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## **Fact Sheet/The Johns Hopkins House, Inc. (February 2019)**

**Mission:** To save and restore Whites Hall, Johns Hopkins' circa 1780 birthplace and boyhood home. A museum, exploring the life and legacy of Johns Hopkins and of the rich history of the Whites Hall Plantation and Farm, will be developed on the property. The museum will include a replica Slave Quarters and a reconstructed 18<sup>th</sup> Century Tobacco Barn (to operate as an adjunct to the museum but also as a café, bakery, wine-tasting, and event-reception area). All restoration and reconstructions will be overseen by Dennis Pogue, former VP of Preservation at Mount Vernon. To support the museum's robust programming, Whites Hall itself will operate as a country inn, restaurant, and tavern - the **Johns Hopkins Inn**. ("accessory to the museum", per Anne Arundel County Office of Planning & Zoning). Finally, a series of small colonial cottages will be developed (also adjunct to the museum) and available for short-term rental stays, further contributing revenue to support museum programming. In addition, monies generated by each cottage will fund minority scholarships in the names of former Whites Hall slaves.

**History:** Whites Hall was built in circa 1780 and was the plantation home, on 500 acres, of Johns Hopkins' parents. Johns Hopkins was born at Whites Hall in 1795. Abiding by a directive from the local Society of Friends, the Hopkins family freed their slaves in 1808, at which time 13-year-old Johns interrupted his studies to work the plantation's fields. Whites Hall remained in the Hopkins family until 1910 when M.M. and Pearl Stewart took possession and employed the then 338 acre property to grow fruits and vegetables as part of the Stewart Fruit Company. The Duckett family purchased Whites Hall in 1941 and used it as a private residence until approx. 2003 at which time they sold the property to the Polm Companies, a real estate development firm. All but the remaining 13 acres were developed in a variety of ways.

**Current Situation:** The Johns Hopkins House, Inc., a Maryland nonprofit corporation, was formed in the Fall of 2017, followed in December 2017 by IRS approval of a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt designation. This was followed by receipt in February 2018 of an initial donation of \$100,000 from a member of the Allyn family (of the medical instrumentation company, Welch Allyn).

The Johns Hopkins House, Inc. signed a lease/sale option for the property that commenced 4/1/18.

- Sale price = \$840,000
- \$70,000 paid down on the property as of this date... current amount owed = \$770,000

### **5,000 Lifetime Memberships will Fully Fund Our Mission**

- **1,000 Memberships will Purchase the Property**
- **4,000 Memberships will Restore Whites Hall and Fund Development of Museum & Country Inn**

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