

## WESTMINSTER

This year's tour will be primarily a walking tour at the Farm Museum, including the former Almshouse and barns, and in the Courthouse Square area of east Westminster.

Among the first Englishmen to visit the shores of the Chesapeake Bay were Captain John Smith and his crew in 1607-1608. While exploring the Bay, "Captain John Smith prepared a map of the Chesapeake area indicating three Indian villages west of the Susquehanna River. Major villages because they are noted as 'Kings' Houses', one of these villages, named Cepowig, was believed by (Dr. Arthur G. Tracey) to be in the vicinity of Westminster."



Steppingstone at Shellman House (CARR-136)

When first laid out, Baltimore County included land that is today Baltimore City, Baltimore, Cecil and Harford Counties, plus sections of Anne Arundel, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, and Kent Counties, essentially all of the north central Maryland province. The land that we know today as Carroll County "was originally part of Baltimore County, created by the proprietary government in 1659." In 1695 Prince George's County was created and an irregular boundary line was established from Parr's Spring through areas near today's towns of Westminster and Manchester. This irregular line, an Indian trail that roughly bisects the county, was revised in 1748 with the creation of Frederick County and remained in effect until the creation of Carroll County in 1837.

It was more than a day's journey by wagon from these far reaches of Baltimore County (25-40 miles) to the county seat on the shores of the Patapsco. The courts at the county seats in Baltimore City and Frederick Town were overcrowded. So, by the early 1830s there were enough residents, farms and plantations out beyond the Patapsco River to justify the creation of a new county and county seat. So, on January 19, 1837, the General Assembly of Maryland passed an act erecting a new county, Carroll County, from parts of Baltimore and Frederick counties. The largest, and most populous city in the new county, Westminster, was designated as the county seat.

In the 1720s, the first Europeans settled in the area which would become Carroll County. They were mostly trappers and traders who had exchanged goods with the Native Americans. "They were soon followed by others seeking mineral ores, agricultural land and other opportunities offered by the rich natural resources [of the area.]" During this year's tour, we hope to give you a peek at some of the historic buildings in the eastern part of Westminster near the Historical Society and Courthouse Square [site of Corbitt's charge]. And a view of 19<sup>th</sup> century farm life at the Carroll County Farm Museum.

See Tour Booklet for references.



Former Ascension Episcopal Rectory (CARR-465)

## ➡ Tour Registration ←

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**Membership Status:** (please circle)

HSBC Member

Non-Member

**Bus Tour Cost:** \$75 for HSBC Member

\$85 for Non-Member

Add Membership and register as a member

Call 410-666-1878 for membership options

**Number of Registrants:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment:**

Check and Registration enclosed in envelope

I authorize HSBC to charge my registration to:  
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Make checks payable to: **'Historical Society of Baltimore County,' or 'HSBC'**

All registrations are final. Should a registrant be unable to attend, HSBC will provide confirmation of a tax-deductible contribution for the full tour price.

***Tour departs promptly  
from the Almshouse at 9:10am.***

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# Please Read Carefully and Sign

## WAIVER AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

By this waiver, I hereby waive and release the Historical Society of Baltimore County, its officers, employees, volunteers and associated persons and organizations from any liability of injury, death, loss or damage to personal property related to the activities on October 21, 2017.

I acknowledge that I understand the waiver described in this document. Waiver is made to the maximum extent possible under the law. I acknowledge that I have signed this document of my own free will. I acknowledge that I am 18 years of age or older and mentally competent to enter into this waiver.

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First Registrant's Signature

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First Registrant's Printed Name & Date

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Second Registrant's Signature (if applicable)

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Second Registrant's Printed Name & Date

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline:  
September 23, 2017**



## Lunch

**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.

The restaurant, decorated in a delightful Irish motif, is located in Westminster, the county seat of Carroll County, Maryland.



The Historical Society of Baltimore County is responsible only for transporting tour participants from Society Headquarters to the specific pre-designated stops on the tour and back to Society Headquarters at the end of the tour. From our last tour stop we will proceed directly to I-795 and return to Cockeysville.

**The Historical Society of  
Baltimore County Presents:**

## **BUS & WALKING TOUR**

## **A PIECE OF OLD BALTIMORE COUNTY: WESTMINSTER**



**Saturday  
October 21, 2017  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

