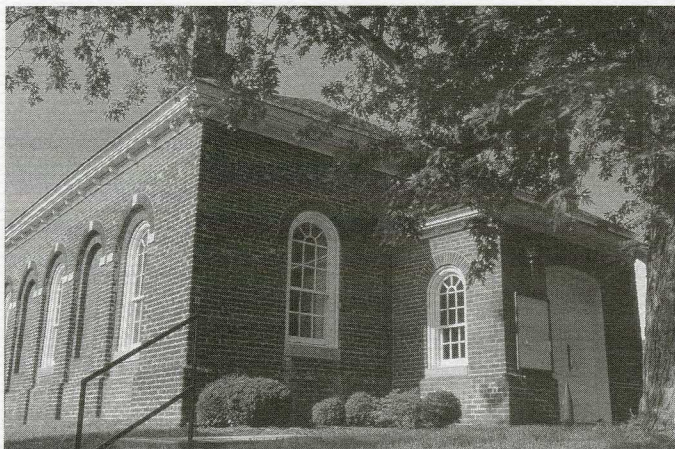


Richmond County Museum



WALKING THROUGH WARSAW

Warsaw, Richmond County Seat, in Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Country's Historic Northern Neck. Established as Richmond County Courthouse, the name was changed in 1831 to Warsaw, in sympathy with the Polish struggle for Independence

A walk through Warsaw's Historic District begins at the Richmond County Museum and Visitor Center..

The Richmond County Courthouse (1748), built in the unique Palladian Style, is a classic example of Colonial Courthouse Architecture. The third oldest in Virginia, it continues in regular use as a Courthouse. Adjacent to the Courthouse sits the white stucco Clerk's Office (1816). This one-room structure with its native brownstone watertable is a popular landmark on the Courthouse lawn.

A small Courtyard below the Courthouse includes a Memorial to Richmond County Veterans. Further downhill is the 1872 jail, built to replace an older jail, and in pre-Civil War Style with slate hip-roof and interior chimneys. It now houses the Richmond County Museum.

Downhill from the Museum and across the street, St. John's Episcopal Church was built in 1835, replacing an older Lunenburg Parish Church. Its Churchyard is the site of the grave and memorial erected by the Philippine People to honour Congressman William Atkinson Jones, author of the Philippine Independence Bill of 1916. Congressman Jones is honoured in the Philippine Republic and by Philippine Americans for his dedication to the cause of Philippine Independence.

Also buried in St. John's Churchyard are Virginia Supreme Court Justice Joseph William Chinn and Congressional Medal of Honor Winner William Atkinson Jones III.

Just West of the main intersection in Warsaw, a small ante-bellum style two-story white brick building with English Basement was built as a saddlery about 1877.

Continuing West, pass the Victorian home of Congressman Jones, with its iron fence and gazebo. See the Chinn House, featuring Exhibit galleries and Herb garden, at Rappahannock Community College. Enjoy the Nature Trails in the College forest.

MORE POINTS OF INTEREST

Farnham Episcopal Church - 1737. Colonial Cruciform Church. Parish founded 1683. Bombarded in War of 1812, damaged in Civil War, burned in 1887, restored in 1921. Active Parish. Historyland Highway to Farnham Church Road.

Menokin - 1769. Home of Francis Lightfoot Lee, Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Ruins being restored. Menokin Road. Tour by appointment 804-333-1776.

Sharps - Charming Victorian Village with period houses along the Rappahannock River, and suggesting yesterday's life style. Former steamboat and fishing port. Historyland Highway East to Sharps Road.

Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge - Tayloe and Wilna units. via Newland Road.

Public Boat Ramps and Fishing Spots

Carter's Wharf Boat Ramp - Newland Road to Carter's Wharf Road, Fones Cliffs.

Jones Creek Pier - Newland Road to Jones Creek Road.

Totuskey Creek Boat Ramp - Picnic Grounds, Wetland Overlook. Historyland Highway to Totuskey Creek Bridge.

Farnham Creek Canoe Landing - Historyland Highway to Farnham Creek Road.

Simonson Boat Ramp - Farnham Creek Road to Simonson Road

Richmond County Museum, P.O. Box 884, 5874 Richmond Road, Warsaw, Virginia 22572. Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gift Shop. 804-333-3607. Closed mid-December - February 1.