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Makemie Monument Park



Visit the Park

In Temperanceville, VA turn West from U.S. 13 onto Route 695, Saxis Road, and proceed for about 4-miles to the Park.

Open dawn to dusk

FRANCIS MAKEMIE (1658-1708)

Born of Scottish parents who fled religious persecution in Scotland, he was an Irishman, having been born in Ramelton, County Donegal, Ireland in 1658. He experienced religious persecution in Ireland and returned to Scotland to enter the University of Glasgow. In 1680, the Presbytery of Laggan, Ireland, licensed and ordained him a missionary to Maryland in response to a letter from Colonel William Stephens of Rehoboth, Maryland.

He preached in Maryland, the Barbados and Virginia, establishing churches. He married Naomi Anderson, daughter of William Anderson, a prominent citizen of Accomack County, Virginia. Francis Makemie authored six significant publications.

As a dissenting Presbyterian minister, he petitioned Francis Nicholson, the Governor of Colonial Virginia, for a proclamation allowing the free and open exercise of religion as provided under the British Toleration Act of 1689; and his petition was granted on April 29, 1699, leading to the Virginia Toleration Act of 1699. He initiated seven Presbyterian ministers to meet in Philadelphia in 1706 and served as Moderator earning him the title "Founder of Organized American Presbyterianism."

Arrested in New York in 1707 for preaching, he argued his own case and his acquittal led to the recall of the corrupt New York Governor, Lord Cornbury; and his opposition to authority inspired a later generation in fighting England for Independence. He died in Accomack County, Virginia in 1708.

Your tax deductible donation can continue to grow the legacy of Francis Makemie

THE FRANCIS MAKEMIE SOCIETY

The Makemie Monument Park, having fallen into neglect in the past few years, became an object of concern by a number of interested citizens.

A community-wide meeting was held on August 5, 1995, at the park, which was attended by approximately 20 people. This meeting resulted in the birth of the Francis Makemie Society for the purpose of restoring the Makemie Monument Park to its former dignity.

The Society is a broad-based multi-state, community wide non-profit organization. This non-sectarian group has a nineteen member board of directors who are members of several different faiths and are residents of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia.

The Francis Makemie Society continues the process of restoring Makemie's burial place on Holden's Creek. The park has been added to the number of attractive historic places on the Eastern Shore as well as continues to give recognition to the life and work of the Rev. Francis Makemie.

The completed restoration will enable the Park again to be used by families, churches, and other local groups for appropriate recreational activities, as was done in former years.

The Francis Makemie Society
7492 Monument Road
Post Office Box 361
Sanford, VA 23426

Legacy of Society Accomplishments

- Clean the grounds of accumulated overgrowth and trash and debris from the shoreline of Holden's Creek (completed)
- Re-installation of historical marker located on Route 13 in Temperanceville, Va. (completed)
- Placement of sign on Route 695 (Saxis Road) at the Park Entrance (completed)
- Restoration of Memorial Pyramid (completed)
- Secure additional real estate for picnic tables, turn-around and parking area (completed)
- Gate waterfront entrance to admit foot traffic only (completed)
- Clean monument pedestal (completed)
- Sculpt, cast, and install replacement statue (completed)
- Repair of fence around monument pedestal (completed)
- Construct fence separating park from recreational area (completed)
- Installation of picnic tables, park benches, and trash containers (completed)
- Obtain recognition of the Park as a Virginia Historic Landmark (2006) and listed on the National Register of Historic Places (2007) (completed)



Plans for Proposed Projects

- Larger, more informative sign on U.S. 13 in Temperanceville
- Planned expanded use of Park: toilet facilities, pavilion and walkway around Park
- Landscaping, bulk-heading of the creek shoreline and paving of turn-around and parking lot
- Provide fund for perpetual care
- Build brick floor on top of excavated foundation of Makemie's house for concerts, meetings, weddings and social functions

Your tax deductible donation can achieve the above projects and continue to grow the legacy of Francis Makemie. You can earmark your gift for a specific project and mail with this card.



We would like to extend an invitation to join us. Clubs, churches and other organizations can become sponsoring members. Individuals can have personal memberships. The funds go completely to restoration and the work of the society so that all future generations will have the opportunity to enjoy this historic site.

The Francis Makemie Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible.



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FRANCIS MAKEMIE SOCIETY

Membership Fee:

- Individual \$15./ Annually
 Lifetime \$150
- Spouse \$15./ Annually
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