

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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BALTIMORE COUNTY'S 350TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2009



President's Message...

In honor of this anniversary, the Historical Society of Baltimore County is producing a special 350th Anniversary book to document the county's rich history. With some funding support from Baltimore County government, professional and citizen researchers are preparing text and are collecting oral histories and photographs for the publication.

Will you help us be able to include photographs

showing *all* aspects of Baltimore County's citizenry and diverse communities? Please dig into your collections and look for photographs, from 1860-present, that you could share to enrich the pictorial section of the book. To ensure historic integrity, however, the people and locations in a photograph must be fully identified.

Photograph Categories:

- Agricultural & equestrian life
- Commerce and Industry
- Labor
- Education
- Religion
- Government
- Serving the public (e.g., police, firefighter, hospital, libraries, etc.)
- Rivers, roads, and rails
- Aviation
- Homes and mansions
- A sense of community

- Celebrating life (e.g., parades, ceremonies, informal activities)
- Conflict and cooperation
- Just for fun
- Sports and leisure
- The unique and unusual
- The faces of Baltimore County (famous and "average" citizens)
- Miscellaneous.

You do *not* need to give the original photograph away - all photos will be scanned at the HSBC and returned *immediately* to the owner. So that all scanned images can become part of the HSBC's permanent research and publications collection each donor will sign a photograph release form. The HSBC reserves the right to decide which photographs will be scanned and which will be used in the book.

The HSBC will offer an opportunity for these unique historic photographs to be scanned on

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Baltimore County's 2009 350th Anniversary Book*
- *Corporate Level Donors and Members*
- *Upcoming Programs*
- *Volunteer Opportunities*
- *New Members*
- *Calendar of Events*

Sunday, April 13 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Please call 410-666-1878 or email bchistory4@verizon.net to schedule a time slot for scanning.



COPRPORATE LEVEL DONORS & MEMBERS

The individuals and companies listed below are engraved on our plaque of corporate donors and members which is on display in the lobby at the Almshouse.

Thank you for your generous and enduring support of the Historical Society!

Without your contributions, and the support of all our members, fulfilling our mission would not be possible.

Thank you:

- JPI Enterprises
- Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm McKnight.
- Mrs. Mildred Dorothy Gregory
- Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Wright
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS (WWW.HSOBC.ORG/CALENDAR.HTML)

All programs will be held at the Almshouse in Cockeysville, MD unless otherwise stated. Presentations are free to HSBC members, and \$5/person for non-members.

Warren History Presentation and Walking Tour

Sun. March 16, 2008 at 12:30 p.m.

Anne Kolakowski, granddaughter of a Warren mill worker, and Teri Rising, Historic Preservation Planner in the Baltimore County Office of Planning, will give the presentation.

The walk portion of this program is now full. However, if there is enough interest, we will schedule another walk of the ruins later in the year. We need 32 people to fill the bus—call Adam at 410-666-1878 or email bchistory@verizon.net to indicate your future interest.

Jewish Community in Metropolitan Baltimore

Thurs. April 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Deborah R. Weiner, Research Historian and Family History Coordinator at the Jewish Museum of

Maryland in Baltimore, will give a presentation on the arrival and migration of the Jewish community, and its significant contributions to the cultural life of metropolitan Baltimore.

Dr. Weiner received her Ph.D. in History from West Virginia University in 2002. Along side her work that has appeared in journals and essay collections, the University of Illinois Press published her award-winning book entitled, *Coalfield Jews: An Appalachian History*, in 2006.

The cost of this program was generously underwritten by HSBC board member Dr. Evart 'Bud' Cornell.

Mills and Factories in the Water -Power Age of Baltimore County

Sat. April 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m

John McGrain, County Historian, will give this illustrated presentation that will include both textile and flour mills. As stated in the introduction of his comprehensive publication on County mills, Baltimore

was said to be the leading flour milling city in the world in 1820. However, by the 1850 census, only 73 mills were recorded. Only 18 actual mills lasted into the 1970s. John will include Ellicotts Mills and Jerusalem Mill, both of which were at one time in Baltimore County.

The Great Towson History Hunt

Sun. April 27, 2008 1-3 p.m.

Build a team of family or friends. Explore Towson while learning about its history. Solve clues to figure out where to go next. Be the first team to reach the end and win the prize. This is a self-guided walking tour for adults and children ages 8 and up. Each team may have up to 5 people with an adult to lead it. See the website's Calendar of Events for more detail and a registration form with fees.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

Annual HSBC Meeting, and Covered Bridges in Miniature

May 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

The annual HSBC Meeting will be followed by a presentation on covered bridges in miniature.

Phil Schmitz, who has skillfully and accurately recreated hundreds of covered bridge in miniature, will give the presentation. Mr. Schmitz will bring a number of his creations, as

well as pictures of all the bridges, and corresponding miniatures he has produced.

Baltimore's Confederate Women: Perpetuating a Culture of War

Sun. June 8, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Claudia Floyd, Senior Professor at Villa Julie College, will lead this presentation. More details will

follow in May's Newsletter, and be posted online in the near future.

Other programs planned for 2008 include...

"Heritage versus History: How America Thinks About the Past," "The Polish Blue Army and Its Baltimore Contingent," workshops on "Researching Your WWII Family Member," and "Military History: How to Do It."

WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate HSBC programs for 2008. The Program Coordinator (PC) volunteer will be responsible for identifying and making arrangements for presentations, programs, tours, and other events sponsored by the HSBC.

The primary PC volunteer may recruit other volunteers to assist in these

tasks. Most of the work may be done from home. For more information, visit the HSBC website or call Ann Blouse at 410-661-8629.

Kevin is always looking for volunteers to help in the library. At the present time, he and other volunteers are working their way through a recently discovered box of newspa-

per clippings, preparing them for filing. Even as few as 2 hours per week will help us catch up! Call Kevin at 410-666-1878 for more information.

**Baltimore
Coordinator**

NEW HSBC MEMBERS

- Ms. Janet Gunther of Springfield, VA
- Mr. & Mrs. John & Corra Moylan/Linzey of Perry Hall, MD
- Ms. Patrice Ferguson of Parkville, MD
- Ms. Ann B. Fisch of Timonium, MD
- Mr. Terence J.P. McGilvery of Baltimore, MD
- Mr. Paul Schoen of Cockeysville, MD
- Ms. Beth Waltrap of Towson, MD
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Elder of Sparks, MD

THE HSBC HAS ACQUIRED 12 NEW MEMBERSHIPS SO FAR THIS YEAR. SHARE US WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!



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