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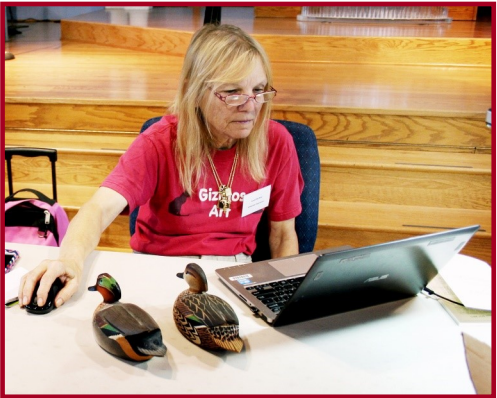
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Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Day 2018

Antiques  
&  
Collectibles  
Appraisal Day

We are busy preparing for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Day on **Saturday, September 8**. This year's hours are **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**—doors are opening one hour earlier for all our early birds. The event will be in Grace Hall at Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll Street, in Westminster.

We never know what kinds of items will appear and there are always surprises. In addition to estimating the value of an item, our appraisers will share helpful information about its history and significance as well as tips on how to care for it. If you have a piece of furniture you are curious about, you can bring a photograph and if there is some removable piece such as a drawer, you can bring that along to help our appraisers establish a value. We have even appraised items in the parking lot!



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There is a limit of three items per person. Cost for the event is: \$20 for one item; \$30 for two items; \$35 for three items. An “item” can be a single piece (such as a painting), two or three pieces that are meant to go together (such as a pair of shoes or a uniform), or several pieces (such as a set of matched silver or china).

We are looking forward to another exciting day. Please come and join us to find out if perhaps you have a hidden treasure in your attic.





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Library: W-F, 12:00-4:00  
2nd & 4th Saturday, 9:00-Noon

## From the Executive Director

- Gainor B. Davis

Dear Friends...

On behalf of the Historical Society, I want to thank the many people and businesses that supported this year's *Legacy Gala: Come to the Circus*. Held at the Arthur D. Seibel Athletic Center on Saturday, April 28, the Gala continued the HSCC tradition of holding its primary fundraiser on an historic property, in this case, the 228-year-old Hibberd-Buckey-Bixler Farm located in New Windsor.

HSCC would like to thank Jim Lightner for chairing this year's event and all those who served on his committee: Glenn Bair, Frank Batavick, Lynette Brewer, Janice Hobart, Bernie Jones, Jennifer Munch, Carolyn Scott, Terry Smack, Dolly Snyder, Doug & Pam Velnoskey, and Ella Washington. We especially thank Art & Kathy Palaia for their work leading the auction and decoration sub-committees and Debbie Leazer for handling the logistics of the event. Thank heaven for volunteers!!!

Among sponsorships, individual ticket sales, and outright donations, HSCC raised some \$40,000 to support the Society's educational mission. This year's *Gift for the Cause* (\$18,000) will help to purchase a moveable wall system, museum "rails" (an interpretative panel system), and audio-visual equipment to create flexible, interactive exhibit space in Cockey's first floor galleries. This investment will allow the Society to meet one of its primary Strategic Planning objectives—to make its collections more accessible to the public via an expanded exhibition schedule. It will also enable HSCC to create videos highlighting different aspects of our holdings as well as use oral histories to enhance interpretation. A complete list of our supporters is included below. See Page 4 for photos of our successful 2018 Legacy Gala.

*Gainor*

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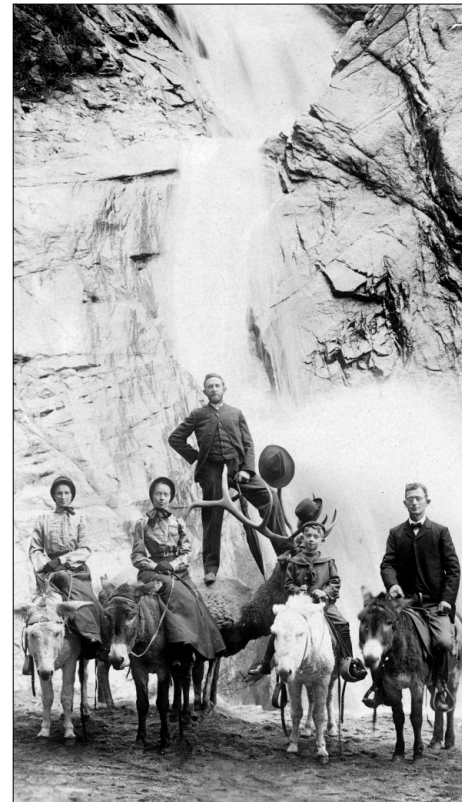
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## Greetings From . . . Everywhere!



The Royer family, Colorado Springs, c.1910

Beginning in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, as transportation became easier and less costly more and more people could afford to take the time to travel. Vacation photos began appearing in family albums. And the postcard business boomed as travelers sent greetings to their family and friends.

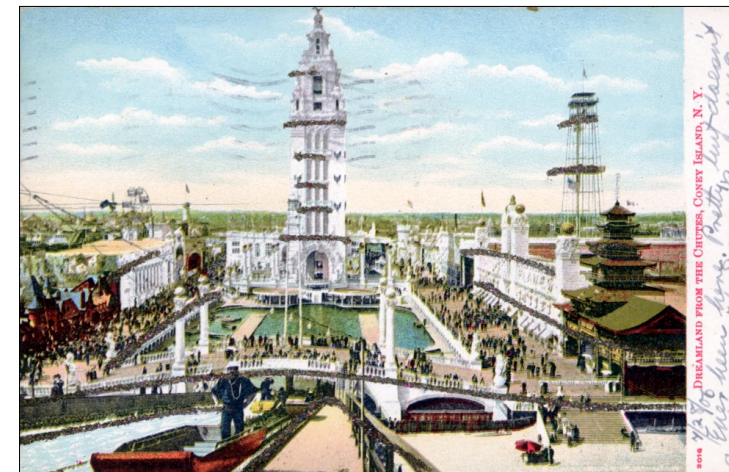
These images are just a few from HSCC's collection. To learn more about early travel, go to our website and read the blog "The Fashionable Tour."



The Gorsuch family showed off their swimwear in this early 20<sup>th</sup> century image.



Boardwalk and casino, Asbury Park, N.J., 1905



"Dreamland," Coney Island, 1905

*Travelling this Summer? Become a part of history.  
Send us a postcard and we'll include it on our  
Facebook page.*



The Elderdice family "Where Gen. Hancock was Wounded" at Gettysburg, 1907.

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For Your Information

“Saturday at Shellman” tours  
June, July & August

Stop by the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House for a tour on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays during the summer. Tours start in the Museum Shop at 10:30 and 11:30. Check the Calendar of Events insert for exact dates.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WINTER WINE WARMER  
Saturday, January 5, 2019

CARROLL COUNTY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
Saturday, January 19, 2019

Watch for details in the next issue of  
the Courier.

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 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  
March 9, 2017 ~ May 30, 2018

Elizabeth Baker, Westminster  
Tom Baker, Palm City, FL  
H. Rebecca Cooper, Longmont, CO  
Glenn & Patricia Goff, Westminster  
Jesse Haines, Westminster  
Erinn Murphy, Finksburg  
Wally & Ann Thompson, Eldersburg

In Memoriam

Douglas E. Metz  
Michael J. Shipley

From the Board Chair

- Frank J. Batavick



If you happen to be in-and-about Westminster and want to see the power of volunteering, stop by and check-out the gardens behind the Shellman house. Besides the obvious evidence that summer is upon us, you'll discover some new gardens devoted to the kitchen with plantings of vegetables and herbs. There are even some plants once favored for their medicinal properties. We've designed these fresh features to give visitors, especially school children, a fuller experience of what life was like back in 1820. Also, the gardens are now fronted by a new picket fence, courtesy of an Eagle Scout project, and the grounds behind the Kimmey house have a more manicured look. This is all thanks to a partnership between some of our own volunteers and the Master Gardeners of Carroll County.

You can discover volunteers all over the campus, from our research librarians, to our cadre of docents in Shellman, to the Properties committee that may be found painting Shellman's gazebo or replacing rotted porch floorboards. These good people contribute over 16,000 volunteer hours a year and are the full-time equivalent of at least ten additional staff members. In truth, we wouldn't have the HSCC without them.

No matter what your interest (collectibles, reading and writing, historic interpretation, carpentry, finance, lectures, trips to historic spots), we have a volunteer opportunity that's just right for you. Our volunteer corps is comprised of people still in the workforce and the recently or long-retired. Best of all, qualifying doesn't require an entrance exam; just your willingness to share your talents.

I know local history is important to you, so why not give us a call and see how you can help? You'll discover lots of like-minded people, and you are guaranteed to have some fun and a sense of accomplishment along the way.

Best wishes,

Frank



Our loyal Box Lunch Talk (B.L.T.) fans will remember that the talks used to be recorded by the Community Media Center and then broadcast on their local access channels and on their website. The CMC does not have the ability to do that for us any more. We regret losing a permanent record of these interesting events. As an experiment, we have decided to hire a private contractor to record two of the 2018 B.L.T.s. We began with the talk in June by Jim Shriver about German P.O.W.s in Carroll County during World War II. We plan to also record the September lecture on the Historic Westminster Cemetery. The contractor will record the lecture, edit in the images from the speaker's powerpoint slides, and prepare the video to run on our website.

If the experiment is successful, we hope to record approximately four B.L.T.s each year. However, this is not an inexpensive process. Each B.L.T. will cost about \$450 to produce. Budget dollars are scarce, so if any members wish to help underwrite this expense, please contact the executive director Gainor Davis (Gainor@hsccmd.org) or board chair Frank Batavick (boxwood136@gmail.com) ASAP. Thanks!





The Circus was in Town - Legacy Gala 2018



Photos by Pam Zappardino

Garden-inspired Gifts  
In the Museum Shop & Bookstore



Open Thursday - Saturday  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

HSCC members receive a 10% discount on most items





## Our Garden is Growing!



Carroll County Master Gardeners have been diligently creating a small-scale version of the four-square raised bed vegetable garden typical of Pennsylvania German households. Selection of crops includes cultivars that would have been available to the Sherman family in the early 1800s.



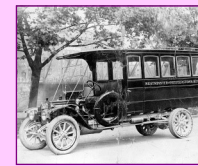
Luke Biesecker spearheaded the construction of a new fence as his Eagle Scout project. The fence replaces one that had been on the site at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



A new teak bench has been installed to replace the bench that was donated by the Shriver family in 2010. Unfortunately, the original was stolen. (We've bolted this one down securely!)



For the safety of our visitors, the loose bricks on the floor of the Gazebo were removed and re-laid. Scraping and painting the columns are the next tasks.



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

Join HSCC on **Wednesday, September 12**, for a very special trip to the most visited historic site in America – **George Washington's Mount Vernon**. The estate includes the Mansion house, slave quarters, kitchen, stables, greenhouse, four different gardens, the Forest Trail and a four-acre working farm that includes a re-creation of Washington's 16-sided treading barn.

Our day begins with a tour of the mansion. The house features original furnishings and items owned by the Washington family and is shown as it was in 1799, based on an inventory made when George Washington died. Then there will be time on your own to explore. The Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center and the Ford Orientation Center tell the story of Washington's life through exhibits, videos, and a multi-media theater where it actually snows. The museum's galleries display over 500 objects. The current exhibition is *Lives Bound Together: Slavery at George Washington's Mount Vernon*.

Lunch is on your own at Mount Vernon. The Food Court includes burgers, deli sandwiches, baked goods, pizza, ice cream and more. The Mount Vernon Inn restaurant is available for a more elegant, sit-down lunch.

In the afternoon, the group will travel to **George Washington's distillery and gristmill**. Washington erected a large stone gristmill in 1771 to produce high quality flour and cornmeal for export to the West Indies, England and Europe. In 1797, Washington built a whiskey distillery adjacent to the gristmill. The distillery was the largest in America, producing 11,000 gallons of whiskey in 1799, making it one of the most successful economic enterprises at Mount Vernon.

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 6:00 p.m. Cost for the trip (includes transportation and admissions) is **\$65 for HSCC members** and **\$75 for non-members**. **Reservations are required by August 24**. 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 October . . .

On **Wednesday, October 17**, HSCC travels to Philadelphia for a visit to the new Museum of the American Revolution.

First we'll visit the magnificent **Powel House**. The elegant brick home was built for Charles Stedman, a merchant and shipmaster. Before he had the chance to live in it, Stedman fell into financial trouble, eventually winding up in debtors' prison. The house was purchased in 1769 by Samuel Powel, who would become the last mayor of Philadelphia under British rule and the city's first mayor following independence. Powel and his wife Elizabeth lavishly redecorated, creating some of the most ornate interiors in the Colonies. The Powels entertained such notable guests as Benjamin Franklin, the Marquis de Lafayette, and George and Martha Washington.

Lunch will be at the famous **City Tavern**, a replica of an historic 18th-century tavern that was a favorite gathering spot of the Founding Fathers. Lunch includes a Tavern Country Salad, breaded chicken breast with Sauce Bearnaise, potato, vegetable and dessert.

In the afternoon, we'll visit the new **Museum of the American Revolution**. The museum's core exhibition explores the ideas, events, and legacies of America's revolutionary beginnings through Revolutionary-era weapons, personal items, letters, diaries, and works of art. One of the most famous objects is the field tent used as General George Washington's wartime headquarters. The tent is part of an innovative, multi-layered, mixed media presentation. The exhibits also include a life-size reproduction of the Boston Liberty Tree and a full-size replica of a privateer ship.

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 7:30 p.m. Cost for the trip (includes transportation, admissions, and lunch) is **\$95 for HSCC members** and **\$105 for non-members**. **Reservations are required by September 14**. 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.



# Tales from the Library

- Bill Palm, Library Chair

I find myself contemplating just why I, or anyone else, would willingly find myself here in a stuffy old library, filled with a bunch of old books and stuff. Indeed, there are a lot of things of interest here. And there are opportunities to get off task and to detour through Carroll County history.

Those archaic microfilm files provide access to materials that are not readily accessible elsewhere. Perusing the Union Bridge *Pilot* of a century ago, there are, not surprisingly, continuing references to the Great War in Europe that we were now engaged in. The May 17, 1918, edition, for example, listed by name 87 Carroll County men called to report to Camp Meade for military service. Local news in the next edition of the *Pilot* included a report that Mr. and Mrs. George Stultz had received a card from their son Edgar announcing his safe arrival “over there.” We further learn that Corporals Carl Etzler, Sidney Hapmond, J.G. Myers, and Private John Hitselberger, all of Camp Meade, spent Sunday with their parents.

One day I picked up a copy of a booklet entitled *Two Hundred Years Ago: Memories of Westminster*. Produced in 1964 for the city’s bicentennial, it included a reprint of Mary Shellman’s 1924 essay “The Early Pioneers.” Embedded in Mary’s work was an excerpt from her mother’s diary—recollections of Katherine Jones Shellman’s childhood almost two centuries ago. . .



Katharine Jones Shellman (1815-1898).

*When I was a child it was a favorite amusement with the children of Westminster, to count the houses, men, women and children in the Village. There were many of us, who could give you the exact census to a fraction.*

*It was also a custom with the children, whenever a new baby came to town, (and they came very frequently and always from the “Hollow Rock”) to have our faces washed, put on a clean apron, and then go in squads of three or four to visit the little stranger.*

With Katharine as our guide, we have a house-by-house tour of Westminster, an emerging commercial town of perhaps 100 buildings. We learn that there were, among various enterprises and trades, five taverns, four physicians, a school teacher, a brewer, and 3 coopers.

This fascinating booklet also includes Bradford Gist Lynch’s history of Westminster; Grace Tracey’s “Five Villages that Became A Town,” and Frederick Shriver Klein’s “Westminster During the Civil War.”

These and many other intriguing items can be found in the Research Library’s files. To learn more about Carroll County history, stop by the Library and let our knowledgeable volunteers help you find something to pique your interest.

Effective June 6, the Research Library will have new hours. It will be open from noon until 4 p.m. on Wednesdays through Fridays. The library will continue to be open from 9 a.m. until noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month. The reduction in hours reflects a continuing loss of experienced library volunteers over the past few years. We are always welcoming new volunteers. If you’re interested, call the Library at 410-848-6494, ext. 204, or email us at [Library@hsccmd.org](mailto:Library@hsccmd.org).

# The Curator's Corner

- Cathy Baty, Curator



Though impressive to look at, the buildings were actually constructed of a material called “staff”—a mixture of plaster, cement, and jute fiber. This was then covered in stucco and painted white to look like stone. The gleaming color of the buildings—combined with the use of electric lights to illuminate the grounds at night—led to the nickname “the White City.”

Between May 1 and October 30, over 27 million visitors attended the grand exposition. Initially, attendance was low, but, by the time it closed, the fair had seen so many visitors that all expenses were covered. Among the visitors was Uniontown resident Dr. Jacob J. Weaver, Jr. In his 1893 diary, Weaver recorded preparations for the trip: *14'. . . Purchased tickets for Chicago \$26.00 each, also sleeper tickets \$5.00 each. And then the big event: Sept. 2'. Started on the Colombian Express . . . for Chicago to visit the Great Worlds Fair – arrived safely and took rooms with Mrs. Eleanor Wolf no. 7801 Winnecoune Ave., Auburn Park – We spent seven days on the Fair grounds busily examining the wonders. We could only exclaim wonderful! Wonderful!! No one could appreciate the extent and greatness of this magnificent exhibition to which all the nations of the earth have contributed.* Yes, unfortunately, that was all Dr. Weaver had to say about one of the most momentous events of his life.

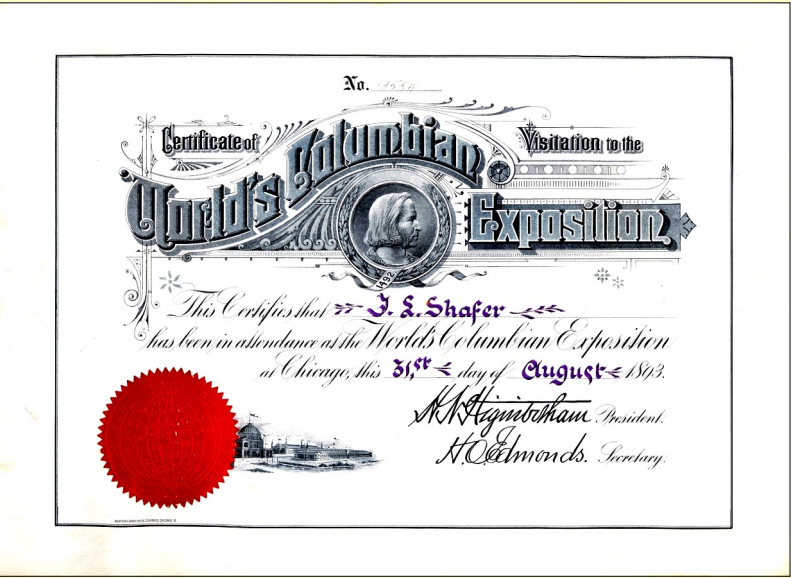
During the course of the event, local newspapers kept their readers apprised of local connections. Many weeks, the *Democratic Advocate* listed Carroll countians who had registered in the Maryland Building. On September 2, the paper reported receiving a postcard from Edward J. Lawer at the fair in which he recounted being one of the over 300,000 visitors during “Illinois Day.” Maryland Day was September 12 and the *Advocate* had extensive coverage, including the full text of the speech given by Gov. Frank Brown of Sykesville.

With summer approaching, vacation plans are on a lot of minds. Where will it be this year? The beach? The mountains? Disneyland?

In 1893, the place to be was Chicago for the World's Columbian Exposition celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christopher Columbus’s arrival in the New World in 1492. The exposition covered more than 600 acres, featuring nearly 200 new (but deliberately temporary) buildings and man-made canals and lagoons. Exhibitors came from 46 countries. The 14 primary buildings formed the “Court of Honor” surrounding the fair’s centerpiece—a gigantic lake representing the long voyage Columbus took to the New World.



Only one building from the White City remains. The Palace of Fine Arts was completely rebuilt with permanent materials and reopened as the Museum of Science and Industry.



Jacob L. Shafer attended the fair on August 31 and purchased this souvenir “Certificate of Visitation.”