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HISTORIC PORT ROYAL, INC



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Flashbacks (times two!)

Horne's Restaurant, located at 25532 A. P. Hill Blvd, was built in 1960. The restaurant and gift shop has served as tourist destination and a neighborhood landmark for over 60 years. With the expansion of the national highway systems that followed WWII, the business of roadside motels, diners, souvenir shops, and other traveler services soared. Restaurant chains such as Horne's, Stuckey's, and Howard Johnson's became popular stops and destinations for road trippers and vacationing families traveling through our area.

The founder of the Horne's chain, Bob Horne, opened his first restaurant and shop in 1948, adjacent to his family's motel in Eastman, GA. Like his former employer Stuckey's, Horne's chain restaurants would be located along highways and near motels. His restaurants' A-frame architecture and yellow roof became a welcome sight to travelers seeking a comfortable rest stop. The food was familiar fare, and the gift shops offered candies, nuts, and souvenirs of nearby attractions. The Horne's in Port Royal is the last original Horne's Restaurant in Virginia and retains many original features, including its retro décor, counter and booth seating, and even the original milkshake-making equipment.



But did you ever wonder what was there before our iconic neighborhood restaurant? Our Carolyn "Cookie" Davis came upon this old photograph of her father E. Conway Davis (2nd for the left, in a hat and white shirt) and his co-workers posing in front of the old Atlantic filling station and garage that stood on the southeast corner of Routes 17 and 301 intersection. That's right -- where Horne's now stands!

Mr. Davis grew up on a farm in Essex County near Caret. The filling station and garage shown in this photograph was his first employment off the farm. The Garage's owner (former state delegate and Camden farmer) Dick Pratt stands to Davis's right. Jim Corbin and several other local men also worked there, but the others in the photo could not be identified by Cookie. Please give us a call if you can! In 1946, Davis built his own garage, E.C. Davis Motor Co., just up the road (now Port Royal Trading Post Antiques!).



Postcard and photograph courtesy of Carolyn Davis

Another fun fact - the photograph was taken by local photographer Herbert Snowden (1872-1955). Some of his relatives recently visited the farm on Snowden Road (off Route 17) and then made a stop at the Museum. Snowden, a native of NY, was the husband of Eva Snowden (1888-1971), who had inherited "Port Tobago" farm.

New to Port Royal? You need a flag!



Show some love for the enduring historic Town of Port Royal! The Town of Port Royal flag, adopted in 2012, was conceptualized and created by Port Royal residents and long time HPR members Bill Henderson, Mike Newman, John Gilliland, and Terry Harrison, all of whom have served several terms on HPR's Board of Directors and/or Port Royal Town Council.

The flag features a seafaring vessel in the center of the stylized sun on a sunny orange background. Beneath the sun is a banner bearing the Town's motto, "Behold us Rising."

The Museum has this and other contemporary and historic flags available for sale in its shop. Town flags are \$20.00 each or \$30.00 for two (not including tax and shipping). Stop in to the Museum on Saturday, or call Bill Henderson at (804) 450-3994. to order by mail.

At the Museum - Something Old and Something New

The Cosmopolitan Inn

The Cosmopolitan Inn was a long-standing African-American business located in Guinea Station (Woodford) off Route 606 (Guinea Station Road). In 1929, Louis Thornton Washington (1873-1950), who had been a laborer for the railroad, opened The Cosmopolitan Inn. It quickly became a popular hot spot for music and dancing. The Free-Lance Star advertised holiday dances, square dances, and local musicians such as Minor Smith and His Possum Hunters and the Caroline Nightingales. In 1929, the cover was \$1. The Cosmopolitan Inn was also a restaurant, a store, and a gas station. The businesses occupied the ground floor. The family (Washington, wife Mollie, and daughter Carrie) lived on the second floor.



The businesses survived the Great Depression and the U.S. Government's acquisition of nearly 22% of Caroline County for the creation of Camp A.P. Hill. From humble beginnings, L.T. Washington proudly operated The Cosmopolitan Inn until his death in 1950. He was 77 years old. Washington's daughter Carrie Jackson became the proprietor and business continued until around 1960. Sadly, the Cosmopolitan Inn is no longer standing.

The memory of Washington's accomplishments continues in this scale model made by his grandson Reverend Louis Thomas Washington Jackson. The model is on loan to the Museum and represents the family's contribution to its community, despite obstacles and hardships beyond their control.

More recently, the Museum has received a model of the Port Royal Lyceum. The Lyceum was completed in 1854 and is the only 2-story brick structure in Port Royal, historically and presently. Construction was funded by pledges from the town and town leaders. The Lyceum community center, built and supported by the Town and community. Classes, group meetings, and community activities took place on the first floor in spacious, high-ceilinged rooms. The second floor was used by the local Masons. An exterior stairway to the second-floor entrance allowed for private entry for their meetings.



The Port Royal Lyceum

The Lyceum model, built by HPR member and friend Jake Martin, illustrates the building when it was used as a store and warehouse by D. B. Powers.

The Lucinda Fullar Sampler



In 1822, 12-year-old Lucinda Fullar of Fort Edwardtown, NY, created this sampler, which hangs in the Port Royal Museum. The English word 'sampler' comes from the Latin 'exemplum', or the old French term 'essamplaire', meaning 'an example'. Samplers served as a reference of different designs and patterns that the creator may have learned or copied from others, to recreate again in new pieces. In the early American home, samplers were an implement of a young woman's education. Her refined skills in embroidery and needlework would help furnish and adorn her adult home. Samplers often display the alphabet, numbers, prose, and motifs in multiple types of stitch patterns. The prose and motif often hint the creators' education, religion, or ethnographic background. As skill and technique improved, samplers became works of pride which were "signed" and displayed in the home. Fine works would imply a higher socioeconomic status, as it was presumed that those of higher status had the time to focus on honing such a time-consuming skill.

Miss Fullar's sampler contains uneven stitches and inconsistent spacing, and a misquote from a novel by George Eliot (the pen name for novelist Mary Ann Evans). But she tries to use the fabric to its capacity, adding words here and there in smaller stitches, and "Love, peace, be affectionate" perpendicular to the rest of the stitches. Near the bottom of the work, she begs, "When this you see: Remember Me." as if this sampler might be a farewell memento to her dear friend, Marcia Newberry, The handed down story that accompanies this sampler describes the young seamstress as a close decedent of a Mayflower colonist, possibly Edward Fuller (sp.). Coincidentally, around the 1820s, a Fuller family with ancestral ties to the Mayflower left New York and settled in Port Royal. Could these Fullers be tied in some way?

The Lucinda Fullar Sampler has been transcribed into pattern by Heritage Samplers and is available in the Museum Shop for \$15.00. HPR member and friend Linda Nassie was instrumental in the "mapping" of this sampler for reproduction. Included in the pattern packet is a short summary of research provided by Ms. Nassie.

At Port Royal, There Is A Lot Going On!

HPR'S **SPRING** MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS APRIL 25TH

Tuesday, April 25th 7pm: Spring Membership Meeting at Port Royal Town Hall



Board of Directors 2023-2024 meet & greet. Following business will be an entertaining presentation on the history of the Town of Port Royal and Historic Port Royal Inc., just to get everyone (life, corporate, returning annual, and new members) caught up. Refreshments will be provided, of course!

HPR has four membership meetings each year. They are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of January, April, July, and

October, 7pm at Port Royal Town Hall. Every quarter we strive to provide informative and entertaining programs that focus on local history, historic preservation, and history-focused subjects that effect the HPR community.

Saturday, May 13th: Spring Living History

Join us on the Museum and School Grounds for an exciting day of Living History from 10am to 4pm. **Harriet Tubman will be speaking.** Reenactors and living historians. Museum and Old School tours. Concessions available at 11am. Open and free to all.

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Tuesday, July 4th: Independence Day Celebration at St Peter's Church and Water Street 10am to 2pm

Absolutely free and open to all. Guest speakers President James Madison and Martha Washington. Puppet shows and children's games. Horse-drawn carriage rides. Reenactors and living historians from earlier centuries. Craftsman and artisans at work. For-purchase concessions by Bright Eyes Concessions. Near-site parking. On site handicap parking. Port Royal Museums and Old School will be open from 2pm to 4pm.

Living History at Port Royal Museum of American History



Saturday, May 13th 10:00am to 4:00pm

506 Main Street, Port Royal, Virginia
Live period music and seafarer's shanties
Reenactors from the centuries past
Museum and Old School tours
Concessions available Open and free to all

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**THE PORT ROYAL
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL**
"Lest We Forget"



In 2012, the Town of Port Royal Council authorized the creation of the Port Royal Veteran's Memorial to honor those from our region and throughout the country who bravely served this country. The Memorial provides for private reflection as well as a gathering place for events honoring our veterans. All brick purchase proceeds go toward the Memorial's care and upkeep.

#1

4" X 8" Red Brick

1 - 3 lines of engraved text
18 characters per line

Cost: \$ 50.00

Suggested Engraving:

- 1st Line: Rank & Full Name
- 2nd Line: Unit & Branch of Service
- 3rd Line: Conflict and / or Time of Service



#2

8" X 8" Red Brick

1 - 3 lines of engraved text
with logo of branch of service
(Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy)
18 characters per line

Cost: \$ 100.00

Suggested Engraving:

- 1st Line: Rank & Full Name
- 2nd Line: Unit & Branch of Service
- 3rd Line: Conflict and/or Time of Service



Payment, completed form and contact information should be mailed to:

Bill Henderson ~ P.O. Box 266 ~ Port Royal, VA 22535

Please make checks payable to Town of Port Royal PRVMA. *Sorry but no credit cards.*

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Logo (8 X 8 Only)

Air Force Army Coast Guard Marines Navy

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By the Way! The Town of Port Royal is holding another Community Yard Sale! Saturday, May 6th. Last year's was a success! Don't miss out! Vendor space still available. Call (703) 853-8955



Please Note: The printed date on your address label will tell you when your HPR membership expires.

Thanks for your support!