



Speakers: Samuel Baldwin and John Houser

# The John Hanson Briscoe Historical Project:

## The Lost Grave of Maryland's 6th Governor

Commissioners Meeting Room in the  
Chesapeake Building  
41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD

Live on Channel 95 and  
streaming on YouTube!

**April 20th  
6 - 7:30 pm**

Baldwin began an oral history project with his late father-in-law, John Hanson Briscoe, with discussions on his life in St. Mary's County before the base, his political and legal career, and Sotterley. While conducting research, he saw a single sentence footnote in an old book that claimed Governor Plater was buried "under a cherry tree" at Sotterley. Baldwin's curiosity was set on finding the truth about the gravesite. Despite facing criticism, a ground penetrating radar confirmed the likely existence of a crypt, as Baldwin predicted! Hear more about the newest findings of ground-proofing digs by archeologist Julie King and her crew!



George Plater

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