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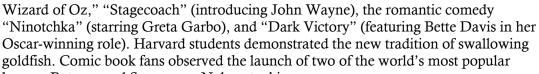
🏕 1939 Ruby Jubilee 蜗

April 26, 2019, 6-11 p.m.

The Historical Society of Carroll County invites you to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of its founding in 1939. A fabulous evening of dining, dancing, and socializing, this year's Legacy Gala will be held on Friday evening, April 26, at Antrim 1844 in Taneytown. In conjunction with this year's theme, 1939 Ruby

Jubilee, HSCC will transform Antrim 1844's landscape into the "cool" and sultry atmosphere of New York's much-touted nightlife of the 1930s and 1940s.

1939 heralded the birth of classic Hollywood films such as "Gone with the Wind," "The

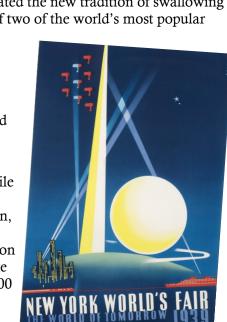


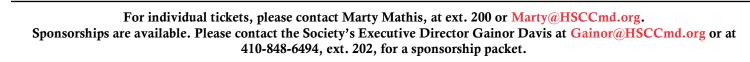
heroes, Batman and Superman. Nylon stockings went on sale for the first time anywhere in Wilmington, Delaware—home of DuPont Industries, the inventor of nylon. Frank Lloyd Wright completed his architectural masterpiece, Fallingwater. In 1939, New York City also played host to the World's Fair—"the world of tomorrow."

Starting at 6:00 p.m., guests can enjoy savory hors d'oeuvres and an open bar, while strolling Antrim 1844's magnificent grounds. At 7 p.m., Antrim 1844's awardwinning chef, Ilhan Erkek, and staff will serve dinner under a light-filled tent. Then, join us at *The Ruby Club* from 8:30-11 p.m., where the Frankie North Band (formerly, the Colgan-Hirsh Band) will provide Big Band swing favorites in addition to the popular tunes of today. We encourage you to wear black-tie or "Golden Age of Movies" attire. Individual tickets for the Ruby Jubilee event (6 -11 p.m.) are \$200 per person. Seating is limited.

This year the Society is very excited to introduce a reduced price ticket of only \$50 for the under-40 crowd to join Gala guests after dinner at the *Party in the Ruby Club* for drinks, dessert, and dancing beginning at 8:30! Tickets are limited! Please spread the word!

Proceeds from the event and its live and silent auctions support the educational mission of the Society to collect, preserve, and interpret Carroll County's unique heritage within the context of the American experience.







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From the Board Chair

- Frank J. Batavick

Best wishes,

As the society approaches its 80th anniversary in 2019, it is appropriate to recall our origins. In 1939 a group of civically-

minded individuals coalesced around a cause—saving the Shellman house. It was in danger of being demolished to make way for a gas station. The citizens obviously triumphed, and their efforts formed the nucleus of the Historical Society of Carroll County.

If you've been by the Shellman house lately, you've noticed that we are still saving it. Carpenters are replacing rotted boards on the porch and balcony. Work on our historic houses never ceases—can't cease—because we are stewards of history pledged to preservation and education. That's why your membership and support of our annual giving campaigns are so essential to our existence. Without it, the toll of years and nature would surely claim our campus and erode our mission. I urge all of you to thoughtfully consider increasing your contribution this year.

You can also support the society by attending the many activities and events we sponsor, from our Box Lunch Talks and bus tours to the county birthday celebration on January 19. Please see the enclosed insert with a schedule of upcoming events. Especially note the 1939 Ruby Jubilee at Antrim 1844 on Friday, April 26, to celebrate our 80th anniversary. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and a "must" on the county social calendar. Look for an invitation in the mail and also consider becoming a sponsor. Our goal is an ambitious \$80,000, and we can reach it with your participation and generosity.

Though the society may now be an octogenarian, we remain as young-at-heart as the many school children who marvel at the riches of our campus during their visits each year or revel in the contents of our history trunks sent out to classrooms. Our hope is that these youngsters will be inoculated with the same love of history as you and I, thereby ensuring that our mission endures for another 80 years.



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Frank

John Cunningham presents the deed to the Shellman House to HSCC's first president, J. David Baile, Mrs. Charles O. Clemson (left), and Mrs. W. Carroll Shunk (right), 1939.

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History for Everyone



On September 23, 2018, the Historical Society presented "Shaking Hands with History" at the Eldersburg Library. The afternoon event, from 1:30-4 p.m., allowed children and adults to meet and talk with Colonial and Civil War re-enactors and learn the basics of researching your family's history. The Society brought one of its travelling trunks, which allowed participants to touch objects that the Native Americans would have used in their daily life. HSCC's mission is to connect

families to the past, the present, and the future. Refreshments were served.

HSCC would like to thank Marcia Duffy Insurance, Eldersburg, for sponsoring "Shaking Hands" and HSCC intern Audrey Wixsted for coordinating its content. Thanks also to the Eldersburg Public Library and Sykesville Gate House Museum for their participation. HSCC expects to repeat this event at locations around the County.



Educational Initiatives at HSCC

By Jill Schultz, Education Committee Chair

In an effort to promote Carroll County history by connecting it with the larger story of America's past, Education Committee members gave tours to students of Westminster and Spring Garden Elementary Schools in early November. In addition to their tour of the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman house, these students explored the Society's new educational hands-on space on Cockey's first floor. Spring tours will also include our kitchen, herb, and dye gardens, created in partnership with the Carroll County Master Gardeners. Committee member Wendy Raith also had the opportunity to make a presentation about Westminster history to 11 members of Girl Scout Troop 1698 on November 28.



HSCC has expanded its collection of educational traveling trunks from our two Civil War trunks to four new trunks, courtesy of a grant from the Carroll County Commissioners. Carroll Lutheran School children were dazzled by the opportunity to identify Native American artifacts; view a turkey tail; pet deer, beaver and rabbit pelts; and use native tools to pound corn. Students at Cranberry Station and Hampstead elementary schools learned about the early settlers of our region and explored artifacts that were a part of their every-day life. HSCC currently seeks a hand-made sampler as an addition to the contents of "Early Settlement of Carroll County" trunk. Also completed is a trunk that compares the industrial history of Carroll County to industrial growth in the United States. Like the other experiential activity

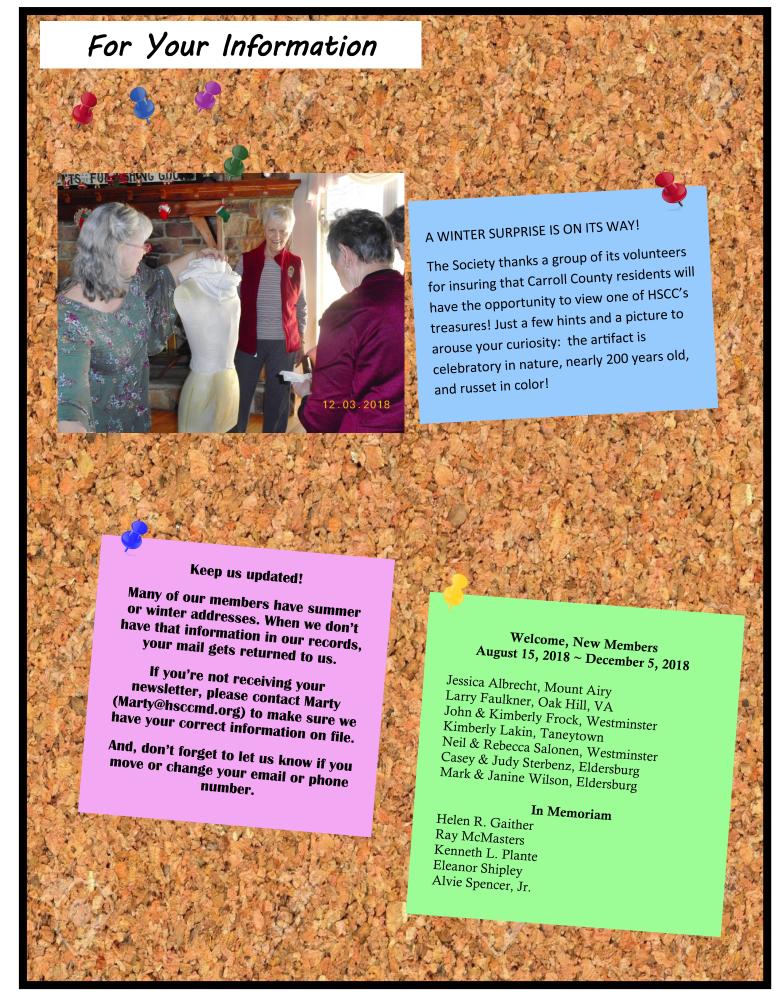


kits, the Industrialism trunk utilizes primary and secondary sources of information to explore, artifacts, diagrams, photographs, and advertising ephemera. Still in process is a trunk focused on the World Wars, geared for use in the high schools. Soldier and home-front artifacts are currently being sought for inclusion in this trunk.

Anyone with an artifact they would like to donate for educational purposes or who would like to be involved with any educational project should contact Jill Schultz at education@HSCC.org. The Committee has myriad ideas it hopes to implement in the future. If this type of activity interests you, please consider volunteering as a museum educator/docent.

BUSINESS MEMBER ~William G. Jones, C.P.A. ~

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From the Executive Director

- Gainor B. Davis

Dear Friends...



The Historical Society wishes you all a successful and prosperous New Year in 2019.

We truly appreciate your willingness to invest in the Society and its educational activities. Included in this issue of *The Courier* is the Society's annual report for FY2018 (July 1, 2017 –June 30, 2018). HSCC accomplishes so much with your help—your work, wisdom, and wealth. HSCC is dedicated to using its various income sources wisely to promote its strategic goals of: raising the Society's public profile; making its expertise and resources accessible to everyone; and creating a stable financial profile.

We continue to find ways to be part of our community. Since HSCC did not enter a float in the Halloween Parade this year, we participated in the City of Westminster's "Trail of Treats" on Saturday, October 27. From 3-6 p.m, volunteer Jean Repsher, Curator Cathy Baty, and I spent the afternoon passing out at least 1,000 pieces of candy and talking about the Historical Society and its educational opportunities for children. Due to the weather, the event was held in the Armory, Longwell Avenue. Unicorns, Cleopatras, all sorts of super heroes, and dinosaurs toddled up to our booth, trailed by their parents, grandparents, and siblings. Everyone had a great time!

HSCC continues to participate in the County Commissioners' *Celebrating America Initiative*, designed to offer history-based activities to residents of the county. This year's Carroll County Birthday Celebration, to be held on January 19, is designated as one of these events. [See page 4 for more information.] Also, HSCC will be part of the 2nd Annual Celebrating America History Expo, held in conjunction with the National History Day's District Contest, on Saturday, March 2, at Winters Mill Hill School. Each year some 70-90 Carroll County middle and high school children produce history-based projects related to a particular theme—this year, *Triumph & Tragedy*. Students generate research papers, exhibits, websites, performances, and documentaries that address this changing annual theme. The Celebrating America coalition, comprised of numerous county nonprofit organizations, offers NHD participants and their families a variety of hands-on activities focused on local history. The Expo opens at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. with the NHD Contest Awards Ceremony. Join us on March 2 to explore your history and greet the County's youngest historians. (March 9 is the snow date.)



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HSCC's Good Scout

Former Chair of the HSCC Board of Trustees, Dr. James E. Lightner received the 2018 Carroll County Good Scout Award on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Pictured, left to right, are: Eagle Scout Dillon Kalmbach; Baltimore Area Council Scout Executive & CEO Brian L. Steger; Carolyn Scott, chair of the Good Scout event and former HSCC Trustee; Dr. Lightner; and event Master of Ceremonies McDaniel College President Emerita Joan Devlin Coley.

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Happy 182nd Birthday, Carroll County!



The Late Unpleasantness Players present

"Life During the Civil War"

Saturday, January 19, 2019
2-4 p.m.
Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church
21 Carroll St.
Westminster, MD

Free Admission

Refreshments

Members of the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table step back in time to provide a unique glimpse into the human side of the Civil War with first-person insights into the experiences of soldiers and civilians - North and South - during the "late unpleasantness." Four new trustees were unanimously elected to the Board for three-year terms ending in 2021:

Tyler J. Codd, CPA, CVA, New Finance Committee Chair/Treasurer

Tyler Codd has three years of public accounting experience with Sturgill & Associates, LLP, of Westminster. A certified public accountant, he specializes in mergers and acquisitions, litigation support service, and corporate, partnership, and individual taxation. Tyler graduated from Salisbury University with a Bachelor of Science in both accounting & finance. He is a member of the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts.

William L. Brown, New Properties Committee Chair

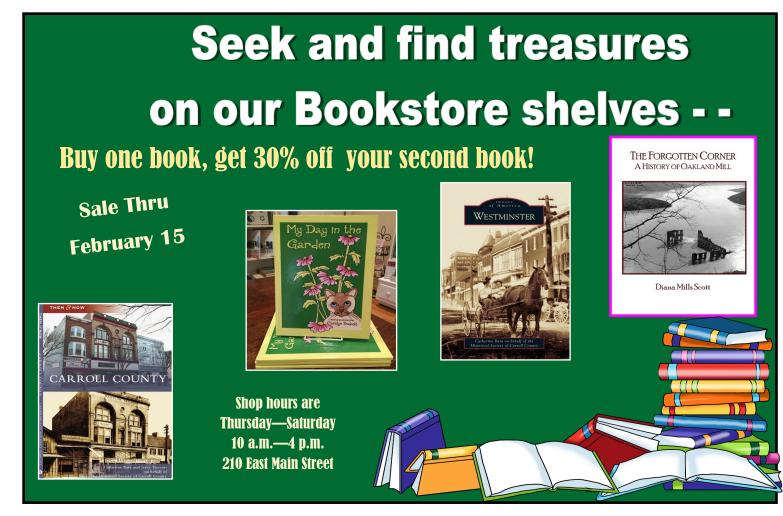
William Brown, a resident of Maryland most of his life, received his B.S. in business administration from the University of Baltimore and has pursued graduate studies in administration at Loyola College, Baltimore. He is an entrepreneur who has founded seven successful businesses over the past 45 years. Most recently, he co-founded Quantum Internet and Telephone Services of Manchester, a leading Internet and Telephone provider in the Baltimore area. As Chairman of Quantum, Bill has gained extensive practical and technical knowledge and experience in the telecommunications industry and communications technology.

Jill Schultz, New Education Committee Chair

Jill Schultz grew up in Reisterstown, received her bachelor's degree in American Studies and Master of Liberal Arts Degree from Western Maryland College (McDaniel). She moved to Carroll County in 1982 and began teaching grades 6-8 during her 34-year career with Carroll County Public Schools. For 32 of those years, she taught U.S. History. During that time, she arranged experiential colonial day, civil war day, and pioneer day activities for students; wrote curriculum for U.S. Government and U.S. History courses; presented numerous in-service programs to educators; and was nominated for County Teacher of the Year.

Lynn Wheeler

Lynn Wheeler received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Providence, Great Falls, MT, and her Master in Library Science from the University of Maryland College Park. She has over 45 years experience in library services, most recently as executive director of the Carroll County Public Library system (2004-2018). She is also a board member and immediate past chair of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce; board member of the Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County; and board member of the Human Services Programs of Carroll County. Lynn was honored to be nominated and to receive the Carroll County Human Relations Commission Award in 2014.



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New Trustees Elected at Annual Business Meeting

The Historical Society of Carroll County held its annual dinner meeting on November 7, 2018, at the Best Western Conference Center. Our guest speaker for the evening was Jay Graybeal, Chief Curator of the Army Heritage Museum of the U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center in Carlisle, PA. In honor of the 100th Anniversary of World War I's conclusion, Jay's presentation highlighted Carroll County soldiers and Armistice Day celebrations in the County.

HSCC also said "goodbye" to two of its Trustees—Charlie Hedges and Larry Jackson. Charlie plans to continue his work on the HSCC Programs Committee and chair the 2019 Winter Wine Warmer. Larry has been a very active Chair of the Properties Committee for the past five years. The Society thanks them for dedicated service to HSCC!







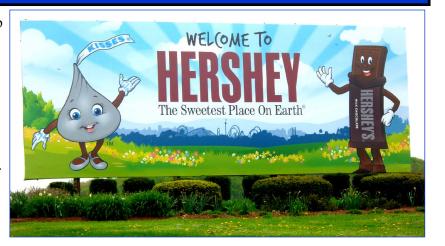




On The Road . . . Where we're going next

Start the summer off right with HSCC's first bus trip of the year. On Friday, June 14, 2019, 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 celebrityowned 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. It is now part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Historic Hotels of America program.

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 later this year . . .

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. Lunch at Hinkle's Restaurant. 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. Watch for more details.

December 6: the annual Holiday Tour goes to **Yuletide at Winterthur**. See the fabulous museum decked out for the holidays. A special added attraction is an exhibition of the costumes from the Netflix series "The Crown." Watch for details and pricing.



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Tales from the Library

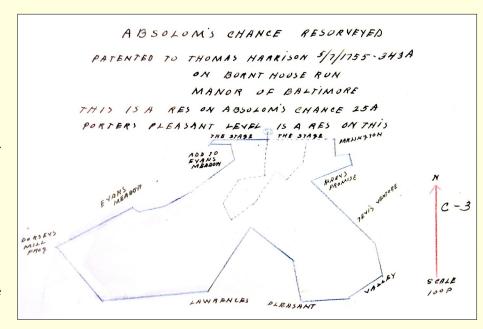
- Bill Palm, Library Committee Chair

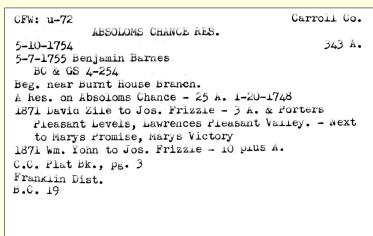
Our transition to the 21st Century is proceeding, if not always as quickly as we might wish. There is, indeed, progress to report on various fronts as we move to make our valued materials more widely available with digital images available on computers.

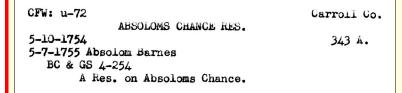
TRACEY LAND RECORDS

Dr. Arthur Tracey and his daughter, Grace, devoted much of their lives to researching and documenting early Maryland (particularly Carroll County) land records. An array of plat maps for Carroll County is now available on a computer in our library, thanks to the efforts of Cathy Baty and Betsy Murphy. We are now in the process of scanning the accompanying note cards, with the full library staff plus other volunteers being trained for this tedious, timeconsuming task.

The plat drawing for Absolom's Chance Resurveyed (right) and the cards for the same property (below). Both cards have been combined into one pdf file during scanning.







DIGITAL MARYLAND

Digital Maryland is a state program, housed at the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore, that presents a wide range of images provided by agencies and organizations throughout Maryland. Cathy Baty has submitted an initial collection of HSCC Civil War materials, with plans to continue submissions on a routine basis. The first items should appear on-line soon. The Digital Maryland format will provide for ready access to HSCC materials by a wide audience. Go to www.digitalmaryland.org to see not only HSCC's collections but collections from organizations around the state.

DIGITAL CURATION INTERN

Finally, we are pleased that Catharine Lusher, a Johns Hopkins University graduate student in the Museum Studies Certificate Program in Digital Curation, will join the HSCC as an intern in January. Ms. Lusher's primary focus will be on increasing the visibility of our

manuscript collection. To pursue this interest, she intends to produce a digital workflow plan, a preservation plan, an on-line exhibit through Digital Maryland, and a History Journal article.

The Curator's Corner

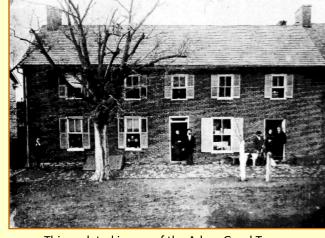
- Cathy Baty, Curator

Following George Washington's death in 1799, his birthday – February 22 – became an annual day of remembrance. Americans revered Washington as the most important figure in American history, and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebrations. Established in 1885, Washington's Birthday became the fifth federal holiday, joining New Year's, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

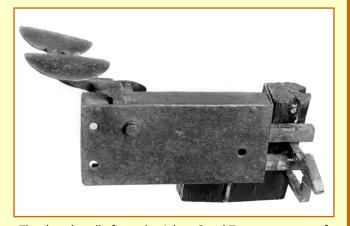
In Carroll County, Taneytown has always felt a special affinity for Washington. In late June of 1791 Washington was on his way from Mount Vernon to Philadelphia. He spent the night of June 30 in Frederick and continued his journey the next day. On July 1, Washington recorded in his diary: "lodged at Tawneytown . . . Tawneytown is but a small place with only the street through which the road passes." As he approached the center of town, he noticed the sign on the Adam Good Tavern on Frederick St. According to historian Dr. Clothworthy Birnie, the signmaker had gotten the "A" some distance from the "dam" in Adam so the old sign appeared to read "dam good entertainment for man and beast." Washington is reputed to have remarked that it ought to be a good place to spend the night and so that is where he stayed.

The tavern was a fixture on the square until it was demolished in the 1890s. However, proud of its association with Washington, one unknown citizen saved the door handle that the great man had touched. On December 1, 1939—the first day that HSCC accepted objects for the collection—Wirt Crapster donated the door handle.

In 1932, the United States commemorated the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth with a year-long celebration. The highlight in Carroll County came on July 4th with a parade through the streets of Taneytown to the fairgrounds. The day closed with the playing of Sousa's Washington Post March by a massed band composed of all the bands from the parade. A crowd estimated at 25,000 attended the festivities.

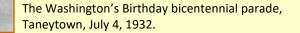


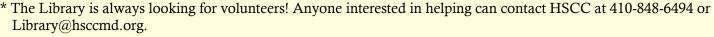
This undated image of the Adam Good Tavern appeared in the souvenir program for Taneytown's bicentennial in 1954.



The door handle from the Adam Good Tayern was one of the first objects in HSCC's collection.

In 1971, as part of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, the commemoration of Washington's birth shifted from its actual date of February 22 to the third Monday in February. Though many people and, most states, now refer to it as "Presidents Day," the official name of the federal holiday still remains "Washington's Birthday."





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