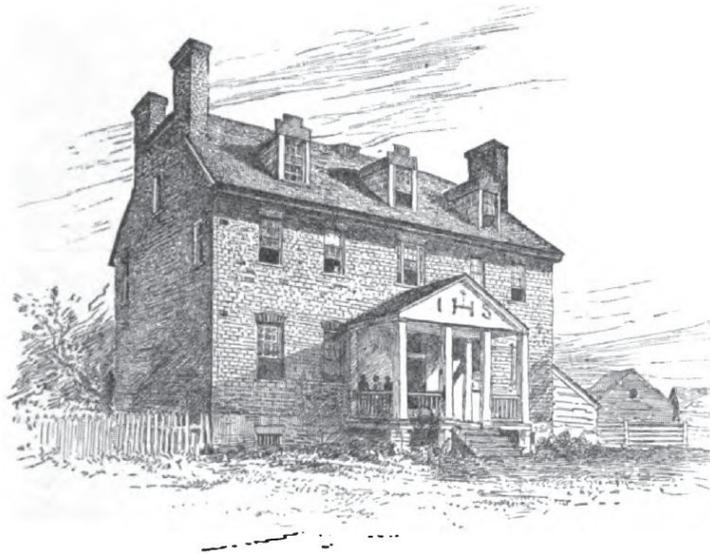


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MANOR HOUSE AT NEWTOWN OR BRETTON'S NECK.

Newtowne Manor House circa 1886

The current Manor House was originally built in 1789, with an additional story and half added on in 1816. The house is typical of 18th century architecture. The structure is 30 feet by 50 feet. The interior is a layout in the Georgian style with four (4) rooms on each floor separated by a wide central hallway. The Manor House has a basement, 3 floors and an attic. Rooms on the 1st and 2nd floors have fireplaces in each room. Jesuit priests conducted missionary activities among the Indians and ministered to the needs of the settlers. St. Francis Xavier Church and Newtowne Manor House is an example of a self-contained Jesuit community made self-supporting by the surrounding 800 acre farm.

Preservation/Restoration Started

A steering committee has been formed to explore preserving and restoring the Manor House. The committee is made up of parishioners, archeologists, archivists, local community members and some original members of the 1984 restoration committee. We have been meeting since July 2014; the committee has organized itself and is working on developing a Mission Statement, Vision and Goals. Committees will be set up in the coming months. In order for this endeavor to move forward we will need everyone's talents and support.

Thanks to Frank and Pat Greenwell who photographed every room in the Manor House. Also this summer a group of students from St. Mary's College and Atlantic Heritage recorded the Manor House via drawings.

Currently a group of us is working on winterizing the Manor House, all are invited to come and join us. Information will be in the Sunday bulletin when we will be working.

An account has been set up to preserve and restore the Manor House. You can currently make donations to St. Francis Xavier Church with a note attached, saying that you wish the donation to go to the Manor House.

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