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LAUGHING AND LEARNING ON THE CRAY HOUSE GREEN

The Kent Island Heritage Society hosted some 150 Eighth Graders and teachers from Stevensville Middle School at the Stevensville historic sites in October. The SMS Pirate students came armed with enthusiasm and great questions. For many it

was the first time they had visited the sites. The event gave KIHS docents at the sites a chance to share Kent Island history with the students and to enjoy their interest and "good deportment" throughout the day. Local history is taught in the fourth grade, and it is up to parents and groups like KIHS to share our special Kent Island story. Thanks to SMS Principal Jennifer Schrecongost and history teachers Tommy Sitr and Dannan Jones and KIHS docents for their efforts.



Stevensville Middle School students learned about the post office from Tom Tate on October 17.



President's Message

This past year, 2023, has been a "Landmark Year' for the Kent Island Heritage Society. As documented in our last two Newsletters, we purchased the 150 year old building at 310 Love Point Rd in Historic Stevensville to be our new Kent Island Heritage Center, thanks to the generosity of our former Treasurer, Lynne Riley-Coleman. The building itself is in great shape and the interior has been transformed by local contractors to become the new

heritage headquarters, museum, records storage, and research center. We'll be outfitting the center through the coming months and anticipate our grand opening in time for Kent

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Linda Collier Renee Dye Curtis Chance Island Day, 2024. Great news! Check out our interior renovations on our website and our social media. Another important event for us this year was the major rehabilitation of the Historic Stevensville Train Station, thanks to a generous grant by the MacLay Family of Kent Island. The Station which celebrates the railroad history of Kent Island will stand proudly for many years to come. We look forward to continued renovations of our historic sites in the coming year.

In another significant action this year, as detailed in our last newsletter, we were approached by a volunteer group of history professionals to form a partnership for a grant to develop and publish a book on the architectural heritage of Queen's County, including Kent Island, based on the extensive research of noted historian Orlando Rideout. We applied for the grant and have just been notified by the Maryland Historical Trust that the grant has been approved. We look forward to administering the grant and supporting our partners in this important book project that will benefit the entire County.

During our active year, we hosted a number of successful events emphasizing our history and heritage, In May, we celebrated Kent Island Day, one of our biggest and best ever. In March and June, we hosted two outstanding general meeting presentations. In March, Dr. Matt McNight spoke on his research on William Claiborne's founding of Kent Island and the ongoing search for his original fort. In June, Dr. John Seidel, Professor Emeritus from Washington College, spoke on Shaping the Chesapeake Landscape – Archaeology – People – and the Environment. The video of his fascinating presentation is available on our website. On the first Saturday of each month, April through November, we opened our historic sites with docents to share our history in person to visitors from many locations far and wide!

We partnered with the Historic Stevensville Arts and Entertainment District for a number of successful First Saturday events: the Pet Parade in July, Artoberfest in October, and the Antique Car Show in November. We hosted a number of special visits to our sites, including the Annapolis Antique Club, a local Home School Group, Kent Island Photography Club, Upper Shore Genealogy Society, and a monthslong series of visits to the Kirwan Farm by a Statewide Geocashing Group. We also participated in the QA Chamber of Commerce Mixer in Historic Stevensville, in September and an outreach visit to the Four Seasons Community. We also had a unique opportunity to participate in a new book project by local photographer, Dale Hall. I was asked to write the Foreword to her new book "Kent Island Waterscapes". Seeing her pictures, of course we accepted, Her book artfully and dramatically portrays the timeless natural aspect of our rich Kent Island Heritage – another great way to share our Kent Island Story.

We also embarked on an exciting new partnership this fall to help foster long term appreciation of our Heritage. Stevensville Middle School Principal, Dr. Jennifer Schrecongost reached out to us to get involved with the Stevensville Pirates and what a ride it has

been! In August all of the STMS teachers visited our Stevensville sites for guided tours (The great pictures were in our last Newsletter). In September we gave in-school presentations on KI history to 8 groups of eighth grade classes, In October we hosted 160 eighth grade students for visits to our sites, and in November we took our Kent Island artifacts and displays for our Heritage table at an evening community fair event for students and families – another great opportunity to tell our story. Dr. Schrecongost is an enthusiastic leader with a strong appreciation of history. We look forward to continuing our relationship in the coming year, including participation in Kent Island Day.

And speaking of celebrating our heritage, several of us joined in the recent celebration in honor of a unique icon of our modern heritage, Ms. Wally Dashiell. She turned 100 on Halloween!! Ms. Wally, star of stage, screen, and TV, iconic senior Olympics champion, taught generations of Kent Islanders in her Dashiell School of Dance for half a century in downtown Historic Stevensville. She is a long-time Kent Island Heritage Society member and supporter and was a Grand Marshall in our Kent Island Day Parade. She is a role model for us all! Check out her birthday picture. Happy Birthday, Ms Wally!

We had one big disappointment in September – Ophelia! We had to cancel our Fall Heritage Picnic at the Kirwan Place, due to Hurricane / Tropical Storm Ophelia! Luckily we had enough advanced warning to cancel our equipment rentals so we did not incur any expenses. As Roger Miller's old song said, "You can't roller skate in a buffalo herd, but you can be happy

if you've a mind to". Likewise, you can't have a picnic in a hurricane. But we can still be happy and look forward to a great Fall Picnic next year!

Looking toward the future. We are beginning to plan for our big Kent Island Heritage Society celebration in 2025. Founded in 1975, 2025 will be our big 50th year anniversary. The Board has voted to partner with Kent Island Federation of Arts in their generous offer to seek a State Arts Council grant to help celebrate our heritage through art. Details are yet to be worked out but it's a great prospect.

In the final weeks of 2023, we plan to have our popular Kent Island Railroad display at the Queen Anne's County Holiday Train Show at the old Narrows Outlet Center December 2 and 3 and December 9 and 10. It's a enjoyable, well attended family holiday event. Our final event will be our important Annual Holiday Brunch and Elections on December 10 at beautiful Cascia, Vineyards Tasting Room. See our enclosed announcement and invitation for details and RSVP information. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support. We extend to you and your family our warmest wishes for a happy holiday season.

Jack Broderick



Railroad on Kent Island at QARR Festival of Trains The Kent Island Heritage Society will include a display on the Railroad on Kent Island at the Queen Ann's County Railroad Society Show at the Kent Narrows Outlet Center. There were once four railroad stations on Kent Island. The show will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. On December 2nd and 3rd and 9th and 10th. Mark Your Calendars:

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VOLUNTEER TO HELP!!!

KIHS is grateful for the \$750 donation from the Kent Island Running Group (KIRG) and for its use of the Stevensville train station on its medal this year. KIRG is a non-profit established in 2009 and now has over 100 runners of all ages and abilities who run

for fun and to raise money for various local charities and groups.

Pictured (from left) are Kristen Strohmer, president; Tom Tate KIHS post office docent; Debbie Allison, treasurer; and Mark Allison, vice president. For more information, visit kirg.org.



Cascia Vineyard Tasting Room
1200 Thompson Creek Rd. Stevensville, MD
(Catered by Chesapeake Celebrations)

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BUFFET MENU:

French Toast Casserole Potato and Brisket Hash Egg and Spinach Quiche Smoked Salmon / Mini Bagels / Condiments Sausage & Bacon Scones with Lemon Curd Fruit & Berry Salad Fruit Juices Coffee Bar / Bottled Water Cash Wine Bar

Please Reserve your Seat for the Brunch

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 The cost will be \$30.00 per person

Please make checks payable to: The Kent Island Heritage Society, Inc Mail to: Kent Island Heritage Society P.O. Box 321 Stevensville MD 21666 If you desire transportation to the Brunch, call or text Jack at 410-829-7760.

Please complete this section and return with your check



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THE KENT ISLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. 2024 SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

An election of Officers and Directors to lead the Kent Island Heritage Society in 2024 will be held at the Annual Holiday Brunch on Sunday, December 11, 2023. Officers are elected for a one year term and Directors for a three year term.

The following slate is recommended by the Board:

President Jack Broderick
Vice President Bob Lowe
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New Directors: Josh Brown

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Linda Collier Lou Crouch

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Mike Rosendale Harrison Van Waes

Objections to this slate may be made by December 5, 2023 to Bob Lowe at 863-259-9120 or rclowesr@yahoo.com

Additional nominations may be made by December 5, 2023 by a member-at-large. A declaration of intent must be presented to Bob Lowe, 272 Goldfinch Lane, Centreville, MD 21617, signed by the candidate and two supporting members of the Society.

KENT ISLAND STILL HAS A GENERAL STORE

Kent Island had several General Stores well into the 1990s where "if we don't have it; you don't need it." One of those still exists much as it would have been from the 1890s to the early 1930s. It is the Kirwan General Store in the Kirwan Museum on Dominion Road in Chester.

James Kirwan built his original store in 1873 and built the current store in 1889 from lumber salvaged from Chesapeake Bay following a storm often referred to as the Great Flood of 1889. It was from the same storm that caused

the Johnstown Flood, but the lumber was not from Johnstown. The store remained in business until 1950.

The Kirwan Store sold many items produced on the Kirwan farm and property which once contained 21 outbuildings, including a blacksmith shop. The museum store today includes items that would have been found

The Kirwan Museum Store on Dominion Road in Chester allows visitors to step back to the early 20th century to see how Kent Islanders lived and shopped. Kirwan curator and docent Linda Collier provides an entertaining and informative tour to visitors. Learn more about the Senator James Kirwan and the store at kentislandheritagesociety.org.



in the early part of the 20th Century, including original items. Visitors find clothing, tobacco, medicine and toys of special interest. The store even contained a trap door in the floor to where live terrapins from Kirwan Creek would have been sold.

The Kirwan Museum is open from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays from April to November and for special tours.

REMEMBERING KENT ISLAND IN THE EARLY 1940S: Ava Honeycutt

(Editor's note: The following remembrance of Kent Island was included in the Stevensville High School Alumni Association Fall 2023 Alumni Newsletter. Ava Honeycutt was a Kent Island native, a beloved teacher in Kent Island schools for many years, and a long time KIHS member. The information was included in one of her lesson plans.)

HOW OUR COMMUNITY HAS CHANGED By Ava Honeycutt (ca 1993)

What is a neighborhood? What is a community? What is the difference between a community and a neighborhood? When I was a little girl, about 55 years ago, there were three neighborhoods on Kent Island. Together, they were considered the community of Kent Island. How does the community of Kent Island differ from many others?

WHAT COULD CHANGE A COMMUNITY Time, Erosion, Transportation (Bay Bridge).

BUSINESSES in the old Kent Island community: Remember, this was before electricity. My family had a Delco Plant (batteries) which powered our lights.

ICE HOUSES: Two in Chester – Coursey and Sparks. Delivered ice to our homes. Bread, milk and eggs were also delivered.

FEED AND GRAIN STORES. Sold feed for farm animals, also farm tools, seed, horse tack, etc. Usually ground wheat and corn for flour and corn meal.

BOATYARDS: They were called railways because tracks were laid out in the water to pull boats up to paint and repair. Workboats were built here.

<u>GARAGES</u>: My father had the first auto repair shop on Kent Island. Took Model A's and Model T Ford engines apart to see how they worked and taught himself to repair them. Sold gas, oil, and automobile parts. Boats used car motors in them, so he repaired those. Also sold Marine hardware (propellers, etc.)

GROCERY STORES: Many small ones on Kent Island. Every little group of homes had its own store. "Buzzardsville" had 2. Largest was the American Store in Stevensville.

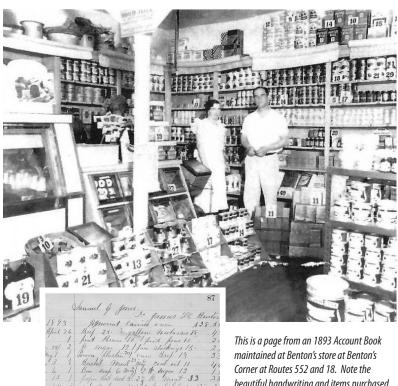
POST OFFICE: The Island had two small ones. Chester was in someone's home. Stevensville PO was the small building next to Dashiell's Dancing Studio.

CLOTHING: Most dresses were made at home. Girls did not wear slacks (pants) until after World War II. Men's clothes and most coats were ordered from a catalog. Grollman's store in Stevensville sold boots, work shoes, overalls- most of the clothing farmers and watermen needed. They also sold housewares. Mrs. Benton's store in Chester sold yard goods which is what we called the material that dresses were made from. Her store was next to Chester School, and we were allowed to walk over there at noon recess to buy penny candy. Sometimes we bought "B-B Bat's taffy lollipops. We would go back to school, put them on the coal shovel, and put them in the pot-bellied coal stove that heated our classroom. They would melt a little and they were delicious! Clark's Mercantile, which was across from Grollman's in Stevensville sold a little of everything and this is where we bought some Christmas gifts. Price's store in Chester also sold a little of everything. This is where I went to wish for Christmas toys.

SCHOOLS: Were segregated until 1965-66. There were two white elementary schools – Chester had grades 1-4, Stevensville had grades 1-7. Chester children went to Stevensville for grades 5,6 &7. Stevensville High School had grades 8,9,10 & 11. There were three black elementary schools at Love Point, Batts Neck and Chester. The white and black schools were very close in Chester and the children who walked would play together as they walked to and from school. Black children went to Kennard High School in Centreville.

CHURCHES: We had 3 white Methodist churches, 3 black Methodist churches, 1 white Episcopal church, and 1 white Methodist Protestant. Now, as you know, there are numerous churches.

RECREATION: We played, we really played. We did not have television until the 1950's. We listened to the radio, played board games, road bikes, roller skated, ice skated, etc. We used our imagination and scratched outlines of homes and schools, businesses, etc. in the dirt and would play all day. There were church suppers and church plays to attend. Went to movies once a week (paid 25 cents). Nearest one was Queenstown after the Stevensville movie house burned in 1942. In the summer we swam and rowed little skiffs. Went to Matapeake or Love Point to watch the ferry boats come in and the cars drive off.



That is the store at Cox Neck and Postal roads in Chester when John and Audrey Sparks in the photo ran it around 1950. It was originally built by JO Phillips and opened in 1881. There have been a succession of owners since the Sparks who bought it from the Phillips family, including Harold Legg, Wheeler Baker and now Cameron Sewell. It may well be the longest operating store of original purpose on Kent Island.



Ava Honeycut learned about cars at her father's garage in Chester.
Stevensville was the phone exchange, perhaps for all of Kl in 1949. Route 404 in 1949 Chester is today's Route 18. The roads were reconfigured when the first bay bridge was built and 50/301 opened. In 1949, today's Route 8 from Matapeake through Chester, over Kent Narrows and continuing east was all 404.

maintained at Benton's store at Benton's
Corner at Routes 552 and 18. Note the
beautiful handwriting and items purchased
ranging from molasses to coal oil to gingham
and tobacco. Students at the nearby Chester
School bought school supplies and candy
there. KIHS has several account books for
anyone looking to do research on products
and prices of the late 1800s.

ROADS: We had just one main paved road through the Island and that was Route 18. We had very little traffic, so it was safe for us to ride our bikes and roller skate on it. Most families did not own a car. They could walk to church and to a grocery store. Farmers lived on their farms, and most watermen lived on or near the water.

RAILROADS: We had the Pennsylvania Railroad running through Kent Island. The Island Trail is the same route in many spots. I don't remember riding on that train, but I remember the Chester Station very well. We used to play there, and I remember the benches and the clock, and the freight loading platform. Playing on the tracks was fun – we used to jump from tie to tie. Often met people at the train.

FERRIES: There were 3 ferry piers or terminals on the Island. They were at Love Point, Matapeake and Romancoke. Some boats were named after Maryland governors. I loved riding the Smokey Joe boat from Love Point to Baltimore.

LIBRARY: We did not have one. We ordered our books from a catalog. I used to save my pennies and when I had 35 cents, my mother would order a Bobbsey Twins or Nancy Drew book for me. You could also get 3 for \$1.00.

DOCTORS: There were two on Kent Island in Stevensville. Dr. Charles Snyder and Dr. Theodore Sattelmaier. They made house calls, and they gave out medicine. I was fascinated by all the bottles and jars in Dr. Snyder's back room, and by the little pill bottles in the black bag he carried on house calls. At one time, we had a drug store in the building where Dashiell's Dance Studio is, but Mr. Norris died, and it closed. The doctors did not have nurses, they gave shots and did everything themselves.

MOVIES: We had a movie house in Stevensville. It was next to our school. During the second World War, we had to go to school on Saturday so the school year would end early in May. This freed the boys to work on the farms since many men were in the armed services. Unfortunately, the movie house caught fire one Saturday in 1942, and we were sent home early from school. (See article in the Summer 2023 Isle of Kent-1631.)

WORK: Our men worked on the farms, on the water, or in the small businesses. Women did not work outside the home, unless it was a family business like a grocery store. Now, think of all the different types of jobs your fathers and mothers have.



Students from the Kent Island Learning Cooperative visited the Stevensville historic sites in early October and learned about the use of the telegraph at Morse Code at the train station from Sheena Van Ornum. She is director of the cooperative and called upon her own experience using Morse Code while serving in the United States Air Force.



Kent Island Heritage Society was invited to participate in Falling into the Pirates Port night at the Stevensville Middle School where John "Senator Kirwan" Conley and Jack "Privateer" Broaderick discussed Kent Island history with parents, teachers, and especially, students.





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:

- 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	
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Brief explanation of Community Service:	

All applications must be postmarked no later than **APRIL 1st.** Send to:
The Kent Island Heritage Society Scholarship Committee
c/o Mrs. Nancy Cook
124 Bryce Road, Queenstown. MD 21658

Why is it called Sharktown?

By John L. Conley

That is a guestion KIHS often receives, and to this point, I have not heard a definitive answer. Sharktown still does appear on some map sites, such as Mapcarta.com, at the intersection of Postal and Dominion Roads in Chester and is defined as "a hamlet in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. Sharktown is situated nearby to the hamlets Chesterhaven Beach and Dominion."

A search of Newspapers.com finds only one article or mention of Sharktown. The February 7, 1901, Baltimore Sun contains an article "Queen Anne's Extension: Eastern Shore Line to Be Built to Love's Point." It discusses a contract awarded by the Queen Anne's Railroad for construction of "an extension to run from Love's Point via Queenstown to Centreville."

An advantage of the new line was that it would allow passengers to board the train at Love Point within one hour and 20 minutes after leaving Baltimore on one of the company's steamboats. That was about an hour less than the ferry trip to connect to the train at Queenstown. The head of the line was moved from Queenstown to Love Point because it was closer to

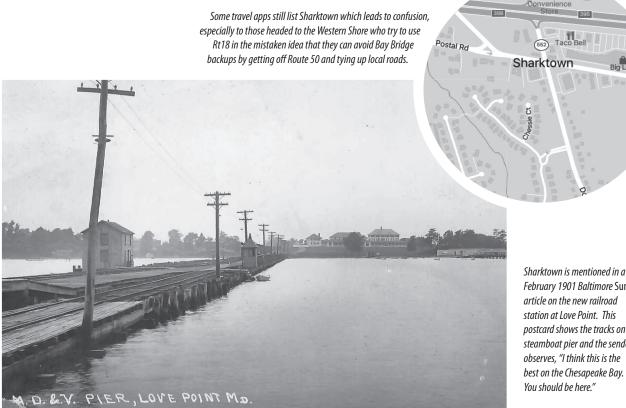
Baltimore and had a bigger harbor than the one at Queenstown which was shallower and more subject to freezing quicker than at Love Point.

According to the article:

The line from Love's Point runs through Stevensville and across Cox's Creek to Sharktown, crossing Kent Island narrows on a new drawbridge and running through Winchester to Queenstown. This part of the new road will be about 14 miles long. From Queenstown to Centerville the line will be about six miles long.

It is interesting to note that the February article said that the new line was expected to be completed in just three months by May 20. With all of today's regulations and permit requirements, how long would it take to build that line today? In addition to building the new line, the company Wade, Sloan & Company awarded a contract to Sanford and Brooks to build piers at Love Point. Some of the remnants of those piers can still be seen today.

So why is it called Sharktown? My theory is: "Because that's where the lawyers lived."



February 1901 Baltimore Sun article on the new railroad station at Love Point. This postcard shows the tracks on steamboat pier and the sender observes, "I think this is the best on the Chesapeake Bay. You should be here."



**WE NEED YOU!"

The Kent Island Heritage Society continues to receive requests and to find new ways to share the unique history of our special island. Those opportunities are sure to increase when we open our new Kent Island Heritage Center in Stevensville.

We need more volunteers to serve as docents, to help host events like Kent Island Day, work on committees, contribute to the newsletter,

increase membership, and serve on our Board of Directors. Please consider getting involved to help KIHS meet its mission to research, preserve and share local history.

We especially need more docents so we can continue to open all of our sites on the first Saturdays of the month and on special occasions like the teacher visit seen in this issue.

Docents can quickly learn enough information to provide interesting details to visitors who come not just from the local area, but from all over the United States and other countries. Stop by our sites to learn more about becoming a docent.

We need you to help make Kent Island Heritage Society an even stronger resource to our Kent Island community. Please contact any Board Member, send an email to kentislandheritagesociety.com, or call John at 703/216-0449 or Jack at 410/829-7760.





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Welcome New Members

Robert Arnett, *Individual*Nicholas Belitsos, *Family*Karen Redden, *Family*Floria Winston, *Individual*



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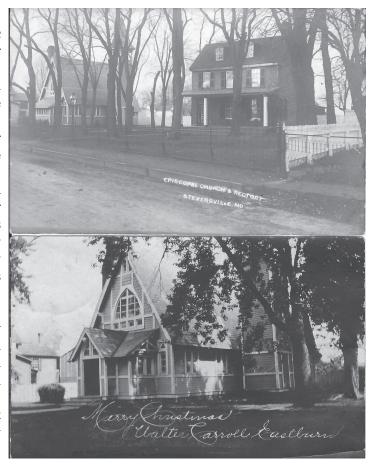
POSTCARD from Kent Island: Historic Christ Church and Rectory

Submitted by John L. Conley

The Christmas Greeting postcard showing Historic Christ Church in Stevensville was sent by Walter Carroll Eastburn who was rector there from 1923-1926. The view shows a different church entrance than on the other postcard which was mailed from Stevensville in 1912. The church was constructed in the 1880s. Three previous Christ Churches dating back to 1652 for one of the oldest Anglican parishes in Maryland were located at Broad Creek where a cemetery still exists. The current Christ Church congregation moved from the Stevensville site on Route 8 in 1995. The other building predates the church by several years and has served originally as a private home then a boarding school for young ladies, and as a rectory. The building features distinct round-butted shingles and needs repair, especially of the interior.

The church and rectory are managed as a non-profit by the Friends of Historic Christ Church. The church and hall are available for rental and are a popular stop on tours of Stevensville historic sites. Rental information can be obtained from Nancy Cook at 410-758-2502.

For more information, visit https://friendsofhistoricchristchurch.org



LET US HEAR FROM YOU!!!! Please contact KIHS if you have comments on items in <u>Isle of Kent 1631</u> or if you have questions about Kent Island history that we can try to answer. We welcome topics you would find of interest and especially information you can provide for future issues. Contact: John Conley: jconcomm@gmail.com | cell: 703-216-0449