

Join us

- Spring and Fall Exhibits
- Historical Lectures of local interest
- St Michaels on the 4th of July

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Membership Application

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Types of Membership

- ___ Individual \$ 20
- ___ Family \$ 30
- ___ Sponsor \$ 50
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I would like to help by:

- Being a docent _____
- Helping with exhibits _____
- Helping with Buildings and Grounds _____

OUR PURPOSE

To celebrate and promote the unique history of St Michaels and the surrounding area through preservation and education



Membership

The museum is a not-for-profit organization supported entirely through volunteer efforts of our community, memberships and donations.

Directions

From Talbot St. follow East Chestnut to 201 E. Chestnut St.

Open May to October

Fri 1-4 Sat 10-4 Sun 1-4

Adults \$3

Youth (6-17) \$1

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Preserving the unique Culture and History of St Michaels and the Bay Hundred Region



Drawing of the Museum ca 1970



St Michaels Museum, located in the heart of this historic town on what locals called "The Green", provides a fascinating look at life on the Eastern Shore in the 1800s

A Look at Life In Old St Michaels



**Sewell House (right)
Chaney House (left)**

About 1778, as one of the earliest attempts at planned development, James Braddock laid out St. Mary's Square to serve as the Town Center, enclosed by gated entrances. In addition to residences, various enterprises included a church, schools and a Market House for farmers to sell their goods.

The museum consists of three 19th Century buildings moved to St Mary's Square from their original locations. The complex occupies the former site of St. Michaels High School ca. 1880.

The **Sewell House**, ca. 1865, was the home of a local waterman Jeremiah Sewell and his family. It was moved to the site in 1964 when the museum was established. The house is furnished in period pieces

reflecting life of a typical working family at that time.

Built in 1860 as a commercial structure, the **Teetotem Building** got its name because of its roof's resemblance to a toy top of the period. Originally located on Willow St, the building served variously as a magistrate's office, a town jail, a saddle shop, a mortuary, a bank and a barber shop. Today the building displays highlights of various aspects of St Michaels' commercial life in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The **Chaney House** was moved to the site in 2004. It was built by three free African American brothers about 1850. The two room house is typical of its genre and one of few remaining today. After the brothers were able to buy his freedom from slavery their father came to live with them.



Museum entrance at the Teetotem Building with brick walk, porch and handicap ramp.

Experience the Real St Michaels with a docent led Walking Tour

Every Saturday Morning at 10 am a docent led walking tour is available at a cost of \$10 Adults and \$5 Youth. These tours are also available at other times to groups of 5 or more. For more information contact via email – srmichaelsmuseum@atlanticbb.net or phone 410 745 0530

Four different walking tours are currently presented on a rotating basis. Details and schedules can be found at stmichaelsmuseum.org.

“Historic St. Michaels: Its People, Places and Happenings” is a 90 minute walk from St. Mary's Square along the waterfront to Navy Point.

“Frederick Douglass: A Slave in St. Michaels, 1833-6” a 90 minute walk tells about the formative teen years of this famous American abolitionist.

The “St. Michaels Museum and St. Mary's Square” 60 minute tours involve minimal walking. They explore the Museum' exhibits and the “Town Green”. There are two versions that focus on (1) The founding and core of St. Michaels History or (2) Frederick Douglass' life in St. Michaels as a slave.