

SARAH GRIFFITH DONATES “FAMILY MEMORABILIA” TO THE HISTORY ROOM AT SEVERN CROSS ROADS

Sarah Webb Griffith, oldest granddaughter of **Cora Woodward (Anderson) DuLaney**, in whose memory is named the Second Floor DuLaney History Room in the Reconstructed 1840s One Room Two-Story Schoolhouse at Severn Cross Roads, Millersville, Maryland, and a Trustee and the Membership Secretary of The Grassland Foundation, Inc., has recently donated two items of Anderson Family Memorabilia to that History Room, where they are on display.

The first of the two items is a “spatter work”-type painting or drawing of a Cross which was made by the late Susan Moler (Anderson) Duff, of Ohio (daughter of Sarah’s double great grandparents, William Thomas Anderson, Sr., and Hannah R. (Moler) Anderson, of “Providence Plantation”, Woodwardville, Odenton, Anne Arundel County, Maryland).

The second item is the beautiful Masonic medal or award which was bestowed upon Sarah’s double Great Uncle, the late Bruner Rollin Anderson, Baltimore and Anne Arundel County, Maryland, attorney, who lived at Linthicum Heights, Maryland, during the greater part of his adult life. See photograph in this issue of the *Newsletter* showing this donation being made at the History Room Saturday morning, April 13, 2002, during a Trustees’ meeting.

Here is how Cousin Cora DuLaney described the Susie Moler “spatter work”-type painting: “Grandmother (my mother) visited Ohio when she was about 18 (1876?) and she and Cousin Susie Moler made “spatter work” pictures which they exchanged. It was there that she embroidered the splasher and pillow shams, too. This” [referring to Cousin Susie Moler’s painting] “is a good example of home art for its time. Cousin Susie had some instruction in art, too. This was made by Susie Moler.”

The Masonic medal was recently returned to Sarah by her stepmother who had apparently received it when it was found among the effects of her late husband, Frederick Alexander Webb (Sarah’s father). Obviously this beautiful Masonic award had been in the possession of Mrs. DuLaney (Bruner Anderson’s niece) when Mrs. DuLaney passed away in 1981, after which it was held by her only daughter, the late Elizabeth (DuLaney) Webb, Sarah’s late mother.

The Grassland Foundation, Inc., is deeply appreciative of Sarah’s donations of these two pieces of family memorabilia to the Foundation for display at the History Room at Severn Cross Roads.