

PERRY HALL RESTORED

Famous Old Colonial Mansion Is
Now The Property Of William
H. Corsey.

OVERLOOKS THE GUNPOWDER

Mural Decorations Renewed, Fur-
niture Of The Period Installed,
Features Of House Preserved.

Purchased by William H. Corsey, of Baltimore, and redeemed from the state of dilapidation into which it was falling, Perry Hall, the old Colonial mansion from which the village of Perry Hall, Baltimore county, derives its name, now stands in renewed dignity on the heights overlooking the Gunpowder river.

Perry Hall is one of the oldest structures in the State, and was built with the strength and massiveness that characterized the architecture of Colonial times. The walls, which are three feet in thickness, have withstood the weather so well that they are in as good condition as when first constructed. Each room is as large as an ordinary dwelling. The mural decorations, once sadly faded, have been refrescoed to a freshness that rivals their original beauty. Nowhere is seen any vestige of decay. Everything is as bright and clean as when Perry Hall was in the heyday of its glory.

Mr. Corsey has taken pains to preserve the Colonial atmosphere of the place. The furniture has been selected so as to harmonize with the surroundings of an ante-bellum home. An open fireplace is in every room, which, on chilly days, gives forth a cheerful heat.

All of the old features of the house are preserved. The cellars, gloomy and deep, are especially interesting. Here in one apartment is the old wine cellar, while in another may be observed the large iron rings to which recalcitrant slaves were bound as a punishment.

The grounds, as well as the house, have undergone great improvement. The lawn is now as well kept as it ever was in the old days; the lofty shade trees have been trimmed and the avenue, leading in gradual curves up the hill, has been repaired. The stables have been rebuilt and the farm is in a flourishing condition.

Some distance from the house are the remains of the old slave quarters. Remnants of a jail, in which dangerous slaves were imprisoned, may also be seen.

The former occupants of Perry Hall owned many slaves. These, it is said, were given their freedom after Robert Strawbridge, the pioneer evangelist, had converted the master of the household. Perry Hall is famous as being the centre from which Methodism spread through Maryland. One of the

first Methodist churches in the State was erected there that the people of Perry Hall might have a place of worship.

The old mansion is splendidly located. Standing on the veranda, one overlooks the valley of the Gunpowder, and in the distance one may see the white sails of the boats along the Chesapeake.

New Serve Church Dinner.

More than 350 men, women and children were served last night at a supper given at St. John's-Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church South by 20 leading and very active men of that church. The only thing women had to do with it, according to the chairman, was to sell candy and knick-knacks. The men were the chefs, pantrymen and waiters.

This men's supper has become an annual event, and so great is its popularity that a gateman had to stand on guard from 6 to 7.30 o'clock to keep the crowd from flooding the dining room. The waiting guests had to form in line and take their turn.

B. W. Gore was chairman of the committee, which included J. E. Norwood, Lucy H. Burgess, R. D. Stump and the Rev. W. P. Johnston, the pastor.

Falls To Find Cause Of Death.

A coroner's jury, sitting at the Central Police Station last night in the case of John Hasley, found dead on the car tracks on Park Heights avenue on Tuesday morning, gave a verdict that the man came to his death from a fractured skull from causes unknown. The jury was summoned by Coroner Riley.

George Garish, conductor of an Emory Grove car, said that he took two men from the city on his car Monday night and that they got off at Park Heights and Belvidere avenues shortly after midnight. Garish saw the dead man at the morgue and declared he recognized him as one of the men who had been on his car. He said both men appeared to be very drunk.

Will Try To Catch Wilson Message.

Rudolph Dimling, son of George Dimling, of Bancroft Park, will endeavor to receive President Wilson's wireless message at 10 o'clock tonight from the wireless of Robert S. Hall, Clark's lane, Arlington, owing to a pole of his own wireless breaking. Messrs. Dimling and Hall are members of the Radio Association of Maryland.

The message will be started from Davenport, Iowa, by the President and will be relayed by amateur operators throughout the United States to show the worth of amateur operators for national defense. To the operators who first deliver the message to President Wilson, Vice-President Marshall and Charles E. Hughes prizes will be awarded.

Couple Taken Back To Asylum.

George W. Elsel and Elizabeth D. Ring, who escaped from Spring Grove Asylum for the Insane about a week ago were found Wednesday in a hotel in Alexandria, Va., and were brought by the Western Police Station yesterday by Headquarters Detectives King and Mintens, later being returned to the asylum.