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AT ANCIENT ELLENDALE ON THE EASTERN SHORE.

A Colonial Manor That Dates Back to the Seventeenth Century.

THE HISTORY AND ROMANCE OF THE EASTERN SHORE.

This is one of a series of occasional articles dealing with the history and romance of the Eastern Shore of Maryland—its ancient manors and towns and famous men and women.

Rock Hall, Md., Sept. 14.—Old Eastern Neck Manor is one of the most ancient estates in Kent county, and was granted to the Ringgold family soon after 1650.

It is situated in the lower part of the county and extends from the broad Chesapeake eastward till it reaches the banks of the beautiful and historic Chester river.

The original grant has been divided till now seven large farms are found within its confines, namely, Ellendale, which was the original home place; Huntingfield, the Hermitage, Napley Green, Wildwood, Church Creek Farm and the Point Farm.

The old Ellendale house, which was long looked upon as one of the oldest in the county, was destroyed by fire in January, 1851, and the present house was built the following year upon the old site.

The old house was a one and one-half story structure, with large dormer windows, and on the east gable, in figures of glazed black brick, was the date of its erection, 1722. The figures were large enough to be easily read at a considerable distance.

The brick walls of the old house, even those of the inside partitions, started from the cellar foundation and continued upward to the room.

On the first floor were four large rooms, two on each side of the broad hall. The windows in the two front rooms were placed between broad, fluted columns, which extended from floor to ceiling. The window seats were deep-set and the panes of glass were very small.

The newel post in the hall was large and square and beautifully carved and paneled to match the wainscoting, as were also the banisters. There was but little plastering, most of the rooms being almost entirely wainscoted.

AN ANCIENT PAINTING.

The parlor mantel was finely carved. The ends were very wide, but the center was narrow and the mantel shelf so high that a tall man could reach it only with some effort.

On each side of the mantel were fluted columns, like those at the windows, and in the center, above the shelf, was an oil painting.

The scene here depicted in this picture was that of a running stream between fields and a village in the distance. The roofs and the spires were plainly seen, and near the stream were children at play. On the other side the harvesters, with their sickles, were busy gathering the wheat, and in their wake were the gleaners.

The second story of the old house consisted of four large rooms, whose walls sloped toward the ceiling. There were cuddies in all of these rooms, which wore entered by doors about three feet wide and high, and you could pass from room to room through these cuddies. In the gable ends were funny little square windows, but the other windows were of dormer shape.

In the lower hall the two outside doors were made double, the inside being paneled and the outside arranged in diamonds.

On the front door was a huge brass knocker, with a very heavy plate.

The main building was brick, but the kitchen was a frame building attached to the east side of the house. The trees in the front yard at that period were locust and fruit trees of different kinds, and the garden was behind the house.

Evidently there had been an elder house on the south side of the present site and nearer to the bay. At times many bricks, placed in rows, would wash out of the bank and fall into the bay; also pieces of old-fashioned china and glass, and the remains of old stone tobacco pipes would be found too.

A COFFIN WASHED OUT.

One one ocassion a coffin washed out of a brick grave near the site of this old house, and the then owner notified the Ringgolds of Kent Island, one of whom a very old man, came over and claimed the remains as those of his mother.

This Mr. Ringgold had the coffin, which was in a good state of preservation, opened and found only dust and bones, but the magnificent hair of the occupant was in a fine state of preservation and still coiled and fastened up with silver pins.

He removed the remains to his own home for final interment.

Many ancient gravestones have been found on this historic place, one of which dates back to 1656 and another to 1707, and quite a number which were placed over the graves of those who died prior to 1800. Here are two typical inscriptions:

To the Memory
Of
Rebecca Ringgold,
Who Died December 10, 1750,
Aged 55 Years.
This Stone is Dedicated
By Her Affectionate Daughter,
Rebecca Ringgold.

Here Lies the Body
Of
Mary Ringgold
With Her Two Babes,
She Was the Second Wife
Of
James Ringgold.
She Died in the Year of Our Lord,
December 11, 1707.
James Ringgold,
Her Son,
Dedicated This Stone.

The stones are altar stones of a dark gray sandstone, and evidently imported, as they differ from all known Maryland stone.

THE OLD SALT WORKS.

On one end of the farm were the salt works, where the plantation produced its own salt from the waters of the Chesapeake during the wars with England. Below the house were the tan vats, where leather was tanned at the same period to make the boots and shoes needed on the plantation.

The sporting gentry from many places gathered here to enjoy the races held on the race course extending from the house to the bay. This quarter-mile course then gave ample room to wheel and come, but now the waves have washed the shore to such an extent that but little of the track is left, and in a severe storm the spring will dash against the western wall of the house.

The surrounding country is generally level, but the house stands on a bluff and the view is magnificent. The dome of the State House at Annapolis is plainly seen in the clear weather, and many of the upper bay lighthouses are visible.

About 70 yeary ago the place passed from the Ringgold family and was purchased by Capt. George Hayward Willson, a lineal descendant of Major James and Mary Vaughan Ringgold through their granddaughter, Mary Ann Ringgold, who married Thomas Smyth, of Trumpington Manor.

Captain Willson was a great traveler, having visited many quarters of the globe, but upon the purchase of this estate he gave up his roving life and devoted all of his energies to the task of making it more beautiful.

It was he who built the present house in 1851, and here he loved to gather his friends around him. He removed the old trees from the front yard and placed there forest trees of all kinds indigenous to Maryland, also Spanish chestnut and mahogany trees.

In front of the house was a large circle filled with flower beds, and around this was a gravel driveway to the house. The present house is a commodious structure. The first story is brick and the upper part frame. The hall which passes through the center is 56 feet long and proportionately wide and high.

M. R. CAMP.

A Pretty Bit of Courtesy.

At one of the public receptions given at the White House during the Cleveland administration an old lady who was drawn up in the line that was pushing its way forward to shake hands with the president's wife dropped her handkerchief just before getting to Mrs. Cleveland. She was too old and rheumatic to stoop down and recover it, and those back of her in the line were too intent upon getting the one fleeting glimpse possible of the mistress of the White House to notice the old lady's loss, and the handkerchief was trampled upon roughly.

Just before the old lady reached her, Mrs. Cleveland stepped out of her place and deftly picked up the handkerchief, tucked it in her dress and, taking her own fresh one, which was of the most delicate, dainty lace, smilingly handed it to the old lady with the sweet remark, "Please take mine, and when you get home send it back to me, will you?" And when the handkerchief came back to her Mrs. Cleveland returned that of the owner, freshly laundered, lying on the top of a bautiful box of rosebuds that came from the White House conservatory.

Helpless.

First Deaf Mute—If you objected to his kissing you, why didn't you call for help? Second Deaf Mute—I couldn't. He was holding both my hands.—Harpers Weekly.

Patience is the strongest of strong drinks, for it kills the giant despair.—Jerrold.

MARYLAND'S OLD HOME WEEK.

Oct. 13th to 19th, 1907.

General Outline of Principal Features of the Celebration in Baltimore.

Church Day—Sunday, October 13.

Old Home services in all the churches, the pulpits to be filled with former pastors, whose theme will be that simple but always thrilling topic, "Home." Special reservation of seats for old members visiting the city.

Reception Day—Monday, October 14.

Hand-shaking reception by Governor Edwin Warfield, Mayor J. Barry Mahool and the Maryland home folks of the home-comers at the Fifth Regiment Armory, beautifully decorated and illuminated for the occasion. Special headquarters provided in the armory for each county in the State. There will be addresses of welcome and responses on this occasion by distinguished sons of Maryland.

In the afternoon of this day there will be a heart-warming ball game between the old boys who won the championship pennant for Baltimore a decade ago and the present Oriole team.

Military Day—Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Grand military spectacle, participated in by the entire National Guard of Maryland, together with detachments of soldiers, sailors and marines from the army and navy establishments of the United States government. Assembling of warships in the harbor for participation in Old Home Week ceremonies.

Fraternal Day—Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Parade of a host of uniform members of fraternal orders, numbering more than 15,000, marching with a large number of handsomely designed floats, the immense procession to be accompanied by scores of bands of music.

At night an enormous invitation ball, given by the fraternal organizations to their visiting friends. This affair to be held at the Fifth Regiment Armory, and 15,000 invitations have been issued by the committees in charge.

Municipal Day—Thursday, Oct. 17.

Great street parade of all branches of the Baltimore city municipal service, including the Fire Department and all other divisions; a batallion of City College and Grammar School boys, and the Boys' Brigade, all accompanied by beautiful floats, designed by the respective departments of the city government.

At night a magnificent electrical pageant, with scores of brilliantly illuminated floats, will pass through the streets.

Patriotic Day—Saturday, Oct. 19.

A pilgrimage by rail and water to the ancient capital of the State, Annapolis, where beautiful patriotic exercises will be held in celebration of the burning of the "Peggy Stewart" and other historic events, and where the grandest and greatest naval school in the world will be inspected.

The headquarters of the celebration will be in the metropolis of the State, Baltimore, whose thoroughfares will be beautifully decorated with magnificent arches, flags and bunting by day and specially illuminated with myriads of electric lights at night.

There will be band concerts at principal points every night.

At a special bureau all visitors will be registered and information will be furnished concerning the stopping-places of the home-comers, so that they may be easily located by their friends.

The railroads and steamboat companies are making special rates for visitors to the celebration, and excursion trains will be run from many sections.

The hotels and boarding-houses have signed an agreement to maintain their usual moderate prices.

Letter to County Commissioner A. C. Loud,

Chestertown, Md.

Dear Sir: They're glad they found-out Devoe.

Corpus Christi, Texas, is right on the Gulf and one of the hardest climates for paint; hot sun, salt air, and strong winds.

The Sidbury Building, painted Devoe in 1899, is a shining example of perfect paint, snow-white after 7 years, as if painted last week.

We should like every property-owner from Maine to Mexico to see that white, white, white.

Experience teaches who wants to learn as well as who waits to be kicked.

Yours truly
34 F. W. DEVOE & CO.
P. S. John Bartley sells our paint.

Got it Overboard.

Once while in a foreign port Admiral Dewey ordered the heaviest hoisting tackle in the ship to be got out of the hold without delay. Nobody knew what it was for, as there was nothing just at that time, either heavy or light, to be taken on board or sent ashore. After two hours' hard work the tackle was in place, and Dewey then ordered that a large chew of tobacco which had been thrown under one of the guns be hoisted overboard and dumped into the sea.

HUBBARD'S Fertilizers

Stand the Test.

Hear what some of our farmers have to say of Hubbard's Fertilizers as compared with other goods:

Mr. John H. Jackson, of Kent Island, says in fall of 1905 he used 7 tons of our Victor alongside of 7 tons of another brand, and ours gave him 1100 bushels of wheat, and the other 7 tons gave him 600 bushels, and in fall 1906 he used 7 tons again of our goods alongside of 7 tons of same as other goods, and made another trial to test matters a second time, and this year he threshed from our 7 tons 1400 bushels of wheat and from the other 7 tons 800 bushels, and says he had better paid the other man for his goods and not used it and then bought ours for he certainly believes Victor to be an excellent goods for wheat and grass.

Mr. G. Thos. Dewberry says he has made a test of our wheat goods now for two years, and this year ours alongside of two other brands he threshed 6 to 8 bushels more wheat per acre from ours than from the others and that he expects to use it again this fall.

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The Horse Shoer and Wheelwrigh.

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