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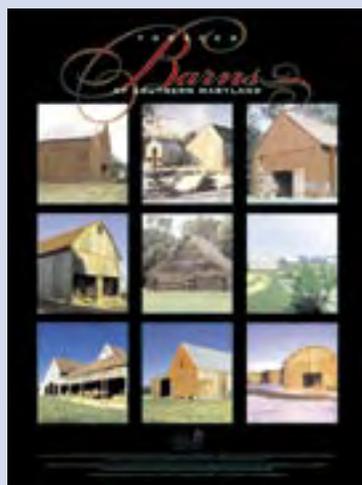
Tales from the place where time & tide meet

What is a Heritage Area?

All across America there are various regions that have a common history, a unique culture, and often special geographic traits – all things that unite an area and its people with their shared heritage. Here in Southern Maryland you need to look no further than the tidewaters of the Chesapeake Bay and those who work it or just enjoy it. Look across the rolling fields dotted with old tobacco barns, those emblems of the generations who worked the tobacco; planting, cutting, stripping and hanging the big leaves. When anyone stops to enjoy the sight of those fields and weathered gray barns with the Bay bright in the distance, that's Southern Maryland and its own special look and feel.

Our shared history goes back to the earliest European settlers in Maryland, in St. Mary's City, the place where Maryland began. Back to Dr. Mudd's House where John Wilkes Booth rode in desperation with a broken leg that needed to be set. To the War of 1812 and the Battle of St. Leonard Creek. Even as far back as the pre-historic Miocene era, when the fossils of Calvert Cliffs were deposited.

The visitors who can be categorized as heritage tourists are among the best of the best in tourism. They tend to skew higher in education and income, to spend more and stay longer. In short, they make a greater contribution to the economic development of the region than other tourists do. This is one reason that Southern Maryland formed a Consortium, developed a Management Plan and worked to be recognized, then certified as a State Heritage Area. The process took years, but the results are here for everyone to take pride in. The Southern Maryland Heritage Area, "the place where time and tide meet" became a certified heritage area in 2003.



Quick, Before They Disappear – Frame Yours TODAY!

Before they all disappear, we captured images of nine barns, three from each county, and created this lovely poster.

The poster is in full glowing color and very suitable for framing. Proceeds and profits will go directly to the Heritage Area, so consider making the purchase of one or more posters today.

See page 4 for more information about the poster and how to order.

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PLUS, places to go and more ways to explore our heritage.

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Mission:

The Mission of the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium is to enhance the economic activity of Southern Maryland through combining quality heritage tourism and small business development with preservation, cultural & natural resource conservation and education.

The Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium is funded in part by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, by the Boards of Commissioners of Calvert County, Charles County and St. Mary's County, and is supported by the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and the Southern Maryland Travel and Tourism Committee.



Living Themes of Our History

Every Certified Heritage Area has specific themes that are central to the history and landscapes of the region. You can guess that tobacco agriculture is one of our themes -- but do you know where you can go to explore how this one crop has helped to define Southern Maryland since the very beginning? Of course, there are other themes that are central to who we are and how we live today. Here are the most important themes and a few of the sites that explore the origins and definitions of each:

Agriculture/Tobacco Culture: Tobacco based economy shaped Southern Maryland's landscape and culture from earliest settlement through recent years.

Resources & Interpretive venues to visit:

- Friendship House (Charles County)
- Gen. William Smallwood House Museum (Charles County)
- Thomas Stone National Historic Site (Charles County)
- Sotterley Plantation (St. Mary's County)

War and Conflict: During American Revolutionary War and War of 1812, British Navy controlled waters of the Chesapeake. During the Civil War the slave population in the 3 counties constituted the majority.

Resources & Interpretive venues to visit:

- General Smallwood House (Charles County)
- Calvert Marine Museum (Solomons, in Calvert County)
- Naval Air Test & Evaluation Museum (Calvert County)
- Point Lookout State Park (St. Mary's County)

Religion: Separation of Protestant and Catholic traditions on the voyage of the Ark and the Dove, crucial to formation of St. Mary's City in the new colony.

Resources & Interpretive venues to visit:

- Historic Saint Mary's City (St. Mary's County)
- St. Clements Island/Potomac River Museum (St. Mary's County)
- Mt. Carmel Monastery (Port Tobacco, Charles County)

Maritime Culture: The waterman's life from it's peak in the 19th Century to the few fisheries left today.

Resources & Interpretive venues to visit:

- Calvert Marine Museum (Calvert County)

- Joseph C. Lore and Sons Oyster House (Solomons in Calvert County)
- Piney Point Lighthouse Park and Museum (St. Mary's County)
- Chesapeake Bay Lab (St. Mary's County)

Colonial Settlement: Maryland's Beginnings: First point of contact for Europeans settling in Maryland, first state capital.

Resources & Interpretive venues to visit:

- St. Clement Island (St. Mary's County)
- Historic St. Mary's City (St. Mary's County)
- Sotterley Plantation (St. Mary's County)
- Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (Calvert County)
- Port Tobacco (Charles County)
- Thomas Stone national Historic Park (Charles County)

Nature and Eco-Tourism: Experiential tourism sites abound in both Federally owned and State owned lands as well as lands protected by easement to protect natural resources.

Resources & Interpretive venues to visit:

- Nanjemoy Creek (Charles County)
- Zekiah Swamp (Charles County)
- Wicomico River (Charles County)
- Battle Creek Cypress Swamp (Calvert County)

Native American Heritage: Traces as early as 10,000 BC, and Piscataway tribes during the European settlement.

Resources & Interpretive venues to visit:

- Woodland Indian Hamlet in Historic St. Mary's City (St. Mary's County)
- Piscataway Indian Museum (Charles County)
- Town of Indian Head archeological sites (Charles County)
- Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum exhibits (Calvert County)

African-American Heritage:

Prominent figures since earliest settlers, including Mathias De Sousa, first African-American elected to serve in a State Legislature.

Resources & Interpretive venues to visit:

- African-American Heritage Society (Charles County)
- Sotterley Plantation (St. Mary's County)

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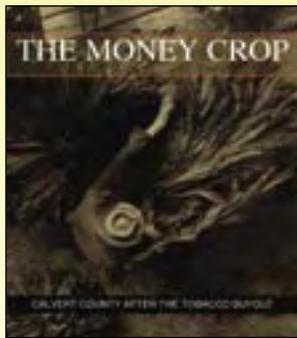
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New! Books that Explore the Region

If you ever thought, “someone should write a book about that,” maybe you’re right. Local authors and subjects have leant themselves to some wonderful new books and here are a few of them:

The Money Crop, Calvert County After the Tobacco Buyout, by Anne Sunderman, based on oral histories collected by Michael Kline and Carrie Nobel Kline. The unique voice of our region resonates throughout these pages as farmers describe their



daily work in the fields and the various people and instruments it took to bring in the moneymaking crop. Building on the 1992 book, this hardbound volume is a testimony to the crop that built Maryland’s economic system. With brief bios of contributors and a glossary of tobacco terms, it’s 112 pages and is published by the Maryland Historical Trust with the Calvert County Historic District Commission. Cost is \$25; it’s available at County museum shops, the

Historical Society, the County Planning & Zoning Department and local shops.

Memories of Sotterley, by Richard and Shawn Knott. There was a time when each town had a blacksmith, when oysters were twenty-five cents a

bushel, and historic Sotterley Plantation was still a working farm. Richard Knott remembers that time very well and his memories are collected here in a book that captures an oral history in the nick of time. Covering most of the 20th century, this is a must for lovers of this beautiful property. Available at local gift shops and Museum gift shops and through the St. Mary’s County Historical Society, the cost is \$25.

St. Mary’s County – Images of America. This lovely little book of old photos of the people and places of St. Mary’s County through the years is a fascinating glimpse of life in post-Civil War Southern Maryland. This historic journey through the Mother County of Maryland with 128 pages featuring over 200 black and white photographs, all identified and many of the names are familiar to today’s residents. Published by Arcadia Press, compiled by Linda Davis Reno, it’s available at local shops and costs \$19.99.

350 Years of Cooking in St. Mary’s County, Maryland. If you’ve ever wondered just exactly how to prepare fresh killed possum, this compilation of history and recipes is for you – see page 16. In fact, even if you’re not inclined to actually cook a pie or cake from the historically accurate instructions, this book is a historical guide to the way people used to eat in the region. Local author Henry Bonner compiled the recipes and information from various sources and the book is available at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and various booksellers for \$15.

Tax Credits That Might Surprise You

One of the benefits of being in a Targeted Investment Zone, or TIZ, within the Heritage Area is the amount of tax credits and benefits you may be eligible for. Many of the preconceptions people have about eligibility for these programs are untrue and the reality can be simply that many sites and business owners are eligible for benefits that they are simply not aware of.

First, let’s determine whether or not you are in a TIZ. These are specific regions within the Heritage Area that are designated as having a concentration of historic, cultural and natural resources. They are generally districts that have, or could be revitalized to have, significant interaction with the rest of the area. They have community and local business support and investment. Of course the

TIZ’s are all within the Heritage Area and are tracked for growth and heritage program performance as well.

In Southern Maryland the Targeted Investment Zones are: the Town of Indian Head, Port Tobacco, Friendship Farm Park/Nanjemoy, portions of Leonardtown, Piney Point/St. Georges Island, portions of Historic St. Mary’s City, portions of the Towns of North Beach and Chesapeake Beach, and portions of Solomons.

Now, about those tax credits... Of course if you have a listed or designated historic structure, you are eligible for the Heritage Preservation Tax Credit. But even the non-listed, non-designated structures can be eligible for benefits. If you have either a historic but unlisted or even a *non-historic* structure that can contribute

to the significance of the Heritage Area, there are benefits you may be eligible for. If your structure would contribute to the region’s architectural, historical or cultural quality of the Heritage Area and to the experience of visitors, you may be qualified to receive benefits when you rehabilitate or restore your building.

The state tax credit is 20% of the total, eligible project cost, and for commercial projects, there can be an additional federal credit of 20% -- quite a potential boost to those projects that are eligible. The award of these credits is competitive, so if you have a site or business within one of the Targeted Investment Zones mentioned above and are interested in hearing more about the potential benefits of rehabilitating your building, please email the Southern Maryland Heritage Area for more information and to be invited to meetings and discussions about these benefits: SoMdHeritage@tccsmd.org

County-By-County News

Each of the three counties in the Heritage Area has good news to report, so here's a bit of information about new initiatives and programs in the counties.

CALVERT COUNTY: received funding through the Rural Legacy Program to acquire property and conservation easements in the North Calvert Rural Legacy Area, which forms an 8-mile greenway along the Patuxent River, a State Scenic River. The Board of Public Works, which is comprised of Governor Ehrlich, Comptroller William Donald Schaeffer and Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp, approved \$350,000 for Calvert County.

The North Calvert Rural Legacy Area encompasses locations of historical significance, such as the town of Lower Marlboro, which played a role in the War of 1812 and was an important port town until the 1930s. Conservation here will support the local resource-based economy.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources stated that over \$2,900,000 would be distributed in various regions across the state. Since its creation in 1997, the Rural Legacy Program has preserved over 50,000 acres of rural land in the state.

CHARLES COUNTY: enacted new legislation that will be a model for any region that is undergoing development. It's called the *Historic Area Zone*, chapter 297 – zoning regulations in the code of Charles County, Maryland, an act concerning the establishment of the Historic Preservation Commission.

This new Article calls for the preservation of sites, structures and districts of historical, archaeological or architectural significance in Charles County. The forward-thinking zoning seeks to preserve the quality of life that draws people and business to Charles County, and does this by preserving the very culture of the region.

The legislation defines how the Historic Preservation Commission will be established and what the purpose of the Commission will be. This new Commission will have far-reaching responsibilities, including the implementation of the historic tax credit program. For more information about this new legislation, you can review the Article on the Charles County Government web site, or contact the Department of Planning and Growth Management.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY: received national recognition as a *Preserve America Community*. At a ceremony in Annapolis, during a meeting of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States and Honorary Chair of the Preserve America initiative presented the county with a certificate designating Maryland's Mother County as a *Preserve America Community*.

Each designated community receives national recognition including a listing in the government web-based directory to showcase preservation and heritage tourism efforts. At the presentation, Thomas F. McKay, President, Board of County Commissioners, said, "To be recognized among the many communities nationwide for preserving our history and utilizing our cultural resources to inspire and educate our future generations is truly an honor."

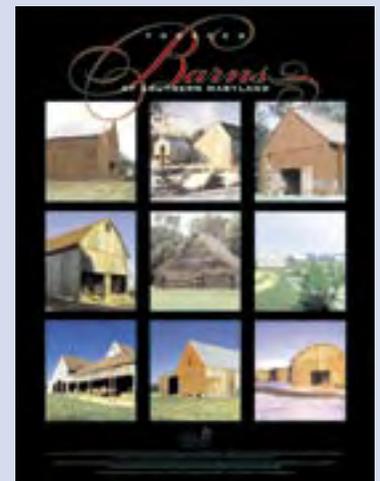
The *St. Mary's County Historical Society* has signed an agreement with the *Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC)* to house the UCAC's collection of Oral Histories and to make them available to the public.

Susan Erichsen of the Historical Society and Dr. Janice Walthour of the UCAC report that their two associations have signed an agreement of cooperation. In addition to housing copies of the UCAC's oral histories at the Research Library of the Historical Society, in Tudor Hall in Leonardtown, the two groups will share other information and opportunities.

Quick, Before They Disappear – Frame Yours TODAY!

Last year the National Trust for Historic Preservation named the tobacco barns of Southern Maryland as one of the 11 Most Endangered sites in the US. These graceful structures are truly the emblems of the Southern Maryland landscape and yet they are rapidly disappearing as they fall victim to the elements, developers and neglect. Before they all disappear, we captured images of nine barns, three from each county, and created this lovely poster. The poster is in full glowing color and very suitable for framing. Proceeds and profits will go directly to the Heritage Area, so consider making the purchase of one or more posters today – not just for your wall, but for the future of the barns themselves!

Size, 18 x 24" high. Cost: only \$15.00 each including shipping & handling. Order one today, we need your support and so do the barns! Available at our offices and other locations, call 301-274-4083 or email: SoMdHeritage@tccsmd.org



First Year Mini-Grants – Small But Powerful

The Southern Maryland Heritage Area initiated a mini-grant program last year. While our budget for the program was truly “mini” we managed to write checks to five recipients of awards and watch how far those tiny powerhouse grants went. This program specifically funds small projects for organizations throughout the Heritage Area and we managed to spread the money through all three counties.

The grants are for various amounts, with a maximum award of \$500. Each organization must match the awards dollar-for-dollar to fully fund their project or event. The award recipients for 2004 are as follows:



Ships at St. Mary's City Maritime Heritage Festival.

Historic St. Mary's City, for its Maritime Heritage Festival, received an award to help finance a musician who performed and demonstrated sea shanties at the festival this past June.

The Bayside Museum on Dayton Avenue in North

Beach, to purchase permanent display cases for artifacts relating to Camp Roosevelt, the first Boy Scout Camp. An additional grant was made to the Museum to fund the purchase of professional framing for part of its collection.

Friends of the Old Wallville School in Calvert County received assistance that helped them provide stabilization for this one-room African-American schoolhouse while it awaits movement to a permanent location.



The Old Wallville School in Calvert County

The Chesapeake Bay Floating Theatre, in Indian Head, received funds to upgrade its web site. The site supports the Black Box Theatre and now includes information about the historic James Adams Floating Theatre and Interpretive Centre.

Friends of the One Room Schoolhouse, in Port Republic, were awarded funds to help them create and publish a promotional brochure that will tell the story of early public education in this popular destination.

Each of these organizations have received their funds and their projects are either completed or well underway. The program was so popular that we are already well into the 2005 Mini-Grant program. Anyone who has missed out on this program and wants to be included in future grant rounds should email the Heritage Area with your contact information at: SoMdHeritage@tccsmd.org

Hot on the Trail of Heritage Tourism

The idea of farms and farmers making the switch from tobacco farming to alternative crops and uses for their properties might have seemed like science fiction a decade ago. But Dr. Christine Bergmark and her coworkers at the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission have been busy supporting exactly that kind of transition. And any drive through Southern Maryland will help you understand that it's happening all around us.

You've probably noticed the stands at grocery stores of local produce and products under the banner of "So. Maryland, So Good..." Well, that's part of it. Since the tobacco buyout farmers

across the region have been working with the Commission to recharge the batteries of agriculture and take their farms in new directions. It's not easy and in its heyday tobacco was a very profitable crop. But now we can enjoy local produce, fine herbs, flowers both fresh and dried and even the wineries that have popped up are putting out mature vintages. It's really quite amazing. And it's the result of a great deal of cooperation, planning and effort.

If that were all that was happening, the Commission would keep pretty busy. But there is so much more in the works. Dr. Bergmark is launching the first of several Heritage Tourism Trails in the fall of



2005. And what, you might ask, is that? No, not a trail in the hiking-in-the-woods sense but a route through Southern Maryland, linked by farms, gardens, artists' shops and

studios plus eateries featuring local food, farmers' markets – uniquely designed to showcase the culture, crafts, natural beauty and FUN that make Southern Maryland so special. It's the first of several that are planned and will help establish Southern Maryland as a key heritage tourism destination for many years to come. For more information, visit the web site of the Commission at: www.somarylandsofgood.com or more specific to the trails, www.somdtrails.com.

Ospreys, Eagles and More... The Birds of Southern Maryland

Once you're familiar with our abundance of rolling meadows, open woodlands and coastal waterways, it should come as no surprise that Southern Maryland is home or at least temporary campgrounds to a spectacular assortment of birds. This variety of natural habitats makes the region a virtual eden for both birds and birdwatchers alike.

Consider this summary of the winged wonders to be spotted at just about any location during the fall migration season, when the region plays host to birds traveling south in addition to our more local species.

If there's a stand of Loblolly Pine those trees might host some Brown-headed Nuthatch and Pine Warbler. Ovenbird and Wood Thrush can be seen in hardwood forests. You may spot rails, marsh sparrow and wrens if you walk along open marsh.

By the bay, watch for Spotted and Least Sandpipers, Sanderling, Ruddy Turnstone and Dunlin. You may spot a Great Cormorant in winter, but will almost certainly see Double-crested Cormorant. Search the surf for Sandwich and Black Terns as they feed on schools of baitfish.

Area boat launches are where you can find early Grebes and Bufflehead, Forster's Terns, a young Bald Eagle or possibly a Black Skimmer on shorelines and sand spits. In shrubby areas you'll find interesting sparrows, Indigo Bunting and Blue Grosbeak.

The ponds at Point Lookout have produced such rarities as Wood Storks, White Ibis and Red-necked Phalarope. Swallows, rails, shorebirds, Marsh Sparrow, herons and the occasional Eastern Meadowlark can be found there as well – although if there are resident Mute Swans they'll limit the species they welcome.

During the fall migration, the number of songbirds (thrushes, tanagers, warbler and flycatcher species) can be impressive. From August on you can find many

migrants enjoying a respite in their travels, whether they come from far or near. The berries of Black Tupelo trees feed thrushes and mimic thrushes. Look for the Northern Waterthrush or a rare Olive-sided Flycatcher. A glance out over the Potomac might spot Brown Pelicans loafing nearby.

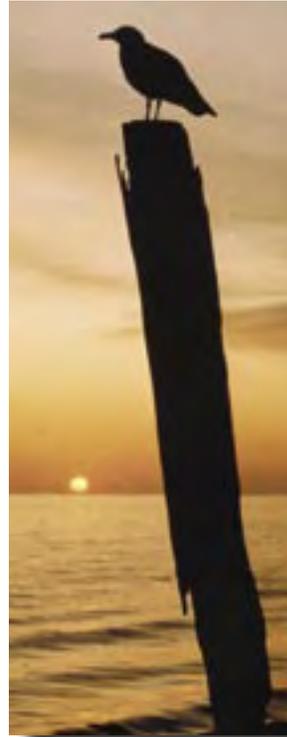
Then suddenly one day, the spell is broken and the migrants have left as quickly as they appeared. They have travels to continue and if we're lucky, they may return next year. Until then, watch for a Sanderling, Snow Bunting or Horned Lark along the Bay!

Some Birding "hot spots" include, in Calvert County: Parker's Creek Reserve, Calvert Cliffs State Park, Kings Landing Park, Flag Ponds Nature Park, Battle Creek Cypress Park, Cove Point Park, Calvert Marine Museum, Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, North Beach Marshes, North Beach Boardwalk and Fishing Pier, Chesapeake Beach Bayside Park.

In Charles County: Potomac Shore, Ruth Swann Memorial Park, Nanjemoy Environmental Education Center, Chapman's Landing, Smallwood State Park, The Mattawoman Wildland, Myrtle Grove Wildlife Management Area, Indian Creek Natural Resources Management Area, Chapel Point State Park, Chicamuxen Wildlife Management Area.

In St. Mary's County: Point Lookout State Park, St. Mary's River State Park, Historic St. Mary's City, Elms Public Beach, Piney Point Lighthouse, Myrtle Point, Sotterley Plantation.

(This article was written using information from the Southern Maryland Audubon Society and the article, "Point Lookout State Park: An Autumn Hotspot," from their newsletter, THE OSPREY.)



NEW! Bicycle Routes in Southern Maryland

Just in from the printer, our new and updated Bicycle Map! With twelve different routes through interesting regions in the Southern Maryland Heritage Area, this map is now available. It is clear and easy to follow, has points of interest noted and described, the routes are of varying distances and are both scenic and historic. This new and helpful guide is a must for anyone who enjoys these quiet tours on recommended roads. Look for it at Welcome Centers and watch for more information about this guide in the spring edition of the Tidekeepers TIMES.

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum: A Train Station Worth Stopping For

The Chesapeake Beach Railway Station was once the stopping point for those arriving at this resort town. Visitors came to enjoy the hotels, bathhouses and beaches, casinos, racetrack and a 1600-foot boardwalk. The boardwalk supported a band shell, carousel, dance pavilion, roller coaster and other



The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, Station built in 1897

entertainment. By the turn of the century, passenger steamers arrived daily from Baltimore during the summer and tied up at a mile-long pier. The first train arrived in Chesapeake Beach on June 9, 1900.

After a short span of thirty-five years the trains full of passengers and freight stopped pulling into the station. Financial hardship brought on by the Great Depression and the growing popularity of the automobile spelled the

end of the station's hey day. Although the amusement park remained open, the rail service from Washington and Baltimore founded and the last train left the station on April 15, 1935.



CBR Engine #12 leaving Seat Pleasant for Chesapeake Beach, c. 1930

But today, the past has been recaptured thanks to the work of local preservationists and the Calvert County Historical Society. The early history of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company and Amusement Park comes to life in the detailed collection of historical photos and artifacts inside the Museum. Housed in the only remaining station of the railway, it is your ticket back to the Monte-Carlo style resort that once was alive and thriving here on the bay.

The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum is free and open to the public with regular hours that are seasonal, so please call to check. The Museum is on Mears Avenue in the town of Chesapeake Beach, 410-257-3892.

Point Lookout: Haven for Naturalists, History Buffs, Lighthouse Fans and Vacationers

Situated at the southernmost point in St. Mary's County, where the Potomac River enters the Chesapeake Bay, is Point Lookout State Park. This barren, barely above sea level strip of land has seen more than its share of history over the centuries. Considering that history, Point Lookout State Park can please anyone from lighthouse lovers to war historians, naturalists to vacationers.

The first accounts of Point Lookout came from explorer John Smith in 1612 describing the abundance of fish that accompanied the fields of crops. Fast-forward nearly 220 years to 1830, when the first extensive accounts at Point Lookout were taken due to the building of a lighthouse.

Today the lighthouse has witnessed over 175 years of history packed inside its walls and the surrounding quarters. This history includes over 20 lighthouse keepers, assistant keepers and families living in and caring for the

dwelling. The lighthouse has survived the events during the Civil War and the numerous storms and hurricanes that caused shipwrecks throughout the surrounding waters but never claimed the lighthouse as a victim. It is said that old lighthouse keepers, civil war soldiers and shipwrecked sailors haunt the lighthouse to this day.

Beginning in 1862 Point Lookout became a Civil War hotspot. With the



building of Hammond Hospital near the point, wounded Union soldiers came filing in by the dozens, most of these from the Battle of Gettysburg. With the onslaught of captured confederate soldiers there was a need for a prison camp, Camp Hoffman was the largest prisoner of war camp of the Civil War, built and put into operation in the summer of 1863. Still standing today is Fort Lincoln, an earthen fort built by prisoners to protect against any attacks from the south in an attempt to free their fellow soldiers. Artifacts from the fort, prison pen and hospital can all be seen at the Civil War Museum in the park.

Point Lookout State Park is open year round offering swimming, boating, picnicking, fishing, camping, great history, and more! The Museum is open F-M through Labor Day and on weekends in September and October. Call the park at 301-872-5688 for more information and special events.

Water views from Point Lookout State Park are always spectacular.

Dr. Mudd's House and His Bright Red Barn

Samuel A. Mudd was a 31-year-old country doctor when a man on horseback rode up to his home in Charles County in the middle of the night, seeking medical help for a broken leg. News about the assassination of President Lincoln didn't reach Dr. Mudd until John Wilkes Booth had ridden off with his co-conspirators. But Union troops arrested the young doctor and occupied his home.

Thus began one of the most interesting stories of the Civil War era and all that was to follow in American History. The house, now a Museum, is not only intact but furnished, complete with the sofa that Booth reclined on while his leg was examined and splinted in the small hours of that Good Friday, April 14, 1865. Set in the lovely rolling fields that lend

a timeless quality to the house and all the outbuildings, this is one of the most popular and well-visited sites of the region. Costumed docents give guided tours of the house and grounds, while on occasion you can find Civil War re-enactors camping on the Museum grounds.



The "barn red" tobacco barn at the Dr. Mudd House Museum

A couple of years ago the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Society, Inc. opened a Farm Museum on the grounds and this is open to the public too. Here you can find farm tools, hand tools and horse drawn machinery that are typical of the region during times past. Like all working farms, this one has a number of barns, corncribs and outbuildings on the property. One, the tobacco barn, has recently been painted in traditional "barn red" and stands as a brilliantly colored example of the typical Maryland Tobacco Barn.

The Sr. Samuel A. Mudd House Museum is in Waldorf and is open every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 4. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children under 16. For more information call 301-645-6870 or 301-274-9358. www.somd.lib.md.us/MUSEUMS/Mudd.htm

Support Southern Maryland's Heritage... Become a Tidekeeper now!

The people of Southern Maryland are interested in the history and culture of our region. These people make up our Friends group, called *Tidekeepers*.

With your help, we will preserve, enhance and promote all that is special about our heritage area. By doing that we will demonstrate what a terrific place Southern Maryland is to work and play, for all the residents and also for the visitors and businesses in the region. Joining this elite circle of pride can cost as little as twenty dollars, so complete the Membership Form today and send it in with your donation – become a Tidekeeper of Southern Maryland.

YES, I want to join the Tidekeepers and demonstrate my pride in the unique Heritage of Southern Maryland! Enclosed is my donation for the Membership Level:

(please check one:)

Associate Member \$20 Supporting Member \$100 Sustaining Member \$500

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E Mail: _____

Address: City/State/Zip _____

Special interests/concerns/talents: _____

I want to make an additional contribution in this amount: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Friends of Southern Maryland Heritage**, a non-profit organization, organized under the 501-c(3) of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. Your dues are tax deductible.

Mail completed form and check to: **Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium, PO Box 745, Hughesville, MD 20637.**

Membership Levels and Benefits

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: \$20. Open to individuals and non-profit associations. All Associate Members will be on our mailing list to receive our newsletters and other information.

SUPPORTING MEMBER: \$100. Open to all who have a special pride in our region. All Supporting Members will receive a copy of our "Barns of Southern Maryland" poster.

SUSTAINING MEMBER: \$500. Open to businesses and individuals in Southern Maryland that wish to make a substantial and positive contribution in support of the Heritage of Southern Maryland. All Corporate Members will receive a plaque of appreciation for their contribution.