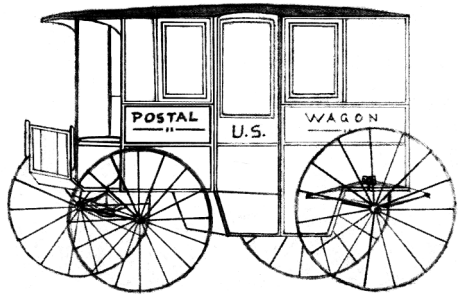


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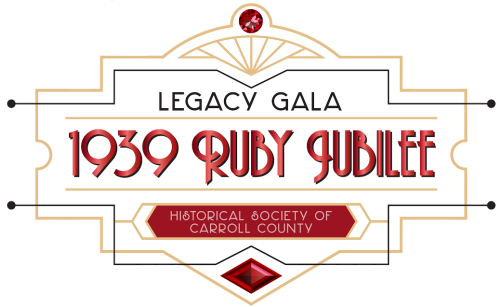
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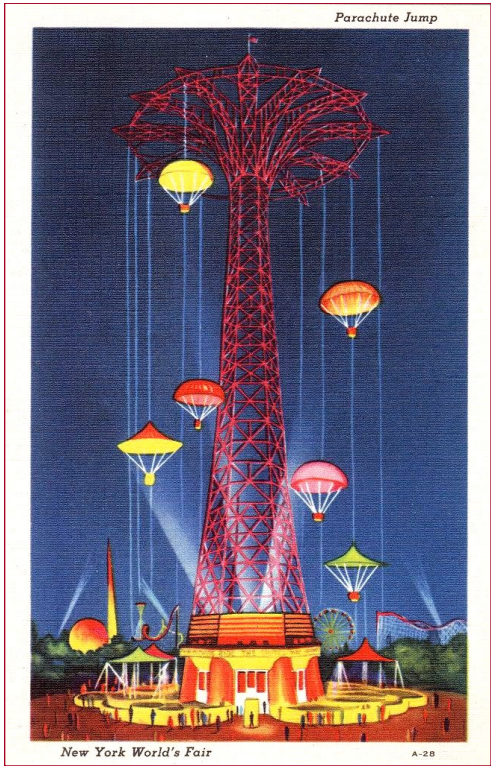
Party like It's 1939!

Celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the Founding of  
The Historical Society of Carroll County!

Friday, April 26, 2019  
6:00-11:00 p.m.  
Antrim 1844  
Taneytown

Interesting 1939 facts

- ◆ Hewlett-Packard is founded in Palo Alto, California.
- ◆ Theodore Roosevelt's head is dedicated at Mount Rushmore.
- ◆ The overall average U. S. income per person: \$1,526 per year.
- ◆ The minimum wage is 30¢ per hour.
- ◆ The salary of President of the United States is \$75,000 per year.
- ◆ Film director Francis Ford Coppola and singer Tina Turner are both born this year.
- ◆ Gasoline costs 19¢ a gallon and a U. S. First Class Postage Stamp costs 3¢.
- ◆ Popular radio programs include Fibber McGee & Molly and Jell-O Program.
- ◆ RCA demonstrates an all-electronic television system at the World's Fair.



Seating for the Legacy Gala 2019 is limited.  
Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.  
The deadline to R.S.V.P. is April 12, 2019.  
Individual tickets cost \$200 per person  
(\$60 of which is tax-deductible).

A Gala Menu

Hors D'oeuvres

Braised lamb leg with truffle mousse  
Zucchini bowl with Parmesan & artichoke dip  
Watermelon & Feta skewer  
Vegetable Tikki with crème fraiche  
Coconut Shrimp

Entrée

Charred ribeye  
Seared Rockfish  
Roasted broccolini  
Truffle whipped potatoes

For individual tickets, please contact Marty Mathis, at 410-848-6494, ext. 200 or [Marty@HSCCmd.org](mailto:Marty@HSCCmd.org).  
Sponsorships are available. Please contact the Society's Executive Director Gainor Davis at [Gainor@HSCCmd.org](mailto:Gainor@HSCCmd.org) or at 410-848-6494, ext. 202, for a sponsorship packet.

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## From the Board Chair

- Frank J. Batavick



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The date is fast approaching. April 26 promises to transport us back 80 years to a time of chic nightclubs, big band music, dresses with padded shoulders, and the primacy of the silver screen. April 26 is the date of the *Legacy Gala: 1939 Ruby Jubilee* celebrating the society's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. The place is Antrim 1844 and the time is 6:00 p.m. for cocktails and *hors d'oeuvres*. At 7:00, you'll enjoy a sumptuous dinner provided by Antrim's famous kitchen and have a chance to participate in our silent and live auctions. The night starts "hitting on all sixes" when the Frankie North Band (formerly, the Colgan-Hirsh Band) tunes up to play a variety of music from swing and jazz favorites to today's pop tunes.

Seating for the Legacy Gala is limited, so reservations are required. For more details, go to our website at [www.CarrollHistory.com](http://www.CarrollHistory.com) where you can also preview some of the terrific auction offerings, from get-a-way vacations to fabulous jewelry to an array of local dining experiences.

The Legacy Gala is the primary fundraiser for the HSCC and impacts our ability to maintain our three historic buildings; care for and display historical artifacts and documents; provide expertise to help citizens research their genealogy, property and local history; and produce events that connect people with the county's heritage. If you aren't able to attend the Gala, donations to the event are always welcome.

The Society is planning a fresh, new design of the exhibit space in Cockey's that will survey the county's rich history over three centuries. This approach will provide an opportunity to showcase some of our most unique artifacts and manuscripts. However, though we have many treasures to display from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, we find ourselves woefully ill-prepared to cover the 20<sup>th</sup> century. **That's where you come in.**

If you have any of the following products, we would appreciate your kind donations: Cambridge Rubber shoes; Black and Decker tools circa 1950s-60s; a vintage Jos. A. Bank suit; Congoleum tile; 1970s book(s) from Random House; something from 3M; something from the Heifer Project at New Windsor's Brethren Center; anything from the London Fog distribution center; and any old signs or ads from these enterprises. Also, what county industries have we missed and what locally-made products might be lurking in your basement or attic? We may have a new home for them. Contact Cathy Baty, Curator of Collections, at 410-848-6494, ext. 203, or [cathy@hsccmd.org](mailto:cathy@hsccmd.org). Thanks in advance for your help!

Best wishes,

Frank

## Education Update

- Jill Schultz, Education Committee Chair

### Can you identify these objects?

Who used them?

Where were they used?

How did they work?

That's what the education committee wants to ask students when they visit HSCC. We would like to display objects on a "mystery shelf" where students can try to guess what the artifacts are, and how, why, and where they were used. If you have a gadget, tool, household item, etc. that is a bit of a mystery but tells a story as most artifacts do, please consider donating it to the education department.

Oh, and by the way, the artifact on the left is a cigar box opener and the one on the right is a wooden agitator from a washing machine.



## Spring is here in the Museum Shop and Book Store



**Stop in to see our assortment of Spring gifts, including paper mache Easter egg containers, baskets and accessories, toys and books for your child — there is something for everyone!**

**The Shop is open Wednesday thru Saturday**

**10 AM—4 PM**

**210 East Main Street**

**Happy Easter**

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## For Your Information

Several HSCC collections are now online at **Digital Maryland**, a statewide database of photographs, documents, and objects. Images include representative materials from the Society's the Civil War, agricultural history, and World War I collections. You can view them on [www.digitalmaryland.org](http://www.digitalmaryland.org).

*History is a gallery of pictures in which there are few originals and many copies.*

Alexis de Tocqueville

### Keep us updated!

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](mailto: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 December 6, 2018 ~ February 28, 2019

Johanna & Bill Brown, Manchester  
Kevin & Kim Brown, Hampstead  
Rodney Carr, Mount Airy  
Paul Chalmers, Vienna, VA  
Trudy Dreschler, Westminster  
James & Bernice Ecker, Westminster  
Amy Garrison, Westminster  
Maxine Grabill, Westminster  
Molly Hoffman & Nathan Frankoff, Westminster  
Bob & Jean Repsher, Westminster

### In Memoriam

Grace Scrivnor Erb  
Becky Gale Powel

## From the Executive Director

- Gainor B. Davis

Dear Friends...

Writing about his travels through the United States in the 1830s, the French political scientist Alexis de Tocqueville frequently commented on Americans' tendency to form voluntary civil associations:

*Americans use associations to give fêtes, to found seminaries, to build inns, to raise churches, to distribute books, to send missionaries to the antipodes; in this manner they create hospitals, prisons, schools. Finally, if it is a question of bringing to light a truth or developing a sentiment with the support of a great example, they associate.*  
de Tocqueville, Democracy in America



Junior Red Cross volunteers knit items for soldiers, 1918

He was impressed by their desire to come together with their friends and neighbors to accomplish community, commercial, and personal goals. This was, he felt, an important foundation for the egalitarian and democratic society that was the United States.

Volunteering has always been an important part of American culture. Benjamin Franklin formed the first volunteer fire department in 1736. Many American militias during the Revolutionary War were comprised of volunteers. Some of the most well-known American charitable organizations, such as the YMCA and the American Red Cross, were founded in the 19th century. Not only does volunteering allow people to help others through direct action, but it fosters an incredible sense of community. The latest study on volunteerism in the United States shows that 62.6 million Americans volunteered in 2015; almost 25% of whom were over 16 years of age.

In honor of **Volunteer Appreciation Month**—April 2019—the Historical Society salutes its corps of 100+ volunteers. Thank you for all the time, talent, and treasure that you contribute to HSCC to make its resources accessible to the public—more than 16,000 hours per year. We rely on volunteers to staff our research library and museum shop, develop and implement our public programs, tend our gardens, raise monies for specific HSCC needs, insure that our historic buildings are cared for properly, create publications that highlight our county's history, and help with the day-to-day operations of the Society.



Volunteers of the British War Relief Society of Carroll County sort items for the Bundles for Britain program, 1940



Westminster Rotary members build a new meetinghouse for the Westminister Boy Scouts, 1925

If you would like to become an HSCC volunteer, please contact us for a Volunteer Opportunities brochure. Or contact me at 410-848-6494, ext. 202 or [Gainor@hsccmd.org](mailto:Gainor@hsccmd.org). I would love to help match your talents to HSCC's needs.

*Gainor*



# Celebrating 80 Years of History



HSCC is incorporated and purchases the Shellman House for \$3,000

**1941:** HSCC installs central heat in the Shellman House but fuel oil rationing during World War II forced the Society to close the house.



HSCC acquires the Kimmey House to provide space for a library and auditorium

**2001:** HSCC receives Honorable Mention in the poster division of the American Association of Museums annual Museum Publication Design Competition for the *Childhood Playthings* exhibition poster.



HSCC holds the first Legacy Gala in honor of the 75th Anniversary



HSCC sponsors its first exhibit: teapots loaned by its members



HSCC members attend a meeting in the Shellman yard

**1963:** The Society publishes *Just South of Gettysburg*, a comprehensive history of Civil War events in Carroll County.



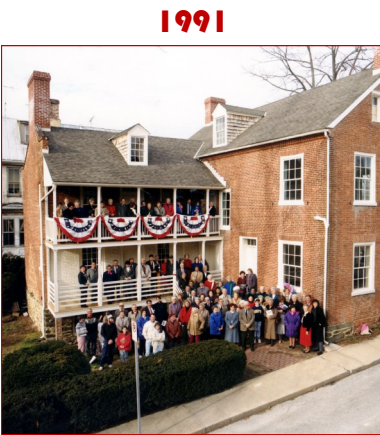
The renovated Cockey's opens

**1949:** HSCC receives an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History “recognizing and commending the distinctive contributions of the Historical Society of Carroll County.”



The play *The House That Jacob Built* commemorates 100 years of Shellman house history

**1957:** Annual membership dues are \$2.00.



The Maryland Historical Trust presents the Preservation Project Award to the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House to “honor the outstanding restoration of this 1807 Federal style house in Westminster that was once threatened with demolition”

# Shellman Porch Repairs Completed

If you’ve driven up Sycamore Street past the Shellman House over the last few months, you’ve probably noticed our latest construction project. It started out as just some repairs to the steps and handrails for visitor safety. But, as with many projects, the more things we fixed, the more things needed fixing. Removing the steps revealed rot in their support structure; removing a few deck boards uncovered rot in the support beams; replacing one section of handrail disclosed that whole sections needed replacement. Eventually the steps, porch deck, posts, and railings were all replaced. All the materials used match the old materials exactly in size and shape in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The repairs were funded in part by a grant from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.



Detail shots of steps and handrail before repair



Construction of the new steps begins



The finishing touches are added to the new railings



The steps and porch posts removed and temporary supports for the upper level in place



The steps and lower level deck get a coat of paint



The work is finished



# Scholarship Applications Available Now

Applications are now being accepted for the Jay A. Graybeal Scholarship. The scholarship honors the many contributions made by Jay Graybeal to the Historical Society and larger Carroll County community. Applications will be accepted from college-bound high-school students, students currently enrolled in undergraduate studies, or those pursuing post-graduate studies in general history or a specialty area of studies to include (but not limited to) museums, archives, library, historic preservation, material culture, American Studies, archaeology, anthropology, art, architectural history, or preservation technology. Students pursuing a recognized certification or apprentice program dedicated to traditional arts, industries, trades, or crafts are also eligible. Applications are available on-line at <http://carrollcommunityfoundation.org/scholarships>. The completed application package should be returned by April 15 to The Community Foundation of Carroll County, 255 Clifton Blvd., Westminster, MD 21157.

Applications are also available for the Mike Eaton Scholarship, established in honor of William Granville "Mike" Eaton, English teacher at Westminster High School from 1935 to 1971. Only seniors at Westminster High School are eligible for this award. Selection will be based on an essay about a memorable teacher and a list of extracurricular activities. Applications can be picked up in the school counseling office. Application deadline is April 15.

## Help Fill HSCC's Pocketbooks!

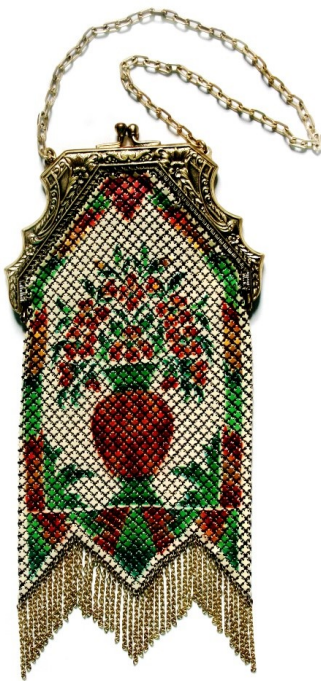
Our Annual Giving campaign for FY19 (July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019) has reached 51% of its goal of \$55,000. Seventy-five donors have given \$27,870—an average committed gift of \$366.71 each.

HSCC urges you to participate in its campaign because high levels of annual giving participation inspire other major donors, corporations, and foundations to increase their own support. People and organizations want to invest in successful institutions that others are supporting too.

Strong individual participation rates are the key to the long-term success of educational institutions like the Historical Society.



Woman's pocket that belonged to Rebecca Roop Reese (b.1803-d.1872)



Collection of beaded purses that belonged to Eleanor Galt Shipley, c.1930.



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

Start the summer off right with HSCC's first bus trip of the year. On **Friday, June 14**, we'll travel to the "sweetest place on earth"- **Hershey, Pennsylvania**.

Our first stop is the **AACA Auto Museum and Museum of Bus Transportation**. The museums display vintage automobiles in unique scenes and settings so visitors can stroll through eight decades. Included are the world's largest collection of Tucker cars (only 51 were ever made) and several celebrity-owned vehicles. And, since we're arriving by bus, don't miss the world's largest collection of buses.

Then, we'll head off for a guided walking tour of the historic **Hotel Hershey**. In the midst of the Great Depression, Milton Hershey decided to build a magnificent hotel as a way to keep the city's construction workers employed. The resulting hotel cost \$2 million and included Spanish patios, tiled floors, fountains, and a dining room with stunning views from every table.

Our next stop is **Chocolate World**. (Of course, there had to be chocolate!) Everyone will have time on their own to explore this attraction. Enjoy lunch at the Food Court that features sandwiches, pizza, soups, and hot entrees. And ice cream, chocolate, and desserts. Take the free 30-minute Chocolate Tour to see, feel, hear, and smell the transformation of cocoa beans to Hershey's chocolate.

In the afternoon we'll enjoy a **narrated trolley ride** through Hershey. The tour tells the story of Milton Hershey and visits the main sites of the town including the original chocolate factory, Mr. Hershey's birthplace, his home Highpoint Mansion, Chocolate Avenue, the Hershey Kiss Streetlights, HersheyPark, and Milton Hershey School.

The bus leaves from the parking lot on Ralph St. behind the Church of the Ascension at 7:30 a.m. and arrives back in Westminster at 6:30 p.m. Cost for the trip (includes transportation, admissions, and trolley tour) is **\$75 for HSCC members and \$85 for non-members. Reservations are required by May 31. Payment is required when making your reservation.** No refunds can be given for cancellations received after the reservation deadline. Call HSCC at 410-848-6494 to reserve your seats.



## And in September . . .

Join HSCC on **Thursday, September 12**, for a really sweet trip as we journey to **Columbia, Pennsylvania**. Our first stop is the **National Clock and Watch Museum**. The museum's collection is international in scope and covers a wide variety of clocks, watches, tools, and other time-related items. While the largest collection is of 19<sup>th</sup>-century American clocks and watches, the exhibits take you on a tour through the entire history of timekeeping technology from early non-mechanical devices to today's atomic and radio-controlled clocks.

Lunch will be at Hinkle's Restaurant. **Lunch choices are:** ham and Swiss on a pretzel roll; turkey wrap with sun-dried tomato vinaigrette; chicken salad on a croissant. Each comes with your choice of chicken corn or beef vegetable soup. **Lunch choice should be made with making your reservation.**

But, don't eat too much! Because following lunch we've visiting the **Turkey Hill Experience**. The Experience starts with the Turkey Hill Taste Lab where we'll get an "Ice Cream 101" class. Then everyone gets their own pint of ice cream to which they can add flavorings and inclusions to make (and eat) their own unique ice cream flavor. There will be time to visit the Experience exhibit to discover the history of Turkey Hill and how its products are made.

The bus leaves from the parking lot on Ralph St. behind the Church of the Ascension at 7:30 a.m. and arrives back in Westminster at 6:30 p.m. Cost for the trip (includes transportation, admissions, and lunch) is **\$75 for HSCC members and \$85 for non-members. Reservations are required by August 30. Payment is required when making your reservation.** No refunds can be given for cancellations received after the reservation deadline. Call HSCC at 410-848-6494 to reserve your seats.





Tales from the Library

- Bill Palm, Library Committee Chair

With the approach of the 2020 U.S. Census, the twenty-fourth such enterprise, recurring every 10 years, we find ourselves contemplating whatever value it may have for genealogy and local history. Our founding fathers would be rather surprised to see the extent to which the device intended to allocate representation (and taxation) under the new constitution has proven to be a resource for local history as well as genealogy.

From the outset, the decennial census has been based on an enumeration of households, listing the head of the “family” and, in the earliest versions, tabulating free white males and females by age categories. There was then a tabulation of “other free persons” and, importantly, a tabulation of the number of slaves. In 1850 and 1860, slaves were tabulated on a separate schedule by owner’s name, but still not likely to be named individually. The political significance of the slave tabulation, of course, tied to the value of a slave as 3/5 person for determining allocation of congressional representation. But in perusing old Carroll County census records, we must also acknowledge, as disconcerting as it may be, that Maryland was a slave holding state, and that it was not uncommon for a household to own one or two servants.

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in *District No. 8* in the County of *Carroll* State *Md*  
of *Maryland* enumerated by me, on the *Fifteenth* day of *August* 1850. *Nelson L. Gille* Ass't Marshal *373*

Dwellings—houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	Color.							
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		<i>Rebecca Green</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>F</i>				<i>Pa</i>				
		<i>David Green</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>M</i>				<i>Md</i>				

Sample from the 1850 Census for Free Inhabitants in District No. 8, Carroll County. Information includes: name; age; sex; color; occupation; place of birth; married within the year; attended school within the year; cannot read or write; whether person is “deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.”

Through time, the census form has continued to evolve, requesting varied and sometimes unexpected information. For example, when Samuel T. Brainerd prepared an article on “Radio in 1930 Carroll County” for the *Carroll History Journal*, he was able to base some research on the inclusion of who owned a radio in the 1930 census. Many will remember the census long form that collected a comprehensive list of possessions and housing conditions (including, automobiles, washing machines, and indoor plumbing).

In pursuing genealogy, we need to remember that individual information is protected by law for 72 years. The most recent accessible information regarding individual ancestors can be found in the 1940 census. But that brings me to a personal story that speaks to our ability to find meaning in an older story. My great-grandfather is listed, in 1910, as head of a family including his wife and his daughter, but also including a young boarder. In 1920, we find that the family still includes my great-grandfather and his wife, but also includes his daughter as wife to the former boarder and their daughter (my mother). In 1930, we find that my grandfather is now living in a household that includes his son-in-law as head of the family. And by 1940, we find that only the two men remain as widowers, with the daughter now residing elsewhere.

If you are interested in joining the 2020 Census team as a paid census taker, I invite you to contact me at the Historical Society or the Census Bureau by calling 1-855-JOB-2020.

The Curator's Corner

- Cathy Baty, Curator

It seems like in the television sit-coms of the 1950s through the 1970s, the father was always going out to his lodge meeting. Think Ralph Kramden and the Loyal Order of the Racoon (“The Honeymooners”), Fred Flintstone and the Loyal Order of Water Buffalo, or the Possum Lodge (“The Red Green Show”). While these and other fictitious groups were played for laughs, membership in a fraternal lodge was serious business for many men.

Fraternal organizations have a long history in the United States. Freemasonry is generally considered the world’s oldest fraternal organization. It’s generally accepted that modern Freemasonry was established in England in 1717. In the United States, it was first found in Pennsylvania, but quickly became popular throughout New England. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows began around the same time. Most of these groups were more than just social. Some were ethnic, like the Ancient Order of Hibernians or Sons of Norway. Others were based on occupation such as the International Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo (for men in the lumber industry). And others were civic-minded such as the Patriotic Order Sons of America (P.O.S. of A.) which was organized in 1847 to “preserve the Public School System, The Constitution of the United States, and our American way of life.”



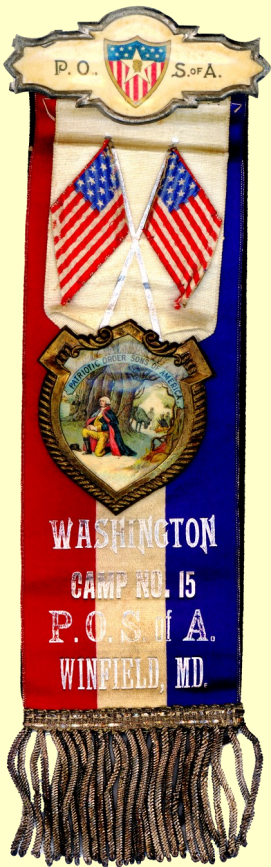
Westminster Lodge, Improved Order of Red Men, 1910

Fraternal institutions were largely dormant during the Civil War. But, in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries fraternal organizations were everywhere. In the last two decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century alone, Americans created almost 500 national organizations and thousands of local lodges. Many of these groups have disbanded but some (including Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks, Moose, Knights of Columbus, Lions, Rotary, and Knights of Pythias) still exist, doing good in their communities, though membership numbers have dropped drastically from their peak in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

International Order of Good Templars, Freedom District, late 1890s



The Improved Order of Red Men was established in Baltimore in 1834. Why Improved? There was an Order of Red Men but by the 1830s some members felt that “the object of the society appeared to be only convivial entertainment.” Thus an “improved” organization was born. The group used Native American regalia in honor of the Sons of Liberty who threw tea into Boston harbor in 1773, and based its organizational structure on the Six Nations of the Iroquois. By the late 19<sup>th</sup> century the group had over 150,000 members nationwide, and over half a million by 1935. Three U.S. presidents—Theodore Roosevelt, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt—were members. Carroll County had lodges in Westminster, Manchester, Patapsco, and Uniontown.



Membership badge, P.O.S. of A., Washington Camp No.15, Winfield