



The Heritage Society has various historical Kent Island presentations available for your school, local organizations, or groups.

Listed here are 'headlines' of the historical presentations that might be of interest.

Please allow a month's notice and, if possible, we will provide a speaker from the *Heritage Society* for that interactive session.

Each presentation runs forty-five minutes to an hour.

The *Society* works diligently to assist our youth and mature history enthusiasts to acquire an appreciation of Kent Island's place in the history of our state and nation.



Kirwan Farm and Country Store (circa 1889)

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF KENT ISLAND

Voyage from 1631 to the present and learn of the significance of the Isle of Kent to the history of Maryland and the United States.

WILLIAM CLAIBORNE – THE FIRST SETTLEMENT

Explore the third English colony in the New World with the founder himself. From the first trading post, Native American interaction, and battles with the Calverts, learn what Claiborne was fighting to establish.

HISTORIC SITES OF KENT ISLAND

Take a visual tour of some of Kent Island's historic buildings: the Kirwan House & Museum, the Cray House, old Stevensville train depot, the bank, and post office. Once you view them, you'll want to visit!

CHRISTMAS ON KENT ISLAND

Each community celebrates the Christmas holidays in unique fashion. Discover how Kent Islanders, in days of old, welcomed the holiday spirit with wonderful island traditions and customs.

KENT ISLAND AND THE WAR OF 1812

The War for Independence is over. Or is it? British incursions of the Chesapeake in 1813 do impact Kent Island. Privateers and impressments and occupations...oh my!

STEAMSHIPS AND KENT ISLAND

From the Chesapeake's first steamship, to the building of the Bay Bridge, Kent Island and steamships were wed. Historic Captain Woodall of the famous 'Smokey Joe' (Steamship *Philadelphia*) explores this nautical marriage.

FARMING ON KENT ISLAND

From tobacco to soybeans, Kent Islanders grew and still grow valuable crops and raise livestock. Explore their farming skills, from plantations to home gardens. Discover how progress affected the large farms.

KENT ISLAND AND THE CIVIL WAR

Spend time with Elizabeth White Eareckson, who lived on Kent Island during the 'War of Northern Aggression.' See how Kent Island fared during the war called 'Civil'.

RAILROADS AND KENT ISLAND

Kent island had four train stops during the railroad heydays. Discover the Isle's unique role in commercial and tourist trade, as you ride its historic rails.

THE OYSTER WARS

Bullets and cannon fodder fly in the waters surrounding Kent Island, as watermen fight over 'King Oyster'. Hunter Davidson, first commander of Maryland's Oyster Navy in 1868, explains tonging, dredging, and the many battles fought for the very desired 'Chesapeake gold'.

KENT ISLAND DUCK CARVERS

Hunting was, and is, a way of life on Kent Island. We claim many decoy duck carvers here, seven of whom are rightfully called 'famous!' Spend time learning how these hunting aides evolved into works of art.

SENATOR SAVES KENT ISLAND

Meet Senator James E. Kirwan (1848-1938) – waterman, pragmatic entrepreneur and State Senator. Discover how the 'Grand Man of Kent Island' helped save the isle at the beginning of WW I.

THE FUTURE OF KENT ISLAND

Kent Island has prospered and dramatically changed since its founding in 1631. Understand the many challenges that face the Isle today: the Bay Bridge, new development, and our fragile environmental issues.



Stevensville Post Office (Circa 1877)

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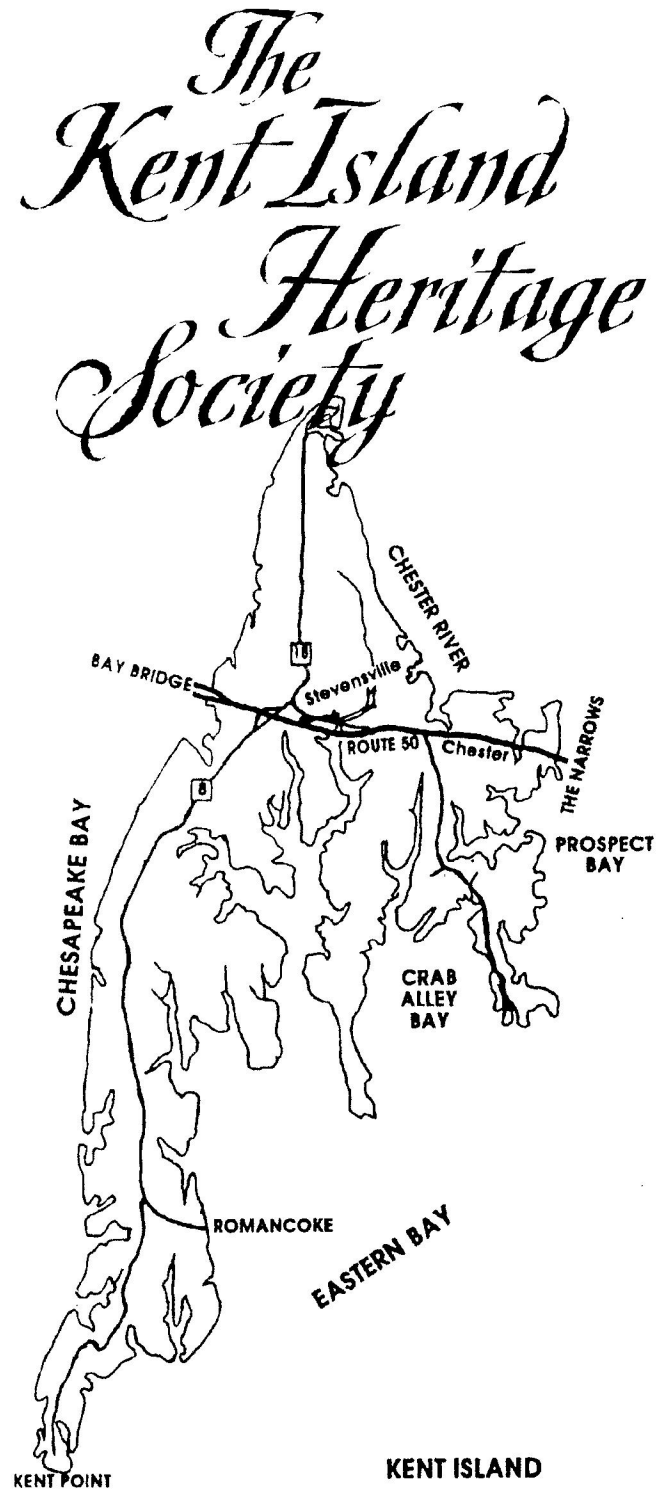
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