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### African American Community Calendar Updated December 8, 2017

(Includes only activities open to the public)

(This calendar is a community service project of the Negro Business & Professional Women's Frederick Club) (If you wish your group's public event/activity added to this African American Community Calendar,

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**Every Monday** 

**Every Sunday** 'Worship Service' – Noon, Carver's Community Center in

Frederick. Shekinah Glory (Faye & Linus Bremby) 301-351-6918

"Spiritual Boot Camp Bible Study" – Jackson Chapel UMC. 8:45 am.

Every Monday - Friday

"Noon Day Prayer" - at Thomas Tabernacle, 517 South Market Street, Frederick "ADULT BIBLE STUDY & BASIC BIBLE STUDY" ~ 7: 00 PM - 1st Missionary Baptist

Church 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Zumba" – with Tonja Street at North Onelife Fitness (Osprey Way) 7:30pm.

Donations accepted

"Evangelism Seminars" – Beginning Oct. 23 at Thomas Tabernacle, 517 N. Market

St. 6:30 pm. Open to all.

Tuesday's With Sherri Women's Group" - 11 am. Lincoln Apts. Community

Room. Sherri Ames - 240-457-0157.

"Adult & Youth Bible Study" - ~ 7: 00 PM - 1st Missionary Baptist Church 6430

Jefferson Pike,

**Every Tuesday** "Conference Prayer Line" - Hosted by House of Bread Ministries. 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

- 1-641-715-3200 (Pin number: 472601#).

"Corporate Bible Study" - 7 - 8 PM, Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 5132

Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD. All are welcomed!

"Corporate Prayer Service" - New Dimension Worship Center, 7:00pm, 5111

Pegasus Court, suite F

"Bible Study (all ages)" - New Dimension Worship Center, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, 5111

Pegasus Court, Suite F, Frederick, MD 21704

**Every Wednesday** "Corporate Prayer Service" – 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist Church 6430

Jefferson Pike, Frederick. All are welcome.

"Mid-Week Worship Service" – 7 pm Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger

Creek Pike, Frederick 27103

"Hour of Empowering" Bible Study" - First Love International Ministries. 7:00

p.m. via phone conference. Anyone can dial in at (712) 770-4010 and dial 611-113 at the prompt. We invite anyone who wants to attend a powerful and enlightening Bible

Study from the comfort of their homes.

"Noon Worship Service" - Missionary Baptist Church, 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Prayer Service" – 8 pm. 1st Missionary Baptist Church, 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Bible Study & Prayer" – Asbury UM Church. 7 pm. Open to all!

**"Interactive Bible Study"** - First Love International Ministries. Enjoy Bible Study by teleconference from the comfort of your home. Dial (712) 770-4010 and then

611-113# at the prompt

"Call in Prayer" - Wayman AME Church. 6:00Am. The call in number is (712)

432-1500, access code 211184#.

**"Zumba"** – with Tonja Street at TJ Middle School 4pm. Donations accepted **"Youth Bible Study"** - 7PM – Thomas Tabernacle Church, 517 South Market Street, Frederick MD. Contact 301-695-9148 for further information.

"Adult Prayer, Praise & Bible Study" – 7 pm. Thomas Tabernacle Church, 517 South Market Street, Frederick MD. Contact 301-695-9148 for further information.

#### 1st Wednesdays

"Holy Communion Service" - 7 - 8:30 PM, Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 5132 Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD. All are welcomed!

#### **Every Thursday**

"Not On Our Watch (NOOW) Intercessory Prayer Line" - New Dimensions Worship Center. 712-775-7035 access code 347845# from 9:00-10:00pm, except for Holidays

**'Believers Study & Prayer Service'** – 6:30 - 8 pm, Carver's Community Center in Frederick. Shekinah Glory (Faye & Linus Bremby) 301-351-6918 **"Zumba"** – Quinn Chapel AME Church Christian Center. 6 pm. \$5.

**"Zumba"** – with Tonja Street at First Missionary Baptist Church 6:30pm. Donations accepted

"Adult & Youth Bible Study" - Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger Creek Pike 7 pm (Family, Food & Fellowship - 6 - 6:45 pm). Nursery available for 5 years and under during study times

#### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Every Saturday

"TGIF – Happy Hour Bible Study" – Asbury UMC.. 7:00

"Community Line Dancing" -6-8 pm. Asbury UM Church. All are welcome.

POSTPONED - WILL RESUME SOON!

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#### DEC.

- **8** "Date Night With God II: Can I See You Again?" A Praise & Worship experience. 7:00 P.M. Praise & Fine Arts Ministry of Hope Christian Fellowship Church 5132 Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD 21710
- 9 "Hope For the Holidays" Community holiday praise and worship program. Trinity UMC. 4 pm. Free will offering. This concert will support UMCOR and The American Red Cross in their endeavors to help those in need.
- **9** "Christmas Bazaar 2017" 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist Church. 9 am 2 pm; 5 7:30 pm. Snow date: Dec. 16
- **10 "Friends & Family Day"** Bread of Life Church, 141 W. All Saint St. 11 am service: Bishop Ambush; dinner served 1:30 3:30 pm; 3:30 pm service: Apostle Francis Mwale, Greater Way of Life Church, Silver Spring. Music: Curtis and Barbara Allen; Father, Son, Holy Ghost Church, Lancaster, PA and Minister Patrick Royster, Will of God Church, Adamstown, MD
- **10 "52nd Annual Church Anniversary"** Sugarloaf Mountain Christian Community Church, Route 109 Comus, MD. Service begins at 11:00 am with Apostle Haru Carter, Jr. and congregation from New Hope Praise Ministry Inc. Hagerstown, MD as the guest speaker. At our 3:00 pm service we will have a musical praise service. Dinners will be served following the 11:00 am service.
- **"KENT Group Victory Celebration Reception" A** reception to celebrate the election of Derek Shackleford and Roger Wilson. The reception will be at Café 611 from 7-9 PM. The event will also be used to reintroduce the KENT Group and recruit new members.
- 17 "Community Christmas Dinner" Asbury UM Church. Free and open to the community
- "Gospel Concert" A Fundraiser for James E. Stewart Lodge #49 & Hope Chapter #52 of New Market MD— to be held at Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick, MD. Featuring The Chosen Vessels, The Zionettes, The Taylor Family, The Sensational Nightingales, Voices of Affirmed & Whosoever Will. Door Open @ 3pm; Service Starts @ 4pm. Admission \$35. For Ticket Info, Contact Robert & Marie Naylor 301-663-3760 or Ernest Thomas 301-418-

## Afro-American History: Blueprint for Survival produced by the NAACP Department of Education

Black Facts: 1540 - 1986 continued

1972 Angela Davis is acquitted of murder, kidnapping and criminal conspiracy by an allwhite jury. The charges grew out of a 1970 shootout in which four persons were killed.

Benjamin L. Hooks was named by President Nixon to the seven-man Federal Communications commission for a term of seven years.

The National Black Political Convention held in Gary Indiana.

Andrew Young and Barbara Jordan elected to Congress, first black representatives elected from the South since 1901.

- 1973 Maynard Jackson elected mayor of Atlanta.
- 1974 Harold Ford, Memphis, was the forst black elected Congressman from Tennessee in the history of the State.

Mervyn Dymally was the first black elected Lieutenant Governor of California in the history of the State.

Alice M. Henderson of Atlanta, Georgia became the first female U.S. Army Chaplain.

1975 William T. Coleman appointed Secretary of Transportation by President Ford; second black cabinet member in U.S. history.

Elijah Muhammad, spiritual leader of the Nation of Islam, died in Chicago, Illinois.

General Daniel C. James, United States Air Force, became the first black four star general and commander-in-chief of the North American Air Defense Command.

Arthur Ashe won the Wimbledon Tennis Championship.

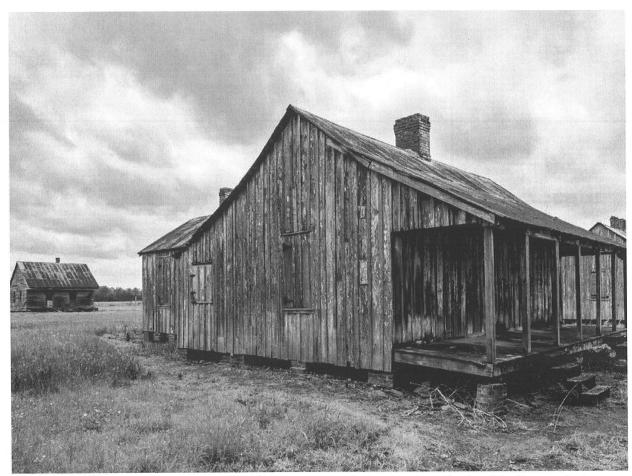
Donna P. Davis became the U.S. Navy's first black woman physician.

Julia L. Greer became the first black female to serve as labor arbitrator when she became commissioned with the U.S. Mediation and Arbitration Service.

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## The Thibodaux Massacre Left 60 African-Americans Dead and Spelled the End of Unionized Farm Labor in the South for Decades

In 1887, African-American cane workers in Louisiana attempted to organize—and many paid with their lives



Laurel Valley in Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish, became a refuge for displaced workers. (Stephen Saks Photography / Alamy Stock Photo)

By Calvin Schermerhorn smithsonian.com November 21, 2017

On November 23, 1887, a mass shooting of African-American farm workers in Louisiana left some 60 dead. Bodies were dumped in unmarked graves while the white press cheered a victory against a fledgling black union. It was one of the bloodiest days in United States labor history, and while statues went up and public places were named for some of those involved, there is no marker of the Thibodaux Massacre.

Days after, a local planter widow Mary Pugh wrote, "I think this will settle the question of who is to rule the nigger or the white man for the next fifty years." It was a far-sighted comment— black farm workers in the South wouldn't have the opportunity to unionize for generations.

Years after the Thirteenth Amendment brought freedom, cane cutters' working lives were already "barely distinguishable" from slavery, argues journalist and author John DeSantis. With no land to own or rent, workers and their families lived in old slave cabins. They toiled in gangs, just like their ancestors had for nearly a century. Growers gave workers meals but paid famine wages of as little as 42 cents a day (91 cents per hour in today's money, for a 12-hour shift).

Instead of cash, workers got scrip that bought basics at high prices at plantation stores.

But they had advantages that their counterparts in cotton areas lacked. Planters needed their labor, and growers living on thin margins failed to attract migrant laborers to replace local workers, especially in the crucial rolling season when the sugarcane needed to be cut and pressed in short order.

In the sugar parishes arcing through the southern part of the state from Berwick Bay to the Mississippi River, African-American men voted. The Republican Party, which supported black civil rights, was stronger in sugar country than anywhere else in the state. By the late 1860s, African-Americans became legislators or sheriffs, and black volunteer militias drilled, despite living and working conditions still bearing the marks of slavery.

In 1874, nine years after slavery ended in the United States, cane cutters demanded a second emancipation. They wanted a living wage, or at least the chance to rent on shares. Planters wanted to cut wages after the lean harvest of 1873-74 coincided with an economic recession, and while Louisiana growers produced 95 percent of the nation's domestic sugar and molasses, they were losing market share to cheaper foreign sugars.

Sensing they were in a strong bargaining position, workers banded together in several sugar parishes, including St. Mary, Iberia, Terrebonne, and Lafourche, demanding cash wages of \$1.25 per day, or \$1.00 if meals were included.

But the growers refused, upset that African-American workers were demanding an end to their paternalistic work regime. So African-American leaders like Hamp Keys, a former Terrebonne Parish legislator, called a strike.

Keys led a march from Houma to Southdown Plantation in Terrebonne, rallying workers with a fiery speech. The sight of black protesters riled growers, and acting with their interests in mind, the parish's African-American sheriff formed a posse of whites to face down strikers. Surprised at the opposition, Keys's marchers retreated.

In the state capital of New Orleans (relocated to Baton Rouge in 1882), Republican Governor William Pitt Kellogg also backed growers. But he was under siege from the Louisiana White League, a paramilitary white supremacist group formed in 1874 to intimidate Republicans and keep African-Americans from voting. Despite Kellogg's being a pro-growth moderate who favored low taxes, White Leaguers tried to oust him in a violent coup. The Battle of Liberty Place, as it was called, pitted white militiamen against federal troops and metropolitan police. Governor Kellogg was temporarily forced out of New Orleans. He returned under guard but would be Louisiana's last Republican governor for more than 100 years.

America was retreating from Republican-led Reconstruction and abandoning civil rights. African-Americans in sugar regions kept the right to vote, but their influence in state elections was waning. As W. E. B. Du Bois put it in *Black Reconstruction in America*, "The slave went free; stood a brief moment in the sun; then moved back again into slavery."

Sugar workers attempted another strike in 1880, and both growers and workers resorted to sporadic violence. But time was on the growers' side. African-Americans were being disarmed and thrown out of office, and some were leased out to hard labor for petty and trumped-up crimes. With few options available by 1887, Terrebonne sugar workers reached out to the Knights of Labor.

The Knights was the biggest and most powerful union in America. It began organizing African-American workers in 1883 in separate locals (a local is a bargaining unit of a broader union). Despite segregation, the Knights organized women and farm workers. And it made strides against Jim Crow. At the Knights' 1886 national convention in Richmond, Virginia, leaders risked violence by insisting that a black delegate introduce Virginia's segregationist governor.

Across the states of the former Confederacy, whites viewed organized labor as agitation that threatened the emerging Jim Crow order. Even in the North and Midwest, the Knights fought an uphill battle against authorities who sided with railroad and mine owners. Several states called out militias to break strikes during the late nineteenth century, but the Knights was at its peak of popularity in the 1880s.

In Louisiana, the Knights organized sugar workers into seven locals of 100 to 150 members each. Hamp Keys joined former

black leaders like ex-sheriff William Kennedy and Jack Conrad, a Union Civil War veteran. In August of 1887, the Knights met with the St. Mary branch of the Louisiana Sugar Planters Association asking for improved wages. And again the growers refused.

So the Knights raised the stakes in October of 1887 as the rolling season approached. Junius Bailey, a 29-year-old schoolteacher, served as local president in Terrebonne. His office sent a communique all over the region asking for \$1.25 a day cash wages, and local workers' committees followed up, going directly to growers with the same demand.

But instead of bargaining, growers fired union members. Planters like future Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward Douglass White kicked workers off the land, ordering any who stayed arrested. Siding with growers, Democratic newspapers circulated false reports of black-on-white violence. "The most vicious and unruly set of negroes," were at the Rienzi Plantation near Thibodaux, the *New Orleans Daily Picayune* reported. "The leader of them said to-day that no power on earth could remove them unless they were moved as corpses."

As the cane ripened, growers called on the governor to use muscle against the strikers. And Samuel D. McEnery, Democratic governor and former planter, obliged, calling for the assistance of several all-white Louisiana militias under the command of ex-Confederate General P. G. T. Beauregard. One group toted a .45 caliber Gatling gun--a hand-cranked machine gun--around two parishes before parking it in front of the Thibodaux courthouse. An army cannon was set up in front of the jail.

Then the killings started. In St. Mary, the Attakapas Rangers joined a sheriff's posse facing down a group of black strikers. When one of the workers reached into a pocket, posse members opened fire on the crowd, "and four men were shot dead where they stood," a newspaper reported. Terror broke the strike in St. Mary Parish.

In neighboring Terrebonne, some small growers came to the bargaining table, but larger planters hired strike-breakers from Vicksburg, Mississippi, 200 miles to the north, promising high wages and bringing them down on trains. The replacement workers were also African Americans, but they lacked experience in the canebrakes. As they arrived, militiamen evicted strikers.

And Thibodaux, in Lafourche Parish, was becoming a refuge for displaced workers. Some moved into vacant houses in town, while others camped along bayous and roadsides. Reports circulated of African-American women gossiping about a planned riot. Violence broke out in nearby Lockport on Bayou Lafourche when Moses Pugh, a black worker, shot and wounded Richard Foret, a planter, in self-defense. A militia unit arrived and mounted a bayonet charge on gathered workers, firing a volley in the air.

But the strike was gaining national attention. "Do the workingmen of the country understand the significance of this movement?" asked Washington D.C.'s *National Republican*, pointing out that sugar workers were "forced to work at starvation wages, in the richest spot under the American flag." If forced back to the fields at gun point, no wage worker was safe from employer intimidation.

In Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish District Judge Taylor Beattie declared martial law. Despite being a Republican, Beattie was an ex-Confederate and White League member. He authorized local white vigilantes to barricade the town, identifying strikers and demanding passes from any African-American coming or going. And before dawn on Wednesday, the 23rd of November, pistol shots coming from a cornfield injured two white guards.

The response was a massacre. "There were several companies of white men and they went around night and day shooting colored men who took part in the strike," testified Reverend T. Jefferson Rhodes of the Moses Baptist Church in Thibodaux. Going from house to house, gunmen ordered Jack Conrad, his son Grant, and his brother-in-law Marcelin out of their house. Marcelin protested he was not a striker but was shot and killed anyway. Clarisse Conrad watched as her brother Grant "got behind a barrel and the white men got behind the house and shot him dead." Jack Conrad was shot several times in the arms and chest. He lived and later identified one of the attackers as his employer.

One strike leader found in an attic was taken to the town common, told to run, and shot to pieces by a firing squad. An eyewitness told a newspaper that "no less than thirty-five negroes were killed outright," including old and young, men and women. "The negroes offered no resistance; they could not, as the killing was unexpected." Survivors took to the woods and swamps. Killings continued on plantations, and bodies were dumped in a site that became a landfill.

Workers returned to the fields on growers' terms while whites cheered a Jim Crow victory. The *Daily Picayune* blamed black unionizers for the violence, saying that they provoked white citizens, suggesting the strikers "would burn the town and end the lives of the white women and children with their cane knives." Flipping the narrative, the paper argued, "It was no longer a question of against labor, but one of law-abiding citizens against assassins."

The union died with the strikers, and the assassins went unpunished. There was no federal inquiry, and even the coroner's inquest refused to point a finger at the murderers. Sugar planter Andrew Price was among the attackers that morning. He won a seat in Congress the next year.

The massacre helped keep unions out of the South at just the moment it was industrializing. Textile manufacturers were moving out of New England, chasing low wages. And after textile factories closed in the 20th century, auto, manufacturing, and energy companies opened in southern states in part for the non-union workforce.

Southern black farm workers would not attempt to unionize again, until the 1930s when the Southern Tenant Farmers Union attracted both white and African American members. But it too was met by a violent racist backlash. The struggle for southern unions continued into the Civil Rights era. On the night before he was assassinated in Memphis, Martin Luther King Jr. gave a speech supporting striking sanitation workers. He urged his audience "to give ourselves to this struggle until the end. ... You may not be on strike. But either we go up together, or we go down together."

### Joseph A. Hill Memorial Seminarian Scholarship Fund



August 6, 1918: Joseph A. Hill Jr., lifelong member of St. Joseph Church and son of the late Joseph Alfred Hill and Marie Elizabeth Avvey Hill was born in Taneytown, Maryland.

In a filmed interview on file at the Taneytown History Museum, Joe talked about growing up during segregation. Unable to attend the parish day school, the nuns taught him reading, writing, and arithmetic between the hours of 3 o'clock and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Later, at around 14 years of age, Joe served as the sexton at St. Joseph Church. For the following 10 years, Joe mowed grass, cleaned the church, kept the furnace running, and rang the church bell 3 times daily. During the war years, 1939-1942, Joe was the chauffeur for St. Joseph's residing pastor, Fr. Arthur Murphy.

At the age of 10, he worked part time washing silverware at the Sauble Inn. The following years, Joe also worked on the Sauble farm in the chicken house with the incubators and helped to candle eggs. Later employment included working at the Nusbaum Canning Factory, the Jenkins Canning Factory, the Cambridge Rubber Factory, and the John S. Teeter and Sons Family farm in Taneytown.

Joe told many stories about what it was like growing up in Taneytown. He remembered the different families, local shops, swimming with friends down by the pump house, and winter fun including sledding down a snow packed York Street. Joe also talked about how they built wooden sleds in the 'good old days' to haul water in the wooden whiskey barrels for the ducks on the Sauble farm.

A couple of years ago, Joe stopped by an old friend's house to ask for advice as to what would happen with his estate when he died since he had no immediate living family. His friend suggested that he could leave it to the parish church to which he was so devoted. The rest is history..... Joe died testate on January 14, 2015 leaving his entire estate to St. Joseph Church, naming Msgr. Martin E. Feild as his personal representative.

As personal representative of the estate, Msgr. Marty received a modest commission of \$1,612.72 and decided the best way to honor Joe would be to donate this amount to the Holy Name Society as seed money to start a Seminarian Scholarship in Joe's honor. On January 6, 2017, along with matching funds from our Holy Name Society's treasury, a Declaration to establish the Joseph A. Hill Memorial Seminarian Scholarship Fund was signed and executed by Msgr. Marty and officers of the Holy Name Society.

Subsequently, a permanent fund has been opened with PNC Bank from which an annual \$500 need-based scholarship will be awarded to a seminarian selected by the Baltimore Archdiocese Office of Vocations. Our Holy Name Society at St. Joseph Taneytown has currently raised \$6,236.89 with a goal of \$10,000 to enable the Joseph A. Hill Memorial Seminarian Scholarship to continue for years to come.

For your convenience, Holy Name has provided self-addressed envelopes which are located in the church foyer for anyone wishing to make donations to support this most worthy seminarian scholarship fund.

Please make donations payable to: Hill Seminarian Scholarship Fund Mailed to: Holy Name Society, 44 Frederick St., Taneytown, MD 21787

#### HRC urged to support rent controls

Speaking on behalf of Frederick, tenants who may be faced with eviction from their homes in the upcoming months, Frederick NAACP President Lord Nickens asked the Frederick county Human Relations Council (HRC) to support the NAACP's efforts in arranging emergency housing and lobbying for statewide rent controls.

The council's reply to Nickens' request concerning the rent control efforts, originated several months ago by the Council itself, was not disclosed to the public as the HRC went into executive session for deliberation.

In other efforts on behalf of potentially threatened tenants, a meeting between Frederick Mayor Ronald N. Young and the Human Relations Council's Donald Date, Ernest Miller and Seaven Gordon was held late last week.

In the meeting with the mayor, the HRC obtained Young's commitment to discuss possible agreements and meetings with area landlords and the Frederick Public Housing authority. Young confirmed Tuesday that he had agreed to attempt to arrange a meeting between a grievance committee of tenants and owners of Old Frederick Inc. owners of over 100 inner city properties on which the rentals were substantially increased on September 1.

Young also extended his cooperation in attempt to have the local public housing authority agree to set aside housing for emergencies involving evictions.

At the same time, Mayor Young said he "does not expect any great magnitude of evictions" this winter, pointing out that the landlords in question have willingly complied to all of the city's recent request regarding upgrading of the city rental properties.

Without knowing the HRC decision upon his request for HRC support in NAACP efforts to respect to Frederick's housing problem, Nickens lambasted the council for "doing more harm than good" by "always projecting into the future and not dealing with the present."

Nickens also criticized the HRC for delegating his request to the closed executive session portion of their regularly scheduled monthly meeting Tuesday night.

"I do not think that should have been discussed in a closed session," Nickens said. "I want to see the HRC Council restored to where it can act as an independent body, free of any other county agency."

Young offered city administration support to efforts on behalf of city tenants suggesting that their interests might be best met by establishing an atmosphere of understanding and negotiation between evicted tenants and their landlords.

"These people are looking for solutions to immediate problems," Nickens said after the HRC meeting Tuesday.

"Prices on everything are rising," Nickens said pointing to the urgency of many tenants' needs. "It's a farce to talk about the future when people are having trouble today meeting all of their bills," the NAACP president said.

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#### Keep up the Fight

#### NAACP leaders discuss past and future of civil rights

As a child growing up in Cameroon, Guy Djoken read about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the civil rights movement in school.

He and his friends started speaking against social indignities in the streets of their village, Djoken said, using King and the larger civil rights movement as an inspiration to bring democratic changes.

When some of his friends began to disappear, he said he had to move to the United States.

Djoken, president of Frederick's branch of the NAACP, spoke Tuesday night to students at Mount St. Mary's University about the legacy of King.

Djoken, joined by Lord Nickens, a former president of Frederick's NAACP, talked about the organization's history and why it is relevant for young people looking to make a better future.

Djoken said many students who came to recent MLK events, sparked by racially charged incidents like the 2006 Jena Six case in Louisiana, have expressed a desire to get involved in the community.

"We need to channel that energy," Djoken said.

A greater degree of racial integration, gang violence and a lack of free time have contributed to the decline of youth involvement in the NAACP, Djoken said. Many young people of the "hip-hop" generation, he said, are not cognizant of the struggles people fighting for civil rights had to face.

When the NAACP was founded in 1901, Nickens said, members had to meet in Canada because blacks were not allowed to "mingle or meet" in public.

Nickens said he has never forgotten he reason he joined the NAACP 76 years ago. He was 6 and moving with his mother from Virginia to Maryland. A white train conductor kicked him in the "slats" (the ribs), Nickens said, and his mother told him to join the NAACP and fight.

Volunteering just a few hours of free time a week, Djoken said, would give young people a greater sense of purpose, as well inform them of the issues affecting their communities. Ananda Rochita, a freshman at Mount Saint Mary's, sic she was glad much of King's vision for an integrated society has come true.

Prejudices still exist, Rochita said, but in a more subtle way, which not many people talk about. Religion, Rochita said, is an example of such an issue.

Cynthia Paul-Blanc, a third year student at the Mount, said racism is not a big problem for her. Blanc said she would thing about joining the NAACP, but is pretty busy. Electing a woman to the presidency, Blanc said, is an issue she could see herself helping to realize.

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Dr. Blanch Bourne



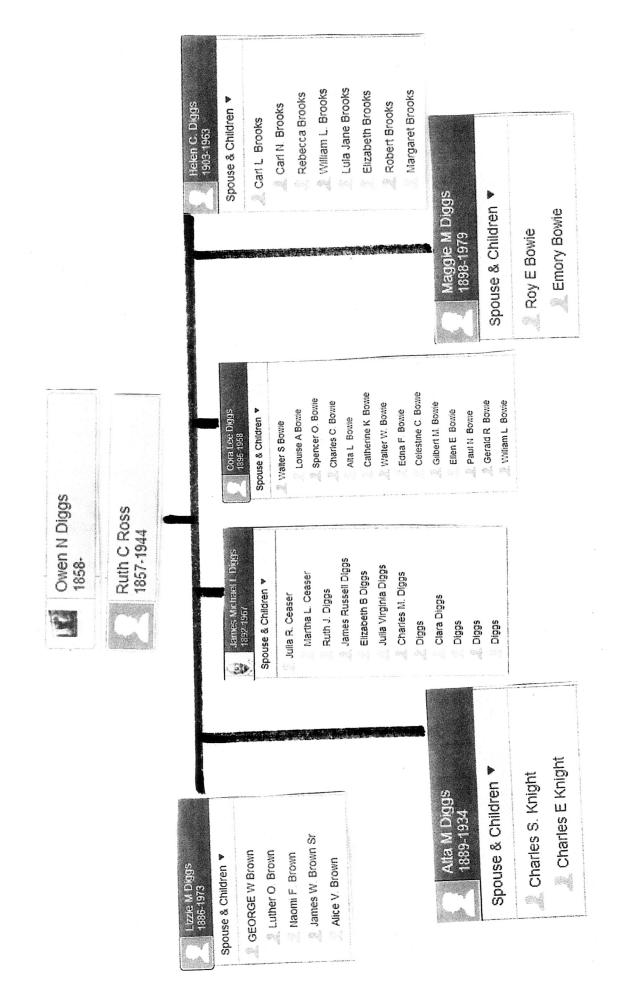
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## Owen Nichols Diggs

When Owen was born in 1858 in Maryland, his father Michael was 34, and his mother, Malinda, was 34. Owen had one son and five daughters with Ruth Catherine Ross between 1886 and 1903. He had 3 brothers and 7 sisters.

In 1860, Owen Diggs was 2 years old and lived in New Market, Maryland. By 1870, he was 11 years old and still lived with his parents in New Market. In 1880, Owen was 20 and single, living in Mount Pleasant, Maryland, with his parents and siblings. He worked as a laborer.

In 1884, He lived in Sheb Row, known as East Street in Frederick, today. Owen married Ruth Catherine Ross in 1887. They rented a house at 109 East Street in Frederick, Maryland. They lived there with their 5 children, Mariah (Lizzie) age 14, Alva age 11, James age 6, Cora Lee age 5, and Maggie age 2. Owen worked as a day laborer.

In 1910, Owen was 49 years and lived in New Market (Bartonsville) with his family. They had another daughter, Helen age 7. Alta had married Charles E. Knight and they had an infant son, Charles, Jr. Mariah (Lizzie)was also living in the household with her son, Richard age 1. Owen worked as a laborer at Lime Kiln.

In 1920, Owen was 67 years old and lived in Bartonsville with his wife Ruth and family. They rented a house for \$4.00 a month. His widowed daughter, Lizzie, lived with them, along with her children, Richard, Luther, Naomi, James, and Alice. Owen was a laborer at Lime Kiln.

Owen died sometime after the 1930 census and before the 1940 census. There was no obituary in the newspaper and no death certificate to be found. Bertron Hill says that Owen Nichols Diggs is buried at Bartonsville Cemetery, but the records do not show a date.



This is a picture of Owen Nichols Diggs taken in the early 1900's. It was taken at a butchering on the Hargett Farm. The photo appeared in Parade Magazine in the Baltimore Sun Sunday Paper in the 1960's. Jane Ross clipped the picture and saved it. I think his great-grandson, Hollie Diggs has his likeness.

Death's Beings.—An infant child of Owen Diggs, colored, a resident of Sheb Row, died this morning and was buried this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Institution burying grounds. C. Carty was the undertaker.

Run Over Article- Found in Frederick News-Post Archives dated 21 Nov 1888

#### Run Over.

Owen Diggs, a transfer of the Mc-Murray factory, met with what might have been a serious accident yester-day alternoon. As he was driving through the deep cut on East Saint street the mule on which he was riding threw him and the heavy wagon ran over him. His injuries were slight, however, and he was able to keep on with his work today.

Discrimination Protest- Found in Frederick News-Post Archives dated 19 Nov 1881

Very Indignant. In the Republican parade on Friday evening last among the transparencies was one as follows: "Packet Boat for Salt River; David Caesar Captain, John Taylor let mate, Owen Diggs 2d mate, Lewis Weeks cook, John Jemes bootblack, John Clark scrub, Wm. Tonsell dishwasher, and Wilson Neal hostler. On Saturday evening last David Caesar and John Jemes waiting on Thomas Mills, who, it seems, was the instigator of the banner, and asked for an explanation as to why their names should be used on a barner of this kind, and Mills not giving the necessary whys and wherefores, Cassur and Jemes procealed to the front of the house where the banner was standing and cut the transparency to preces.



This is a photo of Ruth Catherine Ross-Diggs and her daughter, Mariah "Lizzie" Diggs-Brown. It was taken at their residence on East Street in Frederick, Maryland. Ruth Catherine (on the left) was the wife of Owen Diggs, and the mother of James Michael Levi, Cora Lee, Alta, Maggie, and Helen Diggs.



#### Mrs. Ruth C. Diggs

Mrs. Ruth Catherine Diggs, respected culored citizen of Bartonsville, widow of Owen N. Diggs, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, 122 East street, Saturday afternoon at I o'clock after an illness of over eight months. laged 75 years She was a daughter of the late Levy and Susan Ross Williams and was a devout member of Jackson Chapel, Bartonsville. Mrs. Diggs had been employed in many prominent homes in this city for many years. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Brown, this city; Mrs. Walter Bowie, this city; Mrs Carl Brooks, near Feagaville: Mrs. Roy Bowie, this city, and James Diggs, Bartonsville: 33 grandchildren and 56 great grandchildren also survive. body was removed from funeral home, 106 East Church street, this morning to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Bowie, 11 East street, where brief services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock; thence to Jackson Chapel, Bartonsville, where final services will be held at 2 o'clock. Interment in the Bartonsville cemetery. M. R. Etchison and Son. funeral directors.

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#### **Derek Shackelford**

#### **Biography**

Dr. Derek Shackelford was born in Frederick, Maryland. Dr. Shackelford graduated from Frederick Community College with an Associate in Arts Degree and from George Mason University with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Political Science. He also holds a Masters of Divinity Degree and an earned Doctorate of Ministry Degree from Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Shackelford is currently the Director of Children's Services for a Non-Profit Agency and an NCAA College Basketball Official. He was inducted into the Alvin G. Quinn Sports Hall of Fame and The Frederick Community College Sports Hall of Fame. He has also served on numerous boards, commissions and non-profit organizations. Dr. Shackelford has also guest lectured at Colleges across the country and is a current member of Who's Who in Professional Management and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

He is married to Rev. Charlotte Janell Shackelford and is the proud father of two children Shamara and Derin.



#### Congratulations to our new Alderman.

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#### Roger Wilson

#### **Biography**

Roger Wilson has been a resident of Frederick since 1997, when his family purchased a home in the Dearbought Community. In 2007, Roger had the unique opportunity to participate in the Leadership Frederick County (LFC) program, sponsored by the Frederick Chamber of Commerce. The exposure to emerging local issues and a community leadership network inspired Roger to roll up his sleeves and commit to a lifetime of public service.

Roger was elected to the Board of Aldermen in November of 2017. His legislative priorities include Seniors First initiatives, youth, sustainability, affordable housing, and transportation. Roger believes in a bold vision for Frederick. "Together," Roger says, "we can fix our sidewalks and roads, we can build a sustainable economy, we can give hope for our youngest citizens and their future. We can build a community that is fair and inclusive. But first, we need to believe that it's possible. We need to believe in our own power to make positive change, both as individuals, and as a community."

Over the years, Roger has been deeply engaged in the community. His civic involvement includes: Board of Directors, Big Brothers Big Sisters; member of the Frederick City Planning Commission; member of the Frederick City Fair Housing Commission; lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and a member of the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek. As a member of the Frederick Community College Board of Trustees, Roger worked to create the college's cybersecurity program, which is thriving and producing qualified professionals for the region.

In his day job, Roger is responsible for managing governmental affairs for the County Executive —a position that includes serving as a liaison to Frederick County's municipalities, the Frederick County Delegation, and with the County Council. In addition, Roger supports the County Executive with advancing policy initiatives both in the county and with state and federal delegations.

Roger is passionate about Frederick City's economic future. As a technology executive at IBM for more than twenty years before transitioning to the public sector, Roger implemented advanced technology solutions for government, retail, and life sciences, as well as travel and transportation clients throughout the country and around the world.

Roger received his Bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, and his Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland. Roger is married to Stacey C. Wilson, a mental health therapist with a focus on adolescents. Roger and Stacey are blessed with three beautiful daughters—Halle, Zoe, and Gabby.



#### African American Community Calendar Updated January 12, 2018

(Includes only activities open to the public)

(This calendar is a community service project of the Negro Business & Professional Women's Frederick Club)
(If you wish your group's public event/activity added to this African American Community Calendar, send to rodoch@aol.com. Also please email any corrections!

#### **ONGOING**

**Every Sunday 'Worship Service'** – Noon, Carver's Community Center in Frederick. Shekinah Glory (Faye & Linus Bremby) 301-351-6918

"Spiritual Boot Camp Bible Study" – Jackson Chapel UMC. 8:45 am.

Every Monday – Friday Every Monday "Noon Day Prayer" - at Thomas Tabernacle, 517 South Market Street, Frederick "ADULT BIBLE STUDY & BASIC BIBLE STUDY"  $\sim$  7: 00 PM -  $1^{st}$  Missionary Baptist

Church 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Zumba" – with Tonja Street at North Onelife Fitness (Osprey Way) 7:30pm.

Donations accepted

"Evangelism Seminars" – Beginning Oct. 23 at Thomas Tabernacle, 517 N. Market

St. 6:30 pm. Open to all.

Tuesday's With Sherri Women's Group" - 11 am. Lincoln Apts. Community

Room. Sherri Ames - 240-457-0157.

"Adult & Youth Bible Study" -  $\sim 7:00$  PM - 1st Missionary Baptist Church 6430

Jefferson Pike,

**Every Tuesday** "Conference Prayer Line" - Hosted by House of Bread Ministries. 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

- 1-641-715-3200 (Pin number: 472601#).

"Corporate Bible Study" - 7 - 8 PM, Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 5132

Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD. All are welcomed!

"Corporate Prayer Service" - New Dimension Worship Center, 7:00pm, 5111

Pegasus Court, suite F

"Bible Study (all ages)" - New Dimension Worship Center, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, 5111

Pegasus Court, Suite F, Frederick, MD 21704

**Every Wednesday** "Corporate Prayer Service" – 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist Church 6430

Jefferson Pike, Frederick. All are welcome.

"Mid-Week Worship Service" – 7 pm Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger

Creek Pike, Frederick 27103

"Hour of Empowering" Bible Study" - First Love International Ministries. 7:00 p.m. via phone conference. Anyone can dial in at (712) 770-4010 and dial 611-113 at the prompt. We invite anyone who wants to attend a powerful and enlightening Bible

Study from the comfort of their homes.

"Noon Worship Service" - Missionary Baptist Church, 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Prayer Service" – 8 pm. 1st Missionary Baptist Church, 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Bible Study & Prayer" – Asbury UM Church. 7 pm. Open to all!

**"Interactive Bible Study"** - First Love International Ministries. Enjoy Bible Study by teleconference from the comfort of your home. Dial (712) 770-4010 and then

611-113# at the prompt

"Call in Prayer" - Wayman AME Church. 6:00Am. The call in number is (712)

432-1500, access code 211184#.

**"Zumba"** – with Tonja Street at TJ Middle School 4pm. Donations accepted **"Youth Bible Study"** - 7PM – Thomas Tabernacle Church, 517 South Market Street, Frederick MD. Contact 301-695-9148 for further information.

"Adult Prayer, Praise & Bible Study" – 7 pm. Thomas Tabernacle Church, 517 South Market Street, Frederick MD. Contact 301-695-9148 for further information.

1st Wednesdays

"Holy Communion Service" - 7 - 8:30 PM, Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 5132 Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD. All are welcomed!

**Every Thursday** 

"Not On Our Watch (NOOW) Intercessory Prayer Line" - New Dimensions Worship Center. 712-775-7035 access code 347845# from 9:00-10:00pm, except for Holidays

**'Believers Study & Prayer Service'** – 6:30 - 8 pm, Carver's Community Center in Frederick. Shekinah Glory (Faye & Linus Bremby) 301-351-6918 **"Zumba"** – Quinn Chapel AME Church Christian Center. 6 pm. \$5.

**"Zumba"** – with Tonja Street at First Missionary Baptist Church 6:30pm. Donations accepted

**"Adult & Youth Bible Study"** - Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger Creek Pike 7 pm (Family, Food & Fellowship - 6 - 6:45 pm). Nursery available for 5 years and under during study times

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Every Saturday "TGIF - Happy Hour Bible Study" - Asbury UMC.. 7:00

"Community Line Dancing" -6-8 pm. Asbury UM Church. All are welcome.

**POSTPONED – WILL RESUME SOON!** 

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#### <u>JAN</u>

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance and Awards Breakfast" – Frederick NBPW Club. Clarion Inn (formerly Holiday Inn), 5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick MD. 9:30 am – noon. Guest Speaker: Frederick County's Native Daughter, Virginia D. Onley, Councilmember, City of Rockville MD. .Donation: \$40. For information or tickets, contact Sonja Brown-Jenkins (301)676-0076 or Angela Tukes (954)882-2522

**"Asbury UMC 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-Off Service"** – Asbury UMC, 101 W. All Saint St. 10:00am. Guest speaker: Rev. Edgardo Rivera, Frederick District Superintendent, United Methodist Conference.

**"2018 MLK Beloved Community Potluck Dinner"** – Special presentation: "Remaining Awake Through A Great Revolution" Message delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) at the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., March 31, 1968. 6 – 8:30 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick St. Come to share a community night. We are working to make Frederick a community where love and solidarity become a reality. Come ready to eat, ready for conversation, and to dream together. Bring a modest amount of food to share. RSVP to Jim French at French.james74@gmail.com, or call him at 301-514-4780. Please let him know what you plan to bring.

#### **FEB**

"Pink Goes Red Pre Valentine Party" – Chi Theta Omega Chapter of AKA Sorority. American Legion, 1450 Taney Ave. 7-11pm. DJ DW & DJ Shakey Biz. Tickets: \$25. <a href="https://www.evenbrite.com/e/pink-goes-red-tickets-41617889227">www.evenbrite.com/e/pink-goes-red-tickets-41617889227</a> or see a member or call 301-641-2694. Dress code: red with a pop of pink; no t-shirts, no sneakers.

- 3 "Faith Striders 10th Annual Survivor Breakfast" - Dutches Daughter, 581 Himes Ave, Frederick MD. Keynote Speaker: Dr Dawn Leonard; Guest Psalmists: Jenelle Coleman and Theresa Hopkins. Tickets available through any Faith Strider - \$30.00
- "Screening of the Laboring Sons Documentary" AARCH. Frederick Visitor's Center, 151 S 8 East St. 6 -8 pm. aarchsociety@gmail.com, www.aarchsociety.org
- 9 & 10 "XO LIVE "Streamed Simulcast" Marriage Conference" – Hosted by Jackson Chapel UMC. Join Jimmy and Karen Evans along with their friends Max Lucado and Craig Groeschel this Valentine's weekend for a marriage conference unlike any other. Thousands will gather for this one of a kind conference designed to revive romance and bring you closer together. Cost involved per couple. Stay tuned more information will be forthcoming. Contact person will be Sis. Shirlene Roberts Harris - 240-440-0495. You may also call Jackson Chapel office phone - 301-694-7315
- 10 "2nd Annual African American Family & Community History Fair" – AARCH. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 199 North Place, Frederick, MD. Individuals, families, social groups, schools, and churches are invited to participate by hosting a table display of documents, posters and historical artifacts. The keynote speaker will be Elizabeth Comer, secretary of the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, with an update on recent happenings at the Catoctin Furnace site. The event is free to all, attendees and displayers. To reserve a display table or for more information, contact aarchsociety@gmail.com

- $\frac{MAR}{3}$ "Re-enactment of the 1913 Women's Suffrage March" - Join Frederick County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc with this historic march. It begins at 7:30 AM at the Frederick Keys Stadium and ends at the Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD, where the culminating program, including greetings, speakers and general acknowledgements will begin at 10:00 AM. Please confirm your intentions to join us for this empowering event no later than Friday, February 2, 2018 by registering at Register@eventbrite.com (https://fcacwomenssuffrageparade.eventbrite.com). For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact polsoc.fcacmd@gmail.com or 240-855-1729.
- 10 "Women of Excellence Awards Luncheon." - To celebrate Women's History Month, Chi Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, will be honoring Frederick and Washington Counties' Women of Distinction at our biennial "Women of Excellence Awards Luncheon." This event will take place at Ceresville Mansion, 8529 Liberty Rd, Frederick, Maryland from 12pm to 3pm. Our mission is to recognize and honor women who distinguish themselves by making major contributions in our community and to provide scholarships to promote higher education for students who aspire to make a difference in society. The proceeds from this program will benefit our scholarship and community outreach programs. For further information or to purchase tickets contact any Chi Theta Omega member. Ticket price is \$55 person. For information regarding nomination of a Woman of Excellence or to support the program by donation or placing an ad, please contact Danielle Haskin, (240) 551-4633 or danihas 1@umbc.edu.

#### <u>APR</u>

- 14 "Minority Health Month Health Fair" - Trinity UMC; 9 am -1 pm. Co hosted by Faith Striders & Asian American Center. Free screenings. Work outs and educational vendors. Free to public
- 14 & 15 "National Black Memorabilia, Fine Art & Crafts Show" - Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 501 Perry Parkway, in Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877. Show hours are Saturday, 10 am until 7 pm, and Sunday, 10 am until 5 pm. Admission is \$7 and students are admitted free. The show is all indoors. There is free parking. There will be many vendors, educational exhibits, seminars and celebrity autograph sessions. This is an educational event on African American

## Afro-American History: Blueprint for Survival produced by the NAACP Department of Education

Black Facts: 1540 - 1986 continued

1976 Paul Robeson died.

Patricia Harris was appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban development.

Andrew Young was named by President Jimmy Cater, chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, becoming the first black to fill the U.N. post for the U.S.

Dr. Mary F. Berry first black woman ever named chief administrator of a major Ameri can university, became chancellor of the University of Colorado.

Theodore R. Newman was the fist black named Chief Judge of the Washington, DC Court of Appeals. He is the first black to be appointed, in the nation, to head a state level court system

1977 Roy Wilkins, Executive Directory of NAACP, retired after 22 years, succeeded by Benjamin L. Hooks.

ABC's television adaptation of Alex Haley's book, <u>Roots</u>, drew the largest audience of any program in the history of television.

Dr. Wilbert J. Lesnelle was the first black named U.S. Ambassador to Kenya.

Janelle Penny Commession became the first black to win the "Miss Universe" title.

1978 Three blacks, Maj. Frederick D. Gregory, Maj. Guion S. Bluford, Jr., and Dr. Ronald E. McNair, were chosen by NASA to take part in the Space Shuttle program.

Humphrey-Hawkins full employment bill signed into law by President Jimmy Carter.

The United States Supreme Court ruled in a five-four decision that Allen Bakke, a white, had been discriminated against and ordered his admission the California Medical School at Davis - in addition, the Court in a five to four vote, ruled that race may be a factor taken into consideration in an admission selection process in order to insure a diversified student body.

1979 Franklin A. Thomas was named president of the Ford Foundation.

Donald F. McHenry was nominated to become U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Richard Arrington was elected Mayor of Birmingham, Alabama.

Karen Stevenson, a 22-year old native of Washington, DC, became the first black American woman to win a Rhodes Scholarship.



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Admission: \$5 / free to HSBC members. Space is limited and seating is first come, first served; doors open at 1:15 pm.

Questions? Please contact us at info@hsobc.org or 410-666-1878.

## Sotterley Plantation in southern Maryland to open its slave quarters to the public by Jonathan M. Pitts, The Baltimore Sun, April 21, 2017.



When genealogist Agnes Kane Callum made her first visit to Sotterley, the sprawling St. Mary's County plantation where her great-grandfather lived as a slave, she was surprised to learn that the tour included no stops at the 1830s era slave cabin that stands down the hill from the main mansion.

In fact, when Callum, a Baltimore native who spent decades chronicling Maryland's African-American history, insisted on seeing the building, she found it locked with a "DO NOT ENTER" sign across the door.

"For many years, the prevailing sentiment was 'Let's leave that whole subject behind; it too difficult," says Nancy Easterling, director of Historic Sotterley, Inc., the non profit that operates the 94 acre site as a living monument to the past.

Callum died at age 90 in 2015. Sotterley Plantation officials will honor her life's work Friday when they open the one-room wooden structure as a permanent walk-through exhibit.

At a ceremony expected to attract about 200 people, officials of the National Historic Landmark will dedicate the cabin to Callum, an obsessive researcher who argued that the history of slavery should be studied and shared in all its details, not soft-pedaled or avoided. After her initial visit, Callum spent years bringing relatives, friends and students to Sotterley by bus (it's about a two hour drive from Baltimore), then giving impromptu talks at the cabin, frequently relating stories about the lives of enslave people she had heard from family members.

By the early 1990s, when she became the first African-American member of the museum's board of directors, the nonprofit was allowing visitors to enter the cabin on request.

Over the past half-decade, Easterling says, official have attracted sufficient funding to support a restoration, including signage that tells the story of the cabin and its inhabitants as Sotterley researchers have pieced it together.

One of those researchers, education director Jeanne Pirtle, stood on the dirt floor inside the building one afternoon this week and gestured to the artifacts that bring the space to life - a rough pallet of the kind inhabitants would have slept on, replicas of the fish and fatback slabs they would have eaten, a rough-hewn ladder that leads up to a stuffy loft. The cabin measures 16 feet by 18 feet, no bigger than the kitchen in some modern homes. Between nine and 20 people lived in it at a given time - about the same number, Pirtle says, that usually lived in the slaveholders' mansion a few yards away.

Guest used to say it was amazing to hear that so many people lived in the main house, she says, then be thunder struck to learn the same was true of the cabin.

Callum's passion for revisiting the era of slavery didn't always meet with approval, particularly in the African-American community. She was often told such a disgraceful and painful chapter of history was beneath remembering. Callum never wavered, arguing that African-Americans' enslaved forebears lived real lives, earnestly and courageously, and that their stories should be shared - part to honor them, in part to ensure that no one would ever live under such conditions again. Easterling, who became executive director in 2009, says Callum's views eventually gained traction at an institution that, like others of its kind, had long avoided addressing the uglier side of its past.

So much of the history of enslaved people has gone unrecorded, she says, that versions of the past as told by the slaveholding class held a disproportionate influence, a imbalance it has taken scholars like Callum decades to rectify. Over the past 10 years or so, Easterling says, Sotterley has reconfigured its mission with programs that relate its 318-year history as an "integrated" story.

The "land, Lives and Labor" exhibit opened in a former corn crib in 2015, for example, includes lists of the names of hundreds of enslaved persons who lived on the plantation, many of them culled from the "property" records of those who owned the place.

"The Choice," a living history drama Sotterley offered last year, used actors to bring to life a little told chapter of plantation history: During the War of 1812, 49 of the 64 enslaved people who lived there escaped to join the British side. Scenes were set both at the plantation house and in the slave quarters, allowing views of the war from multiple points of view. Visitors to the site - and more recently to its website - can view a video version of the play.

A "Slavery to Freedom" tour of the grounds and its 20 historic buildings also shares multiple perspectives. And a "Women of Sotterley" presentation incorporates not just the day-to-day details of the lives of the white women who helped run the plantation, but also those of the enslaved women who did laundry, cooked and cared for children.

The cabin opening comes 45 years after Callum's first visit. Officials say they would probably have taken the step years ago had they not been faced with two formidable obstacles: the cultural entrenchment of a more sanitized version of its history and a dearth of funding that continues to this day. Subsisting without government support, Sotterley relies on grants and other private support.

Sotterley's last private owner, Mabel Satterlee Ingalls, created the Historic Sotterley Plantation Foundation and opened the site as a museum in 1961, but left almost nothing in the way of funding upon her death in 1993. Three years later, a descendant of one of its enslaved families - along with a descendant of one of its former owners - stepped in.

John Hanson Briscoe, a former St. Mary's County Circuit Court judge who served as speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates in the 1970s, was a longtime advocate of historic and environmental preservation. His ancestor, Walter Briscoe, had owned Sotterley - and dozens of slaves, including some of Callum's forebears - for more than 50 years during the 19th century. When the historic site was threatened with closure, he decided to act.

He and Callum joined forces to publicize the plantation's plight, and their mutually respectful, sometimes jocular appearances on such national TV programs as the "Today" show got the word out. The National Trust for Historic Preservation named Sotterley one of

America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places in 1996. A History Channel documentary brought Sotterley more attention, as well as just enough grant money to keep it going. Sotterley was named a National Historic Landmark in 2000; Briscoe died in 2014. Sotterley has spent about \$4 million on renovations, operations, research and new programming since 2009, easterling says, but supporters need to raise a least that much again to keep it sustainable. Pirtle says it's worth the effort for the opportunity Sotterley presents to keep visitors engaged in conversation about the nation's slaveholding past.



## African American FAMILY & COMMUNITY History Fair

Uncovering African American Roots in Frederick County

February 10, 2018 - 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - 199 North Place - Frederick, MD

Presentation: "Lives Wrought in the Furnace: Archaeological Investigations of the Labor Force at Catoetin Furnace" Analysis of the human remains from the cemetery restoring the identity and history of ensisted African Americans By Elizabeth Comer-Secretary, Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.

- Research your ancestors at the LDS Family History Center. (Experts will be available for assistance)
- · Discover resources available to research your family ancestors
- · Explore ways to trace and preserve your heritage & build your family tree
- View historical photos, documents & artifacts of Frederick's African American families, churches and organizations

#### Families, Churches & Organizations are invited to display and share your history!

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### How a Nearly Successful Slave Revolt Was Intentionally Lost to History

More than 500 slaves fought for their freedom in this oft-overlooked rebellion



A trial at the Destrehan Plantation sentenced 45 men from the uprising to death or to go to New Orleans for future trials. (Image from the Destrehan Plantation's Facebook Page)

By Marissa Fessenden smithsonian.com January 8, 2016

Two hundred and five years ago, on the night of January 8, 1811, more than 500 enslaved people took up arms in one of the largest slave rebellions in U.S. history. They carried cane knives (used to harvest sugar cane), hoes, clubs and some guns as they marched toward New Orleans chanting "Freedom or Death," writes Leon A. Waters for the *Zinn Education Project*.

The uprising began on the grounds of a plantation owned by Manuel Andry on the east side of the Mississippi, in a

region called the German Coast of Louisiana. There, a slave driver named Charles Deslondes of Haitian decscent, led a small band of slaves into the mansion of the plantation owners, where they wounded Andry and killed his son Gilbert. The group then armed themselves with muskets and ammunition from the plantation's basement. Some donned Andry's militia uniforms.

"Charles knew that the uniforms would lend the revolt authority, wedding their struggle with the imagery of the Haitian Revolution, whose leaders had famously adopted European military garb," reports historian Daniel Rasmussen in his book *American Uprising: The Untold Story of America's Largest Slave Revolt*, excerpted by *NPR*. Charles was inspired by the Haitian Revolution, which had succeeded less than a decade before and brought encouragement to those revolting in Louisiana that night.

After the attack on the Andry mansion, the group of revolutionaries started a two day march down River Road to New Orleans. Along the way they burned other plantations. The plan was to join with other revolutionaries in the city.

Official accounts at the time spun the fiction that the revolt was nearly a band of "brigands' out to pillage and plunder," writes Wendell Hassan Marsh for *The Root*. But this was the story of the victors— Rasmussen found through the course of his research, not the story of what happened. In reality, the revolt was carefully organized and it threatened to destabilize the institution of slavery in Louisiana.

To uncover the real story, Rasmussen pored through court records and plantation ledgers. "I realized that the revolt had been much larger—and come much closer to succeeding—than the planters and American officials let on," he tells Littice Bacon-Blood of the *Times-Picayune*. "Contrary to their letters, which are the basis for most accounts of the revolt, the slave army posed an existential threat to white control over the city of New Orleans."

Many rebels had copies of the French Declaration of the Rights of Man hidden in slave quarters and rebels had led smaller attacks in the region for years leading up to the revolt, Marsh writes for *The Root*. Among the ranks of the revolters included those with experience fighting in civil wars in Ghana and Angola. The plan was to establish a black state along the banks of the Mississippi. But as the marching group's numbers swelled to more than 500 strong, U.S. federal troops and the slave owners' militia responded quickly.

On January 10, at Jacques Fortier's plantation, near what is now River Town in Kenner, federal troops forced the revolt to turn back, Bacon-Blood reports for *The Times-Picayune*. With the militia blocking the revolutionaries' retreat, that spelled the end of the revolt.

"It was really brutally put down," Gwendolyn Midlo Hall, an author and historian at Michigan State University, tells Bacon-Blood. "It was incredibly bloodthirsty in the way the elite put it down, cutting people into little pieces, displaying body parts." The brief battle killed dozens of the fighting slaves. The surviving leaders were rounded up to face a tribunal on January 13 and many were sentenced to death by firing squad.

"Their heads were cut off and placed on poles along the river in order to frighten and intimidate the other slaves," writes Waters for the *Zinn Project*. "This display of heads placed on spikes stretched over 60 miles."

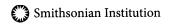
The suppression of the extent of the rebellion kept the uprising from historical attention for decades. Hall calls it a kind of "historical amnesia" in the *Times-Picayune* piece. However on the 200th anniversary of the revolt, area museums and historical sites in Louisiana organized a year-long commemoration of the event. In time, the uprising may gain the recognition it deserves, thanks to the efforts of historians willing to sort the fiction from the reality.

#### About Marissa Fessenden

Marissa Fessenden is a freelance science writer and artist who appreciates small things and wide open spaces.



Christmas present given to Genesis from her Grandma Marty who lives in Florida



#### **COSTUME COLLECTION**

The costume collection at our National Museum of American History, Behring Center, contains over 30,000 garments and accessories reflecting the social, technological and economic changes affecting American dress from the 17th century to the present. Included are objects used in the manufacture of clothing as well as items related to the sale of clothing.

Holdings include a large assortment of women's clothing, some by influential 20th century designers, clothing of presidents and first ladies, wedding gowns, military uniforms and Halloween costumes. Among the many accessories included in the collection are pieces of jewelry, neckwear, shoes, handbags, hatboxes, wigs, and cosmetic and hair-care items.

Income from our sales supports the chartered educational purposes and activities of the Smithsonian Institution.

### NEWS OF THE WORLD IN PARAGRAPHS

It is expected that the tariff programs of the Republicans and Insur- to be a nervous wreck. gents in the Senate will be more fully developed this week.

The board of visitors to the Naval Academy recommends that midshirmen be commissioned as ensigns im mediately after graduation.

General Wood and Admiral Mane let fall remarks at Army and Navy Union indicating expectation of war with Japan.

There is talk in New Jersey of forming new political combinations to defeat the government-by-commission movement.

Mark W. Harrington, one-time chief of the United States Weather Bureau, was found in Morris Plains Insane Asylum, New York by his son, having disappeared in 1899.

Miss Helen Taft will entertain on the yacht Mayflower at Beverly Mass.

Thomas Kerr, of New York, and Thurlow Weed Barnes 2d, of Albany, are in a critical condition from burns received in a boathouse fire at Natetucket, Mass.

Senator Paynter withdrew from the Kentucky Senatorial race, leaving a clear field for Congressman Ollie

Dr. John C. Ferguson, an American. was appointed adviser to the Chinese Ministry of Communications.

The Czarina of Russia is declared

The Emperor's yacht Meteor successful in the races at Kiel.

The Turks are slaying Albanian prisoners and refuge women and children and devastating whole districts.

#### Marviand Watters

A Calvert county couple kept see ret until recently their marriag. which took place December 28, 1909.

Because of a recent Court of Appeals decision. Hyattsville must wait awhile for a new municipal building.

Suits against Washington county stockholders of the defunct Farmers Banking, Trust and Deposit Company have been decided in favor of the re ceivers of the company.

Officials and clerks of the Western Maryland Railway adjourned their two-day meeting at Buena Vista, Pa. A baseball game concluded the social features.

The William Silver Company, Incorporated, of Aberdeen, with a capital of \$100,000, has been incorporated at Belair.

The National Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren will be held in York, Pa., in May, 1912.

A young man and two women were badly injured by being thrown from a phaeton near Cumberland.

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### Black History Month proclamed

rederick city and county proclaimed February to be Black History Month during the opening of the Black istory Month program at the Frederick Towne Mall recently. From the left are the Rev. Paul Kemp, who are the invocation; Mike Sowell, president of the Political Umbrella Group (PUG) of Frederick County; J. nita Stup, president of the Frederick County Commissioners; Shelly Garner, chairperson of Black History lonth programs for PUG; Floyd Brown, master of ceremonies and PUG member; and Frederick Mayor onald N. Young, Black History Month displays and programs were seen at the mall.

### The Frederick News-Post We've Got Frederick Written All Over Us!

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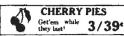
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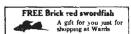
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### **Black History Month**

 $\mathbf{H}^{ ext{ello friends.}}$ 

Firstly, I'd like to thank those of you who commented on my first column. Your constructive criticism and your discussions were greatly appreciated.

Of particular interest to me were several questions as to why there is a Black History Month and why it occurs in February, the shortest month of the year.

I truly believe that miscommunication, assumptions and stereotypes are the source of many of the conflicts in our community and our nation — that being said, please allow me this opportunity to tell you about the origin and the purpose of Black History Month.

In the year 1900, a daughter of former slaves, civil rights activist Mary C. Terrell began the practice of honoring Frederick Douglass' birthday, Feb. 14.

One of the first African-American women to receive a college degree, Ms. Terrell was an 1884 graduate of Oberlin College. She later studied in Europe for two years and became fluent in French, German and Italian.

When she returned to the U.S., she became a District of Columbia school teacher, a high school principal and was eventually appointed to a board of education, a first for a black women in the U.S.

In 1926, African-American historian, author and journalist Professor Carter G. Woodson, Ph.D., chose the second week of February to commemorate Negro History Week to bring national attention to the contributions of his people throughout American history.

He chose this week because it coincided with the birthdays of two men who greatly impacted the lives of Americans of African descent — Douglass and Abraham Lincoln — Feb. 12.

In the United Kingdom, Black History Month is celebrated in October.

Because Feb. has much more than Douglass and Lincoln to celebrate, in 1976, the year of the nation's Bicentennial, NHW was lengthened to a full month and is now, due to the civil rights movement, known as African American or Black History Month.

Significant events include, but are not limited to:

- Feb. 23, 1868: NAACP



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COMMENTARY

founder W.E.B. DuBois' birthday;

- Feb. 3, 1870: The 13th Amendment to the Constitution gave Negroes the right to vote;
- Feb. 25, 1870: The first black U.S. Senator, Hiram Rhodes Revels, took his oath of office;
- Feb. 12, 1909: NAACP founded in New York City;
- Feb. 1, 1960: Civil Rights milestone: Greensboro, N.C., desegregated Woolworth's lunch counter "sit-in": and
- Feb. 21, 1965; Malcolm X assassinated.

Biack History Month is not for African-Americans only! Our history is inextricably connected to American and international culture and history.

Although my space is limited, I'd like to give you a very simplified example from one of my hobbies — music.

If not for slaves toiling on America's plantations, there would be no emancipation songs, gospel music, blues, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, Elvis Presley, The Beatles or The Rolling Stones.

Although generally absent from American history books, we have many stories to tell about astronauts, businesspersons, civil servants, doctors, engineers — the list is endless.

Shouldn't everyone want to know about the contributions of Crispus Attucks, Elijah J. McCoy, Benjamin Banneker, Mary McLeod Bethune, Ralph Bunche, Joycelyn Elders, Thurgood Marshall, Charles Drew, Josephine Baker, Marcus Garvey, Madame C.J. Walker, and many, many others?

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions.

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## New February activities focus on black history importance

#### By ROLLIE ATKINSON Staff Writer

For all of this week and the remainder of February special focus will be given to black history.

Why black history?

Black history, the study of events and people which together comprise the heritage and culture of Afro-Americans, for one-and-a-half centuries was largely ignored, maligned and forgotten.

"To know where we are going we must know from where we came," is how one local black explains the importance of black history

The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History first celebrated Negro History Week in February 1926. Now Black History Week, the occasion is held annually during the week of Pebruary containing both Abraham Lincoln's and black abolitionist Frederick Douglass' birthdates

In past years, Frederick's NAACP organization has always led in coordinating Black History Week projects. This year, however, NAACP president Lord Nickens saw that other local groups were interested enough in black history to organize their own activities.

Several programs have been scheduled at Fort Detrick and Fort Ritchie and in addition to planned classroom topics throughout county schools, local high schools sponsored black history programs and displays this week

This Sunday in the Ft Detrick Chapel

(building No. 924) a Fellowship program will feature the "Echoneers" of Baltimores First Apostolic Faith Institutional Church.

Later this month on the 28th a soul disco dance will be held in further observance of Black History Month in Ft. Detrick's NCO Club.

Ft. Detrick also sponsored a youth talent show, soul food dinner and presentation by Mary Carter Smith, well-known African folklorist.

The February issue of Frederick Foundations, The News-Post's monthly Bicentennial supplement, will feature the history of blacks and other minorities

For a long time, prior to the 20th century, there was little interest in preserving black history. Only recently has much significant black history been uncovered.

Old records mostly ignored and left out mention of blacks. They were not considered citizens as Frederick's own Roger Brooke Taney decreed in his famous Dred Scott Decision as Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

A black was mentioned in official documents only as a piece of property along with cattle and furnishings for tax purposes or when they were given or able to buy their freedom.

A Frederick County document of the 1860s lists nearly 100 pages of names of freed slaves after the Civil War and passage of the 14th Amendment. The Book of Freed Negroes is now in the hands of the Maryland Hall of Records in Annapolis William O. Lee a local black who has collected Frederick black history claims that the first record of a black in Frederick was made in 1743 when Lord Baltimore made a land grant to a John Dorsey for a land parcel west of the Linganore Creek.

Official history, collected by whites, does not list the race of Dorsey but Lee claims, "The black people of New Market remember that he was black."

Near the beginning of the Civil War, recorded history tells the story, of a former slave Greensburg Barton who bought land three miles east of Frederick on the eastern bank of the Monocacy River.

As other blacks moved to this area the community of Bartonsville grew up.

In Frederick, it was not until shortly pefore 1920 that blacks were given the right to vote. While several local civic organizations for blacks were begun at about this time blacks still found it difficult to get their names in public accounts and records.

Reports of an active Ku Klux Klan in the vicinity and several actual raids and threatened lynchings served to deter blacks from speaking out too loudly

Progress and equality came begrudgingly to local blacks who in recent years following the Civil Rights crusade of Dr. Martin Luther King and others now share with whites in many more equal opportunities.

GEORGE'S

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Mrs. Elizabeth M. Brown Mrs. Elizabeth Marrian Brown, 88, of 251 Washington St., died Thursday, April 5 at the Frederick Memorial Hospital. Born in Frederick County Feb. 12, 1885, she was the daughter of the late Owen Nicholes and Ruth C. Ross Diggs. She was the widow of Washington Brown. She was a member of the Jackson United Methodist Church and an bonorary member of the WSCS of the church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Naomi Naylor, and Mrs. Alice Davis with whom she made her home, both of Frederick, three sons, Richard Diggs, Bartonsville, Rev. Luther Brown and James Brown, both of Frederick, one sister, Mrs. Margaret Bowie, Frederick, 23 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, and many nieces and neohews.

Friends may call at the Hicks Funeral Home, 263 West Patrick St., Sunday, April 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. and at the Jackson United Methodist Church in Bartonsville on Monday, April 8, from 11 a.m. until the time of services at 2 p.m. The Rev. Floyd Lyles, the pastor will officiate. Interment will be in

CAM VIEW CEIMERS.

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### Mrs. Carl L. Brooks

Helen Catherine Diggs Brooks, of Bartonsville, died Saturday at 3:15 p. m. at her residence after a lingering illness.

Soe was the daughter of the late Owen and Ruth Catherine Ross Diggs and was 59 years of age. She was a member of Jack-Chapel Methodist ser.ed Stewardess. Usher, Communion Steward, and member of W.S.C.S.

Surviving are her Carl L. Brooks, four daughters: Mrs. Robert D. Weedon of Bartonsville. Mrs. Byron Ross of Ijamsville, Miss Elizabeth Brooks and Mrs. David Watts, both at home. Three sons: Carl N. Brooks at home, William L. Brooks of Frederick, and R bert L. Brooks of Atlantic City, New Jersey: two sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth Brown and Mrs. Margaret Bowie, both of this city. One brother, James Diggs of Urbana, 21 grandchildren, one great-grandchild. nieces and four nephews also survive.

Friends may call funeral home. 2G3 W. street on Tuesday from 6 until 9 p. m. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at from Jackson Chapel Methodist Church, Bartonsville, Interment will be in Bartonsville cemetery.

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### Mrs. Margaret M.D. Bowle

Mrs. Margaret
Meiinda "Maggie"
Diggs Bowie, 83,
formerly of 164 W.
All Saints St.,
Frederick, died
Friday, Nov. 16 at
the Washington
County Hospital
Center, Mrs. Bowie had been a resident of Colton
Manor Nursing



Home for the past three years.

Born in Bartonsville, Mrs. Bowle was a daughter of the late Owen Nicholas and Ruth C. Ross Diggs. She was the widow of Roy Emory Bowle.

Mrs. Bowie was a member of the St. James AME Church, Bartonsville, and was a member of the choir. Steward Board and other committees. Mrs. Bowie served as the receptionist for the Hicks Funeral Home for a number of years.

Surviving Mrs. Bowie are six grandsons, Emory B. Bowie of Philadelphia,
Pa., William Larry Bowie and Robert
Monroe Bowie both of Frederick,
Ronald Edward Bowie of Washington,
D.C. and Charles Melvin Bowie and
Thurston Owen Bowie, both of
Frederick; eight great-grandchildren
and a number of nieces, nephews and
cousins. Mrs. Bowie was the last of her
immediate family.

Friends may call from 6-9 p.m. Monday. Nov. 19, at the Hicks Funeral Home, 263 West Patrick St., Frederick. The family will receive friends at the funeral home 8-9 p.m. Monday. Mrs. Bowie will lie in state from II a.m. until funeral services at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the St. James AME Church, Bartonsville. The Rev. Don T. Leak will officiate. Interment will be held in the Bartonsville Cemetery.

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#### Mrs. Walter Bowie

Diggs wife of Walter Bowie, died Monday afternoon West 162 Street of a heart attack. She was 63 years of age and was a member of St. James A. M. E. Church. Bartonsville, baving served as member of the Stewart Board, and the senior choir of the Church. She was also a member of the Willing Workers Club of Bartonsville. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Owen and Ruth Ross Diggs. Surviving other than her husband are 12 children: Spencer Bowie, Mrs. Louise Wee-Mrs Catherine Bowman. Walter Bowie, Mrs. Edna Diggs. Mrs. Celestine Dixon. Boute, Mrs. Ellen Ray, all of Frederick: Charles Bowie, Bartonsville: Paul Bowie, Flint Hill and Gerald and William Bowie at home. Forty-three grandchildren. grandchildren. five great brother, James Diggs, Bartons-, ville: three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth! Brown and Mrs. Margaret Bowie. both of Frederick, and Mrs. Helen Brooks of Bartonsville, a number. of nieces, neohews and cousins also survive

The body is at the funeral home, 24 West All Saints Street, where friends may call Wednesday at 12 noon. The body will be moved to St. James A.M.E. Church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock to lie in state until funeral services which will be held at 2 o'clock. Rev. P. R. Paulding pastor, will officiate. Interment will be in Bartonsville Cemetery. C. E. Hicks III, funeral director.

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### **African American Community Calendar** Updated Feb. 9, 2018

(Includes only activities open to the public)

(This calendar is a community service project of the Negro Business & Professional Women's Frederick Club) (If you wish your group's public event/activity added to this African American Community Calendar,

send to rodoch@aol.com. Also please email any corrections!

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**Every Sunday** 'Worship Service' – Noon, Carver's Community Center in

Frederick. Shekinah Glory (Faye & Linus Bremby) 301-351-6918

"Spiritual Boot Camp Bible Study" – Jackson Chapel UMC. 8:45 am. (until Apr.

Every Monday – Friday **Every Monday** 

"Noon Day Prayer" - at Thomas Tabernacle, 517 South Market Street, Frederick "ADULT BIBLE STUDY & BASIC BIBLE STUDY" ~ 7: 00 PM - 1st Missionary Baptist

Church 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Zumba" – with Tonja Street at North Onelife Fitness (Osprey Way) 7:30pm.

Donations accepted

"Evangelism Seminars" – Beginning Oct. 23 at Thomas Tabernacle, 517 N. Market

St. 6:30 pm. Open to all.

**Tuesday** "Tuesday's With Sherri Women's Group" - 11 am. Lincoln Apts. Community

Room. Sherri Ames - 240-457-0157.

"Adult & Youth Bible Study" - ~ 7: 00 PM - 1st Missionary Baptist Church 6430

Jefferson Pike.

**Every Tuesday** "Conference Prayer Line" - Hosted by House of Bread Ministries. 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

- 1-641-715-3200 (Pin number: 472601#).

"Corporate Bible Study" - 7 - 8 PM, Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 5132

Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD. All are welcomed!

"Corporate Prayer Service" - New Dimension Worship Center, 7:00pm, 5111

Pegasus Court, suite F

"Bible Study (all ages)" - New Dimension Worship Center, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, 5111

Pegasus Court, Suite F, Frederick, MD 21704

**Every Wednesday** "Corporate Prayer Service" – 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist Church 6430

Jefferson Pike, Frederick. All are welcome.

"Mid-Week Worship Service" – 7 pm Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger

Creek Pike, Frederick 27103

"Hour of Empowering" Bible Study" - First Love International Ministries. 7:00 p.m. via phone conference. Anyone can dial in at (712) 770-4010 and dial 611-113 at the prompt. We invite anyone who wants to attend a powerful and enlightening Bible

Study from the comfort of their homes.

"Noon Worship Service" - Missionary Baptist Church, 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Prayer Service" – 8 pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist Church, 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Bible Study & Prayer" – Asbury UM Church. 7 pm. Open to all!

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611-113# at the prompt

"Call in Prayer" - Wayman AME Church. 6:00Am. The call in number is (712) 432-1500, access code 211184#.

**"Zumba"** – with Tonja Street at TJ Middle School 4pm. Donations accepted **"Youth Bible Study"** - 7PM – Thomas Tabernacle Church, 517 South Market Street, Frederick MD. Contact 301-695-9148 for further information.

**"Adult Prayer, Praise & Bible Study"** – 7 pm. Thomas Tabernacle Church, 517 South Market Street, Frederick MD. Contact 301-695-9148 for further information.

1st Wednesdays

"Holy Communion Service" - 7 - 8:30 PM, Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 5132 Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD. All are welcomed!

**Every Thursday** 

"Not On Our Watch (NOOW) Intercessory Prayer Line" - New Dimensions Worship Center. 712-775-7035 access code 347845# from 9:00-10:00pm, except for Holidays

**'Believers Study & Prayer Service'** – 6:30 - 8 pm, Carver's Community Center in Frederick. Shekinah Glory (Faye & Linus Bremby) 301-351-6918

"Zumba" - Quinn Chapel AME Church Christian Center. 6 pm. \$5.

**"Zumba"** – with Tonja Street at First Missionary Baptist Church 6:30pm. Donations accepted

**"Adult & Youth Bible Study" -** "A Deeper Look at Prayer" & "Spiritual Boot Camp". Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger Creek Pike (until Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>) 7 pm (Family, Food & Fellowship - 6 - 6:45 pm). Nursery available for 5 years and under during study times

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Every Saturday "TGIF - Happy Hour Bible Study" - Asbury UMC.. 7:00

"Community Line Dancing" – 6 – 8 pm. Asbury UM Church. All are welcome.

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### **2018**

#### <u>FEB</u>

9 & 10 "XO LIVE "Streamed Simulcast" Marriage Conference" – Hosted by Jackson Chapel UMC. Join Jimmy and Karen Evans along with their friends Max Lucado and Craig Groeschel this Valentine's weekend for a marriage conference unlike any other. Thousands will gather for this one of a kind conference designed to revive romance and bring you closer together. \$85 per couple. Viewing: 2/9: 8-10 pm; 2/10: 10 am -12:30 pm. Dinner dance on Feb. 10; 6-10 pm.

Contact person will be Sis. Shirlene Roberts Harris - 240-440-0495. You may also call Jackson Chapel office phone - 301-694-7315. Purchase tickets at www.jacksonchapelumc.org

"2nd Annual African American Family & Community History Fair" – AARCH. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 199 North Place, Frederick, MD. Individuals, families, social groups, schools, and churches are invited to participate by hosting a table display of documents, posters and historical artifacts. The keynote speaker will be Elizabeth Comer, secretary of the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, with an update on recent happenings at the Catoctin Furnace site. The event is free to all, attendees and displayers. To reserve a display table or for more information, contact <a href="mailto:aarchsociety@gmail.com">aarchsociety@gmail.com</a>

**"LOL Lessons on Love"** - Thomas Tabernacle 517 S. Market St. Doors open at 5 pm. Music, food, guest speakers, prizes. \$10/person; \$15/couple. Ages 18 & over; semi-formal. Proceeds to Youth-N-Action. RSVP ahanolt.samson86@gmail.com.

- 12 "Black History Presentation" - "Held in Regard" presentation by AARCH at Whitaker Campus Center Commons, Hood College. 7 pm
- 12 "African American Writers of Frederick" - Join us to create a community space where African American writers can come together to find support and encouragement. Learn to discipline and strengthen our writing practice for the telling of our own stories of Frederick County and beyond. 4:00-6:00 pm at the C. Burr Artz Library, 110 E Patrick St, Frederick, MD 21701. For more information, contact Elayne Hyman at 202-361-3260
- 15 17 "Kinkling Sale" - Thomas Tabernacle 517 S. Market St. \$5/half dozen; \$9.75/dozen. Phone in orders: 301-695-9148. Delivery times: 3-4 pm; walk-ins:5-6 pm 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served
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- 20 "Held In Regard Black History Month Presentation" - Presented by AARCH at Thurmont Public Library- 76 East Moser Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. 7 pm
- 21 "Fifth Annual Heritage Food Luncheon in Commemoration of Black History Month" Featuring traditional recipes researched and prepared by Silver Oak Academy students. 11 a.m. Harriet Chapel Parish Hall, 12625 Catoctin Furnace Road. Free and Open to the Public. Sponsored by the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc., Harriet Chapel, Cunningham Falls State Park, & Silver Oak Academy RSVPs appreciated! Contact the CFHS, Inc. at 443-463-6437 or tdonnelly@catoctinfurnace.org www.catoctinfurnace.org
- 22 24"Kinkling Sale" - Thomas Tabernacle 517 S. Market St. \$5/half dozen; \$9.75/dozen. Phone in orders: 301-695-9148. Delivery times: 3-4 pm; walk-ins:5-6 pm 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served
- "Black History Month Gospel Celebration" Mt. Zion AME Church, 202 Jefferson Pike, 24 Knoxville. Saluting the Divine 9. 4:00 pm.
- "African American Writers of Frederick" Join us to create a community space where 26 African American writers can come together to find support and encouragement. Learn to discipline and strengthen our writing practice for the telling of our own stories of Frederick County and beyond. 4:00-6:00 pm at the C. Burr Artz Library, 110 E Patrick St, Frederick, MD 21701. For more information, contact Elayne Hyman at 202-361-3260
- 26 "Movie- 'Step- A Real Life Story" - Free & open to FCPS students, staff & the community. 6:30 pm. P0pcorn/ drink combo: \$5. Sponsored by EAG & FCTA Diversity Ambassadors Program. Snow date: Mar. 5

- $\frac{MAR}{3}$ "Re-enactment of the 1913 Women's Suffrage March" - Join Frederick County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc with this historic march. It begins at 7:30 AM at the Frederick Keys Stadium and ends at the Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD, where the culminating program, including greetings, speakers and general acknowledgements will begin at 10:00 AM. Please confirm your intentions to join us for this empowering event no later than Friday, February 2, 2018 by registering at Register@eventbrite.com (https://fcacwomenssuffrageparade.eventbrite.com). For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact polsoc.fcacmd@gmail.com or 240-855-1729.
- 3 "Evening of Excellence" – EmPowerment Counsulting Services, LLC. All ladies are invited for an Evening of Fine Dining, Glamour, Laughter, Sisterhood, and Empowerment. An Evening of Celebrating You! Ceresville Mansion, 8529 Liberty Road, Frederick, MD 21701. 7 - 11pm.

Cost: \$75. Tickets are nonrefundable but transferable. Register at http://www.empowermentcsllc.com

"Women of Excellence Awards Luncheon." – To celebrate Women's History Month, Chi Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, will be honoring Frederick and Washington Counties' Women of Distinction at our biennial "Women of Excellence Awards Luncheon." This event will take place at Ceresville Mansion, 8529 Liberty Rd, Frederick, Maryland from 12pm to 3pm. Our mission is to recognize and honor women who distinguish themselves by making major contributions in our community and to provide scholarships to promote higher education for students who aspire to make a difference in society. The proceeds from this program will benefit our scholarship and community outreach programs. For further information or to purchase tickets contact any Chi Theta Omega member. Ticket price is \$55 person. W2WM Pop-Up Shop will be available – this is the destination for savvy fashionistas to find stylish clothing to enhance their image, shop awesome brand names, brand new and gently worn clothes, accessories, purses and shoes and enjoy a social networking experience! One hundred percent of the revenue earned from this social enterprise supports the programs of Woman to Woman Mentoring, Inc. so we can provide mentoring services to young women who live or work in Frederick!! For information regarding nomination of a Woman of Excellence or to support the program by donation or placing an ad, please contact Danielle Haskin, (240) 551-4633 or danihas1@umbc.edu. Tickets are available for purchase at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-of-excellence-tickets-42...

#### <u>APR</u> 14

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"Minority Health Month Health Fair" - Trinity UMC; 9 am -1 pm. Co hosted by Faith Striders & Asian American Center. Free screenings. Work outs and educational vendors. Free to public

"National Black Memorabilia, Fine Art & Crafts Show" - Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 501 Perry Parkway, in Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877. Show hours are Saturday, 10 am until 7 pm, and Sunday, 10 am until 5 pm. Admission is \$7 and students are admitted free. The show is all indoors. There is free parking. There will be many vendors, educational exhibits, seminars and celebrity autograph sessions. This is an educational event on African American History and Culture. For additional information and vendor space reservations, call (301) 649-1915, email <a href="mailto:Ljohnsonshows@aol.com">Ljohnsonshows@aol.com</a>, view <a href="mailto:www.johnsonshows.com">www.johnsonshows.com</a> or view <a href="mailto:www.facebook.com/Blackmemorabiliashow">www.facebook.com/Blackmemorabiliashow</a>.

"Bus Trip to Sight & Sound" – See the production "Jesus". Bus departs at 9:30 am; Location TBA. Cost: adults 13 and up \$135; children 3-12 - \$85.: COST Includes: Luxury Caoch; Lunch (Bird In Hand) 12-2 pm; Shopping At The Outlets - 2-6 pm; Theater ticket – show starts at 7 pm; Snacks, Games & Movies During Travel. \$50.00 deposit due by February 2<sup>nd</sup>; Balance due by April 13th. Contact: Angela Tukes – 954-882-2522 or via email <a href="mailto:atukesone@gmail.com">atukesone@gmail.com</a>, Payments: Paypal— Angela Tukes or www.eventbrite.com

**'Women's Day Celebration"** - 3:00pm-Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick, MD - . Guest Speaker is the Rev. Pamula D.Yerby-Hammack, Assistant Pastor of City of Abraham Church & Ministries of Baltimore, MD. Theme: Our Inheritance in Christ.

#### <u>MAY</u>

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**"Annual Founders' Day Breakfast" -** 9:30 am. Dutch's Daughter Restaurant. Details TBA

### **JUNE**

"Real Men / Real Women/ Real Talk 5th Annual Breakfast" – Faith Striders. Dutches Daughter. \$30.00 per person. More info to come

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### Afro-American History: Blueprint for Survival produced by the NAACP Department of Education

Black Facts: 1540 - 1986 continued

1976 Paul Robeson died.

Patricia Harris was appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban development.

Andrew Young was named by President Jimmy Cater, chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, becoming the first black to fill the U.N. post for the U.S.

Dr. Mary F. Berry first black woman ever named chief administrator of a major Ameri can university, became chancellor of the University of Colorado.

Theodore R. Newman was the fist black named Chief Judge of the Washington, DC Court of Appeals. He is the first black to be appointed, in the nation, to head a state level court system

1977 Roy Wilkins, Executive Directory of NAACP, retired after 22 years, succeeded by Benjamin L. Hooks.

ABC's television adaptation of Alex Haley's book, <u>Roots</u>, drew the largest audience of any program in the history of television.

Dr. Wilbert J. Lesnelle was the first black named U.S. Ambassador to Kenya.

Janelle Penny Commession became the first black to win the "Miss Universe" title.

1978 Three blacks, Maj. Frederick D. Gregory, Maj. Guion S. Bluford, Jr., and Dr. Ronald E. McNair, were chosen by NASA to take part in the Space Shuttle program.

Humphrey-Hawkins full employment bill signed into law by President Jimmy Carter.

The United States Supreme Court ruled in a five-four decision that Allen Bakke, a white, had been discriminated against and ordered his admission the California Medical School at Davis - in addition, the Court in a five to four vote, ruled that race may be a factor taken into consideration in an admission selection process in order to insure a diversified student body.

1979 Franklin A. Thomas was named president of the Ford Foundation.

Donald F. McHenry was nominated to become U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Richard Arrington was elected Mayor of Birmingham, Alabama.

Karen Stevenson, a 22-year old native of Washington, DC, became the first black American woman to win a Rhodes Scholarship.

## Quinn Chapel steps outside its walls

### Members offer support to projects from college tuition to homeless shelter

By Tara E. Buck

News-Post Staff

FREDERICK — At Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episco-pal (AME) Church on East Third Street, there is strong pride in the city's black community, but also the wider community around the church, which had its beginnings there possibly as early as the 1703s.

Varied documents suggest the church dates anywhere from before 1800 to 1819, Pastor Luke Robinson said.

"So we celebrate the founding of the church in 1800," Pastor Robinson said of his charge. "We were the only AME church in Proderick for many years."

Frederick for many years."

The AME denomination in general has always been a black denomination, though the church is proud of other ethnicities that make up its membership.

make up its membership.

The founder of the AME denomination, Richard Allen, and other founding members loft the St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia in 1776, beginning what would become a global denomination.

Here in Frederick, members of the AME faith purchased a machine shop well before the Civil War, and there the church has stayed since that time.

The church was taken by the government after the Battle of the Monocacy to be used as a hospital for wounded soldiers.

"It was a church involved in what was going on at the time, and for the liberation of Africar-Americans," Pastor Robinson said, "This church has been a tremendous part of that movement. The first school for colored people in Frederick was reported to be held in the basement of this church."

As for how the church ended up surrounded by a white community when it clearly had its start in a black community (close to Shab Row, Staley Park and the Laboring Sons centetery). Pastor Robinson is baffied.

Robinson is baried. "Right now, it's a mystery to me," he said with a chuckle. "I don't know how this happened. A lot of this land belonged to black people. ... I'm saying it's amazing that we would he right in what, I think now, is a 'white' district. I don't know how that is God works.

wonders.

In his 20th year at Quinn Chapel, Pastor Robinson has seen many changes in the community, though some things, he said, unfortunately tend to stay the

We don't care if the people are black or white or Hispanic. If you're cold, cold knows no color. Poverty knows no color.

Pastor Luke Robinson

same. Although the U.S. Supreme Court banned segregation decades earlier, it "dragged that out" through about 1970, he said.

"And here I am. I am alive and it ain't much changed since the Civil War. ... I think, for some reason, not knowing our own history and contributions to it, the nature of the people we were, even the African-American doesn't understand," he said. "It's Black History Month and we are not even aware of some of the things that have been invented by African-Americans".

More than 400 members call the church their home and it holds two services every Sunday to accommodate that size.

"The ministry of the church itself has been to the encouragement and building up of the African-American in the community, for sure. It is through this church that many of the young folks learn about the history," he said. "We have had tutorial-type programs ... and after school programs for them to be able to compete on a larger scale."

The AME church has been a catalyst for helping its members achieve, he said.

"It has lifted up, during the Civil Rights struggle, the concerns of the African-American community," Pastor Robinson said.

The church has also helped community members overcome

obstacles by supporting them financially. Quinn Chapel, today, provides scholarship funds to its members who move past high school and into further education. Since its inception, the Buth Brooks Scholarship Pund has provided more than \$80,000 in higher-likestic funds.

edication funding.

And the church also takes a strong stance against abortion, with Pastor Robinson speaking all along the East Coust about how abortion has decimated the black community. He will soon travel to the White House to further share his anti-abortion message.

Quinn Chapel supports Care Net, an agency that helps women put up their habies for adoption or counsels them if they wish to keep their baby instead of opting for an abortion.

The church also has a strong prison ministry and an addiction recovery program, S.A.V.E.D. (Substance Abuse Victims Eternally Delivered), Pastor Robinson also challenges parishioners to "live higher," and each year encourages a 30-day "boot camp" in which the family turns off its television.

"We've been teaching this for years," he said. "When a person watches TV, his mind is almost neutral and they've found that in young children, TV is detrimental for the development of their minds."

More than \$1,500 has been raised by the church's membership and which will be delivered to the Religious Coalition's cold weather shelter.

"We don't care if the people are black or white or Hispanic. If you're cold, cold knows no color," Pastor Robinson said. "Poverty knows no color."

The pastor believes his church will remain where it stands, unless God has other plans for them. Keeping the building is important because "one of the sad things about the African-American community is that we have lost so much of our history," he said.

"We have a glory. We were here before the Civil War." he said. "We had property in Frederick before there was a Civil War. That is documented. We want to make sure they don't forget it."



Staff photo by Skip Lawrence

Pastor Luke Robinson at Quinn Chapel AME Church on East Third Street in Frederick.

### KEEPING THE PAST RELEVANT

### Remembering First Lady Jane Hanson

#### By PETER H. MICHAEL

Special to the News-Post

n June 25, Frederick became the home of the new Jane Hanson National Memorial honoring the wife of Frederick's John Hanson, first president of the nation's brief original government under the Articles of Confederation. Though the title of First Lady would not come into use until the 1850s or become official until the 1930s, all presidential wives beginning with Jane Hanson fulfilled the role.

Because George Washington and presidents into the 20th century recognized Hanson as the actual first president of the United States, Jane Hanson lays rightful claim as the nation's first First Lady.

During Jane's lifetime, her nation was born, her husband served as its first president, one son occupied the top judicial position in Maryland and wrote *The Laws of Maryland*, two other sons sacrificed their lives in the Revolution, the Constitution bolstered her country, importation of slaves was outlawed, her son and son-in-law were George Washington electors, a permanent national capital was established, the Treaty of Paris doubled the size of the nation, the Louisiana Purchase doubled it again, and Lewis and Clark mapped the continent to its western ocean. Four years after her passing, Jane's grandson would become a United States Senator.

But with the possible exception of Abraham Lincoln's assassination and Mary Lincoln's commitment to a mental institution, no first couple suffered crueler fates than did Jane and John Hanson.

The disappearance of President Hanson's body and his coffin, and the destruction of his Prince George's County tomb by a developer in the 1980s became matters of record by two official archeological reports shortly afterward. The whereabouts of Hanson's body remains unknown to this day.

In an astounding reprise of fate, Jane, too, disappeared after her death but would ultimately experience a better destiny.

In 1769, the couple moved to Frederick from Mulberry Grove, the Hanson ancestral estate in Charles County. During earlier visits to Frederick, John had found a stronger reception to his ideas of independent nationhood in the huge roiling western county than he had among his British loyalist family and friends in Tidewater Maryland. Frederick County would elect John Hanson to every office he ever sought and give him the platform to national prominence leading to his presidency.

The couple built adjoining homes at the corner of Court and West Patrick Streets in Frederick where the John Hanson National Memorial and Frederick

County Courthouse now stand. Their daughter Jane, her husband Dr. Philip Thomas, and their children occupied the second home.

After completing his presidency, John Hanson returned home to Frederick from Philadelphia in 1782, but died the next year. He left Jane a widow for her last 29 years. Jane Thomas's death in 1781 at 34 left Philip Thomas and the widowed first lady to raise the four young Thomas children plus Jane's youngest, schoolgirl Elizabeth. By this time, Jane had already lost eleven of her and John's 13 children, including two sets of twins, to infant mortality, the diseases of that era, and to war.

When Jane died at home at age 84 on February 21,1812, she was buried in the Hanson family crypt in the old Episcopal graveyard in Frederick. When the church sold the graveyard in 1913, its 356 occupants were reinterred in nearby Mount Olivet Cemetery. The 70 with legible gravestones, including Philip and Jane Thomas, were reburied with their gravestones marking their new resting places. The 286 with illegible or no gravestones, and those such as Jane Hanson, buried with unmarked coffins in family crypts, were reinterred anonymously in an unmarked mass grave and forgotten.

In 2011, research in Mount Olivet Cemetery's exceptionally complete records revealed Jane's resting place being in the mass grave immediately adjacent to the graves of her Thomas relatives and of John Hanson's political ally, Thomas Johnson, the first state governor of Maryland.

Jane Hanson's grave had been rediscovered. No longer was she the only first lady with an unknown gravesite.

Following the grave's rediscovery and the dedication of the John Hanson National Memorial that summer, the John Hanson Memorial Association resolved to raise a memorial to the nation's long-lost original First Lady. The Jane Hanson National Memorial was funded equally by private donations and a state-matching grant sponsored by Frederick's State Senator Ronald Young and former Delegate Galen Clagett

The permanent, handsome bronze and granite national memorial with explanatory plaques is the only place Americans have ever had to honor the woman who so well set the tone for all first ladies to follow. The memorial's matching Jane and John busts symbolically reunite the couple after 233 years apart.

Peter H. Michael is president of the John Hanson Memorial Association and the author of Remembering John Hanson: A Biography of the First President of the Original United States Government.



Staff photo by Bill Green

Unveiling the Jane Hanson National Memorial on June 25 in Mount Olivet Cemetery are Peter Michael, president of the John Hanson Memorial Association, left, and Sarina and Travis Regis, of Calif., Michael's grandchildren and Hanson descendants.

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### Hanson

(Continued from A-1)

Vandals had plundered the crypt in the 1980s and stole all the coffins, he later learned. Developers then lev-eled the emptied mausoleum as they built National Har-

bor.
"I was just good and ticked off," said Michael, president of The John Hanson Memorial Association. 'What a fate.'

The paved-over grave site is one of many snubs to Hanson's memory over the years, according to Michael. The Frederick County historian hopes that now, with the upcoming publication of his Hanson biography, the colonial leader will gain new found recognition as a guid-ing hand through America's first hours.

Michael, Michael, a Hanson descendant, said he began work on the biography about three years ago after realiz-ing he couldn't track down much information about his

ancestor.
The historians he questioned couldn't explain the lack of material on Hanson, who spent one year as the nation's leader under the Articles of Confederation, the forerunner of the U.S. Constitution. But the con-sensus was that people seem to fast-forward from the end of the Revolutionary War to the election of George Washington, skipping over Han-son's term as president.

"The root cause of the neglect was just neglect itself," Michael said.

The nation's infant years - from 1781 to 1787 - deserved more attention than that, Michael believed. than that, Michael believed. After all, during this period, the country's leaders kick-started U.S. foreign relations, created a national bank and peacefully gave way to a

stronger government.

One of the historical blind spots that Michael encountered related to the burial places of Hanson and his wife. Jane.

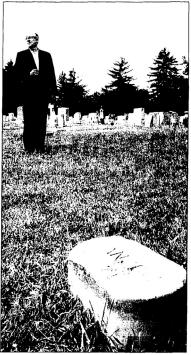
John Hanson died in 1783 while visiting his nephew at Oxon Hill Manor. That much was clear. But Michael didn't know whether Hanson's family buried his body in Frederick or southern Maryland. and making a good guess

wasn't going to satisfy him.
"I wanted to have this airr wanted to nave this air-tight, bullet-proof case about where he was buried," Michael said. Michael thought he'd

stumbled across his answer when he began talking with a woman from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. After months of slim pickings, a wealth of information appeared at Michael's finger tips as the woman emailed him maps, archaeological studies and historical docu-

The information from the park commission, Hanson's obituary and much of the oral tradition pointed in one direction: To a hillside crypt at Oxon Hill Manor, Michael said.

The obituary reported that Hanson was laid to rest



Staff photo by Bill Green

Peter Michael, a John Hanson historian, stands at Mount Olivet Cemetery

at his nephew's home, in the burial grounds of the Addison family. And a biography from the 1930s, as well as a former resident of the manor, believed Hanson was buried in the family crypt, built into a riverside cliff on

built into a riverside ciff of the Oxon Hill property. "Oh my gosh," Michael remembers thinking as he spoke with the woman. "He's buried in the crypt." But the MNCPPC repre-

sentative had one final docu-ment to send. In 1987, two years after experts had reported the vault was intact, an archaeological study found the crypt open and empty.
Someone had stolen the

been found. The reasons for removing them are unclear.

As for the vault, since it was no longer a burial place, developers knocked it down and paved over the site to construct a parking lot.

Not only was Hanson's body missing, but Michael also found that no one could tell him where Hanson's wife Jahe, was buried.
Outliving her husband by

almost 30 years, Jane Hanson died at home in Frederick and was buried in the graveyard of All Saints' Episcopal Church, then located on All Saints Street in Frederick.

In the early 20th century, the bodies in the graveyard



make room for development. Finding Jane Hanson's body would be tricky since in the All Saints' graveyard, she likely had been buried with a number of relatives inside a family vault. Michael was concerned that meant the individual identities of the bodies were lost during the shift from the vault to Mount

Working with the super-intendent at Mount Olivet, Michael concluded that Jane Hanson's coffin had been placed in a mass grave of 286 unidentified bodies. Standing on the 30-foot-wide grassy mound, Michael said

he was struck by the national forgetfulness and twists of fate that left both John and Jane Hanson without marked grave sites.
"I'm really glad that these

two mysteries have been solved, for John and Jane mainly ... and for the sake of posterity and history," he said of his research into the grave sites. "But I'm appalled at what happened to the two of them.... Why would it happen them. ... Why would it happ not just to one, but to both?

Michael said his book. "Remembering John Hanis nearing publication and should be available for sale before Christmas. He and the memorial association hope to mark the grave of Jane Hanson in Mount Olivet

### **Thousands** rally in D.C. for better iobs access

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of people led by the Rev. Al Sharpton rallied Saturday near the Washing ton Monument, where speakers called for easier job access and decried the gulf between rich and poor before the crowd marched to the new Martin Luther King Jr.

Memorial.

The rally was intended to drum up support for Presi-dent Barack Obama's jobs plan, which died Tuesday in the U.S. Senate.

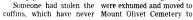
the U.S. Senate.

But speakers used the platform for varied causes, including condemning state laws requiring voter identification at the polls and protesting the recent execution of Troy Davis, a Georgia man convicted of killing an off-duty nolice officer. Davis off-duty police officer. Davis maintained his innocence until his death and attracted thousands of supporters worldwide even though courts repeatedly ruled there wasn't enough evidence to exonerate him. Chanting for jobs and jus-

tice, many demonstrators carried banners for their labor unions and wore pins or T-shirts bearing King's likeness. Obama is scheduled to speak Sunday at the dedication ceremony for the memo-rial, the first monument dedi-cated to a black leader on the National Mall

Sharpton, the featured speaker at the March on Washington for Jobs and Justice, blasted the Senate for its failure to pass Obama's \$450 billion jobs bill. The measure includes an extension of a payroll tax cut and unemployment bene-fits, as well as money to help local governments keep teachers and other workers







### 2nd Annual Wine Tasting and Halloween Pet Costume Party

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Peter Michael and Belva King at the Frederick County Courthouse where the John Hanson home once stood. There is a bronze plaque in the ground commemorating the site.

### Asbury central to black community

### Frederick's United Methodist Church had its beginnings in 1818

By TARA E. BUCK Netus-Fost Staff

REDERICK - Memhers of Asbury United
Methodist Church
Appreciate a rich history of service to Prederick's
black community, but also the

black community, but also the community at large.

Its beginnings, in 1818, were as a white church where blacks were allowed to attend services. By 1864, the parish's blacks came into full possession of the church, and by 1922 it moved to its current location on the cor-ner of Courl and East All Saint's streets.

ner of Court and East All Saint's streets.
The church has had 26 ministers, The Rev. Dr. Burton Mackleads the church today.
The church 'has always been the central focus point of the black community," said Rose Chaney, who has been a member of the church since she was bapitzed there as a baby, hit who will not reveal ther age. Ms. Chaney Joined the Rev. Mack and Asbury member Cynthia Lee for a discussion about the church, which colebrated itself anniversary last year.
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A Narcotics Anonymous group meets here. And a Girl Scout troop," she said. There are many groups within the church as well, such as the United

roop," she said. There are many groups within the church as well, such as the United Methodist Woman, United Methodist Memon, United Methodist Men, the Evagelism Committee and a Missions Committee and a Missions Committee, and a Missions Committee, and a Missions Committee, and a more than 200 members, the church is often a busy place. With more than 200 members, the church is often a busy place. Its membership is what the Rev. Mack is most proud of, he said recently.

Many well-known Frederick tonians have been members of the church, such as painter William Grinich, whose 1926s painting of Francis Scott Key hung in the old Francis Scott Key Hotel for many years; recently deceased William Occupational procession of the church, such as a political leader as well as area bistorland. Dr. Blanche Bourne-Tyree, the first woman in Frederick County to obtain a medical license, among others.

"There are big footprints here at Asbury," the Rev. Mack said. "We've had a lot of teachers and professional persons, doctors and everything. But it's a good, stable population.

There's a loyalty that persons have to Asbury."

He sold he is "always surprised" to learn of the many, many roles the church has played wilhin the city.

"I think one of my greatest surprises, I found out that when Rev. (John) Ford, when he was here when he was a youngster he played downstairs on a basketball team."

The Rev. Ford, who served as head of Asbury from 1977 to 1986, grew up in Prince George's County, and his basketball team played the old Lincoln High School team when it held its games in Asbury's basoment.

"I'm not the only one who has come full circle," the Rev. Mack said. "I used to work at (Alcoa) Eastalco and went into the ministry and went away before the Lord brought me back. ....! tell folks, I used to, when I was a teenager, once in a while I would venture onto All Saints Streath the Lord brought me back here to fix up what I messed up.

In the heart of what once was part of the city's traditionally black community during the years of segregation, Asbury's physical location is just as important as the name of the intersection at which it sits.

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important as the name of the intersection at which it sits.

"I say it's a great place to do ministry because it's like Trial Bonlevard (Court Street) and then where all the saints are gathered (All Saints Street), just at that intersection. It's amazing.

"He says it's here for a reason, that it's in the right place," Ms. Chaney said. "And I'm sure Asbury will always be here. I don't think it would ever move because it needs to be right in the community."
"It's where life really intersects," the Rev. Mack said. "As I've come on board, trying to recapture what they've been doing and what we need to do the future, we want to be a Bible-centered.

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There's a lot of work in the Frederick area that needs to be done and, as an urban congregation, no one else is going to do that us."

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Like, for instance, the institu-Like, for instance, the institu-tion of an after-school tutoring program, formed through part-nership with other churches. Or the free Thanksgiving dinner the church offered last year to the delight of the more than 200



Cynthia Lee talks about her life. life with her husband and the many trīps they shared

community residents and church members that came.

"Before the United Methodist Church, it was called the Methodist Episcopal Church, and before that merger there was a separate conference African-Americans. This church was the scene for the annual conference meeting for that whole Washington conferences, historically, it's always been here for the community," the Rev. Mack said.

"We're still planted, you know? Asbury has the strategic advantage of being planted in a neighborhood where many of the members grew up. Some, of

the members grew up. Some, of course, in the neighborhood go to some other churches but, to some other churches but, eventually, there's something that brings them back to Asbury, whether it's some program that we have or a joint service.

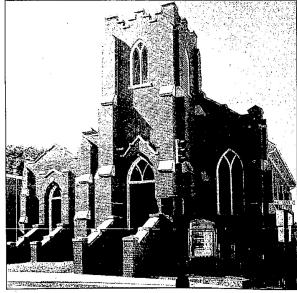
gram that we have or a joint service.

"And if we can help our young people, as they leave Asbury, which has been the tradition of Asbury, to go out and engage the world and to form their own families, we hope they'll be well-aquipped," the Rev Mack said. Certainly there's a legacy here that hasn't really been captured that way, but it's here."

"It doesn't really matter about the church, itself, the building; it's the community of earing, sharing people, It's always been. I feel that it still is," said Mrs. Lee, whose mother was the organist at Asbury for 45 years.

<sup>66</sup>There are big footprints here at Asbury. We've had a lot of teachers and professional persons, doctors and everything. ... But it's a good, stable population. There's a loyalty that persons have to Asbury.

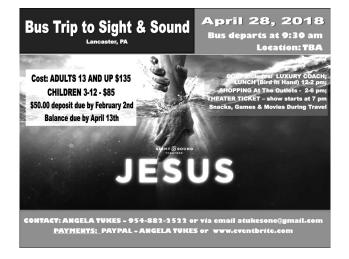




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Asbury United Methodist Church at the corner of West All Saints and Court streets.

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### The continuation of the Hall's of Frederick, Maryland Family History.

# HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO AND HIS INSTITUTIONS

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### LOUIS EMORY HALL

OUIS EMORY HALL, one of the leading figures in the public school life of Georgia, among the Negroes, is now principal of the school at Cedartown, where he has succeeded himself for twenty-eight consecutive years.

He is a native of Frederick, Md., where he was born February 22, 1856. His father, Richard A. Hall, was a prominent minister of the A. M. E. Church, and in 1887 came South as pastor of Big Bethel, Atlanta. His mother was Eliza (Black) Hall. Both his parents were freeborn.

Young Hall attended the public schools of Frederick, but later the family moved to Washington, and he pursued his public and high school studies there, and then matriculated at Howard University, graduating from the preparatory department in 1873, with the M. A. degree. In September of that year, he opened a private school in Baltimore city, which he taught for one year. The next year was spent in school work in Kent county, Maryland, at the end of which he was elected principal of Grammar School No. 2, Frederick, Md., his old home. In the Spring of '78 he came to Georgia, and taught private and night school for two years. In 1880 he was elected principal of the Sparta High School. On December 5th of that year, he was married to Miss Nannie M. Jones, a daughter of Jared and Sarah Jones, of Newnan. They have five living children: Nannie (now Mrs. Jennings, of Jacksonville); Gertrude (now Mrs. Marcrum); J. Emerson; Richard D., and Victor.

He remained on the Sparta work for four years, and during that time numbered among his pupils men who have since made their mark in Georgia. In 1884 he moved to Cartersville, where he taught for three years, till 1887, when he was elected to the principalship of the Colored Public School of Cedartown, just then in process of organization. Such has been the record he has made, that for more than a quarter of a century he has been chosen year after year to succeed himself. He has lived peacefully, and sustained the most cordial relationship with the people of the community, both white and black. He has made for himself the reputation of being a capable, efficient and trustworthy man.

In national matters he is a Republican, but in local affairs has not been an agitator along political lines, but, as he puts it, "stays with his friends." He is an active member of the A. M. E. Church, in which he is an elder, having joined the Conference in 1881. He was ordained elder at Rome in 1887, and has constantly had charge of mission work in his section, and has also given much time to Sunday School and League work, in which he is a leader. Among the secret orders, he is identified with the Odd Fellows, being Deputy Grand Master of the 29th Division. For years he has done a great deal of institute work among the colored teachers, and the esteem in which he is held by the school authorities may be inferred from the fact that the examination of colored teachers is usually entrusted to him. In his reading he takes to authors like Dumas and Hugo. He is also very fond of mathematics. When asked how the best interests of his race in Georgia might be promoted, his response was, "By the application of common sense."

# "Verbum Sat Sapienti."

THERE WILL BE A GRAND

### Exhibition & Concert,

given by Mr. L. E. HALL, Teacher of the Select School attached to "QUINN'S CHAPEL," East Third Sthreet,

### On Thursday Night, Dec. 23,

in the main Audience Room of the above Chapel. As the above Exhibition is for the benefit of the Chapel and for the

ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSE OF

### EDUCATION

in general, it is desired that all friends and lovers of Education will encourage us by their presence, as it is guaranteed that you will not only be entertained and amused, but will at the same time be benefited, as the above named person has spared no pains to present to the public such a Programme, consisting of Recitations in Grammar, Geography, &c., Original Compositions, Essays, Dialogues, Declamations,

### MUSIC TOTAL & INSTRUMENTAL

as has not been equalled or heard in Frederick, (among the colored people,) and cannot be excelled by any children of the same age.

ADMISSION 10 CENTS.

Duors open at 7 o'clock. Exhibition to begin at 8 sharp. Exhibition to begin at 8 sharp.

LEWIS E. HALL,

December 8th, 1875.

INSTRUCTOR.

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1875 Exhibition & Concert Program

### "IN STUDIUM INCUMBITE."

THERE WILL BE A GRAND

### Exhibition and Concert,

GIVEN BY

### Colored Public School No. 1

Situated in Quinn's A. M. E. Church, on East Third St.,

### On Wednesday Evening, April 11th, In the School Room.

This being our second appearance before the public, guarantees that all who favor us with their presence will not be disappointed. Come one, come all! The exercises will consist of

### CHORUS, QUARTETES, DULTES, AC.

Dialogues, Recitations, Declamations,

Essays, &c. Among the many Dialogues, Music, &c, will be performed the following:

THE FROG HOLLOW LYCEUM, (12 Characters)

"Scene in Beach Hollow School,"

### "THE LITERARY UNION,"

(7 Characters.)

Duett and Chorus, "Gathering Home;" Solo and Chorus, "The Pilgrim Band;" Quartette, "Nearing Home;" Duett, "Only an Armor Bearer," by two small Girls.

N. B.—The main feature of the Entertainment will be the Decoration of the School Room, which will consist, in part, of Wreaths, Crosses, Mottoes, Flags, Chinese Lanterns, &c.

Doors open at 7 o'clock. Exercises to commence at 8 o'clock, sharp.

Admission 10 Cents. Tickets to be had at the door.

### LEWIS E. HALL, Teacher.

COMMITTEE OF RECEPTION.—Messrs. Arthur Probee and Samuel Bell. [April 7, 1877—'Examiner' print.

1877 Exhibition & Concert Program

### "Labor Ipse Voluptas."

THERE WILL BE

### A Grand Exhibition and Concert

GIVEN BY

### MR. L. E. HALL.

Teacher of the School attached to

### WATERS' CHAPEL, SPRING STREET,

Between Jefferson and McElderry Sts.

### On Monday and Tuesday Nights, June 29th & 30th, 1874

IN THE MAIN AUDIENCE ROOM OF THE ABOVE CHAPEL.

As the above Exhibition is for the BENEFIT OF THE CHAPEL and for the Advancement of the Cause of Education in general, it is desired that all friends and lovers of Education will encourage us by their presence, as it is gauranteed that you will not only be entertained and amused, but will also at the same time be benefitted, as the above named person has spared no pains to present to the public such Recitations as cannot be excelled by any children of the same age.

### ADMISSION 20 CENTS.

Doors open 7 1-2 o'clock, Exhibition to begin at 8 o'clock sharp.

### REFRESHMENTS AT MODERATE PRICES.

Tickets can be obtained at the door, from scholars, and the following named Trustees of the Chapel:

D. C. CHASE, G. W. THOMAS, J. H. SLOCUM, J. TINES, I. STEVERSON, A. HUGHES.

LEWIS E. HALL, Teacher

REV. R. A. HALL, Superintendent.

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1874 Exhibition & Concert Program -Baltimore Maryland

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A weekly newspaper published for the moral, intellectual and material elevation of the Negro in general, and those of Cedartown and Polk county, Ga., in particular.

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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1895.

#### SALUTATORY.

THE WATCHMAN in stepping forth upon the wall of journalism offers no apology. Realizing that our people in this part of the state,-the grand old state of Georgia-are in need of a paper to raise us to that standard that is desired by all good people, THE WATCH-MAN has taken the field to advocate morality, intelligence and religion among our people, and to encourage the getting of homes, the learning of trades and following those pursuits that will cause the negro to be respected, believing that those who respect themselves will be respected. To this end we ask the co-operation of all good people in this work-remembering our motto; "I Watch You-You Watch Me." We ask for a correspondent from every town, village and hamlet in Polk county to keep us posted, and we promise that nothing shall enter our columns unless it has some "lifting" qualities about it. Yours for the race.

THE WATCHMAN.

#### OUR CITY SCHOOL.

The Cedartown Colored Public School opened up Monday, Sept. 2nd, with a large increase in pupils, more entered or matriculated than ever before in the of the school. Sixty pupils en-

### LOCAL LACONICS.

Miss Mattie Dupree has just closed a fine school at Esom Hill.

Rev. W. J. White has just closed his meetings with fifteen souls.

Rev. J. E. McCain is running his meeting at Grady Mission with fine results.

Rev. H. D. Denmon has just closed out his meetings at Grady with fine results.

Rev. P. G. Simmons preached for Rev. J. E. McCain last Tuesday night at Grady.

Rev. A. C. Loyd, of Tallapoosa, preached three fine sermons here during the meeting.

Miss Beatrice McGhee, one of the leading young ladies of Rock was in town last Tuesday.

Dr. Neale preached at the Adchurch last Sunday at 3
The rally netted about \$14.00

Mrs. S. M. McCain cosed out her school at Terrell's Chapel with a good attendance September, 6th.

Mrs. Johnson departed this life on the 9th inst. Her funeral was preached by Rev. Daniel from the First Baptist church last Tuesday.

The following named persons have been indisposed this week: Burrill Liggins and son, A. E. Carpenter, Mrs. Ellen McCain and Miss Hattie Peek

Mr. L. M. Bond, the tonsorial artist, has a lovely nome. Everything is as neat as a pin, being

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Fragment of "The Cedartown Watchman" Sep 13, 1895

#### Lewis Emory (L.E.) Hall

aka: L.E. Hall

#### Notes

ewis Emory Hall as well as his parents, Richard A. Hall and Eliza J. Black, were born free in Frederick City, Maryland. His grandmother and grandfather, Rachel and Richard B. Hall also were born in Frederick and were manumitted in 1790 and 1819 respectively.

Lewis E.(L.E.) was born, February 22, 1856, a year before the U. S. Supreme Court, whose Chief Justice was Roger Brooke Taney a resident of Frederick City, issued a decision in the Dred Scott Case.

The judicial opinion decided March 6, 1857 in this case ruled that black people, whether manumitted, born free, or slave could never be citizens of the United States, and that Congress had no authority to probity slavery in the new territories.

Lewis E. Hall and Nannie M. Jones were married at the home of the bride in Newnan, Georgia, December 8, 1880. In attendance were E. J. Stacy, W. C. Reese, T. M. Jones and others . (Family Bible) On the same day of their marriage Lewis's grandfather, Jacob Black, died in Baltimore, Md. (Death Certificate)

They were married by the Rev. John B. L. Williams who was born in Maryland and who was married to Georgia Ann, a school teacher.

In 1888 the teaching salary was \$40.00 a month.

POLK CO., GA. OBIT

Infant Hall, On account of the death of the infant child of Pro. L.E. Hall the colored public schools were closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Cedartown Standard, Thursday, December 11, 1902.

The above obit was for Emma Loua Katie

The Christian Recorder Dec 3, 1884

L.E. Hall tranferred from Macon Conference to North Georgia Conference

ITEM#122596 Dec 15, 1881 THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER Philadelphia, Pa

By Rev. W. H. Harris, P.E.

The above wrote:

Before I close my letter to make my report, I must say soing about our school at Sparta, under the principalship of Prof. Hall, a graduate of Howard College, Washington D.C., and a local Preacher. This young man received his appointment from our beloved Bishop Dickerson. He needs no comment, he is well known as a man of high intellectual training. He has done a powerful work for our church at the above named place. We have through much tribulation nearly completed the main buliding, and scholars are coming from all parts.

An excerpt

Nannie, Gertrude, Emerson, Richard, and Reid were the surviving children of L.E. at the time of his death 6-3-24. As in many families conflicts arise among the siblings, and among these were no different.

Nannie and Richard argued and fought over their father's ring, gold with an amethyst stone. It appears that Richard won this battle for the ring is in my possession today.





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MONDAY, OCT. 27, 1884.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Local .- Notice.

Local.—Every Democrat.

Local.-Attention Democrats.

### LOCAL DEPARTMENT

Colored Republicans at Buckeystown. A large and enthusiastic meeting of colored voters was held at Bellaire School House, last Saturday evening. under the auspices of the colored Blaine & Logan Club of that vicinity, numbering 150 members. A large stand was erected and decorated with ar immense Union flag and torches, while the Buckeystown colored band furnished the music for the occasion. Messrs. Miller and Markell, who addressed the meeting, report that there were at least 200 persons present and that they were most hospitably entertained by Mr. Joseph Simmons.

Republican Meetings Announced. The Republican Central Committee of Frederick County assembled in this city Saturday. Among other business transacted the following meetings were decided on. Friday night, the 31st inst., in Frederick: Hon. L. E. McComas and Hon. J. Morrison Harris will be the speakers. At Point of Rocks, November 1st.; to be addressed by C. W. Miller, Esq. The Corn Cob association to be held in Sheb Row on the 29th inst; Isaac Myers, Esq., of Baltimore, will be the orator. A meeting of the colored Republicans of West All Saints' street will soon be announced.

A Kindling Wood Factory Burned. Yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock the citizens of Frederick were roused out of their sleep by the sound of a fire A great light illuminated the eastern heavens and toward that light the hurrying multitude plodded. The fire was in the kindling wood factory of Abram H. Hargett, situated on East street, near Second and it was not long before the shedding was in ashes. The fire companies responded promptly, but, owing to an insufficient water supply, (the water having been shut off from the city at six o'clock the evening before) the services amounted to little more than to prevent the spreading of the flames. The shed was 20x70 feet in dimensions and is entirely destroyed. Mr. Hargett estimates his loss at \$1,400, with an insurance of \$900 in the Peoples Insurance Company of www York, Bouldin & Free-The contents of the man, Agts. building, besides the engine, saws and other machinery, consisted of thirteen or fourteen cords of unsplit wood, three hundred bundles of prepared kindlings, a buggy, cart and harness. Nothing but the charred remnants of the stock of wood remain. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin. Mr. Hargett said to a News reporter that it was doubtful if he would reconstruct the build-

Insurance Claim Adjusted.—The claim in respect of the Berger property recently destroyed by fire on Sheb Row has been adjusted by the payment by the Old Mutual Insurance Co of this city, of \$200. The amount was handed over on Monday last.

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**Bowie - Thomas Reunion** 

That was the 40th Reunion and now it is time for the 55th Reunion on August 18, 2018!

Save the Date!

# Belva's Museum Artifacts

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**Frederick Events** 

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The Halls of Frederick

April 2018

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### African American Community Calendar Updated March 1, 2018

(Includes only activities open to the public)

(This calendar is a community service project of the Negro Business & Professional Women's Frederick Club) (If you wish your group's public event/activity added to this African American Community Calendar,

send to rodoch@aol.com. Also please email any corrections!

### **ONGOING**

**Every Sunday** 'Worship Service' – Noon, Carver's Community Center in

Frederick. Shekinah Glory (Faye & Linus Bremby) 301-351-6918

"Spiritual Boot Camp Bible Study" – Jackson Chapel UMC. 8:45 am.(until Apr.

Every Monday – Friday Every Monday "Noon Day Prayer" - at Thomas Tabernacle, 517 South Market Street, Frederick "ADULT BIBLE STUDY & BASIC BIBLE STUDY" ~ 7: 00 PM - 1st Missionary Baptist

Church 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Zumba" – with Tonja Street at North Onelife Fitness (Osprey Way) 7:30pm.

Donations accepted

"Evangelism Seminars" - Beginning Oct. 23 at Thomas Tabernacle, 517 N. Market

St. 6:30 pm. Open to all.

Tuesday's With Sherri Women's Group" - 11 am. Lincoln Apts. Community

Room. Sherri Ames - 240-457-0157.

"Adult & Youth Bible Study" -  $\sim$  7: 00 PM - 1st Missionary Baptist Church 6430

Jefferson Pike,

**Every Tuesday** "Conference Prayer Line" - Hosted by House of Bread Ministries. 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

- 1-641-715-3200 (Pin number: 472601#).

"Corporate Bible Study" - 7 - 8 PM, Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 5132

Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD. All are welcomed!

"Corporate Prayer Service" - New Dimension Worship Center, 7:00pm, 5111

Pegasus Court, suite F

"Bible Study (all ages)" - New Dimension Worship Center, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, 5111

Pegasus Court, Suite F, Frederick, MD 21704

**Every Wednesday** "Corporate Prayer Service" – 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist Church 6430

Jefferson Pike, Frederick. All are welcome.

"Mid-Week Worship Service" – 7 pm Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger

Creek Pike, Frederick 27103

"Hour of Empowering" Bible Study" - First Love International Ministries. 7:00 p.m. via phone conference. Anyone can dial in at (712) 770-4010 and dial 611-113 at

the prompt. We invite anyone who wants to attend a powerful and enlightening Bible

Study from the comfort of their homes.

"Noon Worship Service" - Missionary Baptist Church, 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Prayer Service" – 8 pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist Church, 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Bible Study & Prayer" – Asbury UM Church. 7 pm. Open to all!

**"Interactive Bible Study" -** First Love International Ministries. Enjoy Bible Study by teleconference from the comfort of your home. Dial (712) 770-4010 and then

611-113# at the prompt

"Call in Prayer" - Wayman AME Church, 6:00Am, (515-603-3145), access code 211184#

"Zumba" – with Tonja Street at TJ Middle School 4pm. Donations accepted "Youth Bible Study" - 7PM – Thomas Tabernacle Church, 517 South Market Street, Frederick MD. Contact 301-695-9148 for further information.

"Adult Prayer, Praise & Bible Study" – 7 pm. Thomas Tabernacle Church, 517 South Market Street, Frederick MD. Contact 301-695-9148 for further information.

#### 1st Wednesdays

"Holy Communion Service" - 7 - 8:30 PM, Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 5132 Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD. All are welcomed!

#### **Every Thursday**

"Not On Our Watch (NOOW) Intercessory Prayer Line" - New Dimensions Worship Center. 712-775-7035 access code 347845# from 9:00-10:00pm, except for Holidays

'Believers Study & Prayer Service' – 6:30 - 8 pm, Carver's Community Center in Frederick. Shekinah Glory (Faye & Linus Bremby) 301-351-6918

"Zumba" – Quinn Chapel AME Church Christian Center. 6 pm. \$5.

"Zumba" – with Tonja Street at First Missionary Baptist Church 6:30pm. Donations accepted

"Adult & Youth Bible Study" - "A Deeper Look at Prayer" & "Spiritual Boot Camp". Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger Creek Pike (until Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>) 7 pm (Family, Food & Fellowship - 6 - 6:45 pm). Nursery available for 5 years and under during study times

### 1st & 3rd Fridays **Every Saturday**

"TGIF – Happy Hour Bible Study" – Asbury UMC.. 7:00

"Community Line Dancing" -6-8 pm. Asbury UM Church. All are welcome. POSTPONED – WILL RESUME SOON!

"Walking Exercise Group" – 7 – 8 am. Jackson Chapel Health & Wellness Ministry. Meet in church parking lot. Open to the community. Info: 301-676-5670; evamellis@yahoo.com

### 2018

 $\frac{MAR}{3}$ "Re-enactment of the 1913 Women's Suffrage March" - Join Frederick County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc with this historic march. It begins at 7:30 AM at the Frederick Keys Stadium and ends at the Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD, where the culminating program, including greetings, speakers and general acknowledgements will begin at 10:00 AM. Please confirm your intentions to join us for this empowering event no later than Friday, February 2, 2018 by registering at Register@eventbrite.com (https://fcacwomenssuffrageparade.eventbrite.com). For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact polsoc.fcacmd@gmail.com or 240-855-1729.

- 3 "Evening of Excellence" – EmPowerment Counsulting Services, LLC. All ladies are invited for an Evening of Fine Dining, Glamour, Laughter, Sisterhood, and Empowerment. An Evening of Celebrating You! Ceresville Mansion, 8529 Liberty Road, Frederick, MD 21701. 7 - 11pm. Cost: \$75. Tickets are nonrefundable but transferable. Register at http://www.empowermentcsllc.com
- 3 "Home Ownership Seminar" - Mt. Zion AME Church, 202 Jefferson Pike, Knoxville. 10 am -12 pm. RSVP by Mar. 1st to 240-418-8755

- "Women of Excellence Awards Luncheon." To celebrate Women's History Month, Chi Theta 10 Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, will be honoring Frederick and Washington Counties' Women of Distinction at our biennial "Women of Excellence Awards Luncheon." This event will take place at Ceresville Mansion, 8529 Liberty Rd, Frederick, Maryland from 12pm to 3pm. Our mission is to recognize and honor women who distinguish themselves by making major contributions in our community and to provide scholarships to promote higher education for students who aspire to make a difference in society. The proceeds from this program will benefit our scholarship and community outreach programs. For further information or to purchase tickets contact any Chi Theta Omega member. Ticket price is \$55 person. W2WM Pop-Up Shop will be available – this is the destination for savvy fashionistas to find stylish clothing to enhance their image, shop awesome brand names, brand new and gently worn clothes, accessories, purses and shoes and enjoy a social networking experience! One hundred percent of the revenue earned from this social enterprise supports the programs of Woman to Woman Mentoring, Inc. so we can provide mentoring services to young women who live or work in Frederick!! For information regarding nomination of a Woman of Excellence or to support the program by donation or placing an ad, please contact Danielle Haskin, (240) 551-4633 or danihas1@umbc.edu. Tickets are available for purchase at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-of-excellence-tickets-42...
- 17 "2nd Annual B O U N C E Male Youth Summit" Frederick Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. 8:30am-1:30pm FCC conference center, bldg E, 7932 Opossumtown Pike Frederick, MD 21702. Free 1-day event to enlighten, encourage and motivate middle and high school aged males to bounce boldly into their futures through interactive break-out and group sessions. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The day will end with a 3-on-3 basketball game. Registration is required via eventbrite- b.o.u.n.c.e. Info: smiedwards@aol.com or deltafcac417@hotmail.com
- "Women's Day at Wayman AME Church" Theme is "Joy in The Journey". 10:00 am Speaker is First Lady Carla Ray, Wayman AME Church ~3:00 pm Guest Speaker: Pastor Barbara A. Hardy from New Dimensions Worship Center, Frederick MD. Fellowship Meal served from 1:00-2:30pm. ~ Everyone is welcome! Women, Men, Children! ~ Wayman AME Church 9940 Liberty Road, Frederick MD Rev. Robert A. Ray, Pastor, Rev Carol Roache, Associate Minister ~ For more information, call Ernestine Boyd: Phone: 301-898-9426
- **"Evangelist Anniversary"** Thomas Tabernacle Holiness Church of God, Inc., 517 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701, 301-695-9148. Speaker: Evangelist Michelle Johnson of Thomas Tabernacle Church at 11am service
- **\*\*Community Easter Egg Hunt\*\*** Asbury UM Church at Mullinix Park. 11:00 am. (rain date: Apr. 2) Ages 3 12. Free and open to the community. Hunt, prizes, crafts, food, fun! 301-663-9380.

### <u>APR</u>

- **Easter Program"** Thomas Tabernacle Holiness Church of God, Inc., 517 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701, 301-695-9148. 7 pm service
- **8 "46th Church Anniversary"** Thomas Tabernacle Holiness Church of God, Inc. 517 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701, 301-695-9148. 11am service: Speaker: Evangelist Tyleet Sampson of Thomas Tabernacle Church; 4 pm service: Speaker: Pastor Jay Williams of Grace Tabernacle
- **"Minority Health Month Health Fair"** Trinity UMC; 9:30 am -2 pm. Co hosted by Faith Striders & Asian American Center. Free screenings. Work outs and educational vendors. Free to public
- **14 & 15 "National Black Memorabilia, Fine Art & Crafts Show" -** Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 501 Perry Parkway, in Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877. Show hours are Saturday, 10 am until 7 pm, and Sunday, 10 am until 5 pm. Admission is \$7 and students are admitted free. The

show is all indoors. There is free parking. There will be many vendors, educational exhibits, seminars and celebrity autograph sessions. This is an educational event on African American History and Culture. For additional information and vendor space reservations, call (301) 649-1915, email <u>Ljohnsonshows@aol.com</u>, view <u>www.johnsonshows.com</u> or view www.facebook.com/Blackmemorabiliashow.

- **22 "46th Church Anniversary"** Thomas Tabernacle Holiness Church of God, Inc. 517 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701, 301-695-9148. Speaker: Apostle Carlos Hansell of Kingdom Purpose Deliverance Ministries, Martinsburg, West Virginia at 4pm service.
- **\*\*Bus Trip to Sight & Sound"** See the production "Jesus". Bus departs at 9:30 am; Location TBA. Cost: adults 13 and up \$135; children 3-12 \$85.: COST Includes: Luxury Caoch; Lunch (Bird In Hand) 12-2 pm; Shopping At The Outlets 2-6 pm; Theater ticket show starts at 7 pm; Snacks, Games & Movies During Travel. \$50.00 deposit due by February 2<sup>nd</sup>; Balance due by April 13th. Contact: Angela Tukes—954-882-2522 or via email <a href="mailto:atukesone@gmail.com">atukesone@gmail.com</a>, Payments: Paypal— Angela Tukes or <a href="mailto:www.eventbrite.com">www.eventbrite.com</a>
- **Yomen's Day Celebration"** 3:00 pm-Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick, MD . Guest Speaker is the Rev. Pamula D.Yerby-Hammack, Assistant Pastor of City of Abraham Church & Ministries of Baltimore, MD. Theme: Our Inheritance in Christ. Dinner served following service.
- **\*\*D.I. Height Hats & Bowties Scholarship & Leadership Luncheon**" Frederick Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. 3 5:30 PM Musket Ridge Club House: 3555 Brethen Church Rd. Myersville, MD 21773. 5:30 pm Keynote speaker: Dr. Mareena Robinson Snowden, who is a national nuclear security administration fellow. \$45. For tickets: www.dstfcacmd.org

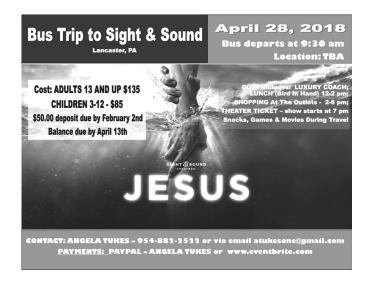
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### **JUNE**

"Real Men / Real Women/ Real Talk 5th Annual Breakfast" – Faith Striders. Dutches Daughter. \$30.00 per person. More info to come



### MLK 50th Anniversary: Where Were You?



Do you remember where you were on April 4, 1968 when you heard about the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.? The museum will commemorate this day with a short film and panel discussion sharing Maryland citizens' memories of his death. This event includes performances by Slam Poet, Femi the DriFish and stage actor Keith Snipes. Visitors will have opportunities to video record their memories of King at this memorial event. Presented by social entrepreneur Dr. LaMarr Darnell Shields and the Cambrio Group. Film being featured - #WhereWereYou When King Was Cut Down Live Broadcast - For the Culture with Farajii Muhammad - WEAA 88.9FM - 5-7pm

Program included with museum admission

### Afro-American History: Blueprint for Survival produced by the NAACP Department of Education

Black Facts: 1540 - 1986 continued

1980 Dr. Maurice Clifford became the first black to head a major non-black American medical school, The Medical College of Pennsylvania.

National Urban League director Vernon Jordan was shot and critically injured.

1981 Noted Civil rights leader and former Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Roy Wilkins, died.

Wilberforce (Ohio) University, the nations's oldest black university, celebrated its ` 125th anniversary.

Samuel Pierce was confirmed as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

The Solidarity Day March in Washington, DC brought together 500,000 people in a grassroots coalition protest against budget cuts proposed by the Reagan Administration.

Dr. Bernard Harleston, appointed President of New York's City College.

Death of Joe Louis.

Andrew Young, former U.N. Ambassador, elected Mayor of Atlanta.

Thurman L. Milner elected Mayor of Hartford, Connecticut.

James Chase elected Mayor of Spokane, Washington.

1982 The death of Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the legendary pitcher who joined the American League's Cleveland Indians in 1948.

President Ronald Reagan signed a 25-year extension of the voting Rights Act of 1965.

1983 The death of Eubie Blake (1883-1983), ragtime pianist and composer.

Harold Washington was sworn in as the first black Mayor of Chicago.

Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford, Jr. became the first black American to fly into outer space.

Vanessa Williams became the first black woman to win the Miss American title.

President Reagan signed, into law, a bill designating the third Monday of January each year as a federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The following photos are from Beverly Hill Ford's family photo album. They offer a glimpse into Frederick all the way back to 1900. The captions are from the album. Thank you Beverly. If you have questions, you can call Beverly at 301-662-1869.



Alice Davis and B. Lawson, nursing students at Freedman's School of Nursing



Nursing student



John Edumnd Davis (brother) and Alice Davis Brooks (sister, outside the home place on Bartonsville Road.





Alice Davis Hill



Cousins - John Davis, Jr., Bert Hill, Jr., and Vincent Hill at Prospect Hall



Katherine Bruce



Bert Hill with baby Vincent (6 months), on steps of their first home on Bartonsville Road, (March 3, 1937).



Bert Hill, Jr. and Vincent Hill



Bert Hill, Sr. at Prospect Hall (circa 1945)



Left to right: Vincent Hill, Grandmother Elsie Hill Washington, Bert Hill, Jr., Front: Bevererly Hill (circa 1946)



Bert Hill, Sr. with Vincent Hill and bert Hill, Jr. (standing)



Beverly Hill and Gwendolyn Crampton in the Hill's backyard at 19 West All Saints Street, Frederick, MD (cira 1949-1950)



Miss Eunice C. Hutchins (1957)



Bert Hill, Sr., Peoples Drug Store delivery person





Anita Q. Bryand and Mrs. Alice DeLauter on field trip to Washington, D.C. (1957)



Lincoln Hish School juniors - William "Tommy" Walker, Beverly Hill, Eugene Brown, and Larry Whiten (1957)

Miss Elizabeth Brown, first grade teacher at Lincoln School







The Rev. Ezra E. Williams at 19 West All Saints Street, Frederick, MD (1947)



Left to right - Mary Hoy Butler and Eloise Robinson



Gwen Crampton (standing) and Elizabeth Timpson (seated)



Left to right - Blanche Bourne Tyree, MD, Loiuse Harris and Gladys Wolf (at table) Harry Wolfe (back to camera)



Center - Sonny Lee (facing camera)
Cynthia Lee (back to camera)



Alcone Carter



Charles "Duke" Wars



Three of the Matriarchs of Bartonsville



Left to right - Alice Hill, Charlotte Davis



Ellen Nickens, Gwen Magruder, and Eloise Robinson (*standing*), Alfernia Dailey and Elinor brown (*seated*)



The Washington DC Family History Center is pleased to announce that registration is now open for our annual conference on **Saturday, May 5, 2018.** 

This conference is free of charge. It will be held from 9:00 - 3:00 at the Washington DC Stake Center (home of the WDCFHC), 10000 Stoneybrook Drive, Kensington, MD 20895.

The keynote speaker is James Tanner who will address the topic: Technology and Genealogy: A Perfect Match.

In response to requests for education on DNA and its impact on genealogy research, we are offering several classes in Beginning and Advanced DNA methodology.

Class descriptions, presenters' bios, and registration information can be accessed at our conference website:

http://wdcfhc.org/Conference/index.php

Please join us! If you have questions, please send an email to: conf2018@wdcfhc.org or call 301-587-0042.

Help us spread the word by forwarding this notice to genealogy organizations and personal friends who may be interested in attending.

We look forward to seeing you on May 5. Carol Petranek Conference Director Rose Chaney sent this information to us. The publication attached to the link is very good and well worth typing in all those letters.

Please find a link to our new publication "Researching African American Families at the Maryland State Archives." <a href="http://slavery.msa.maryland.gov/pdf/researching\_african\_american\_families.pdf">http://slavery.msa.maryland.gov/pdf/researching\_african\_american\_families.pdf</a>

Feel free to share it with your network.

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Maya Davis, Research Archivist Maryland State Archives 350 Rowe Blvd. Annapolis, MD 21401

### Ribbon Cutting Re-Opens McCrory Store on Friday

Promptly at 9 o'clock Friday morning Senator Jacob R. Ramsburg and Mayor John A. Derr shared honors in snipping the ribbon stretched across the Market Street entrance of the McCrory Company's refurbished self-service store, signalling the formal opening to a large group of Frederick early morning shoppers, who had been gathering on the sidewalk on front of the store a half hour or so before opening time.

Preceding the actual ribbon cutting, a short broadcast was made in which the local manager, Stephen S. Langley, II, the district manager, and the McCrory Stores food manager briefly explained the advantages of the new self service setup and extended greetings to Fredericktonians.

A representative group of state and local officials and businessmen were on hand prior to the opening Friday morning for a preview of the store, and were guest of the management for light breakfast at the completely rebuilt luncheonette.

All merchandise had been attractively and conveniently displayed on racks, tables and in bins. The accent is on glass shelving and each item is plainly marked with the retail price to facilitate handling at the checkout counters. There are four checkout counters at the Market Street exit and three at the Patrick Street.

Sales ladies were attractively attired in blue smocks.

Small folding canvas baskets were to be found in racks located strategically throughout the store for customers who find they have made more purchases than they can conveniently carry.

Continued is the poultry counter which has been a locally leased department for several years. Numerous new items of merchandise have been added to the already big variety of tis type of store, but probably the most eye-catching department is the gleaming chrome fitted lunch counter, equipped with the most modern and sanitary facilities, where one can purchase anything from a cup of coffee to a turkey dinner.

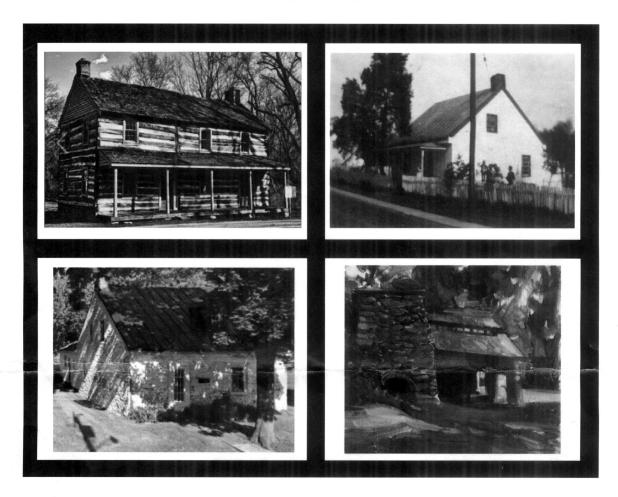
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### Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.



Where History Changes Lives!





Since 1974, the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society has worked to preserve the history of the village of Catoctin Furnace. CFHS celebrates, studies, and preserves the architecture, landscape, and culture of this pre-Revolutionary village. The four historic structures pictured above are our links to the past. Please join us and help us care for these treasures of American industrial history!

1 year membership is \$25.00 Lifetime membership is \$250.00 Renewing my membership for 2018\_ Joining as a new member in 2018\_

| Name:Address:  | What volunteer opportunities interest you? Program DevelopmentFundraising EventsDocent work Maintenance      |
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| Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.<br>12525 Catoctin Furnace Road, Thurmont, MD 21788<br>443-463-6437 www.catoctinfurnace.org | Save the Date! May 5 & 6, 2018  Spring in the Village, Art at the Furnace  Juried Art, Crafts, Food, & Music |

### The continuation of the Hall's of Frederick, Maryland Family History.

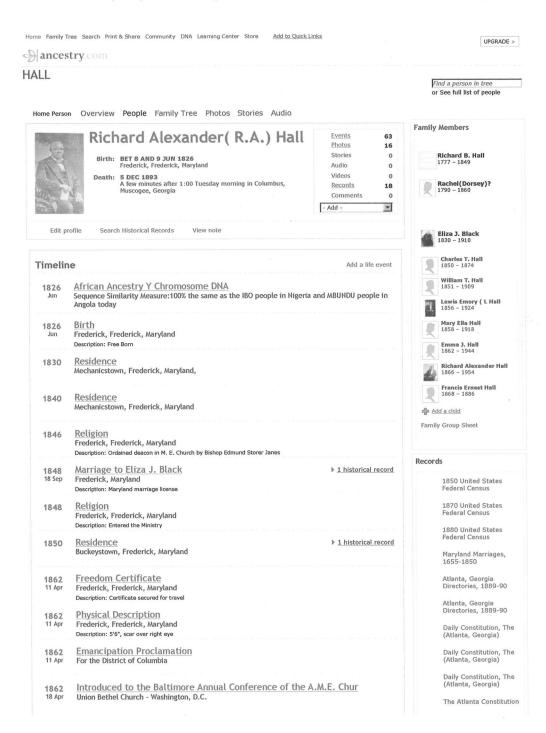
This is the final part of the Hall's Family History book that has been featured in several past newsletters. Many thanks to the Halls for letting us share their information with you.



Richard Alexander (R.A.) Hall



Eliza J. Black Hall



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| 40/5           | Pasteral Appointment  |                        | U.S. City Directories  |
| 1862<br>-1864  | Pastoral Appointment<br>Hancock, Maryland   |                        | U.S. City Directories  |
| 1864<br>Apr    | Ordination Union Bethel Church- Wash., D.C. Description: Elevated to the office of Elder  |                        | U.S. City Directories  |
| 1864<br>-1866  | Pastoral Appointment Cumberland, Maryland Description: The African Methodist Episcopal Church   |                        | U.S. City Directories U.S. City Directories  |
| 1866<br>-1868  | Pastoral Appointment<br>Washington, D. C.   |                        | U.S. City Directories  |
| 1867           | Description: St. Paul A. M.E. Church  Residence BET 1867 AND 1875   |                        | U.S. City Directories  |
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| 1868<br>-1870  | Pastoral Appointment Washington, D. C. Description: Union Bethel A. M. E. Church  |                        | Source citations (42) Add a source citation  |
| 1870<br>7 Jun  | Residence East of Seventh Street, Washington, District of Columbia  | ▶ 1 historical record  | Web Links  Add a link  No web links have been added.   |
| 1870<br>-1872  | Pastoral Appointment Annapolis, Maryland Description: Mount Moriah A.M.E. Church  |                        | Get the Ancestry Toolbar  Search the web for Richard  Alexander( R.A.) Hall                              |
| 1872<br>Mar    | Visit with President Grant A meeting with President Grant at the White House Description: Attended with the Baltimore Annual Conference |                        | Additional Tools   |
| 1872<br>-1874  | Pastoral Appointment Baltimore, Maryland Description: Waters Chapel A. M. E. Church   |                        | Print posters and books  Create military page BETA  Find famous relatives                                |
| 1873           | Residence Oleans St., near the Commons - Baltimore Maryland   |                        | Save person to another tree Contact Ancestry members researching this person Invite family to contribute |
| 1874<br>-1875  | Pastoral Appointment Washington, D.C. Description: Union Bethel A.M.E. Church   |                        | Tivite failing to contribute   |
| 1875<br>-1877  | Pastoral Appointment Frederick, Frederick, Maryland Description: Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church   |                        | INTERNATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY RECORDS Follow your   |
| 1876<br>4 Sep  | Quinn Chapel AME Church Corner Stone Laid<br>Frederick, Frederick, Maryland   |                        | roots around<br>the world.   |
| 1877<br>15 Aug | Migration Big Bethel A.M.E. Church - Atlanta Georgia Description: Transferred to the Georgia Conference                                 |                        |  |
| 1877<br>20 Aug | Big Bethel A.M.E. Church Inaugural Sermon<br>Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia   |                        |  |
| 1877<br>-1881  | Residence<br>Atlanta, Georgia   | ▶ 8 historical records |  |
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| -1881          | Atlanta, Georgia   |                        |
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| 1877<br>-1881  | Residence<br>Atlanta, Georgia  | ▶ 8 historical records |
| 1878<br>18 May | A Revival Big Bethel A.M.E. Church - Atlanta Georgia Description: "one of the most industrious & hard-working revivalists"                             |                        |
| 1878<br>29 May | Shouting For Joy Big Bethel A.M.E. Church - Atlanta Georgia Description: Revival continues unabated  |                        |
| 1878<br>14 Aug | Sermon before the Good Samaritans & Daughters of Samaria Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia Description: The Daily Constitution printed a pamplet of this sermon |                        |
| 1880<br>18 May | <u>Delegate to General Conference</u><br>St Louis, Missouri  |                        |
| 1880           | Residence<br>147 Wheat St Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia,  | ▶ 1 historical record  |
| 1880           | Residence<br>Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia, United States   | ▶ 1 historical record  |
| 1881           | Fact<br>Founding Trustee of Morris Brown College-1881  |                        |
| 1881           | Biography<br>Richard Alexander Hall<br>Description: Written by Alexander Walker Wayman   |                        |
| 1882<br>25 Apr | Main Speaker Macon Georgia Description: Laying the corner Stone of the Colored Blind Academy   |                        |
| 1882<br>9 Jul  | A Handsome Church Cotton Ave. A.M.E. Church - Macon, Ga. Description: Prepared for Decidation  |                        |
| 1886<br>-1888  | Residence<br>240 Wheat St Atlanta, Georgía   | ▶ 8 historical record  |
| 1886<br>-1900  | Residence<br>Columbus, Georgia   | ▶ 8 historical record  |
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| 1888           | Delegate to General Conference   |                        |

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| 1 May          | Indianapolis, Indiana<br>Description: Boarded with Mrs. Elkin                           | s at 540 Mississ | sippi Ave.               |                   |                        |
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| 1889<br>22 Jul | The "Masterly Funeral Save eulogy for Mrs. Eliza An Description: Wife of Bishop Henry M | n Peacher T      | umer                     |                   |                        |
| 1893<br>20 Nov | Transferred to the Nor  | th Alaban        | na Conferer              | oce               |                        |
| 1893<br>5 Dec  | Death<br>A few minutes after 1:00 Tue   | esday mornin     | g in Columbus,           | Muscogee, Georgia |                        |
| 1893<br>6 Dec  | Funeral<br>Eulogistic remarks: Job 13th   | Chapter:Ver      | ses 15 and16             |                   |                        |
| 1893<br>6 Dec  | Funeral<br>St. James AME Church- Colum  | nbus, Georgi     | a- 3:00 Wedne            | sday afternoon    |                        |
| 1893<br>6 Dec  | Funeral<br>Casket- Antique oak  |                  |                          |                   |                        |
| 1893<br>6 Dec  | Funeral Songs<br>"The Christian's Goodnight" &  | : "Asleep in J   | lesus"                   |                   |                        |
| 1893<br>6 Dec  | Funeral Eulogy<br>Preached by Rev. Wright Nev   | vman, Presid     | ling Elder of Co         | olumbus District  |                        |
| 1893<br>7 Dec  | Funeral Home:<br>David T. Howard - Atlanta, G   | ieorgia          |                          |                   |                        |
| 1893<br>7 Dec  | Burial<br>Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia  |                  |                          |                   |                        |
| 1893<br>21 Dec | Obituary Description: Written by W. R. Terry  | in "The Christia | an Recorder <sup>a</sup> |                   |                        |
| Aug            | Birth<br>Frederick, Frederick, Maryla<br>Description: Igbo-Free Born                    | nd               |                          |                   | ▶ 3 historical records |
|                | Medical Description: Cause of death pneum   | nonia            |                          |                   |                        |
|                | Residence<br>Atlanta, GA  |                  |                          |                   | ▶ 2 historical records |
|                | Residence<br>Atlanta, GA  |                  |                          |                   | ▶ 2 historical records |
| Photos         |   |                  |                          |                   | Add a photo            |
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### Belva's Museum Artifacts

The news articles are about Frederick History

**Frederick Events** 

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### **African American Community Calendar** Updated April 13, 2018

(Includes only activities open to the public)

(This calendar is a community service project of the Negro Business & Professional Women's Frederick Club)

(If you wish your group's public event/activity added to this African American Community Calendar, send to rodoch@aol.com. Also please email any corrections!

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'Worship Service' – Noon, Carver's Community Center in

Frederick. Shekinah Glory (Fave & Linus Bremby) 301-351-6918

"Spiritual Boot Camp Bible Study" – Jackson Chapel UMC. 8:45 am.(until Apr.

5<sup>th</sup>)

Every Monday – Friday

"Noon Day Prayer" - at Thomas Tabernacle, 517 South Market Street, Frederick

"ADULT BIBLE STUDY & BASIC BIBLE STUDY" ~ 7: 00 PM - 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist

Church 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Zumba" – with Tonja Street at North Onelife Fitness (Osprey Way) 7:30pm. Dona-

tions accepted

"Evangelism Seminars" – Beginning Oct. 23 at Thomas Tabernacle, 517 N. Market

St. 6:30 pm. Open to all.

"Woman's Bible Study" – Bethel Worship Center. Bible Study 7:45-8:30 PM / Prayer 8:30-9:00PM) Conference Call Info: (605) 472-5563 Access Code: 543854.

Please Submit Your Prayer Requests to bwc.impact@gmail.com

**Tuesday** "Tuesday's With Sherri Women's Group" - 11 am. Lincoln Apts. Community

Room. Sherri Ames - 240-457-0157.

"Adult & Youth Bible Study" - ~ 7: 00 PM - 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist Church 6430

Jefferson Pike.

"Conference Prayer Line" - Hosted by House of Bread Ministries. 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

- 1-641-715-3200 (Pin number: 472601#).

"Corporate Bible Study" - 7 - 8 PM, Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 5132

Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD. All are welcomed!

"Corporate Prayer Service" - New Dimension Worship Center, 7:00pm, 5111

Pegasus Court, suite F

"Bible Study (all ages)" - New Dimension Worship Center, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, 5111

Pegasus Court, Suite F, Frederick, MD 21704

**Every Wednesday** "Corporate Prayer Service" – 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist Church 6430

Jefferson Pike, Frederick. All are welcome.

"Mid-Week Worship Service" – 7 pm Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger

Creek Pike, Frederick 27103

"Hour of Empowering" Bible Study" - First Love International Ministries. 7:00 p.m. via phone conference. Anyone can dial in at (712) 770-4010 and dial 611-113 at the prompt. We invite anyone who wants to attend a powerful and enlightening Bible

Study from the comfort of their homes.

"Noon Worship Service" - Missionary Baptist Church, 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Prayer Service" – 8 pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist Church, 6430 Jefferson Pike,

"Bible Study & Prayer" – Asbury UM Church. 7 pm. Open to all!

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**"Call in Prayer" -** Wayman AME Church. 6:00Am. (515-603-3145), access code 211184#

**"Zumba"** – with Tonja Street at TJ Middle School 4pm. Donations accepted **"Youth Bible Study"** - 7PM – Thomas Tabernacle Church, 517 South Market Street, Frederick MD. Contact 301-695-9148 for further information.

"Adult Prayer, Praise & Bible Study" – 7 pm. Thomas Tabernacle Church, 517 South Market Street, Frederick MD. Contact 301-695-9148 for further information.

1st Wednesdays

**"Holy Communion Service"** - 7 - 8:30 PM, Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 5132 Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD. All are welcomed!

**Every Thursday** 

"MEET EARL ROBBINS - CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE" – from 6 - 7 PM at Café 611

"Not On Our Watch (NOOW) Intercessory Prayer Line" - New Dimensions Worship Center. 712-775-7035 access code 347845# from 9:00-10:00pm, except for Holidays

**'Believers Study & Prayer Service'** – 6:30 - 8 pm, Carver's Community Center in Frederick. Shekinah Glory (Faye & Linus Bremby) 301-351-6918

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"Adult & Youth Bible Study" - "A Deeper Look at Prayer" & "Spiritual Boot Camp". Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger Creek Pike (until Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>) 7 pm (Family, Food & Fellowship - 6 - 6:45 pm). Nursery available for 5 years and under during study times

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Every Saturday "TGIF – Happy Hour Bible Study" – Asbury UMC.. 7:00

"Walking Exercise Group" -7 - 8 am. Jackson Chapel Health & Wellness Ministry. Meet in church parking lot. Open to the community. Info: 301-676-5670; evamellis@yahoo.com

Do you have an event that Frederick would be interested in? Send the details to Belva and we can place your notice in the newsletter. 301-662-9035 or beldking99@aol.com

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- **"Pre-Mother's** Day Soulful Dinners" Mt. Zion AME Church, 202 Jefferson Pike, Knoxville. Choice of meat: chicken-\$10; ribs-\$12; fish-\$12. Choice of 2 sides: mac & cheese, greens, potato salad, green beans. Pre orders: text: 301-524-6820 or email <a href="lisaaka1908@gmail.com">lisaaka1908@gmail.com</a>. Pick up at church. vendor shop for mom. Procedds: Mt. Zion & Lillie Morris scholarship funds.
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- "Annual Afternoon with Mom and Dad" Faith Gospel Singers. Enjoy dinner and fellowship in celebration of mothers and fathers. Guest singers: The Christianairs from Baltimore, MD and Sisters Reunited from Frederick, MD. 1:00pm 4:00pm. Jefferson Ruritan Fire Hall Jefferson, MD. Donations: \$22.00 Adults; \$20.00 Seniors (60 years and up); \$10.00 Children 6 11 years old. For tickets contact any member of the Faith Gospel singers: Abie Brown 240-367-4795; Karen Hall (301)662-5250
- **12 "46th Church Anniversary"** Thomas Tabernacle Holiness Church of God, Inc. 517 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701, 301-695-9148. Speaker: Pastor Vincent Young of Evangelistic Holy Trinity, Inc. at 6pm service.
- **"46th Church Anniversary"** Thomas Tabernacle Holiness Church of God, Inc. 517 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701, 301-695-9148. Speaker: Evangelist Michelle Johnson of Thomas Tabernacle Church, at 11 am service.
- **"Annual Founders' Day Breakfast"** 9:30 am. Dutch's Daughter Restaurant. Details TBA
- "Styled by Whit Spring Glam Event" Featuring Whitney Whiten Fashion Influencer and Personal Stylist ~ Eny Oh, Beholder EL Beauty owner ~ Brittany Lewis, Make-up Artist ~ Kayla Green, Hair Stylist ~ and Tatiana Sanders, Hair Stylist. Event is from 3:00-5:00pm ~ Bernard Brown Community Center, 629 N. Market Street, Frederick MD. Advance Tickets can be purchased at STYLEDBYWHITSPRINGGLAM.EVENTBRITE.COM for \$10. Door admission is \$15. Limited tickets are available. A mini Fashion Show, hair and make up demonstrations. Panel discussions and given your
  - are available. A mini Fashion Show, hair and make-up demonstrations, Panel discussions and giveaways. For more information, contact Whitney, StyledbyWhitney@gmail.com. Please bring 2-3 gently used items of clothing or handbags to donate to the Frederick Rescue Mission.
- **27 "46th Church Anniversary"** Thomas Tabernacle Holiness Church of God, Inc. 517 South Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701, 301-695-9148. Speaker: Bishop Raymond Johnson of Trinity Temple, Martinsburg, West Virginia at 4pm service.

### <u>JUNE</u>

- 3 "Press Forward for Christ Service" Sunnyside New Life Community Church, 4521b Mountville Road, Frederick Maryland 21703. 3:30 pm. Pastor & First Lady Bryant and choir from Pleasant Grove Christian Community church, Damascus, Md. ministering through Word and song. Refreshments following Service
- 9 "Real Men / Real Women/ Real Talk 5th Annual Breakfast" Faith Striders. Dutches Daughter. \$30.00 per person. More info to come
- **\*\*Community Block Party"** Asbury UM Church. 11 am 3 pm. Free & fun for the family. Games, entertainment, food, activities, raffles, prizes and more. 301-663-9380

### Afro-American History: Blueprint for Survival produced by the NAACP Department of Education

Black Facts: 1540 - 1986 continued

1983 The death of Eubie Blake (1883 - 1983), ragtime pianist and composer.

Harold Washington was sworn in as the first black mayor of Chicago.

Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford, Jr. became the first black American to fly into outer space.

Vanessa Williams became the first black woman to win the Miss America title.

President Reagan signed, into law, a bill designating the third Monday of January each year as a federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

W. Wilson Goode became the first black Mayor of Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jessee Jackson became the first black to be viewed as a serious contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

1984 The Rev. Jesse Jackson successfully negotiated the release of U.S. Navy Lt. Robert O. Goodman, who was shot down during a U.S. air strike against Syrian positions in Lebanon.

The death of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays (89), former President of Morehouse College, in Atlanta.

The death of Count Basie (79) composer, pianist and band leader.

Anglica Bishop Desmond Tutu was awarded the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his opposition to South Africa's policy of apartheid.

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. (84) longtime civil rights leader and father of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, died in Atlanta.

- 1985 U.S. Rep. William H. Gray (D. Penn.) was elected Chairman of the House Budget Committee, considered the highest rank ever reached be a black Congressman.
- 1986 The NAACP purchased, for the first time, a National Headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland.

This is the end of "What Shall I Tell My Children Who are Black" compiled by the NAACP Department of Education and given to Belva by Loid Nickens. Would any reader like to bring this information up to date? We would be happy to continue including significant Black History dates in future issues.

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### The International Vision of John Willis Menard, First African-American Elected to Congress

Although he was denied his seat in the House, Menard continued his political activism with the goal of uniting people across the Western Hemisphere



The Library of Congress recently digitized this portrait of John Willis Menard, the only known photograph of the African-American trailblazer. (Composite of Library of Congress images)

By Lorraine Boissoneault smithsonian.com March 6, 2018 11:21AM

In July 1863, months after Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, a young African-American man from Illinois boarded a small ship in New York City and headed for Belize City, in what was then British Honduras. John Willis Menard, a college-educated political activist born to free parents of French Creole descent, made his Central American journey as a representative of Lincoln's. His goal: to determine whether British Honduras was a suitable location for previously enslaved Americans to relocate.

Menard's trip to Central America was undoubtedly an unusual period in his early political career—one that never came to fruition—but it set the stage for decades of internationalism. Wherever he moved and whatever position he held, Menard repeatedly considered African-American liberation in the context of the New World's dependence on the work of enslaved laborers.

That work, and Menard's brief foray into the world of legislation, is part of what makes his appearance in a newly digitized photo album so remarkable. The album, acquired by the Library of Congress and Smithsonian's National Museum of African-American History and Culture last year, features rare portraits of dozens of other abolitionists of the 1860s, including Harriet Tubman and only known photo of Menard (shown above). While those photos offer unique insight into the community of abolitionists fighting for a better future for African-Americans, what they don't show is the controversy that sometimes surrounded that debate.

Before the American Civil War came to its bloody end, both Lincoln and the growing community of free black Americans were looking ahead to a United States without slavery. There were around 4 million enslaved people in the United States in 1860, comprising 13 percent of the American population. What would happen when all of them were freed?

"A number of African-American leaders saw colonization to Central America, to Mexico, or to Africa as the only viable solution prior to the Civil War," says historian Paul Ortiz, author of Emancipation Betrayed: The Hidden History of Black Organizing and White Violence in Florida from Reconstruction to the

### Bloody Election of 1920.

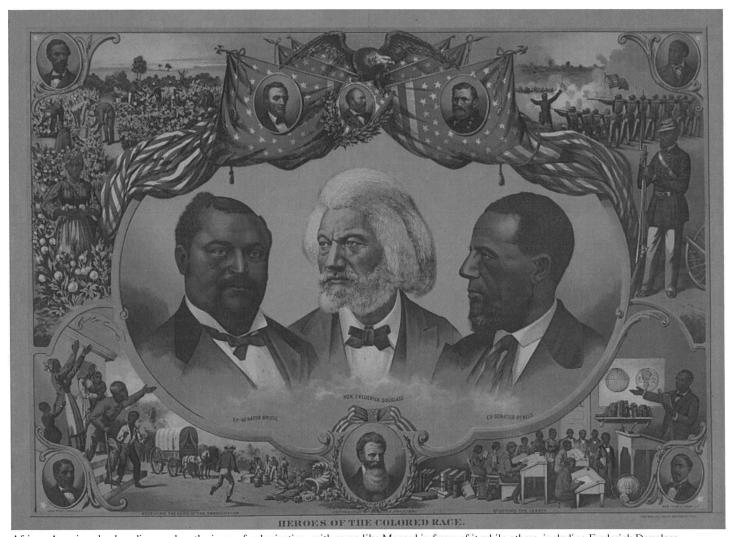
For more than a year, President Lincoln had publicly expressed his support for the colonization efforts of emancipated African-Americans. He'd had discussions about colonization with representatives from the government of Liberia, as well as members of the Cabinet. He even espoused his views on colonization to leading members of the African-American community.

"You and we are different races," Lincoln told a black delegation invited to the White House in August 1862. "Even when you cease to be slaves, you are yet far removed from being placed on an equality with the white race. It is better for us both, therefore, to be separated."

"Lincoln was relatively devoid of personal prejudice, but that doesn't mean that he didn't incorporate prejudice into his thinking," writes Oxford University historian Sebastian Page. After the fall congressional elections of 1863, historians argue that Lincoln "came to appreciate the impracticality, even immorality of expatriating African-Americans who could fight for the Union."

While some members of the free African-American community initially supported Lincoln's colonization plan—11,000 moved to Africa between 1816 and 1860—many more were vocal in their opposition. Among the most vehement critics was Frederick Douglass. As historian Eric Foner writes in *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*, "Douglass pointed out that blacks had not caused the war; slavery had. The real task of a statesmen was not to patronize blacks by deciding what was 'best' for them, but to allow them to be free."

But Menard could be just as voluble in his defense of the colonization plan. "This is a white nation, white men are the engineers over its varied machinery and destiny," Menard wrote to Douglass in 1863. "Every dollar spent, every drop of blood shed and every life lost, was a willing sacrifice for the furtherance and perpetuity of a white nationality. Sir, the inherent principle of the white majority of this nation is to refuse forever republican equality to the black minority. A government, then, founded upon heterogeneous masses in North America would prove destructive to the best interest of the white and black races within its limits."



African-American leaders disagreed on the issue of colonization, with some like Menard in favor of it while others, including Frederick Douglass, denounced it. (Library of Congress)

And so Menard traveled to Central America. American companies with business interests in the region made it one possible option for colonization. While there, Menard noted the potential of the landscape for a colony of newly freed African-Americans, but also worried over the absence of housing and proper facilities. Although Menard announced his support for a colony in British Honduras and wrote a favorable report to Lincoln upon returning in the fall of 1863, he worried about lack of support for such a project. As historians Phillip Magness and Sebastian Page write in *Colonization After Emancipation: Lincoln and the Movement for Black Resettlement*, "Menard, long among the most vocal supporters of Liberian migration [to Africa], conceded that he was torn between resettlement abroad and working to improve the lot of blacks at home."

Ultimately, the Union victory in the Civil War in 1865 and the Reconstruction Acts of 1867 made the latter option more possible than it ever had been before. In 1865 Menard moved to New Orleans, where he worked among the city's elite African-Americans to fight for political representation and equal access to education. When James Mann, a white congressman from New Orleans, died five weeks into his term in 1868, Menard successfully ran for the seat and became the first African-American elected to Congress.

Despite Menard winning the clear majority of votes in the election, his opponent, Caleb Hunt, challenged the outcome. In defending the fairness of his victory to the House of Representatives, Menard also became the first African-American to address Congress in 1869. "I have been sent here by the votes of nearly nine thousand electors, [and] I would feel myself recreant to the duty imposed upon me if I did not defend their rights on this floor," Menard stated. But the Republican-majority House of Representatives refused to seat either Menard or Hunt, citing their inability to verify the votes in the election.

Menard refused to give up on his vision of a democratic future for African-Americans—or forget his early lessons in the importance of building international relationships. In 1871 he moved to Florida with his family, this time taking up his pen to describe the work by immigrants and African-Americans to produce representative democracies at a local level. Menard edited a series of newspapers, and moved from Jacksonville to Key West, where he could participate in an almost utopic community, says Ortiz.

"Menard had a black, internationalist vision of freedom. That's why he ends up describing Key West with such excitement," Ortiz says. At the period, the island community was filled with a mixture of working class white people, as well as immigrants from Cuba, the Bahamas and elsewhere in the Caribbean. "Part of his genius was that he understood the freedom of African-Americans in the United States was connected to those freedom struggles in Cuba and Central America."

Menard wasn't the only one interested in building a coalition across racial and linguistic lines. During the same period, multiple states passed Alien Declarant Voting laws, allowing new immigrants to register to vote as long as they promised to become naturalized citizens. Menard wrote of political events conducted in both English and Spanish, Ortiz says, adding that Menard was representative of other black leaders who saw politics in a new way—as a system of power that impacted people regardless of national borders.

But for all his work in Florida, and later in Washington, D.C., Menard eventually came up against the system of oppression that Reconstruction-era policies failed to undo. Violent white supremacist groups like the Knights of White Camellia and the White League formed to terrorize African-Americans and prevent them from voting. Deadly attacks occurred across the South, from the Colfax Massacre in New Orleans to the Ocoee Massacre in Florida.

"The tragedy is, we know the end of the story," Ortiz says of Menard's attempt to create lasting change for his community and others. "Those movements were defeated. White supremacist politics were premised on everything being a zero-sum game. Economic resources, jobs, the right to even claim that you were an equal person. Reconstruction was beginning to work, and what came after it didn't work. It's our tragedy to live with."

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### **Health Care in Frederick County**

by Dr. Ernest A. Deitbarn

Medicine was first practiced in Frederick County long before the county had settlers, or even had a name. The area was an ideal place for the Indians, and was so prolific with game that tribes repeatedly fought for its possessions. The earliest recorded account in 1736 tells of a bloody battle between the Delaware tribe from Pennsylvania and the local Catawba tribe. According to the account, only one Delaware survived. Each tribe had its own "medicine man" who rendered care to its members. These men might therefore be considered to be the firs "doctors" in Frederick County.

With the arrival of the first settlers in the county, there were self-appointed doctors who were actually herb dispensers and "bone-setters." They had neither scientific training nor proper experience, but passed themselves off to the unknowing settlers as bona fide doctors.

According to Scharf, in his "History of Maryland," there were many "charlatans" attracted to Frederick County. They practiced the worst form of quackery, taking advantage of their patients' ignorance for mercenary purposes.

Actually, the entire country became infested with such men. On May 9, 1754, it is recorded that one Jacob Fouch had recently arrived from Germany and had settled in Frederick. He had no medical education, but advertised himself far and wide as "possessed of marvelous power in the art of healing." He announced hat he could cure "Country Distemper" (probably Typhoid Fever) in four weeks, and that he could remove a wen without surgery.

He was one of many of the same sort which led the medical profession, early in the history of the state and county, to bring about control at such quackery through legislation and the formation of professional societies on a county and statewide level.

It was not until 1769 that the county had any medical men with any degree of knowledge or skill. Although Frederick County had been founded in 1748, and was originally comprised of all of Frederick, Montgomery, Washington, Allegheny, Garrett, and portions of Howard and Carroll counties, and although Frederick City was already 24 years old, having been laid out in 1745, no qualified physicians had previously been attracted to the county.

However, within a few years after the arrival of the first trained and skilled physician, there were many doctors who settled in the county who were very distinguished because of their professional abilities, so much so that their fame spread far and wide.

The first such recorded physician was Phillip Thomas, who arrived on August 1, 1769. He was born near Chestertown, Kent County, Md. on June 11. 1747, the son of James Thomas. He was a pupil of dr. Thomas Vandyke, of Philadelphia, and attended medical lectures in Philadelphia.

Dr. Thomas served as the chairman of the Committee of Safety of Frederick County during the Revolutionary War. He was Medical Purveyor of Frederick County from 1781 to 1783; voted as an elector for Washington; was president of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland from 1801 to 1815 (see article on the state medical society); and practiced in the county for 46 years. He was married to Jane Contee Hanson, daughter of President John Hanson. He died at Frederick, Md. on April 25, 1815, at the age of 67.

The next doctor of record in the county was Dr. John Fisher, who also arrived in 1769, a short tome after Dr. Thomas.

During the Revolutionary War, dr. Adam Fisher and his son John Smith Fisher, practiced medicine in Frederick. Dr. Adam Fisher was most active as a soldier and a patriot during this war, and seemed rather to have served his country in that capacity rather than as a surgeon. It is recorded on May 7, 1787, while practicing in Frederick, that he advertised vaccinations for smallpox "as low as any other physician". He died from a kick by his horse at Reisterstown, Md.

His son, Dr. John Smith fisher, announced the moving of his office in April, 1806, from Patrick St. to Market St., "next door to Conrad Shafer's tavern."

Another of the earliest county physicians was Dr. John Borgan, a Hessian surgeon who had been captured during Burgoyne's disastrous campaign, and who had been confined as a prisoner in the barracks in Frederick. After the Revolutionary War, upon his release, he practiced in Frederick City and occupied a house on W. Patrick St. he married a daughter of Harry Koontz.

Dr. John Tyler, "the celebrated coucher of cataracts," was the first man in the United States to operate on a cataract. He resided in the house which is now the Rectory of the episcopal church on W. Church St. across from the Court House Square. It was Dr. Tyler who built the "spite house."

He was born in Prince George's County, Md. on June 29, 1763. He studied medicine under Dr. Smith of Georgetown and then studied at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, England. He received his diploma in 1784, but continued his studies as a pupil of Drs. John Hunter, Fordyce, Pott, Baillie, and others. He began the practice of medicine and surgery in Frederick in 1786. He was the first oculist in America, and quickly acquired a

great reputation in Ophthalmology.

His reputation for operating on cataracts became so widespread that people came in great numbers and from long distances to be "couched." A report of the day states that people cane "all the way from Richmond, Virginia."

(Note: The operation referred to as "couching" consisted of using an instrument and pushing it through the eye, causing the opaque lens of the eye to fall into the eyeball where it would disintegrate. It was a crude procedure often with serious complications, and frequently unsuccessful. However, it was the only method known in those days to help cataract sufferers, and many persons there prevented form becoming blind by the famous Dr. John Tyler.)

In addition to his success as an Ophthalmologist, Dr. Tyler was an officer in the Whisky Insurrection in Pennsylvania, and was an elector of Jefferson. He was one of the founders of the state medical society. Because of impaired hearing and age, he retired from practice in 1835, and died in Frederick, October 15, 1841, at age 78. He never married.

Dr. William Hilleary was another of the county's earliest physicians. Born at Mt. Pleasant on march 25, 1775, he was the son of John and Anne Perry Hilleary. He studied under Dr. Phillip Thomas for three years and then set up practice in the county. He was one of the founders of the Medical and Chururgical Faculty in 1799. In the War of 1812, he served as a surgeon in Colonel Ragan's Regiment. During his career, he educated many physicians in the western part of Maryland. He died on March 15, 1834. Dr. Hilleary never married. The first of many Sappingtons to practice medicine in the county was Dr. Francis Brown Sappington. He was born about 1760 in Libertytown, and married Anne Ridgley on Nov. 2, 1783. He practiced in Libertytown until his death in 1839. He was also one of the founders of the state medical society in 1799.

One of the most active of the early physicians in the county was d. Joseph Sim Smith. He was born in Calvert County, Md., the don of Dr. Clement Smith, and grandson of Dr. Patrick Sim of Prince George's County. He married Elizabeth Price, daughter of Colonel Thomas Price. Their son was Dr. Samuel P. Smith, Cumberland.

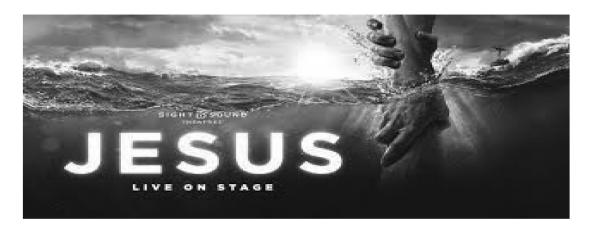
Dr. Joseph Sim Smith served as surgeon's mate with the Maryland Line until 1780. Following this, he was commissioned coronet in Armand's partisan Legion, serving as such until 1782. Following the Revolution, Dr. Smith settled in practice in Taneytown, which was then in Frederick County. Along with the aforementioned Drs. Thomas, Tyler, Hilleary, and Sappington, he was also one of the founders of the state medical society. He was major of Militia in 1783; a Censor of the medical society in 1803; and was ce of the Peace during the years 1802-1807, and 1814-1819. He passed away on Sept. 5, 1822.

Frederick County was fortunate in its early history to have had such outstanding medical men. They were all well educated, having graduated from celebrated foreign medical schools, or at Philadelphia, and had been trained by famous men, such as Hunter, Cullen, Rush and others. They were all highly skilled in their profession, and were considered to be some of the finest physicians in Maryland. The active role that five of these men took in founding the state medical society, which was dedicated to assuring that the people in the state received care only form qualified physicians, gives evidence of their high ethical character, and their concern for the welfare of Frederick's people.

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### Thomas Tabernacle Holiness Church of GOD

Sight & Sound Theater



Date: Thursday, October 11, 2018 Departing from the church @ 10am

Ticket Price:
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\$26.00
13 years to adult is
\$59.00

### PAYMENT DEADLINE is Saturday, May 26, 2018. A monetary Gas Donation is appreciated!

There will be two (2) stops for your pleasure: One <u>Fast food</u> stop on way up to the theater and a <u>Buffett stop</u> on the way home.

You are responsible for <u>ALL</u> purchases during the scheduled stops and at the theater once we arrive.

Any questions, comments, concerns please contact the church @ (301) 695-9148.

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Frederick woman, Treva Jackson Silver, climed the highest mountain in Africa. This is her article about her adventure.

### An African Adventure

### From "The Roof of African" to the Bottom of the Ngorongoro Crater

Jambo! That is the Swahili greeting heard all over the cities I visited in Tanzania. During a casual conversation with one of my old Navy friends, I learned they were traveling to Africa. My interest was peaked because I thought that sounded pretty awesome. However, when I asked "Why Africa?" They said, "We are going to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro!" I immediately started to channel my inner Gary Coleman and said out loud, "Whatchu talkin' bout Willis?" "You are going to do what???" Yep, I heard it right, my friends were planning to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro right beginning New Years day 2018.

It sounded amazing, adventurous and thrilling. I was so happy for them! Imagine my surprise when I was invited along. I didn't know what to do except say "YES!"

This was truly an adventure. Mount Kilimanjaro is located in the northeastern part of Tanzania (the only place in the world to find tanzanite). It is the highest mountain you can walk on, the largest free-standing mountain in the world, the highest mountain in Africa (that's why it's called "the roof of Africa") and

### ...VISITING AFRICA WILL MAKE YOU REALIZE HOW CAUGHT UP YOU ARE IN YOUR OWN LIFE.

I'm told it has the only snowfields on the equator. The preparation alone took months. It was painstakingly awful as there were lists, upon lists to check off. I was thankful for them and very thankful for the many blogs and internet sites devoted to climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro.

There is so much to talk about and very difficult to be concise. So much of this trip was a learning experience that I was truly amazed and needed all 3 weeks to soak it all in. So many of them have never seen an American Black woman before and have no idea what or how we live. We take so much for granted here that visiting Africa will make you realize how

caught up you are in your own life. The people everywhere were wonderful; the porters (frequently said, "Pole Pole" sounds like poleypoley means slowly-slowly) who carried all of our gear up the mountain were superhuman and our guide captain (also amazing) had stopped counting at 308 climbs and that was 3 years ago! They kept us safe and motivated as we trekked, slept, ate, danced, sang, scaled boulders, and battled muscle fatigue, stomach illnesses, a malaria threat, altitude sickness and sunburn through 6 different eco systems. The nights were short but magical as we looked at the stars and the days were often long and tiring. We couldn't wait to get to camp to rest for the night and acclimatize before reaching a new height. The highest peak, Uhuru sits at 16,732 feet. That is Mt. Kili's summit and I was one of the 6 out of our group of 9 who made it. It was cold and the air was very thin. You could only stay for a maximum of 5 minutes for the altitude sickness is a real threat. All of us needed to make good oxygen choices and kept the chatter to a bare minimum! The trek down the mountain was a lot easier as

everyone started to feel much better, reaching lower altitudes and warmer temperatures. We stayed in a hotel after braving the mountain and its wildlife to rest up for the "reward." Our reward for braving the wilderness was a 4 day 3 night safari. It was a lot of fun. We visited and slept in covered tents right on the conservation where animals walked just 10 feet in front of us. We saw everything up close and personal, warthogs, zebras and wildebeest were right in our back yard. Our last safari day was spent in the Ngorongoro crater. This 64,000+ acre conservation area is the world's largest inactive, intact, and unfilled volcanic caldera. It houses 12,000 Maasai tribal people, 25,000 large animals and the densest population of the East African Lion and we saw 30 of them! The black rhino is very rare to see, and we saw a mama furu (Swahili for rhino) and her baby. It was amazing! The trip was definitely life changing and I encourage everyone to learn, seek and discover just how beautiful God's planet is!

### AFRICA



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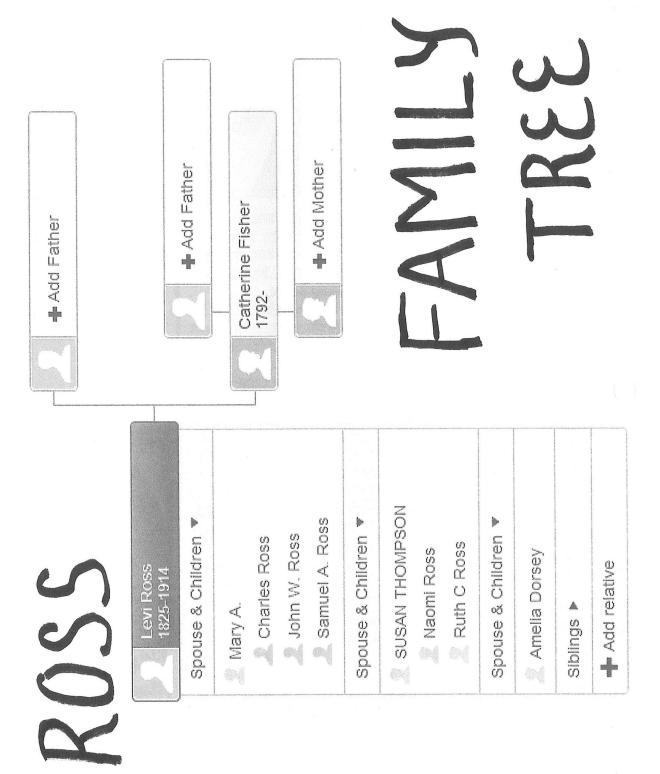
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The continuation of the Diggs Family History. The Frederick News-Post articles were used by Carolyn Ambush Davis with permission of the Frederick News-Post.



### Levi Ross

When Levi Ross was born on October 2, 1825, in Maryland, his mother, Catherine Fisher was 33. Levi was married 3 times. His first wife was Susan Thompson. He had 2 daughters with her, Naomi and Ruth Catherine. After Susan's death, Levi married a woman named Mary A. Her maiden name is unknown. Levi had 3 sons with Mary. Their names were Charles, John, and Samuel. After Mary's death, Levi married a widow, Amelia Dorsey Edwards. They had no children together. Levi Ross was a veteran of the Civil War. He was a corporal in the 28<sup>th</sup> Colored Infantry. After his death, Amelia received his Civil War Veterans Pension. Levi died on May 11, 1914, in Bartonsville at the age of 88. He is buried at Bartonsville Cemetery.

In 1850, Levi was working as a laborer for a man named Hugh McNulty in Fredericktown. He was 22 years old. In 1860, Levi Ross was 35 years old and lived in Frederick, Maryland. He was married to Susan Thompson. They had 2 daughters, Naomi and Ruth Catherine. He worked as a farm hand on the property owned by Phillip Reich.

In 1870, Levi was 45 year old widower married to woman named Mary. Her maiden name is unknown and she was almost 20 years younger than Levi. They were living in New Market with his daughter, Ruth Catherine, his mother, Catherine Fisher, 2 sisters, Mariah and Josephine, 2 nieces and 1 nephew. Levi's daughter, Naomi, was working as domestic servant for a neighbor, Thomas A. Ogle. Levi worked as a farm laborer.

Levi is still living with his wife, Mary, and their 2 sons, Charles and John in 1880. His mother, Catherine, also lives in the household along

with his sister, Josephine and her 2 children. Levi worked as a laborer and could not read or write.

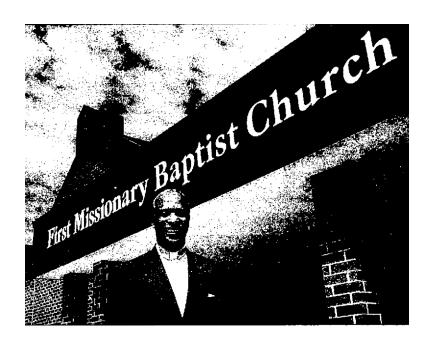
The 1890 Veterans' Schedule verified that Levi lived in New Market. In 1900, he was 75 and married to Amelia Dorsey Edwards. She was a widow with a son from a previous marriage. In 1910, Levi, age 84, still lived in New Market with his wife, Amelia and her brother, Aaron Dorsey.

### Levi Ross.

Levi Ross, colored, died at his home at Bartonsville Sunday at noon of general debility, aged 88 years. 7 months and 9 days. He is survived by a widow and two daughters. Norma Davis and Ruth Diggs.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at I o'clock, with services at Jackson chapel and interment will be in the Bartonsville cemetery.

Levi Ross's Obituary as it appeared in Frederick News-Post Archives May 11,1914.



### Witty, Caring Pastor Thrives on Community

The Rev. William H. Graham was recently re-elected to a second term as president of the Frederick County Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs. "The only reason I got the job was because they couldn't find anybody else."

Known for his wit and humor, the rev. Graham, pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church, is entrenched in the Frederick community. "My humor helps me bring people to Christ. Nobody wants a sad Savior. God is a happy God. We are a friendly church, a loving church. We don't mind hugging."

The Rev. "Billy Graham," as some people call him, said he is pleased to be a part of the Religious Coalition "because the group really looks after those who fall through the cracks. There are some people who need help other that the "normal services" the Social Services Department provide."

The Religious Coalition has its origins in people of faith who have become aware of the growing human needs in Frederick County that are often unmet. The coalition is composed of individuals, families, businesses, and religious and civic organizations who seek to bring human compassion to bear upon those unmet needs.

The Coalition coordinates donations of time, talent, money, food, and other resources to meet the urgent needs of people in the community.

First Missionary makes financial donations to the coalition of 87 Frederick County churches. "We donate to the Religious Coalition because that's what my boss did," the Rev. Graham said, referring to Jesus Christ. "Every time you saw him, he was healing the sick, feeding the hungry," said the Rev. Graham, who also participates in the "Christmas in April" program with All Saints Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Brian Scott, executive director oshe Religious Coalition, said the group "is very fortunate to have" the Re. Graham. "He's well-liked in the community." Church membership in the coalition has grown with Rev. Graham at the organization's helm, the Rev. Scott said.

The Rev. Graham is also a volunteer chaplain of the Frederick Police Department, a youth mentor in a local middle school, a board member of Goodwill Industries and chairman of the program committee for the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland.

He also serves on the advisory council for the Trinity School in Frederick, a faith-centered school for children in elementary and middle school grades, and is a board member for Angel Flight Mid-Atlantic, an organization that provides no cost air transportation needy patients who must travel to distant health care facilities to receive medical treatment.

The Rev. Graham holds bachelors degree in sociology from Morgan State University and a master's degree from Howard University School of divinity. He recently celebrated 15 years at Fist Missionary baptist Church.

His most recent vision became a reality with the construction of a new \$2 million, 2,000 square foot church off Ballenger Creek Pike. "Even though the congregation is elated with the new structure, the church is about people, not a building. We're saving souls. That's what my boss will ask me when I get to heaven.

"He will not ask me how many write-up I had in *The Frederick News-Post*, or how nice a church building we built. He will want to know if we brought souls to him."

The Rev. Graham said he envisioned a new church edifice five years ago, and three years later, the church purchased six acres. On Oct. 21, 2001, the members drove in a motorcade for the first worship service in the new church. "This was one of the largest minority building project in Frederick's history," the pastor said.

The church, built with expansion possibilities has easy access for the handicapped and is equipped with a top notch sound system.

The fellowship hall can seat 200 people, and can be divided into four separate rooms with excellent acoustics. The building also has a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen, a nursery, offices and a boardroom.

First Missionary has a long history in the Frederick community, starting in 1773 when the church was First Baptist Church, and was built on leased land. On Oct. 5, 1791, the land was deeded to the church. The building still stands on the original land on All Saints Street.

Originally, services were for whites only. In 1861, the church began holding two services: one for whites and one for blacks. By 1869, only black people were worshipping in the church.

On June 13, 1875, First Missionary Baptist Church was incorporated and the deed of the church was given as a gift form the survivors of the former church.

The All saints Street church has had three major renovations: First, under the pastorate of the rev. A. Fisher; second, under the leadership of the Rev. Thomas J. Houston; and the third face lift in 990 was during the tenure of the Rev. Graham.

At the time of incorporation, there was a membership of about 40 worshippers. That number is now approximately 450, and growing. The Rev. Graham said the church welcomed 41 new members in April .

"You have to have vision and a purpose. God loves me. I'm only successful because God loves me. I love this church. The only person who loves this church more than I do is God. I pick up cigarette butts, I vacuum and sweep if necessary. And I love my children," the Rev. Graham said, referring to the church's youth. "They need role models."

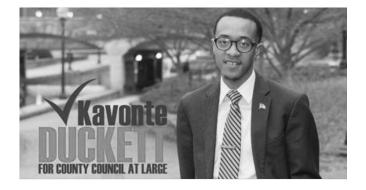
The Rev. Graham's favorite Bible verse in 1 John 3:2: "Beloved, now are we the sons of

God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as he is." The verse, he said, suggests hope, "for it doth not ye appear what we shall be." In other words, the Rev. Graham said, "As people of God, our potential is enormous."

What does the Rev. Graham want to remembered as? "I want to be known as a pastor who loved the community, a friend of the people. I know how to act when I'm at City Hall, or the State House or the White House, but I also know how to relate to the guy on the street. I want him to know he's somebody made by God. When I die, I don't want a long service. A one hour service will suffice. I don't want too much talking. The life I live will, and should speak for itself."

The Rev. Graham and his wife Deaconess Doris L. Lewis-Graham, have three daughters and three grandchildren. Speaking of his wife, he said, "She's the only woman that will tolerate me. She deserves a medal for having to put up with me."





Kavonte is Belva's second cousin.

# ~ Underground Railroad Safe-Houses and Routes In Frederick County, Maryland ~ Sites shown in red are in the tours provided here. ~ Sites in Italics are open to the public. ~ Sites with a bullet • are unconfirmed Underground Railroad sites.

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| Chesapeake & Ohio Canal | Its entire 18-mile length in Frederick County                  | TA V                               | The Steiner house, corner Jefferson and Patrick Streets                         |
| Berlin (Brunswick) •    | A.M.E. Church at Brunswick                                     | Frederick                          | Rose Hill Manor, 1611 North Market Street                                       |
| Knoxville •             | A.M.E. Church at Knoxyille                                     | Frederick                          | Trail Mansion, 106 East Church Street   |
| Petersville •           | A.M.E. Church at Petersville                                   | The Susquehanna Path Frede         | Frederick to Columbia, Pennsylvania (Md. Route 194)                             |
| Pleasant Valley •       | A.M.E. Church at Pleasant Valley                               | Monrovia The L                     | The Bush Creek Quaker Meeting House (site)                                      |
| Licksville Road         | Noland's Ferry to Point of Rocks                               | New Market                         | rhe Plummer nome  |
| Alongside B&O Railroad  | Its entire 25-mile length in Frederick County                  | New Market                         | Prince Hall of the Black Masons   |
| Southern tip of county  | Potomac-to-Doubs Route of the Underground Railroad             | Urbana District • Duda             | Dudderar home, at entrance of Villages of Urbana                                |
| Catoctin Mountain       | From Potomac River to Halltown (site) to Mountville            | Dorceytown • Home                  | Home of the Dorcey family   |
| The Susquehanna Path    | Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, to Frederick (US Route 340)     | Dorceytown • Envir                 | Environs of this African-American village                                       |
| Near Potomac River      | Henry Michael's Potomac Farm (today's Fry farm)                | Walkersville The S                 | The Stauffer barn Date Transfer   |
| Near Point of Rocks     | Otho Thomas II farm, 5323 Tuscarora Road (Route 28)            | McKinstry's Mill                   | Priestland, a Jesuit-owned farm, Priestland Road                                |
| Point of Rocks •        | Point of Rocks African Methodist Episcopal Church (site)       | West of Middletown • A.M.E         | A.M.E. church   |
| Point of Rocks •        | St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1914 Ballenger Creek Pike         | East of Boonsboro • 6318           | 6318 Zittlestown Road   |
| Near Point of Rocks     | John Virts farm across from St. Paul's Episcopal Church        | Wolfsville                         | Markley's field   |
| Near Doubs              | Henry Michael's Calico Rocks Farm, 2311 Ballenger Creek Pike   | Wolfsville                         | Hays Spring   |
| Near Doubs              | Ezra Michael's Cooling Springs Farm, 2455 Ballenger Creek Pike | Wolfsville                         | Bussard Flat  |
| Near Doubs              | Ezra and Margaret Michael's Flag Pond Farm (site)              | Wolfsville • The C                 | The Coates cabin  |
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| Doubs                   | Joshua Michael's store, Doubs and Pleasant View Roads          | 1                                  | The fall of the case of the case of   |
| Doubs                   | Home of Postmaster Joshua Michael                              | Handy                              | Handy Information   |
| Doubs to Hagerstown     | The route operated by Rev. Thomas Henry                        | Frederick County Office of Tourism | Dobbin House Tavern*  |
| Pleasant View •         | Environs of this mostly African-American village               | 19 East Church Street              | 89 Steinwehr Avenue   |
| Pleasant View •         | Home and farm of Patrick and Henrietta Ambush                  | 301.644.4041                       | gettysburg, PerillsyMania, 17233<br>717,334,2100                                |
| Pleasant View •         | Home and farm of the Harris family                             | FrederickTourism.org               | DobbinHouse.com   |
| Pleasant View •         | Pleasant View African Methodist Episcopal Church               | Conjugation Conjugation            | Carried The County of Street  |
| Hall Town •             | Environs of this extinct African-American village              | 2455 Ballenger Creek Pike          | 115 West Main Street  |
| Adamstown •             | Environs of this African-American-founded village              | Adamstown, Maryland, 21710         | Fairfield, Pennsylvania, 17320  |
| Near Adamstown •        | Home and farm of William Michael (site at Eastalco works)      | 301.874.0236                       | 717.642.5410  |
| Sunnyside               | Environs of this largely African-American village              | Codimigsprings.org                 | Herafriedum, Com  |
| Buckeystown             | Dr. Hughes home (Three houses up from Bodmer's stoves)         | La Paz Mexican Restaurant *        | Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Park*  |
| Flint Hill .            | Environs of this largely African-American village              | 61 South Market Street             | Runs 185 miles from Washington, DC, to  |
| Bartonsville •          | Environs of this largely African-American village              | Frederick, Maryland, 21/01         | Cumberland, Maryland, along the Potomac River Access where ITS Route 15 crosses |
| Frederick               | John Sinn home, 61 South Market Street (La Paz Restaurant)     | www.lapazmex.com                   | the river in Frederick County, Maryland.  |
| Frederick               | Attic, northeast corner Bentz and Third Streets                |                                    | 301.739.4200  |
| Frederick •             | A tunnel on Degrange Street                                    | * Underground Railroad site        | www.nps.gov/choh/index.ntm  |
| Frederick               | Basement of the Quinn A.M.E. Chapel, 106 East Third Street     | 0                                  | Private Rouds warner transcen   |
| Frederick               | Barbara Fritchie Tea Room site, 230 West Patrick Street        |                                    | Fixil Rough storystopentalisation   |

From East Church Street, turn left on East Street, left on Fourth Street and left on Bentz Street. In this block, the attic in the home on the closer (northeast) corner on your left at Third and Bentz Streets was a safe-house.

Turn left on Third Street and cross Market Street. The basement of the Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church at 106 East Third Street was a safe-house.

To leave Frederick, turn right onto East Street, right onto Patrick Street and after 0.8 mile, an easy left onto Jefferson Street which will lead you to all freeways.

If you are continuing on the Gettysburg-to-Waterford tour or are taking the rural Frederick County Underground Railroad tour below, take US Route 15 south.

# ~ Rural Frederick County Underground Railroad Tour

From Frederick, take US Route 15 south. Bear left onto US 15 where US 15 and US 340 diverge. After 1.8 miles, turn left onto Mountville Road and after 1.7 miles turn right onto Ballenger Creek Pike.

After 1.9 miles, look on your left for the sign of Cooling Springs Farm at 2455 Ballenger Creek Pike, thought to be the only safe-house in the nation still owned by the same family as in Underground Railroad times. Call 301.874.0236 to tour.

Leaving Cooling Springs, make right turns onto Ballenger Creek Pike, Flag Pond Road and Doubs Road. The home on the right of the Lutheran church at 5132 Doubs Road is the site of the home of George Layer, African-American founder of Doubs. Continuing on Doubs Road, the yellow home on the left where Doubs and Pleasant View Roads meet was owned by Postmaster Joshua Michael and was the terminus of the Potomac-to-Doubs Route of the Underground Railroad.

Now turn right onto Pleasant View Road. Proceed 1.2 miles to Pleasant View, an African-American village established no later than 1843, and its African Methodist Episcopal church on your left. This is one of Maryland's dwindling number of intact old African-American rural communities.

Continue on Pleasant View Road until it ends at Tuscarora Road, Maryland Route 28. Turn left here and then right onto New Design Road. At its end on the Potomac River, turn left into the parking lot. Here you are at Noland's Ferry, a ford of the Potomac River since aboriginal times and route of Underground Railroad freedom seekers from Virginia on the other side of the river. Walking over the berm on the land side of the parking lot, you come immediately to the 185-milelong Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, another route of the Underground Railroad.

Go back to Tuscarora Road, turning left there. Look for the lane on your right at the mailbox numbered 5323. This is Thomas's Lane, an Underground Railroad route traveling north from the Potomac River to Cooling Springs Farm, Pleasant View, Doubs and the Joshua Michael store which you just visited.

Continue to the end of Tuscarora Road which becomes Clay Street, turning left at US Route 15 and over the Potomac River bridge. To rejoin the Gettysburg-to-Waterford Underground Railroad tour, turn right immediately past the bridge and follow the directions on the cover here. For Frederick, turn right at US Route 15.



## Self-Guíded Underground Raílroad Tours of Frederíck County, Maryland and Nearby Published by Underground Railroad Free Press. Visit urrFreePress.com.

- Gettysburg, Pennsyfvanía to Waterford, Vírgínía -

Begin this tour at Dobbin House, 89 Steinwehr Avenue, the oldest building in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Dine there in the Springhouse Tavern and be sure to see the Underground Railroad hiding place and display upstairs.

From Gettysburg, take Pennsylvania Route 116 to Fairfield, Pennsylvania, and the Revolutionary War-era Fairfield Inn, a picturesque place for a meal. At the Inn, ask to see its Underground Railroad hideaway.

From Fairfield, continue on Route 116 into Maryland and then south on US Route 15. Follow directions for the Frederick tour below or continue through Frederick on Route 15 to continue this tour or for the rural Frederick County tour on the back cover. For the Frederick tour, take the Motter Avenue exit left. Motter Avenue becomes Bentz Street. Turn left onto South Street and then left onto Market Street to begin the Frederick tour below.

If you visit Frederick's Underground Railroad sites, leave Frederick on US Route 15 south as in the Frederick tour. If not, take the Rural Frederick County Underground Railroad tour on the back cover or continue on Route 15 to Virginia to visit an Underground Railroad route which led to Frederick County, Maryland.

Immediately after you cross the Potomac River bridge at Point of Rocks, Maryland, turn right onto Virginia Route 672, Lovettsville Road, then a quick left onto Furnace Mountain Road. When this ends, turn right onto Taylorstown Road for about 1,000 feet, and then left onto Loyalty Road. Proceed about six miles to Waterford, an extremely well preserved Quaker village settled in 1732 and the heart of the Underground Railroad in northern Virginia.

# $\sim$ Frederick, Maryland Underground Railroad Tour $\sim$

Enter Frederick as above. Shortly after turning left onto Market Street, look for Carroll Creek which you will cross. On the far left side of the creek where La Paz Restaurant stands is the site of Captain John Sinn's home, an Underground Railroad safe-house. Sinn, friend of the abolitionist John Brown, was asked by the federal government to go to Harper's Ferry to ask Brown to surrender after Brown's failed attempt to foment a slave uprising there in the Fall of 1859.

Proceed up Market Street and turn right onto East Church Street. The city garage at 19 East Church Street is good for parking. The Keeney & Basford Funeral Home at 106 East Church Street, the Trail family mansion, was a safe-house.

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### Self-guided tour is a journey through Frederick County's black history

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Courtesy photo
The Tourism Council of Frederick County, in partnership
with the Frederick Historic Sites Consortium, released an
updated African-American Heritage brochure that
includes five additional points of interest in the county.

oy Hall Onley remembers when the South Bentz Street area was "like a hub for blacks. I have fine memories of that area. I grew up at 22 S. Bentz where my grandfather had lived all of his life," said Onley. Her grandfather, Albert Dixon, was the first black undertaker in Frederick.

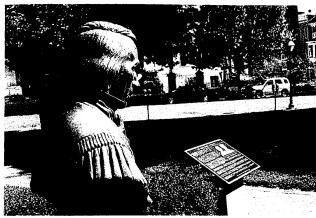
The building still stands but other sites noting the history of blacks in the county are gone, such as the first high school for colored students, although a monument marks the site.

Onley is one of several people who collaborated on the second edition of the African-American Heritage sites tour brochure from the Tourism Council of Frederick County. The updated brochure was released last summer. The first edition was published in 2001.

"It includes five additional points of interest, more illustrations and properties designated on the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom like Monocacy National Battlefield and Catoctin Furnace," said Liz Shatto, coordinator of the Frederick Historic Sites Consortium, the organization that planned the project. The brochure was redesigned and provides a self-guided walking itinerary in downtown Frederick that will begin at the new Frederick Visitor Center, slated to open April 2.

"We think it sets off with the right tone because the first stop is the Community Bridge mural," which features symbols representing the "spirit of community," with several, such as the drinking gourd and Big Dipper constellation, derived from African-American sources. The second stop is the William O. Lee Unity Bridge on Carroll Creek. It symbolically represents the end of Frederick's segregated past. The bridge's namesake is William O. Lee Jr., "who held many roles during his 75 years, including school administrator, mentor, historian and alderman of the City of Frederick," reads the brochure. The tour continues along Carroll Creek to All





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A bronze plaque explaining the Dred Scott decision is located near the bust of Roger Brooke Taney, the man who wrote and delivered the 1857 Supreme Court ruling. The plaque is located in Frederick's City Hall plaza.

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Saints Street, once the hub of the black community.

The 10-member advisory committee helped define the sites that should be included, giving consideration to accessibility for visitors. Shatto said there is a growing interest in tourists seeking to learn more about the African-American experience in the county, which follows a

national trend in tourism.

Two important additions to the brochure include the Dred Scott plaque at City Hall and the Laboring Sons Cemetery, said Chris Haugh, with the Tourism Council. He wrote the text for the updated brochure. Local historian Marie Erickson, 78, wrote the text for the first edition. She became interested in Frederick's rich black history after moving here in 1967.

The Scott plaque explains the infamous Supreme Court ruling in 1857 declaring slaves and those descended from slaves were not citizens. It was installed about 8 feet from a bust of Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney, the man who wrote and delivered the decision. Taney's South Bentz Street home is also on the tour. The Laboring Sons Cemetery had been largely neglected when the city acquired it in 1950 and

placed a park on the site. Protests began in 1999 and the park was changed to a memorial. Six Civil War veterans who served in colored regiments are buried there.

'West All Saints Street was the hub of the black community when I was growing up," said Onley, 67. "Everything you would need could be

found there," including dentists, doctors, a hospital, retailers, restaurants, barbershops and laundries that operated out of homes. "They took in laundry from some of the wealthy in Frederick," she said. "It really was amazing. In those two blocks, you could find everything that was available on Market Street."

All of the sites on the brochure are important, she said. "A lot of the sites on Saints Street were

individual homes and the homes don't look like they did back then," said Onley, who has authored two books -"Memories of Frederick: Over on the Other Side" in 1995, and "Dear Old Faithful Lincoln" in 1999. Onley attended Lincoln, for grades 1 through 12, until segregation ended and she was integrated into Frederick High School in 1958.

Many of the black communities,

including Bartonsville, Pleasant Walk and Della, were settled after the end of slavery, "Most of them settled near the families they worked for," said Onley. but the residents would travel to West All Saints Street on weekends because "it was the 'what's happening' place to

Belva King grew up in Bartonsville and her grandfather, Walter Bowie, founded the Bartonsville Cornet Band in 1911. "I was a little girl and I was so excited to see them playing in parades,' said King, who lives in Frederick. Out of that band came the late Lester Bowie, trumpeter and jazz legend, and King's cousin. He is buried in Bartonsville. Another cousin, Joe Bowie, is a jazz musician in the Netherlands.

"I remember my mom talking about the dance hall in Bartonsville, where everyone came to dance," said King, 65. "I remember my grandmother taking me there for fundraiser dinners."

King says it's important for young people to know that "those who have gone to heaven now worked so hard" for their communities. Some of the instruments used by the Bartonsville band will be displayed at Café 611, on North Market Street in Frederick, during the month of February, Black History Month.

Advisory committee member Rose Chaney, 65, said African-American history is more than actual sites. "Blacks didn't own property and that they did own would not last this long, except for the African-American churches and

"(The brochure) emphasizes the need for an African-American history



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The United Methodist church in the village of Pleasant View, near Adamstown



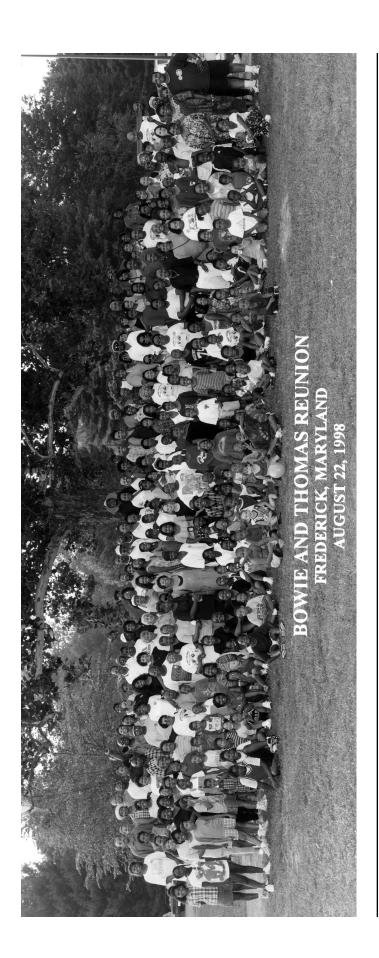
The Bartonsville Cornet Band played and toured in the early 1900s.

museum in the county because our history is told in other ways," said Chaney. "Our sites would only be seen in photographs of what they used to be rather than what is existing."

The African-American Heritage sites brochure is available at the Frederick Visitor Center, 19 E. Church St. (relocating to South East and Commerce streets in April), Frederick. It can also be downloaded at www.fredericktourism.org. For more information, call 301-600-2888.



This photo captures a view looking east on All Saints Street in Frederick, c. 1903. By the early 1900s the street had become a center of commerce and entertainment for the "colored" population in Frederick city and county.



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