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New Holiday Event!

The Historic Houses of Worship Tour

Celebrate the holidays on Saturday, December 11, 2021, with a special Historic Houses of Worship Tour. For the first time the Shepherd's Staff and Historical Society of Carroll County (HSCC) are joining together for a fundraiser and a wonderful historic tour event.

We plan to showcase a dozen historic churches to the community with this holiday event. Churches will be ready for the season in their own style and traditions. The churches will open their doors and welcome in visitors from near and far to see historic architecture, holiday decorations, and hear a little about their faith.

This year we will focus on the northern tier of the county with churches in Taneytown, Silver Run, and Westminster. This should be a festive way of taking that long curious look at tradition and workmanship. We have a nice mix of churches well-known and off the beaten path. The tour includes: St. Benjamin's Lutheran; Krider's U.C.C.; Grace

Lutheran; St Paul's U.C.C.; Westminster United Methodist; Westminster Church of the Brethren; Church of the Ascension; Jerusalem Lutheran Church; Union Street United Methodist; St. Mary's Lutheran; St. Mary's U.C.C.; Trinity Evangelical Lutheran; and Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren. A dozen churches is a lot to visit in just 4 hours! The participating churches may change, so check our website for updates.

We envision tourists to visit in a fairly simple way. The church doors will open at 3 p.m. and people will drive individually to the church of their choice to begin the tour. There will be no required tour route in order to avoid bunching of groups. Visitors will walk through parts of facilities open and ready for holiday fun. A church representative will be available to welcome visitors, check their tickets, and discuss the history and faith of the host congregation. Some churches might offer very simple refreshments like Christmas cookies and warm cider. If you are lucky, a choir may be practicing their Christmas Cantata or Youth Christmas program. Some visitors may want to linger and others may want to hurry on to the next church to visit. No prescribed times are needed as visitors can come and leave from the buildings freely. Each visitor will have a guide booklet with the basic history of the church, a photo, and essential information



Church of the Ascension, December 24, 1941.

about location. We can even include worship times and brief information about services.

The churches will be open from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The ticket price for this fundraiser begins at \$15. Tickets can be purchased on HSCC's website at <https://hsccmd.org/> calendar or in our office. This is a rain or shine event so tickets are nonrefundable and should simply be seen as a wonderful way to support both organizations. Tickets will not be available for purchase at the churches. We realize that Covid conditions can change with lightning speed, but we are pressing ahead with the hope of the season for a great event. Watch our website and social media for more detailed information as it develops.

We plan to offer this event in the future, focusing on a different part of the county each time.



Stained glass window in St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Silver Run

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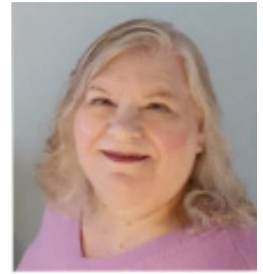
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A Message from the Interim Director/Chair



Dear HSCC Members,

As we begin to emerge from the pandemic, this place is sizzling with activity! We opened fully in July to groups, rentals, and volunteers. We have a great handful of new volunteers that are working on Saturdays.

Our Shellman Shop is doing well with our book sales and has launched a new online purchasing option for local history books. Our Library volunteers are really popping with volunteer training and terrific public engagement about all kinds of wonderful public queries about Carroll County history.

One new thing you don't want to miss is the Shriver dress now exhibited in Cockeys. It was just installed in the gallery and is so very fragile, it won't be able to stay out long. Make sure to come by and as members, you can pop in to see it for free. It was only through the very generous donors at our 2019 Legacy Gala through our Gift for the Cause were we able to professionally get this dress conserved. Our donors are our heartbeat for collection care.

Being bold in our reopening has led to our effort to be open on Sunday afternoons. In general, with our emphasis on weekend and evening programming, we hope to make a place for working people who would like to volunteer with us to make a difference. Perhaps our members might be interested in a Sunday afternoon book club where they can share their love of history and conveniently get any book they want to read together? Contact me if you might be interested in being part of a book club that would meet at Cockeys's.

We have some new and exciting things to look forward to: we have two new programs to offer this Fall. We will stage the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House to reflect the death of Elizabeth Sherman in 1842. We have done a lot of research and will be working towards our best understanding of pre-Victorian life and, more prominently, death. This exhibition will be hosted on the last three Saturdays and Sundays in October. The chill in the air might cause some hearts to beat just a little faster as they look back at life in the 1840s.

In a direct counterpoint, HSCC will be extra Festive this year with another new program. HSCC will host a Holiday Kickoff on December 4 featuring book signings, decorated campus, Shop deals, and light refreshments. If we are lucky, we can find a Belsnickle to visit. (Yup—look up that German tradition!)

Along with the theme of being seasonally festive, the Shepherd's Staff and HSCC are combining efforts and hosting a Holiday House of Worship Tour on December 11. This fundraiser will highlight historic churches from Carroll County. Twelve churches will welcome visitors to come see their decorations, their historic architecture, and joyous celebrations. It will be our first partnership together and hopefully will become an event Carroll County looks forward to every other year.

Lastly, we have begun to look for a new full-time Executive Director to lead HSCC to more exciting horizons. By the time you receive this newsletter, we may already have a new person selected to finish out the year. Keep track of our social media to hear the latest on this hire.

Thank you everyone for your faithful assistance in volunteering, donating, and generally doing good for our community. Drop by and chat for a while!

Kristen McMasters

A "Death" in the Sherman Family

For three weekends in October, we will be hosting a wake for the Sherman family in the early 1800s at the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House on campus. We will be recreating a wake and visitors will be able to hear Elizabeth's story of being a widow in Westminster from the 1820s until her death in 1842. You may be surprised to hear that on the death of her husband, Jacob, Elizabeth could not inherit her own house. Prayers will be said as Elizabeth attended Krider's Lutheran Church (now St. Benjamin's Lutheran Church) in Westminster.

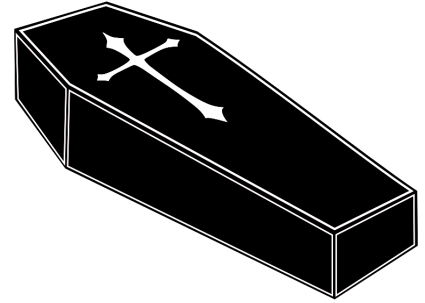


Wakes, funerals, and mourning rituals were very different from the traditional funerals that we think of today. This is before Victorian times with

tons of black crepe and fancy dress. We will tell the story of simple, rural, 1820s to 1840s funeral practices accurately as an educational teaching opportunity.

We plan to address the spooky season with some fun museum offerings. We are planning an exhibit of some of the mourning artifacts from all time periods in our collection. There will also be a virtual exhibit on our website to complement the topic. At the September 21 Box Lunch Talk, Cathy Baty and Kristen McMasters will present some of the background research done to bring this exhibition to life.

For the October series of weekends, we will have a coffin that is to period and will have as many period characters as we can get volunteers. We also plan to have local period greens that would have been used for the house and wake. All visitors will leave with a handout of some of the research highlights and research resources to do more research about Carroll County history. The handout will identify where in the



Westminster Cemetery the Sherman family place of final rest can be visited.

The event will run for three weekends. The dates are: October 16 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.); October 17 (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.); October 23 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.); October 24 (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.); October 30 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.); and October 31 (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.). The last tour each day will begin at 3:00.

There will be a charge of \$5 for HSCC members and \$10 for non-members for tickets. Tickets are available for each day. Watch for updated program details on our website and Facebook.

HSCC Annual meeting

Join HSCC for our Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. Due to Covid concerns, we will again hold the annual meeting via Zoom.

The Annual Meeting agenda includes the election of officers and board members, a financial overview, and a report from the Interim Executive Director.

Our keynote speaker will be Sharon Tosi Lacey, Chief Historian, Public Information Office, U.S. Census Bureau. Dr. Lacey has served as the Chief Historian for the U.S. Census Bureau since June 2015. The United States census is mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution. The first census was taken in 1790, and there have been 23 federal censuses since that time. Dr. Lacey will provide historical information and context for the evolution of the census and will also highlight information specific to Carroll County.

We hope you can join us for this important meeting. Register on our website at hsccmd.org. Registrants will receive the Zoom link and program for the evening the day of the event. The event is free to members.

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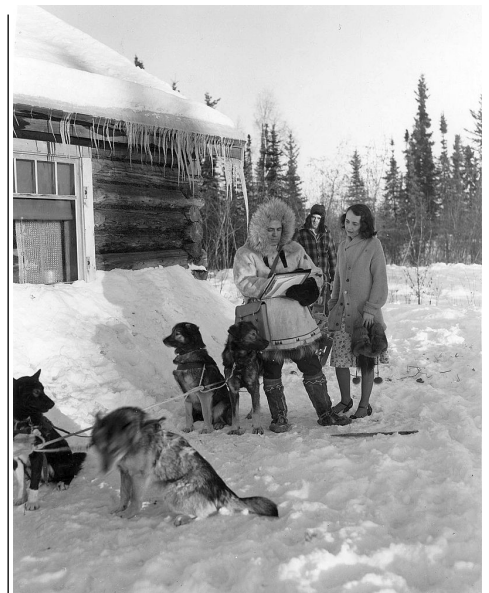
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This 1940 Census publicity photo shows a census worker in Fairbanks, Alaska. The dog musher remains out of earshot to maintain confidentiality.

HSCC Holiday Kick-Off

Join HSCC on Saturday, December 4, as we kick off season with a Holiday Open House!

We plan to welcome you with festive decorations and activities. Our historic houses will be decorated for the holidays. We plan to have a special temporary exhibit of toy trains in the Kimmey House. And, please plan to join us for cider and cookies. This is a chance to say hello to good friends, volunteers, and neighbors.

On that day you will be able to enjoy a special visit with a Belsnickel and Mrs. Claus. Both will be on hand to hear reports of good behavior and to give rewards of candy. Celebrations surrounding the winter solstice vary from religion to religion, country to country, community to community, and even from one family to another. A Christmas Eve tradition practiced in areas with a strong Pennsylvania German heritage like Carroll County was “belsnickling” or a visit from the “Belsnickel.” Sadly, this is a tradition which seems to have disappeared from this area, although it rings a bell in the minds of some people. The Littlestown Area Historical Society recently decorated a window just off the “Square” in the center of Littlestown (1A South Queen St. – Route 97) to explain the custom, and it is well worth seeing if you drive through town during the holidays.

As practiced in this area, the tradition usually involved the visit of a single individual, the Belsnickel, dressed in rather bizarre, unkempt, often frightening attire. He or she was thoroughly disguised, perhaps with a soot-blackened face, and carried a sack with treats but also a switch or whip, bells, and/or chains. Often, the Belsnickel was a relative or friend of the families being visited and knew quite a bit about the behavior of the children. A rap on the window with the switch or a rattle of the bells or chains signaled the Belsnickel’s arrival after dark.

Upon entering the house, the Belsnickel questioned the children about their behavior during the course of the year and distributed treats to those who had been good, but doled out small punishments to those who had been bad. It seems obvious that this holiday visitor left a very



different impression in the minds of children than today’s jolly, kind-hearted Santa Claus! The Belsnickel definitely was a scary figure.

Check out the Shellman Shop and Bookstore for charming stocking stuffers and ornaments. Books make perfect holiday gifts. Local authors will be selling and signing books. Stop by to talk to: Libby Fuss – author of *A Faithful Soldier Writes Home*

Brenda Black – author of *The Bella Rose* and *Dianthus Bobby*
And other authors. Follow our updates on Facebook and on the HSCC website.

HSCC’s Holiday Open House runs from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. It’s free to all! We hope to see you then.



Historic Railroads Week

Join HSCC for five nights of special programming on one of America's favorite subjects-railroads!

The programming is the first initiative of History Consortium, a working group of historical societies in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Each night from November 8 through November 12, one organization will host an on-line presentation about railroad history. As we go to press, details about some programs are still being finalized. Watch for updates on our website and Facebook.

Monday, November 8 Workers of the Rails

Cumberland County Historical Society, Carlisle, PA

While most people think of the railroads as the physical objects – train cars and tracks – the workers behind the railroads were an integral, yet often overlooked, aspect of the industry. Jim Leonard will focus on the workers in the rail industry in Cumberland County.

Tuesday, November 9 Topic TBD

York History Center, York, PA

Wednesday, November 10 Franklin County's Iron Furnaces & the Railroad

Franklin County Historical Society, Chambersburg, PA

During the heyday of the iron furnaces, the horse drawn wagons were the vital tool for transporting the finished product to a railroad depot for shipment. However, if you were fortunate enough to have a railroad depot close by, you were ahead of the game. Mike Marotte looks at the iron furnaces in Franklin County that prospered due to proximity of the rail line.

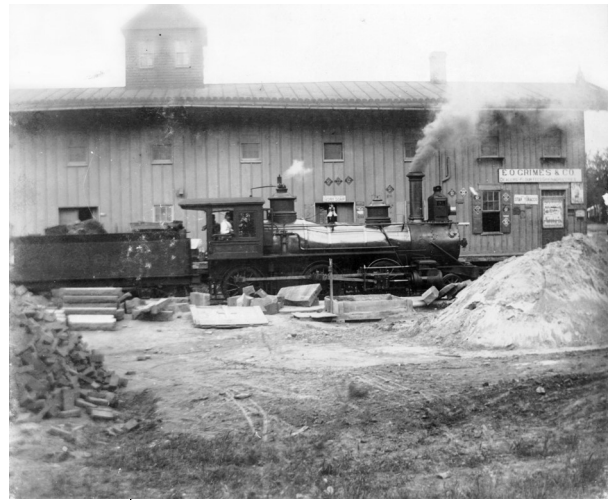
Thursday, November 11 The Restoration of American's Train Stations

Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA

With changes in rail service throughout the country, many train stations were abandoned. Others found new lives as storefront businesses, apartments, or museums. Some cities used their train stations as shopping malls, restaurants, and theaters. Howard Burrell examines the success stories of the survivors, from the Lincoln Train Station in Gettysburg, to the majestic Union Station in Washington, and Union Depot in St. Paul, MN.

Friday, November 12 The Western Maryland Railroad

Historical Society of Carroll County, Westminster, MD



A Western Maryland Railroad locomotive in Westminster, 1880s.

It was on June 15, 1861, that the blast of a train whistle was first heard in Westminster as the Western Maryland Railroad arrived in town. Jim Shriver explores the development and history of the line, its impact on Carroll County and the state of Maryland, and its place in the era of America's railroad expansion.

Each program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and run about one hour. The series is being presented through the Carroll County Public Library. Check our website—hsccmd.org—for program updates and information on how to register.

Getting the Message

By Kathy Palaia, 2021 Legacy Gala Chair

Covid-19 could not stop our amazing Legacy Gala team from "Getting the Message" to the community. Due to the lingering threats from the Covid-19 Pandemic, HSCC chose to again have a virtual gala." Our "Getting the Message" theme was a historical celebration of communication in Carroll County. We looked at the evolution of Carroll County newspapers, the origins of RFD mail delivery service in the US, our very own WTRR radio station, and the advent of telecommunication.

The Legacy Gala is our most important event of the year for reaching our fundraising goal. This year you had to provide your own food and drink, but

music, compliments of the Eric Byrd Trio, and dancing by the very talented members of Manchester's D&J Dynamite Dance Company put everyone in a festive mood. Our young guests from the Boys and Girls Club added humor when trying to identify a candlestick telephone or when they were asked "what is a "gigabyte"?"

The Society benefited from our partnerships with Kohn Creative and Carroll Media Center whose generosity and skill have made this event a reality. Our very talented Frank Batavick wrote the script and participated with the on-air talent to create a wonderful show with Carolyn Black-Sotir as host. This was

also made possible by the excellent work of our gala committee and the generosity and commitment of our sponsors and donors. Thank you all.

The gross income from the gala was \$72,242. Though all of the bills have not yet been received, we estimate the total expenses to be \$26,443 for a net income of \$50,799. The Gift for the Cause raised \$23,657 toward the Maryland Historic Trust Matching Grant of \$40,000 to repair the exterior of our buildings. Will you help us reach that goal?

If you missed the gala broadcast on June 26, you can view it online by clicking the link on the HSCC website.

Happy 185th Birthday, Carroll County

Each year, HSCC hosts an event to celebrate the establishment of Carroll County on January 19, 1837. The commemoration of Carroll County's "birthday" began in the 1920s with a group called the Carroll County Society of Baltimore County. These descendants of Carroll Countians organized to promote "an appreciation of the history, traditions and pleasant memories of Carroll County." They held a meeting each year on January 19. They also sponsored lectures and published pamphlets on Carroll County history. Eventually, HSCC took over the birthday event, apparently in the 1950s.

In 2021 the birthday event was a "virtual" party, complete with the singing of "Happy Birthday." In 2022, we're delighted to be able to return to a live event. The guest speaker will be Diana Scott, author of *The Forgotten Corner: A History of Oakland Mill*. From early settlement to the growth of a textile mill on the bank of the Patapsco River, Diana examines the lives of those who worked

in and around the Oakland Manufacturing Company, and the demolition of the town for the construction of Liberty Reservoir. Much of the story is based on oral histories with some of the last residents who gave a moving account of life in the town and the experience of watching their community disappear.

The event will be **Saturday, January 15, 2022**, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., in Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, Carroll Street, Westminster. Admission is free. Depending on current conditions, masks may be required. We're looking forward to seeing everyone in person to kick-off a new year!



The ruin of the Oakland Manufacturing Company disappears beneath the rising waters of Liberty Reservoir, December 1954.

The Forgotten Corner: A History of Oakland Mill is available in the Shellman Shop and Bookstore.

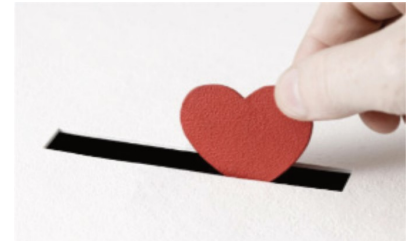
Spotlight on Development Goals

First and foremost, we would like to thank all our members and friends for your faithful support. You have helped us reach many goals over the years and this year will be no different.

This year our HSCC Development goal is \$50,000. You may think, *Wow! That is pretty bold. What in the world does the HSCC need with that kind of money?* There are many items that need addressing to make our campus more welcoming to the young and old interested in history. We know that our computers have really fallen out of date, and we will need to reinvest in keeping up our technology if we want to continue providing web resources and social media service to our constituents. We have trees that need trimming over the parking lot, and that can run into big numbers to keep them healthy. We know that on the second floor of Cockeys the air conditioner is on its last legs and will need to be replaced by next spring. That cost for the new air conditioner unit is estimated to be at least \$4,000. We are searching for a new Executive Director but, even the

job sites and talent search costs hundreds of dollars just to reach high quality candidates. As a Member, you expect us to have a website you can find challenging information, a safe place to park your car when you visit, an air conditioned environment, and highly qualified staff. Our \$50,000 request simply meets our essential needs to maintain services to our members and the public.

Your support is targeted to anchor our basic operations. The Legacy Gala did very well this year, and it is so important to us because it covers about 25% of our regular expenses from heat and water to insurance. Another allotment comes from the County, but that only covers about 20% of our costs. Grant support is dwindling, and even those projects require a match. Our current need to stabilize the brick walls at the Shellman House still requires \$17,000 more to match the grant we have in hand. Our membership dollars are very important, but there are costs of printed newsletters, postage, and handling to get seven mailings out to every member every



year. To be viable and growing, we need more than that extra contribution from every one of our members.

We need an every member response.

This newsletter contains our HSCC Annual Appeal request envelope for 2021/22. **Yes, we are bold** in asking for your commitment. We trust you are interested in seeing a legacy of history and education passed on to future generations. Every day someone is here at HSCC behind the scenes protecting and preserving the precious artifacts entrusted to our care. Every week, there is something new to learn and appreciate about our region and our county. Every month, we provide top-notch research, presentations, and educational programs with our volunteers and staff. This year, dig deep and partner with us with your generous and faithful support. You have proven that we can count on you.



Tales FROM THE Library

By Bill Palm, Library Chair

On the wall near the librarian's desk in the research library hangs a large map of Carroll County tracing the routes taken by J.E.B. Stuart's Confederate cavalry as well as various Union Army units as the Gettysburg campaign developed. This is a substantially enlarged copy of the map that Frederick Shriver Klein provides in *Just South of Gettysburg: Carroll County, Maryland in the Civil War*. It seems natural for a library patron to glance at the map and to focus on the event which always comes to mind when we contemplate the Civil War in Carroll County. Indeed, our colleagues with the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table provide for an annual commemoration of Corbit's Charge.

Of course, the library has information in its files and book collection regarding local Civil War experiences. Specifically relating to Corbit's Charge, we have a file with copies of old documents and newspaper clippings. But it would be expedient to sit down with our shelf copy of *Just South of Gettysburg*, which provides a compilation of journals, correspondence, military reports, and news articles. Reports of the engagement are, of course, varied and sometimes inconsistent; it is worth while reading and evaluating each to gain a general sense for whatever actually occurred.

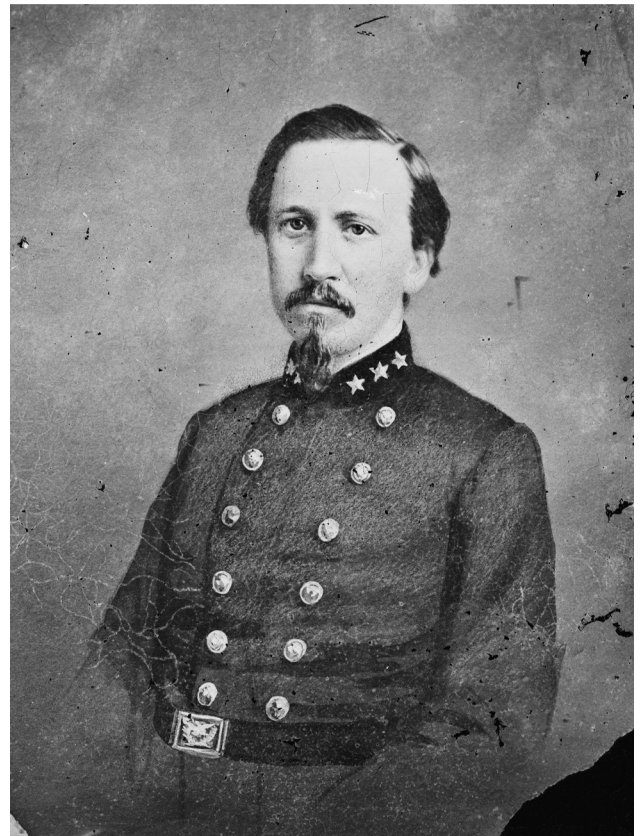
Stuart's report of the engagement notes that the head of his column reached Westminster, "where our advance was obstinately disputed for a short time..." but that members of the Delaware Calvary who were not killed were "either captured or saved themselves by precipitate flight." After obtaining a badly needed full supply of forage, involving some delay and difficulty, Stuart reported that his scouts had found "the enemy's cavalry had reached Littlestown during the night, and encamped." And so Stuart chose to avoid Littlestown and headed for Hanover, moving farther from Lee, whom he was striving to join, but whose current position he did not know. Is that the

simple reason that Stuart was late in joining Lee at Gettysburg?

And now it may be useful to pick up our copy of John W. Schildt's *Roads to Gettysburg* which provides a detailed description of those movable pieces, the Corps, Division, Brigade, and Regimental level organizations that moved in whatever manner to arrive in Pennsylvania. Elon Farnsworth's Cavalry Division, whom Stuart's scouts observed in Littlestown, was also on the move with other Union forces toward Hanover, resulting in collision with Stuart and another costly delay. With no real reconnaissance and only messengers for communications, it would be expected that unforeseeable events with unknowable consequences were pretty common.

For more about Stuart's ride through Maryland into Pennsylvania, with its various misadventures and controversies, it is well to consult Eric Wittenberg and David Petruzzini's *Plenty of Blame to Go Around: Jeb Stuart's Controversial Ride to Gettysburg*. And we must continue to ask why it is that after a century and a half we continue to be drawn to the same array of events and engagements, trying to find some simple truth in what is in fact a highly complex sequence of interrelated military movements and engagements.

So far, we have focused on the Gettysburg campaign. It is well to remember that the Confederate forces mounted three major invasions across the Potomac River. All had disappointing results for the Southern Cause. But all three also involved



Gen. Bradley Johnson, C.S.A. (Public Domain)

Southern forces moving through Carroll County. During the 1862 Antietam campaign, Col. Thomas Rosser led a brief raid through Westminster, generating some local excitement but little consequential impact. Klein includes some interesting accounts of this raid in *Just South of Gettysburg*.

The Johnson-Gilmor Raid in 1864 is indeed a fascinating venture. It was a major component of an intricate plan for Confederate forces to attack Washington, DC, to disrupt communications in Maryland, and also to free Confederate prisoners of war held in St. Mary's County. Gen. Bradley Johnson with Col. Harry Gilmor led raids through Carroll County into Baltimore County. Here we encounter interesting stories of native Marylanders, most notably Col. Gilmor, with unexpected appearances, returning home to family and friends and a little destructive mayhem.



Curator's Corner

By Cathy Baty, Curator of Collections

One of the biggest responsibilities museums have is caring for the objects that have been entrusted to them. Because historic fabrics are very fragile, textiles are among the most challenging. In HSCC's collection is a c.1845 dress from the Shriver family. It is silk with an intricate "lace ribbon" design. There are two tiers of ruffles at the bottom of the skirt. There is also a matching pelerine—a short cape, waist-length, with long ends that hang down in front. There is silk tassel trim on pelerine and skirt.

HSCC's records for the dress say only that it belonged to the "daughters of Jacob Shriver." Jacob had two daughters: Mary Anna and Caroline. Mary (May 29, 1813 - February 21, 1847) married George Slingluff and moved to Ohio in 1836. Caroline (April 20, 1817 - August 28, 1900) married Joshua Jones in 1850 and moved to Baltimore. We do not know for sure which daughter wore the dress. But, in HSCC's collection is a daguerreotype of the owner wearing the dress. The image was part of another donation and was not received from the person who donated the dress. It is unusual to have the dress and image,



After-treatment image of the stabilization of the underarm of the left sleeve with tulle overlay.

especially since they came from different sources.

Though the dress is in good condition for its age, it has some problems that required conservation treatment. There were areas of significant damage that were a combination of large dark corrosive stains and areas of loss. It appears that the stains have rotted the fabric. There were several holes on the back, a couple on the front, and holes and stains under both arms.

HSCC sent the dress for conservation treatment by Julia Brennan and Kaitlyn Munro of Textiles Conservation Services, Inc. The treatment included: stabilizing loose areas at the neckline and waist; inserting patch supports to provide structural support where material is missing; and adding overlays of tulle netting to prevent snagging, abrasion, and further damage to vulnerable areas while allowing for transparency to the original material beneath. Test cleanings of the stains on the skirt and underarms were unsuccessful and further cleaning would have damaged the fragile silk, so the stains could not be removed.

An unusual problem involves the black silk used within the lace motif of the damask. It is slowly powdering and turning into a fine dust. This appears to be an inherent vice in the fabric. There is no conservation treatment that will reverse this process and the black silk will continue to degrade and disappear. Minimal handling, limited light exposure, and careful storage will help prevent extensive loss of this black silk.



This daguerreotype shows the original owner wearing the dress.



Before (above) and after (below) treatment images of the overlays of tulle netting at the center back bottom bodice opening and repair of the waist.





Upcoming Events

Please check our website (hsccmd.org) and Facebook for updates on our upcoming events.

Masks may be required at in-person events.

OCTOBER

16 **A “Death” in the Sherman Family**
Join HSCC for a unique event as we explore early 19th century funerary customs. Three weekends: Oct. 16-17; Oct. 23-24; Oct. 30-31. See p.3.

19 **Box Lunch Talk - Ghosts of Carroll County**
From the infamous Legh Master, to the Opera House ghost, to the haunted silver mine, Carroll County has an array of mysterious stories. Pat Hahn, ghost walk tour guide for the Carroll County Public Library, will entertain us with some of the county’s spookiest tales. 12-1 p.m., Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, Carroll Street, Westminster. \$3 for HSCC members; \$7 for non-members.

NOVEMBER

4 **HSCC Annual Meeting**
The event goes virtual again this year. Join us for the annual updates on the state of the Society, election of Trustees, and a special guest speaker. 7:00 p.m. See p.3.

8 **Railroad History Week**
Tune in for a week of special programs! Five nights of on-line programming will cover railroad history in Maryland and Pennsylvania as part of a new cooperative venture of regional historical organizations. See p.5.

16 **Box Lunch Talk - U.S. Army Insignia of the Great War**

Jay Graybeal examines the American, foreign, mythological, and other influences on the development of shoulder sleeve insignia (patches) of the U.S. Army during World War I. **12-1 p.m., Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, Carroll Street, Westminster.** \$3 for HSCC members; \$7 for non-members.

DECEMBER

4 **Holiday Kick-Off**
Celebrate the holidays with HSCC as the campus is decorated for the season. Tours, activities, music, refreshments. Free. See p.4.

11 **Historic Houses of Worship Tour - Join HSCC and Shepherd Staff for a tour of a dozen historic Carroll County churches.** 3-7 p.m. See p.1.

21 **Box Lunch Talk - Here Comes the Lutherans: A Study of Early Places of Faith in Carroll County**
Faith has always been an important part of life in Carroll County, and so it’s not a surprise that when the early settlers began to form towns in the 1700s one of the first priorities was to facilitate the practice of religion. Kevin Dayhoff presents an historical overview of the places and practices that supported early faith expressions in Carroll County and examines some of the earliest congregations and how they have flourished over the centuries. **12-1 p.m., Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, Carroll Street, Westminster.** \$3 for HSCC members; \$7 for non-members.

JANUARY

15 **Carroll County Birthday Celebration.**
Enjoy a special presentation on **The Forgotten Corner: A History of Oakland Mill** by author Diana Scott who examines the birth, life, and death of the town. 2 p.m., **Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, Carroll Street, Westminster.** Free. See p.6.

18 **Box Lunch Talk - A Faithful Soldier Writes Home**
The old heavy suitcase that belonged to the widow of a World War II soldier had been moved from place to place over many years. After her death the suitcase revealed a family legacy: letters written by Lester Plume describing his service in Europe with the 83rd Division. His daughter, Elizabeth Plume Fuss, shares her father’s story and the letters that chronicle the day-to-day life of a brave soldier. **12-1 p.m., Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, Carroll Street, Westminster.** \$3 for HSCC members; \$7 for non-members.

FEBRUARY

15 **Box Lunch Talk - Creating Memorials: Sebastian Hammond and Caleb McPeak**
During the 19th-century, two African American stone carvers created memorials in cemeteries scattered across central Maryland. Mary Ann Ashcraft has spent more than 20 years exploring their lives as enslaved and free individuals and will present examples of their amazing work. **12-1 p.m., Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, Carroll Street, Westminster.** \$3 for HSCC members; \$7 for non-members.



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