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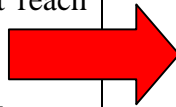
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Newsletter of the
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC) OF THE
ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

Chapter Website – www.nvcasv.org



Zoom Meeting this month! Patrick O'Neill will talk about Enslaved People Escaping to the British during the War of 1812 on the Potomac. Here is the link in case the email I sent out did not reach you.



Topic: Northern Virginia Chapter Meeting
Time: Feb 10, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time
Join Zoom Meeting (may have to cut and paste)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82245677799?pwd=YkFKZWZlUFTQI80aVprUkFKRnhLQT09>

Presentation and meeting will start at 700pm.

ENSLAVED PEOPLE ESCAPING TO BRITISH SHIPS ON THE POTOMAC IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1814

BY PATRICK O'NEILL



Chapter Membership Renewal!!!
See the information to renew your membership to the Northern Virginia Chapter of the ASV on the last page of this and every Datum Point. Send the form and check to Barbara Leven, Chapter Treasurer.

FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT PATRICK O'NEILL

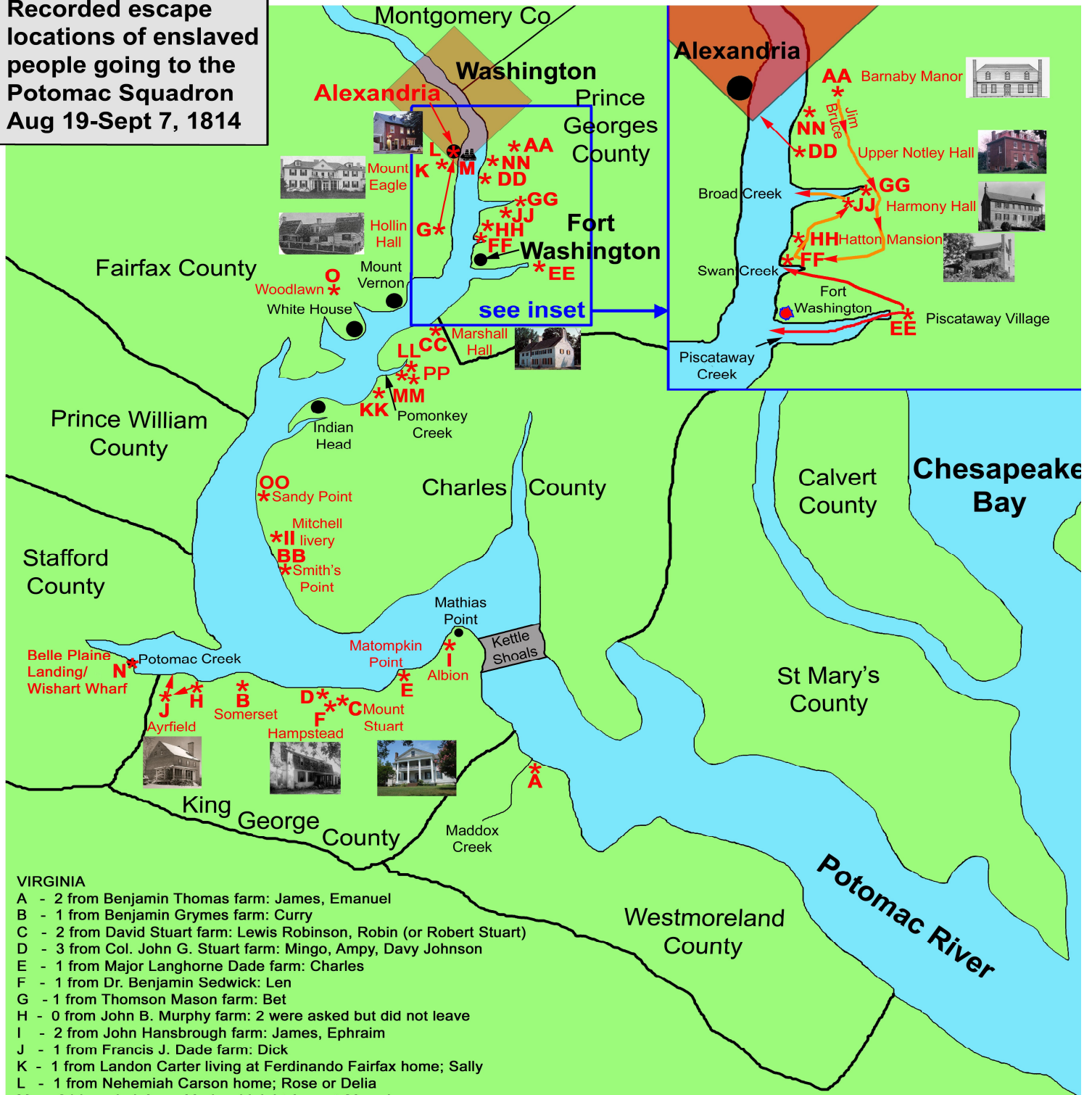
The January ASV Board Meeting went well. President Barber has outlined some initiatives, including the feasibility of putting a quality lab at the Kittiewan Visitors Center.

If you are interested in helping with the survey and mapping at the Bull Run Mountain Preserve, email me at patrickloneill@verizon.net. It will be fairly physical.

I know some of you have been vaccinated, and hope all is well with that.

When seven British warships sailed up the Potomac River to assist with the attack on Washington in August 1814, at least 68 enslaved people along the river escaped bondage and went to the ships to find their freedom. The escape stories of these men, women, and children are told through the depositions given by their owners, neighbors, and enslaved co-workers after the war. The chart on the next page shows the names of the enslaved and locations of their escape. Join the Zoom meeting to hear this special presentation.

Recorded escape locations of enslaved people going to the Potomac Squadron Aug 19-Sept 7, 1814



VIRGINIA

- A - 2 from Benjamin Thomas farm: James, Emanuel
- B - 1 from Benjamin Grymes farm: Curry
- C - 2 from David Stuart farm: Lewis Robinson, Robin (or Robert Stuart)
- D - 3 from Col. John G. Stuart farm: Mingo, Ampy, Davy Johnson
- E - 1 from Major Langhorne Dade farm: Charles
- F - 1 from Dr. Benjamin Sedwick: Len
- G - 1 from Thomson Mason farm: Bet
- H - 0 from John B. Murphy farm: 2 were asked but did not leave
- I - 2 from John Hansbrough farm: James, Ephraim
- J - 1 from Francis J. Dade farm: Dick
- K - 1 from Landon Carter living at Ferdinando Fairfax home; Sally
- L - 1 from Nehemiah Carson home; Rose or Delia
- M - 24 boarded *Anna Maria* midnight August 29; unknown names
- N - 1 from Sidney Wishart; Frank
- O - 1 from Lawrence Lewis farm; Mike Lee

MARYLAND

- AA - 1 from Anthony Addison (estate): James "Jim" Bruce; 3 from Henry Callis: unnamed
- BB - 3 from Alexander Greer farm: Joshua, York, Moses
- CC - 1 from Sarah Marshall's farm: Dick
- DD - 2 from Henry P. Daingerfield: Stephen Allan, Ned Carey (Gray)
- EE - 1 from Walter Edelen: Aaron; 1 from Thomas MacCubbin: Isaac Dines; 1 from Jeremiah Edelin: Dory
- FF - 20 from Mary Coombs: Nell Bruce, Betty Bruce, James Bruce (Jr), Adeline and Laura Oliver, Sampson, Letty, Richard "Dick" Reeves with Priscilla, Thomas, William, Priscilla, and Mariah Reeves, Nelly, James, Namey, Letty Junior, Maliacent, Sarah, Betty
- GG - 1 from Martha Hatton: Baptist; 1 from George Hatton: Charles; 1 from Basil Hatton: James
- HH - 2 from Henry Hatton farm: Nace Colbert, Henry Colbert
- II - 1 from Sarah Dyson rented to Mary Ann Mitchell livery: Reuben
- JJ - 1 from William Lyles: Moses Oliver
- KK - 1 from Violetta Hungerford: Hendley Hall; 1 from Thomas Tubman: female
- LL - 6 from Benjamin T Fendall farm: James Stith, Nancy Summerville, Brooks, Loyd, Townsend, Carter
- MM - 2 from Josias Ford farm: Peter Bell, Fidello
- NN - 1 from Mary Moreland: Peter Johnson
- OO - 1 from Daniel Norris: Norris Guard
- PP - 2 from John Stoddert: Primus Mitchell, Harry

CART

Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team

Happy 2021! As CART begins this new year, the team is taking some time to ensure that we will be prepared for the projects to come by wrapping up a few older ones. The field crew has Completed some very daunting backfilling projects. This is an important step in preserving archaeological sites as well as ensuring the safety of those visiting our parks by filling in an excavation site once the investigation is completed. There are different types of backfilling methods; we can use a perforated tarp to line the base of an excavation if we intend to return to the site, or we can fill in the area with no liner if we do not intend on returning to the completed area.



Our crew was very excited to be back in the field with the nice weather recently. We were even more excited to find a frog that had taken refuge in an old test unit. Soon the field crew will be returning to Riverbend to continue our survey of the park, as well as begin a new project in the next few weeks.



Our lab staff continues to impress everyone by the amount of work they can do, especially over the past year without the aid of our volunteers. Lab Director Elizabeth and Assistant Lab Director Daphne continue to process the numerous artifacts brought into the lab while balancing multiple projects at once. Cataloging these artifacts gives us more insight into the work we have completed and will help to inform future investigations by identifying the types of artifacts we commonly find in Fairfax County. To stay informed on our recent work please visit our blog <http://cartarchaeology.wordpress.com/>.



Our volunteer program is currently suspended, and our offices remain closed until further notice. If you would like to be notified when we can accept volunteer assistance, please email cartarchlab@live.com.

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Chapter members can join our parent organization, the Archeological Society of Virginia at www.virginiaarcheology.org/

The Chapter meets at 7:00p.m. on the 2nd Wed. of each month via ZOOM until the pandemic is over.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!