The packet of lessons produced for the workshop is in the hands of the Board and is awaiting final approval before it is published. Mr. Wolfe brought along several copies of the draft that was submitted to the Board for those present to preuse.

Mr. Wolfe concluded his presentation with an example of a project that he did with his students several years ago. The students identified, researched and photographed historic sites in the school's drawing area. A slide show with script was developed by the students and presented to the PSTA. Those present thoroughly enjoyed this tour of the southeastern part of the county.
A Treasure Lost

Arson Cited As Cause Of Fire At Mulliken House

by Bernard Harris
ENQUIRER-GAZETTE
August 22, 1991

An unknown arsonist was behind the destruction of a 121-year old mansion in the Pointer Ridge area south of Bowie early Thursday morning, August 22, 1991.

According to Prince George's County fire officials, the Beale D. Mulliken house at 1200 Crain Highway, opposite the Lowe's store in the median of the divided highway, was burned to the ground shortly before dawn and continued to smolder throughout the day.

Built by a prominent Prince George's County family in 1870, the property was designated a historic site in the 1970's. The house has stood vacant for nearly a decade since the closure of Ferrell's Garden Center, which operated on the property.

Fire companies responding to the call at about 3:10 a.m., found the home engulfed in flames. According to fire department spokesman Pete Piringer, "The fire was in its advanced stages when they arrived. There was really little they could do."

Fire fighters had been called to the house at nearly the same time the previous night after being alerted the house was in flames. The fire early Wednesday morning was extinguished without causing severe damage to the property.

"They were bound to get it," said Margaret Carrick, who lives across the street from Mulliken house. She said the fire of the night before was a small one in the back of the building.

Fire inspectors have released no information on the details of the fire or possible suspects. "This fire was set," Piringer said.

Before the fire the house suffered a destructive recent history. The old residence was ravaged frequently by vandals in the past few years. In January 1990 a youth gang called Damage, Inc. was blamed for an estimated $150,000 damage to the property.

The Mulliken House as it appeared before it became vacant almost a decade ago.

The gang reportedly spray-painted satanic pentagrams, graffiti and heavy metal rock and roll lyrics on the walls of the building. All 61 windows were broken. Mantel pieces and other architectural fixtures were also destroyed.

Potential buyers in recent years planned to turn the two-and-a-half story structure into a 150-seat restaurant inn.

The house was considered by preservationists as a fine example of both Queen Anne and "stick style" architecture.

According to Susan Pearl, an architectural historian with the Prince George's Historic Preservation Commission, the Mulliken house "was a great representative of late Victorian stick style architecture."

Stick style of building ornamentation, popular in the 1870's and 1880's, is characterized by decorative lattice work in geometrical patterns.

The house was orginally the centerpiece of a 400-acre farm. In 1969 historians from the Smithsonian Institution took one of three tenant outbuildings and reconstructed it in the National Museum of American History as a representation of rural Southern agrarian life.

The small house, which was slated for demolition, stood on the site of what is now Pointer Ridge shopping center.

Conceding that it was impossible to set a dollar value on the historic home, Piringer said fire inspectors have labeled the fire a $50,000 loss.

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Prince George's Resident Authors
Book on Cheverly U.M. Church Windows

June P. Silvester, who for many years wrote the Cheverly-Tuxedo column for The Prince George's Post, has written a 40-page book on The Stained Glass Windows of the Cheverly (MD) United Methodist Church. All 35 stained glass windows in the church are pictured in full color. The book discusses the history of stained glass windows as a Christian art form, the artists who designed and made these windows, and the techniques that they used. The book also includes the descriptions of the windows' symbolism written by the late (Mrs. James R.) Phyllis Richards, the dedication service used by the former minister, Dr. Roy Stetler, Jr., for the Choir Room windows, and biographical sketches of people depicted in these and the Chapel windows. Also included are the names of over 200 donors of the Rose Window as well as the names of donors of, and those memorialized by, the Choir Room and Sanctuary windows. Books may be obtained from the church at $15.00 each. Shipping and handling charges are $2.00 for a single book, or $1.50 each when multiple copies are ordered. Please make checks payable to the Cheverly United Methodist Church, mark them clearly for the "stained glass window book," include your name and address, and mail them to the church, 2801 Cheverly Ave., Cheverly, MD 20785-3026. All proceeds will go to the church to pay for stained glass window and other repairs. The church, currently under the ministry of Dr. Donald L. Burgard, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in 1992.

Arson Destroys Historic Bowie Home

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So, according to Piringer, "if they do catch someone they can charge them with arson."

Carrick, who lived across from the historic home for many years, said, as she looked at the smoking ashes, "I feel like I just lost an old friend."

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Director: John Mitchell (2 year term)
Director: Jane Eagen
Director: Ann Ferguson
Director: Eugene Roberts (for 2 year term)
Director: Edith Bagot
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Past President: John Giannetti
Past President: Warren Rhodes

It was recommended to drop the corresponding secretary's position and make the Bulletin Editor a Board member in place of with David Richardson as nominee.

It was recommended to drop the duty of program chairman from Vice President in the By-Laws.
Minutes of September 14, 1991 PGCHS Board Meeting.....

1. The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:30 A.M. The minutes of June 18 and August 25 were accepted.
2. A committee was appointed to look at budget allocations so that we can more precisely identify the expenditure of grant funds. The committee is Joyce McDonald, Cheryl Adams, Dusty Rhodes, Bud Dutton and Jack Bourne. It has been suggested that we consider setting up an endowment. Jack Bourne, John Mitchell and Fred DeMarr will look into this.
3. A motion to authorize expenditure of $900 for purchase of a screen and lecturn was approved.
4. The FUND-d raiser was a success. Approximately 104 people attended and enjoyed the ambiance of His Lordship's Kindness. Thank You letters will be sent to John Walton, John Walton, Jr. and Mary Godfrey.
5. The Christmas Party will be on December 14 at Marietta. Dusty Rhodes and Sarah Bourne will coordinate the offerings. Entertainment is encouraged.
6. The newsletter is getting better and better. Different mailing locations will be explored to see if delivery can be speeded up.
7. The facilities manager's report was accepted and is filed. The sampler mentioned will be researched to see if it has historic significance. Fred DeMarr reported that the Police Department history, Journey Through Time by Dennis Campbell has been received. This is a clear example of the importance of the Library of County History. Much research and many of the photographs are part of the library collection.
8. Calvert of Maryland is approved for distribution to the schools. This will take place as soon as the book plates are available.
9. Virginia Reinhart and Sarah Bourne will contact some of the sponsors of the Pictorial History to see if they are interested in selling copies to the Society for re-sale.
10. The lecture series is suffering from weak attendance due to poor publicity. We will, however, pursue another series and attempt to target audiences.
11. The nominating committee reports that all present officers and board members will stand for re-election. Two by-law changes are proposed: one would eliminate the titles recording and corresponding secretary and combine the position into one secretary job; the second would eliminate the requirement that the vice-president be program chairman. These will be voted on by the membership after due notification.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at Marietta on Saturday, December 14, 1991 at 10 a.m. The Board will also hold a work session on Saturday, January 18, 1992 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.
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The History of Maryland from Its First Settlement in 1633 to the Restoration in 1660, with a Copious Introduction and Notes and Illustrations - John Leeds Bozman. Covers the period from Columbus' voyages down to 1660. This work has long been recognized as one of the best early histories of an American colony. It was based entirely on original sources and Bozman was a very careful interpreter. There is extensive documentation and numerous footnotes. Contains transcriptions of many original documents. (1837) reprint, 2 Vol. in 3, 1050 pp., index, $50.00T #B595

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John Brown Voyage
by Virginia Reinhart

PGCHS members may recall the talk last spring by Doctor Sherrod Cooper, historian for the group restoring the WW II Liberty ship, The John Brown. I was fortunate to sail on the John Brown's matron voyage on September 2, from Baltimore to the south end of Kent Island. There were 800 history buffs on the Saturday fund-raiser cruise and another 600 the next day.

The large ship drew the attention of countless pleasure boats and enjoyed two fly-bys: one by two WW I planes and a second by four WW II fighter planes.

Entertainment on the matron voyage was provided by an 18 piece "Big Band" in Glen Miller band garb, and by an Andrews Sisters sound-like trio, RPM.

A memorial service was held at sea in memory of all who had helped build her, sail on her, and restore her.

A booklet by Dr. Cooper telling the history of the John Brown is for sale to help defray the cost of berthing and restoring the ship.

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