

Prominent West Point Citizens of the Past

Allen, Sr. Beverly

1865- 1918

The first black property owner in West Point

Allen, Jr. Beverly

Created a progressive school for black children in West Point

Anderson, Hansford

1891 - 1921

Mayor, 1913 -1916

Ashley, George

1903 - 1986

Owner of a general store at which he sold groceries, gas, firewood, cut hair and was a fur dealer.

Ateyh, A. M.

1875 - unknown

Owned confectionery store next to York Theater (Soda fountain, ice cream and penny candy)

Bell, William H.

1869 - 1928

Merchant /Mayor, Sept. 1922 - Dec. 1927

Bland, J. L.

1865 - 1966

Insurance Agent/ Mayor, Sept. 1928-Aug. 1940, Sept.1942-Aug. 1946

Bland, Robert Tyler

1898 - 1992

Postmaster/Owner Tidewater Insurers

Mayor, July 1953-Aug. 1955

Bland, Robert Tyler, Jr.

1920 - 1997

Owner Tidewater Insurers, Army Major World War II, recipient of a Silver Star and a Purple Heart.

Bland, Samuel T.
1873 - 1955
Owner of a grocery store

Borum, George Fosque
1902 - 1977
Owner/ Editor The Tidewater Review

Bowden, Richard T.
1869 - 1963
Manufacturer of building supplies (Railroad Street)

Branch, Mary Mowbray
1903 - 1996
High School teacher for 45 years
Author/Narrator of the film "Historic Homes in James City County"

Braxton, Carter
1736 - 1797
Signer of the Declaration of Independence

Bray, Charles Y.
1894 - 1952
Pharmacist & Owner of Bray's Drug Store

Briant, James S.
Acting Mayor, Sept.- Oct. 1882

Bristow, Edward A.
1897-1950
Bristow Bus Lines

Bristow, O. A.
1898 - 1975
Dentist

Bristow, O. A., Jr. "Bootsie"
1930 - 2005
Dentist in West Point for more than 40 years
Retired from the Air Force Reserve as Lt. Colonel

Broadus, Scott

1880 - 1937

Merchant/Acting Mayor, Dec. 1927 - Aug. 1928

Browning, Lester M.

Owner Browning Chevrolet (1940s/1950s (Original location was the building now known as "The Old Leggett's Store")

Mayor, Sept. 1946 - Aug. 1948

Carlton, Charles E.

1915 - 2003

President - Thrift Insurance

Fire Chief for 48 years

Chandler, Marius Pye

1881- 1957

Co-Owner Grocery Store

Charlkley, Arthur W. "Monk"

1896 - 1954

Owner Charlkley Funeral Home

Clark, Charles W.

1843 - 1945

Owner of "Charlie the Barber" shop. Opened in 1879

Clark, Charles W., Jr.

1881 - unknown

Barber - "Charlie the Barber" shop

Clark, Howard

1890 - 1976

Barber - "Charlie the Barber" shop

Clopton, Edward D.,

1871 - 1953

Wholesale Grocer

Cole, Oswald L.

1888 - 1967

"Major" Retired World War I Army Officer, Attorney.

Visited by the pioneer aviator General Billy Mitchell.

Cook, H. Lane
Mayor, 1918-1922

Courtney, J. W.
1883 - 1958
Mayor, 1916-1918

Cox, William
1886 - unknown
Medical Doctor

Croxton, William E.
1882 - 1936
Medical Doctor

Defarges, John S.
1850 - 1918
Mayor, Oct. 1876 - Sept. 1878

Denmead, Charles Harvey, Jr.
1891 - 1956
Boat Builder, Owned a shipyard on Glass Island

Denmead, Charles Willis "Corky"
1915 - 1950
Owner York Theater

Movie goers who attended the Saturday double feature matinee were given scrip worth several pieces of penny candy next door at Ayeth's confectionery store.

De Shazo, Walter P.
1890-1974
Automobile Dealer (Ford)

Donnell, Allen T.
1888-1966
Retired Railroad Agent, President Thrift Insurance Co.

Dunn, Mary S.
1920 - 2008
Clerk and Treasurer for the town of West Point for 31 years.

Eastwood, A. W.

1839 - 1913

Mayor, 1912 -1913

Franklin, William A.

1911- 1978

Medical Doctor- Practiced in West Point from 1939 to 1957

Gouldman, Clyde Clemons

1888 - 1953

Vice-President-Secretary, Chesapeake Corp.

Gray, Elizabeth S.

1912- 2001 Executive Corp. Secretary, Chesapeake Corp.

Guthrie, John W.

1905 - 1986

Owner of grocery and hardware stores.

Harris, J. Malcolm Hart

1897 - 1984

Medical Doctor, Historian

Author of several books including "Old New Kent County"

Mayor-1940-1942

Heath, Harvey B.

1927-d. 1998 Merchant - Jeweler

Hodges, W. S.

1901- 1994

Owner, Hodges Grocery-optional home delivery, W.S. and his wife

Daisy ran the business for over thirty years.

Hogge, Raymond L. Sr.

1903-1967

Owner, Hogge Trucking

Hosfield, William H.

1910 - 1995

Medical Doctor

Howerton, Katherine P.

1875 - 1960

Principal for 21 years

Humphreys, Homer Alexander

1902 - 2000

High School principal

Jakubowski, Rev. Ceslaus J.

1890 - 1960 "Father Jack" served the West Point Catholic parish for 45 years.

Johnson, Richard B.

1903-1986

Owner York Supply Co. (building materials) and the Ice Plant

Before electric refrigerators – ice boxes were used. The Ice Plant supplied a diamond shaped sign with a different weight number in each corner. Customers would hang the sign in a window with the desired ice weight at the top corner.

Mayor, 1955-1965

Johnson, Ruby

Owner Johnson's Restaurant - deviled crabs a specialty

The spicy aroma of dozens of crabs cooking in a 55 gallon barrel could wet an appetite a block away.

Kirby, Forrest H.

1910 - 1944

Professional Baseball Player

Killed in World War II

West Point American Legion Post named in his honor

Kirby, James L.

1905 - 1953

In Ripley's Believe It Or Not for most prolific writer of letters to servicemen during World War II.

Knapp, H. H.

1896 - 1985

Owner of Grocery and Automotive Stores

Marshall, John William
1868 - 1948
Oyster Planter & Packer

Martin, I. L.
1898 - 1984
Town Sergeant

Miller, Edward
1898-1969
Owner, Miller's Grocery – optional home delivery

Nance, Benjamin Major
1880 - 1973
Co-Owner, grocery store

Neale, Mark Milton
1914 - 1994
Dentist

Neale, Page S.
1914 - 1958
Jeweler

Newton, Thomas Lee
1898 - 1963
Automobile Dealer (Ford)

Nunn, William C.
1836 - unknown
Medical Doctor
Mayor, 1890-1893

O'Connell, John Donald
1910 - 1994
Owner, O'Connell Electric Co.

O'Connor, James
1839 - 1917
Owner, O'Connor Hotel
Town Councilman

O'Connor, James E.

1912 - 2003

Owner, O'Connor Furniture

O'Connor, Ximena W.

1889 - 1982

Owner, The Nook Restaurant

Ogg, Wiley P.

1920 - 2004

Owner, Wyatt-Ogg Furniture Store

Olsson, Carl A.

1916 - 1961

Vice-President, Chesapeake Corp.

Olsson, Elis

1880 - 1959

Chairman of the Board Chesapeake Corp.

A pioneer in the process of sulfate pulp manufacturing.

Olsson, Sture Gordon

1920 - 2007

President/Chairman of the Board, Chesapeake Corp.

Underwrote numerous academic pursuits.

Perry, Frank Adams

1888 - 1967

Texaco Oil Distributor

Pollard, W. D.

Mayor, 1880-1882

Poole, Leslie L.

1920-1949

Owner Poole Appliances

One of the first stores in town to sell television sets. A small crowd would often gather in the evenings in front of the store to view the black and white television picture on a tiny screen.

Puller, Lewis Burwell "Chesty"
1898 - 1971
Lt. General, US Marines
The most decorated U.S. Marine in history
Book: *Marine! The Life of Chesty Puller* by Burke Davis

Pumphrey, Joseph John
1902 - 1976
Owner, Pumphrey Cleaners

Reynolds, Glenn L.
1899 - 1974
Agent, Cities Service Oil

Riddle, Leroy Bryan
1896 - 1974
Pharmacist & Owner, Riddle's Drug Store

Robinson, Albert
1838 - 1919
Mayor, Apr. 1872 - Sept. 1876 / 1910-1912 (two terms)

Robinson, William T.
1912 - 2002
President, Citizens & Farmers Bank
Mayor, 1965 - 1990

Sneigon, John
1884 - 1947
Owner, Glass Island Dairy

Sturtz, Stanley
1895 - 1965
Owner, Sturtz Cleaners

Sutton, David Nelson
1895 - 1974
Attorney

Talley, Harry J.
1900 - 1974
Owner, Talley Furniture Co.

Thompson, Crosby

1868 - 1932

President, Old Dominion Industrial Corp

The location of the industry in King William County was due largely to his efforts. (Per W. C. Gouldman's article in the booklet commemorating the 250th anniversary of King William County.)

Tokarz, Joseph

1887 - 1978

Postmaster

Leader in Polish community

Treat, Leland Roane

1887 - 1950

Owner, Treat Hardware Store

Trible, George Meredith, Jr.

1902 - 1962

Gulf Oil Distributor

Trible, George Meredith, III

1936 - 1988

Attorney

Tupponce, Thomas H.

1900 - 1990

Plaster Contractor

Veazey, Edgar C.

1878 - 1944

Owner, Veazey Hardware Store

Vincent, Benjamin P.

1922 - 1995

Owner, Vincent Funeral Home

Walsh, Frank J.

1893 - 1978

Postmaster

Whaley, J.C.
1889 - 1979
Jeweler

Whitbeck, John
Mayor, 1870-1872

Whiting, Dr. C. T.
Mayor, Sept. 1880 – Dec. 1880

Wyatt, W. Robert
1916-1971
Owner of furniture and Service Station

Wilkinson, Edwin
Mayor, 1882 – 1890

Yow, Vernon
1897 - 1984
Owner of the Value Shop (clothes)

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