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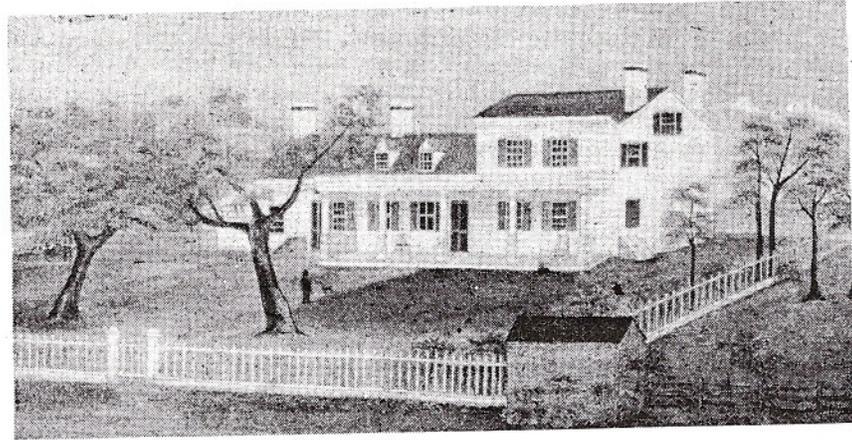
We were heartened for the future of our Country as we sat there and watched those 75 young ladies step up to receive their commissions. They surely will be a credit to the Navy and the Nation as they assume their new duties at far flung Naval Stations. Graduates and instructors alike were

heartened at the interest shown in their endeavors by our Society and others on the outside.

A coffee hour was enjoyed by the graduates, their proud parents and friends at the close of the ceremonies, on October 15, 1971.

Doris B. Chamberlin (Mrs. Parker T.),
Honorary State Regent of Connecticut

✓ **RESTORATION OF THE "SPY HOUSE"**
Port Monmouth, Middletown Township
New Jersey



THE SPY HOUSE

Work is proceeding slowly but surely on the restoration of the three hundred year old house on the Bayshore in the Port Monmouth section of the township. Under the sponsorship of the Middletown Historical Society this old house, part of which was standing during the Revolutionary War, is being restored. It stands in an area acquired by the Township with State Green Acre funds in the hope of eventually creating a Historic District of the house and surrounding area. A grant from the Historic Preservation Program of the Federal Housing and Urban Development has greatly encouraged the fund raising committee in their continuing endeavor to raise funds by Art Shows, Antique sales of books, art, etc.

The original part of the house made of logs had been constructed by Thomas Whitlock who had come over from Long Island with four other families to settle Middletown in 1664 and thus was one of the original Patentees. Its location on Raritan Bay across from New York Harbor proved to be an excellent place for spying on the activities of the British and it was here that captains of the Privateers came to pick up news of the Harbor and Sandy Hook to the east. It has been known by various family names through the years, Whitlock, Seabrook, Wilson, Griggs and White House because it has always been painted white but the restoration will be known as the "Spy House." (Continued on next page)

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The house is headquarters for the Shoal Harbor Marine Museum which has an outstanding exhibit of all kinds of equipment used by fishermen and sailors in bygone and the present day. These exhibits have been prepared with the help of commercial fishermen and watermen families of the port for more than three hundred years. Much interest has been shown in the fine Braille work done for the blind visitors. With the help of guidelines and Braille signs those who can never see or know the life of fishermen can enjoy the feel of lobster pots, fish nets, shark hooks and many other

objects. To the exhibits have been added the scents and smells of the 1700-1800's of spices and flowers such as pot-pouri and pumpkin. These added to the Early American Architectural interior designs of hinges, locks, mantles, paneling and other items make this a beautiful and well worthwhile restoration.

The accompanying picture, "The White House," as it looked about 1875 is a copy of a painting done by a Connecticut painter and hangs in a local bank.

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 Historian, New Jersey.

ORIGIN OF NAME OF GOVERNOR JOHN WEST CHAPTER IN FLORIDA

Governor John West Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists of Miami, Florida, was named for Governor John West — ancestor of the organizing Regent, Mrs. George Castleman Estill. The Chapter was organized November 10, 1954.

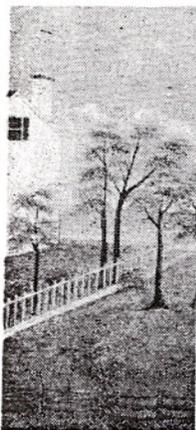
Captain John West, Baronis fils., born 14 December 1590, between five and six o'clock in the afternoon, in Hampshire, England, was the fifth son and twelfth child of Sir Thomas West, second Baron de la Warr, who died in 1601, and married 19 November 1570 Lady Anne Knollys, daughter of Sir Francis Knollys and his wife, Catherine Cary, a first cousin of Queen Elizabeth I of England.

John West matriculated 17 February 1608-9 at Madalen College, Oxford, at the age of eighteen, and received his B.A. degree 1 December 1613. Foster's Alumni Oxiensis, Vol. 11, 1600. He was a brother of Sir Thomas West, third Lord Delaware, and Captain Francis West, both governors of Virginia and their youngest brother, Nathaniel West, all of whom came to Virginia before 1620. It has been said that Captain John West came over in the "Bonny Bess" in 1618. Apparently he, with Francis and Nathaniel, was in Virginia in 1616 as they were incorporators of West and Shirley Hundred at its establishment in that year. (Wm. & M. Quart, Vol. 4, p. 151.) After the great Indian massacre in 1622, when each

had people killed on his plantation by Indians, John West was made a Captain of a military company to protect the colonists from Indians.

In 1630 Captain John West and Captain John Utie each received 600 acres of land to settle on the York River. They were the first two settlers there and were commanders of the settlement. (Wm. & M. Quart, Vol. 26, p. 28.) John West "seated" his plantation "Bellefield" on the east side of Felgates and Captain John Utie on the west side of King's Creek and named his place "Utiemaria."

John West married Anne, whose last name is unknown. Nor has the date of their marriage or where they were married ever been established. Since he was granted 1,550 acres in York County in 1651, and named as headrights himself "4 times" (i.e., 4 times from England), Mrs. Anne West "twice" and John West, Jr., it may be supposed that they were married in England on one of his visits (Va. Mag. Hist., Vol. 1, p. 428.) and since John West, Jr., was named they must have taken him over to England on a visit as a child. John West, Jr., later became the Colonel John West of "West Point." He was born at "Bellefield," York County, Virginia, in 1632, and was the first child of English parents born on the York River. (Wm. & M. Quart, Vol. 26, p. 28; va. Mag. Hist. & Biog., Vol. 1, p. 423.) By order



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