



Named in honor of Charles Calvert (1637-1715), 3rd Lord Baltimore, Charles County was created in 1658 by an Order in Council. One of Maryland's oldest counties, Charles County celebrates its 350th anniversary in 2008. The reading suggestions listed below (in alphabetical order by author) provide more information on many aspects of our region's rich history. Many of these works are available through our public library system; others are older and may require a more extensive internet search to obtain.

Regional History Reading Suggestions

Blockson, Charles L: "Escape From Slavery: The Underground Railroad," National Geographic, July 1984, Vol. 166, No. 1.

Bramble, Linda: **Black Fugitive Slaves in Early Canada**, Vanwell History Project Series, Ontario, 1988.

Brown, Jack, et al: **Charles County, Maryland: A History**, 1976.

Carlisle, Rodney P: **Powder and Propellants: Energetic Materials at Indian Head, Maryland, 1890-1990**, Washington, D.C., 1990.

Carr, Lois Green and Lorena Walsh: **Robert Cole's World: Agriculture and Society in Early Maryland**, University of North Carolina Press, 1991.

Davis, William C., and the editors of Time-Life Books, **The Civil War: Brother Against Brother**, Time-Life Books, Alexandria, Virginia, 1946, 1983.

Dodds, Richard J., and Robert J. Hurry: **It Ain't Like It Was Then: The Seafood Packing Industry of Southern Maryland**, Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons, MD, 2006.

Hammer, Andrea: **Praising the Bridge That Brought Me Over: One Hundred Years at Indian Head**, Charles County Community College, La Plata, MD, 1989.

Henson, Josiah (Narrated by Himself): **The Life of Josiah Henson, Formerly a Slave Now An Inhabitant of Canada**, Arthur D. Phelps Publisher, Boston, 1849.

Henson, Josiah: **Father Henson's Story of His Own Life**, published in 1858; reproduced by Corinth Books, Inc., New York, 1962.

Henson, Josiah: **An Autobiography of The Reverend Josiah Henson** (edited by John Lobb, London, 1881), reproduced by Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Reading, Massachusetts, 1969.

Johnson, Paula J. (ed): **Working the Water: The Commercial Fisheries of Maryland's Patuxent River**, Calvert Marine Museum & University Press of Virginia, 1988.

Klaphor, Margaret B., and Paul D. Brown: **The History of Charles County, Maryland**, LaPlata, MD, Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

Lee, Jean B: **The Price of Nationhood: The American Revolution in Charles County**; W. W. Norton & Co., New York, 1994.

Maryland Historical Trust: **Inventory of Historic Sites in Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County**, Annapolis, MD, 1980.

McDaniel, George W: **Hearth & Home: Preserving a People's Culture**, Temple University Press, Philadelphia, 1982.

Mills, Eric: **Chesapeake Bay in the Civil War**; Tidewater Publishers, Centreville, MD, 1996.

Rhodes, Rick: **Discovering the Tidal Potomac: A Cruising Guide & Boating Reference**, 2nd edition, 2003.

Rivoire, J. Richard: **Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, MD**. LaPlata, MD, Southern Maryland Studies Center, Charles County Community College, 1990.

Shaffer, Susan: **Slot Machines in Charles County, Maryland, 1910-1968**, pub. 1983.

Shomette, Donald G: **The Ghost Ships of Malloes Bay and Other Tales of the Lost Chesapeake**; Tidewater Publishing, 1996.

Shomette, Donald G: **Lost Towns of Tidewater Maryland**; Tidewater Publishing, 2000.

Stowe, Harriet Beecher: **A Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin** (Facts and Documents Upon Which the Story is Founded), John P. Jewett & Company, Boston, 1853, and Applewood Books, Bedford, Massachusetts (includes reference to author reading Rev. Josiah Henson's "published memoirs" while reflecting on her fictional character, Uncle Tom).

Summers, Robert K.: **The Fall and Redemption of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd**, published by Robert K. Summers, 2008.

Swanson, James L: **Manhunt: The Twelve Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer**, William Morrow, NY, 2006.

Tilp, Frederick: **This was Potomac River**, Bladensburg, MD, 1978.

Wearmouth, John M. & Roberta J.: **Times of Port Tobacco**; Stones Throw Publishing (www.stonethrowantiques@verizon.net), Port Tobacco, MD, 2008.

Wearmouth, John M. & Roberta J.: **Thomas Stone: Elusive Maryland Signer**, 1984.

Wearmouth, John M. & Roberta J.: **Thomas A. Jones: Chief Agent of the Confederate Secret Service in Maryland**; Stones Throw Publishing, Port Tobacco, MD, 2000.

Wearmouth, John: **La Plata, Maryland 1888-1988, 100 Years, The Heart of Charles County;**
Town of La Plata, 1988, revised 2001.

Walsh, Lorena Seebach: **Charles County, Maryland, 1658-1705: A Study of Chesapeake Social
and Political Structure.** Ann Arbor, Michigan, University Microfilms International, 1978.

Zilliox, Jacqueline: **Charles County, MD** (Images of America); Arcadia Publishing, 2007.