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### ARCHIVES TEAM AT WORK

Working in the Society's Archives department is a bit like being a detective. There are always new boxes to explore and new items to uncover, everything from old letters, photographs, family stories to personal diaries. Over the last few months, one of our volunteers, Bonnie Bailey, has been archiving the diaries of Priscilla "Mittie" Munnikhuysen Bond. Mrs. Bond's story takes us from Harford County to a sugar plantation in Louisiana covering the Civil War years and beyond. For more details, the diaries are available at the Society's headquarters. For now, here is a synopsis of her story as prepared by Ms. Bailey.

#### **Priscilla "Mittie" Munnikhuysen Bond**

By Bonnie Bailey

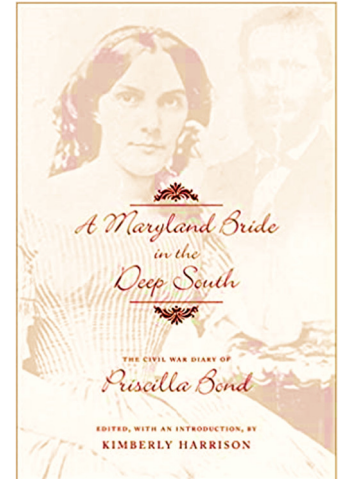
Priscilla "Mittie" Munnikhuysen Bond was born on August 26, 1838, in the Thomas Run Valley of Harford County. Her parents were John A. Munnikhuysen and Priscilla Ann Bond. She married Howard Bond on January 15, 1861 and moved to Louisiana with him. Internet research shows that Howard was born in Baltimore and his father was a cousin of Mittie's mother. Mittie and Howard did not have any children. Mittie died at the very young age of 27 on January 2, 1866, shortly after returning home from Louisiana. Throughout her diary, she mentions her poor health which may have contributed to her early death. Mittie was buried in the Thomas Run Church Cemetery (Watters Methodist Meeting House). She was very religious and regularly prayed for forgiveness and guidance.

Mittie's diary starts on May 21, 1858. For three years she writes about her relationship with Howard Bond, family matters, and social life. She also mentions her poor health throughout the entire diary, suffering from chest pain, consumption (tuberculosis), neuralgia, colds, and headaches. On September 11, 1860, she received a Breckenridge (Campaign) Medal (*an Internet search found that*

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John C. Breckinridge (1821-1875), a Kentucky lawyer, who ran successfully on the Democratic ticket as James Buchanan's Vice-Presidential candidate in 1856. The buck and cannon represented on this medal refer to the President. An unsuccessful candidate for President in 1860, Breckinridge served as a General in the Confederate Army during the Civil War). The diary is not clear on who gave her the medal. On July 4, 1860, she sees the "Northern Lights." Her diary also mentions going to see Mrs. Booth, but there is no indication she is a direct relative of John Wilkes Booth. During the 1860s, there were political mass meetings held and she attended the "Grand Mass Meeting" on September 14-15, 1860 at the Bel Air Courthouse with speeches by county residents, Augustus Bradford (Maryland Governor 1862 -1866), Dennis and Edwin Webster (Republican Congressman from Maryland).



Only occasionally does she hint of the country's increasing turmoil, mentioning John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry and expressing hope that the national discord will not result in a war.

She married Howard Bond on January 15, 1861, officiated by Mr. Valiant. There is no mention of where the ceremony was held, but it is possible the marriage took place in the Munnikhuysen home. Shortly after the marriage, she moved to Bond family sugar plantation, Crescent Place, near Houma, Louisiana, in Terrebonne Parish with Howard. She talks about her trip to Louisiana, first riding a steam car (probably a steam engine train) then getting on a steam boat for the remainder of the trip. The trip to Louisiana took about 10 days. On July 5, 1861, she saw a rather large comet in the sky (research show that it was The Great Comet (C/1861 J1)).

After the start of the Civil War, she addresses troop movements, disease, her separation from her husband (due to the war), and Jayhawkers. Although the date is not clear, sometime between May and July 1862 she was awakened to the cry that the "soldiers are around the house" and given 20 minutes to dress and take what they could from the home before it was set on fire. She mentions the death of General Bragg (Braxton) but that was inaccurate information and that President Lincoln contacted Smallpox and of his subsequent assassination.

She notes the cost of items during the War was quite high, tooth brush \$2.00, \$40 for 10 yards of calico, \$50 for lady's booties and \$50 for one dozen of plain handkerchiefs. The diary continues to chronicle many aspects of the Civil War. She sorely misses her family but also comments on the friendship of neighbors and friends in Louisiana.

Her last entry was on a Thursday in July, 1865 stating she "shed tears of joy just to think he (Howard) is with me and will go to Maryland with me."

*The diary on file at the Harford County Historical Society is a transcript of the original files which are located at the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections Special Collections, Hill Memorial Library, Louisiana State University Libraries, Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University. Apparently, there are two transcriptions of her diary, a full version and an edited version (no indication of which version is on file at the Harford County Historical Society). The book: A Maryland Bride in the Deep South, a Civil War Diary of Priscilla Bond, edited, with an introduction, by Kimberly Harrison is in the Harford County Historical Society library (HC 921 Bond).*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to announce the Class of 2023-2024 Trustees who will take office in January. Members include Evelyn Byrd, Lyle Garrity, Leslie Hott, Roxann Redd-Wallace, Kathleen Shilko, and Charles Wolpoff. Thank you to all of our members who participated in the election. We are very excited about the talent our incoming Board members bring to the Society.

The Society's development and restoration projects are progressing at both headquarters and the Hays House with the headquarters space renovation nearing completion, we are focusing on development of the display materials and structures for the museum itself. We hope to open the museum to the public in the spring.

The Hays House restoration projects are also proceeding. The contract to replace the deteriorated roof was approved in October and we are in the process of purchasing the siding needed to repair the north wall. Both of these projects have been challenging for many reasons including current supply issues, but we are very hopeful that repairs will be completed by next spring. I encourage anyone who might be interested in becoming part of our Hays House team to contact our Director, Chris Potts at [DirectorHSHC@harfordhistory.org](mailto:DirectorHSHC@harfordhistory.org) or to call 410-838-7691. In the coming year, this group will work on accessioning furnishings, developing plans for upcoming events, and, as always, working on numerous restoration projects on this historic building – the oldest surviving building in Bel Air.

The final event planned for 2022 will be the Annual George Archer lecture. We are very pleased to announce that this year's speaker will be Judge William O. Carr. The lecture will be held at the County Courthouse in Bel Air. See additional details in the Events section of the newsletter. Meanwhile, the Society is planning a series of events for 2023 in conjunction with the county's 250th Anniversary. Harford 250 events at the Society will include an exciting year-long speaker series, the release of an Anthology prepared by the Society incorporating the stories of Harford's people, places, and events during the last century, and a trivia contest. We encourage you to visit the Harford 250 website at [www.harford250.org](http://www.harford250.org) to learn more.

Thank you for your continued support.

*-Bill Walden, President*

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### BOOTH MEMORABILIA SALE

The Booth family played an important role in the nation's theatrical history. Junius and Edwin were considered the best Shakespearean actors of their day and continue to make their mark on theater even now. The family home on Churchville Road in Bel Air is a museum dedicated to this theatrical tradition. Several restorations have occurred over the years to develop the museum and restore the building to its original state. The Historical Society has a limited number of bricks from one of these restoration projects at Tudor Hall which are currently available for sale. These could make great gifts for Booth aficionados this holiday season. A limited number of bricks are available at the Society, complete with a certificate of authenticity. To order, please contact the Society at 410-838-7691.

### COMING EVENTS

- BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES

***The Concord Point Lighthouse: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 12:30 pm***

Join us for this virtual event to learn the story of Havre de Grace's Concord Point Lighthouse – its past and future - as told by Lighthouse Director, Carol Allen.

The Concord Point Lighthouse is the second oldest lighthouse in Maryland and a time-honored symbol of Havre de Grace. Built in 1827, the lighthouse served as a beacon for sailors in the Upper Chesapeake Bay until being decommissioned in 1975. Located at the point where the Susquehanna River meets the Chesapeake Bay, the light was an active aid to navigation for 148 years. Today, the fully restored Lighthouse and Keeper's House are both open to the public on weekends from April to October. In addition, volunteer keepers conduct educational tours throughout the year.



The Lighthouse property anchors one end of Havre de Grace's beautiful waterfront promenade on property located along where the Susquehanna River meets the tidal flow of the Chesapeake Bay. It is the northernmost lighthouse and the second-oldest tower lighthouse still standing on the bay.

***The Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary War Trail***

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the September Brown Bag Lunch program featuring author and scholar, Dr. Iris De Rode was postponed. The program is now available along with the virtual Brown Bag Lunch programs featured over the last two years on the Society's YouTube channel. We encourage you to visit the Society's website, [www.harfordhistory.org](http://www.harfordhistory.org), and enjoy this fascinating story about Harford County's role in the American Revolution, the development of the trail now progressing through Harford County, and all the other previous programs that bring county history to life.



- GEORGE W. ARCHER LECTURE - Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 6:30 pm

***The Inside Story: Harford's Court Houses, Judges, and Lawyers by Judge William O. Carr***

Each year the Historical Society concludes its Speakers Series with the George W. Archer Lecture. The series is named for one of the society's prominent founding members. Series speakers are generally chosen from local authors who have contributed in a very special way to our understanding of Harford's history. We are pleased to announce this year's speaker will be Judge William O. Carr, author of the *Biographical Encyclopedia of Harford County, Maryland 1774-1976* (co-author Henry Peden).

Having served on the Circuit Court of Harford County since 1984, Judge Carr has a unique knowledge of the courthouse and the judges and lawyers who have served in Harford County.





*Harford County Courthouse*

We invite you to join us on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the historic Ceremonial Courtroom in Harford County's Circuit Court, 20 West Courtland Street in Bel Air to share an evening with Judge William O. Carr as he leads a tour of the portrait gallery and the "holding cell". He will then regale attendees with the history of the courthouse and the stories of the judges and attorneys who have made much of this history. The evening will start with a wine and cheese reception followed by a tour and a very special presentation.

The cost is \$10, pre-registration is required. To register, please visit the Society's website at [www.harfordhistory.org](http://www.harfordhistory.org). Space is limited so early registration is recommended.

- CHRISTMAS IN HARFORD IN DAYS GONE BY

The Historical Society's Executive Director, Chris Potts is featured in a video about Harford County's "Christmas Past". She performs in the guise of a local character, Eugenia Warner Prescott, who lived through the nostalgic times of old. Hear the story of Christmas at the Whistler farm in Fountain Green, a poem about holiday shopping in Bel Air in the 1800s, and a fun account of how the boys at Aberdeen Proving Ground staged a sellout Christmas show in December of 1918 that ended up on Broadway.

This performance was first filmed in 2020. If you saw it then, you know how special it is. If not, we encourage you to visit the Society's website, [www.harfordhistory.org](http://www.harfordhistory.org), to watch this feature production. It will transform you back to a very special time of Christmas past. For those of you who watched in the past, this may become Harford's version of *It's a Wonderful Life*, a show to watch year after year.

### *A NOTE FROM A PATRON*

The Historical Society is so fortunate to have an extremely talented group of volunteers and patrons. Here is an excerpt from an email from one of our patrons who found a long-lost relative with the expert help of some of these dedicated volunteers.

*"I was glad to see that Christopher Smithson's presentation was online. Before COVID members of my family and I were trying to find our great-great-grandmother, Sarah Talitha Scarff. We couldn't find her directly after a few previous visits.*

*Finally, Christopher asked us some very helpful questions. We knew who she was buried with, and he recognized a name. This led him to the Whitaker family about whom he had very good information.*

*The next visit we were looking for information about the Scarff family. Henry Peden overheard and mentioned that he was studying that family. While we were completing our research he went home for lunch and brought back his hot unpublished research and shared it with us.*

*Now even with the library closed, I sent a message online and got a response from Henry Peden introducing me to Doug Washburn who has sent me Vol. 1 and 2 of *On the Road from Jarrettsville*. I'm looking forward to Vol. 3.*

*I don't know what you are doing to attract such talent, but you should keep it up. You can expect continued support from our family."*

### THE HAYS HOUSE MUSEUM

By Susan K. Wooden, Acting Chair

We've made so much progress in preparing Thomas and Betsy Hays's Bel Air home for various repairs that we've been able to turn our attention toward organizing miscellaneous Hays House files. It's a timely task now that we're more familiar with the house and its treasures. For example, in the previous newsletter, we said we'd love to know more about Mrs. Chekey's donation of a red wool shawl from her mother's trousseau. The size and style seemed much earlier than the 1922 wedding date we found in a genealogy search. A clipping from the Aegis dated 9/22/1983 with a picture of the shawl states that it belonged to Mrs. Chekey's *great-grandmother*, which dates the shawl to the 1860s-1870s as we thought.

Another important document is a 1989 letter from Caroline M. Hill, who donated the wool blanket hand loomed in 1773 by enslaved labor. The blanket is an inheritance from Ms. Hill's great-grandparents, "Paca and Apphia Bryarly Moores" of Moorlands (the estate was named for the moors of Great Britain). Here's Ms. Hill's description of this 249-year-old Harford County treasure, the oldest item in the Society's textile collection:

*My mother had the blanket as long as I can remember, and it was used during our mild Florida winters. As I mentioned before, the blanket is a product of Moorlands, entirely. The sheep were raised on the place, and it all follows through to the Slaves, weaving the lengths of wool for the blankets, up in the attic at Moorlands on days that it rained and they could not work in the fields.*



The blanket shows appropriate wear, tear, and repair from having been used for nearly 200 years, but amazingly, it has only one moth hole. It has been safely vacuumed, folded in acid-free tissue, and stored in an archival box.

*(left) Closeup of weave and the aforementioned moth hole in the 1773 Moorlands wool blanket hole*

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### BREAKING NEWS

#### **Author Kathy Kleiman has agreed to do a presentation and book signing**

The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc., the Discovery Center at Water's Edge and the Maryland Women's Heritage Center will co-sponsor a free lecture and book signing by celebrated author, Kathy Kleiman on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at the Havre de Grace High School, 445 Lewis Lane, Havre de Grace 21078. This is a free program, open to the public. Doors will open at 5:30 pm to allow attendees to meet the author and have their books signed. The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm followed by a question-and-answer session.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Bucket lists are the stuff of dreamers, collections of lifelong desires and self-made promises, an accumulated portrait of all things—big and small—that people feel called to do before their time is up. More often than not, bucket lists include universals: travels to distant climes, adventures to popular locales, pursuits of esoteric hobbies, and publications of memoirs, accompanied by a decadent, completely out-of-character splurge or two thrown in just for fun.

But how often does a bucket list include building something extraordinary? Something big? Something enduring? Something with community purpose and cultural staying power that will remain after all memory of transitory things and experiences fade? How often does a bucket list include “Building a museum?”

The dreamers at the historical society have been doing just that—building a Harford County historical museum that chronicles the past for the edification of the future. And it’s been no small undertaking. We’ve been readying space, scouring our inventories, pulling our treasures, taking photos, creating spreadsheets, coordinating with designers, working with contractors—building. The work has been organizational and collaborative; it has involved action and contemplation to equal degrees, and it is far from done.

So, should you desire to take part in the process, let us know. If you have experience in curating, collecting, or serving as docents for exhibits; if you are a crack researcher or informational writer; if you are good at arranging space and handling objects with care and precision; if you have an artifact of extraordinary history to contribute or would like to connect us with an organization or group who you think would wish to be part of this adventure, pick up the phone and give us a loud and resounding holler.



And if you never attempted any of the aforementioned tasks before but are thinking that you would now like to give one or two of them a try, because adding “building something beautiful and enduring” to your bucket list sounds like such a tantalizing idea, then here is your chance. Come help us build this museum. History is under construction at the Historical Society of Harford County, and we have great need and ample opportunity for dreamers like you with buckets to fill.

Pictured, left, are volunteers Walter Holloway and Bonnie Bailey preparing items for upcoming Grand Opening of the Historical Society’s Harford County Museum scheduled for Spring 2023. The museum will feature items from across the county and tell an amazing story of the life and times of this place we call home. Watch for details on timing of the opening event in the newsletter and on our social media page.

*-Chris Potts, Executive Director*



## THE NANCY WEBSTER BARNES COLLECTION

By Stephanie Haga

The following article was submitted by Stephanie Haga, a Drexel University graduate student who completed a Capstone Project at the Society during the summer. In this article she shares some of the stories she uncovered as part of this internship.

To conclude my degree as a Graduate Student in the Library and Information Program at Drexel University, it is required to complete two Capstone projects at a library or archive. This summer, I had the pleasure of completing my first of two ten-week capstone projects for the Historical Society of Harford County. Deciding what to work on for the Historical Society of Harford County was not an easy task. There are so many projects up for grabs that the opportunities are endless. In the end, it was decided I would work through the Accessioning process for the Nancy Webster Barnes Collection.

Nancy Webster Barnes, a member of a very prominent and old family here in Harford County, amassed a large collection of letters which were later donated to the Historical Society after her death. The letters offer a rare opportunity for genealogists to catch a glimpse into the life of their ancestors. In fact, after it was decided that this was the project I was going to work on, I learned that the Historical Society in 2019 received the Seton Shields Genealogy Grant to assist in the preservation of this collection of over one thousand letters.

When I first dug into this project, with the assistance of Judy Rodgers and Bonnie Bailey, I was highly optimistic that I could get through all the letters by the end of my ten-week deadline. The organization aspect of the project was done in about a day. I opened the three, very full boxes of letters (dating back to 1870 and ending in the 1990's) and organized them all by year. Once that was complete, it was time to start the digitization process.

While, as I mentioned earlier, the collection has over a thousand letters, each letter is multiple pages (mostly front and back) on very delicate paper. Using a flat-bed scanner, I had to scan the front and back of each letter. By the time I got to the end of the 1800's I had over three hundred pages of letters to read and catalog. While my hopes to complete this project were dashed once this step began, the idea of making this collection accessible to the public pushed me forward.

Once each letter was scanned, the process of cataloging them could begin. Each letter was read and the subject terms, based on who was mentioned, locations mentioned, and historical references, were extracted in order to make the letters searchable. This will allow the letters to be searchable in the future. While many of them consisted of mostly gossip, there were letters to Henry Archer from long lost cousins and correspondences from the founder of the Franco-American Chemical Company, Arthur Mignault.

Although I did not get through all one thousand plus letters, the experiences of accessing, digitizing, and cataloging proved to be a rewarding experience. The wonderful men and women of the historical society have proven to be excellent teachers and I feel confident in my ability to go through this process for future collections.





I am so excited to dig into my next project with the Historical Society in the fall and I really hope my experience helps other students in the future looking for projects to complete their own academic endeavors. The Historical Society offers endless possibilities, and Christine Potts has been so helpful and willing to work with me throughout this entire process.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### **Patricia J. Hathaway (1925-2022)**



On October 13, 2022, Patricia Hathaway passed away at the age of 97, leaving behind an amazing legacy of service to the Historical Society, many local organizations and her family. A noted scholar, Mrs. Hathaway graduated from Drexel University in 1947, then went on to receive her masters degree from Cornell University in 1950. She was married to Dr. Wilfred Hathaway and they raised their three children in Churchville. Over time, Pat taught at Towson State College, St. Agnes School of Nursing, worked as a research assistant at Johns Hopkins, a chemist at Harford Memorial Hospital, and a part-time instructor at Harford Community College.

She served many years on the Historical Society's Board of Directors, served as Vice President and then as Society President from 1992-1995. She was also the editor of the Society's newsletter from 1996-2010 and worked as a docent at the Hays House for several years. In addition to this incredible commitment to the Historical Society, Pat served in numerous other volunteer capacities throughout the county.

Services were held on October 22, 2022 at Churchville Presbyterian Church with internment at the church cemetery. She truly led a life of service that few could match. She will be missed.

#### **Jack Davis (1935 – 2022)**

On October 1, 2022, Jack Davis, a celebrated member of Harford County's preservation community, passed away at the age of 87. Jack received the county's Preservation Honors Award in 2016 in recognition of his long-term preservation efforts. He assisted with the restoration of the Concord Point Light Keepers Dwelling the Battery Island Lighthouse, the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum and restoration of the 1955 Skipjack Martha Lewis. He was also part of the team that helped preserve Swan Harbor Farm, the discovery of the sunken Susquehanna Canal Boat and restoration of numerous historic sites throughout the county.

After learning of Jack's passing, Jim Chrismer expressed what many felt, "Jack was a hard-working, quiet, and very humble guy of much knowledge and skill. RIP." Former Society Director, Maryanna Skowronski added, "He will surely be missed. A brilliant man and a good friend to many."

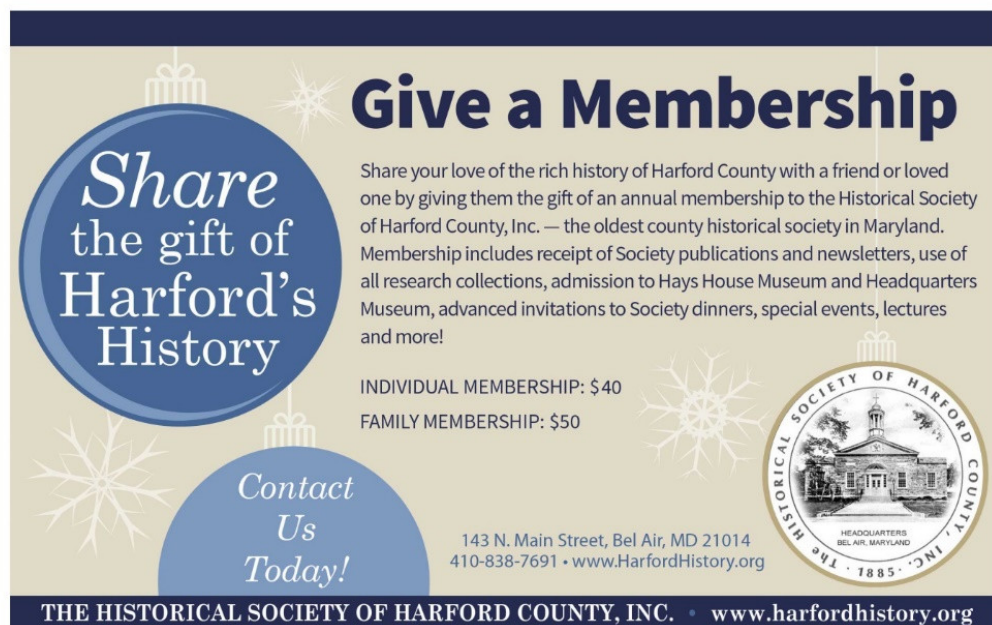
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### NEW MEMBERS

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Share your love of the rich history of Harford County with a friend or loved one by giving them the gift of an annual membership to the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. — the oldest county historical society in Maryland. Membership includes receipt of Society publications and newsletters, use of all research collections, admission to Hays House Museum and Headquarters Museum, advanced invitations to Society dinners, special events, lectures and more!

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### BOOK REVIEW

#### **Kathy Kleiman, *Proving Ground*, and Harford County – A Review**

Jim Chrismer

Many residents of Harford County will want to read *Proving Ground* by Kathy Kleiman, whose subtitle succinctly summarizes the book's subject matter: "The Untold Story of the Six Women who Programmed the World's First Modern Computer."

Kleiman deals broadly with the hundreds of young female math/science college graduates hired by the Army to calculate more efficient trajectories of artillery fire during World War II. In time supervisors chose six especially brilliant graduates of East Coast colleges to work on what was initially referred to as Project X, a fully electronic computer designed to vastly increase the speed at which calculations could be produced. It is this diverse group of women based in Philadelphia that constitutes the focus of the book.

Kleiman, a professor at American University, recognized that the role of women in the development of computers had been greatly understated. Her 2013 discovery that few female programmers had been invited in 1995 to the 50th Anniversary celebrations of what became the celebrated ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer) set her on a decade-long crusade to right the historical narrative. Her work to date has resulted in an award-winning short documentary ("The Computers," 2014) and the current 250-page non-fiction account, *Proving Ground*, 2022.

As the title suggests, the author emphasizes two themes: the struggle of female "computers," as they were dubbed, to demonstrate their worth as mathematicians and scientists and the part played by Aberdeen Proving Ground (more particularly, the operation of the Ballistics Research Laboratory or BRL) in the world of computer development during the war against fascism.



The technical nature of the book notwithstanding, Kleiman's writing is generally understandable. The author makes excellent use of her vast collection of original and secondary materials in conveying the background and the personality of the six women and of the society in which they operated.

The life of the "ENIAC Six" was fraught with discrimination and suspicion. Their superiors, mostly older and almost entirely male, initially

opposed the Army's hiring policy and treated the females as second-class employees. Officials at APG did little to alleviate the unique problems that arose during the six weeks the young women spent studying on a military base dominated by thousands of young GI's. Kleiman cites as one example of this chauvinism, the time the Army held a press conference early in 1946 to proclaim the work of its programmers in creating and utilizing ENIAC. Not only did higher-ups omit the role played by women from any public statements, they also assigned them to serve refreshments and to clean up after the reception.

Kathy Kleiman achieves what she set out to accomplish. As with *Code Girls* and *Hidden Figures*, *Proving Ground* casts a well-deserved light on the work of a segment of the population that heretofore has gone unrecognized while providing the general reader with insight into a remarkable technological accomplishment with local roots.

### **HARFORD 250 CELEBRATION**

The Harford 250 booth, sharing the story of the upcoming anniversary celebration, is touring the county, providing handouts, prizes, and a chance to vote on your favorite theme for the planned Harford 250 public art piece to be unveiled at the March 2024 Finale event.

Meanwhile, plans are proceeding for the three signature Harford 250 events and much more in 2023 and 2024 including speaker's series, concerts, art and music programs, dramatic presentations, and parades. Watch the Harford 250 website for information on these exciting events. We also encourage you to listen to the podcast, *Conversations with Rich Bennett*, available at [harfordcountyliving.buzzsprout.com/share](https://harfordcountyliving.buzzsprout.com/share) entitled "Let's Celebrate Harford's County's 250th Anniversary" where Jackie Seneschal and Matthew Scales provide details about many of the upcoming Harford 250 programs.

For now, we are asking all non-profit organizations interested in showcasing their contribution to county life at a booth in the opening ceremony on March 31, April 1, 2023, to contact us at [www.harford250.org/harford-showcase/](https://www.harford250.org/harford-showcase/) to complete a booth application.

Lastly, the promised memoir book, including 105 stories from local authors about life in Harford County in the 20th Century is in the final stages of formatting and development of the book cover. The book will go to the printer shortly and we hope to have it available to the public by January 2023. Anyone interested in reserving a copy should send your request to [harford250@harfordhistory.org](mailto:harford250@harfordhistory.org).

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

Wednesday  
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Third Wednesday  
ARCHIVES & HENRY  
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