

The HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HARFORD COUNTY, Inc.

Preserving Our Past For Your Future



143 N. Main Street
Bel Air, MD 21014

Society News

July / August 2017

Phone: (410) 838-7691

FAX: (410) 838-5257

E-Mail: info@HarfordHistory.org

On the web: www.HarfordHistory.org



The Historical Society of
Harford County, Inc.,
headquarters.

IN THIS ISSUE

President's Message	1
New Members	2
Frank Hays Jacobs	3
Coming Events	-
-Brown Bag Lunches	5
-Hays House Happenings	5
2017 Historic Preservation Awards	-
-Preservation Projects	6
-Preservationist	6
-Special Presentation	7
-Stewardship	7
-Local Government Preservation	8
Bel Air Community Foundation	9
Students Present Harford History	9
Goodbye to the Bel Air Bakery	10
Remembering The Ladies	10
Volunteer Recognition	11

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The months of May and June were, as usual, quite active and the Society moved forward in several areas. The following are the major items in which I and mostly others were involved.

The Society held two major events during this time-period that were well received by those in attendance. The first was "Lincoln's Final Hours and The Hunt for John Wilkes Booth," which was held in conjunction with the Julius Brutus Booth Society at our headquarters. A capacity audience enjoyed two presentations by John Howard and Kathy Canavan. The second event was "Down Yonder Reunion and Blue Grass Celebration," held at the Deer Creek Overlook 4-H Camp at Rocks. The event attracted over 200 ticket holders plus three groups of musicians, several craft demonstrators, and numerous helpers. Good food and good weather were also present at this celebration of a significant and productive element of the county's twentieth-century history.

The Brown Bag Lunches, on the second Tuesday of the month, continue to draw good groups of folks who enjoy their lunch while learning about various aspects of Harford's history. At the Summer Tea and Lecture, Jeff Smart presented an excellent talk on "Harford County in the Gettysburg Campaign." The well-received presentations of the Genealogy Toolbox are finished for the summer but will resume in September. These educational offerings are beneficial to the community and add to the positive image of the Society.

Always appreciated are the accomplishments of the volunteers who faithfully examine and process incoming materials into the Past Perfect system for the archives, artifacts, court records, library, and photographic collections. Their efforts have been the mainstay of the society's ability to meet the needs of the growing number of researchers who call upon the Society's collections to satisfy their needs.

(cont'd on page 2)

(cont'd from page 1)

The vast collection of bound record books from various agencies of the county has been relocated and organized under the direction of Henry Peden, Jr. This relocation provided room for storage of our expanding art collection.

Activities focusing on the restoration of the headquarters building continue, both in the planning stage and in actual work. In case you have not noticed, the metal and glass airlock with its leaky roof is gone and the fan window above the entrance door is visible once again. Fresh paint has been applied to the exterior wood trim, including the window sills on the front and sides of the building.

The removal of the airlock required reevaluation of the postal service's extension of the landing. Damage from the elements over the years was noted and the question of restoring the steps back to an earlier configuration is under consideration. The removal of the damaged sections is being considered. This will also bring the appearance of the entrance closer to its original arrangement. An additional benefit will be obtained in the rebuilding process. The pitch on the stair treads can be adjusted to allow for better drainage. This will eliminate current drainage issues that require the costly periodic realignment of the treads and replacement of eroded mortar.

The contract for work on the first-floor window sashes is very close to being awarded, depending on the finalizing of needed funding. This project will require the removal of all sashes (at the same time) and taking them to the contractor's facility. There the glass will be removed and wood elements will be carefully stripped, repaired, re-glazed and repainted. The restored sashes will then be reinstalled and we will have operable and clean windows.

After careful study of three proposals for the replacement of the concrete parking lot, the Board of Trustees approved the proposal of Kinsley Construction. At this time, no date has been established to begin removal of the existing concrete parking pad and damaged curbing, but we hope to have the work completed by fall. Not only will we have a smooth surface but the seal between the new pad and the building will be tighter, which will eliminate rain water from running down between them.

As time goes by we will have a sound building around us and we will be better able to focus on our ability to offer a finely-tuned research facility, educational programs, informative displays, and presentations to allow anyone with an interest in Harford's history to find answers to their questions and become enriched with knowledge.

Richard Sherrill, President

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members: Laura Aiken, Bonnie Bailey, Diana Coates, Barbara Jones (Genealogy Calendar), Lori and Bob Joy, Gary Kubina, Arlene Lehman, Joyce McArtor, Lance K. Murray, Lauren Reynolds, Rodgers Tavern Museum Town of Perryville, Dafne Sollon, Nancy Ann Schrauf.

For information about becoming a member or exploring volunteer opportunities, please contact us at 410-838-7691 or visit our website at www.HarfordHistory.org

FRANK HAYS JACOBS

By Captain James V. McMahon, Jr.

When I was a lad of 7 or 8 I lived in Bel Air on South Main Street, (426 S Main) just eight houses south of the well-known Kenmore Inn.

The first home south of the Inn was the residence of Frank Hays Jacobs, well known descendent of the original inhabitants of the County Seat. Never to be the shy one, I struck up a friendship with Mr. Jacobs as I would depart from my daily trek to find my pals, Gordon Palmer or Sue Ann Snodgrass. We roamed the neighborhood and were a tight threesome.

Mister Frank had a green Dodge Convertible that I coveted! We would joke as to when I would be old enough to drive it. Soon our friendship blossomed into a boy with a wonderful "Uncle" who always seemed glad to see his adopted "nephew". I would wait at the corner of Baltimore Pike and S. Main in the summer months for "Mister Frank" to get off the McMahon Bus (no relation) as he returned from his Practice of Law in Baltimore. His daily routine was to take the bus to Baltimore in the early morning and return in the evening. Frank Hays Jacobs was associated with one of the more prestigious law firms in the "BIG" city but I was not interested in his occupation but rather this father figure of a man. As he would descend the steps from the bus he would have the "Evening Sun" neatly folded to the "Funnies" so I could waste no time getting to Dick Tracey, my favorite, or Moon Mullins etc.

Mister Frank had an African American gentleman who attended to the house and prepared meals and other chores. I remember his name was "Thomas". I would often come visiting and after a knock on the back door, "Thomas" would announce me to Mister Frank. "Mister Frank....that boy is here again" and the reply was always....."send him in Thomas and I think we still have some of those cookies, don't we?"

I would go for the "Funnies" if I had not yet seen them and we would chat about a variety of subjects. I never sat on a chair or the sofa but always on the floor at his knee or close to the foot stool. He would inquire about Mom and Dad (The Chief, for whom he had a fondness) and

about my school day. The room where we usually met was the first room to the right as you enter the Hays House today. It was the library filled with what I suspected were parts of his law library. He always told me he was sorry he didn't have many books for my age but I was welcome to borrow anything that struck my interest. Our relationship continued for several years until one night after dinner, which had been exceptionally void of the usual table banter, Dad asked me to come into the living room after I did my daily chore of clearing the table.



Hays house as it appears today

Even for a kid of 11 or 12, it was kinda' hard not to sense there was going to be one of those serious Father - Son talks. I tried to think back on what trick or contrivance had come home to roost on my head, that the "Chief" had gotten wind of! Small towns had a very fast and efficient rumor line and it seemed twice as fast for me being the son of a school teacher let alone the "Chief of Police". But, there was something a little different about tonight. When I got to the living room Dad said; "Son I have some bad news". I did not reply but looked straight at

my Father. He continued, "Jimmy your friend Mister Frank died"! What? Not Mister Frank. Where was Thomas?...how come he hadn't come to get me if Mister Frank was sick? Getting older I realized I hadn't stopped in as spontaneously as in years past. But I had just seen him last week.

This can't be. Who will get the newspaper? What will happen to Thomas?

I know, I was probably a little pain in the backside but I knew Thomas always enjoyed bringing the cookies and he would even bring a small glass of milk mumbling something about eating so many they would get stuck in my throat. So, the milk was there to wash them down. Frank would chuckle at Thomas' little asides and I realized years later they were both having a fun filled laugh at this neighborhood kid.

That night Dad said, "Jim I am walking up the street to pay my respects, do you want to come with me"? WOW! I remember that being one of the first real decisions I had to make on my own. Back then after undertaker preparations, folks were laid out in their homes and funeral sprays were hung at the front door to advertise the occupant had passed. "Never been to a viewing before" I thought. Curiously I began to think of all the questions any kid would think of at this very poignant time in my life. Where will they put him? I pictured him only as alive. What will he look like dead? Who else will be there? Certainly no other kids because I knew I was the only one Mister Frank would allow in the library to read with him. "Yes Dad... I will go...I'll get my Sunday suit on and go with you."

Back then you had to always dress appropriately and no question a funeral certainly called for my Sunday suit. Although we were only eight houses down the street, the walk seemed to pass too quickly and all of a sudden, we were there. My first impression was that there was a pretty long line. The people, all old, were lined up out the front door of the wooden part of the house not the stone portion. But then, I always went in through the kitchen so it seemed strange to see folks at that part of the house. Dad spoke with almost everyone as it was his job to know everybody in town. As we got closer to the door I could see the line of people curved to the right. "They are in my library I thought, where Mister Frank and I had shared so many special visits. Why are they in the library?" We were met at the door by a man who introduced himself to my father as Frank's brother from Baltimore. I didn't know there was any one but Mister Frank and Thomas! The room was hot and stuffy and almost overwhelming with that pungent smell of flowers, just like Miss Bessie Boarman's flower garden on Broadway where years before I had filled all her tulips with sand.

The air was thick with anticipation and I could only see the back of a very large lady who I knew lived on Rock Spring Ave. When the way cleared it was a scene I was not ready for. Hand in hand Dad and I walked slowly toward the long bed like thing Dad called a casket. "Oh my gosh", I thought; that *is* Mister Frank.....my friend is gone...and then the emotions hit. No more talks. No more cookies. No more "Evening Sun", or announcement by my friend Thomas..."That boy is here again." It was as if I had crashed Mister Frank's green Dodge Convertible into a brick wall! And then the tears....and sobs...to which Frank's brother said to my father..."What's a' matter with the Boy?" Dad calmly explained that "The Boy" and "Frank" had a special friendship for several years.

The walk home was long.....real long. First past Jack and Midge Archer's house, then Mrs. Earl Burkins', they called her "Mose", and then Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. They had the big house on the corner of Bailey's Alley. Then there was Sanner and Hattie Bailey's home. She was always so sad. They

lost Merle in WW II. He was a bomber pilot in Africa. Then the Hine's house, the Konstant's, the Guercio's then our house. We didn't talk on that long walk home but Dad held my hand all the way.

I remember after Frank's death the house was rented for a while to some Metropolitan Opera singer (Joseph Victor Lauderoute) but to me it was always empty.

There was a movement to save the Hays House as we know it today. It was separated from the ivy covered stone portion that I remember as being larger than the original Hays House, now preserved on Bel Air High School property. But, that special room is still there. The library where I read Dick Tracey and sat at the knee of Frank Hays Jacobs, it's still there. I pass the historic house daily and every day, some 70 years later, I think of him and the wisdom I received from Mister Frank and Thomas in the Hays House. The real world captured me in that room that night as I started my transition from a kid to a young man...but boy it was hard.

COMING EVENTS

Brown Bag Lunch Series Continues

On **Tuesday, July 11th at 12:30 pm** the Society will host its monthly brown bag lunch presentation featuring Mary Ianniello from Mt. Felix Vinyard and Winery in Havre de Grace. Ms. Ianniello will take us on a tour of the world of wines, a fascinating journey that is not to be missed. You will also learn the part Harford County plays in the world of wine today.

On **Tuesday, August 8th at 12:30 pm** Dan Coates will introduce us to the Archeology of the Northern Chesapeake. Mr. Coates is the President of the local Archeological Society and has participated in digs throughout the area for many years. Harford County has so many layers of history, many of which have been unearthed by our local ANC chapter members. Come and learn about the "finds" and stories behind these local digs.

Hays House Happenings

Come visit Hays House in July! On the **Fourth of July**, the 1788 home of Thomas Hays and his family will once again host its free open house as part of Bel Air's annual celebration of our country's declaration of freedom from British rule and its independence as a new United States of America. The house will be open on July 4 from 9am until 12 noon. Weather permitting, children can play colonial-era games on the lawn.

The Catherine Street Consort will treat visitors to a rousing rendition of patriotic music played on period instruments. As an added attraction, several period uniforms and wedding dresses will be on display to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I, the Great War aimed to end all wars.

If you haven't seen the house since the interior was restored last winter with plaster repair and a fresh coat of paint in historically correct colors, now is a great time to admire the final result.

Later in the month on **Sunday July 23**, visit and enjoy a display and demonstration by the Northern Chesapeake Archeological Society. Learn about the area's early inhabitants and their customs. See artifacts found in and around Harford County. A tour of the historic Hays House is part of the admission fee of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. Children under 4 are free as is on-site parking.

2017 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

In May of each year the county Historic Preservation Commission recognizes property owners, organizations and individuals who made major contributions to county historic preservation efforts in the last year. The Society shares information about the award-winning projects and individuals so these efforts are widely recognized and so that others in the community will follow their example, encouraging further preservation initiatives.

Preservation Project Awards

This year the Commission recognized two Preservation Projects, noting their commitment to the cause of historic preservation in the county as reflected in the quality of their restoration efforts. The first was the Hays Heighe House for its restoration of the springhouse, the only remaining outbuilding from the original farm on the Harford Community College (HCC) campus.

The stabilization of the building was intended to provide opportunities for HCC students to gain a glimpse of what life was like during the 1800s and early 1900s. The project went far beyond this, however. It provided a learning opportunity for students across the curriculum and is expected to continue to offer the opportunity for more creative projects in the future. As an example, two students in the Engineering Technology program at HCC have taken on a project to create a three dimensional, working model of the springhouse, using 3-D printing technology and another student in HCC's Mass Communication program used the springhouse as the setting for a class project to film a horror movie.



*Restored springhouse at
Hays-Heighe House*

The second Preservation Project award went to Steppingstone Farm Museum for the interior and exterior rehabilitation of the historic Gilman Paul House to allow for its continued use as an education center for the museum. The project included restoration of the interior plaster, historic paint colors, flooring repair and stabilization, a slate roof, building a handicap ramp, repairing window sills and siding and treating for lead paint. The house is now utilized as an education center for the museum and includes interactive and programmatic galleries in the education wing, rotating interactive exhibit space and a textile workroom and display space on the second floor.



*Steppingstone Farm Museum
/ Gilman Paul House*

Preservationist Award - Jeffrey Smart, APG Historian

Jeff Smart received the Preservationist Award in recognition of his commitment and extensive efforts to advance the history of Harford County and his significant contributions to recording and preserving military history at APG and Edgewood Arsenal. Mr. Smart began work as the army historian in 1984; subsequently his collection has grown to 400 file cabinets filled with historical information: 100+

military artifacts, a huge collection of books, reports, pictures all related to APG history. Additionally, Mr. Smart has shared his wide-ranging knowledge of military and local history with Army and area citizens through his appearances on local TV shows, in talks, bulletins and text books.

Special Presentation Award -Campaign 42:

This year's Special Preservation Award went to the staff of Campaign 42 in recognition of its commitment to the cause of promoting, preserving and documenting African American

History in HarfordCounty as reflected in its weekly pamphlets.



Jeffery Smart



Margaret Ferguson (left), Joan Wiggins (center), T. Roxanne Redd-Wallace (Right). These women along with several other volunteers make the Campaign 42 publication possible.

"Campaign 42" began as a movement of concerned individuals encouraging voters to consider diversity when voting for local political candidates.

The project expanded to a weekly pamphlet, researched and prepared by volunteers which is regularly distributed to approximately 1,000 people via email and hard copies.

The pamphlets in this African – American History series endow readers with a fuller understanding of the plights, successes, and contributions of the African – American community within the context of Harford County's Histrocal development.

This unique grassroots project has motivated concerned citizens to uncover, promote, and preserve the rich hstory of the local African – American populace. Weekly pamphlets send a subtle but strong message that African – American history deserves to be part of America's mainstream history, not simply limited to one month a year.

Stewardship Award

This year's Stewardship Award went to Bill Shimek in recognition of his 30+ years of stewardship, preservation and rehabilitation of the historic Noble's Mill. The mill, built in 1854 was continuously



Noble Mill

operated by the Noble family between 1869 and 1940, and had seen few improvements. After that the mill changed hands several times and was severely impacted by the 1972 Hurricane Agnes which destroyed the Deer Creek dam, the Shimek family purchased the mill in 1986 and began restoration. After three years and the help of Derek McGuirk, a local historic preservation craftsman, a group of Mennonite workers and Mr. Shimek's devotion to the project, the foundation, structural support beams, rotting floor boards, and slate roof were repaired turning the mill into a family residence and art studio. Restoration of the mill continued until 2013.

Today, virtually all the original mill and flour processing equipment is in place, in its original condition. The third (top) floor contains spare equipment that was salvaged from other local mills that were destroyed over time. The second floor remains the primary living space. The first floor is the art studio with the primary entrance reached from a stair and porch replicated using period photos by Sam Mason.

Local Government Preservation Awards

In recognition of the tremendous importance of local governments in leading the way in historic preservation efforts, emphasizing their importance and providing examples that will possibly spur private initiatives, the Historic Preservation Commission recognized the efforts of Harford County and the Town of Bel Air for two adaptive reuse projects completed in the past year.

The first award went to Harford County for the preservation and adaptive reuse of the Joesting-Gorsuch house.

The Joesting-Gorsuch house dates back to the mid to late 1700s and is believed to be one of the oldest houses in Harford County. The farmhouse was part of a large farm situated on Tollgate Road, once adjacent to the Ma & Pa Railroad tracks. Over time the farm was sold and the house eventually became part of the Winters Run Golf Course serving as the golf club's pro shop and club house. Then in 2015, the property was sold and the new owners announced plans to demolish the house. A local citizen, C. John Sullivan, Jr. took up the cry by preservationist to save the building and petitioned County Executive Barry Glassman to help save the building. Together they were able to arrange for transfer of the property to the county, disassembly, relocation and reconstruction to its new home on Route 1. During the deconstruction, the house's 18th and 19th century fabric, such as hand wrought nails, early cut nails, hewn and mill cut beams were revealed when the modern layers were removed. Salvageable historic materials, such as floorboards, rafters, wooden panels, and bricks from the fireplace were carefully collected and tagged for reassembly. The house is now located near a property where the County Executive envisions creating an agricultural research and learning center for the next generation. The Joesting-Gorsuch House will be used as a visitor's center for Northern Harford County, educating visitors about the County's farming past, present and future.



The Joesting-Gorsuch House

The second Local Government Preservation Award went to the Town of Bel Air for Armory Marketplace, an adaptive reuse project that took the original Armory garage complex on Main Street and created a retail incubator space to encourage new businesses to locate in downtown Bel Air.

The Town of Bel Air took over operation of the Armory Complex in 2006 with a goal of preserving this iconic structure while highlighting the Town's rich cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history. Significant investment in the Armory has enabled both the Town and the Bel Air Downtown



Armory Marketplace

Alliance to locate offices in the building, establish a Visitor's Center, and provide much needed gymnasium space for community activities and events. The adjacent grounds, once an empty lawn, have been transformed into Armory Park, a vibrant and inviting pocket park for residents and visitors alike. The most recent achievement in the restoration and rehabilitation of the Milton A. Reckord Armory complex is the renovation of the Armory garages into Armory Marketplace. The garages once housed vehicles and equipment for the National Guard, but sat vacant for years resulting in deterioration. In 2009, the town initiated a scope of work study to document the building's condition, renovation options and

potential uses. The market analysis evaluated how development and rehabilitation of the Armory garages could enhance Bel Air's economic development efforts by bringing pedestrians to the area, providing needed services and expanding employment opportunities in the heart of Bel Air. Subsequently, the study's findings were used to develop renovation plans, seek funding sources and create an attractive useable space for start-up businesses. This adaptive reuse of a historic property strengthened the Town's Arts and Entertainment district and improved pedestrian access to businesses, parks and local schools. Armory Marketplace is an innovative community and economic development project that fosters the formation, growth and success of new and existing businesses while also serving to invigorate the downtown community and preserve the historic fabric of the community.

BEL AIR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GENEROUSLY SPONSORS RESTORATION EFFORTS



Historical Society Director, Maryanna Skowronski accepts a \$5,000 donation from Bill Kelly (left) and Bill Cox (right), board members of the Bel Air Community Foundation.

The Foundation's gift is designated for the Society's campaign to raise funds for the restoration of its fifteen original eight feet tall ground floor windows.

STUDENTS PRESENT HARFORD HISTORY

On May 25th Friends School of Harford eighth grade students Grant Carroll and Chris Robinson presented research projects on topics related to the history of Harford County. Grant Carroll researched the history of the Aberdeen Proving Ground and Edgewood Arsenal, with a focus on the people displaced by the installation's establishment. Chris Robinson presented research on the Bush Declaration, noting the similarities between the document and the Declaration of Independence. Archival research for these projects was conducted earlier in the year at The Historical Society of Harford



Friends School of Harford 8th Graders - Grant Carroll and Chris Robinson Teachers - Jennifer Dillard and Amy Novak

County with the assistance of Society staff and volunteers. Congratulations to both of these young men for their excellent work!

BEL AIR SAYS GOODBYE TO A CHERISHED INSTITUTION – DONUTS AT THE BAKERY WITH JIMMY

From 1955 until their retirement in December of 2015 when the business closed Jim and Rose Hamilton, were the owners and operators of the Bel Air Bakery. At the request of the Historical Society, the Hamilton's have recently donated the iconic storefront sign which hung above door to the bakery. The sign will become a part of the Society's permanent collection along with other items from the store.



REMEMBERING THE LADIES

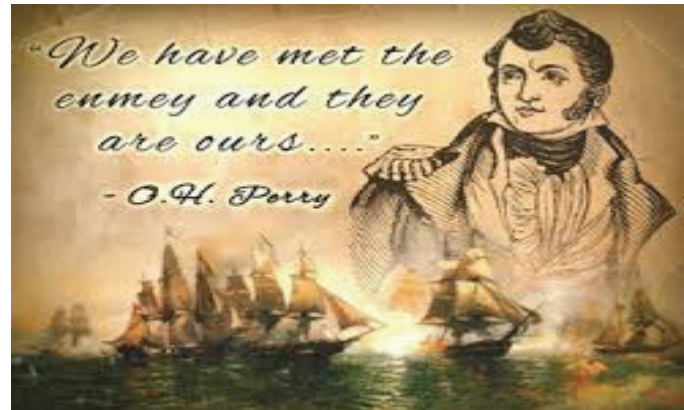
By Erika Quesenbery Sturgill

Harford history buffs, when pointing to families of distinction from our county, often recall Commodore John Rodgers (1772-1838) of Havre de Grace. Indeed, his home, Sion Hill, on Level Road at Havre de Grace is one of the few designated National Historic Landmarks in our area.

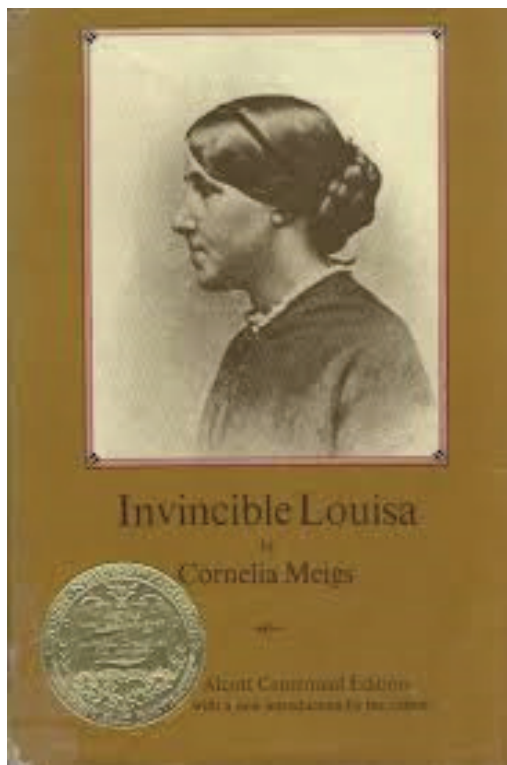
So impressive was and is the Commodore's military career that of his descendants, glorious enough to stand alone, are often overshadowed and forgotten.

For example, the Commodore's nephew, Rear Admiral John Augustus Rodgers, was born July 26, 1848 in Havre de Grace, to the Commodore's brother Robert Smith Rodgers and Sarah Perry Rodgers. Thus, this local boy who would rise to Rear Admiral and serve aboard ironclads during the Civil War was the embodiment of two distinct and impressive families who retain a dignified US Navy heritage and dynasty unto the present day.

Rear Admiral Rodgers's mother Sarah was the daughter of Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry, he who opened Japan to the west. Sarah was also the niece of Commodore M.C Perry's brother, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry of War of 1812 fame. It was Oliver who is oft quoted for his pithy. So impressive is the patrilineal descent of Rear Admiral Rodgers and the Rodgers family in and of itself that the matrilineal line is often given short shrift. The Rodgers family is just one shining beacon of a family tree that is more robust and bears a more distinct and impressive fruit when the time is taken to tell "her story" as well as "his story".



*"We have met the enemy and
they are ours"*



For example, if one were to continue through other lines, branches, and limbs of the Rodgers family one finds Louisa Rodgers, who married Civil War General and Army Quartermaster Montgomery C. Meigs. It was their son who was killed during the Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley, and whose death prompted the order to burn the town of Dayton, VA, in revenge. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery and his parent's graves are alongside, though the young Lieutenant's grave is the most architecturally and artistically elaborate.

The family line of ladies also includes folks like Elizabeth Rodgers, matriarch, who ran the ferry stop and post office while her husband was at sea; the wife of US Attorney General William Pinkney who wrote the Declaration of War in the War of 1812; and Cornelia Meigs, author, researcher, historian and resident of Havre de Grace.

Remember the ladies in your genealogical research. True the detective work can be a bit more daunting but the effort is very much worth it.

Note: Watch for Historical Society's Genealogy Toolbox classes which will start again this fall

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION: JEANNE POOLE

The Society is blessed with many outstanding volunteers who give of their time and talents with little recognition. We hope to remedy that somewhat by featuring some of these volunteers and a description of their contributions in this and future editions of the newsletter.

Thanks go out in this edition to Jeanne Poole, volunteer extraordinaire. Thanks to Jeanne hundreds of newsletters are regularly processed and mailed along with numerous bulk mailings. Working



Jeanne Poole

primarily with the Family History program, Jeanne assists with collecting, organizing, sorting, and filing clippings from area newspapers for the obituary, marriage, birth files. She frequently helps researchers working on genealogy projects and helps at the reception desk during the "Thursday rush" of family history researchers. Whenever there is a special project that needs help, Jeanne is there, whether it is collecting names of World War I veterans for the Centennial or baking for one of the Society's many events, or helping with setup or clean up after an event, her cheerful and friendly personality shines through, making everyone comfortable and happy to be part of the Society and its programs.

The Historical Society
of Harford County, Inc.
143 North Main Street
Bel Air, MD 21014



Nonprofit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
BEL AIR, MD 21014
PERMIT No. 40

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
July / August 2017

DATED MATERIAL

The NEWSLETTER of The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. is published bi-monthly.

OFFICERS 2016-2017

President
Richard Sherrill

Vice President
Carol Deibel

Recording Secretary
Elizabeth Lehmann

Treasurer
Brianne B. Norris

Corresponding Secretary
Page Smart

Past President
Henry Peden, Jr.

TRUSTEES 2017

George Harrison

Walter Holloway

TRUSTEES 2017-2019

Larry Carmichael
Richard Herbig
Kathi Santora

William Carr
Edward Meerholz
Robert Wirtanen

Mark Galihue
Susan Niewenhous
Mary Worthington

DIRECTOR
Maryanna Skowronski

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Carol Deibel

ADMINISTRATOR
Jacob Bensen

HISTORICAL SOCIETY and GIFT SHOP HOURS

Tuesday
COURT RECORDS
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday
ARCHIVES
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Thursday
RESEARCH LIBRARY
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Fourth Saturday
ARCHIVES and
RESEARCH LIBRARY
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.