

73, fn. 4) but is found intermingled with the land records. (Dorchester County Land Records Old No. 1, pp. 167-68.) This valuable reference was provided by Hon. James A. McAllister, Jr., Deputy Register of Wills of Dorchester County.

Dr. Forman in the review of the first volume of this work cited above has this to say about the first courthouse: "In respect to the first courthouse in Dorchester County, this source declares that at this late date positive identification is difficult and that it is more likely that the court building is the structure on 'John's Point.' Nothing is mentioned of the identification twenty-six years ago that 'John's Point' and the first Dorchester courthouse were one and the same. . . ." The identification was made in Dr. Forman's splendid work *Early Manor and Plantation Homes of Maryland*, (Easton, Md. and Haverford, Pa., 1934, p. 161). There Dr. Forman states, "It was the first courthouse and jail in the county. . . ." He then describes its appearance and on pages 166 and 167 he has provided drawings based on the evidence of the foundation and two photographs. The writer did not say that the identification of the buildings is wrong nor does he say so now; he would feel more comfortable though about the conclusion were there some documentary evidence. Jones (*op. cit.*, p. 160) says that, "The Woolfords claimed that the first County Court was held there, and that it was also used as a jail, evidently before the county seat was removed to Cambridge, in 1687." But Jones only considers it a probability. What Forman has done is to prove beyond a doubt that John's Point is the same building previously designated by Swepson Earle as the first courthouse and jail of Dorchester County. Can it be certain that Swepson Earle was correct?

It has now been ascertained that the first courthouse in Cambridge was razed soon after April 2, 1772 and that court met at the home of John Rider Nevitt until the new courthouse was finished (Dorchester County Land Records Old No. 25, ff. 327-329).

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