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
Broaddus, 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-optimal 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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