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African American Community Calendar

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(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

"Kingdom Disciples Bible Study" – Jackson Chapel UMC. 8:45 am.(starting on May 6)

"Adult Sunday School Class" – Asbury UMC. 8:00 am

Every Monday – Friday **"Noon Day Prayer"** - at Thomas Tabernacle, 517 South Market Street, Frederick

Every Monday

"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" –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 - 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" – 1st 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!

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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.
"Holy Communion Service" - 7 - 8:30 PM, Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 5132 Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD. All are welcomed!
"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
"Zumba" - Quinn Chapel AME Church Christian Center. 6 pm. \$5.
"Zumba" - with Tonja Street at First Missionary Baptist Church 6:30pm. Donations accepted
"Kingdom Disciples Bible Study" - Jackson Chapel UMC. 8:45 am.(starting on May 10), 7 pm
"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
"Line Dancing" - Asbury UMC. 6-8 pm.

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MAY

- 5** **"John Wesley Cemetery Final Clean-Up"** - AARCH invites the community to help restore a piece of Frederick County History. Lunch and water will be provided. Starting at 9 am. Rain Date: May 12, 2018. The following items are useful (but not necessary for you to help): weed wackers, standard shovels, hoes, digging irons, tampers wheelbarrows, chainsaw. John Wesley Cemetery is located on North Street, just west of Route 550 in Libertytown, MD. For more information, and/or to sign up to help, please contact rick smith: rhsmith@medaniel.edu
5 **"Women's Prayer Breakfast"** - Women of Purpose - Asbury UM Church women's ministry. Theme: This Is Us - Generations of women from the past, present and future, "Psalm 126:3". Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, 581 Himes Avenue -Frederick, Maryland. Registration Begins - 8:00 a.m. Program Starts - 9:00 a.m. \$35.00 per Person (includes Breakfast Buffet). Deadline to Register: April 30, 2018. 301-663-9380 or TRBowie@FrederickCountyMD.gov.
5 **"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

JUNE

- 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



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 100th Birthday!!

Clarice Davis Reid, on right with her daughter Diedra Reid Campbell (left) and niece Linda Hill Boyan (center)s at Clarice's birthday party in Pennsylvania.

- 9 **“Real Men / Real Women/ Real Talk 5th Annual Breakfast”** – Faith Striders. Dutches Daughter. \$30.00 per person. More info to come
- 16 **“Sun, Suits and Sundresses”** – Day Party by Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Musket Ridge Golf Course, Myersville. 3-7 pm. \$60/person. Individual plated meal, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, prizes for best dressed, cash bar, photography. DJ D’Nice. 808-554-0408;
- 23 **“Community Block Party”** – Asbury UM Church. 11 am – 3 pm. Free & fun for the family. Games, entertainment, food, activities, raffles, prizes and more. Contact: 301-663-9380; tcb121972@yahoo.com

JULY

AUGUST

- 18 **“CB & Friends Bus Trip to Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA”** - \$55/person. Price includes \$30 slot play rebate & \$5 toward food. Gunther’s Charter Lines. 50/50 raffle, continental breakfast & games on bus. Leave from Urbana Park & Ride promptly at 8 am; return to Frederick at 9:30 pm. For tickets, contact Carolyn Bowens at 301-663-0018 or any member of Hope Chapter Eastern Star. Tickets going fast!

SEPTEMBER

- 8 **“Living Treasures Documentary & Discussion”** – AARCH presentation highlighting the oral histories of African Americans 90 years and older. Weinberg Center. Details TBA

Maryland Historical Trust Launches New Online Search Tool!



An historic building at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD undergoes appropriate rehabilitation work following FEMA's consultation with MHT staff.

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) is pleased to launch an online tool for searching its Project Review and Compliance Log database. As Maryland's State Historic Preservation Office, MHT reviews and comments on projects receiving funds, permits, and licenses from federal and/or state agencies for their effects on historic and archeological resources. Reviewing over 6,000 submittals each year for a wide range of projects throughout Maryland, MHT tracks individual submittal requests and response actions in the Log database.

Through this readily available online tool, customers may now conveniently access current information on their state and federal projects. Agencies, applicants, consultants and interested others may query the Log to find out the status of a submittal, generate a list of projects meeting specified criteria, or view a PDF copy of MHT's response, if available. The online tool provides background information about the Log fields and useful search tips.

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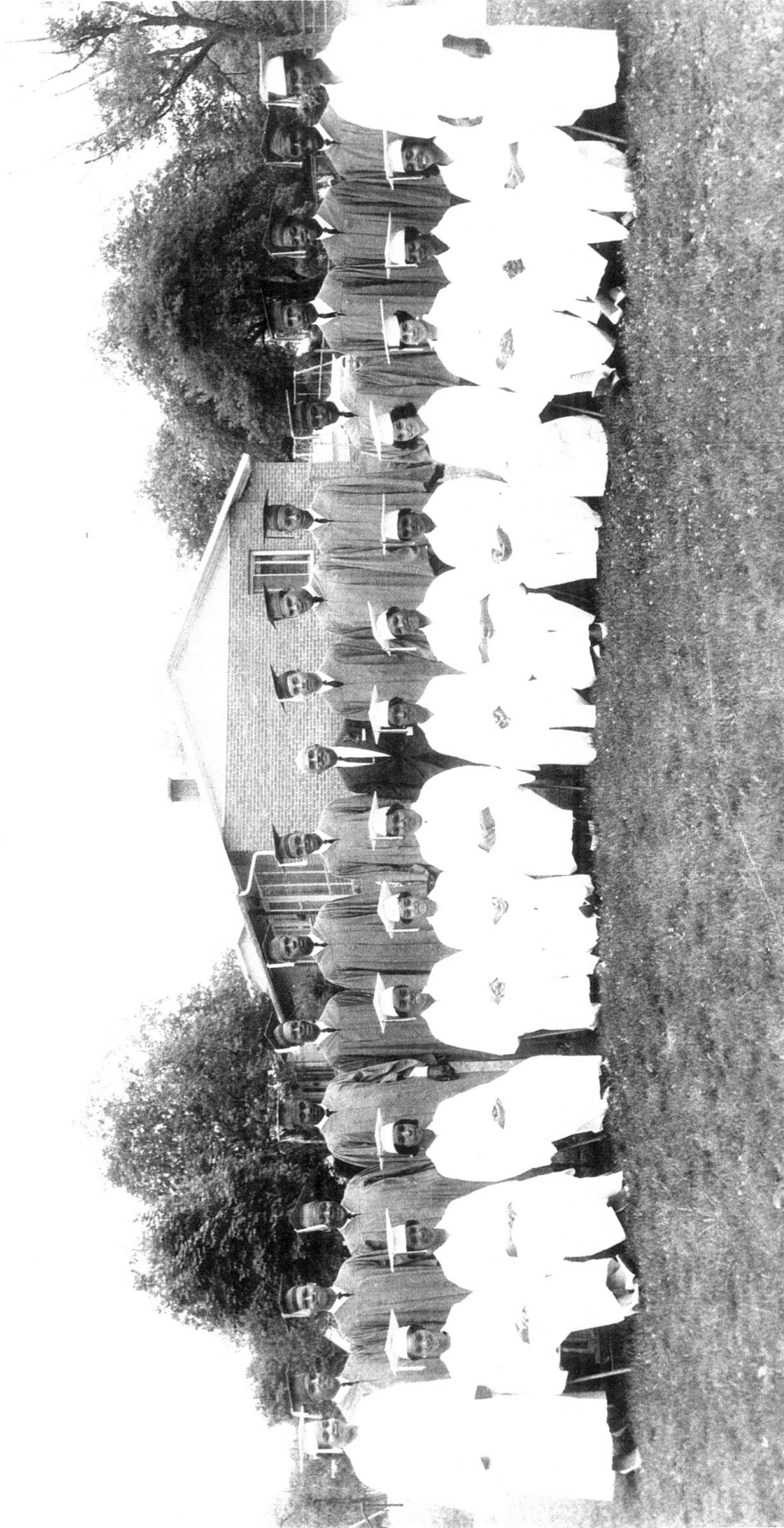


Frederick Streets and Alley Ways

Thank you Frederick Housing Authority
for sharing these pictures.







Last graduating class of Lincoln High School, 1962.
Thank you Aritha Nancy Smith for sharing this photo.

African-American graves return to light

Professors lead project to mark cemetery buried under shopping mall



Ron Castanzo, left, a professor at the University of Baltimore, and Elgin Klugh, a professor at Coppin State University, are working to excavate and memorialize Laurel Cemetery, now buried beneath a strip mall on Belair Road. Some headstones are still visible. (Lloyd Fox/Baltimore Sun Photos)

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By Christina Tkacik The Baltimore Sun

Ron Castanzo pulled up to the parking lot of the strip mall in the Belair-Edison neighborhood of Northeast Baltimore in his minivan a while back.

On a grassy spot near the entrance of the Belair Edison Crossing shopping center

on Belair Road, he saw the top of a white tombstone breaking through the ground, like a tooth coming in.

Castanzo, a professor at the University of Baltimore who teaches courses in anthropology and human biology, remembers thinking: “Wow, there was a cemetery here.”

It was the beginning of an effort to dig up a past long paved over. Laurel Cemetery opened in 1852 as the first non-religious cemetery for Baltimore’s African-American community. About 20 percent the size of Green Mount Cemetery, it became the final resting place for Union soldiers, African Methodist Episcopal bishops, civil rights leaders, businessmen and professionals from the city’s black middle class.

“If you were somebody of note, the likelihood is that Laurel Cemetery is where you were buried,” said Elgin Klugh, who chairs the department of applied social and political sciences at Coppin State University.

The cemetery — or some of it, at least — was moved in the 1950s. Now Castanzo and Klugh have joined forces to excavate its lost history. They have recruited a team of students for a simple mission: Determine whether there are bodies still buried beneath the shopping center. Klugh wants to create a comprehensive list of people who were buried there.

Their work could be bolstered by legislation before the General Assembly to increase protections for local cemeteries that have been abandoned, bulldozed or just neglected. The House approved the legislation 138-0 Monday night. The Senate version is scheduled for a hearing Thursday.

State Sen. Joan Carter Conway, the bill’s Senate sponsor, said the legislation could be used to increase the visibility of sites such as Laurel Cemetery. The Baltimore Democrat said the bill isn’t just about African-American cemeteries but all graveyards.

“Quite a lot of them are not being maintained,” she said.

Conway said she is considering offering an amendment to her bill prohibiting the paving over of cemeteries.

“I don’t think they should be able to pave over cemeteries and put a house there,” she said. “That’s another episode of ‘Poltergeist.’?”

Perhaps for as long as the dead have been buried, societies have struggled to maintain graveyards. Across Belair Road from the Laurel Cemetery site, in the middle of Clifton Park, is the old site of St. Vincent’s Cemetery, which opened around the same time. It was bulldozed in the 1980s. A group that calls itself the

Friends of St. Vincent's Cemetery is working to landscape the area.

Neglect is particularly common at African-American cemeteries, said Eileen McGuckian, president of the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites.

A Baptist church in Bethesda has clashed with Montgomery County and private developers over what is believed to be a historic African-American cemetery that was paved over years ago. Human remains from an African-American cemetery have been found beneath a dog park in Washington's Adams Morgan neighborhood.

In New York in 1991, workers excavating a site in Lower Manhattan for a federal building uncovered the first of an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 graves, a forgotten 18th century African-American cemetery. A portion of the site is now protected as the African Burial Ground National Monument.

"Sometimes there are real horror stories," McGuckian said.

Castanzo learned of the Laurel Cemetery from a historic map of the city. After checking out the site in person, he contacted Coastal Equities, which purchased the shopping center just a few years ago, and got permission to dig in the grassy, unpaved section.

Coastal Equities did not respond Monday to a request for comment.

The team began work in summer 2015.

"I really did not expect there to be lots of intact burials," Castanzo said.

The air was still shimmering with tension after the death of Freddie Gray and the demonstrations that followed. Ashley Smith, then a student at Coppin State University, worked on the dig. As team members excavated, she said, the blackish soil nearest to the asphalt gave way to a reddish dirt thick enough to mold with your hands.

In time, they found two headstones, without names. Shards of plate, a jug — antique trash, probably dumped in the 1940s. Piles and piles of brick. There were bones and the metal handles of caskets. Nails of coffins. A grave, cradled in a basket of roots.

And there, in the cemetery beneath the parking lot, Smith confronted a new type of racism: the racism that followed black people even after their deaths.

"Finding out that a space that was so important to our community was just kind of discarded," said Smith, sent a message to the city's African Americans: "We're not human, we're not worthy of being remembered."

She'd been to the strip mall. She went to high school nearby. Yet in all those years, she never once heard anyone talk about the cemetery.

"So much history was buried in that space," she said.

To Klugh, that's the worst thing about this story. Of the possibly 5,000 people buried at Laurel, he said, "their lives and contributions are gone from the collective memory."

Their earthly rest was not undisturbed.

Cattle sometimes broke through the fence and knocked over tombstones, The Baltimore Afro-American reported. Weeds and weather overtook the headstones. Neighbors dumped trash and ashes.

"The city of the dead is also the city of disorder and neglect," The Afro reported in 1929.

The company that owned the cemetery said members had stopped paying annual dues, and eventually declared bankruptcy, the newspaper reported. Neighbors complained that the place was an eyesore, a nuisance, a draw for criminals.

In 1957, the General Assembly approved legislation approving its destruction after legislators argued that it had become a health hazard. The prime land was later bought and sold by men who worked for the city's Law Department.

"And that's a really sad chapter in Baltimore history," Castanzo said.

By November 1958, an Afro reporter wrote, "the soft sobs of bereaved relatives have been replaced at the Laurel Cemetery by the roar of powerful bulldozers ripping apart this historic but decaying burial grounds."

A new owner moved a few hundred burials to Carroll County. But only a small fraction of the bodies were likely relocated.

"You never remove them all," McGuckian said.

Castanzo and Klugh visited the site one afternoon last week. Their presence drew curiosity. Some passersby had heard that the site had been a cemetery, but knew little about who was buried there.

"They need to do something about this," said Angela Thomas. "Somebody's loved one's probably still in there."

The ground has eroded substantially since Castanzo and Klugh began their work. In time, Castanzo said, human remains would come to the surface.

He picked up a bone, unsure whether it was from a person.

Klugh noticed something else in the dirt: the handle of an old casket.

Castanzo bent to pick it up. Tyrone Huff, 49, watched with a mix of fascination and anger.

Why hadn't the site been protected?



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Trump Threatens Underground Railroad Sites by National Park Service Budget Cuts, Park Sell-offs, and Firing 2,000 Park Rangers

The Trump Administration's 2017 and 2018 budgets for the United States Department of the Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have seriously cut protection, maintenance and operation of national parks in virtually every state including all cases of Underground Railroad sites and programs located within National Parks and National Monuments, and, in some cases, private-sector grantees of the National Park Service's Network to Freedom grant program. The president's proposed budget for the 2019 federal fiscal year beginning on October 1 of this year also proposes cutting 2,000 National Park Ranger positions.

Trump's proposed 31-percent EPA budget cut would make it impossible for the EPA to enforce the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts within parks

to protect and restore them from air and water pollution.

Trump's 12-percent cut to the Department of the Interior will halt or impede park construction programs, land acquisition, historic preservation, staffing and visitor services.

Says the National Park Conservation Association, "The budget proposal comes as the Park Service faces many challenges, exacerbated in part by years of underfunding. They include a \$12 billion deferred maintenance backlog, reduced staffing that has made it harder for parks to handle record-breaking crowds, and reductions in visitor services and interpretive programs essential to the park visitor experience."

John Garder, Director of Budget and Please see *Parks*, page 3, column 1

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They Knew It: Found Alabama Shipwreck Proves Family Story

By Sandra E. Garcia and Matthew Haag

This article originally appeared in the January 26, 2018, edition of *The New York Times*. Permission to reprint requested.

Lorna Gail Woods had heard stories of the *Clotilda* since before she could speak. In the evenings, her grandmother would hold her on the porch and tell her the tale of how her great-great-grandfather came to Alabama on the last known slave ship to come to the United States.

They were brought by force, her grandmother would tell her, by an American businessman who just wanted to win a bet. Her great-great-grandfather Charlie Lewis was the oldest of 110 slaves bought in West Africa, chained in the hull of the *Clotilda*

and sailed across the Atlantic to the Mobile-Tensaw River Delta in Alabama in 1860. But after the slaves were unloaded, the crew — fearing that they would be caught, and then imprisoned or executed — burned the ship, and its wreckage was never found, so many people doubted the story.

"My grandmother would tell us the story so we wouldn't forget and so that we could continue to tell the story," Woods, 69, said over the phone in a warm, Southern cadence.

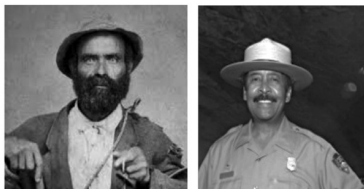
But the story of the lost *Clotilda* — sometimes spelled *Clotilde* — would only grow, eventually giving scholars one of their most

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From Slavery to Freedom to Exclusion to Inclusion, Five Generations of One Family Have Bettered Mammoth Cave National Park

The following account is excerpted from *Running on Empty: Along an Epic 12,000-Mile Road Trip America Has Its Say on Economic Inequality*, Free Press publisher Peter Michael's 2015 book.

Thursday morning we showed up at the park's hotel to wait for the bus to take us to the "new" entrance to the cave, an opening in a hillside discovered in the 1800s. The new entrance, ancient of course, is several miles from the huge main entrance used since aboriginal times and within walking distance of the hotel. Early for our bus time, we toured the visitor center's very well done displays that included a detailed map of the 400 known miles of Mammoth Cave and a three-dimensional model of the part of the cave below the hotel. Unlike some of the world's other long caves involving branches of one long main horizontal or vertical tube, Mammoth Cave consists of a fairly localized maze of interlinked tubes collectively coming to 400 explored miles and counting. Imagine lace, randomly woven. There are several other cave networks like this not far from Mammoth Cave that are hypothesized to actually be part of the Mammoth Cave system, with their connections just not yet discovered. Spelunkers are continually exploring the mapped extremities of the Mammoth network and adding to its known mileage. The cave as currently known underlies parts of three Kentucky



Cave Guides Materson and Jerry Bransford

counties.

While we were waiting, National Park Service Guide Jerry Bransford came up and introduced himself. Mr. Bransford is a fifth-generation Mammoth Cave Guide who descends from Materson Bransford, one of the original guides when the cave first became commercialized for tours in 1838. Ranger Bransford had begun telling us the fascinating story of the tight relationship between the cave and his family when our bus was called and off we went for our tour. A few hours later after we returned, we spoke to Mr. Bransford again and heard the rest of his uniquely American story.

Quite a story it is. Native American artifacts dating back ten thousand years have been found in the cave. Early European settlers mined the cave's potassium nitrate deposits used to make gunpowder during the War of 1812. In the 1830s the cave became commercialized for guided tours that in mounting numbers drew the

curious including wealthy touring Europeans. The first Mammoth Cave Guide was Stephen Bishop, a slave who began work in 1838.

Shortly afterward, the enslaved Materson Bransford began work here, the first of five generations of the same family at Mammoth Cave, and the great-great-grandfather of today's Jerry Bransford. In a peculiar and sad situation that happened too often across the slave states, Materson Bransford was first "owned" by his white father, and then by his white half-brother. The five-generation line is Materson, Henry, Louis, David and Jerry Bransford. Well into the twentieth century when the cave was privately owned, many other related Bransfords also worked at Mammoth Cave, the men usually as cave guides, the women as domestic help in the enterprise's hotels and kitchens. In the late 1800s, white guides began to be hired but through the 1930s most of the guide staff were local black people including the Bransfords and a descendant of Stephen Bishop.

When an unmarried eighteenth century owner died, he willed his cave property and company to his nieces and nephews, specifying that, when they were gone, the entirety was to be auctioned. When the last of them passed away in 1929, the auction never took place as the Kentucky

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New National Civil Rights Trail Covers 100+ Locations in 14 States

One of an occasional series on Underground Railroad sites and people

On January 1, the 153rd anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the U.S. Civil Rights Trail was officially announced to the public. The Trail comprises a collection of churches, courthouses, schools, museums and other landmarks, primarily in the Southern states, where activists challenged segregation in the 1950s and 1960s to advance social justice. The Trail is overseen by Travel South USA, the association of tourism departments of the 14 southern state governments.

The Civil Rights Trail got its start after former National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis encouraged the identification of surviving landmarks where major events of the civil rights era occurred, Georgia State University then identified 60 sites, and southern state tourism directors added 40 more.

Places where activists successfully sought equal access to public education, public transportation and voting rights comprise the Trail's theme, "What happened here changed the world."

Schools stretching from Topeka, Kansas, to Little Rock, Arkansas, to Farmville, Virginia, to South Carolina represent the end of racial segregation in public education, triggered by the Supreme Court's landmark 1954 *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision used later by courts to dismantle other forms of segregation.

F.W. Woolworth lunch counters in Greensboro, North Carolina, and Nashville, Tennessee, where sit-ins by black college students in 1960 inspired a wave of similar nonviolent demonstrations, are featured on the trail. The Greensboro store is now a major civil rights museum,



and the Tennessee building now a restaurant and entertainment venue that attracts civil-rights pilgrims.

Most blacks in Deep South states were prevented from registering to vote. A voting-rights march in Selma, Alabama, that turned violent on the Edmund Pettus Bridge emboldened Congress to pass the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Visitors now walk across the bridge daily.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the most visible

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Parks

Appropriations for the Association, states that, "The Administration's proposed budget is a non-starter for our national parks, our environment, and our cultural heritage, and should be dead on arrival in Congress. Agencies like the National Park Service and EPA cannot take care of our treasured landscapes and historical landmarks with further cuts to what are already shoestring budgets. The deep cuts to the Department of the Interior and key EPA clean water and enforcement programs demonstrate how irresponsible this budget is. The cuts to land acquisition, water restoration and historic preservation programs are nothing short of alarming. Cutting this funding fails to recognize how essential these programs are to protecting national parks, our natural resources and our cultural heritage."

Cuts are now impacting land acquisition that helps to protect parks from development within their borders. Entirely eliminated in the Trump budget is funding for the National Heritage Area program, Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay and Everglades restoration, local input and environmental review.

Blogger, author and National Parks preservationist Audrey Peterman (LegacyOnTheLand.com) puts it well: "The assault of the Trump administration on our publicly-owned lands—suggesting that they view them mostly as assets to be converted to currency—is glaringly obvious. As we wrestle with the cynics who try to shift the ground under our feet, the public lands provide us with a foundation upon which we can ground ourselves. Our park rangers are examples of the best of the human spirit. Please take action today to protect our national parks and publicly-owned lands from those who only see the "price" they can produce, but miss their true value."

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detailed looks into the lives of Africans who were brought to the U.S. to live in bondage after an Alabama businessman attempted to smuggle slaves from Africa to the United States without being caught. [Slave importation had been outlawed in the United States since 1808.]

[In January], the story that Woods' family — and many like hers in Africatown, the historic neighborhood of about 2,000 on the shores of the delta just north of Mobile — had passed down for more than 150 years became much more real.

That month, Ben Raines, reporter for AL.com, published an article in which he told of finding the charred wooden remains thought to be the Clotilda.

"We know exactly who was on it. The names of all the slaves that were on it, the captives who were on it, were all recorded," Raines said in an interview. "It is the only group of people brought into the country through slavery where we know exactly where they were brought in, taken from in Africa, and ended up in the United States."

Archaeologists who visited the site said that based on the wreckage's dimensions and contents — including charred timber, and iron drifts — the remnants were most likely those of the slave ship.

"This is the proof we needed," Woods said. "I am elated because so many people said that it didn't really happen that way, that we made the story up."

Woods and other descendants said they were ecstatic about the news but still coming to terms with it. While the Clotilda had always been at the center of family lore, the common bond among neighbors in Africatown, they previously had to accept the story on faith.

About 10 of the 100 or so descendants of the Clotilda slaves who still live in Africatown gathered on Wednesday to discuss what should be done with the wreckage if it proves to be the Clotilda.

Should it be removed and restored? Should it stay where it is and the land be protected? Should the wreckage be placed in a museum?

"We want to tell the rest of our families about what happened over 150 years ago," Woods said. "We want to get some answers."

Lavon Manzie, a Mobile councilman who

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Trail

ble leader of the movement, is represented in several states. His birthplace and gravesite are just steps apart in downtown Atlanta. His first church in Montgomery, Alabama, is where he led the successful bus boycott after the arrest of Rosa Parks. The Memphis church where he gave his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech the night before his assassination at the Lorraine Motel is a popular destination. The motel, expanded into the National Civil Rights Museum, is the most visited restored civil rights landmark in America. The Memphis museum will be the focus of the 50th anniversary of the death of Dr. King this year.

Four major museums were built to interpret the movement. U.S. Rep. John Lewis of Atlanta championed construction of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, which opened to great acclaim in Washington, D.C., in 2016. The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, now the centerpiece of a new national monument, faces the park where police used fire hoses and dogs in 1963 to terrorize student demonstrators. The Center for Civil and Human Rights is a major attraction in downtown Atlanta. The Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, which opened in Jackson last month, is the newest.

For details of the dozens of sites and interviews with foot soldiers and tour guides at some of the landmarks, visit CivilRightsTrail.com.

Shipwreck

represents Africatown, said the possible discovery of the Clotilda is welcome news in a part of Mobile that is often overlooked. Last year, an artist painted a mural of the slave ship on a wall in the neighborhood, a sign of the Clotilda's continued resonance in the community.

Manzie said the Clotilda slaves represented what was best about his state and America. They came against their will and did not know English or understand American culture. Still, he said, they transformed Africatown into a thriving community of agriculture, schools, churches and community centers.

"It's a story of resilience and self-preservation," he said. "If you consider the circumstances of what these individuals had to learn and grow from and then reach the highest of success they can achieve, it is an amazing story."

Woods remembers the story of how her great-great-grandfather Charlie Lewis came on the Clotilda. As a child, Woods learned that Lewis was the oldest slave on the ship, and that he was known as chief of the Tarkbar Tribe.

"Charlie only spoke the African language, so he passed the story down to his son Joe Lewis," Woods said. She said that he learned to read and write at the Old Union Baptist Church in Africatown and recorded the story.

The Old Union Baptist Church has served as a hub for the community. Several slaves who arrived on the Clotilda were founding members of the church.

Liston Portis has lived in Africatown for 55 years and sees the story of the Clotilda as the history of the town.

"I was very excited and happy that they found the ship because I had heard about the ship all my life," Portis said. "For someone to locate it, it makes our story real and true."

Portis, a retired juvenile detention supervisor, is not related to any of the slaves who arrived on the Clotilda. But he said he knows the story because churches and schools in the community reinforce it.

"It is very important to know from whence you come," Portis said, "especially in the African-American community because we were not reading and writing, so our stories passed on molded us."

"To actually see our history and know where we come from specifically," Portis added, "it gives credence to our story."

Five Generations

Congressional delegation persuaded the federal government to purchase the property for a national park. In September, 1936, five years before it would be officially designated as a national park, the Mammoth Cave property was placed under the operation of the National Park Service. Until then, many black guides continued working at Mammoth Cave including eight Bransfords who were grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Materson Bransford or of early Materson relatives.

But the National Park Service had other ideas. One by one in the late 1930s, black guides were told that they would not be hired by the federal government when Mammoth Cave became a national park. In the 1990s former National Park Service Director Robert Stanton, the first black to head the Park Service, reflected that "It would have been very doubtful that the Park Service would hire them in technical or semiprofessional positions such as park guides. African Americans might have been hired for maintenance, but the National Park Service and most agencies moved very slowly on improving their employment practices until major civil rights and equal-employment laws were passed in the 1950s and '60s."

In 1939, Louis Bransford, grandson of Materson and grandfather of Jerry, retired as the last of the cave's black guides. As author and former Mammoth Cave employee Joy Lyons puts it in her book, *Making Their Mark: The Signature of Slavery at Mammoth Cave*, "The day Louis Bransford walked to the office and turned in his key to the iron door guarding Mammoth Cave's entrance marked the end of 101 continuous years of Bransford guides at Mammoth Cave. His departure symbolized not only the end of an era, but the end of a way of life."

When the National Park Service made Mammoth Cave National Park official on July 1, 1941, Superintendent R. Taylor Hoskins hired an all-white crew. Thus the long mutually beneficial association between the local black community and Mammoth Cave was severed.

Things got even uglier. Using eminent domain, the government began buying up eighty-two square miles of land surrounding the cave and evicted 500 families, both black and white, many of whom had lived there since before Kentucky statehood in 1792. In such cases, the National Park Service has the option of allowing people to stay, perhaps with the

restriction that dwellings may be owned in the future only by descendants. In Mammoth's case, about 2,000 people were run off their ancestral land instead. Homes, farms, small businesses, churches, schools and cemeteries—their entire heritage—had to be left behind as they were forced off.

It took until the twenty-first century before Mammoth Cave National Park would mend its ways on race.

In 2004, three-quarters of a century after Louis Bransford saw the writing on the wall and retired on his own terms, Joy Lyons, who was in charge of hiring and training Mammoth Cave guides, had an idea. Lyons looked into who the modern-day descendants of the Bransfords might be, discovered Louis's grandson Jerry nearby, and offered him a job as a uniformed Seasonal Park Guide. Just retired, Jerry Bransford unretired and signed on with the National Park Service. Mr. Bransford, a dignified and well-spoken man, is a retired photographer of Dow Corning Corporation, past president of the NAACP chapter of Hardin County, Kentucky, and Deacon of Little Zion Baptist Church in nearby Glendale.

In our long conversation, Mr. Bransford said that going on seventy years later the few buildings that the park service did not demolish are nearly gone to decay with a very few preserved only for tourist gawking as a last look at an obliterated way of life. Old maps show the locations of cemeteries but most have not been tended for years and have gone back to nature, with descendants cut off from being able to visit the graves of their ancestors. Mr. Bransford knows the location of his ancestors' cemetery and, having reblazed an old trail, periodically makes his way through the deep local forest to clear and tend the graves. When the National Park Service learned of his devotion, it asked him not to look after the cemetery any longer but so far has not outright prohibited it. There are over a dozen old cemeteries in the park and it is hard to see how any harm could be done by letting volunteers, especially descendants, maintain them.

The callousness practiced by the National Park Service at Mammoth Cave National Park since 1940 amounts to the worst of heavy-handed bureaucracy and unfeeling community relations. But Jerry Bransford is upbeat. Of those he works with at the park, he says, "They are decent people here, and I try to reciprocate."

City recovers names of those buried in forgotten cemetery

by **Patience Wait**

Staff Writer

Frederick city officials believe Benjamin Daley is still there.

If he is, so are Sammuell White, David Carter, Matilda Saints, Richard and Georgeanna Dimmy and at least three of their children.

These are just a few of the 117 men, women and children who apparently were buried in Laboring Sons Cemetery between 1851, when the land was bought for the cemetery, and 1949.

Less than a year after Edward W. Walker passed away (Jan. 23, 1949), so did the cemetery on Chapel Alley between 5th and 6th streets. It was turned over to the City of Frederick for use as a memorial park. The members of the Beneficial Society of the Laboring Sons of Frederick, the group that created the black cemetery and maintained it for almost a century, could no longer take care of the run-down, overgrown site.

For 50 years, the cemetery sat forgotten as children romped in a playground built there. First known as Laboring Sons Park, the name was changed some time in the last 20 years to Chapel Park and the cemetery truly was lost to history.

It returned to light in December 1999, when Frederick resident Martha Reynolds suggested an alley near the park be named Laboring Sons Alley, after the site's original landmark.

A volunteer survey of the ground by Goodwin & Associates, an archeological company based in Frederick, turned up seismic evidence of grave shafts, confirming the former cemetery's existence, though the firm did not search for remains or tombstones.

Last Friday, Frederick's Chief Operations Officer Rick Weldon turned up a long-forgotten list of the tombstones a city survey crew recorded there before the park was built, along with a map showing the locations of the graves.

"I have found no indication, reading the minutes of mayor and Board of Aldermen meetings from 1945 to 1960, no mention of exhumation," Weldon said Tuesday.

He believes the graves are still there, under the swings, basketball court and even the pavilion.

To double-check, over the weekend Weldon walked the grounds of Fairview Cemetery on Gas House Pike, which after Laboring Sons' razing had been the last remaining black cemetery in the city. He was joined by Aldermen William Hall and Blaine Young.

"We found one name [on a tombstone there] that matched the list, but the dates of birth and death are different. I think it's a son or grandson," Weldon said.

He thanked retired city employee Robert Strine for calling from his Florida home to tell Weldon of the existence of the map and list. "He called and told us where to look."

Frederick resident Jackie Berry, who has been searching for her great-great-uncle Zachariah Daley's burial spot, is pleased with the news. She believes Benjamin Daley, who died in

1863, is her great-great-grandfather, the father of Zachariah and his sister, Mary Ann, Berry's great-grandmother.

"I'm happy that someone finally came forward and remembered these things," she said Tuesday. "Even though Uncle Zach's name isn't on there, some of my relatives are on there and perhaps Uncle Zach could be in there with them. Maybe his name just didn't get on the tombstone."

Berry has received a copy of Uncle Zach's death certificate from the state, and it lists Laboring Sons Cemetery as his last resting place, but his name is not on the city's list.

"Originally I had wanted them to do more testing and all that, but now it's been confirmed that no one has been removed, that's not necessary," Berry said. "I haven't seen the map, but I gather they're all over the place there. That's where they wanted to go."

The map does show that graves are scattered the length of the park, some in clusters, some solitary.

The discovery of the list has once again changed the fate of the park.

Just last week, the Board of Aldermen asked Weldon to form a committee to recommend how Laboring Sons Cemetery should be memorialized, including plans for a plaque and an interpretive display of the site's history.

The members of the committee include Berry, Hall, retired alderman William Lee, Bernard Brown, the president of the Fairview Cemetery board of directors, and Richard Cody, president of Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

Now that he knows there are graves still there, Weldon and the committee will discuss whether to remove the playground and turning the park — soon to be renamed La-

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boring Sons Park — into a quiet green space, with benches and landscaping to go with the plaque and exhibit.

"I'd like some decorative fencing and shrubs, maybe put it on the Frederick city walking tour because it's a historical graveyard," Berry mused. "It might be a good idea if they had Goodwin & Associates there when they start to remove the playground and blacktop. There might be artifacts."

Mark Hudson, president of the Historical Society of Frederick County, says his group is pleased the discovery has been made and generally supports efforts now under way to memorialize the cemetery. He speculates that there are other lost sites like this across the county.

"One of the outcomes out of this, I hope, is a continued effort to try to locate places of burial like this that have been obscured," Hudson said. "People need to become more aware there are places like this, people need to be more vigilant about their memories ... so that 50 years from now we're not coming across things like this again."

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All of the attention to Laboring Cemetery is to the good, but Martha Reynolds, the woman who started this with her suggested alley name, is a little sorry over the turn of events.

"I feel a little like Dr. Frankenstein," Reynolds said Tuesday. "I think it's wonderful they found the names of the people who were buried there. I will be very, very sorry if we lose our playground. There are a lot of children in our neighborhood who use that park ... When it was Laboring Sons Park, it was a memorial park. I don't see it was a conflict."

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Many more lives lie forgotten

"For thee, who, mindful of the un-honored dead; Dost in these lines their artless tale relate;

If chance, by lonely contemplation led: Some kindred spirit shall inquire thy fate..."

That melancholy message is from Thomas Gray's Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard, penned 250 years ago. It is as poignant today. Many grave sites have been obliterated without kindred spirits to inquire their fate.

One such is Laboring Sons Cemetery in Frederick, now a playground. Had not a kindred spirit sought to name an alley in honor of over 100 dead who remain buried there, few would have been mindful of their final resting place.

There are other such places. All one has to do is search records. Jacob Engelbrecht records in his diary in 1825 that the first burial in the new Lutheran 2 3/4 acres cemetery, east end of Church Street, was 28 year old Prudence Ebert. Prudence's place of burial has long since disappeared with no record indicating re-interment to another spot.

Memorial Park, now dedicated to those who served their country in the armed forces, was the German Reformed Cemetery. According to records, several hundred bodies remain on the site, their names carefully recorded by the church.

"... many bodies were re-interred in Mt. Olivet Cemetery if members of their families so desired. There were,



Paul Gordon

Commentary

however, many bodies for whom no decedent could be found, or, if living, did not request removal of the ashes," a booklet relates. Those remaining were relocated to one end of the park where a marker and bronze plaque have been placed.

The Protestant Episcopal graveyard in 1760 was located on East All Saints Street, now site of the bus station. The church and graveyard were deeded to the predecessor of the Asbury Methodist Church, and a second graveyard for members of that church was placed beside the first, according to the 1853 Pittar map. Those cemeteries, according to my family who lived nearby, were used for burials into the 1920s.

We believe one whose final resting place was there is Henry Lazarus, a resident of Fredericktown 1742-1777. Since his brother was overseer of the road leading to this Anglican Church, its graveyard would be the most logical resting place for Henry. Which kindred spirit will step forward to protest,

if Carroll Creek redevelopment uncovers vestiges of these two cemeteries?

The Titus Atlas of 1873 shows not only the Laboring Sons Cemetery along Chapel Alley, but another unnamed burial ground just west on 6th Street. The Methodist Graveyard, long and narrow, was on the east side of Middle Alley utilizing 2/3 of the space between 3rd and 4th Streets.

A burial ground filled the area behind twin spired Lutheran Church, and another graveyard ran behind the Presbyterian Church to West 3rd Street. Within Novitiate grounds, along Chapel Alley and between 2nd and 3rd Streets, Catholics were interred. The Engelbrecht Diary denotes Mantz's graveyard in regular use on 4th Street in 1826, as well as a Baptist burial ground, both believed to have been just west of Bentz Street.

In the Thurmont area were buried some of the original German settlers of Frederick County. Only one tombstone remains from now developed sacred grounds which could have been the graveyard of long lost Monocacy Church. The landowner told me that when the county built the road along his property, tombstones were pulverized and used in the roadway's base.

Where were the kindred spirits?

Thus we are blest that Laboring Sons Cemetery will now be a spot for contemplation, as is Memorial Park. We wish we could say the same for other long forgotten burial sites.

There will be no elegy for them.

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City to remove play equipment from old cemetery

By STEVE MILLER
News-Post Staff

Permanently removing the play areas from Chapel Park to create a restive, meditative refuge is the only way to "right the long-standing wrong" of putting a playground on top of an old black cemetery, Frederick Chief Operations Officer Rick Weldon said Wednesday.

With 134 identified graves of black Frederick residents scattered throughout the park, he told the Board of Aldermen, the city can't in

good conscience retain the active play areas.

The only other option would be exhuming and moving the remains from the park, on Chapel Alley between Fifth and Sixth streets.

The recommendation to remove the playground equipment came from the Laboring Sons Memorial Park Committee, which was given the task of finding a remedy to the 50-year-old decision to build Chapel Park on top the old Laboring Sons

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Cemetery without moving the graves.

The committee recommended the following actions:

- Remove all play structures and facilities.
- Remove all asphalt surfaces.
- In the park's center, erect a memorial listing the names, birth and death dates of those interred at Laboring Sons Cemetery.
- Create a historical interpretation of the Society of the Laboring Sons, a black burial rights organization that established the cemetery in 1851.
- Design a system of walking paths and benches that do no conflict with identified grave sites.
- Work with owners of other nearby properties to find an acceptable replacement play area.
- Work with families, churches and the community to plan an appropriate re-dedication of the park as Laboring Sons Memorial

Park.

The aldermen signaled support of the recommendations and appeared ready to officially approve the plan tonight at their regular 7 p.m. meeting.

"It's hallowed ground and should be treated as such," said Alderman William Hall, who served on the committee.

He said the committee, which included descendants of some of those buried in Laboring Sons Cemetery, was not at all concerned about the lost playground and recreational space. They wanted appropriate recognition for the dead, regardless of the cost.

"A wrong was done in the past and (the committee) would settle for nothing less," said Mr. Hall.

"The last thing we ever want to do is lose a park," said Alderman Blaine Young, "but this gets down to basically doing what's right."

Mr. Weldon said the loss of Chapel Park's recreational facilities would not severely impact the city's

park system. Chapel Park is probably the least utilized city park and the equipment is in the worst condition, he said.

The Society of the Laboring Sons sold the cemetery property to the city in 1949, after Frederick's black community had abandoned the graveyard and allowed the cemetery become overgrown, according to newspaper reports from the time.

The city and public knew as many as 1,500 people were buried in the cemetery when the city converted it into a park. Documents uncovered in City Hall in February identify 134 graves.

Newspaper reports describe skeletons unearthed as city workers buried tombstones and graded the land.

The city planned to memorialize the park, according to the newspaper.

For some reason, the city only now has moved to make good on that 50-year-old promise.

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Righting a wrong

The city's doing the right thing in restoring Chapel Park playground in Frederick city to a memorial park, especially since there are still about 134 "identified" graves there, but the timing is wrong.

The almost 100-year old traditional black cemetery was sold to the city 50 years ago by the Society of Laboring Sons after it had become overgrown with weeds — not the first cemetery to experience that condition — and neglected by the community.

The big question is what happened to the original 1,500 graves mentioned in newspaper reports from the time. Those same reports described skeletons unearthed and tombstones buried when city workers graded the land. This doesn't sound like the most respectful and careful treatment of that cemetery, located on Chapel Alley between Fifth and Sixth streets, something that probably would not have happened in any other area of town or if it was a white cemetery.

Editorial

It's a little late to make amends for trampling on the rights of the deceased and the sensibilities of the survivors, but the plan to establish a memorial park in place of the playground is a good one. The one problem is that in the rush to right that 50-year-old wrong, the city is depriving the neighborhood of a playground. We agree with letter writer Amy McEwan that the plan is "honoring the dead but ignoring the living."

This is a part of town that needs parks of any size. The city comes out looking bad when Rick Weldon, the city's chief operations officer, in justifying the change from a playground to a memorial park, says the park is the least utilized in the city and the playground equipment is in the worst condition. Maybe the condition of the equipment has something to do with no one using it.

It wouldn't delay the process that much — especially after waiting 50 years — to first find a nearby location for a new playground, one with equipment on a par with that in the other city parks. If another park isn't established quickly, the city has just solved one problem and created another.

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African American Community Calendar
Updated June 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
"Kingdom Disciples Bible Study" – Jackson Chapel UMC. 8:45 am.(starting on May 6)

Every Monday – Friday

"Adult Sunday School Class" – Asbury UMC. 8:00 am

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" –Thomas Tabernacle, 517 N. Market St. 6:30 pm. Open to all.

Tuesday

"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's With Sherri Women's Group" - 11 am. Lincoln Apts. Community Room. Sherri Ames - 240-457-0157.

Every Tuesday

"Adult & Youth Bible Study" - ~ 7: 00 PM - 1st 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" – 1st 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!

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| Every Saturday | <p>“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</p> <p>“Line Dancing” – Asbury UMC. 6-8 pm.</p> |

JULY

- 8** **“Asbury UMC 200th Anniversary Service”** – “Thankful for the Past” 10 am. Guest speaker: Rev. Burton Mack. Asbury UMC, 101 W. All Saints St. 301-663-9380
- 13** **“Chicken, Fish & Oyster Fry”** – For Asbury’s Women’s Day at Asbury UMC, 101 All Saints St, 11 am until sold out. \$12/ Chicken Dinner, \$14/Fish Dinner; \$17/Oyster Dinner. Dinners include 2 sides. 301-663-9380.
- 15** **“Church in the Park”** – Asbury UMC 10:00 am worship service in Mullinix Park. Covered dish picnic following service.
- 18 – 20** **AUMC Vacation Bible School** – Theme “Time Travel – Faith, Hope & Love: A Celebration of 200 Years”. Asbury UMC, 101 All Saints St. 6 – 8:30 pm. Ages 3 & over. All are welcome.
- 22** **“Shekinah Glory 8th Anniversary”** – 3 pm Hampton Inn. Guest Speaker: Dr. Pastor Darryl Bacus, Cornerstone Ministries
- 22** **“Asbury Women’s Day”** - Asbury UMC, 101 All Saints St. 10:00 am

AUGUST

- 4** **“Asbury 200th Year Anniversary Cook-Out** – Pine Cliff Park, 2-7 pm. Open to the Community
- 5** **“Asbury Friendship Sunday”** - Asbury UMC, 101 All Saints St. 10:00 am
- 11** **“Annual Crab Feast”** - Asbury UMC, 101 All Saints St. 10:00 am
- 18** **“CB & Friends Bus Trip to Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA”** - \$55/person. Price includes \$30 slot play rebate & \$5 toward food. Gunther’s Charter Lines. 50/50 raffle, continental breakfast & games on bus. Leave from Urbana Park & Ride promptly at 8 am; return to Frederick at 9:30 pm. For tickets, contact Carolyn Bowens at 301-663-0018 or any member of Hope Chapter Eastern Star. Tickets going fast!
- 18** **“Pre-Anniversary Service”** - New Dimension Worship Center: 5111 Pegasus Ct., F. 5:00 pm. Speaker: Superintendent Stephen Jones.
- 26** **“Asbury Men’s Day”** - Asbury UMC, 101 All Saints St. 10:00 am

SEPTEMBER

- 14** **“29th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration”** – Honoring Bishop Alexander Hardy & Elder Barbara Hardy. 7 pm; Speaker: Pastor Otto Gross.
- 15** **“29th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration Banquet”** - Ft. Detrick Community Activities Center; speaker Bishop McMillan. Tickets: \$50/adults; \$20/youth 10-15; \$10/children 1-9.
- 16** **“29th Pastoral Anniversary Worship Celebration”** - New Dimension Worship Center: 5111 Pegasus Ct., F. 10:30 am. Roeh Westphal, Speaker
- 15** **“Living Treasures Documentary & Discussion”** – AARCH presentation highlighting the oral histories of African Americans 90 years and older. Weinberg Center. Details TBA

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His State and Hometown Remove Memorials to US Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Taney, Author of the Dred Scott Decision

It was Frederick, Maryland's Roger Taney as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court who in 1857 wrote the court's opinion in *Dred Scott vs. Sandford*, the explosive decision that stripped blacks of citizenship, kept Scott and his family enslaved, and enraged the northern states. Regarded immediately and ever since as one of the most misguided decisions, if not the most so, that the Supreme Court ever issued, *Dred Scott vs. Sandford* was a direct cause of the Civil War, emancipation, and thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution.

Nevertheless, as with the many statues of Confederate generals which went up across the South after the Civil War, Roger Taney was memorialized perhaps more than any other Chief Justice, despite the *Dred Scott* decision. In 1872, the Maryland Gen-

eral Assembly, the state's legislature, installed a statue of Taney on the grounds of the State House. In 1932, Frederick County, Maryland, where Taney was born and practiced law, installed a bust of Taney on the lawn of the County Courthouse. In the 1970s, when the courthouse became the city hall of Frederick, the county seat, the bust remained.

The two monuments stood until last year when the State and the City of Frederick—like Baltimore, New Orleans, Charlottesville, Virginia, and many other locales—came to the realization that a gradually enlightened nation had moved beyond wink and nod to the legacy of slavery.

For several years, the Frederick City Council had struck an edgy compromise between history and grievances

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The First Non-enslaver US President (Not Who You Might Think)

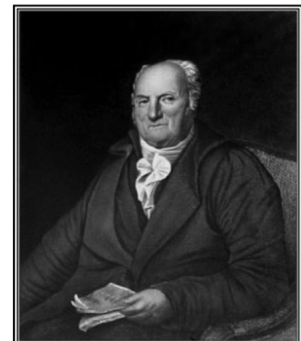
Rather famously, John Adams, George Washington's successor as president, made it a point that, unlike Washington, he, Adams, was never an enslaver. In fact, from Adams until Lincoln 60 years later, the only other president who was not an enslaver was John Quincy Adams. Even two presidents who came after Lincoln and emancipation—Andrew Johnson and Ulysses Grant—had been slave owners.

But John Adams was not the first president who was never an enslaver. That distinction goes to Elias Boudinot IV, the second presi-

dent of the original United States government under the Articles of Confederation, the nation's first governing charter.

Boudinot was a New Jersey delegate to the first government, the United States in Congress Assembled, when in 1782 the body elected him as the second President of the United States for a one-year term. The unexplained failure of United States history textbooks to adequately describe the original government, its presidents, and its critical role in establishing nationhood has left most Americans unin-

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More Underground Railroad B&B Inns

In our January, 2017, issue, we ran an article on bedandbreakfast.com's list of 26 bed and breakfast inns that claim Underground Railroad history. Now the website offers nine more. Its new listings have been edited here for length.

1830 Hallauer House B&B Oberlin, Ohio

Hallauer House was built by Nathan Smith in 1830 but it was not until later when Samuel Wightman and family lived in the house during the Civil War that it was believed to have been used as an instrumental stop on the Underground Railroad. There is much evidence that points to how the Wightman family once aided slaves as they traveled on the Underground Railroad from Wellington through Oberlin and north to Lake Erie. A dry cistern with an adjacent thick-walled secret room and a concealed opening offered shelter. Just above the hidden room, a small rectangular opening concealed by a wooden plug that offered the family access to communicate and provide food to those hidden below.

1852 Hall Place Bed & Breakfast Glasgow, Kentucky

Innkeeper Karin Baldwin-Carroll is related to Judge Christopher Tompkins, the original owner of Hall Place. Judge Tompkins was a teacher of Abraham Lincoln and an active Underground Railroad supporter. A now-closed cave located under Hall Place was linked to an entire network of other caves which were used for safe travel for slaves escaping to freedom. Access to the caves through this B&B and a number of other nearby homes gave the area surrounding Glasgow, Kentucky the nickname "Cave City." As additional proof that Judge Tompkins was a supporter of freeing the slaves, he provided lifetime care for each of his former slaves in his will.

Ashley Manor on Cape Cod Barnstable, Massachusetts

Built in 1699, this historic inn has a secret passage behind a bookcase that connects the upstairs and downstairs. The passage was originally thought to provide a hiding place for loyalists during the Revolutionary War and later to provide a temporary hideout for slaves traveling the Underground Railroad. Allegedly, slaves climbed down a ladder, still found behind the bookcase of the King George Suite, into the basement. From the base-

ment, they were able to flee into the woods toward freedom in Canada.

The Fairfield Inn Fairfield, Pennsylvania

Opening its doors in 1757, the Fairfield Inn is one of the oldest, continuously operated inns in the United States. The inn was used as a battlefield hospital in the Civil War and also as a safe station along the Underground Railroad. Runaway slaves were taken to the third floor and, after crawling through a small trap door, the door was boarded back up with wainscoting. The runaway slaves hid inside the wall of the inn until the coast was clear and someone would lead them out. While staying at the inn, guests can visit an Underground Railroad exhibit on the third floor where a window has been cut into the wall so viewers can see the area where the escaping slaves hid. Throughout its 261 years of history, the Fairfield Inn has also hosted many famous Americans including Patrick Henry, General Robert E. Lee, and Ike and Mamie Eisenhower. The inn offers a free history tour daily to its guests and other visitors.

The Great Valley House of Valley Forge Malvern, Pennsylvania

Today's owner and innkeeper Pattye Benson avidly shares many interesting stories of hidden rooms at this historic 1690 inn where she has lived for decades. A tunnel from the main house, originally built to store food and vegetables, was later prepared as an escape route in the event of a British attack during the Revolutionary War. In the 1850s the tunnel was used to house runaway slaves moving north along the Underground Railroad. Two green doors remain as important tributes to this escape route. The stories of the Underground Railroad at Great Valley House are just a few of the many of this inn rich in American history.

Munro House B&B and Spa Jonesville, Michigan

After purchasing Munro House, George Clinton Munro constructed a Greek revival addition to the home in 1840. The addition contained a secret room that became an instrumental station on the Underground Railroad for over 15 years. More than 400 runaways are thought to have been hidden at Munro House on their way to a free life in Canada. The Munro family lived in the house until

1945, which was converted into a B&B in 1985. A secret passage conceals a pair of second floor rooms large enough for a dozen adults. Today, the bed and breakfast inn celebrates its unique past by providing Underground Railroad tours to school groups, families and others by appointment.

Six Acres Bed and Breakfast Cincinnati, Ohio

This home was built in the 1850s by Zebulon Strong, a noted abolitionist and participant in the Underground Railroad, and is close to Cincinnati's National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Documents in the Ohio Historical Library say Strong had a "false bottom" in his farming wagon where he would pick up his "passengers" along Mill Creek, which runs alongside the property. He hid the runaways in the bottom of his wagon and covered them with crops to be hidden from view. He would then take them to his home for a safe respite before moving them further up Hamilton Pike to the next safehouse along the route to Canada.

Whispering Pines Bed and Breakfast Nebraska City, Nebraska

A short stroll from the 1878 Victorian home Whispering Pines is the Mayhew Cabin (also known as John Brown's Cave), one of the oldest buildings in Nebraska and currently Nebraska's only recognized National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom site. In 1855, Allen B. Mayhew, with the aid of his father-in-law, Abraham Kagi, built the cabin of cottonwood logs. The Mayhew Cabin became a stop on the Underground Railroad in the late 1850s, used by freedom seekers escaping to Canada.

Williams House B&B Amelia Island, Florida

Built in 1856, this mansion contains a mysterious trapdoor in the dining room closet, offering access to a secret room where slaves could hide. When Union troops occupied Fernandina, Florida, they used Williams House as their headquarters and its large hearthstone as an infirmary. Upon his return to the island, Marcus A. Williams released his slaves prior to the war and became active in the Underground Railroad by offering safety to freedom seekers in a secret space in the dining room.

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by erecting a wayfinding sign next to its Taney bust, explaining the memorial in candid detail in the context of the Dred Scott decision. But by 2017 a growing unease tipped the scales in favor of no longer having city government offering official imprimatur of a proponent of slavery. Last March, the memorial came down and was moved to a nearby cemetery but, oddly, not the one where Taney is buried.

In August, two days after Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh had four Confederate statues on public land removed, the State of Maryland followed suit by removing its Taney statue and putting it into storage. Said Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, a moderate Republican, "We can't wipe out all of our history, nor should we try to, but when it reaches the point where some symbols become a focal point for racism and violence, then it's time to do something about it." Hogan said that it was the racist demonstration in Charlottesville that led him to order removal of Taney of the statue.

Several years ago, the State erected a statue of Baltimore native Thurgood Marshall, the first African American Supreme Court justice, on the opposite side of the State House from the Taney statue. In the works are statues honoring abolitionists Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass to be placed in the State Maryland House.

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formed even of its existence. A nation is not a nation until it has a government and head of state, and that did not occur until November 4, 1781, the date prescribed in the Articles of Confederation for formation of the new government and therefore for the nation. On that date, John Hanson of Maryland was elected the actual first president of the United States.

Hanson's immediate successor as president was New Jersey lawyer and early American philanthropist Elias Boudinot who had a long distinguished record before, during and after his presidency but is almost entirely forgotten today. Boudinot served as a New Jersey delegate to the Second Continental Congress and then to the first government throughout its seven-year existence. For a time before formation of the first government, he reported directly to George Washington as Commissary General of Prisoners of the Revolutionary Army, and later served as the Congress's *de facto* point man on foreign affairs. In the latter role, Boudinot was instrumental in controlling the receipt and disbursements of the nation's life-line foreign aid from the French, Dutch and Spanish, and gained credit for his careful handling of relations with Canada. His diplomatic and foreign affairs experience would prove an excellent fit during his presidency, as the Treaty of Paris was being concluded.

Elias Boudinot was forty-three when inaugurated as president. Upon his taking office, the nation transitioned from the fourth oldest president who would serve in either the first or second governments through 2018 to the fifth youngest.

Perhaps most to his credit was Boudinot's life-long philanthropic work promoting rights, education and place in society of African Americans and Native Americans. The exceptionally gifted Yale-educated Cherokee Chief Kilikeena Watie was so touched by Boudinot's tutoring and friendship that he adopted his name. His tombstone epitaph well sums the life of Elias Boudinot: "His life was an exhibition of fervent piety, of useful talent and of extensive benevolence."

Just as with his predecessor, Elias Boudinot provides another example of financial sacrifice for the nation to take on the intermittently paid job of an early president. The day after his inauguration in November 1782, Boudinot wrote in distress to his wife Hannah, "I informed you that I had this morning accepted the Chair of Congress. I think you had best

sell whatever you think we shall not stand in need of. You must get all the Cash you can; as that all will not be sufficient. Sell one or two Horses, the largest Colt & the little Mare, the Waggon, Plough, Harrow, Chair and supernumerary Hogs. As to the Family, I know not what to say about them."

During the summer of his presidential term, Boudinot had to deal with a serious mutiny of unpaid soldiers which required the rescue of the government by General Arthur St. Clair and the permanent vacating of Independence Hall for Princeton, then Annapolis, then New York where the capital remained until nearly the end of the John Adams administration. Elias Boudinot served in the United States House of Representatives during the first six years of its existence until his appointments by Presidents Washington, Adams and Jefferson as director of the United States Mint from 1795 to 1805. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Princeton University for forty-nine years. Late in life in 1816, Elias Boudinot founded and served as the first president of the American Bible Society until his death in 1821 at age eighty-one.

As with the Hanson-Washington contrast, most Americans today can easily identify John Adams, second president of the government under the Constitution, but surely few can now name Elias Boudinot as the second president of the original government and of the United States. Even his name's pronunciation is now clouded: President Boudinot's immigrant grandfather, Elias Boudinot II, used the French pronunciation, boo-din-OH. Some modern references have corrupted the name to boo-DIN-ot, but pronunciation websites use the original pronunciation as does the family.

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Black History for July 1, 2018

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Carl Lewis born on this date in 1899: The father of Black Gospel Music.

Thomas A. Dorsey was born on this date. He passed away in 1993. He was 93 years old.

1915: Grammy award winning blues musician Willie Dixon was born. He passed away in 1992 at age 76.

1924: Soloist Roland Hayes was named soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra on this day. He was born in a George cabin in 1887. He was the recipient of the Spingarn Medal for "so finely" interpreting the beauty of the Negro folk song.

1928: R&B. Rock&Roll musician, singer, song writer and producer Bobby Day was born. He passed away in 1990 at age 60.

1947: Comedian & actress Shirley Hemphill was born. She died in 1999 at the age of 52 of renal failure.

1954: The Ink Spots began a stint at the Trocadero on Hollywood's Sunset Strip.

1957: A Philadelphia radio station with on 250 watts of power began repeat plays of the Tune Weaver's new release, "Happy Happy Birthday Baby." By October it was #1.

1960: The Jesters, Ben e. King, Ruth Brown, Jimmy Jones, and the Olympics performed on one of disc jockey Jocko Henderson's Jocko's Rocketship Revue at New York's Apollo Theater.

1961: Olympic track and field star and the winner of many gold medals, Carl Lewis was born. He turns 53 today.

1962: Actor Andre Braugher was born. He turns 53 today.

1970: Actor Henry Simmons was born. He turns 44 today.

1971: James Brown and his entire catalog of two decades worth of recordings were signed to Polydor Records.

1971: Missy Elliott was born. She is a rapper, singer, song writer, record producer, dancer and actress. She turns 44 today.

1972: The Trammps entered the R&B hit list with the scintillating disco cover of the Coast ers' "Zing Went the Strings of My Heart," reaching #17. The group from Philadelphia formerly recorded under the name os the Volcanoes.

1976: Kenneth Gibson, mayor of Newark, became the first Black president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

1976: Happy Birthday to rapper Plies who turns 38 today.

1978: Martha & the Vandellas reunited for the first time in ten years for a benefit concert for actor Will Geer in Santa Cruz, CA.

1983: Happy Birthday to Tanya Chisholm who turns 31 today.

1991: Clarence Thomas was nominated to the Supreme Court by President George Bush.

1992: Vanessa Williams and Dinah Washington's goddaughter, Patti Austin, performed at a fund-raiser for the Hollywood Women's Political Committee. Austin, a veteran performer since her teens, had over the years toured and performed on TV with such notables as Sammy Davis, Jr., Connie Stevens, Quincy Jones, Roberta Flack,

- Harry Belafonte, and Bobby Darin.
- 1998: The Dixie Hummingbirds, Stevie Wonder, and Paul Simon appeared on TV's Late Show with David Letterman.
- 1998: Happy birthday to actress Chloe Bailey who turns 16 today.
- 2005: Grammy Award winning singer, song writer and record producer Luther Vandross passed away on this day. He was 54 years old.



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Juneteenth event celebrates community

FOUR LOCAL business and community groups have joined forces to host a Juneteenth event in Mullinix Park from 1 to 7 p.m. June 20.

Juneteenth is a celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation, mandated to take effect at the beginning of 1863.

On June 19, 1865, Union Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger marched on Galveston, Texas, with a few thousand troops to enforce the emancipation of slaves in that state, according to www.juneteenth.com.

The celebration has evolved to focus on education and self-improvement, while also enjoying food, family, friends and typical summer-time activities such as rodeos, fishing, barbecue and baseball.

Park will feature hip-hop and gospel bands, inspirational dance, a comedian and speeches by public officials, according to Angela Spencer, who helped plan the event.

Food and clothing vendors and information tables will also be on hand for the family friendly celebration, she said.

Spencer said participants are encouraged to bring canned food, which will be donated to local food banks. "The purpose is to bring the community together to celebrate freedom," Spencer said.

Sponsors of the event include Between Brothers, BlackFrederick.com, Creative Expressions by Angela and The KENT Group.

Adults wishing to continue the fun are invited to attend a performance of the Quiet Fire Soul Band, set to begin at 9 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on West All Saints Street. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the Elks Lodge or through the Juneteenth event sponsors.

AARCH gospel singing to raise interest, funds for museum

African-American Resources Cultural and Heritage will host a gospel singing event on Carroll Creek during Frederick's Saturday Gallery Walk from 6 to 8 p.m. July 5.

AARCH hopes to attract members and donations to help realize its dream of a local, African-American history museum, AARCH member Belva King said.

For information, call King at 301-662-9035.

NBPWC to honor scholarship winners

The Frederick branch of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club will fete recipients of its 2009 scholarship assistance awards at the club's founder's day breakfast on Tuesday.

The local group was founded in 1960 as a service organization, focusing on health, education, employment and economic development, according to member Earlene Thornton.

Since its inception, the local club has contributed more than \$15,000 to local charities, groups and individuals and has awarded more than \$25,000 in scholarship assistance to graduating high

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Tammy Davis To Run For U. S. In Poland

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RUNS IN POLAND — Tammy Davis of Frederick, a member of the Frederick Track and Field Club, will be held Saturday in Warsaw. She replaces Rossey Bonds, who was sent back to the U.S. for violating curfew.

WARSAW, POLAND — Tammy Davis, a member of the Frederick Track and Field Club, was tapped yesterday to run the 80-meter hurdles for the United States Girls Track team, now on a tour behind the Iron Curtain, in Saturday's meet against Poland.

Miss Davis, chosen only as an alternate on the team that lost to the Soviet Union last week, will replace Rossey Bonds of Riverside, Calif.

Miss Bonds was sent home by the coaches after she violated the curfew last Sunday after the loss to the Soviets in Kiev.

Miss Bonds had finished fourth and last in the 80-meter hurdles in the Women's National Championships at Columbus, Ohio in July to earn her berth. It had not been known whether Miss Bonds could run because she had been held out of the last warmup race, an AAU meet in Wichita, after suffering a leg injury.

Tammy is one of four alternates on the team now touring Eastern Europe. There had originally been five, but Debbie Thompson of the Frederick Track and Field Club had been dropped because she had missed practices.

Miss Davis had also been dropped from the preliminary by Jack Griffin, head coach for the meet here and also coach of the Frederick Track and Field Club.

She had been reinstated, however.

The men and women of the track and field team put a little extra fire into their tune-up for the weekend Polish meet yesterday after being stung by criticism from back home that they "blew" the meet against the Russians.

"I never have seen them so grim and determined," said the men's head manager, Hilmer Lodge of Pala, Calif. "They're out to prove that they aren't dogging it."

The team has been disturbed by dispatches drifting from across the Atlantic indicating their showing at Kiev last Sunday and Sunday when the men lost their first international decision to the strong Soviet team.

The gist of the criticism is the Americans were overconfident, that they were hurt by the continuing power struggle between the AAU and NCAA, distracted by a delegation of tourists accompanying

the team and the victims of Ore poor coaching.

Sleeperchaser George Young of Casa Grande, Ariz., and hammer thrower Ed Burke of San Jose, Calif., while not criticizing the coaching, said that the AAU might take a firmer role to prevent delaying and harassing tactics of the Russians, who are an "inspiration, rather than a drag," group, including some athletes and officials.

Young, who is paying its own way, is kept separate from the performers.

Officials of the U. S. team pointed out that a comparison of the 1964 and 1965 meets showed better performances this year, although the Americans handed the Russians their worst defeat at Los Angeles.

Griffin, the 19-year-old schoolboy, for instance, ran faster than at Los Angeles yet lost by a bigger margin than he ever had.

Ralph Boston, the world record holder, won over the same two Russians a year ago. Bob Schul's time was better in the 5,000 but he saw a coach who scored a finished second.

The pole vault was the main event in which the Americans suffered a slump. In most cases, the Russians were simply superior.

Jim Grate from Portland, Ore., said the Russians were simply superior.

Brutus Hamilton, veteran coach from the University of California who heads the men's team, declined to snap back at his critics but he was not at all lost for supporters.

"If you will find that most of them are better than in our previous years, you will find that most of them are better than in our previous years," said Buck, who over the same two Russians a year ago. Bob Schul's time was better in the 5,000 but he saw a coach who scored a finished second.

"No, track athlete ever gets over confident, especially against the Russians," said manager Jim Grate from Portland, Ore.

Catoctin Center hosts talk on Juneteenth

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Public Library.
Juneteenth's origins, however, do have a connection to Frederick, he said.

Traditionally, Juneteenth, a holiday celebrating the emancipation of slaves in the United States, has not been observed in Frederick.

Dean Herrin, National Park Service historian and coordinator for the Catoctin Center for Regional Studies at Frederick Community College, spoke Tuesday evening about the holiday at the C. Burr Artz



Herrin

As the Civil War wound down, pockets of resistance remained in the South. Herrin said Confederate soldiers in Texas were some of the last to surrender.

African-American soldiers, permitted to enlist in the Union Army as of 1863, were often assigned to the Union's occupying

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forces stationed throughout the South, he said.

Some of these men, who hailed from Frederick County, also happened to be part of a force that, diverted by a storm, arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865.

That day is recognized as Juneteenth, when emancipation came to slaves living in Galveston, 2½ years after the Emancipation Proclamation was set to take effect.

Lewis Johnson, in his 20s at the time, was one of the Frederick County soldiers who arrived in Galveston. He'd been a laborer from Frederick and a corporal in

the 29th U.S. Colored Regiment, though Herrin said he did not know if Johnson was ever a slave.

Nevertheless, he'd been assigned with others to put down the rebel forces, establish peace, guard the border, repel Native American forces and make sure decrees of the Emancipation Proclamation were finally enforced, Herrin said.

Juneteenth started out as a commemoration of the Texas slaves' liberation, Herrin said. Traditional activities during the celebration include barbecues and musical entertainment.

Some of the soldiers who oversaw that liberation returned to Frederick and other parts of Maryland, apparently without carrying on the Juneteenth tradition, Herrin said.

In fact, the first Juneteenth in Frederick did not occur until 2006.

However, a search of newspaper archives of the day revealed that on Aug. 13, 1865, about 3,000 people gathered near town to celebrate the emancipation of slaves, Herrin said.

A similar event in August two years later was described by a reporter at the time as one of the largest gatherings in Frederick's history.

The practice of an August



Staff photo by Sam Yu

Dean Herrin, National Park Service historian and coordinator for the Catoctin Center for Regional Studies at Frederick Community College, was the featured speaker Tuesday evening for the Historical Society of Frederick County's 2009 Lecture Series at the C. Burr Artz Public Library. The topic was the Juneteenth holiday.

IF YOU GO

Juneteenth Celebration

■ **WHEN:** 1 to 7 p.m. June 20

■ **WHERE:** Mullinix Park, Frederick

commemoration could have been related to the emancipation of slaves in the British West Indies in August 1833, Herrin said.

Also, as the area was heavily involved in agricultural pursuits, August would have been a convenient time to observe this day.

From 1865 to 1939, Frederick residents organized an annual celebration of the freedom of the

slaves on different dates, with picnics, speeches and parades, Herrin said.

"It's a pretty remarkable run of celebrations," he said.

Herrin said Lord Nickens, a longtime Frederick resident and civil rights leader, told him the event faded when the last elders who organized it died.

During the last few decades, the observance of Juneteenth has spread to 31 states, and has become a sort of semi-official holiday in some, Herrin said.

This year, the celebration of Juneteenth will continue from 1 to 7 p.m. June 20 in Mullinix Park in Frederick.

W.Va. NAACP hosting annual Juneteeth celebration

The Jefferson County, W.Va., Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will be hosting its annual Juneteeth celebration on Saturday, June 15, at 4 p.m.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery.

From its Galveston, Texas, origin in 1865, the observance of June 19 as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings.

It is a time for reflection and rejoicing.

It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future.

Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long overdue. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a

period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society.

This event will be held at Halltown Memorial Chapel in

Halltown, W.Va. (near Harpers Ferry/Charles Town area).

There will be a free pig roast. Bring a dish and a comfortable lawn chair.

Other features include entertainment and historical facets.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the

Masonic Building in Charles Town, W.Va.

The Masonic Building is located on South Martin Delaney Way (South Lawrence Street).

For more information, contact Carolyn Stewart at 304-725-7164 or Janet Jeffries at 304-725-4094.

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Council approves budget, Bowie sworn in

By KAREN GARDNER

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BRUNSWICK — The Brunswick City Council approved a \$3.6 million operating budget Tuesday night, while being cautioned that revenues could drop next year.

The budget covers fiscal year 2010, which starts July 1. City Administrator Dave Dunn expects the city will have \$3.9 million in revenue over the year. The \$280,480 surplus will go into the city's reserve account.

Revenues come from income taxes, property taxes and tax equity money provided by Frederick County. Residential property tax collections are expected to drop by \$200,000 to



Bowie

\$250,000 next year because housing values are declining nationally and locally, Dunn said.

The property tax rate

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remained at the rate of 42 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Capital expenses of \$4 million were approved.

New council member

Citizens at Tuesday's meeting greeted the newest councilwoman, Mary Elizabeth Bowie, with a standing ovation. Bowie was elected last week to fill out the term of Wayne Allgaier, who resigned to pursue missionary work.

"This is truly a landmark day for the city of Brunswick," Mayor Carroll Jones said. "It is something we should all mark with pride. This would be the first time we've ever had three female council members."

There are six people on the council.

"This is the first time we've ever had an African American on our council," Jones said. "This will give her an opportunity to help make Brunswick a better place to live. With diversity in the mix on the council, I think we'll do a better job."

Brunswick's first woman council member was elected in 1960. It was another 20 years before another woman was elected. The other women on council are Karin Tome and Beth Johnson.

New police chief

The council named Lt. Milt Frech as police chief. He replaces former chief John Smith, who resigned in May.

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Seaven Gordon is candidate for post of city alderman

Seaven Gordon, a Frederick resident active in numerous community organizations, has filed candidacy for alderman in the forthcoming Frederick City elections.

Gordon, a Democrat, filed Tuesday with the Board of Election Supervisors, and lists his address as 202 Center Street.

Gordon is the third candidate to file, the others being incumbent city officials Mrs. Elizabeth Burket and Richard C. Brady.

In a statement, Gordon said:

"Some two years ago I made my decision to seek an alderman's seat because of the lack of representation of some of the city residents.

"While I do not make a lot of promises, because I do not believe in making promises that I cannot keep, my top priorities will be better housing for low and moderate income families, better-



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paying jobs and better traffic patterns, especially on the east end of town."

Gordon is a native of Alabama and graduated from Fruid High School. He served two years with the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1958. Part of his service duty was spent at Fort Detrick.

He is a member of the Sugarloaf Mountain Community Church at Comus, and serves as Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

A member of many community groups, Gordon is presently vice president of the local chapter of the NAACP, vice president of Frederick Organization for Rehabilitation (FOR), is a board member of the United Way and American Red Cross and is serving his second term on the Human Relations Council. He was also recently appointed to the FECDC by the County Commissioners.

Gordon has been an employee of the Alpha Portland Cement Company for eight years, including four as a mix chemist. He is a member of the safety

committee at the company. He is member of Local 388, United C of Lime and Gypsum Workers International, and serves on the board of trustees.

In addition to his job at Portland, Gordon has also operated a taxi cab for the past seven years.

Frederick 1/16/03 City remembers Laboring Sons

By ANDREW SYMONDS

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City officials dedicated a memorial at a forgotten black cemetery in historic Frederick on Wednesday, three years after they discovered that a playground had been built on the site.

Members of the black community and many city officials attended the dedication of the Laboring Sons Memorial Ground, which came on the birthday of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr.

"It's been a long time coming," said Denise West, president of the Frederick NAACP. "And what better time than today, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. It's one step in our struggle and we have many more to go."

The dedication comes three years after it was discovered the city had built the playground over the cemetery in 1949. The plans to build the monument suffered through personnel changes and other bureaucratic obstacles since the discovery, said Roelkey Myers,

the project manager for the memorial and the city's director of parks and recreation.

He said the Grimes administration got the ball rolling with the organization of a committee to design the memorial, but said the present administration has made the memorial a priority.

Bill Lee, a former city alderman and member of the Laboring Sons Memorial Committee who gave the dedication speech, said Wednesday's ceremony was proof that the city did not forget about those buried in the park.

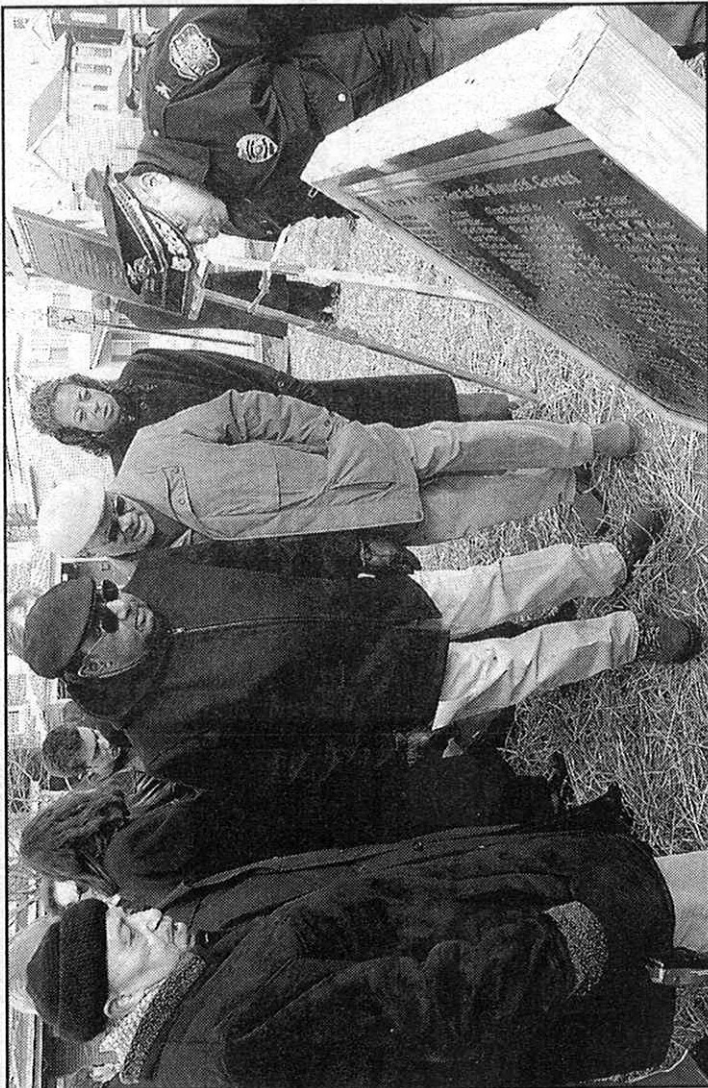
"We encountered some obstacles that we didn't count on," he said.

"But we're here. Both administrations made it their top priority. She (Ms. Dougherty) said it would be a priority and she lived up to it.

"This is a great day," he said. "It finally gives respect to the people who are interred there. They can finally rest in peace."

The memorial's completion was especially important for Frederick's black community to "keep the memories alive," Ms. West said.

Many people familiar with the plan to build the Laboring Sons



Staff photo by Skip Lawrence

Visitors look over the plaque bearing the names of the known deceased buried at Laboring Sons Memorial Ground following a dedication ceremony Wednesday. From left are William O. Lee, Richard Diggs, Darlene Brunot and Frederick police Chief Kim Dine.

Memorial Ground point to Barbara Wyatt, the city's historic preservation planner, as the driving force behind its completion.

"It's her design that we went with," Mr. Myers said. "This is due to her really hard work and perseverance."

Ms. Wyatt said she started on the project trying to make sure the memorial would keep with the guidelines of the historic district,

but said, "For me, it just snowballed. I got wrapped up in the project. It's a tribute to the black history of the community," she said.

Alderman Bill Hall spoke at the ceremony, saying although he has lived in the city all his life, he did not know the park previously called Chapel Park was in fact a black cemetery.

He said "it was right" to finally honor those buried on the grounds. Although the final design for the memorial has been approved, poor weather has delayed construction, Mr. Myers said, and the memorial will not be completed for some time.

One of two archways leading into the memorial has been completed, with a granite monument, benches and a stone wall to be added later.

"It's going to be very passive, very tranquil," Mr. Myers said. "It's going to be beautiful."



Bill Ryan/The Gazette

Longtime Frederick residents Arnold Amush, Alfernia Daily and Elizabeth Morris look at landscaping plans for Laboring Sons Memorial Park during its dedication Wednesday.

the Gazette 1/16/03

Labor of love pays off with park

by Robert Schroeder
Staff Writer

With speeches, music and scripture, Frederick yesterday closed a chapter on a painful story in the city's history.

Over 50 years ago, tombstones were razed at the African American Laboring Sons Cemetery to make way for a playground — a fact that was all but forgotten until 1999.

That was when a resident who lived close asked to name an alley "Laboring Sons," piquing Gazette reporter Patience Wait's curiosity. An in-

vestigation into the park's history discovered that as many as 1,500 people were buried there.

On Wednesday, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Mayor Jennifer Dougherty and other city officials dedicated the site as a memorial ground, fulfilling a pledge Dougherty made when she took office a year ago.

"We are proud and happy to celebrate this occasion," Dougherty said to a small crowd gathered in the piercing cold.

Jacqueline Berry, a Laboring Sons Memorial Ground Committee member whose great-great-uncle and

great-great-grandfather are buried at the cemetery, said she was "so happy that finally things are all coming together." Berry spoke to the crowd after an invocation by the Rev. Burton Mack of Asbury United Methodist Church and the singing by Austin Timpson of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," known as the Negro National Anthem.

The Laboring Sons Cemetery was established in 1837 by the Beneficial Society of the Laboring Sons of Frederick to provide a burial ground for

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the city's black citizens. It remained a cemetery until 1948 when most of the remains were moved to other burial grounds, including Fairview Cemetery.

Then, swing sets, sliding boards and other playground equipment went up and the cemetery grounds were later renamed Chapel Park.

A newspaper account from 1949 pays testament to the site's layered

past, saying that city crews working to convert the cemetery into a park "struck some skeletons a few feet below the ground surface."

The cemetery is "finally going to get respect that it's deserved," said William O. Lee, a former alderman and treasurer of Fairview Cemetery.

Since February 2000, city officials had considered ways to commemorate the cemetery. It decided in the end to have a marble stone engraved with the known names of those interred, crushed gravel

walkways, a wrought iron fence with two entrances bordering 5th and 6th streets and landscaping with newly planted trees.

The ceremony also featured music by Young Adults Making A Move and a reading of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech by Frederick High School student Nikedia Bowie.

If King were here, Berry said, "I think he would say, 'free at last, free at last, thank God almighty their souls are free at last to finally rest in peace.'"

The Gazette, January 16, 2003.

City to make up for building park

Cemetery dedication today

By ANDREW SYMONDS

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In what Frederick Mayor Jennifer Dougherty called an attempt to "erase the bad history and set the record straight," the Laboring Sons Memorial Ground will be dedicated at noon today, three years after the city realized it had built a park over the black cemetery.

The park, formerly called Chapel Park, was built over the cemetery in 1949 with little fanfare as playground equipment was put on the final resting place for what could be as many as 1,500 bodies. It is located off Chapel Alley, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

When the city rediscovered the park was actually a cemetery in January 2000, the Grimes administration promised to honor the remains buried at the location, but the project stalled for several reasons, said Roelkey Myers, director of parks and recreation for the city and the project manager for the memorial grounds plans.

He said the committee that was established to plan a memorial at the site was unaware of

the hurdles they would encounter before finally getting designs approved.

"We've had some throwbacks as far as designs, then we didn't realize we had to go before the Historic District Commission," he said. He said when the committee finally did get approval to build, they were set back by the discovery of remains and had to "stop digging and bring in copious amounts of dirt" to put on top of the site. The new soil is being built on so that the remains will be undisturbed.

Poor weather this past fall and winter stalled the project further, so despite today's dedication, the memorial will not be complete for some time, Mr. Myers said.

"At least the people will be able to see the city is moving forward," he said. "We want to do it right."

The memorial will be meant as a calm place for reflection, Mr. Myers said.

The work being done at the park — including two wrought-iron archways at the entrances, a stone wall dividing the park's east and west sides, benches and a large granite monument in the middle — is being funded through donations and \$60,000 from the city's capital improvement program, Mr. Myers said.

Three bronze plaques that will be placed on the granite monument were donated, Mr. Myers said, as was much of the labor.

Barbara Wyatt, the city's historic preservation planner, was the force behind implementing the plans for the memorial, Mr. Myers said, and the project would not have met its goal of dedicating the memorial by Martin Luther King Jr. Day without her.

"The finished product is going to be something the whole City of Frederick can be proud of and I don't know that would be the case without her hard work on this project," Mr. Myers said.

City officials agree that putting a memorial at the Laboring Sons Memorial Ground is necessary to honor the remains buried there, approximately 160 of which have been identified.

"This is something we're proud of, we went ahead and did what was right," Chief Operations Officer Vinny Hughes said. "It was called for and I'm glad we had people on our staff who could make it so beautiful."

The grounds were purchased and turned into a black cemetery by the Society of the Laboring Sons in 1851.

*"We pray that the named few and unnamed many
might now rest from their labors."* The Sun p1B
1/16/03



LLOYD FOX : SUN STAFF PHOTOS

People gather for the rededication of the Laboring Sons Memorial Ground in Frederick. Historians estimate nearly 1,500 black workers were interred at the park from 1851 until 1948.

The Baltimore Sun, January 16, 2003.

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Reunion**

Black History Erase

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August 2018

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African American Community Calendar
Updated July 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!

ONGOING

Every Sunday

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

“Kingdom Disciples Bible Study” – Jackson Chapel UMC. 8:45 am.(starting on May 6)

“Adult Sunday School Class” – Asbury UMC. 8:00 am

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” –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

“Noon-Day Bible Study”- First 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

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| | <p>“Call in Prayer” - Wayman AME Church. 6:00Am. (515-603-3145), access code 211184#</p> <p>“Zumba” – with Tonja Street at TJ Middle School 4pm. Donations accepted</p> <p>“Youth Bible Study” - 7PM – Thomas Tabernacle Church, 517 South Market Street, Frederick MD. Contact 301-695-9148 for further information.</p> <p>“Adult Prayer, Praise & Bible Study” – 7 pm. Thomas Tabernacle Church, 517 South Market Street, Frederick MD. Contact 301-695-9148 for further information.</p> |
| 1st Wednesdays | <p>“Holy Communion Service” - 7 - 8:30 PM, Hope Christian Fellowship Church, 5132 Doubs Road, Adamstown, MD. All are welcomed!</p> |
| Every Thursday | <p>“MEET EARL ROBBINS - CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE” – from 6 - 7 PM at Café 611</p> <p>“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</p> <p>‘Believers Study & Prayer Service’ – 6:30 - 8 pm, Carver's Community Center in Frederick. Shekinah Glory (Faye & Linus Bremby) 301-351-6918</p> <p>“Zumba” – Quinn Chapel AME Church Christian Center. 6 pm. \$5.</p> <p>“Zumba” – with Tonja Street at First Missionary Baptist Church 6:30pm. Donations accepted</p> |
| 1st & 3rd Fridays | <p>“Kingdom Disciples Bible Study” – Jackson Chapel UMC. 7 pm</p> |
| Every Saturday | <p>“TGIF – Happy Hour Bible Study” – Asbury UMC.. 7:00</p> <p>“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</p> <p>“Line Dancing” – Asbury UMC. 6-8 pm. <i>Will resume at a later date</i></p> |

2018

AUGUST

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| 4 | “Asbury 200th Year Anniversary Cook-Out – Pine Cliff Park, 2-7 pm. Open to the Community |
| 5 | “Asbury Friendship Sunday” - Asbury UMC, 101 All Saints St. 10:00 am |
| 5 | “Gospel Concert” - To support teen suicide prevention in Frederick County. Sponsored by “Clergy in Service” of Frederick MD and Colonel Ed Hargis – Chief of Police in Frederick MD. 3:00 pm at the Clarion Inn, 5400 Holiday Dr. Frederick MD. 21703. Admission is \$20.00. The money will be used to bring speaker Kirk Smalley to Frederick for an audience with family and students concerning teen suicide. His program is “Stand For The Silent “. His fee is around \$3500.00. We are asking for donations for such a worthy cause. Children in this community, county need help. Please give name of group, organization, etc. to be announced at concert. Make all checks payable to Simpson Christian Community Church (Simpson CCC). Send checks to Ernest Thomas, 6857 Buttonwood Ct. Frederick MD 21703. Pastor Ernest Thomas 301-418-0333 |
| 11 | “Annual Crab Feast” - Asbury UMC, 101 All Saints St. Tickets: \$45. 301-663-9380 |
| 11 | “Zumba Fitness” - New Dimension Worship Center: 5111 Pegasus Ct., F. 2 workshops offered. Donation at the door - \$10/session; \$15 for both. Bring towel, water provided. www.ndwc.us . 301-228-2277. |
| 11 | “Celebration of Wisdom” - Celebrating the seasoned saints of Hope Christian Fellowship Church. Come out to a semi formal brunch and celebrate this special event to acknowledge the blessing that the senior members in our church have been to us, their families, the community, and to the kingdom of God at large throughout their many years. The Clarion Hotel & Conference Center 400 Holiday Drive, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Brunch). Attire: Daytime Semi-Formal Women – dresses and pant suits Men – Jacket and tie. Fee: Member \$20 Non-member \$30 Child menu age 4-10 \$12 Child age 4-10 buffet \$20 Child age 3 & Under Free. To purchase your tickets, go to www.hcfcmd.org and click on “Upcoming Events. |

- 12 **“Treasures of the Heart Worship Center 1st Church Anniversary”** – 3:30 pm.
Frederick Community College, JBK Theater in Frederick, Maryland
- 18 **“CB & Friends Bus Trip to Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA”** - \$55/person. Price includes \$30 slot play rebate & \$5 toward food. Gunther’s Charter Lines. 50/50 raffle, continental breakfast & games on bus. Leave from Urbana Park & Ride promptly at 8 am; return to Frederick at 9:30 pm. For tickets, contact Carolyn Bowens at 301-663-0018 or any member of Hope Chapter Eastern Star. Tickets going fast!
- 18 **“Pre-Anniversary Service”** - New Dimension Worship Center: 5111 Pegasus Ct., F. 5:00 pm.
Speaker: Superintendent Stephen Jones.
- 26 **“Asbury Men’s Day”** - Asbury UMC, 101 All Saints St. 10:00 am
- 29 **“Golf Tournament”** – Wayman AME Church will hold its Annual Golf Tournament at Glade Valley Country Club in Walkersville, MD. Sponsorships needed. Includes 18 holes of golf and cart, a light continental breakfast and a full lunch. ~ COST: Early Birds by Sept 16, 2018: \$75 per individual/\$300 per team ~ After Sept 16, 2018: \$80 per individual/\$320 per team. For a brochure and/or more information, contact Darryl Whiten at learnhoops@aol.com, Eric Whisner ewiz06@verizon.net, or WaymanFrederick9940@gmail.com. Pastor Robert A Ray, Pastor and Rev Carol Roache, Associate Minister of WAYMAN AME CHURCH. Great Prizes for Winners and a fun day for all! Prizes/Awards: 1st/2nd/3rd place, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin (all Par 3’s) and Putting Contest. Bring your bids for our Silent Auction

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **“Bethel Worship Center - End Of Summer Networking Mixer”** - C Burr Artz Library - Conference Room. For Everyone!. RSVP: str8ghtmixer.eventbrite.com
- 8 **“Asbury UMC 200th Anniversary Gala”** – Clarion Inn. Music by Souled Out. Dinner will be served. \$50/person. Formal attire. 301-663-9380
- 14 **“29th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration”** – Honoring Bishop Alexander Hardy & Elder Barbara Hardy. 7 pm; Speaker: Pastor Otto Gross.
- 15 **“29th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration Banquet”** - Ft. Detrick Community Activities Center; speaker Bishop McMillan. Tickets: \$50/adults; \$20/youth 10-15; \$10/children 1-9.
- 15 **“Tale of the Lion’ - Living Treasures Documentary & Discussion”** – AARCH film highlighting the oral histories of African Americans 90 years and older. Weinberg Center for the Arts. This event is open and free to all of our community. Celebrating the rich history held in the life stories of our oldest African American citizens in Frederick County. The poignant telling of their experiences from childhood, through segregation, to today is a window to the strength and resilience that have shaped their lives, and our community. Weinberg Center. The movie trailer may be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/eM0aZaS1dkc>. Reservations are recommended for this free event. Tickets can be reserved, starting August 16, at weinbergcenter.org.
- 15 **“2nd Annual Rock the Boat Day Luncheon Cruise”** - Hosted by the Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Chi Theta Omega Chapter along with the Frederick Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. The cruise will take place in Baltimore Maryland and the cost is \$55. Please arrive at 10:30 AM for pre-boarding activities, and so that we can efficiently board the vessel at 1130 AM when the gate opens! Early ticket purchases (by August 10th) receive one free raffle ticket to go towards the 50/50 Raffle!! You will of course also be able to purchase more tickets on board, and we will again have baskets that will be raffled off as well. See any member of the Frederick Chapters of AKA or KAPsi or go to Eventbrite to get your tickets!
- 16 **“29th Pastoral Anniversary Worship Celebration”** - New Dimension Worship Center: 5111 Pegasus Ct., F. 10:30 am. Roeh Westphal, Speaker
- 27 **“Difficult Conversations: The Art and Science of Thinking Together”** - 9am - 4pm, at the ERUCC Church, 15 W. Church Street. This workshop focuses on the question for each of us to ask ourselves: "Who do we need to be to have the conversations we need to have?" Come to learn how to navigate these shallow waters and how not to "run aground"! Register as soon as you can. Learn how to begin to heal the divisions in our world! To register, send check for \$15 to ERUCC, 15 West Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Please include your name and email address when sending your payment. You may also pay online at <https://erucc.org/conference-payments/> or TEXT the amount to 301-804-2933 and follow the instructions provided. (Registration fee includes lunch.)
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OCTOBER

- 6 **"1st Annual AARCH Fall Gala"** - Delaplaine Visual Arts Center. Details TBA
- 11 **"Trip to SIGHT & SOUND production of Jesus"** - Thomas Tabernacle Church of God, Inc., leaving at 10 am from the church. Ticket Cost is \$26 for 3 years old to 12 years old and \$59 for 13 years old to adults. PAYMENT DEADLINE is Saturday, May 26, 2018. For information please call 301-695-9148. Monetary gas donation appreciated.
- 21 **"Asbury UMC 200th Anniversary Homecoming Service"** - "Thankful for the Past" 10 am.. Asbury UMC, 101 W. All Saints St. 301-663-9380

NOVEMBER

- 15 **"Asbury UMC Community Thanksgiving Dinner"** - Free & open to community. 5-7 pm. Asbury UMC, 101 W. All Saints St. 301-663-9380

DECEMBER

- 20 **"Asbury UMC Community Christmas Dinner"** - Free & open to community. 5-7 pm. Asbury UMC, 101 W. All Saints St. 301-663-9380

NAACP NEWS

From The Frederick County Branch

Submitted by Charles R. Brooks - 663-3420

Seaven Gordon, president of the Frederick County Branch of the NAACP, is appealing to the black youth to watch for advertisements of employment - Classified, City, County, State and Federal - and to apply for that employment.

Black youths are urged to travel to Hagerstown or wherever a Federal Examination is being conducted, once it has been established that you meet the qualifications set forth in the job ad.

The Radio Choir of the Righteous Church of God, Washington, D. C., will be presented Sunday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church for the benefit of the NAACP Freedom Fund. A free will offering will be taken up. Patrons for \$1 and up may have their names on the printed program by contacting - before the deadline of Sept. 6 - Seaven Gordon, 301 South St., Frederick, Md. 21701, or, James D. McIntyre, Jesse Smith Rd., Mt. Airy, Md. 21771.

The NAACP wants members. Membership is \$4 and up and persons interested may contact Sherman J. Mason Jr., 402 Carrollton Dr., 662-3112. Life membership chairman is Dr. V. E. Gladstone Thompson, 317 Broadway, 662-4773.

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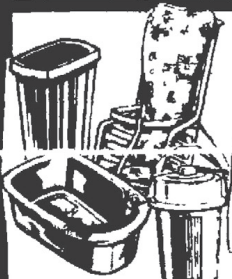
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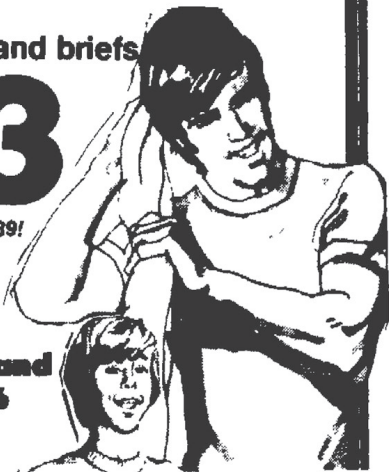
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Bowie-Thomas Reunion At Bartonsville

The second annual reunion of the Bowie and Thomas families was held recently at Bartonsville.

A family devotional service was held at the St. James A.M. E. church. The Rev. Luther Brown, of Jackson Chapel Methodist church, presided.

Following the service, gifts were presented to all direct descendants of the Bowie-Thomas union: Mrs. Edmund (Mamie) Davis, Bartonsville, oldest; Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Frederick; Mr. Walter Bowie, Bartonsville, largest number of children; Mrs. Russel (Edna) Dykes, Bartonsville; Mr. Lester Bowie, St. Louis, Mo., living the farthest from home; Mr. Austin Bowie, Frederick;; Mrs. Elmo (Thelma) Allen, Frederick; and Mrs. Beatrice Jackson, Bartonsville. Two -year - old Alison Hill, youngest to attend the service, also received a gift.

The officers for the third an-

nual reunion were selected: Mrs. Alice Hill, chairman, Mrs. Evelyn Jackson, co - chairman; Mrs. Edna Diggs, secretary; Mrs. Eliz. Davis, asst. secretary and Mrs. Beatrice Jackson, treasurer.

Those who attended were: Elizabeth Brown, Thelma Allen, Valerie Allen, Rev. Luther O. Brown, Beatrice B. Jackson, Edna Dykes, Alice D. Hill, Walter S. Bowie, Charles Bowie, Charles Davis, Margaret R. Hill, William B. Hill, Jr., Evelyn Jackson, Warren L. Jackson, Mamie Davis, Edmund Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Henson.

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Save the Date
August 25th
This Year's
Bowie-Thomas Reunion

-----Original Message-----
From: Brandi Collins-Dexter, Color Of Change <info@colorofchange.org>
To: mike North <beldking99@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Jun 19, 2018 2:42 pm
Subject: They're erasing Black history.

Dear mike.

Black history, our history, matters. Yet the College Board, the massive non-profit that administers Advanced Placement (AP) classes, is in the process of removing Black and Brown history from their AP World History course - a course taken by millions of students every year.¹ Under new changes announced by the College Board, the AP World History course will no longer cover material prior to 1450—approximately the beginning of European colonialism. **This alteration effectively erases the pre-colonial history of people of color from Africa, Asia, the Americas and the Middle East.** Instead of being one of the few opportunities for students across the country to learn about diverse histories and perspectives, the course will now reinforce the false centrality of white European colonialism in history.

Our history is not something can just be cast aside. But because of mounting pressure from students and teachers across the country to challenge the College Board's decision we have a chance to make sure that it is not. The College Board has stated they are willing to reexamine their decision, but have not committed to any concrete changes, so **we need to push for a full reinstatement of this content and a commitment to promote Black and Brown histories throughout their AP courses.**

Save Black history. Tell the College Board to keep Black history in their courses.

These changes to the AP World History course matter. **We live in a country where the people in power tell Black and Brown students every day that their history and their lives don't matter.**² A just history curriculum may be the only place where these students are exposed to histories beyond that of white Europeans. In the past couple of years we've seen sustained efforts to erase Black and Brown histories from school curriculum. In Texas, the state school board pushed to downplay slavery as a cause of the Civil War and minimize the racial segregation of the Jim Crow era. Textbook publisher McGraw-Hill got caught calling African slaves "immigrants" and "workers."³ Earlier this year, it was revealed that a far-right Koch Brothers backed group is offering free curriculum to budget strapped teachers, offering a revisionist version of slavery that paints it as a necessary evil to further freedom and democracy.⁴ And just this week, Michigan announced a proposed curriculum change that would eliminate references to the NAACP, scale down the importance of the civil rights movement and eliminate mentions of gay rights, Roe v. Wade, and climate change.⁵

Our history is under constant attack, but because the College Board's AP World History course is taught in thousands of schools to millions of students every year, the College Board plays a powerful role in setting de facto curriculum standards for all high school students. With this power, the College Board has the responsibility to ensure that students everywhere are exposed to histories beyond that of colonial Europeans and understand that the histories of Black and Brown people did not start when European colonists arrived in their lands.

Demand the College Board keep Black and Brown histories in their AP World History course.

What's particularly cruel about the College Board's decision to cut Black and Brown history from their AP course curriculum is that they are using it as an opportunity to push teachers to pay for their new and expensive "pre-AP courses" by offering to put the Black and Brown histories they removed into that course instead. **But unlike the free curriculum for AP courses, pre-AP courses cost schools thousands of dollars a year effectively putting this content out of reach for most students.**⁶

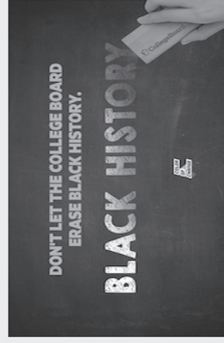
All too often, the rich pre-colonial history of Africa, Asia, Americas and the Middle East is either erased or merely left as a footnote. For students of color, who rarely see themselves represented in high school courses, this erasure tells them that they do not matter. **The College Board says that they are "dedicated to equity in education." If they are dedicated to equitable education, then they must not play a role in erasing Black and Brown histories.**

Save Black history. Tell the College Board to keep Black history in their courses.

Until justice is real,

--Brandi, Rashad, Arisha, Jade, Evan, Johnny, Future, Corina, Chad, Mary, Saréya, Eesha, Angela, Sam and the rest of the Color Of Change team

Our history is not something can
just be cast aside.



Demand the College Board
preserve Black and Brown
histories in their AP courses.

TAKE ACTION



Pleasant View United Methodist Church

*1865 Pleasant View Road
Adamstown, MD 21710
Pastor Tonia H. Brown*

*Presents its Annual Women's Day
Sunday, August 19, 2018*

*Theme: Grateful and Faithful Women
Ruth 4:5-10*

Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Worship in Song: 3:00 p.m.

*Guest singers: The Lomax Sisters
Queen's Chapel UMC
Beltsville, Maryland*



Dinner will be served after the program.

Amos L. Brown Promoted To Chief Photographer

Promotion of Amos L. Brown to the position of chief photographer of the Frederick News-Post was announced Monday by General Manager George B. Delaplaine Jr.

In his new position, Brown will direct the operation of the photographic department, succeeding J. Rolfe Castleman who recently joined the staff and faculty of Frederick Community College.

The News-Post photo staff includes Cedric H. Smith of Walkersville, veteran studio portrait photographer and photo lab specialist, and the services of 12 reporter-photographers and three correspondents who also provide photographic coverage in their respective areas.

Recognized as one of the top sports photographers in the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. area, the 24-year-old Frederick native is now in his sixth year of photography and the graphic arts. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos A. Brown of Frederick.

Five years have been spent

with the News-Post since graduation from the graphic arts curriculum of Frederick High School in 1969. At FHS, as a

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Amos L. Brown

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student of instructor Gary Dennison, Brown learned process camera and press work, then worked for the Board of Education in the student work-release program.

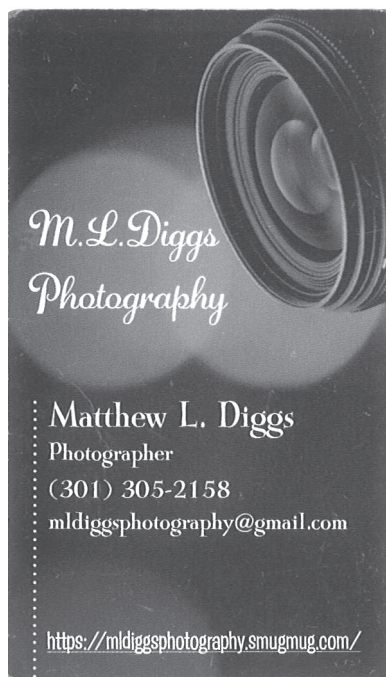
He also served six months as a press photographer for the Annapolis Evening Capital, and was instrumental in setting up the camera department of Enterprise Printing in Frederick.

At the News-Post he served his first six months in the process camera department before transferring to the editorial side where he underwent a period of extensive training in 35mm press photography. He also attended the University of Maryland for a six month course in basic photography.

Brown, an outstanding athlete, has excelled in his coverage of sports events locally, state-wide and on the national scene. He has won several photography awards, and his photographs of the recent U.S. Woman's Olympic Trials held in Frederick received wide distribution.

At FHS he ran cross country and played JV baseball. Last year he was a kickoff and punt return specialist for the Frederick Falcons. His baseball ability and speed earned him recognition at a Pittsburgh Pirates tryout clinic two years ago.

He is a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.



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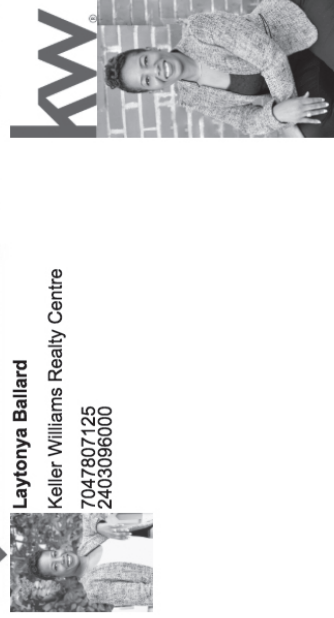
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Celebrating 189 golden years

Dolly Dorsey

—99, growing on 100

The family, neighbors and friends recently celebrated the 99th birthday of Mary E. (Dolly) Dorsey and the 90th birthday of Amos F. Brown. The honorees are brother and sister-in-law.

The celebration opened with a prayer and thanks by Mrs. Dorsey's pastor, Luke S. Robinson of Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church.

Mrs. Dorsey, now a resident at Meridian Nursing Center, Frederick, is a daughter of the late Abraham and Mary Dorsey, French Canadian Indians who migrated from Canada to work on a dairy farm in New London. She was one of nine children and was born April 28, 1886.

She remembers all their farm chores had to be done before they walked from New London to New Market School. She recalls going only to the 4th or 5th grade in school.

At a young age she married Samuel Dorsey and moved to Frederick. They lived at that time in what was known as Kluehart's Alley. The family reminisced how the nieces and nephews looked forward to their Sunday evening visits to her home for some of her delicious pie, cupcakes, a bottle of homemade root beer and 5 cents. In those days 5 cents was a lot of money. Aunt Dot gave a little laugh and said, "I remember those visits."

When the city's Housing Authority made plans for new housing projects, Aunt Dot and her late husband moved to 176 W. All Saints St. There were golden memories there also, such as the annual early morning Christmas Eve breakfast. Aunt Dot and the late Alma R. Brown and a sister would work hours preparing the breakfast. Homemade rolls, fried chicken, puddings, pies and many other holiday goods. The children always got very restless because each person had to say a prayer of blessings and thanks. With a large family the children would wonder when the praying would stop and they would eat. Aunt Dot again, laughed and said, "Yes, I remember those times."

Aunt Dot's life work was as a domestic worker and nursemaid to many families in the community, among them Dr. and Mrs. Henry Chase and family; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reid and family; the late Alton Bennett and family. Her last employer was Ross Myers and his late wife. Some of these family members were present for the celebration. She took great pride in her work and never missed a day of work. She also cared for her sick husband and other members of the family.

She attributes her strength, courage and longevity to giving through God and faith in God. She remembered how her father would hold regular family prayer meetings in the home. She started singing a few lines of her favorite hymn, "God Knows All About Your Troubles."

As a youngster she attended the Dorsey Chapel Church in New London. After moving to Frederick she joined and became an active and faithful member of Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church. She served the church as a member of Stewardess Board, Usher Board, Worthwhile Birthday Club, Missionary Society, Layman's Club, Eveready Club and Communion Board.

In the community, she was a member of the Court of Corinthians, an order no longer in existence. She fulfilled her duty there by staying and caring for the sick and terminally ill many hours of the night to relieve family members. At that time there was no place for black patients. She was also a member of Madam C.J. Walker Temple 509.

Among the tributes were a letters of congratulations from Congresswoman Beverly Byron and Mayor Ronald Young.

The family congratulated her, thanked her for her love for 99 golden years and wish it is God's will to give her many more years.

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Frederick, Md.



Mary E. Dorsey and Amos F. Brown prepare to cut the cake celebrating 189 years.



Gathered at the celebration are from left: Katherine Moore, niece of Mary E. Dorsey; Mary E. Dorsey, 99; Amos F. Brown, 90; and Amos A. Brown, son of Amos F. Brown.

Amos F. Brown

—90 years young...

The highlights of Amos F. Brown's life were told with a prayer of thanks and blessing by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. John L. Ford of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Brown, 90, was born May 5, 1895, at 161 W. All Saints St., Frederick, a son of the late Amos and Charlotte Brown. He is one of seven children and has lived on All Saints Street his entire life. He was married to the late Alma R. Brown and is the father of six children.

Reminiscing about his life, he pays tribute to two teachers, his primary teacher, the late Ella Holland, and the late Professor Brunner. He went as far as the sixth grade.

He began working as a young boy at the old YMCA, which stood at the corner of North Court and West Church streets. He worked there as a janitor and at nights at the old canning factory.

Remembering Saints Street and Frederick, he talked about the many changes. He remembers when Saints Street was unpaved; when cattle were driven through the streets; Market Street had all cobblestone; how the streets were lighted at night with candlelight; a blacksmith shop and horse stable was where the Carver Apartments is located now; the old Washington House where a Negro woman named Army Weller lived. (It got the name Washington House from George Washington, who stopped there and spent the night.)

He is a veteran of World War I, when he served at Camp Canfield, S.C. He worked for the late Sam and Henrietta Rosenstock as a houseboy, then later as a cook for 25 years. He remembers riding horse and buggy to and from work until the first Model T Ford car was made.

His next employment was head cook for the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Himes, the former owners of Prospect Hall. He served this family for 15 years and remembers serving many senators, ex-heavyweight world boxing champion Max Schmeling and the late President Harry S. Truman at parties.

He took great pride in his cooking and his special gourmet and cuisine foods. He would never and still will not give his cooking secrets and special recipes to anyone. However, he is known to bake special holiday cookies to give to neighbors and friends during the Christmas season.

During his employment at Prospect Hall he had emergency surgery for a ruptured appendix. The new wonder drug penicillin had been discovered but was not available at all hospitals. Himes had it flown in from the west coast and Brown was the first person to be given penicillin at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

After the death of the Himeses and the sale of the estate, Brown took employment as a senior lab assistant at Fort Detrick, from where he retired in 1965.

His hobbies are gardening, cooking and collecting antiques. He is one of the persons written about in the book, "Spirits of Frederick," by Alyce Weinberg.

He also enjoys walking and just talking to many friends and people.

He received letters of congratulations from Congresswoman Beverly Byron and Mayor Ronald Young. A plaque was presented to him by the Masonic Fredericktonian Lodge 2 where he is the oldest member.

His secret to strength, courage and longevity of life is faith and love for God and preparing and eating the proper foods.

The family congratulated and thanked him for 90 golden years. Happy Birthday was sung to the honorees. A special poem was read by Jacqueline Yonkers, one of his granddaughters.

All family members of Mrs. Dorsey and Brown were acknowledged. The celebration was prepared by their children, nieces and nephew—Amos A. Brown, Katherine Moore, Ruth B. Brown and Charles R. Brown.

The celebration ended with a prayer by Pastor Luke Robinson.



Money trees and portraits for the Browns

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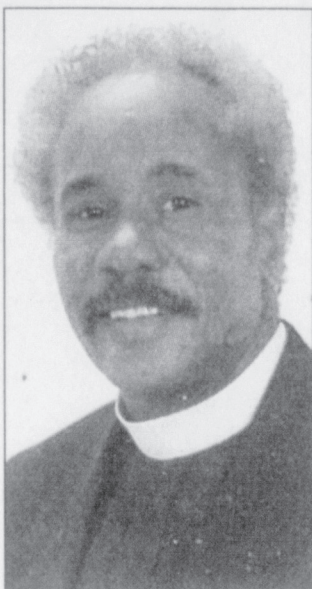
OBITUARIES

Bishop Roger E. Rollins

Bishop Roger E. Rollins departed this life on Aug. 15, 2014, at the age of 77.

He was Pastor of Thomas Tabernacle Holiness Church of God Inc., married for 54 years to Prophetess Rosalind Y. Rollins; blessed with three sons from that union, Barry, Larry and Ronald Rollins; and one daughter, Kimberly M. Rollins.

In 1972, Brother Rollins accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour, and grew under Elder Herman T. Lewis and his wife, Missionary Florence L. Lewis, and family, founders of Thomas Tabernacle, K.A.H.C. In 1974, he was ordained as a Deacon and in 1985 he was elevated to Assistant Pastor. When Elder Lewis' health began to fail, Assistant Pastor Rollins became an Aaron and a Joshua to Elder Lewis. In 1996, Elder Lewis passed on. Elder Rollins caught the mantle and was installed as Pastor of Thomas Tabernacle later that same year, and in May 2004 was elevated to Bishop. Bishop Rollins received the vision for this great ministry while driving to Jessup, MD, for the prison ministry. The revelation engulfed him so that he had to pull off to the side of the road and hear the voice of the Lord. For several minutes, he and God had a conversation and the Bishop resolved the following: "I believe the Bible is the prophetic Word of God that will lead us into the eternity of God. God's word does not change; He is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore." Bishop understood that it was not about church



membership. He walked every day beginning in Isaiah 61:1: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." Bishop Rollins retired from the Frederick County School Board after 40 years and made himself available to God for other areas of ministry, actively serving the church and community. God said, "He would raise up Pastor Rollins as an example" right in his own hometown. He regularly ministered and taught the Word of God, inside and outside of the church. From 1994 to 2004, he, along with other Pastors and Ministers of the Gospel, presented the Word of God and intercessory prayer to

the community of Frederick, MD, and surrounding areas such as VA and PA on radio station 88.1, formerly known as Joy 88.

His second full-time ministry after retirement was established at Frederick Memorial Hospital as a volunteer Chaplain. Bishop Rollins began saying in 2010 to Thomas Tabernacle that if God took his last breath he wanted to go doing the work of Lord. Then in 2011 while Pastor Rollins ministered the Word of God at a local Frederick church he began ministering from Acts 3:19 and 2:38 and then repeated: "God is going to show you a miracle today," and fell backwards dead. No pulse was detected. His adjutant began CPR while EMTs were summoned and the church prayed. He was again taken to Frederick Memorial Hospital Emergency Room and then to Cath Lab. From there he was taken to Trauma and finally to Intensive Care and placed in a medically induced paralytic state while being evaluated and tested. About seven days later he was released and God continued to restore all his faculties over a thirty day period. He was consistently given prophecy that he would receive a miracle from God every day. Recently, when he was transported to John Hopkins Hospital, his last request to God was that he not leave this earth until Elder Edward James Rollins Sr. was installed as Pastor of Thomas Tabernacle. This took place at 9:35 p.m. on August 14, 2014. At 6:30 a.m. on August 15, 2014,

Bishop Roger Elijah Rollins transitioned from glory to glory.

Bishop Rollins leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Rosalind Y. Rollins; son, Barry Rollins; daughter, Kimberly Makel; four grandchildren, Yazmin and Latrea Rollins, Chantel Brown (Jerod), and Camrin Rollins; four great-grandchildren, Channing Brown, and Camori, Aalyah and Amariah Rollins; six sisters, Harriet Ames, Frances Addison, Mary Long, Alice McBride, Ida G. Brown and Virginia Rollins; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and church members. He was preceded in death by two sons, Ronald D. Rollins and Larry T. Rollins; four sisters, Clara Biggus, Cora Wilford, Jane Moore and Eve Rollins; and six brothers, Chester, Joe, Johnny, Arthur, Adam and Jesse Rollins Jr.

A public viewing will be held on Friday, Aug. 22, 2014, at Thomas Tabernacle Holiness Church of God Inc., 517 S. Market St., Frederick, MD, 21701, from 12 to 6 p.m. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m., followed immediately by a wake. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014, at Jackson Chapel UM Church, 5609 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick, MD 21703, with visitation at 9 a.m., the family receiving friends at 10 a.m., and funeral services at 11 a.m. Bishop Floyd Brown, officiating. Interment at Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.garyrollinsfuneralhome.com.

Custodian brings smiles to children, fellow staff members

By STEVE MILLER
News-Post Staff

It's all in a day's pay. That's the motto of North Frederick Elementary's chief custodian, Roger Rollins, who tackles any schoolhouse chore with a smile.

During 39 years as a school custodian, Mr. Rollins' cheerful disposition and tireless work ethic, qualities that often carry him above and beyond the call of custodial duty, have garnered him the respect and esteem of staff and children alike.

Besides his skill as an all-around custodial journeyman and his ability to connect with children as a friend and advisor, perhaps Mr. Rollins is best known for his exuberance when greeting each new day.

"He comes in each morning very, very energetic," said Principal Grason Jackson. "His greeting, 'Good morning everyone!' would wake the dead."

Those greetings left an indelible impression on Caitlyn Rogers, a third-grade stu-



Staff photo by Sam Yu
Roger Rollins is lead custodian at North Frederick Elementary School.

dent whose family recently moved from Frederick to Timusville, Fla. "It was really nice to see Mr. Roger Rollins every day and hear him say, 'Hi, my friends. How are you all today?'"

Miss Rogers hasn't met another school custodian like Mr. Rollins since she moved to Florida and entered a new school. She doesn't even know the custodian now, she said.

Like many North Frederick Elementary students, Miss Rogers saw the schools' superintendent as more than a custodian.

"He is a wonderful custodian, but even more a wonderful person for making all the students at North Frederick smile," said Miss Rogers.

Mr. Rollins said his happy mood each morning and his jubilant greetings spring from his faith in God.

"My first recognition each morning is God, who has woke me up and given me energy to go through the day," said Mr. Rollins.

God has given me the gift to face everything with a smile," he said, "even what I

don't like."

His energy and excitement about life is contagious, said staff and students, who have given Mr. Rollins the nickname Jolly Roger.

"He's certainly more than the custodian here," said Mr. Jackson, the principal. "He's a valued member of our staff."

He said Mr. Rollins is not only happy to perform any custodial chore, which are sometimes unpleasant jobs, but he also helps out with the children.

He serves an important role in the students' lives, becoming their friend and confidant. He kindly guides the children in ways other adults sometimes can't, said Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Rollins often eats lunch with the students in the cafeteria, talking with them and telling jokes he makes up based on Bible scripture.

"He's there for them when they need help," said Mr. Jackson. "When they are troubled or need someone to talk to, he's someone who comforts their feelings or walks them through problem solving."

Mr. Rollins plans to retire next year and while Mr. Jackson will miss all that Mr. Rollins adds to every school day, the principal knows the custodian deserves time to himself.

"This school has been his life," said Mr. Jackson. "He's often here Saturday and Sunday to get stuff done. It's not uncommon to find him here anytime."

Mr. Jackson said those long years of commitment to the school and the students have more than earned him a restful retirement.

That hard-earned retirement, however, will be bitter sweet for Mr. Rollins.

"It's a joy being with the children and I'll really miss them," he said. "They are the pride of my life. They are precious to me."

Mr. Rollins, an ordained minister at Thomas Tabernacle church near Mount Olive cemetery, said he plans to spend his retirement working at home.

Wherever he spends his time, Mr. Rollins is bound to spread the joy that has become his hallmark.



Part of seven generations

Five descendants of the Bowie-Thomas family pictured at the 19th reunion recently at Pinecliff Park are Thelma Allen, center, and, from left, Celestine Dixon, Ruth Foreman, Michael Foreman and Bonnie Sanders. The clan traces its roots back seven generations.

Bowie-Thomas descendants gather for 19th family reunion

The Bowie-Thomas family recently celebrated its 19th reunion, and as one of the many activities of the occasion, members traced their own roots back seven generations.

Other festivities included a banquet to honor the immediate descendants of Mary and Columbus Bowie, church services were held at St. James AME Church, and entertainment was enjoyed at Pinecliff Park, the IPBOEW Elks Club and at Skatehaven with disco roller skating.

Mrs. Edna Dykes served as family historian and the primary source for collecting data from the family "roots" book.

The family was originally located on a 50-acre farm in Frederick County called Gum Spring Road or "The Hill." History prior to that time is still being researched.

John and Violetta Bowie were the parents of Columbus Bowie, one of seven children. He later married Mary E. Thomas and they had nine children.

The banquet honoring the surviving children of Mary and Columbus Bowie was held at the Dan-Dee Restaurant. The children are Mamie Bowie Davis, Edna Bowie Dykes, William Lester Bowie, Austin T. Bowie, and Thelma

Allen. Special moments were set aside for the deceased children — Walter Spencer Bowie, M. Elizabeth Bowie Brown, Roy Emory Bowie and Beatrice Bowie Jackson.

Memorial services were conducted at St. James AME Church which serves as the family church and which next year will be celebrating its 100th anniversary.

After the services, the family gathered at Pinecliff Park for recreation and, later in the evening, at the Elks Club on West All Saints Street, Frederick. The events concluded at Skatehaven.

The many descendants expressed "pleasure and pride" in their family book prepared especially for the "Bowie-Thomas 19th Annual Reunion."

"We are proud of our family and their accomplishments, and will continue to build a stronger and larger family tree for future generations," said a spokesman for the clan.

The publishing committee included Veronica "Peggy" Bowie, publisher, Belva King, chairperson; Shella Ray, Stacey Harris and Valerie Allen. Special thanks were given Mrs. Dykes for her efforts in supplying much of the family history for the book.

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African American Community Calendar Updated August 10, 2018

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(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

"Kingdom Disciples Bible Study" – Jackson Chapel UMC. 8:45 am.(starting on May 6)

"Adult Sunday School Class" – Asbury UMC. 8:00 am

Every Monday – Friday

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

Every Monday

"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" –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

"Noon-Day Bible Study"- First 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. (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
- “Zumba”** – Quinn Chapel AME Church Christian Center. 6 pm. \$5.
- “Zumba”** – with Tonja Street at First Missionary Baptist Church 6:30pm. Donations accepted
- 1st & 3rd Fridays** **“Kingdom Disciples Bible Study”** – Jackson Chapel UMC. 7 pm
- 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
- “Line Dancing”** – Asbury UMC. 6-8 pm. *Will resume at a later date*

SEPTEMBER

- 1** **“Bethel Worship Center - End Of Summer Networking Mixer”** - C Burr Artz Library - Conference Room. For Everyone!. RSVP: str8ghtmixer.eventbrite.com
- 1** **“Clothing, Food, and Toys Free Give Away”** – Parking lot of Bread of Life Church, 141 W. All Saints Street in Frederick, MD. 9am to 1pm.
- 8** **“Asbury UMC 200th Anniversary Gala”** – Clarion Inn. Music by Souled Out. Dinner will be served. \$50/person. Formal attire. 301-663-9380. For more information, call Bishop Ed at (301) 639-8095.
- 8** **“Community Fair & Yard Sale”** – Food, games, outreach, freebies. 8 am – 2 pm. Jackson Chapel Mission ministry. Yard sale spaces: \$25. Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger Creek Pike. 301-694-7315. www.jacksonchapelumc.org
- 14** **“29th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration”** – Honoring Bishop Alexander Hardy & Elder Barbara Hardy. 7 pm; Speaker: Pastor Otto Gross.

- 15 **“29th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration Banquet”** - Honoring Bishop Alexander Hardy & Elder Barbara Hardy. Ft. Detrick Community Activities Center; speaker Bishop McMillan. Tickets: \$50/adults; \$20/youth 10-15; \$10/children 1-9.
- 15 **“‘Tale of the Lion’ - Living Treasures Documentary & Discussion”** – AARCH film highlighting the oral histories of African Americans 90 years and older. Weinberg Center for the Arts. This event is open and free to all of our community. Celebrating the rich history held in the life stories of our oldest African American citizens in Frederick County. The poignant telling of their experiences from childhood, through segregation, to today is a window to the strength and resilience that have shaped their lives, and our community. Weinberg Center. The movie trailer may be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/eM0aZaS1dkc>. Reservations are recommended for this free event. Tickets can be reserved, starting August 16, at weinbergcenter.org.
- 15 **“2nd Annual Rock the Boat Day Luncheon Cruise”** - Hosted by the Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Chi Theta Omega Chapter along with the Frederick Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. The cruise will take place in Baltimore Maryland and the cost is \$55. Please arrive at 10:30 AM for pre-boarding activities, and so that we can efficiently board the vessel at 11:30 AM when the gate opens! Early ticket purchases (by August 10th) receive one free raffle ticket to go towards the 50/50 Raffle!! You will of course also be able to purchase more tickets on board, and we will again have baskets that will be raffled off as well. See any member of the Frederick Chapters of AKA or KAPsi or go to Eventbrite to get your tickets!
- 16 **“29th Pastoral Anniversary Worship Celebration”** - New Dimension Worship Center: 5111 Pegasus Ct., F. 10:30 am. Roeh Westphal, Speaker
- 27 **“Difficult Conversations: The Art and Science of Thinking Together”** - 9am - 4pm, at the ERUCC Church, 15 W. Church Street. This workshop focuses on the question for each of us to ask ourselves: "Who do we need to be to have the conversations we need to have?" Come to learn how to navigate these shallow waters and how not to "run aground"! Register as soon as you can. Learn how to begin to heal the divisions in our world! To register, send check for \$15 to ERUCC, 15 West Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Please include your name and email address when sending your payment. You may also pay online at <https://erucc.org/conference-payments/> or TEXT the amount to 301-804-2933 and follow the instructions provided. (Registration fee includes lunch.)
- 29 **“Golf Tournament”** – Wayman AME Church will hold its Annual Golf Tournament at Glade Valley Country Club in Walkersville, MD. Sponsorships needed. Includes 18 holes of golf and cart, a light continental breakfast and a full lunch. ~ COST:Early Birds by Sept 16, 2018: \$75 per individual/\$300 per team ~ After Sept 16, 2018: \$80 per individual/\$320 per team. For a brochure and/or more information, contact Darryl whiten at learnhoops@aol.com, Eric Whisner ewiz06@verizon.net, or WaymanFrederick9940@gmail.com. Pastor Robert A Ray, Pastor and Rev Carol Roache, Associate Minister of WAYMAN AME CHURCH. Great Prizes for Winners and a fun day for all! Prizes/Awards: 1st/2nd/3rd place, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin (all Par 3's) and Putting Contest. Bring your bids for our Silent Auction!

OCTOBER

- 6 **“1st Annual AARCH Fall Gala”** - Delaplaine Visual Arts Center. 7 - 10 pm. Tickets (at www.AARCHsociety.org): \$80 per person, \$150 per couple. Included in the price of the ticket: first complimentary wine or beer; heavy hors d'oeuvres; live music and dancing with Tyrone Burwell and N. A. Chord and HALO; cash bar. Sponsorships available. Checks: AARCH, P.O. Box 3903, Frederick, MD 21705. Questions: darlene.gabeau@gmail.com; David Key 301-573-5731, aarchsociety@gmail.com

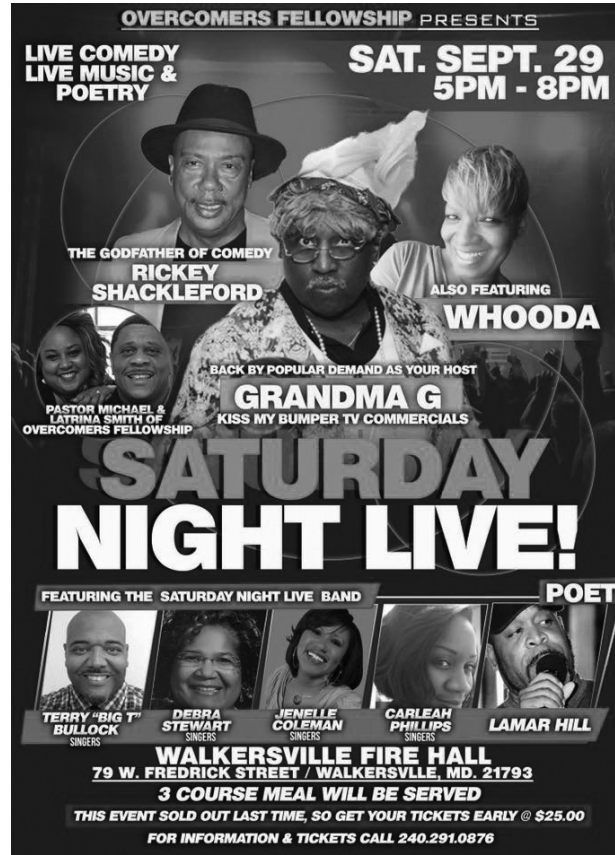
- 11 **“Trip to SIGHT & SOUND production of Jesus”** – Thomas Tabernacle Church of God, Inc., leaving at 10 am from the church. Ticket Cost is \$26 for 3 years old to 12 years old and \$59 for 13 years old to adults. PAYMENT DEADLINE is Saturday, May 26, 2018. For information please call 301-695-9148. Monetary gas donation appreciated.
- 13 **“Be Still & Know - Women’s Silent Retreat”** - Empowerment Consulting Services. Skycroft Conference Center, 9621 Frostown Rd, Middletown, MD 21769. 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Registration fee of \$65 per person covers a continental breakfast, lunch, healthy snacks, beverages, and materials used for the day. Registration closes on Saturday, September 29, 2018. <http://www.empowermentcsllc.com/events-1/be-still-know-womens-silent-retreat>
- 21 **“Asbury UMC 200th Anniversary Homecoming Service”** – “Thankful for the Past” 10 am.. Asbury UMC, 101 W. All Saints St. 301-663-9380

NOVEMBER

- 15 **“Asbury UMC Community Thanksgiving Dinner”** – Free & open to community. 5-7 pm. Asbury UMC, 101 W. All Saints St. 301-663-9380

DECEMBER

- 1 **“13th Annual Elegance pf Jazz Brunch”** - Frederick County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. An afternoon of fun, food and live music featuring "Just's Friends Band & Show". 11 am -3 pm. Turf Valley Resort, 2700 Turf Valley Rd, Ellicott City, Maryland 21042. Tickets:\$65 (Aug. 1 – Oct. 1); \$75 (Oct.2 – Nov. 17) Tickets can be purchased via PayPal at www.DSTfcacMD.org or from any FCAC Delta until Friday, 11/17/17. Proceeds from the event will go toward college scholarships for Frederick County High School Seniors & Public Service Initiatives. email EOJ.fcacmd@gmail.com
- 20 **“Asbury UMC Community Christmas Dinner”** – Free & open to community. 5-7 pm. Asbury UMC, 101 W. All Saints St. 301-663-9380



NBPW celebrates Founders Day

The Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Frederick Chapter, celebrated their annual Founders Day at the South Frederick Elementary school, Sunday, June 13. The theme was "The Involvement of Black Women, Past and Present." Certificates and awards were given, in addition to a most inspiring and informative program.

A certificate of honor was presented to Mrs. Claude Delauter for her service to the club, the church and the community. Mrs. Margaret Lee Brown and Mrs. Ruth Brown, club members, were presented with silver bowls in recognition of their retirement and years of service with the County Board of

Education. The program was as follows:

Musical Moments — Mrs. Gwendolyn H. Swann; opening remarks—Mrs. Beverly Jones; invocation — Rev. Mrs. Geraldine Davis; greetings—Mrs. Verneice Mack.

Portrayal of Black Women was by Mrs. Sandra Butler, Mrs. Shirley Snowden, Miss Mary Harris, Mrs. Yvonne Bourne, Mrs. Beatrice Jackson, Mrs. Gladys Lee, Mrs. Beverly Jones, Mrs. Verneice Mack, Mrs. Earlene Thornton, Mrs. Ula Scott, Mrs. Gloria Thompson, and Mrs. Ruth Brown.

Reading—Mrs. Ruth Brown, interpreted through dance by her

daughter, Miss Bernetta Brown.

PRESENTATIONS

Charles E. Henson Citizenship Award—presented by Mrs. Margaret Brown, recipient—Kelvin Anderson.


Eunice C. Hutchins Scholarship Award—presented by Mrs. Shirley Snowden recipient—Miss Darlene Sewell

Altha Mumford Science Award—presented by Mrs. Yvonne Barnes; recipient—Miss Cassandra Ambush.

Recipients of special presentations were Mrs. Ruth Brown and Mrs. Margaret Lee Brown.

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21 July 2018

On Tuesday, November 6, 2018, Marylanders will be going to the polls to cast their votes in the critical mid-term general election. Between now and then, the Frederick County Democratic Party could use your help with our get out the vote (GOTV) efforts to bring attention to the importance of this election, including the opportunity to elect Ben Jealous as our state's first African-American Democratic governor. We hope everyone will support our Democratic candidates up and down the entire ballot for good governance of our state and county.

You can help us call voters, knock on doors, staff our tent at various community events, and register voters. Or you can write letters, help candidates, or get involved in other activities. Please don't feel like you must limit yourself to just one of these jobs; if several appeal to you, and you have the time, feel free to contact us about two (or more). For a complete list of activities or to let us know you are interested, send us an email at volunteers@frederickdemocrats.org.

Finally, did you know Frederick Democrats is on social media? If you are too, please engage with us and other Democrats on Twitter and Facebook. You can find us by searching Frederick Democrats on Facebook, and on Twitter by the username of FrederickDems.

We welcome any help you can provide us and look forward to having you join our great group of "Be the Blue Wave" volunteers for 2018!

Sincerely,

Mari Lee

Mari Lee,
Vice Chair



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Engelbrecht Diary Vol. 1 shows large role of Germanic families

By CALVIN E. SCHILDKNIGHT

Court House records show that with some exceptions, such as John Thomas Schley, Stephen Ramsberg, Jacob Steiner and Michael Roemer (Raymer), the Anglo-Saxon settlers of Frederick County predominated in public affairs in the eighteenth century.

Most of the numerous German and Swiss settlers had language, economic and other disadvantages which often were overcome only in the second or third generation. Those taught in German wrote only in German script, an elaborate handwriting, not easily read even by teachers of German today.

Signatures to deeds and wills such as those of Stephen Ramsberg (Riemensperger) in the Court House are examples of old German script. German dialects were spoken but seldom written out. In early land records English officials often recorded English equivalent spellings from the sounds of German names as pronounced by settlers who could not sign their names, or if written in German script could not be deciphered.

Most German settlers were far from affluent and many were in debt. Some were tenant farmers on land owned by the English, such as Caspar Devilbiss on rich limestone lands in Biggs in Monocacy Manor. The early German Monocacy Settlement (before founding of Fredericktown) was largely on red shale and foothills. Few Germans were able to acquire rich limestone valley lands until Dulany made unusually favorable terms for Tasker's Chance.

However, at Fredericktown, from its founding, Germanic citizens predominated in numbers. Volume I of *The Diary of Jacob Engelbrecht (1818-1832)*, edited by William R. Quyan, was published in 1976 by the Historical Society of Frederick County, as well as Court House records, show the rise of German and Anglicized German names in public affairs in the early Nineteenth Century.

After writing an index to the Engelbrecht Diary, Volume I, I have compared the English and German names most frequently cited. Of course, some allowance must be made because Engelbrecht was one of the German group himself. However, he seems to have recorded events impartially among different ethnic groups, including blacks.

A number of the same English, Scotch-Irish, and Welsh families which had provided leaders in earlier Frederick County continued to be active in 1818 to 1832. These included the following:

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| Beall | Carlton (Charlton) | Johnson |
| Boyd | Crownwell | McPherson |
| Campbell | DeVane | Morgan |

Among the prominent names of French or Huguenot origin were Duval (DuVal), and Bartsig. Jacob Engelbrecht records that famous printer Mathias B. Bartsig said that his French name had been originally spelled Besaureheaus. The Germanic names which have a similar large number of references in the index for Vol. I of the diary make a much longer list. The spellings of Engelbrecht are used with alternate or earlier spellings in parentheses. The variations in spelling used by Engelbrecht and generally accepted in this era must not be considered evidence that he was uneducated. Having attended English school he wrote German and English with most of the same handwritten letters which we use today. Names marked with asterisks occur most frequently (four or more lines in the index).

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| Barr* | Houck (Hauk)* |
| Baltzell | Hoffman (Hofmann)* |
| Bantz | Kemp (Kiepp)* |
| Birley (Beyler) | Kolb* |
| Brengele (Brengele)* | Miller (Mueller)* |
| Brunner* | Nuss |
| Carmack | Ramsberg (b) (Ramsberg)* |
| Doll* | Reich |
| Eader | Ritchie (Ritschi)* |
| Ebert* | Robt |
| Engelbrecht* | Schaeffer |
| Fauehl | Schellman (Schelman)* |
| Fessler | Schley (Schlin)* |
| Font (Fauth)* | Schreiner (Schriener)* |
| Getzendanner* | Staley (Stiele)* |
| Hart (Hardt)* | Schriver (Schreiber) |
| Haller* | Steiner (Stoner)* |
| Handshaw (Handschu) | Thom* |
| Hauer* | Wassinger |
| Huttenstein | |

A number of these names have disappeared from the Frederick scene by 1880.

Engelbrecht Families in America

The Engelbrecht families illustrate the experiences and progress of the immigrant Germanic families. Besides the relatives of Jacob Engelbrecht, the diarist, and his father, Conrad, several other Engelbrecht families appear in American records which may or may not be related.

Martin "Englebert" arrived in Philadelphia September 1751 along with Hans George and Johannes Englebert or Engelbrecht. A John Engelbrecht was a Revolutionary soldier in 1782. Records of Christ Lutheran Church of York, Pa., show the baptisms of the following children born to Martin and Maria Elizabeth Engelbrecht:

John, born Sept. 27, 1780

Michael, born Sept. 9, 1771

Lutheran Records of Frederick show that Martin and Elizabeth Engelbrecht had a son Michael (1772-1804) who married Elizabeth Stull in 1798. The baptism of their son John in 1798 was witnessed by Adam and Elizabeth Stull, probably the grandparents. John, who used the name Engelbrecht, married Catherine Lease in 1825 at Frederick and he died in 1875 at Falling Waters, Va.

John Engelbrecht is mentioned with this spelling in Jacob's diary as John of Michael. Catherine Brown, a frequent contributor to Jacob's diary, recorded her opinion there that Catherine Lease had the most handsome face in Fredericktown. Land record JS24-169 at



Jacob Engelbrecht

Parents of Jacob Engelbrecht, the diarist

Jacob's grandfather was Theodor Friedrich Haus (later Houx) born September 15, 1725, in Pfumern, Saalgau, Germany, the son of Joseph and Magdalena (Schmidt) Haus. According to Lutheran records, Theodor married Anna Maria Federhof in Germany in 1753. She was born November 13, 1731, to John Jacob and Agnes Federhof at Maulbronn in the Wurttemberg area of Germany.

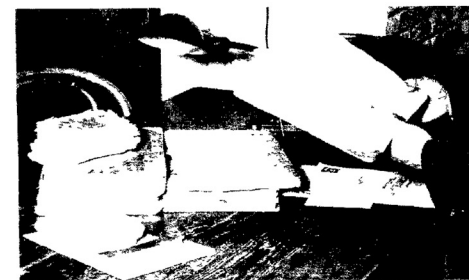
Theodor and Anna Maria came to Keedysville, Md., in the same year of their marriage. He had been recommended as teacher and singer at Pfumern. After teaching school in Sharpshurg and later in Middletown, Theodor Haus and family came to Fredericktown in 1761 where he served as schoolmaster for the Lutheran congregation.

Of the 13 children born to Anna Maria and Theodor only five were alive when their father died in 1802. It was their daughter Margaret (1760-1836) who married John Conrad Engelbrecht, former Hessian prisoner in the Barracks at Frederick.

John Conrad Engelbrecht had been born May 25, 1758, in the Franconian village of Eichig (abounding in oaks) in east central Germany. Eichig only appears on the most detailed maps. It lies a distance northwest of Bayreuth and northeast of Bamberg. In Eichig John Conrad had a brother Frederick (1755-1834), who like himself was a tailor, and another brother, Conrad, born in 1762.

John Conrad, serving in the Bayreuth Regiment of the so-called Hessian troops of British mercenaries, was taken prisoner at Yorktown in October 1781. After first being imprisoned in Winchester, Va., a group of the German troops walked to the Frederick Barracks, barely surviving winter hardships of January 1782. (See account of Hessian prisoner Popp in the C. Burr Artz Library).

John Conrad, generally called Conrad, must have had considerable talent and good fortune to be transformed



Original Engelbrecht Diary



'The Diary of Jacob Engelbrecht' in three volumes, edited by William R. Quyan, published in 1976.

(Photo by C. Kurt Holter)

from an enemy prisoner to marrying Margaret Haus, the daughter of the prominent Lutheran schoolmaster. Conrad and Margaret lived on the south side of East Church Street near Market Street. Conrad, Lutheran churchman and tailor, died at Frederick on Feb. 2, 1819. For the funeral the Engelbrecht files give the organist, John Krauth, the hymn, and the text Hebrews 4:10.

The children of Conrad and Margaret Engelbrecht

Mortality was very high among the children of early Frederick as shown by the Diary and church records. John Conrad of Eichig and Margaret had sorrow in early married life. The Lutheran Monocacy Congregation Book records that their son Jacob born May 1, 1788, died on Sept. 4, 1789. In 1794 an unbaptized infant son of Conrad and Margaret also died. Their daughter Anna Maria born 1800 died of fever at 1 1/4 years. The children who lived to be adults and about whom we read in the famous diary of Jacob were as follows:

(1) John the oldest son married Margaret McMullen. They had sons John Conrad (1819-1906) and Theodor Frederick (1821-1887). John was a Lutheran deacon, president of the Harmonic Band in which he played clarinet, and treasurer of the Orphan Society. His will of 1847 conveyed lots 58 and 60 on the north side of East Patrick St.

(2) Frederick Engelbrecht (1788-1843) apparently did not marry. His will left his interest in the lot and house on East Church St. to his sister Catherine Hardt. Frederick made a trip to Niagara Falls in 1820 and a 10-month trip to Philadelphia and N.Y. State in 1823. He was unable to visit his uncle Frederick in Eichig, Germany, as he had hoped.

(3) Michael born in 1792 lived to be 94. After 1816 he lived in Geneva, Ontario County, N.Y. He married Rebecca McMullen (1802-47). The Diary records his visits to Frederick. The writer does not know whether his descendants still live in western New York State.

(4) William and George were born twins to Margaret and Conrad in 1795. William married Susan Winter in 1830. He played clarinet in the Frederick band. In 1839 a daughter Ann Catherine was born. No surviving children are shown in his will of 1849.

(5) George (1795-1874), who married in 1833 Anna Maria Brengle (1810-1886), was the most active brother in organizations and business. With John he con-

tinued the tailoring shop of his father. George was secretary and later president of the Lutheran Sunday School. He was a director and treasurer of the Young Men's Bible Society and Secretary of the Fredericktown Savings Institution. A daughter Agnes was born to Anna Maria and George in 1840.

(6) Jacob (1791-1876), the youngest son of Conrad and Margaret, married in 1825 Elizabeth Ramsburg (1803-1872), the eldest daughter of John (1787-1821) and Rebecca Ramsburg (1784-1863). The latter was the eldest daughter of Robert Stutely (Stutle). Although the diarist Jacob recorded little about his wife we know that her grandfather John was a son of the prominent early settlers Captain Stephen Ramsburg (1711-1789) and Catherine Brunner. Thus Elizabeth grew up on the farm just south and across Carroll Creek from Brunner's Schifferstadt. Rebecca in the diaries is mentioned often as managing this farm after the early death of her husband John. The farm is indicated on the Titus Atlas of 1873 as belonging to William Ramsburg.

Besides keeping his unique diary for 60 years, Jacob Engelbrecht played French horn in the Frederick band, directed Reformed and later Lutheran music, was a tailor and for a while a storekeeper, and finally became mayor of Fredericktown.

Like his father, Jacob was interested in gardening, especially grafting of fruit trees, although his property on East Patrick Street next to Carroll Creek was often badly flooded. He also showed in his diary interest in genealogy, politics, astronomy, local events, and in freedom

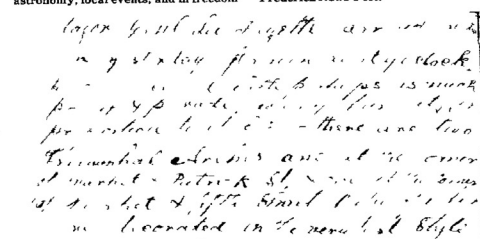
and equality for blacks. Perhaps it was being overshadowed by his older brothers that helped direct him toward literary pursuits, diaries in which children and friends, including blacks, contributed.

The first child of Jacob and Elizabeth was named Ann Rebecca — born in 1826 died in infancy. Their son Philip M. (1831-78) married in 1850 Selma Virginia Storm (1833-83). They lived on South Market Street and were the forebears of well-known Engelbrechts of recent years listed in the Introduction to Vol. I of the Diary.

(7) Catherine was born to John Conrad and Margaret Engelbrecht in 1805. She married in 1822 John C. Hardt or Hart (1794-1830). She was a teacher in the Lutheran Sunday School from its organization in Frederick in September 1830. She lived to be 80 years old. Incidentally, the diaries show the very few opportunities at that time for women for activities and self-expression outside the home. Exceptions were widows who operated farms or taverns.

In writing the index and related research acknowledgment is made to assistance of Jacob E. Engelbrecht and Margaret V. Engelbrecht whose father Jacob L. was a son of Philip M. The writer would appreciate receiving comments, additions or corrections to the above.

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Part of a page from Jacob Engelbrecht's diary

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Reject Support For VMC

Dialogue Groups Votes Thompson Endorsement

The Frederick Interracial Dialogue Groups at a general meeting Sunday night gave endorsement to the candidacy of Dr. V. E. Gladstone Thompson for alderman of Frederick.

The groups also heard a report on a survey conducted among members as to the direction the dialogue should take.

In a third item of business, the groups turned down an appeal by the Frederick Vietnam Moratorium Committee that endorsement be given that organization.

Both the discussion on Dr. Thompson's candidacy and the Vietnam Moratorium issue were sparked by heated debate. Presiding over the meeting at the Frederick High School auditorium was the Rev. Bernie Zerkle Jr.

Opposing action on the motion to support Dr. Thompson was Miss Mary Storm, who said she was not informed that the issue of support of any candidate was to be discussed and said she would not be part of any move to railroad any candidate.

After the heavily pro-vote for Dr. Thompson was taken, Miss Storm left the meeting.

Dr. Thompson is one of two Negroes on the ballot in the coming city election. Speaking in support of the other Negro, Claude DeLauter, was Mrs. Kay Mackley.

Among those speaking in favor of support of Dr. Thompson were George Dredde, James McIntyre and Dr. Mischa Friedman. Dredde said that Thompson "represents a unique person in voicing the unrepresented Negro element of Frederick." Dr. Friedman said that dialogue was to bring social justice and "we must act in positive ways."

Dr. Raymond Gould, who headed the survey of the dialogue members, presented the preliminary findings. Further action will be taken at a meeting to be held Dec. 7.

The findings, Dr. Gould said, indicate that new directions must be taken in order to involve more

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DIALOGUE

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persons, especially black citizens, in the dialogue program. More openness and frankness in dialogue groups and establishment of more intensive dialogue experience were some of the points in the summary.

About 80 per cent of those responding said that there should be more white support of black projects such as political campaigns and task force activities.

Presenting the request for dialogue support for Vietnam Moratorium activities was Mike Almon, a Vista worker in Frederick, who said that committee activities would be expanded for the Nov. 15 moratorium day.

In discussion on the proposal, the statement of purpose of dialogue, that of promoting racial justice and harmony in Frederick, was used by those favoring non-involvement with the issue.

The motion, given about a 3 to 2 majority, was that moratorium activities and support were inconsistent with the purpose of the dialogue groups and should not be considered.

A number of those speaking for moratorium indicated they would sign petitions being provided by Almon.

The motion, supporting Dr. Thompson's candidacy, was:

"The Frederick Interracial Dialogue Groups support the Candidacy of Dr. V. E. Gladstone Thompson for alderman and strongly urges every citizen of Frederick, regardless of race, to vote for him tomorrow."

"Of all the candidates running for election, Dr. Thompson stands out as one who will work for progress in Frederick. The Dialogue Groups' members feel that he has both the necessary abilities to perform the duties of alderman and a record in civic affairs to prove his interest in establishing a better community for all."

"It is now time, moreover, to begin to give a voice in government to the black minority of Frederick, whose needs have too long been neglected.

"If government is to be fair, all persons must have representation, but in the history of Frederick County, black citizens have been denied a voice in their government and have suffered because of it.

"Our society, if it is to survive as a free society, must one day come to the decision that it can no longer treat one group of people differently than it treats another group.

"The members of the Interracial Dialogue Groups believe that now is the time to make the decision. The election of Dr. Thompson will be a major step in beginning to solve the problems caused by years of neglect of the black citizen by our governments and the exploitation of him by the community.

"We feel that Dr. Thompson will be a voice for progress in the Frederick government. He will be an alderman able to resist the pressures of the majority, if need be, and will be a voice for action programs that will benefit all citizens.

"Again we urge all citizens to make an important decision which will help Frederick to grow in peace, prosperity, and justice. Vote tomorrow for Dr. Thompson."

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Asbury UM to celebrate 165th anniversary May 8-15

Asbury United Methodist Church, Frederick, will celebrate its 165th church anniversary with services scheduled Sunday, May 8, through Sunday, May 15.

During the 11 a.m. worship service on May 8, Dr. Willard Williams of Drew University, Madison, N.J., and former pastor of the church, will speak. The senior choir, under the direction of Mrs. Amelia Duhart; the Souls on Fire, under the direction of Mrs. Edith Alford, and the Asbury Supremes, under the direction of Anthony Brown will sing.

Memorial Services Night will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 9, with Wil-

son O. Lee, lay speaker, speaking. The senior choir will sing.

Civic and Fraternal Night will be observed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, with the music provided by the Gospel Travelers of the First Missionary Baptist Church, Frederick.

On Friday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m., Youth Night will be held with an oral presentation by the church school and youth. The activities will include a performance of the Asbury Supremes and the Bernetta R. Brown Dance Troupe in Religious Dance.

During the 11 a.m. Sunday, May 15, worship service, the church's Spring

Rally will be held with the Rev. Warren Ebbinger, district superintendent, speaking. The music will be provided by the church choirs. At 4 p.m. Sunday, a banquet will be held at the Sheraton inn-Frederick. The program will include an historical skit and special musical selections.

The public is invited to attend the weeklong activities at the church. Ticket information for the banquet may be obtained by calling 663-4521. Also information on the church's anniversary booklet is available by calling 662-2469. The Rev. John L. Ford is pastor.



Asbury UM marks 165 years

The congregation of Asbury United Methodist Church of Frederick has been busy planning for its 165th anniversary. The week of May 8 is full of activities for the church members, including a youth night, memorial night and anniversary banquet. To boost support for the church anniversary, some church officials went to Frederick Mayor Ronald N. Young to share their plans. Mayor Young, in turn, presented the church with a proclamation from the City of Frederick. From left are Erminie Wars, general chairman of the anniversary; Theodore W. Stephens, chairman, administrative council; Sheila Brown, chairman, Young Adults; Claude R. DeLauter Jr., lay leader; The Rev. John L. Ford and Mayor Young and Caroline Black, church school member. (Photo by Bob Leverone)

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Asbury central to black community

Frederick's United Methodist Church had its beginnings in 1818

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FREDERICK — Members of Asbury United Methodist Church appreciate a rich history of service to Frederick's 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 corner of Court and East All Saints' streets.

The church has had 26 ministers. The Rev. Dr. Burton Mack leads 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 baptized there as a baby, but who will not reveal her age. Ms. Chaney joined the Rev. Mack and Asbury member Cynthia Lee for a discussion about the church, which celebrated its 185th anniversary last year.

"The NAACP still meets here. 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 Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, the Evangelism Committee and a Missions Committee, among many, many more, including specialty choirs.

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 Frederickians have been members of the church, such as painter William Grinich, whose 1920s painting of Francis Scott Key hung in the old Francis Scott Key Hotel for many years; recently deceased William O. Lee Jr., a former alderman and political leader as well as area historian; Dr. Blanche Bourno-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 said he is "always surprised" to learn of the many, many roles the church has played within 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 basement.

"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. ... I tell folks, I used to, when I was a teenager, once in a while I would venture onto All Saints Street but I guess it was poetic justice and 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.

"I say it's a great place to do ministry because it's like Trial Boulevard (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 in the future, we want to be a Bible-centered, mission-oriented church. 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 it but us."

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



Staff photo by Doug Koonce

Cynthia Lee talks about her life, life with her husband and the many trips 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 for African-Americans. This church was the scene for the annual conference meeting for that whole Washington conference. So, historically, it's always been here for the community," the Rev. Mack said.

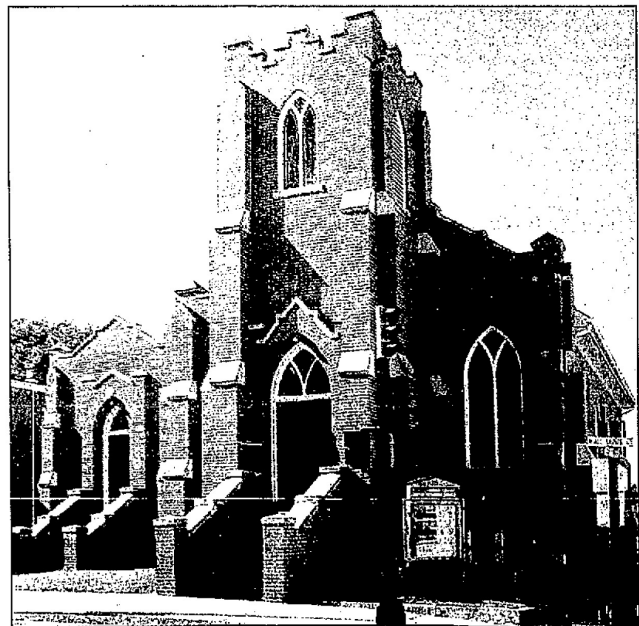
"We're still planted, you know? Asbury has the strategic advantage of being planted in a neighborhood where many of the members grew up. Some, of course, in the neighborhood go to some other churches but, eventually, there's something that brings them back to Asbury, whether it's some program that we have or a joint service."

"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-equipped," 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 caring, 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.

"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."

Dr. Burton Mack



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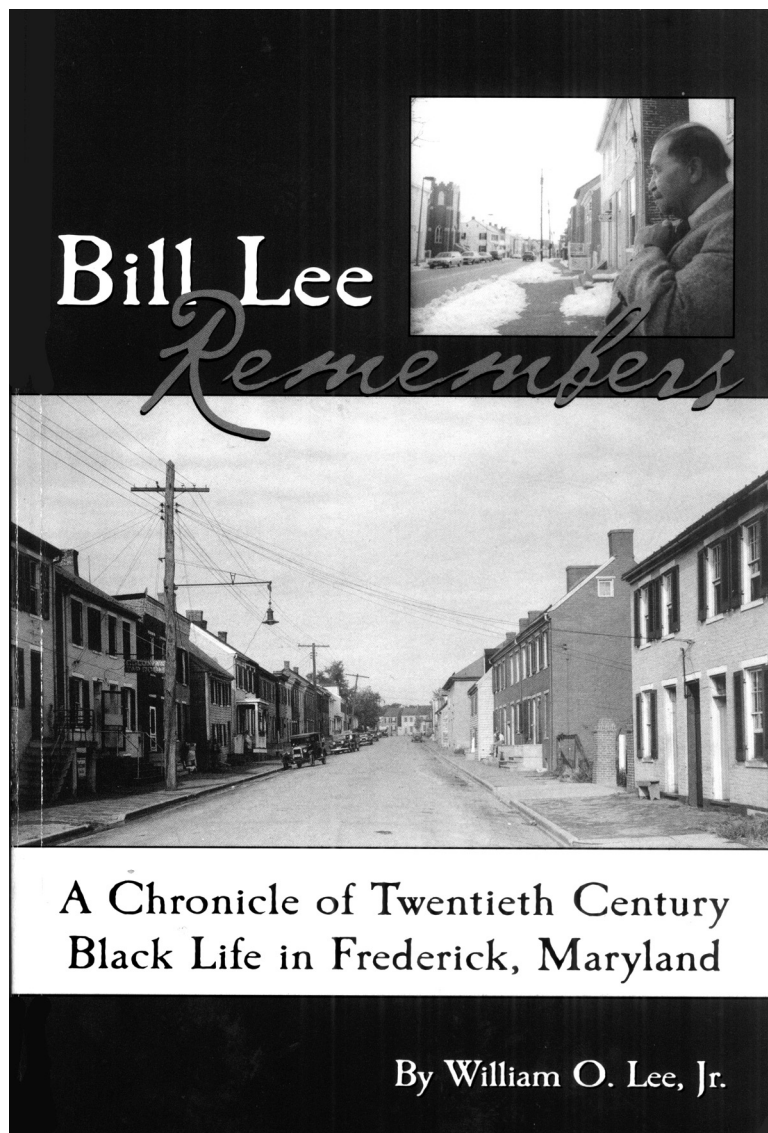
Asbury United Methodist Church at the corner of West All Saints and Court streets.

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CHANGE YOU CAN TRUST

By Authority of Friends for Earl Robbins, Willie Wright, Treasurer,
P.O. Box 665 New Market, MD 21774



In 2003 William O. Lee, Jr published this book with Diversions Publications, Inc. Diversions has given us permission to reprint sections of Bill's book over the next several months.

Mr. Lee was a well known local educator and historian. His chronical of Black life in Frederick was needed and is an excellent record of Frederick African American life.

Chapter One

Until the 1960s, The City of Frederick was a small town in Western Maryland with a population of roughly 15,000 people—fewer than one percent of whom were Black. Everyone in the Black community knew one another and got along quite well. Any differences we might have had were the result of the segregation policies under which we lived. “Separate, But Equal” was the law of the land, but that phrase could not have been further from the truth. While we did, indeed, live “separate” from White society, in no way could our lives be described as equal.

All public accommodations in Frederick City and Frederick County were segregated. Outside the Black sections of West All Saints Street, restaurants were off limits. While there were a few food businesses which would allow Blacks to purchase food and drink, they would not allow them to consume the meals on the premises. We had to take it elsewhere to eat. Similarly, many department stores barred Blacks from entering. Even in the stores where Blacks were permitted, they were unable to try on clothing, shoes and hats. Blacks were denied rooms in all local hotels. Blacks visiting the city had to stay with local citizens in private homes or in Black owned boarding houses.

The city’s three movie houses were also segregated. At the Opera House and the Frederick Theater, both located on the 100 block of North Market Street, Blacks had to enter by a separate entrance—a side doorway or a fire escape—and sit in the segregated balconies. The Tivoli Theater, located in the first block of West Patrick Street, did not admit Black customers until 1962, when the local chapter of the National Association For The Advancement of Colored People managed to reverse that corporate policy by picketing the theater.

As for other forms of recreation and entertainment, in 1929 the city opened Mullinix Park in the segregated part of downtown Frederick for the enjoyment of the town’s Black residents. The Pythian Castle, on the north side of the 100 block of West All Saints Street, and the basement of the Asbury Church, were also available to Blacks. Other than that, the city’s parks, including Baker Park, were for “Whites Only.” Additionally, the annual Great Frederick Fair, still the county’s most popular recreational event, had rest rooms and drinking fountains clearly marked “COLORED” and “WHITE.”

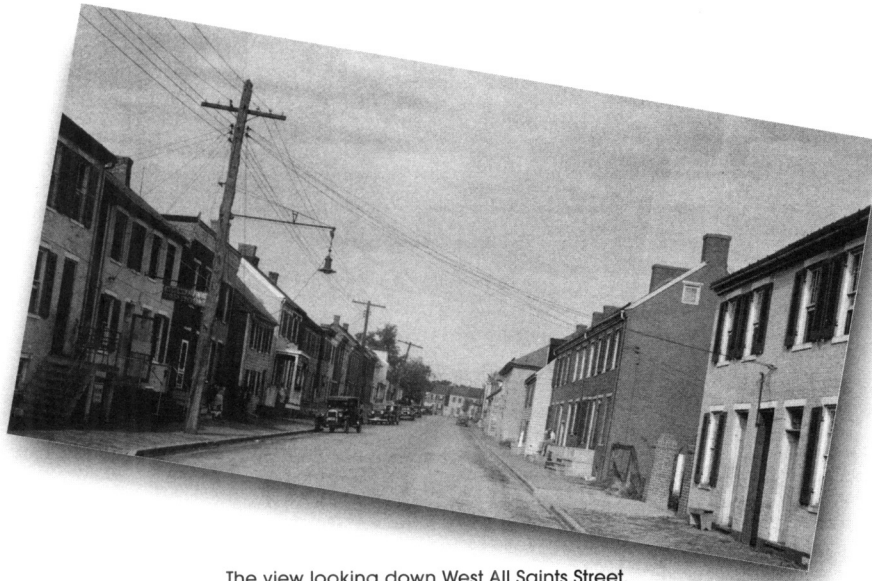
Uptown and Downtown

The City of Frederick was divided into “downtown” and “uptown,” with Fourth Street serving as the dividing line. Blacks who lived downtown (south of Fourth Street) lived mainly in the segregated areas of West All Saints Street, South Court Street, and South Bentz Street. Black people who lived “uptown” (north of Fourth Street) were confined to West Fifth and Sixth streets, as well as 5 1/2 Street, presently the site of the John Hanson Apartments, a large housing project. A community of Blacks lived in the area now known as Shab Row, on East Street between East Church Street and East Second Street, as well as on East Church Street itself.

Black Communities

In the country areas outside of Frederick City, there were several predominately Black communities. A few include Bartonville, east of Frederick off Old Route 40; Hopeland, on Fingerboard Road between Buckeystown and Urbana; Flint Hill, between Fingerboard and Parks Mill Roads; Buckeystown, on MD Route 85 (U. S. 15 until the 1970s); New Market, east of Frederick along Old MD Route 40 (now MD 144). Blacks also lived in Libertytown, Brunswick, Burkittsville, Petersville, Knoxville, Sunnyside (near Jefferson) and at Pleasant View.

While all of the communities were unique, they were similar in many ways. In most cases, these communities were composed of people who were related to each other in some fashion. Typically, significant numbers of people with specific occupational skills allowed each community to be self-sufficient, providing for the everyday needs of food, housing and recreation. Each community had its own school, church, recreational facilities and small grocery shops. The homes were mainly single-family houses which, oftentimes, had been built by the men and women of the community. Most of the rural areas had large gardens. These residents would share produce with family members, neighbors and friends. Subsequently a strong sense of family, friends and concern for each other held the communities together in the trying times of the segregated era.



The view looking down West All Saints Street,
circa late 1930's.

West All Saints Street

West All Saints Street served as the hub of life for Black citizens in the city and Frederick County. Most of the services Blacks needed to survive on were located here and on some of the surrounding streets. These services included ministers, doctors, churches, grocery stores, beauty parlors, barber shops, cleaners, shoe repair shops, recreation centers, boarding houses, a building and loan association, and other services. For many years they provided an essential service, but by the 1960s, as a result of integration, these businesses were no longer needed for Blacks to survive, and they faded quickly.

Also on West All Saints Street were two of the city's three Black churches: The First Missionary Baptist Church, and Asbury African Methodist Episcopal, later known as Asbury United Methodist Church. The third church was Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal on East Third Street. Most of the worshippers at Quinn Chapel lived in the Uptown areas of the city. In the county-at-large, several churches of varying denominations served the Black community.

Employment Opportunities

During this time employment opportunities for Blacks were extremely limited. Women typically worked as domestics in the homes of wealthy White people, or performed service-type jobs from their homes, such as washing and ironing clothes, and sewing. The men usually took jobs at nearby farms, or served as custodians, waiters, bellhops, delivery boys, or other unskilled positions. Those who sought any kind of skilled or professional training had no choice but to leave the county.

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African American Community Calendar Updated August 25, 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

"Kingdom Disciples Bible Study" – Jackson Chapel UMC. 8:45 am.(starting on May 6)

"Adult Sunday School Class" – Asbury UMC. 8:00 am

Every Monday – Friday

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

Every Monday

"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" –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

"Noon-Day Bible Study"- First 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.

"Prayer Service" – 7 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. (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
- "Zumba"** – Quinn Chapel AME Church Christian Center. 6 pm. \$5.
- "Zumba"** – with Tonja Street at First Missionary Baptist Church 6:30pm. Donations accepted
- 1st & 3rd Fridays** **"Kingdom Disciples Bible Study"** – Jackson Chapel UMC. 7 pm
- 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
- "Line Dancing"** – Asbury UMC. 6-8 pm. *Will resume at a later date*

OCTOBER

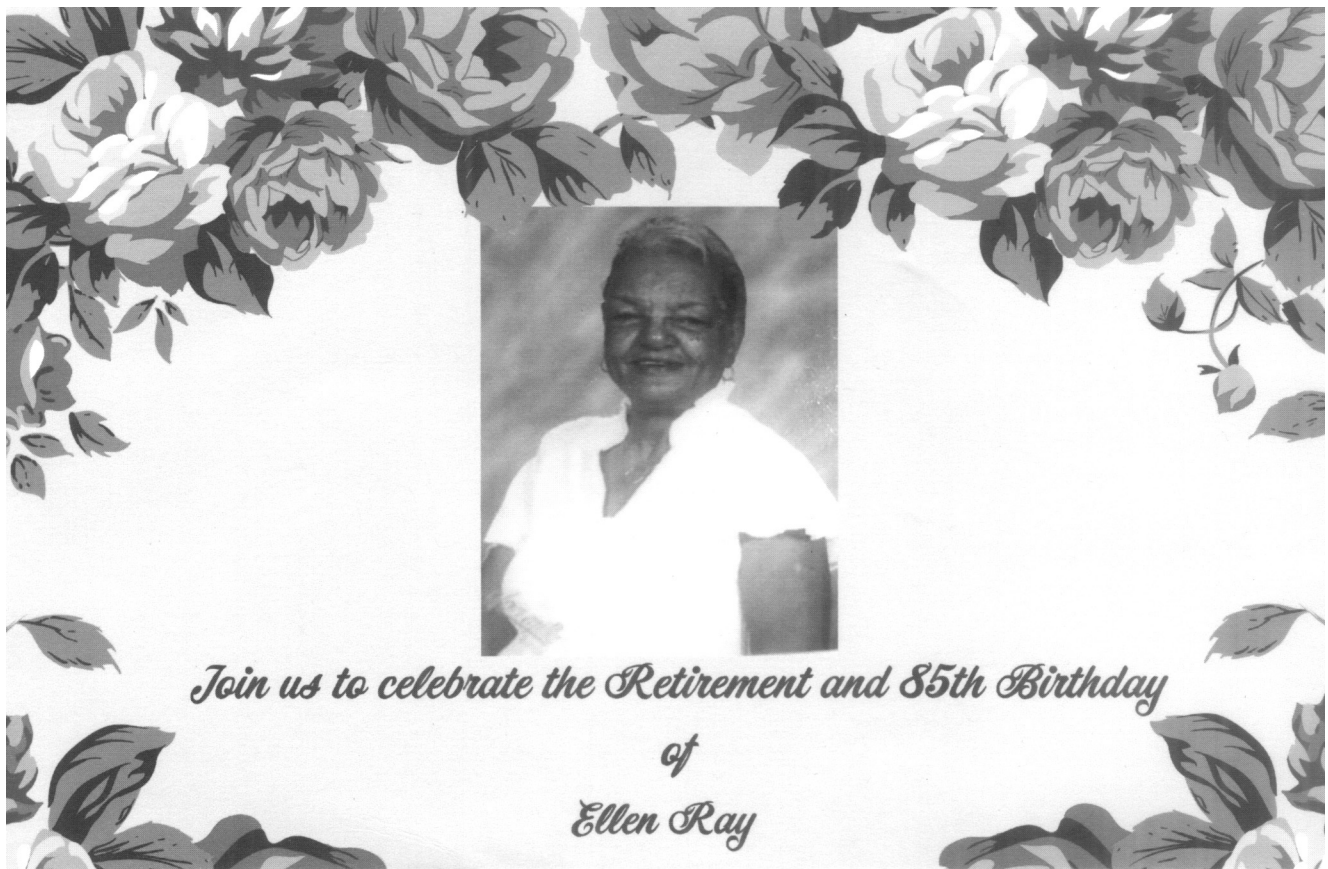
- 6** **"1st Annual AARCH Fall Gala"** - Delaplaine Visual Arts Center. 7 - 10 pm. Tickets (at www.AARCHsociety.org): \$80 per person, \$150 per couple. Included in the price of the ticket: first complimentary wine or beer; heavy hors d'oeuvres; live music and dancing with Tyrone Burwell and N. A. Chord and HALO; cash bar. Sponsorships available. Checks: AARCH, P.O. Box 3903, Frederick, MD 21705. Questions: darlene.gabeau@gmail.com; David Key 301-573-5731, aarchsociety@gmail.com
- 11** **"Trip to SIGHT & SOUND production of Jesus"** – Thomas Tabernacle Church of God, Inc., leaving at 10 am from the church. Ticket Cost is \$26 for 3 years old to 12 years old and \$59 for 13 years old to adults. PAYMENT DEADLINE is Saturday, May 26, 2018. For information please call 301-695-9148. Monetary gas donation appreciated.
- 13** **"Be Still & Know - Women's Silent Retreat"** - Empowerment Consulting Services. Skycroft Conference Center, 9621 Frostown Rd, Middletown, MD 21769. 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Registration fee of \$65 per person covers a continental breakfast, lunch, healthy snacks, beverages, and materials used for the day. Registration closes on Saturday, September 29, 2018. <http://www.empowermentcsllc.com/events-1/be-still-know-womens-silent-retreat>
- 20** **"Fall Harvest Dance"** - Madane C.J. Walker Temple #509. Mountain City Elks Lodge #382. 9 pm. \$10. Cash bar.
- 21** **"Asbury UMC 200th Anniversary Homecoming Service"** – "Thankful for the Past" 10 am.. Asbury UMC, 101 W. All Saints St. 301-663-9380

NOVEMBER

- 15** **"Asbury UMC Community Thanksgiving Dinner"** – Free & open to community. 5-7 pm. Asbury UMC, 101 W. All Saints St. 301-663-9380

DECEMBER

- 1 **"13th Annual Elegance pf Jazz Brunch"** - Frederick County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. An afternoon of fun, food and live music featuring "Just's Friends Band & Show". 11 am -3 pm. Turf Valley Resort, 2700 Turf Valley Rd, Ellicott City, Maryland 21042. Tickets:\$65 (Aug. 1 – Oct. 1); \$75 (Oct.2 – Nov. 17) Tickets can be purchased via PayPal at www.DSTfcacMD.org or from any FCAC Delta until Friday, 11/17/17. Proceeds from the event will go toward college scholarships for Frederick County High School Seniors & Public Service Initiatives. email EOJ.fcacmd@gmail.com
- 20 **"Asbury UMC Community Christmas Dinner"** – Free & open to community. 5-7 pm. Asbury UMC, 101 W. All Saints St. 301-663-9380
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Chapter Two

Black Education 1920-1962

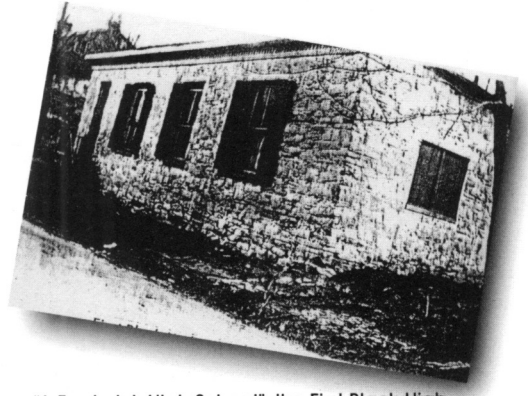
Prior to the 1960s the Frederick County public schools were segregated. In Frederick City, there were two elementary schools for Black students:

The West Seventh Street School, located uptown between North Market and North Bentz Streets (now the home of the Fraternal Order of Police); and the South Bentz Street School, located downtown at the head of West All Saints Street at the present site of The Lincoln Apartments, another public housing project. In the county, there were one- and two-room schools in communities where there was a large population of Black people.

Prior to 1920, there was no high school for Black students in Frederick County. After completing the seventh grade Black children had few options:

- 1) seek jobs, in the community as farm hands, or janitors, or as domestics, waiters, bellhops, etc.;
- 2) seek better employment opportunities outside Frederick—in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, or New York City;
- 3) continue high school education at an institution outside Frederick, such as Storer College in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia; Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia; or Howard University in Washington, D.C., which had majors in education, medicine and divinity.

In 1920, John Bruner, a Frederick County native and supervisor of “Colored” Schools, petitioned the local Board of Education and the Maryland State Superintendent of Schools, G. Lloyd Palmer, to build a high school for Black students. On September 5, 1920, twenty-eight students enrolled in the first high school for Blacks. The Colored High School was located



“A Frederick High School”, the First Black High School in Frederick County, 170 West All Saints Street, Frederick City. The school opened in 1920.



Lincoln School under construction, 1939.



Lincoln School, with additions, 1939.
The building is now South Frederick Elementary School, B Building.

on a lot at 170 West All Saints Street (now the parking lot for the Elks Lodge). Maurice Reid, also a native of the county, served as the first principal and teacher. The enrollment quickly increased to a point where the Board of Education had to find a larger facility. Soon thereafter, a property on Madison Street was purchased for the purpose of establishing a new school for Black students.

In 1923, students enrolled at the new Lincoln High School, an eight-room facility built by Hahn & Betson, a contracting company, for a cost of \$23,000. The following year, in June 1924, Lincoln High School held its first graduation. Twelve of the 28 students, who had started at the West All Saints Street school, proudly marched up the aisle to receive their diplomas. In 1939, again due to increased enrollment, additions were made to the high school. The West Seventh Street and South Bentz Street schools combined into one school and moved into the original Lincoln High School Building.

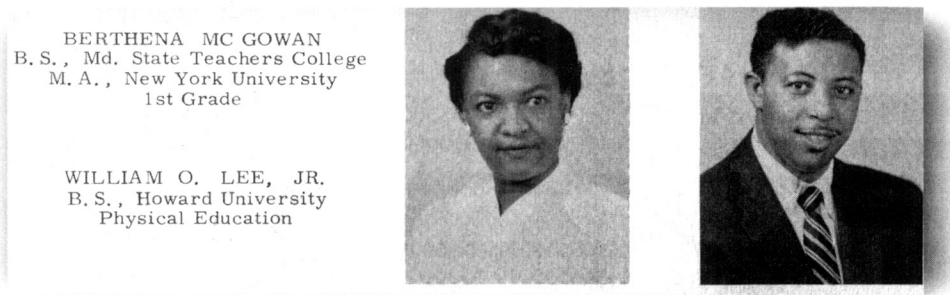
Mr. Bruner held the position of "Supervisor of the Colored School" from 1910 to 1940. Mr. Reid continued as principal until 1936. He was succeeded by Howard D. Pindell, who acted as principal from 1936 to 1938. After that, Charles E. Henson took over the position. Mr. Henson later succeeded Mr. Bruner as Supervisor of Colored Schools and continued as principal of Lincoln until June 1962 when segregation was abolished.

On May 17, 1954, in the case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. As a result, Frederick County began formulating plans to integrate schools per Law Order. The Board of Education decided to start with the elementary schools.

Eugene Pruitt, Superintendent of Schools, and Charles E. Henson, Supervisor of Colored Schools and principal at Lincoln, held discussions with the Parent-Teachers Association membership to prepare them for the integration of the schools.

In 1956, school integration was implemented at the White elementary school in Brunswick. The Brunswick Colored Elementary School had been destroyed by fire, and since segregated schools were no longer lawful, the Board of Education decided not to build another Black school. Eventually by 1965, all of the Black elementary schools were integrated into the system.

Between 1956 and 1960, students from Lincoln High School were “given permission” to attend Frederick High School, the only White high school in the city, if they wished to pursue curricula not offered at Lincoln. West Frederick



Lincoln Yearbook picture circa 1955.

Middle School opened in September 1958. Black seventh graders, who would have attended Lincoln High, and White students from Elm Street Junior High School, were assigned to integrate the new school.

By the end of the 1961-62 school year, only the eleventh and twelfth grade students were still attending Lincoln High School. Beginning in the 1962-63 school year the classes at Lincoln were integrated with their classes at Frederick High School.

Later, Frederick County was recognized by Maryland State officials for the smooth and orderly manner in which the school system was integrated. Thus ended the final chapter in the history of segregation in the Frederick County School System.

Fond Memories of School Days

“Attending Lincoln High School was one of the greatest experiences in my life.

The teachers were sincerely concerned that students get the best education possible. Why? Because we lived in a segregated society and education was the key to success for Black students.

The teachers at Lincoln High School inspired students to learn in spite of themselves. I would probably not have achieved what I have during my lifetime were it not for those dedicated teachers at Lincoln High School.”

—William O. Lee

Lincoln High School, Class of 1945

Former Frederick City Alderman

“Lincoln High School was an extension of the black family and community. Teachers lived in, attended the churches and social functions in the community. Therefore, student were afforded personal attention and granted sincere interest in their accomplishments. And that was beneficial to all.”

—Cynthia (Bayton) Lee

Lincoln High School, Class of 1946

Retired Director of Food Services, Frederick County Public Schools

What has passed is history. Such is the saga of Lincoln High School; a school rich in tradition throughout its existence. Generations of Frederick's Black Americans passed through Lincoln's doors and emerged better individuals. Better individuals, not only academically, but better morally and spiritually, as a result of encouragement, and role modeling exemplified by the staff, parents and others in the community.

Students who attended Lincoln High School relate stories, incidents and feelings which affected their lives then and carried over into their adult lives. Furthermore, volumes could be written concerning studies, activities, and special moments associated with the school by former students. Each former student made a contribution in some way or another in forming the rich legacy for which Lincoln High School is noted.

As a student, one was able to enjoy the luxury of having teachers who truly cared about you as a person, a student and as a member of the community. Activities and teachings were introduced by both staff and parents. Making the activities and teachings come alive, sometimes with meager supplies, along with the students, made it happen.

Can you imagine an old radio, padded for safety, being used as a vaulting box?

Can you imagine students preparing and serving lunch for the entire student body? Can you imagine students being transported from every area in Frederick County to one centrally located high school? Can you imagine traveling miles and miles in sub-standard transportation to play a game of basketball? Can you imagine the number of inconsistencies in the allocation of funds for the schools? Believe it. Times were difficult; yet in spite of it all—people at Lincoln High managed to get the job done.

Students rallied behind the staff during difficult times. For example, a state supervisor once criticized a teacher, in the presence of students, because of a teaching technique. The technique had been introduced to help the class master algebraic equations. Without asking the teacher if she had presented the fundamental techniques needed for solving the equation, the supervisor continued his tirade. One student, in an acceptable polite manner, explained that the teacher had indeed taught the skills necessary for solving the equation. After hearing the student's explanation, the supervisor left the room without acknowledging that he had misunderstood the situation. The teacher reminded the student that we were children and that she and the supervisor were adults and, therefore, we were not to intrude into problems involving adults.

Classroom sessions held many new adventures for us. Since resources and cash were limited, teachers stretched their talents, know-how and pocketbooks in order to make the lessons and activities more relevant and meaningful.

When programs were presented, the entire Lincoln Community became involved. Parents, teachers, clergy and students pooled their talents and resources to make things happen. Looking back now, the sacrifices made were truly from the heart and a blessing from God.

Later, after becoming a staff person at Lincoln, I found that the traditions were still alive. There were still limited resources and funds, but the spirit of working together had not diminished.

Students and staff demonstrated a sense of loyalty and trust, a feeling of pride and dedication to a place and community known as Lincoln High School.

***“Yet deep in our hearts we know at last, that Lincoln, old
Lincoln's the best.”*** *(From the Alma Mater)*

—Ruth (Collins) Dredde

Retired Frederick County Pupil Personnel Worker and Administrator

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2. To conduct the said kindergarten as a non-profit enterprise; all moneys raised to be used solely for the support and maintenance of same.

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Mary R. Bourne, F. Elizabeth Brown,
Edna B. Dykes, Charles E. Henson,

Edith Leakins, May N. Snowball. First Members (including subscribers):

Grace C. Ambush, Marie J. Bourne, Alice DeLauter, Claude DeLauter, Jr., Warren Dorsey, Carolyn Dorsey, Gwendolyn Henson, Helen Roberts, Florence M. Spriggs, and Edith A. Wars.



Esther Grinage, long time Frederick educator and wife of William Grinage, local artist. The Esther E. Grinage Kindergarten, formed in 1937, was named in her honor.



Esther Grinage Kindergarten Class, 1959.
Miss Shirley Bayton, teacher.



The Zonta Club's Christmas party for Esther Grinage Kindergarten, 1962. Mrs Amanda Bayton, teacher.



Zonta member and Miss Shirley Bayton, teacher at The Zonta Club's Christmas party for Esther Grinage Kindergarten, 1959.

Lincoln School's Plaque Installation

In December of 1999, a plaque to inform visitors that the South Frederick Elementary "B" building was once Frederick County's only public high school for Black students was installed.

The Lincoln School plaque was designed by FCPS Graphics Specialist Jose Rosapepe and created by Ed Crutchley, U.A. Lough Memorials.

Installed at the main entrance to South Frederick Elementary "B" building, the plaque contains a brief history of Lincoln School, its alma mater and school motto. Celebrating the installation were two Lincoln School graduates, who were instrumental in planning the plaque and the Installation Ceremony, David Key and William O. Lee, Jr.



Pictured above are the co-chairmen
of the Plaque Installation Project, David Key and William O. Lee, Jr.



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Shab Row Reunion - 2002

By J. D. Hairston

Shab Row today is quite a different place than it was during the thirties, forties, fifties and sixties.

Today Shab Row is occupied by Everedy Square — a host of antique shops, eating establishments, clothing stores, offices and other businesses. Whereas, until the early 1970s, Shab Row was home to a large group of African American families and businesses.

Mrs. Belva D. King, who lived with her fam-

ilys.

Mrs. King said that she and Mrs. Judy Brown of Lexington, Kentucky, recently discussed the "Jungle" and remember the time that Ronnie Robinson was playing Tarzan. As he swung from the tree, he somehow fell and hurt himself.

Mrs. King and Mrs. Seaven (Mary) Gordon compiled a list of some of the families that lived in the area. The names of the Allen, Beaner, Browns, Cartmail, Diggs, Green, Hurds, Hoyes, Johnson, Jefferson, Lyles, Carroll, Fisher, Naylor,

and the train running by each morning and night.

Mr. Williams and his wife moved from East Street in 1971 because a Mr. Gradhill purchased all of the houses in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams plan to attend the Shab Row Reunion.

Mrs. Naomi Naylor, age 83

Mrs. Naomi Naylor, age 83, widow of Roger Naylor, and their five children lived at 34-1/2 East Street and 111 East Street.

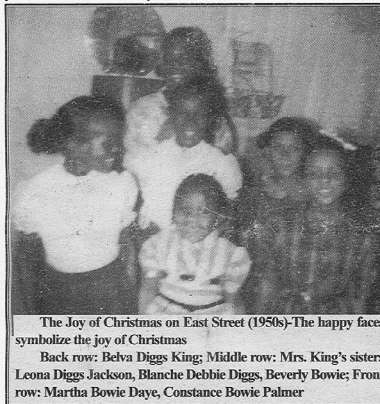
Two of their five children live in Trenton,

their home in Frederick: Fayette Naylor Long, Francis Naylor Long and Larry Naylor (deceased).

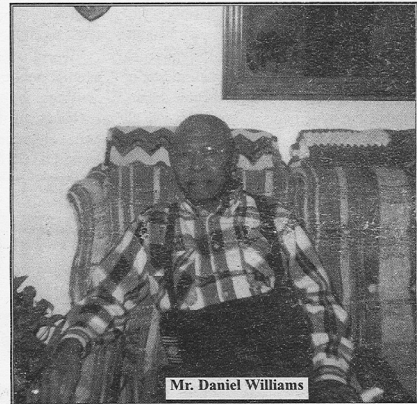
Mrs. Naylor says that she loved living on East Street. "Everyone got along just fine and everyone loved my famous iced tea," she added. She especially recalls the train that came through East Street. "It was a diner train from New York. Once in 1939, I could see the passengers on the train eating their meals," she offered. She moved from East Street in 1971 after



Ms. Belva King



The Joy of Christmas on East Street (1950s)-The happy faces symbolize the joy of Christmas
Back row: Belva Diggs King; Middle row: Mrs. King's sisters Leona Diggs Jackson, Blanche Debbie Diggs, Beverly Bowie; Front row: Martha Bowie Daye, Constance Bowie Palmer



Mr. Daniel Williams

ily on East Church Street, has spent the last several months organizing a Shab Row Reunion for all former residents so that they may spend time together reminiscing about the past and savoring the unforgettable events from that time.

The Shab Row Reunion will be held Saturday, August 17, 2002, at the Monocacy Village Park [301-662-9035].

A few of the former residents of yesterday's Shab Row are featured in this issue.

Mrs. Belva D. King

Mrs. Belva D. King lived with her mother, Mrs. Edna Diggs, father Leonard Diggs and sisters and brothers at 315 East Church Street.

Her sisters and brothers reside in Frederick: Blanche Debbie Diggs — a typist at a health agency, Leona T. Diggs Jackson — works for a mortgage company, Leonard Diggs — Montgomery College (Security Department), Matt Diggs — West Virginia clerical worker.

"East Church Street was A-O.K. We had the best neighbors and everyone looked for one another," offered Mrs. King. Her neighbors were Mrs. Francis Robinson, Jessie Hoy, and Mr. Gray (deceased).

Mrs. King has many fond memories of living on East Church Street. "The place called the 'Jungle' was our little play area. It had a lot of trees and was located between East and Church

Pearson, Palmer, and Orem are listed.

She remembers some of the food stores that were located on East Street. The store owners extended credit to trustworthy neighbors. Benny and Harriet, The Palmer Store, The Farrell Store and the Teller store were some of the stores in the area during certain periods.

When Mrs. King got married, she left her parent's home to set up housekeeping on her own. Her parents moved from East Church Street into a newly built home in Amber Meadows, where her mother still resides (her father is deceased).

Mrs. Belva King is the Organizer of the Shab Row Reunion. She can be reached at 301-662-9035.

Mr. Daniel Williams, age 85

Mr. Daniel Williams, 85 years of age, and his wife Hilda resided at 117 East Street for many years. They had one daughter, Edith (Edie) who died at an early age.

Mr. Williams said he enjoyed living on East Street. "There weren't too many places for black people to live during the 30s, 40s and 50s," said Mr. Williams. People who lived in other parts of Frederick often teased the East Street residents by calling them "East China Town" or "Cross Track people."

He recalls shopping at the Hampton Market

New Jersey: Lorraine Naylor Patterson and Roger Naylor Jr. (deceased). The others made

being told that the area would become an historic place.

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NBPW Honors Achievers



Front row: Kenneth Mitchell, chairman of the Trustee Board for Asbury UM Church; Danielle Robbins, guest speaker; Raelen Smedley, Charles E. Henson Citizenship Award; Emilie Angelety, club president; Back row: Michael Aaron, Altha Mumford Science Award; Earl Grant, Gwendolyn Henson Swann Fine Arts Award; Alexis Bailey, Eunice C. Hutchins Academic Excellence Award.

See NBPW on pages 10 & 11

Shab Row Reunion Cont.

Mrs. Naylor plans to attend the Shab Row Reunion.

Charles Edward Carroll, age 57

Charles Edward Carroll lived with his mother, Mrs. Viola Carroll, and father, William Cranshaw, a sister and two brothers, Alonzo Carroll (deceased), Rudolph Carroll (deceased), and Betty Ann Carroll at 37 East Street.

He vividly remembers the train running through the neighborhood. "The workmen on the train would throw sandwiches and sometimes cookies," he recalled.

Charles has fond memories of living on East Street. He recalls the kindness of Mr. Tom Cartnail and his wife Mrs. Emma Cartnail. They took care of other people's children and rewarded them for performing chores.

The Carroll family moved to Ice Street in approximately 1958.

Charles Carroll plans to attend the Shab Row Reunion.



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Bowie-Thomas 55th Family Reunion 2018

Meet your Family Reunion President



My name is Lynne Duckett. I am the oldest granddaughter of Paul and Dorothy Bowie, my parents are Linda Duckett/Clarence Duckett. I have three sons, Kordarus (Darus) 30, Kavonte (Tay) 24 and Kwaveon (Kwa) 23.

I have been president for the last eight (8) years. There is so much I would like to do but this Bowie -Thomas Family they are a tough bunch. I love them to the moon and back. If

I could get some of the younger generation to participate on our committee, I think we can make a difference. I get alot of comments and messages from our younger generation with ideas and concerns about how we don't put all our food on one table to how we need to plan more activities. We have a very **LARGE** family, that's going to take some planning and alot of fundraisers but, it's possible we can do it with their participation.

Words my son (Kavonte) lives by: **"If you're not at the table, you're on the menu"**
So if you want to voice your opinions about the reunion please attend our meetings and/or join our committee.

In this day and age, family reunions have become rare, and I urge everyone to learn about and celebrate their family history and meet new cousins.
We have been blessed with 55 years Bowie-Thomas Family let's celebrate and keep this tradition going on for 55 more years to come.

Love my Bowie-Thomas Family
Lynne Duckett-President

Bowie-Thomas Family Reunion Page - Facebook

How it all BEGAN:

August 1963 - The First Reunion

The Bowie-Thomas Family Reunion was started fifty-five years ago at the suggestion of Evelyn Brown Jackson, Mrs Jackson is one of M. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bowie Brown's two daughters and the third child of Columbus and Mary Ellen.

She thought it would be good to set aside each year for the family to get together; the idea was discussed with other members, meetings were held and soon the Bowie-Thomas Family Reunion was brought to life.

The fourth Saturday in August is set aside as the annual day to hold the reunion.

The very first reunion was held at the Frederick Fairgrounds, in Frederick, Maryland. It was largely attended and has continued to grow over the last fifty-five years. The second or third was held at the home of Mr and Mrs William B Hill. It was later moved back to the fairgrounds, but due to some changes to City policy the family was forced to find a new site. The family reunion picnic was relocated to Pinecliff Park. As years went by we decided to leave Pinecliff Park and we planned our reunion at Utica Park under one big pavillion. Presently the location is Urbana District Park, 3805 Urbana Pike, Frederick, Maryland.

The Bowie-Thomas Reunion has grown over the last number of years.

Committee Members:

Lynne Duckett: **President**

Celestine Dixon - Wanda Naylor: **Secretary**

Veronica (Peggy) Bowie - Michelle Dorsey: **Treasurer**

Shelia Ray, Krisma Jackson, Ellen Ray, Linda Duckett: **Activities**

Belva King: **History**

Gilbert Bowie, William (Wickie) Bowie, Lisa Hoy, Leona Jackson, Debbie B Diggs: **Attends meetings**



Dr. U. G. Bourne Sr.



Dr. I. Blanche Bourne



Dr. U. G. Bourne Jr.

Dr. U. G. & Dr. Blanche Bourne to be honored by church Sunday

Brother and sister physicians — Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Jr. and Dr. I. Blanche Bourne — will be honored by Asbury United Methodist Church this Sunday, April 17, for their dedicated service and contributions in the field of medicine.

The doctors are the children of the late Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Sr. who practiced medicine in Frederick for 50 years. Their step-mother, Mrs. Laura H. Bourne, still resides in Frederick, and there is a sister, Mrs. Gladys Thornton.

Delivering the welcome at the program slated for 2 p.m. Sunday will be Alderman Claude R. DeLauter Jr. Both doctors will deliver brief addresses during the ceremony which will include numerous musical selections from the church choir and the Souls on Fire Gospel Choir.

The invocation will be offered by the Rev. Robert A. Walmsley, pastor.

Mrs. Adelaide Dixon Hall will introduce Dr. Blanche Bourne, and Edward N. Leakins will introduce Dr. U. G. Bourne Jr.

Presentations to the honorees will be made by Mrs. Frances H. Addison and Mrs. Noreen Goe. Pastor Walmsley will pronounce the benediction. The public is invited.

A reception will be held after the program in the Ezra Williams Social Hall.

The program is dedicated to "The first Dr. Bourne," who was a noted physician in Frederick and known as a friend to the community. He practiced medicine 50 years before his death in 1953.

He helped to organize the Maryland Negro Medical Association and was its first president.

Dr. Bourne was an active member of the National Negro Medical Association, also a Pythion, Elk and Mason. For many years he served on the Board of Directors of the Henryton State Hospital. He worked throughout the Frederick Community. He was a member and trustee of Asbury Methodist Church for 50 years.

Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Jr. was born in Frederick. He is the son of the late Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Sr. and Grace Lane.

He attended elementary school in Frederick. His secondary schooling was done at Storer College in Harpers Ferry. He is a graduate of Lincoln University and Meharry College of Medicine.

Dr. Bourne has been deeply committed to the practice of medicine for 40 years in this community.

His affiliations and services to the community have been many. He is presently serving on the Board of Directors at the Thurmont Bank (local branch) and also on the Board of Directors of the Citizens Nursing Home. He is an active member of American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Bourne is a member of Asbury United Methodist Church where he serves on the Board of Trustees.

He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Dr. Bourne was recently lauded by the local newspapers in an article titled "You did it and we thank you."

He is married to the former Yvonne Duckett and has two daughters and one stepson.

Dr. Blanche Bourne is deputy director of public health and deputy administrator, Community Health and

Hospitals Administration, District of Columbia government.

She is the daughter of Dr. U. G. Bourne Sr. and Mary Frances Bean and was born in Frederick.

She is a graduate of Lincoln High School, Morgan State College and Howard University Medical School.

Her multiple talents as a medical doctor, educator, administrator have been used effectively in enhancing the health of individuals.

The honors and awards paying tribute to her are extensive. The long list of presentations and list of her own publications reflect her deed dedication. She recently was the recipient of the coveted Federal Women's Award of 1976.

She is married to Mr. Harold Jordan, a retired administrative assistant to the dean, Howard University Medical School.

Before joining the District government, Dr. Bourne conducted a private practice in pediatrics and then taught at Howard University College of Medicine. She served her internship and residency at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Bourne has played a leading role in national, and international conferences on public health, education, and child welfare. She has published extensively on these topics.

The public is invited to the service Sunday.

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Human Relations Group Mobilizes For Action

By RUSS EDMONSTON
(Staff Writer)

Dr. V. E. G. Thompson was re-elected chairman of the Frederick City Human Relations Council Wednesday night and immediately organized the council into action groups to combat five basic problems here.

Committees on Public Information, Employment, Housing, Education, and Public Accommodations and Organizations were appointed to investigate any claims of discrimination in these areas.

Dr. Thompson said, "I look for 1969 to be a year of great strides and hard work for both the council and all organizations working toward the betterment of human relations in Frederick."

"The council must become an energetic and responsive arm of the local government to adjudicate and investigate any claims of discrimination here and be ready to stand behind its findings.

The Council has been somewhat hampered in effectiveness over the last two years because of a shortage of members and the lack of effective approved by-laws.

The membership is now only one member short of its maximum 15 and the by-laws are being readied for approval by the County Commissioners.

Looking back on 1968, Dr. Thompson, said, "There are many things that we accomplished in 1968 which we can point to with pride."

"The recent dialogue between school pupils and police officers which appeared in Wednesday's paper was an outgrowth of a meeting we had with the chief of police about the quality of human relations among members of the local force.

"The Board of Education also recently acted to revise its forms allowing private persons or groups to use school facilities to prohibit such usage by persons who overtly or subvertly practice racial discrimination in their workings at our suggestion.

Dr. Thompson related that he and Hallar Best, another member of the Council, had been appointed to the new Community

Relations Committee of the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce and he looks toward the action of this group to bring fundamental and lasting changes in race relations to Frederick.

"I feel that this group can do much and go far in bettering the conditions here. In my opinion the Human Relations Council can work with them and through them

for this purpose and I am going to try and keep both agencies closely in touch with each other through the year.

Officers elected for 1969 are: Dr. V. E. G. Thompson, chairman; Dr. Wallace Rowe, vice chairman; Mrs. Laura Bourne, secretary; Harry O. Smith, corresponding secretary; and the Rev. Odell Carr, treasurer.

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Funeral services Tuesday for Dr. George Snowball

Funeral services for Dr. George J. Snowball, a prominent dental surgeon in Frederick for 57 years and a highly respected leader in Frederick's black community will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, at the First Missionary Baptist Church, 141 W. All Saints St. The Rev. Wallace Poole, Dr. Snowball's pastor, will officiate. Interment will be in Frederick's Fairview Cemetery. He died Wednesday.

Dr. Snowball was 105. He was born Sept. 29, 1878, in Jamaica, West Indies. He retired in 1970 at age 92.

Between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday, friends may call at the Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike. The family will be there that evening from 7 to 9.

Dr. Snowball's career began as a schoolteacher in Jamaica. He taught grades one through six in a one room

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Dr. George Joseph Snowball

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Dr. Ulysses Bourne Jr., local physician, dies

Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Jr., 77, well-known physician, of 226 W. South St., Frederick, died Saturday, May 14 at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Yvonne Duckett Brown.

Born in Frederick on Aug. 23, 1905, he was the son of the late Dr. Ulysses G. and Grace Lane Bourne Sr.

Dr. Bourne received his high school education at Storer College, Harper's Ferry, W. Va.; earned his A.B. Degree at Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa. in 1928; and earned his Medical Degree at Meharry Medical School, Nashville, Tenn., in 1932. He served his internship at Provident Hospital, Baltimore.

Dr. Bourne practiced medicine in Frederick for 46 years before retiring in 1980. He was a member of the Frederick County Medical Society, elected to active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians, and

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Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Jr.

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Snowball

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schoolhouse for 10 years.

From a friend, he learned about good schools in America. He became a pre-dental student in Washington, D.C.'s Howard University. From there, he went to Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tenn., and won the degree of doctor of dental surgery in 1913.

Maryland became his adopted home. During the four-day series of examinations to permit him to practice, he came to the attention of the late Dr. D. G. Everhart, a member of the board of dental examiners of Maryland. Dr. Everhart urged George Snowball to go to Frederick — and he did.

On Dec. 13, 1932, Dr. Snowball married May Naomi Wolfe of Lewistown. She became his wife, his office nurse and the mother of daughter Joyce Mae Snowball.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Snowball is survived by the daughter, now Mrs. Joyce M. Lyles, Annapolis; three grandchildren, Miss Sonya D. Lyles of Gaithersburg; Miss Yolanda D. Lyles of Annapolis and Byron T. Dixon, Germany; two nephews, Ethan Reid, New York City, and Dalia Reid, of Canada.

Dr. Snowball served and worked diligently for his church, the Missionary Baptist Church, for many, many years. He was president of the Young Peoples Union, sang in the choir, was a deacon and treasurer. He was known to be generous in his own giving.

He was a member and past exalted ruler of the IBPOE of Frederick and a member of the Frontiers of America.

He received recognition, in many forms, for the lifelong humanitarianism that he practiced.

A petition from the African American community to the mayor and alderman of Frederick City in 1934.

Frederick, Md.
June 21, 1934

To the Mayor and Board of
Aldermen of Frederick, Md.:

Gentlemen:

At a recent meeting held by a large number of our group who supported your ticket in the recent municipal election, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted and we, the undersigned, were appointed as representatives to present you our views and requests as herein embodied, and to urge their accomplishment by you as soon as is consistent.

Resolutions as adopted:

Since it is our conviction, based upon a careful study, that more than 250 of our group supported the recently elected ticket, and believing that we could secure better facilities and improvements, to which we as citizens are morally and legally entitled; and furthermore, believing that the political complexion of our city council would not be as it is, had we not supported the successful ticket, thereby making it possible for the Mayor and two or three of the Aldermen to be our city officials at this time, who would not have been had we voted for their opponents; we, therefore, resolved to petition you to give our group of citizens of Frederick the following necessary improvements and other considerations to which we are rightfully entitled.

First: In your employment of laborers we respectfully request that colored men be given jobs and that at all times you employ colored men to take care of Mullinix Park.

Second: We request that you have erected at once a pool in our Park where the little children may have additional recreational benefits and pleasures. We further request that you improve the entrance to our Park on W. All Saints Street, which now has the appearance of a blind alley, obstructed at times with filth and debris; and that stone markers be erected at the entrance, similar to those at the entrance on S. Bentz Street.

Third: We respectfully petition you to give us lights from the end of Broadway to our High School. This building is frequently used at night as a center for educational and social purposes and the dark entrance is unpleasant and inconvenient.

Fourth: We request your consideration in the erection of a Bath House with Showers in Mullinix Park.

Fifth: We request one of our group as Assistant Janitor to the City Hall.

Sixth: We request better pavements in our narrow streets or alleys, for in many places they are unsafe and unsanitary - this applies especially to Middle Alley.

Seventh: We respectfully request that you change the entrance for colored citizens to the Opera House, as we are now compelled to go to a side entrance, climb a fire escape - like stairway erected over toilets. This building is owned by the city and we are of the opinion that it is illegal for our representatives to subject us to this humiliation and inconvenience. We, therefore, petition you to abolish this discrimination and give us equal accommodations in this city owned property.

SIGNED:

Dr. U. G. Bourne
Robert Henderson
Jas. Dorsey
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Samuel Stroud
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