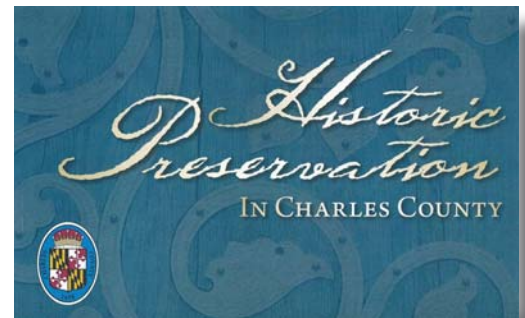




## *Historical Society Members Receive Historic Preservation Award*

The Historical Society is extremely proud to announce that Joyce Candland and Louise Turner were recognized with a Preservation Service Award by the Historic Preservation Commission of Charles County. The Preservation Service Award recognizes outstanding achievement in, and support for furthering the aims of historic preservation in Charles County, including: education; research; development; planning; advocacy; and community leadership. Joyce and Louise were honored with this award for their outstanding diligence and extensive work on the Historic Sites File, housed in the Southern Maryland Studies Center of the College of Southern Maryland. The ceremony was held at the Port Tobacco Courthouse in February.



Charles County Commissioner Candice Quinn Kelly presents the Preservation Service Award to Louise Turner and Joyce Candland, as Commission Member Franklin Robinson looks on.



Joyce Candland, President Mary Pat Berry, and Louise Turner.

# *The Brown's of Rich Hill*

Proprietors from 1714 to 1807

## **Dr. Gustavus Brown**

*First owner of the Rich Hill property*

Rich Hill was the colonial home of the Reverend Richard Brown and his family. Richard was the eldest son of Dr. Gustavus Brown and half-brother of Dr. Gustavus Brown of Rose Hill, George Washington's friend and physician. He was also the brother-in-law of Thomas Stone of Habre de Venture, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The Browns' association with Rich Hill dates to 1714, when the elder Dr. Brown purchased "all ye plantation and tract of land... called Rich Hill" from Philemon and Mary Hemsley. The 300 acres Brown purchased were part of a larger tract patented under the name "Rich Hill" in 1666.

Born in Scotland, the elder Dr. Brown immigrated to Maryland in 1708 at age 19. He is said to have first settled in the Nanjemoy area, but he clearly established his principal residence at Rich Hill not long after its purchase. A merchant-planter, successful physician and public office holder, Brown was unquestionably one of the county's best educated and most affluent men of his time. Much of his wealth derived from inherited estates and business investments in Scotland, England, and Holland, as well as in Maryland.

Brown died "of apoplexy" at Rich Hill in the spring of 1762. His extraordinary 17-page Will, in which he styles himself "Gustavus Brown of Charles County in the province of Maryland, practitioner in Medicine and Laird (Lord) of Mainside and the House of Byers, Roxbury, Scotland," provided substantial legacies to his numerous children.

Dr. Brown's home, which preceded the existing house, must have been fairly substantial, according to an inventory of his personal estate filed in 1766. Its contents included many furnishings that received unusually high valuations and a large library. The inventory lists a lesser number of slaves, household furnishings, and farm implements at his Nanjemoy plantation, "Middleton," and his "Pomfret Quarter," as well.

Maryland Independent, July 19, 1987

In its original form, Rich Hill had a 'jerkin head' roof and symmetrical facade, both of which were changed in the 19th century. Mt. Tirzah, built in 1774 near Wayside, had chimneys identical to those at Rich Hill.

Drawing by J. Richard Rivoire

## **Reverend Richard Brown**

*Builder of Rich Hill*

Richard Brown, the eldest son of Dr. Gustavus Brown, was born in Charles County in 1725, but spent much of his youth in Scotland, where he was educated at the University of Edinburgh. He returned to Maryland shortly after his ordination into the Church of England by the Lord Bishop of London in 1750, and for a period of time was Rector of King and Queen Parish in St. Mary's County.

In 1783, he married Katherine (Smoot) Hawkins and replaced his father's home with a new structure described in the tax assessments of that year as "a large unfinished dwelling house with three brick chimneys." Ancillary buildings included a "new kitchen," as well as "a corn house and several other (outbuildings) in perfect condition, (and) a small mill seat."

Richard Brown died in 1789, and although his estate was not quite as extensive as his father's, he retained control of properties and investments in Scotland as well as in Maryland and Virginia. To one son he devised "my house clock and all my family pictures," and one-third of his library.

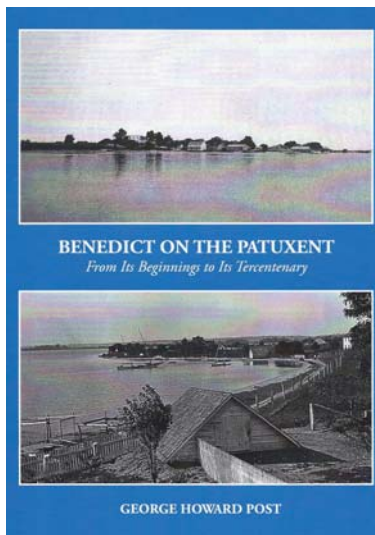
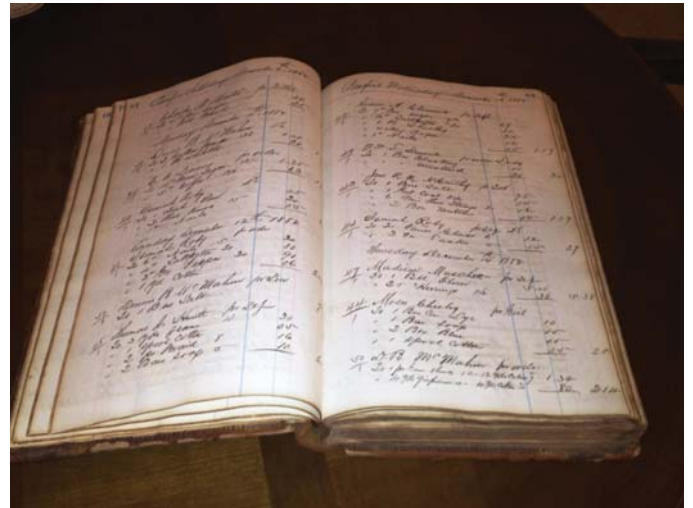
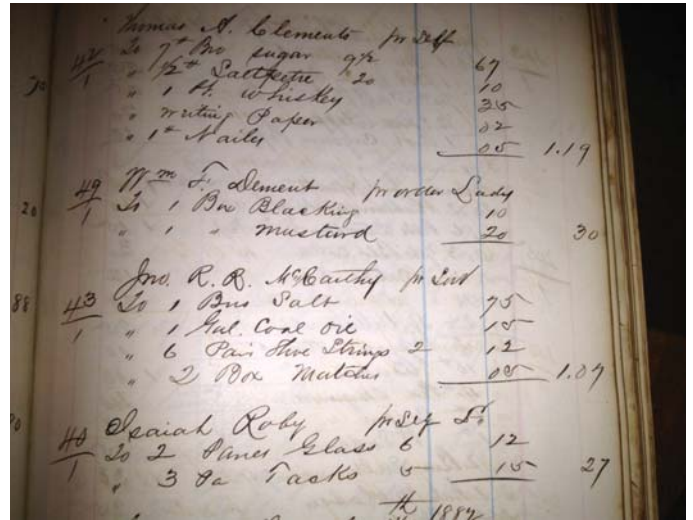
Following a series of transfers among the various heirs, the part of Rich Hill that encompassed the house was sold to Samuel Cox in 1807, and the balance to John C. Cox in 1810. Reserved from the first conveyance was the "grave place or graveyard" where Dr. Gustavus Brown was buried.



## *Donation of Pomfret Store Ledger*

At the Holiday Trail Open House in December, Ms. Cynthia Hancock of Indian Head donated to the Historical Society a very old store ledger from the Pomfret Store. The ledger was for the years 1882 to 1884. It will be housed in the Southern Maryland Studies Center. The following names appear over and over again in the ledger:

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| Charles A. Boswell     | Charles M. Martin      |
| Thomas A. Clements     | Mrs. Emily E. Mitchell |
| Isaiah Roby            | Benjamin Hodges        |
| William F. Murray      | Wm. Briscoe            |
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## *New Publications*

*Benedict on the Patuxent, From Its Beginnings to Its Tercentenary.* Author, George Howard Post. Available from the author.

*John Hawley/Halley, Born 1686 of Pomonkey, Charles County, Maryland and His Descendants.* Author, Laura Hawley. [www.Heritagebooks.com](http://www.Heritagebooks.com)

*The 72nd New York Infantry in the Civil War, A History and Roster.* Author Rick Barrahm. [www.mcfarlandpub.com](http://www.mcfarlandpub.com).

# Friendship House "Decked the Halls" for Open House

On December 7, 2013, Friendship House was part of the Charles County Holiday Trail's "Tidewater Christmas." President Mary Pat Berry beautifully decorated Friendship House with appropriate greens of the period. Members Mary Pat Berry, Mike Mazzeo, and Evie Merritt were on hand to provide tours to over 100 visitors that day. It was a grand success! Other sites opened that weekend were the Port Tobacco Courthouse, Mount Aventine, Mount Carmel Monastery, Thomas Stone Historic Site, Dr. Mudd's House, Smallwood's Retreat, the African-American Heritage House, the Mattawoman Creek Arts Center, and a Kris Kringle Christmas Market at the Fair Grounds. This was the first year of what will be an annual Holiday tour of historic sites in Charles County. Plan your visit next year through [www.charlescountyholidaytrail.com](http://www.charlescountyholidaytrail.com).





# In Remembrance

## Gene Davies

Leslie "Gene" Davies, lifetime member of the Historical Society, passed away December 17, 2013, at his home in Issue. He was 85. Gene was a realtor and insurance agent for more than 50 years with County Services, Inc. He was a graduate of Charlotte Hall Military Academy, a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army of Occupation in Japan, and a graduate of the University of Maryland. He served on the Democratic Central Committee for 19 years, and was a founding member of the Southern Maryland Board of Realtors. Gene was always more than happy to lend a hand to the Historical Society through advice or service.

## Vivian Bounds Edelen

Vivian Bounds Edelen of Bryantown, and lifetime member of the Historical Society, passed away February 19, 2014. She was 96 years old. Mrs. Edelen was a devoted member of the Society and was always in attendance at our meetings. A noted genealogist, Mrs. Edelen never failed to lend a hand or expertise when asked to help others in the quest for their ancestors. She did it enthusiastically and always with a smile. You could always count on Mrs. Edelen's support with a project, advice on a program, or expertise in her extensive knowledge of history. Mrs. Edelen never failed to acknowledge each of the wonderful programs she attended with a beautifully hand-written note. Mrs. Edelen's son, Edward B. Edelen, Jr. and daughter, Anne Boone are also members of the society. Anne is on the Friendship House Foundation, and her husband, Charles, is on the Board of Directors. Mrs. Edelen was also an active member in the Port Tobacco Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, and many other historical societies.

## Annual History Day Awards Ceremony

By Michael J. Mazzeo, Jr.

Charles County Public Schools held its Annual History Day Awards Ceremony on March 22. This year's theme was *Rights and Responsibilities in History*. The Historical Society of Charles County was proud to present the following Special Award winners with a \$50.00 check toward their college endeavors:

- Sascha Barnes, Elizabeth Hernandez, and Julia Jones from Piccowaxen Middle School: *"Changing the Ideas of Citizenship in Ancient Rome."*
- Megan Czapp from Piccowaxen Middle School: *"Saving an American icon: Drive in Theatres."*
- Sufyan Ansari from Mattawoman Middle School: *"Waging Workers Rights: The Wagner Act."*
- Sophia Minor from Theodore Davis Middle School: *"Government Shutdown 2013."*

Board Members Ron Brown and Tom Pike presented the awards.

The Friendship House Foundation awarded the following students with a \$50.00 check:

- Joshua Carson and Dean Fronck from Matthew Henson Middle School: *"The Voice of the People."*

Historical Society members representing other organizations at the awards ceremony were: Tom Pike of the Charles County Historic Trust, and Ron Brown of the Charles County Heritage Commission. Michael J. Mazzeo, Jr. is the coordinator for the Special Awards for the Charles County Public Schools.

The Historical Society of Charles County is one of the featured historical societies in the Spring 2014 edition of *Southern Maryland, This Is Living*.

**Preserving the Past**  
Southern Maryland Historical Societies  
Story by Edna Toliano

*In November of 1633, 381 years ago, the Ark and the Dove left England, bound for the New World. The following March, the ships reached the Chesapeake Bay and, exploring for sites to settle, sailed up the Potomac River into St. Mary's River. Governor Calvert purchased land from the Yuocumaco Indians, passengers and crews settled into what has become St. Mary's City, and Maryland history began.*

*From pre-colonial times, the tri-county area evolved into an agrarian society, which gradually gave way in the 20th century to a more suburban culture. Fortunately, historical societies in each county arose to document the history and development of the area.*

*St. Mary's County, the "Mother County of Maryland," established its historical society in 1951. Housed in Leonardtown's historic Tudor Hall, the society has a second venue for exhibits, the Old Jail. Peter Himmelheber, who has served the society in multiple capacities for almost two decades, explains that the society is interested in documenting and preserving all aspects of St. Mary's history, from the Native American cultures predating the colonists to contemporary events. Currently, the society is research-*

*ing the War of 1812, reexamining records, "interpreting what was said and written in a different social climate, and looking for historical answers," says Himmelheber. Locals are often surprised, by adds, to learn that the society's extensive genealogical records attract people from all over the nation.*

*Calvert County's historical society, now housed in Prince Frederick's historic Linden, was established in 1953. The society played an important role in the establishment of the Calvert Marine Museum and Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, among other accomplishments. It is currently focusing on developing an African-American library at Linden, so residents can research county history as well as dis-*

*(Continued on page 16.)*

Historic Linden in Prince Frederick is home to the Calvert County Historical Society. Visitors are welcome to stop by to learn more about the city's past.

Michael Mazzeo Jr. lectures at Friendship House, a 1700s-era house saved by the Historical Society of Charles County.

Researchers visit the St. Mary's County Historical Society, located at Tudor Hall in Leonardtown.

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# Friendship House Foundation

The Friendship House Foundation was established to preserve, refurbish and promote this unique treasure of Charles County. Donations will help to maintain the historical integrity of the house through its furnishings, tours and educational programs, and to honor those who have devoted countless hours of volunteer time in the preservation and promotion of this Maryland Tidewater Home.

Today, Friendship House sits proudly on the campus of the College of Southern Maryland. Please join the Historical Society of Charles County in contributing to the preservation of Friendship House for many generations to come.



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Friend .....	\$ 25.00-\$ 99.00
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Patriot .....	\$ 200.00-\$499.00
Statesman .....	\$ 500.00-\$999.00
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To donate, please make checks payable to the Friendship House Foundation, and mail to the Historical Society.

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## President's Message

Dear Society Members,

Spring is here after a whirlwind of winter activities. It was wonderful to see such a grand turnout for our January meeting. Mary Ann Jung's portrayal of Rosalie Calvert was captivating as she took us back in time to her 18th century home at Riversdale and the British invasion in 1814. Our members thought the performance was so delightful that we have booked her for next January. Stay tuned to see who she will be next!

Board meetings were held to discuss the Society's business and feel confident that your Board is doing and acting in your best interests. They are all approachable should you have any concerns or questions, or just would like to thank them for a job well done.

Now that Rich Hill has been acquired by the County, the Historical Society has been asked to contribute to the development plan for the property. In January, Mike Mazzeo and I were invited to the warm and welcoming home of Kate and Chris Zabriskie for a "meet-n-greet" of the 2013 Holiday Trail participants. It was there I was introduced to Geoff Thomas, District Executive of the Zekiah District of the Boy Scouts of America. At a later meeting, he picked my brain for historic sites in the county to feature on the Boy Scouts 100-mile Bike Ride to be held this year.

It was with great pleasure I was able to phone two of our members, Louise Turner and Joyce Candland, and let them know they had been chosen as the 2014 recipients of Charles County's Preservation Service Award. The awards ceremony was held on February 15th at the Port Tobacco Courthouse (see story). These two ladies are well deserving of all the accolades, and HSCC is so proud of their accomplishments and dedication to the Historic Sites Files at the Southern Maryland Studies Room at CSM.

The Society was well represented at the annual Charles County History Day Awards Ceremony for students, and it always gratifying to know history is being taught and appreciated by the next generation. Thank you to our HSCC presenters as I was unable to attend.

The Spring meeting in April was an outstanding success! We filled the Rivers Edge Restaurant to capacity as we dined on crab balls, chicken marcella, shrimp salad, and a host of other goodies. Howard Post, HSCC Board member and now author, previewed his book, [Benedict on the Patuxent](#), and kept us on the edge of our seats as he covered the 1812 time period. Who knew so much history happened in Benedict during those tumultuous years during the War of 1812. His book covers the history of Benedict from its inception to the present. I won't spoil the story so get yourself a copy and read! It is a fascinating and well documented book.

In May, Howard and I represented the Society at the annual Market Days at Port Tobacco. On a lovely Saturday, we greeted many old friends, and met some new ones as we spread the word about our Society.

In this year of the War of 1812 Bicentennial, there are so many opportunities to learn and share in the myriad of events and activities. Our own member Nicole Stewart will be one of the featured participants on August 30th as Charles County celebrates "The March From Benedict." She will be housed at Maxwell Hall during "A Star Spangled Celebration" with an exhibit of more than a dozen period style portraits along with commentaries based on these paintings, about how people lived in the early 1800's, and how events surrounding the War of 1812 affected them.

The August 30th "A Star Spangled Celebration" being held in conjunction with the County's "The March from Benedict" celebration on August 30 -31 (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.), will feature many unique vendors and crafters. Maxwell Hall will host two performances of "An 1812 Wedding" based on actual persons and events. La Plata High School students will have the starring roles and Mike Callahan, narrator, will portray Charles Somerset Smith III, who will roam the grounds during the day in character. USD of 1812 will present vignettes of the Keech family and how the war affected family life. Singing of the Star Spangled Banner will take place center stage at noon with an 1814 rendition of our Nation's Anthem. On hand will be the Calvert-Arundel Swordsman, who will set up camp displaying artifacts, fencing demonstrations, and singing and dancing with the crowds throughout the day. Pat Fulcher, blacksmith; Pam King, basket maker; Meet the Authors featuring Howard Post, with [Benedict on the Patuxent](#) are among some of the spirited entertainment for the day. The Girl Scouts will bring Games and Toys of 1812 with stations for kids to see what might have been played in 1814. The Baltimore Lace Guild will allow you to tat lace, and the Spinners and Weavers will be crafting their wares. A big sponsor and organizer behind this event is the Crossroads of Hughesville Garden Club, who will stage and decorate Maxwell Hall for the wedding, and also feature a "Garden Pantry" filled with fresh produce and goodies. They will also have a "do it yourself" cornhusk doll for the kids. Food, music, vendors, performances – come see it all at Maxwell Hall. For more information you may access the county's Tourism website at [www.charlescountymd.gov/calendar-date/month](http://www.charlescountymd.gov/calendar-date/month).

It's an exciting time in Charles County. Get out and be a part of history in the making!

Your humble HSCC President,  
Mary Pat Berry

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## Mark Your Calendar

- Saturday, October 25, 2014: Annual Membership Dinner Meeting at Durham Church. Rod Cofield of Historic London town will present "Recreating an 18th-Century Carpenter Shop."
- Saturday & Sunday, August 30 & 31, 2014: "Celebrate Charles! March from Benedict." (see page 10)
- Saturday, January 17, 2015: Mary Ann Jung's Performance of "Clara Barton, Red Cross Angel," at the La Plata Methodist Church Hall, 2:00 p.m.

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# Society's Programs a Great Success!



The January meeting was attended by over 100 people who came to hear Mary Ann Jung's performance of "Rosalie Calvert and the War of 1812." In addition to her very enthusiastic performance she incorporated audience participation in her play. Seen here are two students from La Plata High School's AP U.S. history class portraying President James Madison and First Lady Dolly Madison.

Benedict on the Patuxent was the beautiful setting for our Spring luncheon meeting at the River's Edge Restaurant in April. With a very large attendance of 85, board member and author, George Howard Post gave a riveting presentation of the role historic Benedict played in the War of 1812. Through a grant the Historical Society received from the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium and the Star Spangled 200, each guest received a copy of Mr. Post's new publication *Benedict on the Patuxent, from its Beginnings to its Tercentenary*.

## Celebrate Charles! March from Benedict

Saturday, August 30, 2014 - 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 31, 2014 - 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Serenity Farm, 6932 Serenity Farm Rd, Benedict, MD 20612



Spend the weekend in Charles County, Maryland! Come immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the 1812 era as Charles County commemorates the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. Benedict is a premier location to visit during this commemoration time period. Enjoy waterfront views, walks, and dining in the small quaint village of Benedict; which is still surrounded by fields and the historically famous Patuxent River.

Tour Serenity Farm and learn about the farm and plantation life from a local farm owner and historian. Visit Harvest House, purchase locally produced meats and vegetables, and visualize over 40 British ships in the Patuxent River. View the area where 1814 artifacts were found. Explore the petting zoo, enjoy a walk to the river, live music, artisans, crafters, local food, kids amusements, and evening entertainment.

## War of 1812 Bicentennial, A Star Spangled Celebration

Saturday, August 30, 2014 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Maxwell Hall, 6680 Maxwell Hall Dr, Hughesville, 20637

Tour Maxwell Hall for an exciting look into the late 18th century home with central stair passage, gambrel roof, and massive end exterior brick chimneys. Maxwell Hall is situated in the center of Maxwell Hall Equestrian Park on 600 plus acres and the middle of the first foreign invasion of the United States. Be part of living history, experience a wedding of 1812 and find out how the war impacted a young family. Learn the history of the Keech family and their lives during this tumultuous time. Stroll the booths of crafters, lace making, quilters, corn husk crafts, blacksmiths, basket makers, and shop the unique treasures.



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