



# Heritage REPORT

## Heritage Days 2012

The weekend of June 23rd and 24th will mark the 15th annual Heritage Days Weekend! This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our rich history at over 35 sites around Montgomery County, all open for FREE! As always, we'll focus on making a visit to our many unique heritage sites interesting —and fun—for the whole family. Many Heritage Days sites offer musical entertainment, children's activities, and unique programs planned especially for this weekend.



DC Radio Control Club

- Hike along the C&O Canal on Saturday and stop at **Edward's Ferry/Lockhouse 25** in Poolesville. Hear stories of Edward's Ferry's role in the Civil War shared by costumed interpreters; tour the lockhouse, beautifully restored by Canal Quarters to circa 1840; and listen to Civil War-era music performed by Doug Jimerson.
- Join us for a special concert by the 229th Army Old Line Brass Quintet on Saturday at 1pm in the Spanish Ballroom at **Glen Echo Park**. Washington Revels Heritage Voices and Roustabout Band will perform Civil War music in the park on Sunday.
- On Saturday and Sunday see the new exhibit at the Montgomery County Historical Society's **Beall-Dawson House** on the American Civil War as experienced by Montgomery County residents. On Saturday, Dr. Stonestreet will be in his office treating a wounded Civil War soldier.

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# Letter from the *Director*

## The Best Job Ever!

That is how I feel coming to work every day. As Executive Director of Heritage Montgomery I have learned so much. After working for the Montgomery County Council for 12 years, I thought I knew about the county. But I was wrong.

I have been lucky enough to meet people like historians Mike Dwyer and Susan Soderberg, to name just two of my tutors. Mike and Susan have educated me about the French and Indian War and General Braddock's 1755 march through the county, about the significant impact the Civil War had on county residents, and about the remarkable stories of people like Enoch George Howard. Mr. Howard (1814-1895) was a slave near Unity, Maryland who purchased his freedom in 1851, followed by that of his wife and four of their children. He became the largest black landowner in the county and was instrumental in establishing the "Schoolhouse No. 2" for the community's black children in 1878 and building the nearby Howard Chapel in 1889.

There is not a day that goes by that I do not learn something new and exciting about Montgomery County. I do love my job.

*Peggy Erickson*

*Peggy Erickson and Jim McDaniel*

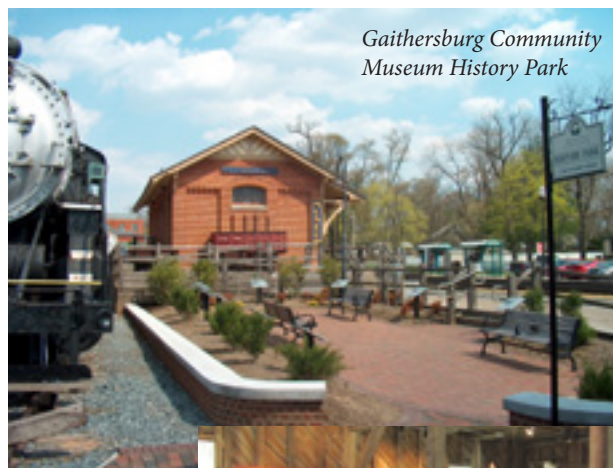


# *Heritage Days*

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- Stop by the DC Radio Control Club's flying field in South Germantown Park and see model aircraft of all types and sizes, soaring above the park.

Heritage Days has something for everyone! For details on these and other programs, visit our website, [heritagemontgomery.org](http://heritagemontgomery.org). Be sure to join us for this fun-filled weekend of free activities for the whole family!






*Gaithersburg Community  
Museum History Park*



*Hyattstown Mill Arts Project*

We have begun testing the slightly daunting waters of social media. For more timely updates on what's happening at Heritage Montgomery, please:

-  Like our Heritage Montgomery page on Facebook
-  Follow us at [heritagemoco.tumblr.com](http://heritagemoco.tumblr.com) on Tumblr
-  Follow @heritagemont on Twitter



# 2012 Mini Grants

Heritage Montgomery was very pleased to sponsor two Mini Grant rounds in FY 2012 awarding 16 grants for a total of \$19,305. The Mini Grant Program recognizes county groups and their programs that contribute to interpreting, promoting, and preserving our historical legacy by funding smaller projects with grants of up to \$2,500. The first grant round was open to any projects; the second focused on Heritage Days 2012 programs.

## Round 1

**Boys Historical Society, Boyds** – \$1,550 for new signage at the Boyds Negro School

**Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture, Glen Echo** – \$2,500 to produce and install 19 banners throughout the park

**King Barn Dairy MOOseum, Boyds** – \$1,550 to reprint an informational brochure on dairying

**Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville** – \$2,500 to help fund the 2012 History Conference

**Montgomery County Public Schools** – \$500 to enhance the school system's Civil War curriculum

**Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Rockville** – \$1,000 to develop a new logo and tagline

**Warren Church & Historic Site, Martinsburg** – \$1,000 to develop a marketing plan

**Washington Revels, Inc., Silver Spring** – \$2,500 to develop a Civil War music and dance program and \$2,280 for the development of an Anna Maria Weems historic character

## Round 2

**Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture, Glen Echo** – \$750 for musical performances by Washington Revels Heritage Voices and Roustabout Band and the historical portrayal of Anna Maria Weems

**Hyattstown Mill Arts Project, Hyattstown** – \$750 for musical performances

**Pleasant View Historical Association, Gaithersburg** – \$300 for an interactive children's program by "Kinderman"

**Sandy Spring Slave Museum, Sandy Spring** – \$750 for Washington Revels Jubilee Voices and a portrayal of Anna Maria Weems

**Sugarland Ethno-History Project, Poolesville** – \$750 for a performance at the historic St. Paul Community Church by Washington Revels Freedom Singers

**Sugarloaf Regional Trails** – \$375 for a performance of Civil War music by Doug Jimerson at Edward's Ferry/Lockhouse 25

**Warren Historic Site Committee, Martinsburg** – \$250 for the Garbo Singers performance

We are hard at work developing our new Civil War App. The free app will be available for both iPhone and Android smartphones. We plan to launch the app before Heritage Days in June, providing visitors with another means of developing personalized Heritage Days Weekend tours!



Warren Historic Site Garbo Singers

# CIVIL WAR IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

## *At Rest* in Poolesville

In the 1860s, Poolesville's population swelled from approximately 350 to over 15,000 when Civil War infantry, artillery, and cavalry soldiers were camped in the area. With both Union and Confederate troops maintaining a local presence, battles and skirmishes took place repeatedly over the four years of the war.



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Buried in this small town, with very little recognition, are the remains of at least 31 young Civil War soldiers. The graves are located in the historic Methodist Cemetery at 17605 West Willard Road in Poolesville.

A partial list of the soldiers interred at the site does exist and Heritage Montgomery has begun researching their histories. Of the 31 buried in Poolesville, 14 are from Massachusetts – eleven from the 15th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment and three from the famous 20th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. The 20th Massachusetts was known as the Harvard Brigade because the officers, as well as some of the soldiers, were young Harvard graduates. Among the officers were Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., who was injured at the battle of Ball's Bluff in October 1861, and Paul Revere, Jr.



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One young officer in the 20th Massachusetts who died from wounds received at the Battle of Ball's Bluff was William Lowell Putnam, an ardent abolitionist (pictured left). Born in 1840, he was a law student at Harvard College when the war broke out. At the age of 21 he was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Company E, 20th Massachusetts Infantry. Putnam died of a gunshot wound and was buried on October 21, 1861.

Another soldier from the 20th Massachusetts buried at the site is Albert Stackpole. He was from Nantucket and died at the age of 18. The third soldier was Alexander Barber. No records could be found on his service but he was buried on November 21, 1861.

As we started our investigation, our goal was to tell the story of all 31 young soldiers. But the accounts have proven to be so interesting we will need to do more research about these brave young men buried in our county. We hope at sometime in the future to see a permanent reminder of their service at the site.

*Other units represented at the cemetery are the 69th Pennsylvania (The Forgotten Irish or "Paddy Owen's Regulars"), 1st Rhode Island, 72nd Pennsylvania, 3rd Wisconsin, 3rd New York, 35th Virginia, 23rd Maine, and 11th New York.*

### From the 15th Massachusetts:

#### **Sgt. Melvin Howland (Berkshire Co.)**

Born: 1838. Died: Aug. 1861, age 23

Occupation: Teacher

#### **Private Edward Franklin Ware (Worcester Co.)**

Born: 1835. Died: Sept. 1861, age 26

Occupation: Shoemaker

#### **Cpl. Frank Hildreth (Middlesex Co.)**

Born: 1841. Died: Oct. 1861, age 20

Occupation: Harness maker

#### **Patrick Kelley (Worcester Co.)**

Born: 1841 or 1842. Died Oct. 1861, age 20 or 21

Occupation: Spinner

#### **Moses James Warren (Yorkshire, England)**

Born: 1828. Died Oct. 1861, age 33

Occupation: Weaver

#### **Luther Gray Turner (Middlesex Co.)**

Born: 1836 or 1837. Died Nov. 1861, age 24 or 25

Occupation: Blacksmith

#### **Cpl. Andrew W. Cowdrey (Worcester Co.)**

Born: 1834. Died: Nov. 1861, age 27

*Cpl. Cowdrey was buried in Poolesville but his family later had his body returned to Worcester County for burial at Leominster.*

#### **Lt. Henry Northey Hooper (Norfolk Co.)**

Born: 1839.

*There is some confusion about Lt. Hooper. He is listed as buried in Poolesville but also recorded as a prisoner taken at the Battle of Ball's Bluff. Massachusetts' records show he actually died in 1873.*

#### **Alonzo Boardman Belknap (Worcester Co.)**

Born: 1826. Died: Oct. 1861, age 35

Occupation: Boot maker

*Buried in Poolesville but returned to Massachusetts for burial at the Wilkinsonville Cemetery in Worcester County.*

#### **Samuel Sibley (Worcester Co.)**

Born: 1820 or 1821. Died: Nov. 1861, age 40 or 41

Occupation: Miller

*Samuel Sibley was buried in Poolesville but his family later had his body returned to the Douglas Cemetery in Worcester County.*

#### **Lewis Haril**

Died: Nov. 1861

*He is listed as buried in Poolesville but we have found no record of his service.*



# MHAA *Grant Applications*

In April, Heritage Montgomery submitted six applications for FY 2013 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority grants totaling \$227,000. These grants are an important source of funding for projects in the heritage area that assist and encourage tourism, economic development, and preservation. The slate of grants included:

**Heritage Montgomery Management Grant** – \$100,000 for operating funds

**Town of Poolesville**– \$50,000 Project Grant for streetscaping

**Montgomery County Dept. of Parks** – \$34,000 Project Grant for signage in 13 parks

**Heritage Montgomery** – \$30,000 Project Grant for Heritage Days and Civil War programs

**King Barn Dairy MOOseum** – \$7,000 Project Grant to restore an antique milk wagon

**Historic Medley District** – \$6,000 Project Grant for website redesign

Grants will be awarded in June. We are looking forward to a very successful grant cycle bringing state funding to Montgomery County!

## *Meet* Thomas E. Kettler

### **Heritage Montgomery Board President**

Tom is a founding board member of Heritage Montgomery and a lifetime resident of Montgomery County. He is Vice President and part owner of Kettler Forlines Homes, a local home building and land development company. Tom has played a very active role in the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, including serving as President. He has been a member of the Poolesville Community and Development Committee and a long-serving Chairman of the Poolesville Board of Elections. Tom has been a driving force in promoting historic Poolesville, spearheading projects that have included the development of a visitor’s guide/map to Poolesville and the installation of banners and way-finding signage. As a Heritage Montgomery Board member and officer, Tom has been a great asset to the organization as a liaison with the upcounty and business communities and working to focus attention on the rich history of Montgomery County.

Please remember to visit our website, [heritagemontgomery.org](http://heritagemontgomery.org), and sign up to “Join our Mailing List” so that we can begin sending you our newsletter electronically. We’ll also send you our weekly Get-Away Guide with suggestions for planning your weekend adventures at heritage sites around the county!

## *Fundraising Special Thanks!*

Thank you to our many supporters for helping to make Heritage Montgomery’s year-end fundraising drive a success. Sources of state and local funding continue to be tight, so each contribution we receive has a significant impact on our efforts supporting heritage programs in the county!

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**Remember the  
15th Annual Heritage Days Weekend!  
Saturday, June 23 & Sunday, June 24**

## *Heritage Spotlight*



### **Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard**

**18125 Comus Road  
Dickerson, Maryland  
301-605-0130  
[SMVWinery.com](http://SMVWinery.com)**

Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard is Montgomery County's only vineyard/winery. The picturesque 85-acre site is located adjacent to Sugarloaf Mountain, a Registered National Landmark. Ground was broken for the vineyard in 2002 with the first vintages debuting in 2006. The restored double-bank red barn, built in the early 1900s, and silo are used in the production of their award-winning wines. Open year round (check their website for hours), Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard hosts many special events and offers winery tours, live music on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, May through October and, of course, wine tastings!

## **Heritage Montgomery *Board of Directors***

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