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Nabb Center Receives New Collection

Researchers will be happy to know the Nabb Center has recently purchased a number of new records to expand our collection. The Nabb Center was able to acquire these records through the Maryland State Archives with funding from the Teaching American History grant. The following records from Somerset County include:

- Administration Bonds (1780-1850)
 - Orphans Court Proceedings (1778-1932)
 - Guardian Bonds (1838-1850)
 - Equity or Chancery Records (1831-1897)
 - The Washington Academy Collection (1783-1843)
 - The Washington Hotel Collection (1789-1794, 1806-1837, 1906-1911)
- Other types of records include:
- Oxford Receipt Book (1722-1771)
 - William D. Pitts Collection of Land Survey Records regarding Worcester County, Maryland (1801-1979)
 - Comptroller of the Treasury (MD) Bounty Rolls (1864-1880)
 - Ward Collection of Eastern Shore Insurance Tariff Rate Books (1906-1911)

The staff at the Nabb Center has viewed each CD and is currently in the process of re-labeling and indexing some of the records to make it easier for our patrons to use.

We will be highlighting sections of the new collection in the *Shoreline* over the next couple of months so stay tuned to learn about what kind of exciting new information will be available for you at the Nabb Center! ☺

New Collection Highlight: Orphan Records

There are several types of orphan records found in the new collection. One such record is Guardian Bonds. These bonds indicate the selection of a guardian of the estate of an orphan. Views and Estimates are also often found with these Guardian Bonds. Views and Estimates are appraisals of the real property assigned to the orphan. These appraisals are rich in detail and usually indicate the number of buildings on the property as well as their size and condition. Below is a typical example of a View and Estimate:

On 23 March 1796 Levin Dorman and John Nelson, appraisers of the estate of William Weatherly, orphan under the guardianship of John Leatherbury, reported one dwelling house four rooms on the lower floor three brick chimneys in midling repair, main body is 20 x 16 feet with shed, one shopp 16 x 12 feet with brick chimney in good repair, one old log'd kitchen very indifferent with brick chimney, small milk house old, smoke house old pretty good order, one barn 20 x 16 midling, two old log corn houses, 250 peach trees, 105 apple trees and 2000 pannels of fence.

As you can see, this information would be very useful to a number of different types of research. Other records involving orphans in the collection include Apprenticeships, which usually involve poorer orphans assigned to guardians to learn a trade, and Orphans Court Proceedings, which provide information about how effectively a guardian is managing an orphan's estate. ☺

Somerset County? Widow John Leatherbury legs being appointed guardian to William Weatherly orphan of John Weatherly and the John Leatherbury applying to me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Somerset County to receive and value the Real Estate of the said William Weatherly assigned to the said John Leatherbury in such cases made and provided their appointed appraisers Levin Dorman & John Nelson. And qualified them according to the best of their skill and judgment they made such a just estimate of the several values of the said lands and plantations and what dwelling house and barns and orchards was upon the same, and what repairs they are in, and what part of the said lands the said guardians may be further permitted to draw upon the said estate before as well to raise they early and so value as appraised are also towards their yearly charges in keeping the said dwelling house and barns, orchards & fences in repair, and so before to be paid. Certified this 23 day of March Anno Domini 1796. By Will Stone

The 23 day of March Anno Domini 1796 Whereas the subscriber being appointed to receive and value the Real Estate of William Weatherly under the care of John Leatherbury legs being appointed and qualified according to law to do the same do hereby certify the same in manner and form following. 1 Dwelling house 4 rooms on the lower floor 3 brick chimneys in midling good repair the main body is 20 feet by 16 with a shed 1 shop 16 feet by 12 with brick chimney in good repair 1 old log kitchen very indifferent with brick chimney 1 small milk house old 1 log house little pretty good order 1 barn 20 by 16 midling 2 old log corn houses very large 1 old log house good for nothing 2000 pannels of fence that are in good order 2 large log 105 apple trees 250 peach trees the guardians is to find 30 of the land yearly and not permitted

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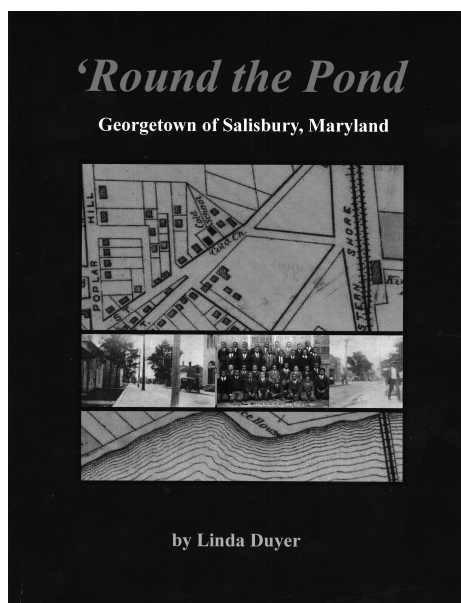
Reminder

Step Back in Time at Pemberton Hall
Saturday, September 15, 2007, 4-7 p.m.

"We're History.. Without You "

Thank You

The Nabb Center thanks Linda Duyer for donating her new book *'Round the Pond: Georgetown of Salisbury, Maryland*. The book gives a detailed history of one of the oldest African-American neighborhoods in Salisbury. The book is now available in the Nabb Center Reading Room. 📖



Tech News

The Nabb Center is expanding its Web site! The new site will have a larger collection of digital research resources, including databases, transcribed primary sources and interpretive articles. Stay tuned for an announcement about the unveiling of the new site. 📖

Nabb Upcoming Events:

Step Back in Time at Pemberton Hall

Saturday, September 15, 4-7 p.m.

25th Anniversary Celebration

Bistro Room, Commons, Salisbury University

Saturday, November 3, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Reservations are needed for both events. To make reservations call the Nabb Center at 410-543-6312.

