



# THE NATIONAL SLATE ASSOCIATION PEACH BOTTOM CONVENTION



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## PEACH BOTTOM SLATE REGION

A RIDGE OF HIGH QUALITY SLATE RUNNING FROM SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA INTO HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, WAS BOARDED ON A LIMITED SCALE AS EARLY AS 1734. PRODUCTION INCREASED IN THE 1840s WHEN THE OPENING OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND TIDEWATER CANAL OFFERED A LINK TO MARKETS, AND MILLLED SLATE WORKERS WERE DECRUITED FROM WALES. RAIL TRANSPORT REPLACED THE CANAL IN 1878. QUARRIES CONTINUED TO OPERATE INTO THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY. PEACH BOTTOM SLATE WAS WIDELY REPUTED FOR ROOFING.

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