History of Kent Island From 1642 to 1942.

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Shipping Creek was named so because it was the only inlet into which large boats could come on the lower part of Kent Island. The people used it to ship their grain to market. It is a part of the Eastern Bay.

Kent Point Creek is named as such because it rises in the point which makes Kent Point.

Chews Creek is a creek on Kent Point which forms a part of the Chesapeake Bay. It was named after a Mr. Chews who once owned all of Kent Point. Mr. Chews was murdered by pirates, and his family placed his remains in a vault at Kent Point until they could have his body removed to England.

Thompson's Creek is behind Breeding's farm at Stevensville. This creek was named after Alec Thompson.

Macom's Creek was named for a family by the name of Macom. It flows into the Chester River at Chester.

Steam Mill Creek is located between Chester and Stevensville. A steam mill was located on the bank of the creek and the creek's name originated from it.

Goodhand's Creek was named after a family of Goodhands who lived on the Shore of this body of water.

Little Creek was thus named because it is so small at the mouth. It widens as it flows out into the Eastern Bay past Johnson's Island.

Crab Alley Creek was named after the territory it flows past, Crab Alley Neck.

Steamboat Landing is called this because it used to be the landing for freighters and steamships. It is on the Chester River about two miles from Love Point Landing.

Chesapeake Bay which bounds Kent Island on the west side, derived its name from an Indian word meaning "broad waters".

Walter White's Cove is behind White's Heritage on Chester River. It is named after Walter White, father of the present Walter White, Senior, of Love Point. It has been so called for approximately ninety or a hundred years.

Norman's Point was named after a Norman who had a farm on this point, which extends into Eastern Bay.

Ferry Point is the first point one reaches when coming into the Narrows. Once there was a ferry which connected Kent Island with the mainland before the Narrows bridge was built. The Narrows is part of the Chester River.

Cedar Point is so named because of the clumps of cedars which are found on it. It extends out into the Chester River.

Long Point is so named because it is a long sandy point which extends out from the shore into the Eastern Bay.

Turkey point is so called because the largest turkeys for many miles around were raised there.This point is formed on Eastern Bay.

Kent Point was so named because it is at the extreme end of Kent Island. It extends out into the Eastern Bay.
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When the Pennsylvania Railroad built its station at Chester it was called Chester Station because of its nearness to Chester River. The Post Office was named Chester Post Office. Mr. Louis Kelley Senior, named the whole community surrounding the station Chester.

Stevensville, a village now of about five hundred inhabitants, got its name from the first settler living there, Jim Stevens. He owned all the land and farms that surround Stevensvile. This town now has two churches, a modern high school, an elementary school, modern chain stores, and a bank. It supports the Kent Island Woman's Club which is active in both social and civic affairs; this organization is a definite asset to the community.

Chester and Dominion are the hub of the waterman's activities and together with Stevensville are the centers for the shipping of oysters, crabs, and crab meat. Kent Island is naturally a key point in the seafood industry. During the summer its watermen are busy hauling in fish and crabs along its wide waterfronts, while in winter one sees hudreds of tongers harvesting boatloads of oysters.

The farm land is particularly rich and fertile. The island contains several thousand acres suitable for agriculture.

In view of the fact that the island is now important enough to be the terminal for three ferries, it is interesting to note that the first ferry was only a skiff to carry mail.

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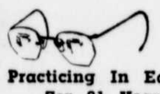

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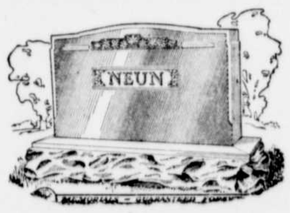
$85.00  **$85.00**

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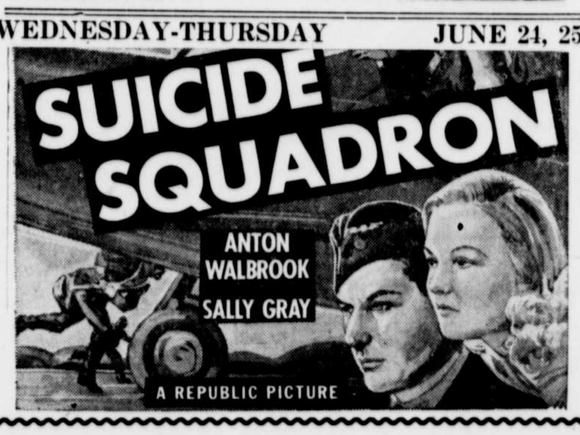
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