

DuLANEY HISTORY ROOM AND LIBRARY EXPECTED TO BE OPEN BY LABOR DAY, 2002

We have received inquiries about when will the Cora Anderson DuLaney Family and Local History Room and Library (located on the Second Floor in the Reconstructed 1840s Severn Cross Roads School House Building, at 1358 Millersville Road, Millersville, Anne Arundel County, Maryland 21108) be open "for business"?

The answer to the foregoing question appears to be: "soon after this coming Labor Day, 2002". At that point, if all "goes well", the History Room and Library should be available for family and local history research on a scheduled time basis by contacting either the volunteer Librarian, Mrs. Kathryn (Stevens) Kimmett at (410) 721-8108; or Marvin H. Anderson at (410) 268-5035 or 721-0498; at least until (if at all) "regular hours" are later established.

Room Now Largely Furnished

We can report good progress: By January 17, 2002, the Room had been almost completely furnished with large and beautiful pieces of "Gunlocke" brand mostly "Tremont"-line office furniture and furnishings, such as a large "Directors" or "conference"-style" table with seating for at least eight persons; a large several-piece desk for the volunteer librarian; tables for computer(s); and multiple storage file drawers which can be individually locked. All have been stained to match, as closely as possible, the locked book shelves and cabinets which were installed as part of the original (Year 2000) reconstruction of the School House.

On April 27, 2002, there was a well attended meeting of "ad hoc" volunteers interested in computerization of the Room and Library, and, as a result, computers and computer equipment are poised to be ordered and should be installed over the Summer, thereby making the Room just about ready to be opened by Labor Day.

Ross Carrick Lays Out a Chart

One such volunteer, Ross Carrick, has laid out the following chart, which illustrates how a "web page" for Severn Cross Roads Foundation, Inc. (owner of the Reconstructed School House and other facilities at Severn Cross Roads, Millersville, Maryland) might be "set up". With Ross's permission, that chart is reproduced here as part of this article.

There will also be a photocopy machine installed in the Room and Library that will be available to be used by any desiring to do research. The Library has a rather complete genealogical books section with a wide variety of published volumes as well as a number of original documents pertaining to local history (including, for example, the Benjamin F. Chaney, Jr., Collection pertaining to the Old Arundel Academy and its successor, at Millersville, the first Arundel High School). The Library and History Room also has a number of old photographs and expects to receive and "scan" others.

In addition, the Room will "house" the complete collection of genealogical and family history research papers of the late Mrs. Cora Woodward (Anderson) Delaney as augmented by the more recent similar papers of Marvin H. Anderson, among other possible similar records and papers which others might, in the future, contribute or donate.

Severn Cross Roads Foundation Web Page

Pertaining to the proposed "web page" and the chart showing how the same might be "set up", it should be possible, ultimately, for anyone(s) to "log onto" the Severn Cross Roads Foundation, Inc.'s "web page" and then access and contribute material to the proposed "individual family files" shown on the chart, as well as other similar individual family files that could be established later. (From such

individual family “files” it might ultimately be possible for individual families to “publish” family history books pertaining to their own families.)

Please feel free to contact either Mrs. Kimmett or Mr. Anderson for more information about the History Room and Library at Severn Cross Roads.