ALL-IN-ONE REDEFINED.

0.0% Financing for 36 Months****57

Z820A Z-TRAK PRO SERIES
25-HP air cooled Kawasaki® engine
Available with 48" or 54" 7-Iron™ Mulch-on-Demand, or 54" 7-Iron™ PRO Decks
Exclusive Turn Key +1 for car-like start

JOHN DEERE
Nothing Runs Like A Deere™

GATOR 620I XUV

On-demand true 4WD
Independent rear suspension
Over 100 attachments and accessories

0.0% Financing for 36 Months****57

3005 COMPACT UTILITY TRACTOR

27-HP 3-cylinder TNV Series Yanmar diesel engine
Standard power steering on 4-wheel drive models

0.0% Financing for 42 Months***24

VISIT YOUR GOLD STAR CERTIFIED JOHN DEERE DEALER TODAY!

CERTIFIED GOLD STAR DEALER

www.JohnDeere.com/Homeowners

CARROLL'S EQUIPMENT

11723 Three Notch Rd
Dameron, MD
(301) 872-5553

HOURS:
Mon-Fri • 8-5
Sat • 8-12
Closed Sundays

*Offer ends 8/31/2010. Some restrictions apply; other special rates and terms may be available, so see your dealer for details and other financing options. **Offer ends 10/31/2009. Some restrictions apply; other special rates and terms may be available, so see your dealer for details and other financing options. †Subject to approved credit on John Deere Credit Installment Plans. Up to 10% down payment may be required. ††Subject to approved credit on John Deere Credit Revolving Plans, a service of FPC Financial, L.L.C. Payments will be based on 24 equal payments at 0% APR. No down payment required. A $5.00 per month minimum finance charge may be required. Upon default of your account, the interest rate may increase to 18.0% APR. John Deere's green and yellow color scheme, the leaping deer symbol, and JOHN DEERE are trademarks of Deere & Company. The engine horsepower information is provided by the engine manufacturer to be used for comparison purposes only. Actual operating horsepower will be less.

D74CUBD0802-CAR3X100826CCR-4C-00297928

SAFETY. Rewards.

Equal Opportunity Lender

A Journey Through Time

The TIMES Chronicle

Columnist Linda Reno is a historian and genealogist specializing in Southern Maryland history. Mrs. Reno is a member of the St. Mary's County Historical Society, St. Mary's County Genealogical Society, Charles County Genealogical Society, Maryland Historical Society, and the Maryland Genealogical Society. She has authored many books and articles on local history. We hope you will enjoy these articles and welcome your comments and suggestions for future subjects.

By Linda Reno
Contributing Writer

"Our usually quiet village was thrown into excitement on Friday morning last by the announcement that John D. Reintzell, an old and well known citizen here, had been drowned in the Bay, immediately below the Sheep-Pen woods. At first it was conjecture that the drowning had been accidental, but subsequent developments proved that the unfortunate man had committed suicide…. His hat and coat were left by him upon the bank over the place where his body was found, and two notes were discovered in the inside pocket of his coat explaining the causes which impelled him to the commission of the act.

"Friday, June 1879. The under will please have it published that I, the undersigned, am determined to get rid of my troubles. My children must forgive me. I hope God will forgive all that have treated me wrong. J. D. Reintzell.

The second note read: *"I have got tired of working for the rough living I get for it. I have been cheated out of my labor, and many who will see this know it. I want to be buried in [the] ground beside my first wife. Nat Gordon put award [a word] on it for me. I am to my friends a particular well-wisher, but I think I had few. William Armsworthy is in great trouble now. I have just left him. Poor man, I hope it will be better for him. Goodbye, my friend. God bless you. Give my love to [those] you know ought to have it. I hope this will be a warning to all those who have poor men at work for them to treat them right. I have been treated very rough. I don't wish an inquest; the county is too poor to pay for one. I am tired of writing. J. D. Reintzell.*

"The most remarkable thing connected with it was the deliberateness and determination which possessed the mind of the suicide. The water was not over six inches deep where he was drowned and it was necessary to confine his head under a log, which projected from the shore, in order to accomplish his purpose. He was found in this situation. The deceased was a member of the Episcopal church and was about 65 years of age. He was born in Georgetown, D.C. and came to this county about 30 years ago, where he has since lived, following the trade of a plasterer.

"On Thursday and before, he was engaged in a job of calcimining the bar-room of Fenwick's Hotel, but not knowing much about such work, made a failure of it, which, it is thought, worked upon his sensitive nature and partly caused him to commit the act. He had been in a melancholy mood of late, but no one ever detected any derangement of his mind. He was last seen on the morning of Friday, about 5 o'clock by Mr. Armsworthy, the county jailor, at whose house he called on his way to the shore.

"Mr. Armsworthy noticed nothing peculiar in his manner or actions, and when leaving, the deceased told him that he would call again later in the day if he did not go to work. It is supposed that he committed suicide a short time after leaving Mr. Armsworthy's house." (St. Mary's Beacon, June 19, 1879).

Some of John Reintzell's descendants have assumed he was married to Natalie Gordon, but I disagree. In my opinion, Reintzell's directions regarding his burial read: I want to be buried in THE ground beside my first wife.

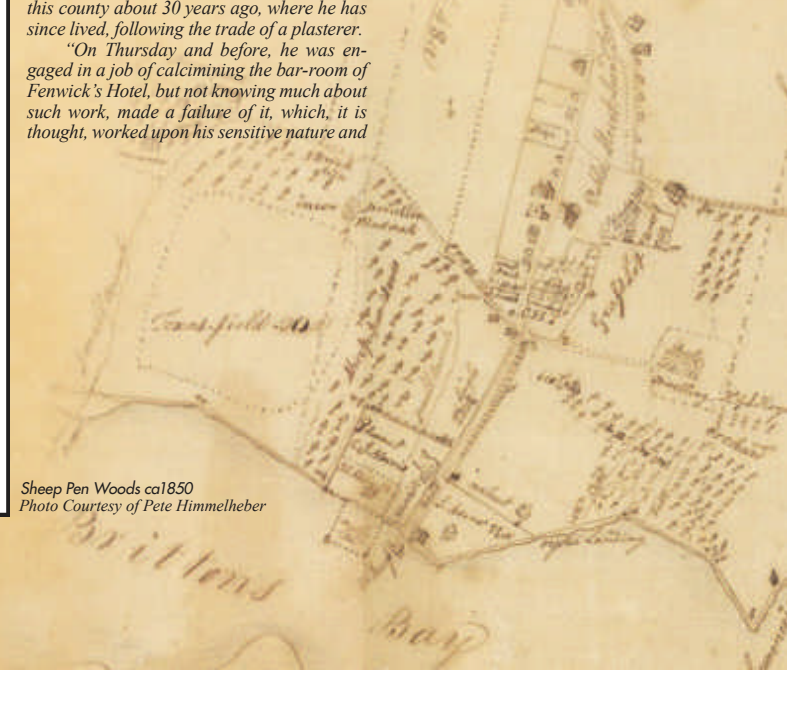
The next sentence should have read: Nat Gordon, put a WORD on it for me. Nathaniel Gordon, farm laborer, was listed on the 1870 census of St. Mary's County. He probably inscribed tombstones as a side business.

John Reintzell was married three times--Eliza Chick whom he married in Washington on May 10, 1837; Violetta Armstrong, January 22, 1861; and Elizabeth Dean (widow of Richard Dick), January 15, 1866.

John Reintzell was a descendant of Johannes Valentine Reintzell, a German who arrived in Philadelphia in 1738 aboard the ship "Friendship." About 1767, Reintzell moved his family to Georgetown from Berks County, PA.

The Reintzell men were Masons. As members of the Georgetown Lodge, the three Reintzell brothers (John, Anthony, and Valentine) took part in the laying of the cornerstone of the White House on October 13, 1792. Afterwards *"16 toasts were drunk including to the 15 United States, to the President of the United States, to the fair daughters of America, and to the memory of those who bled in the cause of liberty."*

Valentine Reintzell also assisted George Washington in laying the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol on September 18, 1793. *"After the ceremony, the participants feasted on a roasted oxen weighing 500 pounds. Washington handed the gavel that he had used to Worshipful Master Reintzel.* The gavel is kept in the vault of Riggs Bank on Wisconsin Avenue.



Sheep Pen Woods ca1850
Photo Courtesy of Pete Himmelheber