

# — WELCOME TO — Glen Burnie



Wood-Glass Family at Glen Burnie House, 1899. Standing (L-R): Thomas Rutherford, Harriot Wood Glass Davis, Robert McCheyne, MD. Seated (L-R): Susan L. Glass Strider, William Wood Glass, Nan R. Campbell Glass, William Wood Glass Jr., Julian Wood Glass Sr., Katherine R. Glass Greene.



East entrance to Glen Burnie House before renovation, 1935.



South garden patio and terrace under construction during Julian Wood Glass Jr. and R. Lee Taylor's renovation of Glen Burnie House and Gardens, 1959.

Now part of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, the Glen Burnie House and Gardens sit on land where Winchester founder James Wood and his wife, Mary, settled in 1738. Their son Robert built the oldest remaining sections of Glen Burnie in 1793–94, and the property remained in the Wood and Glass families for generations. Aided by a family fortune made in Oklahoma's oil industry, Julian Wood Glass Jr. and his partner R. Lee Taylor transformed the decaying home into a modernized country estate where the couple entertained friends, cultivated magnificent gardens, and escaped from the world around them.

As you explore the house, discover the remarkable people whose vision and commitment saved Glen Burnie for future generations.



Museum benefactor Julian Wood Glass Jr. on the front steps at Glen Burnie House with dog Punky, June 1960. Five years earlier, Julian had become the sole owner of the site.



R. Lee Taylor (1924–2000) and Julian Wood Glass Jr. (1910–1992) around 1960.



R. Lee Taylor (in red) and guests at a Fourth of July celebration at Glen Burnie House and Gardens, Pink Palladian Pavilion fountain courtyard, 1967.