

A total of 2,482 acres of land which had been in the same family for probably two centuries, was to be sold at public auction on Aug. 26 to settle the estate of the original owner. The property comprised more than one-fourth of the total land area of Smith Island. In 1799, Solomon Evans, known to residents as "King Solomon," purchased the property. Evans died in 1852, leaving a widow and ten children. All of the children had since died, leaving descendants in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties.