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## THE PUE-FULTON HOUSE PROJECT

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In the fall of 2015, students in the Goucher College Historic Preservation program began researching the history of the Pue-Fulton House in Ellicott City as part of a larger project, conceived by the developers of the Dorsey's Ridge community, to restore the house and to create an exhibit in the house dedicated to its history and to the history of Howard County. The restored Pue-Fulton House, built in sections, beginning in 1865, will ultimately serve as the community center for the planned townhouse development of Dorsey's Ridge.



Professor Sheller and Kenneth Short, architectural historian for Howard County's Office of Planning and Zoning, discuss a handful of old nails found where a corncrib once stood.

Students began their research with an informative tour of the Pue-Fulton House led by Fred Dorsey, one of the leaders of the Howard County preservation movement, and Kenneth Short, architectural historian for Howard County's Office of Planning and Zoning. The tour proved most helpful to the students in understanding the way the house had been built and the materials used in its construction. Visiting the combination smokehouse/

springhouse provided the students with insight into the ways in which Howard County residents kept their food cool during the heat of the summer and preserved pork and beef in the era before refrigeration. Though the corn crib situated near the smokehouse/springhouse was no longer standing, students discovered nails from the structure on the ground, and these nails provided clues for the dating of the corn crib.

Students then embarked upon their research in primary and secondary sources. Their research focused on the history of the Pue-Fulton House, the history of farming, industry and society in eastern Howard County, and the history of Ellicott City in relation to farm life in the region. They explored a wide variety of sources, including farmers' diaries from nineteenth-century Howard County, agricultural census records,

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a will, an estate inventory, nineteenth-century maps and atlases, historic photographs, as well as secondary sources on Howard County history. One of the most fascinating primary sources that provided insight into daily life in the Ellicott City area was the local newspaper. Late nineteenth-century editions of both the Ellicott City Times and the Ellicott City Democrat, which students could access in pdf versions, courtesy of the Howard County Historical Society, allowed students to learn about contemporary businesses, trade, real estate, and a wide variety of social and political issues.

Following several weeks of research, the students presented their findings to the developers in the form of a series of Powerpoint talks at Goucher College on December 10, 2015. Students presented talks on Dr. Arthur Pue, Jr. and his home, Temora; attorney Charles Lee Fulton, the second owner of the Pue-Fulton House; the architecture of the Pue-Fulton House, the smokehouse/springhouse, and the corncrib; the history of agriculture in eastern Howard County; the history of industry in the Patapsco River Valley, and the history of Ellicott City and its role in the daily life of the region. At the conclusion of the program, the students presented the developers with copies of the images in their Powerpoint slides and copies of their research papers, both of which should prove very helpful to them when they design the Pue-Fulton House heritage center.

The partnership between the developers of Dorsey's Ridge and the Historic Preservation program at Goucher College, created on behalf of the Pue-Fulton House project, proved valuable for both the developers and the students. The developers gained access to significant historical information, documents, and images that will provide the basis for their exhibit on the Pue-Fulton House and the history of Howard County. The students learned valuable skills in researching the history of a house and in researching local history through intensive primary source investigation. They also learned the value of local historical repositories, such as the Howard County Historical Society, in facilitating primary source research. Students additionally gained a new appreciation for the significance of historic preservation and what historic homes can mean to the life of a community. All in all, a fruitful and rewarding partnership for everyone involved!

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Shawn Gladden

2016 is upon us! We are very proud of what we were able to accomplish in 2015 and The Holiday House Tour and the Holiday Jazz Concert were certainly "icing on the cake". We had 280 guests on the House Tour in December and heard feedback from many who said it was the best tour that HCHS had put on. I would like to acknowledge the hard work by Board members, Paulette Lutz, Joanna Benedict, Barbara Cusack, and Leonora Hoenes and the support of our sponsors, the Bob Lucido Team, specifically Lauren Lucido, Victoria Hathaway, and Marty Welsh. Logistically speaking it was certainly the most successful tour since I have been the Executive Director, even Mother Nature was agreeable on that wonderful day. We have already begun the search for this year's houses; we are happy to announce that Bob Lucido has agreed to sponsor this year's tour again; this will be our 40th Holiday House Tour and just so happens to also be Bob's 40th Year in the Real Estate Business. We look forward to another memorable tour this December.



Members, as we move into the New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paulette Lutz for her leadership as President of the Board of Directors. Paulette was integral in helping me to accomplish our goals from 2014-2015. She was more than just a leader and my boss; she was a mentor, a supporter, and a good friend. I am happy to announce that Paulette will stay on the board as the 2nd Vice President and will continue to pour her heart and soul into our organization.

Moving forward, we are excited to be led by our new acting President, Theodore Mariani. Mr. Mariani has served on our board for the last two years and was a great asset for our restoration and building projects at the museum. As he assumes this new leadership role with the organization, we are turning our attention to our next restoration project, the Ellicott Second School Building, otherwise known as the Weir Building.

It was originally a Quaker schoolhouse built by the Ellicotts but right around the War of 1812. It was owned by a few families after it was a schoolhouse with its last owner being John Weir before being sold to the county. From 1951-1967, the Building served as the office for Planning and Zoning until it was then used as the State's Attorney's office. The building was deeded to the Howard County Historical Society in 1986 for use as the organization's Archives and Library, which was its function until the Archives was moved to the Miller Branch Library in 2012. Since we moved the archives, the building has been primarily used as storage for objects and artifacts from the collection. The building is on Maryland Historic Trust's Inventory of Historic Places as a protected Historic Structure. Our goal for 2016 is to raise funds for exterior and interior improvements with the ultimate goal of opening the building to the public as an Education Center / Exhibit space for field trips, homeschool and scout groups, museum visitors and as yet another historic building open to for visitors to Historic Ellicott City.

Finally, I'd like to make sure that all members know about our upcoming Annual Meeting which will take place on Sunday, February 21st from 1:00-3:00 in the Miller Branch Library Meeting Rooms. Our special guest speaker this year will be Henry Sharp author of *The Patapsco River Valley: Cradle of the Industrial Revolution in Maryland*. The Howard County Historical Society will be working with Patapsco Heritage Greenway and the Maryland Historical Society in 2016 to publish Dr. Sharp's follow up to his 2001 book, solidifying his thesis that the Patapsco River Valley was the birthplace of America's Industrial Revolution, 20 years prior to the Textile Mills of New England.

2016 promises to be yet another exciting year for the Society as we continue to grow and expand, on behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, we are happy that you are all along for the ride.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Message Theodore Mariani | Acting President

I am looking forward to another great year for the Society. In 2016, we are planning projects that will improve the Library/Archives, the Museum and carry the Society forward. The Board is in the process of developing a new strategic plan that will provide valuable direction and goals for the Society over the next several years.

We will be discussing plans for our Weir Building located on Court Avenue in the Ellicott City Historic District which is architecturally and historically significant in the early history of Ellicott City. The Ellicott's constructed this granite building in the early 19th century as the second Quaker school in Ellicott Mills to accommodate the growing community. We have been working on a plan for a major fund raising event in the late spring or early summer. The organizing committee will be reporting to the Board as the plans shape up.

The Society will be continuing its outreach through a series of interesting and informative lectures, concerts and educational programs throughout 2016. Even though the series has been well received, we are always interested in hearing from our members and the public on how we can improve our programs and broaden our educational base. Please contact us at [director@hchsmd.org](mailto:director@hchsmd.org) with your suggestions.

The Society depends on its members and the public for support throughout the year. If you have friends, neighbors or family who are interested in protecting and preserving the history of Howard County, please encourage them to become members and take advantage of the wonderful programs that we have scheduled. If you own a business or know of one that would like to sponsor one of our events, please contact us. All of the information is located on our website [www.hchsmd.org](http://www.hchsmd.org).

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## EDITOR'S NOTE Janet Kusterer

I am really looking forward to our annual membership meeting. This is always a nice time to catch up with old friends, elect a hard-working board of directors, and hear a talk by an always-interesting speaker. This year's speaker, Hal Sharp, I first heard at a meeting of the Ellicott City Restoration Foundation over fifteen years ago. It's a fine indication of Dr. Sharp's speaking abilities that I still remember that event all these years later. So here's hoping the weather cooperates and we are all able to get out to the Miller Library and learn more about our wonderful Patapsco River Valley.

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Call 410-480-3250 for more information or visit [www.hchsm.org/events](http://www.hchsm.org/events)  
The proceeds will go to benefit the Howard County Historical Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

## THE ELLICOTT MILL'S OMNIBUS By Paulette Lutz

**M**ark Eckel, one of our wonderful volunteers who also happens to be a numismatist (coin collector) recently discovered an article about a rare German-silver Baltimore transportation token that was used for transportation to Ellicott Mills.

In 1852, Andrew Yinger started an omnibus transportation service that ran from Baltimore to Catonsville and Ellicott Mills. A token (pictured below) was purchased to travel to Ellicott Mills. It is believed that the token is the work of Francis X. Koehler, a Baltimore die-sinker and jewelry manufacturer who opened his business in 1851.

Yinger owned several omnibuses (large horse-drawn carriages) that ran from Baltimore to Catonsville and Ellicott Mills from 1852 to 1857. On June 19, 1857, The Baltimore Sun printed an article citing the sale of the omnibus business by Andrew Yinger due to ill health. The business was purchased by Edward A. Talbot, a prominent businessman in Ellicott Mills.

Only two A. Yinger tokens are known to exist. It is unknown if a token was issued for Catonsville. According to the Numismatists and due to the rarity of these tokens, the value could be estimated between \$3000 - \$5000.

**NOTICE.**—The Subscriber will start an **OMNIBUS** on the 3d day of May, to run from the **GENERAL WAYNE INN** to **CATONSVILLE**, twice a day, passing **Mount Olivet Cemetery**, **Fairview Inn** and **St. Timothy's Hall**, leaving **Baltimore** at 7 o'clock, A. M. and 2 o'clock, P. M., arriving at **Catonsville** at 8½ o'clock, A. M. and 3½ o'clock, P. M.; returning, leaves **Catonsville** at 11, A. M., and 6, P. M. And will also leave the **Gen. Wayne Inn** on **SUNDAY**, at 7 o'clock, A. M., for **Ellicott's Mills**; returning same day, leaves the **Mills** at 4 o'clock, P. M.; likewise leaves **Ellicott's Mills**, daily, at 7 o'clock, A. M., for **Baltimore**, and leaves **Baltimore** at 4 o'clock, P. M., for **Ellicott's Mills**. —A liberal patronage is solicited.  
a27-5t\*) **ANDREW YINGER.**



Image of Yinger Omnibus and Yinger Coins circa 1855, photo courtesy of Numismatists Magazine

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Howard County Historical Society**  
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Last name N-Z – Bring a dessert  
RSVP to [info@hchsm.org](mailto:info@hchsm.org)

## LUNCH DATES WITH HISTORY 2016

The Howard County Historical Society Museum (8328 Court Ave, Ellicott City) is proud to host a series of “lunchtime” lectures for 2016. Bring your own lunch. Drinks and treats will be provided. Tickets are free for HCHS Members and only \$5 for non-members. Doors open at 11:30am. Each lecture runs noon-1:00pm followed by an optional tour of the museum 1:00-1:30pm.

### 2016 Lunch Date with History

(All times are 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM)

*Howard County Historical Society*

Date	Title	Presenter
Friday, February 5	“Lincoln’s Funeral Train”	Daniel Toomey
Friday, March 4	“In Carrie’s Footprints – The Long Walk of Warren Dorsey	Warren Dorsey/ Jack McBride White
Friday, April 1	“Remembering Streetcar #9 and Rails to Trails”	Dave Ditman/ Maureen Sweeney Smith
Friday, May 6	“Overview of Evolution of Howard County Cemeteries”	Fred Dorsey
Friday, June 3	“Cool Deliberate Courage – John Eager Howard in the American Revolution”	John Beakes
Friday, August 5	“Historical Archaeology at Patapsco Female Institute”	Lee Preston
Friday, September 2	“Benjamin Banneker”	Gwen Marabel
Friday, October 7	“Patapsco Heritage Greenway”	Mary Catherine Cochran
Friday, November 4	“So you want to buy an Old House – What to look out for and what’s on the market now?”	Shelley Wygant
Friday, December 2	“The Enchanted Forest – Maryland’s Storybook Park”	Linda Harrison Gardiner/ Martha Clark/ Janet Kusterer

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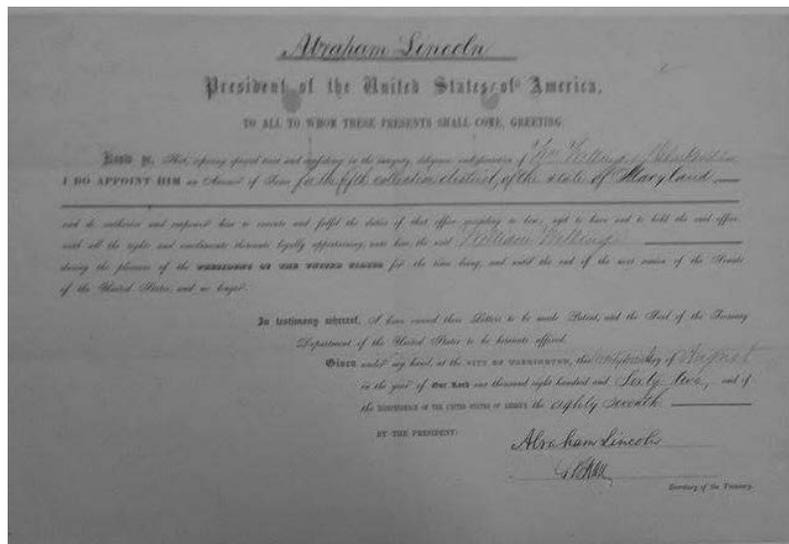
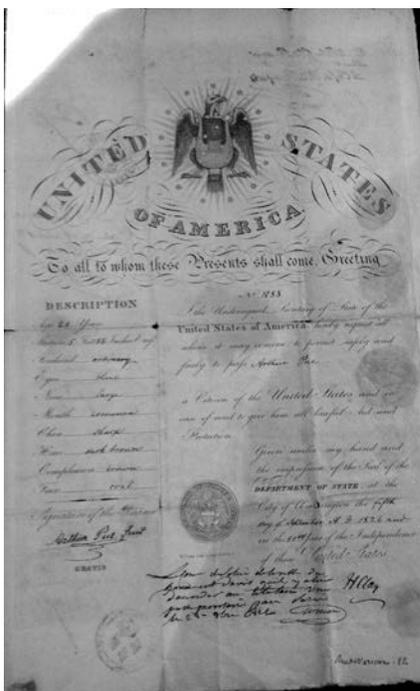
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# ARTIFACT SPOTLIGHT

Michael McManus and Dustin Linz

The Howard County Historical Society Museum boasts an impressive document collection. We have original land grants dating back to the late-1600s, marriage certificates of baseball player Babe Ruth and Ellicott City founder Andrew Ellicott, and numerous documents signed by prominent US politicians.

Two documents recently put on display is a certificate signed by President Abraham Lincoln and a 1820s US passport signed by Secretary of State Henry Clay. The certificate signed by Lincoln and his Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase in August 1862 approved the appointment of Howard County's William Welling as the tax assessor for the fifth district of Maryland. The passport belonged to Dr. Arthur Pue, Jr of Ellicott City who frequented England and France. Clay served fifteen years as a US Senator and ten years as Speaker of the House of Representatives. These two artifacts shine light on the importance of Howard County citizens and their connection to the national level. If you have any questions on these artifacts, please visit the museum and ask one of our passionate employees!



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