



Heritage REPORT

Community Cornerstones

Heritage Montgomery is very excited about its latest product: **Community Cornerstones: A Selection of Historic African American Churches in Montgomery County, Maryland.** This 34-page brochure features the stories of 24 unique historic churches and their communities.



Sugarland Forest/St. Paul Community Church

This guide was a natural outgrowth of research on our Emmy® Award-winning documentary, *Life in a War Zone: Montgomery County during the Civil War.* Research on the video led to an examination of the growth of local, freed African American communities after the Civil War. Community Cornerstones tells just part of the stories of these historic churches.

Heritage Montgomery is beginning work developing a documentary video on the churches, their communities, and the beautiful music that is part of their history.

The Community Cornerstones brochure can be viewed on our website. Use this brochure as a guide, drawing your attention to sites you may have passed on a daily basis, unaware of their meaningful history. For a paper copy, contact the HM office at 301-515-0753.

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Support Heritage Montgomery

With the year drawing to a close, it is time to kick off our annual fundraising drive. The generous support of last year's donors contributed directly Heritage Montgomery's success. We are particularly proud of our new Civil War smartphone app and Community Cornerstones brochure, both of which highlight the stories of special heritage sites in our county and were made possible in part due to generous donations.

Please lend your support to Heritage Montgomery in 2013 and help us tell the stories of Montgomery County's history. Planning is already well underway for an exciting event – **The Civil War Comes to Rockville** – during Heritage Days Weekend. Taking place at several locations around town, the focus of the event will be Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart's raid on June 28, 1863. Programs will feature historic reenactments, musical performances, lectures, and walking tours, as well as fun activities for the whole family.

This is our only fundraising drive of the year, and every donated dollar has a huge impact on our organization. Thank you so much for considering Heritage Montgomery in your year-end giving!

Emmy® Award-Winning *Life in a War Zone*

Heritage Montgomery is very proud to announce an Emmy® Award win for our documentary, *Life in a War Zone: Montgomery County during the Civil War*, and producer Barbara Grunbaum. Heritage Montgomery was the executive producer of the project and the win was in the Historical Documentary category.

HM is thrilled for Barbara and also wants to acknowledge the excellent work done by other key members of the production team including Joseph Thompson, Francine Wyrton, Charlie Pilzer, Greg Lewis and Washington Revels.

Executive Director Peggy Erickson commented, "Heritage Montgomery produced this film on a shoe string budget with an incredible amount of community support. It truly took a village to turn out this fine product and we want to thank everyone connected with the project."

Life in a War Zone was made possible with the generous support of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, the National Park Service Preserve America Program, Montgomery County Government, Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County, Montgomery College Television, City of Rockville, Mr. William Ritchie, and the Delaplaine Foundation.

The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is the local chapter responsible for awarding excellence in the television industry. The 54th Emmy® Awards ceremony was held on June 16th at the Newseum in Washington DC.



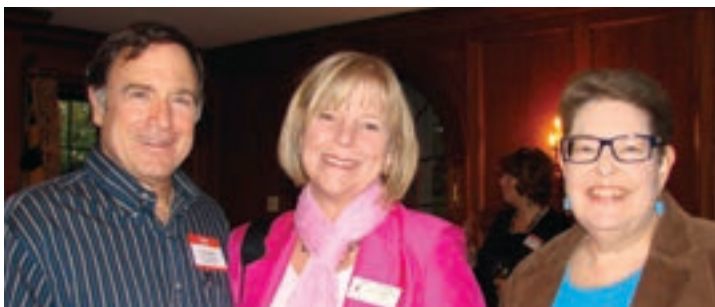
Around Town



Marilyn Benaderet, Preservation Service Director for Preservation Maryland (seen here with Elsie Thomas from the Warren Historic Site Committee) visited Poolesville heritage locations in August exploring grant opportunities.



Awards Reception



Councilmember Nancy Floreen (center) with HM Board members Greg Lewis and Fran Abrams

Heritage Montgomery hosted an Awards Reception on October 16th recognizing the talented team that produced our Emmy® Award-winning documentary, *Life in a War Zone*, and the 2013 Mini-Grant recipients. In addition to our honorees, special guests included Councilmembers Phil Andrews and Nancy Floreen, Rockville Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio, Lillian Cruz representing Congressman Chris Van Hollen, and Joy Nurmi representing County Executive Isiah Leggett.

Guests to the event at Glenview Mansion in Rockville toasted Barbara Grunbaum, producer; Joe Thompson, director of photography; Francine Wyron, editor/graphic designer; Greg Lewis, host; Susan Soderberg, historian; Michael Dwyer, historian; Charlie Pilzer, soundtrack producer; Elizabeth Fulford Miller, musical director; and Andrea Blackford, associate musical director.

The Mini-Grant Programs supports activities contributing to the interpretation, promotion, and preservation of our historical legacy by funding smaller projects with grants of up to \$2,500. Congratulations to the 2013 awardees:

Washington Revels, Silver Spring – \$2,500 to enhance their musical performance repertoire

Sugarland Ethno-History Project, Poolesville – \$320 for a large display board and carrying case

Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring – \$2,200 for redesign of the museum website

Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville – \$2,250 to support the annual History Conference

Montgomery County Forest Conservancy Board – \$2,250 for design and printing of a Register of Champion Trees booklet

Latvian Museum, Rockville – \$900 to purchase a mannequin and develop a Latvian Songs exhibit

King Barn Dairy MOOseum, Boyds – \$2,500 for a milk cart horse silhouette, signage and brochure

Historic Medley District, Poolesville – \$2,500 for website update and computer hardware

Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo – \$2,500 for bi-annual preservation work on the historic carousel

Civil War Smartphone App

HM has developed a great new tool to use the next time you're out exploring the county. Let our new smartphone app, "A Civil War Tour of Montgomery County, Maryland," be your tour guide! This free app is available for both Android and iPhone users and will allow you to select and stream or download historic tours of Civil War sites throughout the county.

The Civil War Tour App takes you to a wide variety of unique historic locations and tells the story of local life in the 1860s. Interactive GPS maps that include your current location and all points of interest on the tours allow for easy navigation. The full-color video and slideshows and compelling narrative share the history of the sites you are seeing. Contact information including websites and phone numbers for each location delivers all the information you need for each tour stop. Using your smartphone, visit the Android Market or App Store and search "Civil War Montgomery County" to download HM's free app and start your tour today!



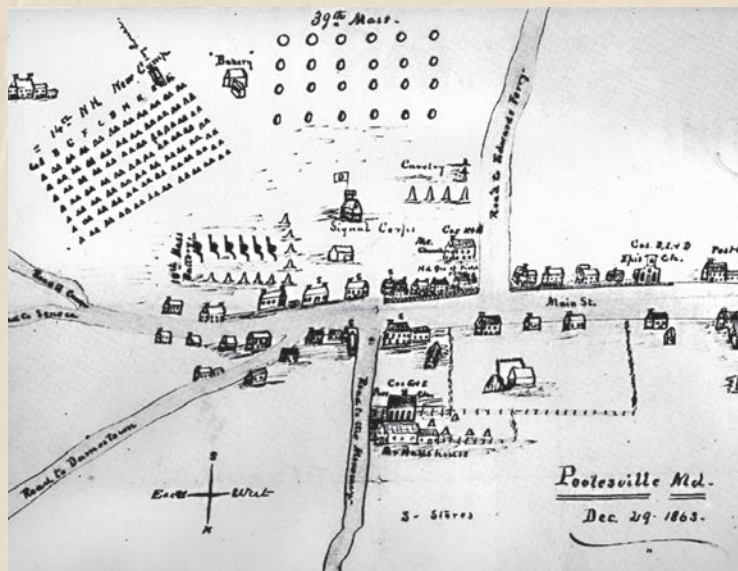
CIVIL WAR IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

At Rest in Poolesville, Part II

At least 31 young soldiers are buried in the historic Methodist Cemetery at 17605 West Willard Road in Poolesville. In the last issue we gave you a brief history of 11 soldiers buried in unmarked graves; in this issue we will share what we know of the rest of the story.

- The 3rd Wisconsin Infantry, stationed in Darnestown in October 1861, was sent to Harpers Ferry to find provisions. Here they met confederate troops and the Battle of Bolivar ensued on October 24. Casualties included Privates Lorenzo Tuttle, Henry Clemans, Moser Mather, and Henry Raymond, whose bodies were returned to Poolesville for burial.
- Three of the soldiers buried in Poolesville died after the Battle of Ball's Bluff. From the 1st Rhode Island, Cpl. L.C. Olney on October 22, 1861; from the 20th Massachusetts, Pvt. Albert Stackpole on October 25, 1861; and from the 72nd Pennsylvania, Pvt. Andrew J. Hooper on October 23, 1861.
- The 69th Pennsylvania was also known as "Paddy Owen's Regulars" or "The Forgotten Irish." This regiment was made up mainly of men from County Derry, but also had soldiers from counties Tyrone, Antrim, and Donegal. Their losses included Privates Patrick Higgins (October 14, 1861), Patrick Driscoll (December 13, 1861), Stewart McCormick (February 15, 1862), William Kearney (February 19, 1862), Patrick Doyle (March 15, 1862), and Patrick Stokes (April 3, 1862).
- On December 14, 1862, Confederate Major Elijah Veirs White's 5th Virginia crossed the Potomac River at Conrad's Ferry and marched into Poolesville hoping to find the 11th New York Cavalry. White's men discovered the New Yorkers attending church services. In the following battle, the Confederates killed or captured 50 men and stole 43 horses, suffering only one loss themselves. Private Samuel Jenkins died on December 15th. He was not a regular member of Major White's 35th Company A, but had stepped in for his ill brother, James.
- In total, the Maine 23rd lost two men to accidents; 50 men to disease, including Pvt. Thomas Davis on January 14, 1863 and Pvt. Charles W. Merrill on January 19, 1863; and none in battle.
- Pvt. Alonzo Pickett, from the 11th Regiment Cavalry New York Volunteer Company D, died on August 26, 1863, at the age of 23.

There are sites all over the county where soldiers who lost their lives in this terrible war were buried. To learn more, visit our website and explore the Civil War section that also includes our video, *Life in a War Zone: Montgomery County during the Civil War*.



Map of Poolesville, 1863



MHAA Grants

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Grant Program funds projects in the state's certified heritage areas designed to assist and encourage tourism, economic development, and preservation. Four grants to Montgomery County were announced in June:

\$50,000 Project Grant to the Town of Poolesville for streetscaping, including wayfinding signs and crosswalks to help visitors tour the town.

\$7,000 Project Grant to the King Barn Dairy MOOseum to restore a circa 1890 milk wagon to be added to the museum's collection.

\$8,300 Project Grant to Heritage Montgomery for Heritage Days and Civil War programs.

\$100,000 Management Grant to Heritage Montgomery for operating funds.

We are pleased to see this state funding coming to Montgomery County!

Meet Bobby Donovan

Heritage Montgomery Board Vice President



Bobby is Heritage Montgomery's resident renaissance man. A printmaker, painter and sculptor, he received formal training at the University of Massachusetts, the Swain School of Design, and American University. Bobby's artwork has been shown extensively and is included in collections at the National Gallery of Art and Smithsonian American Art Museum. He recently completed a major outdoor sculpture installation, "Shoal," in the Arts Gateway area of Annapolis. In

addition to working with arts agencies such as the Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County and District Curators, Bobby is a founding member of Washington Arts Interaction, Sugarloaf Artists & Writers Group, and the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project where he currently serves as Executive Director. Founded in 1999, the Arts Project provides unique cultural programming including art exhibitions, an artists and writers group, and seasonal "Song Circles." In their "free time," Bobby and his wife, Cyndi, keep busy tending the young plants in their vineyard.

Please remember to visit our website, 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!

Letter from the Director

It is hard to believe that HM is going into its 10th year. When we first started we had a budget of \$66,000, one computer, one employee, and no phone calls. I bemoaned my fate, alone in Germantown. Gwen Wright of Park and Planning warned me that I did not know what was in store, that busy days were ahead – and she was correct.

This year we created a new brochure, Community Cornerstones, of which we are very proud. It tells the story of 24 historic African American churches and the role they played in helping to develop Montgomery County into the special place that it is today. The *Life in a War Zone* video won an Emmy®, we developed a Civil War smartphone app, and helped fund 11 grants. We are in the process of planning a big Civil War commemoration in June of 2013.

I want to thank all our partners who help tell Montgomery County's exciting history and encourage you to remember Heritage Montgomery in your year-end giving. Best wishes for a wonderful and peaceful new year.

Peggy Erickson

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Every Donation has a significant impact and will be greatly appreciated.

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Heritage Spotlight



**National Capital
Trolley Museum**

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Founded in 1959, the National Capital Trolley Museum opened to the public in 1969, dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history of electric and urban railways of the Washington area. The new Visitor Center features exhibits on streetcar history, a display of historic trolleys, and a working model of street cars and street life in Chevy Chase in the 1930s. No visit to the museum is complete without taking a trolley ride through Northwest Branch Park! The Trolley Museum is open weekends year-round, noon to 5pm. Visit the museum website for admission fees and additional seasonal hours of operation.

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