Who was John Lyttleton Tazewell Holland? He was the father of Bernard Peabody Holland, the builder of our beloved deWitt Cottage. But he was way more than just his father. He was also a double descendant of Gabriel Holland, who immigrated to the new world on the British Ship “Supply” in 1621. John was the 4th great grandson of Gabriel on his mother’s side and the 5th great grandson on his father’s side of the Family.

Gabriel Holland arrived in the new world on January 29, 1621 as an “Indentured Servant” to the London Company with his older brother Richard. They were assigned to establish the Berkeley 100 Plantation on the North side of the James River about 12 miles Northwest of the Jamestown Colony. On March 22, 1622, Richard Holland was killed by Indians in the “Berkeley Massacre”. Gabriel Holland survived the attack to go on to be a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses. He would have several children with his first wife Rebecca George and then with his second wife Mary Pink leaving many descendants in Virginia.

John was a circuit riding preacher and married Emma Walton. They lived on the Walton Family Plantation, “Osceola”, located in Fluvanna County outside of Richmond, with Emma’s Parents. Bernard was born March 13, 1867. Shortly after Bernard’s birth the Walton’s lost the family plantation to “Carpetbaggers” for unpaid taxes on the plantation property. This forced the Hollands to move into much more humbling accommodations in Amelia County, Virginia. Bernard was the first of seven children to be born to John and Emma Holland. The children were all home schooled by their parents. In 1885, Bernard and his brother Walton moved to Princess Anne County in search of their fortune.

John became the permanent pastor at Jetersville Christian Church located in Amelia County in 1874. He remained the pastor there until his death. Near the end of 1895 while he was shoeing a mule; the mule kicked John in the head. John fell into a comma that lasted for five months until his death. He was buried in the Jetersville Christian Church Cemetery.
Upcoming Guild Events:
01/07, 14, 21, 28, 2019: de Witt Garden Club
10:00 am, at the museum
Meets every Monday
Bring your work gloves and tools

01/15/2019: Board Meeting
6:00 pm

01/26/2019 Winter Wildlife Festival
10:00am – 5:00pm Princess Anne Recreation Center
1400 Nimmo Parkway
Volunteers Needed.

01/28/2019 Dine Out for The de Witt
5:30pm – 8:30pm Il’Giardino’s Restorante
910 Atlantic Ave.

02/05/2019 Back Bay Wildfowl Guild
Membership Meeting 7:00pm, Social 6:00pm
Program: Show & Tell

02/19/2019: Board Meeting
6:00 pm

03/19/2019: Board Meeting
6:00 pm

04/16/2019: Board Meeting
6:00 pm

05/07/2019 Back Bay Wildfowl Guild
Membership Meeting 7:00pm, Social 6:00pm
Lucky Oyster Celebration

05/14/2019: Board Meeting
6:00 pm

Save these Dates
Dine Out for The de Witt

Monday 01/28/2019 IL’giardino 910 Atlantic Avenue 5:30pm-8:00pm
Tuesday 02/12/2019 The Pub 1001 Laskin Road 5:30pm-8:00pm
Tuesday 03/26/2019 Surf Rider 1375 Oceana Blvd 5:30pm-8:00pm
Monday 04/24/2019 The Raven 1200 Atlantic Avenue 5:30pm-8:00pm
Tuesday May 7, 2019 Lucky Oyster 5:30pm-8:00pm
Collector’s Shelf

By Mark Cromwell

Edward “Ned” Burgess (10/16/1868 - 10/13/1958) was born in Duck, NC and raised in Currituck County NC. Ned was a prolific decoy carver and carved more decoys in his lifetime than anyone in North Carolina. Ned was orphaned at a young age and became a sailor at the young age of nine years old. He began carving decoys on the long voyages to pass the time. He later became a hunter trapper and fisherman.

Ned was a man of modest means who used simple tools to carve his decoys including a hatchet and a rasp. His style remained constant throughout his years of carving into his 80s. My Ned burgess ruddy duck pictured is approximately 8 inches long with a squared off tail and dark brown paint with white cheek patches and a gray bill.

Dine Out for the deWitt

Dine out for the deWitt starts on January 28, 2019 at IL’Giardino’s Restorante 910 Atlantic Avenue (one block south of the deWitt Cottage). This is the program where you take your spouse out to dinner and the restaurant donates a percentage of what your meal cost to the museum. Easy peasy; you go out to dinner with your friends, family, or potential new museum member and the museum receives a nice donation. There is no scheduled membership meeting in January 2018 so it only makes sense that we all get together on Monday, January 28, 2019 to kick off our New Year. What a great opportunity to introduce potential new members to our organization. Please invite your friends and family to join you! So let’s see how many people we can pack into IL’Giardino’s Restorante. Please help us make this a very successful event!
Dine Out for The deWitt

Dine out with us at

IL Giardino Restorante

910 Atlantic Avenue

Monday, January 28, 2019

Help us in our continuing efforts to preserve a piece of Virginia Beach History!

Seafood Medley

&

Clams in White Wine Sauce

10% of your check will be donated back to the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum!

Veal Parmesan

&

Chocolate Cake

Please bring your family, your friends and any potential new members out to dinner.

We thank you for your support in advance!

You should be real tired of Ham & Turkey Sandwiches anyway!
Happy 2019 friends of Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum! I want to share my most heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your continued support of the museum and all that we accomplished in 2018. This coming year is shaping up to be an exciting one! As we move forward into the new year, I wanted to share our new mission, vision, and core values that will serve as our guide:

Vision: To be a passionate advocate for Coastal Virginia’s environmental and conservation needs through the use of our core values. We aim to keep the past alive in order to shape a bright, educated future for our area.

Mission: Protect, Preserve, Promote and Provide

Core Values:

Protect the natural resources of Coastal Virginia; home to a variety of waterfowl

Preserve the oral, written, artistic history and legacy of waterfowl hunting and decoys throughout Coastal Virginia.

Promote the education of conservation, history, and the arts through a variety of events and community partnerships.

Provide a connection to the past and venue for collaboration and celebration

In the coming months your Board of Directors along with Mr. Hightower, will develop goals and objectives that will support this vision as well as create a sustainable foundation for the museum. Special events and other programming will be a focus in 2019 as we continue to fundraise, as well as friend-raise. These events will allow members, guests, and visitors to experience the full breadth of the AWHM. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, May 19th as we prepare to host the annual B3: Beer AND Bourbon at the “Brickhouse” Festival.

It is not too late to make a tax-deductible gift to the museum. Please contact Mr. Hightower at 757-437-8432 to make your pledge. Brass plaques and brick pavers are also an option should you wish to honor someone in a more permanent manner.

I again thank each of you and look forward to seeing you at our first “Dine Out for the de Witt” event on January 28th at IL ‘Giardino’s and at the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild membership meeting on February 5th.

We have much to be thankful for as we begin 2019!

Cheers!

Jason Seward
President
NEW COASTAL ITEMS ADDED TO OUR GIFT SHOP

Our new partnership with Shore Gallery and Design has allowed us to bring in a whole new line of dynamic coastal themed products. Come by and shop or call to take advantage of their design services!
FROM THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Happy New Year! Another year of success and happiness has passed. With every New Year comes greater challenges and obstacles in life. I wish you courage, hope and faith to overcome all of the hurdles you may face. May you have a great year and a wonderful time ahead! I am eager to spend time in the New Year with you. Last year we got older and slower but we had a good time. Let’s make sure we do the same in this New Year!

I want to thank everyone who answered my request for assistance by providing many wonderful items for our Fall Barbeque and Christmas silent auctions. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for the delicious potluck dishes we all shared at the Christmas Party. I believe everyone had a joyous and enjoyable time.

I hope to see every one of you at the Dine out for the deWitt on January 28, 2019 at IL’Giardino’s Restorante 910 Atlantic Avenue (one block south of the deWitt Cottage). 5:30 – 8:00pm. Please make you plans now to attend and Please bring some guests with you! I will see you there!

A Very Special Bank Account.

Imagine you had a bank account that deposited $86,400 each morning. The account carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every dollar each day!

We all have such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever time you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft so you can’t borrow against yourself or use more time than you have. Each day, the account starts fresh. Each night, it destroys an unused time. If you fail to use the day’s deposits, it’s your loss and you can’t appeal to get it back.

There is never any borrowing time. You can’t take a loan out on your time or against someone else’s. The time you have is the time you have and that is that. Time management is yours to decide how you spend the time, just as with money you decide how you spend the money. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do them and where they fall in our priorities.
You can now pay your dues online at awhm.org!

January 1, 2019 will kick off our Annual Membership Campaign. A lot of changes in the dues structure have been approved by the Board of Directors for the coming new year. Each of you were mailed a brochure outlining the changes for the coming year. If you have any questions about the changes please call the Director at (757) 437-8432 or email him at director@atwildfowl.org.

2018 DUES

$35/YR INDIVIDUAL
$100/YR BRONZE
$500/YR GOLD

$50/FAMILY
$200/YR SILVER
$1,000/YR PRESIDENTS CIRCLE

BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD
2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: ________________ [CELL] ________________________

January 1, 2018 will kick off our Annual Membership Campaign. Each member is encouraged to find one new member to join the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild. Our very existence depends on growing the membership of the Guild. Please encourage everyone you know to become a member!

Please pass this newsletter on to any potential new member!