

Herman¹ and first published in 1670. Herman was a remarkable character. Born at Prague, he was educated as an engineer, and came from Holland to New Amsterdam with the Dutch. Peter Stuyvesant sent him south to help settle a boundary dispute, and he arrived in Maryland in 1660. He was so pleased with this country that he determined to remain here, and proposed to Lord Baltimore to make for him a new map of his domains in return for a large tract of land at the head of the bay in Cecil county. This offer was accepted, and Herman named his estate Bohemia Manor, in honor of his birthplace. Herman's map was engraved by Faithorne and published in London in four folio sheets. Its title is "Virginia and Maryland as it is planted and inhabited this present year 1670; surveyed and exactly drawne by Augustine Herman, Bohemiensis." It contains a fine portrait of Herman. Its scale is 12 English miles to the inch. It names eight Maryland counties as well as the rivers "Sassquahana," "Bush," "Gunpowder," "Patapsko," "Seavorn," "Patuxen," and "Patowmeck." The idea then prevalent that the Appalachians formed the central ridge of the American continent finds expression on Herman's map as follows:

"These mightly high and great Mountaines trenching N. E. and S. W. and W. S. W. is supposed to be the very middle Ridg of Northern America and the only naturall cause of the fiercenes and extreame stormy cold winds that comes N. W. from thence all over this Continent and makes frost. And as Indians report from the other side westward doe the Rivers take their original issuing out into the west sea, especially first discovered a very great River called the Black Mincquaas River out of which above the Susquehana Fort. . . .

"Certain it is that as the Spaniard is possessed of great Store of Minerals at the other side of these mountaines the same Treasures they may in process of time afford also to us here on this side when occupied which is Recomendado to Posterity to Remember."

¹ Further information regarding Herman may be found in the N. Y. Geneal. and Biog. Record, vol. ix, 1878, p. 52; N. Y. Historical Collections, vol. xviii; "Ancient Families of Bohemia Manor," by C. P. Mallery, Del. Hist. Soc., 1888; "A Maryland Manor," by J. G. Wilson, Md. Hist. Soc. (Fund Publication, 30), 1890. The Maryland Historical Society also possesses the MS. journal of Herman on the "First Foundation and Seating of Bohemia Manor," 1660.

This description of Herman and the references are taken from Williams' "Maps of the Territory included within the State of Maryland," etc.