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Nabb Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Nabb Research Center celebrated its 25th anniversary with a special event at Pemberton Hall on Saturday, September 15. The event, a huge success, was attended by over 100 people. The Nabb Research Center thanks all who helped contribute to the celebration, especially Pat Taylor. The Nabb Research Center's 25th anniversary also will be celebrated at a gala to be held on Saturday, November 3, at Salisbury University's Commons Bistro. Tickets for the November 3 event are \$75 and reservations may be made by calling the Nabb Research Center at 410-543-6312. Once again, we offer our thanks to all our patrons for the support you give us and we look forward to seeing you all on November 3. 

Representative Wayne Gilchrest, Dr. Ray Thompson and Library Dean Alice Bahr enjoy the festivities at Pemberton Park.




Debbie Outten, Peggy Genvert, Pat Taylor, Gerry Outten and Dr. Ray Thompson pose outside of Pemberton Hall



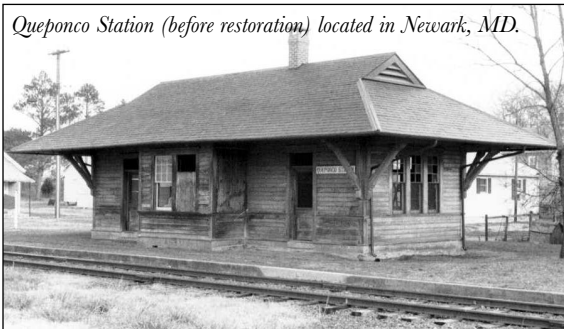
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Queponco Station on the Silver Screen

The Queponco Railway Station has received some recent attention since its retirement from service in the 1960s. Movie director Zack Rehnstrom searched for months in Maryland and Delaware before selecting this historic station for its authentic appearance. He sought a genuine feel to a Civil War flashback of a fictitious train explosion in his contemporary film, *The Lantern*, to be released January 2008.

The Queponco Station in Newark, MD, was built in 1910 as part of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's 1872 Worcester line that stretched 35 miles from Berlin to Snow Hill. When lack of commuters slowed business, the company sold the station to a private buyer that utilized the space for storage. In 1991, the Queponco Railway Station, Inc. restored the building and maintains it today as a museum. 

For those interested in visiting this historically preserved station—and gaining a sneak peek into the setting in which *The Lantern* was filmed—Queponco Railway Station is open to visitors the first and third Saturdays, May-October, 1-4 p.m. For further information or driving directions contact the museum at 410-632-0950.



Queponco Station (before restoration) located in Newark, MD.

"We're History... Without You"

Administrative Bonds

Among the recent materials acquired by the Nabb Research Center are a series of CDs on administration bonds from Somerset County, MD. Our staff is currently working on an index to accompany the CDs. For those who are not particularly familiar with these types of records, there is a wealth of information to be found, including wills, orphans records and apprenticeships. For example, if the bond pertains to an apprentice then the document will list the apprentice's next of kin. This will make it easier on the researcher to establish ties to these less-fortunate individuals.

"... in Somerset County on the 10th day of December in the year 1816. The Justices of Said Court do bind out Hester Curtis, a free negro an apprentice to Thomas W. Boston until she shall arrive at the age of twenty one years and the said Thomas W. Boston doth hereby covenant, agree and contract with the State of Maryland to learn the said apprentice to work as a female to enable her to get a living, and to find and supply the said apprentice with suitable clothing and maintenance during the time of her apprenticeship ..." (GH 1, pg. 104)

This is but one example of the kind of information that can be found in these bonds. This particular bond deals with an orphan negro girl named Hester. We can tell that her mother is more than likely deceased or a slave because the child is being bound out to learn a trade. Information such as this can provide a wealth of knowledge to the researcher.

In the future we here at the Edward H. Nabb Research Center hope that while you are doing your research you will endeavor to scour all the possible resources. We are diligently working to provide indexes to all of the CDs in our collection. In the meantime, students and patrons are more than welcome to view those that have been indexed as well as those that we hope to index soon. ☺

Upcoming Events Around the Shore:

Saturday, October 6

Chicken and Dumpling Dinner for the Girdletree Historical Foundation

Pocomoke Volunteer Fire Hall, 6 p.m., Tickets: \$15 per person
Dr. Robert F. Jones presents a PowerPoint titled "Girdletree Today and Yesterday" featuring several aerial photos of Girdletree, MD.
For more information, call Sandra Hudson at 410-632-1641

October 20-21

14th Annual Native American Indian Heritage Festival & Pow-wow

Bending Water Park, Marion, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily
Native American Indian cultural event and celebration. For more information call Rudy Hall at 410-623-2660.

October 20-21

Olde Princess Anne Days/1812 Heritage Festival

Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.
Historic house and garden tour, craft demos, military encampment, music, kids' activities. For more information call the Somerset County Historical Society at 410-651-2238.

Saturday, October 27

Julia Purnell's Birthday Party

Julia A. Purnell Museum, Snow Hill, MD, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Commemorate Julia Purnell's birthday with free admission and cake. For more information, call 410 632-0515.

Saturday, November 3

Nabb Research Center 25th Anniversary Celebration

Salisbury University, Commons Bistro, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Invitations for this event have been sent out. If you have not yet received your information, please call 410-543-6312.