



# Shoreline

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## Spotlight on Collections

by Chris Kidd

As many of our members know, the past is a fascinating place that can be studied, recalled and examined in great detail through a wide array of sources. From epic battles to emerging business tycoons, the past is full of events that shaped the world as we know it. While the events themselves are the usual draw in historical discussion, they would not have happened if it were not for the ambitious and motivated people striving to achieve all they could. One such source available in the Nabb Research Center that focuses upon important individuals in the state of Maryland is *The Book of Maryland*, located in the Wicomico Historical Society Collection. Published in 1920, *The Book of Maryland* is filled with prominent

individuals involved in politics and businesses within the state of Maryland from the late 1800s to the early 1900s.

According to the book's forward, it was "designed as a book of real utility to the newspaper, the artist and those interested in Maryland affairs ... It also becomes valuable historically in keeping future generations advised as to the representative men of Baltimore and the State of Maryland, their accomplishments, as well as giving data of the successful institutions."

The individuals covered in the book range from Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, to Albert C. Ritchie who was elected governor on November 4, 1919, to

Douglas Gordon Hanson, manager of the Baltimore offices of the Cunard Steamship Company, Ltd. In addition to successful businessmen and politicians, the book also covers "successful institutions." Examples of these include the Maryland Plant of Bethlehem Steel Company in Sparrows Point and the U.S. Industrial Alcohol Company.

*The Book of Maryland* provides a glimpse into the who's who of Maryland in years gone by. As this historic election year continues to unfurl, it is worth examining examine the movers and shakers of earlier eras, which is exactly what *The Book of Maryland* provides. ☺

## New Monument Dedicated

On Wednesday, July 16, the State of Delaware officially recognized the contributions its citizens made as soldiers in America's fight for independence with the dedication of a new monument on Court Street in Dover, DE. Delaware was the last of the 13 original colonies to create such a monument. The statue unveiled in front of Legislative Hall in the capital depicts three soldiers from the Delaware Continentals. The three soldiers represent each of Delaware's counties. The statue was created by noted historical military sculptor Ron Tunison of Cairo, NY, whose work includes other notable monuments at battlefields such as Gettysburg. Nabb Center member Dick Carter oversaw the commission to create the statue and planned the ceremony. The dedication was a fitting tribute to the brave soldiers of Delaware who fought in the Revolution.



*Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner and Nabb Center Member Dick Carter at the dedication ceremony for the new Revolutionary War monument in Dover, DE.*

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*Closings:*  
*Labor Day: September 1*

## *"We're History... Without You"*

### **Shoreline Correction**

We recently received a letter from Ms. Bonnie B. Barnidge informing us of an error in our June 2008 *Shoreline*. The photo of Priscilla Burton on page 32 is dated incorrectly. Identified as 1885, the date should read 1864. In 1864, Priscilla's first husband, Salathiel Baker, had died and their daughter, Hester (Hettie) Jane Baker, married John A. Lingo in November of 1864. Pictures of the bride, groom and others, along with a marriage certificate, were found in the back of the Lingo family Bible. Priscilla Burton, mother of the bride, was one of these 1864 pictures taken by Bullock & Co. of 504 South Second Street, probably Philadelphia. The Bible, with the original pictures, recently has been donated to the new museum in Rehoboth Beach, DE, by Ms. Barnidge's cousin Jane Lingo Black of Milton, DE. We thank Ms. Barnidge for catching this and supplying us with the correct information. 6



*Priscilla Burton from 1864*

### **Upcoming Events Around the Shore:**

***April-October 2008***

#### ***Julia A. Purnell Museum Exhibit***

Snow Hill, MD

Exhibits depicting religious life on the Eastern Shore. 410-632-0515  
or [www.purnellmuseum.com](http://www.purnellmuseum.com)

***August 8-10***

#### ***The Gift of John Smith's Legacy***

Sponsored by the Shrewsbury Institute in Kent County

Journey back in time to a moment 400 years ago—a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to immerse yourself in a centennial celebration of the first recorded religious event in the history of Maryland—Captain John Smith's Landing on the southern shore of the Sassafraz River in Kent County, MD, where he solemnly shared prayers with the natives