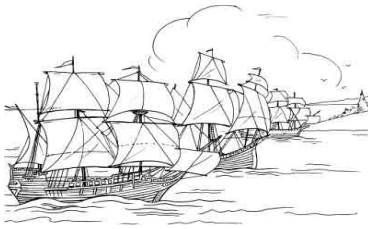

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Fall, 2013

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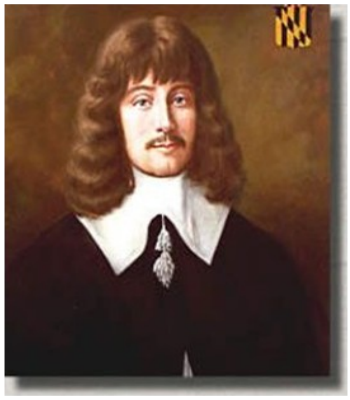
Fall Tour

Saturday, October 19th, members and guests of the Washington and Northern Virginia Company will be treated to a tour of historic St. Mary's County, Maryland. Louise Turner and Kate Zabriskie have been enlisted again to plan our day.

St. Mary's County is the birthplace of Maryland. George Calvert envisioned a place where all religions were allowed to practice. He petitioned King Charles I in the early 1600s for a land grant to establish a new colony. His son, Cecilius Calvert, inherited his estate. In November 1633, he sent his brothers, George & Leonard Calvert, along with 140 passengers aboard the Ark and the Dove bound for Maryland.

On March 25, 1634, Father Andrew



Leonard Calvert, MD State Archives

White celebrated the first Roman Catholic Mass on St. Clement's Island. Leonard Calvert bought about 30 miles of land below the Wicomico River from the Yaocomaco Indians with bolts of fabric, axes, and other farm tools. The settlers moved in among the Indians

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Message from the Governor

The Washington Northern Virginia Company is the largest of the Jamestowne Society companies. No doubt this is in part due to our geographic location and also to a great degree, the interesting speakers and programs enjoyed by our members and guests.

The Fall Tour will take us to St. Mary's County, Maryland. Known for its place in history as the first permanent English colony in Maryland, its history is woven into of the history of religious freedom in what will become the United States of America.
Jacque-Lynne Amann Schulman

Upcoming Events

The Jamestowne Society

will meet at

Commonwealth Club

Richmond, Virginia

Saturday, November 2, 2013

9:00 am Business Meeting

11:30 am Membership Reception

12:15 pm Membership luncheon

Guest Speaker

Andrew Zellers-Frederick
Director, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

Members and Guests: $60

Reservations close October 14

Reservation form at Jamestowne.org

Fall Tour

The Washington and Northern Virginia Company

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Historic St. Mary's County

$85 per person includes

Bus transportation,

Fees to all sites,

and Lunch

Respond by October 7

Mail Check to

Mrs. Christopher Zabriskie

9015 Katie Court

Port Tobacco, MD 20677

December Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting and Holiday Dinner will be held Saturday, December 7th at the Army and Navy Club located on Farragut Square in Northwest Washington, DC. The speaker will be Douglas W. Owsley, Ph.D., the Head of Physical Anthropology at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History (NMNH). He is one of the most prominent and influential archaeologists and forensic anthropologists. Most recently, he has been one of the lead scientists studying "Jane", the putative post-mortem subject of cannibalism during Jamestowne's "Starving Time" in the early 1600s.

Fall Tour, cont.

who assisted them while they established their settlement. St. Mary's City was the Colony's first capital until it was moved to Annapolis in 1695.

Sotterley Plantation

In 1699 James Bowles purchased 2,000 acres of land on the Patuxent River. By 1703, he had built the first two room plantation house, adding a third room by 1720. When Bowles' died in 1727, his widow, Rebecca Tasker Addison Bowles, and his three daughters inherited the property. In 1729 Rebecca Bowles married George Plater II and thus began four generations of Plater ownership and the new name Sotterley, after their ancestral home in Suffolk, England.

Today, Sotterley, a National Historic Landmark, is open to the public and run by a non-profit public charity, that includes descendants of former owners and former enslaved.

St. Mary's City

After the State's Capitol was moved to Annapolis in 1695, St. Mary's City was abandoned. But because of that, no further construction took place and it is the best preserved founding site of a 17th-century English colony in North America.

The Old State House was reconstructed in 1934 of bricks from ruins of several old buildings. The original building was built by Captain John Quiqley in 1676, paid for with 300,000 pounds of tobacco and cask.

In 1704, Maryland Governor Seymour ordered the sheriff to lock the Roman Catholic brick chapel at St. Mary's City and see that it was never again used for worship.

Depiction 1667 Chapel

The foundation was discovered in 1938. In 1997, a campaign was mounted to rebuild the structure.

Tudor Hall

Owned by Abraham Barnes, a ship builder, in 1744, this it was originally a one story building. In 1817, the house

Tudor Hall, 1936-37 photo

was purchased by Philip Key, cousin of Francis Scott Key. Renamed Tudor Hall, it was renovated in the Georgian style between 1810 and 1817. A full second story with eight bedrooms, a ballroom, and a beautiful hanging staircase in the central hall was added.

Christ Church

It was constructed in 1736. In 1913, a three-story brick tower with octagonal belfry and spire was added to the west end of the church. The building was heavily damaged on July 30, 1814, during the War of 1812.

Christ Church
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Jamestowne Church Tower

The remaining 17th century edifice at Historic Jamestown is the approximately 40-foot masonry church bell tower. While its exact construction date is uncertain, it is thought to have been built in the mid-1600s.

The tower of the building had deteriorated, and emergency repair was necessary.

The Colonial Williamsburg brickyard made 5000 17th century-style bricks employing the same method as was used when it was built. Repairs on the bell tower started in July, and are estimated to be completed within eight weeks.

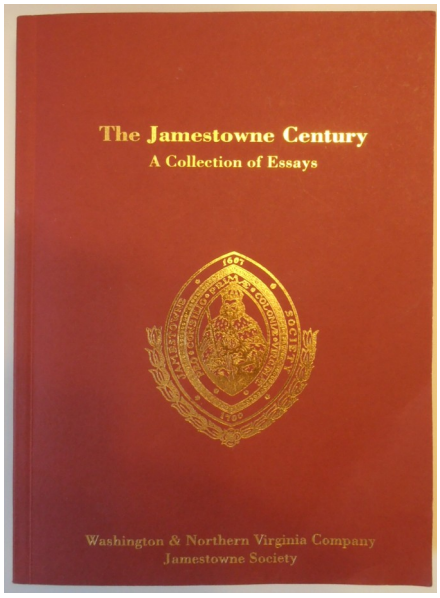
Mark your calendar

Saturday, October 19 —Fall Tour, St. Mary's County, Maryland

Saturday, November 2 — Society Meeting, Commonwealth Club, Richmond, VA

Saturday, December 7 —Annual Meeting and Holiday Dinner, Army and Navy Club, Farragut Square

The Jamestowne Century: A Collection of Essays



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 Jacque-Lynne 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.