

McCormick House Will

Be Open Haymarket Day

By Tommy S. Burton

The outside appearance of the McCormick House in Haymarket is deceptive. What appears to be a very small, ordinary house is actually spacious inside and surprisingly interesting.

McCormick House is the oldest house in Haymarket and will be featured on the historical tour when Haymarket celebrates the third annual Haymarket Day, Saturday, June 2, beginning at 10 a.m.

Believed to have been built before 1805, making it about 170 years old, the house was one of the three dwellings to escape the flames when Haymarket was burned by Federal troops on the night of November 4, 1862. It is the only one still standing.

The house was restored sometime in the 1940's by Walter M. Macomber, who was at that time the owner of the house and the resident architect of Mount Vernon.

Collapsing and gray, with the porch roof fallen in, the house before the restoration consisted of the living room, an upstairs bedroom, the dining room, and

the cellar. To the original log structure were added a kitchen, a small utility room, a bathroom, and a downstairs bedroom.

It is occupied now by Miss Elizabeth S. Cobb, who bought it about ten years ago. Miss Cobb has adhered to Mr. Macomber's meticulous restoration when making repairs, repainting, and repapering since her purchase of the house.

The house is charmingly and tastefully decorated in the style of its time. The furnishings, though not original to the house, are authentic pieces of the era and interesting items from the owner's family.

A very gracious hostess, Miss Cobb said she looks forward each year to showing the house. She has prepared a short history of the house to pass out to visitors and identifying cards will be placed on furniture and items of interest.

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come to the battlefield and take charge of the wounded. Mrs. Bolton accompanied him with a corps of nurses and cooks and helped him in his work.

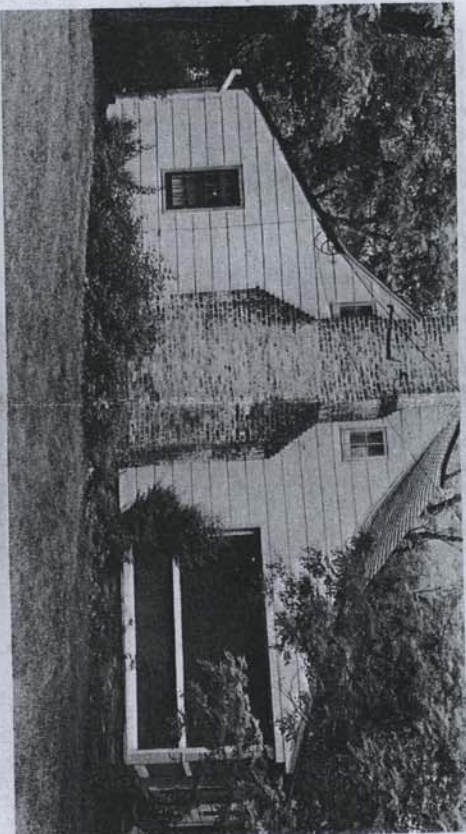
A letter belonging to the Bolton family from General Robert E. Lee will be on exhibit. A small table which serves as a nightstand in the downstairs bedroom, also belonged to Mrs. Bolton. When federal troops look over Richmond, with all the men of the family away with the Confederate Army, and the front door "off its hinges," Mrs. Bolton and her two children ate supper from this table, locked in an upstairs room.

Other Bolton heirlooms are a child's high chair in the dining room and a medicine chest used by Dr. Bolton.

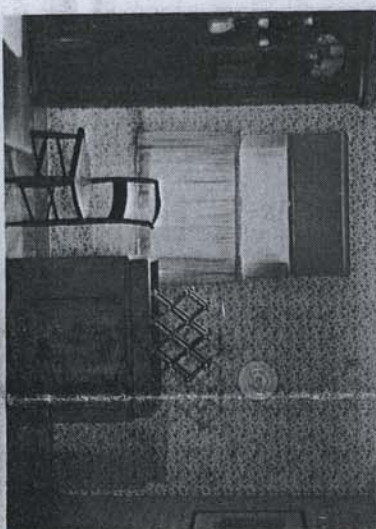
This year Miss Cobb had to finish replacing the shingles on the roof. Mr. Macomber, in his restoration, used authentic shingles he had access to from the coach house at Mount Vernon, when that roof was replaced with fireproof shingles. Miss Cobb has periodically replaced the shingles, as needed.

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MCCORMICK HOUSE, oldest house in Haymarket will be shown on the tour of the town, Haymarket Day, which is Saturday. (Photo by Tommye Burton)



A CHARMING CORNER—Just a corner of the interior of the McCormick House in Haymarket, showing some of the fine old furniture and polished floors. (Photo by Tommye Burton)

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While most people delay



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The house was owned by the Thomas McCormick family for nearly one hundred years, hence it is called the McCormick House.

Miss Cobb said he had loved the old house from the time she lived across the street in the rectory with her family, when her father was Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, but never dreamed she would own it.

She takes obvious pride in the work she is doing to preserve McCormick House and with it a small portion of the history of the country in a house that does not pretend to be a grand mansion. It is an example of the simplicity and beauty of the home of an average family long ago.

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—They wanted to be sure they cleaned us out good!

We took the big robbery in stride after all, there was no place to go but home, and Art took me to a Parisian type show, where we were robbed for the second time. It was the first place that I ever ate that the price of the meal only included meat. Did you ever pay \$1.25 for a baked potato?

I have to admit it, but the best part of the whole trip was the ball game that Art insisted that we attend. I was a little surprised that the rules were so different than those of the little league. Actually, it was great that we were robbed in the beginning—we were able to enjoy some of the simpler things that might never have seemed attractive if we had a little more money. We also learned that it's possible to survive without knowing what time it is; we may never buy new watches. I really hated to come back to the old routine, and I'm already planning our next trip. I thought it might be nice to take a tour of the salt mines in Siberia. I heard that the streets are safe there and there are many simple things to enjoy.



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The Legal Guide is one of a series of booklets published by AIM to help pre-retirees plan for successful living in their mature years. A division of the five million-member American Association of Retired Persons, AIM also provides budget stretching insurance, travel and pharmacy services and publishes the bi-monthly "Dynamic Maturity" magazine.

For a free copy of the "Legal Guide to Independent Living," write: Legal Guide, AIM, 1225 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

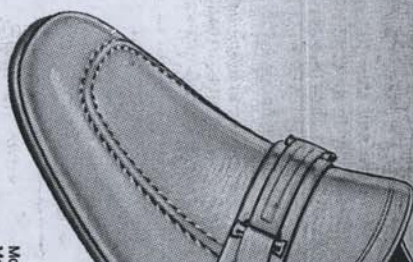
UDC Transfers Deed Of Cemetery

Sunday at 3 p.m. a presentation of the deed of the States Government in Grovelton Cemetery will be made from the Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of

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A black and white photograph of a room. On the left, a wooden chair with a high back is visible. In the center, a wooden cabinet or dresser stands against the wall. To the right of the cabinet, a wooden door is partially open. A small, dark, rectangular object, possibly a box or a bag, lies on the floor near the base of the door. The room has a textured, possibly carpeted floor.

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