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Samuel Hambleton, "born at Martingham" near St. Michaels in 1777, was the naval officer who prepared the flag DONT GIVE UP THE SHIP, which has been the spirit of the United States Navy since it first flew at the main-royal mast head of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's flag ship as he went into battle against the British on Lake Erie September 10, 1813.

That great, square, blue and white union jack, which carried the dying words of the beloved Captain James Lawrence who had fought, and lost, his frigate Chesapeake against the British Shannon three months before, led Perry's American squadron to a victory unique in British and American history. Never before had an American fleet or squadron encountered an enemy in regular line of battle, and never before, since England created a navy and boasted that "Britannia rules the waves," had a whole British fleet or squadron been captured.

The night before the battle, Perry assembled his officers aboard his flagship Lawrence to lay out the plan of action. Just before he dismissed them he brought out the big blue battle flag with white letters, which at his request Purser Hambleton had caused to be privately prepared at Erie. "When this flag shall be hoisted to main-royal mast-head," the commodore said, "it shall be your signal for going into action."

The British outmanned the Americans by at least 100 men, and outgunned them as well. Perry had 490 men on his muster roll, 116 of these were sick and too weak to go on deck. One fourth of his crew were negroes. The British had 63 carriage guns, 1 on a pivot, 2 swivels, and 4 howitzers to Perry's 54 carriage guns and 2 swivels. The British had 35 long guns to Perry's 15 a terrific advantage for the British.

To overcome this disadvantage, the 27 year old Perry determined to move in close. The carnage on the Lawrence was frightful. "The commander's own aid," wrote McKenzie in his Life of Perry, "with that of the Purser, Mr. Hambleton, and the Chaplain, Mr. Breese, was necessary to fire the sole remaining gun." Hambleton's shoulder was shattered. (As Purser he was supposed to be a non-combatant.) Perry, forced to transfer from the nearly-destroyed Lawrence to the seaworthy Niagara, drove his squadron under the enemy's guns and carried the day. When he saw that victory was secure, he wrote, on the back of an old letter, resting it on his navy cap, the famous dispatch to General Harrison, "We have met the enemy and they are ours. Two Ships, two Brigs, one Schooner and one Sloop."

In Purser Hambleton's official capitulation of the casualties, he listed "22 killed and 61 wounded on the Lawrence, squadron total 127 killed and wounded."

After the victorious battle on Lake Erie, the nation was delirious with joy — Congress voted 3 months extra pay for each commissioned officer, and a silver medal was presented with the likeness of Commodore Perry on one side and the legend in Latin, Oliver H. Perry, Commander in Chief, destroyed on Lake Erie an entire fleet; on the reverse, a squadron of vessels closely spaced — Valor finds or makes a way. Between American and British fleets, Sept. 10, 1813.

"After the battle," Benson Lossing wrote in 1868 in his Field Book of the War of 1812, "the officers and crews of the American squadron appointed him (Hambleton) prize agent and more than \$200,000 passed through his hands." Captured vessels in those days were sold and the proceeds divided among the victors.

A century and a half later, when Purser Hambleton's great great great grand niece, Mrs. Nannie Hambleton Martin, died in the old Hambleton house in Easton, a small black chest was found under a stair case. It was decorated with nail heads dull with age, and in the middle of the lid, also in nail heads, were the letters of S. H. Inside, a host of papers — wills, letters, daguerreotypes — mixed with books, photographs, a broken bottle carefully wrapped in red, white and blue silk. In a small compartment on one side, lay a little notebook. "Arrived in Newport Saturday, July 18, 1812. Reported myself to Capt. Perry," the writing was clear and large. It was Purser Hambleton's notebook. "June 6, 1814. Rcv'd. of the Secretary of the Navy this day the amount of the prize money due to the captors of the British Squadron on Lake Erie, except Capt. Chauncey's 1/20, viz 19/20, or \$242,250." There it was — the exact amount — carefully noted down in his own strong hand. Lossing's Field Book of the War of 1812 explains in a foot note that Commodore Chauncey was commander in chief of the naval forces on the lakes and as such received 1/20th of the whole sum, or \$12,750. Of the original sum entrusted to him, Purser Hambleton accounted carefully year by year. Twenty years later he still had \$3,086 undistributed, according to the little notebook. This unique record is now on permanent loan by Miss Nannie's executor to the Talbot County Historical Society.

In that chest under the stairs, in a small case lined with red velvet, lay a medal, its silver tarnished to lead color, but on one side could be plainly seen the head and shoulders of a young naval officer "Oliverus H. Perry, Principis Stagno Eriense, Glassam Totam Contudit" — Purser Hambleton's medal awarded to him for bravery in the Battle of Lake Erie, had been carefully kept. It is now in the possession of the Talbot County Historical Society.

Samuel Hambleton received his first commission as Purser in the Navy in 1806. It was signed by Thomas Jefferson. Hambleton was the first purser of a navy

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PURSER SAMUEL HAMBLETON

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squadron. He served as purser and paymaster of the gunboat squadron at the New Orleans Station from 1807 to 1811. Up to that time, the captains of ships and commanders of stations had acted as their own pursers. In 1812, he was ordered to Newport, and there began the devoted friendship between him and Captain Oliver Hazard Perry which ended only with Perry's death of yellow fever in 1819. When Commodore Perry was ordered to Lake Erie to build vessels with which to defend that northern frontier, he took Purser Hambleton and a large number of men with him. And there on the banks of the Lake at Presque Isle Commodore Perry began the construction of two big brigs, of 20 guns each, mostly with his own men, Hambleton acting as purser and paymaster. He took Hambleton with him again in 1814 when he was ordered to take a force of marines and sailors to try to intercept the British on the Potomac after they'd burned Washington.

The commission signed by President Jefferson, and a later one signed by James Monroe, are in the possession of the Talbot County Historical Society, along with a facsimile of the profile portrait of the young and handsome Hambleton in high collared coat done in crayon by Charles Fevret de Saint Memin in 1806, emigre from France, to whom sat notable people such as Thomas Jefferson, Stephen Decatur, and John Trippe of Tripolitan war fame. Purser Hambleton died in 1851 at his home, "Perry's Cabin" named for his beloved friend and commander.

The Navy has not forgotten the name Hambleton. In September 1941, the destroyer Hambleton was christened by Miss Nannie with the bottle of champagne wrapped in red, white and blue silk. The Hambleton was the first ship of war to join the navy after Pearl Harbor.

The great square, union jack with the blue field and large white letters DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP,

which Purser Hambleton prepared at Commodore Perry's request, hangs today in the Museum at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. It is a flag that this country was never to forget.



Students from the 5th and 6th grades of Frederick Douglass Elementary School prepared the above background map for display at the Historic Exhibit. Drawn without being scaled, the map shows location of British troops during the War of 1812 and their base of operations on Kent Island. From left to right — Samuel Clark, Linda Collier, Charlotte Turner and Wayne Warner.

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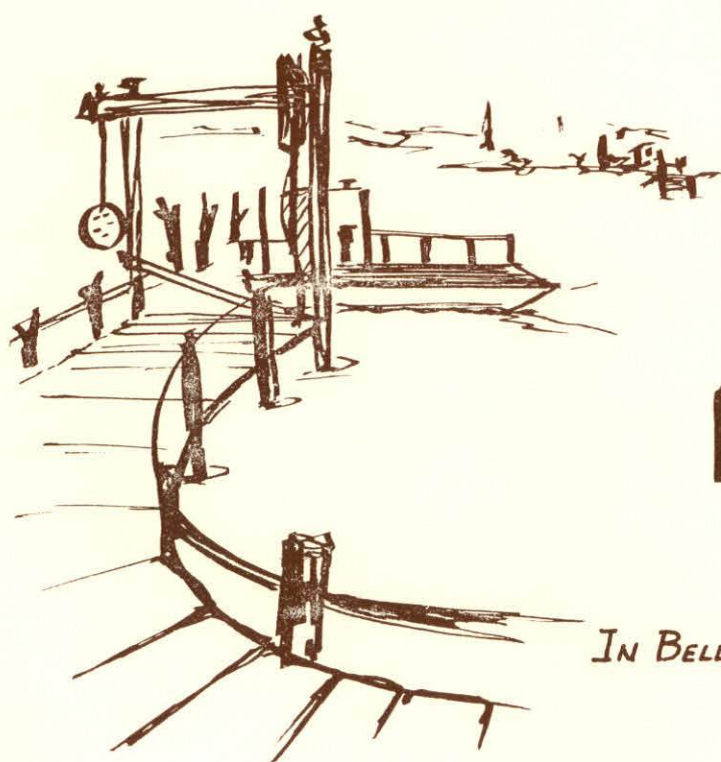
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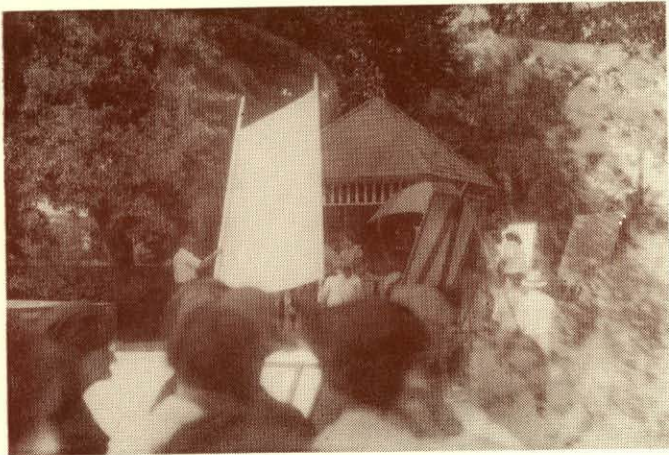
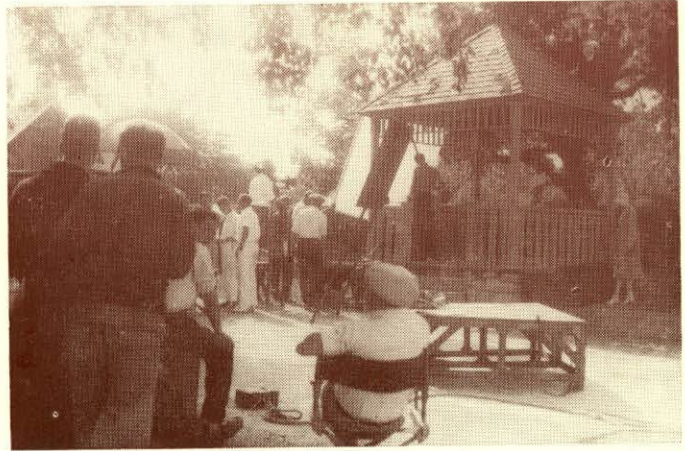
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In 1928, stars Fay Wray and Gary Cooper made the movie "The First Kiss" in St. Michaels. Many of the residents took part in the filming and several of the homes were used as backgrounds. Two large sailing vessels were built for the movie and burned for different scenes. Photographs through courtesy of Herman Hollerith, Jr., Oxford, Maryland.



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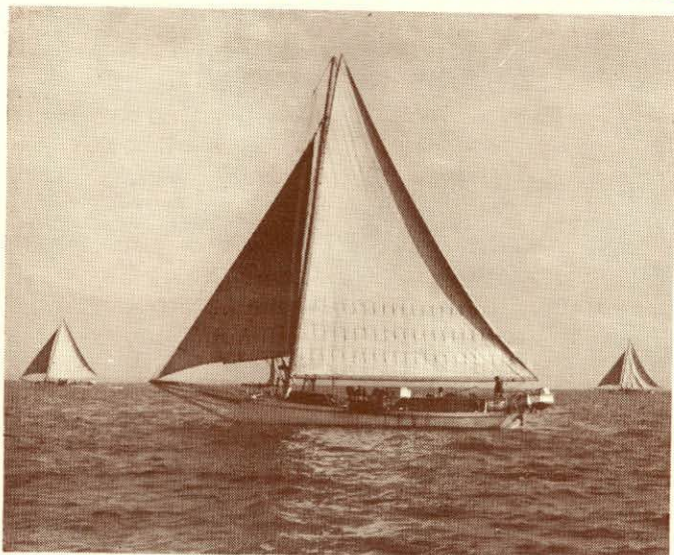
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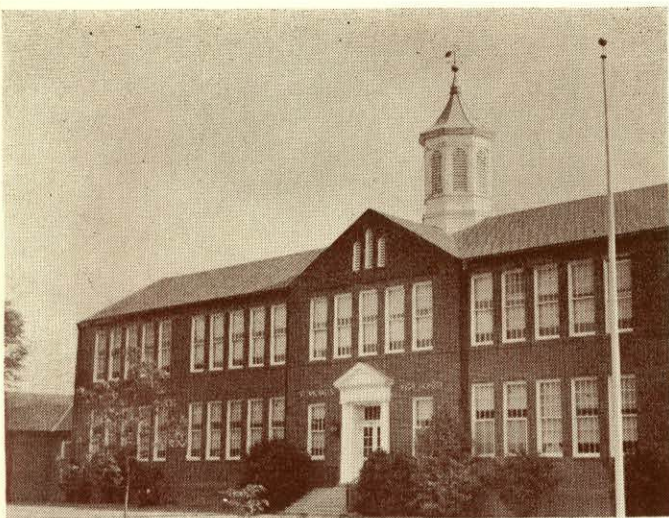


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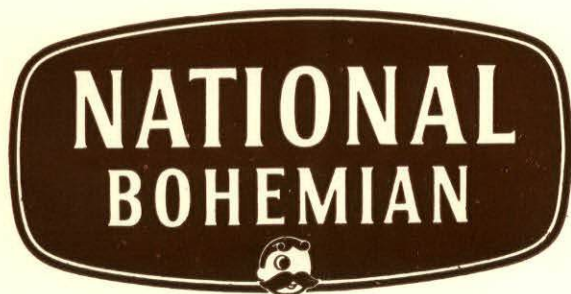
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In 1892, the minute books show a payment of \$94.45 to W. J. Fairbank for "hauling and ringing bell." Mr. Fairbank re-



ceived an annual payment of \$24.00 for the next three years for continuing service. The July, 1895 minutes give the result of a motion by E. Ney Dodson, clerk, to notify William J. Fairbank that the Commissioners no longer wished to have the bell rung.

Upon the presentation of a petition containing 117 names in May, 1896, the Commissioners were prevailed upon to appropriate an annual fee of \$24.00 to ring the bell. Mr. A. H. Harrison conveyed the bell to the town and Mr. Fairbank accepted a contract to ring it daily from 1898 to 1904.

The minutes of July 3rd, 1906 show that Rev. J. H. Willey of Brooklyn, New York offered to pay an

annual fee for the ringing of the bell during his lifetime and to set up a fund which would serve afterward to keep the old bell ringing. The following resolution was adopted.

"Resolved that this generous act toward the people of his native town, Rev. J. H. Willey has performed a most valuable service to all classes of citizens who rejoice at the restoration of the old bell as at the return of an old and faithful friend. Resolved that in extending officially to Mr. Willey expressions of the gratitude of this board for the thoughtfulness and magnanimity which prompted the act. We but voice the feelings and sentiment of this entire people in whose affection Mr. Willey will ever occupy a warm place."

In 1907, Mrs. Martha A. Seymour accepted the ringing duty and continued to do so until 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Rommey LeCompte rang the bell which was moved to their property, from 1923 until April 1956. Rev. Willey's last payment was made in 1927 and since that date, the fee has been paid by the town.

For a time in 1956, the mellow tones of the town bell fell silent. The townspeople realized that an integral part of their daily ritual was being omitted and again an effort was made to restore the ringing of the bell. The residents on St. Mary's Square agreed to accept this responsibility in the town's behalf and the bell was moved to its present location where it continues to be rung daily.

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At the sight of the strange barge, flying the dreaded Union Jack and accompanied in its progress by the sound of muffled drum, farmers fled toward St. Michaels in panic.

Quickly troops were brought to their places; families prepared to flee; livestock was to be driven off to avoid British hands; and general activity prevailed. Under the watchful eye of Col. Joseph Kemp's infantry company and Capt. Banning's cavalry company, the boat continued its way up the creek.

A long, low sound went up from the gathering crowd on the bank when at closer view, it was to be seen the strange craft was not a British barge but one recently made by Capt. Richard Spencer of Beverly. Crewed by a group of ragged negroes, flying a red bandana and captained by the burley figure of a man soon to become the most "cussed" and discussed man in Talbot County's history, Jacob Gibson!

By the time the boat docked, the tempo of feelings had changed and Mr. Gibson was brought ashore and roughly manhandled. It was mostly due to the firm handling by Capt. Kemp of his men that prevented a more serious conclusion to this prank.

What kind of a man would do such a thing? Who would alarm the good citizens of St. Michaels to the point of his own dishonor, then laugh heartily and shrug it off?

Jacob Gibson first appeared on the Talbot scene as a blacksmith, then later on listed himself as a gentleman and plantation owner. Due to his earthy beginnings and without the background of landed gentry as many of the existing families in the county had at that time, Jacob Gibson must have suffered many slights and abuses during his early life. These slights and hurts evidently caused the brusqueness of his speech; the caustic tone of his printed word; the manner in which he openly ridiculed and antagonized everyone who disagreed with him.

The literary duels he fought would fill a book and the columns of Easton's Republican Star are replete with his advertisements and writings. This good paper refused to print some of his more daring letters and these he had printed in the form of handbills.

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His political enemies immediately took up arms against him, accusing Gibson of being a sympathizer and they attempted to turn the tide of public opinion against him once and for all.

St. Michaels was woefully devoid of arms and the lack of cannon was most apparent. Mr. Gibson learned of this and in complete contrition (although he denied his motives most emphatically) secured two cannon from the Western Shore, brought them around the Bay and presented them to the town. This was an effort to right the wrong he had committed and the gift of the cannon closed the breach forever. They were used in the defense of the town against the British on the night of August 10, 1813 and were kept in the town square for years afterward. Preceding the Civil War, and complying with the conscription of all arms, they were taken to Fort McHenry.

Jacob Gibson was colorful, flamboyant and the nemesis of anyone who opposed him, but underneath this hard exterior, he was basically good and honest. The humorous incident that he began brought him the attention of the county and state and most of all, recorded his name among others of notability and fame in the history of those days.

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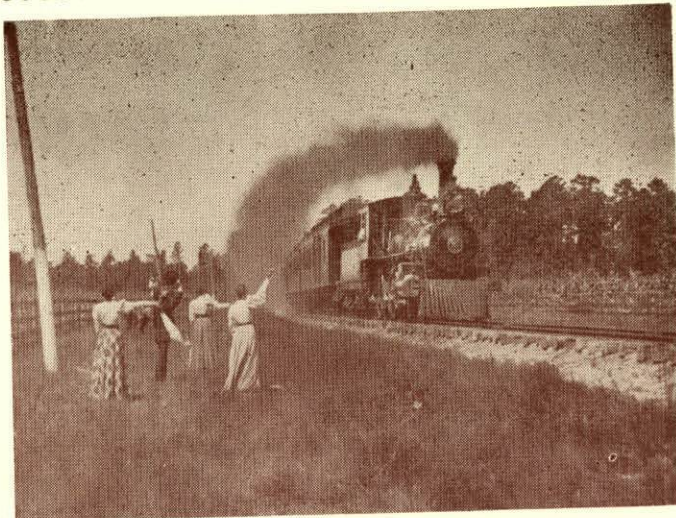
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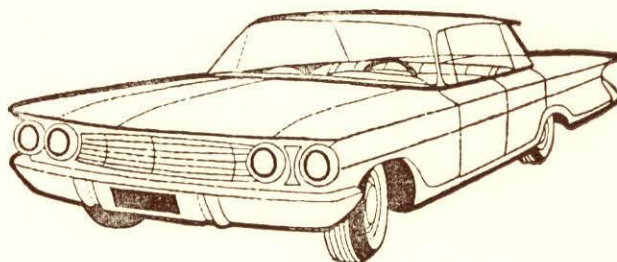
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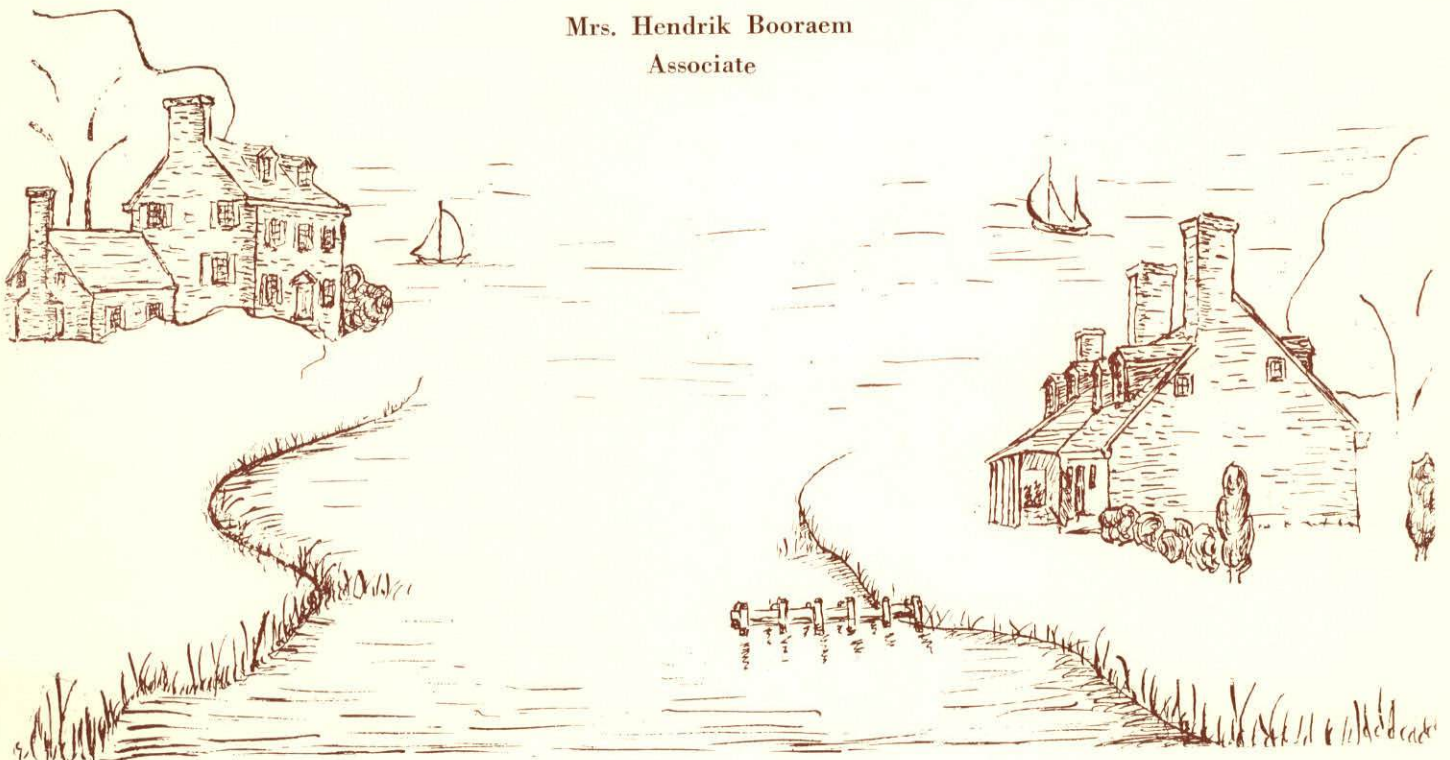
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From this we can gather that the volume of mail was indeed small, perhaps the rates at the time were also prohibitive for idle chit-chat and advertisements via the Postal Service.

The present five-cent stamp seems a real bargain when you consider that the postal rates in 1813 were as follows:

Up to 40 miles	8	cents
40 to 90 miles	10	cents
90 to 150 miles	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	cents
150 to 300 miles	17	cents
300 to 500 miles	20	cents
Over 500 miles	25	cents

The rates were doubled or tripled according to the number of sheets of paper in each letter.

The present one dispatch and one incoming mail per day is an improvement over the service accorded the people of St. Michaels in 1836. The mail route register for that time shows the following schedule:

Leave Easton Tuesday and Friday at 11:00 A. M.

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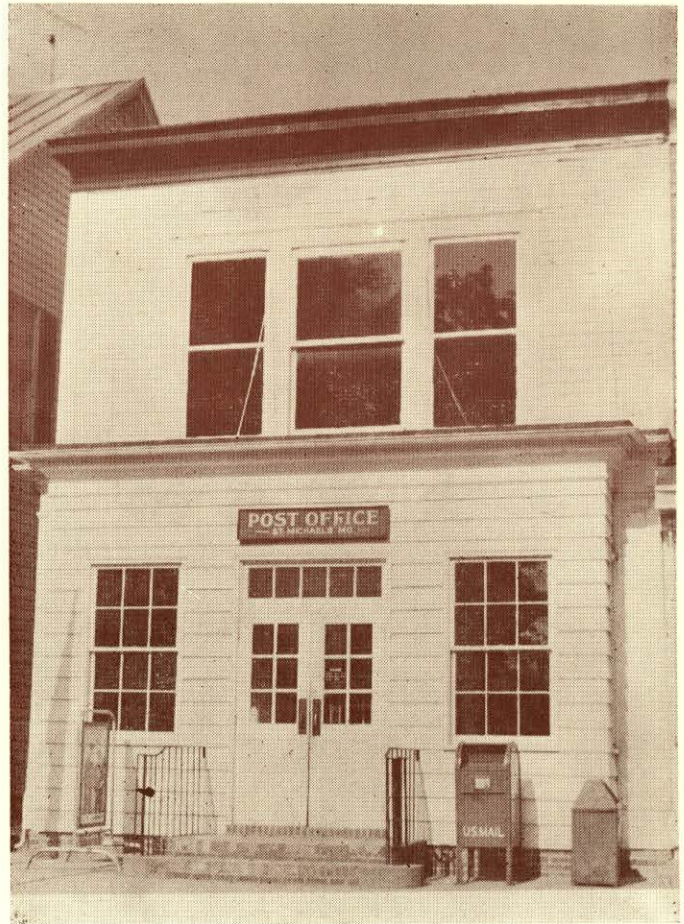
Leave St. Michaels Tuesday and Friday at 4:00 P. M.

Arrive at Easton same day by 7:00 P. M.

It is impossible to determine the sites of the early Post Offices in town as no records were maintained. However, at this writing a new Office for St. Michaels has been approved and is planned for the near future.

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John W. Dean	July 5, 1854
Henry F. Bryne	January 24, 1855
Thomas W. Blades	December 29, 1856
John K. Skinner	February 5, 1858
John A. Bruff	May 17, 1861
Henry C. Dodson	November 15, 1862
R. A. Dodson	November 16, 1875
Gustavus K. Benson	January 29, 1883
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Gustavus K. Benson	April 1, 1889
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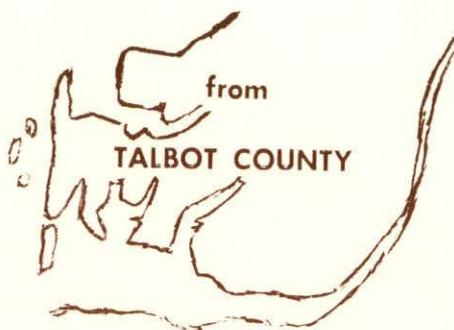
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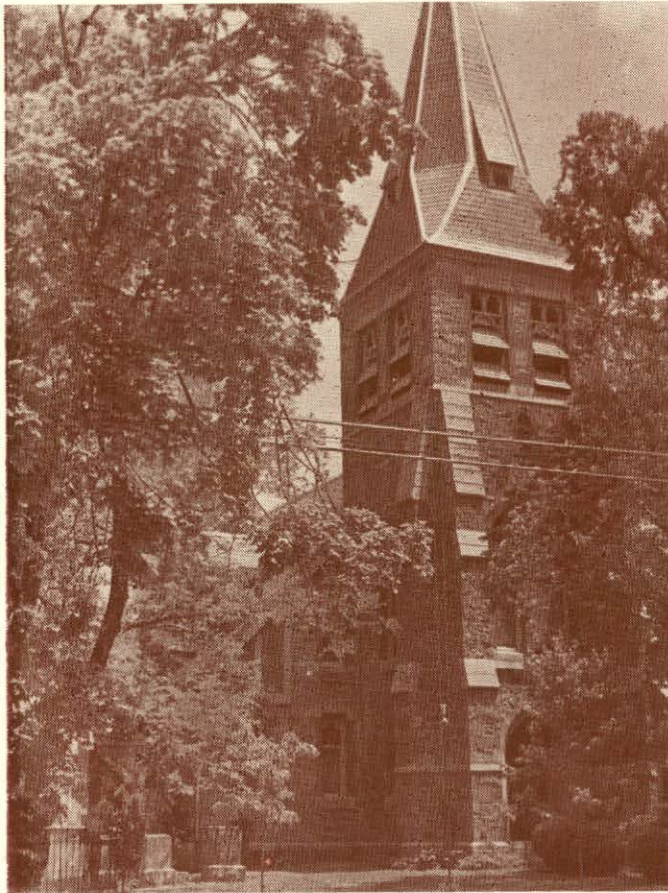
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Protestant Episcopal Church erected in 1878 is the Fourth Christ Church to occupy the present site. It is impossible to determine the date at which the first church was constructed and we can only surmise the second, probably of clapboard, was built prior to the year 1737. The third church was begun in 1811 and though incomplete was used by the Militia in 1813 during the attack on St. Michaels by the British.

St. Luke's Methodist Church was erected in the year 1871 and is the third Methodist Episcopal church in St. Michaels. The Society of Methodists met often at the homes of the devout members in its early years in Talbot. However, in 1782 a brick Church called Sardis Chapel was erected on the Green on land given the Society by James Braddock. Later in 1839 they occupied the present Masonic Temple until the erection of the present house of worship on Talbot Street.

The Methodist Protestant Church was constructed in 1858 and used until 1953 when the Methodist Churches were consolidated. This church stood on the corner of Talbot and Chestnut and was torn down in 1962 when the present Fellowship Hall of St. Luke's was built.

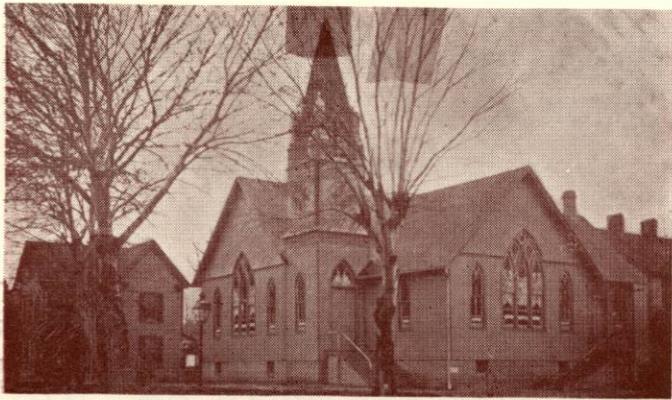
The Methodist Protestants, a dissenting group of Methodists, broke away and formed their own society in 1829. They apparently held their earliest meetings in the Cannonball House, then moved to a church of frame construction on the square subsequently occupying the one pictured here.

The Union M. E. Church was constructed in 1895 - 1896 under the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Bond. Parts of an earlier Union Methodist Church built in 1868 were incorporated in its construction.

The first Union Methodist Church was built in 1852 and called Long's Chapel in memory of Rev. J. D. Long of Sardis Church, whose efforts and those of Miss Louisa Hambleton were instrumental in its construction.



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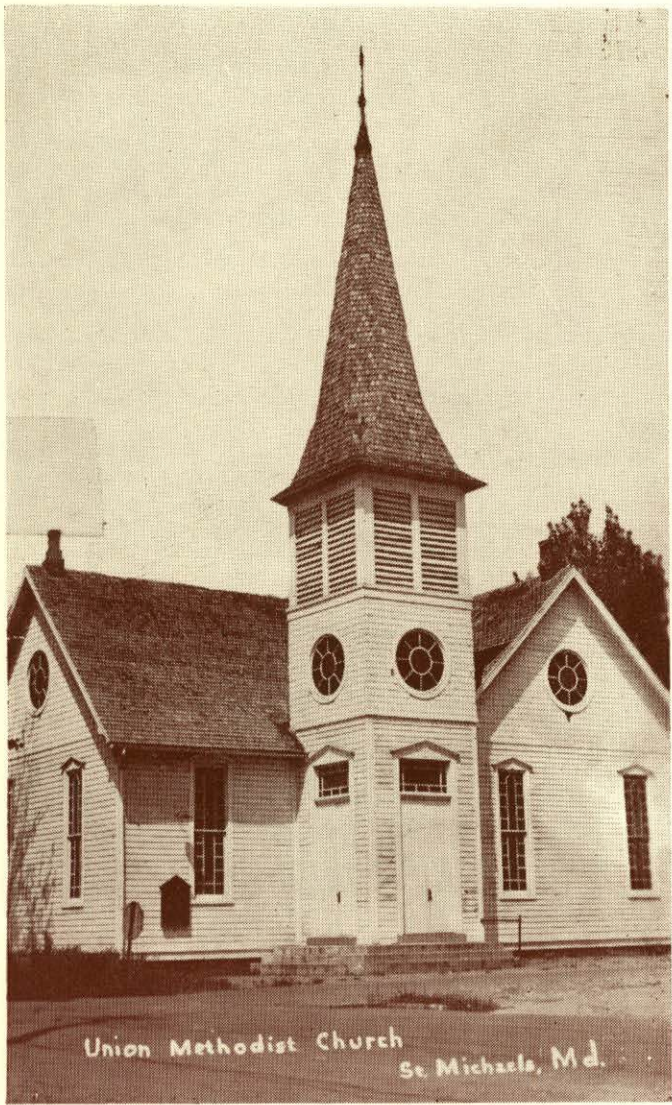
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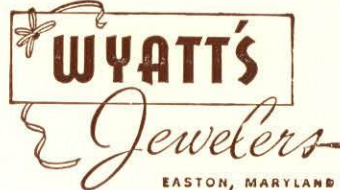
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There were few brick and no cement sidewalks and the going was pretty rough in wet weather.

One could go to Easton by train, leaving in the morning and returning in the late evening. There was also a double team, something like a phaeton, with black oilcloth curtains to protect the passengers from the weather. This left St. Michaels at eight A.M. and arrived at the court house in Easton at ten. As the town clock was striking the noon hour the phaeton left on its return trip to St. Michaels arriving at two o'clock.

At this time the present highway had not been built so the route to Easton was by way of Royal Oak.

Living in our town was simple and uncomplicated. Pleasures were mostly of ones own making. Unhurried visiting with friends and neighbors was pleasant.

Talbot Street was shaded by trees growing on both sides, often meeting to form an arch overhead. These trees were removed when the street was paved.

Mrs. Timothy Hastings Porter moved to St. Michaels about this time from Stamford, Connecticut. She was a lady of considerable ability and talent and after meeting a number of ladies of the community she proposed the formation of a club.

The idea was favorably received and on January 16, 1907 a group of women met at the home of Mrs. Cora Benson on Mulberry Street and organized with Mrs. Porter as president. The name Wednesday Club was tentatively adopted — the object — "Mental improvement and social enjoyment." The membership was of necessity limited. After a short time the name was changed to The Woman's Literary Club, the general idea was to study literature and current events.

A number of lectures and musicals were given thereby making quite a contribution to the cultural life of the community. After two years (1909) Mrs. Porter resigned from the club and Miss Clara Benson, afterwards Mrs. Alfonso Boley, became president and remained in that capacity until 1927. The club became

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federated in 1913 and broadened its activities with some civic and welfare work. The dues were \$1.00 per annum and as there was not much money in its treasury it often economized by having the program typed or written by hand.

There were many delightful social gatherings and evenings of games to which members and friends were invited. These affairs were usually held at Fairview, then the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dodson.

In 1927 there was a desire expressed for a larger organization with an unlimited membership. As a result The Woman's Club of St. Michaels was organized during that year and the first meeting was held in October.

In 1942 a new clubhouse was built on Talbot Street to replace the old meeting place which was destroyed by fire. The lot for the new building was donated to the club by the County Trust Company. This donation together with liberal donations of money by business men of the community and funds raised by members made the building of the new clubhouse possible.

In its early years the club sponsored a public library, a club chorus and later a fine junior club which has continued to this time. The club has held flower and hobby shows and has been interested in and contributed to other worthwhile projects.

As its membership increased the clubhouse seemed to become smaller but at that location there was no room to expand. Finally, a lot was bought on historic St. Mary's Square and the clubhouse was moved in 1960. The following year it was enlarged to about double its previous size. During the summer of 1961 a memorial terrace was built at the south side of the clubhouse. A bronze plaque mounted on a pedestal has been placed there and reads as follows:

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The present membership of the club numbers 136.

The officers for 1962-63 are as follows:

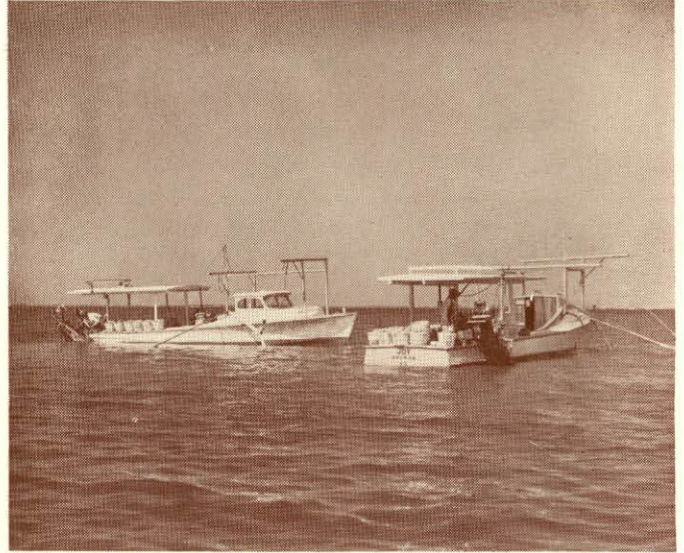
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BRIGADIER GENERAL PERRY BENSON

General Benson in command of Talbot forces during the War of 1812 personally commanded the cavalry and infantry that were assembled on the "Square" in St. Michaels on the eventful night of August 10th, 1813. History records the successful defense of the town against invading British forces at this time and later during another attempt on August 26th at Wades Point.

In preparation for the defense of the town in the spring of 1813, several small forts were erected. During the dedication of one on Parrott's Point, General Benson endeared himself to the ladies of St. Michaels by accepting their home-made flag and comparing them to Greek, Roman, and Carthaginian ladies when their country was invaded by foes.

General Benson's great grandfather, Dr. James Benson purchased in 1689 a tract of land on Miles River between St. Michaels and Royal Oak known as "Benson's Choice." Dr. Benson had many children, among whom was the first Perry, who settled on Wheatlands in Miles River Neck. Here, he and his son, James, lived and died. Here, too, on August 6, 1757, the second illustrious Perry was born.

Young Perry's early education was probably from Parson Gordon, rector of the St. Michaels Parish. During this time, he showed an inclination for a military career and more than likely enlisted as a private at the first call for Minute Men in Talbot. He was a member of the "Old Maryland Line" and upon the reorganization of Maryland forces was commissioned a first lieutenant. Participating in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, he distinguished himself by assisting the wounded General Lafayette from the field at Brandywine though he, himself was slightly wounded.

During the hard years of 1778 and 1779, he shared the privations of the Continental Army receiving his captain's commission dated March 11, 1778. While a captain, Perry Benson fought valiantly in the fierce battles at Camden, Cowpens, Guilford and Hobkirk's Hill. Following the latter, General Greene commended Capt. Benson in his orders of the day.

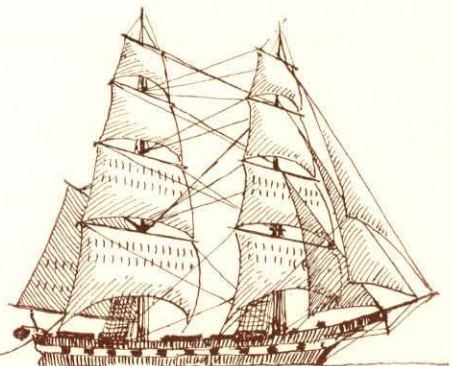
While leading the 1st Maryland Regiment against Fort 96 in South Carolina, he sustained a crippling wound. A musket ball entered his left arm, passed through the shoulder and neck, lodging in his face.

Thos. Carney, a colored man from Caroline County and fellow soldier, carried Capt. Benson from the field. The injury to his left arm did not deter his active participation in all further activities requiring his military knowledge.

General Benson died in October, 1827 and was buried at Wheatlands in the family cemetery. With the sale of the property in 1901, his remains were removed to the Benson family cemetery in Newcomb. There only a few short yards from the main road, lies a stone with the following inscription:

In Memory Of
General Perry Benson
Son Of
James and Hannah Benson
Born August 6th
1757
Captain of the Md. Line
Commended for gallantry
and twice wounded in Battle
in the Revolutionary War.
Major General of the Md. Militia
in the War of 1812
Died Oct. 21st, 1827

This is a fitting epitaph for such a distinguished gentleman and soldier. Thus passed from the Talbot scene the "Intrepid Benson."





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Age and hist'ry at its back,
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Homey homes all neat and trim
Peace and comfort dwell within;
Business currents lave the stores,
Gentle wavelets wash the shores.
When the summer time is gone
And the thousand guests have flown
Other interests settle down
In this favored Talbot town.
Wedding bells are heard to ring,
Cupid's arrows had their fling
Here Dame Nature brings her smiles
To this snug town on the Miles.
See the pictures on the screen
Just as good as any seen;
City stores may larger be
But not in merchant-courtesy.
Hear the dreaded fire-call,
See each hose-man at his stall,
See the action and the spray
Holding fire-fiend at bay.
See the white sails flopping in,
Oysters high in every bin;
Hear contented boatman's song:
"Mak'r fast, the tide is strong."
Hear the organ and the choir,
Make appeals to "Come up higher"
Note the parson's helpful text
For this life and for the next.

Cease the name of "Muskrat Park"
Say it only in the dark,
Launch the name of "Memory Cove"
Or some other one we love.

Many years has Benson's band
Read good music from the stand;
Schooled in technique they all play
In the Terp-si-cho-re-an way.

Let St. Michaels have the pick
Of all the best things from St. Nick
That old gentleman can't boast
A better or more worthy host.

Stork's had no vacation yet,
Weather dry or weather wet,
Does not hinder him in flight,
Often he's called out at night.

Then to all this Christmas wake,
Tinkle glasses, cut the cake;
Have the family fireside
A place for the Comet to abide.

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All have people to their credit;
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By Wilson M. Tyler
Easton, Md.

— Submitted by Mrs. Theodore Allen, St. Michaels, Md.

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THE GUNS OF 1812

By BOB SMITH

On St. Mary's Square in St. Michaels there stands a broken and corroded cannon. A bronze plaque identifies it as being one of the guns that was used in the defense of St. Michaels during the War of 1812. It is difficult to imagine that this battered remnant was once a deadly weapon. Quaint and harmless as it may appear, in its day it was effective although, like much of the armament of the time, it could be as dangerous to friend as to foe.

A special breed of man was needed to make a cannoner. Most of the heavy guns of 1812 were made from cast iron and although that material has many virtues, the ability to withstand tremendous, sudden stresses is not one of them. When molten metal cools, various strains are set up, unsuspected until the material decides not to hold together. Cast iron guns sometimes burst on the first discharge, sometimes withstood a thousand rounds, but the gunner of 1812 never knew whether he and his weapon were going to be scattered around the landscape or not. Bronze cannon, being made of a more elastic substance, did not often burst, and it is no wonder the bronze "Napoleon" of the Civil War was favored by most artillerymen.

The gunner of 1812 had to know what he was doing, in addition to being a perfect philosopher. The

old smooth bore guns were fairly simple to operate, but the job had to be done right or somebody was going to be badly injured. To get the cannon into action, a bag of gunpowder was first stuffed in the muzzle and poked into the depths of the bore with a rammer staff. Next came a wad of hay, oakum or, in the case of red hot shot, a lump of wet clay. Finally the projectile was inserted.

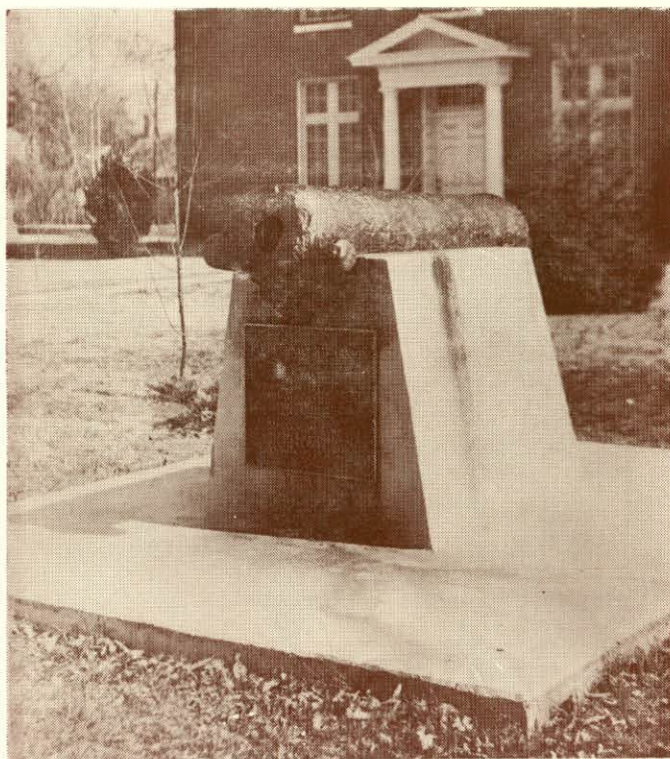
There was a wide choice of objects which could be fired from the gun. Solid, round iron balls were used against enemy ships and forts. A neat added touch was to heat the ball to a nice white-hot glow in the hope that when it landed, the foe's vessel or barracks would be set afire. Hollow iron spheres containing an explosive charge were used most frequently in mortars which were short, chunky guns. The mortar threw the "bomb" in a high parabola so that it would land inside the opposing fortifications. The fuses used were primitive and more often than not either burned too quickly so that the "bomb burst in air" far short of its objective or else the fuse went out.

If faced with oncoming infantry, the gunner loaded with grape shot, canister or case. Grape was made of a cluster of small iron balls, encased in a canvas wrapper. Canister was a can full of scrap metal and case was also a can, but contained lead pellets. The effect of all three loads was that of a giant shot gun. It may be mentioned that canister was used during World War II to stop Japanese banzai charges. Quite possibly the British invaders of 1812 had with them a few samples of a new case shot, a spherical container with an explosive charge which had been invented by a Lt. Shrapnel, although it was not known by his name until several years later.

Other projectiles of specialized use were bar shot and chain shot, both being a double cannon ball, the two spheres connected with a short bar or length of chain. These were used in naval warfare to bring the enemy's mast and rigging down around his ears.

The guns of 1812 were smooth bored. Although rifling had been used in small arms for many years and the increased range and accuracy were well known, experiments with rifled cannon had been discouraging. Rifling was difficult enough to make with small hand tools; in larger sizes of armament it was almost impossible. Then, too, a close fit between cannon and cannon ball was not wise. "Windage" or clearance between the ball and the bore was so great that the gun crew had to use caution in bringing their weapon into position. A sudden stop might send the ball rolling out of the gun to fall on the ground.

When the gun was loaded, the artilleryman jammed a gunner's pick through the vent or "touch hole" in order to poke a hole in the powder bag. Then the vent was primed with loose powder. It only remained to aim and apply a little fire to the vent. The vital spark was usually provided from a piece of glowing



REVOLUTIONARY WAR CANNON

Once used as survey marker, raised and mounted on St. Mary's Square, November, 1961, the above cannon is a relic of the Revolution. Known as a "long Tom" and firing nine-pound cannon balls, it is believed to be much older than the Revolutionary time and was probably brought over from England as a defensive weapon by early settlers in Maryland.

“slow match” held in a metal rod called a linstock. Experiments had been made with flintlock igniter, such as were used on the small arms of the period, but this was a temperamental rig at best and the priming powder was apt to flash in the pan without touching off the main charge. When enemy troops were approaching on the double it was no time to fool around with gadgets. Although fulminate of mercury had been invented, the igniter using it had not yet been thought of. It was a pleasant day when the gunner could set off his piece by yanking on a long string instead of practically standing on it with his linstock.

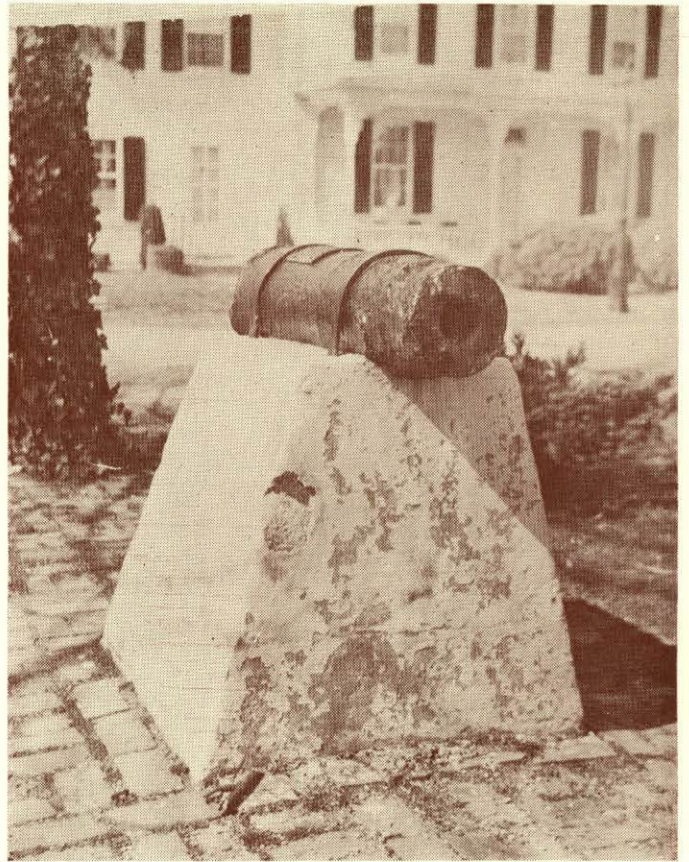
If the 1812 gunners could see modern movies depicting old time battles they might be amazed at the way the pictured guns give such gentle little shrugs when fired. The scene would not go with their experiences of seeing their guns leap violently backwards, sometimes turning reverse somersaults. The giant 13 inch mortars had such vicious recoil that especially reinforced ships had to be built to carry them. Even a small 9 pounder, such as the St. Mary’s Square cannon, was nothing to stand behind when it was fired.

How much range did these old timers have? The smooth bore guns were quite limited. The rule of thumb was to engage at 300 yards, although a half a mile was not beyond possibility. The legend that shots fired at St. Michaels fell four miles away is just that, a legend. 6 and 9 pounders, such as were used at the engagement, simply could not carry that far.

At the famous bombardment of Fort McHenry, the British fleet gathered safely out of range of the fort’s biggest guns which fired 24 pound cannon balls. The bombs that landed in the fort were fired from the mortars of the British. These 200 pound explosive shells could be hurled well over two miles. Even so, more bombs fell short than hit the target. The Congreve rockets, a primitive V-2, had great range but were so wild in their flight they were not efficient destructive weapons. They made horrid sounds and were demoralizing, so may have been of value.

One thing that is often overlooked in accounts of old time battles is the fact that these were the days of black powder. After a few rounds were fired, each cannon sending out a cloud the size of a dairy barn, things got so smoky that few people could tell what was going on.

Once the gun was fired, the job of reloading had to be done with care. The fore was carefully swabbed out with a wet sponge to kill any lingering sparks. If fragments of the powder bag remained they had to be removed with the wormer, a sort of double corkscrew on the end of a long pole. Then, while the chief gunner held his thumb over the vent, to keep the inrush of air from fanning any overlooked sparks into life, another powder bag was inserted, the loader hoping it would not ignite and fire his rammer staff back at him. Many an artillery man lost his hands and arms during this operation.



WAR OF 1812 CANNON

This six-pound gun was mounted on St. Mary’s Square in 1913 by the Centennial Commission on the 100th anniversary of the Battle of St. Michaels. Used in defense of the Town against the British, it rests in silent memoriam of the brave men who stood so staunchly against the invaders.

In an account of the St. Michaels action it is said that most of the garrison at one of the shore batteries suddenly remembered appointments elsewhere when the British landing parties approached. Three brave men stayed to fire their gun which was loaded, not only with ball and case, but with a 27 pound package of scrap iron sewed up in canvas. Small blame to those who left if they saw the gun being loaded. It is a miracle it did not shatter itself and its crew. As it was, the account says the gun leaped from its carriage and went soaring over an embankment to land in a ditch.

One heritage we have from the old days is the saying that someone’s guns were spiked, meaning to be left defenseless. No storming party attempted to take fortifications without bringing along soft iron spikes and hammers.

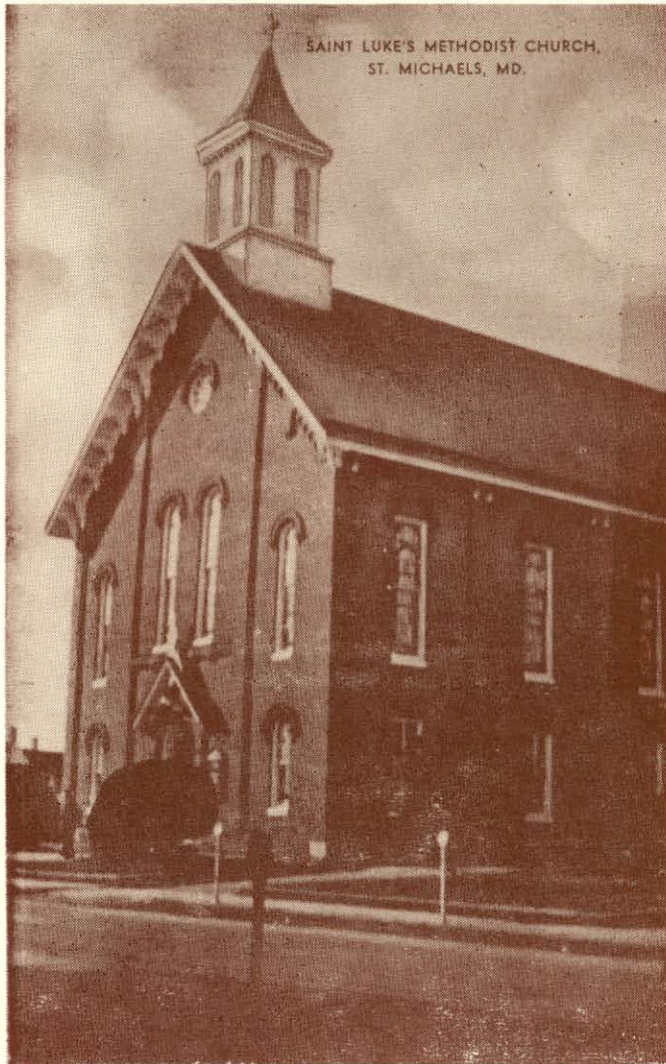
If it seemed the attack would fail, the prime objective was to drive the spikes into the vents of guns, thus making them incapable of being fired. Sometimes the defenders, seeing the assault might succeed, would spike their own guns so they could not be turned to the foe’s advantage. In either case, long and weary drilling out by hand was required before the cannon could be fired again.

The guns of 1812 had a great variety of small arms

for company. As was the American custom until World War II, the authorities waited until hostilities were well advanced before deciding how to arm the troops. Although most towns were supposed to have supplies of public arms, these were often neglected or the number of muskets was far too small. The militia had to arm themselves with anything they could, from Grandpa's old Revolutionary War flintlock to the family shot gun. Contrary to present-day supposition, the fabulous Kentucky rifles were not found in every home in America. The militia had to face the invader with guns

which might or might not hit the broad side of a barn. The British were probably little better off if armed, as they may well have been, with the regulation musket. "Brown Bess" was sadly inaccurate, but if enough troops could line up in parade ground fashion and fire enough volley, someone on the other side was bound to be hit.

Such was the armament of 1812. That the outcome was what it was can be attributed to those who, with makeshift and untrustworthy means of defense, somehow managed to find the courage to face up to the invader.



Turkey & Oyster Pie

Wash, slice and saute in butter or margarine in a deep saucepan $\frac{1}{4}$ pound mushrooms. Set the mushrooms aside and in the same pan, make a medium gravy using $\frac{3}{4}$ cup turkey stock, 2 tablespoons flour, salt, pepper and paprika to taste. If you are lucky enough to have unshucked oysters, add the liquor you collect on shucking them to the gravy and adjust the thickening.

Keep the gravy on low heat and add to it 1 stalk celery, diced, 2 cups cooked turkey, 1 teas. minced parsley and 16 medium oysters. Meanwhile, heat the oven to 400° and prepare a single pie crust. Transfer the warm contents of the saucepan into a shallow glass baking dish or large, deep pie plate. At this point, you can, if you wish, sprinkle over the contents 2 tablespoons sherry. Cover with the pie crust and bake until the crust is golden, 15 or 20 minutes. Serves four.

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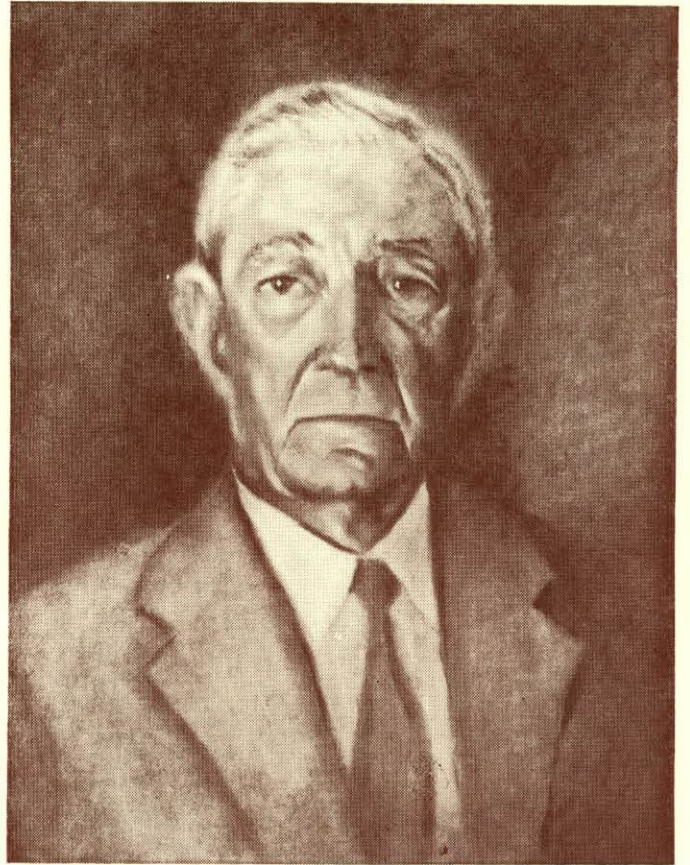
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In Memoriam

In early August, 1962, Mr. Archie M. Thomas was appointed by the Town Commissioners of St. Michaels as an Honorary Member of the Sesqui-centennial Commission of the Battle of St. Michaels. Mr. Thomas at that time was the only living member of the Centennial Commission, and the present Commission wished to honor him for his interest in civic and social affairs of the town.

He passed away in April, 1963 before the culmination of the battle anniversary.

Born in St. Michaels, Captain Archie spent his early years as a waterman. He served as a town commissioner and was instrumental in securing the town's first fire engine. He was employed by E. W. Mudge of Pittsburgh where he resided for many years. Upon retirement, he came back to St. Michaels. Mr. Thomas will be sadly missed by those who knew him but will be long remembered for the public service he gave.



Archie M. Thomas

— from a painting by Terrence Burrows, St. Michaels

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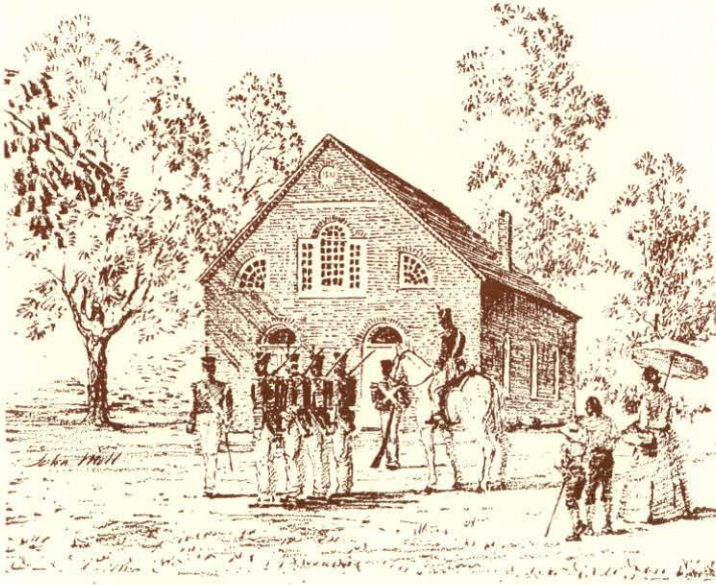
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Baked Clams (Soft-shell)

Remove from shell and clean thoroughly enough clams to make about a pint of prepared shellfish.

Grind the snouts, but not the central portion of the clam. Place all the meat in skillet with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup celery, diced, $\frac{1}{2}$ small onion, chopped, and 3 tablespoons butter. Let mixture cook until thoroughly steamed (about 15 minutes). Add 1 can tomato soup,

1 package Spatini sauce powder, and a dash of salt and pepper. Let it simmer a short time.

Add above to three or four cups of cooked egg noodles. Place mixture in a greased casserole and bake at 350° for 20 minutes.

— Mrs. William G. Harper, Easton, Md.

Fish Cakes

Any left over fish with bones removed and shredded.

Add $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. pepper, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. onion salt, or cook potatoes with onion and discard onion.

2 cups hot mashed potatoes

1 egg, beat white lightly and add yolk

2 tablespoons milk.

Cook in essence of salt pork. This recipe is old. you can add thyme and parsley and roll in crumbs and fry in deep fat.

— Mrs. R. Alex. Willis, Easton, Md.

Scalloped Crab

1 pound lump crab meat

$1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 cups white sauce

1 or 2 ounces sherry wine (or to taste)

Mix gently with fork so meat will remain in large pieces. Cover with breadcrumbs and butter dabs. Bake one-half to three-fourths of an hour in 375° oven.

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**Mrs. Anna Ellis Harper, Historian and Honorary
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Mrs. Harper was born at Oak Ridge, North Carolina in June, 1874. When her father, Prof. William S. Crouse, former principal of Oak Ridge Institute, accepted a position in Delaware, he moved his family there. Then they moved to Preston, Maryland and finally to St. Michaels where he became principal.

Graduating from St. Michaels High School with honors, Mrs. Harper entered Western Maryland, graduating from there in 1893. She has taught school at Bozman and Royal Oak, Maryland as well as private tutoring.

Considered as being unofficial historian of the Talbot County Historical Society, she is a charter member of that group and served on the Board of Directors from 1954 up to the present. Mrs. Harper also served on the Talbot County Library Board from 1945 to 1950. Showing a great deal of interest in civic affairs, she acted as president of the Senior Women's Club of St. Michaels in 1934-35.

The knowledge she has given through research among the land grants and deeds of early Talbot has proved invaluable.

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ST. MICHAELS IN 1812

From Early Edition of the COMET

Here's the story of old St. Michaels
Down on the Eastern Shore,
A tale that many a reader
Has never heard before.

When the news was received, that the British
Were coming to fire the town,
The patriots were up and ready
To defy the British and Crown.
"Let every man light a lantern
We'll hang on limbs of the highest trees,"
Sang out the patriot's leader
"And we'll not give even a sneeze."

Well, the stately ships of the "Red Coats"
Halted just long enough
To waste their ammunition
And thought they'd treated us rough.

As they fired their old "nine pounders"
And then sailed quietly on
Thinking that old St. Michaels
Was leveled and dead and gone.
But reader — don't you believe it
For while balls came hot and quick
The only "bull's eye" that they hit
Was one of few houses of brick.

When tourists visit St. Michaels
They are very likely to call
For the house which is always known
As the "House of the Cannon-ball."

A few days after the "Red Coats"
Had made that illustrious call,
A patriot found imbedded in earth
A British cannon ball,
Which was taken a few miles from St. Michaels
And hung on a great big oak,
And to this day there's a village
Which is called the "Royal Oak."

Author Unknown

— Submitted by Mrs. Theodore Allen, St. Michaels, Md.

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Roll fish in cheese cloth and boil until tender. Can use trivet if large enough. When tender, lift out and drain. Cover with white sauce made with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup fish water. Garnish with 3 to 12 hard boiled eggs sliced. Serve hot with plenty of parsley.

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**STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE
ART CONTEST**

Seated, left to right, Carolyn Todd, Mary Lou Collins, Tom Quimby, Melinda Guth, Sharon Barnes. Standing, left to right, Margaret Jurceka, Mrs. Alvin Caulk, Instructor, Steven Collins, Marcia Rude.



WINNERS IN ART CONTEST

Standing, left to right, Mr. Alex Spencer, Treas. Sesquicentennial Commission, Steven Collins. Seated, left to right, Marcia Rude, Margaret Jurceka, Mrs. Alvin Caulk, Instructor.

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Hard boiled eggs sliced

White sauce made with $\frac{1}{4}$ c. water fish was cooked in. Plenty thyme and parsley minced.

Crust: Rich biscuit dough, rolled straight, or cut fancy, and placed in fancy design, lattice work or whatever you like. Brown quickly. Serve with vegetable salad.

— Mrs. R. Alex. Willis, Easton, Md.



Main Street of St. Michaels Looking South East

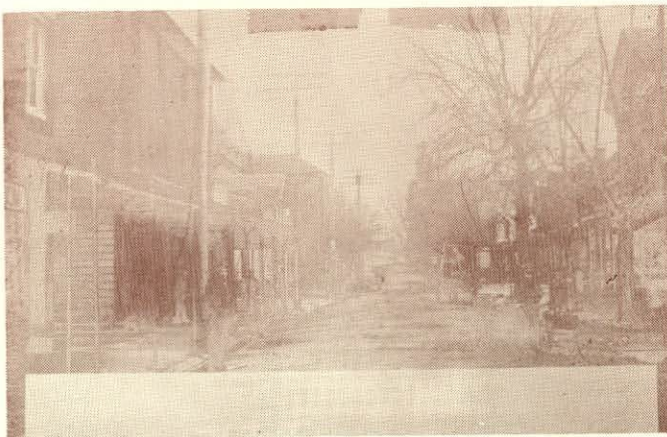
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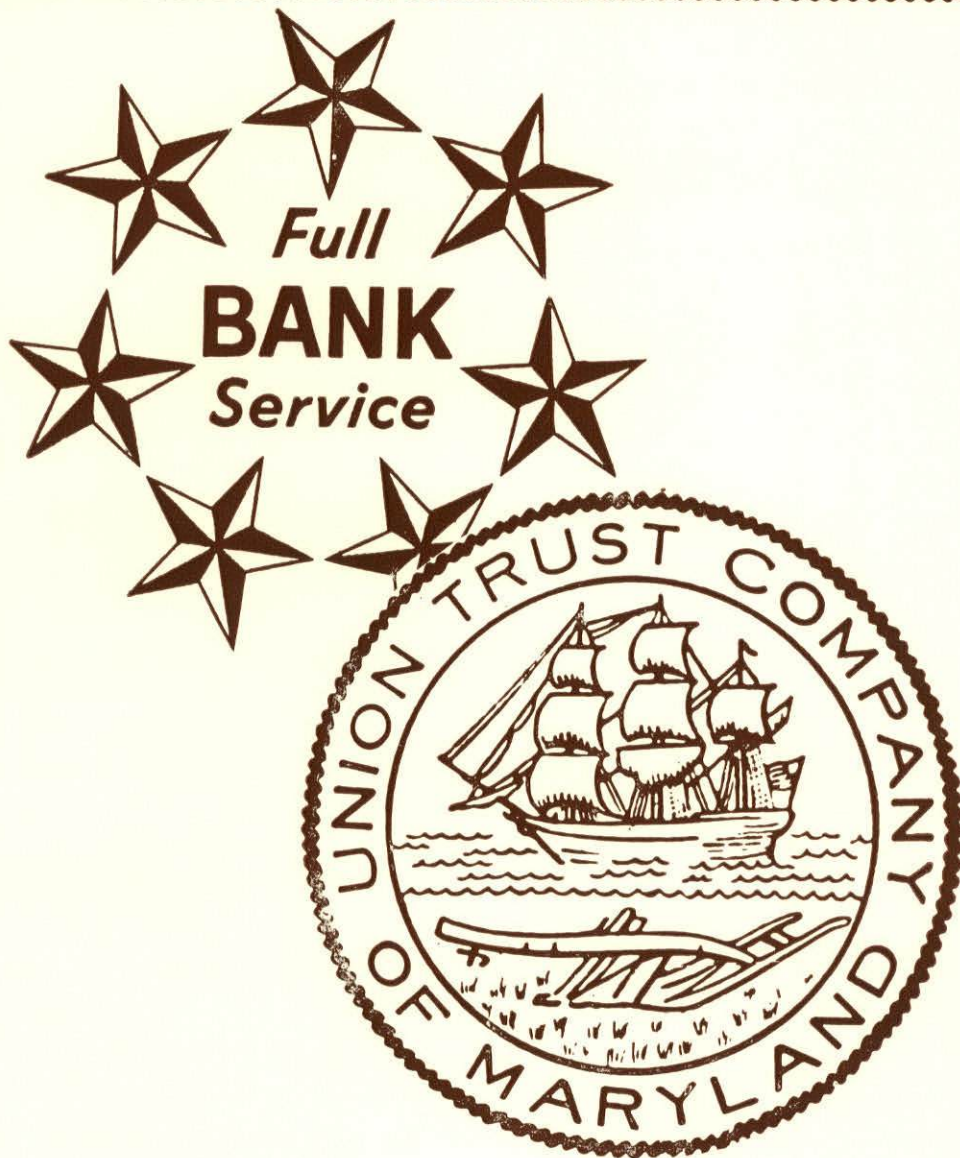
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And brave are thy children, my own native land.

If cowards and tyrants e'er seek to enchain,
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And die as they've lived, the exalted and free!
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"SHIPBUILDING ON THE CHESAPEAKE"**

Recollections of Robert D. Lambdin by John Phillips Cranwell as published in *The Maryland Historical Magazine* for June 1941.

During the Civil War, Chesapeake log canoes from the Eastern Shore carried men to the York River where they joined the Confederate Army.

In 1865, the pungy *U. S. Grant* was built at St. Michaels by Lambdin and Sons.

Captain Giles W. Jump was one of the most successful captains of the early Chesapeake log sailing canoes in the races that took place before 1900. He sailed the *Dashaway*, the most famous of the sailing canoes built by Captain Robert D. Lambdin. The *Dashaway* was launched in 1877 and never lost a race.

Altogether, Captain Bob Lambdin built 68 log canoes. He also repaired more than 50 others, often adding a centerboard.

Captain Bob Lambdin installed the first centerboard in a 30 foot, 3 log keel canoe, the *Mary* in 1872. She was built by Thomas Kirby of St. Michaels. Since then nearly all of the log canoes were built with centerboards.

In 1891, Captain Bob Lambdin built a log canoe with three masts for Mr. R. A. Dodson, who operated the Atlantic Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia. The *Daisy* was 40 feet long with a beam of 8 feet. On one occasion she made the run from Norfolk to Harris Creek near St. Michaels in 18 hours.

In 1893, Captain Robert Lambdin accompanied by his helper, Mr. George West, took a log canoe which he built, the *Chesapeake*, to the World's Fair in Chicago. They sailed the canoe to Baltimore where it was loaded on a freight car of the B. and O. Railroad. In Chicago, the log canoe was exhibited and also easily out-sailed any of the lake sailboats. She was the first of her type ever seen west of the Chesapeake Bay.

Captain Lambdin once built a 25 foot 3 log canoe in 20 days and this included selecting and felling the trees.

In the period from the close of the Civil War to the opening of the twentieth century, forty-two schooners were built at St. Michaels. During this period the local shipbuilders also completed ten bugeyes and three pungies.

In 1860, the log canoe *War Eagle* sailed by Captain George Summers of St. Michaels won a canoe race in the Chester River. The silver cup is still in possession of his descendants in St. Michaels.

Thomas Kirby of St. Michaels built many log canoes, schooners, and bugeyes.

In 1881, Robert Lambdin and Sons built the bugeye *Cynthia*, the first bugeye with a round stern.

Before the Civil War, sailing packets ran regular

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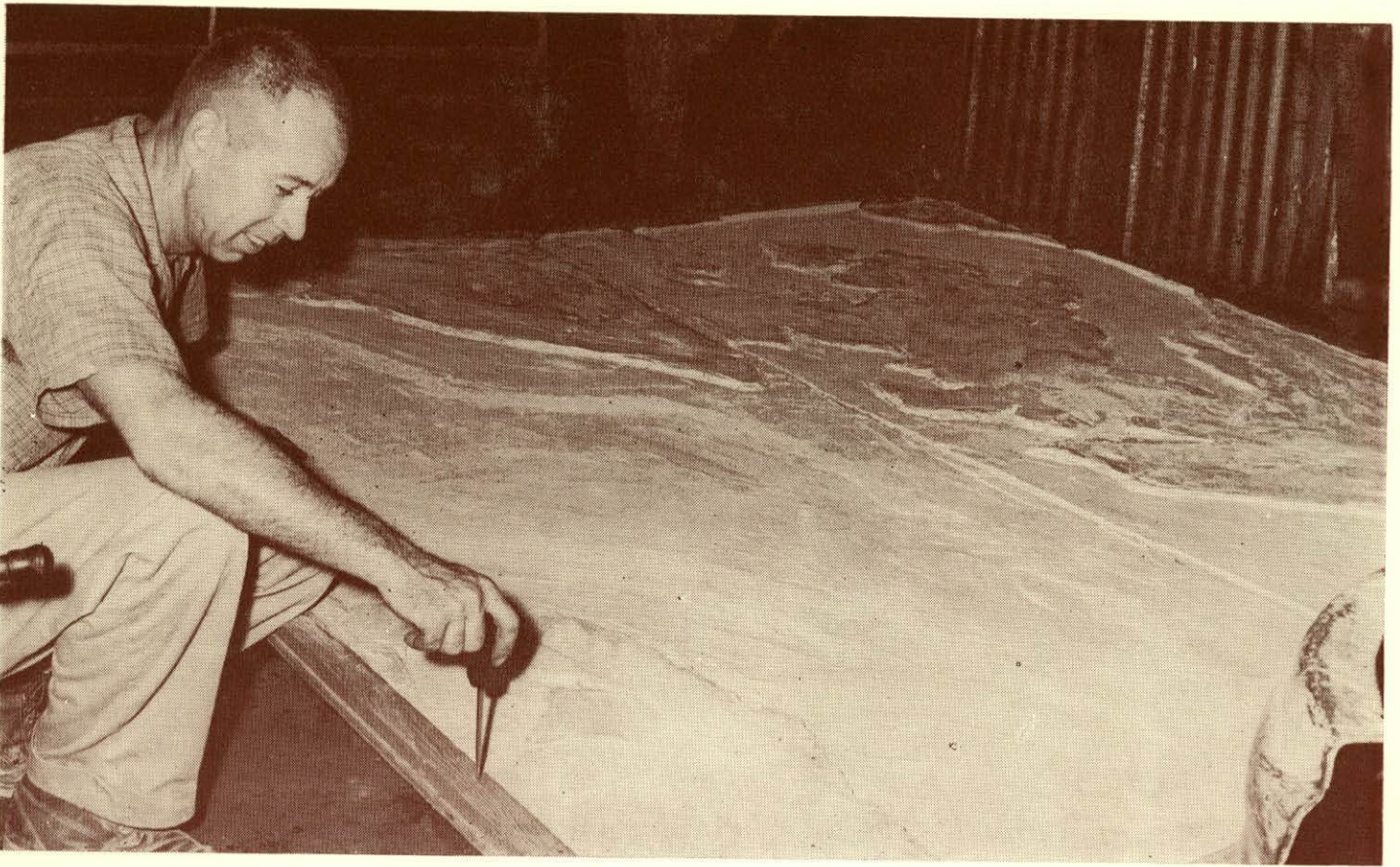
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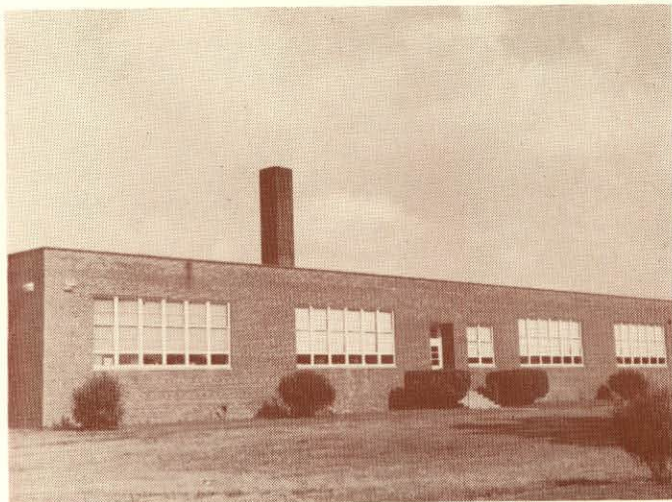
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Frederick Douglass was born in Tuckahoe, Talbot County, Md., February 14, 1817, and spent many of his early childhood days on Perry Cabin Farm in St. Michaels. During the War Between the States he escaped slavery and moved north and became a great leader of the antislavery movement. He received many public honors, serving as secretary of the Santo Domingo Commission; as United States marshal and recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia; and as Minister to Haiti (1889-1891).

Later he lectured for two years in the British Isles. He also wrote several books and articles such as *Frederick Douglass Narrative, My Bondage and My Freedom* and established a newspaper called the North Star, an Abolitionist paper. Douglass died shortly after his last visit to St. Michaels in 1895.

The school in St. Michaels today, for Negroes was erected and dedicated September 4, 1949 and named for Frederick Douglass since the site of the school at one time was a part of the Perry Cabin Farm. It is a six teacher school housing about 180 children from Bellevue to Tilghman Island.

During the last century there has been four schools for Negroes in St. Michaels. The first school, *Longs Chapel* still stands on Fremont St. The second school *The old Elks Hall* on Dodson Ave. The third was completely destroyed by fire on April 16, 1946 at the lower end of Dodson Ave. The present school is located on Mitchell Street.

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MILITIA OF TALBOT — 1813

The early part of the year saw the beginning of British operations on the upper part of the Chesapeake Bay. With the burning and raping of Frenchtown and Havre de Grace, the whole of Talbot County lived in fear of the impending return of the British Navy on its way down the Bay. With a base on Kent Island, the capture of Tilghman, Sharp's and Poplar Islands, local people knew that very soon some attempt would be made on Talbot and logically assumed that it would be the towns nearest the waterways that would be attacked first and so they were.

One of the first group of men to be called out were "The Independent Light Dragoons" from Easton, Md. troop of horse militia commanded by Capt. Robert Goldsborough. They signed on in April, 1813 and patrolled actively for a short time. then were recalled in May. It was evident to their immediate commanders, Brig. Gen. Benson, Lt. Col. Edward Lloyd and Major Daniel Martin that the British activity would not endanger this part of the Shore for a while so these troops probably met each week for regular drill practice although they did not get back into regular duty until that most important date of August, 1813.

Early in the summer, with the news of increased British movements on Kent Island, Talbot County once again moved to arm itself and this time on a much larger scale. Many companies were organized along with troops of horse, belonging to the 9th Cavalry District and the 4th Regiment of the Maryland Militia. On August 1st, Capt. John Carroll's Company was called in; August 2nd, saw the signing on of the St. Michaels Patriotic Blues, and then in quick order on the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th many more companies were called to arms. Transported to St. Michaels, they were quartered in the churches and awaited the attack that proved to be imminent.

Following is a list of the companies and the amounts paid for service during the year of 1813 (one company's records for 1813 could not be located and their existing record of service for 1814 has been used since it must be supposed that they served during the previous year in a like manner).

The muster rolls are naturally the paymaster's record of disbursement for service pay and rations. Most of the foregoing troops were paid in the early part of September and each muster is attested by the following sworn in presence of a notary —

"Then came Capt. George Godwin before me a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland and for the County afe. and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the above inrolment (sic) is correct and time as it is stated to the best of his knowledge."

Since there were no standard forms for pay records, most of the musters differ in form and body but are

essentially alike in context. Rations were issued to men that could not reach home for their food at a rate of 20c a day. Most of the officers had personal servants along to prepare their food as the militia made no provision for mess — the privates either cooking their own meals or pooling their rations together. Rates of pay varied with different companies but in general the men were paid on the following scale:

Captain—\$40.00 per mo.	Private—\$8.00 per mo.
Ensign—\$20.00 per mo.	Lieutenant—\$30.00 per mo.
Corporal—\$10.00 per mo.	Sergeant—\$11.00 per mo.
Drummer—\$9.00 per mo.	Fifer—\$9.00 per mo.

The cavalry's pay scale was a little different because each man furnished his own horse and feed.

Captain—\$50.00 per mo.	1st Lieutenant—\$33.33 per mo.
2nd Lieutenant—\$30.00 per mo.	Cornet—\$26.66 per mo.

Sergeants, Corporals & Privates—\$.60 per day

Two thousand muskets had been issued prior to the battle through the armory in Easton but many had fallen into disrepair thus many of the men carried whatever weapons were available — furnishing their own powder and shot.

The roll for the St. Michaels Patriotic Blues notes that even though "Nathan Reed, James Kemp and Edmon Blades is all over forty-five, but hath served agreeable to the time allowed in this return."

26th Regiment of the Maryland Militia:

St. Michaels Patriotic Blues—Served	
Aug. 2nd to Aug. 30th.....	\$821.69
Miles River Neck Company—Served Aug. 4th	
to 11th; Aug. 14th to Aug. 21st; Aug.	
27th to 30th.....	246.65
Bayside Company—Served Aug. 1st to	
Aug. 26th.....	310.73
Miles River Neck Company—Served May	
10th to May 11th; Aug. 4th to Aug. 30th	230.58
Bayside Company—Served Aug. 4th to 30th	228.04
Wye Landing Company—Served 22 days in	
August.....	426.63
Bayside Company—Served Aug. 4th to 11th;	
Aug. 14th to Aug. 21st; Aug. 27th to	
30th.....	340.45
Hearts of Oak Company—Served Aug. 4th	
to Aug. 30th.....	481.41
<i>4th Regiment of the Maryland Militia:</i>	
Volunteer Artillerists—Served Sept., Oct.,	
Nov. 1914—approx. 23 days (this com-	
pany's roster cannot be located for	
year 1813 but the same amount of	
service is approx.).....	372.98
Light Infantry Blues—	
Served Aug. 4th to Aug. 30th.....	746.42
Trappe Company—Served Aug. 4th to 6th;	
Aug. 10th to 18th; Aug. 22nd to 30th	327.25
Chapel Company—Served Aug. 4th to 30th	422.62
Easton Fencibles—Served Aug. 4th & 13th	
to Aug. 30th.....	677.69

Capt. Newnam's Company—Served Aug. 4th to 5th; Aug. 10th to 11th; Aug. 12th to 17th	106.30
Hole In The Wall Company—Served 4th & 10th & 26th to 30th	190.46
Capt. Parrott's Company—Served Aug. 5th to 7th; Aug. 10th to 22nd; Aug. 26th to 30th	298.88
Bayly's Neck Company—Served Aug. 4th to 30th	148.78
<i>9th Cavalry District:</i>	
Independent Light Dragoons—Served April, May & August	517.83
Republican Troop of Talbot—Served 21 days in August	494.08
The Patriotic Blues—Served Aug. 2nd to 30th	298.10
Independent Blues—Served Aug. 7th to 25th	458.60
True Republican Blues—Served Aug. 6th to Aug. 25th	414.31

The amount paid for each company does not necessarily mean the men served the full time as noted, as many served intermittently upon order. If the above musters are correct, and they are believed to be substantially so, then it can be said that the Battle of St. Michaels and the other calls to arms in April, May and August the year of 1813 cost the county approximately \$8,560.47 in pay to the militia and cavalry who served so gallantly.

Detachment of the Fourth Regiment of Md. Militia

Ordered on service by Maj. Jabez Caldwell
August 1813

James Newnam, Capt.	Henry Ozman
Mathew Higgins, Ensign	William McGinny
Andrew P. Russel, 2nd Sergt.	John L. Thomas
Andrew Boiles, 1st Corp.	William Collins
William Kemp, 3rd Corp.	Thomas Adams
William Brown, Lieut.	Daniel Price
Solomon McMahan, 1st Sergt.	Nicholas Small
Daniel McMahan, 3rd Sergt.	Daniel Smith
John W. McMahan, 2nd Corp.	Isaac Cox
	John Boils
	Benjamin Kemp
	Jesse Robinson
	John Small
<i>Privates:</i>	Lachriah Clemency
John Nash	John Parott
William L. Wiloby	David Small
Levin Leonard	Thos. Bartlett
Peter Brintsefeld	Foster Price
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Nicholas Goldsborough,	Chas. Bullen, Ensign
Capt.	Thos. Bromwell, 2nd
Baker Thomas, 1st. Lieut.	Lieut.
	Daniel Merrick, 3rd. Lieut.

<i>Privates:</i>	Henry Holmes
William Turbutt	James Holmes
Bazil Stocker	John Dulin
William Harris	Zebulon Corner
Solomon Troy	Daniel Marshall
John Mackland	Levin McGinis
Richard Mackland	James Gambrel
William Mackland	Henry Berry
James Goton	Garrettson Kinnemon
Turbutt Callahan	Levi Stocker
James Jefferson	Thos. Bullen
James Leyman	John James
William McClayland	Thomas Atkinson
Matthew Merrick	James Bullen
David Merrick	Johns Clark
Solomon Merrick	Jerry Berry
Richard Walker	Henry Chamberlaine
Thomas Pederick	James Chamberlaine
Samuel Eason	Jacob Bromwell, Jr.
Job Baker	Joseph Merrick
James Cairn	William Hayward
Edward Davis	Robert Stevens
Thomas Heming	Richard Sherwood
John Bullen	Philemon Willis

Detachment of the Fourth Regiment of Md. Militia ordered on service by Lt. Col. Smyth in August 1813

George Parrott, Capt.	William Cahall
Bennett Tomlinson,	Overten Warren
Ensign	Andrew Reed
William Hambleton,	Hugh Bramble
2nd Sergt.	Daniel Laton
Andrew O. Laton, 4th	Thomas Orem
Sergt.	—— Frampton
William Strawhan, Fifer	—— Framton
John Dudley, Lieut.	Nathan Jones
William Barns, 1st Sergt.	Solomon Booker
Joshua Clark, 3rd Sergt.	Nicholas Fountain
Henry Clift, Drummer	William Arrindill

Privates:

Joseph Turner	Joseph James, Jr.
William Corns	William Liddleton
John Scott	Henry B. Hooper
Amitto Rice	William S. Scicil
James Eaton	William Falkner
Archibald Graham	John Newnam
William Turner	John Greenhawk
Daniel Frampton	William Blanch
John Whitby	James Ellexon
James Mackey	John Merchant
John Oram	William Blades

William Nelson
Gillis Croney
John Cravin
John Clark
Samuel Dulin
Jonathan Middleton
Edward Freeman

Richard Banning
—— Cooper
John Evans
William Kinnamont
James Jenkins
Daniel Rice

Bayly's Neck Company—Talbot County—4th Regiment ordered on Service by Maj. Jabez Caldwell, August 1813

John Merrick, Capt.
Samuel Kennard, Ensign
William Bromwell, 2nd Sgt.
Tristram Perry, Lieut.
Trixby Yoe, 1st. Sgt.
Rob. Winterbottom, 3rd Sgt.

Martin Olford
Allen Bowie
Jonathan Leonard
Henry Leonard
William Winterbottom
Edward Robinson
Thomas Marshall
William Summers
Henry Staplefoot
William Harris
Cloudsbury Clark
Hugh Seymour
Stephen Colby
Rubin Dulin
Job Dickinson
Freeborn Banning*
Daniel Bartlett*
Samuel Kinnamon*
William Brinsfield*

Privates:
Solomon Brintsefeld
Walter Flemming
John Edmondson
William Walker
William Mather
Asbury Clash
Richard Martindale
Thomas Winterbottom
Andrew Stoker
John Eaton
James Underwood

* A notation on the roster sheets reads — "These men (the last four) were detached by order of Gen. Benson to keep a ferry over Tred Haven for transporting the militia."

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Samuel G. Osborn, Capt.	William DeFord
James Roberts, 2nd Lieut.	Titus Smith
Thomas Hewett, 1st. Sergt.	James Gossard
Emory Smith, 3rd Sergt.	William Cosdon
George Forrester, 1st Corp.	San'l. Stead
John Comegys, 3rd Corp.	Joshua Vansant
George Miginnis, 1st Lieut.	John Seegar
Vincent Benlow, Coronet	Francis Kirby
Nicholas Stoops, 2nd Sergt.	William Coleman
Burrows McDanael, 4th Sergt.	Richard Holding
James Braco	Thomas Harris
William Farrell	Samuel Thomas
John Shawn	John Hollinsworth
John Hollinsworth	Samuel Gregory
John Gossage	William Jacobs
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George Godwin, Capt.	Nathaniel Cacey
Jacob Seth, Cornet	William Skinner
William D. Ridgaway, 1st Sgt.	John Plummer
Richard I. Harrison, 4th Sgt.	Charles E. Griffeth
Samuel Godwin, 3rd Cpl.	John Foreman
William Sparky, 1st Lieut.	Shelby Jump
John Patrick, Quartermaster Sgt.	Richard Blackiston
Christopher A. Spry, 2nd Sgt.	William Goodhand
Philemon Skinner, 2nd Cpl.	Isaac Walker
Samuel I. Cosden, 4th Cpl.	Parren Taylor*
Amos W. Lynch	John Godwin
William Coleman	Richard Newman
Thomas Godwin	Malechia Meede
	Nicholas Meede
	Isaac Roe
	William H. Woodland
	John Downing, Jun.
	Jacob Goodhand
	John Cacey
	William Baxter
	Captain's Servant

* Parren Taylor officiated whilst he was out as Surgeon's Mate in the 9th Reg.

Crab Souffle'

1 lb. regular crab meat
 3 tablespoons butter
 3 tablespoons flour
 1 cup milk
 2 eggs (separated)
 1 scant teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon red pepper
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon mustard

Make a cream sauce of butter, flour and milk. Add crab meat. Reduce heat and add beaten yolks of 2 eggs. Cook slowly 1 or 2 minutes and remove from fire to cool. Then fold in the 2 stiffly beaten egg whites and place the mixture in a 7-inch baking dish.

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ABOUT 1812

- 3 AMERICA, P Schnr, 213T, 96', 110M, 21 9pdrs, 8 12pdrCar, 2 6pdrs, 1810, C JoRchdsn
0 ATALANTA, LM Schnr, 142T, 82', 12M, 4 4pdrs, C Caleb Robinson, 1811
1 BALTIMORE, LM Schnr, 226T, 97', 33M, 4 4pdrs, 4 4pdrCar, 1810, C. Edw. Veasey
30 CAROLINE, P Schnr, 129T, 78', 72M, 5 4pdrs, 4 L6pdrs, 1 L12pdr, 1809, C Jo Almedia
0 CHESAPEAKE, LM Schnr, 265T, 103.6', 33M, 1 L18pdr, 4 12pdrCar, C Jo Richardson, 1812
0 ENGINEER, LM Schnr, 216T, 97.6', 32M, 6 12pdrCar, 1811, C James Dillingham
6 FAIRY, P Schnr, *St. M.*, 260T, 102.6', 120 M, 1 L18pdr, 1 L12pdr, 4 9s, 4 6s, 1813, PDknsn
0 FEMALE, LM Brg, 197T, 89', 23M, 2 L6pdrs, 2 6pdrCar, 1807, C S. Child
0 GARONNE, LM Schnr, 203T, 92', 25M, 4 12pdrCar, 2 L6pdrs, 1812, C Jos. Bounds
0 HALCYON, LM Schnr, 64T, 63.9', 5M, 1 4pdr, CGeo. Weems, 1812
9 HARRISON, LM Schnr, 218T, 93', 29M, 1 12pdr, 2 6pdrs, 1812, C Herm. Perry
0 HUSSAR, LM Schnr, 211T, 96', 30M, 2 L6pdrs, 4 12pdrCar, 1812, C Josh Mezick
0 JAVA, LM Schnr, 153T, 83', 20M, 5 6pdrs, 1814, C Thos. Lane
22 LAWRENCE, P Schnr, 259T, 102', 120M, 1 L12pdr, 8 18pdrCar, 1813, C Edw. Veasey
1 LOTTERY, LM Schnr, 206T, 94.6', 30M, 6 9pdrCar, 1811, C Jno. Southcomb
0 MANLEUS, LM Schnr, 244T, 102', 40M, 6 12pdrCar, 1 12pdr, 1813, C Jno. Young
0 PHILAENI, LM Schnr, 145T, 80', 20M, 1 L9pdr, 1811, C Wm. Willis
0 PIONEER, LM Schnr, 220T, 91', 41M, 1 L9pdr, 4 9pdrCar, 1810, C Alex Adams
0 RACER, LM Schnr, 230T, 99.6', 30M, 2 L12pdrs, 4 9pdrCar, 1811, C Dan Chaytor
0 RAPID, LM Schnr, 115T, 77', 20M, 1 L9pdr, 1813, C Jms. Frazier
5 SARANAC, P Schnr, 241T, 100', 90M, 10 18pdrCar, 1813, C Henry Dashiell
43 SURPRISE, P Schnr, 301T, 110', 120M, 10 18pdrs, 1813, Cs Cathell 12, Barnes 21, Barsto 10
0 SYLPH, LM Schnr, 233T, 98', 25M, 6 L6pdrs, 1812, C Wm. Reeves
0 TARTAR, P Schnr, 276T, 102.6', 47M, 4 18pdrs, 6 9pdrs, 1813, C Edw. Veasey
0 THETIS, LM Schnr, 198T, 93.9', 23M, 4 12pdrCar, 2 9pdrCar, 1809, C H. Bolton
0 TYRO, LM Schnr, 108T, 72', 8M, 2 L4pdrs, 1812, C Thos. Coward
0 WAVE, LM Schnr, 119T, 73.6', 9M, 4 4pdrCar, 1812, C Wm. Derrick
14 WHIG, LM Schnr, 226T, 102', 36M, 1 L9pdr, 5 18pdrCar, 1812, C Thos. Penrice

1st Column, prizes made; P, privateer; LM, letter of marque; T, tons; Year, blt.; L, length on keel; M, men crew; C, captain; Pdr, pounder gun; Car, carronade.

Names in italics definitely registered as built in St. Michaels; all in Talbot Co.

Privateers had the sole object of fighting and taking vessels, putting crew aboard. Letters of Marque were more of a legal protection knowing they must fight.

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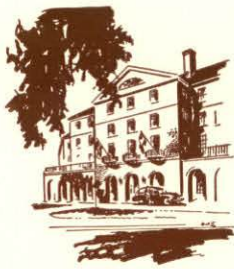
1 pint oysters — strain — save liquor. Pick over oysters for shells, etc., put back into liquor. Cook until oysters curl, strain again and mix chopped oysters (in bite size) with cream sauce. Put in greased baking dish and cover with buttered bread crumbs. Heat through thoroughly in slow oven. To brown, run under broiler.

Cream sauce:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cream (or evaporated milk)
- $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. mustard
- $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. nutmeg
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablesp. butter
- 2 tablesp. flour
- 1 egg yolk

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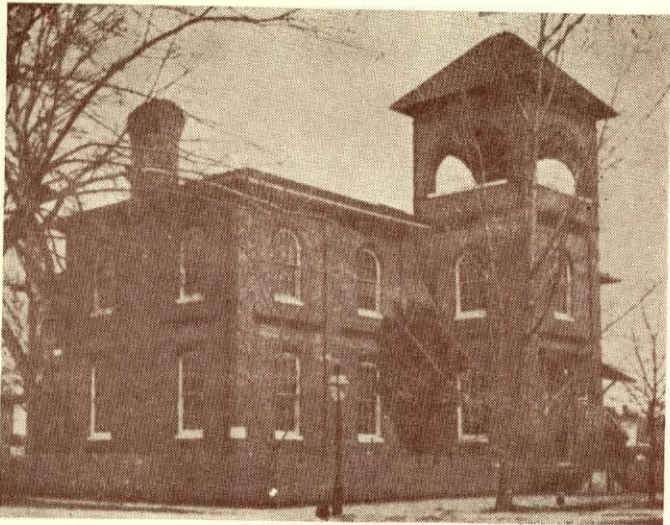
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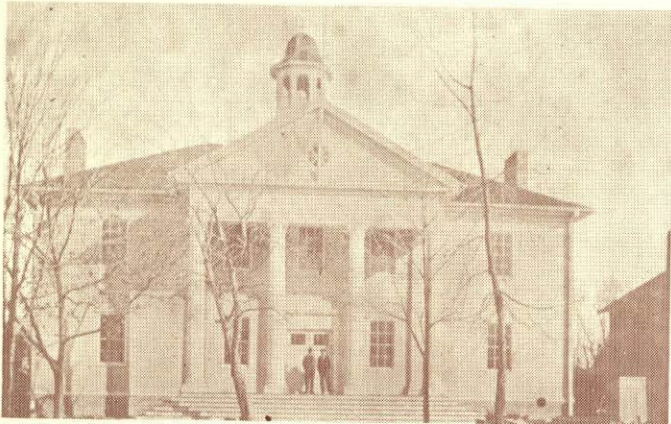


PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ST. MICHAELS

Later the Public School was moved back to the Square occupying the former Methodist Church building, now the Masonic Temple.

A still later Primary school on the Green which burned in 1943. This stood on the site of the present Senior Women's Club House.

The first High school in St. Michaels opened Sept. 1870 with two teachers including the Principal, Mr. George Haddaway. The later second High School was dedicated Sept. 1888 having three teachers including the Principal, Mr. William S. Crouse, who was the father of Mrs. Anna Ellis Harper, an honorary member of the Sesquicentennial Commission. This building at St. Mary's Square and Chestnut Street was torn down in 1962.



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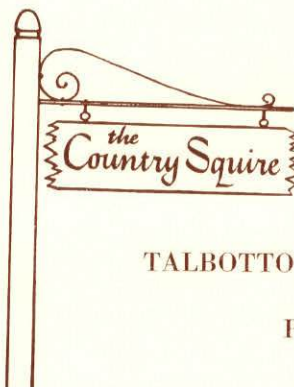


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MEET WITH GOVERNOR — Members of the St. Michaels Sesqui-Centennial Commission met with Governor Tawes and presented him with a copy of the historical booklet, "St. Michaels — the Town that Fooled the British." The Governor will be present to review the parade on Saturday, August 10 at 2 P. M. when St. Michaels commemorates the Battle of St. Michaels of August 10, 1813. (l. to r.) Mrs. James Daffin, Mrs. Malcolm Caplan, Governor Tawes, Mrs. Walter Harper, and Mrs. Ralph Hunt, Jr.

THOMAS HENRY SEWELL

The Sesquicentennial Commission of the Battle of St. Michaels would like to extend their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Llewes Sewell for their courtesy in letting the Commission members have extensive use of the scrap-books of Thomas Henry Sewell.

These books consist mostly of photographs, newspaper clippings and other records of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of St. Michaels held August 11th, 1913. Mr. Thos. Sewell was the chairman of the Centennial Celebration and preserved as complete a record of the Battle and its commemoration as could be compiled at that time. These records have proved invaluable to the present members of the Sesquicentennial Commission.

Born in Talbot County, Mr. Thomas Sewell was very active in civic and social affairs in St. Michaels around the turn of the century. It was mostly for his ardent interest in both church and military history of Talbot and especially St. Michaels that he is so well remembered.

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Schools In St. Michaels

It is difficult to determine the exact date of the first free school in St. Michaels. We know that the Rectors of Christ Church, St. Michaels Parish taught many of the early illustrious citizens of Talbot and that various other private schools were maintained in the town for those fortunate ones who could afford the fees.

The first free school in the County was established near Betty's Cove, this site selected as being near the center of Talbot. Even though it was called a Public School, apparently there was some expense involved as often it was necessary to board students due to the lack of transportation. It is interesting to read that in 1764 in order to raise funds for this institution a public lottery was held — (shades of the past!)

In the early 1800's, Mr. Matthew Spencer established an English and classical school at Beverly Farm and in 1852 a "school of high grade for young ladies" was begun. Later in 1856 the St. Michaels Female Academy was established on the Green.

The first free school at St. Michaels was begun near the year 1834 when Primary schools were supported from the public funds under a law formed and presented to the Legislature by Mr. Richard Spencer of our town. This first school was held in the Market House which stood in the center of St. Mary's Square which had also served as an Armory during the War of 1812 and for sometime thereafter.

Around the year 1850 the school was moved to a new building erected on the "School House Lot" at the north end of town as noted on the original plat of the town.



The Battle Of St. Michaels

From early edition of the *Comet*

Word came that the British had landed at Kent;
Their men with Sir Sidney Beckwith were sent.
Ships came from Bermuda and West Indies one day,
And up through the waters of Chesapeake Bay.
Troops landed at Tilghman's Island, sailed down
The St. Michaels River to bombard the town.
The Britishers' eyes were on ships being built
In shipyards of a town that were up to the hilt
A barge for naval defense, among these,
And Baltimore Clippers to sail the high seas.
General Benson in command of five hundred men
And with fortified harbors repulsed the foe when
They came up the river in barges that night
In the midst and the fog that shrouded the light.
Captain William Dodson commanded the Fort
At Parrott's Point as a last resort
To hold off the enemy from our Shore
And establish our liberty as before.
The first musket was fired at Ashcraft's Point
Alarming the garrison at Parrott's Point;
On panic the men threw their muskets down
And ran through the cornfields and on to the town.
But Captain Bill Dodson remained at the spot,
Adding a charge of grape to the caliber shot,
He discharged both guns at the advancing foe;
With fearful effect he laid them low.
For a moment he checked the British advance,
But found they were closing in his last chance.
He spiked his guns and ordered a retreat
The foe took the battery victory seemed complete.
They gave three cheers, but their joy was premature,
Artillery opened on them, steady and sure.
Firing was returned from barge and battery
Till daylight came and final victory.
That night the people, with cunning subtleties,
Had blackout deceived them further down,
And the enemy over-shot the town.
Among the lists of dead the next day
Admiral Cockburn's gallant nephew lay.
He wanted one frolic, they had heard him say,
With the Yankees before he sailed away.
A British officer ruefully cried
As he climbed on the barge and stood at his side
"We've lost an officer (this without mirth)
Worth more than the whole d—nd town is worth!"

— Louise Howell



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OLD HOMES IN ST. MICHAELS

COL. JOSEPH KEMP HOUSE

A Georgian style home constructed in 1805 by Col. Joseph Kemp, a Revolutionary soldier and hero of the War of 1812. Col. Kemp actively participated in the BATTLE OF ST. MICHAELS, commanding a troop of horse in patrol on San Domingo Creek (Now BACK CREEK). The doorways, stairway and mantels are all of mahogany and are in their original condition. All the original furniture was brought from England and descendants of Col. Kemp through the Sparks family retain much of the original furniture in their possession. General Robert E. Lee spent two nights in this home during the Civil War as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sparks.

Now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Newnam, Easton, Md. Located at the corner of Talbot and West Chestnut Streets.

MOUNT PLEASANT

Land for this property was sold to Wm. Sears, prominent planter in 1802, for \$295.00, from the glebe lands of the Christ Church. The builder of this Georgian home, James Dooris, merchant, purchased the property in 1806. Mr. Dooris was very active in local patriotic assemblies preceding the actual battle of St. Michaels in 1813. The center part was the original construction as the wing was added by John C. Harper of "BEVERLY" during his residence there in the middle 1800's. The entrance was a small one-story porch, containing side benches — the columns and full-length porch being added during the early part of 1900.

Located at the northern corner of Mulberry and Talbot Streets, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alex J. Spencer.

BRUFF — MANSFIELD HOUSE

John Bruff purchased land from James Braddock, founder of St. Michaels in 1778, although every indication points to earlier construction of this small home. Containing two fire places, (one a very lovely corner one) and most unusual hand-made paneling, the floor joists are all hand hewn showing the marks of the broad axe and the flooring is pegged with woden dowels. This home is very similar to the one next door. This property was entailed having been in the same family from 1778 to the present day.

Located on Willow and Locust Streets, it is now owned by Capt. & Mrs. Randolph Mortimer of Tilghman's Island, Maryland — Mr. Mortimer being a descendant through the Mansfields and Bruffs.

THE "SNUGGERY" —

Originally a log cabin moved to its present location from about 100 yards distant on the shoreline. Was built by Edward Elliott or by his carpenter, Darby

Coghorn, in late 1600's or nearly 1700's. The logs are of black walnut, approximately 16" to 19" thick — a part of one can be seen as a doorsill in the small building at the rear. The house has two corner fireplaces on the first floor with very lovely marble fireplaces that have been added at some later date.

Now owned by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Mills — located on Cherry Street, directly across from the entrance to Willow Street.

THE "AMELIA WELBY HOUSE"

This small home with the brick fire-place end wall is believed to be "Brick-Nogged" between the three remaining walls of the main section. Home of FIRST POET LAUREATE OF MARYLAND, Amelia Welby, of whom Edgar Allen Poe heaped praise upon, during early 1800's. Apparently constructed during the 1700's, this cottage was believed to have been traded for by William Harrison of James of Long Point, Bozman against his inheritance in that estate. The brick end clearly shows the line of a later addition which raised the roof enabling the residents to utilize the upper story.

Now owned by Mrs. Fred Lewis, St. Michaels, Md. Located across from the corner of Water and Mulberry Streets.

THE "OLD INN"

Believed to have been erected by Wrightson and Elizabeth Jones in 1816. Land was purchased from Samuel Tennant for \$250.00, being part of a tract called "PERTAGONL." According to the County Land Records, Wrightson Jones, Jr., and Mary M., his wife, inherited a two-story brick dwelling and storehouse thereon. The cellar contains a large fireplace where the cooking was done. Of note, is the brick construction of the overhanging porch which is supported by two posts and a wooden and metal brace one end. Wrightson Jones was shipbuilder during the War of 1812, having yards at Beverly.

OWNED BY Mrs. Catherine Tarburton of Baltimore — located on corner of Mulberry and Talbot Streets.

"THE LOG HOUSES"

These two small homes containing black walnut logs were evidently built about the same time and during the early days of St. Michaels. The land was patented to John Hollingsworth in 1659. Outward appearances do not reflect the interior construction but renovations made during recent years prove the logs to be there and of varying thicknesses.

Located on Mill Street, Near Cedar Alley. Owned by Mr. and Mrs. Peige Pinkett and Mr. and Mrs. Bowens, St. Michaels, Md.

OLD HOMES IN ST. MICHAELS (Cont'd)

DR. DODSON'S HOME —

This house known locally as "Dr. Dodson's" home was the office and residence of Dr. Robert A. Dodson in 1878. Showing clearly by the line of brickwork through the center, it is known that this house has been added to. The small part at the rear was the location of the first POSTOFFICE in St. Michaels, in 1802 — Postmaster being James Dodson. The southern end of the main building was probably built around that time, since it shows almost the same construction details as the CANNON BALL HOUSE. Contains many of the Old "CROSS" doors, fireplaces and flooring. Some of the floorboards being more than 2" thick — walls are from 14" to 16" thick.

OWNED BY MRS. MARY SMITHERS — located at corner of Locust and Cherry Streets.

THE "COTTAGE"

Original home of Robert Lambdin and remained in the hands of the descendants for many years. Robert Lambdin maintained a shipyard on this property, being known at that time as a shipwright. He sold ship fittings from the small room at the rear of house and the ships were built in the immediate rear as the water at that time was three-fourths of the way in the present lawn area. Lambdin had several ships on the ways during the attack by the BRITISH in 1813, but they failed to damage any of the vessels being constructed probably for privateering.

It has been discovered by the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Sherman, the large part of the home is of hickory construction being mortised and pegged. Whether the diamond window panes are original has not been determined but they add to the charming appearance of this delightful cottage. Located at the Corner of Water and Mulberry Streets.

THE "TARR HOUSE"

Built in 1667 by Edward Elliott, founder and builder of the first Christ Church in St. Michaels, and his apprentice carpenter, Darby Coghorn. Contains much of the original construction which was the large part having two rooms down and two up.

The unusually large chimney contains four separate flues to a cellar fireplace (used for cooking), two in the rooms on the first floor and one in the bedroom immediately above. Timber used in small addition came from debris of the Johnstown Flood in 1869, and was added by Benjamin Blades for Capt. Thomas, the owner. The fireplaces are in their original condition and are complimented by antique andirons, black cooking pots, and swinging iron cranes.

Located on Willow Street fronting Church Cove; present owners are Mr. and Mrs. George Tarr, Jr.

DR. MILLER'S FARMHOUSE

Affectionately named after Dr. John Miller, resident and Town Commissioner in 1848, this lovely brick home was constructed by Matthew and Elizabeth Spencer approximately in 1840. Mahogany staircase, original moldings, doorframes, "CROSS" doors are much the same as they were at that time. Of unusual interest, is the plaster ceiling molding and central molded-plaster ornament above the milk-glass chandelier, in the large first-floor room.

It is evident that almost every succeeding owner added to this brick home as can be seen by the various appendages jutting out in every direction. Has been the home and office of four doctors, the present being DR. GUY M. REESER, JR., who along with his wife, are present owners. Located at corner of Talbot and East Chestnut Streets.

"CANNON BALL HOUSE"

Name was given due to a cannon ball piercing the house during the bombardment of St. Michaels by the British on August 10, 1813. It entered through the roof, rolling across the attic floor, bounced down the stair case frightening the occupant, Mrs. William Merchant, who was descending the stairs carrying her infant daughter. This brick home was built in 1805 by William Merchant, Shipwright. The kitchen was in the wing addition with a closed brick curtain across from the main house. Of interest, are the herringbone chairrails, the restored mantels, the curved arch across the lower hall. William Merchant died inestate and this home was sold by John Dorgin, Trustee, to settle just debts in 1831 for the sum of \$1,000.00.

Located on Mulberry at the North Entrance to St. Mary's Square, it is now owned by Captain and Mrs. William G. Ludlow, Jr.

THE "BRUFF HOUSE"

The land on which this house stands was sold to John Bruff by John Thompson for 20 pounds in 1791. The alley on which it fronts is known as "THOMPSON'S ALLEY" and was known at one time as "BRUFF'S ALLEY." Believed to have been built in the 1700's, this type of home is known as the "Southern Marine" and has been added onto. Contains original mantels as well as a matching hand-carved cupboard next to the mainroom fireplace. The very lovely dentil molding is most unusual and decorates both fireplaces as well as the cupboard.

Most of the doors are the "Cross" doors being very plain on the back with molded panelling fronts. Said to have been constructed for a tenant building by John Bruff, but due to the very fine handwork, the owners used it as their home.

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