

Isle of Kent - 1631

To Discover, Identify, Restore and Preserve the Heritage of Kent Island

NEWSLETTER OF THE KENT ISLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

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President's Message



Winter on Kent Island – well, kind of - that's what the calendar says anyway. But walk outside and it doesn't quite feel that way most days – somewhere between an extended late fall and an early spring. As of this writing in mid-February it's been the warmest on record in our country. And that applies to here on the Island. But "it ain't over till it's over", so let's keep our cold weather stuff handy anyway. Meanwhile, we might as well enjoy the opportunity to spend a little more time outside here on Kent Island.

At our year-end event in December, we gathered for our annual holiday brunch and installation of officers and board members at Fisherman's Inn. The mood was festive and celebratory as we shared our successes and challenges of the past year. We welcomed new board members, Kristin Bombard Green, Lou Crouch, and Linda and Lesley Moore. We'll share more about our new members in a future newsletter. Each of them brings a wealth of experience and an appreciation of Kent Island's history to our proactive and energetic board. We thank departing board member, Jamie Sass, for his years of service and look forward to Jamie's continued assistance as an active heritage society member. At our meeting we also sang a few unique songs and extended a special "thank you" to our dedicated team of heritage society docents.

As we outlined in our last newsletter, in 2019 we experienced a number of real success stories along with a couple of challenges. In June, our planned Chester River Cruise was rained out and in September we had to cancel our beloved fall picnic due to an unprecedented infestation of deer ticks at the Kirwan place. (We need a special long-term treatment for the 2020 picnic!). Nevertheless, we enjoyed many outstanding successes throughout the year. These included our March general meeting in Historic Christ Church where noted local archaeologist, Dr. Darrin Lowery, shared the stories of his historic archeological surveys of Kent Island with a packed house. (He'll be back again March 18th!) In May we hosted a special Maryland House and Garden Tour at the Kirwan House with nearly 400 visitors. Also in May, we hosted our iconic Kent Island Day in Historic Stevensville with stunning weather and our largest crowd ever. Our opened sites on the first Saturday of the months, May through October, continued drawing record numbers of visitors. These visitors experienced the history and stories shared by our enthusiastic docents. We also supported the events of the Stevensville Arts and Entertainment District.

In both the spring and fall semesters we continued our exciting project to bring Kent Island History into Kent Island High School, including visits to our sites - the creative brainchild of our board member and local author, Mark Lidinsky. The program has been a real success – well-received by students and teachers alike. We look forward to continuing with a new group of students in the spring semester and to continuing this great partnership next year. Hats off to Principal John Schrecongost for his enthusiastic support.

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Kent Island Day

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Picnic

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Toni and Jay Gibson

Linda and Butch Collier

June General Meeting

Jack Broderick, *Chair*

Annual Election Brunch

Toni Gibson, *Chair*

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In keeping with our effort to reach out to our community to share the unique heritage of our Island, we have a number of specialized mobile presentations. We have been well-received in a number of communities and would like to see these offerings expanded to more communities, organizations, and businesses. The subjects include specific periods, persons, or topics - using our high school presentations as a guide. Check out our website and contact us if you'd like to host one of our presentations this year.

One significant high-note of the past year was the decision of the county commissioners to deed Historic Christ Church to the non-profit preservation group, Friends of Historic Christ Church. This will ensure that the church will be permanently preserved as an iconic community asset in Historic Stevensville. The Heritage Society was a strong voice in support of that decision and will work to be a supportive partner.

Another accomplishment was the completion of the new "old" Kirwan blacksmith shop, described in our last newsletter. Literally years in the dreaming and construction stages, we received final county approval and the occupancy permit in the fall! Currently we are working on the interior by outfitting the shop. We were more than grateful when Curtie Chance, Kirwan family friend and neighbor, presented us with the original anvil from the old Kirwan blacksmith shop. Just think of that – the original Kirwan anvil – the ultimate symbol of a blacksmith shop – going back into service on the Kirwan farm! We hope to have the shop completely outfitted for opening this summer!

We also want to share some exciting news for this year. Dr. Darrin Lowery, our friend and noted local archaeologist has received a grant from the Maryland Historical Trust to conduct an archaeological survey/dig on Parson's Island (historically part of Kent Island) this summer. He has asked for our help in the field work! We supported his successful grant request and look forward to assisting in the physical field experience. Dr. Lowery will return as our guest speaker at our March 18th, general meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Historic Christ Church in Stevensville. He will review his previous archaeological work and discoveries on Kent Island and discuss his plans for our upcoming adventure this year - a great evening, for sure!

On the broader community level, throughout the year we will continue to reach out to QAC Historic Sites Consortium; Stevensville A&E District; QAC Office of Tourism; Kent Narrows Development Foundation; QAC Library; Friends of Historic Christ Church; K.I. Garden Club; Kennard African American Heritage Center; K.I. Kids' Connection; QAC History Day; QAC Chamber of Commerce; and the Centreville Masons.

Also on the broader community level, there is an item of critical importance that I need to share. Queen Anne's County is in the process of updating the County Comprehensive Plan, which guides the future of the county for the next 10 years. This is an opportunity for stronger protection of historic, cultural, and archaeological resources. We plan to be involved. The process has begun with a series of public meetings, called Visioning Workshops, to gauge citizen input and concerns. Information is available on ours and the county's website. I strongly encourage you, as a society member, to consider participating in the online public survey to record your concerns at QACPLAN2020.COM.

I want to extend a sincere "thank you" to Beth Marks editor of the new publication Kent Island Neighbors for the nice "tip of the hat" article and picture in the February issue of the new community magazine. We appreciate the very kind and supportive words about the work of the Kent Island Heritage Society. Thank you, Beth.

Please be sure to check us out regularly on our website for timely information about our sites, activities, and special events at www.kentislandheritagesociety.org For those of you who are active in social media, you may also link to our Facebook and Twitter accounts through the website.

Again we extend our warm thank you to each of our members for your continued generosity and support. We look forward to seeing you during the year, especially at our upcoming events: the Archaeology presentation in March and Kent Island Day in May.

Jack Broderick

CALENDAR 2020

JANUARY 21
BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 19
BOARD MEETING

MARCH 18
GENERAL MEETING
Darrin Lowery, Ph. D.
Guest Speaker
Historic Christ Church @ 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 15
BOARD MEETING

MAY 16
KENT ISLAND DAY

MAY 20
BOARD MEETING

JUNE 17
GENERAL MEETING
Annual Cruise

JULY 15
BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 19
BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16
BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27
ANNUAL PICNIC
@ KIRWAN HOUSE
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

OCTOBER 21
BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 18
BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 13
ANNUAL MEETING/BRUNCH
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
TBA
12:30 - 4:00 PM

****BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND****

**Darrin Lowery, PhD - Geology
Anthropology and Archaeology**
Wednesday, March 18, 2020 7:00 pm
Historic Christ Church, Stevensville

KENT ISLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

The Kent Island Heritage Society is offering a \$1000 one-year scholarship to a graduating senior from Kent Island High School who plans to attend college.

TO BE ELIGIBLE THE APPLICANT MUST:

- Be a Kent island native, with at least one parent or grandparent native of Kent Island;
- Have a 3.0 GPA or higher, and
- Have performed community service.

Please submit for review:

the application form a letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor accompanied by your high school transcript, and a one page essay on the importance of preserving the heritage of Kent Island (the first paragraph of which should contain a brief biographical sketch.)

Application Form

Complete the following and return it with the recommendation, transcript and essay.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Kent Island native parent or grandparent (maiden name of KI parent/ grandparent)

Brief explanation of Community Service:

All applications must be postmarked no later than **APRIL 30**. Send to:
The Kent Island Heritage Society Scholarship Committee
c/o Mrs. Nancy Cook
124 Bryce Road
Queenstown, MD 21658

KIHS PARTNERSHIP WITH KIHS

By Mark Lidinsky, Board Member

The partnership between The Kent Island Heritage Society and Kent Island High School continues in earnest. On January 17th, 2020, another graduation ceremony of the KI heritage course was celebrated.

Forty-one juniors completed the five sessions that covered the heritage of Kent Island from 1631 to the present. Principal John Schrecongost and heritage society President Jack Broderick commended the students for their wonderful and lively participation. Graduation certificates and junior membership heritage society cards were awarded.

The semester included presentations on the island's founding, islander participation in all national conflicts (Revolutionary, 1812, civil war) the ferry system, farming, the oyster wars, famous KI duck carvers, Christmas on Kent Island, and much more.

Recent KIHS graduate and member of the heritage society, Simon Miller (pictured below), did a stellar job in describing the vital importance of trains in our evolving history.



A real highlight was the field trip to the Kirwan Museum and the historic sites of Stevensville.

The new semester begins February 28th, 2020 and will conclude May 29th, 2020. The heritage society is extremely grateful to Principal Schrecongost, and the entire faculty and staff for this wonderful partnership.

Historic Christ Church Transition Update

The Friends of Historic Christ Church (FHCC) continues its efforts to meet its mission for the "restoration, renovation and preservation of the historic 19th century church buildings and grounds while providing public facilities to accommodate fine arts and appropriate ceremonies." The church sanctuary remains a part of historic tours conducted by local organizations during the transition.

The Queen Anne's County Commissioners selected Friends of Christ Church to assume ownership of the historic church, parish hall and parsonage as a venue for the arts and community events after deciding to dispose of the property. The agreement for the transfer to FHCC was finalized in November. The current business tenant on the property will remain until the end of June of this year.

The FHCC Board of Directors is currently developing plans for renovating the church exterior and interior and for the use of the property as a community resource as well as a venue for weddings and other commercial uses to help raise funds for the continued operation and maintenance of the property.

FHCC is applying for grants and welcomes services and financial donations to offset the costs of these efforts. Tax deductible donations can be made to:
Friends of Historic Christ Church
c/o Nancy Cook
124 Bryce Rd.
Queenstown MD 21658

Historic Christ Church was built about 1880 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

Current Board Members include:

Nancy Cook (Chairman), Ernestine Kepley (Vice Chairman), Carole Frederick (Secretary), John Conley (Communications Director), David Humphreys, Jim Roy, and Monique Thomas.

<https://friendsofhistoricchristchurch.org/>

Part 4 and final

Captain Gene Herbert, Stevensville's Oldest Man, Looks Back at Past Days From Great-Grandfather on, Family Followed the Water

Reprint from

Queen Anne's County Record Observer, Thursday, July 27, 1939, 4th Section, pg. 5, Centreville, Maryland

During the beginning of Stevensville, Kent Island was not inclined to "follow the water." Most of the inhabitants were farmers. On a low tide, farmers would take their ox carts down on a bar and rake up the oysters in a pile and take them home. These would be stored away and kept for about a month until a new store could be gotten. The first oyster house on Kent Island was established at Kent Narrows by a man named Stranahand from Baltimore. Naturally the means of production were very different from present day methods. However, one of the most interesting things was the way in which ice was obtained. All this ice used in the production of oysters was brought from Baltimore by steamboat. This ice, strange as it may seem, was imported to Baltimore from Maine by sailing vessels.

The next construction of importance to take place in Stevensville was that of the Methodist Episcopal Church which was built in Stevensville on the road to Kent Point. This building has since been converted into a moving picture parlor. It was built about the year 1849 and was converted into a moving picture parlor in 1925.

At present, Kent Island is one of the most thriving districts of Queen Anne's county. There are three ferries to and from Kent Island. One from Love Point to Baltimore, another from Romancoke to Claiborne and a third from Matapeake to Annapolis. These ferries pour hundreds of thousands of cars on Kent Island yearly.

And so we have seen Kent Island go through the various stages that all localities must go through to reach the high point of civilization and luxury that it has obtained.

Notes

The article that you have been reading was transcribed by Annie May Price and the following are some of her notes.

I researched the census information for the Herbert family on Kent Island and found the following) 1940 Census: W. Eugene Herbert; born abt. 1854 , rented home @ \$8 per mon., wife: Estelle C. born abt. 1858

1930 Census: William Eugene Herbert, born abt. 1854, occupation: house carpenter, wife: M. Estelle born abt 1858

1920 Census: William E. Herbert, born abt 1854, occupation: house carpenter, wife: Estelle C. born abt. 1858

1910 Census: William E. Herbert, born abt 1854, occupation: house carpenter, wife: Marian E. Herbert, born abt. 1858, they lived on Love Point Road, (I believe it was closer to Love Point, as the Framptom family was nearby, and Addison attended the love point school) had been married 14 years and had 1 child- Estelle E. 13, born abt 1897 He owned his own home, free of mortgage.

1900 Census: found his brother Vitus Griffin Herbert, born 1856, single, living in Stevensville with his parents: Elizabeth and Wm. Herbert. Occupation of Vitus was sailor found his burial info. Stevensville Cemetery: b. 14 Apr. 1856 d. 2 Jun. 1917 He was a private in the service, guessing he died while in WWI??

1900 Census: Eugene Herbert born Aug. 1853, wife: Marian T. born Oct. 1857, dau. Estelle E. born Dec. 1896. House was rented, occupation: Sailor

1880 Census: found his brother Griffin, age 25, Oysterman, single, living in the household of John I. Walker, age 55 who was a famer, on Kent Island, appears to be Kent Point Road area?? Not able to locate Eugene yet on this year's census.

1870 Census: Father: Wm. Herbert 43, Mother: Elizabeth Herbert 42, Josephine 22, sister, Eugene 16, Griffin 14 brothers.

Info on his home: Small two story, two bay, side-passage plan house, built c. 1870 for Eugene Herbert, carpenter and captain of sailing vessel which carried freight from Maine to North Carolina. (also it is the same house that Dorothy and Louis Crouch lived in, before they built the home across the road from home I grew up in. Royston and MaryAnn Trappe also lived in that house later on.)

Opening Ceremonies and Parade at 10:00 a.m.

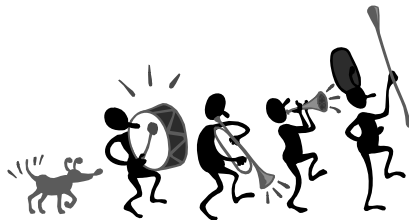


CELEBRATING THE FOUNDING
OF
KENT ISLAND



Kent Island Day

16 May 2020

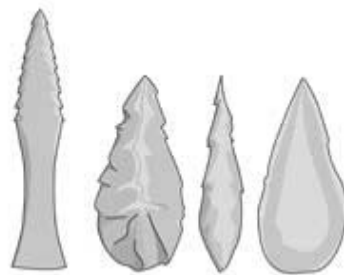


Come Join the Fun



Attention

*Commercial Groups, Artisans, and Non-Profits
For exhibitor forms to participate go to our website:
www.kentislandheritagesociety.org*



KENT ISLAND DAY VENDORS

KENT ISLAND DAY SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020, VENDOR FORMS are now available on the Kent Island Heritage Society website. Forms are available for commercial vendors, food vendors, non-profit organizations, authors with topics based on the Eastern Shore, and non-commercial crafter demonstrators. Download forms at: <https://www.kentislandheritagesociety.org/kent-island-day/>

Need forms mailed to you? Call John Conley at 703-216-0449

The Kent Island Heritage Society looks forward to another great community event.

Review of *Place Names of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*

Author: J. K. Keatley, Illustrations by James A. Houston

Reviewer: James Parker

Keatley offers us a browse through hundreds of Eastern Shore place names, some familiar to Kent Island Historical Society (KIHS) members, but many probably not well known, located in more distant Eastern Shore counties. The author challenges us with this question: “How and why these places got their names is not the largest question of the day, but who among us can resist it on seeing a sign announcing Bacon Hill or Rockawalking or Chance or Gratitude...”. Indeed, or even Love Point. You may be amazed by how many you think you know – but really don’t. In his Preface the author points out that “place names provide an often-entertaining glimpse into the history of a village, body of water, island, estate or other identifiable place. This is particularly true on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.” I agree, and believe he has captured many delightful glimpses of historically important and sometimes whimsical places.

By way of introduction, I have chosen a few examples of Place Names on Kent Island and in our County identified by the author -

- **Queen Anne’s County** was born and named during the reign of the last English monarch from the house of Stuart, Queen Anne. Anne took a special interest in the County’s development, particularly the well-being of its parish churches. Centreville has served as the County seat since 1782, when it was known as Chester Mill. The name was changed to Centreville because of its central location for residents.
- **Matapeake and Mattapex** are small Kent Island communities located 5 miles apart on Route 8. Mattapex is an Algonquian word for “junction of waters”, and its plural form, invented by English settlers, is Matapeake.
- **Romancoke** is a village on the east bank of southern Kent Island. William Claiborne chose Romancoke, an Indian-derived name used in Virginia, as the name for his Kent Island plantation. It means “where there is low-lying ground.”
- **Warehouse Creek** is a branch of Cox Creek on Kent Island. The creek encircles a point of land where one can still see the foundation of its namesake, a 17th century warehouse used to store tobacco.
- **Bloody Point** is a point of land on the Chesapeake side of southern Kent Island. It is the site of two heinous occurrences: a massacre of an Indian tribe by early colonists and the execution of a French pirate.

There is a total of 33 place names covered on Kent Island and in Queen Anne’s County.

Here are examples of place names from our three surrounding counties -

- **Trappe** (Talbot) can claim no less than three explanations for its name. One that its name stems from a monastery erected by French Trappist monks in the early years of the town’s settlement. Another is that a popular colonial tavern, the Partridge Trap, accounted for the name. The third is that the use of traps for wolves and other animals inspired Trappe.
- **Unionville** was built around a school or church by blacks who were emancipated during the Civil War. Because the ex-slaves supported the Union, the name was probably chosen for patriotic reasons.
- **Greensboro** (Caroline) is a town six miles north of Denton, on the Choptank River. When originally settled in 1732, the town was dubbed Bridgetown. For years the town battled with Pig Point (Denton) to gain the county courthouse, but ultimately lost in 1790. The next year the town became Greensboro.
- **Hillsboro** is a pancake-flat town obviously not named for its elevation, but for a relative of the Lords Baltimore, Lord Hillsboro.
- **Georgetown** (Kent) was laid out in 1736. It was a planned town named for the royal prince who later ascended the British throne as King George III.
- **Rock Hall** has been known for 300 years as the Seafood Capital of Kent County, home to a thriving fishing industry. Its name probably stems from the abundance of rock fish observed there (Rock Hole) or caught there (Rock Haul). Or it may have been borrowed from an early estate, the Rock Hall Mansion.

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This 200-page book is well laid out and most accessible to the reader. Indexing is first-rate and the 28 references in his Bibliography include several that KIHS members may know, including Emory, Kenny, Preston...even Mitchener! An important feature is that you can pick out those names you find most intriguing or puzzling throughout the book (do use the Index). Or you can read it one County at a time.

It also is accessible in another important way: You can read it in our KIHS Resource/Research Room, on the book shelf in the Maryland Books Section. You can also order it through the QA Library System. I suggest that you get on the Library waiting list, or Google and purchase this book for your own history library. Start enjoying the Eastern Shore in a new and fascinating way.

Place Names of the Eastern Shore of Maryland was published by the Queen Anne's Press, Queenstown, MD in 1987.

The author, J. K. Keatley has been a feature reporter for Patuxent Publishing Company of Columbia, MD. He is a native of Roanoke, VA, and grew up in Cumberland, MD. Keatley is a 1979 graduate of Syracuse University.

Illustrator James A. Houston has won international book awards as an author and illustrator. Born in Toronto, Canada, his Eastern Shore connection has been a long association with Wye Institute as an artist in residence and Board of Trustees member. His clever and often funny sketches (example – *Bivalve* on page 140) give interesting perspectives on several place names throughout the book.

WHO KNEW? SWAT TEAM TRAINING IN STEVENSVILLE

The Bay Times reported that an old home on Main Street in Stevensville was used for SWAT team training on December 6, 2019. One of our board members, Annie May Price, grew up in this house that was slated for demolition. Before that occurred, teams from the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office, the Maryland State Police and Maryland Natural Resources Police participated in this training.

This house was built before 1900 because great-great Uncle Hugh Legg and his wife Maggie were living there during the 1900 Census. (Board members Annie May Price and Carole Price Frederick are great-great nieces of Hugh Legg!) It was said that Aunt Maggie, who was from Virginia, designed the house like the home of Robert E. Lee, her relative.

The building in front of the house was where Uncle Hugh kept his hearse (horse drawn carriage-type) and Nick Hoxter, local author, told Annie May that his father told him that he used to go upstairs in that garage and help Uncle Hugh prepare bodies for burial.



Reminiscing

FEEDBAG (FEED-SACK) DRESSES AND MORE

By Carole Frederick

Growing up in the 1940s and 50s on Kent Island was different than it is today. People were frugal, having just come out of the 1929 depression and World War II. Money, goods and materials were not as plentiful or as available as they are today therefore people had to be creative. The word "recycle" was probably not a household term then but the mantra "waste-not want-not" was. The government, among other things, encouraged use of cotton bags for clothing and many other household items during WW II. Cotton was one commodity in short supply.

Country living had its challenges as stores were miles away so clothing as well as other goods had to be created at home. Luckily the sacks that chicken feed, pig feed and flour came in caught the eye of the frugal consumer. When the fabric companies saw that there was interest in the "sack" material, they started making an array of cotton prints to catch the eyes of women. This snowballed into causing the grain companies to choose those fabrics thus selling more grain. There were sewing contests which helped advertise the available fabrics. One bag company hired top textile designers from Europe and New York City to create stylish prints that were colorful and desirable.

My cousin, Joann Davidson Anderson, had a great-aunt who used to make her little dresses and a copy for her baby doll. Sacks of grain came to Stevensville on the train. A vehicle (horse-drawn wagon or truck) picked up the grain ordered and delivered it to the respective customers. Aunt Anna would take Joann to the feed storage after a delivery and let her pick out the material she liked. My grandmother always

had a feedbag dress and apron to match. A farm wife didn't work in the kitchen without an apron. If company came she just removed the apron and greeted them in a clean dress!

Dresses weren't the only items made with this fabric: curtains, rugs, dish towels, underwear, and anything else that could be fashioned for use in the homes. Rest assured that scraps of fabric as well as worn-out clothing were not discarded but used to make interesting and beautiful quilts and rugs. (Online see the Via Kindness Blog and the Etsy Blog for examples.)

At some point it became a stigma to wear a feedbag dress because it was believed the family was too poor to buy factory-made items. This caused disinterest in the feedbag material so companies stopped making their array of beautiful prints. Recently there has been a resurgence of interest in the feedbag prints, as seen on Pinterest and Etsy. Some of these dresses cost as much as \$100.00!

Some of the sites I visited online to research this topic were:
https://americanhistory.si.edu/collections/search/object/nmah_1105750
<https://slate.com/human-interest/2017/07/how-depression-era-women-made-dresses-out-of-chicken-feed>
<https://flashbak.com/feed-sack-fashions-and-patterns-of-depression-era-america-374786/>
<https://www.littlethings.com/flour-sack-dresses/>



Feed Sack to Clothes Rack:
The Use of
Commodity
Textile Bags
in American
Households
from 1890-1960

Our Island Paradise

by Toni Gibson

Sung to tune of "Battle Hymn of the **Republic**"
at Election of Officers' Brunch

1. When the early Claiborne sailors
stumbled on your shore'
Meeting the indigenous (That doesn't mean
they're poor!)
A handful of their blue beads there's an
acre, maybe more
This lovely Paradise!

Oh, Kent Island, you've been founded!
Bells were rung, and cannons sounded
All the Natives were astounded!
This changing Paradise!

2. Years have passed; the ferry boat did
carry us across
Then the bridge was built – Is Paradise now
lost?
Some smart folks got together and some
clever thoughts were tossed
To save our Paradise!

Little island, long and slender,
Members will preserve your splendor;
We'll each be a staunch defender
Of our Paradise.

3. Folks named White, and Price, and
Denny, just to name a few,
Add the names of Steuart and Schoch to fill
out that first crew
Heritage Society was born and boldly grew
To save this Paradise!

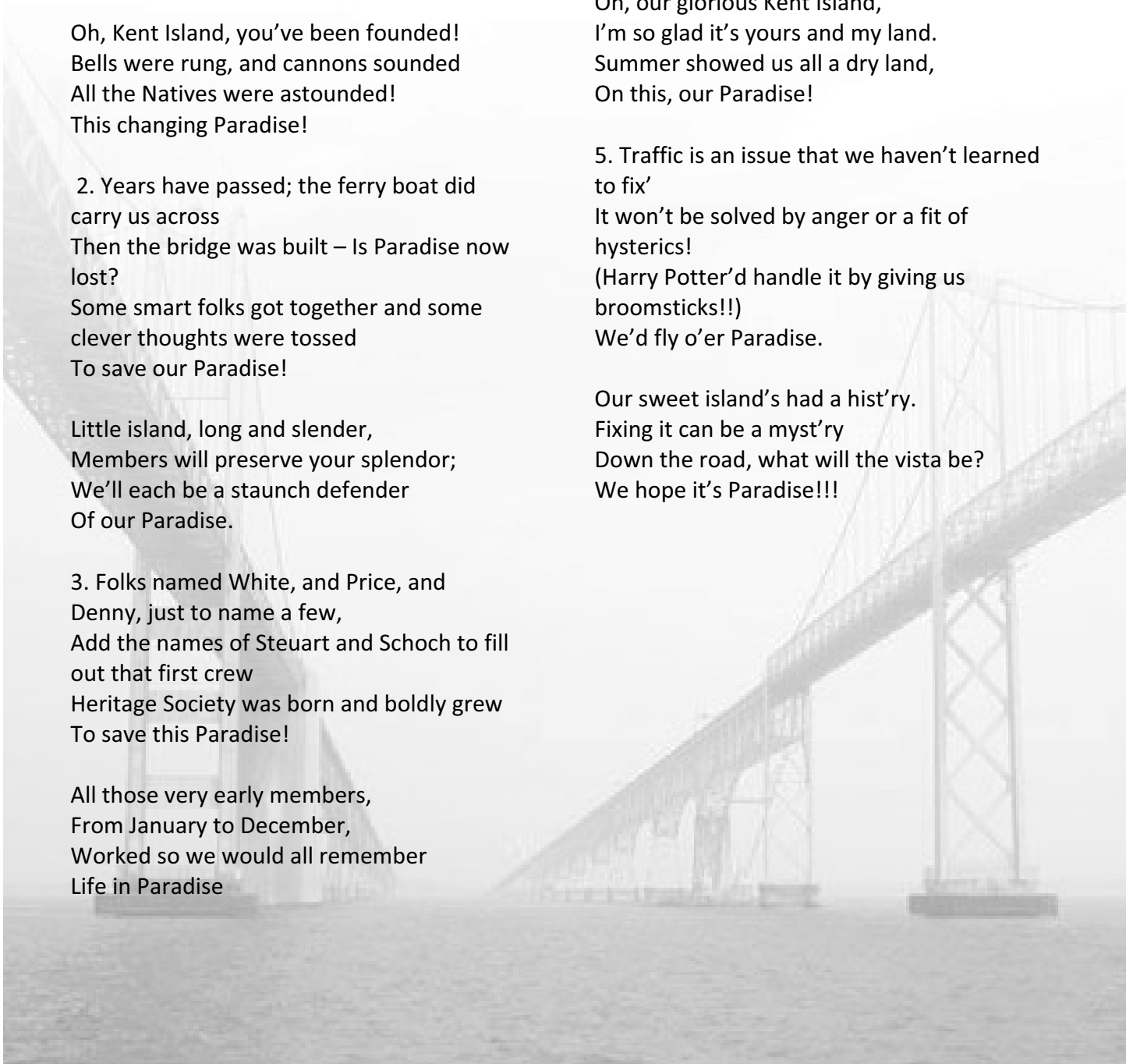
All those very early members,
From January to December,
Worked so we would all remember
Life in Paradise

4. Yes, there've been some issues living on
this special spot:
Cell and WiFi services are really not so hot
Kmart's closing is a problem, 'cause WHAT
ELSE WE GOT?
But it's still Paradise.

Oh, our glorious Kent Island,
I'm so glad it's yours and my land.
Summer showed us all a dry land,
On this, our Paradise!

5. Traffic is an issue that we haven't learned
to fix'
It won't be solved by anger or a fit of
hysterics!
(Harry Potter'd handle it by giving us
broomsticks!!)
We'd fly o'er Paradise.

Our sweet island's had a hist'ry.
Fixing it can be a myst'ry
Down the road, what will the vista be?
We hope it's Paradise!!!



In Memoriam

Karla Larrimore
Alexis Thomas
Kay Thomson
Claudia Stewart
Elmer Parkerson
Nicholas Stoer

Death is not the opposite of life, but a part of it.
-Haruki Murakami

Thank You Business Supporters

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Lundberg Builders
Queenstown Bank of Maryland
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Shelly B. Martin
Gina and Bill Smouse
Vintage Ladies of Maryland
(Lady Anne Arundel Chapter)

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Enclosed is a check to cover dues for the membership indicated below:

- | | | | |
|---|----------|--|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Life Membership | \$250.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Membership | \$15.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Membership | \$50.00 | | |

Name(s) _____

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(Cell) _____

Email address _____

Dues and contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Membership period:
January 1 to December 31

The Kent Island Heritage Society, Inc
P.O. Box 321, Stevensville, Maryland
www.kentislandheritagesociety.org

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POSTCARD from Kent Island: Shall we Dance?

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Love Point, with its hotels, restaurants, casinos and dance hall was a destination for Kent Islanders, visitors via steamboat from Baltimore, and by train or automobiles from the Eastern Shore. Its hey-day was the early years of the last century. Some of the top songs in 1915 included: Hello, Frisco, They Didn't Believe Me, Carry Me Back to Old Virginney by Alma Gluck, Home Sweet Home, and It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary by the Irish tenor John McCormick. The most popular dances were: Walking the Dog; Whirlwind Waltz; Cincinnati Two Step; Peabody; and the Negro Drag.

The First World War had an impact on dance halls, but by 1925 the roaring 20s had arrived. In spite of the

fact that there was "certainly" no alcohol at Love Point due to prohibition, people could dance to the most popular songs of that year, including: Yes Sir! That's my Baby by Gene Austin, If You Knew Susie by Eddie Cantor, Sweet Georgia Brown by Ben Bernie & His Orchestra, Tea for Two by Marion Harris and O! Katharina by Ted Lewis & his band. There were three versions of Irving Berlin's All Alone - one by Al Jolson, another by John McCormick, and finally one by Paul Whiteman & His Orchestra. The dance cards included: The Flea Hop (aka Collegiate Shag); the Princeton Foxtrot; the Snake Hips dance; Sweet Low Down; and the Sloppy Sailor Walk. ■