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TO DISCOVER, IDENTIFY, RESTORE, AND PRESERVE THE HERITAGE OF KENT ISLAND



## SUMMERTIME AT THE OLD LOVE POINT HOTEL

When temperatures sizzled in downtown Baltimore almost a century ago, B.A.C. (Before Air Conditioning) Baltimoreans escaped the sweltering city via the ferry boats from the Inner Harbor to Kent Island's famous resort Hotel at Love Point. Islanders awaited them at the steamboat landing, on the "Dreamland", the "B.S. Ford", the "Emma Ford", and the famous old "Smoky Joe." Kent Island's summer social season had begun.

Some folks took the train to Queenstown, others caught the surrey with the fringe on top to the hotel now known as the Kent Manor Inn, but most passengers were bound for the Love Point Hotel and its wide, breezy verandas overlooking the Chester River. The popular dining room served meals for \$1.25!

Dances were held on Saturday nights. Native Islanders fondly remember looking forward to those Saturday dances in the edining room and chatting at tables on the veranda, especially the girls in their

flowing summer dresses, eyeing the boys in their Sunday Best, as the music drifted down the lawn to the waters of the Chester River. The living was easy in the Land of Pleasant Living.

#### LOVE POINT

Much has been written about the origins of the name of the famous resort which made Kent Island famous in the early days of this century. Romantic natives contributed to the legend of colonial days which was reprinted in a 1937 Labor Day program from the Love Point Hotel: "A clergyman lived near the site, serving the scattered residents of the Island. Travel by land was arduous, and by land the clergymen was a couple days journey from people living on the Eastern Neck in Kent County. But by water he was accessible...Consequently, young lovers from the other side of the Chester River would find him the most convenient minister when they were thinking of marriage and over the waves they went to Kent Island.

But tragedy entered for a couple named Urie. As they were homeward bound from a wedding ceremony, their craft was overwhelmed in a sudden storm...and the two were drowned. Their bodies, clasped in each others' arms, were found off the bar near the Point, and this, 'tis said, is the origin of the name Love Point."

More recently, other stories have appeared in local publications regarding the origin of the name. Pat Emory, in a 1972 Bay Times story,

wrote:

"It was the late 1800's and Captain John Luff was bringing a British ship up the Chesapeake Bay to the north end of Kent Island where there was a little settlement. The boat was loaded with bricks for a house that was to built and had on board a few British soldiers.

As the legend continues, there was a young Indian maiden in the settlement, and during the ship's stay, she fell in love with one of the British soldiers. When the ship set sail for England, the

soldier was on board.

At the loss of her lover, the young woman pined away and died."

A romantic legend was written by Gloria George in the '70's:

"They say it was dark the night the young Indian warrior met his black haired maiden at the water's edge. The heavy clouds hugged the moon and stars so no light shown through on the young

As they paddled to the middle of the swift river, they professed their love for one another, a love denied them by their separate tribes which refused

to permit their marriage.

The lovers took no notice of the silence that hung on the anticipation of rain and no one noticed them as they slid into the welcoming waves to join each other eternally in the bond they were denied in life.

From that time the northernmost end of Kent Island was known as Love Point in remembrance

of the lover's suicide."

Ms. George goes on to quote George Benton,

then 80 years old.

"Don't believe a word of it." Mr. Benton said he was told the Chester River was once full of sailing vessels which had to round Love Point Lighthouse to reach ports at Queenstown and Chestertown.

A mean northwesteerly wind greeted sailors at the point causing them to luff their sails to sail tighter to the breeze. Veteran sailors called the land Luff Point and lazy tongues changed it to its present spelling. Careful reading of all these tales emphasizes the loopholes in some of them. The Captain Luff story may be the least plausible unless the date precedes the departure of the Indians from the Island.

Luffing sails in a northwest wind is the most probable for the earliest derivation of the name, according to

experienced sailors.

But the records are there in the Maryland Archives,

Vol. 54, p.11:

"Feb.2, 1652. I Robert Clarke, Gent. and Surveyor of this Province, do hereby attest that in the year 1640 I did survey and lay out unto William Brantwell, Gent. and Thomas Bradnox, planter, 2,000 acres of the Isle of Kent commonly called LOVE POINT, in the year 1650. The said Bradnox to invite inhabitants to seat the said island..."

Rent Rolls for the Isle of Kent County, the Northeast

Hundred, p.9:

"Poynt Love, a freehold contayning 600 acres due to Elizabeth Comins, surveyed for her the said Elizabth, 5 Aug.,1650. Patented December, 1650."

In 1652 Elizabeth sold 400 acres to Joseph Wickes. So as early as 1650 and perhaps 1640, the land was already called Poynt Love or Love Point. Whether it was a "luffing" point for very early sailors prior to these dates (and certainly prior to Chester River seaports), or the scene of two lovers' death, we will never know for certain.

And that's the stuff legends are made of!

## IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Reginald Truitt Died Thursday, April 11,1991

Clinton E.B. White Died Saturday, May 11, 1991

Dr. Truitt and Mr. White were on the first Board of Directors of the Kent Island Heritage Society, Aug. 1, 1975

Rest in Peace

# KENT ISLAND DAYS CELEBRATES K.I.'S 360TH ANNIVERSARY

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Audrey Hawkins

On August 17, 1991 Kent Island will celebrate the 360th year of its existence as the FIRST PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLE IN MARYLAND. Kent Island was granted this recognition by the 1981 session of the General Assembly. This year the Kent Island Heritage Society will celebrate "Kent Island Days" and the 360th anniversary together on August 17, from 10 a.m. til 5 p.m.

During this celebration we will host a Heritage Museum of Island-originated artifacts in the American Legion Hall, Stevensville, We would be interested in displaying your memorabilia for the

pleasure of all

Native born and newly come To Kent Island's shore, We gather now to celebrate Those distant days of yore.

Share with us your memories
Your treasures, we implore
Your father's tools, your mother's bowls,
A dress grandmother wore.

So search your attics from the rafters to the floor, Fill our hearts to overflowing with forgotten Island lore

Help us to remember all the days that went before And Kent Island will relive in our hearts just as before.

(Courtesy Eva Thompson)

Richard and Eileen Dadds are chairmen for the Heritage Museum. Please contact them at 643-5288 if you have items to contribute for display on this memorable day.

Also in the Legion Hall we will feature "Arts and Crafts" and good food to eat. At 11:00 a.m. we will have a special ceremony and speaker.

Outside there will be a petting zoo, a watermen's display, antique cars, candle making, butter churning and other crafts.

Plan now to join us for a day of heritage, fun, food, and music. Please wear your colonial dresses, and of course we would love to see the men in their costumes as well!!!

Look for the Kent Island Heritage table where you may purchase a very memorable T-shirt and hat with the KIHS seal on it, a collector's item!

YA'LL COME!!!!

#### **ROTARY CLUB DONATES \$300**

Gil Dunn gave a presentation to the Kent Island Rotary Club recently on the progress of the restoration of the old Stevensville train depot. The Rotarians honored the Heritage Society with their generous donation of \$300. Many, many thanks for their support of KIHS.

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# GARDEN CLUB DONATES TREE TO CRAY HOUSE

The Kent Island Garden Club has planted a tree at the historic Cray House as a memorial to Mrs. Marian Steuart. The 8 foot white dogwood was

grown by Tony Schettler and transported and planted with the help of Tom Helfenbein and Ellen Klages. Bobbye Helfenbein and Beth Schettler are Island Garden Club officers.

House are planted and maintained by garden club members who have planted flower beds in the front yard and an herb

garden at the rear of the house. The Heritage Society thanks the members for doing such an excellent job and for their constant interest.

#### CRAY HOUSE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

The collapse of a ceiling on the second floor of the old Cray House necessitated canceling the regularly scheduled Saturday openings of the Cray House Museum.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Heritage Society's two "johnnie-on-the-spots", Gil Dunn and Melvin Clark, the Cray House Committee hopes to have all repairs finished soon and will announce a schedule. Stay tuned!

#### **BUDGET PRESENTED TO BOARD**

For the first time in the history of the Kent Island Heritage Society, an annual budget has been drawn up to cover expenses of the various committees.

Supplies are needed the Library Committe's outstanding efforts at re-creating numerous files of Kent Island History and Genealogy, this newsletter has heavy printing and mailing costs, not to mention supplies, insurance on the Cray House furnishings, and the restoration of the depot

all come with a price tag.

The idea of new Vice-president Charlie Koegel, an annual budget lays out where the Society stands and where it is going. The following is the proposedbudget for 1991:

Balance Jan. 1991

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INCOME	
Dues	\$4000
Donations	The state of the s
Interest	250
Dinner	100
Kent Island Days	1500
Book Sales	1000
Miscellaneous	100
Total	\$9450

\$18,395.30

EXPENSES	\$18,395.
Cray House	
Maintenance	670
Furnishings	600
Depot- lumber	2000
Insurance	316
Electric	60
Printing	1200
Postage	230
Misc. postage	200
Library	175
Deposit Box	55
Speakers	200
Meeting expenses	100
Archaeological Survey	5000
417	

BALANCE 12/31/91 \$7589.30 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Total.....\$10,806

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Our treasurer, Violet "Sis" Harris, is recuperating from surgery, so Audrey put on her accountant's hat for this month's treasurer's report. GET WELL, SIS!

Checking Balance, Feb. 22, 1991 Receipts, 2/225/29,1991 TOTAL	\$10,823.18 1,489.17 12,312.35
Disbursements 2/225/29/91 Balance in checking Balance in C.D.	1,275.63 11,026.72 7,291.73
TOTAL ASSETS	\$21,451.57

#### MINUTES

The Board of Directors met May 29, 1991. Attending were Audrey Hawkins, Charlie Koegel, Eileen Dadds, Bill Denny, Roland Bruscup, Dick Dadds, Bill Goodhand, and Paul Wilderson.

After the minutes of April 30 concerning Kent Island Days and the treasurer's report were accepted, the Cray House Report was read:

Steel plates have been installed by Gil Dunn and Melvin Clark to reinforce cracked beams supporting the second floor.

A section of the ceiling in the seond floor back bedroom fell. It was thought to be old plaster, but turned out to be plaster board. Gil Dunn replaced

The gardens outside have been planted with spring flowers and an herb garden by the Island Garden Club, as well as a new dogwood tree

donated by Tony Schettler.

Paul Wilderson gave no Archaeological Report because the status of the matching state funds is still unknown.

A copy of the Kent Island Heritage Society incorporation papers was given by Mrs. Mary White. A certified copy will be obtained and placed in the safe deposit box.

Notice of August 17th, 1991 Kent Island
Days/360th Anniversary of Claiborne's landing
submitted by Publicity Chair Roland Bruscup has
been printed in the Eastern Shore's Summer
Calendar of Events.

A committee to nominate next year's officers must be appointed. Nominations must be published in September's newsletter.

## CEMETERY COMMEMORATIVE

There are a number of old grave stones from Islander's homesite farm graves placed on a special site at the Stevensville Cemetery. They are merely the headstones of early Kent Island graves, not the actual resting places. Most of the remaining gravesites on various properties on Kent Island were surveyed and listed by KIHS founder Marian Steuart and Mildred Schoch. (See the Genealogical Files at the Library for the listings.)

Marian's neice, Ann Reifsneider has offered to donate one gravesite consisting of eight graves, and Tom Helfenbein will add a second site. Additionally Tom will donate a large stone to mark this special place. The old stones, currently without a home, would be placed on these two sites to protect them from destruction. Ann asked

if the Heritage Society would pay for engraving the stone. A suitable engraving could read: "Kent Island Heritage Society Honors Marian Steuart". The Board agreed and Bill Goodhand and Mary White will research engraving costs.

Charlie Koegel
Acting Recording Sec'y.

#### MEMBERSHIP MEETING CALENDAR

Thursday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. Library Thursday, Sept. 19 7:30 p.m. Library Thursday, Dec. 12 Dinner Yacht Club

Dr. Fred Hopkins of the University of Baltimore will be joined by Michael Pohuski and, hopefully

NOTICE

Don Shomette, marine archaeologist, as guest speakers for the June 20 meeting. Their topic will be "Claiborne's Landing". They have researched

archival sources and done underwater surveys on the site of Claiborne's settlement in the Kent Point area of Kent Island. This should be a fascinating evening.

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Continued from Winter issue

# Kit Wesler's Manuscript on Claiborne's Trading Post

Emptying into the little bay were two branches of Long Creek (Tanner's Crk.) between them being "an Isthmus of low ground..." Just above on a ten foot rise the fort could be built.' (Hale:150)

Hale..cites no source for his quotes. Members of the Kent Island Heritage Society attempted to obtain the source in 1975, but he was unable to recall it.

Other secondary sources contain...similar accounts, but...do not name Long Creek. Emory states that 'Kent Fort was situated on that part of the Island which borders on Eastern Bay, on the first navigable creek lying on the left hand, ascending that b.. after passing Kent Point.'

He cites Davis (1855:44) for this statement, but Davis says only that: 'the seat of Claiborne's settlement was at Kent Point.'

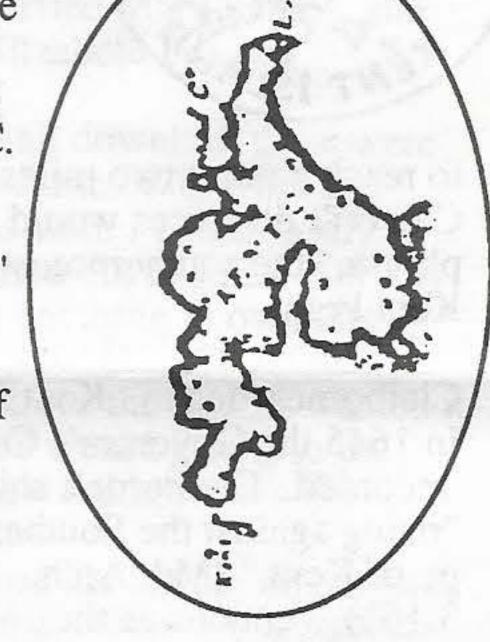
Tilghman, whose work was compiled prior to 1914, tells a similar story: "...the precise location selected by Cap't. Claiborne for his post...upon the Isle of Kent, was the most southern extremity of the Island, upon what is now known as Kent Point. Just within the point, and upon the first navigable creek, being on the left hand ascending Eastern Bay, he proceeded at once to erect a stockade or fort.' (Tilghman, 1967 v. 1:497)

Tilghman cites no source for this statement...The question of which creeks were navigable, given water level rise and siltation since 1630 complicates the interpretation. Hale evidently took the first modern navigable creek, being Long Creek. Tilghman and Emory, however following Davis, place the site on Kent Point, which does

not encompass Tanner's Creek except by a very broad application of the name.

Tilghman...describes a visit by historian B.C. Steiner to Kent Island in...1904...'discover(y) where Claiborne lived.' (Ibid, v. 1: 517-519)

"They found it on a slight elevation back of an old landing on the bend of a navigable creek above Kent Point. ... North of the site now known as



Chew's Gardens and cultivated..in a valley which was probably once an inlet so that the site was surrounded on three sides by water, (Ed. note: ?) they found several fragments of glazed bricks about 70 yards from shore, which may have been part of the (Giles) Brent Manor house."

This description sounds amazingly like Hale's site.. (or)source. Needless to say a few glazed bricks do not signify the Claiborne site.

Although there is a persistent rumor in Heritage Society circles that someone besides Hale has seen the original source...in Virginia documents, unless such a document can be produced, it is reasonable to assume that Steiner's bricks are the origin of the site location.

The only original source that can be located is Leonard Calvert's letter reporting his reduction of Kent Island. (MHS, 1889:184) Calvert's force landed on Kent island, 'at the southernmost end thereof where Cap't. Claiborne's house is seated with a small ffort of Pallysadoes." Calvert entered through 'the gate toward the sea' and noted at least one more gate. He then sent men to 'Boteler's (Butler's) dwelling place called the Great Thicket some five miles from the fort' and to 'another place called Craford...two miles distant from thence'. ...

The present Kent Point is approximately six miles from Craford, while Tanner's Creek is about four miles from Craford. A trip of about five miles north northeast from Kent Point would end beside Shipping Creek close to two miles from Craford.

A similar trip from Tanner's creek isthmus would have to cross Tanner's Creek to end at Warehouse

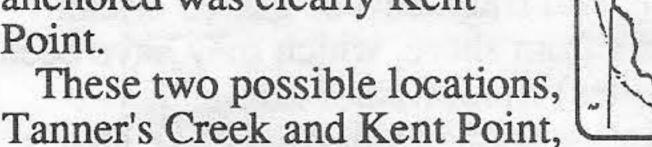


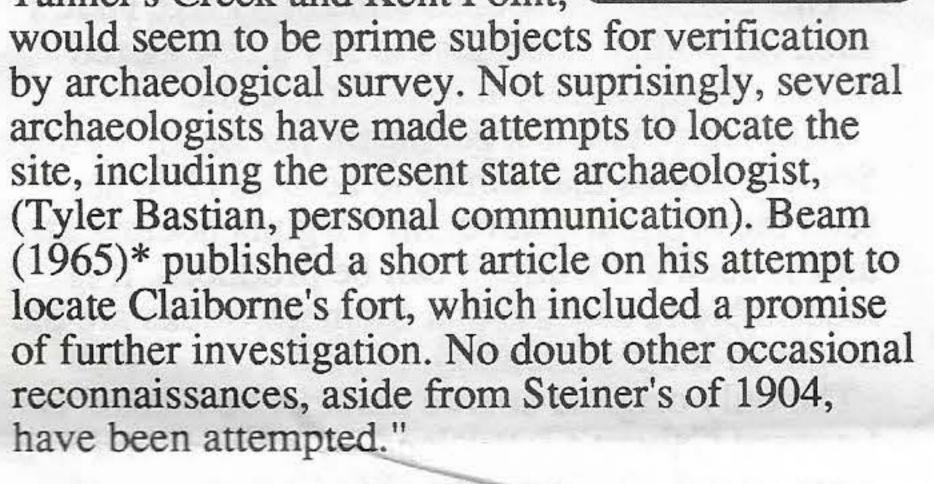
Creek and return southeasterly to Craford. (Ed. Note: ?) Since there is no indication that Calvert's men went to Boteler's by boat, and none that they passed Craford only to return to it, incidentally covering more than the five miles by land it would require

to reach a point two miles from Crayford, Calvert's distances would accord well with his phrase, "the southernmost end thereof." that is, Kent Point.

One other original source indirectly establishes

Claiborne's ties to...Kent Point. In 1645 the Governor's Council recorded...Claiborne's ship ... "rising against the Southerne pt. of Kent." (Md. Arch. 3:161). Tenuous as the inference of Claiborne's attachment to the location may be, the spot at which he was anchored was clearly Kent Point.





\* No further identification of these publications in this copy of Wesler's manuscript.

He goes on to outline his own attempts at location in 1977 and again in 1981 with KIHS sponsorship.

Apparently, due to intervening centuries of tilling of fields, plus undergrowth on the wooded Tanner's isthmus, he found nothing definitive. This copy is in the Historical files at the Library. MAPS: #1. 1661 Augustine Hermann

#2. 1951 Recreation by Riegel for Hale's "Virginia Venturer".

#3. 1778 Jefferson & Frye

#### **BOAT RACES RETURN TO KENT ISLAND**

On the weekend of July 27 and 28th, Kent Island once again hosts a series of offshore boat races.

The course for the big offshore boats raced by the Island's superstar Wheeler Baker, (not incidentally son-in-law of Mrs. Thomas Ewing, whose husband donated the Cray House) will run a course in the Chester River from Love Point to Castle Marina to Eastern Neck Island. The hydroplanes will race at the Kent Island Yacht Club course.

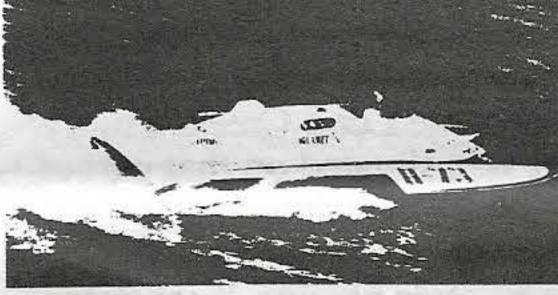
Historically, boat racing has been part of Kent Island's heritage. Naturally, withwatermen, commercial sailors, and a lively boat building industry, competitive races have been part of Kent Island's culture.

But costs increased as well as the size of the boats in the competitions, and insurance sky-rocketed, so abruptly the sanctioned races at the Yacht Club ended five years ago, disppointing afficionados on both shores.

There was a time when most of the local male population took off to watch the races in the Miles River. There is the yarn about a man who had an appointment with a local farmer, setting no particular time since he was always in one of his fields. Tramping all over the farm looking for him, the man found only the empty tractor. The farmer was at the Miles River races.

There they watched everything from log canoes to power boats running the same course! A boatload c Negro musicians cruised the Miles playing and collecting donations for their considerable talents. How bout a nautical jazz band in 1991! (Bunny Taylor, are you listening?)

Boatbuilders Calvert, Jack, and LemThompson were among those who attended the August festivities. Calvert describes it as "a big time. They filled the jail!"



In the early 1950's the Queen Anne's Boat Racing Association was born: Albert and Junior Baker, Garrett and Billy Ruth, Marvin Morris,

Wright Haddaway, Alton Pierson, Phil Whitby, Buddy Clevenger, and John Parmer were the founders Calvert could remember.

In 1955 the first races were held at the original Kent Island Yacht Club, the old William Tanner farmhouse at Harbor View overlooking Cox Creek. Calvert and Lem, Alton, Garrett and Billy Ruth raced P.O.D.'s (Pacific One Designs) a stock class, inboard drive, step bottom hydroplane. Motors and design were "all the same, stock", except "what you could sneak into them" to make them faster, according to Calvert, who cited the driver ability to win in a stock class. He and his broker Jack, worked all night on the motor and Calvert won

the 2nd race the next day, a perceptible instance of driver ability.

Wheeler, who obviously drew a child's lasting impression says, "I was a snot-nosed kid about 7 when they ran that race. I never go by Cox Creek that I don't see them again.

He says those 20 foot boats reached speeds upwards of 130 mph in Cox Creek's narrow channel. Wives and girlfriends lining the shore,

"prayed a lot."

1991's races may not feature the boat names, "Splinters", "Wildat", "Bobo", "Sandy K.", "Joan R.", or "Dutch Boy", but those early racers will never forget the boats and drivers who were Kent Island's first in sanctioned boat racing.

#### GENEALOGY

Mary White

Even though all of the old records now in possession of the society have been indexed and filed in the Library, the Genealoogy Committee has been busy with routine maintenance, filing new information as it is received and doing general research to adequately anser the various requests for such information.

The records from two more Family Bibles have been copied, bringing our total to 85. One of these was an old German Bible in the possession of Bernard W. Ringgold. The origin of the Bible is uncertain, but it said tro have been discovered in the attic of the Hugh Legg house in Stevensville,

The other Bible has quite a story attached it it. Apparently, Julia Eaton heard Franklin Smith of the Queenstown Bank says that his son found an old Family Bible in the attic of an old Grasonville house. Julia told him not to let me know about it for I would want to copy it for the Society's records, to which he responded saying that he would be glad to have us copy it. Needless to say, Julia relayed the information one and when I telephoned Mr. Smith he readily agreed and indicated he thought the name was Bryan. He would let us know when he got it from his son.

With her ususal thoroughness, Julila kept on top of the situation and one day appeared at my home with the Bible. As we were going through the pages and various entries, it appeared that the Bible had probably belonged tro James Hugh Fenice, a very unusal name. I have seen it spelled "Fenix" (in old deeds to Cabin Neck on Batt's Neck near the Legg-Eareckson farm). The efirst few entries show the "se" linked in such a way that it could be considered a fancy "x". However, in several later entries the "s" and the "e" are

separated enough that it definitely looks like "Fenice". Queen Anne's Marriage Records 1817-1858 also list "Fenice". Further research in other records may settle that.

The Bible was printed in 1815 replacing the Walter K. White Bible (1816) as the oldest we have copied. James Hugh Fenise married Mary Ann Weedon and loved in the Batt's Neck area near the Cockeys, Eareckons, Tolsons, and Whites. John Bryan married Mary Fenice, and James White married Elizabeth Fenice.

From there on it was all downhill, there were records not only on my James White but on William and Samuel as well. I could hardly contain myself and blurted out to Julia, "Oh, my goodness, I would give anything to own this Bible."

She said she didn't believe the Smiths wanted it and she had thought they would give it to the Heritage Socety, adding, "I didn't know the Whites were in there, too."

I calmed down, thanked her for her efforts and said "Whatever Mr. Smith wants to do, we'll do."

To prove how thorough she is, Julia stopped at the bank on her way home to tell Mr. Smith how pleased I was with the Bible. She called about a half hour later to tell me.," Frankie says, since there are so many of your family in the Bible, you can have it." Bursting with excitement, I phoned him immediately to confirm this and to thank him.

The Fenice, White, Bryan Bible is now prominently displayed in a glass topped table in my living room. So, do look through your attics.

There may be hidden treasures that are long forgotten invisible under the eaves where insects could easily damage or worse, destroy, them.

Family Bibles are priceless records of our past, our roots here on Kent Island, keeping alive the memories of families who are no longer here.

Think about it, Winchester Creek, Eareckson Lane, the Cray House, Goodhands Creek are living memorials to the families for whom they are named. None are still here, with apologies to Bill Goodhand, a recent arrival who traces his roots back the long departed Goodhand family.

An indication of this is the visit we received at the Library as we were working on a Christopher Thomas and the Stevens family to answer two requests we had, when a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis, came in to do some research. They were also interested in the Stevens family, but especially in William and Joseph Tolson,

who, according to family legend, had left Kent Island in the 1840's walking to Ohio with a wagonload of supplies and their dog. We exchanged information and were able to put together a credible amount of material to send to the others who had contacted us. So our files are definitely being used, by folks from other states who have early Kent Island roots.

A new addition to our files is Vol.1, #1, of the first newspaper printed on Kent Island.. It is datelined Chester, Maryland, Wednesday, December 19, 1962. This was presented to us by Jimmy and Isabel Ewing and contains a wealth of interesting information.

An ad hoc committee of Myrtle Bruscup, Catherine, Senseney, Bill Goodhand and myself have completed a tombstone survey of the Stevensville Cemetery through May 1991. With the gracious cooperation of Tom Helfenbein, this data will be organized and printed in such a way that the exact location of any stone can be quickly determined. This data, along with the names, dates, etc. already recorded from the many private f amily cemeteries as well as the listings from the old Christ Church and Kingsley cemeteries will be invaluable to the researcher and a significant addition to the growing list of preservation projects completed by the Society. The next project is the relocation of the old stones which have been moved from insecure areas on forrmer farms to the cemetery for preservation. More about this a splans are firmed up. LOOK FOR YOUR BIBLES!!

#### MEMORIALS TO MARIAN

Kent Island Heritage Society
has received \$350.00 in
memorials for Marian Steuart.
The Cray House Committee will
use these funds to purchase
some additional, and needed,
furnishings for the Cray House
Museum.

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