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A Tribute: John A. Malone

The Allen Historical Society is saddened by the death of John A. Malone in December of last year. Jack was a charter member of the Society and one of our most faithful supporters. We will sorely miss him. We are grateful that he lived to see the purchase of the Mills-Phippin House and fulfillment of the first part of our dream of establishing a village museum and historical center. Jack was especially helpful to this editor in preparing the application to nominate Asbury United Methodist Church to the National Register. I am thankful also that he lived to see that project brought to a successful conclusion. I appreciated having many of my questions answered from Jack's extensive knowledge of architecture in general and in particular his detailed knowledge of the structure and history of the Church. His drawings of the interior of the sanctuary will be a lasting legacy to future generations of Allenites, and a witness to both his talent and his love of the Church to which his father, W. Twilley Malone, and his grandfather, Peter Malone, gave so much of their time and talents.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY

1. The Pemberton Colonial Fair

Thank you to all those members who came out once again in 1999 to continue our Society's participation in the Pemberton Colonial Fair. This year's event marked the third year in which we had a booth at the Fair, demonstrating the making of Maryland beaten biscuits and selling both beaten biscuits and sweetpotato biscuits. We had lots of curious visitors and completely sold out of our wares!

2. October Open House

The open house with which we inaugurated our Mills-Phippin house museum was a resounding success. Henceforth the house will be known as "Passerdyke Cottage", a reminder of the major role Passerdyke Pond and the old Adams Mill have played in the history of the village. More than 40 persons attended the museum open house and enjoyed various exhibits of village life. We are grateful to Mrs. Velmar, who provided materials on the Buffalo Soldiers, a regiment in which her grandfather, Thomas Polk, had served in the second half of the 19th Century. We are also grateful to those guests who decided to become new members of the Society as a result of the open house.

3. **Museum Update**

From the moment of purchasing the Mills-Phippin House the Society recognized that we would have to rent part of the facility in order to meet the monthly mortgage payments. We have been fortunate to have rented the ground floor of the house almost immediately. The Society has moved all of our materials to the second floor. We had a builder construct an outside stairway and a new door giving us private access to the museum area. We already have a body of books, photographs, and other items on display. While we do not yet have open hours, anyone who would like to visit the facility should contact Casey Parsons or Captain Lindley Lentz for access by appointment.

4. **Grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore**

The Society learned in September that our application to the Community Foundation for support for the museum project had met with success. We received \$2,498 from the Foundation to purchase display cases and other appropriate exhibit furnishings. These purchases must be made by April 1 in compliance with the terms of the grant, and we are in the process of making appropriate choices.

This is the second grant from the Community Foundation during our

Society's short history. The first, a grant of \$1000 in 1997 helped in the publication of the book *Changing Times: Chronicle of Allen, MD*. We very much appreciate the Foundation's continuing support of our efforts.

5. **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 5 at the home of George Shivers, 3478 Noble Farm Rd. at 2:30 pm. Business will include discussion of the status of "Passerdyke Cottage", arrangements for a museum display for the spring, and a discussion of both a membership drive and fundraising efforts. The sooner we can pay off the remaining mortgage of approximately \$33,000, the sooner we will be able to incorporate the entire house as a museum and meeting place. We hope that all members who can will join us in March and if possible, bring a friend! To reach the meeting place, take Collins Wharf Rd. (past the Church and Community Hall) for about 1/2 mile. Turn left on Noble Farm Rd. The first house on the right is where we will meet.

THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IN ALLEN, TROOP 181

The editor is grateful to Lee Disharoon who provided much of the information for this account of Troop 181, BSA.

Troop 181 in Allen was chartered in 1952 and sponsored by the Allen

Couples Club. Meetings were held in the Allen Community Hall. The Troop was led by Scoutmaster Gilbert C. Disharoon and Assistant Scoutmaster John West. The following boys were early members of the troop: Bobby Banks, Butch Kolb, Franklin Cooper, Harry Cooper, Eddie Smith, Noah White. Later members included Jimmy Malone, Mike White, Lee Disharoon, Butch Malone, Buddy Malone, Bud Malone, Scotty Hitch, George Shivers, Bill Carey, Clifford Cooper, Roger Beauchamp, Bobby Lloyd, David White, Robert Messick, Alfred Palmer, Ronnie Fields, and Timmy White.

At regular meetings the boys learned to tie knots, worked on merit badges, and at one time were taught Morse Code by Allen resident, Mr. Harry Rolker. They camped at the Boy Scout camp in North East, MD, Camp Rodney, and also held camporees in the Salisbury City Park and among the dunes where the Sheraton Hotel and other high-rise condos now rise in Ocean City. There was also camping in the woods along the Wicomico River on the farm of Mr. Billy Cooper in the summer of 1957 and probably other occasions as well.

Two members of the Troop, Lee Disharoon and George Shivers received the God and Country Award. The awards were granted in 1958 or 1959 at services in Asbury Methodist Church during the ministry of the Rev. Edgar Clawson,

who also guided the boys through the process of fulfilling the requirements for the award. Only one member of the Troop achieved the coveted Eagle Scout status, Lee Disharoon, who received four Palms.

Several members of the Troop accompanied the Scout Master to the National Jamboree in Valley Forge, PA in 1957. In 1958 Scoutmaster Gilbert and his son Lee went to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico along with Bill Shilling, leader of a Salisbury Troop sponsored by Grace Church, and several other local scouts.

In 1960 Lee, Gilbert and Bill Schilling went on a canoe trip to Ely, Minnesota and up into the Canadian National Forest.

The editor has not been able to determine information on the duration of Troop 181, but it appears to have disbanded in the mid-1960's. If anyone out there has additional information or personal recollections of Troop 181, please send them to us!

TIDBITS FROM ALLEN'S HISTORY

**By Casey Parsons
(Written on Feb. 28, 1971)**

- 1 Mr. W. F. Messick, age 98, remembers the old Whayland Store in Allen, run by E. Winfield Whayland, then by W. F. Messick, then by Kirby Hitch, older brother of Beverly Hitch.

- 2 The old Post Office was also a store in 1877, according to an old Atlas printed at that time. B.F. Messick owned the land then along the east side of the road next to the pond, which later became the Hitch property.
- 3 There was an old canning factory early in the century located next to the pond on the northwest corner of the bridge. This factory was run by the Messick brothers for a while and burned down in the early 1920's.
- 4 A liquor store was situated just north of the Smith house (next to Malone) on the property now owned by Jesse Pollitt. The store was run by a man named O'Neil and burned down one night in the late 1800's. It was speculated that the fire was set by vandals.
- 5 An advertisement for the J & W. Allen Store in 1877. The store was located opposite Mr. Ralph Bounds' house. "J & W Allen, Dealers in Dry Goods and groceries, Patent Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Hardware and Crockery, Paints, Oils, Dye-Stuffs, Glass, Drugs and Medicines, Fancy Goods, Hats and Caps, and all other goods usually kept in a country store. Cheap for cash or produce. Upper Trappe, MD."
- 6 At this time, 1877, there was also a grist mill and a saw mill at the dam and another store where the

old Post Office stood. The old P.O. was torn down in the 1960's. The record shows that a Dr. Paul Jones lived out on Wicomico Creek where Mr. Jack Bryan now lives.

ALLEN ACROSS THE DECADES: THE U. S. CENSUS

PART I - THE CENSUS OF 1800

Since the year 2000 is a census year it seemed appropriate to begin a series on the census reports as they reflect who lived in the Allen area over the decades and the centuries. The first federal census was held in 1790, however, the records of that census were lost. Thus, the first records that we have come from 1800. Listed below are the names of the heads of households and information about the number of persons in the household, the number of slaves, and a category listed as "All Others", which may include white or free Black tenants on the property. These families lived in the district of Somerset County called Wicomico Hundred, which included Upper Trappe and environs:

1. Levin Pollitt - 2 males and 6 females in household, 3 slaves and 5 others.
2. Elizabeth Gilliss - 1 male and 2 females
3. John Jones - 2 males and 4 females, 4 slaves
4. Hannah Polk - 2 males, 5 females, 2 slaves and 12 others

5. Betsy Willing - 1 male, 3 females, 1 slave
6. Jonathan Pollitt, Jr. - 1 male, 2 females, 9 slaves
7. Thomas Pollitt - 5 males, 5 females, 7 slaves
8. Elias Bayley - 4 males, 2 females, 7 slaves
9. William Brereton - 5 males, 1 female, 3 slaves
10. David McGrath - 3 males, 3 females, 1 slave
11. James Knight - 7 males, 3 females, 7 slaves
12. Solomon Dorman - 1 male, 1 female, 16 slaves
13. John Landreth - 1 male, 4 females, 13 slaves
14. William Sutton - 2 males, 5 females
15. Andrew Adams - 3 males, 1 female, 21 slaves
16. Loudy Small - 2 males, 2 females
17. John Levingstone - 2 males, 3 females
18. Jacob Morriss, Jr. - 4 males, 2 females, 9 slaves
19. Kirk Gunby - 1 male, 1 female, 1 slave, 1 "others"
20. Sabia Gunby - 3 females, 8 slaves
21. Jonathan Pollitt, Jr. - 6 males, 3 females, 5 slaves
22. Andrew Simson - 2 males, 1 female
23. Joshua Taylor, Jr. - 5 males, 1 female
24. John Webb - 5 males, 4 females, 9 slaves, 1 "others"
25. Elizabeth White - 3 males, 2 females
26. Stephen Malone - 3 males, 4 females
27. William Malone - 2 males, 1 female, 1 slave
28. Boadwine Bailey - 4 males, 4 females, 2 slaves
29. Leah Bailey - 4 males, 3 females, 4 slaves
30. James Bounds - 2 males, 9 slaves
31. George Kibble - 3 males, 2 females, 10 slaves
32. George Harrison - 1 male, 2 females
33. Samson Killy - 1 male, 3 females
34. Mary Kibble - 3 males, 4 females, 1 "others"
35. Mary Whalland - 1 male, 2 females, 3 slaves
36. William Whalland - 2 males, 1 female, 1 slave
37. Elizabeth Kibble - 1 male, 4 females
38. John Morriss - 3 males, 2 females, 6 slaves
39. Michael Morell - 2 males, 2 females
40. Polly Ray - 2 females, 6 slaves
41. Elizabeth Adams - 4 males, 2 females, 3 slaves
42. John Roten - 3 males, 6 females, 3 slaves
43. Hannah Goslee - 3 males, 3 females
44. Ezekiel Savage - 3 males, 3 females
45. John Dorman - 1 male, 1 female
46. Priscilla Goslee - 2 males, 3 females, 4 slaves, 1 "others"
47. William Malone - 2 males, 1 female, 1 slave

48. Phillip Beauchamp - 2 males, 4 females
49. Samuel Covington - 2 males, 3 females, 4 slaves
50. Peter Malone - 1 male, 2 females, 4 slaves
51. William Malone - 1 male
52. Priscilla Holbrook - 1 female
53. William Malone - 2 males, 1 female
54. Thomas A. Fountain - 4 males, 1 female, 7 slaves
55. James Harris - 1 male, 2 females, 2 slaves
56. John Cottman - 2 males, 4 females, 22 slaves
57. Thomas Hamilton - 2 males, 32 slaves
58. William Harris - 1 male, 3 females, 11 slaves
59. Thomas Holbrook - 4 males, 3 females, 36 slaves
60. Henry Dashiell - 3 males, 4 females
61. Thomas Waters - 1 male, 4 females, 25 slaves
62. William Duckery - 1 male, 1 female, 1 slave
63. Ebenezer Handy - 1 male, 4 females, 5 slaves
64. John Chatham - 4 males, 4 females
65. Henry Banks - 5 males, 3 females, 8 slaves
66. Samuel Stanford - 4 males, 2 females, 14 slaves
67. Isaac Horsey - 2 males, 4 slaves, 2 "other"
68. Joshua Nicholson - 2 males, 3 females
69. Eben Disharoon - 2 males, 3 females, 7 slaves
70. Isaac Anderson - 1 male, 4 females
71. George Robertson - 5 males, 3 females, 2 slaves, 1 "others"
72. Samuel Williams - 6 males, 3 females, 4 slaves
73. James Anderson, Sr. - 1 male, 2 females, 3 slaves
74. William Anderson - 4 males (the rest was illegible)
75. Samuel Peer - 2 males, 2 females
76. Joshua Disharoon - 4 males, 4 females, 3 slaves
77. John Grey - 2 males, 4 females.
78. Samuel Price - 1 male, 2 females, 1 "others"
79. Isaiah Wright - 2 males, 3 females
80. Levin Dorman - 4 males, 3 females, 4 slaves
81. Memucan Walker - 1 male, 1 female, 1 "others"
82. Benjamin Disharoon - 6 males, 2 females, 4 slaves, 1 "others"
83. Planner Puzey - 4 males, 2 females, 3 slaves
84. Wm. Cottman, of Joseph - 3 males, 5 females, 21 slaves
85. David Brown - 2 males, 5 females, 1 slave
86. Cyrus Sharp - 3 males, 1 slave
87. Jarris Jankins - 2 males, 1 female
88. Wm. Bounds, of James - 6 males, 2 females, 34 slaves
89. Richard Bounds - 4 males, 3 females
90. Wm. Winder, Jr. - 2 males, 1 female 6 slaves
91. Wm. Polk, Esq., 4 males, 30 slaves

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| <p>92. John W. Adams - 3 males, 2 females, 5 slaves</p> <p>93. Matthew McGere - 2 males, 7 females</p> <p>94. Benjamin Dashiell - 3 males, 3 females, 15 slaves</p> <p>95. David Stanford - 3 males, 6 females, 6 slaves</p> <p>96. Benjamin Hitch - 3 males, 2 females</p> <p>97. John Hitch - 3 males, 2 females</p> <p>98. Isaac Hayman - 2 males, 4 females, 13 slaves</p> <p>99. Adam Elzey - 1 male, 1 female, 4 slaves</p> <p>100. Reuben Hill - 2 males, 3 females</p> <p>101. William Tilghman - 3 males, 6 females, 7 slaves</p> <p>102. William Polk, Sr. - 3 males, 2 females, 32 slaves</p> <p>103. Tubman Lowes - 4 males, 4 females, 46 slaves, 2 "others"</p> <p>104. Leah Riggin - 2 males, 2 females, 4 slaves, 1 "others"</p> <p>105. William Jones - 5 males, 2 females, 20 slaves</p> <p>106. John Harris - 4 males, 2 females, 7 slaves</p> <p>107. Richard Ingerson - 6 males, 5 females, 3 slaves</p> <p>108. Thomas Durham - 4 males, 2 females</p> <p>109. Levi Stevens - 5 males, 4 females, 6 slaves</p> <p>110. Henry Harris - 4 males, 1 female</p> <p>111. William Cottman - 4 males, 1 female, 42 slaves</p> <p>112. Shadrick Duskey - 1 male, 3 females</p> <p>113. John Austin - 3 males, 3 females</p> <p>114. Edward Fowler - 1 male, 3 females, 1 slave</p> | <p>115. David Walston - 1 male, 1 female, 2 slaves</p> <p>116. Elijah Humphries - 1 male, 4 females, 7 slaves</p> <p>117. James Mills - 2 males, 1 female</p> <p>118. Levi Jenkins - 3 males, 3 females</p> <p>119. James Furbush - 3 males, 3 females</p> <p>120. George Puckum - 5 "others"</p> <p>121. Michael Roe - 1 male, 1 female</p> <p>122. James Bennett - 4 males, 3 females, 12 slaves</p> <p>123. James Disharoon - 5 males, 3 females, 4 "others"</p> |
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In the next Newsletter: the 1810 Census

Memories of School Days in Allen?

In the next edition of *The Historian* I would like to include reminiscences of school days at the Allen School. If you have any anecdotes and stories from your school days in Allen, please jot them down and send them to me at the following address:

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116 School Rd
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I am looking forward to hearing from many of you!

Annual Dues for the Year 2000

Your annual membership dues are more important than ever, as the Society must meet the expenses of Passerdyke Cottage and work toward paying off the mortgage. We hope that you will remember us and renew your membership for the current year. Please consider patron or sustaining member status, if you possibly can. We appreciate your continuing support. Contributions of items for the museum are also appreciated. And if you have stories we can publish in the newsletter, please send them to us!

Dues:

Individual	\$10
Family	\$15
Patron	\$35
Sustaining	\$250

