



THE LEGACY

NEWSLETTER OF THE HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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LIBRARY UPDATE

By Susan Stonesifer

By the time you read this the Miller Branch of the Howard County Library System will be closed for business! The staff will be busy cleaning up 49 years of accumulated stuff and preparing the shelves for the professional book movers. In the middle of October most of the staff will be deployed to other branches. The Miller Branch Management team will stay to work on the transition with the movers. I have been in the new building almost every day for the past two weeks. Every time I walk in there are workers installing new shelves, hanging light fixtures, and unpacking cabinetry. The rain has finally let up and the planting of sod, bushes and trees can occur on the grounds. Even during this long stretch of gray skies and rain, the inside of the building is bright and inviting. As of press date the timing of opening is still uncertain, but we will look forward to seeing you in the new building in December or January!

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE TEMPORARILY CLOSED

In order to allow HCHS time to relocate and prepare the Library and Archive materials at the new Miller Branch and Historical Center of the Howard County Public Library System in Ellicott City, HCHS will close its Library and Archive



LOOKING INTO THE READING ROOM OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S SPACE IN THE NEW CHARLES MILLER LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL CENTER.

effective October 16, 2011. We will re-open in the new space in December or January (based on Howard County Library System's determination).

PLEASE NOTE: the HCHS Museum will remain open during this time. Its regularly scheduled hours are Tuesday and Saturday 1-4.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this we will likely be in the process of physically moving our archives and library to our new headquarters at the spectacular new Miller Branch and Historical Center and just weeks away from our official opening. So many thanks go out to all the Board members, staff and volunteers who worked so hard to help make this dream a reality, including Hank Griffith, Phil Stackhouse, Karen Chappalear, Barbara Feaga, Paul Crawford, Ben Callow, Harvey Aefsky, Karen Griffith, Rebecca Reich, Dot Alexander, Nicoline Smits, Eric Grivel, Lou LeConte, Sara Goodhand, Rudi Bracaglia, Mike Noto, Paulette Lutz, Doris Edwards, Richard Bush and most notably our intrepid and dedicated Executive Director. Thank you one and all -- we couldn't have done it without you!

Speaking of the Library, in the coming month or so we will be contacting you about participating in our Library Fund Drive. Chaired by Board Member, Paul Miller, this effort's goal is to raise funds from members and the community to help cover the costs of the move and strengthen the Society's financial position for the future. Current board members have generously contributed to create a Challenge Grant Fund that we will ask you to match. There will be a variety of opportunities to support the Society at

various levels, including major gifts that will be recognized on a permanent donor board displayed in the public reading room of our new space. If you have questions or would like to make a gift in advance of our formal appeal, please contact me or Lauren McCormack.

As an added level of inspiration to contribute, I'd like to let you know that in addition to board member donations, we have also received an incredibly generous in kind donation from our shelving vendor, STORAGELogic valued at over \$10,000. Major thanks go out to the company as well as our account representative Erin Titter who, in addition to helping guide us through this process, was instrumental in securing the donation.

Finally, I invite you to mark your calendar for the afternoon of Sunday, December 11th when the Howard County Historical Society's caravan of buses will head out on our annual Holiday Home Tour. Look for your invitation in the mail shortly and encourage all your friends to come. The tour will once again be open to the public and is sure to be a fantastic event and fundraiser for the Society.

In the meantime, look forward to invitations to support the Library Fund Drive as well as to attend various grand opening events at the new Miller Branch Library and Historical Center. Have a happy and safe holiday season. The next time you receive *The Legacy* we will be in our new home! ✚

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SEND US YOUR ARTICLES

Anyone interested in contributing articles or photographs or anything of interest to the Society, please call the Library at 410-750-0370 or email Shelley Wygant at wdgdirect@mac.com

EDITOR'S NOTE

JANET KUSTERER

So much has happened since we last published *The Legacy*, only a few months ago. Our county has endured several devastating hurricanes, an earthquake, and a flooded historic district in Ellicott City. Thankfully all seems to be returning to normal now, and I've even seen a weather forecast predicting moderate snow for this winter season. I certainly hope that the weather cooperates in facilitating our library's upcoming move to the new Miller Library and Historical Center, and that the sun shines for the Holiday Home Tour. If you have a story you would like to see in our newsletter, please call me at 410-750-0370 or email janetkusterer@juno.com. ✚

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lauren McCormack

The moment we've all been waiting for is upon us. In a few short weeks, the research library and archives will relocate to the new Charles E. Miller Branch and Historical Center on Frederick Road in Ellicott City. In December or January, the new Historical Center will open. We will look forward to seeing you there.

Throughout this process, the Museum will remain open, and we have plenty of fun and interesting events planned for you this fall and winter. Please see the calendar for a complete listing of public programs, including our annual Holiday Home Tour on December 11.

In preparation for the grand re-opening, we are preparing training sessions for anyone who would like to volunteer to help researchers in our new Historical Center. Check out our website or Facebook for information about these sessions in the near future. If you are interested in volunteering in the new space, please email us at info@hchsm.org.

Thank you for your support, especially at this exciting time of opportunity and change. ♣

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SPORTS HISTORY

Local freelance sportswriter Tom Flynn looking for historical sports stories/profiles for the Ellicott City online newspaper, *Patch*. Stories can range from profiles of an individual to stories of a sport/era in the county's past. All sports are welcome, so an interesting tennis story in Ellicott City from the 1950s or a story of a critical football game in the 1980s would both be welcome. Photos to accompany the story would help, and just the idea for a story need be presented: Flynn will follow-up to obtain



details. Tom authored the 2008 photo history *Baseball in Baltimore* and has written on sports for the *Washington Post*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Denver Post*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. He can be reached at tom.flynn51@gmail.com or 410.458.8648. ♣

HELP WANTED

The Education Outreach Committee of the Howard County Historical Society is putting together "Learning Trunks" that can be rented to schools or other groups. The goal of these trunks is to bring Maryland, and especially Ellicott City and Howard County history, to the children in a hands-on learning style. Areas addressed in the trunks - one for the 1700s, one for the 1800s and one for the 1900s- will be NATIVE AMERICANS, AGRICULTURE, MILITARY, RECREATION, CLOTHING, TOYS, EDUCATION, HOUSEHOLD TOOLS and OCCUPATIONS.

We are asking for any donations you might have of trunks and any artifacts which children can touch that can help to enhance these areas of education. The three trunks together can then form a time line of Howard County history and can be used for numerous displays, Maryland Days and so on. If you have any items you can donate, please contact Karen Griffith, Curator of the Howard County Museum at tgriff@hotmail.com. We have already had one trunk donated by Paul Miller. So, when you are doing your fall housecleaning, remember to keep an eye out for items we can incorporate into our new OUTREACH PROGRAM. Many thanks. ♣

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, TREAT YOUR FAVORITE HISTORY BUFF TO A GIFT MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE

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Visit our website for more information and to order: www.hchsm.org

CALENDAR


HOLIDAY HOME TOUR
Sunday, December 11, 2011

This bus trip will feature self-guided tours of some of Howard County's finest historic homes, many decorated for the season. More information coming soon.



COURTESY OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR: A MARYLANDER'S VIEW PRESENTED BY HENRY STANSBURY
Saturday, January 21, 2012 · 2:00pm
Miller Branch and Historical Center of the Howard County Public Library,
9421 Frederick Road,
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Using contemporary views largely from Harpers and Frank Leslie's Illustrated newspapers, former President and Chair-

man of the Maryland Historical Society, Henry Stansbury, will take us from the 1860 Presidential Election to Ft. Sumter leading up to the Pratt Street Riots. The riots were followed by the occupation of Maryland by Federal Troops, arrests of southern sympathizers, and some significant military events which impacted Maryland dramatically at the time and events that still impact us today.

IN MEMORY OF:

FRANCES W. MASON



Frances Mason died on August 16 at her home, Squirrel Hill, in Ellicott City. She was 91. Mrs. Mason was active in the Historical Society from its earliest days, establishing with her friends the Bell & Quill lunchroom, which opened on March 5, 1962, in the Historical Society's building, and the Old Line Shop on Main Street, which was the first antique shop there. These efforts raised funds for many historic preservation projects in Howard County. She was also an active supporter of Historic Ellicott City, Inc. and led the drive to preserve the ruins of the Patapsco Female Institute. In 1954 she and her husband Jack joined with other Howard County parents to found the Glenelg Country School. She was a member of the Howard County Garden Club and chairman three times of that organization's House and Garden



THESE PHOTOS OF FRANCES MASON WERE TAKEN AT THE PATAPSCO FEMALE INSTITUTE DURING EVENTS FURTHERING THEIR ADOPT-A-TREE CEREMONIES.

Pilgrimage. Later in life she helped create the Arabber Preservation Society, promoting the welfare of Baltimore's Arabbers and their horses. Her farm became a refuge for old and ill a-rab horses. †

HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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IN 1857, NOTED ARCHITECT N.G. STARKWETHER DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED THIS VICTORIAN ITALIANATE MANSION FOR THE FAMILY OF DR. ARTHUR PUE, JR., A DESCENDANT OF THE CALEB DORSEY FAMILY. THE OUTER WALLS, ALTHOUGH OF FRAME CONSTRUCTION, ARE FINISHED TO IMITATE THE APPEARANCE OF MASONRY, SIMILAR TO THE TECHNIQUE USED AT MOUNT VERNON.



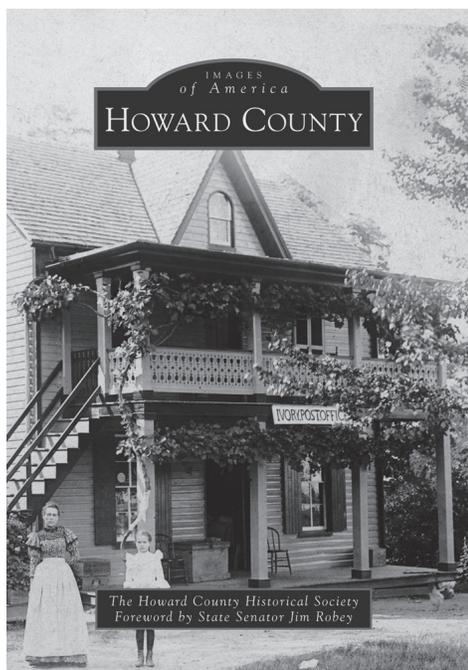
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