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HISTORY OF CHESTERTOWN.

Garden-Lined Waterfront of Ancient Chestertown Makes it One of the Most Beautiful County Towns of the Eastern Shore.

This is the Twelfth of a Series of Illustrated Articles in Sunday Sun Dealing With the Ancient County Towns of Maryland—Their History And Romance.

Chestertown, Md., Aug. 1.

If Chestertown ever indulges in the luxury of a municipal press agent, then the Kent county town may possibly be reintroduced to the world as "The Venice of America."

Not that Chestertown is anything like the famous Italian city, for it is not. But of this the average press agent could not be expected to have knowledge, since such few of his clan as ever get across the Atlantic, get no further than Liverpool, London, or perhaps Paris.

But still there is something about Chestertown that would suggest to an intellect of the caliber usually carried by press agents the wisdom of making a comparison between the Eastern Shore town and Venice. Venice, in photographs and paintings, appears as a city beautiful from the water-front. Its finest houses open hospitable doors on the river that courses through the channels which serve as streets, and so, too, with Chestertown.

NOT LIKE OTHER TOWNS

Sailing into the harbor of Chestertown, the visitor does not behold a commonplace river or bay town, with a single road straggling inland from the harbor. He sees instead a town of beautiful gardens built upon the very banks of the Chester river. He takes note that he is among a people who not only delight to look upon their picturesque river, but who, judging from the countless pleasure craft tied along the river banks, indulge a passion for sailing.

Chestertown is most impressive when approached from the water. It can be reached by railway, coming down on the Chestertown branch of the Delaware division of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington railway station. The town may also be reached by stage from Tolchester Beach. To the traveler from Baltimore this route is the quickest—and the sandiest. Great wide roadways, with sand of unfathomable depth, link the county seat of Kent with the pleasure resort on the Chesapeake, and in dry weather the two points are separated only by a cloud of dust—stretching some eleven or twelve miles.

THE BEAUTIFUL WATER FRONT.

But the leisurely traveler—the man who would give the Eastern Shore town a chance to put on her best garments before receiving him, will come to Chestertown via the Chester river. Comparatively, the water approach is the front door; the railway the rear gate; and the sand road from Tolchester, a cellar window entrance.

One line of steamers that connects the eastern and western shores plies up the Chester river—which winds its way through scenery, that although never stupendously beautiful, is always pretty and pleasing. It is not a beauty of sharp contrasts, of flashing moments, but a lasting beauty that looks as good before breakfast as it does in the soft twilight of evening.

When Chestertown is reached there halts the traveler as if to save him from the danger of passing by the county-seat without seeing the beauties of the town—a great wooden bridge, more picturesque against its background of soft landscape than any iron or stone or concrete structure could be.

The bridge is low and old, but it serves its purposes well. Spanning perhaps a quarter of a mile of water, it links Kent county with Queen Annes, and thus, while it pauses the sailor on the Chester until the drawkeeper leisurely performs his task of opening the draw and closing the bridge, it also carries th Queen Annes countians over the water into the capital of their neighbors.

In the background of the city—as seen from the water—are etched against the sky the outlines of several massive factories, which have brought more or less commercial activity to the town. These factories are not on the water line, as is too often the case, but somewhat inland.

But closer riverward and more pleasing to the eye than warehouses and factories ever could be are bits of garden and thoroughfares that obviate the harsh lines which commonly mark the place where river ends and town begins.

A TOWN OF GARDENS.

A considerable stretch of these gardens is to be seen from the Chester. The houses to which they supply the frame do not face upon the water; they have their entrance on Front or Water street, which is the first avenue inland running parallel with the river.

But the builders of these Chestertown houses, perhaps not then imbued with the modern disbelief in the assertion that "God sees everywhere," planned the structures with a view to having them add to rather than mar, the natural beauty of Chestertown's waterfront.

Neat houses overlook the river. Their backs are laced with softly colored porches. Back of these are gardens with great shade trees and restful green foliage. Closer still is a little stone wall that marks the water line. Here is a drop to the river of perhaps five feet at low tide and but a foot or a few inches when the tide is at its highest range. Strung out along the waterfront are small boats—rowboats and sailboats and little power launches.

Farther up the river fine farms stretch inland from the Chester, and the water line is dotted here and there with a wharf settlement, from which the farmers ship their products. And farther inland from the Chestertown waterfront lies one of the most picturesque and historic towns of Maryland.

THE HOVEL IS LACKING.

A debatable question is, What is the most beautiful town in Maryland? To different people different towns make their appeal, and ever where the sentimental championship because of home is lacking there is still possible disagreement between intelligent persons. But surely none—not even the resident of a rival Eastern Shore city—would deny to Chestertown the right to be called an interesting and a very beautiful town.

A stroll through the several streets that run parallel with the river and a journey over the half-dozen thoroughfares by which these streets are intersected raises the query, How can so small a town support so many pretentious homes?

Chestertown is not a city with a very few blocks of nice residences and the majority of its blocks of streets built up with hovels—indeed, the hovel seems strangly lacking in the Kent county capital. The residents of homes of this class must carry their houses on their backs, as do turtles, or else they must envelop themselves in the shadow of darkness when night comes on.

VISITED BY WASHINGTON.

But Chestertown is not a modern-made city, as is La Plata, with its new houses. The Kent county town has its new houses, it has its older structures and it has also its historic buildings. It has, too, like almost every other city that was founded prior to the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Washington, its tavern in which was entertained the Father of His Country.

Chestertown, however, has its tradition of a visit from the first President substantiated by records. It is known that Chestertown once had the honor of being host to Washington, not only because the settlement lay on his road when traveling between points North and South—an argument advanced in support of the tradition of most towns that claim to have harbored Washington—but because the records of Washington College (which was named after the first President) actually contain the signature of George Washington, written on its books upon the occasion of a visit there.

How often Washington went to Chestertown is not known. It may, indeed, be a manufactured legend that puts him there more than once, but—as the sailor would say—you may swear on the book that he was there once.

THE OLD CUSTOM HOUSE.

The tavern at which Washington is reputed to have stopped is not, however, the only historic spot that the city boasts. This tavern building stands on High or Main street, a few blocks from the High street wharf, on the Chester river. The building is typical of Colonial architecture and Colonial construction. It is used to-day as a mercantile office on the ground floor and as a barber shop upstairs.

But the landmark that has even greater historic appeal than the tavern is the old Custom House. Many are the old inn buildings at which Washington spent a day or more, but few are the buildings within whose silent walls dwell as interesting ghosts of the past as in the old structure that stands on Front street, just off from High.

The building, of brick brought from England, is made up of several sections. The portion directly on the corner of High and Front streets is larger and, probably, newer than the little structure that supplies a left wing of it.

This wing is well hidden in summer time by the thick foliage of low branched trees. By trudging along the back way, however, going about stagnant pools and repugnant vegetation, the visitor may get a view of what has now become the back of this wing, but which, doubtless, was originally its front.

OLDER THAN BALTIMORE.

The weather-beaten building, with its second-story entrance, from which the steps have long since crumbled, was regarded by the early settlers of Chestertown as the forerunner of the building which to-day stands in Baltimore upon the lot bounded by Water, Gay and Lombard streets. For Chestertown in its earliest days hoped to vie with other Maryland towns for the honor of being the metropolis of the State, and its Custom House antedates the founding of Baltimore.

The old Custom House has long since fallen into disuse, although parts of the corner building are occupied. The house, however, obtains its greatest historic value neither from the fact of its age nor from its official use, but because it once looked upon a scene which established Chestertown's right to be classed among the historic towns of America.

This old Custom House was the quarters of custom collectors, for the proprietors, the English monarch and, later, the American Government. And about its walls there hangs a whisper of rebellion against the impositions of the English crown—rebellion no less patriotic or daring than that which made Boston famous for its tea party and Annapolis for a similar protest.

CHESTERTOWN'S TEA PARTY.

For in pre-Revolutionary days Chestertown had a tea party of her own. The city was a port of entry then and the ship Geddes, with a cargo of tea for the counties of the Eastern Shore, arrived in the port in 1774. The town people held a meeting similar to those being held in Boston and Annapolis and declared that they would not submit to the King's government imposing a tax upon tea.

Then the citizens of Chestertown, marching down by the Custom House in which the tax collectors perhaps were figuring how much money would be realized through the duty on the Geddes cargo, went out to the ship and upset her precious freight into the beautiful Chester river.

Chestertown was always patriotic. In 1755, when the French were making trouble for England's Colonies, the British generals in America undertook to recruit armies for the campaign in America, and it was announced that a recruiting officer would visit Chestertown for the purpose of enlisting a specific number of troopers. But upon the officer's arrival, even before his drummer had been able to beat the signal for attention, he was confronted with more than the requisite number of volunteers. A year later the citizens fitted out a ship to fight in the King's cause.

When, in 1774, the people of Chestertown decided to stand with other protestants in America against England's unjust treatment, from nowhere did there come a stronger word of encouragement to the people of Boston and other northern towns in their stand against England than from the little city of Chestertown.

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