

Washington and Northern Virginia Company Jamestowne Society

Fall, 2012



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Fall Tour - Charles County Maryland

Saturday, October 27th, members of the Jamestowne Society Washington and Northern Virginia Company will be treated to a particularly interesting and ambitious tour of historic Charles County Maryland. The tour has been planned by members Louise Turner and Kate Zabriskie.

The first stop will be an early Maryland Tidewater dwelling, Friendship House. The c. 1680 structure is one of the oldest homes constructed by the early settlers of Maryland and was originally situated in the western part of Charles County.

Built for William Dent, its unique architectural style originated in medieval England and was built by carpenters and masons who were skilled in this old world tradition.

If you've never been to the Village of Port Tobacco, you are in for a real treat. Established by the British, the c. 1734, the small was once Maryland's second largest seaport and was listed on early World Maps. It also



Friendship House

served as the Charles County seat from 1658 to 1896.

Today the population is less than 20 people, but the history and the preserved structures tell the story of early America.

The area had Catholic and Church of England congregations. Anglicans began meeting in the Port Tobacco in 1683 and Christ Church, Port Tobacco Parish was officially established in 1692. Christ Church sat next to the Charles County Courthouse until that structure burned in 1895. Cont. page 3

Message from the Governor

I hope many of you can take part in our Fall Tour. The selection of buildings represent some of the finest examples of our early architecture. The National Society office has been restructured and there are By-Law amendments which will be voted on at the next meeting.

From a personal standpoint, the past months have been trying for me and my family. I was diagnosed with cancer and have recently been undergoing a new treatment which seems to be working. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.
Dan McGuire

Upcoming Events

Jamestowne Society

will meet at

The Commonwealth Club

Richmond, Virginia

Saturday, November 3, 2012

9:00 am Business Meeting

11:30 am Membership Reception

12:15 pm Membership luncheon

Guest Speaker

Mr. John Edwards

President of Historical

St. Lukes' Church Foundation

Members and Guests: \$60

Reservations close October 19

Reservation form at Jamestowne.org

Annual Business

Meeting &

Holiday Dinner

Army Navy Country Club

1700 Army Navy Drive

Arlington, Virginia

Saturday,

December 1, 2012

6:45 pm Cash Bar opens ~

Hors d'oeuvres

7:30 pm Business meeting

8:00 pm Dinner and Speaker

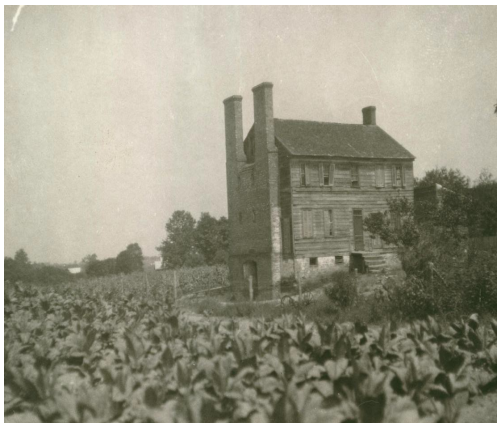
Nominating Committee is appointed

Governor Emeritus, Betsy Smith, will chair the committee to nominate officers for the 2013 Council. If you have suggestions or are willing to serve, please contact Betsy at 703-379-0219 or by email at bgsmith921@aol.com.

Fall Tour, cont.

Over the years, the original log meeting house gave way to a brick building, and eventually, in 1884, to a new Gothic-style church built of ocher-colored Aquia sandstone from Stafford County, Virginia, the same stone used for the White House and the U.S. Capitol.

In 1900, three women of the parish submitted a proposal to the vestry to dismantle the church and move it three miles up the road to La Plata. Once approved, the stones were removed, numbered and hauled by oxcart uphill to La Plata, along with the roof timbers, trusses and supports, ceiling and iron columns, tin roofing, doors and windows. The church was reconstructed next to the new courthouse.



C. 1930 photo Chimney House

Jerry and Kay Volman are graciously offering us the opportunity to visit their home, Chimneys House, one of the three surviving Colonial buildings in Port Tobacco: notable for its two tall brick smokestacks.

According to legend, behind Chimney House was a carriage shop that belonged to George Atzerodt. Atzerodt was not only a town resident, but also a conspirator in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and was one of four people executed after President Lincoln's death.

Early Jesuits established a mission and church, St. Thomas Manor at Chapel Point. The manor's chapel was expanded and St. Ignatius Church became a center for local Native Americans who had converted to Christianity. The oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in the United States, the complex is now a National Historic Landmark.

After lunch at Captain Billy's Crab House at Pope's Creek, we will visit another private residence, Mount Victoria, once part of a 20,000 acre estate owned by experimental farmer Robert S. Crain.



St. Thomas Manor

The final stop of the day will be Habre-de-Venture, built in 1771 by Thomas Stone, a lawyer, planter and the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence. His great grandfather was the first Protestant governor of Maryland, and the Stone family was among the original settlers of Charles County.



Habre-de-Venture

The bus will depart from the commuter parking lot near the bank in the Springfield Shopping Center promptly at 8:15 am Saturday, October 27th.

The \$60 per person fee, which includes admissions and lunch, should be sent to Activities Chairman, Monica Pesek, 4501 Connecticut Ave., NW #219, Washington, DC 20008 to be received by October 13th. She may be contacted by telephone at 210-569-2781 or by email at mpesek@alumni.utexas.net.

Don't miss this important tour!

Annual Membership Renewal

Your dues renewal notice has been included with this newsletter mailing. The \$25 dues should be sent to treasurer, Lee Perryman, at the address at the top of the notice. If there are any questions, please contact him at telephone 703-229-5337.

JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY SHOPPE

The Jamestowne Society offers many beautiful items that let members proudly declare their American heritage all the way back to 17th-century colonial Virginia. Visit the Jamestowne Society Shoppe page at www.jamestowne.org for a complete listing, with illustrations and items offered for sale by the Society. Go to www.jamestowne.org and click on Jamestowne Society Shoppe.

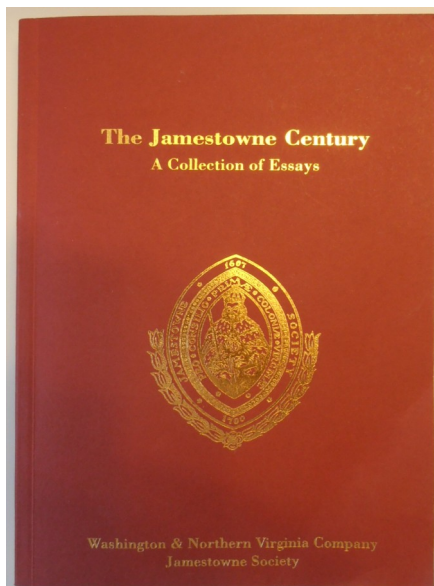
History of the Jamestowne Society

The formal organization of the Jamestowne Society, at Jamestown Island on 14 May 1936, was the result of a vision by George Craghead Gregory, who was the founder and the guiding spirit of the society. The objects of the society were: "To discover and record the names of all living descendants of those early settlers who made great sacrifices to establish our English speaking nation; and to unite these descendants to honor the memory of their settler ancestors, to record their deeds, and to do homage to the birthplace of Virginia and the Nation."

By gathering together the descendants of those who experienced Jamestown's hardships and took advantage of its opportunities, we hope that like-minded individuals will work together to keep its history alive for new generations yet to come.

The Jamestowne Society is headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, and has grown to over 5,000 members in 40 Companies throughout the Nation. The Washington and Northern Virginia Company was founded in 1959 and has a membership of over 200 descendants of those early settlers.

Still Available for holiday giving



The Jamestowne Century: A Collection of Essays, written by past Company Governor, St. Julien Ravenel Marshall, Jr., touching nearly all facets of the Jamestown century, 1607 – 1699, are still available to purchase. If you are a new member, and would like to receive a copy, please call or email Jacquelynne Schulman, 703-442-9360 or schulm@erols.com. To purchase one or more copies, please send a check for \$21.00 per copy plus \$3.00 postage payable to the Jamestowne Company to Ms. Schulman, 6649 McLean Drive, McLean, VA 22101-4002. Be sure to include your contact information and shipping address.