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NEWSLETTER



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HSBC BUS AND WALKING TOUR 2017

A PIECE OF OLD BALTIMORE COUNTY: WESTMINSTER



*Barn at the Carroll County Farm Museum.
Photo by Bud Cornell.*

Do you know that parts of Carroll County used to be Baltimore County? See and hear about this interesting history on this year's bus tour. Pat Routson, Bud Cornell and Sally Riley, members of the 2017 Tour Committee, are in the process of mapping out the final details for the 2017 HSBC Bus and Walking Tour of Westminster, MD. They have made several trips to Carroll County to take pictures of various historic properties that will be featured in this year's tour booklet.

Other members of the committee are doing research and putting together monographs for the booklet. Reservations have been made at Maggie's Irish Café for lunch, and at the Shellman House and Ascension Episcopal Church for tours.



*Bud Cornell on a research trip to the Carroll County Farm Museum.
Photo by Sally Riley.*



Old Schoolhouse. Photo by Pat Routson.

The tour take places on October 21, 2017 and will leave from the Baltimore County Almshouse at 9:00 am. If you are interested and have not yet registered, registration forms are available on our website at www.hsobc.org/2017hsbc_tour, or call us at 410-666-1878. The cost is \$85 per person, \$75 for HSBC members, and includes lunch and a keepsake booklet of historical information. Registration is expected to close at the end of September or when the bus fills.

Register now to get a place for this wonderful tour!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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THE CITIZENS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Thursdays each month: September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7, 2017, 10:00am-2:00pm @ 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, M.Ed. Walton-Raji is the author of *Black Indian Genealogy Research: African American Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes*. The instructors have a wealth of general and niche genealogy knowledge, experience, and resources to share.

Sunday, September 10, 2017, 2:00-4:00pm @ HSBC Almshouse Headquarters

GREETINGS FROM GETTYSBURG (\$5.00 per person, free for HSBC members)

Speakers: David R. Craig and Mary Martin

The Battle of Gettysburg was fought from July 1–3, 1863 with over 51,000 casualties, making this battle the single-most costly conflict fought on U.S. soil. The Gettysburg National Military Park is arguably the most visited of Civil War battlefield sites. Mr. Craig and Ms. Martin's book, *Greetings from Gettysburg*, is as much about visitors to Gettysburg as it is about the soldiers and the battle itself. The authors will discuss how the book, featuring historic postcards and quotations, offers a unique visitor's guide to Gettysburg. *Greetings from Gettysburg* will be available for purchase (cash or checks only) and signing after the talk.



Saturday, September 23 2017, 12:00-2:00pm @ HSBC Almshouse Headquarters

INTRODUCTION TO GENETIC GENEALOGY (Brown Bag Lunch Talk, free to all)

Speaker: Jane Gilbert

DNA... What is it? What can it tell you about you? What can it tell you about your ancestors? Have you taken a DNA test or are you planning to? Bring your curiosity and your lunch and let Jane Gilbert help you begin your journey of interpreting and understanding your DNA results. Ms. Gilbert is a genetic genealogy hobbyist with thirteen years of experience. She is the project administrator of nine DNA projects at Family Tree DNA, totaling more than 2,200 members, and is the administrator of the 500+ Facebook Group for Family Tree DNA Project Administrators.

Saturday October 21, 2017, 9:00am-5:00pm @ HSBC Almshouse Headquarters

2017 HSBC BUS/WALKING TOUR: A Piece of Old Baltimore County: Westminster (\$85 per person, \$75 for HSBC members)

This year's tour will be primarily a walking tour at the Carroll County Farm Museum, including the former Almshouse and barns, and in the Courthouse Square area of east Westminster. **Maggie's of Westminster** will be our lunch stop, where we will enjoy a delicious lunch buffet of sandwiches and salads, and coffee/tea/soda. Visit our website at http://www.hsbc.org/2017hsbc_tour/ or call us to register.



Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 10:00am-12 noon @ Alex Coopers Auctioneers, 908 York Rd., Towson

HSBC ANTIQUES APPRAISAL FAIR (Min. donation of \$10 for first item, \$5 per additional item)

The renowned antiques appraisers of Alex Cooper Auctioneers 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 stylish, antique-filled galleries. Bring your family treasures and antiques to receive a verbal appraisal of your items. Alex Cooper staff will also give a presentation including sample appraisals of some of HSBC's own treasures. All proceeds will benefit the Historical Society.



Sunday, November 12, 2017, 2:00-4:00pm @ HSBC Almshouse Headquarters

A RIDE ON THE MA & PA THROUGH BALTIMORE & HARFORD COUNTIES (\$5.00 per person, free for HSBC members; space is limited and seating will be first come, first served)

Speaker: Rudy Fischer

Due to the tremendous response to Mr. Fischer's talk at HSBC in August, he has graciously agreed to come back for another presentation. He will take us on a virtual ride (via slides) along the path of the old Maryland and Pennsylvania (Ma & Pa) Railroad through Baltimore and Harford Counties.

YOU MAY HAVE MISSED...

MA & PA RAILROAD — August 13, 2017

Speaker: Rudy Fischer

The Galloway Room was overflowing past capacity on Sunday, August 13 for Mr. Fischer's talk about the Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad, known as "the Ma & Pa." The talk was so popular that people had to be turned away. More than



Attendees to the Sunday Lecture. Photo by Jim Long.

120 people were in attendance, leading to "standing room only." The talk was a virtual ride (via slides) along the path of the old Ma & Pa Railroad through Baltimore County. Mr. Fischer's remarkable photos and deep knowledge delighted the crowd. Due to the tremendous interest in this talk, Mr. Fischer has kindly agreed to an encore lecture, which has been scheduled for Sunday, November 12 at 2 pm. We expect to have a large crowd again, so if you plan to attend, please arrive early. Doors will open at 1:15 pm and seating will be first come, first served.

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Pat Routson, Sunday Speakers Series Coordinator, presenting a gift from HSBC to Rudy Fischer. Photo by Jim Long.



Exhibit at the Fire Museum. Photo courtesy of the Fire Museum of Maryland.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

What: HSBC's NIGHT OF HOLIDAY FLARE

When: December 2, 2017, from 7 to 10 pm

Where: The Fire Museum of Maryland
1301 York Road, Lutherville

Why: Support HSBC and enjoy an evening of friendship and fun

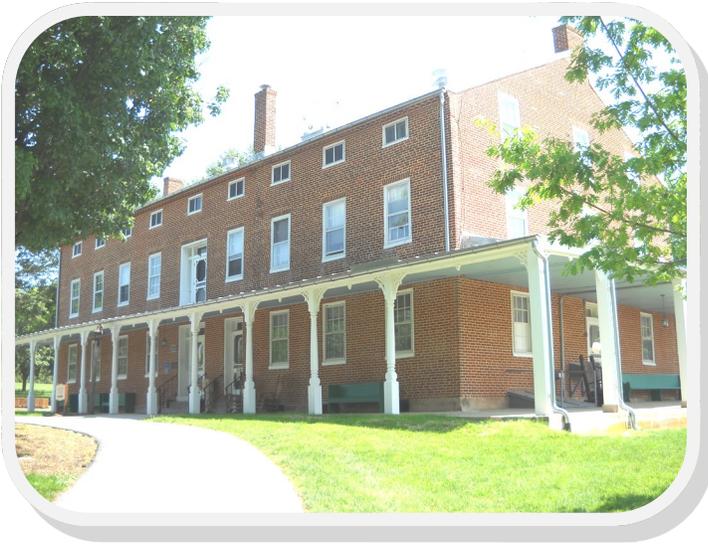
Join us for an evening of friendship and holiday celebration while touring The Fire Museum of Maryland. Come and see the 40+ fire engines and special exhibits on display, including the magical holiday train garden. Beer, wine, hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served.

Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased at www.hsobc.org/2017nightofholidayflare or by contacting us at info@hsobc.org or 410-666-1878. Sponsorships are also available. Please contact us for details. We hope to see you there!



THE CARROLL COUNTY ALMSHOUSE

By Pat Routson



Carroll County Almshouse. Photo by Pat Routson.

The Almshouse at the Carroll County Farm Museum was built in 1852. In 1876 there were fifty-two residents at the Almshouse. However, by 1963 that number decreased to eleven. The Almshouse closed in 1966.

Most people have no idea of the purpose of an almshouse. These buildings were used to house the poor, elderly or disabled.

Almshouses and work-houses came into being in 1597 when the “Act for the Relief of the Poor” was enacted in England. These “poor laws,” as they were called, came to America with the English settlers in the 1620’s.

In 1768 the Colonial Maryland Assembly established “an act for the relief of the poor.” This called for the establishment of government-supported almshouses in the counties of Maryland. Baltimore had three - Bayview, Calverton and Upland Home (the Cockeysville Almshouse). After Carroll County was established, they opened their own almshouse. That building is now part of the Carroll County Farm Museum.

The main building, a 30-room brick house, was used as the almshouse for Carroll County. The superintendent and his family lived there with the inmates. The number of inmates, as they were called, varied over time.

As the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form for the Almshouse (CARR-38) summarizes:

The Carroll County Farm Museum was created in 1965 as an adaptive use for a complex of historic buildings that served since 1852 as the Carroll County Almshouse. The major building in the complex is the main house, a two and three-quarters story brick structure that housed the Almshouse’s residents. This building now contains period rooms and offices for the museum. Other historic buildings on the site include a wash house, dairy, bank barn, blacksmith’s shop, springhouse, ice house, and sheds. The agricultural buildings exist because the poor and destitute of the county who were cared for at this Almshouse performed daily farm chores while living here. The complex now serves as a museum on agricultural life and history but is equally significant for its contribution to social history because it shows how the rural poor were taken care of by a local government during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.³

Sources:

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JUST FOR FUN

QUIZ - MULTIPLE CHOICE: THE MARYLAND STATE FAIR

The Maryland State Fair began long ago as a meeting place for farmers and livestock breeders throughout the state to buy and sell seed stock and livestock, show off their handiwork, discuss politics and social gossip, and just have a little fun. If you could walk amongst the crowd all those years ago, many a wise country saying could be heard. Here are a few of those old sayings.



*Girl on carousel, Timonium Fair Grounds, c. 1900.
HSBC Collections P001608.*

Below each old saying are three explanations. Only one is correct. Can you guess the correct one?

The rooster that crows this morning is going to be dinner on someone else's table tonight.

- (A) Keep quiet and mind your own garden or you'll soon be begging your neighbor's pardon.
- (B) Suffer fools gladly, for a braggart will soon receive his comeuppance.
- (C) A hen is for eggs, a rooster is for dinner; raise either one and you're always a winner.

Don't borrow your troubles from tomorrow.

- (A) Planning for the future is wise, but deal with today's problem today, and tomorrow's tomorrow.
- (B) Never a borrower nor a lender be, for the wise man knows there is always a hidden fee.
- (C) Time flies when the day is sunny, but slowly crawls when you owe money.

3. Wish in one hand and spit in the other, and see which one fills up first.

- (A) Wishing is fine, and so too is trusting, but spitting is always in all ways disgusting.
- (B) Things that you have are always right there but things that you wish for are just empty air.
- (C) Be thankful for what you have.

4. You can't unsay an unkind word.

- (A) You cannot boast, you cannot brag, once the cat is out of the bag.
- (B) Words are invisible and cheaper than dirt, but all in all some words can hurt.
- (C) Think before you speak, because you can't take it back.

5. A deep wound heals best when it's treated right away.

- (A) Deal with troubles immediately or they may end up getting worse.
- (B) Words can hurt and pride can steal, but love will always in all ways heal.
- (C) Germs are the enemy; medicine's our friend – remember this well or it may be the end.

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Quiz by Allen Hendrickson

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteer Picnic

HSBC thanked our volunteers with a picnic on July 23rd. Volunteers and board members and their families were able to meet, connect and socialize around a picnic menu. Originally planned for outdoors, the picnic took place indoors because of the heat. Volunteers grilled hot dogs and hamburgers outside under a canopy, led by new board member John Clifton, co-owner of Towson Delly North. Other volunteers contributed side dishes and other items for the picnic. A good time was had by all.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

HSBC welcomes these new members who have joined since the beginning of the year:

Lisette Abdiruhman
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 Donna Tyree
 Jennifer Weaver
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WHAT IS IT? ANSWER

If you guessed a last, you are correct!

This is a cobbler's shoe last on a stand, used to make and repair shoes. The stand would hold different lasts for different shoe types or sizes. The shoe would be placed upside down so that the cobbler could work on the sole and heel. Most shoes today are factory produced, so that the last is rarely used anymore.

Donated by James C. Schuyler.



DID YOU KNOW?

...that the custom of carving pumpkins at Halloween came from an Irish legend?



It was thought that the earliest beginnings of Halloween came from the celebration of the Celtic New Year on November 1st. It celebrated the harvest at the end of summer and the transition to the winter season. Celts believed that on the night before the New Year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31st they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. Bonfires and other activities were attempts to appease or ward off spirits that might disrupt crops and activities of the living. It was also a favorite time for fortune telling.

Over the centuries, this celebration was influenced by the Romans and later Christians. The Roman commemoration of the dead was called Feralia and it was held in late October. Another was a day to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees (bobbing for apples became a custom). Later, the Christian influence was felt. All Saints' Day celebrated fallen martyrs on November 1st. This was also known as All Hallows' Day and the night before was All Hallows' Eve, which became Halloween.

Out of this mixed past came the legend of Stingy Jack. The story tells of a farmer who made a deal with the devil, then tricked him several times. First he invited the devil to drink with him, and convinced the devil to turn himself into a coin to pay for the drink. Jack pocketed the coin and held it next to a cross so that the devil could not change back. He eventually freed the devil only after he promised not to take Jack's soul when he died. He played another similar trick on the devil again. Jack tricked the devil up a tree to pick some fruit and, while he was up there, painted a cross on the tree. The devil could not come down unless he promised for the next ten years that he would not take Jack's soul if he died.

The legend goes that Jack died shortly afterward. God would not let him into heaven because he made deals with the devil, and the devil could not take him. Jack was left wandering in the dark of eternity with just a burning coal ember to light his way. Jack put the coal in a carved out turnip. This wandering spirit became known as *Jack o' Lantern*.

Throughout Ireland and Scotland people began carving out turnips and beets with faces, lit them, and placed them in windows to chase away Jack's and other wandering spirits on October 31st.



When the jack-o'-lanterns custom came to America, the pumpkin made a much better material for carving and so it continues today as part of Halloween.

—*Martha Hendrickson*

Sources:

"History of the Jack O'Latern," History.com, accessed August 15, 2017, <http://www.history.com/topics/halloween/jack-olantern-history>.

GOT TREASURES IN YOUR BASEMENT? HEIRLOOMS IN YOUR ATTIC?

Then please mark your calendar: on Tuesday, November 7th we're returning to Alex Cooper Auctioneers on York Road in Towson for another HSBC Antiques Appraisal Fair. Details are on p. 2 in Upcoming Events. Our thanks to the Alex Cooper team for hosting us again. We hope to see you and your treasures there!



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