The following is an excerpt from the obituary of Harry P. Owings, written by Edith Owings Kratz when he died in February of 1939.
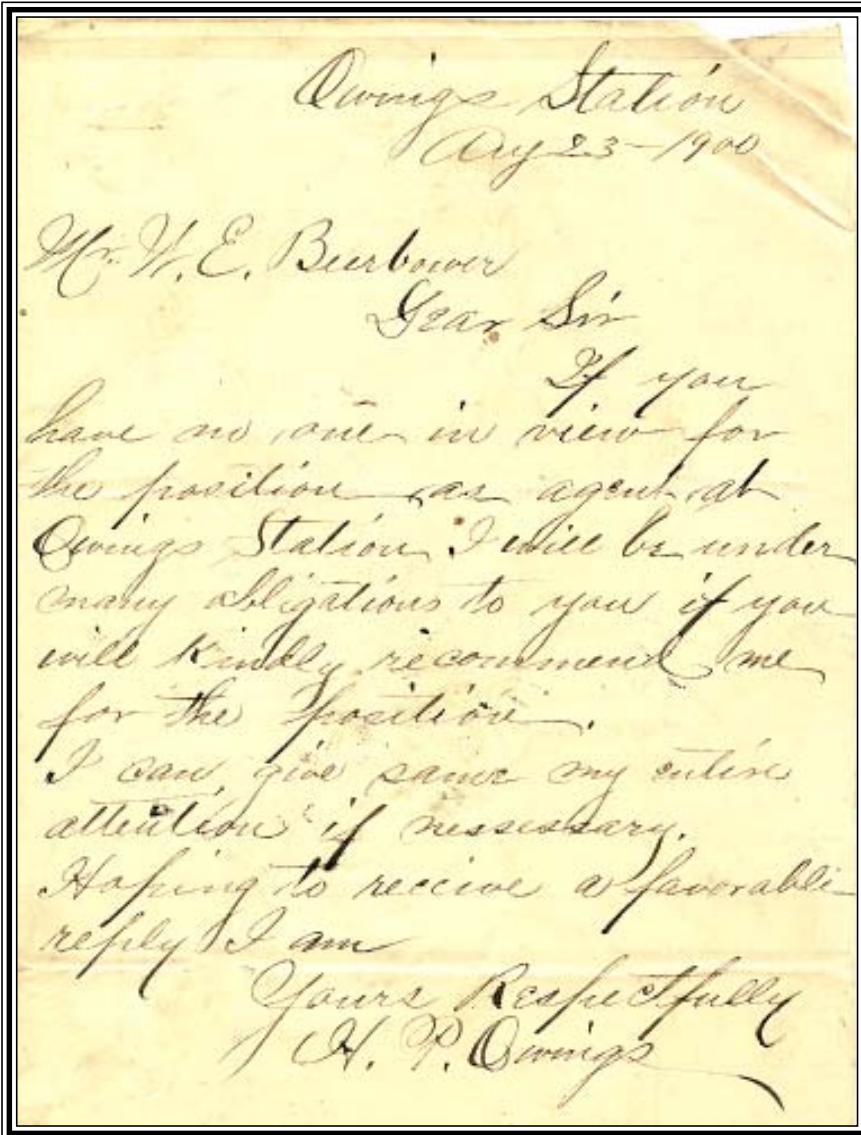
Remembering Harry P. Owings Of Owings, Maryland: 1858-1939

Harry P. Owings is remembered as one of the important citizens of northern Calvert County in the early 20th century. He helped put the town Owings on the map. For many years it was the important junction between the Chesapeake Beach Railway and the road that ran from Solomons to Annapolis. Mr. Harry Owings served as the station agent at Owings.

In the collection of papers recently given to the museum by Laurence Hampton we found the letter which Mr. Owings wrote requesting consideration for the position of station agent. Beverly Owings Spicknall, grand daughter of Mr. Owings, also contributed a copy of his obituary this past year. We are happy to share these documents with readers of this newsletter.

OWINGS, HARRY P.

Harry P. Owings, one of Calvert's best known citizens, died at his home at Owings on last Friday night after an illness of about a week. He was aged eighty-one years.

Active in community and county life for years he was in 1888 a member of the State Legislature. In the early nineties he entered in the wholesale and retail grocery business in Baltimore, but only remained there a few years. Returning to Calvert he became interested in farming and in the real estate business. The town of Owings was the result of his interest in the latter, since it was through him that quite a number of persons bought property in the vicinity.

He contributed much to the successful operation of the Chesapeake Beach railway, which for years meant so much to the growth of Calvert, and it was for him that the station of "Owings" was named and subsequently the post office and town.

Over forty years ago in the early days of the railroad the station was called "Friendship" but was changed to "Owings" by David Moffatt, then president of the Chesapeake Beach Railroad, as a tribute to Owings and in order not to conflict with the town of Friendship.