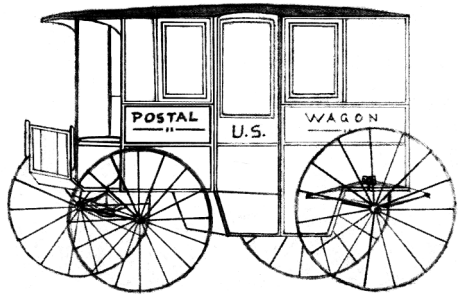


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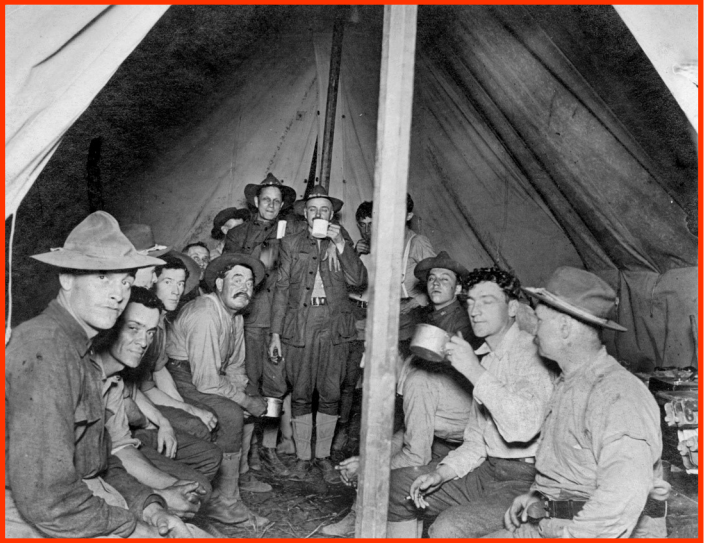
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2018 Annual Dinner Meeting

The Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Best Western Conference Center. The hotel is located at 451 WMC Drive in Westminster.

Our guest speaker will be Jay Graybeal, Chief Curator of the Army Heritage Museum of the U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He will do a presentation about Carroll County soldiers fighting in World War I and include the events of Armistice Day in the county. Jay was formerly HSCC’s Executive Director and is currently on the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Collections Committee.

Doors open at 6:00 for drinks and hors d’oeuvres. There will be a cash bar. Dinner begins at 6:30. Dinner includes: garden salad, roasted turkey with gravy, baked ziti, red skin smashed potatoes, seasonal vegetable medley, and a chef’s choice dessert tray.



The men of the First Regiment Band relax in camp at Eagle Pass, Texas, 1916.

Cost is \$35 per person. Reservations are required by October 30. Call the office at 410-848-6494 or email Marty@HSCCmd.org to make a reservation.

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From the Board Chair

- Frank J. Batavick



Museums have changed. They no longer can afford to fill spaces chockablock with fascinating artifacts in the tradition of 16th century cabinets of curiosities, even if arranged chronologically with dramatic pinpoint lighting. People today want more—stories, context, interpretation and, increasingly, audio-visual enhancement.

We put this thinking behind an HSCC grant application to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, submitted in February. We are pleased to announce that we've been handsomely rewarded with a \$50,000 grant for our exhibit, *Carroll County Legacy: In Context*, set to premiere in spring 2020. The state bestowed on us the second largest grant in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area which includes Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties. We are expected to match the sum with another \$50,000 which we've already secured.

We plan to take the first floor of the c.1820 Cockey's house and transform it into our new 1,455 square foot exhibition area. This remodeling offers a unique opportunity for a fresh, new interpretive approach—one that is more personal and story-driven. To better present our artifacts, we'll use a modular wall exhibit system coupled with a reader rail system that sits on the front perimeter of the portable walls. The reader rail system will feature interchangeable graphics panels, flip charts, electronic tablets, and digital picture frames that employ text and video resources to place our artifacts, furniture, manuscripts, etc. in their appropriate historical contexts. We aim to make the visitor's experience more immediate and interactive, thus enhancing our interpretive mission.

HSCC professional staff has already met with a team of expert consultant volunteers to discuss potential themes for the exhibits and AV material. Watch this column to learn more of our exciting progress over time.

Best wishes,

Frank

The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA), covering portions of Carroll, Frederick and Washington Counties, is one of 13 certified Heritage Areas in the state of Maryland. Its mission is to promote the stewardship of our historic, cultural, and natural Civil War resources; encourage superior visitor experiences; and stimulate tourism, economic prosperity, and educational development, thereby improving the quality of life in our community for the benefit of both residents and visitors. The HCWHA operates a Visitor Center in the historic Newcomer House at Antietam Battlefield and sponsors a very popular GeoTrail with 16 geocaches spread across the region. To learn more, visit heartofthecivilwar.org.



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For Your Information

Save the date for our annual **Carroll County Birthday** celebration to be held on Saturday, **January 19, 2019**, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Grace Hall at the Grace Lutheran Church on Carroll Street. Free admission. Refreshments will be served. Watch for program details.

Save-the-Date for **Legacy Gala 2019** celebrating HSCC's 80th Anniversary.

Marvelous Food/Music/
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Date: **Friday, April 26, 2019**

Time: 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Place: Antrim 1844, Taneytown

Tickets: \$200 per person.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available.

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Many of our members have summer or winter addresses. When we don't have that information in our records, your mail gets returned to us.

If you're not receiving your newsletter, please contact Marty (Marty@hsccmd.org) to make sure we have your correct information on file.

And, don't forget to let us know if you move or change your email or phone number.

Welcome, New Members
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In Memoriam
Dr. Dennis R. Reaver

From the Executive Director

- Gainor B. Davis



Dear Friends...

I wish to thank all of you who gave to FY2018 Annual Giving Campaign (July 1, 2017—June 30, 2018). Our goal of \$50,000 in unrestricted funds, which supports the daily operations of the Society, was not only met, but exceeded. One hundred forty-six donors contributed \$53,163 or approximately 13.6% of last year's budget. This year, HSCC has acknowledged our annual fund donors in a FY2018 "Honor Roll" (see page 4). Once again, your generosity helps HSCC make its collections and expertise available to current and future generations!

Our new fiscal year started July 1, 2018, and launched the FY2019 Annual Giving Campaign! Please consider an end-of-the-calendar year (December 31, 2018) gift to HSCC. You may be able to help us and yourself by utilizing the Qualified Charitable Distribution.

Whether you are attending a lecture, participating in a program, or shopping in our store, we look forward to seeing you sometime this Fall or during the upcoming holidays. HSCC will be participating in the "Trick-or-Treat Trail" in downtown Westminster on Saturday, October 27, from 3-6 p.m. Stop by our new Society pop-up tent, say "hello," and visit our Halloween Boo-tique.

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The IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) provides you with an excellent opportunity to make a charitable donation and qualifies as part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA if you are 70½ or older. By reducing the RMD, the QCD reduces the associated federal and state income taxes annually under current tax law.

TO QUALIFY:

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- ♦ Count towards your required minimum distribution for the year from your IRA.

As you plan your required minimum distributions for this year, if you do not need the money the government is requiring you to take, consider making a charitable gift to HSCC. HSCC does not provide tax advice so please consult your tax preparer for additional information.

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HSCC Adds Little Free Library to Campus

HSCC is very excited to announce the addition of its very own Little Free Library right outside the front door at 210 East Main Street. What is a Little Free Library? It is a library that belongs to everyone. The motto is ***Take a book - Share a book.*** If you see something you'd like to read, take it. It's for you. When you are finished with the book, you may pass it along to a friend or return it to this library or any other Little Free Library. Your book donations are always welcome too! Little Free Libraries are set up all around the country. Go to littlefreelibrary.org and visit the map that will show you where the libraries are in each city.

Wendy Raith, educator and creator of HSCC's *Past Times for Children* program, proposed this project to HSCC. She will be the steward of the library and make sure it is filled with books of various interests. If you have any books you would like to donate, bring them in! All books need to be in good condition; no magazines please!



Join The Historical Society of Carroll County
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January 5, 2019

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On The Road . . . Where we're going next

Join HSCC on **Thursday, December 6**, for our annual holiday bus trip.

This year our destination is the **Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum** in Pennsylvania. Founded by brothers Henry K. and George D. Landis in the 1920s, it is a nationally significant living history museum that collects, preserves, exhibits and interprets Pennsylvania German material culture and heritage from 1740-1940. Encompassing more than 100 acres, the museum contains the nation's largest collection of Pennsylvania German artifacts and presents them in authentic farm village surroundings. We will take a guided tour throughout the Landis Valley Village decorated for a Traditional Penn Dutch holiday and experience the 1800s and early 1900s Pennsylvania Dutch Christmas customs. Tour decorated buildings and learn about the traditions, legends and foodways of the German settlers.

For lunch we'll enjoy a Pennsylvania Dutch holiday meal in the 1856 Landis Valley House Hotel. We'll encounter a famous Pennsylvania Dutch Christmas character, "der Belsnickel," who visits homes prior to Christmas to check on the behavior of children. A rap on the door or window with his stick signals children to be ready to answer a question for him or sing. In exchange he tosses candies onto the floor. After lunch there will be time on your own to visit the museum shop or see more of the village.

The bus leaves from the parking lot on Ralph St. behind the Church of the Ascension at 8:00 a.m. and arrives back in Westminster at 5:30 p.m. Cost for the trip (includes transportation, admissions, and lunch) is **\$85 for HSCC members** and **\$95 for non-members**. **Reservations are required by November 19**. No refunds can be given for cancellations received after the reservation deadline. Payment should be made when making your reservation. Call HSCC at 410-848-6494 to reserve your seats.



And in 2019 . . .

HSCC's Programs Committee is already hard at work on the bus trips for 2019.

June 14: Hershey Gardens and the Automobile Club of America Antique Auto Museum. See acres of gardens and dozens of amazing vehicles.

September 12: The National Watch & Clock Museum and the Turkey Hill Experience. Explore the world of time at one of the country's largest timepiece collections. Then learn how ice cream is made and create your own unique flavor.

December: the annual **Holiday Tour**.

Watch for details on pricing and lunch options.

Thanks to the Programs Committee for their hard work on these fun adventures: Marilyn Maguire Phillips (Chair), Trish Buckingham, Eleanor Darcy, Charlie Hedges, Toni Javins, and Jim Lightner.



Hershey Gardens

Tales from the Library

- Bill Palm, Library Chair

While perusing the HSCC manuscript collection, looking for a fresh perspective on Carroll residents involved in World War I, my attention was diverted to correspondence from a Carroll Countian who participated in a less well- known military expedition of that time. Lt. John Eben Lee served as an engineer in the American Expeditionary Force (A.E.F.) in Siberia.

Some background on the A.E.F. in Siberia is essential for understanding the context of Lee’s letters. Following the collapse of the Tsarist government in Russia, the U.S. joined the European allies in alarm regarding large stockpiles of arms and military equipment delivered to Russia to sustain the Eastern Front in the war against Germany and Austria. The A.E.F. in Siberia was tasked with securing these military supplies and the associated railways while confronting a complex and fluid military and political situation. In brief, most soldiers found the assignment to be cold, tedious, isolated, and fundamentally miserable. Combat with the Bolshevik (Red) Army did occasionally occur, and there were combat casualties.

Given the overall situation, Lee seems to have fared rather well. Initially writing on September 25, 1919, from northern Manchuria in China, he reported a quite tolerable existence: “The weather is still mighty nice. Gets quite warm in the afternoon and cool at night. It is just about like it was at Muncy, so you can have a good idea. It has only rained three or four days in all the time I have been here which is one month today. The sun shine every day and it is very seldom cloudy.”

Lee wrote that he had contact with the local Russian community and that “I am still going after Russian pretty hard and can get along pretty well now. Can carry on a conversation if the Russky speaks slowly. It is lots of fun... We have a class every day which lasts an hour, for all the men and then I go to the professor’s house everyday for another hour. I help him with English and he helps me with the Russian. It is a very good arrangement, don’t you think.” A lengthy discussion about volleyball follows in his letter. He encountered the game in exotic Manchuria, thousands of miles from the States, where he had “never heard of it.”

On October 29, 1919, Lee reported: “Things are pretty nice here and I think I will stay all winter. They have some mighty fine operettas here, a new one nearly every week. They have a big stock company and there are some famous players in it who have played in Petrograd, but are here until things straighten out a bit in Russia. They have perfectly beautiful music, and I am getting to where I can understand some of the lingo. It is a pretty language too I think.”

Increasingly his letters indicated that things were really not so pleasant. The time between letters was particularly disconcerting. On February 17, 1920, Lee wrote to his sister indicating that he had received one that she wrote “just after Christmas.” “You will note I am dating this letter at Harbin but am writing it at a place about five hundred miles from there... I am on a train of supplies going to Chita, Siberia, and this is just one of the stations along the way.” He also reported that he had a private car and “am fixed up quite fine.” Subsequently, he was unable to communicate for several weeks.

On April 2, 1920, Lee noted that “Last Monday I received four letter from you and two more today, which means I am answering six in one. I know that you have not received any from me for a long time, but I have been away up here where I could not mail anything.” On a humorous note he added, “So you don’t like my beard, hey! Maybe you will when it gets longer though. It is only 40 inches now but is going strong. Growing almost an inch a day.” Again he offered some comments about the frigid, dry climate: “I am sorry to hear you have had such a cold winter there. It hasn’t been a bit cold here. Never got below 60 degrees below, at least that is the lowest I ever caught it doing. It might have sneaked down a little farther when I wasn’t looking ... It snowed again last night, about two inches, but it all melted and evaporated again before noon.”

These entries are excerpted from a collection of private letters involving a local resident. Our manuscript collection contains similar materials donated for the purposes of preservation and accessibility for future generations of researchers and visitors to the Historical Society of Carroll County.



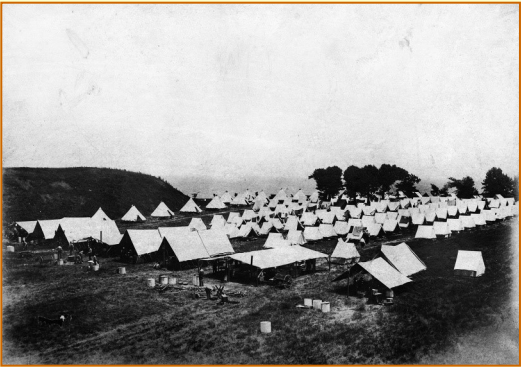
The Curator's Corner

- Cathy Baty, Curator

Pancho Villa. The name evokes all sorts of contradictory images. Revolutionary leader. Romantic hero. Brutal guerilla who murdered innocent civilians. But there’s no denying that in the early 20th century Pancho Villa was one of the most famous men in the world.

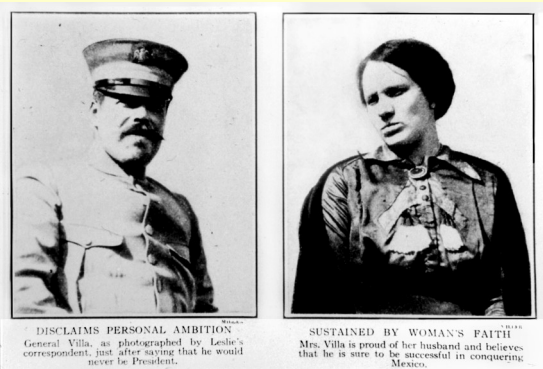
In 1910, Villa joined the uprising against Mexico’s leader, Porfirio Diaz. His “División del Norte” cavalry proved vital to the rebel forces. Diaz’s overthrow did not bring peace to the country and during the continued fighting over the next years Villa became famous. He helped fashion his own image as an internationally-known revolutionary hero, starring as himself in Hollywood films and giving interviews to foreign journalists. Villa threw his support behind Emiliano Zapata but, after a series of defeats, both men and their troops were forced to flee in 1914 to the northern mountains along the U.S. border. On March 9, 1916, Villa crossed the border and raided the town of Columbus, New Mexico, leading to the deaths of 17 Americans.

In response, President Woodrow Wilson sent soldiers under Gen. John J. Pershing to hunt Villa down. The Mexican government protested the presence of American forces and matters quickly worsened. Wilson mobilized the National Guard to support Pershing’s troops. Among those called for service was a Carroll County unit: Company H of the 1st Infantry, Maryland National Guard, and its regimental band. The unit, led by Capt. John Weigle and Drum Major Harry Kimmey, departed Westminster on June 21, and spent the summer and fall guarding the bridge across the Rio Grande at Eagle Pass, Texas.



Above: A view of Company H’s camp.

Below: A snapshot labeled “Wash Day” shows the men of Company H in camp.



In 1914, Sadie Kneller Miller crossed the border to photograph Villa and his wife for *Leslie’s* magazine. Miller, a Westminster native and 1885 graduate of Western Maryland College, was one of the earliest female photojournalists.



The First Regiment Band leads the march through Eagle Pass, Texas.

Their daily activities included guard duty, drill, shooting practice, and long marches. The August 25, 1916, issue of the *Times* reported receiving a postcard from Corporal Ober S. Herr, Sr., which read: “We are all getting more like soldiers each day, both physically and in a military way, able to stand the work required of us now which would have been practically impossible several weeks ago.” Fortunately, the men never crossed the border and they returned home in November.



No official citation was issued for service along the Mexican border, so Westminster citizens commissioned special medals for Company H and the First Regiment Band.

And Villa? He eluded capture by Pershing but was assassinated by political opponents in 1923.