

Worcester County Bicentennial Comm.
332 Winter Quarters Drive
Pocomoke City, Md.

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Maryland Bicentennial Commission
2525 Riva Road
Annapolis, Md. 21401

Attn: Mrs. Patricia H. Hoffman

Dear Mrs. Hoffman,

The Worcester County Bicentennial Commission wishes to submit the following three potential Horizons projects, which we wish considered for assistance thru the fellowship program. These are listed in priority rank.

(1) An in-depth historical, archeological and /or architectural survey of Old St. Martins Episcopal Church, 1756/59, located on US rt 113 north of Berlin and south of Showell, Maryland. This basic research would be complied as one of the first steps in the restoration of this remarkably preserved old building, complete with original pews, which has long headed a list of Eastern Shore preservation projects.

(2) Compile information and sketch necessary for the publication of a map and guide brochure pertaining to old homes and churches in Worcester County. Our committee can provide the list of buildings and some basic historical information, as a start for the project. This work can be done at anytime, and we would like to publish this brochure no later than January 1976. This would be an inexpensive publication, to be distributed free at the information center we plan to establish in 1976 at the Md.- Va. line, and in motel and restaurants in the county.

(3) The Worcester County Historical Society owns the Nassawango iron furnace, located about 5 miles west of Snow Hill. This furnace operated for a short period about 1830, smelting bog ore. Records indicate that at that time a small community was built around the furnace, containing a hotel, general store and a number of homes. Nothing now remains except the furnace stack. This stack has been patched and stabilized from further deterioration by the Society.

Also, the County Commissioners paid for a fence to protect the old stack. Our committee feels that a person with a background in archaeology could work in this area to locate foundations of the remainder of the structure, and also foundations of the other buildings.

From this information, a sketch could be provided to show the community as it existed in 1830, perhaps someday a restoration could be attempted, using this information.

However, we think the knowledge gained from the study would be of value, even if the restoration is never attempted,

We thank you for your consideration of these three projects,

Sincerely,

R. H. Robertson, Jr.
Chairman