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Mary Pat Berry, President

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The Historical Society's Fall Dinner Meeting

Saturday, October 19, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

Durham Church Hall & Ironsides, Maryland



Mr. Tom Clemens will present

Rebel Heels and Northern Scum:
Maryland's Role in the Civil War

Menu

Sliced Turkey Breast and Ham & Candied Sweet Potatoes

Seasoned Green Beans & Rolls & Beverages & Dessert

\$26.50 per person

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Nicholas Guyther

By Michael J. Mazzeo, Jr.



The Battle at the Mouth of the Severn, Maryland, 1655

It was Sunday, March 25, 1655. Governor William Stone and a force of 130 Marylanders proceeded to Annapolis to attempt to reclaim the Maryland colony for Lord Baltimore. The Battle that was to ensue, the *Battle of the Severn*, was an extension of the civil wars in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and pitted the forces loyal to the Lord Baltimore, Cecilius Calvert, against a Puritan settlement loyal to the Commonwealth.¹

Stone's forces were attacked from both land and sea, and were defeated by the Puritans. About fifty Marylanders were killed or wounded and the rest were taken prisoners. The death penalty was ordered for the leaders of Lord Baltimore's men, St. Mary's County citizens: Governor William Stone, Colonel John Price, Major Job Chandler, Captain Gerard, William Eltonhead, Robert Clarke, William Evans, Captain William Lewis, John Leggat, John Pedro and **Captain Nicholas Guyther**.²

Before the remaining men could be executed, the people of Providence came before the War Council and petitioned the execution. They were awarded a hearing in which 3 petitioners in support of over 200 townspeople, who were members of the Puritan community, presented a defense for the prisoners. They claimed that the men should be spared, and that they should not be judged treasonous. In addition the prisoners were only following orders handed out by Lord Baltimore. Subsequently, the War Council reversed the sentences and the prisoners were released.³

Nicholas Guither had immigrated to Maryland in 1639 as an indentured servant to Thomas Cornwallis. He lived in St. Mary's City, the colonial capital of the Maryland Proprietary Colony.

The charter to establish a colony in "Maria Terria Fira," given by King Charles I of England to Lord Baltimore, resulted in settlement of St. Mary's City in 1634. Lord Baltimore established the colony to provide a community where Catholics would be allowed to practice their religion. The original settlement at St. Mary's City was successful and enterprising citizens soon settled the forested outlying regions, in land which would eventually become Charles County.

Nicholas Gwither was noted as one of the "Freemen in Attendance" at the First Session of the Maryland Proprietary Assembly January 7, 1647. However he was denied the right to vote when Cuthbert Fenwick claimed that Gwither still owed him service on an indenture. Also interesting to note that Margaret Brent was in attendance and was also denied the right to vote by Governor Thomas Greene.⁴

Governor Leonard Calvert granted land to settlers in return for a tax quitrent of ten pounds of good wheat for 50 acres. Nicholas Guither, served his seven year indenture, thereby paying for his passage to the new world. He married Mary, also a former indentured servant. Together they toiled and saved their income so that they could transport six indentured servants to the new country. This entitled Nicholas and Mary to a land patent in 1658 of 650 acres, which was eventually increased to 900 acres and would become "Friendship." However, Nicholas Guither never lived on this land.

The original 900 acre tract of land was surveyed March 7, 1657 for Captain Nicholas Gwither (Guyther) who received a patent for it on August 20, 1658. Captain Gwither sold the land to Judge Thomas Dent and his brother-in-law William Hatton in 1662.

The government set up by Governor Calvert according to the charter had legislative and executive branches. In 1670, a law made possession of a 50-acre freehold a qualification for voting. Thus, a man of no possessions could, through hard work and thrifty living, acquire land and political prominence. Nicholas Guither, former indentured servant, eventually served as sheriff of St. Mary's County, a Lieutenant in the militia, and was elected to the lower House of the Assembly. He was Sheriff of St. Mary's County from 1650 to 1653 and then again from 1657 to 1662.⁶ He, along with William Calvert, Robert Slye, (Speaker of the Lower Assembly) and Thomas Notley represented St. Mary's County in the Proprietary Assembly of 1663 - 1664.⁷

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part to Capt. Nicholas Guyther, of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore, to all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, greeting in Perpetuity. Our Lord God Everlasting. Know ye that We for and in consideration that Nicholas Gwyther and Mary his Wife, have faithfully performed their time of service. And have transported six persons into this Our Province, here to inhabit. And for that the said Nicholas hath due unto him six hundred acres of Land more, by the assignment of Underlove Simpson, Charles Kesterson and John Metcalf, as appeareth upon Record And upon such conditions and Tenures as are expressed in our Letters Patents of Plantation of Our said Province of Maryland Under our Greater Seal at Armes bearing date at London the second day of July in the Year of Our Lord God 1639. with such declaration as in them is made. By our Declaration bearing date the 26th of August 1631. And remaining upon Record in Our said Province. Do hereby grant to the said Nicholas Gwyther, all that Tract of Land lying on the North side of Potomack River On the West side of Hangany Creek, beginning at a marked Oak, standing upon a point at the mouth of a Branch of the said Creek, over against the Land of Joseph Harrison, running South West by the Creek side, for the length of four hundred and fifty Perches to a marked Red Oak, standing at the Water side, bounding on the West with a line drawn West North West from the end of the former line for the length of three hundred and twenty Perches to a marked Oak, On the North with a line drawn North East for the length of four hundred and fifty Perches until it meet a Parallel drawn from the first marked Oak, On the East and South with Hangany Creek, containing Nine hundred Acres more or less. Together with all Rights and Benefits thereunto belonging (Royall Mines Excepted) to have, and to hold the same unto him the said Nicholas Gwyther, his Heires and Assignes for Ever. To be holden of us and Our Heires as of Our Mannor of St. Maries in Free and Common Socage, by Fealty only for all Services Yielding and Paying therefore yearly unto us and Our Heires all Our Receipt of St. Maries at the two most usuall Feasts in the Year Viz. At the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and at the Feast of St. Michael the Arch. Angell, by even and equall portions the Rent of Eighteen Shillings Sterling in Silver or Gold or the full Value thereof in such Commodities as We and Our Heires or such Officer or Officers appointed by us or Our Heires from time to time to collect and receive the same shall accept in Discharge thereof, At the choice of us and Our Heires or such Officer or Officers as aforesaid. Given at St. Maries under the Great Seal of Our said Province of Maryland the twentieth day of August in the 27th Year of Our Dominion over the said Province of Maryland Anno Domini 1638. Witness Our Trusty and Wellbeloved Squas Tordall Esq^r Our Lieut. of Our said Province.

Endors: Intra^t in Records

Phillip Calvert Sec^{ry} Thomas Tordall

This Grant is according to Certificate and Survey by me made.

John Cooper Deputy Surveyor

To the Hon^{ble} the Lieut General

June 1st 1638

I did out for David Thomas of this Province Planter a Parcel of Land lying on the North side of Piscataway River about

Land Patent to Captain Nicholas Gwyther for 900 acres in Charles County, March 7, 1657, in which Friendship House would later be built.

On November 27, 1660 Philip Calvert appointed Nicholas Guither "High Sheriff of Charles County... for the time being." ⁸

Nicholas Guyther appeared in the following transactions:

- On February 24, 1647 Thomas Gerrard leased to Nicholas Guyther and Thomas Jackson, planters, for an initial term of 21 years, 700 acres in St. Clement's Manor on the Wicocomoco River. On August 15, 1652, Guyther assigned his interest in the lease to Jackson.
- On April 2, 1650, Nicholas Gwyther, as Sheriff submits the following: Return from the Sheriff of St. Mary's, 2d of April, 1650. "All and every the freemen of St. Mary's county have been summoned, according to the direction of those summons, and have made choice of these burgesses following for every hundred, viz.: For St. George's hundred, Mr. John Hatch, Mr. Walter Beane, Mr. John Medley. For Newtown hundred, Mr. Wm. Brough, Mr. Robert Robins. For St. Clement's hundred, Mr. Francis Posey, Mr. Philip Land. For St. Mary's hundred, Mr. Philip Land, Mr. Francis Brooks. For St. Inigo's hundred, Mr. Thomas Matthews, Mr. Thomas Sterman. For St. Michael's hundred, Mr. George Manners. "Which I humbly certify, in return hereof. NICHOLAS GWYTHER."
- On February 17, 1651 Nicholas was a witness to a Statutory Declaration as follows: I Francis Vanenden [Vanderhayden] do hereby assign unto his Lordship's Secretary, Mr. Thomas Hatton, all tobacco due and unpaid to me from Capt. Robert Vaughan, Zachary Wade, Mr. George Puddington, Mr. James Cox, and Phillip Hyde or any of them for Ordinaries at the Assembly held at St. Maries in the years 1649 and 1650, or at any other time. Signed: Francis Vanenden. Wit: John Metcalf, Nicholas Gwyther.



Reconstructed State House in St. Mary's City

- On November 6, 1651 a very interesting deposition was taken by Lt. Nicholas Gwyther by virtue of a Special Commission granted to him for that purpose as follows: 1651, 6 November, the Deposition of George Dely aged 24 years or thereabouts. This Deponent saith that one night he came to the house where Edward Hudson & Robert Holt's wife did live together and he did see them both lying in bed together before the fire, and further this Deponent Saith that Some time in June in the year 1650 he was going to the well for water, he, the Said Deponent called at the Said Edward Hudson's house, and the Said Edward rising in his Shirt opened the door and the Said Deponent going to the fire did see the place where the Said Edward had lain in the same bed where the Said Dorothy the wife of Robert Holt lay at that time which was laid by the fire. And further this Deponent Saith not. The mark of Humphry Howell Jurat 6 Nov. 1651. coram me Nicho Gwyther.
- In 1653 Lt. Nicholas Gwyther is one of twenty-four able persons impaneled as jurors who shall swear to give in a Just & true Verdict according to the best of your understanding whether the two Indians now upon Trial or either of them be Guilty of the Murder and the other offences for which they stand indicted or any of them yea or no.
- In 1655 Nicholas Gwyther appeared on a list as Captain of a Militia Company in St. Mary's County, Maryland.¹⁰
- Law enforcement services in Charles County began in 1658, when Nicholas Gwyther was appointed Sheriff simultaneously in Charles and St. Mary's Counties. The original duties of the Sheriff included collecting taxes, serving warrants, apprehending criminals, executing criminals and occasionally investigating witchcraft.
- In 1658 Capt. Nicholas Gwyther testified in the case of Streeter vs. Brooks. Upon the demand of Richard Collett the plaintiffs Attorney, against Francis Brooks, defendant for 1400 lbs. of Tobacco by Bill. The defendant denyeth the said Bill & the signing thereof by him. Capt. Thomas Cornwallis swore in open Court sayth that Col. Thomas Burbadge desired this Deponant to demand of the defendant this Bill which he did & the defendant never denied it to him. Mrs. Jane Fenwick swore (concerning this Bill in question) sayth, that she hath heard Mr. Fenwick, her husband say that Francis Brooks thought to have cheated other folks, & cheated himself, affirming that Col. Burbadge did say, that he thought that Mr. Olditch had no right in that Bill, but as for himself he gave, or could give his right therein, but he could not give away what doth belong to the children, Capt. Nicholas Gwyther deposeth idem. John Metcalfe swore sayth that he heard Mr. Fenwick say, that he thought in his conscience that that Bill was very unjust.

Whereupon the Court considered that the Bill by the plaintiff produced, if ever signed by the defendant (which as yet doth not appear by any Witness) was fraudulently obtained, & therefore Judge that the said Bill do lye in Court till the 25th of March next, By which time if proof be not made upon what consideration the said Bill was given, the said Bill shall be delivered up to be cancelled.

- In August 1658 Lewis Fremond, "through his attorney Nicholas Gwyther... sued Robert Hold for 100 lbs." of Tobacco.¹¹
- 1658 October 5. That Whereas all persons of his Lordships Council are by Oath bound the debates of the said Council to keep Secret ... Yet so it is that Thomas Gerrard Esq. of St Clements Manor ...by him taken the Private debates of the Council disclosed viz at Mr. Robert Syles house at or about the beginning of May last...false & scandalous speeches & Reports hath cast abroad ... Insinuating cunningly unto the people that the Governor would yield unto any thing ...requested by the People at Annarundell then & there saying the Governor will give them any thing or words to that effect. ... Saying what cares Captain Fendall what he gives away since there was never Governor yet but had half the Rents fines & forfeitures.. ...Whereupon were read the depositions of Luke Gardner & Walter Pakes ... Captain Nicholas Guyther then sworn saith he was on board Covill's ship with Mr. Gerrard that he came from on board with him to Mr. Packers landing that he can not swear that he was drunk but that he had bin drinking & further saith not Mr. Henry Coursey then sworn also saith that he was on board of Covill's ship with Mr. Gerrard that the said Gerrard had drunk something extraordinary but was not so much in drink but he could get out of a carts way & further saith not.. ... the whole council calling them Rogues saying he would not sit with such rogues & in particular falsely charging Captain William Stone, Mr. Job Chandler & Doctor Luke Barber (three persons of his Lordships Council eminent for their fidelities & sufferings in his Lordships behalf with secret compliance with his Lordships Opposes then (viz Mr. Richard Bennett)...Now so it is that the said Thomas Gerrard being on the 23rd of March 1656 required to attend the said Lieutenant at a Provincial court to be holden at Newtown ... did willfully & maliciously refuse to attend his said Charge and Office... hath diverse times misbehaved himself & offended in Drunkenness & other Lewd behavior ... I doe charge him with the said Drunkenness & Lewd behavior Committed on board of Covills ship Riding in St Georges River & in his passage from thence to Mr. Edward Packers Landing & from that Landing in his passage up the River to Mr. Thomas Mathews his house...The Governor.¹²

- On February 23, 1659 Nicholas Gwyther and Marks Pheypo witnessed the deposition of Elizabeth Potter, widow, in the Court Case *Elizabeth Potter vs. Capt. Miles Cooke*.
- October 17, 1659 Nicholas Gwyther won a judgment in the case Greene vs. Gwyther: *to pay unto Capt. Guyther five hundred pounds of tobacco which debt is due for hoggs you bought of me*.
- On November 26, 1659 letters of Admiralty were given to Nicholas Gwyther, high sheriff of St. Mary's County on the estate of Edward Clackson.¹³
- January 14, 1660, Captain Nicholas Gwyther was appointed Power of Attorney: *Know all men by these presents that I Humphry Warren Citizen of London do Constitute and ordain Captain Nicholas Gwyther my Lawful Attorney for me and in my name to attach, arrest the body or Goods of William Head Cooper in an account of debt due upon Account, and what my said Attorney shall doe in the premises I doe ratify Confirm and allow as if I myself was personally present Witness my hand and Seale this fourteenth day of January 1660 Humphry Warren Sealed and delivered in the presence of Robert Payton James Walker.*¹⁴

- In 1661 Captain Nicholas Gwyther was the jury foreman in the court case of Morris Murfee vs. Capt. Robert Troope. The plaintiff complains against the defendant for that he hath wounded and lamed him, which the defendant denies. The other jurors included John Metcalfe, Vincent Atcheson, George Bradshawe, Nicholas Young, John Nevill, Marks Pheypo, George Macckall, Daniell Clocker, and John Wayhope.
- On February 24, 1661 Nicholas Gwyther, along with John Metcalfe witnessed the Will of Ellis Coleman.
- ^a On December 18, 1662, Humphrey Warren caused a warrant to be issued against George Newman. At court on February 10, 1663, George Newman stated *that the 1,167 pounds of tobacco demanded by James Walker for the use of Humphrey Warren was due to him and not Warren, and requested that Nicholas Gwyther give security.*¹⁵
- On September 22, 1665 "Captain Nicholas Gwyther, of St. Mary's County, Gentleman," sold to George Newman of Charles County, Planter, 100 acres of "land in Charles County on the north side of the Potomac River near Mr. Neal's Back Creek" for 3,200 pounds of tobacco.¹⁶

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President's Message

Dear Members:

The Historical Society of Charles County has been undergoing some changes. The Board elected not to renew our contract with the town of La Plata and the Train Station. I understand from Danny Mears, Town Manager, they have closed the station and are giving it a facelift, and are in talks with many other groups to reopen in the Spring. We wish them well.

Having left the Train Station, another opportunity has fallen into our laps. At an Emergency Board Meeting on July 23, held at the College of Southern Maryland, we listened to a proposal from Dr. Bradley Gottfried, President of CSM, HSCC member, and a Civil War aficionado.

If you recall from past discussions, Rich Hill and its current condition has been a concern of The Historical Society of Charles County. It sits deteriorating on Bel-Alton Newtown Road. Its association with the Gustavus Brown family of Rose Hill fame and the part it played in the John Wilkes Booth saga, give great provenance to this building and site.

Although plans are not finalized yet, Dr. Gottfried presented a proposal to The Historical Society of Charles County to become the stewards of this building, and undertake its rehabilitation under Maryland Historic Trust guidelines.

This was the question put forth to the Board and after much discussion, your Board voted to begin this process. This led to a meeting on August 13 with Senator Mike Miller to discuss the project and possible state funding. I thank Mike Mazzeo and Joyce Candland for attending in my absence. On September 4, I attended a Grant Bond Bill webinar to familiarize myself with the protocols and procedures concerning Bond Bills. There are many pieces to the project with funding being a major issue. Many other organizations are being contacted for support and help and the response has been gratifying. It will take many dedicated volunteer hours to bring this project to a conclusion.

I want to thank Mr. Spence Bowling, AIA, president of The Wicomico Development Corporation for taking the time to examine the structure and setting forth in a letter his recommendations. This is one of many steps along the way.

When more concrete details are set, I hope to be able to announce them to the membership at our Fall meeting. Just be aware some exciting times are (hopefully) ahead for The Historical Society of Charles County.

In your service,

Mary Pat Berry, President
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- On August 24, 1675, Nicholas Guither along with Richard Chapman witnessed the *Last Will & Testament* of John Reynolds of St. Jerome's Hundred, St. Mary's County.¹⁷

Nicholas Guyther died in St. Mary's County between 1675 and 1677. The last court record his name appeared was after his death and involved a case with Guyther's only child, William Guyther, May 27, 1677.

Wm. Guyther, Gentleman, Complainant vs. Ignatius Mathew, an infant, son and heir of Thomas Mathew, Jr. deceased, who was son and heir to Thomas Mathews, Sr., deceased, by Wm. Boarman, Gentleman, his guardian, Defendant.

Complaint Bill presented in October Court 1674 States that Capt. Wm. Hawley, late of St. Mary's County, Esq. having right to 6,000+ acres of land from Jerome Hawley Esq. late of said Province, deceased granted to said Wm. Hawley on St. Jerome's creek. He, about 1654 made his will, giving the land to said Complainant who was an infant of about two years, and died, leaving Complainant legally entitled to the land. He, having come to the age of 21, wanted an account from the persons who had held and enjoyed the land. But said Thomas

Mathews, Sr., (and others) including William Clawe and Sarah, his wife, widow of William Cole, deceased, and Richard Cole, an infant son of William Cole, having combined to defeat the Complainant of his right and title to the premises, had gotten into possession of several parcels and the original will of said Capt. Hawley, which they did suppress and conceal, nor would they show by what right or title they held the same... said Thomas Mathews the elder's deposition is presented, setting forth that he believed said Wm. Hawley had right to the premises and that the Complainant was his Godson, and great friend of Nicholas Guyther, father of the Complainant, who was taken a prisoner at Severn and sentenced to be shot to death, but escaped to England. His return and the circumstances of Wm. Hawley writing his will and then dying are given along with much more information.

The Justices voted to allow Wm. Guyther to renew his suit, which he did and they found in his favor – that the will was written and made him the heir. Any deeds or sales by Nicholas Guyther were declared invalid. Wm. Guyther gained the entire amount of land and the defendants had to pay court costs.¹⁸

Nicholas Guyther, Gwyther, or Guither appears to have been the ancestor of all of the name Guyther with various spellings in early Maryland.

Endnotes

- 1 The Catholic Proprietor Lord Baltimore supported the Royalty and the Puritans supported Parliament. The primarily Puritan assembly retained powers until April 27, 1658, when the proprietorship was restored to Lord Baltimore.
- 2 History of St. Mary's County, Maryland. Regina Combs Hammett. Page 35.
- 3 Three men were executed: William Eltonhead, Capt. William Lewis, and Thomas Hatton, Lord Baltimore's Protestant Secretary.
- 4 Edward C. Papenfuse, et al., A Biographical Dictionary of the Maryland Legislature, 1635-1789, vols. 1&2. Annapolis, MD: Maryland State Archives, 1979, 1985.
- 5 Patents, Q:159, Annapolis.
- 6 Records of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office.
- 7 Edward C. Papenfuse, et al., A Biographical Dictionary of the Maryland Legislature, 1635-1789, vols. 1&2. Annapolis, MD: Maryland State Archives, 1979, 1985.
- 8 Charles County Circuit Court Records, Liber A, p. 119, folio 306.
- 9 Archives of Maryland, vol. 41, pp. 463-4.
- 10 A Brief Military History of the Colony of Maryland 1634-1707. <http://historyreconsidered.net>.
- 11 Archives of Maryland. vol. 41, pp. 128, 137.
- 12 Archives of Maryland, Proceedings of the Council of Maryland, 1660—1661, vol. 3, pp. 354-357.
- 13 Maryland Calendar of Wills, vol. 1, p. 77.
- 14 Archives of Maryland, Proceedings of the Provincial Court, 1660, vol. 41, p. 437.
- 15 Archives of Maryland, vol. 53, pp. 318, 327, 353.
- 16 Archives of Maryland, vol. 53, p. 611.
- 17 Maryland Calendar of Wills, vol. 1, p. 557.
- 18 Archives of Maryland, vol. 51, pp. 496-503.

Friendship House Cellar Museum

The Friendship House Foundation Committee has been working on plans to create an exciting exhibit in the first room of the Cellar at Friendship House. With the support of the Board of Directors, this new exhibit will highlight the families that lived on the Friendship House tract in Nanjemoy. The exhibit will include two "pull-up" displays; one about the genealogy of the Dent Family and one about the genealogy of the Gray Family. On the walls will hang panel type displays about Nicholas Gwyther, who received the original patent for the Friendship Property, the Dents, the Grays, the Karlsson and Juhle families. The display of farm tools will stay intact on the walls. Both rooms of the Cellar have been painted a very bright yellow, trimmed in a dark navy blue. The Friendship House Foundation has applied for a matching grant from the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium to help fund this exhibit. Grants will be awarded in October. Foundation Committee members planning this exhibit are Michael J. Mazzeo, Jr., Anne Boone, Joyce Candland, Madelyn Irish, Evelyn Karlsson Merritt and John S. Morris, III.



Oh, say can you see!

On August 3, 2013, Maryland State VP USD 1812, and Historical Society President, Mary Pat Berry, and her granddaughter, Leanne Berry, a member of the Governor William Smallwood Children of the American Revolution Chapter, traveled to the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore, Maryland, and became one of the many sewers who put a stitch in the re-creation of the original Star Spangled Banner Flag. This opportunity was provided by the Maryland Historical Society as part of the ongoing 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 Celebration in Maryland. Leanne can trace her roots to two veterans of the War of 1812, John Nalley Berry and Thomas Nathaniel Mudd. The finished flag, measuring 30 feet x 42 feet, will be carried to Fort McHenry and flown over the Fort during Defender's Day weekend celebrations, September 13-15, 2013. Their stitches are located on the right side of the bottom red side stripe.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 19, 2013

- The Historical Society of Charles County's Fall Dinner Meeting: *Rebel Heels and Northern Scum: Maryland's Role in the Civil War*; Durham Church @ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 18, 2014

- The Historical Society of Charles County's Winter Meeting co-sponsored with the Ella Virginia Houck Holloway Chapter, Daughters of 1812: Performance of *Rosalie Calvert's War of 1812*; La Plata Methodist Church Hall @ 2:00 p.m.

Spring 2014

- The Historical Society of Charles County's Spring Meeting: *Benedict and the War of 1812*.

Fall 2014

- The Historical Society of Charles County's Fall Meeting: From Historic Londontown, *Recreating an 18th-Century Carpenter Shop*; Durham Church, 6:00 p.m.

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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.

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One of the largest expenses of our Society is the printing and mailing of our newsletter. In an effort to keep our budget under control, it was voted at the January Board meeting of the Historical Society of Charles County to email the newsletter to all members with emails on file.

If you receive a newsletter in the mail, and have an email address, we would ask that you notify Mary Pat Berry at: berrybugs@wildblue.net and begin receiving your newsletter via email. Thank you for your help in saving the trees, postage stamps, and other costs involved in mailing this newsletter.

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The Charles County Holiday Trail features some of Charles County Maryland's most significant historical and cultural landmarks. From December 6-8, 2013 these sites will welcome the holiday season by opening their doors to visitors and locals alike. For up-to-date schedules and additional site information, please visit us online at www.charlescountyholidaytrail.com.

Featured Attractions and Hours

Friendship House

Saturday, December 7; Open 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

8730 Mitchell Road • La Plata, MD 20646

Carmel of Port Tobacco

Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8

Open 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

5678 Mount Carmel Road • La Plata, MD 20646

Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House Museum

Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8

Open 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

3725 Dr. Samuel Mudd Road • Waldorf, MD 20601
301-274-9358

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8

Open 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Special Holiday Program on Sunday Only

2750 Sweden Point Road • Marbury, MD 20658 • 301-743-5159

Smallwood Retreat House

Sunday, December 8; Open 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Thomas Stone National Historic Site

Saturday, December 7th; Open 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8th; Open 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

6655 Rose Hill Road • Port Tobacco, MD 20677 • 301-392-1776

Mount Aventine at Chapman State Park

Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8

Open 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Kris Kingle Christmas Market

at the Charles County Fair

Friday, December 6; Open 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 7; Open 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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