



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Scott Batton

Scott is president and owner of Batton Builders, Inc. For more than thirty years he had been building and renovating fine homes throughout the Baltimore area. He holds a degree in forestry from Paul Smiths College and lives in Jacksonville in a house that he built himself twenty-six years ago. He and his wife of thirty years, Andrea, have two children, Taylor and Maggie.



Sarah Koch

Sarah is the owner of SK Creative Solutions, a graphic design company focusing on bridging the gap between the design and business worlds; she also co-owns Baldwin Belts, a company selling custom needle point belts. She graduated from Susquehanna University, where she majored in Graphic Design and Business Marketing. When not working, Sarah is active in athletics, playing hockey, lacrosse, and soccer in her free time.



Jim Long

Before retiring, Jim was a Field Support Engineer and site manager for twenty-four years in naval military simulation. He holds an engineering degree from Capitol College and studied computer information systems at Strayer University. Jim has volunteered at HSBC since 1998 and currently serves as Volunteer Coordinator and Photo Collection Manager, along with many other functions on a daily basis. Beyond the Almshouse his interests include photography, family history, gardening, and technology.



Mike McCarthy

Mike is the Chief Operating Officer of the Financial Consulate in Hunt Valley. He oversees day-to-day operations, deals with regulators, and serves as a financial planner to clients. He holds a BS in accounting from Towson University and is a Licensed CPA. He is founding chairman of the local Ducks Unlimited, raising funds for wetland conservation. Mike lives in Freeland with his wife Holly, the music teacher at Kingsville Elementary, and daughter Carrigan.



Donna Tyree

Donna is a self-employed CPA who provides bookkeeping, accounting, and tax services to small businesses and individuals. She holds a business degree, with a specialization in Accounting, from the University of Baltimore. Last year she moved to Lutherville from Kingsville, with her husband Michael, a Fuels Manager at Raven Power LLC, and her eight-year-old son Carson.

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THE CITIZENS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

AND THANKS TO OUR CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS



Phyllis Bailey

Phyllis began her career teaching social studies in the Baltimore County Public Schools and served as Coordinator of Planning and Outcomes, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Executive Director of Special Programs PreK-12. She has worked with the Maryland Historical Society, the Maryland Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Council, and the Maryland Center for Character Education. Phyllis first joined the HSBC Board in 2008 and served as President from 2011 to 2014.



Brian Cooper

Brian is the principal auctioneer and appraiser of antiques and fine and decorative arts at Alex Cooper Auctioneers in Towson. He is a lifelong Baltimore County resident who grew up in Pikesville and now resides in Owings Mills with his wife, a nurse at Baltimore County's Lansdowne High School. Brian joined the HSBC Board in 2014.



Evart "Bud" Cornell

Bud is a retired Baltimore County elementary school principal and former faculty member of the Education Department of Towson University. He has also served as President of the Baltimore Symphony Associates and a co-chair for a Baltimore County Genealogical Society committee. A long-time member, volunteer, and cherished presence around the Almshouse, Bud first joined the Board in 2006 and was President in 2011.

H. David Delluomo (Treasurer)

Dave is a CPA with his own practice, specializing in auditing, accounting, and taxes. Educated at University of Maryland College Park and University of Baltimore School of Law, he has worked exclusively in public accounting since 1979. Dave was born in Cumberland but has lived in the Baltimore area since 1978. He is married with two children. Dave first joined the Board in 2011.



Geraldine Diamond

Gerri is a certified financial planner and wealth manager who has been advising businesses and individuals since 1982. She is currently a Wealth Management Specialist at Diamond Wealth Management. In 2013, *Baltimore Magazine* gave her a Five Star Wealth Manager award. A resident of Towson, she enjoys singing, music, and dancing in her spare time. Gerri joined the Board in 2014.



John Gasparini

John wears many hats professionally. He has been the president of the Maryland Auction Group for more than twenty years and is a CAGA-certified appraiser. He is also a therapist and teaches psychology at UB and, in summer, runs the State Fair's track kitchen. Originally from New Jersey, he lives on a horse farm in Monkton, on part of the original Clynmalira, with his wife, son and daughter. John first joined the Board in 2009.



John Gontrum

John is co-chairman of the Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP, Real Estate Section and Real Estate Development, Leasing and Land Use Industry Group. A graduate of Duke University (BA, JD), he has served as president of the Baltimore County Bar Association, a board member of the Baltimore County Bar Foundation, a fellow for the Maryland State Bar Foundation, board chairman of Franklin Square Hospital, and a member of the Baltimore County Planning Office Advisory Committee. He joined the Board in 2014.

CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS (CONT'D)



Tom Graf (President)

Tom is a self-employed consultant who has provided aerospace-related technical and management services to businesses in Baltimore and Howard Counties for more than thirty-five years. He holds degrees in geology from the University of Delaware and organization development from Johns Hopkins. He has lived in Lutherville for almost thirty years with his wife Penny, a clinical social worker at University of MD - St. Joseph Medical Center. Tom joined the Board in 2014 and became President in 2015.



Jeff Higdon

Jeff is a graduate of Johns Hopkins (BA, 1978) and the University of Baltimore (JD, 1981), and was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1981. His areas of practice at Serio & Higdon, P.A., are litigation, commercial law, business law, business start-ups, incorporation, contracts, estate planning, estate administration, wills, probate, trusts and estates, real estate, criminal law, commercial collections, and creditors' rights. Jeff first joined the HSBC Board in 2010.



Len Kennedy (Secretary)

Len is former President and CEO of Roadnet Technologies, a transportation software company. For more than thirty-eight years, he has been involved in the transportation technology and software industry. He holds a BA from the University of Maryland and an MS in Environmental Management from Florida State University. He has lived in the Baltimore area for more than thirty years. Len joined the Board in 2015.



Dale Kirchner (Vice President)

Dale is a lifelong Baltimore County resident currently residing in Towson. He worked at Verizon for thirty years in the Consumer Business Office, Marketing and Large Business Sales, and Engineering and Network Planning. He went to work for the Maryland School for the Blind after retiring from Verizon. He has a love of local history, baseball, and the outdoors. Dale joined the Board in 2014.



Larry Trainor

Larry recently retired from Eastern Savings Bank after thirty years as the COO and CFO. He is a past Director and Vice Chairman of the Hunt Valley Business Forum, and a past Director and Treasurer of the Chesapeake Chapter of Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy. He earned a BA in Accounting from Loyola University in 1973. Born and raised in Baltimore County, he now lives in North Carolina with his wife Cindy. Larry joined the Board in 2014.



Vicki Young

Vicki is President and CEO of IVY Services, LLC, a full service print management business. She has an MS from Johns Hopkins in Human Resource Development, and a BS from Villa Julie College (now Stevenson University) in Administrative Sciences. She has extensive experience with fundraising for a variety of Maryland non-profit organizations. Vicki first joined the Board in 2013 and served as President in 2014.



WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC?

HSBC Antiques Appraisal Fair, August 23rd

HSBC is pleased to announce a repeat of the successful appraisal fairs of recent years – but this year we'll be at the newly renovated galleries of Alex Cooper Auctioneers on York Road in Towson. HSBC Board member Brian Cooper is generously donating the space and appraisal staff for this event to benefit HSBC. Numerous appraisers with varying specialties will be on hand to provide verbal appraisals of your treasured antiques and heirlooms.

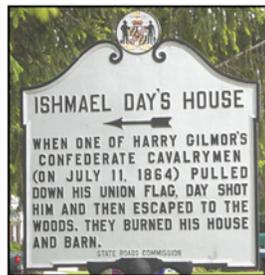


Alex Cooper Auctioneers got their start in 1924, when a young Alex Cooper began auctioning real estate, fine arts, and antiques on North Howard Street in Baltimore. The business has since grown to include three generations of Coopers, supported by a staff of almost fifty. Last year, Alex Cooper held more than 15,000 auctions at the Towson location and another in Washington, D.C. The 24,000-square-foot renovation of the York Road galleries, begun in 2015, reflects the company's commitment to creating the preeminent antiques auction facility and rug gallery for the Mid-Atlantic region.



We hope you will join us in the refurbished galleries to enjoy learning about your own and others' treasures. The Appraisal Fair takes place on Tuesday, August 23, from 10 am to 12 pm, at Alex Cooper Auctioneers, 908 York Road in Towson. There is a \$10 minimum donation per item, with all proceeds to benefit the Historical Society.

For more information, please contact HSBC at info@hsbc.org or 410-666-1878.



RECOGNIZE THESE ITEMS?

Learn more about them and more!
Register for the HSBC Legacy Bus Tour!

EARLY BALTIMORE COUNTY:

STEP BACK IN TIME

Saturday, October 22, 2016

from 9:00 am to 5:00pm

Departing from the Almshouse

FALL BUS TOUR REGISTRATION

Get your reservations in now for this year's Legacy Almshouse Bus Tour scheduled for October 22, 2016, entitled "Early Baltimore County, Step Back in Time," with visits to historic Fork, Kingsville, Franklinville and Jerusalem Mills. Registration includes lunch and a walking tour of Jerusalem Mill Village featuring museums and blacksmith shop. Call 410-666-1878, email tourinfo@hsbc.org or visit www.hsbc.org/events for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesdays and Saturdays: by appointment only @ HSBC Almshouse Headquarters

ALMSHOUSE TOURS (\$8.00 per person, free for HSBC members)

Find out the interesting history of our Almshouse and learn about some of the people who lived there. Tours last approximately 1 hour, and are offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays, by appointment only. Please contact Pat Routson at HSBC headquarters (410-666-1878) to schedule your tour.

First Thursdays each month: June 2, 2016, July 7, 2016, August 4, 2016, September 1, 2016, 10:00 am-2:00 pm @ HSBC Almshouse Headquarters

GENEALOGY INSTRUCTION (Free to all)

FREE MONTHLY GENEALOGY INSTRUCTION at the Historical Society of Baltimore County with local genealogist Noreen Goodson and professional genealogist Angela Walton-Raji, BA, M.Ed. The instructors have a wealth of general and niche genealogy knowledge, experience, and resources to share.

**Saturday, August 20, 2016, 10:00 am-4:00 pm @ Cromwell Valley Park
DAM JAM (Free to all)**

A day of fun and education hosted by Baltimore City Public Works! More details p.11

Sun., August 21, 2016, 2:00-4:00 pm @ HSBC Almshouse Headquarters (Speakers Series)

PUBLIC HISTORY > LOCAL HISTORY > YOUR HISTORY

(\$5.00 for non-members, free for HSBC members)

Speaker: Ruth Mascari

When was your last history course? Did you like it? Or not? Can't remember? That is probably the answer for most of us. Our public history is all around us all the time. It can be found in architecture, music, road patterns, social trends, cemeteries and more. While academic history that is taught inside the classroom is critical, it lacks the elements of spontaneity and hands-on opportunity. Ruth will use points in Baltimore County history to discuss this topic. She will have pictures and artifacts for demonstration. You are invited to bring a favorite or unique artifact of your own to share.

Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 10:00 am-12 noon @ Alex Coopers Auctioneers, Towson

HSBC ANTIQUES APPRAISAL FAIR

(\$10.00 min. donation per item appraised)

The renowned antiques appraisers of Alex Cooper Auctioneers in Towson, MD, are donating their time to appraise your antiques and benefit the Historical Society. Numerous appraisers with varying specialties will be on hand at Alex Cooper's newly renovated galleries. Bring your family treasures and antiques to receive a professional, verbal appraisal for your item's value. Who knows, you might discover you own an "American Treasure," as the popular Antiques Roadshow series says.

Sun., September, 25, 2016, 2:00-4:00 pm @ HSBC Almshouse Headquarters (Speakers Series)

PAPER MONEY AND THE NATIONAL BANKS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

(\$5.00 for non-members, free for HSBC members)

Speaker: Armand Shank

Researcher Armand Shank will offer a brief history of paper money used in our country. He will also take a close look at the nine National Banks chartered in Baltimore County, including: individual bank histories; bank notes issued, with report of survivors; bank officers and note signers; the first notes issued by the Cockeysville National Bank; and a display of surviving notes.

YOU MAY HAVE MISSED...

FAMILY SEARCH RESEARCHING GENEALOGY

Speaker: Michael King - June 5, 2016

On June 5th we learned a lot about searching for family connections from Michael King. He demonstrated various free programs featuring great tools that any one can use. He followed a specific example of a family search to illustrate some of the methods. Genealogy programs can help you store and access your own family information you have gathered as a result of your research. Be sure to visit HSBC library for additional genealogy resources.



Photo by Jim Long

ANNUAL MEETING AND PRESENTATION - June 12, 2016

There was a good turnout at HSBC's annual membership meeting on June 12. President Tom Graf gave a State of the Society address indicating good health and the need for continued support from our members. New board members were elected: Donna Tyree, Sarah Koch, Mike McCarthy, Scott Batton and Jim Long. Following the meeting HSBC director Kathleen Barry gave a slide show presentation called "Women's History in Baltimore County," which featured the various roles that women have played in our history. Her presentation covered the suffragette movement and also notable women in publishing, education and other fields.



Photo by Jim Long

FLASHBACK FARMING: 400 YEARS OF MARYLAND'S AGRICULTURAL HISTORY - June 25, 2016

HSBC showed off some of its historic farm photos at the inaugural Flashback Farming event held on June 25th at the Baltimore County Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park at 1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville. Organized by the Maryland Agricultural Resource Council, the event featured exhibitors from around the state representing Maryland's farming community and historical organizations. Attendees had the chance to learn about beekeeping, 17th-century farming, yolkling oxen, butter making, herbal remedies made by slaves, and how farm children lived a century ago, among other topics. Adding to the fun were hayrides, ice cream from Prigel's Creamery, and musical entertainment. For a short video of this event and additional photos, please visit HSBC's YouTube channel (hsbc9811) and Facebook page (@BaltimoreCountyHistory).



Photo by Robert Levine

MILLING AROUND OWINGS MILLS

Speaker: Kathy Aspen - July 17, 2016

On Sunday, July 17, 2016, Kathy Aspden presented "Milling Around Owings Mills." Kathy is a longtime volunteer with the Historical Society. A year ago the Baltimore County Public Library contacted the Historical Society to ask if someone could give a program that would be of interest to the residents of the Owings Mills area. Since Ms. Aspden is a resident of Reisterstown, she volunteered to do the research. Spanning pre-colonial times to the modern era, her illustrated talk discussed the many settlers, farmers, millers, and businessmen and women who have contributed to the development of today's Owings Mills.

BELLA VISTA: THE BONAPARTES' MANSION

As you travel north on Harford Road you will see a white-columned house atop a hill overlooking the valley. This home has always been known as the Bonaparte Mansion. Yes, the property was once owned by a relative of Napoleon Bonaparte of France.



*Charles J. Bonaparte, c. 1903
(Library of Congress)*

The story begins in 1803, when Jerome, Napoleon's younger brother arrives in Baltimore. He came to visit a friend, Commodore Joshua Barney. While in Baltimore he meets Elizabeth Patterson ("Betsy"), the daughter of a wealthy merchant. They fall in love and are married. However, Napoleon has other plans for his brother. He has the wedding annulled even though Betsy was pregnant at the time. Betsy is refused admission to France. She then goes to England, where she has a son whom she names Jerome. Eventually, Jerome (Napoleon's brother) is married again and becomes the King of Westphalia.

Betsy and her son travel around Europe. Finally, they return home and Jerome (Jr.) marries a Baltimore girl. They have two sons, Jerome III, who graduates from West Point, and Charles J. Bonaparte, who becomes a lawyer.

Charles Bonaparte turns his back on his royal connections. He becomes a friend of Theodore Roosevelt, serving in his Cabinet as Attorney General and Secretary of the Navy.

Eventually, Charles J. Bonaparte feels the pressure of population is encroaching on his neighborhood in the City. He decides to purchase land in Baltimore County, calling it Bella Vista (beautiful view).



Bella Vista, built 1895 (HSBC P002336)

The Baltimore County *Union* describes the house in an article on September 10, 1904:

Mr. Bonaparte's house is built of Virginia shingles and is in Colonial Style, with white porches in circular form nearly the entire distance around it. Hand carving is a feature of the scroll and ornamental work. A great attraction of the interior is the reception hall, which runs the entire width of the house from north to south... The reception hall is furnished with sofas and divans upholstered in tapestry, and there are easy chairs, standing lamps, a piano and an old fashioned spinning wheel, besides several coffee tables...

This house, the one he loved best, burned down a few years after his death, about 1933. Therefore, the present house is not the one Bonaparte lived in, it is a later building.

—Pat Routson

Sources:

"Mr. Bonaparte's Farm," *History Trails*, Vol. 11, no. 4 (Summer 1977).

Karen Richards, "Man In The Street: Bonaparte," *Baltimore Sun*, Oct. 17, 1948, p. SM 14.

Geoffrey W. Fielding, "Vanguardist in the Flight to Suburbs" (unidentified clipping in Bonaparte surname file, HSBC Collections).

THE GUNPOWDER COPPERWORKS HOUSE



Photo by Evert Cornell

Constructed about 1815, the Gunpowder Copper Works House is a one-and-a-half-story stone building. It was reportedly used as a dormitory for the workers at the nearby plant. Supposedly by about 1900 this building had been converted to a stable by J. Alexis Shriver. It was later converted to a residence. Two one-story wood frame out-buildings, dating to about 1900, are on the property. About 1930, a small wing appears to have been added to one of them, to serve as a children's playhouse.

The Copper Works may have been established as early as 1804, though an ad in an 1811 *Maryland Journal* serves notice that a mill in the area is for lease. Levi Hollingsworth, who had been born in 1765 and had served in the American Revolution, was a prosperous merchant from Cecil County heavily invested in shipbuilding, when he leased a mill from Dr. Thomas Love and Caleb Dorsey Goodwin in 1811. We assume that he established his Copper Works, a copper rolling mill, on this approximate site shortly after this date.

The Gunpowder CW was a U.S. Navy supplier during the War of 1812, producing sheathing, bolts and nails by 1814. Shortly after the War ended, the high quality copper sheathing, rolled by the mill from copper ore mined in Frederick County, Maryland, was used in the reconstruction of the dome on the U.S. Capitol building. This generated national recognition for the mill as a copper supplier. The profit from the Capitol Dome contract allowed Levi Hollingsworth to buy out the Ridgely and Goodwin interests in the Gunpowder CW in 1816. At his death in 1822, Hollingsworth was operating the only copper refinery south of the Mason-Dixon Line, an extremely productive facility that operated for at least an additional forty years. Gunpowder CW produced between 550,000 and 1.5 million pounds of sheeting by 1850.

In 1858 major rain storms in mid-June caused significant flooding in the area and along the Great Gunpowder Falls, which destroyed the dam at the Copper Works. The dam was rebuilt, but operation ceased later that year and the factory was closed. It was rented to a tenant operator in 1861, but probably remained closed during the Civil War. The Maryland General Assembly incorporated the Gunpowder CW as a state facility in 1864; however, the newly incorporated copper works failed and the 303 acres of land on which the copper works sat was sold to the City of Baltimore in 1866 as the possible site for a future reservoir.

In 1887 the Baltimore City Water Board sold it to Henry Reier, who sold it to Henry E. Shimp for his "bending works at the Old Copper Factory on the Gunpowder", where he manufactured wheel rims, wagon wheel spokes and wagon shafts operating into the 20th century.

The property was purchased in 1910 by J. Alexis Shriver of Harford County, who sold the plant's water wheels during a scrap drive for the 1st World War. The facility was in ruins by the mid-20th century and deeded to the state during the acquisition of Gunpowder Falls State Park.

Possibly the most intact industrial site of its kind along the Great Gunpowder Falls, it is immediately past Factory Road on northbound Harford Road. There are at least four buildings still standing along Harford Road just above Gunpowder River bridge that were originally part of the copper works. To find out more about these and other details, join our bus tour in October, or purchase the forthcoming bus tour booklet. —*Evert Cornell and Sally Riley*

Sources: Robert A. Erlandson, "Living in a Piece of History," *Baltimore Sun*, July 17, 1991, p. 1C; David Marks, *Crossroads: The History of Perry Hall, Maryland* (1999), p. 26-30; Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties BA-248, March 1968; BA-385, May 2006; BA-2075, May 2001.

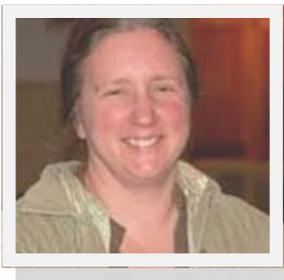
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Volunteers Needed

Almshouse Bus Tours – Volunteers are needed to help during all of the tour phases, which include the planning, logistics, research, and participation on the day of the tour. Email: tourinfo@hsobc.org

Library Research Center – Library volunteers needed to help during public hours on Fridays and Saturdays. Volunteers will greet visitors and help retrieve research materials. This is a great way to help HSBC and learn about our research library holdings.

Those interested please contact Jim Long at info@hsobc.org or 410-666-1878. You may also fill out and mail in a volunteer application, available in person or from our website at <http://www.hsobc.org/volunteer-opportunities>.



Volunteer Spotlight– Cynthia Mann

Have you ever needed assistance researching your family, were interested in that old property down the street or had any number of questions on Baltimore County History? Then chances are good that Cynthia Mann was involved in answering your questions.

When Cynthia, a history and library sciences graduate of Western Maryland College, joined us as a volunteer in 2005, she began helping with data entry tasks that would become the foundation of our current computer database.

She along with other volunteers began the lengthy process of adding the information contained in our vertical files to our early database.

Cynthia is now our principal researcher who investigates the questions we receive from email submittals or from our paying patrons. She will utilize the holdings of our Library Research Center as well as the web resources she has mastered in the time she has been with us. At the conclusion of her research she will prepare a results report for the patron that includes copies of supporting evidence.

In her spare time here Cynthia continues to help us fine tune the database by editing records to improve the content and usability of this information. We are very grateful for the volunteer efforts of Cynthia and the other volunteers who have given us their time.

PUBLICATIONS

Want to increase your business visibility? Place an ad in our Legacy Bus Tour Booklet! The booklet is distributed to every individual who participates in the Tour and is for sale after the Tour. If you are interested, contact Sally Riley by emailing tourinfo@hsobc.org.

HSBC Members – Do you have a copy of our *Baltimore County: Celebrating a Legacy, 1659-2009*, with Historic Sites Map included? Stop by the Almshouse with this coupon and we'll be happy to give you a copy with our compliments.

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Baltimore County: Celebrating a Legacy, 1659-2009

by Barry A. Lanman

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FROM OUR BLOG

Being an Intern at HSBC

By Rachel L. Harmon

For my final semester at Towson University, I always knew I wanted to participate in an internship, not only to get class credits towards my degree but also to earn some valuable experience working in the field. There were many different places offering an internship opportunity that I looked into and I ultimately chose to work at the Historical Society of Baltimore County.



HSBC Museum Storage

Working at the HSBC gave me an opportunity to gain experience working in variously different

areas. I was able to tailor my experience in order to gain as much knowledge as possible. I knew I did not want to work in just one area of the Historical Society, but to experience many aspects.

I was able to work with the public promoting the Historical Society and the services it offers, write for publication, work with museum artifacts and meet many fun and interesting people while doing it. There was never a day during my internship that I dreaded going into work and even after I have graduated I still volunteer when I have free time.

Throughout my education I had never gained a sense of local history and how it ties in with major themes until my internship. I have spent my entire life in Baltimore County and sadly did not know too much about local history. All of that changed when I started my internship. I learned of the fascinating things that happened in the county in which I had been raised.

Writing about history had been fun for me throughout my college career and I had believed that would be my favorite part of my internship. However, I did little writing and more hands-on work. HSBC gave me the opportunity to help in the museums collections department, archiving an array of different objects. That quickly became (and still is) my favorite part of working there. I enjoy seeing these objects that come from times past and ensuring they are in their proper home.

It was in this way that I discovered what I truly wished to do within the museum field. Before my internship I knew I wanted to work in a museum, I just had not been sure where. Through the Historical Society, I have gained a sense of direction in my future career.

Though there are many other opportunities other than just working with the archives. I volunteered at the Maryland State Fair and at the Fall Barn Concert. Both enabled me to meet people and talk to them about the Society in order to interest people in becoming a member.

The staff at the HSBC is wonderful to work with as well. They are always willing to help and answer any questions I may have had. Each person there is knowledgeable and helpful. I could not have asked for a better team to fulfill my internship hours.

Whether you know exactly what you want to do or are still testing the waters interning or volunteering at the Historical Society of Baltimore County is an excellent experience for anyone looking to work in the field.

This blog was published on our website on February 25, 2016. Please visit <http://www.hsobc.org/blog/> for more articles.

HSBC WILL BE AT DAM JAM 2016



Upper Loch Raven Dam (HSBC Collections, P1383)

HSBC will be joining the Baltimore City Historical Society in hosting a history booth at Dam Jam 2016 on August 20, 2016. The event, organized by the Baltimore City Department of Public Works, will take place at Cromwell Valley Park and the Loch Raven Dam, with shuttle service between the two sites. Dam Jam is a great opportunity to learn about our water system at the dam and enjoy live entertainment, exhibits, artists, wildlife, and food at the park. Musical acts include Gary and the Groove in the morning and Hot Club of Baltimore in the afternoon. Admission is free. The event will take place rain or shine, but may be cancelled for severe weather. For more information and any weather-related postings, please visit the DPW Facebook page (@BaltimoreCityDepartmentofPublicWorks).

WHAT IS IT?

Here is another “What is it?” object. If you attended the Flashback Farming event in June, you may already know it. Put your thinking cap on and guess what object this is and how it is related to agriculture.



WHAT IS IT? ANSWER (JUNE-JULY)



HSBC Collections
1962.06.08

Invalid feeder - Such feeders were often found in homes in the late 19th and early 20th century. They were used for feeding bedridden household members too weak to sit up and eat normally. A liquid or semi-soft food was placed in the feeder and the spout was then placed in the person's mouth. Invalid feeders were normally used to serve patients milk, tea, broth or a bland mixture of soft bread, milk and a bit of sugar called “pap.” In the movie *The English Patient* the use of a feeder was shown in a brief flashback. Some feeders were used during the Civil War to nourish wounded soldiers.

Feeders used in the small but growing number of hospitals were generally plain while those made for use in private homes were often decorated. Most were made of porcelain, some with elaborate floral patterns and other flourishes befitting tea sets., while others were made of crystal, pewter or silver. Though there were a few American makers of invalid feeders, the majority were imported from Europe. Today they are collectible items, with one retired nurse in Bolivia, North Carolina, owning more than 700 feeders and related items.

Source: “Retired Nurse Collects Antique Invalid Feeders,” *Wilmington Star News Online*, April 10, 2015, <http://www.starnewsonline.com/news/20150410/retired-nurse-collects-antique-invalid-feeders>.

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