

Isle of Kent - 1631

NEWSLETTER OF THE KENT ISLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

SUMMER 1982

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to report that the final phase of work on the Cray House is now taking place. By the time you receive this newsletter the work may be complete.

When I look back over the years we have been in existence I realize that, with the exception of last year's 350th Anniversary Celebration, the focus of our efforts has centered around the preservation of this property which was deeded to us in 1976. We should be proud that the house has been put in shape without any outside help and without going into debt. Many people have contributed to this effort both in gifts of materials and time. We, as Kent Islanders, should be proud of this accomplishment.

It is my hope, at the end of my term as your president, that there will be an opportunity for the Society to branch out in other areas. There are many interesting projects that might be developed. We feel special need for a permanent museum on the Island - a place large enough to house real Kent

Island artifacts and memorabilia which might be given to us if properly housed and cared for. There are many fine old buildings on the Island which should be preserved and perhaps, one of them might be made available to us.

The search for Claiborne's Settlement should be continued. We also hope that some of our current projects such as this Newsletter, the Essay Contest and the search for old family records can be continued.

With the fine group of persons presented to us by the Nominating Committee, I am sure that we can look forward to many more exciting accomplishments in the future.

Mary J. White, President

A REMINDER

Mildred Cook Schoch's book Of History And Houses - A Kent Island Heritage is available from the Queen Anne Press, P.O. Box 50, Queenstown, MD 21658. Order forms were sent to all members in September.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1983 OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate for

Officers and Directors of the Society for 1983:

Mr. Walter Denny - President
Mr. Alexander Speer - V.P.
Mrs. Linda Jefferson - Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Mildred Schoch - Recording Secretary
Mrs. Evelyn Price - Treasurer
Mr. William Lane - Director
Mr. William Baxter - Director

Article III Section 2 of the Society's By-laws provides that additional nominations for any position may be made twenty-one days in advance of the annual meeting by presentation to the Recording Secretary of a declaration of intent to be a candidate signed by the candidate and two sponsoring members. Officers are elected for one year terms and directors for three year terms. The election will be held at the annual meeting on December 9, 1982. Additional nominations must be received by the Recording Secretary, Henrietta Grollman by November 18, 1982.

DEMOGRAPHER'S CORNER

In the last issue (pages 13 and 14) were mentioned the 32 names of the settlers of Kent Island in 1631. By 1790 were the following heads of families:

Wells, Tobias
Sudler, Clouds
Basnet, Charles
Basnet, Nathaniel
Emory, Arthur
Fitzhugh, Peregrine
Goodman, Marmaduke
Rowles, Rezen

Walker, James
Tottson, Thomas
Davis, William
Elliott, William
Sudler, Benjamin
Weadon, Daniel
Weadon, Henry
Osborn, Samuel
Osborn, William
Bishop, Joseph
Saunders, Thomas
Winchester, Thomas
Ringgold, Thomas
Rodeness, Joseph
Knotts, James
Ringgold, Thomas, Jr.
Cockey, John
Elliott, John
Earikson, Charles
Earidson, William
Earkson, Ann
Aires, William
Blunt, John W.
Hambleton, William
Barnes, Joseph
Sliney, John
Blunt, Samuel
Young, Benjamin
Winchester, Jacob
Hurst, William
Long, David
Leg, John
Weaver, John
Jones, Abner
Elliott, Thomas
Bond, Charles
Gardner, Robert
Watters, Susannah
Bright, Ann
Meridith, John
Conican, Elias
Joiner, William
Courcey, William
Hoxler, Ann
Holt, Michael
Hobb, Henry
Sneed, Richard
Custor, Thomas

Smyth, James
 Gray, Jane
 Mercy, William
 Davis, John
 Derochbrune, James
 Sinners, Charles
 Goodhand, Jones
 Ringgold, Jacob
 Lewis, John
 Lewis, John Jr.
 Baxter, William Jr.
 Hutchings, James
 Brown, Aquila
 Brown, Edward
 Brown, William
 Clayland, Sarah
 Goodhand, Marmakuke
 Goodhand, John
 Watters, John
 Meridith, Mary
 Savory, John
 Baster, William
 Baster, Thomas
 Downey, William
 Goodhan, Nathaniel
 Corrican, William
 Earikson, Mary
 Richardson, Mary
 Chambers, William
 Carter, Arthur
 Ellitt, Thomas
 Earikson, James
 Chew, Elizabeth
 Wren, William
 Bryon, John
 Bryon, William
 Huxter, Mary
 Tottson, Jacob
 Finnin, Elizabeth
 Stephens, Rachel
 Hand, John
 Derochburn, Louis
 Watters, Robert
 Joiner, Daniel
 Joiner, Absolom
 Jospies, Ruben
 Alloway, Thomas
 Tottson, John

Tanner, Benjamin
 Osborn, Samuel Jr.
 Grimes, John
 Sliney, Elizabeth
 Gibson, Woolman
 Sercomb, Mary
 Roberts, Jonathan
 Carter, Henry
 Carter, James
 Carter, Jacob
 Watters, Benjamin Jr.
 Hutchings, Elizabeth
 Price, Thomas
 Davis, Rebecca
 Leg, Martha
 Leg, Samuel
 Leg, William
 Leg, James
 Leg, Samuel Jr.
 Hunter, John
 Chambers, Thomas
 Knotts, Abner
 Walters, Ben
 Prue, James
 Cogger, Samuel
 Willson, Richard
 Grennage, Cusby
 Cogger, Isaac
 Willson, James
 Foster, Dinah
 Greenwich, Thomas
 Willson, William
 Limas, Free
 O Bryon, James
 Weadon, James
 Toltson, Sarah
 Carter, John
 Loller, David
 Woolhand, Susannah
 Faunt Le Roy, Sarah
 Blunt, Iabin
 Downey, Valentine
 Harvey, Artridge
 Downey, Alexander
 Anderson, William
 Barnes, Thomas
 Joiner, William
 Wright, Samuel

* Price, Mary
Harner, Samuel
Collier, Thomas
White, Samuel
Ringgold, James
Leg, Benjamin
Sneed, Moses
Stevens, John

THE KINGSLEY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND CEMETERY

Catherine Kirwan has graciously provided information on the Kingsley Methodist Episcopal Church (now demolished) and its cemetery located on Dominion Rd (Maryland 552) at Goodhands Creek Rd in Chester. The church was dedicated in 1886 with "...good preaching, good singing and good giving ..." reported in an article printed at the time. Since the cemetery is considerably larger and more complex than the Price Cemetery (page 12, Spring) only the names and dates found on the gravestones will be given in the next issue.

ISLE OF KENT CALENDAR

December 9, 1982 Annual Dinner meeting at Kent Island Yacht Club at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

The Annapolis Ballet Company will perform at Centreville High School on Saturday, December 11, 1982 at 8:00 p.m. There will be refreshments provided at intermission. There will be buses going from Kent Island to Centreville. Charge: \$3.00 per person, \$2.00 for children and senior citizens. For further information, call Liz Bukowski at 643-6903.

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