

Carter's Grove officially given to CW



The mansion at Carter's Grove Plantation

Carter's Grove is now officially a part of Colonial Williamsburg. On December 30, the 200-year-old James River mansion was donated to the organization by the Sealantic Fund, Inc., a Rockefeller family-supported philanthropic foundation.

The plantation was purchased by Sealantic in 1963 from the estate of the home's late private owner, Mrs. Archibald McCrea. Before her death that year, Mrs. McCrea requested that the plantation be sold to some agency

or foundation to be maintained and exhibited to the public.

In 1964, Sealantic opened Carter's Grove to the public under a special contract with Colonial Williamsburg. Since then, more than half a million persons have visited the Georgian mansion which has been described by architectural historian Samuel Chamberlain as "the most beautiful house in America." The plantation is located six miles east of Williamsburg and is open annually from March 1 through the

Sunday after Thanksgiving.

In accepting the gift, Mr. Humelsine disclosed that additional adjacent properties acquired by Colonial Williamsburg will nearly double the present size of Carter's Grove Plantation to just under 800 acres.

In expressing the organization's gratitude to Sealantic for the gift as well as its foresight in purchasing the original property, Mr. Humelsine said, "Plantations were the center of the distinctive economic and social life of 18th-century Virginia, and Williamsburg can be understood more completely from the vantage point of the plantation. Williamsburg's importance increased greatly twice each year as the planters and their families journeyed to Williamsburg to participate in the courts, legislature, merchants' meetings and social life.

"Sealantic's generous action will provide an opportunity to develop Carter's Grove as an example of a working 18th-century plantation, including the planting of property crops and raising authentic livestock, the demonstration of plantation crafts in the numerous outbuildings that clus-

tered about a plantation mansion, and replacement of the busy plantation wharf on the James river, one end of a busy commercial lifeline with the mother country."

The first major project at the plantation will be an extensive archaeological investigation of the properties. This study, along with the historical research document already completed, will lay the groundwork for any future developments and expansions.

In addition, it is hoped that a scenic 18th-century restricted roadway can be developed to connect Williamsburg with the plantation.

The land was purchased originally early in the 18th century by the wealthy and influential Virginian, Robert "King" Carter, who owned 300,000 acres in Virginia at his death in 1732. The property descended to Carter's grandson, Carter Burwell, who built the present mansion.

Some four generations of Carters lived at the plantation before it passed into other hands. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald McCrea adapted Carter's Grove to modern living between 1928 and 1931.

CWI and WRI to consolidate organizations

All corporate activities of Colonial Williamsburg will be consolidated on July 1, 1970. The new organization, to replace CWI and WRI, will be named the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

The action was approved May 15 at a joint meeting of the board of trustees of Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., and the board of directors of Williamsburg Restoration, Inc. The two boards will merge into a single body on July 1.

According to Carlisle H. Humelsine, president of the organization, "This

measure simply reflects the broadened activities of our organization and unites them into a single corporate entity. The consolidation also conforms to provisions of the new Federal tax law applying to publicly supported foundations."

All operating and service divisions of Colonial Williamsburg will continue to perform the same functions as in the past. Officers and employees of Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., and of Williamsburg Restorations, Inc., will retain their respective positions but within the

single corporation, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. All service and employees benefits will accrue as though there had been no change.

As in the past, four general functions will be carried under the direction of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation: the permanent preservation, maintenance and interpretation of the Historic Area, the permanent preservation, maintenance and interpretation of Carter's Grove plantation which was given to Colonial Williamsburg last

December by the Sealantic Fund., a Rockefeller philanthropic organization, the maintenance and conduct of activities of the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection and management of modern and convenient hotel and restaurant facilities under Williamsburg Visitor Accommodations Services.

The boards also noted the possibility of additional educational undertakings in the future, which would be added to the four general divisions of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Long-awaited archaeology film premieres at Antiques Forum

"Doorway to the Past," Colonial Williamsburg's newest film received its official premiere before the participants in the 22nd Williamsburg Antiques Forum Monday, Jan. 26.

Although the film is accurate in detail, technical terminology is minimized to provide a popular interpretation of colonial archaeology. It shows how artifacts removed from old trash pits, foundations and wells enable historians to picture the society that used these artifacts.

Filed in three sections, "Doorway" begins by establishing Thomas Jefferson's contribution to archaeological reasoning.

The second section is set in the 20th century and pictures several ar-

chaeological locations and the laboratory processes necessary to protect and analyze the artifacts found on a typical site.

The third section of "Doorway" recreates a lively tavern scene to demonstrate how various recovered artifacts might have been used, broken and discarded by people in the 18th century.

"Doorway to the Past" was filmed in color and is 28½ minutes in length. Ivor Noel Hume, director of archaeology for Colonial Williamsburg, wrote and directed the film. Arthur L. Smith, director of audiovisual programs, was the film's producer and the music was written by Sol Kaplan of New York.

Move proposed for Courthouse of 1770 museum and offices



The Courthouse of 1770

Colonial Williamsburg is recommending a series of moves to permit interpretation of local government and courts in the Courthouse of 1770.

"This is an important part of our continuing effort to make the Historic Area of Williamsburg as authentic as research and resources will permit, and to make the Williamsburg experience more meaningful to our visitors," Colonial Williamsburg president Carlisle H. Humelsine said. "It is also part of our objective to improve and expand our educational and interpretive program by 1976."

Mr. Humelsine disclosed that the board of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation will be asked to approve a

plan to restore and refit the interior of the Courthouse of 1770 on the Market Square to its original design of a courtroom and jury rooms. The exterior of the brick building which survives from 1770 has been restored.

"By the restoring the Courthouse of 1770 we will be able to tell the story of local government and courts in Virginia," Mr. Humelsine said. "This will complement our interpretation of the General Court at the Capitol where the highest court in the Colony sat."

The courthouse was the center of the chief form of government with which the ordinary inhabitant of the colony of Virginia came in contact. The Courthouse of 1770 served both James City County and the City of Williamsburg. The city common council met there as did the county court in its judicial, legislative and executive capacities.

As part of the proposal for the Courthouse of 1770, Mr. Humelsine said the Norton-Cole House, official residence of the president of Colonial Williamsburg, could be used as a headquarters for visitor services — activities now located at the Courthouse of 1770. The official residence of the Colonial Williamsburg president would be moved to the Coke-Garret House.

New holidays announced by Mr. Humelsine

Carlisle H. Humelsine, president of the Colonial Williamsburg, announced that effective in 1971, employees will observe two additional paid holidays.

Washington's Birthday, which beginning next year will be observed nationally on the third Monday in February, and Veterans Day, to be observed nationally on the fourth Monday in Oc-

tober, constitute the new holidays.

These new holidays, coupled with present CW holidays, will provide four long weekends each year. These are Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

Other paid holidays are New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.



ERNESTINE BARBOUR — Ernestine Barbour is a group service agent in reservations and she's one of those employees who has long-service in her blood. Her father, Alton Wallace, who is now deceased, was a bellman at the Lodge for over 30 years, her uncles, James Wallace and Thess Judkins were among Colonial Williamsburg's longest-service employees ever, her husband's brother, James Barbour, from Chownings Tavern, received his silver bowl a couple of years ago so Ernie's 25 years is not a real surprise. As a group service agent, Ernie books individual reservations with people who are coming to conferences at Williamsburg.

Ernie is an avid novel reader and she enjoys working in the garden when the weather is nice.

ALBERTA BROWN — For 20 of Alberta Brown's 25 years at Colonial Williamsburg, she rode the ferry every day to work from Surry County. Five years ago, she made the move to Williamsburg and is very happy about that. Alberta has raised five girls and two boys.

Alberta has enjoyed her time as a Housekeeper at the Woodlands and takes a lot of pride in preparing rooms for our guests. She knows that how well she does her job makes a difference to our visitors.

One of the things Alberta enjoys about her job is seeing visitors return to Colonial Williamsburg over and over. Some of our guests ask specifically for Alberta even if they're staying in a different section of the Woodlands than the area that she cleans.



MARIE CAULFORD — Marie is a Williamsburg native who started working for Colonial Williamsburg as an Assistant Reservations Clerk, while she was still in high school. The summer after Marie graduated, Marie married her high school sweetheart, Bill, and they moved to South Carolina. Three months later, Bill and Marie moved back to Williamsburg.

Marie was welcomed back to the Reservations Office where she stayed until 1978. She became Hugh DeSamper's Secretary in the Press Bureau and then worked with Randall Foskey in Advertising. From 1984 until 1993, Marie was Executive Secretary to Dick Schreiber and since 1994, she has worked with Charles Driscoll in Products and Commercial Properties.

Marie has come a long way from her childhood days when she played hide and seek in the Coke-Garrett House garden.

MELVYN COUSINS — Mel Cousins hails from northern Virginia where he met his wife, Sara, while he was still in high school. Mel had been working in a grocery store and during a vacation, they came to Williamsburg and loved it. In 1969, Mel got a job at the Front Desk at the Inn, earning \$2 an hour, and he said that back then that was enough to make ends meet. Mel stayed at the Inn for nine years and toward the end of that time, he spent about a year in the Inn kitchen as a Prep Cook. Mel left Colonial Williamsburg to work for Belo grocery store as an Assistant Manager. Less than a year later, an Assistant Manager position opened up at the Information Center. In his role at the Visitor Center, he knows that hospitality and courtesy are the key to

our competitiveness and our ability to continue to attract our guests to return year after year to Colonial Williamsburg.

DONALD DARLINGTON — Donald Darlington was born and raised in Charles City. After graduating from high school, he walked over to the warehouse at Colonial Williamsburg to see if they had any jobs. They did and he was sent over to Personnel and hired as a maintenance serviceman. A. Over the years, he has progressed to the C level. Donald works in all the trades at the Lodge and does the majority of the plumbing jobs there. When asked what is the favorite part of his job, without hesitating, he responds, "Pay day!"

Donald is a hunter. He enjoys hunting deer, turkey, ducks — anything he can — with the bow and arrow, muzzle-loader, or shotgun.



DENISE ELLIS — Denise grew up with Colonial Williamsburg in her blood. Her father was an assistant chef the Williamsburg Inn. He retired in 1979 with 45 years of service.

Denise shopped around before she came to work at Colonial Williamsburg, figuring that she could always get a job here. She finally decided to start at Colonial Williamsburg to get enough money for college. She did six months at college and 25 years at Colonial Williamsburg!

In her spare time, Denise keeps track of her two daughters, 19-year old Tanisha and 12-year old Deana.



ELNORA HAILEY-RHODALL — Elnora Hailey-Rhodall is now an Administrative Payroll and Personnel Clerk at the Williamsburg Inn. She started working here in 1970 and she has worked in a whole lot of jobs around this organization. Elnora began work here while she was in the tenth grade at James Blair High School. She was only 15 — short of the 16 required for a work permit. By the time Colonial Williamsburg found out she was underage, her 16th birthday had passed and she was legal.

If Elnora stays at Colonial Williamsburg until she is 65, she could reach her 50th service anniversary.



JULIA HARROD — Julia Harrod, bartender at the Lodge, is another of our employees who just glows from the inside out. Her love for people is evident now and it must have been the day she applied for her job because they hired her on the spot. Julia really enjoys working in the cock-

tail lounge. She says it's true that people bare their souls to the bartender and she can't count how many times a night she says, "Yeah, I know what you mean. Yeah, uh huh."

In her spare time, Julia is very active at her church, St. Stephens Calvary Pentecostal Church in Lackey, where she enjoys singing with the choir. She's also the financial secretary.

Julia's son, Tracy, teaches school at Warwick High School.

ALFRED HOLLOWAY — Alfred got his first job at Colonial Williamsburg with the help of his step-father, who was chef at the Lodge. Alfred was a bus boy at the Inn, then a waiter trainee before transferring to room service in 1971. There he had the honor of working with Captain Thess Judkins, who, Alfred says, taught him all he knows.

In addition to working hard at the Inn, Alfred has certificates as a volunteer fire fighter for York County, and a ham operator. He's a bartender at the Inn in the evenings as well.

Alfred works hard and then plays hard because life is short. He enjoys fishing, camping, and riding motorcycles. Alfred has enjoyed his 25 years, because he enjoys learning and the people he works with.



ELLA HOLMES — Ella got her job at Colonial Williamsburg through Rosa Holmes, not a relative but a close friend of her mother-in-law. Her first day was Easter Sunday, 1969, and it was pouring cats and dogs. The Laundry manager put her right to work.

Ella has worked in a variety of positions during her 25 years at the Laundry. She started as a finisher in the flatwork department, then worked in dispatch for about 16 years. In the late 1980s, she worked for the Laundry at the Costume Shop counter. Three or four years later, she was back at the Laundry where she works now.

Ella still lives in King and Queen Court House with her husband, Paul, who works at Chesapeake Corporation. They have a daughter and a granddaughter who live across the road.

JAMES HUNDLEY — Jim started at Colonial Williamsburg in 1951 while still in high school. He started as a bus boy at the Inn. During the 1950s, he also was a houseman at the taverns and Lodge, a bellman at the Inn, a packer in the Lodge Gift Shop, a bus boy at the Lodge, a stock clerk at the Lodge Gift Shop, and a room service waiter at the Inn. Jim left Colonial Williamsburg in 1962 and worked at Peninsula Hardware for eight or nine years before returning to Colonial Williamsburg to start his current 25-year stint.

During his second career at Colonial Williamsburg, he's been a waiter at Campbell's Tavern and also worked special functions for thirteen years.

Jim and his wife are very proud of their four children, who they put through college.

Jim keeps a scrapbook with autographs of famous people he has met at Colonial Williamsburg. His favorite autograph is that of the King of Morocco, who visited in the early 1960s.

CATHERINE JOHNSON — Cathy has spent her whole life in Surry. When she came to work in May of 1970 as a waitress at the Cascades, she planned to work only for the summer. Cathy stayed 25 years because the people were so nice, both the guests and her co-workers. She loved visiting with our guests and meeting so many nice people. In fact, a number of them come back each year to see her.

Cathy has several nicknames at work — one of them is "Smiley" because she comes to work every day with a smile.

She has four grown children and five

grandchildren including one set of twins. All of her family is still in Surry so she gets to see them often.



ELNORA JONES — Come to dinner at the Cascades Restaurant and you're likely be greeted by the smiling face of Elnora Jones. Although Elnora grew up in this area and attended James Weldon High School, then Norfolk State College for a year, she went to stay with her aunt and uncle in Massachusetts for a while before returning.

She went by the Colonial Williamsburg Personnel office and was hired to work at the Motor House Cafeteria. Now as dining room captain, Elnora knows that competition for restaurant guests is much more intense now than it was 25 years ago, and knows the importance of satisfying our guests so they return again and again.

Elnora became a certified supervisor by passing the AHMA (American Hotel and Motel Association) certification - Certified Hospitality Supervisory on August 31, 1994. Elnora has a 23-year-old son who is a manager at a Hilton Hotel.

JON LAUBACH — Jon grew up in the mountains of Pennsylvania. He attended Penn State before joining the Navy and going to Vietnam. In 1970, he heard about a summer job opening at Colonial Williamsburg. At the end of the summer, Jon was asked to stay on as a regular employee.

Jon was an apprentice gunsmith for four or five years before becoming a journeyman. When George Wilson started the toolmaker operation, Jon was asked to join him as a journeyman toolmaker. Jon welcomed the opportunity to learn from George, their skills complement each other's very well.

In his spare time, Jon enjoys working in his shop as well as fishing and hunting for deer and sometimes elk. He also stays busy with his family. His wife, Bea, works at Community Hospital, and they have a 24-year old son and two daughters, ages 16 and 10.



HILDEGARD LECKLITER — Hilde and her husband met in Germany after the war, where her husband was a civilian with the Air Force and Hilde was an English language interpreter. They moved to America, to Hampton where they still reside. Every weekend, they came to Colonial Williamsburg. Hilde was hungry to know more about American culture and believed the best way to do that was to understand its history. Hilde couldn't get enough of Colonial Williamsburg and, in desperation, her husband said, "If you're all that enthralled with Colonial Williamsburg, why don't you go get yourself a job up there?" Well, Hilde did and went on to interpret Colonial Williamsburg to lots of German and American groups.

Hilde didn't expect to stay here more than about three years, just enough to understand the culture and history of America, but when she got here and began working with the absolutely fabulous people that she works with, she wasn't about to leave.

DOLORES MOORE — Dolores grew up around Bethesda and Rockville, Mary-

land When she moved to Williamsburg, she thought about working for the telephone company because she had worked for them in Maryland for 12 years, but the nearest central office was in Newport News Dolores was attracted to a job at the lodging and dining desk at the Visitor Center and she worked there from 1970 to 1973 In her job, she stayed in close contact with the front desk of each of the properties Mel Cousins was working at the front desk of the Inn and encouraged Dolores to apply for a job opening at the front desk She got the job and stayed for 23 more years, retiring July 1 of this past year



BARBARA LUCK — Barbara ended up at Colonial Williamsburg by pure coincidence She grew up in Ashland, just north of Richmond and, after graduating from college, worked at the Brazilian Consulate in Baltimore After her father died, she returned to Ashland Barbara commuted to Virginia Commonwealth University and obtained her Master's degree in Art History because she loved the field

One day she and her mom were shopping in Merchants Square and they happened to pass the Personnel Office. Barbara's mom asked, "Why don't you go in and have a job interview?" Barbara was interviewed and, after another interview, was hired She's still trying to decide if her mom planned the excursion past the Personnel Office in order to get Barbara out of the house for good or if it was just coincidence

When Barbara moved here in 1970 she knew only one person in town. One of the nice things about Colonial Williamsburg was that she had an instant family of 3,000 Barbara has lived in a number of Historic Area homes, including her current address, the Ludwell Tenement



EDNA MCGILVARY — Edna grew up in West Point, where she still lives with her husband, Hugh She began working for Colonial Williamsburg in 1964 She stayed for about 18 months and quit because she wanted to go with her husband to Florida and figured she couldn't get that much time off She returned in 1966 for a few weeks and then came back for good in 1970 During all of this time, she has been a Counter worker at the Cafeteria and after that closed, at the Woodlands Grill.

Edna and Hugh raised a daughter and two boys, all of whom are still in West Point, so when Edna gets off work, she enjoys relaxing and spending time with her seven grandchildren Her husband, Hugh, retired this past year from the Newport News Shipyard with 43 years of service

DONALD MORMAN — Donald Morman is a second generation Colonial Williamsburg family member. His father, John Morman, was the Head Butcher at the Commissary until he retired about ten years ago His younger brother, Ray, has worked in the Laundry for six years

Donald puts in a long day at the Laundry He starts about 3:30 in the morning and sometimes doesn't get off until 3:30 in the afternoon He prefers the early morning hours because it's so much cooler When Donald leaves work, he enjoys fishing in

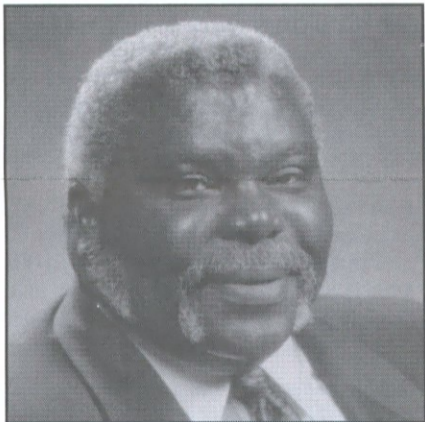
Yorktown as well as sketching or painting His wife, Henrietta, is a nurse at Williamsburg Community Hospital, and is going back to college to become a registered nurse They have three children, two girls and a boy.



MARCIA MILES — In 1953, Marcia began working as a Clerk-Typist at the Craft House in the day time and went to school at William and Mary in the evenings She left CW in 1958 to have a baby and returned twelve years later

She was a Secretary in the Department of Collections for a couple of years, then transferred to the hotels where she's stayed since 1972 Marcia has been in the same office at the Lodge for 23 years

Marcia has some great memories from the Economic Summit of 1983 The famous violin player, Eugene Fudor, was invited to play at the Summit After finding a place for him to practice, Marcia asked, "Is there anything else I can do for you, Mr Fudor?" He said he had forgotten to pack the black socks to go with his tuxedo Marcia rushed off to Casey's department store and picked up some socks It's that kind of guest service that earned Marcia the Order of the Pineapple in 1992



WILLIE PARKER — Willie grew up in James City County. During high school and college, he worked at Colonial Williamsburg in our restaurants and as an interpreter in the craft shops After graduating from Tuskegee Institute, Willie was a cook at the Williamsburg Lodge for a brief time before joining the Army Three years later, he returned as an interpreter in the Printing Office.

In 1970, Willie began his apprenticeship as a printer. He completed his apprenticeship in 1975, and in 1981 was promoted to Supervisor-Journeyman Printer of the Printing Office Willie was named Master of the Shop in 1983

Willie and his wife, Deloris, are the proud parents of two boys and a girl Their son, Darius, is a freshman at VMI

Willie is a member of the Masonic organization and is a Past Worshipful Master He's treasurer and a deacon at the Union Baptist Church in Highland Park and he enjoys watching football — Willie was on the football team at Bruton Heights



CAROLYN PRITCHARD — Carolyn Pritchard grew up in Williamsburg After a six-month stint in Georgia, she moved back to Williamsburg and started to look in ear-

nest for a job

Carolyn Pritchard's first job at Colonial Williamsburg was as a mail order clerk at the Craft House Carolyn got bored after a while and went down to the basement to handle the stock records Carolyn found that work enjoyable and she stayed there until the operation was moved to the Distribution Center in 1976. In 1985, Carolyn became a merchandise buyer — a role that has expanded over the years

Carolyn has two grown children — a daughter, Barbara, who has just completed a NASA apprentice as a Mechanical Engineer, and a son, Rodney, who also lives in Williamsburg. When Carolyn is not busy with them, she's enjoying her six-year old grandson, who's a budding soccer player

FRANK PARROTT — Frank Parrott is a polisher in our Silversmith operation

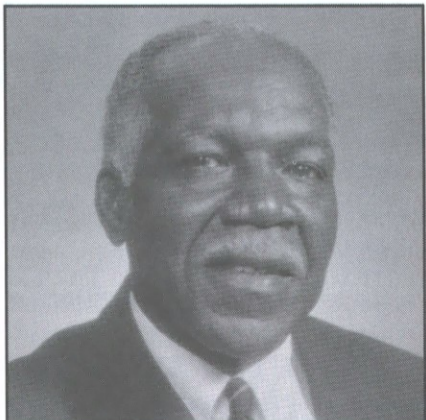
Frank remembers polishing the silver bowl awards 25 years ago when he first transferred to the Silversmith operation He knew how valuable the bowls were and figured that if he were lucky enough to stick it out for 25 years, surely by then, the bowls would be much smaller, so he's thrilled that we're still awarding full-size bowls

Frank and his wife, Gloria, have three grown children, scattered from Williamsburg to Germany, and four grandchildren After work, Frank loves to fish in the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean looking for black bass He also enjoys deer and squirrel hunting, and traveling to Richmond or Dinwiddie County to watch drag racing



MARY REDCROSS — Mary Redcross' mother, another Mary Redcross, retired from the Inn housekeeping department in 1987 after 32 years It was Mary's mother who recommended her for a job in Inn housekeeping Mary began work for Colonial Williamsburg in 1968 as a casual night relief maid She became a regular employee in 1971 Mary wanted to learn as much as she could about the various houses and buildings so she worked a 12-hour shift for a while Flexibility is one of Mary's strengths because she's worked a four-hour shift and now works an eight-hour shift, some days during the day and some days at night Mondays are her toughest days because she works Sunday nights until 11 and has to be back Monday at 8 a m

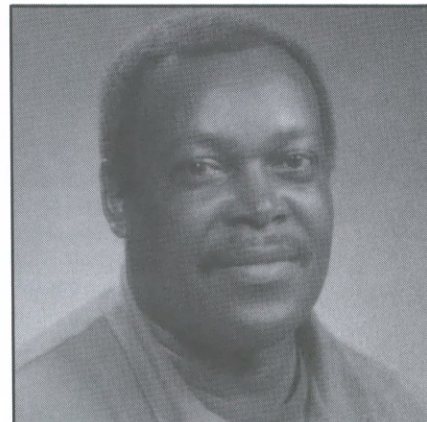
Mary was promoted to Supervisor of Inn housekeeping in 1993 On her days off, Mary enjoys her five children and eight grandchildren



SAMUEL ROBERTS — Sam grew up in Shelby, North Carolina, near Charlotte, and moved to this area after high school when his mother moved here Sam finished two years of college, married, and began working at the shipyard as an apprentice in the welding school Business was slow there so he took on a job at Eastern State and stayed there 10 to 15 years before coming to Colonial Williamsburg in 1970 at the Golden Horseshoe Club, a private club that was located in the basement of the Inn Before 1972, it was illegal to purchase liquor by the drink so private clubs were the only way to purchase liquor in a bar In 1973,

Sam had the opportunity to become a dining room captain He worked closely with Captain Thess Judkins and began working private and convention parties as well. During the 1983 Summit, Sam was President Reagan's private butler at Providence Hall House

Sam enjoys baseball, football, and fishing when he gets a chance, and he and his wife, Eva, are very proud of their daughter who has recently acquired her Master's Degree in Mental Health and is now working at Johns Hopkins University



COMFORT ROBERTSON — Comfort Robertson, or "CC" as he is fondly known, is one of the Lodge housekeeping supervisors He got his nickname, "CC," when he was 12 or 13 because he used to drink Coca-Cola and carry a bag of peanuts around The nickname stuck when he came to work in the Lodge kitchen in 1970 He was the man who made the coffee so the "CC" for Coca-Cola became "CC" for coffee and cream

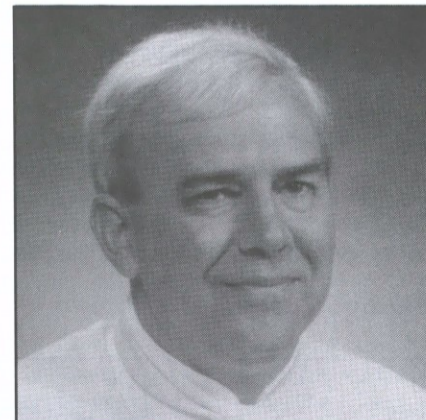
In 1971, Comfort transferred to become a night houseman, in May 1974, he became head houseman on the day shift.

In his 25 years, Comfort has seen a lot of people come and go but he stayed because people treated him so nicely. He married a girl from Williamsburg and has two boys, one girl, a step-son and three grandsons

JOSEPH ROUNTREE — After graduating from Yale University, Joe Rountree returned to his native Oklahoma as one of two recipients of a year-long training fellowship sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Press When Colonial Williamsburg called looking for publications candidates, Joe was recommended After interviews and a trip to Williamsburg, he and his wife, Sue, decided this was where they wanted to live

In 1970, things were different in Williamsburg. Joe remembers there was only one pediatrician and the orthopedist traveled here periodically from Richmond Joe and Sue had two young sons so getting adequate medical care was one of their early challenges in Williamsburg. Medical care has changed over the past 25 years and so has publishing technology. The use of computers and telecommunications has dramatically changed the industry

In the past 25 years, Joe has been active in the community He has served on the Vestry at Bruton Parish Church three times, been Senior Warden twice, and now chairs the Friends of the Library



JOE SCIEGAJ — Joe Sciegaj, Head Pastry Chef at the Commissary, literally grew up around bakeries Joe's grandfather was a baker in Connecticut, Joe enjoyed making pies and breads in his grandfather's bakery when he was little Joe's older brother, Stanley, also was influenced by his grandfather It was Stanley who first went to the Greenbrier Culinary School, and Joe followed him there Stanley took a job at Colonial Williamsburg afterward and Joe came along behind him Stanley went on to jobs in other places, but Joe met his fu-

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ture wife, Mickie, also a CW employee, and stayed in Williamsburg. Joe worked briefly as a Bus Boy at the Inn and a Waiter trainee at the Cascades, but almost all of his career has been in the Bake Shop. Joe and ten other people in the Pastry Shop account all the beautiful desserts made at Colonial Williamsburg.

Joe enjoys cooking so he does the cooking at home. Joe and Mickie have two daughters, Kelly and Morgan.

STEPHEN SMITH — Stephen joined Colonial Williamsburg as a junior baker. During his years here, he has completed his culinary apprenticeship, working at the Cascades and the Inn. He has been a baker at the Commissary since 1983.

MARY TABB — Mary's career at Colonial Williamsburg began in 1970 when she was recruited out of Charles City to become a counter girl at the Cafeteria. Mary must have made a good impression in those first seven months at the Cafeteria because they asked her to become a waitress at the Lodge. She has been at the Williamsburg Lodge ever since.

Mary is an influential member of the wait staff at the Lodge because she cares for people and she cares how well the job is done. Her experience at the Summit was important in helping the staff get through the NATO event this past year.

She enjoys sewing. She's on the Board of Assessors of Charles City County, works with Local 32 and is very involved in the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Charles City.



WILLIAM TALIAFERRO — William Taliaferro, or "Chubby" as he is known at work, is a gardener C in Landscaping. For the last eight years, he's been responsible for the grass cutting and shrubbery clean up around the Inn, Lodge, and Providence Hall.

Everywhere that Chubby has worked, he had a nickname. His grandfather called him "Jack" and so did the people at the Naval Weapons Station when he worked there. When he worked at the shipyard, they called him "Youngblood." Chubby says the source of his current nickname was more obvious a few years ago before he lost some weight.

Chubby grew up about 35 miles from here in King and Queen, where he still lives. His two grown daughters and three grandchildren also live near him in King and Queen. When he's not at work, Chubby enjoys fishing, putting around in his own garden, especially growing tomatoes and cucumbers.

VIRGINIA WALKER — Virginia grew up on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. After high school, she moved to Maryland and then to Hampton. One of her girlfriends worked at Colonial Williamsburg and suggested there were good opportunities here. Virginia was hired as a Bus Girl at the Inn. After six months, she transferred to Lodge Housekeeping and moved up the ranks to Inspector, Housekeeping Supervisor at

the Governor's Inn, Executive Housekeeper at the Governor's Inn, and in 1989, became Executive Housekeeper at the Woodlands.

When Virginia is not taking care of her guests and employees' needs, she's outside enjoying the warm weathers and one of her hobbies, flower gardening. As she digs in the ground, Virginia mentally puts her problems in the ground, covers them up, and goes on.

Virginia also enjoys making homemade wine, in unusual flavors like rice, potato, and grape wine. Her son, Gabriel, is a graduate of Virginia State University and was an intern with Colonial Williamsburg's architecture department.



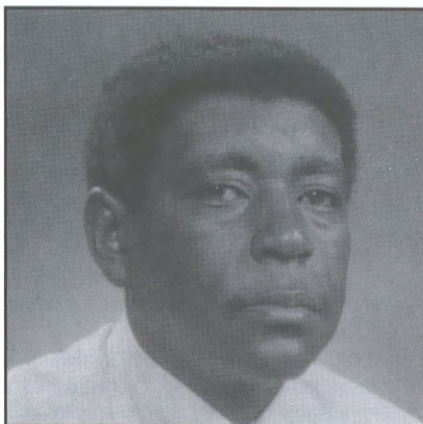
GEORGIA THOMPSON — Georgia Thompson first came to work for Colonial Williamsburg in 1964 for a ten-month stint as a telephone operator. Georgia had been a C & P telephone operator in West Virginia and was very experienced plugging in those cords to connect calls.

Georgia's husband, James, worked for a construction company so they moved around for the next six years. When he returned to this area to work on Interstate 64 in 1970, Georgia returned to the switchboard and has been here for 25 years.

After three years as a switchboard operator, Georgia transferred to a Desk Clerk position at the Motor House for another two years.

In 1975, there was an opening in Payroll and Georgia took that position. She moved up to Assistant Supervisor in 1980, then transferred to Accounts Payable in 1987, where she is now an Accounting Clerk.

Georgia stayed at Colonial Williamsburg because she has really enjoyed the work and the people.



ERNEST WALLACE — Ernest spent the first five years of his life in the middle of the Historic Area. His grandparents lived on the first floor of the Masonic Hall that stood on Nicholson Street. He fondly remembers when Tarpley's was a real grocery store and Waters Storehouse was the drug store. Wetherburn's Tavern was then the Bull's Head Inn, serving sandwiches and drinks. After school, Ernest joined the Marines for four years and spent thirteen months of that time in Vietnam. Ernest participated in the recovery of the Apollo XII

flight capsule in late 1969. He was stationed aboard the USS Hornet, which provided satellite communications, tracking the re-entry of the capsule.

After leaving the Marine Corps, Ernest began as a Window Washer in Building Maintenance. He moved to the Custodial staff in less than a year. He was promoted to Head Custodian in 1974 and was Head Custodian at the Capitol beginning in 1975. In 1979, he was promoted to Supervisor and in 1992 became Senior Supervisor in charge of night operations.

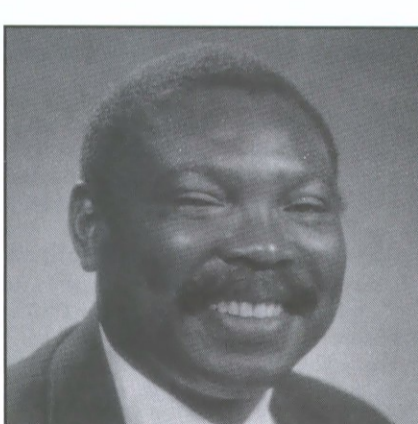
Ernest feels that Colonial Williamsburg was really at its best during the Summit of 1983. It was fun to have so many VIPs here all at once.



PRINCE WALLACE — Like Joe Sciegaj, Prince came to Colonial Williamsburg on the tails of her brother, Horace, a Buffet Runner in the Lodge Dining Room. Prince was working at the laundry that was located where the Boundary Street Office Building is now. She kept her laundry job and started working nights at the Lodge in 1969 as a casual. She became a regular Waitress in 1970. A few months later, she got a job in the pantry and has continued to grow her skills since then. Not only was she a fast learner but she was always on time and precise about filling her orders.

When she came back from maternity leave in 1978, Prince was promoted to Relief Supervisor. In 1989, Prince transferred to Shields Tavern to learn the administrative parts of running the Kitchen. A couple of years later, she was ready to come back to the Lodge Pantry. She missed the hustle and bustle and the variety of functions.

Prince's husband, Curly, is a 31-year employee of the Commissary. They have three children, the oldest of which is in college now and plans to go to law school.



LEE WHITBY — Lee Whitby's 25-year photograph shows him beaming from ear to ear — with a great big smile on his face. Lee has a lot to smile about. Lee has been with Colonial Williamsburg's Bus Operations since 1970. In 1988, he was inducted into the Order of the Pineapple.

He and his wife, Deborah, are the proud parents of five children, four of whom were adopted and Lee is rightly proud of his two-year old granddaughter, who calls him "Poppy." So you can see why Lee is always

smiling. **ESTHER WEBB** — When Esther Webb became a housekeeper at the Motor House in March 1970, she planned to work for two weeks, just enough to get a paycheck to put her children in Easter outfits. Well, 25 Easters have passed and Esther is still here! She decided the paychecks looked pretty good and the work was rewarding. Four years ago, Esther was promoted to supervisor. She now oversees five employees, inspects guests' rooms, and in general, "goes crazy."

In her spare time, Esther cross stitches, bakes and decorates cakes, and is taking the Performance Plus home-study course.

Esther lives in West Point. She and her husband, Thomas, are parents of three grown children. Esther is the proud grandmother of two granddaughters.

GEORGE WILSON — George Wilson, our Master Musical Instrument and Toolmaker, thinks he has the best job in all of Colonial Williamsburg. George was a high school shop and drafting teacher in North Carolina. In the summers, George taught musical instrument-making at the world's largest craft school in Spruce Pine, N.C. A man who ran the tavern at Old Salem in Winston-Salem saw a harpsichord George had made and described it to Earl Soles. Earl extended George an employment offer eight months later. George knew this was an opportunity of a lifetime and he jumped at the chance to come to Colonial Williamsburg.

He first set up shop in the Greenhow Repton House, where he made the large harpsichord in ten months, a rather unbelievable deadline that had been imposed on him.

As the years went by, George designed and made a huge cider press, the 18th-century fire engine and other such projects and in 1986 Earl persuaded George to become the Master Toolmaker.



SHIRLEY WYNNE — Shirley Wynne loves to make people laugh. It's her mission in life. Shirley grew up in the Williamsburg area and came to Colonial Williamsburg right after school at the recommendation of a girlfriend who told her how good the benefits were. Shirley was working at a convalescent home. She applied for a job as a stockroom clerk at the Craft House, got the job, and worked her way through the night shift to the day shift. Shirley's job as a stockroom clerk is to put up the stock, wrap gifts, requisition stock, and handle transfers.

Shirley had no idea she'd be here 25 years later. But there was one good year after another.

She's a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Croaker and spends her spare time visiting residents at the Pines Convalescent Home, reading scriptures to them, saying prayers and singing spirituals with them. She also enjoys playing softball and traveling to Florida and to the Bahamas.

Employees not photographed

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| Alfred Holloway | Donald Darlington |
| Jon Laubach | Catherine Johnson |
| Frank Parrott | Donald Morman |
| Virginia Walker | Stephen Smith |
| | George Wilson |
| | James Hundley |
| | Dolores Moore |
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