



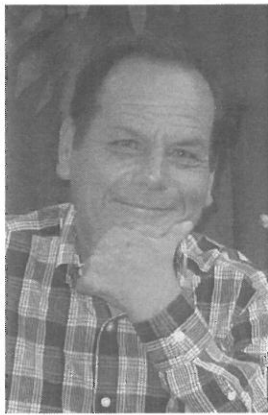
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A RICH LEGACY

A GENEROUS GIFT FROM A VERY
DEDICATED MAN *by Lee O. Warfield*



On May 3rd of this year, Rich Faber made a most generous gift to the Howard County Historical Society: an extensive genealogical body of work.

Genealogy was a passion and labor of love for Rich. For more than twenty years his mission was to track down, research and document every person of Warfield descent. The result of his tireless effort and dedication is a computerized database of more

than 37,000 individuals. In addition, there are approximately 3,600 pages of information in book form. Besides the Warfield family, his database also contains the genealogies of many other families, maybe even one of yours: Beale, Brown, Crapster, Dorsey, Gaither, Greenberry, Howard, Laurence, Owings, Ridgely, Snowden, among so many others.

Rich was born Richard Neal Faber, 28 February 1955, in San Diego, California. Later, he adopted the name Richard Warfield Faber, Jr., after his father; but he was always known simply as Rich. His mother was Dorothy Gail (nee Watson) Faber. Rich grew up in San Diego and would later reside in Costa Mesa, San Juan Capistrano and Solana Beach, all in

California. He was an architect by profession and a graduate of Cal Poly Pomona, class of 1980.

When Rich began his research, he knew very little of his own genealogy. He always said he was named for his progenitor, Captain Richard Warfield, Sr., who arrived in Annapolis, Maryland, in 1659. Periodically Rich would travel to Maryland and Howard County to further his research and visit family and friends. His last trip here was in May to take a daylong bus tour of Howard County jointly sponsored by the Maryland Historical Society and the Howard County Historical Society. At that time he also donated all of his research and all the rights to it to the Howard County Historical Society.

For more than twenty years, Rich suffered from complications due to kidney problems and dialysis. His interest in genealogy began as a distraction while undergoing dialysis. Sadly he succumbed just a little over seven weeks after his bequest, 22 June 2010, at the young age of 55. His sister, Darlene McLeod, says of him, "Rich was the most courageous and inspirational person you could ever know. He was the center of our family gatherings and kept us all connected."

The database Rich left to the Howard County Historical Society is simply amazing in its size, scope and ease of use. Each person – more than 37,000 of them – is listed alphabetically. By simply clicking on a name, their entire genealogy appears before you. From there it's self-explanatory and very easy to navigate. Another beautiful aspect is it's not static; it's alive and growing. You can keep it current and make updates and add to it. *continued on page 3*

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Change." Over the past few years we have heard this word repeated constantly in many contexts: politics, technology, economics, etc. The prospect of change can evoke excitement and fear at the same time. Yet change is essential to the development and success of any living, dynamic organization. And thanks to the efforts of a strong, active board, a cadre of committed and talented volunteers, and an energetic Curator, Howard County Historical Society has embraced the need for change and the desire for constant improvement. For these reasons, I am thrilled to be joining the HCHS team.

The Society has made great strides this past year: designing a new logo, starting a Facebook page, educating a number of school and scout groups, and developing a Collections Management Policy and a three-year Strategic Plan.

We must maintain and build upon this momentum. One of my top priorities in the upcoming year is to prepare for and oversee our move to the new Miller Branch Library and Historical Center in late fall 2011. The move offers many opportunities as well as challenges. We will host thousands of people per year in our new space, an astronomical increase in

use that will propel the Society's name and brand into the public arena. There is much preparation necessary to successfully negotiate this change.

I hope to expand the reach of the Society by developing a schedule of public and member programs, including driving tours, lectures, workshops, and the like. Our museum should be a must-see destination for field trips, scout groups, and homeschoolers. Our institutional knowledge and resources should be harnessed to develop traveling educational programs for classrooms and after-school programs.

Most vital to our continued development and success is you, our members. Without your membership dues, volunteer work, and support, HCHS could not have come so far. I am interested in hearing from you about what types of activities and programs you would like to us to offer and how HCHS can better serve you.

I hope you are as excited by the possibilities as I am. This holiday season and into the new year, please renew your membership, tell your friends about us, visit our Library and Museum, "like" us on Facebook, and stay in touch. See you in 2011! 🍀

Happy Holidays,

Lauren

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the newly redesigned Legacy. Lightly updated to incorporate our new logo and with a little bigger type to make it a little easier to read, it still offers all the features that you've come to appreciate about the publication over the years. Many, many thanks once again to the previous editors of *The Legacy*, Connie Wehland and Consuelo Regan-Alexander, for their outstanding years of service. We've missed their hard work and dedication over the past year or so as we work to get back onto a more regular and reliable publication schedule. Lauren, Karen and I will be holding down the fort as interim editors until a new volunteer or two steps forward to take over what is really an enjoyable job. Perhaps that volunteer can be you? If you're interested or want to know more, please email or call the Society.

As you've most likely discovered in person or by reading the papers, after several months of intense searching, we have hired a highly capable, very personable, and thankfully very energetic new Executive Director, Lauren McCormack. I encourage you to drop by the Society to meet her or introduce yourself to her at one of our upcoming events. In the month or so she's been here, she's really accomplished a lot, building on the excellent work done by Rebecca

Reich who heroically stepped in to tide us over the summer as Interim Executive Director.

And finally, if you haven't noticed the progress being made on the new Charles E. Miller Branch Library and Historic Center, please take a drive down Frederick Road to see this rapidly rising landmark that will be the new home for the Howard County Historical Society Library and Archives this time next year. It's pretty amazing. Once again, thank you all for being such supportive members of our organization and our mission. And we DO need your support – as volunteers, contributors and ambassadors to the community. Helping out is easy and enjoyable. Simply let us know what you'd like to volunteer for, bring a friend or two along on the Holiday Home Tour, give a special HCHS gift membership as a holiday gift, and most importantly renew your membership for 2011 with the most generous contribution you can make. In the meantime, have a wonderful holiday and happy new year. ✚

DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT ON DECEMBER 5TH

Our annual Holiday Concert featuring the Felgemacher Organ, circa 1900 Sunday, Dec. 5th at 3pm. This year's theme is holiday music on the Homefront during World War II. Donations only. Cider and snacks will be served.

WISH LIST

- Volunteers to research and write history-oriented articles for the Legacy.
- Volunteers to serve as docents at the Museum on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Planned gifts that will help you create a lasting legacy for you or a loved one and help make the future of the Society more financially secure.

HCHS TO HOST 34TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Whether your idea of the ideal historic home is an elegant early 19th century mansion, a Victorian summer home, charming gatehouse or a stately converted stable, you'll get a rare peek inside all of them on the Society's 34th Annual Holiday Home Tour – December 12, 2010.

Chaired by Kimberly Kepnes, the home tour committee has secured access to six significant homes and an opportunity for members and the general public alike to see architectural preservation and improvement at its finest.



BLOOMSBURG

Known by many a historian as the the James B. Matthew's House and Holly Rock Farm, Bloomsburg is one of Glenwood's original "village" landmarks. Constructed in 1830 by members of the Dorsey and Warfield families Bloomsburg is rich in history and features a carefully reconstructed original house with 12 - 15" stone walls, and a beautiful blend of new architectural detail in its several additions. Through the efforts of its dedicated and visionary owner, Stephen Walker, Bloomsburg has gone beyond its stately colonial status and into an exquisite historic estate.

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A RICH LEGACY *continued from page 1*

Rich's gift is up and running and available in the library at the Howard County Historical Society. Stop in and check it out. It's not just a wonderful gift, it's, also, a great asset and resource. In the words of Lauren McCormack, the Society's new Executive Director, "It's truly a rich legacy and will keep on giving for generations to come." ✚

34TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

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BURLEIGH COTTAGE

Located on the grounds of one of Howard County's hidden treasures is this perfectly picturesque, English-garden and historic cottage home dating to 1829. The 1700s private estate and hunting retreat backdrop is Burleigh Manor and its gatehouse, Burleigh Cottage, has been a widely admired and rarely toured house and property. Designated as Historic by the Howard County Bicentennial Commission and the Maryland Historic Trust for its original log home and stone and frame additions, Burleigh Cottage has been tirelessly maintained and beautifully improved by present owner Georg Floyd.



BON AIR MANOR GATEHOUSE

Bon Air Manor and its eclectic Gatehouse were constructed between 1871-1878 on what was originally a 268 acre farm known as Benson's Park. Significant as one of the few authentic Italianate homes in Howard County, the Gatehouse features an original stone tower and decorative cornice that is

classic to its Romanesque architecture. Present owners Brad & Marie Fox have enjoyed making their mark at the Gatehouse and are excited to share its beauty on this year's tour.



LINWOOD FARM

Commissioned by the Patapsco Female Institute in 1865, this charming board and batten cottage-home likely served as the caretaker or guest cottage to workers and visitors of the school. Hidden from view behind tall trees and overgrowth for nearly 30 years, the cottage has been completely reconstructed and improved by its present owner, Thomas McKnight, and has returned to the Carpenter Gothic classic it had once been known to be.



ROCK HILL

Among the charming historic homes of scenic College Avenue in Historic Ellicott City is the lovely Queen Anne Victorian known as Rock Hill. Once a thriving Bed & Breakfast Inn known as the White Duck, Rock Hill c. 1899 has been home to many a traveler, is now a private residence. Current owners,

Jeffrey and Shelley Wygant, are sensitive stewards and have preserved original features and have blended modern addition with style and grace.



OLIVER'S CARRIAGE HOUSE

Built in 1810 to serve as the stables and gateway for nearby Oakland Manor, Oliver's Carriage House now hosts church and community services and activities under the direction of the Kittamaquindi Community Church. Purchased by the Church in 1960, Oliver's Carriage House has undergone many fine renovations and improvements, however, the structure has been impressively maintained and has retained much of its architectural and historic integrity.

While you do not have to be a member of the Society to take advantage of the Tour, Members do enjoy a reduced ticket rate of \$35 and may invite any number of guests for \$40 each. General public, non-member ticket pricing is at \$50 and will include a 2011 Historical Society Membership*

Seating is limited. Return your R.S.V.P. as soon as you receive your invitation or contact the Howard County Historical Society for details and to secure reservations at 410-750-0370 or at info@hchsmg.org. Buses will leave from the Courthouse Parking Lot off Rogers and Courthouse Drive promptly at 1pm on December 12, 2010 🇺🇸



HCHS NAMES LAUREN MCCORMACK AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STRONG COMBINATION OF EXPERIENCE, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS WILL HELP SOCIETY CAPITALIZE ON GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES IN MOVE TO THE NEW MILLER BRANCH LIBRARY AND HISTORIC CENTER.

The Howard County Historical Society is pleased to announce that Lauren McCormack has been named as the Society's new Executive Director. In addition to being responsible for overall administration of the organization; operation, maintenance, and quality of the Library and Museum collections; finance and budget; planning, implementing and assuring efficacy of membership program and growth; public relations; development; implementing an ongoing, strong volunteer recruitment; developing quality education programs for membership and the public; working effectively with community leaders, groups, organizations and the general public; she will also be spearheading efforts for the Society's landmark move to the new Charles E. Miller Branch Library and Historic Center.

"This is a pivotal moment for the Howard County Historical Society," said Society President, Shelley Davies Wygant. "We knew we needed an

exceptionally strong leader who was up for the enormous challenge of moving our headquarters and archives to the new Miller Branch Library facility. And we are very excited and confident that that we have found that leader in Lauren McCormack."

McCormack comes to the Society from Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts where she served as Assistant Director of Education & Coordinator of Program Development, helping to manage over 100 members of the Interpretation and Education Departments. While there she developed exhibits and interpretive programs, as well as educational offerings for the more than 65,000 students who visited the Village each year. Prior to her position at Old Sturbridge Village, she served as Research Coordinator at the USS Constitution Museum in Charlestown, Massachusetts, as well as a Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities Scholar-in-Residence, studying the role of African-American naval sailors during the War of 1812. McCormack earned her B.A., Magna Cum Laude, at Brandeis University with a triple major in History, Near Eastern Studies, and Theater Arts, then went on to earn a M.A. in American History at Brandeis in 2004, and an M.A. in American and New England Studies at Boston University in May of 2010.

Her strong combination of museum, archive, and historical education experience, as well as proven leadership and organizational management skills will help McCormack in her mission to expand the Society's educational and program offerings, provide resources for researchers and the general public, care for and interpret the collections, as well as grow the organization through membership and fundraising development. ♣



A "TOPPING OUT" CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE PLACING THE LAST STEEL BEAM IN THE NEW HCL, CHARLES E. MILLER BRANCH & HISTORICAL CENTER WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 2ND. THE EVENT FEATURED REMARKS BY HOWARD COUNTY EXECUTIVE KEN ULMAN, HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR CHARLES MCLAUGHLIN, AND HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY PRESIDENT & CEO VALERIE J. GROSS.

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FROM THE CURATOR- KAREN GRIFFITH

I came to the Society in 2006 as a volunteer/member and was honored to be hired to work in the museum. An important part of my job is to demonstrate what life was like years ago when electricity wasn't available and keeping house or working on the farm was difficult. We are developing an educational program that includes everyday objects and tools from the past that people are permitted to handle. Although we have an extensive collection including these types of artifacts we cannot risk damage to these items by allowing visitors to touch them. Therefore we are accumulating "props", objects which are purchased or donated for people to handle. In August, on History Day at the Howard County Fair I brought things for children and

adults to "play" with such as a rotary dial phone, which the bell phone users were uncertain how to make work and other household items. I am always surprised that a crank coffee grinder is such a hit, but it is, especially for boys. I practiced for several weeks using a wooden thread spool with four nails on the top and old yarn leftover from my den leader days making rug samples to give away. In our textile collection we have wonderful tiny crocheted baby bonnets which were copied in yarn and crochet cord then also handed out. It was a very rewarding experience.

This fall has been the busiest time for elementary school second or third grade and scout groups to visit. We are using a "Scavenger Hunt" list to look for and check off pieces throughout the museum. The students don't get to take anything home with them but from their positive comments so far it seems to be a great way to see and learn without a

lecture. Did you know that we have a set of false teeth from Governor Thomas Johnson on display? And jewelry made of human hair? And an electric fan that would take a finger or two off if you tried to stick them through the blades? Well, we do have these, and much more which fascinate our younger visitors.

What do 8 ft. tall dark green painted shutters, a stained glass window, newel posts and several doors have in common? They are all recent additions to our architectural artifact collection. My favorite is a beautiful etched glass front door from a house in Fulton with a mechanical doorbell mounted on it, which when the key is turned sounds like a bicycle bell. The houses they came from are no longer standing. They were demolished due to neglect or perhaps to make way for future development. It is bittersweet I know, but we will have these building components to study and admire. 🏠

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