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Carroll's Manor.

October days, "October days,
are we thankful enough for
the delight they afford us?—
especially when we have
kind friends who enjoy the
beauties of nature, as much
as we do, and are wasteful
enough, to be willing to give the
time, to long and beautiful
drives through our Heaven."

Wished "Frederick County.
It was an ideal day, when
part of our Executive Committee,
made a pilgrimage, to what
is known to very Frederickians
as "Carroll's Manor."

The skies were bright, the roads were in good condition, and the forest trees clad in their gorgeous autumn colors, so that every thing promised a pleasant journey.

Few geographical features of the County have been more noted than "The Narrows". The "Narrows Road", the Narrows Church are familiar to all our County people, but it is chiefly associated with Charles Carroll of Carrollton one of the signers of the Declaration who died the last survivor of that band of patriots Nov. 14th 1832 in the 96th year of his age.

The estate was taken up by his grand father, & comprised a magnificent stretch of land of

15,000 acres situated in which
part then, Prince Georges County,
it was the finest land in the
Province of Maryland, beautifully
located, between the Potomacy
river, and the Catoctin Mountains.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton
was a man of wealth, probably
the richest person in the Province;
as only son, he had but one son
who left but one son. This latter
married Mary Digger Lee, of
Middletown Valley & became the
father of Gov. John Lee Carroll.

By the will of Charles Carroll
of Carrollton, his property was
divided among his descendants.
He had three children, his only son
married Miss Harriet Chew of ~~Virginia~~.

The old Chew mansion
still stands in Germantown
and visitors are shown the
bullet holes made during the
battle of 1777 there. The house
is still occupied by descendants
who value it highly.

Two daughters, one married Gen. Robert Goodloe Harper of Virginia, and the other Mr Richard Caton of Baltimore. The last left four daughters, Mary Anne who married Robert Patterson, brother of Mrs Jerome Bonaparte, and who died; she then married the Marquis of Killesley, brother of the Duke of Wellington.

Then came Louisa Catherine, whose first husband, was Sir Harvey Feltow, and second Baron Stafford; & lastly Emily who married a Scotch man John Mac Tavish: her daughter Mary was a school mate, & often on Saturdays here I gone to the old Caton mansion in Water st, and heard

Mrs. Mac Trench took of her
 beautiful sisters, who had
 made such distinguished alliances
 in England. These are the
 persons to whom Carroll's house
 was bequeathed. Strange to say
 the will of Charles Carroll of
 Carrollton, is not recorded in
 the Deeds' Court of Frederick
 County. But - a duplicate of
 the will of his grand-daughter,
 Mary Anne, Marchioness of
 Wellesley is there. Entered in
 Liber A. P. K. folio 9. It has
 often been said "such is fame" -
 We have it here. In the index
 the ^{looks a very common place name} Wellesley, and in copying
 the will, the name is spelled

in three different ways, none of them correct: and yet, she was the widow of a man, who had been Governor General of India, and was Vice roy of Ireland, at the time she married him, a most conspicuous figure in history, and the splendour of whose fame is only dimmed by the still greater lustre of that of his brother, the conqueror of Napoleon.

Well this bill was executed Sept 24th 1852. She says in it, she then resided at "Hampton Court" in the Kingdom of Great Britain. Her numerous and valuable bequests show her wealth, but what most concerns us, is, that she devised her lands, near the Catholic Chapel in

Fredrick County Maryland, (to which she had given some land), to Tractus, to hold the same for the benefit of her sisters, during their lives, and after the death of the last of them, the estate was to go to her ~~last~~ ^{youngest} nephew Charles Carroll Mac Jarvis.

This estate is all that remains to the Carroll heirs. At the death of Charles Carroll Mac Jarvis who married a daughter of Genl. Winfield Scott, it descended to his children, who yet own it. About 1000 acres still remain. 650 acres in the Tuscarora Farm, 500 arable, and 150 in woods; the remaining 350 in another farm.

We approached the domain by what is known as the new design road, skirting the ancestral forest, which though yearly shrinking, still presents specimens of the finest oak & hickory to be found in the county.

Soon we reached the beautiful Stone Church, near the edge of the forest, and on a Knoll. Commanding a magnificent view of the surrounding mountains, and valley. The original church was erected in 1828 on land given by the Carrolls. The present church was built in 1871, mainly with the assistance of Miss Emily Harper, who died in Baltimore a few years since somewhere near 1890.

The Stone Church is a beautiful specimen of architecture, with its lofty spire pointing heavenward, enclosed by a neat iron railing in front, and broad stone walk to the entrance. At the rear of the church some handsome stones and monuments mark the graves of those, who sleep beneath its roof, and at the east side a comfortable brick parsonage for the use of the attending clergyman. The interior was particularly attractive, a large chancel, and choir loft, finished in good taste, a furnace and bell made pieces, were some of the inside appointments.

After standing for many moments
 to enjoy the peaceful and ex-
 tensive view before us, we took
 a farewell look, and passed
 on to Tuscarora farm, not a
 mile away. The house is built
 of stone, with slate roof, and
 of a style of architecture pre-
 sent at that time, as seen in the
 house in Fredericks built by the
 Mr John Nelson, & also the Ce-
 lesville property in the Rutledge
 township. This house was built
 by Robert Patterson about 1820
 he was the first husband of
 Mary Anne Cator, and he intended
 to make this the main house
 and live after the English
 fashion, but he died before it

was completed, and his widow
 went to England, & married
 the Marquis of Walsley. As
 soon as the house was finished
 it was leased by Col. John
 M'Pherson sr, for his son
 Hnatio, who had just married
 the daughter of Judge Buchanan,
 of Washington County, who re-
 mained there a few years, un-
 til he purchased, "Arcadia"
 near Buckeye's town.

At the time of our visit it was
 tenanted by Mr George W. Padgett
 who with his daughter contributed
 very much to the pleasure of
 our visit.

The attractions of the house were
 not as great, as we expected

No, avenues, or trees adorned
 the place, and only a small
 flower garden in front, from
 which the hostess called some
 beautiful Cosmos, which I brought
 home to Mrs. Geo. Wm. S. Phelps
 daughter, of Auburn as coming
 from her birth place.

The approaching shades of eve-
 ning warned us, that we had
 a long drive before us and
 we returned by the Point of
 Rocks road, to reach home by
 night fall, full of pleasant
 memories of the old Canoll's
 Manor.

Ans. Graham Road -

From Shea's "Catholic Church
in Colonial Days," I find that
soon after 1750 Charles Carroll
bought 12,000 acres of land
watered by the Potomac
and the Monocacy. That
many persons came there
from St. Mary's Charles, and
Prince Georges counties, as the
names of Darnall, Boone,
Abell, Payne, Brooks, Jamison
& Jacobson show. These Catho-
lics were at first attended
from St. Thomas' Manor,
near Port Tobacco, but, in
1763 Father John Williams of
Stutshur, Wales, purchased

a lot and in the following
year erected a house, still
standing and forming a
part of the Novitiate.

This was the mission of
St. Stanislaus. "It was a
two story building; it includ-
ed on the first floor three
rooms and a passage,
thus giving a front of 30
feet. The second floor was
used as a Chapel."

This little chapel was for near-
ly forty years the only place
of worship for Catholics
in Frederick County."