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The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Legacy Gala, the Society’s major fundraiser, will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Art Seibel Athletic facility just outside of New Windsor. The theme this year is “Come to the Circus” and the large room will be transformed into a colorful big top reminiscent of circus tents of a bygone era. Lots of activities are planned for the evening including circus-style entertainment during cocktails, silent and live auctions, a wine-pull leading to a great prize, and maybe even a costume parade, so if you really wanted to run away and join the circus, come as your favorite circus character (or Black Tie Festive if you prefer).

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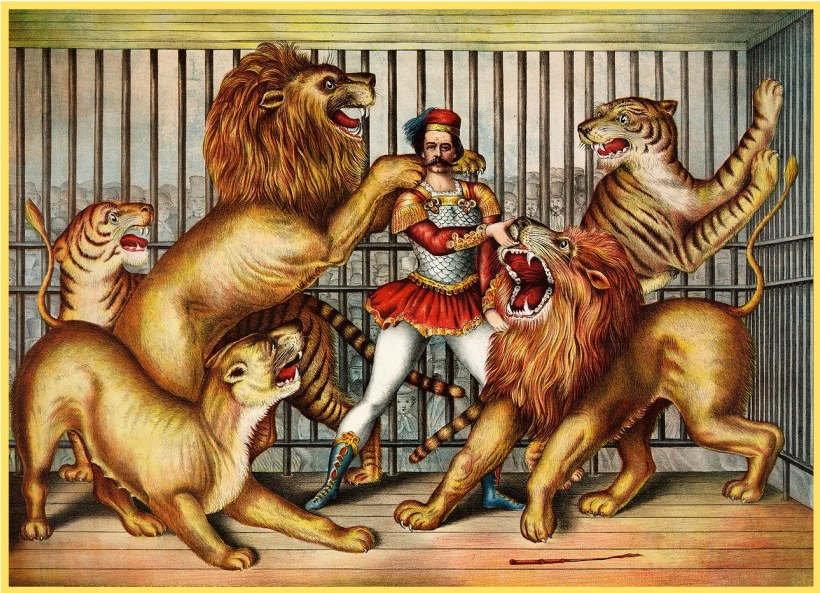
**Music by the Colgan-Hirsch Band**

**Tickets: \$150 per person**

**Watch for your invitation or reserve your tickets now with Marty at [Marty@hscemd.org](mailto:Marty@hscemd.org) or 410-848-6494, ext. 200**

Committees are hard at work to make this event a success. If you can help, call the Society to volunteer your services. We’ll find a committee for you!

**Plan to join us under the big top for another gala evening!**



*The Lion Tamer.* Chromolithograph. Gibson & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. 1873.

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## From the Executive Director

- Gainor B. Davis

Dear Friends,

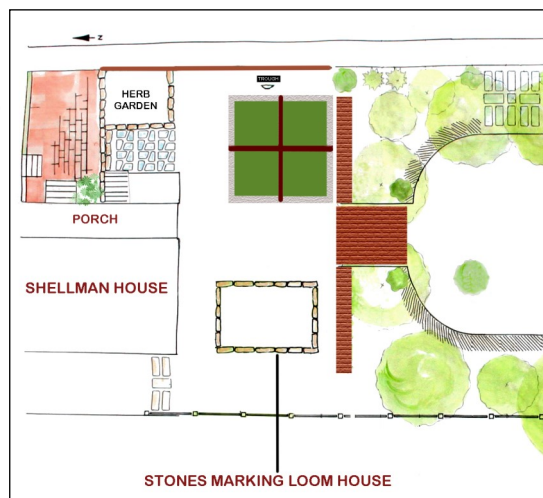
Another year has come and gone! Much too fast for my taste.

However, HSCC has a great deal to look forward to in the coming calendar year. The Board's ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee, led by Frank Batavick, continues to monitor HSCC's progress with its 2017-2020 plan. As you will read in this issue of the Courier, HSCC has several exhibits on the schedule during the first six months of 2018. Both Cockey's and Emerald Hill will be utilized (see pages 5 & 11). As the Research Library welcomes patrons to its new home on the first floor of Kimmey House, library volunteers will be learning digitization skills that will allow HSCC to make its original manuscript materials accessible to the public. HSCC thanks the generosity of several donors for the purchasing of this new equipment—the Carroll County Commissioners, the Carroll County Genealogical Society, and the friends of long-time volunteer George Horvath, who donated to the project in his memory.

HSCC has been collaborating with the Carroll County Public Schools to create educational opportunities for both students and teachers. On page four, we report on the Society's efforts to create hands-on history. The development of two new traveling trunks will complement the already completed trunk on the Civil War in Carroll County.

On another front, HSCC welcomes the Master Gardeners of Carroll County as partners. Our planning team will incorporate an interpretive garden into the Shellman backyard that will highlight the Sherman family's Pennsylvania German heritage. A four-square "kitchen" garden will be constructed with symmetrical raised beds bordered with plants. In need of frequent watering and weeding, these gardens were located close by the kitchen door. Early 19<sup>th</sup>-century gardens might have up to 300 different varieties of plants, including vegetables, fruits and herbs, plus cooking and medicinal plants. Our garden may not be that elaborate. While staple foods like potatoes, turnips, corn and squash would be grown in field, the raised beds would contain tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, melons, cucumbers, greens, and Savoy type cabbages. This particular garden will allow HSCC to interpret daily agricultural activities to the needs of urban dwellers. HSCC docents can link the garden to the interpretation of the kitchen and pantry areas in the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House. This is a great step forward in integrating early foodways into our tours. I have included a diagram of how this garden will be located on the Shellman property. HSCC can always use a helping hand in the gardens. Perhaps you have some time to volunteer. Let us know.

Best wishes to you all for the New Year.



*Gainor*

## New Exhibit at Emerald Hill

In conjunction with this year's Winter Wine Warmer on January 6, HSCC opened a new exhibit—*The Shellman House Garden: Ever Green, Ever Changing*. Documenting the changing landscape surrounding the house, the 22 black-and-white and color images, both historic and modern, provide a look back at the history of the gardens and a year-round look at the Shipley Memorial Garden.

The house was built in 1807 by Jacob Sherman who owned the tavern across the street. Throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the rear lot was essential to domestic work of the household. The outbuildings included a brick barn, a brick "dairy" for the cool storage of milk, a privy, and a one-and-one-half story, log, loom house. By the time HSCC acquired the property in 1939, all the supporting structures were gone. The Carroll Garden Club sponsored the creation of a decorative garden at the rear of the house in 1955. Designed by John Donofrio, the garden featured flowering plants with a boxwood border and an herb garden. In 2008, the boxwoods were removed and the Shipley Memorial Garden installed.

This year's exhibit is being underwritten through the generosity of Terry's Tag & Title.

The exhibit is on the second floor of Emerald Hill, 1838 Emerald Hill Lane in Westminster. It will be open Monday—Saturday, 9 a.m.—4 p.m. through March 29.



Two of the images in the exhibit show the rear of the Shellman House in February and in July.

## Happy Birthday, Carroll County!



Saturday, January 20, 2018

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Grace Lutheran Church

21 Carroll Street

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Lecture & Concert by David & Ginger Hildebrand

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## For Your Information

### New in the Bookstore

**Historic Westminster Cemetery & Union Meeting House**  
by David W. Bearr and Mary Ann Ashcraft

This illustrated book combines the stories of the Meeting House and surrounding Cemetery into a fascinating volume covering approximately two centuries of Westminster history. Also included are three walking tours of the cemetery featuring vignettes of roughly 50 people who reflect the variety of people, both humble and noteworthy, buried in the graveyard.

\$17.00

### 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 Oct. 1, 2017 ~ Dec. 6, 2017

Susan Hines, Hyattsville  
Marian & David Johnson, Union Bridge  
Terry Sharrer, Waterford, VA  
Larry Siegel & Shirley Brenton, Westminster  
Mary Staub, Hanover, PA  
Doris E. Waddick, Alexandria, VA  
Jack White, Sykesville

### In Memoriam

Mrs. Dorothy V. Utz

Happy New Year from the  
Board and Staff of the  
Historical Society of Carroll  
County!



New Year's postcard, c.1905. From HSCC's collection.

## Thanks to All Our Supporters

- Douglas P. Velnoskey, Chair, Development Committee

As another calendar year comes to an end, HSCC is pleased to announce that, as of December 19, 2017, its Annual Giving Fund stands at \$32,780, more than half-way to its \$50,000 FY18 goal. The campaign closes on June 30, 2018. These unrestricted contributions allow us to carry on the daily activities associated with HSCC's mission. The Society would like to thank all of you who have made gifts to HSCC in the first six months of this fiscal year. *The Board of Trustees and the Staff of the Historical Society wish you a happy and successful New Year!*

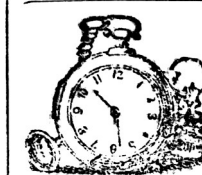


If you would like to give something tangible, here are some items on our wish list that are vitally important to HSCC expanding its educational outreach efforts in this current fiscal year:

- \$175.00 to purchase seven (7 @ \$25 each) copies of *Arrowheads and Stone Artifacts: A Practical Guide for the Amateur Archaeologist* by C. G. Yeager to be included in the Society's new Native American Traveling Trunk. (see page 4 for more information.)
- \$300.00 to replace a "dead" printer with an Epson Expression ET-3600 EcoTank All-in-one Supertank Inkjet Printer that is much less expensive to run than a laser printer .
- \$2,501.73 to acquire two Gaylord Starter Display Rail System starter units (2 @ \$615.00 each) plus two display panels (2 @ \$95.99 each) and seven Tensabarriers (7 @ \$154.25). These items represent long-term assets that can be reused exhibit after exhibit.

You can invest in all or a portion of the items highlighted. Thanks for your consideration.

## Time on Our Hands



**NOTICE.**  
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SILVER, GOLD, PLATED &  
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WILLIAM MOORE.

June 14.

Democratic Advocate, June 1867

In her book, *Marking Modern Times*, historian Alexis McCrossen highlights the importance of timepieces in American life, saying:

*The public spaces and buildings of the United States are home to many thousands of timepieces—bells, time balls, and clock faces—that tower over urban streets, peek out from lobbies, and gleam in store windows. And in the streets and squares beneath them, men, women, and children wear wristwatches of all kinds. American have decorated their homes with clocks and included them in their poetry, sermons, stories, and songs. And as political instruments, social tools, and cultural symbols, these personal and public timekeepers have enjoyed a broad currency in art, life, and culture.*

HSCC is using McCrossen's work as the jumping off point for a new exhibit, *Time on Our Hands*. Using items from its three - and two-dimensional holdings—timepieces, accessories, manuscripts, newspapers, photographs, and other ephemera, the Society will document Carroll County's preoccupation with time. Slated for installation in mid-February,

this exhibition heralds the reopening of HSCC's changing gallery space in Cockey's. Look for further information about the opening party and exhibit hours.



A clock was the focal point on the mantel of the McDaniel family's library, c.1890



# HSCC Adds New Classroom Resources for Students

In 2000, HSCC developed a traveling trunk for students titled “Carroll County in the Civil War.” The kit includes reproduction uniforms and equipment for Union and Confederate soldiers along with a glossary, biographies and photographs of local soldiers, copies of Civil War letters, and lesson plans for teachers. The Society is currently developing two additions to its Traveling Trunk Program—one on Native Americans in Carroll County and the other on the 19<sup>th</sup> century/early 20<sup>th</sup> century industrialization of our county.

The purpose of the program is to provide teachers with materials to help them make history more engaging for their students. Designed to travel to the classroom, these trunks contain authentic as well as reproduction artifacts, photographs, documents, maps, letters, and other resources. They also include lesson plans, activity suggestions, worksheets, and audio visuals. All materials in the trunk correlate to the Maryland Performance Standards and connect local history to topics already in the curriculum. Teachers will be able to borrow trunks for a three-week period. Rental fees will vary based on whether or not the trunk must be shipped or will be picked-up.

I would like to thank Education Committee volunteer Jill Schultz for spearheading this project. Jill retired from the Carroll County Public Schools a year and a half ago where she taught U.S. history. She hopes that Society exhibits and kits like the trunks will help teachers and students to know some of the wonderful history of where they live as well as that of their country. The Society is lucky to be able to tap Jill’s expertise and enthusiasm. Perhaps, you can help us create these educational outreach materials? We are looking for certain items to include in each trunk. Here are our wish lists.

### For the Native American Trunk:

- 1. A Beaver pelt
- 2. Deerskin (tanned and/or with fur)
- 3. Fox & raccoon tails
- 4. Grinding rock (not pestle)
- 5. Maryland tobacco seeds or a twist of tobacco
- 6. Turkey & owl feathers

### For the Industrialization Trunk:

- 1. Interior cannery photographs
- 2. Cigar mold or roller
- 3. Wormseed tin, bottle, tool or some artifact that reflects the industry
- 4. Supply of raw wool
- 5. An artifact that represents the fact that horse power was a part of our agriculture/photo of a work horse in action
- 6. Railroad lantern, sign, ticket – to represent the vital role of railroads in our county
- 7. Old ice cream scoop, butter mold, cheese mold to reflect the dairy industry

If you can donate any of these items to HSCC, please contact Gainor Davis at [Gainor@hsccmd.org](mailto:Gainor@hsccmd.org) or Jill at [favorite.wife82@gmail.com](mailto:favorite.wife82@gmail.com). You can also call the office at 410-848-6494, ext. 202. Please be sure to contact Gainor before bringing items to the Society.

We look forward to your participation in this educational outreach activity for our schoolchildren.



# What We’ve Been Doing



We placed third in the float category of the Halloween parade!



Our entry in the Miracle on Main Street electric parade: *Celebrating Holiday Traditions—Finding the Family Tree.*



October bus trip to Oatlands (left) and Morven Park (below).



Holiday bus trip to Bethlehem: a lighted star beams from the cupola of the Central Moravian Church.



Administrative Assistant Marty Mathis (left) chats with volunteer Doris Hull at the Volunteer Potluck.



# HSCC Holds Annual Meeting

About 80 Society members and guests attended our annual corporate meeting on November 8 at the Taneytown Fireman’s Activity Building. Board Chair Jim Lightner presided, we were welcomed by Sandy Crouse, president of the Taneytown Heritage and Museum Association, and Secretary Jennifer Munch gave the invocation. During dinner we were entertained by the McDaniel College Madrigal Singers under the direction of Dr. Margaret Boudreaux. The group is the College’s premier vocal ensemble and sang a variety of songs from the Renaissance as well as world music and vocal jazz. After dinner, Lightner reviewed the many accomplishments of the past year, especially the ongoing activities related to achieving our strategic plan including moving the research library from the basement to the first floor of Kimmey. Executive Director Gainor Davis highlighted some plans for the future and gave the brief financial report in the absence of Treasurer Tom Long. Governance Committee Chair Charles Fisher, Jr., presented the nomination of new trustee Marcia Duffy who was unanimously elected by the members, after which the Society staff were introduced and the many loyal volunteers were thanked for their efforts.



(above) The McDaniel College Madrigal Singers brightened the evening with their voices and their costumes.



(left) Retiring Board Chair Jim Lightner shows off his retirement gift—a copy of sheet music by Mary Shellman and her sister, Fanny Pearson, from HSCC’s collection.

## Meet Our New Board Member

Marcia Duffy, a State Farm Insurance agent, has been the owner of Marcia Duffy Insurance Agency Inc. in Eldersburg for the past 30 years. She is originally from the Pittsburgh area where upon high school graduation she attended Mansfield State Teachers College ( currently Mansfield University) obtaining a teaching degree in Home Economics. She taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade Home Economics until 1977 when her daughter Lauren was born followed by the birth of her son Paul in 1980. She has been a long time member of South Carroll Business Association serving in the past as Vice President. She is the owner of Affordable Mail Service, LLC, offering mailing solutions for local small businesses and sits on the Board of Spartan Firearms Training Group, LLC. She is currently a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Carroll Tech Council. She has an absolute love of history and genealogy and is working towards her DAR designation.



# McDaniel’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Featured in Display at HSCC

On April 8, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., a special exhibit at Emerald Hill/City Hall will open to the public, featuring the 150-year history of McDaniel/Western Maryland College. HSCC is pleased to continue our partnership with the College by being part of this sesquicentennial celebration.

## Growing Up and Out

*The last decade of the 1800s*

in America witnessed phenomenal technological innovations, a mid-decade economic recession, an explosion of literary and musical compositions from Europe, and a war with Spain. Spurred on by increasing affluence in the country, U.S. colleges and universities were growing, and some new ones were being created. By 1896, there were 27 universities and colleges in the United States that registered over a thousand students.

At Western Maryland College, the institution grew in size of both student body (reaching a high of 278 in 1899) and faculty and staff (20 in 1900). It grew in campus acreage as new properties were purchased, and it certainly grew in physical presence as at least nine new buildings were erected, including Alumni Hall, Baker Chapel, and the second Ward Hall.

The College was becoming well established and well respected in Maryland, and it was gradually changing its curriculum and customs to come in line with other respected institutions of higher learning. While it had some debt, it was both reasonable and expected as the institution grew and invested in its future. The College was financially sound after struggling through its early years with weighty deficit, but it truly needed an endowment. As the new century beckoned, the time was ripe for new goals and further expansion.



By 1900, the buildings in the college complex included the Main center hall, Smith Hall (1887), Hering Hall (1890), and Ward Hall II (1899). Porches and towers designed by architect Jackson Gott were also added.



A gathering of the faculty on the steps of Old Main in 1895. William R. McDaniel is center, top row.



During the latter part of the decade, after some urging from alumni, a new campus building with meeting rooms was proposed. When the money from alumni did not materialize, President Lewis reconfigured the building to include a 1000-seat auditorium, along with rooms for campus societies, and launched a campaign to build it. In November 1896, the cornerstone was laid, and the building grew directly in money was raised. Ultimately, bonds were sold to cover the total cost of about \$30,000. Alumni Hall officially opened in 1899.



In 1894, a gift of \$5,000 from college trustee William G. Baker was received to build a chapel. The building was designed by Jackson Gott, completed in nine months, and formally dedicated on May 12, 1895. The organ, which cost \$1,000, was provided by an anonymous donor (probably T. H. Lewis). The Baker family added the stained glass windows in 1902.



J. T. Ward died in 1897, and Ward Memorial Arch, given by his estate, was erected in 1898 across the main drive.



The students of the era looked forward to occasional opportunities to "co-mingle" on the lawn (where McDaniel Hall now stands) - properly chaperoned, of course! Behind the trees, the tennis ball server of Old Main peeks through. Picnics and other excursions were also occasionally held at Fern Rock, just down Main Street across the street from the modern tennis courts.

# 1890-1900

The display consists of 17 posters, each focusing on a decade in the College’s history, 1867-2017, featuring some written historical context and many captioned photos of people and buildings from each era. The details come primarily from the college history, *Fearless and Bold*, written by College Historian James Lightner who also selected the content of the posters designed by College Archivist Andrea Briggs.

Guests at the official opening will hear about the display as well as some background on the development of the College from Lightner, view the posters, and enjoy light refreshments. Copies of *Fearless and Bold*, as well as the 90-minute DVD *Fearless and Bold Live* will be for sale as well.

The College has successfully lived and survived through times of serious debt, several economic depressions, two World Wars, and even some earthquakes. Come and learn more about this local institution of higher education that has played such a significant role in our County’s history for 150 years.

## Visit the Exhibit:

### April 9—May 31, 2018

## Second floor of Emerald Hill (old City Hall)

### 1838 Emerald Hill Lane

## Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Free Admission



Tales from the Library

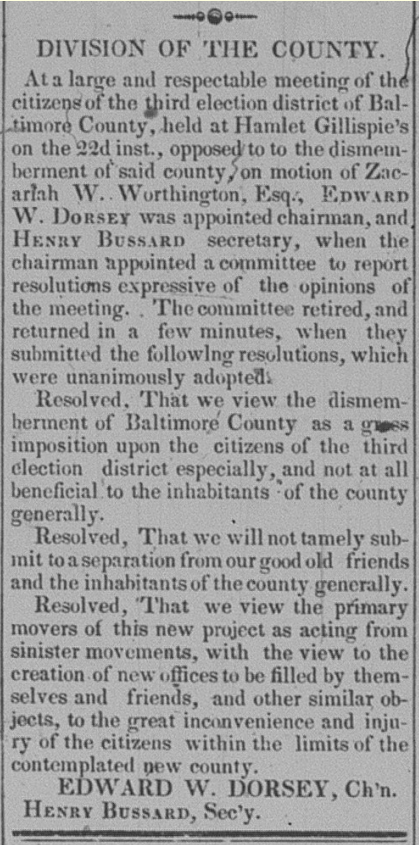
- Library volunteers

Something old, something new, something better than we ever could do!

Thanks to the generous contributions from the donors to the “Gift for the Cause” auction at our 2017 Gala, the Research Library now has a state-of-the-art digital alternative to the old basic microfilm reader/printer. Our new ST ViewScan III offers electronic multi-speed advance and rewind scrolling and an impressive array of new functions. Also, the 24-inch monitor greatly enhances viewing and even a capacity to rearrange cropped portions of each document.

On its last legs, the old scanner sorely needed a replacement. Yes, we did manage to view and copy some fascinating stories from Carroll County’s past, if the page were clearly photographed and the document fit appropriately on the page. But the repairman was becoming a frequent visitor, struggling to maintain some degree of functionality. As a replacement, we were looking for something much better.

As users browse a document, they can rotate the image or flip the view vertically. If the left and right sides are reversed, a button provides for a mirror image. In some cases, documents were recorded in a dark negative image, which can now appear as a light positive image. The image can also be improved by brightening or changing the contrast. The crop function enables selection of one or multiple document areas for editing the captured image. Finally, the finished work can be printed or saved on the HSCC computer memory.

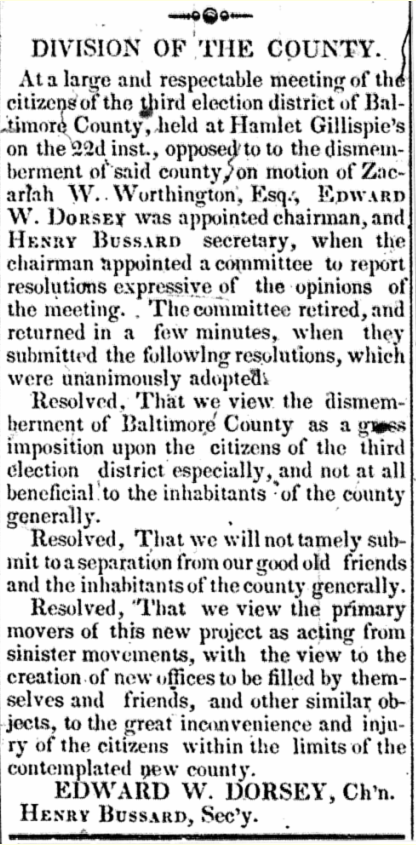


This article opposing the creation of Carroll County appeared in the July 3, 1833, issue of the *Carrolltonian* newspaper.

At left is the unedited image of the article as it appears on the microfilm.

At right is the same article after it has been digitally enhanced on the new ViewScan equipment.

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The Curator's Corner

- Cathy Baty, Curator

The city of Frederick is justifiably proud of its clustered church spires made famous in a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier. At one time, Westminster’s skyline also featured impressive spires. In 1868, construction began on a German Reformed Church at the corner of Bond and Green Streets. When completed, the church—named St. Paul’s—was topped by a soaring steeple. Disaster struck St. Paul’s on Sunday, February 19, 1893, when a storm tore through Westminster. The *Democratic Advocate* reported: “The greatest damage from the storm, in this city, was probably sustained by St. Paul’s Reformed Church, the towering steeple of which was blown down and now lies in the adjoining grounds. In its fall it struck the slate roof on the northeast side of the brick tower and crushed it over a considerable space, breaking, at the same time, some of the sustaining timbers. Some large stone ornaments were also knocked from the tower and front wall of the church, and the bell wheel was broken.” The church was repaired but the steeple was never rebuilt.



(above) The steeple at St. John as viewed from east of the church on Main St.

(below) Rear view of the church showing the ragged remains of the steeple and the damaged rectory.



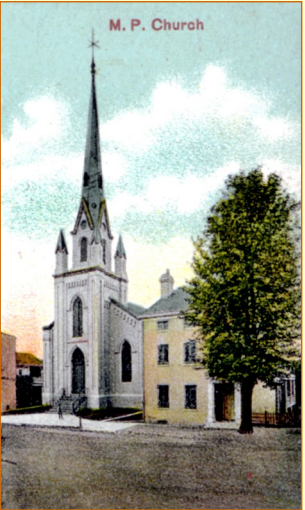
St. John Catholic Church on East Main St. was dedicated in November 1866 but the church’s steeple was not finished until 1871. By the late 1930s, the steeple had developed a disturbing lean towards Main Street and had to be repaired. Disaster struck on June 19, 1952, when a fierce storm toppled the steeple. An eyewitness account that appeared in the *Carroll County Times* reported: “the steeple was intact after breaking off until it leveled off horizontally and then dropped through the rectory causing further damage. The back upper wall of the rectory fell over in a delayed action after the original impact.” The church was repaired but the steeple was never replaced.

Farther east on Main St. was Immanuel Methodist Protestant Church, dedicated in March 1870. A soaring steeple and bell tower topped the structure. While no single disaster struck this church, the ravages of time gradually eroded the steeple. It was condemned as structurally unsafe and demolished in 1924. The church closed in 1941 when the congregation merged with Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church to become the Westminster Methodist Church.

Centenary was unique among Westminster’s churches because it never had a steeple or bells. Among the donors when the church was under construction in 1869 were the Cassell sisters who gave money to not construct a bell tower. Apparently, St. John’s bells disturbed the neighbors, and the women did not want their church to cause a similar problem.



St. Paul’s with its steeple (above) and after the tower was repaired.



(above) Postcard image of Immanuel M.P. Church with its steeple.



(left) Immanuel after the removal of the steeple.