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## REMINDERS

**CHESAPEAKE COUSINS** - we need articles, family history, pictures, historic material - anything at all of genealogical or historical interest you would like to share for the spring issue. Help make it great!

**SURNAME-MEMBERSHIP LIST** - will be coming out soon - make sure we have your correct address, email address and surnames for publication. Don't miss any chance to exchange information with other members!

**BAD WEATHER??** Call ahead if the weather is bad. USGS Library will be closed if the snow is deep! Shirley Cahall 410-758-6974

**OH NO!** Postage is going up once again. Make sure we have your email so we can make the transition to e-newsletters for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation!

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW

WHAT BETTER TIME FOR  
GENEALOGY?

### NOVEMBER NEWS

\* We've had guests at the library researching from the Lower Shore, New Jersey and even North Carolina. It's been wonderful having the opportunity to meet them and learn about the families they are researching.

\* Frances Adkins located slides of the schoolhouses of Talbot County - the owner is scanning them for us. This will feel just like Christmas - thanks so much Frances!!

\* On the 26th we met with members of the Shorter family who all attended the Salem Schoolhouse in Queen Anne's County. They were so excited to show us their school, but not near as excited as we were to learn of their years at the school and memories of their teachers. We can't thank them enough for their time and hospitality. Thank you Cecelia Shorter, Melvin Shorter and Eleanor Shorter Brown.

### **JOE JACKSON**

Joe recently passed and will be greatly missed by us all.

Joe was a lifelong resident of Queen Anne's County and was a historian with incredible knowledge of our local history.

We often depended on his memory and love of history.

Our sympathies to his wife and our friend,  
Betty

\* JOIN US ON FACEBOOK \*

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123 others have !

.... 'TIL WE MEET AGAIN

The Coffee Pot is Always On!!

**Saturday January 7th** - *Library open for research*  
Louise Scott and Jean Kelly librarians.  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Saturday January 14th** - *Library open for research*  
*Work on the school houses continues* - any pictures or information you have to share will be greatly appreciated.  
Shirley Cahall and Joyce O'Neal librarians.  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Saturday January 21st - Cabin Fever Escape !**  
*Soup - Sandwiches - Sweets*  
*Book Sale* - new books and new e-books by USGS and members - First time offered!  
*Used Book Sale and Swap* - bring what you have!  
*Show and Tell* - share your old pictures, items of interest, new genealogical find, family charts, etc.  
*In The Classroom* - The Mills - Lucille Villabona will lead the discussion. Come with interest and questions.  
Begins 10:30 a.m.  
*General Business Meeting* - short meeting for general business and discussion. Begins 1:30 p.m.  
*Library Open for Research* - all day long  
Cindy Schmidt and Mary Engle librarians.  
10 a.m. 4 p.m.

**Saturday January 28th** - *Library Open for research*  
*In the Classroom* - Work day for our Heritage Cookbook - bring recipes, pictures of the cook, bio of the cook, story to accompany the recipe, design ideas, book title suggestions, etc. - So be thinking!  
Need volunteer librarians for the 4th Saturdays !!!

*February Schedule* - Saturdays 10-3  
Suggestion for In the Classroom? Let us know your topics of interest for discussion.  
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Watch for upcoming schedules

*Library Donations* - Ben Hollinger, Frances Adkins

*Thank you to all of our volunteer librarians,  
contributors and officers that have made yet  
another year at USGS possible.  
Your hard work, dedication, time and  
contributions are greatly appreciated !!*

## ONLINE RESEARCH

from Annie M. Price

### How the Date for Census Day is Selected

Pat Wojciechowski

(copied from The Family Tree – newsletter of the Howard County Genealogical Society, Inc. Feb. 2010 issue)

While catching up on some research and rearranging some files as a result, I noticed that Census Day in 1790, 1800, 1810, and 1820 were all on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in August. Census Day 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, and 1900 were all on June 1. In 1910, Census Day was April 15; and in 1920 it was January. Since 1930, April 1 has been selected as Census Day.

Instead of trying to guess why the dates were selected, I sent an email to “Ask Census: and got the following response:

Response (2010-KCR) 01/13/2010 13:38

Thank you for contacting the Census Bureau with your inquiry. The documentation on the selection of census dates for the first 100 years or so is very sketchy; therefore, we may not have an answer for you on some dates.

In 1790, the United States was a largely agricultural country, with the majority of the population directly involved in agriculture or providing support for agriculture. It is our understanding that the first Monday in August would have been a relatively slow period between planting and harvesting. We do not know the reason for the shift to June in 1830, but once a date is established, inertia and continuity provide powerful reasons to maintain what was done in the past. As the country industrialized, more people came to live in and around cities and were not as closely tied to agriculture. The shift to April in 1910 was because “fewer people are absent from their homes in April than in June.” The census was taken by sending enumerators door to door until 1960, so finding respondents at home was crucial to an efficient, cost effective census. Weather was also a consideration.

The shift to January in 1920 was largely due to a request by the Agriculture Department and users of agricultural statistics who saw January as a slow month on the farm when the work of the previous year had been completed and next year’s work had not yet begun. The agriculture census was taken at the same time as the population census through 1950. It turned out that weather problems overwhelmed other considerations in 1920, and the Bureau urged that the date be moved to the spring for 1930. As in 1910, April was selected because it was hoped that most of the population would be in their homes than later in the year. Now that time series analysis of census data is common, suggested changes in the census date conflict with the desire to maintain comparable data from one census to the next. Congress establishes Census Day in legislation, but generally defers to the suggestion of the Census Bureau.

❄ Did you know Find-A-Grave has over 4,000 listings for the Veterans Cemetery at Beulah and burials for Arlington National Cemetery? They do! [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

❄ Did you know Maryland wills are listed online at the Register of Wills website?  
<http://registers.maryland.gov/>  
Click on Estate search - choose your county - enter as much information as you have - and all estate documents on file are listed - including historic estates - copies can be ordered for 50 cents per page from the website.

## ONGOING PROJECTS

❄ **CEMETERY UPDATES** - we are still compiling cemetery information found since the publication of our tombstone recordings and cemeteries missed at the time or recording. If you know of a cemetery that is not included please let us know. We are hoping to publish soon so this information can be used by everyone.

❄ **HERITAGE COOKBOOK** - we are collecting family recipes along with family memories, bio of the cook, or story that goes along with the recipe. This project is one of the easiest ways you can participate and help!!

**THESE PROJECTS ARE NECESSARY TO  
MAINTAIN U.S.G.S - PLEASE HELP**

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### The Original Computer

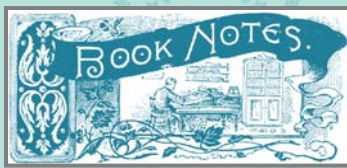
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Memory was something you lost with age  
An application was for employment  
A program was a TV show  
A cursor was profanity  
A keyboard was a piano  
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A virus was the flu  
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A mouse pad was where a mouse lived

from Joyce O'Neal



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submitted by Cory Zichos

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**OLD PHOTOGRAPHS**



The surname on the back of this picture is Pyle. If you think this might be a family member of yours - contact Sally Williams of the Downstate Delaware Genealogical Society. She is "cleaning house" and would like to locate a home for Mrs. Pyle.  
sally1will@aol.com



This postcard was mailed from Easton, Maryland.  
Can anyone identify the mill or its location??  
Cindy Schmidt zekej@goeaston.net

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**PLEASE HELP US IDENTIFY THESE SCHOOLS OF KENT COUNTY**

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