



Pemberton Hall - 1741

One of the earliest dated brick gambrel roofed houses in Maryland, Pemberton Hall was built for Col. Isaac and Anne Dashiell Handy and is typical of a mid-eighteenth century Eastern Shore plantation house of its class. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the house is under restoration by Pemberton Hall Foundation, Inc., a community based non-profit organization. The house is open the 1st and 3rd Sundays, 1 - 3 p.m., May through October, 2025, and by appointment. Pemberton Hall may be rented for receptions and special occasions.

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Volunteers welcome!

Donations are appreciated!

On April 19, 2025 from 2-4 p.m., you are invited to a celebration of the Bridge to Independence!

The North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts, is often referred to as the location of the "shot heard round the world" and the beginning of the American War for Independence. On the morning of April 19, 1775, Colonial Militia from Concord and surrounding



towns exchanged gunfire with British regulars guarding the critical river crossing. Although the fighting at the North Bridge lasted only a few seconds, it marked the beginning of a massive battle that included some 1,700 British regulars and over 4,000 Colonial Militia and ranged over 16 miles along the Bay Road from Boston to Concord.

On April 19, 2025, from 2-4 p.m., Pemberton Hall will commemorate and celebrate the 250th year anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, the first battle of the American Revolutionary War, with period food, music, and militia re-enactors. Henry Handy, who inherited Pemberton Hall from his father Col. Isaac Handy (d. 1762), served in the Salisbury Battalion, Somerset Revolutionary Militia. He is also credited with supplying rations to the Continental Army.

Pemberton Hall will celebrate the anniversary of the "shot heard round the world." We will honor Pemberton's American Revolutionary Patriot Henry Handy, who with other members of his community, answered this call to independence so that people of this land would be free to become the United States of America. The call to responsible citizenship echos to this day.

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Ongoing Rail Project -

Wicomico and Pemberton Hall are continuing the project of upgrading and replacing the split rail fence bordering the Pemberton Hall property. Wicomico County has purchased about 500 hand split red cedar rails for this project at Pemberton Historical Park. Pemberton Hall Foundation Founder Bill Wilson and Volunteer David Chiddenton will be working with the county and Boy Scout Troop #817 to replace rotten rails and relocate ones that can be reused. Last year 15 sections along the park entrance were reconstructed. This project will enhance the historical integrity, beauty and safety of the park.



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Heritage Donation -

A desk owned by Col. Isaac Handy (1706-1762) has been donated to Pemberton Hall by Rich Vogel and family. His wife, Susan Thomas Vogel, is a direct descendent of Col. Isaac Handy. Isaac Handy (died 1772), namesake nephew of Col. Isaac Handy (died 1762), built and gave this desk to his uncle. The nephew lived at a place called Muddy Hole upon land obtained from his uncle. Col. Handy had great respect for the judgement and character of his nephew as evidenced by acquainting him with people in the guardianship of his son Isaac. Muddy Hole is in the vicinity of the current Red Roost Restaurant, Quantico, Maryland.

A desk can be found in the inventory of George Handy (died 1782), the eldest son of Col. Isaac Handy. The lineage of this desk goes from George to William Handy (died 1829) to William Washington Handy (died 1857) to Rev. William Collins Handy (died 1909) to Levin Irving Handy (died 1922) to Margaret Irving Handy (died 1977) to Elizabeth Ashley Weech (died 1973) to Susan Ashley Thomas to her husband Rich Vogel, the donor. This reconstructed desk has at its core the original desk built for Col. Handy and will be the only original furniture from his estate.



State Park in Wicomico County - Friends of Pemberton Hall have always been interested in Long Hill, the home connected to Isaac Handy's Wife Anne Dashiell Handy. The original 300-acres tract was patented as Long Hill for Samuel Jackson in 1668 and purchased by James Dashiell, Sr. three years later in 1671. Long Hill, a story-and-a-half brick-end frame house, stands out as a rare survivor of Pre-Revolutionary War domestic architecture on the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources was granted approval to purchase from Donald Graham for \$3.3 million, 445 acres of land along Wetipquin Creek which includes Long Hill, placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. Named Wetipquin Creek State Park, the park will conserve and foster an appreciation of the natural resources on the Delmarva Peninsula, and Long Hill will advance the interpretation of the life of the colonial people including the enslaved people in the area. Wicomico County is the last county in the state to acquire a state park. All 23 counties now have a state park.



Long Hill