



THE BUGLE CALL

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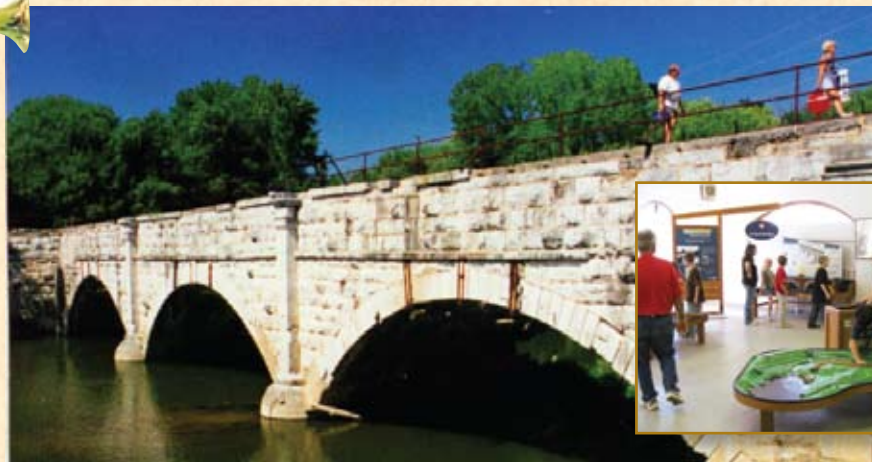
WILLIAMSPORT NOW INCLUDED IN HCWHA

On April 9, 2009, the Maryland Heritage Area Authority (MHAA) voted unanimously in favor of a boundary amendment to include Williamsport in the certified boundaries of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area.

The vote followed one of the most well-attended boundary amendment hearings in MHAA history—more than 30 citizens showed up in support of the amendment at a March 25 public hearing at the Williamsport Town Hall. With the boundary amendment approval, the town now shares in the rights and responsibilities that accompany heritage area designation, and nonprofits and government units of Williamsport may begin to tap heritage area benefits.

At different points during the Civil War, both Union and Confederate armies attempted to destroy Williamsport's Conococheague Aqueduct in order to block passage by hostile troops. Today, with the C&O Canal adjacent to downtown, Williamsport is well positioned to serve those heritage travelers who also enjoy recreation and the outdoors. Williamsport, along with several other towns in the Heart of the Civil War, has begun to participate in the Trail Towns Program, an economic development initiative that should work harmoniously with Maryland's heritage area program to maximize benefit to the town's businesses and residents.

The Bugle Call is the official newsletter of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, whose mission is to promote the stewardship of our historic, cultural, and natural Civil War resources; encourage superior visitor experiences; and stimulate tourism, economic prosperity, and educational development, thereby improving the quality of life of our community for the benefit of both residents and visitors.



Top left: The Conococheague Aqueduct (mile 99.6 in Williamsport) was the first location on the C&O Canal to be built in a sizeable town. It was completed in September 1834 but could not be used until April 1835, when the canal was completed up to Dam #5, which provided the water for this stretch.

Top right: Thousands of visitors have come to Williamsport to experience "Building America's Canals," a hands-on traveling exhibit by the National Canal Museum now on view in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Trolley Barn Building at the Cusbrwa Basin. The exhibit is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through October 11, 2009. Admission is free.

Switching the Lens: JTHG Annual Meeting

The 3rd Annual Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partners Meeting will be held on July 15, 16, and 17, 2009 at the historic Majestic Theater in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Featured guests will be noted Civil War historians and authors Drew Gilpin Faust, President of Harvard University, and Ed Ayres, President of Richmond University.

This year's annual meeting theme, "Switching the Lens: History from a New Perspective," invites participants to look at American history and our cultural heritage from the perspectives of women, African Americans, and students—an inclusive approach that is consistent with the goals and priorities of Maryland's Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area.

Cate Magennis Wyatt, President of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, will present the annual report at the meeting. The weekend will also include lectures, panel discussions, workshops, and awards presentations. In a session on funding, Marci Ross of the Maryland Office of Tourism Development and member of the Technical Advisory Committee for the Maryland Heritage Area Authority, will join panelists sharing information on state and national funding opportunities. Field sessions will include bike tours, walking tours, and motor coach tours of the battlefield. On the evening of July 15, "Lincoln in 3D" will feature digitized



Drew Gilpin Faust, President of Harvard University and noted Civil War historian and author, will speak at the JTHG Partners Meeting.

images of Civil War photographers Brady and Gardner in a unique presentation by Bob Zeller from the Institute for Civil War Photography. Included in the presentation are period images from historic places and events in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area.

For more information, or to register for the meeting, call the Journey Through Hallowed Ground office at 540-882-4929 or email JTHG-Office@jthg.com.

FROM FREDERICK COUNTY... ONLY TWO SIDES TO THE QUESTION

The Historical Society of Frederick County has opened a new temporary exhibit in the Roger B. Taney House in Frederick. "Only Two Sides to the Question: The Bitter Disagreements of Lincoln and Chief Justice Taney" explores the tumultuous relationship between the 16th President of the United States and the Supreme Court's Chief Justice before and during the Civil War.

Lincoln's condemnation of the Supreme Court's Dred Scott decision during his campaign debates with Stephen Douglas helped set the tone for a problematic post-election relationship with Chief Justice Taney. Taney also challenged Lincoln's authority in the war-time legal case, *Ex Parte Merryman*, a challenge essentially ignored by the President.

The exhibit is open through mid-December 2009 on Saturdays, 10 am - 4 pm, and Sundays, 1 - 4 pm. Museum admission is \$3; free for members and children.



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FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY... WHEN JOHN BROWN CAME TO TOWN

No one knew that the man registering at a Hagerstown hotel as Isaac Smith was really John Brown, the staunch abolitionist who was planning a slave uprising in Harpers Ferry. It was June 30, 1859—150 years ago—when Brown and his two sons checked into a hotel on West Washington Street. After several months of planning at the Kennedy Farm in southern Washington County, Brown was ready to launch his attack.

On the evening of October 16, 1859, Brown led his “Provisional Army,” a 21-man group of abolitionists, on a six-mile march from the Kennedy Farm across the railroad bridge into Harpers Ferry. They seized control of the town in order to steal weapons from the old federal armory. But because a passing train reached Frederick, a telegram notifying the United States Army of the attack enabled soldiers to respond before Brown could fully accomplish his goal. Brown was soon captured during a skirmish led by U.S. Marines and soldiers, dispatched under the leadership of then-U.S. Army Colonel Robert E. Lee.

In December 1859, Brown was hanged in Charles Town for his attack.



Kennedy Farm

In looking at the history of this nation, historians agree that John Brown’s infamous raid in 1859 was the spark that began the Civil War. Before the raid, negotiations between the differing North-South factions might have been possible. But after the attack—and Brown’s trial and hanging—emotions ran so high that armed conflict became an inevitable outcome. The war began a mere 16 months following Brown’s hanging with the shots fired at Fort Sumter in April 1861.

The sesquicentennial of John Brown’s raid on the U.S. arsenal at Harpers Ferry has been named a Top 100 Event for 2009 by the American Bus Association (ABA). Several events are planned in Washington County:

- **Tuesday, June 30, 4 pm**
University Plaza, 50 W. Washington Street, Hagerstown
Unveiling of a John Brown interpretive marker (sign funded in part by the Maryland Heritage Areas Program) and concert of John Brown-themed music.
- **Tuesday, June 30, 7 pm**
Academy Theatre Banquet & Conference, 58 E. Washington Street, Hagerstown
Lecture by historian Steve Bockmiller
- **Friday, October 16, 5 -10 pm**
Anniversary Procession from Kennedy Farm to Harpers Ferry
Reservations required – call 301-791-3246, ext. 10

A travel itinerary is available online at visitmaryland.org/Pages/CivilWarJohnBrownItinerary.aspx. To learn more about events throughout HCWHA and the quad-state area, go to johnbrownraid.org.

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KUDOS!

Kudos to George Wunderlich, Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine and member of the HCWHA Advisory Board. For his work in building a vibrant statewide community of banjo makers, historians, performers, and enthusiasts, he was selected as the 2009 ALTA (Achievement in Living Traditions) honoree in the "people" category.



Now is a great time to start or update your Cultural Data Project profile. This FREE tool for management of historical financial and organizational data is required of all MHAA project grant applicants, but anyone can take advantage of the program. For details, go to mdculturaldata.org.

FROM CARROLL COUNTY...THE HISTORY OF COCKEY'S TAVERN

The Historical Society of Carroll County is proud to announce that renovations are complete on the historic Cockey's Tavern building at 216 East Main Street in Westminster.

The exact date of the building's original construction is not known, but by the 1830s Joshua Cockey was operating it as a hotel. By 1835 Cockey had left Westminster and either sold or rented the property to John Fisher, who controlled the property until he sold it to the Bank of Westminster in 1862. During Fisher's tenure, the building continued to operate as a hotel or boarding house.

John Brooke Boyle purchased the Cockey's building from the Bank of Westminster in 1872 as a residence for his family. He had previously owned the house at 79 West Main Street, which Col. Thomas Lafayette Rosser used as his headquarters when the 5th Virginia Cavalry occupied Westminster on the evening of September 11, 1862. During the Civil War, three of Boyle's sons served in the Confederate army: Dr. Charles Brooke Boyle of Taneytown, Henry Boyle of Carroll County, and surgeon Daniel Scott Boyle.

Boyle sold Cockey's to his daughter Elizabeth, and her husband Charles E. Fink in 1893. The Finks renovated the house, adding the gambrel roof, bay windows on the front and side, and marble front stoop with columns seen in this image. In 1922, Frank and Mary Hoffman bought the building and opened Hoffman's Inn. Their daughter Thelma continued operating the boarding house and restaurant until she retired in 1969. Various owners ran the restaurant known as Cockey's Tavern until March 2000 when an arson fire severely damaged the enclosed frame rear porch and kitchen and forced the restaurant to close. The Historical Society of Carroll County acquired the building in November 2000.

Lead architect for the project was Ziger/Snead of Baltimore, with Herman Construction of Sykesville serving as general contractor. The renovations were funded by a bond bill from the Maryland State General Assembly, Community Investment Tax Credits from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, grants from the Carroll County Board of Commissioners, and local businesses including Farmers and Merchants Bank, Hill Development Group, Ridge Engineering, Tevis Oil/Modern Comfort Systems, Westminster Town Center Corporation, and Westminster Union Bank.



The "campus" of the Historical Society of Carroll County now includes three contiguous properties: Cockey's Tavern (pictured above), the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House (1807) at 206 East Main, and the Kimmey House (c.1800) at 208 East Main. The Maryland Historical Trust holds preservation easements on all three buildings.

IN ADDITION TO EXHIBITS AND A GIFT SHOP (OPEN TUESDAY – SATURDAY, 10 AM – 4 PM), COCKEY'S TAVERN NOW OFFERS GREAT SPACES FOR MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT RESERVING THE FACILITY, CONTACT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TIMMIE PIERCE AT 410-848-6494 OR HSCC.CARR.ORG.

THE SESQUICENTENNIAL IS COMING!

The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area is making plans for the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Early this year, 60 stakeholders from museum and historic sites, local government units, state and national parks, the Catoctin Mountain National Scenic Byway, and the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area gathered at the C. Burr Artz Library and the National Museum of Civil War Medicine to begin planning. Jack Spinnler, an interpretive planning consultant, facilitated the event and will produce a report to guide activities in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area through 2016. Working groups, comprised of representatives from all three HCWHA counties, will help to finalize the report and continue with subsequent phases for implementation. The groups are: Education, Marketing, Speaker Series, Special Events, and Interpretive Media. If you are interested in helping, contact Liz Shatto, HCWHA Director, at 301-600-4042, info@heartofthecivilwar.org.



Jack Spinnler leads an interpretive planning workshop for the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area.

MINI-GRANTS AWARDED FOR FY09

The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area is pleased to announce the following FY09 mini-grants awards:

- Antietam National Battlefield: \$1,050 to support a joint effort with Maryland Public Television to produce an eight-minute Antietam film as a part of the Ken Burns “National Parks” series for release in September 2009.
- Catoctin Center for Regional Studies: \$1,200 to support a new booklet telling the story of African American history and the Monocacy Battlefield site.
- City of Brunswick: \$750 to support costs associated with an interpretive marker in Square Corner Park, featuring Brunswick heritage.
- City of Hagerstown: \$1,000 to replace a deteriorating mural on a downtown building with 4 x 8’ historic photos pertaining to Hagerstown heritage.
- Community Foundation of Carroll County, Corbit’s Charge Commemoration Committee: \$750 to expand interpretation with living historian Michael E. Crutcher, Sr. as Frederick Douglass.
- Frederick Arts Council: \$1,749.50 to publish an interpretive guide that includes historical context of art and historic arts venues in the Frederick historic district.
- Hagerstown-Washington County CVB: \$1,000 for digital signage for the downtown visitor center to provide information and videos.



With a mini-grant award to support Michael Crutcher’s appearance as Frederick Douglass at Westminster’s annual Corbit’s Charge Commemoration, the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area supports efforts of the event committee to expand interpretation and reach new audiences.

- Historical Society of Frederick County: \$800 to support a symposium to coincide with the new exhibit at the Roger Brooke Taney House, “Only Two Sides to the Question: The Bitter Disagreements of Lincoln and Chief Justice Taney.”

The mini-grant program will resume in August. Watch for press announcements about FY10 deadlines, applications, and guidelines.



Painted by Henry A. Roben, head of the Portrait Department at the Maryland Institute of Arts, this work was commissioned in 1929 for the opening of the Taney House, but was not unveiled until September of 1930. Depicted, from left to right, are William Seward, John Breckenridge, Roger B. Taney, Edward Baker, William Carroll, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Salmon Chase, Stephen Douglas, and Horace Greeley. The Roben painting is now undergoing conservation treatment, and Taney House visitors will be able to see the artwork's progression.

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On May 8, the Historical Society sponsored a related symposium with a distinguished panel of Lincoln scholars, including Matthew Pinsker, Chair of American Civil War History at Dickinson College; Stephen Vladeck, from the American University Washington College of Law; and Paul Finkelman, the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy and Senior Fellow in the Government Law Center, Albany School of Law. The panelists discussed the Dred Scott decision and its role in the Lincoln-Douglas debates; the case of *Ex Parte Merryman*; and Lincoln, Taney, and emancipation. The event, held at Frederick Community College in collaboration with the Catoclin Center for Regional Studies, was partially funded by a mini-grant from the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area.

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