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❧ Merry Christmas to All ❧

"SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS" PLANNED TO RENOVATE AND IMPROVE "GRASSLAND" HISTORIC SITE



The "Grassland" Historic Site, including the 1852 ante bellum Georgian style brick home of William Anderson and remaining farm buildings (including the recently renovated slave quarter) are located on the wooded site shown in the center, left of the parking lot of the NSA Annex at One National Business Park. Courtesy of Corporate Office Properties Trust.

The year 2000 has produced no greater excitement for Anderson family descendants than **The Grassland Foundation, Inc.** Trustees' announcement this month that negotiations have been initiated at the request of **Corporate Office Properties Trust** over a possible long-term net-net ground lease of the Foundation's **"Grassland" National Register Historic Property** at **Annapolis Junction** in **Western Anne Arundel County, Maryland**.

Included on this site is the historic (1852) ante-bellum Civil War-era brick Georgian style home that was the principal residence built on the "Grassland" farm of **William Anderson of "Grassland"** who also was responsible for the erection during 1838-39 at **Harpers Ferry, West Virginia**, of the joint (two part) brick building that served as his dry goods store and residence (see related story and photograph elsewhere in this issue).

"Substantial Improvements" Committed to Project

Marvin Anderson, President of the Foundation, said that the negotiations over such a possible lease were initiated by **Corporate Office Properties Trust ("COPT")** President and Chief Operating Officer **Randall M. Griffin**, who has told The Grassland Foundation Trustees' negotiating committee at its initial meeting with Mr. Griffin on November 16, 2000, that his New York Stock Exchange listed real estate investment trust ("REIT") is prepared to invest "a substantial amount" to upgrade, renovate, restore, add to, and then use the Foundation's real estate as a

reception center and meeting facility (within the old home) for the tenants and occupants of the office buildings which his firm, principally, has constructed and is renting at **The National Business Park**. The National Business Park, near Annapolis Junction, has been constructed largely on the balance of Old Uncle William Anderson, of Grassland's, original farm.

(Actually, Foundation President Anderson reported that Mr. Griffin had orally indicated a specific substantial dollar range to the Foundation Trustees' negotiating committee on November 16, 2000, that COPT was prepared to spend on the project.)

Mrs. Audrey Lawrence Bowie (the widow of Captain **John Bowie, Jr.**, United States Coast & Geodetic Survey, a great grandson of William Anderson, of "Grassland"), and one of its two owners when the balance of the farm was sold in 1987 to **KMS** (predecessor of **Constellation Properties** that is now owned by **Constellation Energy**, formerly the **Baltimore Gas and Electric Company**) was responsible for the fact that the Historic Site (including the old home and other farm-type outbuildings) is now owned by your Foundation. **Corporate Office Properties Trust** is a spin off from **Constellation Properties** and includes some of **Constellation Properties** former employees and officers, including Mr. Griffin. **Constellation Properties/Constellation Energy** retains an approximate 25% equity ownership in COPT, which holds an option from **Constellation Properties** that permits COPT to acquire ownership of various unimproved lots and

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parcels in The National Business Park when COPT is ready to commence construction of office and other high tech-type office buildings thereon.

Adjacent to NSA Headquarters

The National Business Park (including its Historic Site owned by your Foundation) is situate near the intersection of the **Baltimore-Washington Parkway** with the widened and enlarged **Maryland Route No. 32** Interstate Highway 95 leading from **Annapolis** (the State Capital) to the new city of **Columbia** in **Howard County, Maryland**, and beyond. The main headquarters of the super secret **National Security Agency ("NSA")** is situate on that part of the original **Anderson/Bowie** real estate holdings which is located on the **Fort George G. Meade** side of the Parkway. As an annex, the Agency has leased from COPT the high rise office tower known as **One National Business Park**, the parking lot for which is situate next door to the Foundation's Historic Site (see photograph above).

At their initial meeting on November 4, 2000, The Grassland Foundation, Inc.'s new Trustees (see related story) selected, in addition to the President and Secretary, Trustees **Frederick A. Webb** (an architect), **Reverend Franklin L. Ways**, and **Colonel Rutland Duckett Beard, Jr.** (Vice President) as their negotiating committee to periodically meet with Mr. Griffin and his staff.

Procedure

The course of action that seems to have been settled upon as the result of the first such meeting on November 16, 2000, will be for Mr. Griffin and Dwight Taylor (in charge of COPT's development affiliate) to go through the "Grassland" historic home, outbuildings, and grounds preliminary to the selection and employment by COPT of an architect well versed in the requirements of the **Maryland Historical Trust** (which holds a permanent preservation easement over the Foundation's real estate). Part of the consideration that would run in favor of your Foundation, should this proposed transaction actually occur, would be COPT's assuming and indemnifying and saving the Foundation safe and harmless from and with respect to all liabilities and obligations of the Foundation to the Maryland Historical Trust pertaining to such easement.

Under the concept of a net-net ground lease, in addition to paying all costs for the proposed renovations and restorations, the tenant also pays all real property and other similar type taxes, assessments, burdens, and impositions, all insurance premiums, and, in addition, a net-net ground rent (not yet negotiated) to the Foundation, as the Landlord, payable in installments over the duration of the long term of the Lease. (Hopefully, these ground rents can be invested into a type of permanent endowment fund or account for the Foundation that would provide, or help provide, for the maintenance of the buildings and property when possession of the same would revert to the Foundation upon the conclusion of the term of the lease or otherwise.)

Reservation of Use by Foundation

However, the committee has made it clear that the

Foundation will be reserving a significant presence (right of periodic use) at the property and of its improvements throughout the term of any such lease for such things as family reunions, historic observations and/or reenactments, wedding and other receptions for interested family members and their guests, and, possibly the use of at least one room for small office and records storage purposes and for small meetings.

The current proposal is the resurrection of a similar concept that, for a number of months or longer, was bandied about between the Foundation and KMS/Constellation Properties during the period *circa* 1989-1990, when the concept at that time was for KMS/Constellation to locate and secure a restaurant-type sub-lessee under such a (then proposed) long term net-net ground lease. When such a restaurant-type sub-lessee could not be found at that (earlier) time, KMS/Constellation withdrew from such negotiations, leaving the Foundation to proceed with limited conservation and restoration with its own quite limited resources and from grants from the Maryland Historical Trust.

Areas of Special Emphasis

Undoubtedly two of the principal areas, within and outside of the main block of the original 1852 home, where the proposed restorations/renovations/etc., would occur, include the demolition of the now deteriorated late 1940s frame kitchen and bathroom add on facing the **Hercules Road** side of the home (and its possible replacement with a brand new and much better constructed replacement - that is permitted under the Maryland Historical Trust's easement), and the restoration to its original appearance of the double first and second floor exterior porches on the so-called front side of the home which is parallel to Maryland Route No. 32.

President Marvin Anderson adds a word of caution to all of this: just as happened in 1989-1990, negotiations on anything this complicated can break down at any point(s), although the Foundation has been assured that obtaining a sub-lessee is not a pre-condition, this time, and that Corporate Office Properties Trust is ready, willing, and anxious to have the Historic Site property of the Foundation restored, renovated, and otherwise improved at its cost and expense so as to present a favorable appearance as one enters and drives through the National Business Park.

Mr. Griffin says that he envisions, for the interior of the home, place(s) and space where the history of "Grassland" farm and of its buildings, owners, and occupants can be permanently displayed.

Too Good to be True

To which Foundation President Anderson added, "This is all too good to be true." He added that the problem, for both groups, will be how to craft a legally binding Lease which will assure that the Foundation receives what it has been promised, in terms of the oral commitment by COPT to fund the promised improvements, renovations, and restorations, when the detailed architectural drawings and specifications showing the same would presumably be prepared after such a Lease has been signed, rather than before. Perhaps the answer to such a dilemma involves a covenant of compliance by

COPT with those requirements for improvements, restorations, and renovations that are imposed by the Maryland Historical Trust in accordance with some basic description or depiction thereof that is prepared and agreed to as part of the actual Lease. Nevertheless, all of the

Foundation's Trustees appear anxious and ready to go the last mile in support of the objectives of the proposal.

We will keep you informed.

IS BERWICK-UPON-TWEED OUR ANDERSON ANCESTRAL HOME, AND DO WE HAVE SOME SCANDINAVIAN IN ALL OF US?

“Absolon, my Absolon...” goes the verse in the **Old Testament** from which it has been presumed that the name “Absalom” (or, as some were called, “Absalom”) originated by generations of descendants of Maryland Militia Lieutenant **Absalom (I) Anderson**, the youngest of the three Revolutionary War generation sons of **William (II) Anderson** and his wife (and widow), **Susannah (Meek) Phelps Anderson**, of the pre-Revolutionary War generation who were the first to call the family plantation at **Woodwardville**, in the “**Great Fork of the Patuxent**”, by its repatented name, “**Providence**”.

Oh, how wrong that assumption is turning out to have been! Following the September 2, 2000, combination **Anderson Family Reunion** and the **Dedication/Consecration of the Rebuilt School House at Severn Cross Roads, Millersville, Maryland** (see related article and photographs elsewhere in this edition), Marvin and Mildred Anderson were able to get off on their vacation trip to **Ireland (Dublin)**, **Scotland (Edinburgh)**, **England (Berwick and New Castle)**, **Portugal (Lisbon and elsewhere for Mildred)**, and, finally, to **Sussex (South of London)**, where they visited with friends before returning toward the end of September.

While in Edinburgh, on two separate days Millie and Marvin took the train South to **Berwick-upon-Tweed** (“Berwick” being pronounced by the locals as “Baruch”, meaning “Barick”), today a sleepy little walled town with three historic bridges spanning the **River Tweed** near the present day English and Scottish border. Historically, this area (called “**Berwickshire**”) changed hands thirteen times during the **Border Wars** between the English and the Scots, and its connection to the **United Kingdom** even today seems somewhat special and unique. The first day that Mildred and Marvin traveled to Berwick was the occasion when they took a public bus from Berwick to the beautiful estate called “**Paxton**” that is today owned and operated by the **British Trust for Historic Preservation**. They spent all day there and walked over the estate's nature trails along one side of the River Tweed.

Site of the Famous Berwick Castle

Incidentally, Berwick is or was famous for its castle of the same name that today is mostly gone. Within its still standing walls is the railroad station for Berwick. Berwick is perhaps best known as the place where, in the castle, one of the English kings, **Edward**, sided with the English puppet contender for the throne of Scotland named **John Bailliol** rather than with **Robert the Bruce**, thereby precipitating the struggle that is best known today from the movie, “**Braveheart**”. The (American) Anderson couple walked around the streets of little Berwick that day going to and from the train station and the bus depot. Two days

later, they returned to Berwick by train to do the nearby “**Holy Island**” (**Lindesfarne**), best known for its sacking of the ancient monastery there by the **Vikings**. They spent all day at Lindesfarne and, following their return to Berwick, discovered that they had missed one train connection back to Edinburgh. So they had time to have a light dinner in downtown Berwick before returning to Edinburgh on a later train.



A VIEW OF DOWNTOWN BERWICK-UPON-TWEED looking toward the Clock Tower (September 2000)

With this background it is amazingly coincidental that, later that same week, while doing research at the Public Library of **Newcastle-on-Tyne** (south of Berwick), both places being in **Northumberland** (today called “**Northumbria**”), Marvin located the record of the Christening at **Berwick-upon-Tweed** on **January 6, 1663** for an “**Absolon**” (son of **William Anderson**). Those Christening records for that period never state the Mother's name.

He Nearly Jumps Out of His Skin

Marvin advises that when he saw that Christening record, he nearly jumped out of his skin. He is quite convinced that this little son, Absolon's, father, **William Anderson**, is the same person designated as **William (I) Anderson** shown at the top of Marvin's large (and reproduced) Anderson family chart (of which many of you have copies) as the father of **John Anderson** (who married **Elizabeth Pratt**).

Marvin Anderson believes that **William (I) Anderson** came to Anne Arundel County circa 1669 and, at some point, he indentured himself to an exiled, former, and/or retired British (possibly Commonwealth) soldier/officer who arrived at **Herring Creek/Friendship** in lower (Southern) Puritan **Anne Arundel County** without any family at or about the same time as Anderson. This

military person was **Captain Lyonell Paully**, whose 1670/71 Will exists, leaving all to his (Paully's) new neighbors in South County, including his freedom to his man, William Anderson, as well as a devise to Anderson of 100 acres, called "Soldier's Delight", that is today part of the farm owned by the family of **John William Wilson**, located on the North side of **Sansbury, or Old Colony Cove Road**, just West of **Maryland Route No. 2** (see related story, this issue). Within a few years, William (I) Anderson, who undoubtedly remarried on this side of the Atlantic, had sold his real estate inheritance, and his sons, including our John Anderson, were located with the son(s)-in-laws further North.

Anderson believes that, if anything, the discovery of a son named "Absolon" (Christened on January 6, 1663, at Berwick) tends to confirm the foregoing theory, because some years later John Anderson's son, William (II), who married the widow, Susannah (Meek) Phelps, must have remembered hearing his father and/or grandfather speak about a little (half-) brother (to John Anderson), Absolon (who had been born to the grandfather over in Berwick, before the grandfather came to Maryland). Anderson says there is really no other explanation for the unusual name, "Absolon" (however spelled), being given to William (II) Anderson's youngest son (born here about 1731).

Genealogist Employed in Northumberland

Even before this discovery, Anderson, while on this trip, had already employed a Northumbrian genealogist to research the apparent Northumbrian origins of the family. At that time, it seemed that perhaps the immediate New Castle-upon-Tyne area was the place to begin such a search. He has turned over to this genealogist all of his notes made while at the New Castle Public Library, including some other fascinating coincidences, or otherwise, involving possible Berwick connections for some of the early residents (and neighbors/relatives of William (I) and his son, John, Anderson) in the Herring Creek and West River areas of Southern Anne Arundel County (including, especially, the Pratts).

Among the most intriguing of these coincidences/possibilities involves the ancestry of **Anne (Burrell) Anderson**, the wife of our **Absolom Anderson, Jr.** This couple had no children or lineal descendants, but Anne (Burrell) Anderson's father, **Alexander Burrell**, had been born in England about 1740 (according to **Newman**). The Berwick records (at New Castle) examined by Marvin Anderson indicate the existence of Burrells/Burwells at Berwick. (An art gallery and museum at Berwick contains a collection of pictures and other objects that were given by a **Sir William Burrell**.)

One of Absolom Anderson, Jr.'s siblings, his full sister **Ann Duckett Anderson Hall**, had a son whose first name was "**Baruch**" (which Marvin understands to have been pronounced the same way that the name of the town, "Berwick", is pronounced). This may or may not be a coincidence. Ann Duckett Anderson was the youngest daughter and child of **Absolom (I) Anderson** and **Ann (Wheeler) Anderson**, his second wife. Ann Duckett Anderson married her cousin (both being in direct descent from **Richard Duckett, Sr.**), **Thomas Hall** (a descendant of **Reverend Henry Hall**, the first Rector of **St. James**

Church at Tracys Landing in lower Anne Arundel County). It is felt that, of all of the children of Absolom (I) Anderson, his youngest daughter, Ann Duckett, would have had her head filled with the stories and background about

her father's family. So, the first name of one of her sons, "**Baruch**", pronounced the same way as the name of the town, "Berwick", may be more than just a coincidence. Ann Duckett (Anderson) Hall also named another of her sons, **Absolom Anderson Hall**, after her father.

Confirmation on the Mormons' Search Address

Marvin believes that it will take his Northumbrian genealogist about a year to do the requested research. The (old) Anderson family at Berwick is large and complicated. Marvin says they were a prominent, old family over there, and that an Anderson was one of its early Mayors (several of the early Pratts were also Mayor(s) and/or Aldermen). Marvin also advises that confirmation of little Absolom's (his first name being spelled exactly that way in the Christening records for Berwick) Christening can be found on the Mormons' Family Search Internet Genealogy Service at <http://www.familysearch.com>. Anderson reports that there is/are no other records pertaining to any other Absolom Anderson (by any spelling variant) in the whole British Isles on the Mormon site more than this single entry, thereby statistically decreasing the possibility that there was/were other Andersons elsewhere in the British Isles with that same first name.

Marvin theorizes that little Absolom's father, our William (I) Anderson ancestor, determined to migrate to the New World after he had probably lost (in death) both his little son, Absolom, and his first wife (Absolom's Mother, name unknown). William (father of Absolom) may also have been a British Commonwealth supporter, possibly a Puritan, who, therefore, under that scenario, would have felt uncomfortable living in the post Restoration (of the **Stuart** dynasty in 1660) England. (Incidentally, the same Berwick records contain the Christening record there on August 30, 1653, for a **Samuel Anderson**, also son of a William Anderson. We are all aware of how many Samuel Andersons there were in our American Anderson family.)

Finally, back to the origin, in the total family, of the first name of "Absolon" (however spelled): undoubtedly its origin, as a first name, in our line of Andersons, commemorates **Archbishop Absolon** (c. 1128 to 1201), the **Archbishop of Lund** and the **Bishop of Roskilde**, both in **Denmark**, the warrior prelate who was the chief counselor of **King Waldemar I of Denmark** and who is also credited with being the founder of the City of **Copenhagen** in 1167 (see, in this connection, a **photograph** in this issue). All of this suggests the possibility of a **Scandinavian** background for our line of Andersons (or at least for some of their maternal lines). This interpretation conflicts with the usual Scottish attribution of the name Anderson as meaning (in every case) "son of (**St.**) **Andrew**". The location of Berwick, upon the **North Sea**, close to the "Holy Island" (that was earlier sacked by **Scandinavian Vikings**) increases the possibility of such a Scandinavian/Viking background for (at least part of) the family. Also, it is noted that the spelling, "Anderson", is exactly the same spelling used by a large number of families in close by **Norway**.

A Family Reunion at Berwick?

Marvin would like to know, how many in the family would be in favor of having the next family reunion in Berwick-upon-Tweed, in Northern England, where undoubtedly it would be possible for all of us to be invited to participate in the Mayor's Annual walk through the town during its annual May Fair and/or the Mayor's annual Church service in the town's Church of the Holy Trinity,

one of only two Churches that were built in all of **Great Britain** during the entire **Cromwell Puritan Commonwealth** period?

Viewers of the **History Channel's** recent mini-series about 5,000 years of British History would have seen the same scenes, at Berwick, of the remaining Castle walls that Marvin and Mildred saw.

THE HIGH POINT OF THE SEPTEMBER 2-3, 2000, YEAR 2000 FAMILY REUNION: THE SUNDAY BUS TOUR

Those of you who were not able to make the **Bus Tour** to **South and Western Anne Arundel County** Historic Sites associated or connected with our Anderson forebearers really missed a good time that was undoubtedly the high point of the **Year 2000 Anderson Family Reunion**, according to many who participated. The Bus was provided by Cousins **Margaret Noland** and her son, **David Noland** (who was the driver), the owners/operators of **Ridgeway Motor Coach, Inc./Ridgeway Travel**, of **Windsor Mill Road** in **Baltimore County, Maryland**, who are descendants of **William (III) Anderson**



There were approximately 25 folks aboard for the all day tour, which departed **Severn Cross Roads, Millersville, Anne Arundel County, Maryland**, early Sunday morning, **September 3, 2000**, returning there late in the afternoon. They thus had an opportunity to get to know one another, sharing a delightful lunch en route at **Galesville** on the Historic **West River** in Southern Anne Arundel County.

The first stop (really, just a turn around before proceeding down **Old General's Highway**) occurred at the approximate location on **Omar**, or **Sunrise Beach, Road**, at **Waterbury**, of the real estate that was once owned by the **Meek** family forebearers of **Susannah (Meek) Phelps Anderson** (wife of **William (II) Anderson**) - just around the corner (so to speak) from the "**Rising Sun Inn**" farm where **Susan (Meek) Baldwin** and her husband, **Edward**, lived. (Today the Meek location inspected is owned by part of the old **Wilson** family, the **William Wilson** line.)

Then, the bus proceeded East on **Old General's Highway** (passing the approximate locations of where the family of **Absalom (III) Anderson** lived before, during, and after the Civil War (including "**Woytych Station**" on the former **Annapolis & Elk Ridge Railroad**) as well as real

estate at **Iglehart** still owned by the family of one of his descendants, the late **Samuel I. Anderson**.

The Beautifully Restored Tucker Dairy Farm House

Once the bus was on **Riva Road** headed East toward **Maryland Route No. 2**, there was time to take in the lovely **South River** estate, "**Bloomfield**" at **Riva Bridge** that was once part of a large dairy farm owned by the **Tucker** family which included **Mrs. Ella (Tucker) Anderson**, who married our cousin, the late **Lemsolon Anderson** (grandparents of **Mrs. Noland** and her cousin, Professor **Donald Ball**, from **Williamsburg, Virginia** who was also on board, both descendants of **William (III) Anderson**). The beautiful Georgian style brick home on this former farm is largely the result of the restoration efforts in fairly modern times by one of its more recent owners who was part of the (salt company) **Mortons**.

Passing through the port of **Riva**, the bus proceeded to **Maryland Route No. 2** (passing through the area at **Riva** in which Cousins **Daisy May (Carr) Gailey** and her sister, **Mrs. Mary E. Stevinson** (both of whom were with us), grew up with their **Carr** family). At the **Route No. 2** intersection with **Brick Church Road**, those present were able to have a glimpse of the **Old South River Church ("All Hallows")** where so many in the early family were married (and where, in the Twentieth century, our cousins, the **Carrs**, the **Owenses**, and the **Bealls** worshiped). Proceeding South on **Maryland Route No. 2** to **Friendship**, the bus passed **St. James P.E. Church** where the children of **John and Elizabeth (Pratt) Anderson** were baptized. (Sunday services were in progress, so the bus was not able to stop at any Church location.)

At the intersection of **Maryland Route No. 2** and **Friendship** (or **Old Colony Cove**, or **Sansbury**) **Road**, we turned East, proceeding past the Historic **Friendship (Brick) United Methodist Church** toward, and ending up, for the first real stop, at **Old Colony Cove** at **Herring Bay** (really, the **Chesapeake Bay**), a spectacular waterfront stop which features the view of "**Old Colony Cove**" where the earliest settlers of the **Herring Bay** and **West River** areas arrived. All present to view this scene wondered what that Cove must have looked like in the late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries when the Cove would have been filled with arriving ships. A branch of the **Chaney** family, owners today of the **Herrington Harbour** marina complexes, allowed the bus to briefly park at one of its parking lots near the Cove.

Tour Passes by "Soldiers Delight" Patent of William (I) Anderson

Then it was on to the location of the ancient land patent tract, "**Soldiers Delight**", fronting on the North side of **Sansbury Road** just a little West (toward the **Patuxent River**) of Maryland Route No. 2. ("Soldiers Delight" was the 100 acres that was patented about 1669 to the former, exiled or retired soldier, **Captain Lyonell Paully**, who was probably responsible for the fact that our original American ancestor **William (I) Anderson** came to these shores. When Paully died just two years later, he willed this piece of real estate, and his freedom from indenture, to William (I) Anderson.)

To show the close proximity of "Soldier's Delight" to approximately where the next generation (of Anderson descendants) lived, the bus proceeded a little North, passing on Nutwell-Sudley Road, the location of "**Pascalls Chance**", the largely wooded tract of land that was owned by **William Pearce**, who married **Elizabeth Anderson** (daughter of **John and Elizabeth (Pratt) Anderson**), and then also passing by the location of the home portion of the large land patent, "**Cumberstone**", that is today called **Sudley** (The 100 acre "Sudley" home site was conveyed in 1663 by **John Cumber** to his son-in-law, **Thomas Pratt**. Thomas Pratt was the father of Elizabeth Pratt, who married our John Anderson.) The private road(s) leading into the "Sudley" estate were too narrow to accommodate our bus.

At the intersection with **Muddy Creek Road**, the bus turned South and proceeded into today's "**Shady Side**" communities (that border **Parrish Creek** and other tributaries of the West River and Chesapeake Bay). We proceeded into Shady Side toward the community of "**Snug Harbor**" past and into the locations of ancient Pratt family land holdings, including "**Pratt's Choice**". Perhaps the highlight of the bus tour was Cousin David Noland's expert driving of his behemoth tour bus down narrow **Snug Harbor Road** (with its deep ditches on each side) pointed directly toward the Chesapeake Bay. At that (somewhat early) hour on Labor Day Sunday morning, the only person or thing stirring at that location, more than David's bus, was one resident working on his boat parked directly in front of David. This lone resident looked up, saw David's large bus pointed straight at him and moving slowly down Snug Harbor Road toward him. This resident's eyes became wider and wider (like **the German soldier, Pluskert**, in the bunker at the Normandy coast in the movie, "**The Longest Day**" who looks up, while he is on the telephone to his superiors, shouting that he sees 2,000 Allied ships with their guns pointed right at him)!. At the last moment, David (who had visited the site with his Mother a few weeks earlier and knew that he could make the turn) quite successfully made a 45 degree turn into the Snug Harbor street which runs parallel to the Bay, and past the resident working on his boat, and then, a few minutes later, successfully turned the bus around the corner that leads back into Snug Harbor Road and headed back out of "Snug Harbor".

Spontaneous Applause for Cousin David Noland

Those on board will not soon forget David's expertise in handling that large tour bus through those

narrow streets. There was spontaneous applause from all aboard for Cousin David Noland! Nor will those present forget that this was the area at which John Anderson and his wife, Elizabeth (Pratt) Anderson, undoubtedly lived and where their children (including **William (II) Anderson** and his siblings, **Elizabeth (Anderson) Pearce Powell Manning**, **Thomas Anderson**, **John Anderson, Jr.**, and **Benjamin Anderson, Sr.**) were born and raised, which was probably (then) a small farm which emphasized the raising of cattle and livestock.

Then it was on to lunch at **Galesville** on the West River, after which the tour continued to central and western Anne Arundel County, starting where **Birdsville** and **Davidsonville Roads (Md. Route No. 424)** intersect with **Maryland Route No. 2** at **Birdsville** (location today of the former farm of our late Cousin **Lemon Beall Owens**). Soon we passed "**Bridge Hill**" Farm (a horse farm today) where Lemon's grandparents and namesake grandfather, **Lemon Beall, Sr.** and his wife, **Anna Regina (Anderson) Tucker Beall**, lived (and where Cousin **Amanda (Anderson) McDonald**, from **Saskatchewan, Canada**, much later visited and stayed in 1912). We also passed the nearby "**Cottage Farm**" (that is located just South of the **Davidsonville United Methodist Church**), which was the final home of **Absalom (III) Anderson** and his wife, **Louisa Priscilla (Woodward) Anderson**, at **Davidsonville**.

The next stop was "**Middle Plantation**" (the 18th and 19th century Georgian style two part three-story brick home of Marvin and Mildred Anderson that has been lovingly restored by two generations of Mildred's family, which purchased the several hundred acre farm in the late 1920s when it had deteriorated almost to the point of destruction). Here and also at the next stop a little further North off of the West side of Davidsonville Road at "Halls Grove", the visitors were able to see the downstairs of both homes as well as the foundation restoration work that is ongoing at "**Halls Grove**" (the 1857 three story traditional Georgian style brick home that was the last home of its type built in that (Davidsonville) area before the Civil War by **Absalom Anderson Hall** and his wife, **Julia (Beard) Hall**. Today "Halls Grove" is the home of **Marvin Kirch ("Kirk") Anderson**, his wife, **Mary Snyder Anderson**, and their daughter, **Laurel Elise Anderson**).

Linthicum Walks

For the descendants of **William (III) Anderson** (whose wives were the **Edwards** sisters, **Elizabeth** and **Sarah Edwards**, the daughters of **Edward Edwards** and **Anne (Linthicum) Edwards**), the highlight of the bus tour was undoubtedly the stop which David made at "**Linthicum Walks**", the 18th and 19th century two part home opposite today's large residential subdivisions known collectively as "**Crofton**". This restored home, sitting in a park like setting next to **Crofton's Middle School**, is owned by **Anne Arundel County** and is administered by the **Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation**, which very kindly opened the 18th century (older) part of the home to our tour, for which we are extremely thankful to **Mrs. Kay Callahan** and her colleagues.

The present thinking is that there is a possibility that the generation which included Edward Edwards, his wife, and children might have actually lived at "Linthicum

Walks" when the Edwards children were young. This home is the oldest surviving **Linthicum family** home in Maryland. As the errata and correction sheet (that was handed out) to the Anderson family chart and the *Diary Extract* brings out, recent information is that William (III) Anderson and his earlier wife, Elizabeth (Edwards) Anderson, did have a daughter, **Elizabeth**, who died as **Elizabeth O'Connor**, and whose Baltimore County estate administration occurred in that County *circa* October 14, 1788, when her father, William Anderson, served as the administrator of his daughter's estate. We know that this is the daughter of William (III) Anderson because, in his Will (that was probated in 1805), William (III) Anderson leaves bequests to three grandchildren, "**Dennis O'Connor, Elizabeth Chaney, and O'Neal Connor**". According to **Mrs. DuLaney**, the children of William (III) Anderson were by his earlier wife, Elizabeth Edwards, and it would appear that the Mother of the daughter, Elizabeth O'Connor, was also Elizabeth Edwards. Elizabeth (Edwards) Anderson was deceased by April 18, 1786, when her Father's Will was signed.

Cousin Fred Webb Explains the "Great Fork of the Patuxent"

After this, the tour proceeded North and West into the "**Great Fork of the Patuxent**" River - the home for generations of the so-called main (or principal) line of the Andersons at "**Providence Plantation**". One prospective stop for the bus at Meyers Station on the main branch of the Patuxent (the site of a part of the eighteenth and nineteenth century Anderson and **Bealmear** family land holdings) had to be canceled because of time constraints; however **Fred Webb** (grandson of **Cousin Cora DuLaney**) took over this part of the tour and did a great job explaining the history of the flora and fauna - and the people and families - in this once beautiful - and still isolated - area of Western Anne Arundel County that is bordered by two branches of the **Patuxent River** and the large **Fort George G. Meade Military Reservation**.

There was one stop at **Woodwardville** at the little historic **Trinity United Methodist Church**, whose **cemetery** is the final home for generations of Anderson family descendants, row after row of them! (For the related story of one American hero interred in the cemetery, see a related story in this issue of the news letter.)

Before returning to Severn Cross Roads late in the afternoon, there was one final stop by the bus at "**Grassland**" (the nineteenth century two and one-half story brick home that was constructed by **William Anderson**, of "**Grassland**", which today, as part of a five or so acre historic parcel, is owned by your Foundation and is a nationally listed Historic Place).

Another Bus Tour?

At the end of the tour back at Severn Cross Roads, most present expressed a desire for more of this the next time, whether at an Anne Arundel County location or, as some might prefer, at another location(s) (i. e., the "**Broad Top**" Mountain area in **Pennsylvania** and/or in **Nebraska** where large lines of descendants of **William (IV) Anderson** reside, and/or even a traveling bus tour that could go as far as **Cousin Joan Anderson's Saskatchewan in Canada** (taking in the "Broad Top" and Nebraska along the way)!

For those of us who planned this bus tour, the most satisfying moment came a few days later, when we received several fairly simultaneous reports of missing cameras that had been inadvertently left behind by family members in the **DuLaney History Room**. Even though that Room and the School Building was the subject, within a day or two of Sunday, September 3, 2000, of building/type inspection(s), with inspectors and contractors present, all of the missing cameras were located and were quite soon thereafter returned to their rightful owners. The Andersons were honest people!

A LIST OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE ANDERSON FAMILY REUNION AT SEVERN CROSS ROADS, MILLERSVILLE, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, AND/OR ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2000

The Year 2000 Anderson Family Reunion was held at Severn Cross Roads, Millersville, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, beginning at 9:30 o'clock A. M. on **Saturday, September 2, 2000**, and concluding late **Sunday afternoon, September 3, 2000**, with the completion of the **Bus Tour** to Historic Sites and Properties connected with our Anderson family forebearers.

While the total number of Year 2000 Anderson Family descendants in attendance was less



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(in number) than the total of those who had attended the **earlier (1993) Anderson Family Reunion** that was held at "Grassland" (in conjunction with the **Flag Pole Dedication Ceremony** on the earlier occasion), it seems to be the overwhelming consensus of those who attended the Year 2000 Reunion and who had also attended the earlier occasion that the Year 2000 Reunion was much more successful. For one thing (different, perhaps, from the 1993 event), attendees had an opportunity to get to know one another better, particularly those who took the time to attend either the Saturday night meal at **Kaufmann's Restaurant** and/or (especially) the well attended Bus Tour that took place most of Sunday (where those in attendance really had a good time and enjoyed a lot of laughs together).

Those in Attendance

The following is the list of names and addresses - by families - of those in attendance (including the first name of their respective Anderson forebearer(s) of the Revolutionary War generation):

Mrs. Sarah E. Griffith (Absolom I & James, Sr.)
542 Cypress Lane
Severna Park, MD 21146

Mrs. Sara Phy Kinney (Absolom I)
Mr. Cliff Kinney, Ms. Cindy Kinney, Mrs. Holly Quiles,
Ms. Meredith Stewart
154 Valley View Road
Lewesburg, PA 17837

Mrs. Dena Phy Keck (Absolom I)
Mr. Lee Keck
1205 Maddox Way
Salisbury, MD 21804

Miss Joan I. Anderson
1146 7th Avenue, North West
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan
S4K 5G6, Canada (**Traveled further than anyone**)

Mrs. Daisy Mae Gaily (Absolom I)
1536 Poorhouse Road
Downingtown, PA 19335-3512

Reverend Franklin L. Ways (Absolom I and James, Sr.)
3016 Allentown Road, South East
Suitland, Maryland 20746-4589

Mrs. Doris Ways Whitlock (Absolom I and James, Sr.)
Mr. Harold Whitlock (Recently moved to Florida, formerly
of Adelphi, Maryland) Temporary Address:
c/o Mr./Mrs. Michael D. Surgen
265 Monterey Drive
Naples, Florida 34119-4650

Mr. Marvin H. Stockett, Sr. (Absolom I)
Mrs. May Stockett (William III)
1520 Eton Way
Crofton, Maryland 21114

Mr. Ralph Eugene Long, Jr. (William III)
Mrs. Kathye Pettebone Long
445 Yorkshire Drive
Severna Park, Maryland 21146

Mrs. Virginia Glindemann, Mrs. Karol Yox (both: William III), Mr. Tim Yox, Ms. Judy Martin
all: 1404 Jeffers Road
Towson, Maryland 21204

Mrs. Thelma Anderson Cole (William III)
1379 Coleus Drive
Millersville, MD 21108

Mrs. Margaret Childs Docherty (Absolom I and James, Sr.)
Mr. John Docherty
1040 Cecil Avenue
Millersville, Maryland 21108

Mrs. Jean Cameron (William III and IV)
Mr. Joe C. Cameron
20551 County Road 10
Herman, NE 68029

Mr. Arthur A. Anderson (William III & IV)
Mrs. Sara B. Anderson
8403 Kirkwood Road
Manassas, VA 20112

Mrs. Mary E. Stevinson (Absolom I)
554 Stoney Hill Court
Odenton, Maryland 21113-1851

Mr. Donald Ball (William III)
1 Cole Lane
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

Colonel Rutland Duckett Beard, Jr., Mr. David Beard,
Miss Nicole Beard, Miss Leslie Beard (All: Absolom I)
Mrs. Lucille Beard
11752 Glen Mill Road,
Potomac, Maryland 20854

Mrs. Phyllis Chaney Murphy (Absolom I)
Mr. Francis E. Murphy
17 Drury Lane, Cragston
Highland Farms, New York 10928

Mrs. Hilda Chaney Morlan and
Mrs. Frances Chaney Connolly (both: Absolom I)
4807 Parrish Branch Road
Midlothian, Virginia 23112

Mrs. Cornelia Anderson Heptinstall (Absolom I and James, Sr.)
Mr. Marvin O. Heptinstall
5130 Mountain Road
Pasadena, Maryland 21122-6208

Reverend Elsie May McKenney (Absolom I)

6102 Dover Street
Frederick, Maryland 21794

Mr. Clinton Phy (Absolom I)

Mrs. Geraldine Phy
327 Rye Beach Avenue
Rye, New York 10580

Mrs. Anna Lee Anderson Myers (Absolom I and James, Sr.)

524 Sylvan Way
Pasadena, Maryland 21122

Mr. Frederick Webb (Absolom I and James, Sr.)

9635 Cortland Lane
Dunkirk, Maryland 20754

Mrs. Virginia Griffin Cwikla

Mrs. Virginia Cwikla Ashby (both: Absolom I)
1657 Aldenn Lair Road
Dresher, Pennsylvania 19025-1235

Mrs. Norma McCarthy (Absolom I)

32 Neptune Drive, Rumsey Island
Joppa, Maryland 21085-4520

Mrs. Marcia Kimberley Anderson Lyons (William III)

Mr. Ed Lyons
6106 Sandstone Court
Clifton, Virginia 20124

Mrs. Jean Anderson Bates, Mr. Edward Anderson Bates, Mr. William Bates (all: Absolom I and James, Sr.)
Mr. Leslie Bates

All 654 Maryland Route No. 3, North
Gambrills, Maryland 21054

Mr. Marvin Kirch Anderson, Miss Laurel Elise Anderson (both: Absolom I and James, Sr.)

Mrs. Mary Louise Anderson
Halls Grove Farm
2488 Davidsonville Road
Gambrills, Maryland 21054-2112

Mrs. Rose Lurene Chaney Truitt (Absolom I)

104 Fifth Avenue, South East
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061
(Who May Have Been the Oldest Family Member in Attendance)

Mrs. MaryLu Chaney Lammers (Absolom I)

918 St. George Barber Road
Davidsonville, Maryland 21035

Mrs. Jeannette Anderson Christman (William III)

1020 Sunset Valley Drive
Sykesville, Maryland 21784-5833

Mr. Rignal Woodward Baldwin, V (Absolom I)

1100 West Lake Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Mrs. Susan Ellen Anderson Jones (Absolom I and James, Sr.)

524 Sylvan Way
Pasadena, Maryland 21122

Mrs. Julia Collinson Garber (Absolom I)

Mr. John Garber
501 Kingston Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21229-3102

Mrs. Mary Karen Widmyer (William III)

1206 Biddle Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21228

Mrs. Margaret Nolan

Mr. David Nolan (both: William III)
7618 Windsor Mill Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Miss Margaret Neal (Absolom I)

512 Castle Drive, Apartment C
Baltimore, Maryland 21212-2321

Mrs. Barbara Chaney Carrick (Absolom I)

Mr. Ross Carrick
1714 Severn Chapel Road
Millersville, Maryland 21108

Mr. Marvin H. Anderson (Absolom I and James, Sr.)

Mrs. Mildred B. Anderson
2621 Davidsonville Road
Gambrills, Maryland 21054-2107

Mrs. Julia Anderson Reinhart, Miss Anna Tegan Reinhart, Mr. Samuel Hugh Reinhart (all: Absolom I and James, Sr.)

Mr. Hugh S. Reinhart
1188 Indian Landing Road,
Millersville, Maryland 2108

Mr. Jerold Anderson (Absolom I)

Mrs. Patricia Anderson
406 State Highway 3
Harrisville, New York 13648

John W. Mitchell, Esquire (William III)

14336 Old Marlboro Pike
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772-2840

In addition, **Mr. Murray Hanson Baldwin**, Chairperson of the Trustees of the **Summerfield Baldwin Memorial Trust**, doing business as **Bunker Hill Farms**, 1371 Millersville Road, Millersville, Maryland 21108 (related to all of us by his descent from **John Meek**, Grandfather of **Susan (Meek) Baldwin** (Mrs. **Edward Baldwin**), of "Rising Sun" Inn and Farm, 1090 General's Highway, Waterbury, Crownsville, Maryland 21032), and his lovely wife, **Mrs. Shirley Mason French Baldwin**, both of 93 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, were with all of us throughout the day on Saturday

September 2, 2000.

If any have been left out, please forgive and know that any such omission(s) was or were the result of human errors and were not intentional; please mail or FAX us at **(410) 268-5036** any such error(s)/correction(s)/omission(s), and we will publish correction(s) in the next edition of this news letter.

COUSIN JOAN ANDERSON, OF SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA, MAKES A SUBSTANTIAL DONATION TO FOUNDATION

Miss Joan I. Anderson, of Saskatchewan Province in Canada, a surviving daughter of the most recent Anderson descendant to have been born with the name of **Absalom Anderson**, has made a substantial donation to The Grassland Foundation, Inc. Miss Anderson was the family member traveling the longest distance to attend the **Year 2000 Anderson Family Reunion on September 2-3, 2000**.

Joan Isabelle Anderson (photo, center) is the youngest surviving child of the late **Absalom ("Albert") Anderson** and his first wife, **Louise Walters**, who had been born in London, England, and who died January 25, 1920 following complications from surgery, at the **Mayo Clinic in Minnesota** when Dorothy was quite young. A few years later, her Father remarried, and she was raised by her parents including her step mother, the former **Agnes Bachelor**. Her father was a successful farm implement dealer at **Moose Jaw**, Saskatchewan (where the family has lived for several generations). In his younger years, Joan's Dad had been a quite proficient ice hockey player.

A Registered Nurse

Joan was a graduate in nursing from the **Royal Jubilee Hospital in Vancouver, British Columbia**, and is a registered nurse. During **World War II**, she was a lieutenant in the **Royal Canadian Nurse Corps** and escaped injury when her ship was torpedoed in the **Mediterranean Sea** while her ship was en route to **Italy**.

She was one of the siblings whose World War II war records are the stuff of legend: her oldest brother, **Lenard John ("Bill") Anderson** (photo, left), had worked his way overseas to **Great Britain** at the outset of hostilities and was working in a movie theater in **London** when he was accepted for enlistment in the **Royal Air Force**. He spent three and a half years in **Egypt** ground strafing enemy troops and supply convoys. A Wing Commander, Bill Anderson was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Her other brother, **Albert George Anderson** (photo, right), also served as a Captain in the Overseas Canadian Army during World War II.

This family are some of the lineal descendants of their grandfather, **Absalom (IV) Anderson**, who grew up

on farms at **Crownsville, Woytych Station, and Davidsonville**, in **Anne Arundel County, Maryland**, before he and his youngest brother, **James Williams Anderson**, some years after the Civil War, left Anne Arundel County and traveled to **Kansas**, later to **Vermillion, South Dakota** (where James remained, married, and raised a family), while Absalom (who had also married and had two children) relocated to **Prince Albert**,

Saskatchewan, where he lived until the outbreak of hostilities during **World War I**. At the age of 55 years, the Grandfather enlisted as a Medical Orderly with the **Canadian Expeditionary Overseas Forces**. He was serving at the **Shorncliffe Military Hospital in Kent, England**, when he contracted and died of pneumonia on December 26, 1916. He is interred there.

Her Grandfather Served in World War I

Thus (and this is an important fact about her Grandfather for Joan) her Grandfather was young enough to have served in World War I while the Grandfather's two oldest brothers, **Samuel Woodward Anderson** and **Richard Thomas Anderson**, were young enough to have served and fought fifty some years earlier in the **American Civil War** (or, as it is more correctly called, "The War for Southern Independence") as part of **Company "C"** (the "**Duvall**" Company) of the **Second Maryland Regiment, Confederate States Army**, from **Anne Arundel County, Maryland**.

Joan is a niece of the late **Amanda (Anderson) McDonald**, also of Canada, who was the one in that total family who most frequently visited and stayed with her Anne Arundel County relatives over the years, beginning with the Summer of 1912, when she was the guest of her then widowed Uncle, Judge **Lemon Beall, Sr.**, at the "**Bridge Hill**" Farm and House on **Birdsville Road, Davidsonville, Maryland**. As a Maryland Delegate to the Democratic National Convention that year (at Baltimore, Maryland), Judge Beall was able to escort his young niece to see New Jersey Governor **Woodrow Wilson** receive the nomination for President of the United States that year. Cousin Amanda Anderson was so impressed with Woodrow Wilson that, a few years later and after she married, she named her oldest son, **Woodrow McDonald**, after the President of the United States.

She Encourages Other Donations

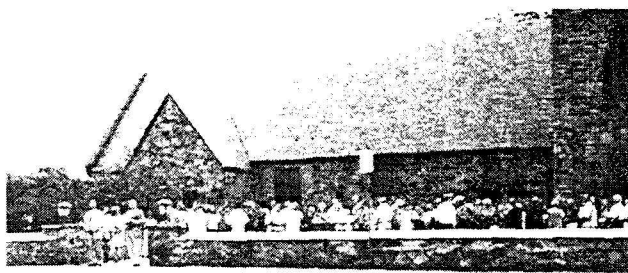
Joan says that she wants to be an example for, and to encourage, other Anderson family descendants to begin to make fairly substantial donations to The Grassland Foundation, Inc., for the upkeep and maintenance of the "Grassland" Historical Site and Home near Annapolis Junction, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, that was the

home and farm of William Anderson of "Grassland" (who was a great uncle of Joan's Anderson Grandfather). The Trustees of **The Grassland Foundation, Inc.**, gratefully acknowledge Joan's kind donation.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL WHO ATTENDED THE SEPTEMBER 2-3, 2000 YEAR 2000 FAMILY REUNION AT SEVERN CROSS ROADS

If the letters, e-mails, and notes received since the Year 2000 Anderson Family Reunion at Severn Cross Roads, Millersville, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, took place on September 2 and 3, 2000, are any indication, most (if not all) of those who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable time. It may have been the most successful of Anderson Family Reunions in modern times. (See related article in this news letter for the list of the names and addresses of your cousins who attended.)

As most of you receiving this news letter are already aware, the weekend began with a **Dedication and Consecration Ceremony for the Rebuilt One Room Two Story Church and Public School House at Severn Cross Roads, Millersville, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.** This reconstruction (from as built drawings that were in existence for the original structure of the 1840s) was finished just before the **September 2 and 3, 2000, weekend.** This was made possible by donations from one branch of the family in memory of former Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Judge and State's Attorney **Marvin I. Anderson** (1900-1987). On the second floor is the now partially completed **DuLaney Family and Local History Library Room** that is in memory of the family's preeminent genealogist, the late **Mrs. Cora Woodward (Anderson) DuLaney** (1887-1981), containing, thus far, a collection of published family and local history books from both Mrs. DuLaney and Marvin Anderson as well as a collection of photographs and historic memorabilia (including much about the old **Anne Arundel Academy at Millersville** (1855-1924), predecessor to today's **Arundel High School**).



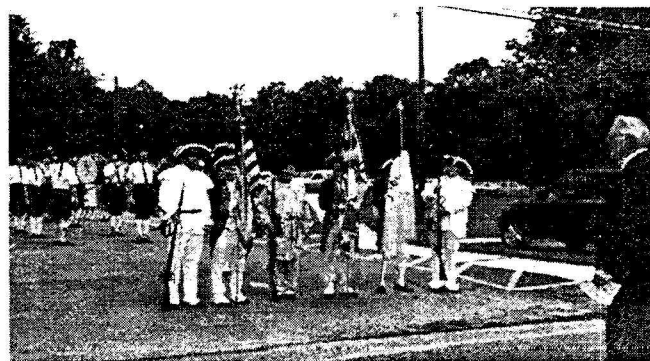
Historic Baldwin Memorial Church Was Filled

The program began around 9:00 o'clock A.M. Saturday morning at the Family Reunion Registration Table

that had been organized in front of Historic Charles W. Baldwin Hall by **Kathye Pettebone Long.** By 9:30 o'clock A.M. the 1896 Stone Church of the historic **Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church** (on the opposite corner at **Severn Cross Roads**) was completely filled when the Service of Consecration began with the procession of the choirs and participating clergy. The Church pastor, **Henry F. Schwarzmann**, presided, and the Church's talented choirs (including its Handbell Choir), **Ms. Susan Petty** in charge, added much to the one hour ceremony. Children from the **Church School** and community of the age to have attended the Old Public School were gathered at the front of the Church. The **Color Guard and Fife and Drum Corps of the Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution**, with their flags on display and led by Mr. **Edwin H. Dotter**, were also part of the ceremony, participating in both the processional and recessional from the Church.

In addition to Reverend Schwarzmann, other clergy participating in the Church ceremony were **Reverend Franklin L. Ways** (of **Bell's United Methodist Church at Camp Springs, Maryland**) and **Reverend Elsie May McKenney**, of the **Mt. Carmel/New Market, Maryland, United Methodist Charge**, both descendants of the Anderson family. In addition, Reverend McKenney is a Triple Great Granddaughter of **William Henry Baldwin, Sr.**, and **Jane Maria (Woodward) Baldwin**, of **Millersville** (after whom the **Old Cross Roads Methodist Church** was renamed about 1881). The lay speaker at the Church ceremony was **Rignal Woodward Baldwin, 5th** (a student at **Johns Hopkins University** and also a descendant of the Anderson family and a Triple Great Grandson of the same Baldwins).

Following the ceremony in the Church, the several hundred participants and spectators - including many residents who had been invited from the community - formed a line that was led by the young children, the **Color**



Guard and Fife and Drum Corps, and the **Chesapeake Caledonian Gaelic Bagpipe Band** of Annapolis (that had gathered outside the Church), led by its Pipe Master, **Robert Wallace**, and was followed by all who had attended the Church service. This processional made its way across the heavily traveled Severn Cross Roads intersection where police officers temporarily stopped the automobile traffic to **Charles W. Baldwin Hall** and to the front of the Reconstructed School House.

Serenaded by Scotch Bagpipe Band

While the spectators took their seats under two large tents and renewed old acquaintances, they were serenaded with Scotch airs, marches, and music provided by the **Chesapeake Caledonian Gaelic Bagpipe Band** of Annapolis. The Master of Ceremonies for this portion of the actual Dedication Ceremony was **Robert H. Hopper**, a retired Anne Arundel County public school teacher and a past President of **Severn Cross Roads Foundation, Inc.** (owner of the historic "**Warfields Plains**" Homestead site that today includes the moved **Charles W. Baldwin Hall** - the Historic **Cross Roads Methodist Church of 1862** - and its new neighbor, the Reconstructed 1840s Cross Roads Sunday School and Public School House).

After the presentation of the Colors and flags by the Color Guard, the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag that was newly hanging from the front second floor window of the School House was led by Miss **Anna Tegan**



Reinhart, of Indian Landing Road, Millersville, Maryland (a Great Granddaughter of Marvin I. Anderson) and her fellow **Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1833**. The singing of the National Anthem was led by Mrs. **Mary Snyder Anderson** (Anna's aunt and wife of Marvin Kirch Anderson, of "**Halls Grove**" Farm, the Nineteenth century homestead of **Absolom Anderson Hall** and **Julia (Beard) Hall**). This was followed by a Musket Salute and the Retiring of the Colors by the Color Guard and the Fife and Drum Corps.

After remarks by Mr. Hopper and Greetings from Severn Cross Roads Foundation President **Lance Gardner**, **Julia Anderson Reinhart** (Granddaughter of Marvin I. Anderson and Secretary of the Foundation) recounted the life and times of her Grandfather, and **Sarah Webb Griffith** (Granddaughter of Mrs. Cora Woodward (Anderson) DuLaney) spoke about her Grandmother's career in local history and family genealogy, reading a poem entitled "Lineage" that had been found among her

Grandmother's papers (a framed copy of which will be placed next to the photograph of her Grandmother that is on display at the DuLaney History Room). **See copy of this poem reproduced elsewhere in this edition of the news letter.**

The Benjamin F. Chaney, Jr. Arundel High School Collection

MaryLu Chaney Lammers (daughter of the late **Benjamin Franklin Chaney, Jr.**, also an Anderson family descendant) spoke about the collection of memorabilia and photographs pertaining to the first **Arundel High School** (successor to **Arundel Academy**) that will be on display, in Mr. Chaney's memory, in the second floor DuLaney History Room. There were also remarks by **Marvin H. Anderson** (son of Marvin I. Anderson).

All of this preceded the ribbon cutting for the Rebuilt School House by the three young great grandchildren - **Anna** and **Samuel Reinhart** and **Laurel Anderson** - of Marvin I. and **Geneva H. Anderson** (who had been one of the early High School teachers at the then new Arundel High School) and by two of the multiple great grandnieces of the late Mrs. **Ida (Woodward) Whittington** (one of the One Room School's former teachers). These were Misses **Nicole** and **Leslie Beard**, triple Great Grandchildren of **Rignal Duckett Woodward**, of "**Abington**" Farm at Millersville, and his second wife, **Mary Jane (Hall) Woodward**, an Anderson descendant.

This was followed by a tour for all present of the School House (whose new custom built locked book cases and shelves had been filled with Anderson family memorabilia, photographs and articles about the history of the Church and of Severn Cross Roads, and many local and family history books), after which a luncheon was served in the Church's (1969) **Summerfield Baldwin, Jr., Educational Building** sponsored by the Church's **United Methodist Women**, with an overflow luncheon in the **Charles W. Baldwin Hall**.

Annual Meeting of The Grassland Foundation, Inc.

After the luncheon, most of the Anderson family descendants who had been present in the morning (see list of all Anderson family descendants present for any portion of the day or weekend in an accompanying article in this news letter) assembled in, and quite literally packed to capacity, the Second Floor **DuLaney History Room** to greet one another, meet each other, and attend and participate in the Annual Meeting of **The Grassland Foundation, Inc.** (owner of the "**Grassland**" Historic Site at the **National Business Park** near **Annapolis Junction** in Western Anne Arundel County) over which meeting Foundation President Marvin Anderson presided.

(See the minutes of this meeting prepared by Foundation Secretary **Donna Ware** reproduced on pages 15-16 of this news letter.)

After the meeting and later in the afternoon, some toured the historic "**Rising Sun Inn**" (now, and for many years, the Chapter House of the **Ann Arundell Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution**) at close by **1090 General's Highway, Waterbury, Crownsville, Maryland**

(at the top of "Baltimore Hill"). This historic combination Inn, private home, and former post office had been constructed in the mid 1700s and was the home of **Edward Baldwin** and **Susan (Meek) Baldwin**, his wife. (Mrs. Baldwin was a niece of **Susannah (Meek) Phelps Anderson**, wife of our **William (II) Anderson**, and a sister of **Lydia (Meek) Anderson**, wife of our **James Anderson, Sr.**) The "Rising Sun Inn" contains a museum and has other attractions. During the **War of 1812**, it was the point of assembly for militia units from Anne Arundel County which had assembled to disperse the advancing British troops who were in transit on ships from the destruction which they had wrought in Washington, D.C., toward the Baltimore Harbor (where **Francis Scott Key** penned the

poem which became the National Anthem). The "Rising Sun" Inn and property is on the National Register of Historic Places.

A number of Anderson family descendants gathered for dinner and fellowship that evening at **Kaufmann's Restaurant** in downtown **Gambrills** before adjourning for the day. A good time seemed to be had by all, and numerous photographs were taken, only a few of which are reproduced elsewhere in this edition. (For related story about the Bus Tour on Sunday, September 3, 2000, see separate article appearing elsewhere in this issue.)

THE WILLIAM ANDERSON, OF "GRASSLAND", COMPLETELY RESTORED TWIN DRY GOODS STORE AND DWELLING BUILDINGS NOS. 11 AND 12 AT HARPERS FERRY, WEST VIRGINIA, ARE NOW THE RESTORED VISITORS' CENTER

In recent years, the **National Park Service** (owner of the historic buildings which front on the North side of **Shenandoah Street** between **High Street** and **Potomac Street**, situate opposite the Historic "Arsenal Square" at **Harpers Ferry, Virginia**, site of the **John Brown Insurrection of 1859**) has completely restored to its earlier, original appearance, the joint or twin side by side three-story brick structures (known as **Buildings Nos. 11 and 12 on the Park Service Records**) that had been built during 1838-1839 by **William Anderson**, later of "Grassland".



These two complimentary side by side brick structures (see photograph, left) now serve as the main park headquarters and Visitors' Center of the National Park Service at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Each year thousands of visitors

go through these buildings in their search for history at Harpers Ferry. On the High Street side, you will notice one of the most massive of combination chimney flues in that entire area.

Anderson is called an Architect in National Archives Records

On the official records of the National Park Service about these two buildings, Anderson (who is described in some of the records at the **National Archives** as an architect) is shown as the builder of the two buildings, which are situate at a prime location at the intersection or corner of Shenandoah and High Streets (just across Shenandoah Street from the original location of the famous Arsenal in which **John Brown** had blockaded himself after his 1859 insurrection became unraveled).

By that time (1859) Anderson, while retaining ownership of his famous **dry goods store** and former residence, had returned to **Anne Arundel** and **Prince George's Counties, Maryland** (his birth place), and had already acquired "Grassland" and had constructed thereon his final home.

Many of you, by now, are aware of the story. William Anderson, of "Grassland", was one of those (many) in the family who became, ultimately, storekeepers. As such, they (literally) kept the stores in many Nineteenth century places (some in smaller places, and some in not so small places). At some point, William Anderson, of "Grassland", sometimes as a sole proprietor thereof, and at other times, in partnership with family members and others, owned and operated a profitable dry goods store, for some years, at Harpers Ferry (which was then still part of Old Virginia).

Railroad Leaves Harpers Ferry High and Dry

During this period, the **Baltimore & Ohio Railroad** went no further West than Harpers Ferry. This, then, became the jumping off point for thousands of migrants headed West. Typically they would depart the train at Harpers Ferry and proceed to Old Uncle William's dry goods store to purchase their harnesses and possibly many other items, as well, which they needed during the long trip further West. These, then, were good times to be in the business in which Old Uncle William was then engaged.

Unfortunately, the good times did not last, when the Railroad was, about twenty or so years later, extended further West, leaving Harpers Ferry and Old Uncle William to wither on the vine, so to speak. Until John Brown arrived on the scene in 1859, Harpers Ferry became, and remained for many years after the "**Great Abolitionist**" went to his Great Reward, a kind of back water. The War for Southern Independence did not help too much, either.

Soon after the War, Old Uncle William (then completely ensconced with farming at "Grassland") finally sold his real estate at Harpers Ferry (for not much more

than a farthing, it would appear). But life goes on, and now thousands of American citizens each year tour these two beautiful side-by-side completely restored buildings that are now used as the **Visitors' Center** and **Park Service Headquarters**, complete with a small movie projection theater featuring the history of the area.

Large Underground Wine Cellar

If you are ever at Harpers Ferry, do not forget to ask to see the **large underground basement, or wine cellar**, which is underneath at least one of the two buildings. Migrants to the West also needed ample liquid refreshment, and Old Uncle William was there to oblige!

His only son (by his first marriage to the widow, **Susannah (Hall) Beck**), **William Henry Harrison Anderson** (later a **Baltimore, Maryland**, attorney) was born in 1840/1841 at Harpers Ferry, undoubtedly in whichever side of the twin building shown on the photograph was the actual William Anderson home. **Susannah (Hall) Beck Anderson** died while the couple were

still at Harpers Ferry, and, later, Old Uncle William remarried, this time to his first wife's maiden sister, **Sarah (Hall)**, who was the Mother of this couple's only other child, the daughter, **Susannah** (named after her deceased aunt) (**Anderson**) **Bowie**, who inherited "Grassland" following her parents' death.

Many of us are also aware that Old Uncle William Anderson's tenure at Harpers Ferry was the occasion which produced something like a dozen or more marriages between Anderson family members and citizens of the town and vicinity of Harpers Ferry, including, but by no means limited to, **Molers**, some living as far away as **Ohio**.

One of these days an article which lists and details all of these Harpers Ferry marriages will have to be produced for this newsletter.

In the meantime, remember the Anderson involvement with and at Harpers Ferry when you next visit that historic place.

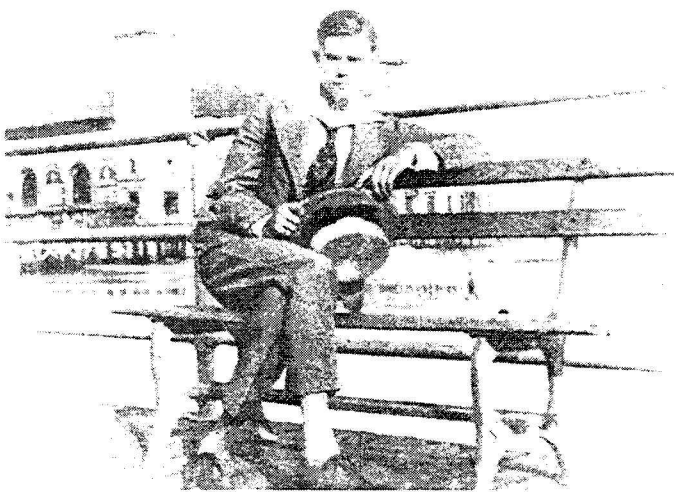
CORDELLA SWANSON TURNS OVER PHOTOGRAPHS OF, AND A REPRODUCED PHOTOCOPY OF A PICTURE DRAWING BY, SERGEANT LEROY RAMSBERG DISNEY, OF THE 29TH DIVISION, U. S. ARMY, WHO DIED NEAR VERDUN, FRANCE, OCT. 15, 1918, AT THE BATTLE OF THE MEUSE-ARGONNE

Mrs. **Cordella Swanson** (daughter of the late **Mrs. Elizabeth Hopkins**, of **Linthicum Heights, Maryland**), through the assistance and with the help of **Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson**, of **Hanover, Maryland** (wife of our cousin, **Maurice Shipley Anderson**), and a volunteer librarian at the **Kueth Library of History** at **Glen Burnie, Maryland**, has recently delivered to **The Grassland Foundation, Inc.**, her late Mother's copies of photographs of, and a reproduced photocopy of a larger original picture drawing made by, the late **Sergeant Leroy Ramsberg Disney** (son of the late **Cornelia ("Nellie") (Anderson) Disney** and her husband, the late **William Downs Disney**, whose final home was at **Linthicum Heights, Anne Arundel County, Maryland**), who is pictured, right, at **Atlantic City**, before he entered military service.

Sergeant Disney was a grandson of **William Thomas Anderson** and **Hannah (Moler) Anderson**, the last couple which owned and lived on the ancestral Anderson farm and house, "**Providence Plantation**", at **Woodwardville**, in the **Great Fork of the Patuxent River**. He grew up in **Baltimore City**, attended **Baltimore Polytechnic Institute**, and was given his first job in the **Baltimore City Register of Wills Office** by (then) Register of Wills (later Mayor) **Howard Jackson**. He was later employed in the **City Building Inspector's Office** when he was called to duty, upon America's entry into **World War I**, at **Camp McClellan** at **Anniston, Alabama**, with the **115th Infantry Regiment** of the **29th Division**.

A Drawing of Himself Sitting Lonely and Desolate

One of the photographs (see photo in this issue)



shows young Disney sitting on a bench at **Atlantic City**, before the War. It is reported that he had a fine singing voice and that he sang at **Atlantic City** in shows there. He was killed near **Verdun, France**, on October 15, 1918, when he was only 24 years old, and while serving on special assignment with the **Chemical Warfare Service**. Prior to his death, and while still stationed in **Scotland**, he had taken courses at the **University of Edinburgh**.

At some point soon prior to his death in France, Sergeant Disney drew a picture of himself showing a lonely American Dough boy sitting by himself on top of an underground bunker, with shells exploding all around. The title of the picture is "No Letter" and must have pictured the way he felt at that particular moment, lonely and desolate.

The soldiers depicted in the trench beneath him are shown smiling as they read letters received from loved ones at home.

Initially Interred at Romagne, France

For three years (before his body was removed for reinterment in the Anderson and Disney family cemetery lots at **Trinity United Methodist Church** at **Woodwardville, Maryland**), his grave site was at the big military cemetery at **Romagne**, where thousands of our soldiers were buried. During World War II, this same cemetery was fought over several times. One of the photographs that has been presented shows the marked (with a large cross) site of Sergeant Disney's grave while it was still at the Romagne cemetery, before his body was returned in 1921 to Maryland.

When his body was returned to Baltimore in 1921, he was given a military funeral from his parents' home, then at **1000 Brantly Avenue**, with the interment following at Woodwardville. United States Army Chaplain **Fred C. Reynolds**, who had buried him in France, also officiated at the military funeral in Baltimore in 1921.

His Mother Grieved Until the Day of Her Death

Notwithstanding the subject matter of Sergeant Disney's drawing, no American GI ever had a more loving and caring family behind and in support of him throughout his service than did this one young American soldier. His Mother was inconsolable to the day of her death during World War II, grieving always over the loss of her young son. His final grave site at Woodwardville is marked with its own large granite stone, at which are located, always, two American Legion markers.

Sergeant Disney was a nephew of the late **Bruner Rollin Anderson**, attorney in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County, and left surviving him a large family that always very much mourned his death and appreciated the supreme sacrifice that, as a young man, he made for all of us. One of his many first cousins was the late **Cora Woodward (Anderson) DuLaney**, author of *Andersons from the Great Fork of the Patuxent*.

The Grassland Foundation, Inc., is deeply appreciative of Mrs. Swanson's in-kind gift and donation of these photographs, which will be loaned to the **DuLaney History Library Room** in the **Reconstructed Severn Cross Roads Sunday School House at Severn Cross Roads, Millersville, Maryland** (where they will be on display). We also appreciate very much the efforts of Mrs. Maurice Shipley Anderson that have resulted in these objects being saved and preserved.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2000, ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GRASSLAND FOUNDATION, INC.

The Annual Meeting of The Grassland Foundation, Inc., was held on September 2, 2000, at the Reconstructed Cross Roads Sunday School House at Severn Cross

THE POEM "LINEAGE" (Author Unknown)

*And sometimes when I have become
A quiet portrait on the wall,
Will you, my fair descendant, stop
To think of me at all?*

*Suppose your hands are shaped like mine,
You have my nutmeg sense of fun,
(Will there be one to tell you so
There, when my days are done?)*

*If you love books and fires and songs
And slipper moons on lilac skies
Toss me a look of shared delight
From those my own dark eyes.*

*For there is kinship in a curl,
And keepsake in a spoken name,
And wine of life may yet be poured
By hands within a frame.*

Found in the Effects of the Late Mrs. Cora Woodward (Anderson) DuLaney (June 22, 1887 - March 31, 1981) As Read on September 2, 2000, by Her Granddaughter, Mrs. Sarah E. Griffith, at the Dedication of the Rebuilt (1840s) Severn Cross Roads Sunday School and Public School House (A Reproduced and Framed Copy Is Planned Next to Mrs. DuLaney's framed portrait in the DuLaney History Room)

Roads in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, following the Dedication Ceremony for the Schoolhouse and the Anderson Family Reunion. President Marvin H. Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Donna M. Ware made a short presentation on the status of the preservation work at "Grassland". The first phase of the outbuilding restoration and stabilization work has been completed, using grant funds from the Maryland

Historical Trust and The Grassland Foundation. The Foundation has received confirmation of additional grant funds from the Maryland Historical Trust, totaling \$50,000.00, for the first phase of preservation work on the main brick house at "Grassland". This work will hopefully commence some time later this year or early next and will include electrical and plumbing retrofitting and restoration of the porch on the east elevation. Repair and restoration of the windows will also be initiated using the grant funds.

Mr. Anderson announced the availability of copies of the Extract of William Anderson's Diary and the Genealogical Chart of the Andersons. A supplement was also made available that included corrections to both the Diary and the Chart.

Mr. Anderson gave a summary background of The Grassland Foundation and announced that all assembled at the September 2 meeting were automatically members of the organization. He also announced the need for Trustees of the Foundation. Donna Ware, serving as the Nominating Committee for the [Trustees of] the Foundation, read the slate of nominations for Trustees. Rev. Frank Ways of Suitland (a descendant of Isaac Cord Anderson) volunteered to serve as did Rutland Duckett Beard, Jr. (a descendant of Mary Jane (Hall) Woodward). The slate was voted on unanimously. Mr. Anderson announced that MaryLu Chaney Lammers has agreed to serve as Treasurer.

Mr. Anderson has announced that several descendants of William Anderson have shown an interest in forming a second organization to be known as The Descendants of William Anderson (or something to that effect). Mr. Anderson said that before a new group was formed, he wanted to get The Grassland Foundation, Inc., on a firmer footing.

Clinton Phy announced that he will take responsibility for having reprints made of Cora Anderson DuLaney's book, *Andersons from the Great Fork of the Patuxent*. They will cost between \$30 to \$40. A sign-up sheet was passed around for all those interested in buying a reprint.

Mr. Anderson announced that the DuLaney Library (2nd floor of the Cross Roads School House - where the Foundation meeting was held) will have several computer stations for genealogical research in the near future.

The descendants of William Anderson IV from Nebraska who were in attendance were recognized by Mr. Anderson.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Donna M. Ware (non-family member)
Secretary



Photo credits: Page 5: Photo of Bus Tour, courtesy of Joan I. Anderson; Page 7: Family Reunion photographer, courtesy of Phyllis Chaney Murphy; Page 10: The WWII Canadian Cousins, courtesy of Joan I. Anderson; Pages 11 and 12: School House Dedication Ceremony photos, courtesy of the Severn Cross Roads Foundation, Inc. (photographer, Debbie Calder); Page 16: Foundation Secretary Donna Ware Reports to Annual Meeting, courtesy the Severn Cross Roads Foundation, Inc. (photographer, Debbie Calder)

**TRUSTEES OF THE
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**OFFICERS
ELECTED BY TRUSTEES
OF THE GRASSLAND FOUNDATION,
INC., AT THEIR INITIAL
(ORGANIZATIONAL) MEETING
HELD AT DULANEY HISTORY ROOM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2000**

At their initial, organizational meeting held at the DuLaney History Room in the Reconstructed Severn Cross Roads School House at Millersville, Maryland 21108, on Saturday morning, November 4, 2000, the Trustees of The Grassland Foundation, Inc., selected the following officers of the Foundation, to serve for a term of one year and thereafter until their respective successor(s) is or are elected:

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GRASSLAND FOUNDATION, INC.

If so, please cut out and complete the following brief Application for Membership and mail the same (with check(s) for Initiation Fee and Dues) to:

Mrs. Sarah E. Griffith, Chairperson for Memberships
The Grassland Foundation, Inc.
642 Cypress Lane
Severna Park, Maryland 21146

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

ZIP: _____

(If you are a descendant of William (I) Anderson, of "Herring Creek" in Southern Anne Arundel County, Maryland, please briefly indicate your line, or lines, of descent, by reference to the name(s) of known ancestors of yours who are in direct descent from William (I) Anderson: _____)

(Descent is NOT a pre-requisite for Membership.)

The one-time Initiation Fee is **\$20.00**; the Annual (Minimum) Dues (for the calendar year 2001) are an **additional and further \$10.00** payable at the same time; check(s) should be made payable to **The Grassland Foundation, Inc.**, and should be enclosed with your Application.

(NOTE: If you have previously (ever) been a Member of The Grassland Foundation, Inc., please do NOT fill out or return this Application; your name is on our records, and you will be billed dues for calendar year 2001 soon after January 1, 2001. Thank you.)

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