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**Biographical History:** Patricia A. Russell, a long-time Whitehaven, Maryland resident has been an integral component in the restoration and revitalization of the historic Whitehaven waterfront. Ms. Russell has also served as Vice President of Wicomico County Historical Properties, Inc. and intensely documented oral histories from the Eastern Shore.

**Scope and Content Note:** The papers of Pat Russell document her community preservation activities from 1972-2004 in Whitehaven, Maryland and surrounding regional areas. These accomplishments include her involvement with the Wicomico County Historical Properties, Inc., which are documented via the restoration efforts of the Whitehaven Hotel and the development of the Whitehaven Historic District. Documenting resources include correspondence, architectural drawings, newspaper clippings, fiduciary responsibilities, and photographs.

Regional oral histories document the shanty boats and hunting lodges which were once prominently featured along the seaside of Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Cassette tape recordings and transcripts of these interviews with local people document their experiences which include Bob-O-Dell, Pope’s Island, the High Winds Club, and waterfowl hunting on Assateague and Chincoteague Islands. The oral histories also document varying storms that reshaped the coastline, as well as the development and expansion of cities and towns on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Also documented through oral history are the personal experiences of Whitehaven residents which include African American segregation and their lives in various Eastern Shore communities including Taylorsville, the Germantown Rosenwald School, Ocean City and Church Creek.

**Arrangement Statement:** The papers of Pat Russell have been arranged into three series, WICOMICO COUNTY HISTORICAL PROPERTIES, INC., EASTERN SHORE AFRICAN AMERICAN ORAL HISTORIES, and EASTERN SHORE SHANTY BOATS AND HUNTING LODGE ORAL HISTORIES. The Wicomico County Historical Properties Inc., series has been further divided into three sub-series, Administrative records, Financial records and Audio-Visual materials. Administrative records include Whitehaven Hotel restoration documentation, the Dolbey Marina dispute, and historic district documentation. Financial records document the monetary requirements as well as the pursuit of financial means for a large-scale restoration project. Audio/Visual materials document the restoration processes of the hotel, as well as the Dolbey marina dispute, and structures adjacent to the hotel, including the Kenny House, Whitehaven School, and church. The Audio-Visual subseries include slides, photographic prints, and oral histories from town of Whitehaven. Materials have been arranged chronologically within each series with the exception of the audio oral histories which are arranged alphabetically by the individual’s last name.

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Subject Terms:

General Terms

Architecture
Assateague Island, Va.
Buildings Maryland
Chincoteague Island, Va.
Church Creek, Md.
Dorchester County
Ferryboat captains
Historic building--Conservation and restoration.
Historic hotels
Historic preservation.
Hunting Lodges
Oral history
Restoration and conservation
Shanty Boats
Taylorville, Md.
Whitehaven, Md.
Worcester County

Corporate Names

Bob-O-Dell Club
Germantown Rosenwald School
High Winds Club
Pope’s Island
Preservation Maryland
Whitehaven Hotel

Personal Names

Bunting, Fred
Burnett, K. King
Cornish, Arthur “Boots”
Cropper, George Burt
Ekstrom, Louise Webster
Hancock, Miles
Hastings, William “Bill”
Jenkins, Buddy
Jester, William “Bill”
Kenney, Palmer
Mandish, Edna
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19. Project Proposal Suggestions, Department of the Interior, 1995 July 21
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22. Correspondence, Realtor Representation, 1995
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31. Correspondence, Ferry Captain’s Quarters, 1996
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14. Correspondence, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2000 August 20
15. Floor Plans, Dated by Expansion, undated
16. Maryland Historical Trust Acquisition Loan Description, undated
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33. Grant Agreement between Wicomico County Historical Properties & Maryland Historical Trust, 1997
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37. Grant Completion Report, 1998 June 22

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4. Black & White Photographic Prints, Hotel Exterior, undated
10. Color Photographic Prints, Hotel Exterior & Interior, During Restoration, undated
11. Color Photographic Prints, Dolbey Marina Dispute, 1999
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5. Correspondence and Film Slides, Shanty Boat Documentation Project, Dan Brown, 6 2001 December
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10. Oral Histories, Photographs and Newspaper Clippings, Miles Hancock, 1971 March
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42. Forms, Maryland Historical Trust, undated
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