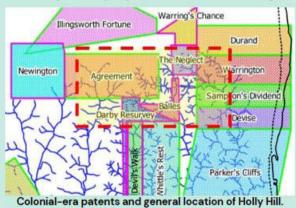
Today: Holly Hill includes 335 acres of woodland punctuated by ravines, 60 acres of cultivated farmland, and 5 acres with a house and barn.

1250 BC-1600 AD: Indigenous artifacts found at Holly Hill date from the Early to the Late Archaic period. The earliest examples represent hunting activities; later examples represent resource procurement for Native settlements on the Patuxent River.

1650–1740: Colonizers arrived from the British Isles; some were granted land patents by Cecil Calvert, the 2d Baron Baltimore.

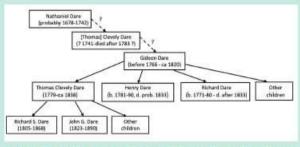
1730-about 1800: Dare family members bought and assembled parts of patents, creating Holly Hill and adjacent properties east to the Bay.



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## Holly Hill History



1730–1890: Five Dare generations owned Holly Hill and adjacent land.

The farm was successively owned and operated by two sets of brothers. In 1820, Henry inherited Holly Hill from his father Gideon but lost it when he could not pay his debts. His brother Thomas bought the place in 1832 and soon willed it to his son Richard. After Richard died in 1868, his brother John took over.

1857: Publication of a map that shows three Dare households. The one in the middle is Holly Hill.





Aerial view of arable fields, 1938.

1890-1900: John Dare died in 1890 and left the farm to his life companion, Jennie Freeland. At her death in 1900, the land passed to her niece, Jennie Turner and her husband George Turner.

1900–1967: George Turner died in 1948 and Holly Hill passed to his daughter Dorothy who, with her husband Abe Bowen, operated the farm until his death in 1967.

1967-2017: Other Turner family members managed the farm until the 2017 sale to ACLT.

Tobacco was Holly Hill's main cash crop for nearly two centuries. In the 1960s, the emphasis began to shift to soybeans, corn, wheat, and grain sorghum. After Abe Bowen's death, these crops have been grown at Holly Hill by a neighboring farmer who rents the land.



Grain sorghum harvest, November 2020.

To learn more about the history of Holly Hill, visit our website: www.acltweb.org