



WORCESTER COUNTY
BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Mr. Mark O. Pilchard, Chairman
Worcester County Commissions
Snow Hill, Md.

Dear Mark:

Enclosed is a list of the members of the Worcester County Bicentennial Committee, which you requested sometime ago. Many of these members were appointed by Judge Wilson Barnes when he organized the county groups, and others have been added by our committee when we learned of someone interested in participating. Not all of these members have been active in attending our meetings, but all have been kept informed of our activities thru receiving copies of the minutes of each of our meetings.

We are also enclosing a financial statement which shows we have received \$3100.00 from the State Commission. This money can not be used for capital expenditure, but is to be used for administration of the committee activities. The sum of \$600.00 must be used on a county history, and we have agreed to give this to the Worcester County Historical Society at a time when their history is completed. The money we have spent has been for printing, postage, phone calls, Bicentennial pins, a film made available to the school system, display materials, etc. Members of our committee have attended about 10 county meetings in Annapolis, but all travel has been at our own expense. In January each county had a display at a meeting at St. Johns College, and we felt Worcester was well represented. At that time, James Gordon, Ocean City promotional director, was present at our booth and distributed a great amount of Ocean City promotional material, and we also distributed Worcester County, Pocomoke and Snow Hill brochures. We had exhibits of the activities of Pocomoke, Snow Hill and Ocean Pines Bicentennial committees, as well as the county committee.

Our committee decided sometime ago that we felt we could best benefit the entire county with a Bicentennial Information booth during the summer of 1976, located on U. S. 13 south of Pocomoke. Also, we decided there was a need for a brochure outlining both historical and recreational features of the county. At this time, the booth is being constructed by

the county vocational school and should be completed by May 1st. This building will be a 1/2 size reproduction of the Purnell House in Snow Hill, which is considered the oldest house in Snow Hill. It will be located on the grounds of the BP Service Station about 2 miles north of the Va. line.

The brochure is about ready to go to the printers, and the committee is now securing competitive prices on the printing. Mrs. Marion Joyner and Richard Phillips of Snow Hill are in charge of preparing this publication.

We believe that with the funds we have on hand, we can finance our building and the brochure. However, we do need help in staffing the booth. We plan to use many volunteers for this duty, but feel we should have two paid workers, as the booth should be open 7 days a week. Some time ago we discussed with Mr. Carmel Wilson the possibility of using CETA personnel, and he has indicated this might be worked out with the approval of your board.

Members of our committee will be glad to meet with your board at anytime to discuss our request, and also to answer any questions you may have on the activities of this committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Robertson, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

R. H. Robertson, Jr.

Chairman