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## Annual Fall Membership Meeting

Saturday, October 22, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

Durham Church Hall - Ironsides, Maryland



### *Admiral Raphael Semmes and the C.S.S. Alabama*

*presented by Dr. Charles P. Neimeyer*

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# *The Correspondence of an Overlooked Founding Father: Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer*

by Kevin Grote

*Continuation...*

*D*aniel of St. Thomas Jenifer (first President of the Maryland Senate, four year member of the Continental Congress, and a Signer of the United States Constitution) spent a lifetime in service to the people of Maryland, and then took those skills, at the behest of his long-time good friend George Washington, to national issues, as the shortcomings of the Articles of Confederation were threatening the early end of the American Experiment.

In 1760, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer was appointed to a commission to settle the boundary dispute with Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, which resulted in the Mason-Dixon boundary settlement.

In 1785, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer served on the joint commission of Maryland and Virginia to settle the question of use and navigation of the Chesapeake Bay, the Potomac River, and the Pocomoke River, known as the Mt. Vernon Conference. The Mt. Vernon Conference serves as a prelude to the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

## **Correspondence during the American Revolution (1775-1783)**

Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer during this time (1777-1780) was President of the Maryland Senate and a member of the Continental Congress. These letters to and from George Washington reflect the troops and supplies needed for the Army that is provided by the States. These regiments are led by General William Smallwood and Colonel John Hoskins Stone (Thomas Stone's brother) that fought throughout the Revolution as the 1st and 2nd Maryland.

To George Washington from Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer,  
22 June 1780

In General Assembly, Annapolis June 22d 1780

Sir,

The extreme difficulty of embodying and marching the number of Militia required of this State by your Excellency and the Committee of co-operation, the impracticability of marching them in due time, owing to the total want of camp equipage, arms and accoutrements, the difficulty of procuring Waggon and Horses, the approaching harvest and the importance and necessity of securing it, have induced us to lay before your Excellency the following proposition; if it should meet with your approbation, and that of the Committee, we will stretch every nerve to carry it speedily into execution.

We propose to exert our utmost endeavours to raise two thousand regulars to serve during the War, fourteen hundred and sixty nine of this number to compleat our battalions according to the late proposed augmentation; the residue we propose to form into a Regiment to act in the place of the Militia required and this State will furnish and fill up the Regiments to its full complement, to join the Continental Army whenever we shall be called on to furnish aid of Militia, and we flatter

ourselves, that as long as we furnish our Quota of Regulars and this additional Battalion, that we shall not be required to furnish Militia, unless in cases of extreme exigency.

This plan if generally adopted would put under your Excellency's direction and command a regular and efficient force, on which you could constantly depend; it would save a great expence to these States in carriage, provisions, arms and accoutrements; it would conduce to reconcile the minds of the people to the heavy charges of the War, when assured, they should be left at home to cultivate their lands, and reap the fruits of their industry; it would certainly tend to encrease our crops, and afford the means of maintaining a much greater regular Army than can be supported under frequent calls of the Militia; it would in some degree prevent those emigrations of our Men Westward, which is become a very serious and alarming consideration to those States in general, and to this in particular.

If your Excellency on a view of all circumstances should think it more conducive to the public interest to order the fourteen hundred and sixty nine recruits destined to fill up a battalions to join the Army under your immediate command they shall be sent forward with all the dispatch in our power. If this proposal should meet with your Excellency's approbation, and that of the Committee it will be necessary, we apprehend, to draw from our battalions under the Baron de Kalb, a number of officers, to command, form and direct these new recruits.

If the two thousand two hundred and five Militia should be thought absolutely necessary and preferable to the plan proposed we will use our utmost endeavours to forward them on, but we fear, however strong our inclination, it will not be in our power to send out that number by the time required. We have the honor to be with the highest respect and attachment Sir Your Excellency's, Most Obedient & most hble Servts

Dan. of St Thos Jenifer President Senate  
Josia Beall Speaker ho. del.

From George Washington to Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, 27 June 1780  
Head Quarters Ramapough 27th June 1780

Gentlemen

I was last Evening honored with yours of the 22d Inst. containing propositions of both Houses for substituting a compleat additional Battalion inlisted for the War, in lieu of the aid of Militia required by the Committee of Cooperation in conjunction with me. The reasons urged by you, in support of this alteration, are weighty, and such as, all circumstances considered, I think are sufficient to induce an acceptance of your offer, provided you can be upon a certainty of filling and marching the Battalion to the place of rendezvous by or near the time fixed upon for the junction of the Militia or at furthest by the last of July—But this you will be pleased to observe is only my opinion upon the subject. As the Committee of Cooperation are yet at Morris Town, some distance from hence, I have taken the liberty, to save time, of putting this letter under a flying seal to them, and have desired them, if they coincide with me, to forward it to you, with their approbation of the measure.

It cannot yet be determined whether the whole or any of the Levies to compleat your Continental Battalions will be wanted to the Southward—perhaps circumstances may require that part of them should be sent to that quarter, and part came to this. It would be therefore most convenient to form them into two Corps for the present, under the care of such number of Officers as Major General Baron de Kalb will be able to spare from the Line. The number I am confident will be but few, as the Regiments were most of them very deficient of Subalterns when they marched from this Army. Inclosed you will find a letter to the Baron upon the subject. I cannot help impressing upon you, Gentlemen, the indispensable necessity

of filling and forwarding the additional Battalion in the time I have before mentioned, or of having the whole, or the greater part of the Militia required, ready for service, in case you see no probability of compleating the Battalion. A twenty five hundred Militia from your State were, by our Estimates, deemed essential to the cooperation[;] you will easily perceive that so great a diminution of force, altho' the composition will be better, must be attended with many inconveniencies. The compleating your Continental Battalions is a matter of equal importance.

Give me leave, Gentlemen, to present, through you, my warmest acknowledgments to both your Houses for their ready attention to and compliance with the several requisitions, more especially of provisions, which I have lately been under the necessity of making from them: And from the tenor of the letter which I have now the honor of answering—I am confident that no means will be left untried to furnish the Men in question, either upon a permanent establishment, or if that cannot be done in a reasonable time, for a temporary service. I have the Honor to be with the most perfect Respect Gentlemen Your most obt and most hble Servt

Go: Washington

**Correspondence to George Washington  
after the American Revolution (1783-1787)**

To George Washington from Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer,  
28 February 1785  
Annap[oli]s [Md.] Feby 28. 1785

Dear Sir,  
It will not be the smallest inconvenience to me, to keep your Trees til the Fall, which I believe to be the best time for Transplanting, provided they be tied to Stakes with Straw to prevent the Hard Winds incident to our Winters from shaking them too much. It will also be necessary to put a little

litter of some kind or other, no matter what, about the bottoms of the Stocks to guard the Roots against our severe Frosts, which I have found from experience to be very injurious where this precaution has not be taken. The Certificates you mentiond signed by Mr Hiligas & Mr Hopkinson & countersigned by Mr Harwood This State cannot without a special direction from Congress I believe pay. Perhaps Mr Lund Washington intended to have lent the Money to Maryland Mr Harwood having then Acted in a double capacity. if there should have been any mistake in this business it may be rectified.

I hope to have the pleasure of being at Mount Vernon on the 19th of March when this transaction may be further explained, for be assured My dear Sir that it will ever afford me the greatest pleasure to serve you or any of your Connexions to the utmost of my power being with the most perfect Attachment Dear Sir Your Excellencys most obedient Servt

Dan. of St Thos Jenifer

Be pleased to present my most respectful Compliments to your Lady & family.

To George Washington from Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer,  
31 March 1785  
Intend[an]ts Office [Annapolis, Md.] March 31st 1785

Dear Sir  
Inclosed your Excellency will receive an Order on Col. Hooe & Co. for £1069.1.7 which I have not the smallest doubt will be duely honored you have also the Account of your Certs. liquidated by the Auditor.

I shall always be made happy by the execution of any business that you

may have to transact on this side of Potomack, being with the most perfect respect & esteem for all at Mount Vernon.

I am Dr Sir Your Excellencys most affectionate & obedient Servant

Dan. of St Thos Jenifer  
From George Washington to Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, 12 April 1785  
Mount Vernon 12th Apl 1785. Dear Sir,

The Post preceeding the last, brought me your favor of the 31st Ulto—The next day I waited upon Colo. Hooe with your order, but he was confined to his bed & unable to do business. Two days after he sent me a Bill on New York for 2500 Dollars, payable at fifteen days sight; & gave me assurances that he wd pay the Balle shortly.

In consequence, you have my receipt for £1069.1.7 specie at the foot of the enclosed list. I have given it for specie because you desired it; in full confidence however, that if the Bill shd not be duely honored; or that I should meet with delays, or difficulty in receiving the Balle, that it will be null, or have proper attention paid to the circumstances; for, otherwise, the interest of this money which was intended to pay a debt at New York will, cease, when a higher interest there, will be accumulating that debt & defeat my intention.

I had taken up an idea, that, depreciation was the same thro' he Mo.; & had calculated my demand accordingly. Mr Richmond varies the depreciation every day; by which his acct & mine differ £64.14.7. I suppose he is right, & that I must submit to the disappointment.

I am exceedingly obliged to you for your ready, & pointed attention to this business.

Mrs Washington & Fanny Bassett present their Compliments to you; & I pray you to be assured of the sincere esteem & regard with which I am, Dear Sir, Your Most Obedt and Affectionate Hble Servt

Go: Washington  
To George Washington from Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, 15 April 1785  
Intendants Office [Annapolis, Md.] Apl 15. 1785

Dear Sir  
Should you meet with delay, or disappointments from Col. Hooe in payment of my Order; the Interest shall be allowed on any sum that he may be tardy in paying, but to prevent this being the case, I wish that Mr Lund Washington would put the Colo. in mind of the promise he made me, that you should not be disappointed.

Mr Richmond has calculated the depreciation on your Certs. agreeably to the scale laid down by our Law.

With my respectful Compliments to the Ladies I am my dear Sir Your most affectionate friend and Obedient Servant

Dan. of St Thos Jenifer

**This letter is my favorite in the series.** The language and tone of the letter reflect the diplomatic manner in which Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer relishes the demise of a bitter foe who was up to mischief.

To George Washington from Daniel of St. Thomas  
Jenifer, 24 May 1786  
Annap[oli]s May 24th 1786

Dear Sir.  
In a letter I received from Col. Fitzhugh dated the 17th Instant, He expresses a desire that my Answer to the Report of a Committee of the

H. of Delegates against the late Intend[ant] should be transmitted to your Excellency & to Col. Mason. I do not know that it is worth your reading; but such as it is I send it to you. I shall only add to it, That the Chairman is a great Speculator, & was the man who drank bankruptcy to the Continental Money, & Confusion to Your Excellency & the American Army; yet these things are forgot, & the Man trusted. But it is said he is now sunk for ever.

With my most respectful compliments to your Lady & family I am my dear Sir Your ever Affectionate friend  
Dan. of St Thos Jenifer

P.S. The Intends. Office being abolished by the Negative of the Senate—  
The office of state Agent has arose out of its ashes.

Go: Washington  
George Washington to Daniel of St. Thomas  
Jenifer, June 4, 1786  
Mount Vernon, June 4, 1786.

Dear Sir: The Letter with which you favored me on the 24th. ulto. and the enclosures, came to my hands by the last post, and I thank you for the information I have received from them. The Committee, by its Report, seemed disposed to run you hard; but happily the House viewed matters in a different light, and rendered you the tribute of applause which was due to your services; which, as every circumstance that can contribute to your honor or satisfaction, has afforded me much pleasure, being Dr. Sir, etc.

Correspondence from George Washington in regards to the approval of Maryland of the recent Constitutional Convention (May – July 1787).

Washington is encouraged that seven states have ratified, and looks to Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer to urge the Maryland Convention now in session approving the Constitution.

From George Washington to Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, 27 April 1788

Mount Vernon, April 27, 1788. Dan. of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq. Dear Sir: Accept my thanks for the obliging information contained in your letter of the 15th. inst. The great, the important question must ere this, have received its first features in, if not the final of your Convention. If they are decisive and favourable, it will most assuredly raise the edifice.

was going to add, I will say that, I am, etc. Geo: Washington

Seven affirmatives without a negative carries weight with them, that would almost convert the unbelieving Sister and yet, but in place of what I

#### **Letters from other Founding Fathers to or about Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer.**

Thomas Stone, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, is a member of the Mt. Vernon Conference, along with his uncle, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer. The Mount Vernon Conference initiated the concept of regular meetings between states to discuss areas of mutual concern, an idea that culminated in the 1787 convention in Philadelphia that produced the United States Constitution.

James Madison is writing to Thomas Jefferson about the on goings of the Constitution Convention in Philadelphia.

Benjamin Franklin is writing near the end of the American Revolution on behalf of a friend.

To George Washington from Thomas Stone, 28 January 1785  
Annapolis [Md.] 28 Jan. 1785

Dear Sir

It gives me much pleasure to know that our Act for opening the Navigation of Potomack arrived in time to be adopted by the Assembly of Virginia. If the scheme is properly executed I have the most sanguine expectation that it will fully succeed to the wishes of those who are anxious to promote the welfare of these States and to form a strong chain of connection between the Western & atlantic governments. Mr Jenifer[,] Johnson[,] Chase & myself are appointed Commissioners to Settle the Jurisdiction and Navigation of the Bay & the Rivers Potomack & Pocomoke with&raquo;the Commissioners of Virginia. We have also instructions to make application to Pennsylv. for leave to clear a Road from Potomack to the Western Waters—Our Assembly propose the Meeting of the Commissioners to be on the 21st of March at Alexandria, if agreeable to the Commissioners of Virginia. I have no doubt but the Subjects of our Mission will be settled to mutual satisfaction & it will add much to the satisfaction I shall feel in discharging this trust that I shall have an Opportunity of paying my respects to You at Mount Vernon; which I have long wished to do, but in truth the necessary attention to professional and public business have kept Me so closely employed that I have never had a time when I could gratify my inclination without neglecting some duty which I was particularly bound to perform. I hope nevertheless that You will do Me the justice to beleive that I warmly participate in the high Regard and Esteem in which You are held by all the friends of this Country & that I am sir with Sentiments of very sincere Attachment

Yr most Obt & most humb. Sert  
T: Stone

To Thomas Jefferson from James Madison, 6 June 1787  
Philada. June 6th. 1787.

Dear Sir

The day fixed for the meeting of the Convention was the 14th. ult: on the 25th. and not before seven States were assembled. General Washington was placed unâ voce in the chair. The Secretaryship was given to Major Jackson. The members present are from Massachusetts Mr. Gherry, Mr. Ghorum, Mr. King, Mr. Strong. From Connecticut Mr. Sherman, Doct. S. Johnson, Mr. Elseworth. From N. York Judge Yates, Mr. Lansing, Col. Hamilton. N. Jersey, Governour Livingston, Judge Brearly, Mr. Patterson Attorney Genl. [Mr. Houston and Mr. Clarke are absent members.] From Pennsylvania Doctr. Franklyn, Mr. Morris, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fitzimmons, Mr. G. Clymer, Genl. Mifflin, Mr. Gouverneur Morris, Mr. Ingersoll. From Delaware Mr. Jno. Dickenson, Mr. Read, Mr. Bedford, Mr. Broom, Mr. Bassett. From Maryland Majr. Jenifer only. Mr. McHenry, Mr. Danl. Carol, Mr. Jno. Mercer, Mr. Luther Martin are absent members. The three last have supplied the resignations of Mr. Stone, Mr. Carrol of Carolton, and Mr. T. Johnson as I have understood the case. From Virginia Genl. Washington, Governor Randolph, Mr. Blair, Col. Mason, Doctr. McClurg, J. Madison. Mr. Wythe left us yesterday, being called home by the serious declension of his lady's health. From N. Carolina, Col. Martin late Governor, Doctr. Williamson, Mr. Spaight, Col. Davy.—Col. Blount is another member but is detained by indisposition at N. York. From S. Carolina Mr. John Rutledge, General Pinkney, Mr. Charles Pinkney, Majr. Pierce Butler. Mr. Laurens is in the Commission from that State, but will be kept away by the want of health. From Georgia Col. Few, Majr. Pierce, formerly of Williamsbg. and aid to Genl. Greene, Mr. Houston.— Mr. Baldwin will be added to them in a few days. Walton and Pendleton are also in the deputation. N. Hamshire has appointed Deputies but they are not expected; the State treasury being empty it is said, and a substitution of private resources being inconvenient or impracticable. I mention this circumstance to take off the appearance of backwardness, which that State is not in the least chargeable with, if we are rightly informed of her disposition. Rhode Island has not yet acceded to the measure. As their Legislature meet very frequently, and can at any time be got together in a week, it is possible that caprice if no other motive may yet produce a unanimity of the States in this experiment.

In furnishing you with this list of names, I have exhausted all the means which I can make use of for gratifying your curiosity. It was thought

expedient in order to secure unbiassed discussion within doors, and to prevent misconceptions and misconstructions without, to establish some rules of caution which will for no short time restrain even a confidential communication of our proceedings. The names of the members will satisfy you that the States have been serious in this business. The attendance of Genl. Washington is a proof of the light in which he regards it. The whole Community is big with expectation. And there can be no doubt but that the result will in some way or other have a powerful effect on our destiny.

Mr. Adams' Book which has been in your hands of course, has excited a good deal of attention. An edition has come out here and another is on the press at N. York. It will probably be much read, particularly in the Eastern States, and contribute with other circumstances to revive the predilections of this Country for the British Constitution. Men of learning find nothing new in it, Men of taste many things to criticize. And men without either, not a few things, which they will not understand. It will nevertheless be read, and praised, and become a powerful engine in forming the public opinion. The name and character of the Author, with the critical situation of our affairs, naturally account for such an effect. The book also has merit, and I wish many of the remarks in it, which are unfriendly to republicanism, may not receive fresh weight from the operations of our Governments.

I learn from Virginia that the appetite for paper money grows stronger every day. Mr. H—n—y is an avowed patron of the scheme, and will not fail I think to carry it through unless the County which he is to represent shall bind him hand and foot by instructions. I am told that this is in contemplation. He is also said to be unfriendly to an acceleration of Justice. There is good reason to believe too that he is hostile to the object of the convention and that he wishes either a partition or total dissolution of the confederacy.

I sent you a few days ago by a Vessel going to France a box with peccan nuts planted in it. Mr. Jno. Vaughn was so good as to make the arrangements with the Capt: both for their preservation during the voyage and the conveyance of them afterwards. I had before sent you via England a few nuts sealed up in a letter.

Mr. Wythe gave me favorable accounts of your Nephew in Williamsburg. And from the Presidt. of Hampden Sidney who was here a few days ago I received information equally pleasing as to the genius, progress, and character of your younger nephew.

I must beg you to communicate my affectionate respects to our friend Mazzei, and to let him know that I have taken every step for securing his claim on Dorhman, which I judged most likely to succeed. There is little doubt that Congress will allow him more, than he owes Mr. Mazzei, and I have got from him such a draught on the Treasury board as I think will ensure him the chance of that fund. Dorman is at present in Virga. where he has also some claims and expectations, but they are not in a transferrable situation. I intended to have written to Mazzei and must beg his pardon for not doing it. It is really out of my power at this time. Adieu. Yrs. affy.,

J M

From Benjamin Franklin to Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer,  
13 September 1781  
Passy Sept. 13. 1781.  
Sir,

I received the very obliging Letter you did me the honour of writing to me the 20th June last. It gave me great Satisfaction to find by the unanimous Choice you mention, that my Services had not been unacceptable to Congress; and to hear also that they were favourably disposed towards my Grandson. It was my Desire to quit publick Business, fearing it might suffer in my Hands thro' the Infirmities incident to my Time of Life. But as they are pleased to think I may still be useful, I submit to their Judgement, and shall do my best.

I immediately forwarded the Letter you inclosed for Mr Lowndes; and if in any thing else I can do you Service or Pleasure here, please to command me freely.— I have the honour to be with great Regard, Sir, Your most obedient & most humble Servant

B Franklin  
Honble. Danl. of St Thos Jenifer Esqr.  
Notation: 13th Sept 1781—From Benjamin Franklin Esq  
To Benjamin Franklin from Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, 20 June 1781  
Philadelpa. June 20th. 1781

Dear Sir,  
I must beg the favor of your Excellcy to forward the enclosed Letter to London. The Father of Mr. Lowndes who wrote it, is a worthy Citizen, and very desirous of seeing his Son in America before the 1st. of March 1782, the time limited by a Law of the State of Maryland for the return of absentees in the British Dominions, under penalty of forfeiting to the State their property.

I suppose the Special appointment of Col Laurens to the Court of Verseilles, was a measure that you could not have suspected would have been adopted by Congress. Your having negotiated the business for which he was sent before his arrival, proved, that his errand was unnecessary.

Public bodies in all Countries, and more especially in this New-World are too apt to take up, and determine hastily upon Subjects of the greatest consequence. I was absent when that Gentleman was ballotted for; and however the Magot may have bit on that occasion, I can assure you that Congress have the greatest reliance on your abilities, integrity and address, in so much, that it is with pleasure that I can inform you, in the late choice of Ministers to negotiate a peace you were unanimously elected.

I have the honor to be with Sentiments of the highest respect and esteem Sir, Your Excellencys Most obedient and most humble Servt.  
Dan OF S Thos. Jenifer

P.S. Congress are well disposed towards your Grandson whom you recommended to their protection. His Excellcy Benjn Franklin

Endorsed: Daniel of St Thos Jenifer  
June 20. 81 / answd. Sepr.5 / D. Jenifer

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## President's Message

Dear Society Members,

This is a bittersweet message as it will be my last President's message to you after four wonderful years. It is time to turn the reins over to someone else. It has been a fantastic adventure heading this team. The Historical Society has grown and expanded and its future looks bright. I need to thank all the Board members, past and present, who have worked tirelessly alongside me. I couldn't have asked for a better group of people collaborating on Charles County's history. Each of you have your strengths and expert knowledge that together, made it so worthwhile and easy to lead. A special thanks to Mike Mazzeo, the ever guiding light of the society, who was always ready to be my sounding board and advisor. And a big thank you to my family for "putting up" with my historical activities. It is now time to turn more of my attention back to the grandkids who are growing, and demand more of my time and energy. I know the Historical Society will be in good hands as the new President and Board is installed at the October meeting. Please attend so

I can say thank you in person to the many of you who have supported me and the society.

Fondly,

Mary Pat Berry, *President*,  
*Historical Society of Charles County*



### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to printing costs and postage, effective January 2017, our newsletter will only be sent electronically via email. However, if you wish to continue to receive a paper newsletter in the mail, please remit \$5.00 by December 31st each year to the Historical Society of Charles County, PO Box 2806, La Plata, MD 20646. You may also include this fee with your yearly dues.



### Friendship House Wooden Model

The Friendship House Foundation will soon be selling wooden models produced by the "Cat's Meow Village" company. The finished dimensions will be 4" H x 7" W and will sell for \$15.00 each or \$18.00 by mail. They are currently in production and will be available at our October dinner meeting. What a great stocking stuffer!

If you would like to place a mail order, please make checks payable to the Friendship House Foundation and mail to the Historical Society of Charles County, PO Box 2806, La Plata, Maryland 20646. If you would like to pick up locally, please email Mike Mazzeo: [mjmazzeo55@gmail.com](mailto:mjmazzeo55@gmail.com).

## Annual History Day Awards Ceremony

Charles County Public Schools held its annual History Day Awards Ceremony March 19, 2016. The theme for the year was Exploration, Encounter, Exchange 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:

- Collin Hicks, Piccowaxen Middle School: Salvador Dali.
- Matthew Hale, Piccowaxen Middle School: Jackie Robinson and America's Favorite Pastime: Conquering Racism in America.
- Yachi Madaan, John Hanson Middle School: Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
- Gwyneth Luster, St. Mary's Catholic School, Bryantown: Juan de Ornate: La Ultima Conquistador.
- Madyson Ferrer and Erika Quenano, St. Mary's Catholic School, Bryantown: Sacagawea and her Expedition with Lewis and Clark.

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

- Sara Jarboe, Piccowaxen Middle School: Exploritis: Roy Chapman Andrews Jacques Cousteau: An Inventor, Filmmaker, Explorer and Environmentalist.
- Tierra Rush, John Hanson Middle School: She's Not Ditzzy, She's Not Dumb: She's a Cheerleader.

# Friends of Rich Hill

The Friends of Rich Hill have been busy this year with the creation of three projects:

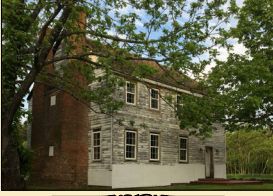
- ✓ An outdoor exhibit: Rich Hill Through the Years
- ✓ A pull-up exhibit: Rediscovering Rich Hill
- ✓ A pull-up exhibit: Booth's Escape Into Southern Maryland

These exhibits would not have been possible without the generous donations from the Friends of Rich Hill. If you would like to become a member, please complete the membership application from our website:

[www.richhillfriends.org](http://www.richhillfriends.org)



and mail in your donation to the Historical Society. Please make sure to include your email address to receive periodic updates on Rich Hill. Thank you, and continue to help us keep Rich Hill in the public eye. Your support is vital!

## Rediscovering Historic Rich Hill





The home of Samuel Cox and a stop on the John Wilkes Booth's escape route...

### Learn the History

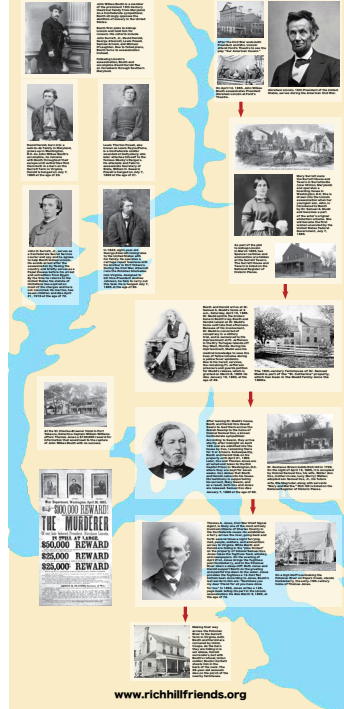
### Explore the Mysteries

Become a member of the Friends of Rich Hill to explore the mysteries and promote the history of this historic site.

[www.richhillfriends.org](http://www.richhillfriends.org)

## Booth's Escape Into Southern Maryland




THE \$100,000 REWARD FOR THE MURDERER

IS NOW AT LARGE  
\$50,000 REWARD  
\$25,000 REWARD  
\$25,000 REWARD

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# RICH HILL THROUGH THE YEARS

RichHillFriends.org



**1666**

HUGH THOMAS RECEIVES A 600 ACRE PATENT TO "RICH HILL."




SCOTTISH IMMIGRANT DR. GUSTAVUS BROWN BUILDS THE HOUSE.

**1729**

**1807**

SAMUEL COX, THE ELDER, PURCHASES THE PROPERTY IN 1807. HE MAY HAVE ADDED THE MASSIVE CHIMNEY AT THE WEST END AND RAISED THE HIPPED ROOF.



SAMUEL COX INHERITS RICH HILL IN 1849. IT IS DURING HIS OWNERSHIP THAT BOOTH AND BROWN HIDE ON HIS PROPERTY IN APRIL 1865.

**1849**


1866-1714  
*Beginnings*

1714-1807  
*Brown Family Era*

1807-1971  
*Cox Family Era*


1971-2014  
*Joseph and Mary Vallario*

2014 - present  
*Charles County & the Friends of Rich Hill*




RICH HILL IS ADDED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

**1975**



JOSEPH VALLARIO MODIFIES THE HOUSE TO ITS 18TH CENTURY APPEARANCE BY REMOVING THE FRONT AND REAR PORCHES AND THE EAST WING ADDITION.



CHARLES COUNTY BEGINS REHABILITATION OF RICH HILL.

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## Mark Your Calendar

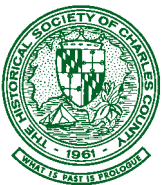
- **Friday, October 7, 2016:** First Friday Event at the Port Tobacco Courthouse. “Wine Tasting” conducted by Port of Leonardtown, music provided by Port Tobacco Pickers. Tickets are \$35.00, \$25.00 for designated drivers. Charcuterie plates from Bobby Rucci’s and desserts are included in the price.
- **Saturday, October 22, 2016:** Fall Dinner Meeting at Durham Church. Dr. Charles P. Neimeyer will present “Admiral Raphael Semmes and the C.S.S. Alabama.”
- **Saturday, January 21, 2017:** Winter Meeting at La Plata Methodist Church Hall. Elaine Flynn will portray Alice Roosevelt Longworth.
- **Spring 2017:** “Rediscovering Port Tobacco Village.”
- **Friday, March 3, 2017:** First Friday event at the Port Tobacco Courthouse. “An Evening with John Wilkes Booth,” portrayed by Dave Taylor and the Friends of Rich Hill.



*Tom Pike*

1946-2016

It is with great sadness that we have lost one of our most active members of the Historical Society. Tom Pike, passed away April 15, 2016. He had been on the Board of Directors over 20 years, since 1994. He was also the Historian for the Society and chair of the Publicity Committee. Most recently Tom was appointed on the Steering Committee for Historic Rich Hill. He rarely ever missed a meeting of the Historical Society. He was an avid historian and photographer of Historic Charles County and after his retirement as a History Teacher from Lackey High School gave tours at the Thomas Stone National Historic Site. His wise advice and energetic participation will be truly missed.



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