



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY



NEWSLETTER

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HISTORY TRAILS

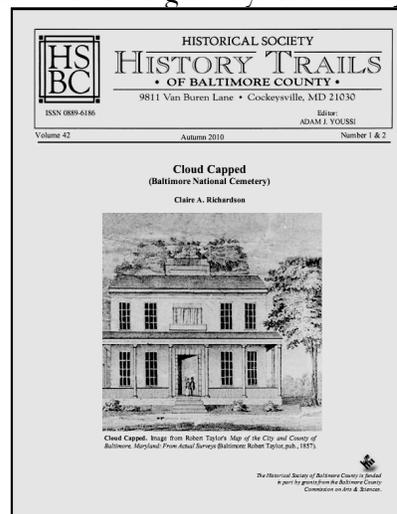
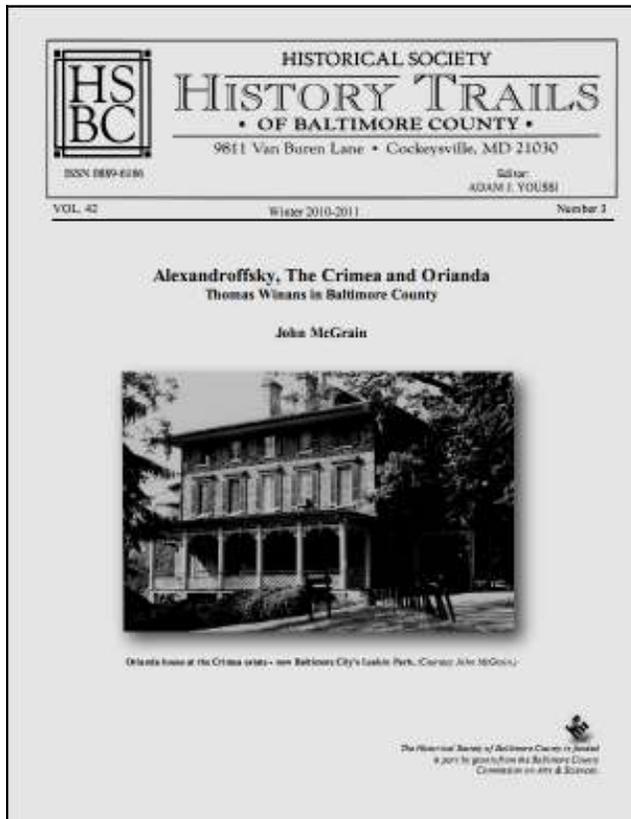
The upcoming issue of *History Trails*, written by John McGrain and edited by Adam Youssi, will challenge what may be a longstanding myth about Catonsville and its founders, Richard and Mary Caton. In it, McGrain methodically challenges, and perhaps debunks, a myth about Castle Thunder, a building that allegedly stood on the site of the present day Catonsville Public Library and served as the early home of Richard and Mary Caton, son-in-law and daughter to Charles Carroll. McGrain uses land records, deeds, property assessment data, newspaper accounts and other primary sources to carefully track the land where the site's historic marker claims the Caton's lived in the eighteenth century. In fact, many popular histories, as well as the Maryland Historical Society's historic marker in front of the Catonsville Public Library claim Castle Thunder was home to the Caton's but McGrain's research and evidence may suggest another story entirely - that perhaps Castle Thunder did not even exist until long after the Caton's allegedly lived there.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *History Trails*
- *New Members*
- *Donors*
- *Past Programs*
- *Book sales*
- *Yard sale*
- *Volunteer News*
- *Calendar of Events*
- *Community Outreach*
- *Condolences*

Our quarterly publication, *History Trails*, is a benefit of membership, so if you receive our Newsletter but are interested in our research-based quarterlies too, please consider becoming a member of HSBC. Prior issues explored the site of what is now the Baltimore National Cemetery, Thomas Winans and his influence on the Russian place-names around Baltimore County, former summer-time getaways such as Bay Shore Park and

the trolley system's influence on suburban expansion and refuge, and many other fascinating historic sites and events around the County.



SIGNED BOOK IS NOW FOR SALE

Order your copy of *British Roots of Maryland Families, Volume II* by Robert W. Barnes from HSBC. Mr. Barnes signed these books on August 22, 2002. \$10.00.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MAKES APPOINTMENTS

The Nominating Committee chaired by Phyllis Bailey and consisting of Jane Michael, Phyllis Bailey, and Barbara Yingling reports that the officers of HSBC have been realigned. Effective July 1, 2011, Phyllis Bailey will replace Bud Cornell as president. Mr. Cornell will replace Ms. Bailey as Vice President and Barbara Yingling will become Secretary. The office of Treasurer is currently open.

NOTEWORTHY CHANGES TO HSBC BY-LAWS

The newly revised HSBC by-laws were unanimously voted "in favor of" via mail-in ballots and those present at the annual membership meeting. The highlights of the changes are:

1. Authorizes the board and HSBC members to use digital media to be informed about voting for board members and by-laws. It also permits HSBC members the use of electronic formats (email, website or alternatives as appropriate and agreed upon by the board). Will allow non-present board members and HSBC members to cast ballots to meetings they cannot attend.
 2. Article 13, regarding the dissolution and disposition of assets was broadened in the eventuality that HSBC would be dissolved as a legal entity. Previously it only included the Maryland Historical Society. New organizations mentioned include Baltimore County Historical Trust, Dundalk Patapsco Neck Historical Society, Maryland State Archives, Baltimore County Public Library, Catonsville Historical Society, etc.
 3. The president is added as an ex-officio of every committee of the organization.
 4. Previously, the board and committee members could be removed "with or without cause" from their position. This was revised to read "with cause" as it was deemed appropriate that cause must be given for the removal of an individual from the board or committee.
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HSBC

"GREAT DONORS MAKE POSSIBLE GREAT PROGRAMS"

APRIL AND MAY DONORS

Andrew and Alice Bonthron, Baldwin, MD

Craig Close, Baltimore, MD

Jim Long, volunteer coordinator, presented live plants to active volunteers in recognition of their contributions to the Society.

Malissa Ruffner, Baltimore, MD

Frederick J. Trumbour, Sparks, MD.

HSBC ANNOUNCES BOARD CHANGES

Mr. Tim Genco tendered his resignation as Treasurer. His past service is appreciated.

Keith Silberg, Cassie Kilroy Thompson and Elizabeth Cockey were voted to the board of directors.

NEW MEMBERS



Paul Auwaerter, Lutherville, MD	Dale Kirchner, Cockeyville, MD
Charles Clifton, Cockeyville, MD	George and Amy Macht, Ruxton, MD
Calvin Disney, Baltimore, MD	Eileen Manchester, Baltimore, MD
Rhoda Dorsey, Lutherville, MD	John Martin, Lutherville, MD
Merryman Ford, Towson, MD	Andy and Lindsay Nixon, Phoenix, MD
Victoria Fredenrich, Jarrettsville, MD	William Pheil, Timonium, MD
Douglas Hamilton, Cockeyville, MD	William and Penelope Scott, Cockeyville, MD
Adrienne Jones, Towson, MD	Monica Warns, Reisterstown, MD
Victoria Kinnear, Baltimore, MD	

WEB SITE ENHANCEMENTS—NEW

The Historical Society of Baltimore County recently engaged new online tools and social media for the convenience of its members and friends:

1. We added an online portal for purchasing and renewing your memberships from the convenience of your home computer: <http://hsobc.org/becomemember.html>
2. We joined Twitter! Follow us to stay current with our events, on-goings, newsfeeds, and to see which organizations we follow and recommend.
3. We're on Facebook! "Like" our page to follow our events, see photos, and correspond with others sharing similar interests.
4. Donations continue to be accepted online through our website. <http://hsobc.org/membership.html>



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Send us your business card and it will go in the next HSBC newsletter, to be published in August.

HSBC RECEIVES GRANT

The Baltimore County Historical Trust has honored HSBC by a \$300 grant to partially pay for the creation and installation of a bronze plaque that will proclaim the significance of the Almshouse building to HSBC. Now we need to raise another \$600 to move the project forward to completion.

BOOK AND FLEA MARKET SALE

Recently, the Historical Society of Baltimore County invested months methodically surveying its library stacks and "backroom inventories" identifying duplicate and non-mission-related books and research material. Hundreds of duplicate books were identified that will be sold in various venues in the coming weeks.

First, books relating directly and indirectly to Maryland and Baltimore County history will be available for purchase at the society Tuesday through Saturday, June 1st through September 10th, 2011.

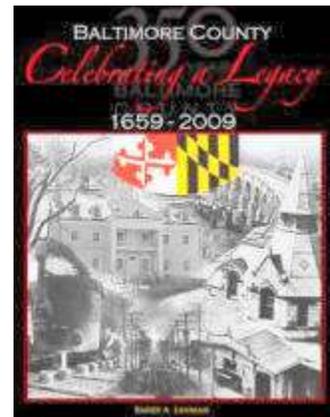
Second, the society will also be selling its duplicate volumes at the Lutherville-Timonium Recreation Council Flea Market on Sunday, June 12, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The flea market is across the street from Padonia Elementary school. Some volumes may be of tremendous research value, while others may be of some significance in and of themselves. Stop in to visit us, or come by the flea market to continue building your own collections.

CELEBRATING A LEGACY 1659-2009 BOOK COMMITTEE

A belated and well-deserved "thank you" to the committee that led to the publication of Baltimore County's 350th anniversary commemorative book.

Barbara Yingling (Chair), Phyllis Bailey, William Barry, Ann Blouse, Kevin Clement, Dr. Evert Cornell, Louis S. Diggs, Jason Domasky, Tim Dugan, Dr. Glenn Johnston, Ann E. Kolakowski, Dr. Barry A. Lanman, Tina Nelson, Rex Shepard, Johanna Seymour and Adam Youssi.

The book is a great gift and is priced at \$31.45 (hard cover) for members (\$34.95 for non-members). The soft cover is priced at \$20.45 / \$22.95. All prices include Maryland State Sales Tax. Free shipping. May be purchased through the HSBC web site, www.hsobc.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FUN ACTIVITIES

Volunteers are needed for the **HSBC Yard Sale**. It will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2011. Please see page 6 of this issue for details.

Also requesting volunteers to help staff the HSBC booth during the **Maryland State Fair** at Timonium, which starts on Friday, August 26 and runs to Monday, September 5th. You will participate only on the weekends and only in 2 hour shifts.



Please consider donating a small amount of your time to these community outreach programs. It is great fun and you will meet many nice people. Please RSVP by e-mailing info@hsobc.org or calling (410)666-1878.



Volunteer opportunities have opened within our museum to help photograph and investigate our cultural collections, to research historical events such as the War of 1812, and to research and develop our varying exhibits concerning the history of Baltimore County. Please fill out a volunteer application form available from our website www.hsobc.org/Documents/HSBCVolunteerForm.pdf

HSBC'S PROGRAMS OF THE RECENT PAST

May 15th, 2011. The Historical Society of Baltimore County was pleased to host the Hon. Ted G. Venetoulis as guest speaker during the Annual Member's Meeting. Mr. Venetoulis was County Executive of the 15th largest subdivision in the nation, Baltimore County, from 1974-1978. He spoke fondly of his time before, during and after he left office, noting how politics had changed in recent decades. President Evert Cornell presented Ted with a photo album, taken at events that Mr. Venetoulis attended at the Almshouse while in office. Concluding, Mr. Venetoulis signed his book, political novel *Hail to the Cheat*.



Adam Youssi presented the report of the treasury and of membership drives, announcing that HSBC has a budget surplus for the second consecutive year and that our membership exceeded the previous years increase, a result of two major membership drives. Also, he announced changes to the Board of Directors.



Top: Ted Venetoulis addresses the audience during the Annual Member's Meeting. Right: President Evert "Bud" Cornell presents Mr. Venetoulis with photos taken of him at events at the Almshouse during his term in office.

Photos courtesy of Jim Long

April 30, 2011. Glenn Johnston of Stevenson University introduced historians Christopher George and Robert Reyes at HSBC's *Introduction to the War of 1812* presentation on Saturday, April 30, 2011. George and Reyes provided an excellent overview of the war while highlighting the oft neglected history and importance that the Battle of North Point played in securing Baltimore and the continent. The presentation saw an attendance of approximately fifty people - thank you Glenn Johnston, Christopher George, and Robert Reyes for an insightful and educational kickoff to the 1812 bicentennial.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Hampton Mansion sponsored the Dairy Day on Saturday, June 4. Our Society was invited to participate by HSBC member Mike Spencer who represented the Maryland Agricultural Resource Center and his wife Pam representing Weymouth Farm. Pam demonstrated how to make cheese from goats' milk and

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brought along 6 Nubian kids to amaze both adults and children. Society President Bud Cornell attended along with two butter churns from the HSBC Museum Collection. Keith Wills, President of the Baltimore County Farm Bureau attended and performed demonstrations along with Carrie McDougall from Williamsburg, VA. NPS Ranger Angela Roberts-Burton kept an eye on all of us including a full gaggle of youngsters and their parents. Approximately one hundred enthusiastic visitors were in attendance.

COMING EVENTS

June 1-September 10, 2011. anyone may purchase duplicate books removed from inventory. This collection of books, some of significant value, may be purchased at the Almshouse. Buzz for entry. Any books not purchased by June 11th will be sold to the general public at the Lutherville-Timonium Recreation Council Flea Market. (See next entry). Any remaining books will be available for HSBC members at the Almshouse until September 10, 2011.



June 12, 2011, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lutherville-Timonium Recreation Council holds their weekly Flea Market. HSBC will partner with the Rec Council to conduct our cooperative Yard Sale. We will have a table with vintage books (including genealogical), collectibles, bric-a-brac and many other items for sale. Volunteers needed! The event is held at 9835 Greenside Dr., Cockeysville, MD. Visit <http://www.ltrc.org/fleamarket/index.html> or contact HSBC at (410)666-1878 for details. Parking available on the Cockeysville Public Library lot.

August 26-September 5, 2011. Maryland State Fair. HSBC will have a booth again this year. Weekend volunteers are needed to staff our booth in two-hour shifts.



September 17, 2011, 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The First HSBC Legacy Tour: North County Communities. Join us for the maiden outing of "From Almshouse Hill History Tours" as we travel by deluxe motor coach along the byways of the north county. Volunteer bus hosts will guide our exploration of the social history of Middletown, Freeland, Maryland Line and Parkton as we consider how these communities were shaped by non-profit organizations (example: churches). Planned stops along the route will provide opportunities to photograph historic buildings and stunning vistas. We will appreciate local agriculture with a light lunch of artisan sandwiches and salads. As our final stop of the afternoon, we will enjoy a tasting at a Piedmont trail winery. Included is a commemorative information packet. Adults only. Wheelchair access with advance notice. Cost: \$65.00 for members; \$75.00 for non-members.

October 22, 2011, 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Historical Society of Baltimore County's Fifth Annual Shrimp Feast and Fundraiser to be held at Columbus Gardens. Save the date for this gala event.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

June 14, 2011, 6 p.m. Executive committee meeting. Board of Directors meeting at 7 p.m.

June 18, 2011, 10:30 a.m. A call for HSBC tour volunteers. "From Almshouse Hill History Tours" will hold its meeting in the Almshouse. We will continue working on our autumn event, "The HSBC Legacy Tour" to be held on Saturday September 17, 2011. There's an activity to match every volunteer's interests. Please consider donating a few hours to this fun and worthwhile activity. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact Donna Keuck through HSBC at (410)666-1878.

July 12, 2011, 6 p.m. Executive committee meeting. Board of Directors meeting at 7 p.m.

July 16, 2011, 10:30 a.m. "From Almshouse Hill History Tours" will hold its meeting in the Almshouse.

CONDOLENCES

Helen M. Mayo, long-time HSBC member and volunteer, died on April 8, 2011. Her late husband, George, was a former HSBC president. She is survived by 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Her obituary directed that donations in her memory be sent to HSBC. Dozens of individuals from around the country wrote in and donated funds in her memory.

Shirley R. Tepper, 76, retired Baltimore County teacher, administrator and HSBC Board member passed on May 6, 2011. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Byron S. Tepper, two children and two grandchildren. Her obituary directed that donations in her memory be sent to HSBC.

The Historical Society of Baltimore County expresses condolences to their families.

The HSBC board of directors collected a donation in memory of recently deceased board member, Towson Times writer and former attorney, **Mary Katherine Scheeler**. Proceeds were donated to HSBC's operations in her name.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Kathy Aspden*	Library, accessioning, collection vetting & patron assistance
Bud Cornell	Library committee, mgr. of Surname vertical files, stationeries & keeper of keys
Susan Costello	Museum & newsletter
Jack Danz	Museum
Tim Dugan*	Library committee, mgr. of Subject vertical files
Linda Haynes	Library projects & research
Melissa Heaver*	Museum Collections Manager
Allen Hendrickson	Patron assistance
Martha Hendrickson	Photo collection, scanning, data entry & quality control
Earl Hines	Map inventory, data entry & patron assistance
Pat Ichniowski*	Maintenance & facilities
Donna Keuck	35mm slide inventory & classification, tours coordinator
Dale Knapp	Surname file maintenance
Jim Knapp	Photo collection, scanning, data entry, quality control & newsletter editor
Delores Lake	Museum collections
Joyce Layman	Museum collections
Tom Lonegro	Map inventory & data entry
Jim Long*	Library committee, photo collection mgr., volunteer coordinator & misc.
Cynthia Mann*	Research & patron assistance
Kathleen O'Brien*	Vertical file data entry & miscellaneous library projects
Sally Riley	Research and library
Pat Routson	Patron assistance
Brian Sullivan	Tours
Johnna Suter	Surname vertical files maintenance & patron assistance
Virginia Thompson	Tours
Barbara Yingling *	Patron assistance

* Volunteering for 4 or more years



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