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POSTSCRIPT: THE SIMPLE DIARY OF A UNION PRIVATE AFTER WALLACE'S HOWARD COUNTY RETREAT - JULY 10, 1864

LAMONTE KOLSTE

Samuel McClain and his 144TH Ohio Volunteer Infantry Company left Ellicott City on a B & O RR troop train July 10, 1864 to return to Baltimore duty. But soon they were moved via Washington, D.C. to Union military duties in Northern Virginia.

On August 13, 1864 when guarding the 500-wagon supply train for Union General Sheridan at Berryville, Va, Private McClain was captured by Mosby's Raiders. It was 34 days after enduring the retreat into Ellicott City. He was slowly processed through several Confederate detention sites in Virginia. He arrived at the Salisbury prison camp in North Carolina on October 6, 1864, 54 days after his capture.

McClain's chain of daily diary entries continued and now tell his grim, but brave, story of his months as a Confederate prisoner of war:

August 11 Thursday - Fin and me are all alone today. We have marched 368 miles on foot up til this day. We are in the Sanairadore Valley now. The boys ware on picket today. All come in to camp safe. The only prisner they got was a pig.

August 12, Friday - All quiet on the Potomac this morning. Noon. Orders to gard a Wagon train to Winchester and back. Sent letter no. 32 home.

August 13, Saturday - Got up this morning and was eating a little when Mosley's command charged on us and took quite a number of prisners. We ware ordered to mount mules and then to doublequick.



IMAGE COURTESY OF ARCHIVE.ORG

August 24, Wednesday - It is rumored this morning that we are going to Richmond to be exchanged. I hope it is so, for I would be happy to see my wife and children.

August 25, Thursday - Fin sold my looking glass today for \$1.50. All well but me. I am very weak.

September 4, Sunday - All well. Wrote letter no. 34 to my wife today. Prair meeting every evening out on the open lot. We set on the ground. Rain today. 8 days since we came to Richmond.

September 12, Monday - Some of the boys are not very well today. We got wheat bread and rice and mogts to eat.

September 16, Friday - All well today. We lay all day in our tents talking of home.

September 19, Monday - Counted again today. I made a ring for Annie McCain today out of Gotipercha. Warm today. Cool tonight. Heavy cannonading in the direction of Petersburg.

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HCHS MUSEUM

8328 Court Ave., Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
(Formerly First Presbyterian Church)
(410) 480-3250

Hours: Friday and Saturday:
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LEONORA HOENES

Our outstanding new facility in the Historical Center at the Miller Branch Library continues to wow visitors, members and researchers from Howard County and all over the country. If you've visited, I know you'll agree. If you haven't yet, please come by soon to do some research, buy a book or just poke around. Our archive is filled with fascinating Howard County historical documents, maps, photographs and more.

And don't forget the Museum. In addition to looking at our intriguing displays of artifacts, furniture, textiles, dollhouses and more, you can also enjoy "Music in the Museum" at upcoming concerts and other events. Check our website for details and tickets.

As you may know we are currently in the process of selecting a new Executive Director to help lead the Society into exciting new territory in the coming years. In other news, we are continuing to look for a tenant – commercial or possibly residential – for the first floor of the Weir Building. In addition to helping us

defray the building's operating expenses, we are hoping to use the income to transform the second and third floor into an Education Annex for the trunk education program where children and adults will experience five time periods with hands on activities. The third floor will provide much needed storage.

In the meantime, make plans to attend our annual meeting, which will be held on February 24th, Sunday at the Miller Branch Library. Pot luck lunch at 1:00pm, meeting at 2:00pm with program to follow. Dan Toomey, a local author, will present a power point program and book signing.

Coming events include a bus tour to the Lincoln Cottage in Washington, D.C. on April 5, and a War of 1812 tour on April 27. Again, check the website for details and tickets.

If you have any questions – or ideas – we'd love to hear from you and welcome your participation as a volunteer. Feel free to email or call the Society or post on our Facebook page. I welcome and encourage each of you to be come involved and make the Howard County Historical Society a vibrant place. 🌿

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Anyone interested in contributing articles or photographs or anything of interest to the Society, please call the Library at 410-480-3250 or email Janet Kusterer at janetkusterer@verizon.net

EDITOR'S NOTE

JANET KUSTERER

It's nice to see that things are busy as usual around the Society. After seeing the movie "Lincoln" I am excited about the Society's sponsored visit to Lincoln's Cottage. There was much more to the man than a beard and a stovepipe hat and I'm glad we're all learning more about him. I certainly hope the cherry blossoms cooperate as that would make the visit all the more special. I am also

pleased that the Society is hosting an exhibit of selections from the body of work of local artist Wiley Purkey. He is such a gifted artist, and we are lucky that he has spent so much of his career documenting the historic district of Ellicott City. It's also very nice that visitorship at the Society's space at the Miller Library continues to be high. On a personal note, it has been a pleasure volunteering with such a dynamic, dedicated group. Consider doing that yourself—help is always appreciated. 🌿

HCHS IS ON BECOME A FAN TODAY!

For up-to-the minute news on happenings at the Society, become a fan on FaceBook. In addition to finding out what we are up to, you can also post

comments, questions and photos of Society events and Howard County history. If you aren't on FaceBook yet, sign up today at www.facebook.com. 🌿

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September 24, Saturday - I made a ring today out of a beef bone and A. Sautter cut the initials of my name on it for me.

September 25, Sunday - All well but me. I have the rheumatism and headache. I bought a ration of bread from Fin Barton today for \$.50.

September 28, Wednesday - All well today except Fin and me. Went to the sick call. Got some powder and pills. Evening all talking of what we like best to eat and what we allowed to have to eat when we got home.

October 4, Tuesday - We were counted out. 500 men, and took the cars for Danville, Va.

October 6, Thursday - Arrived in Salisbury, N. Cat. At 4 o'clock in heavy rain. We drew a little bread for supper.

October 8, Saturday - Cool morning. High wind. Fin Barton and myself are the only ones that is hear out of Co. I, 144 Regt. O.N.G. We are well. Suferd with the cold last night .

In the Fall of 1864 Salisbury prison evolved into an unbelievably overcrowded death camp. Conditions became sub-human. But Samuel McClain kept up his daily diary:

October 10, Monday - All well. Very cold today. All most freeze. We paud a nest in the dirt like 2 dogs and slept like hogs.

October 14, Friday - All well. Drawd bread, rice and meat. 8 men died last night. Chiled to death. I patched my pants today, patch upon patch. No tents yet. Laying out door yet.

October 15, Saturday - We are still in Salisbury, Rowan County. N.C. in prison. I got some squash seeds today. I anxious to go home and see my family.

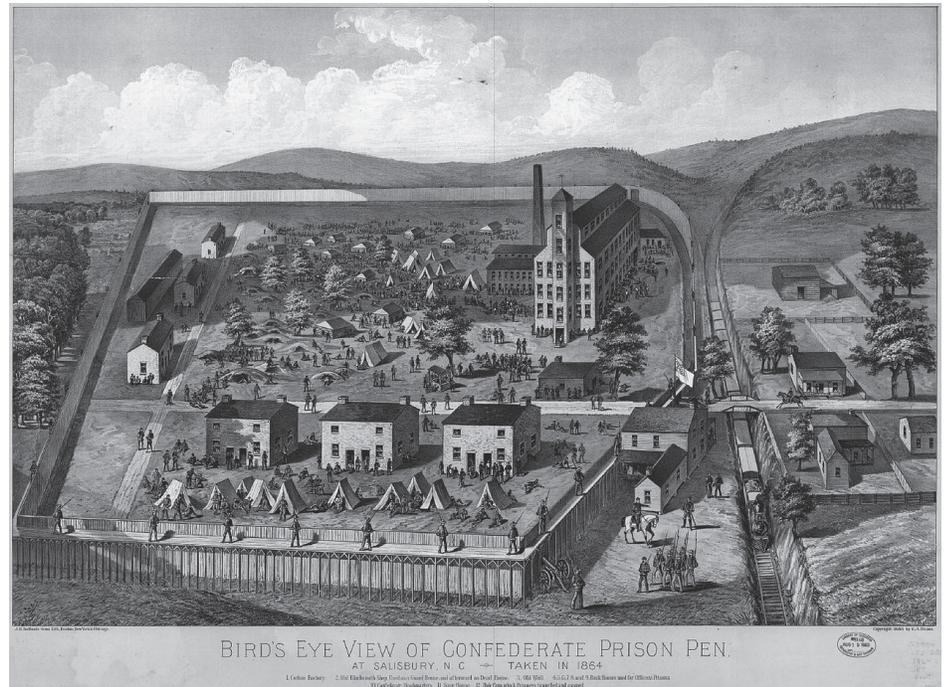


IMAGE COURTESY OF WIKIPEDIA

October 18, Tuesday - All right. Fin and me slept under the hospitle like hogs last night.

October 28, Friday - Warm today. 23 men died last night. Fin went to the hospittle today. Got no flour today. I got some coffee from a prisner just captured.

October 31, Monday - All well. Fin is getting better. I made him a cup of coffee today. I washed socks today. 18 men died last night.

November 1, Tuesday - I am sick today.

November 2, Wednesday - I am sick today.

November 3, Thursday - .Fin Barton died today. I am so sick I can't go see him.

November 4, Friday - I am sick today.

November 5, Saturday - I layd out to die, but God spaired my life a little longer.

November 7, Monday - I am sick today. Wilson brown died today.

November 10, Thursday - I am gaining some.

November 14, Monday - Big talk of us being exchanged. I hope it is true. Hard work to keep the lice all killed.

November 22, Tuesday - I am gitting better sloly. I thank God for it.

November 23, Wednesday - Coald night. Froze hard. I slept coald.

November 27, Sunday - I dreampt that I was home talking to my wife and got something good to eat. I got a letter from home today and was glad to hear from home.

On November 27, 1864 the 211 consecutive daily entries in Private Samuel McClain's diary ended. A last entry was entered by someone unknown 19 days later:

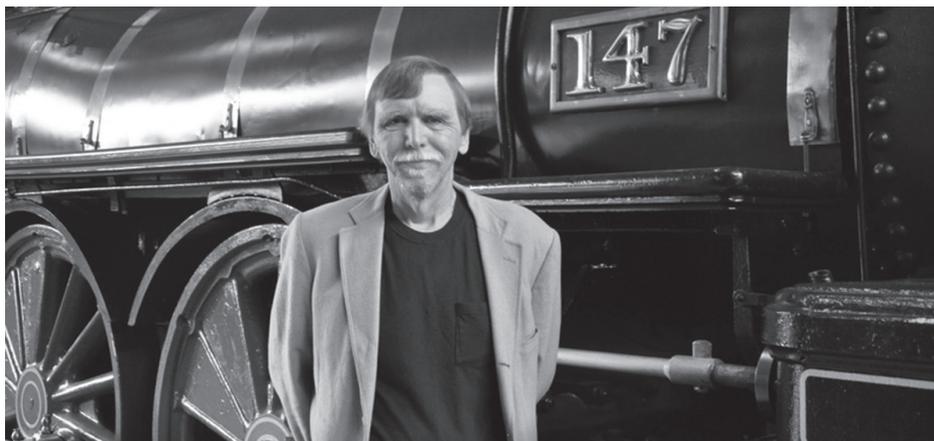
Dec, 16 - This day poor Sammie bid farewell to earth and its sorrows.

Samuel McClain of Ohio had died. He was buried in Salisbury's mass grave site. It was 159 days after he had enduring the Battle of Monocacy and the difficult retreat on the old National Pike through Howard County to Ellicott City. The vast majority of Company I, 144th Ohio Volunteer Infantry 100-day men were mustered-out of service to return home to Ohio a bit late on August 31, 1864. But that was 107 days before poor Sammie died at Salisbury prison. He had served the Union for over twice as many days as did most in his company. 🕊

ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 24TH

Make plans now to attend the Society's Annual Meeting to be held on February 24, 2013. The event will be held at the Miller Branch Library and begin with a Potluck Lunch at 1:00 PM (Members whose last names begin with A-M should bring an appetizer or side dish. Members whose names begin with N-Z should bring a dessert.) We will hold our meeting at 2:00 and begin our program presentation at 2:30 PM to 3:30PM.

This year's program will feature Daniel Carroll Toomey presenting *The War Came by Train* a commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and the role that the B&O Railroad played in the conflict. Look forward to hearing about the pivotal events that occurred between April 19, 1861 (The Baltimore Riot of 1861) and April 21, 1865 (Lincoln's funeral train leaving Baltimore for Illinois), when



2013 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM PRESENTER, DANIEL CARROLL TOOMEY IS THE AUTHOR OR CO-AUTHOR OF A DOZEN BOOKS AND HAS LECTURED FOR A NUMBER OF HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COLLEGES INCLUDING THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AND JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

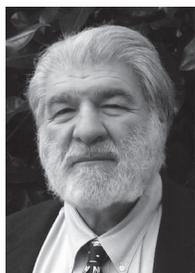
the B&O stood as witness and participant in the greatest conflict the United States has ever faced. In addition to presenting the program, Mr. Toomey will be on hand with copies of his new book *The*

War Came by Train, The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad During the Civil War as well as *The Civil War in Maryland*, and *Baltimore During the Civil War* that will be available for purchase and signing by the author. †

SOCIETY STRENGTHENED BY NEW BOARD MEMBERS.

Our efforts to continue building the Society through the addition of energetic, connected and multi-talented board members continues with the addition of these distinguished professionals.

THEODORE F. MARIANI FAIA, PE, MCRP



An architect, professional engineer and planner, Mr. Mariani holds professional and advanced degrees from VMI, MIT and the Catholic University of America and

has maintained a practice in architecture, engineering and planning for over 50 years. His major work has included the Pennsylvania Avenue Historic Preservation Plan, the restoration and adaptive reuse of the Federal Triangle in Washington DC as Headquarters of the EPA the restoration

and adaptive reuse of the Auditors Building on the Mall as headquarters of the US Forestry Service and the new Washington DC Convention Center. His projects have won both local and National AIA honor awards.

His pro bono activities include two terms as chairman of the Washington, DC Zoning Commission, and two terms on the Howard County Planning Board where he also served as Chairman. He currently is a member of the Howard County 2012 General Plan task force.

A Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, he has served as National Vice President and board member of the National Board.

Ted and his wife Veronica have lived in Howard County for over 30 years. In 1980 they purchased Oakdale the ancestral home of Governor Edwin Warfield. Shortly after buying the property they acquired adjacent acreage that had been a part of the original estate expanding it to its current 180 acres. In 1990 they placed

the home and farm in the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Program so it will remain intact in perpetuity.

KIMBERLY M. EGGBORN



A proud product of the Howard County Public School System, Ms. Eggborn graduated from Hammond High School. After several years as an elementary educa-

tor and a resource teacher, she is now the Elementary Social Studies Coordinator for the Howard County Public School System. Ms. Eggborn also serves as an Adjunct Professor at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland and has been working on the K-12 Teacher Collaborative Council on the new national standards for social studies. In her spare time, Kim is working toward her PhD and enjoys traveling to new places with friends and family. †

WILEY PURKEY EXHIBIT AT THE MUSEUM

BY JANET KUSTERER

The Howard County Historical Society Museum will be the site of an exhibit of works by local artist Wiley Purkey. The exhibit will run from April 6 to June 29. An opening reception will be held on April 6 from 3 to 7 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. There will be a closing reception as well, on June 29 from 3 to 7 p.m. Wiley has been painting images of the historic district for the past 44 years, and the dozens of images for this show will be drawn from the many drawings, watercolors, oil paintings and prints that he has executed over the years.

Everyone knows Wiley's work. He has been a part of the fabric of the town for nearly a half-century, and many local public spaces showcase his work. Born in Ellicott City in 1953, his creative energy was ignited in 1967 by the colorful album cover and interior artwork of the Beatles iconic "Sgt. Pepper" album. He bought his first oil painting set at Olin's Art Shop on Main Street. Wiley participated in many spring and fall art shows on Main Street during the 1970s. He helped organize many events, contributing advertising posters, checking in artists during events and marking spaces on the street with Ken



Olin, owner of Olin's Art Shop. For many years his art was featured at the Margaret Smith Gallery on Main Street.

Wiley paints past history as well as the present. His subjects range from the iconic "Overview of the town in snow" which depicts a birds-eye view of the historic district as it looked several decades ago (and took from 1978 to 1980 to fully execute) to "The library at night" which shows the current Firehouse Museum as it looked when it was the county library, to contemporary views of Tiber Alley

and Merryman Street. Wiley always has a fresh perspective on well-known scenes. For the viewer it is often the case of recognizing the scene but maybe not from that particular angle.

In addition to painting the historic district, Wiley has found inspiration in other landscapes and flower gardens. After a decade-long break from painting he has recently returned to his original inspiration of Ellicott City. He works with watercolor, oil paint, egg tempera, chalk pastels, oil pastels and most kinds of drawing materials. Wiley says that he loves the materials used in the creative process. He has also been making constructions out of re-purposed materials. For example, a work started as a detailed pencil drawing a decade ago. He then made a watercolor of it, followed by prints. With a few of the prints he manipulated them into new art pieces using cutting and folding techniques, then overpainted some of the images.

While primarily a studio artist he has begun painting subjects on site outdoors. Wiley maintains a Gallery on Etsy, where many of his prints are available for purchase. Selected works will also be for sale during the Museum exhibit. ♣

WHY I LOVE BEING A VOLUNTEER

One of the things that I love about being a researcher at the Howard County Historical Society is the reaction I get when we find a significant piece of information on a document for a customer. If you have watched the television program, "Who Do You Think You Are?" it is much like that. There are giggles, tears of joy, amazement and excitement when I find a marriage license dated 1902, a deed/mortgage dated 1850 or a manumission record from the Civil War era. So many amazing facts have been discovered while researching in our files.

One lady was researching her

great-great grandfather who was born in Ireland, but she had no proof he was born in Ireland. I suggested we try the Voter Registrations. She replied, "Oh no! He won't be on that, he was born in Ireland!" I said, "Well, let's just look anyway." There he was on the 1840 Voter Registration which stated he was born in Ireland. She had her proof and she was thrilled.

It is a satisfying feeling to help people find their ancestors and help them realize their lineage. One gentleman stated that he almost thought his great grandmother was illiterate because he could find nothing on her. In our

collections, we found a letter written by his great grandmother and he quickly changed his mind because she was very educated based on the letter.

The history of Howard County is exciting and rich in events and people. The volunteers learn something new every day and meet interesting people in the Historical Center. If this type of volunteering appeals to you, then give me a call or email me at the Historical Society. ♣

Paulette Lutz, *Volunteer Coordinator*
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PROJECT "RING AND REMEMBER" ENTERS 8TH YEAR!

Project "Ring and Remember" was begun in 2005 in an effort to recognize and reflect on those who have served, sacrificed, and in many cases died for our country. The program is designed



to have county churches and other sites with bells, ring them for a one-minute duration on the following dates and times, which never change:

- Maryland Day, March 25th at 9am
- Memorial Day (Observed) - last Monday in May at 3pm
- July 4th at 12 noon
- Patriots' Day, September 11th at 8:46am - when the 1st plane crashed into the World Trade Center
- Veterans' Day, November 11th at 11:11am
- Pearl Harbor Day, December 7th at 1:30 when the Japanese began their attack

Please remind your church to take part and e-mail the Society with the name of your church and a phone number and/or e-mail of a contact. ✚

THE WINNERS OF THE HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 36TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR RAFFLE WERE:

1st Prize - \$100 Gift Certificate to Dorcas Zoller, Ellicott City

2nd Prize - \$100 Gift Certificate to Shelley Wygant, Ellicott City

3rd Prize - \$ 100 Gift Certificate to Serafino's to S. P. Kuo, Columbia ✚

HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND ENJOY MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS THAT INCLUDE A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE LEGACY, INVITATIONS TO EXCLUSIVE EVENTS, A 10% DISCOUNT ON PUBLICATIONS, PLUS A HANDSOME HCHS CAR MAGNET EMBLEM IF I JOIN AT THE CHARTER MEMBER LEVEL OR HIGHER.

MY CHECK, MADE PAYABLE TO THE HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, IS FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY:

MEMBERSHIPS

- STUDENT \$10
- SINGLE \$30
- FAMILY \$45
- CHARTER \$60
- SUSTAINING \$100

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

- BRONZE \$100
- SILVER \$250
- GOLD \$500
- PLEASE UPGRADE MY CURRENT MEMBERSHIP TO CHARTER MEMBERSHIP LEVEL WITH THE ENCLOSED \$30 DONATION AND SEND ME AN HCHS CAR MAGNET. INCLUDES ALL BENEFITS PLUS RECOGNITION IN THE LEGACY.



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PLEASE MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK TO:
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TRIP TO PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE

The Howard County Historical Society is sponsoring a trip to President Lincoln's Cottage on Friday, April 5—hopefully in time for the cherry blossoms. The member price is \$59; the non-member/public price is \$65. Tickets are available at our website, www.hchsmd.org. The trip will depart by Eyre bus from Normandy Shopping Center at 9 a.m., with arrival at the Cottage at 10 a.m. for the tour. At noon we will depart for lunch. Lunch will be on your own at the beautiful Union Station. The bus will depart for home at 1:30, briefly stopping at the Lincoln Memorial on the way. We will arrive back in Ellicott City at 3:30.

According to the National Historic Trust, President Lincoln's Cottage is the most significant historic site directly associated with Lincoln's presidency aside from the White House. During the Civil War, President Lincoln and his family resided here from June to November of 1862, 1863,

and 1864. He made major decisions and developed the Emancipation Proclamation during the months spent at the Cottage. After a \$15 million restoration by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, President Lincoln's Cottage opened to the public for the first time in 2008. 🇺🇸

WAR OF 1812 BUS TOUR

The War of 1812 Bus Tour is set for Saturday, April 27th. The all-day trip will leave from the parking lot near the Museum and the Circuit Courthouse promptly at 9am and return at 5pm. The cost is \$75.00 for current members of the Society and \$85.00 for non-members. A box lunch is included. The bus tour will begin at the Maryland Historical Society where we will see the original "Star-Spangled Banner" and receive a guided tour of the extensive exhibit on The War of 1812. We will also pause at the monument to the war which adorns the Baltimore City Seal and flag. Then we will visit the Flag House of Mary Pickersgill who made the flag that flew over Fort McHenry. Then it's on to fort itself for another tour and lunch. Additional sites will include Patterson Park, Northpoint Park where the British landed to attack Baltimore with its army, and nearby Todd's Inheritance. Seating on our Eyre Couch is limited so sign up early! 🇺🇸

SAVE THE DATE

MUSIC IN THE MUSEUM CONCERTS:

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

Virginia native, award winning Americana folk singer/songwriter, **Andrew McKnight** will be performing in the first concert of the 2013 season.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20, H.C.H.S. members \$18

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Ain't Misbehavin' Big Band

Gar Foreman, musical director. Swing into Spring with the hot sounds of the coolest band around.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available on-line or at the door

ART EXHIBIT:

APRIL 6 - JUNE 29

Wiley Purkey "The Artist as History" Painting Ellicott City - 1969-2013

Opening reception Saturday, April 6, 3 to 7 p.m. Closing reception Saturday, June 29, 3 to 7 p.m. Free admission.

The Howard County Historical Society Museum, 8328 Court Ave. off Main St. in Ellicott City. Parking is available in the lot near the Circuit Courthouse 🇺🇸

SPRING BUS TOUR RESERVATION FORM

YES! I want to explore history by bus this spring with the Howard County Historical Society. Please reserve seats for the tour(s) listed below. My check is enclosed.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE - WASHINGTON D.C. BUS TOUR
APRIL 5, 2013. 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
BUSES LEAVE FROM NORMANDY SHOPPING CENTER PARKING LOT

_____ HCHS MEMBER TICKETS @ \$59 EACH

_____ NON-MEMBER TICKETS @ \$65 EACH

WAR OF 1812 - BALTIMORE BUS TOUR
APRIL 27, 2013. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
BUSES LEAVE FROM THE CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT. INCLUDES BOX LUNCH.

_____ HCHS MEMBER TICKETS @ \$75 EACH

_____ NON-MEMBER TICKETS @ \$85 EACH

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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OR YOU MAY PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE BY CREDIT CARD AT WWW.HCHSMD.ORG - UNDER EVENTS ANYTIME UP UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE EACH TOUR. FULL INFORMATION ON BOTH TOURS ARE ON THE WEBSITE AND OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

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