



CHEVY CHASE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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### *Fall Lecture Scheduled for October 15*

**Eleanor C. Preston will present  
“From Georgetown to Chevy Chase:  
Tudor Place to Hayes Manor”**

To be held at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5908 Connecticut Ave. at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 1997. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.



**Tudor Place, Georgetown, circa 1804**

Tudor Place, in the very heart of Georgetown, was all but unknown when it opened to the public in 1988. It was built by Thomas Peter, son of Robert Peter, first mayor of Georgetown, and his wife, Martha Custis, grand-daughter of Martha Washington. Although it is a splendid neo-classical house surrounded by extensive lawns, parterres and woodlands, “What makes Tudor Place so interesting,” says our speaker, curator Leni Preston, “is that in this transient city, the same family has treasured their roots and lived in the same house for 180 years.” The continuous thread of family life at Tudor Place, with its collections enriched by marriage, purchase and inheritance over almost two centuries, has been spectacularly preserved.

Hayes Manor, one of the very oldest houses in Montgomery County, was built in the 1760s by the Rev. Alexander Williamson. After his death, the house was purchased in 1792 by James Dunlop, who provides the essential link between these two great houses. James Dunlop had left Scotland and come to New York in 1771, where he remained during the Revolution. In

1783, he came to Georgetown, where his older cousin, Robert Peter, was a successful businessman and member of the Board of Commissioners. In 1787 he married Robert’s daughter, Elizabeth, the sister of Thomas Peter of Tudor Place. Robert Peter built them a house in Georgetown near his own as a wedding present. They spent most of their time in that house, using Hayes Plantation, as it was then known, as a summer home, at least until the death of James Dunlop in 1823.

The house stayed in the Dunlop family until 1964, and this year is open to the public as the National Symphony Decorators’ Show House. Little but the exterior of this magnificent Georgian mansion remains to testify to five generations of Dunlops who made this their home. But since the ties between the Dunlop and Peter families go back to Scotland, and continues through the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries to the present time, the extensive documentation available at Tudor Place provides remarkable insight into some of the earliest history of Chevy Chase.

Our distinguished speaker, Leni Preston has been curator at Tudor Place since 1984. She has been responsible for the organization and processing of archives, as well as the cataloging and interpretation necessary to a new house museum. Her knowledge of the house, its contents, and the Peter family history are unmatched, but in addition, we are pleased to announce that she is a truly delightful speaker.

Please join us October 15th at the Village Hall. Refreshments will be served.



**Hayes Manor, Chevy Chase, Maryland, circa 1760**

## Architects of Chevy Chase

### Waddy B. Wood

For fifty years Waddy B. Wood was a prominent member of the Washington architectural community, “designing public, institutional, commercial and residential structures. His work focused on the re-interpretation of historic styles...”

He studied at Virginia Polytechnic and unlike many of his contemporaries who went abroad, Wood rounded out his education by studying the architectural collections at the Library of Congress.

Prominent works by his firm, Wood, Donn and Deming, include the 1907 Union Trust Building (now Crestar Bank) in Washington’s 15th Street Financial Historic District, the National Museum of Women in the Arts (formerly the Masonic Temple, 1912) and many, many other famous Washington institutions. He also designed a number of private homes particularly in the Kalorama neighborhood.

In Chevy Chase, he and Arthur Heaton designed the original part of the All Saints Episcopal Church, a 1901 Gothic Revival stone chapel featuring an open bell tower and one story entry with a polygonal roof. This part of the Church is on the side bordering Grafton Street.

In 1926, Wood designed for the Chevy Chase Country Club stone extensions to the original H-shaped Georgian Revival Club House and a frame addition known as Bradley House on the south side, incorporating a single beam and chimney from the 1747 farmhouse which was originally on the property.

Wood is also known for two Mediterranean style houses, one at 8 Oxford Street and another at 15 East Melrose. Both houses were built before 1916 and helped to revive the popularity of the high style Mediterranean design. A booklet published by the Chevy Chase Land Company, Chevy Chase for Homes 1916, featured 8 Oxford Street as a prime example of the architecture that made the neighborhood a highly desirable place to live.

### News from Historic Chevy Chase D.C.

Historic Chevy Chase D.C. will present at lecture at the Carnegie Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism on October 23 at 7:20 pm., at 5241 Broad Branch Road NW (at Rock Creek Park). Dr. Louis Brown will lecture on the history of the discoveries made at the institute..

Waddy Wood, our featured architect in this issue, designed the Italianate building which houses the Institute. Part of the evening will be devoted to examining the building under the guidance of an architect. For further information call Ms. Edmonston at 202-363-4311.

## The National Trust for Historic Preservation

Summer–Fall Catalogue of its information series is now available.

The booklets include such topics as:

- Historic Homes and Neighborhoods
- Historic Districts
- Fund Raising
- Preservation and the Natural Environment
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To get your Catalog, write to:

Information Series

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### Calendar Of Events

#### Montgomery County Historical Society

September 20–28—Book Sale  
to benefit Montgomery County  
Historical Society

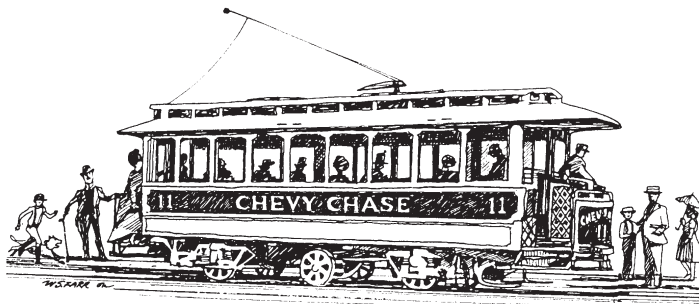
Saturday October 4, 9:30 to 12:30  
Tour of Civil War Ferry Sites

Tuesday October 7—Lecture  
Maryland Politics During the Civil War

Thursday October 30, 7:00 to 10:00 pm  
In Search of Ghosts

Tuesday November 4—Lecture  
Montgomery County’s Southern Stars

Saturdays November 8 & 15—Tour:  
9:30am to 3:00pm, The Underground  
Railroad in Montgomery County



## Chevy Chase Village—Historic Designation

In the event that parts of Chevy Chase are approved for historic designation, the following may be of special interest to residents of the area:

Owners of homes located within an historic district may be able to receive a tax credit totaling 20% (soon to be 25%) from Montgomery County and the State for restoration, revitalization or rehabilitation work performed on their homes.

In order to encourage the restoration and preservation of privately owned structures within an historic district, Montgomery County grants a tax credit against County real property taxes. The tax credit is 10% of documented expenses expended for restoration or preservation work and certified eligible by the Historic Preservation Commission.

For further information on how to apply for a tax credit from the County and to find out what is or is not eligible for tax credit, telephone (301) 495-4570 or write the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760.

A state bill passed in April of 1996 created a tax incentive for the revitalization and rehabilitation of historic buildings. This program, administered by the Maryland Historical Trust, provides Maryland income tax credits equal to 10% (to be increased to 15% as of January 1, 1998) of the qualified capital costs expended in the rehabilitation of a "certified heritage structure", or a building located in a local historic district.

For more information on how to apply for this tax credit and on what would qualify for tax credit contact the Maryland Historical Trust Office of Preservation Services, at (410) 514-7600. Information is also available on the Internet.

### Historic Chevy Chase Notecards and Postcards

The Chevy Chase Historical Society presents a collection of stationary with an assortment of four scenes of historic Chevy Chase by artists Karen McK. Wood and William Sharon Farr.

Karen McK. Wood, a prolific local artist, has produced drawings of many Chevy Chase houses on commission from their owners. William Sharon Farr Jr, the great-grandson of the founder of Chevy Chase, Francis G. Newlands, is noted for his imaginative art work in several venues.

The fold-over note cards with four different scenes on elegant ivory stock come twelve to a package with thirteen envelopes and are priced at ten dollars per package. The post cards with two different designs (one is illustrated above) on crisp white stock, come ten to a package at five dollars per pack.

The sets are attractively packaged, perfect for gift-giving. Proceeds from the sales of the cards will help support the society's works of recording and preserving the history of Chevy Chase.

To order, call Fran Schorr at 301-656-2416. The stationary will also be available at the Fall Meeting.

### Whats in a Name?

We are accustomed to using the names Jones Bridge Road going north on Connecticut Avenue to the left, and Jones Mill Road on the right, but where is the bridge, where is the mill and who was Mr. Jones? The answers were found when the article for the fall program was being researched by Susie Eig who, since childhood had always wondered about the origin of the names.

The seven hundred acres that formed Hayes Manor originally were purchased from another plantation, Clean Drinking Manor, that originally consisted of 1,400 acres and was patented in 1680. John Coutts of England was the original owner of Clean Drinking and his daughter Elizabeth married Charles Jones, Gentleman, in 1750. Mr. Jones built the bridge and mill—now long gone, for which the roads are named. The old manor house for Clean Drinking stood at the corner of Jones Mill and Beach Drive, where the nursing home is presently located, and survived well into this century, occupied by the last Mr. Jones.

### A Birthday For Montgomery County—1776-1997

Chevy Chase Historical Society President Fran Schorr and Board member Joan Marsh attended Montgomery County's 221st birthday party on Sunday September 7 at the Beall Dawson Historical Park in Rockville. The Montgomery County Historical Society celebrated the event with an open house at its museums, demonstrations and exhibits of County history.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Please fill out the membership form below and return it with your check to the Chevy Chase Historical Society, P.O. Box 15145, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20825. Also, we would welcome your thoughts and suggestions on topics for Society lectures and its Newsletter. Please jot down your ideas on the membership form when returning it to the Society.

I would like to join/renew membership in the Chevy Chase Historical Society

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home): ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Office ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

New address? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Family Membership (\$15)

\_\_\_\_ Sustaining Membership (\$100)

(become a Life Member in five years)

\_\_\_\_ Life Membership (\$500)

\_\_\_\_ Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Checks should be made out to **Chevy Chase Historical Society** and mailed to:  
**Box 15145,**  
**Chevy Chase, MD 20825**