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250<sup>th</sup> *Anniversary*  
of the founding of  
*King William County*  
Virginia



*King William Courthouse and offices as they are today.*

Photo by Homer Humphreys



Original Seal

Theme:

*Individual Liberty---the Faith of Our Fathers*

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# King William Celebrates Its 250th Anniversary



Virginia Chamber photo

Built in 1725, the King William Courthouse is probably the oldest public building in continuous use in Virginia. It stands today unaltered except for a slate roof which replaced the wood shingles.

**W**E ARE celebrating the 250th anniversary of our King William County!

The people of King William have a full program of county history for its Home Coming Week beginning Thursday, April 24, 1952. The celebration program was developed by the citizens of the county for King William people, their friends and guests who are being accorded that hospitality for which the county is known, far and wide. The county welcomes you to share this occasion with its people.

The 250th anniversary celebration of the formation of the county is dedicated to the theme: *Individual Liberty—The Faith of Our Fathers*. The theme strikes a note that should stir the hearts of free men everywhere in America. It springs from that same patriotic fervor that sent King William Militia with Patrick Henry's Hanover Volunteers to demand satisfaction of Governor Dunmore in 1775. That the love of liberty is a cherished inheritance is proved by this upsurge in the thinking of the people of this 250-year-old county. Indeed, it is not without significance today!

The program for Home Coming Week was preceded by the careful marking of old homes, home sites and points of historical interest. Visitors are furnished with maps and other materials about the places, which enable them to secure correct information with the least effort, and visit such places as desired without a loss of time. This information is available at key points in the county

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for visitors. The maps and other data indicate which places are open to the public.

On the afternoon of Thursday, April 24, the West Point High School is presenting a pageant of historical nature relating to the history of the lower end of the county and the town of West Point. The two high school bands will entertain with a concert.

On the afternoon of Friday, April 25 King William High School, at Central, is presenting its pageant

depicting the historical events of Upper King William. The two high school bands join in a concert for the entertainment of all.

On Saturday, April 26, the celebration moves to King William Courthouse where, before the old court building, distinguished citizens, public officials and other dignitaries gather for a program consisting of speeches and other features related to the theme of the celebration. United States Senator A. Willis Robertson, of Virginia, is delivering the principal address.

The program starts at 2 P. M. and runs for an hour and a half. It adjourns in plenty of time for visitors to see some of the old places and get back to King William Community Center for a dinner served in Colonial style by the ladies of the Federated Clubs of the county. Be sure and get your tickets for this feature. A dance, with the ladies wearing Colonial dresses, climaxes the day's program.

All the churches in the county are featuring a Home-Coming service on Sunday, April 27, with the public invited to attend the church of their choice. At 3 P. M. on the same day, the Society of the Descendants of Henry Fox and his wife, Anne West, is presenting a plaque in memory of Henry Fox, the presiding justice of the first county court, which first sat on April 20, 1702. Acceptance of the plaque by the Honorable Lewis Jones, Judge of the Circuit Court of King William County, concludes the celebration.

It seems proper in telling the story



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of the celebration to indulge in some facts which will support the historical claims of two and a half centuries. From 1695, when the inhabitants of Pamunkey Neck first petitioned the General Assembly for a separate county, down through the years, King William has been touched by many scenes in the great drama of American history. It has made its contribution, and now the people of the county can point with pride to a distinguished past in the fight for liberty and happiness. It is fine to review these splendid achievements and once more dedicate ourselves to the theme so aptly chosen: *Individual Liberty—The Faith of Our Fathers.*

The Act of the General Assembly which convened at Williamsburg on December 5, 1700, set forth "divers inconvenience attended the inhabitants—within Pamunkey Neck when they have occasion to prosecute law suits—by reason of the difficulty in passing the Mattapony River" and further "that after the 11th day of April, 1702, the said County of King and Queen be divided—so that the Mattapony River divides the same—and that part of the said county which is and lies on the south side of the said river within Pamunkey Neck shall be called by the name of King William County."

The same act states that "after the time aforesaid a court for the said county of King William be constantly held by the justices thereof on the 20th day of every month." Provision was made for refunding the old county for the town lands at West Point.

The Governor, Francis Nicholson, Esquire, with the consent of the Council, set up the machinery of the original court and other officials. The first court was composed of: Henry Fox, John Waller, John Madison, William Claiborne and Richard Gissedge to be the quorum and Martin Palmer, Daniel Miles, Roger Mallory, Thomas Carr, Roger Noy, George Dabney and Thomas Terry. These gentlemen were issued a commission to serve as justices. John Waller was given a commission as sheriff, and William Aylett became the first clerk of the county. The militia officers named at the same time were: John West, Colonel and Commander-in-Chief of the Militia; William Claiborne, Lieutenant-Colonel and John Waller, Major.

It is unfortunate that the early records were destroyed in two serious fires. The fragments of the remaining records have been photostated and arranged in a num-



Virginia Chamber photo

*"Romancoke" was owned at one time by Martha Washington, and was conveyed by her to her grandson, George Washington Parke Custis, who in turn left the property to his grandson, Captain Robert E. Lee, Jr., grandson of General Lee. A portion of the dwelling, in which Captain R. E. Lee, Jr., lived, is a part of the present dwelling as shown above. It is now owned by Elis Olsson.*

ber of bound volumes and a good working index is available. The records since the last fire are intact and in splendid condition, and are housed in a modern, fireproof office at the courthouse.

The old courthouse, which was erected in 1725, has been in continuous use since its first occupancy, making it probably the oldest public building in continuous use in Virginia. It has been cited as one of the finest Colonial buildings now in existence. The bricks are laid in Flemish bond. The glazed headers form a beautiful checkered pattern against the red bricks laid lengthwise. The several fires in the courthouse area never injured the courthouse, which stands today unaltered except for a slate roof which has replaced the wooden shingles. The interior has been partially restored in recent years. It has been and is the most prized possession of the county, the ancient seat of justice. It should endure for many years to come.

It is fortunate that of the four Colonial churches, three remain in some degree of repair. Acquinton has passed the stage of restoration. It is a ruin. St. John's Church

is in the process of restoration. It has a good slate roof and the walls are in good condition. In time the St. John's Restoration Association hopes to complete the work, so that this fine old church erected in 1734, can be preserved with the courthouse and a few other Colonial buildings.

The two churches in the upper parish (St. David's) remain in use of two colored congregations. The lower church, called Cattail Church, is in sight of Venter. It has been badly marred by unsightly abutments and a coating of stucco, but with all this it remains standing. Mangohick Church, erected about 1732, is in a fine state of preservation, and is at Mangohick.

There have been in time three parishes in King William under the Established Church. St. John's Parish, the first, was coterminous with the original county. It was divided in 1720, with the upper part called St. Margaret's Parish. In 1744 that part of St. Margaret's Parish which lay in King William was formed into a new parish called St. David's.

At the end of the Revolution, the Established Church property was disposed of promptly and all things pertaining to the English authority fell into disrepute. Later, the churches were used freely by other denominations, which in time acquired them as they are today.

In 1699, the College of William and Mary established the bounds of a tract of 10,000 acres of land in Pamunkey Neck, which had been granted by King William and Queen Mary for the benefit of the college. This land remained in the tenure of the college until as late as 1830, when the remaining small tracts were sold to lessees. It was with the college land that the Upper and

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*Dr. Harris, West Point physician who has become an authority on King William's history by making it one of his hobbies, has developed here a fascinating sketch, with particular attention to the story of many plantations and homes which have helped make our County famous.*

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Lower College churches became associated. These two churches are now known as Sharon and Colosse.

The great plantation and their owners call to mind many distinguished Virginians. At West Point, Captan John West was seated before 1660. He was the brother of Thomas de la Warre, and the third brother to serve as a Governor of Virginia. This estate remained in the West family until the Revolution. It became the home of Carter Braxton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and was the property of Charles Carter, of Shirley, and later of John Taylor, of Caroline, who purchased the plantation for his son, William P. Taylor.

The site of what is now West Point has had four names. Captain John Smith, who had founded the first permanent English settlement in America at Jamestown in 1607, came to the site in 1608 and found that it was an Indian town named Cinquotek. Captain Smith traded with the Indians of the town.

In 1691, it was called the Town Lands of King and Queen County, and in 1706 became Delaware Town. The site was given the name of West Point in 1872, when it was chartered by the General Assembly, and developed about the terminus of the Southern Railway.

About 1903, West Point suffered a severe fire which destroyed the business area and some dwellings but since that time it has grown into its present state—a small town with a population of about 2,500. It is the home of The Chesapeake Corporation of Virginia, a large pulp and paper manufacturing company.

Colonial William Claiborne, Secretary of the Colony, occupied his grant of 5,000 acres along the Pamunkey River around 1660, which has borne the name of Romancoke through the years to this day. It has had more distinguished owners than any plantation in Virginia, and probably in America. Among those who had title to the property have been the Claibornes, Moores, Thomas Jefferson, George Webb, Carter Braxton, John Robinson, George Washington, the Custises, General R. E. Lee, and his son, Captain R. E. Lee, who made his home here for years. It is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elis Olsson.

Chelsea, the old Moore home, stands in a fine state of preservation with a beautiful garden, close to the Mattapony. The Moores lived here for a century. The house was built by Augustine Moore in 1707. Colonel Moore was an extensive tobacco grower and to carry on his operations, he bought additional land until he owned the land along the Mattapony from the West plantation to Bull Swamp, with two exceptions—Palmer's and Richeson's.

It was from Chelsea that the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe set off with Governor Alexander Spotswood in 1716 to explore the mountains and the valley beyond the Shenandoah. Later, Bernard Moore married Ann Catherine, daughter of Alexander Spotswood, and they are the ancestors of many distinguished Virginians, including General R. E. Lee.

Along the Mattapony were many homes, in fact there was a fine residence every mile or two along the river. Many of them have disappeared, but a few remain to this day. Kentucky the home of Colonel Holt Riche-

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# Program

Other important characters to be portrayed: *Captain John Smith*, Tommy Soles; *Chief Opechancanough*, Burley Medin; *Mr. John West*, James Jefferson Browning; *Mrs. John West*, Karoline Kruse; *Colonel William Claiborn*, Marvin Estes; *Governor Spotswood*, Robert Ellwanger; *Fontaine*, Wilton Dunn; *Mr. Augustine Moore*, Marvin Estes; *Mrs. Augustine Moore*, Alice Lee Harris; *Marquis La Fayette*, John Lash; *Mr. Carter Braxton*, Lonnie Marshall; *George Washington*, Burley Medlin; *Mrs. Carter Braxton*, Wortley Green; *General Lee*, George Tribble; *Major Tomlin*, Tom Garrett; *Captain M. R. Aylett*, Adam Wajciechowski; *Rev. John Munro*, John Causey, Jr.; *Mr. Thomas West*, Wilson Brookes, and *Mrs. Thomas West*, Ann Carter.

(Confederate uniforms used by West Point High School, courtesy of V. M. I., through Edgar R. Lafferty, alumnus, and General William M. Stokes, Jr., superintendent of V. M. I.)

Music by the King William All-County Band of West Point and King William High Schools.

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## King William High School

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1952—2:00 P. M.

**PAGEANT:** The early history of the county centered around King William Court House.

1. **CONCERT** by King William All-County Band of King William and West Point High Schools.
2. **SCENES:** Depicted in costume with students participating.
  - Court Processional.
  - Life of the Indians in Pamunkey Neck area.
  - Formation of King William County.
  - Establishment of King William Court House and the First Officers.
  - Colonial Families and their social life.
  - Business activities around Aylett.
  - The founding of Rumford Academy.
  - The traditional "May Pole Dance."

### CHARACTERS:

(King William High School Students)

*The King*.....Bobbie Fowlkes  
*The Queen*.....Alta Smart  
*Maid of Honor*.....Ann Grey Harris  
*Flower Girls*.....Margaret Robinson and Susan Holiga  
*Train Bearers*.....Rebecca Lipscomb and Juanita Braswell  
*Crown Bearers*.....James Townsend and Bill Longest  
*Heralds*.....Joyce Sweet and Henry Previs

### COURTIERS:

*Senior Representatives*.....Jacqueline Whitt and Alfred Phillips  
*Juniors*.....Alice Beazley and Donald Moren  
*Sophomores*.....Molly Jane Sweet and F. C. Atkinson  
*Freshmen*.....Betty Lou Mundy and John Garber  
*Eighth Grade*.....Betty Lou Hepner and Bobby Davis  
*Seventh Grade*.....Shirley Lilly and Robert Peele

The entire program is planned and directed by the elementary and high school teachers.

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## Program

Music under the direction of J. D. Doman, band director.

### WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL

*Clarinet:* Carolyn Bristow, Leon Carter, Shirley Cobb, Mac Coffman, Jackie Garnett, Louise Hosfield, Bobby Jackson, Charles Johnson, Bruce Keffer, Patsy Kruse, Meredith Lowry, Anne Maulsby, William Putnam, Elsie Roane, Betty Ann Walton and Nan Williams.

*Cornet:* Clyde Cobb, Dee Dalrymple, Wilbur Hodges, Homer Humphreys, Gus Johnson, Lacy Norman, Ernest Rilee, Michael Rilee, Jimmy Robbins, Bobby Tribie, Henry Vranian, Gerald Williams and Ralph Woodie.

*Flute:* Lillian Didlake.

*Eb Alto Sax:* Myrtle Ashley, Johnny Boughan, Bryant Kent, Elwood Putnam, Joyce Walker, Haywood Walton, Reba Westmoreland and Erik Zimmerman.

*Tenor Sax:* Jackie Guthrie, Donald O'Connor, George Tribie and Henry Waxmunski.

*Alto Horn:* Rebecca Turner and Betty Stewart.

*French Horn:* Gar George.

*Trombone:* Diana Hurt and Donnie Torbert.

*Bass:* Catherine Buch and Clarence Hood.

*Bell Lyre:* Marie Wyatt.

*Drum:* Warren Carter, Pat Hooper, Johnny Johnson, Thomas Kennedy, Franklin McGowan, Charles Wyatt and Charles Yarrington.

### KING WILLIAM HIGH SCHOOL

*Clarinet:* Rhoda Lipscomb, Carter Fox, Robert Sweet, Jack Rouzie, Kenneth Abrams, John Garber, Flowers Townsend, Victor Holsapple, Lenny Previs, Robert Fox, Latane Adams, Bonnie Brizendine, Freddy Parrish and Billy Sheppard.

*Trumpets:* Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Joyce Sweet, Jo Anne Lipscomb, Bobby Sorrell, Henry Previs, Herbert Lipscomb and Dave Lipscomb.

*Trombones:* Winfred Longest, William Guy Townsend, Buddy Taylor, Gene Longest and Jimmy Garber.

*Flute:* Jane Townsend.

*Saxophone:* Barnes Townsend.

*Sousaphone:* F. C. Atkinson.

*Drums:* Betty Lou Boyer, Audrey Seay, John Powell and Barbara Woody.

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## Tour of Colonial Houses

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1952—Afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1952—Morning from 10 to 1 o'clock.

(Tour \$1.50—Tickets may be secured at the first house visited and at Miller and Rhoads, King William Clerk's Office and the office of The Tidewater Review.)

### COLONIAL HOMES

**CHELSEA, 1709:** Where Knights of the Golden Horseshoe were organized. Home of the late Mr. Pleasant L. Reed.

**SWEET HALL:** Considered the oldest dwelling in King William. Home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Palmer.

**WINDSOR SHADES, 1740:** Overlooking the Pamunkey River. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vought.

**DUNLUCE:** Named after Dunluce Castle in Scotland. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Hall Shelton.

**PLEASANT GREEN:** Built about 1760; recently restored. Home of Misses Mary and Katherine Davis.

**MANSKIN LODGE:** Name taken from Mankind Indians. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Townsend.

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son; Huntington, the home of Colonel William Dandridge; Foxes, Brickhouse, where Humphrey Brooke once lived; Frazier's Ferry, Sandy Point, Eglington, Woodbury, Endfield, North Point, Mount Pleasant, Roanoke, Uppowac, Mount Pisgah, Pres q' Isle, Fairfield, Zoar, Warsaw, Cownes, Burlington, Vermont and many others along the high lands inland. The sites of these places are marked and the locations are on the map which is reproduced in this publication.

Of equal importance to the Colonials were the ferries at Foxes, Sandy Point, Wallers, Arnolds and the bridge at Dunkirk. Norman's Ferry was near the Caroline line. The warehouses were a semi-public establishment, and were owned by private citizens and operated under the control of the Colonial government. There were warehouses at Quarles, Wallers and Ayletts. The inspectors were among the more responsible persons of the county.

It is no brief task to retrace our steps and describe the old homes along the serpentine course of the Pamunkey River. The Claiborne Grand Patent of 5,000 acres in 1654 became the three estates—Romancoke, Sweet Hall and Cohoke. Out of these came Tuckacomon, Windsor, Ruffin's Folly or Brickhouse, Smith's Ferry and Riverview. There are some small farms which were a part of these larger places which are better known. Above Cohoke, there were several Johnson homes—Lester Manor, Old Town and Canterbury. Winchester, the Robins home, is a very old place.

Mount Pleasant was the home of Richard Gregory and his wife, Agnes West. The land was originally West property, and came to the Gregorys through marriage. It was from this place that the numerous Gregorys of King William had their origin. The old house, which had stood for two centuries, burned about fifty years ago. A new farm house has been erected just in front of the old site.

Across Necatawance Creek lay the Claiborne Hall tract, which took its name from Philip Whitehead Claiborne, who owned the place. He left it to his sons—William Dandridge Claiborne and Philip Claiborne. It was kept as a quarter and there never was any house of any consequence there.

William's Ferry, which took its name from the original owner, Philip Williams, was a small place adjacent to the ferry and warehouse. The ferry is best known because it was over this ferry that Colonel George Washington passed on that eventful trip which brought him to Poplar Grove in New Kent, where he met Mrs. Martha Custis. This ferry was operated for many years, crossing the river to Poplar Grove.

Elsing Green was built by Captain William Dandridge. The name was given by the Browns, who were owners for about fifty years. It has been owned by Carter Braxton, and for a century was the home of the Gregorys. Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Causey had the place restored. It is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lafferty. No home in King William is more beautiful or has had more distinguished associations. It is representative of the great mansions of the Virginia planters.

Liberty Hall lies above John's Creek, now called Jack's Creek. It was the seat of Philip Whitehead Claiborne, and has been

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## Program

### GENESIS OF KING WILLIAM'S CHARTER (1702)

The Acts of The Assembly presented by representatives of the parent counties:

YORK formed in 1642: Vice Admiral J. J. Ballentine,  
(Commander Air Landing Fleet, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.)

NEW KENT formed in 1654: Colonel Fairfax Gregory.

KING AND QUEEN formed in 1691: General Edwin Cox.

KING WILLIAM formed in 1702: Brigadier General Lewis B. Puller.

PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER by Hon. Howard Smith

SENATOR A. WILLIS ROBERTSON                      Subject:  
Member of Congress of                      *Individual Liberty, the*  
The United States                              *Faith of Our Fathers.*

RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS by B. C. Garrett, Jr., honorary chairman, 250th Anniversary Committee.

Song—"AMERICA"-----The Audience

(Senator Robertson's speech will be broadcast over WRVA—  
rebroadcast at 10:30 P. M.)

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## Colonial Ball

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 26, 1952—9 to 12 P. M.

KING WILLIAM COMMUNITY BUILDING

Under the sponsorship of the Federated Women's Clubs  
of King William County.

(Colonial Dresses—Formals for Men)

(Late Supper Served)

YORK COUNTY, NEW KENT COUNTY, KING AND QUEEN  
COUNTY AND KING WILLIAM COUNTY each represented by a Queen.

Special Feature: Traditional Dance by the Queens and their escorts.

COLONIAL BALL COMMITTEE: Miss Anna Gwathmey, chairman; Mrs. J. E. Rouzie, president, Upper King William Woman's Club; Mrs. R. G. Maultsby, president, The Monday Club; Mrs. A. T. Donnell, president, King William Woman's Club; Miss Mary Modr, president, Junior Woman's Club of King William; Mrs. Latane FauntLeRoy, Mrs. A. W. Lewis, Jr., Mrs. Tarrant Fox and Mrs. W. S. Longest. Assisted by Latane FauntLeRoy, Ellett McGeorge, Billy Campbell, R. G. Maultsby and Graham Evans.

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BRIG.-GEN. LEWIS B. PULLER

*native of West Point, King William County, who has a distinguished military career in the Marine Corps. General Puller returns home from California for this special occasion. He is a guest for the program on Saturday.*

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rode Traveller a few weeks after Appomattox. The old house was destroyed by fire many years ago, and nothing remains of this well beloved home.

Close by was Broadneck, Brooklyn, Fontainebleau, Bassettaire, each of which has an interesting history of a later period. High Hills, the Valentine home, joined Fontainebleau, both of which were a part of the Upper College Tract.

The Wormleys for a long time held title to Mankind Lodge, located on a great plantation on the Pamunkey. It was divided and the Grove, Queensfield, and some lesser places were taken from it. This tract is above New Castle Bridge. The Lodge and Queensfield were owned by the late J. L. Townsend.

Around 1700, the Dabneys acquired a considerable tract of land on the Mehixon. In 1732, George Dabney built the old house called Seven Springs. It is a unique house of eight rooms, with a central chimney. The house is built of plantation brick, layed in Flemish bond, and has a hipped roof. It is near Enfield postoffice.

The Dabney Ferry was for a long time—through five generations—the property of Dabneys. There was much opposition on their part to the erection of a bridge, which destroyed their lucrative ferry business. This ferry crossed to Hanover town. The Dabney home here was called Greenville, and was owned by the family until 1800.

There was the Claiborne Neck tract, the home called Wyoming, which passed to the Pages and Nelsons. Towingque, at various

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times, was owned by Skelton, Burnley, Temple, Gaines, Suttons and Atkisons.

The Ferry Farm was long associated with the Taylor family—from the Rev. Daniel Taylor and his son, Richard Squire Taylor, down through several generations. The ferry across the Pamunkey here was an important one, connecting King William and Hanover. The old house was burned many years ago.

Hornquarter was long operated as a quarter by Jones and Nelson and the fine mansion which stands was erected by George Taylor about 1820. It has been an outstanding place for many years.

Bleak Hill, across the county road on the high bluff overlooking the Pamunkey River, was the home of Thomas Cary Nelson for a long time. It had been the property of Secretary (of the Colony of Virginia) Nelson and his father. This land is described by William Byrd, who visited the lands of Colonel Daniel Parke in 1712. Colonel Byrd purchased the whole tract of nearly 4,000 acres, and his son sold it to the Nelsons. It contained several large farms, including Fork Quarter and Wyoming, and extended along Mangohick Creek. Colonel William Nelson owned a part of the tract, and made his home at Dorrell, which is near Calno. The county line runs through the farm.

The homes along the King William Road that have been outstanding include Drury Lane, Marl Hill, Rosegarden, Lilly Point, Canton and Melbourne, the last named being where the old Glebe once stood. It is now the home of Mr. L. D. Robinson. Above the courthouse are located Cool Spring and Aspen Hill, two old Littlepage homes; Cherry Grove, the home of Ambrose Edwards; the Spiller place, where Captain Henry Webber was buried in 1736; Dunloose, named by Thomas Roane's wife for her father's home in Scotland, and a number of others too numerous to mention.

Of distinguished citizens, there is no end. Perhaps the most outstanding living native of King William is that great fighting soldier, General Lewis Puller, who was invited to this celebration. It is hoped that his duties will permit his attendance.

It is exceedingly difficult to reduce to a few thousand lines the history of two hundred and fifty years of Old King William. This running account serves to convince the reader of the wealth of historical background that the county has for a celebration. It is a moving scene of two and a half centuries of transported English people, adopting themselves to a new freedom that they had never known.

Away from the rule by kings and queens and a subservient parliament, here they found themselves freemen, and as time moved on they were sensitive to the rights of freemen, which finally caused the Revolution.

The rights which have come to us by inheritance, from the early days, can be lost more easily than they were gained. It behooves each individual to be ever watchful—and at every opportunity to accept his individual responsibility to be an alert and interested citizen. This is the invincible defense against un-American ideas. King William offers in its celebration this theme: *Individual Liberty—The Faith of Our Fathers.*

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## Program

### The Old and the New in Farming

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1952—11 A. M. to 5 P. M.

(Early models of Farm Implements and Equipment loaned by farm owners of Tidewater Virginia—dating back to plantation days.)

Directed by Dan Kelly, farm agent.

Mrs. Rose Adams, home demonstration agent, cooperating.

**EXHIBIT:** Grain Harvesting, courtesy of McIntyre Implement Company; Farm Power, courtesy of D. S. Robinson; Soil Preparation, courtesy of Taylor and Caldwell; Hay and Forage Harvesting, courtesy of J. Lester Lauher; Cultivation of Row Crops, courtesy of Stoneman Farm Equipment Company; Corn Harvesting Methods, courtesy of Producers Cooperative Exchange; Fertilization of Farm Crops, courtesy of Alliance Fertilizer Company; Fertilization of Pastures, courtesy of Bone Dry Fertilizer Company; Seed Grain and Grain Drying, courtesy of A. N. Hofmeyer; Feeding Methods, courtesy of Carter and Venerable; Farm Refrigeration, courtesy of Walkerton Hardware & Service Store; Farm Transportation, courtesy of J. O. Taylor; Farm Water Systems, courtesy of T. M. Abrams; Farm Lighting, courtesy of W. H. Brown, R.E.A.; Tobacco Farming, courtesy of O. W. Draine, Veterans' Class; The Village Blacksmith of 1700, courtesy of C. L. Wilkins, F.F.A. Class; The Country Store of 1700, courtesy of John P. Garber, King William 4-H Club; Land Use, courtesy of J. E. Rouzie, Soil Conservation Service; Conservation Practices, courtesy of W. T. Fleet, P.M.A.; Manufacture of Forest Products, courtesy of C. T. Neale, Jr.; History of Pulpwood Industry, courtesy of J. H. Johnson, The Chesapeake Corporation; Tree Planting and Forest Protection, courtesy of B. C. Slater, Virginia Forestry Service; National Farm Organization, courtesy of J. W. Stoddard, Farm Bureau, and Renovated Furniture, courtesy of Home Demonstration Clubs.

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**LUNCH—Virginia Style.** Served on the court green from 11:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. Sponsored by St. James', Colosse and Jerusalem Churches.

*Lunch Committees* Mrs. W. E. Garber, chairman; Mrs. Owen Dillard and Mrs. John Garber.

Box lunches, sandwiches, cake, pie and coffee will be included in the variety of food served.

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1952—11 o'clock Service**  
**COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES** in the Churches of all faiths of King William County.

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**DEDICATION OF THE HENRY FOX MEMORIAL PLAQUE**  
**IN KING WILLIAM COURTHOUSE**  
APRIL 27, 1952, AT 3:00 P. M.

*America*

Invocation.....Rev. Woolfolk Fox

Presentation of the Officers of the Society.....Dr. M. H. Harris  
(General Chairman of the 250th Anniversary)

A Brief Sketch of the Society of Henry Fox  
and his wife, Anne West.....George Harrison Sanford King

Address:

Henry Fox of King William County.....Hon. Leon M. Bazile  
(Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Hanover County)

Unveiling of Plaque.....Mrs. Edward Lansing Fox  
(Washington, D. C.)

Presentation of the Memorial.....Edward J. Fox  
(President of the Society)

Acceptance of the Memorial Plaque.....Hon. Lewis Jones  
(Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, King William County)

*Faith of Our Fathers*