



# THE LEGACY

NEWSLETTER OF THE HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## HOLIDAY "OPEN" HOUSE AND HISTORY DAY AT MARY'S LAND FARM

BY SHAWN GLADDEN



MARY'S LAND FARM

After months of deliberation, the Historical Society board reluctantly decided that the annual Holiday House Bus Tour - a tradition since the 1970's - would not be possible this year. Trying to find owners comfortable welcoming several hundred guests into their homes and concerns about

packing those people into multiple buses during a pandemic were key factors in our decision to pivot to an alternate program. We were fortunate that the owners of Mary's Land Farm, off Sheppard Lane in Clarksville, stepped up and opened their Organic Farm Complex to our members and guests

on Sunday December 12th for a day of History Tours, Family Activities, and Holiday Shopping.

Mary's Land Farm is a 162-acre property, originally a tenant farm on Charles Carroll of Carrollton's 10,000-acre Doughoregan plantation in the middle of the county. Louisa Carroll Taylor sold the property to her tenant James Treacle and his wife Henrietta in 1877. The Treacle family had farmed the property since the farmhouse was constructed in 1825. James Treacle (1808-1881) was also a deputy sheriff, a state-appointed official inspector of grain, and eventually a Howard County Commissioner. In 1880, just before his death, he deeded the property to his four sons, Edwin, Thomas, Albert, and Emmett, all of whom had fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War. The Treacle family's private graveyard remains on the property. Following the death in 1909 of Emmett, the last surviving Treacle son, Charles G. Linthicum bought the farm and it then

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELLEN FLYNN GILES



A brisk fall greeting to our members and guests! As we return to in-person programs and events, we are delighted to see – in accordance with CDC and HC Government guidelines – a return to the Museum of Howard County History for the Main Street Music Fest, Wizarding Weekend on Magical Main, and the Ellicott “Silly” Comedy Festival. Our popular 1st Friday (12-1:00 pm) *Lunch Date with History* series is seeing full houses – while it continues to be recorded

and posted to the Society's YouTube page – and we look forward to seeing many of you at *Who Killed Carol Replane* with Kevin Leonard of the ‘Laurel History Boys’ on December 3rd. These monthly lectures are free for Society members and \$5.00 for non-members, which is payable at the door, but registration is required for ALL due to limited space. Please email [info@hchsm.org](mailto:info@hchsm.org), including the lecture title and date in the subject line, to reserve a space. Additional special events featured at the Museum this year include: *The Maryland 400*, a special lecture sponsored by the Mary Carroll Caton Chapter of the DAR, with Major General James A. Adkins; and the Pomeroy Foundation/Maryland Women's Heritage Center's dedication of a historic marker honoring Laura Byrne's leadership role in the women's suffrage movement and securing her place on the *National Votes for Women Trail* on November 14th (1:00 pm).

We are delighted to announce that December 12th marks the return of the *Society's Holiday House Tour* as an in-person exploration of local history during the holiday season. Due to continuing concerns from homeowners and guests about large numbers of visitors on buses and inside residences, however, the Board has decided to design this year's tour as a day trip exploring the wonders of Mary's Land Farm on Sheppard Lane in Ellicott City – complete with exhibits & demonstrations, tours of the facilities dressed in their holiday finery, musical performances, tasty treats, and – possibly – a visitor or two from the past. Plans are well underway with our host and organizers are already getting into the festive spirit. Details will be forthcoming.

I want to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to our retiring Deputy Director – the invaluable and inimitable Paulette Lutz. As a longtime volunteer, Board Member & President, and director, she has been – to many – the heart of the Society. We all offer her sincere thanks for her service and wish her a merry “bon voyage” as she embarks on a new journey. The Historical Society has plans to honor her at the Annual Meeting on February 27, 2022 (1-3:00 pm). Thank you, Paulette – for everything.

We want to thank you all for your generous support of our mission and welcome comments and/or suggestions on ways to make the Society and our services even better. You can reach us with feedback and suggestions at [info@hchsm.org](mailto:info@hchsm.org).

In closing, we look forward to seeing you as we work to collect, preserve, and share the history of Howard County – and move forward in making a bit of it together! ✨

## EDITOR'S NOTE

JANET KUSTERER

The most heartening fact I read in this issue of *The Legacy* is that Society membership currently numbers 583 people. How wonderful! The holidays are upon us and many of us are looking for meaningful gifts for family and friends. Why not give your loved ones the experience of sharing in the support of our organization, helping to preserve our unique local history and passing it along to future generations. This would be a most meaningful gift, both to the recipient and to the community. ✨

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

SHAWN GLADDEN



Members, first and foremost, thank you for your continued support of the Howard County Historical Society. We are in a period of transition at HCHS and I wanted to take this opportunity to identify some changes to staff and alterations to this year's Holiday House Tour.

Mary Sanphilipo's last day as Museum Manager was Sept. 30th. Mary started as a volunteer with the Historical Society working out of the archives. We hired Mary to take over as Collections Manager at the Museum and then eventually she took over as Museum Manager, she was responsible for the day to day operations of the museum, rentals, special events and managing the volunteer staff. Mary was responsible for bringing the very popular Yoga classes to the museum. Mary has been a very special member of our staff and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

Paulette Lutz has resigned from her position as Deputy Director. Her last day was Oct. 20th. I just don't know if I can explain how important Paulette has been to the Historical Society over the past decade. Paulette has served the Society in many different ways during her tenure; she was a volunteer researcher, a member of the Board of Directors, President of the Board of Directors, Volunteer Coordinator, and most recently Deputy Director. Paulette has been the main organizer for the Holiday House Tours, choosing houses for the tour and developing the day long program and bus routes. Paulette was also instrumental in working with the National Park Service on the Underground

Railroad Trail sites in Ellicott City in 2014, securing markers for the Circuit Courthouse, the Howard County Historical Society Archives, and the Heritage Orientation Center (the Old Courthouse which was washed away after the flood of 2018). Her contributions and service to the Society are vast and immeasurable. Her knowledge of Howard County History and the Archives will be sorely missed. A lifelong Howard Countian, Paulette is officially retiring (for the second time) and looking to move to the Eastern Shore. We plan on honoring Paulette and her service at next February's Annual Meeting, currently scheduled to be at the Miller Library.



PAULETTE LUTZ

Fred Campbell has been promoted to Deputy Director. He will assume Manager Duties at the Museum of Howard County History as well as Collections Manager responsibilities for the remainder of the year. Many of you have met Fred, who previously served on the Board of Directors, but resigned in order to join our staff filling a much needed position at the Archives. Since May, Fred has done an amazing job of completing the backlog of accessions and has completely reorganized collections spaces at both the Museum and Archives. He also organized last month's National Road Bus Trip, which was very popular with the members who attended. Fred taught US History at Howard Community College and was International Travel Coordinator for the Study Abroad Program. He brings a wealth of knowledge on US history and a knack for public programming that we look forward to utilizing here at the Historical Society in the future.

Due to continuing COVID concerns, we have decided to change up the format for this year's Annual Holiday Event. Instead of a Bus Tour, we are partnering with Mary's land Farm in Clarksville for what we are calling, The Holiday "Open House" Family History Day at Mary's Land Farm on Sunday Dec. 12th from 1:00 - 4:00. Our feature article in this issue of the legacy gives more details, but we envision a more family oriented Holiday experience at one of the most spectacular historic farm sites in the county. We will have activities for all ages.

We thank you for your continued support of our organization as we navigate the challenges presented the last two years due to the Pandemic. As we stand today, the Historical Society has 583 members, the highest number of active members in the organization's history. We could not do what we do without all of you. ❖



**HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR**  
**DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

Sponsored by:  **BOB LUCIDO TEAM**  
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## HOLIDAY "OPEN" HOUSE AND HISTORY DAY AT MARY'S LAND FARM

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passed through a series of owners until 1940, when the property was sold to the Rea family.

In 2014, Gratia Plan, LLC. acquired the property and the new owners have completely renovated the original Treacle farmhouse into a spectacular Bed & Breakfast now known as *The Inn at Mary's Land Farm*. The farm's mission is to educate the public about and raise healthy animals, fruits, and vegetables in a regenerative ecosystem, maintain the highest ethical standards for products and their caregivers, and make it possible for their family and ours to benefit from access to responsibly-raised delicious, fresh, and nourishing food. The Treacle Farm is a working example of an early 19th-Century tenant farm, common on former colonial estates, that was passed on through a series of individual farmers who adapted to changing times but continue to farm the land and keep Howard County's agricultural traditions alive and well. Unlike many county properties with similar origins, the Treacle and Carroll families would still recognize this property today.

The Society's 2021 holiday event will take place on Sunday December 12th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., bringing a historical focus - designed to appeal to members who are used to attending our annual bus tour - together with a variety of activities sure to bring out families and individuals attracted to the wonders of nature and the promise of adventure in a day at the farm. Outdoor activities (weather permitting) will include: docent tours of the Treacle House (The Inn), Ice House, and Spring House, wagon tours of the farm complex, live animal encounters (featuring sheep and goats), a blacksmith demonstration, and The Mary's Land Farm Store will be open to the public during the event - with discounts and special deals for our guests. Inside the heated pavilion, special treats will include holiday music and refreshments, craft and activity tables for all ages offered by our partner historical organizations, wreath making workshop, photo ops with Santa Claus, a chef-led cooking demonstration, and holiday gift shopping. At 3:00 p.m. a special guest speaker will deliver a lecture.



This event will be FREE for all individual and family members of the Howard County Historical Society - current or brand new - but all attendees must register with the Historical Society prior to December 12th. We are happy to announce that the Bob Lucido Team of Keller Williams Integrity will, once again, sponsor this year's event, allowing us to offer the variety of activities listed above. As a fundraiser for the Historical Society, we will be selling raffle tickets online prior to the event and the featured prize will be a one-night stay at *The Inn at Mary's Land Farm*. The drawing will be in the pavilion just before the lecture begins at 3:00 p.m., and you do not have to be present to win! We are looking forward to a wonderful, family-friendly event - especially as we prepare for the April 2022 opening of the new Ellicott Mills Children's Museum in Ellicott City. Please join us. It promises to be a great day of fun, history, and holiday cheer at one of the most beautiful farms in Howard County. ✧



TREACLE HOUSE



## NATIONAL ROAD TOUR

By FRED CAMPBELL

In the early part of this republic's history, newspaper editor Horace Greely, along with a few others, is credited with saying, "Go west, young man, go west." On September 4th 2021, men, women, young and young at heart went west—west to Boonsboro, Maryland on the Howard County Historical Society's National Road Tour.

Construction of the first nationally sponsored road began in the first decade of the 1800s. It runs right through Howard County, mostly on what is now Main Street in Ellicott City and Frederick Road through the rest of Howard County. Lined with mile markers, historic locations and abundant historical events, the National Road has a little bit for everyone.

As our bus rolled through the hills of Howard County, participants learned about famous wagoners such as Henry Puffenberger, Jacob Breakiron and Robert Allison. We also covered the unique history of Hardman's Tourist Home where WWII German POWs gathered to go to work on farms in the area. Not

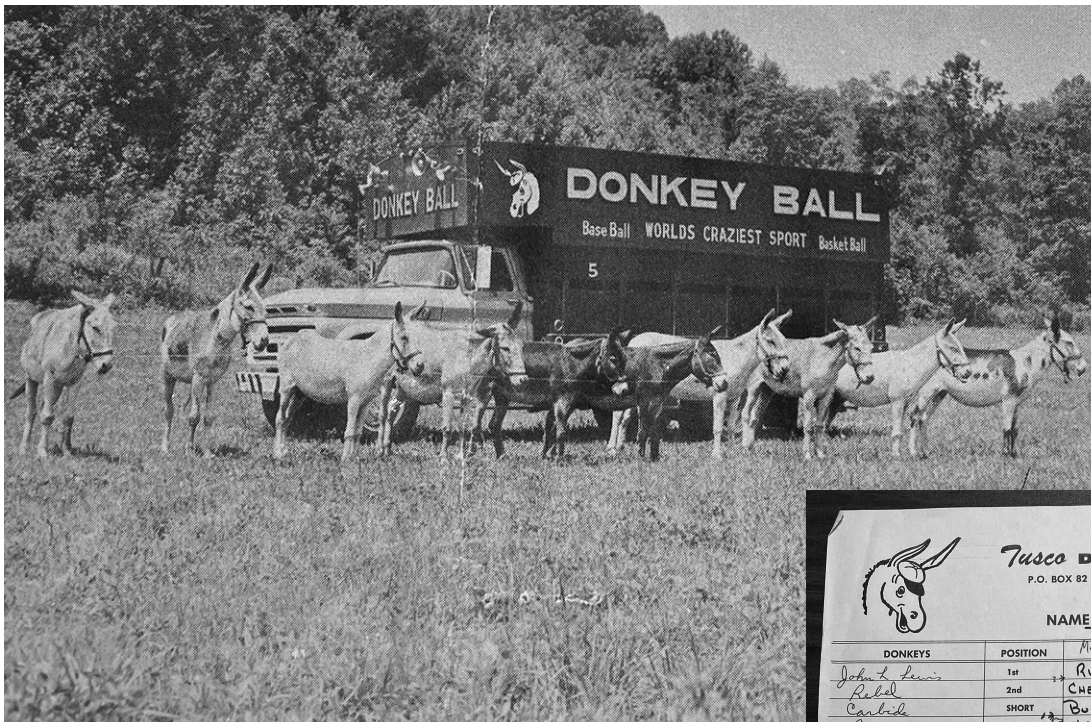
one or two, but three invasions of the North by Confederate forces during the Civil War were played out in part on the National Road. A road marker in Cooksville covers the action that took place. These facts among many other were shared during the drive.

Lunch was at Brewer's Art in Frederick, then the group was off to Boonsboro to get a behind the scenes look at the National Road Museum, which will open in 2022. Tiffany Ahalt, our host, showed the guests photos and artifacts from the museum's collection. The Howard County Historical Society was able to donate a collection of postcards that featured the National Road going back to the early 1900s.

Our day was informative and full of comradery. We returned to the Museum of Howard County History in the afternoon having seen a lot of our wonderful county and other venues out west. Please consider joining us on a future bus tour in the new year. All are welcome. ❖







## FROM THE STACKS


BY FRED CAMPBELL

Sometimes while working in the Archives, a series of papers will pass in front of you that make you tilt your head sideways and say, “What?!” This is what happened while reviewing the contents in a box labeled “Howard County Misc.” In that box, among other things, was a folder containing an application, contract, and various other sundries concerning the Tusco Donkey Ball Co. of New Philadelphia, Ohio. It appears that A. P. Lindo was contracted by Charles Arrington to bring Donkey Ball to West Friendship on August 24, 1970.

Based on the game of baseball, the game of Donkey Ball according to promotional material featured “prominent business and professional men, and other well-known personalities in a competitive game and mounted on trained donkeys.”

Expecting a decent sized crowd, Charles Arrington, who was connected to the church group “St. James Circuit Riders,” asked for 350 adult and 150 children’s tickets. After submitting the \$25.45 payment to the State of Maryland Tax on Admissions and Amusements, and signing an indemnity agreement, the event was ready to go. According to the indemnity agree payouts for some of the accidents were as follows: Loss of life: \$1000; loss both hands and feet \$1000, loss of one hand and entire sight of one eye \$1000. No claims were made.

According to the score sheet, this game was drawn on political lines with Democrats and Republicans making up

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**NAME AND SCORE SHEET**

DONKEYS		POSITION	DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
John L. Lewis	1st	RUSSELL	Gene Mullins	Gene Mullins
Rebel	2nd	CHESTER	Leo Rudiger	Leo Rudiger
Carbide	SHORT	BUG	Bill Amrhein	Bill Amrhein
Rusty	3rd	HUGH	Orrin Brown	Orrin Brown
Payday	LEFT	DUANE	Bob Kittleman	Bob Kittleman
Moe	CENTER	NICK	Jim Haseell	Jim Haseell
Al	PITCHING	JIM	Charles Feag	Charles Feag
	CATCHING	IRVING	Calvin Day	Calvin Day

DONKEYS AT BAT	SUBS	SUBS
Ben Casey		
Carter		
Holiday		

**TEAM NAME**

TEAM NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Dem	0	1	0	11	11	11	
Rep	11	11	0	11	11	11	

**BASEBALL RULES**

- The team in the field all use donkeys but the pitcher and catcher who play from the ground.
- Infielders and outfielders must be mounted when the pitch is made.
- There are no strikeouts or walks. Batter must hit ball fair.
- Batter hits ball, mounts donkey and rides around bases.
- If baserunner falls off donkey 3 times or if he is on the ground and does not have reins in hand he is out.
- The runner is also out if he falls off or dismounts after reaching first base.
- When trapped the runner must be tagged and not the donkey.
- When chasing a ball the player must lead his donkey or ride him, then must remount before throwing ball.
- The pitcher or catcher cannot field hits unless they can reach them from the circle they stand in. They may chase any overthrows but must return to the circle before throwing the ball.
- The corral rope is set up for protection of the spectators. Please help maintain a tight rope, do not lean or stand inside the playing area.
- The riders must ride the donkeys fair. Anyone mistreating the donkeys will be asked to leave the game.
- The game will be seven innings, or one and a half hours long.
- HAVE FUN!

the two teams. The Democrats featured Bob Fischer, State’s Attorney, at short stop mounted on Carbide, and Hugh Burgess of the House of Delegates at third on Rusty. The Republicans had Bob Kittleman at center field on Moe and Orrin Brown, State’s Attorney also on Rusty (it appears the donkeys were non-partisan). The outcome? Republicans won ten runs to nine. Photos of the game itself were not included in the folder.

If any readers of this article were in attendance, the Historical Society would love to hear from you. Until our next Legacy edition comes out, “Play Ball!” ♦

## MEET AIDAN



Aidan Connor was recently hired to be a docent at our Museum of Howard County History. A graduate of River Hill High School, Aidan was a Rouse Scholar at Howard Community College where he received his associates degree, and recently graduated from UMBC with a degree in political science and a minor in history.

Aidan has an interest in the American Revolution and other historical moments where major political changes occurred. Starting as a volunteer at HCHS, Aidan has seen how, in his own words, “just like all politics are local, all history is local.” While guiding people through our exhibits, Aidan has found that the individual makes the history. These personal stories are what

Aidan enjoys sharing most with the people who visit the museum. A great addition to the HCHS family, we look forward to having Aidan move forward our society’s mission of preserving and presenting Howard County history. ❖

## CORRECTION

BY PAULETTE LUTZ

In the last issue of the *Legacy*, I made an error in the article “Motoring Touring in Howard County.” Paul Miller, a former Board Member and a good friend to the Historical Society, called me to inform me that the Green Garage was owned by his father, Charles Miller and not Frank Warfield. Mr. Miller owned the Chevrolet dealership on Main Street and today it is located on Route 40. All of the rest of the details in the article are factual, but Frank Warfield was not the owner. The incorrect information was from “A Pictorial History of Howard County,” page 175. I do sincerely apologize to the Miller family. ❖

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, Nov. 13th 10:00 – 4:00**

**Local Author’s Book Sale and Signing**

Museum of Howard County History

**Sunday, Nov. 14th 1:00 - 2:00**

**Laura Byrne Historic Marker Unveiling and reception**

With the Maryland Women’s Heritage Center.

**Friday, Dec. 3rd**

**Midnight Madness Shopping Extravaganza**

Old Ellicott City

**Saturday, Dec. 11th 11:00 – 12:30**

**The Maryland 400 w/Major General James A. Adkins**

Special Lecture at the Museum of Howard County History sponsored by the Col. Thomas Dorsey Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution

**Sunday, Dec. 12th – 1:00 – 4:00**

**The Holiday House Tour**

Sponsored by the Bob Lucido Team of Keller Williams Integrity.



THE MARYLAND 400

**Sunday, Feb. 27th, 2022 1:00 – 3:00**

**Howard County Historical Society Annual Meeting,**

Speaker TBD. Miller Library.

**Jan, 2022**

**EC250 Exhibit Opening: “The Ellicott Legacy”**

Museum of Howard County History.

**April, 2022**

**The Opening of the Ellicott Mills Children’s Museum.**





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