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# A Journey Through Time The **TIMES** Chronicle

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By Linda Reno  
Contributing Writer

One of my favorite pictures from my book "Images of America: St. Mary's County" is the one shown here today. Taken about 1915, it is of Benedict, Philip, and Eleanor Love, the children of Benedict Booth Love and Ann "Annie" May Graves.

Eleanor was angry when the picture was taken because she wanted to be on the bicycle. She refused to hold the flowers and was only partly consoled by being allowed to hold her wooden horse. Look a little closer and you'll note that her shoes were on the wrong feet.

Her father, Benedict Booth Love, was an undertaker for many years. By 1930 he was Deputy Collector of Taxes. This job probably didn't make him particularly popular, but his father, Philip Greenwell Love, took on a role during the Civil War that was life-threatening. He was a recruiting official for the Union Army.

"Philip G. Love, who resigned as enrolling officer in that county, described the atmosphere as being 'surrounded by a hostile foe. I occupy a very peculiar position in this County when I say there is no man that lives in the County that has been stigmatized and condemned more than I for my Loyal or union sentiments. It may be that I

have talked too much.... Many men have left here at different times since the outbreak of the Rebellion and supposed to be in the Confederate service. Others have left here lately supposed to ... escape the draft.... I do not believe that my Brother or myself could ride three hours in attempting to enroll our District without being shot. We have been openly and publicly threatened. We have also been advised ... that if we qualified for said office we would only be signing our own Death warrants."

Keep in mind that Lincoln received only one vote in St. Mary's County in 1860. That would be repeated in Prince George's County and Calvert County. In Charles County he received six votes. Overall, Lincoln received only 2.5% of the popular vote in the state of Maryland.

Union officials would rectify that situation by the time of the 1864 election. Maryland was now occupied by Federal troops. In St. Mary's County, soldiers were stationed at each of the voting sites, with some of them actually voting despite the fact they were not residents nor were they enrolled.



Photo Courtesy of Betty Peterson

Voter intimidation and coercion was rampant throughout the state. Voters were required to sign an oath of allegiance prior to actually voting. This time Lincoln would receive 55.1% of the popular vote in Maryland.

From 2.5% to 55.1% with a war raging, sons and fathers having escaped to enlist in the CSA or having been drafted into the Union army, farms gone to waste, and families

in dire want? Would any logical person believe that Lincoln's popularity actually increased in Maryland by over 50%? If you do, I have another one for you. The war was all about slavery. No, it wasn't and that's not why it started. The Emancipation Proclamation freed no slaves. Its purpose was to punish the Southern states over which Lincoln had no control anyway. It did not affect slavery in the Northern states (and in occupied Maryland).