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George Shivers, Editor

Community Calendar

Saturday, February 16 – Mid-Winter breakfast, 7:30-10 AM at the Allen Community Hall. \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 6-12, free to children under 6. Menu: buckwheat pancakes, regular pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, scrapple, fruit juice, coffee.

Sunday, February 17 – Regular meeting of the Allen Historical Society, 2 PM, Asbury UMC Great Room.

Sunday, February 24 – Allen Historical Society sponsored lecture on World War I on the Lower Eastern Shore by Salisbury University History Professor Gehrench. 3 PM. Sanctuary of Allen Asbury UM Church, Refreshments afterward.

Saturday, March 16, 9 AM to 2 PM. Asbury UM Church Spring Bazaar, Allen Community Hall. Fried oysters, chicken salad, lots of baked goods and much, much more.

Sunday, April 7 – AHS lecture at Asbury-Allen United Methodist Church, 3:00 PM. More details to come.

Saturday, April 27 – Allen Village Festival, Community Hall, vendors, food trucks, special activities. 9 AM to 5 PM. Charge for parking.

Thursday, July 4 – Allen Lions Club Independence Day parade and celebration. Beginning at 2 PM at the Allen Community Hall

Saturday, August 10 – Second annual Allen Historical Society Crab Feast. Noon – 4 PM. Community Hall. More information to come.

Exhibits & Events at the Nabb Center, Salisbury University

Ongoing exhibit, Delmarva: People, Place & Time, Guerrieri Academic Commons, Niemann Gallery, open during Nabb Center hours.

Jan. 28 – July 26, “If Objects Could Talk: the History Behind Eastern Shore Artifacts, Guerrieri Academic Commons, Thompson Gallery, Reception, Feb. 6, 6-7 PM

January 28 – July 26, “Captured in Time: Glimpses of the Eastern Shore through the Camera Lens,” Guerrieri Academic Commons, 1st floor lobby, Reception, Feb. 21, 6 – 7 PM

Thursday, Feb. 7, “Taking Leave: How Fugitive Slaves Influenced the Debate Over the Future of Slavery,” Professor Richard J.M. Blackett, professor of History at Vanderbilt University

Benjamin Franklin Messick



Editor's Note: Benjamin Franklin Messick was one of Allen's most distinguished citizens during the second half of the 19th century and the patriarch of a prominent family. I recently stumbled upon his obituary in our files and reproduce it here. No date was on the obituary which had been cut from the newspaper; however, judging from his birth in 1840 and his age at death, it would have been 1931. Also, the minister who conducted the service served Asbury from 1929 until 1931.

Deceased Ninety-One Last May 24

**Former County Commissioner, Was
Father to W. F. Messick, President Local
C. of C.**

**Another Son, Dr. J. Fred Messick is
University Instructor in South –
Surviving Widow is 85 – Mr. Messick was
Lifelong Resident of Community in
Which he died.**

Funeral services were held from his late home in Allen, at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon for Mr. Benjamin Franklin Messick, 91, oldest resident of that community, who died late Sunday night after having been confined to his bed for about a month.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Harrell, pastor of the Allen M.E. Church,

South, of which the deceased was a devoted member, assisted by the Rev. Roscoe Jones of Williamsburg, VA. Interment was in the Allen Cemetery.

Born there on May 24, 1840, Mr. Messick spent his entire life in the Allen community. Spending most of his life out of doors as a farmer and carpenter, he was very active up until well after his 90th birthday. Mr. Messick, a Democrat, served as a member of the Board of County Commissioners in 1884-85.

Mr. Messick was a man of deep religious convictions and was well thought of by everyone who knew him. More than 66 years ago on April 20th 1865, just after the Civil War, Mr. Messick married Miss Mary Isabel Porter, by whom he is survived. Mrs. Messick is 85. The couple marked their golden wedding anniversary in 1915 with a large social function.

Two sons survive: William F. Messick, local ice manufacturer and president of the Salisbury-Wicomico Chamber of Commerce. and Dr. J. Fred Messick, an instructor in Emory University, Atlanta, GA. Another son, Harry T. Messick, with whom the deceased and his wife made their home, died within the past year.

The Will of Nancy Morris

Editor's Note: Nancy Morris resided at White Chapel on the Wicomico River and in her will freed her slaves. Among them was James Polk and his mother Mary. He went on to marry Rebecca Caroline Black Polk, a free woman whose family owned land near Forktown (Fruitland today). James' father, Frederick Polk, was a slave of the Polk family of White Hall Plantation, which was nearby Nancy Morris's residence. The following will abstract was taken from *Somerset County Wills*, Liber EB#23, 1806-1811, abstracted by Leslie and Neil Kiddie, the Family Tree Bookshop.

Folio 138 Nancy Morris, 01/17/1809
04/14/1809

Bequeaths to:

1. Rachel – Negro woman
Mary – Negro woman
James – son of Mary
Sarah – daughter of Mary
Phebe – Negro woman
-all to be freed at testatrix's death
2. Sarah Ann Roberts – niece
- to have gold watch, dressing glass, 6 silver table spoons, new bed quilt
3. William Henry – nephew
- \$200.00 and bed and furn.
4. James Henry – nephew
- \$100.00 and gold sleeve buttons
5. Mary Ann Henry – niece
-bureau
6. Matilda Handy – niece
- one large looking glass, 6 silver table spoons
7. Dolly Henry – sister-in-law
-all kitchen furniture now in Dolly's possession, earthen ware, iron tongs, shovel, and walnut table
-Negro boy "Santy" for the term of 5 years and then to be free

Will of Robert Twilley

Editor's Note: Robert Twilley was the father of Caleb Twilley, the carpenter who built the sanctuary of Asbury M.E. Church in Allen in 1848 and in the same year married Hester Ellen Huffington. This abstract comes from *Somerset County Wills, 1837-1842*, abstracted by Leslie and Neil Keddie, The Family Tree Bookshop.

Folio 8 Robert Twilley 02/06/1837
07/16/1837

Bequeaths to:

1. Caleb Disharoon Twilley – son

-to have 100 acres of land laid out of the upper part of the testator's farm and adjoining the land called "the Killums" beginning at the mouth of the middle branch that runs through the testator's farm and extending to the back lines

-to have a long gun, chest of tools that belonged to testator's son Charles N. Twilley, deceased,

2. Joshua Thomas Twilley – son
-to have 116 acres of land being the residue of testator's property and adjoining the land of Kendal Cox
-to have short gun and old tool chest and all carpenter's and joiner's tools belonging to the chest

3. Isabella Ann Twilley – daughter
-to have first choice of Negroes

4. Harriet Winder Twilley – daughter
-to have 2nd choice of Negroes

5. George Twilley – son
Mary Smith – daughter
Mary Ann Twilley – granddaughter
-residue of estate to be divided among them

6. Milkey Twilley – wife
-named executrix of the will

Some Marriage and Birth Records for the Malone, Messick and Allen Families in the Late 19th and Early 20th centuries

Simeon F. Malone, 1852 - 5/6/1924
Annie L. Porter, 4/16/1857 - 5/9/1932

Children:
Ashland Francis Malone, 11/23/1876-3/9/1959
Lillie May Malone, 10/22/1882 - 10/24/1931

Ashland F. Malone married Amy Brewington, August 23, 1903

Children:
Anne B. Malone, 9/28/1906 - 8/30/1932
Ashland F. Malone, Jr., 3/4/1909 - 3/6/ 1952
Margaret E. Malone, 11/28/1912

Dorothy Jean Malone, 4/6/1920

Lillie May Malone married Philip Earl Messick (10/16/1882- 6/10/1934)

Children: Martha Messick, 8/26/1909
Philip Earl, Jr., 12/14/1911
Nancy, 3/13/1915

Eleanora Disharoon, 10/3/1848 - 1/27/1927,
daughter of James Disharoon and Priscilla
Porter Smith

Married William Francis Allen, 2/25/1830 -
7/13/1898

Children:
Grace Whittington Allen, 12/31/1875 -
3/8/1950
Percy Francis Allen, 2/11/1879 - 1966
Amy Lillie Allen, 11/19/1884 - 7/16/1913

The Women of Allen
by George Shivers

Several years ago, the United Methodist Women of Asbury UM Church held an afternoon tea at the Community Hall, and our Society put up an exhibit along with a pamphlet honoring the women of our village. Below is the Introduction that was printed in the pamphlet.

The village of Allen, known during the 18th century as Brereton and during most of the 19th century as Upper Trappe has a long tradition of strong and independent women. In the 18th and 19th centuries women usually married very young, often as teenagers, had large families, and in many cases, were widowed at a young age. In a time when women were not customarily well-educated nor prepared for independent careers, they had to provide for themselves and their families. We see this pattern repeated time and again among the women of Allen during that period. Women had to be strong in order to cope with the problems they confronted, when so many doors were closed to them. As we will see, the education of children was one of the few

doors open to women like Mary Allen in the 19th century. Sewing and storekeeping were others employed by some of the women in the village. In the first half of the 20th century marriage, education and local commerce continued to be activities engaged in by the women in our village.

The women of Allen were also the backbone of the church and of social life in the village. Allen news items in the *Salisbury Advertiser* from the 1870's demonstrate this fact. In the 19th century there were lawn parties, cotillion dances (held on the second floor of the Allen brothers' store, which burned in 1894), masquerades, and church socials, poundings (A party in which members of the congregation brought food items to the pastor and his family - the theory being that they would bring a pound of something) and festivals. I have inserted below just a few items from the period. It was the women who organized and carried out these events. It was their work that provided much of the financial support for the local church. Below are just a few examples of events held during the 1880's and 1890's:

Salisbury Advertiser
January 10, 1885
Items from Upper Trappe

The Christmas holidays passed off very pleasantly here. On Christmas Day, a masquerade party of 50 or 60 persons passed along the principal roads of our village. They were mounted on horses and mules and seated in carts and wagons. Our coronet band led the van. A basket auction was held in the evening for the benefit of the church. The pastor of the church, during the week, also received a pounding from the hands of his numerous flock in the shape of many good and substantial things to tickle the palate and replenish his larder.

Salisbury Advertiser

Saturday, July 25, 1885
The Allen Festival

Mr. Editor: I had hoped to give you last week an account of the festival held July 15th by the ladies of this place, but circumstances were of such a nature, I was unable to do so. I will give you now, if it is not too late, some facts concerning it.

To begin with, we had a lovely day. The large crowd present surpasses, I suppose, the turnout on any former occasion of the sort ever held by our people, and perhaps by any people in the county. We were somewhat disappointed in our speakers; some were prevented from coming by sickness, some by the session of the Princess Anne court, and others still were disappointed in themselves in getting conveyances. Late in the afternoon, however, Revs. J. H. Amiss and J. T. Whitley of Salisbury arrived. The audience up to this time had been entertained by vocal and instrumental music by the ladies and young gentlemen. The band also acquitted itself well, to the entertainment and delight of all present. As the day, on the arrival of the speakers, was growing old, the time for speechmaking was limited. Rev. J. H. Amiss, however, was induced to take the stand, and in a brief but interesting manner set forth the worthiness of the object which solicited their sympathy and patronage. At the close of this interesting appeal, he made an assault on the stingy young men and old widowers. He said, "If there is a young man on the ground, who does not give his sweetheart her supper, I hope she will discard him before the sun goes down; and if there is an old widower here who does not treat his lady-love to everything she wants, I hope he will have to make his own bed, do his own cooking, and pour out his own coffee for five years to come." When Mr. Amiss had finished, Rev. Mr. Whitley was invited by the pastor to make a few remarks. Mr. Whitley said he had no speech to make, but as soup was a mixture, he would give them a small dish. Among others he gave them a very amusing matrimonial ingredient, his own experience

in marrying a very remarkable couple. After Mr. Whitley had served successfully his dish of soup, Rev. J.T. Routten arose amid the ringing of the dinner bell, and said, "Now you have had the soup, I invite you up to the table to get the meat and greens." And they accepted the invitation too. In a few minutes, the table was crowded. A large number was fed, and well fed at that. We are under many obligations to the people of Salisbury, Princess Anne and the surrounding country for their presence and patronage. One of the most pleasing results was the large sum realized. After a neat calculation, it was found that the net proceeds footed up the handsome sum of \$203.31. The statement is authoritative.

Salisbury Advertiser
August 5, 1893
Lawn Party at Allen

On Monday evening last a masquerade lawn party was held at the residence of Mr. John W. Jones of Allen. About 8:30 o'clock a very large crowd of masked ladies and gentlemen, dressed in fancy, curious, antique and antiquated costumes, assembled on the broad lawn which was brilliantly lighted. For a considerable portion of the evening the various games and pastimes incident to such occasions were freely indulged in till the appetite became pretty well whetted up, then all were invited to a long table well laden with ice cream, cake and other dainties and delicacies of the season.

On assembling at the table each individual threw off his or her mask, divulging the fact that many a one had been deceived and perhaps chagrined at the selection he had made, but all turned their attention to the good things that lay on the table before them and were soon happy and contented.

Besides the large number of ladies and gentlemen in and around Allen may be mentioned Miss Wheatley and Miss Holloway of Salisbury, Miss Cooksey

Salisbury Advertiser
May 13, 1899

The Ladies Aid Society of Allen is planning a festival for the coming 4th of July, to be held at O.P. Jones' gate, which will surpass in attraction anything of the kind ever held here before. One of the features will be a patriotic oration by a noted orator of the State. The projectors of all other 4th of July festivities in the county will please beware.

Miss Grace Allen, principal of the Allen High School, is now preparing for an elaborate entertainment to be held on the evening of Thursday, May 18th. All are cordially invited to come and bring ten cents.

In 1895 the Siloam Camp Meeting was held for the first time. These week-long religious revival meetings held each summer would continue for the next half-century. Again, it was the women of the area who provided much of the behind-the-scenes support for these events. Besides their spiritual function, the camp meetings were also important social events and provided a unique opportunity for young men and women to meet. Many romances had their beginning at the camp meeting and subsequently resulted in marriage. The following selection from a letter written in 1951 from Agnes Elliott Dodd to Ruth Jones Wilkins reveals much about this aspect of camp meeting!

I yearn to talk about and relive the camp meeting nights. Camp was for ten days only as I remember. Ever Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights everybody went to camp. Everybody went Sunday afternoons. Those who have never been to a camp meeting as they were then haven't really lived. Sawdust covered the circle - big preaching when you sat quietly in you dark tent and breathlessly waited until the singing should begin and then the promenading began. Why walking around the dusty circle with a boy was fun I do not

know, but I do know it was fun. You counted the times around with each boy and you counted the number of boys and you bragged about how many times you went around and you were popular or a wall flower just as later you were at dances. Since our arrangement of every other night with Fred would bring one the camp night every time we made it two nights running during camp period, so that one night I would ride in the buggy with Fred and we would just giggle all the way and I would be in heaven and the next time I would ride with the guest and giggle just as much but determinedly stayed on this earth for it was not in the game to like him much. When the promenading began, Fred would go round about five times with the one he had brought and felt his duty was done. Guest would then take her and Fred would take the other one around five times and wash his hands of her. The rest of the time we had to go round with just ordinary guys. I remember I secretly adored Purnell White. He was one of the big boys, older even than Fred, I imagine, and was a dashing fellow with all the older girls. I thought I would be consumed with divine fire if he would ever notice me and I did everything I could to attract his notice and a few times managed to get him to walk me around. He had a brother George about my age who would gladly have walked me around but that wasn't so romantic. Ah, the good, good times we had at camp! Many romances that ended in marriage began on that camp ground.

In more recent times women from Allen and in Allen have taken on the responsibility of careers that would not have been imaginable to our foremothers. But like the women who came before them they continue to be stalwart and indispensable in their contributions to church and community. Social life in the village has changed; events like the poundings for preachers and their families, Christmas masquerades, and cotillion dances have long ago passed from the scene, but social events

continue in other guises and women continue to be at the heart of them.

Some of the Women of Allen

1. Elizabeth Christopher White

One of the early women of our village was Elizabeth Christopher, who married Isaac White. She was living in the village of Upper Trappe at the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th centuries. She was the daughter of John Christopher of "Monsham Plantation," which had been patented in 1683 by another John Christopher and had remained in that family. Elizabeth Christopher married Isaac White, and by 1798 was widowed. She must have been a very independent woman and of some financial means, because she was involved in several land transactions in the village in the 1790's. According to the 1800 census she had three teenage or adult children living in her household, two boys and one girl. She died prior to 1828, for she is mentioned in a public document in that year as deceased.

2. Ellen (Eleanor) Messick Drury

We don't know a great deal about Ellen Messick Drury. She was almost certainly born in the 1820's and married first to Philip Messick, who owned much of the property in the village bordering on the mill pond. They had two sons, Benjamin F. and Philip Messick, Jr. Mr. Messick died sometime between 1842 and 1850, leaving his widow to raise their two young sons (Benjamin was born in 1840 and Philip in 1843). By 1850, she had remarried, this time to Stephen Drury, who owned a store in the village. Mr. Drury was much older than she, born c. 1776. In addition to his store he was actively involved in real estate transactions in the village during the mid-19th century. Mr. Drury also did not live long after their marriage, passing away in 1859. To his widow Ellen he left "all the right, title and interest in and to the estate, real, personal

and mixed, which she had or was in any way entitled to, at the time of my intermarriage with her," provided that she renounce "all her dower interest in the rest of his estate!"

3. Rebecca Caroline Black Polk



Rebecca Caroline Black was born in Forktown (now Fruitland) in 1836. Her parents were free African Americans, George and Nancy Black. Her grandfather, William Black, was one of the wealthiest African Americans in the area and owned a large amount of land. Both her father and grandfather were farmers. In 1855, at the age of 19, she married James Morris Polk, a freed slave, who was almost thirty years her senior. She bore 15 children, ten of whom survived to maturity. She and her husband lived separately in the last years of his life. James Morris Polk died in 1890. Mrs. Polk continued to live in the Allen community and was well known as a midwife and herb healer. She died at the age of 87 on August 29, 1923.

4. Dare Polk Gunther



Dare Polk was born near Allen on January 5, 1895, the third child of Henry Polk and his wife Martha Tull Polk. She was a

granddaughter of James Morris and Rebecca Polk. Dare married Fred Gunther in 1911 at the age of 16, and they had four children born between 1912 and 1918, three boys and a girl. They separated early on and Dare raised her children on her own. She farmed her own land, raised chickens, and worked as a housekeeper for families in Allen and in Salisbury. Through that work she played an important role in the lives of a generation of children beyond her own family and was much loved and respected by many. She had a strong work ethic and an independent spirit. For many years she served as housekeeper of Asbury Church, and she was a regular presence at church dinners, where her fried oysters and fried chicken were highly praised. She died in June of 1983.

Editor's Note: The series on "Women of Allen" will be continued in the August edition of the *Historian*.

Stephen Drury

by Ronald Walsh
1/17/2019

Stephen Drury was born on 6 January 1771¹ in Maryland.² His mother was Sally Drura.³

On 8 January 1818, George Drura purchased land in Upper Trappe, Somerset County for \$200 from Luther Price. Today on part of that land is a small residence called the "Doll House," located at 3328 Allen Road in the village of Allen. I assume that George Drura was the father of Stephen Drura.

On 31 December 1818 Stephen Drura married Leah Heath in Somerset County, Maryland.⁴ She was his second wife.

¹<http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12746911>

² 1850 U.S. Census

³<http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/12746911>

⁴ Ancestry.com. *Maryland Compiled Marriages, 1655-1850* [database on-

On 9 October 1821, Stephen Drura purchased land near the Wicomico Creek trap from George A. Dashiell, and in the same year he purchased another tract at the Upper Trappe from Obadiah Stanford for \$500.⁵

On 22 July 1829 he married Lurena Fields in Somerset County, MD.⁶ She was his second wife.

Lurana (sic) Drura, wife of Stephen, died on 25 June 1849 at age 40.⁷



line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.

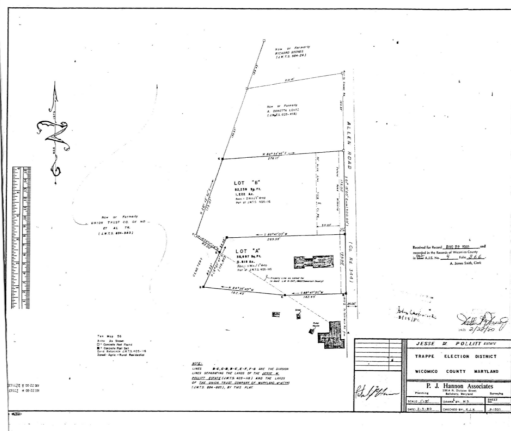
⁵ *Changing Times: Chronicle of Allen, Maryland, An Eastern Shore Village*, by George R. Shivers, 1998, Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, MD, pp. 64-65.

⁶ Ancestry.com. *Maryland Compiled Marriages, 1655-1850* [database online], Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2004.

<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiy=1&dbid=7846&h=64053&tid=&usePUB=true&phsrc=aQ1120&phstart=successSource>

⁷ *Ten Years of the Allen Historian, 1995-2005*, published by the Allen Historical Society, August 2005, p. 80.

Her grave is in the rear of the property at 3429 Residential Drive that is now owned by Conrad T. and Jamie O. Robertson.⁸ They purchased that lot on 28 April 2000, and built their house there in 2001.⁹ It is not known if any other persons are buried there. The rear property line of that lot is also the rear property line of “Lot A” on 3430 Allen Road, which is owned by the Allen Historical Society. “Lot A” was originally purchased from the Drura family by James and Eliza Huffington on February 18, 1883, and the current 2-story house on that lot was constructed in the fall of 1883. A plat map of “Lot A” dated February 5, 1980 and recorded in Wicomico County on August 22, 1980 shows that there is a cemetery on the lot to the rear of “Lot A.”



On 19 February 1850 Stephen Drura married Mary Mezick, his 3rd wife.¹⁰ Per the 1850

⁸ Photographed by Ron Walsh on 9 January 2019

⁹ State of Maryland, Dept. of Assessments and Taxation, SDAT online database.

<http://sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx>

¹⁰ Ancestry.com. Maryland, Compiled Marriages, 1655-1850 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2004.

<http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=7846&h=640>

Census, he and family were living in the Trappe District of Somerset County, Maryland:

- Stephen Drury, age 74, born in Maryland, merchant, married within the year, owns real estate worth \$800

- Ellen Drury, age 41, born in Maryland [her name is listed as Mary Mezick in the above marriage record; she is listed in the 1860 census as Eleanor Drury, age 52; she is listed in the 1870 census as Ellen M. Drury, age 60]

Benjamin Mezick, age 10, born in Maryland [probably Ellen’s son from a previous marriage.]

Latitia Fooks, age 9, born in Maryland [unknown relationship]

Philip N. Mezick, age 7, born in Maryland (probably Ellen’s son from a previous marriage)

Editor’s Note: Before marrying Stephen Drury, Ellen was married to Philip Mezick and had two sons, Benjamin, born in 1840 and Philip, born in 1843.

The 1850 census for the Trappe District lists:¹¹

- 303 heads of families, of which 219 were white, 72 were free Blacks, and 12 were free Mulatos

- 995 slaves, with 73 of the 303 heads of families owning slaves (ranging from 1 slave to 59 slaves)

Allen became part of Wicomico County when Wicomico County was formed from portions of Somerset County and Worcester County in 1867.¹²

The village of Upper Trappe was renamed Allen by the U.S. Postal Department

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¹¹ Analysis of 1850 Census for the Trappe District by Ron Walsh

¹² *Changing Times, Chronicle of Allen, Maryland, An Eastern Shore Village*, by George R. Shivers, 1998, Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, MD, p. 100.

because of the confusion created by other Eastern Shore villages also named Trappe.¹³

Stephen Drura died on 22 November 1858 at age 81. His mother was Sally Drura, and is buried near him. He is buried in the Saint Andrews Episcopal Churchyard Cemetery in Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland.¹⁴



Stephen Drura's will was probated on 5 January in either 1859 or 1860, and his will gave most of his estate to his wife Eleanor, but left some possessions to his brother George Drura and to his niece Mary Ann Jones.¹⁵

The Allen Historical Society welcomes new members. Our annual dues are \$15 for an individual, \$20 for a family, \$40 for a patron and \$250 for a sustaining membership. Send your check made out to the Allen Historical Society to P.O. Box 31, Allen, MD 21810. All are welcome to visit our small museum on the 2nd floor of Passerdyke Cottage, open by appointment. You may also enjoy a virtual visit of our village on the web at: allenhistoricalsociety.org.



**Passerdyke Cottage, c. 1830
Home of our Museum**



**Huffington-Pollitt House, 1884-85
Our future home**

Gifts to help us complete the restoration of the house's interior are gratefully received. You may make a gift in memory of a loved one or to honor a living person. We are a 501C-3 organization.

¹³ Ibid

¹⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/112746911>

¹⁵ *Changing Times, Chronicle of Allen, Maryland, An Eastern Shore Village*, by George R. Shivers, 1998, Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, MD, p. 65.