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President's Message

Dear Members:

Art Leiby, Chairman of our Publicity Committee has requested that I set forth my goals for this year, as the Society president. First, please let me say that I am honored to serve in this capacity.

The first goal is this newsletter. In that the only large gathering of the Society falls in May, the Board of Directors needs to communicate its undertakings to you, and I hope this vehicle fulfills that obligation.

Next, it is my desire to see the October and January general membership meetings attract as many members as possible. Board members Chip Gregory and Mark Freestate have each agreed to chair one of these meetings, and I know their hard work will be recognized.

Lastly, I would like to see the final completion of the improvements to Tucker House. This last goal is one of observation on my part.

The efforts of the building and grounds committee, curators of both buildings and their committees are responsible for the present excellent condition of Wright's Chance and status of Tucker House, when complete.

Sincerely,

J. Donald Braden

Somerset Academy "Dig"

Topic of October Meeting

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"LANSDOWNE", near Queenstown.

One time home of Peregrine Wilmer.
(See "Pere Wilmer: Assemblyman of
Queen Anne's County," p.14.)

Photo from Society's collection.

Of Passing Interest

**Publications which may be of interest to
those who do research on
Queen Anne's County heritage.**

New Sketches of Maryland Eastern Shoremen
(Family Line Publications, 13405 Collingwood
Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Tel. (301)
384-0617.) 286 pp. \$18.50 postpaid.

Genealogical extracts from Portrait and
Biographical Record of the Eastern Shore of
Maryland, published originally in 1898. Taken
from 775 bio-personages. Many of these bio-
ographies describe several generations, often
back to the emigrant. Fully indexed (original
was not); cross-referenced to the original.
Photographs have been omitted.

Maryland Militia, War of 1812, Vol. I
by F. Edward Wright. (Family Line Publica-
tions, 1979.) 201 pp. Indexed, hardbound.

A series of abstracts taken from Muster,
Pay and Receipt rolls held by the National
Archives and Commission records and from
Adjutant General papers held by Maryland
Archives. (Other volumes cover other Bay
Country counties.) Volume I - Eastern Shore,
lists over 7000 men from the counties of
Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Dorchester,
Talbot, Somerset and Worcester.

Guide to Genealogical Research in the
National Archives

(Family Line Publications is outlet - no pub-
lisher given.) 320 pp. softcover. \$18.00 post-
paid.

This work supersedes the 1964 Guide.
Includes records not described in earlier edi-
tion. Illustrations and photographs, citations
to microfilm publications, and expanded and
clarified descripts of records.

PERE WILMER

Assemblyman of Queen Anne's County

(The following information was researched by Mrs. Russell Abel, a member of the Queen Anne's County Historical Society and a professional genealogist, in connection with biographical research being done for a biographical directory of the Maryland General Assembly from its colonial beginnings through the present time. Mrs. Abel generously contributed this for publication in this Newsletter. - Ed.)

Pere Wilmer of Queen Anne's County died in 1866. The 1860 Federal Census for the 3rd Election District of Queen Anne's County lists (p. 73, line 34) as living in one household:

1. Pere Wilmer, age 73 (therefore, born in 1787)
2. Margaret Wilmer, age 73, born in Maryland; most likely Pere's sister-in-law; Margaret Harris married Henry B. Wilmer on 22 January 1807 (Ref. Maryland Eastern Shore Newspaper Abstracts, by F. Edward Wright, para. 64.)
3. William James Emory, age 50; Pere Wilmer's niece's husband, married 19 February 1834.
4. Catherine Priscilla Wilmer Emory, age 45; Pere Wilmer's niece, married William James Emory.
5. Margaret Emory, age 20; William and Priscilla Emory's child.
6. Catherine Priscilla Emory, age 17; William and Priscilla Emory's child. (She married Dr. Madison Brown, 4 January 1867.)
7. William Wilmer Emory, age 13; William and Priscilla Emory's child.

Pere Wilmer of "Lansdowne," married Mary Emory, daughter of Arthur Emory and his wife, Ann Goldsborough. Ann Goldsborough's parents were John Goldsborough, of "Four Square," in Talbot County, and his second wife, Mary Skinner Loockerman, widow.

Pere Wilmer's father was William Wilmer, who died in Kent County on or about 28 November 1808. Pere's mother's name was Priscilla. William and Priscilla Wilmer had three sons: Henry B. Wilmer (who married Margaret Harris, as noted above), Peregrine Wilmer (known here as Pere), and William Wilmer. (Ref: Wills of Kent County, Maryland, Liber 9, folio 56.)

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Most likely, William Wilmer (Pere's father) descended from the William Wilmer who married Rose Blackiston, daughter of Major Ebenezer Blackiston (b. 1684/85 - d. ca. 21 January 1746) and his wife, Sarah Joyce, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Joyce. Rose Blackiston was the granddaughter of Captain Ebenezer Blackiston, who died in 1709.

William Wilmer, Sr.'s father was Simon Wilmer and his mother was Dorcas Hynson, daughter of Charles Hynson. Simon Wilmer died in 1737. (Ref: Wills of ~~Queen Anne's~~ Kent County, Maryland, Liber 21, folio 800.) Simon Wilmer, grandfather of Pere Wilmer, was the son of Simon Wilmer, who died in 1699 and the elder Wilmer's wife, Rebecca Tilghman, daughter of Dr. Richard Tilghman. Rebecca Wilmer died in 1725. (Ref: Wills of ~~Queen Anne's~~ Kent County, Maryland, Liber 11, folio 85 and Liber 1, folio 275.)

Submitted by -

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