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President's Message



This summer has been a time of reflection as we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Kent Island Heritage Society and took time to consider and appreciate all that our Society has been able to accomplish in those four decades since 1975. In June we marked the occasion with a unique sunset cruise sailing from Kent Narrows aboard the beautiful Chester River Packet out of Chestertown. Capt. Greg Kimmel and his crew hosted us with a perfect buffet and a fitting opportunity to experience a unique part of our heritage.

Local author Jack Shaum shared his comments about his upcoming book, *Lost Steamboats of the Chester River*. The evening offered a great backdrop to reflect on both the beauty of the river and the pride we feel as part of the Kent Island Heritage Society. We hope you enjoy the pictures of that memorable evening here in the newsletter.

During this time of reflection I thought it appropriate to share with you the impressive list of milestones and accomplishments of the Society throughout our 40 years. It's a real testimony to the energy, passion, and dedication of literally hundreds of volunteers and leaders, each giving in their own way to achieve what we have today. Please take a few moments to review and appreciate those accomplishments in the article on page 3. We've had a great run so far ... who knows how far we can go in the next 40 years! The unique heritage of this beautiful island is worth our effort and energy.

And speaking of energy, passion, and dedication, we lost an old friend this summer who embodied all three - and more - with gusto. In August we said farewell to Gil Dunn. Gil was an icon of community pride and leadership. He served for decades on our Heritage Board and several years as president. With his boundless energy, he brought the train station into Stevensville, ran the KI Day Parade, and founded the KI Marching Band to march in the parade. Gil was a man of rare ability and achievement. And we all benefitted. Please enjoy the pictures and memories of Gil on his special tribute page.

Thanks to our Board and to our members for your continuing energy, passion, and dedication as we work to carry our heritage into the future.

Jack Broderick

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Our Island Home, Part Two

By Alex Johnson

Six customers in Kirwan's Store
stood speechless,
hearing the rumors sweeping Kent Island.

Will Denny heard it first,
from Billy Legg,
who got it from John Benton.
"It's true, Senator," said Will,
addressing store owner, James Kirwan.

"They want to use Kent Island
for their bombing runs."
"Who does?" said the senator.
"The War Department, in Washington,"
said Will.

"We'll just have to see about that," s
aid James Kirwan.

"They are trying to buy up farms,
offering thousands," said Will.
"What for?" asked the senator.
"For bomb disposal and weapons research,"
said John George.

"We'll just have to see about that,"
said James Kirwan.

"We tried a committee of farmers
and shopkeepers,"
lamented Will,
"but only a few agreed
to form a delegation
to travel to Washington
to meet with congressmen.
Not many take it seriously."
"We'll just have to see about that,"
said James Kirwan.

He got more than a few.
He got hundreds!
In buggies and wagons, on horseback
off to Love Pointe
then on the ferry to Baltimore
and by train to DC
where they walked to the Capitol
two by two.
But they were told they could not
meet in committee rooms.
"We'll just have to see about that," said James Kirwan.

The War Department changed their tune
Found another site.
The islanders breathed easy,
Wanted a group photo
on the Capitol steps.
Congressional guards said "No!"
"We'll just have to see about that," said James Kirwan.

Years later, other rumors riled the islanders.
"Ferries would no longer run."
"A bridge might be built."
"We'll just have to see about that,"
said James Kirwan.

Calendar For 2015

January 28
Board Meeting

February 25
Board Meeting

March 18
General Meeting
Mary Ann Jung Presents
"Rosie the Riveter" 7:00 p.m.
at Historic Christ Church
Stevensville

April 15
Board Meeting

May 16
Kent Island Day

May 20
Board Meeting

June 17
General Meeting
Special Mailing Sent

July 15
Board Meeting

August 19
Board Meeting

September 16
Board Meeting

September 20
Annual Picnic
Kirwan House
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

October 21
Board Meeting

November 18
Board Meeting

December 13
Annual Meeting/
Election of Officers
Fisherman's Inn
12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Reflecting on Our Major Milestones and Accomplishments

By Jack Broderick

In May, 1975, the Kent Island Heritage Society (KIHS) was founded and incorporated by five insightful Kent Island women: Marion Stewart, Mary White, Mildred Schoch, Emily Denny, and Annie May Price. The purpose of the KIHS was to discover, identify, explore and preserve the heritage of Kent Island. Events happened quickly in the 70's to set the future course of the Society. The first historic property was acquired in September 1976 when the Cray House in Stevensville was donated by heirs of the Cray family. Work was begun to restore the house with grants from the Maryland Historic Trust. It was ultimately designated on the National Register of Historic Places. Then in May 1977, the first Kent Island Days' celebration was held with a proclamation by Acting Governor Blair Lee, proclaiming the third weekend in May as Kent Island Days.

KIHS efforts then became focused on celebrating the founding of the Island in 1631. A Joint House Resolution was signed in February 1981 proclaiming Kent Island as the first English settlement within Maryland - August 1631. The KIHS organized the public celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the Founding of Kent Island. In August 1981 the 350th celebration peaked with the presentation of an original play, "A Patent for Conflict: Founding of Kent Island," by Paul Sherr. In the fall of 1981, publication began of the KIHS Newsletter *The Isle of Kent*, the quarterly publication which continues to the present.

Momentum continued through the eighties with acquisition of additional properties: Stevensville Train Station, relocated into Stevensville (1987) and additional land surrounding the train station (1988). Key historic documents were published: "The Isle of Kent" commemorative history pamphlet (1981) and the book, *Of Houses and History* by Mildred Schoch (1982). The KIHS succeeded in supporting Historic Stevensville to be designated on the National Historic Register (1986).

The 90's saw major additional property acquisitions including adjoining property at the Cray House (1993), the Historic Stevensville Post Office (1997), and the Kirwan Farm and Farm House in Chester (1998). The Kirwan Property was bequeathed to the Society by Katherine Kirwan with the condition that the house be restored as a museum including the original general store located in a portion of the house. This request was to be supported by income from agricultural uses of the farm. The 90's also saw the establishment of a permanent historic records file at the new Kent Island Library (1990) and completion of an archaeological survey of Kent Island by archaeologist, Darin Lowery (1993). The KIHS played an active role in the relocation and dedication of historic tombstones from around the island to the Stevensville Cemetery (1993).

The 21st century marked additional property acquisition of the antique caboose to complement the train station

(2007) and the Historic Stevensville Bank by special lease (2004). The KIHS played a leading role in the county's acquisition and restoration of Historic Christ Church in Stevensville (2003) and regularly opens the church with docent support when other KIHS historic sites are open for tours. An extensive effort was begun to collect oral histories from prominent Kent Island "characters." Over 75 oral histories have been collected and preserved - 50 tapes and 25 DVDs. A KIHS scholarship was established for annual presentation to a Kent Island High School student.

The Kent Island Heritage Society is committed to continuous stewardship and maintenance of the historic properties under its guardianship as tangible examples of the island's heritage to be passed on to posterity.

The Stevensville sites have all undergone significant maintenance projects in the last five years. The Kirwan Farm House has also undergone extensive renovations. The general store and the entire first floor are now displayed in near museum condition. The Kirwan Farm continues to be farmed (160 acres) but has had significant acreage of more sensitive areas (60 acres) placed into natural resource conservation protection under the USDA Cropland Reserve Program.

The KIHS presents periodic public programs of speakers and exhibits of historical interest, emphasizing specific aspects of the Island's heritage. The KIHS participates actively in the greater community as a member of the QA County Historic Sites Consortium and an active player in the Stevensville Arts and Entertainment District. KIHS Board Members participated in development of the QA County Comprehensive Plan (advocating historic and cultural resource protection). The KIHS Historic Sites are open to the public for docent-guided visits the first Saturday of each month - April through October - and by special request. Kent Island Day has grown since 1977 to be an annual Kent Island family tradition that not only honors a proud heritage but celebrates the strong sense of community and culture of Kent Island.

As we reflect on our 40th Anniversary, we are grateful and proud of what we've been able to accomplish. KIHS remains committed to its original mission: to discover, identify, explore, and preserve the heritage of Kent Island. Our future goals include the addition of historic agricultural displays at the Kirwan Farm, including a working blacksmith shop, expansion of working historic displays at Kent Island Day, expanded emphasis on the historic Kent Island roots of working watermen and farmers, expanded efforts at fundraising, and increased membership. In spite of the persistent challenges of development, growth, traffic, and many other facts of modern life on Kent Island, our commitment is strong and our outlook is good for preserving the best of our unique Kent Island heritage.

Gil Dunn was truly “A Man for All Seasons,” an icon of community pride and leadership. In August we bid farewell to Gil. He died peacefully at age 97. What a life, what an example!

Gil and Florence came to Kent Island in 1953, the year after the Bay Bridge opened – he said it one of the best decisions he ever made. He loved Kent Island. Gil would become a mainstay and leader in building the best of what our community has become in the past six decades.

He became the first pharmacist on the Island and his welcoming store in the Kent Island Shopping Center was a popular business and community hub for 44 years. His love for baseball and Jimmie Foxx’s legacy led to setting up the famous Jimmie Fox mini-museum in his store.

There are so many Gil Dunn stories. Toni Gib-

Honoring Gil Dunn

son recalls going into the Drug Store and seeing Gil standing on his head in the back of the store. “Just keeping the blood flowing to my brain,” he would say!

Where there was a need, Gil stepped up to the plate with boundless energy and enthusiasm. He was a founding member of St. Christopher’s Catholic Church; founder and leader of the Kent

Island Little League; founding member and leader of the Kent Island Lion’s Club; and long-serving Board member and President of the Kent Island Heritage Society.

Gil led the successful effort to relocate and restore the historic Stevensville Train Station where it stands today. He established the Kent Island Community Band to march in the Kent Island Day Parade. You get the idea!

When the concept of a Kent Island Library was just a pipe dream of a few locals, Gil offered to help. He sold American Flags in his store and gave all the proceeds to the Library Fund. He said it





would help raise money for the new library and help strengthen patriotism around the island. It did both.

A couple years ago we honored Gil as the Grand Marshall in the Kent Island Day Parade, a fitting tribute, but many of us felt we could never do enough to say thanks to Gil for all he did for the Heritage Society and for Kent Island for so many years. Gil Dunn was a rare and gifted man who was always ready to share his gifts.

Gil's memory stands as an example to all of us of how one person, with a strong positive attitude, can really make a difference. *Thank You, Gil!*

*Where there
was a need,
Gil stepped
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Got Milk?

By Carole Frederick

Reference: www.procon.org

... "Farming" continued
from previous issue



This segment on farming will deal with the milking industry. Did you realize that 8,000 to 10,000 years ago Aurochs (and Auroch is pictured above; ancestors to the cow of today) were found in the Fertile Crescent area of the Near East? Neither did I but I found that the humped Zebu and the humpless European Highland cattle from this region probably spread throughout Eurasia – or so scientists think.

As early as 6,000 years ago Neolithic farmers in Britain and Northern Europe may have been among the first to begin milking cattle for human consumption.

In 3,000 BC there is evidence of dairy cows playing a major role in the Ancient Sumerian Civilization. This source by Dorling Kindersley: *The Visual Dictionary of Ancient Civilization*, 1994, shows typical dairy activities in this stone carving at the ancient temple of Ninhursag. One scene shows milking, straining the milk and making butter.

In ancient Egypt the domesticated cow played a role both in agriculture and in their spiritual life; the cow was a goddess in her own right, named Hathor, who guarded the fertility of the land.

In Northern India, the cow was also considered sacred and the people relied heavily upon the cow and the dairy products that it provided. Ron Schmidt, in his *The Untold Story of Milk*, 2003, states that "The ancient Hebrews ... held milk in high favor; the earliest Hebrew scriptures contain abundant evidence of the widespread use of milk from very early times. The Old Testament refers to a 'land which floweth with milk and honey' some twenty times. ... In all, the Bible contains some fifty references to milk and milk products."

Now let us jump forward a couple of thousand years and we find that the first cattle brought to the Americas arrive at Vera Cruz, Mexico in 1525. Some made their way across the Rio Grande to proliferate in the wild. They became known as 'Texas Cattle' and thus begins the history of western and south western cattle.

In 1624, the first cows in the English colonies were brought to Plymouth colony. Craig S. Chatier tells us in *Livestock in Plymouth Colony*, that "The cattle present in 1627 ... included black, red, white-backed and white-bellied varieties. The black cattle may have been of a breed or similar to those today called Kerrys. Kerry cattle descended from ancient Celtic cattle, originally native to County Kerry Ireland ..."

Prior to the 1800s an English physician, Edward Jenner, recognized that dairymaids infected with cowpox were immune to small pox. At that time he deliberately infected James Phipps (8 years old) with cowpox. He then exposed Phipps to smallpox, which Phipps failed to contract. This experiment was repeated on other children (including his own son) with the same outcome.

In 1840-1920s, milk production and distillery dairies grew in number in the United States.

Some highlights from the milking industry in the 20th Century

1913 *The New York Times* reported that a large typhoid epidemic in New York City was attributed to contaminated milk.

In 1917, mandatory pasteurization of milk begins. This was only mandatory in some states if the milk were to be sold on the market. I drank unpasteurized milk all during my childhood. My grandfather milked a cow every morning and my grandmother strained the milk, leaving some for drinking and some for making clabber (curds and whey). That milk, placed in large pans, was not refrigerated, allowing it to curdle. She would pour off the liquid that was left (the whey) and the rest was her cottage cheese. She ate it with fruit or sometimes just a little sugar.

The cows faced in where ensilage had been brought in from the silo – usually in wheel barrows and dumped. The ensilage consisted of the corn stalks after the corn had been harvested. It was loaded in the silo that was usually attached to the barn so there would be enough food for the winter.



The following article on page 8 is a re-counting of the milking days on a Kent Island farm in the 1930s. The above picture shows a silo that looks very similar to silos of the milking farm days. This silo is located on the Claude Lowery Farm in Chester today.



Notice the kickers attached to the legs of the cow. Grandfather was teaching me how to milk a cow! He sat on a milking stool (3-legged), milked into a tin cup and then poured it in the milk pail.



Anecdotes from My Aunt Phyl by Carole Frederick

Aunt Phyl says that many memories can be conjured up in 80-plus years and to put them in perspective she paraphrases a quote by the character Emily Webb in Thornton Wilder's 1938 fiction classic *Our Town*: As Emily is leaving her earthly home, she says, "Good bye dear Grover's Corner, life has been both wonderful and awful!" So it is with this concept of growing up in a small town, on a farm, that she relates some events in the life of an eight-year-old girl, namely Phyllis Lowery Davidson (Pippin).

The farm, mentioned above, is located approximately 1½ miles northeast of the town of Stevensville. Travelling north on Old Love Point Road and taking a right on what is now Benton Road, one comes to a fork in the road. Bearing right at the fork is the entrance to the Lowery Farm (now Davidson Park). It was owned by her maternal grandmother, Florence Melvin Lowery (Jackson) who was one of the original owners of the historic Stevensville Hotel. It was here that eight-year-old Phyllis lived with her grandmother and grandfather (John Fountain Jackson); her mother Pauline Lowery Jackson (Davidson), her father Philip T. Davidson, and at that time three brothers and one sister.

Enterprising Milk Operation

Because money was so hard to come by (no entitlements such as Social Security) as for a while banks were closed after the Great Depression, her grandfather (Pa), knowing he had an abundant supply of milk from his small herd of Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey cows, decided to bottle and sell milk to families in Stevensville. At this time there were no regulations for processing or selling milk. There was only an open well

GROWING UP ON THE FARM

DURING THE 30S
AND EARLY 40S

The Lowery-Jackson-Davidson Farm on Kent Island

and no electricity or plumbing. An open well is one that has a bucket attached to a rope that is lowered in to the well, filled with water and pulled up for use. If you were lucky, you had a crank system. Pasteurization was not yet known.

This endeavor got quickly underway "by recruiting my mother and grandmother to transform the farm kitchen at night into "Dairyland". The Home Comfort wood stove was fired up to heat water in a holding tank built as a part of the stove. Bottle washing using a very long handled spiral brush (cared for with great respect) and rinsing proceeded. Not to forget, also for cleaning were milk buckets, a milk strainer that used filters made from discarded bed sheets and a heavy separator that divided cream from milk." ... There was also "the butter churn and handmade sacks that were filled with sweet-soured milk called clabber and then suspended from a clothes line to drip a liquid called whey. The clabber became cottage cheese! Some of the milk products accompanied the bottle delivery which began each day after the cows were milked at pre-dawn."

Delivering the Product

Phyllis, being a favorite of Grandfather Jackson, was asked to be his helper with deliver-

ies. "I loved my first job pursuing an honest penny and the American Dream! With Pa's old Buick filled with crates of milk, etc. we were ready to 'travel' to town. ... (I have to return for school) but not before tying string around 2 bottles of milk for Miss Sue Legg, wife of Mr. Barnes Legg, cashier of the historic Stevensville Bank. 'Miss Sue' knew she had returned clean bottles and wanted to be certain the same ones were re-delivered to her so she identified her set with string – which always seemed to disappear. Hence, my grandfather kept a supply on hand.

I grew very fond of 'Miss Sue' who, at Easter, always left me a wrapped gift with her returned stringed bottles. Our milk route is very limited due to our town's small size and lack of the affordability of many to purchase bottled milk."

"In addition to customers on Main Street (now Love Point Road), we delivered down the back lane (now Cockey Lane) which runs past the historic Cray House. I recall Mr. Toots Baxter was a customer there. (In later years he owned one of the first Model-T Fords)!"

"On we went past Mr. Grollman's store and up to Mr. Bill Denny's Garage. Here I encountered Mr. Jack Gibson who was Mrs. Ida Gibson Denny's brother. He seemed to be in charge of the outside operation including the gas pump. How friendly he was to everyone and always shouted, 'Here comes the little milk maid!' as I delivered the Denny's order."



Cows in stalls at milking barn

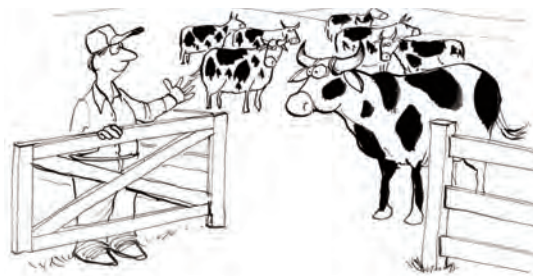
Welcome New Members

Valentina and Norm Amorose and family
David Kenner and family
John Patrick – Life Member
Vanessa and Pete Somish and family

"At the end of the week, it felt so rewarding to account for the pennies, nickels and dimes deposited in the customers' returned bottles! However, the highlight of my deliveries was to the large house across from Denny's Garage – that of Miss Mary Cockey, a tiny lady who was both a retired teacher and Principal of the Stevensville Elementary School. There was no library in the school so Miss Mary had part of her living room transformed into one. Had I not first been a milk maid, I would have never known dear Miss Mary Cockey!"

The last stop for deliveries was the Smokey Joe at Love Point. Remember, this little 8-year old girl still had to go home to get ready for school!

More stories from Aunt Phyl will follow in future issues of the newsletter.



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Our 40th
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June Dinner Cruise was enjoyed by all!



Mark Lidinsky: A Man of Creativity and Generosity

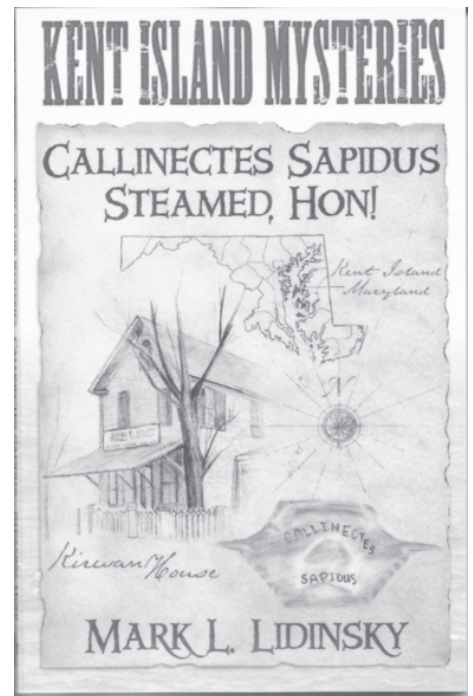
By T L C

In each issue of our newsletter, the Kent Island Heritage Society reaches out for help from our membership, and from the Kent Island community. Given the current economic situation, this is a difficult moment to ask for either monetary or time-based help. However, we have a member of the Society who has given us both, over and over, and we would like to shine a spotlight on him in this issue.

Mark Lidinsky has been a member of KIHS since 2005 – 10 years! When he moved from East Baltimore, his hometown, to Marling Farms, he settled next door to Myrtle Bruscup, a longtime member and director of the Society. She shared her love of KI heritage with Mark, and he decided to spread the word about Kent Island history in a unique way. Having been an English and Irish literature professor, he decided to write fiction with an historical setting and having belonged to the Edgar Allan Poe Society, he chose the mystery genre. As a writer new to the area, Mark sought out Brent Lewis, also a published Kent Island writer, as a mentor. Not only did Brent give him guidance, but they each also gained a new friend. Soon Mark was sailing through the process, and is now getting ready for book four of the series.

The books are all about various aspects of Kent Island. They are set on the Island and each has a central mystery which Missy Biscuit (Yes – the REAL Missy is Myrtle Bruscup!) and the Heritage Society are instrumental in solving. The historical information is true, and thus Mark attains one of his goals, “to help educate, in a fun way, people on and off the island to the historical charms of Maryland’s Kent Island.” (Lidinsky, Mark. *Letter to Carole Frederick*, July 7, 2015.)

Book one, *Captain Boyle’s Treasure*, defines the island’s geographical information and, through the activities of treasure seekers, relates Kent Island’s involvement in the War of 1812. Book two, *The Headless Oysterman*, sets the



reader in the middle of the infamous Oyster Wars, and follows a stealthy murderer throughout the story. Book three, *Callinectes Sapidus, Steamed, Hon!*, shows the reader how Kent Island watermen are protected by a cryptic organization that administers its own form of vigilante justice. Book four, *Pray for Rain BUT Keep Your Powder Dry*, will be set inland, in addition to on the water, and will give the reader a sense of Kent Island farming, hunting, and trapping. There are other books being generated in the creative brain of Professor Lidinsky, and each will continue to spread knowledge of and love for, Kent Island.

Mark Lidinsky has not only written books that give information about the Society but he actually gets the young people of KI involved. All art work in the books is produced locally, through the talented pens, pencils, and brushes of students at Kent Island High School.

But wait, there’s more (as the TV ad says): Professor Lidinsky has given time, information, and recognition to our beloved Kent Island, but he also donates a portion of each book’s profit to the Society. In 10 short years, Mark has become a true Kent Islander, generous in giving, and honorable in action.

Rivers of the Eastern Shore by Hulbert Footner

Published by Tidewater Publishers, c. 1944

Reviewed by Alex Johnson

Hulbert Footner wrote *Rivers of the Eastern Shore* so long ago the two Wye Rivers were known as the Front Wye and the Back Wye. Today we know them as the Wye and the East Wye, connected by a backwater known as the Wye Narrows.

Here is his description: “The Wye is unique among rivers of the Eastern Shore; its narrower winding waters have little of the nobility of the Choptank or the Miles, but they reveal constantly changing prospects of a sweetness all their own.” Footner’s prose is classic in its descriptions of the history and geography of 17 Eastern Shore rivers. Readers will not miss events that happened after 1944, because no other book captures the flavor and authenticity of early Eastern Shore life.

Chapters on the Lloyd’s of the Wye, the Chester and Choptank rivers will be of most interest to Kent Islanders. Characters like William Claiborne, Captain Sir Peter Parker, Patty Cannon, and Henry Coursey and his “thumb print”, should encourage further reading.

Perfect line drawings by the noted Baltimore artist Aaron Sopher are a wonderful contribution.

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