

BUCK BRISCOE COLLECTION

Though born in Baltimore, Mr. Briscoe spent most of his childhood in Saint Mary's County. While working on the Old Bay steamship line, he amassed a small fortune running whiskey to Virginia. He then became an independent businessman and increased his wealth as the owner of the Maritime Welding and Ship Repair Company in New York City during World War II. He lived high, wide, and handsome during that time. After the war, he returned to Saint Mary's County and declared himself the Economic Development Committee for the county. He was never one to shy from the limelight and engaged in all kinds of antics to bring the county to the attention of the outside world. Ultimately, the excesses of his youth caught up with him and he suffered ill health for several years before his death. Our collection has photographs of Mr. Briscoe and many certificates of appreciation for his service to the county. [1988.001+ This collection is completely described.]