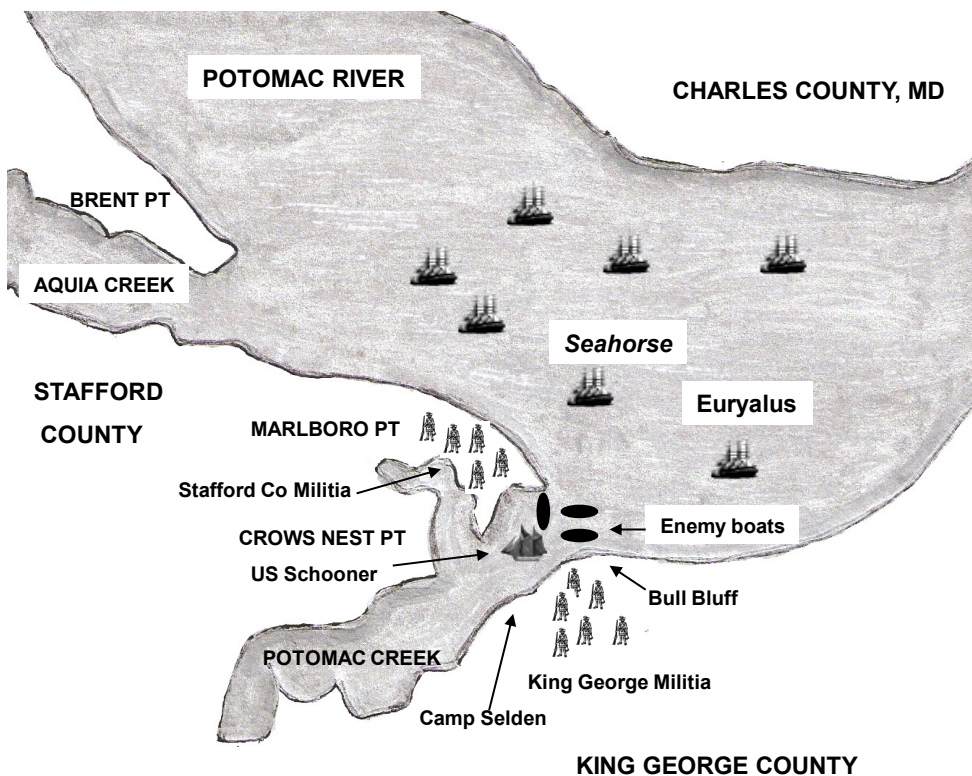


## YOUNG BOY PICKS UP ROLLING CANNON BALL!

President Page Henley (right) of the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society is shown with a 4# cannon ball from one of the War of 1812 encounters that belongs to his family. At the encounter on 24 August 1814 (the day the British were in DC) at the entrance to Potomac Creek off the Potomac River, the British captured a schooner there but not until first being engaged by the King George County militia from the south shore and the Stafford County militia from the north shore at Marlborough Point. At Marlborough Point was Captain John C. Edrington's Company. Capt Edrington is Page Henley's War of 1812 ancestor. Captain Edrington's home was near there on the south side of Aquia Creek about 2 to 3 miles away. His young son less than ten years was there with him. When the British started firing carronades at his position, Captain Edrington, according to family legend, told his son to go home. The young boy as he was leaving noticed a cannon ball rolling along the path he was taking. Curious, he picked it up and carried it home. The encounter is shown on the slide below.



24 Aug 1814 King George & Stafford Counties



From Ship's logs:  
From 7:30am to 2:40 pm the armed boats from the frigates *Seahorse* & *Euryalus* engage a US schooner inside the mouth of Potomac Creek. King George County Militia from Bull Bluff and Camp Selden & the Stafford County Militia from Marlboro Point engage the enemy boats. At the end of a heavy firefight the Militia were disbursed and the schooner was burned. (Source of logs from Patrick O'Neil)