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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to our event sponsor - The Kelly Group, Society volunteers, members, and an outstanding performance by Adrienne de Lafayette reenactor, Alise Dupuy, this year's annual meeting was a huge success. Members elected four new Trustees for the class of 2025-2026, including Bruce G. Pitts, Sara Aultowski Gorgoulanis, Eric F. Bojo, and Victor Miller. I look forward to working with them in the coming year.

The awards program was a highlight of the afternoon. Each year, the Society recognizes a Society member who has demonstrated exceptional service toward the mission and goals of the Historical Society. This year, the Society recognized our retiring Vice-President, George Harrison, with this prestigious George W. Archer Fellow Award. Mr. Harrison's outstanding service as President, Vice President, Finance Committee Chair, and so much more earned him the gratitude of the Society's members, and this deserved recognition.

The Richard J. Sherrill Volunteer Award was established this year in honor of Mr. Sherrill, who passed away in April. The Award recognizes individuals who, throughout their volunteer activation on behalf of the Historical Society, have reflected both the spirit and the example Richard Sherrill gave in his service and leadership to the Society. The Society could think of no one more deserving of this Award than Archivist Walter Holloway. Walt has given his time and talent for decades and continues to provide outstanding service to the Society in so many ways.

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**HARFORD MUTUAL**  
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The Historical Society of Harford County newsletter is funded in part through a gift from Harford Mutual Insurance Group.

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The long-awaited improvements to the Society's Hays House Museum began in September with the help of grant funding from the Maryland Historical Trust for the restoration of the north wall and the Drescher Foundation for funding assistance with much-needed refurbishment throughout the facility. Everyone is encouraged to visit the museum from late November through December to see the much-anticipated exhibit, *The African American Experience in Harford*, and to enjoy the holiday decorations.

Please check out the Society's fall event schedule in this newsletter. The annual George Archer Lecture in November will feature Dr. Amy Rosenkrans. She will share the story of Lafayette in Harford and debunk many of the stories from years past. We will again offer holiday decorations from advent wreaths to centerpieces to Christmas trees for your holiday pleasure. Also, please consider joining one of our holiday tours in Bel Air. Julie Brasch will lead these weekend tours, sharing the joys of Christmas past in a fine holiday tradition.

Finally, members will soon receive our annual giving letter. Please help us to continue presenting the Society's exemplary programs and meeting our commitment to Preserving Our Past for Your Future by considering a donation to help us continue to serve you and the community.

*Bill Walden, President*

### COMING EVENTS

- **Archer Lecture: *Lafayette in Harford County Reprised***

November 9 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N. Main Street, Bel Air, MD

General Lafayette is considered the Hero of Two Worlds for his contributions to America's independence and service to France. This year, America recognizes the anniversary of Lafayette's 1824 Farewell Tour. Harford County boasts numerous stories about its connection to this famous historical figure, some true and some myths. Historian Dr. Amy Rosenkrans and Society researcher Ken Sterner set out to find the true story. Dr. Rosenkrans will share their findings at this year's George Archer Lecture.



For those unfamiliar with General Lafayette's story, like some other Frenchmen, he came to America to help fight in the American Revolution. He fought bravely and became a true hero with his fighting prowess, financial support, and diplomatic assistance to the cause. Havre de Grace and Bel Air are said to be named for French locations favored by Lafayette.

In 1931, Alexis Shriver wrote a book entitled *Lafayette in Harford County* that recounted the Marquis de Lafayette's travels through Harford County, Maryland, during the Revolution and his stop in Havre de Grace on his Farewell Tour. Today, local historical researchers dispute some of Shriver's claims and some of the stories told over the years about this hero. Learn more about these visits and explore the facts and the myths associated with Lafayette at this year's Archer Lecture.

Open to all. Visit the Society's website, [www.harfordhistory.org](http://www.harfordhistory.org), to register for this free event.

- **Spirits of Christmas Past: Candlelight Christmas Tour**

Join us for a unique Christmas adventure. Learn about Christmas in days gone by while wandering through Bel Air's Winter Wonderland. The Historical Society is pleased to announce its second annual Candlelight Christmas Tour led by docent Julie Brasch. Tours begin on Friday, November 29, and run every Friday and Saturday until December 30. The Christmas Candlelight Tour will meander along Main Street with our tour guide sharing the stories of the many holiday traditions that have developed over time and some unique stories about local traditions

Participants will meet for the one-and-a-half-hour tour at Main Street and Fulford Avenue in Bel Air at 6 pm. Free parking is available at the Hays House Museum parking lot at 324 Kenmore Avenue. If you would like to come a bit early, stop by the Hays House Museum, where we will welcome guests between 4:30 and 5:30 pm. We encourage you to stop by and view the beautiful holiday decorations provided by the Evergreen Garden Club and the Society's African American Experience exhibit. While there, enjoy a cup of hot cocoa or cider.

Tour groups will be limited to 20 people, and pre-registration is required. Tickets will not be available on-site. To order your tickets, go to the Society's website, [www.harfordhistory.org](http://www.harfordhistory.org). The ticket price is \$20 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. Tours are weather-dependent. Tour directors will make any decision to cancel a tour due to weather conditions two hours prior to the event.

- **Paranormal Night at the Historical Society**

Above and Below Paranormal Investigation's team of professional paranormal investigators will conduct a paranormal investigation at the Society Headquarters on Saturday, January 18, 2025, from 6 pm to 2 am. This event is sold out but watch for the group's findings in future newsletters and possibly another event later this year.

### **HOLIDAY GREEN SALE**

#### **ADVENT WREATHS, HOLIDAY CENTERPIECES & TREES FOR SALE**

The Historical Society will offer a choice of creative arrangements for your holiday pleasure this year. Options range from beautifully designed Advent Wreaths to Christmas trees and one or two candle centerpieces. All will include fresh evergreens, boxwood, berries, and ribbons to grace your holiday celebration. The sale includes:

- Advent Wreaths - **Place your order by Friday, November 22, 2024**, for pick-up at the Historical Society on November 26 between 11 am and 2 pm, \$45
- Centerpieces and Christmas Trees - **Place your orders by Monday, December 6, 2024**. Single Candle Centerpieces, \$20. Two Candle Centerpieces, \$30. Pick-up will be Wednesday, December 10, and Thursday, December 11, between 11 am and 2 pm at the Historical Society, 143 N. Main St., Bel Air, Maryland
- Hurricane Globe and brass candlesticks w/ greenery \$45 . Christmas Tree, \$40.

To place an order, visit our webpage, [www.harfordhistory.org](http://www.harfordhistory.org)

### WHAT'S NEW AT THE HAY'S HOUSE

Big news this month at the Hays House!

The Hays House is getting a much-needed face-lift! The long-delayed north wall repair has begun. Painting inside the house is also underway. New blinds and swags will follow shortly.

For the first time in many years, the Hays House will be decorated for Christmas. The Evergreen Garden Club of Churchville has volunteered to decorate the inside with natural decorations. The Hays House will be open on Sundays, December 1, 8, and 15 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. On Sunday, December 1, several Bel Air Community Chorus members will provide a holiday music program. On Sunday, December 8, Betsy Saik and Kathy Fleming will present a holiday program on period musical instruments. The African American Experience in Harford County Exhibit will be open for visits on all dates.

The Hays House will also be open from 4:30 to 5:30 pm on Fridays and Saturdays from November 29 to December 28, prior to the Bel Air Town Walking Tours. Visitors can view the decorations and tour the African American Experience Exhibit. Please note that tours are weather dependent. A decision to call off the tours will be made two hours prior, and the Hays House will also be closed.

Please plan to join us for our holiday events.

*Sandra Wallis, Chair Hays House Museum*

### THE TEXTILE DEPARTMENT

Indiana Jones, Humphrey Bogart, and Prohibition Era gangsters wore them. Dallas Cowboys football coach Tom Landry's became his trademark image (custom-made for an exact fit!). We didn't have any until a few weeks ago, and now we have two! If you've already looked at our photo, you probably know we're talking about the fedora hat, which enjoyed its peak popularity between the 1920s and 1950s. Like most hats, the fedora fell out of favor in the 1960s.



*Selection of Recently Donated Hats*

Our photo also shows a bright array of women's hats. Two of the hats are home-made, likely in the 1940s. Antique and vintage hats are among the hardest accessories for us to store properly because they need special care and pricey archival hatboxes. Nevertheless, we're fascinated by old hats!

We recently installed our latest timely exhibit in the County Administration building. We hope you'll stop by to take a look. Did we mention that it features some hats?

*Susan K. Wooden and Kathy Scholl, Textile Department*

### NEW MEMBERS

Kevin Porter

Joanne Kokie

Peggy Lucas and Family

Kathleen Frances

Will Skillman

Karen Chizmar

Jed Cassilly

Mr. and Mrs. Gourgouljanis

Lifetime member: Bruce Pitts



### BUSH DECLARATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

March 21 – 23, 2025

The Historical Society and the Bush Declaration Celebration Committee are looking for descendants of the signers of the Bush Declaration. Special activities for descendants are planned during the weekend. If you are a collateral or direct descendant of one of the 34 signers—or think you may be a descendant—please contact Sandi Wallis at [swallis1776@gmail.com](mailto:swallis1776@gmail.com) to be included on the invitation list.

On Friday, March 21, 2025, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm, there will be a Meet and Greet for descendants and others at the Liriodendron. This will be a very festive celebration, and attendees will be able to view the actual minute book and preview the Historical Society display.

On Saturday, March 22, 2025, a county-wide Bush Declaration Celebration will kick off with a program at the Armory in Bel Air from 9:30 – 11:00 am. Following the celebration, attendees will have the opportunity to view the minute book and actual Bush Declaration at the Historical Society and visit several sites associated with the Declaration and its signers.

The closing of the weekend's activities will be held at the Hays House with musical groups and living history presenters. Children and families will be encouraged to collect "stamps" at various Bush sites throughout the weekend and these will be redeemed for a "Junior Historian" certificate and badge.

Mark your calendar now! If you have questions or would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Celebration Chairman Sandi Wallis, [swallis1776@gmail.com](mailto:swallis1776@gmail.com).

### JENNINGS & HERRICK MAP 1858



The Jennings and Herrick 1858 Map of Harford County, MD is a fascinating, detailed description of the county and its residents. Recently, the Society received the following article about Mr. Herrick and his life after leaving Bel Air. Here is the story as received from Gina Costin, London, England.

*American Civil War Veteran Who Died in London, England,  
Identified as the Author of Historic Harford County, Maryland Map*

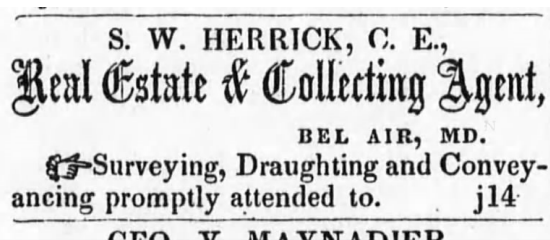
*By Gina Denham Costin*

*Gina Denham, who discovered the author of the historic Harford County map, is delighted to announce that the Library of Congress has credited an 1858 Harford County map to Major Seth Watson Herrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maryland Eastern Shore Infantry.*

*Gina Denham, based in London, England, is an author and co-founder of Descendants of the London Branch of American Civil War Veterans. She also co-founded Monuments for UK Veterans of the American Civil War Association. Speaking about the incredible discovery she said, "My Great-Great Grandfather George Denham served during the Civil War in the 111<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was also a member of the London Branch of American Civil War veterans, as was Seth Herrick. I am passionate about telling their story and giving them a voice so that they are not forgotten. I recently came across a 1912 article in the Southwark and Bermondsey Recorder it contains a wealth of material about the London Branch. I was amazed when I read that Seth was responsible for a*

*'famous map in Maryland'. I carried out more research and discovered that as a cartographer in 1858 he put together the famous Herrick and Jennings, Harford County Map. His name "S.W Herrick" can be clearly seen on the map, but to date nobody has attributed it to him. The Library of Congress had erroneously attributed it to 'H.W Herrick'."*

*Seth Watson Herrick died in 1918 and was buried in Hendon, London, far from his birthplace in Maine. In 1858, he was a real estate and collecting agent working in Bel Air. He also offered his services in surveying, drafting, and conveyancing.*



*The 1912 article mentions the district of*

*Bermondsey's Mayor Henry Fuller Morris, whose brother, William Hayles Morris, moved to the United States and became one of the first secretaries of the YMCA. William was secretary of the Baltimore YMCA for 41 years. In the meeting Mayor Morris references that he met the man (Seth Herrick) who drew the 'famous map' of his brother's great country (Harford, Maryland), "I have a brother who is an American. [William Hayles Morris 1851-1939], Major Herrick is spoken of as having drawn a map of Maryland. My brother is one of the best-known men in Baltimore, Maryland. When writing to him, I shall tell him I met the man who drew the famous map of his great country. I may say he is very proud of Maryland".*

*Reflecting on the hundred-year-old newspaper article, Gina said, "Old newspapers are an important part of our research concerning American Civil War veterans who lived and died in Great Britain. Many of these old veterans were forgotten about. I feel passionate that Seth gets some credit and is not forgotten. He was a President of the London Branch of American Civil War veterans. He gave so much support to his aging comrades. It seems such a travesty that an important map concerning the State of Maryland's history has never been appropriately attributed to him. I'm absolutely delighted that having contacted the Library of Congress they have amended the citation and given credit to Seth Herrick. Our research concerning the London Branch will continue, they were a small, quite extraordinary group of American Civil War veterans. We feel it's important to share what we know about them so that their lived experiences are not lost to history".*

*This is not the first discovery for Gina. Through her investigative work, she was also able to identify London Branch member and Medal of Honor recipient Maurice Wagg in old age. She worked with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society to credit Maurice's aging image with America's highest honour (sic).*

*Gina has written two books concerning British-based Civil War veterans, "The Spartan that Climbed Lookout Mountain" and "The Landsman and the Lieutenant." She is currently working on her third book which will be entirely about the London Branch of American Civil War Veterans.*

References: <https://www.cmohs.org/news-events/medal-of-honor-recipient-profile/the-search-for-the-face-of-maurice-wagg/> and <https://www.loc.gov/item/2002624034/>

### NEWSPAPER ARTICLE RECOGNIZING HERRICK'S MAP

*"The Old Brigade. AMERICAN WAR VETERANS MUSTER IN BERMONDSEY.*



*Seth Herrick during the  
Civil War*

*There was a rare gathering of old comrades, sharers of many an adventure by flood and field, in the Hall of the Bermondsey Ragged School Mission, Gedling-street, on Tuesday afternoon, when the members of the London Branch of the American Civil War Veterans Association assembled for their annual muster and dinner. About two score veterans answered the roll call, and fine, well-preserved, hale, old fellows they were, and what was more pleasing still, most of them appeared to be in comfortable circumstances—a tribute to the manner in which America treats those who have fought her battles, strangely in contrast with the niggardly [sic] treatment meted out in this country to the service man. The veterans all belonged to the Union Army and Navy, and proudly, they wore their badges and medals, and lustily, they sang the choruses of "The Battle*

*Hymn of the Republic" and "The Star-Spangled Banner."*

*The Association was formed in September of 1910 by Mr. John Davis, who was the youngest naval officer in the service of the North during the war and who was one of the three survivors who escaped when the gunboat "Tulip" was destroyed by an explosion on the Potomac River. Mr. Davis came to the conclusion that the veterans could assist each other very materially if they banded themselves together in an association, and with this object in view, he sent out eighty letters to survivors of the war resident in and around London. He received more than fifty replies, and the Association was formed. Some fourteen or fifteen of the original members have passed away, or to use Mr. Davis's words, have been "mustered out," but new members joined, and there are now over eighty members on the books. The Association not only gives old comrades an opportunity of meeting in friendly intercourse, but much practical good has been done by obtaining pensions for members and their widows after a lapse of half a century. The Association claims to have numbered in its ranks the oldest veteran in the world—Edward Monroe of Holloway-road, who has just completed his one hundred-and-fourth year. In the hall in front of the platform "Old Glory," the Stars and Stripes held pride of place, and the walls were decorated with the English and American flags. The Mayor of Bermondsey (Mr. H. F. Morris) [Henry Fuller Morris 1858-1941] attended the gathering, and amongst the others on the platform were Major Herrick (President of the Association), Councillors Delderfield, Gardiner, and Martin, and Mr. J. Davis, hon. Secretary. The Rescue Lifeboat Brass Band played selections of national music, including the famous American war songs, and a number of girls of the mission choir, attired in nautical costumes, sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and other patriotic songs.*

***The Mayor and Peace:*** *Addressing the veterans, the Mayor said he was very pleased to have the opportunity of speaking a few words to so many brave men as were assembled. He could imagine that in the minds of the men he saw before him, there were pictures passing, and they felt something*

of the old spirit that had animated them in the past. Year after year, they thought of the old battles fought and the victories won, and they liked to see "Old Glory " waving because it was not only "Old Glory " but present glory as well, for there was glory in peace as well as war. (Applause.) They were met that afternoon under two flags, the British and the American, and he was sure that they all felt in their hearts that so far from there ever being another civil war that, there would never be war between these two great countries. (Applause.) There seemed to be a great possibility that the arbitration negotiations taking place between England and America would secure that desirable end. There had been days of peace and days of war, and those whom he was addressing had medals and recollections which recalled the war to their minds, and of the great struggle in America between North and South. When he heard today, as he sometimes did, threats of war between North and South in a part of the United Kingdom, it made his blood run cold at the thought of it. We want peace in our time, and that was a fine prayer, "Give peace in our time, O Lord."

Continuing, the Mayor said: This afternoon, there is a bond of sympathy between us. I have a brother who is an American. [William Hayles Morris 1851-1939], Major Herrick- is spoken of as having drawn a map of Maryland. My brother is one of the best-known men in Baltimore, Maryland. (Applause.) When writing to him, I shall tell him I met the man who drew the famous map of his great country. I may say he is very proud of Maryland. My brother went to America in rather singular circumstances. An American friend took a fancy to him, and after my father died, my brother got appointed to the American Navy. He knew several languages and became attached to the famous warship "Brooklyn." He became the captain's orderly and interpreter and went around the world on that famous battleship. He served in the American service for some years, and had a very happy and prosperous time in it. He has settled in America and is doing Christian work there, especially in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association. I have been three times in camp, once with the Territorials, once with the Boy Scouts, and today with the splendid American veterans. I am very pleased indeed to be here, for I know the grand work that is being done by this Association. The work is a good one, if it was only the bringing together of old comrades together like so many brothers to recall the old days and to encourage one and other until you pass to the land where there is no more war, but where love abounds. There is no battle in which you could be better engaged than in the daily fight against wrong and evil. You cannot be engaged in a better warfare than that.

In conclusion, the Mayor said Washington, Lincoln, and Garfield also appeared to him the three greatest men the world had ever seen (Applause.) It was in the dark days of war that these men came into prominence and did such splendid work, and the lesson they learned from that was that very often, when difficulties and dangers beset us, we come out at our best (Applause.) Mr. William White, who served in the 5th New York Cavalry, produced the trumpet he had carried through the campaign, which the Mayor inspected with much interest. The Mayor said that the missionary who conducted the mission in Gedling Street, Mr. Alexander Brown, was a descendant of John Brown, whose body lies mouldering in the grave, but whose soul goes marching on." (Applause.) Conn. Delderfield proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor, which was seconded by Coun. Gardiner, and



*supported by Coun. Martin and Mr. Davis, who related some interesting facts as to the formation of the Association and on behalf of the veterans, warmly thanked the Mayor and Councillors for their attendance.*

*The veterans then sat down to a substantial dinner in which roast beef and plum pudding were the honoured (sic) dishes”.*

Note: Copies of the Jennings & Herrick 1858 Map of Harford County are available at HSHC.

### RICHARD'S CORNER



"FIRST SCHOOL BUS-- This old picture of a horse-drawn vehicle transporting pupils to Highland School many years ago was submitted by Mrs. Lucian Kegley of Rocks. It was known as the "Kid Wagon" and represented the first public transportation for school children in Harford County. Mrs. Viola Harkins was the operator around 1914 and is said to have received one dollar per trip.

"Reading from left to right, seated in the vehicle are Thomas Snodgrass, Margaret Harkins Watson, Florence Harkins Kegley, Evelyn Harkins Calary (deceased), Charles E. Harkins (deceased), Arthur Vogler (deceased), Jeanette Harkins Porter, Hubert Snodgrass, Kenneth Harkins, Alice Burgess Kehoe, and Hulda Harkins Carter."

*Photo from an article published in The Aegis, August 27, 1964. Taken circa 1914, the photograph depicts Highland's 'First School Bus.'*

Dramatic changes have been made to the school over the years to accommodate a growing community. Renovations were made to the school in 1932 and 1957 to give the school its present-day appearance. Until 1950, Highland School, known as Highland High School, offered grades one through eleven. There was no twelfth grade. In

1950, North Harford High School opened, having twelve grades, and Highland High School became Highland Elementary School.

In November 1984, North Harford Elementary opened, consolidating Highland and Slate Ridge Elementary Schools.

Bonnie Bailey, Society Researcher

### HARFORD COUNTY'S STUDENT BUS DRIVERS

By Doug Washburn

Before the school consolidation of 1950 mentioned in my previous article on the indoor rifle range at North Harford, there was an earlier consolidation in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. This was when one- and two-room schools were absorbed by Dublin, Slate Ridge, Highland, Jarrettsville, and Churchville, originally serving grades 1-11.

Highland, built in 1907, absorbed Mine Branch, Sylvan Retreat, and Heap's X-Roads. But after only a short time, the parents at Mine Branch requested the old school be reopened because the children had to walk much further. Parents also offered an alternative solution of public transportation. Both options

were refused until 1912, when Mrs. George Harkins was employed to furnish the first Harford County school transportation at public expense, the third in the state. A 14-apr-1950 school history by C. Milton Wright in *The Aegis* reported:

*The vehicle used was a horse drawn spring wagon, one horse being used in summer and two in winter when roads became deep with mud. The records show that rates agreed upon were 50 cents per day if 6 pupils and \$1.00 per day if as many as 12 were transported. [See picture in Richard's Corner.]*

*The name of the conveyance was dubbed by the pupils "The Kid Wagon," and it was usually driven by one of the older pupils, part of the time by Miss Edith Harkins (Calary).*

*We are told by one of the former riders that Mr. George Harkins blew an old conch shell as a signal that the vehicle was about to start so that all could be ready to be picked up and that in very cold weather, some carried heated bricks to warm their feet. ...*

*The horse-drawn vehicle was used on this route for more than six years when it was discontinued in 1918 and later replaced by bus service.*

Skip forward 30+ years: America is sending manpower to fight the war in Korea and Harford County is a thriving farming community, vastly different than today's bedroom community. But not cattle farming, where they can graze on their own, and not grain farming, where you can plant winter wheat in October and harvest it next July. The Harford County landscape was dotted with dairy farms by the dozens, maybe hundreds, and the herd needed to be milked every morning and every night 365 days a year. Dairy cows don't celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, New Years, or Easter. Or take a summer vacation in July or a fall vacation in October. And they get milked on the same schedule that a school bus would be making its morning and afternoon runs. A grain or cattle farmer might take on a part-time job driving a school bus to make a few extra dollars, but not a dairy farmer.

And so, there was a shortage of school bus drivers. Revive the student bus driver.

Although North Harford's 1954 *Golden Treasury* yearbook showed "Student bus drivers have been a reality at North Harford ever since the school opened.", no student bus drivers could be identified for the 1950-51, 1951-52 school years.

North Harford's 1953 *La Fin*, another of the precursors to the school's better-known *Aerie*, indicated "nine senior boys drove buses for their final year." But a study of the rest of the yearbook could only identify four names.

From the 1953 *La Fin* to the 1956 *Golden Treasury*, 33 names of student bus drivers were identified. The 1955-56 school year appears to be the last year for student bus drivers at North Harford.

Unlike the indoor rifle range reported in the last newsletter, student bus drivers were not unique to North Harford. Bel Air, also built at the same time, served students who were bused from Churchville, Edgewood, and Old Post Road. The 1952 issue of *El Adios*, Bel Air's yearbook, was the first to identify students as bus drivers. Several students were listed in the 1953 and 1954 issues. Bill Rogers, the husband of HSHC volunteer Judy Rogers, was a 1952-53 and 1953-54 student driver. The 1953-54 school year was the last year for student bus drivers at Bel Air as several 1955 graduates showed "bus driver, 5," indicating

they drove in their junior school year but not their senior school year.

The third high school erected in 1950 was blacks-only Central Consolidated (now Hickory Elementary). The 1951 to 1955 *Aloha* were the only applicable Central yearbooks available to research, and the 1952 issue identified only one student as a bus driver (Standiford Hill, also noted as the class "Don Juan"). Given that there were only two high schools for blacks in all of Harford County, the area covered by each school was substantial, and logically, there would be numerous bus routes, but the 8-sep-1950 issue of *The Aegis* revealed only nine routes to Central Consolidated and two to Havre de Grace.



1953 *Aloha* ad.

In 2024, William Greene Jr. still runs the garage (J.A. Greene & Son in Cooptown)



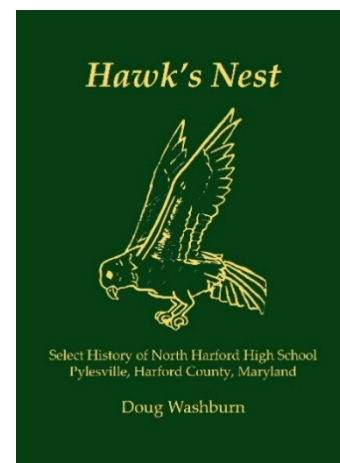
started by his grandfather, Jacob Aquilla Greene. Mr. Green believes his father, William Sr., and Uncle Calvin Greene, along with Richard Harris, all drove school buses for Central when they were students, but the years could not be determined.

*The caption for the picture, left, from North Harford's 1954 Golden Treasury p63 read, "Student bus drivers have been a reality at North Harford ever since the school opened. In the year '53-'54, the senior class claimed the nine drivers who are pictured on this page. North Harford boasts of a 100% record with its student drives, of which it is very proud." Apparently, the picture got cropped after the caption was written, given only five boys are pictured, not nine.*

### NEW BOOK: HAWK'S NEST

As a continuation of the series *On The Road From Jarrettsville* (Vol. 1, 2 & 3), *A History of Pylesville, Harford County, Maryland*, and recent HSHC newsletter articles, local historian Doug Washburn has written a history of North Harford High School. North Harford is the school attended by children from the villages covered in earlier histories, grades 7-12 from 1950-1976 and grades 9-12 thereafter.

The history includes new information regarding the *Hawk's Nest* land patent on which the school sits, a 25-page history of the indoor rifle range, the dozens of junior and senior boys that drove school buses, several sports notables in addition to the three people from NHHS that were among the eight 2024 Harford County Sports Hall of Fame inductees, some of its most memorable faculty, and the school's arts programs.



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

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

Third Wednesday  
ARCHIVES & HENRY  
C. PEDEN Jr. LIBRARY  
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Thursday  
HENRY C. PEDEN Jr.  
RESEARCH LIBRARY  
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Fourth Saturday  
ARCHIVES & HENRY  
C. PEDEN Jr. LIBRARY  
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.