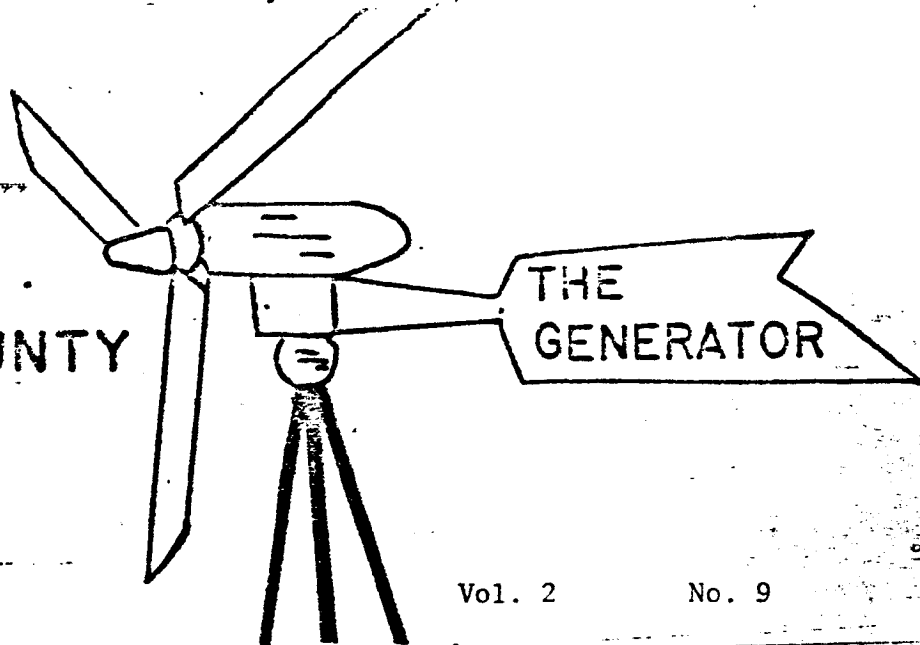


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Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15th, at 7:30 P.M. in the library of the Esperanza Middle School. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Billye McGaharn, Director of the Commission on Aging for St. Mary's County, who will speak on the possible role our society can play in involving the senior citizens in genealogy. We are capable of providing a new interest and an outlet for the elderly, and we can learn so much from them. Most of them like to speak of the past and to relive it; but they often feel that no one is interested. How rewarding it would be to know that we had brought sunshine into the lives of some of our senior citizens and that we had succeeded in making them feel as important as they really are! Their knowledge of the past is invaluable to us, and hopefully we can set up an oral history program.

A show and tell session was held at our April meeting. Members present informed others of their experiences and interesting finds in doing research. Member Harvey Lineback demonstrated a method for preserving documents, pictures, etc. Harvey has advised that he will laminate and mount items for members who so desire. He will do this free for one or two items however it would be advisable to talk with him if you have numerous documents. Harvey has a new phone number 862-3413.

Member Sarah Hughes brought in an article from the April 27th issue of the Frederick, Md. Post. It is a book review by Judge Edward S. Delaplaine of "This Was The Life" by Millard M. Rice, published by The Monocacy Book Co., P.O. Box 765, Redwood City, Cal. 94064. Mr. Rice of Frederick, is a relative of Sarah's. This book covers the period from the establishment of Frederick as a county in 1748 to 1765 in the form of court proceedings. Frederick was created out of the western section of Prince George County and included what is now Frederick, Montgomery, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties and portions of Carroll and Howard Counties. One gathers from reading the review that this book will prove to be a helpful reference for those doing research in Frederick and the other above mentioned counties.

Member Joe Prentice brought in 3X5 index cards on some of the family lines he is researching. These cards are to be placed in the society's surname file in the Lexington Park Library. A copy of one of Joe's cards appears in this issue of the Generator as a guide to members.

Did you read the ad placed in May 2, 1979 issue of the St. Mary's Beacon in which a reward of \$250.00 was offered for Taylor family information? We hope to learn that

some member of our society was able to supply the information and to collect the reward.

It will soon be time for the selection of new officers to serve for the upcoming year beginning in September. Present board members will soon meet to discuss and select possible candidates for the various offices. If you are approached please give serious consideration for acceptance of a position. Ballots will be forthcoming in the mail for you to vote on or the writing in of your personal choice. We need your input, your talents and your support to continue to grow and to sustain the society's goals.

Library Report

Leonardtwn and Lexington Park report no new acquisitions of genealogical books. Mrs. Cannetti at Lexington Park advises the microfilm reader-printer is reading only at present. They are awaiting the repairman from Va. to remedy the printing problem.

Comming Events

May 12 - National Genealogical Society meeting at U.S. Archives 2:30 P.M. speaker Elizabeth Swift "Research in Wisconsin"

May 15 - Our meeting at Esperanza Middle School 7:30 P.M.

May 26-28 9th Annual Cavalier Days at the Calvert County Fairgrounds, Prince Frederick

The 1880 Maryland Directory will be printed (3 pages at a time) beginning with St. Mary's County in this issue.

Copy of index card for use as a guide.

EYANSON, (I'ANSON, IRONSON), John Sr., b. ca 1724, Dublin, Ireland, married
PREMM, Elizabeth, ca. 1749.
Lived Cecil Co., Md., 1749 - 1754; Salem, N. J., 1759 - 1767.
Children; John Jr., Esther, Thomas, Sarah, Mary, Louise & Simon Peter, 1750 - 1767.
Contact Gen. files Jos. PRENTICE, Fresh Pond Neck Rd., Ridge, Md., 20680. Phone 301-872-5913.
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ST. MARY'S COUNTY.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, having an area of 429 square miles, occupies the south-eastern extremity of the western slope of the Chesapeake Bay, and forms a peninsula bounded south-westerly by the Potomac River, easterly and north-easterly by the Bay and Patuxent River, and on the north-west by Charles County, being almost insulated by the finest and deepest waters. This is the oldest county in the State, and claims the most prominent notice in the history of Maryland. The scenery along the river banks is particularly picturesque and beautiful, while the noble streams that find their abundant plentifully in fish, oysters, terrapins and wild fowl. Of the Potomac, says Luther White, (one of the first settlers of Maryland,) "a larger and more beautiful stream I never have seen. The Thames compared with it is but a rivulet. Bounded on the sides by no marshes, it runs between solid and rising banks;" scarce less could be said in compliment to the Patuxent River, though not so large; its meandering course and lucid water reflecting as a mirror the verdant banks and forests present a most lovely picture.

Throughout the whole length of the county, these two noble streams branch out their crystal arms as if vying in their services to so fair a land. Averaging in length about 30 miles and in width about 11 miles, of an undulating surface in the north-western part, low and level in the south-eastern portion, possessing a soil susceptible of the highest improvement, well wooded and watered throughout, this county at once presents the fairest handiwork of nature, only awaiting the enterprise and labor of a thrifty people to develop the latent wealth of her fields.

Tobacco and corn are the staple crops of the county; the wheat is of an excellent grain and much sought after by millers. The climate much resembles that of the Eastern Shore, and it would no doubt prove as favorable to fruit, etc. No rocks or minerals are found, but coal is abundant. The county has excellent water communication by large steamers, which continually ply on the Bay, Potomac and Patuxent rivers; the Potomac steamers running between Baltimore, Washington and Georgetown, and those on the Indiantown between Baltimore and Hill's Landing, Prince George's County. A stage line, traversing the interior of the county, connects the south-eastern part with Baltimore & Potomac Railroad at Brenttown Station. There are no railroads in the county; but the Southern Maryland Railroad, of which the grading has been completed, designs connecting Point Lookout with B. & P. R. R. at Brandywine Station.

Point Lookout, at the mouth of the Potomac River, and Piney Point some distance above, are wintering places, both celebrated for their invigorating sea air and excellent bathing grounds; they are highly fitted to become the favorite resorts of the country; but their improvements are by no means commensurate with their natural advantages. Further up the river, at "Coltons" and "Hickleton's," also accommodations have been fitted up to render them popular places of summer resort. Facing them and very near to the main land, are several beautiful islands, named by Lord Baltimore and his party on their first arrival here. "The Herons" from the immense number of these birds that were found there. "The largest of these, St. Clement's, (now called Blackston's,) comprises about 80 acres of land, and is quite note-worthy in the early history of Maryland, as being the first land in the State on which Lord Baltimore and his party set foot, 25th March, 1634. Here they touched on their way up the Potomac—"a cross was planted and the country claimed for Christ and England."—*Haverhill*. And it was at the Indian village of

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Fifty years ago the great establishment, which it becomes our present duty to describe in this brief sketch, was founded by its present senior proprietor, Mr. GRONK W. ROBINSON, and it is recognized as the leading representative of the industry in Maryland, and the only one of any considerable importance. Twenty-two years afterwards, in 1850, Mr. JESSE J. ROBINSON was admitted to the firm, when the style became and has since remained, GRONK W. ROBINSON & SON.

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Yorconice on the St. Mary's River afterwards the site of St. Mary's City, and on the 27th of March, 1631 that religious liberty obtained its only home in the wide world. It was made the seat of government for the Province of Maryland, and remained the Capital until 1692, when by an act of the Assembly it was removed to Annapolis. After the removal of the seat of government, the city lost its main prop and consequently fell, and to-day there is not a relic left to mark its existence.

The public schools are agreeably located and profit by an excellent corps of teachers; the examinations for qualifications being in every respect conducted to elevate the profession. The public school buildings are rather inferior, though being steadily improved within the means of the School Board, but in the healthy condition of the treasury, in the valuable and meritorious officers, in the earnest untiring labors of the teachers themselves, the public schools of St. Mary's County may be said to challenge comparison with those of nearly any other county in the State.

Thus it is to be readily seen that every inducement is held out for immigration. "Monster farms" and severity of labor are the besetting evils; the lands themselves are excellent, both as to surface and soil, abounding in handsome forests and beautiful streams; and even so cheap that it is difficult to fix upon an average price; this, as it is said, is due to the scarcity of purchasers, but from forced sales, the average price of farming lands has been ascertained to be \$10 per acre. The cash value ranges between \$3 and \$50, giving an average of about \$20 per acre for the whole county.

The climate lends its benign influence to heighten the attractiveness of the proximity of the ocean, the winters are somewhat moderated by the Gulf Stream, while cool sea breezes relieve the heat of the summer; slightly malarious, but notably free from the more fatal diseases, such as consumption, pneumonia, pleurisy, typhoid fever, etc. The climate of St. Mary's may be justly considered as healthy and inviting.

The internal improvements are unobjectionable. Saw mills and grist mills may be found at suitable places, especially in the north-western part, where water-power is furnished by the undulating surface. Mechanics of every necessity abundantly ply their busy work in sufficient numbers to favor the advancement of business generally. Churches of various denominations are suitably located. The public schools are open to receive those desirous of free education, and all things combined to lend a cheerful welcome to those in search of homes.

The very rivers teem with luxuries, and while they beautify and irrigate the soil, afford profitable employment to many. It is the most unobjectionable policy for persons to be seeking homes in the "far west," while such fair inducements are offered so near at hand. The very best investment for capital and labor both is here in the southern part of Maryland, where nature's stores, almost in perpetual wealth, await the hand to unloose them; and it is to be hoped through such agencies, that St. Mary's County will yet do honor to the conspicuous place she holds in the history of the State of Maryland.

Judges Senior, Judicial Circuit—Hon. George Brent, Chief Judge, Port Tobacco. *Associate*—Hons. Robert Ford and D. H. Magruder. *Justices of the Peace*—Frank Ford, Leonardtown. *Deputies*—Robert A. Young and Joseph F. Noble. *Clerk*—James P. Warthen. *Sheriff*—Wm. F. Ford. *Justices of the Peace*—James R. Alvey and Thomas Hoyt. *State's Attorney*—Daniel C. Hammond, Leonardtown. *Warden of Jail*—G. W. Amstrong. *Physician*—Charles Gombis. *Judges Orphan's Court*—John I. Althum, Chief Judge, Philip G. Love and Zaccariah Tippet. *Register of Wills*—John B. Alvey, Leonardtown. *Surveyors*—George B. Dent, *County Commissioners*—James H. Alvey, Priest, J. Hillery Parsons, A. A. Lawrence, Wm. A. Loker and Stephen Jones. *Clerk*—Wm. G. Reeder, Leonardtown. *Justices of the Peace*—First District—Abandon G. Tammison, Allen G. Tyler and John M. Hirsone. *Second District*—John Sinsdrick and Thomas Dent. *Third District*—Jefferson G. Howard, J. Felix Morgan,