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We Are Going to Rockville This Year!

The 14th Annual Meeting is to be held on Saturday, April 23, 2005, at the Historic Glenview Mansion, <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview>, 603 Edmonston Drive in Rockville. Registration and refreshments will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a short business meeting and the announcement of the Periwinkle Award recipients. Speakers include Anne Brokett who will discuss the “The Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Project” and Ed Okonowicz, an award-winning story teller and regional author on Delmarva culture, oral history, and folk lore. His program “Tales Tombstones Tell” discusses the history of grave markers, symbols, architecture, and inscriptions, as well as the significance of tombstones and cemeteries in our history.

Following lunch, Eileen McGuckian will give “An Introduction to Rockville Cemetery”. After Eileen’s introduction the group will tour nearby historic Rockville Cemetery where a demonstration of tombstone preservation will be given by Robert Mosko of Mosko Cemetery Monument Services.

You should have already received your registration form in the mail. Please note that pre-registration is required by April 11, 2005. For questions and directions call Eileen McGuckian 301-762-0096 or Barb Kraske 410-730-8278 or visit <http://www.cpmbs.org> and click on Annual Meeting. The cost is \$20 per person and includes morning refreshments, a delicious lunch, and all programs. To register, make checks payable to CPMBS and mail to Gerhardt Kraske, Treasurer, 9425 Dartmouth Road, Columbia, MD 21045. Include the names of all persons attending and a telephone number.

2005 Legislative Report

House Bill 410, was introduced by Delegates Petzold, Bozman, Conway, and Rosenberg. Jim Trader attended the hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on February 17, 2005. Supporting testimony was given by Delegates Petzold and Bozman after which Jim briefly testified.

According the Maryland General Assembly website the following as transpired since Jim’s testimony:

- 3/14 Favorable with Amendments Report by Judiciary
- 3/15 Favorable with Amendments Report Adopted

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3/15 Second Reading Passed with Amendments

3/17 Third Reading Passed (136-0)

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3/18 First Reading Judicial Proceedings

3/23 Hearing 3/30 at 1:00 p.m. I will be providing written testimony. Jim Trader

From the Editors' Desks

We were overwhelmed with articles, updates, and news for this issue. We are going to use up our entire column thanking so many of the members that remembered the *Courier* and provided us with information to include in this issue. Hats off and a big thanks to Jim Trader, Jean Keenan, Terry Grimes, Robert Moski, Melvin Mason, Barbara Sieg, Frank Carson, Nancy Whitelock, Bryan Green, Scott Lawrence, George Horvath, Kristin Kraske, Eileen McGuckian, and Ed Taylor. If we were not able to include what you sent please know that it will be used in a future article. Keep those e-mails coming to our inbox nesmeyer@erols.com and the envelopes coming to our mailbox at 14326 Springbrook Ct., Woodbridge, VA 22193-3421. The deadline for the next issue is not too distant in the future.

Board Member Barbara Sieg was scheduled to speak at our Annual Meeting about "Transforming Old Cemeteries Into Community Garden Parks". She will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting and Ed Okonowicz has been scheduled in her place. Prior to all this scheduling and rescheduling Barbara sent along a packet of information regarding her talk. We had planned to use parts of her cover letter and packet of information for this issue of the *Courier*. Well, we are full to the brim with news and information and decided to wait until the summer issue, so stay tuned.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting we hope to see you there. Eileen McGuckian and Dottie Brault have been working feverishly to plan and coordinate the meeting and the visit to Rockville Cemetery. The meeting is being held in the center of the state this year and we hope more people can take advantage. Anne Brocket will discuss the Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Project [see page 10 of the Winter 2004—2005 Issue and page 9 of Spring 2004 Issue for more information

regarding this project]. We are anxious to hear Mr. Okonowicz's presentation the "Tales Tombstones Tell". Many of you have already met Robert Mosko. He spoke at our Annual Meetings in 2002 and 2003. This year Robert will be in the field demonstrating tombstone preservation at Rockville Cemetery.

Send in your check before it is too late.

The Board suggested at the January meeting that Jim Purman's address be placed in *The Courier* for those who might care to send him a greeting. His address is: 715 Loomis, Winfield, KS 67156.

Diane and Jeff Nesmeyer

Nomination Committee Report

The Nominating Committee consisting of George Horvath, Paul Miller, and Ann Bolt have prepared the following slate of nominees and the nominees have indicated their willingness to serve, if elected. The ballot will be presented for vote by the general membership at the Annual Meeting on April 23, 2005, to be held in Rockville. Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the vote but will be subject to the nominee accepting the nomination.

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Edward W. Taylor, Jr.	Allegany
Chrystine Krabal	Harford

The Secretary and Treasurer will begin the second year of their 2-year term.

President, Pro-Tem	James R. Trader	Wicomico Co.
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Vice President Paul L. Miller Howard Co.

**COALITION TO PROTECT
MARYLAND BURIAL SITES**

Quarterly Meeting – January 15, 2005 2 p.m..

Miller Branch Library, Ellicott City, MD

Board Members Present: Kristin Kraske, Gary Kraske, Dorothy Brault, Ann Bolt, Paul Miller, Jim Trader, Barbara Sieg, George Horvath, and Jean Keenan

Board Members Absent: Ed Taylor, Tom and Melvin Mason, Janice Hayes-Williams, Bob Lyons, and Chrystie Krabal.

A quorum was present.

CPMBS Members Present: Sarah and Patrick Weiner, Leonard Becraft, and Amanda Becker.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Past-president Kristin Kraske, substituting for President Ed Taylor.
2. The minutes of the October 30, 2004, meeting were approved as printed in the *Courier* with one correction: our lawyer in Salisbury is Mr. Horick, not Hornick.
3. Two suggestions were made and approved by the group:
 - a. Jim Purman's address should be place in *The Courier* for those who might care to send him a greeting. It is: 715 Loomis, Winfield, KS 67156.
 - b. The names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the officers and board members should be placed in each issue of *The Courier*.
4. The Treasurer's Report – Gary Kraske reported a balance on hand of \$5,469.95 as of 1/10/05. His complete report is filed with these minutes. [not printed in the *Courier*]
5. Membership Committee – Kristin Kraske reported a paid membership of 87. It was decided that a list of members in each county be provided to any CPMBS member who requests it. Names of new members should be listed in *The Courier*.
6. Legislative Committee – Jim Trader displayed

a letter he wrote to MD Delegates Petzold, Bozman, and Zirkin and to Sen. Rozenberg asking them to sponsor our proposed bill for 2005. He has had no response as yet. Jim plans to re-send the letters. [see pages 1 & 2 for more information.]

Old Business

1. Flin Garner Family Cemetery – George Horvath showed a clipping of a notice from the Carroll County newspaper that was placed there during the holidays by lawyers representing a developer who wants to build in the cemetery. They claim exclusive title to the cemetery saying that they have worked there for more than 30 years and that there are no living relatives. They stated that any objections should be received by February 4, 2005. The lawyer for CPMBS, Mr. Jeffrey White, will prepare an objection because there is a living relative with whom we have been in contact.
2. The CPMBS exhibit board has not been updated yet. It should be ready by the Annual Meeting.
3. Leonard Becraft reported that he visited the St. James Methodist Church Cemetery in Howard County to do some work and found that a path had been bushwhacked in the back of the cemetery suggesting that a developer might be planning to move in heavy equipment to build there. Jim Trader suggested that the deed to the property be found and that "No Trespassing" signs be posted. George Horvath will contact Davis Streaker about the situation. Leonard also stated that there are several old cemeteries that could be affected by the Inter-County Connector Road between Montgomery and Prince Georges counties. There will be a hearing by the State Highway Administration (SHA) on January 22 that he plans to attend. Barbara Sieg moved that a letter be sent by the Coalition to the SHA reminding them of the state's cemetery laws and the Coalition's position. Kristin Kraske seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Barbara offered to compose the letter and will also send the same letter to the executives of both counties involved, The Montgomery County Historical Preservation Committee, The Montgomery County Historical Commission,

and the MD Historical Trust.

New Business

1. Annual Meeting – Dottie Brault, chair of the Annual Meeting Committee, presented some ideas about holding the meeting in Rockville, and Leonard Becraft presented some ideas about holding the meeting in Sandy Spring. After discussion it was decided to hold the meeting in Rockville on Saturday, April 23. Peerless Rockville has offered to co-sponsor the meeting. Leonard was thanked for all of his efforts. It was suggested that Sandy Spring would be a good site for the meeting another year. Jean Keenan, Barbara Sieg, and Ann Horvath will serve on the Periwinkle Award Committee. Board members were asked to send them suggestions of persons who might receive this award.
2. George Horvath, Paul Miller, and Ann Bolt were appointed to the Nominating Committee. The offices of secretary and treasurer are up for election this year. Nominations will be accepted by the committee and nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. The report of the committee will be given at the annual meeting and will also appear in the next edition of *The Courier*.
3. The need was discussed for a process to replace the president of the Coalition should that become necessary during his or her term. Following a lengthy discussion George Horvath moved that “If the president is unable to fulfill his or her duties, the vice-president or the board member designated by the vice-president shall ascend to the presidency for the remainder of the term”. The motion was seconded by Kristin Kraske and seconded by George Horvath. The motion carried, but was opposed by Jim Trader. Paul Miller abstained.
4. Barbara Sieg has been in touch with Charlie Hall of the MD Historical Trust. A need is seen to develop a protocol to assist Boy Scouts in the restoration of cemeteries. Barbara will contact the head of the Boy Scouts in MD and will work with them and the MD Historical Trust in developing a handbook on how to go about cemetery restoration.

5. Gary Kraske will see that a proclamation is obtained from the Governor for Family Remembrance Week in Maryland for 2005.
6. Amanda Becker announced that the Becker Family Cemetery at the Hawlings Chapel of Ease has been restored by Robert Mosko.
7. Jim Trader showed an article published by *The View* newspaper in Howard County that was given to them by Jean Keenan following our October meeting. It contained a picture of the Coalition officers and board members taken at our last annual meeting. It appeared in the December 23 issue.
8. It was noted that the Bay Creek Developers in Charles County are encroaching on a cemetery in order to build a marina. Some graves date back to 1750.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean W. Keenan, Secretary

A Word From the President, Ed Taylor



In 1991, our wonderful founder Barbara Sieg began a much needed institution in the State of Maryland. Over the years we have all worked so hard to make the Coalition what it is today.

The Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization, which I have served as President for the past 22 years, has been a member of the Coalition from the beginning. We are so proud to say we are a charter member of the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites.

Last year, after many years serving on the Board of Directors, I was elected President of the Coalition. What an honor. Unfortunately, that honor was short lived. In the Winter 2004—2005 issue of the *Courier* you were told that I was dealing with a family crisis that would require all of my time and emotional energy over the next couple of months. I had hoped, as well as the Board, that my absence would be brief. This is not to be the case. As a result of

the recent events in my life I have become the sole caretaker of my three sons. As I must put their welfare first, it is with great sorrow that effective Saturday, April 23, 2005; I must resign as President of the Coalition. I will remain President of the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization.

The work of the Coalition is so important in preserving the burial sites of the dearly departed. I will continue serving the Coalition in the capacity of Board member, if elected. I will work very hard for our beloved Coalition. Thank you and may God bless all of our members and supporters.

Very Sincerely,

Edward W. Taylor, Jr.

Documenting the location of grave sites with ADC Map books:

Now that you have found that forgotten grave site that has eluded you for years, how are you going to document the location; map and compass, survey transit and markers, scratching marks in natural land features, ADC map books or GPS? Map and compass are good for the adventurers, and scratching natural landmarks may be illegal. A good method would be to use ADC map books. They cover all but one county in Maryland and are used in the mid-Atlantic region. They are great references for locating cemeteries and are very useful for directions on getting to the grave localities. However, the ADC map books do have a drawback. They are updated to keep up with the growth of the area. This is good for general use and business but bad for locating grave sites on private property. This was brought to my attention by a good friend of mine while researching Confederate grave sites in Southern Maryland. It was also brought to light when using the book, *Directory of Maryland Burial Grounds*, by the Genealogical Society of Maryland. The book is a good resource on location private, church and family cemeteries. Each cemetery listed gives an ADC map grid. The Directory was first published in 1996 and has been reprinted since then. Unfortunately, our region has changed dramatically in the last 9 years. To keep up with the pace of on going changes, ADC has updated its books. In reality, the Directory grids have stayed the same over the

years while ADC had changed them to keep current with time. Allow me to give an example; the 1996 Directory (reprinted in 2001) lists the Laytonsville Cemetery next to the Saint Paul United Methodist Church (St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery) Laytonsville, Montgomery County, is given the grid of Page 15 A-3. Locating the same cemetery in a current ADC map book (2003) of Montgomery County will be Page 11 D-9. Using the ADC map book grids was and is a great tool in locating cemeteries, however, one must be aware of the changing times and updating of map book when using them.

Bryan Green, Chairman

Graves Registration Project

Maryland Division

Sons of Confederate Veterans

[Editors' Note: We received our first issue of the newsletter and are impressed with the content. The Graves Registration Committee has been charged with locating and identifying the estimated 25,000 Confederate graves throughout Maryland. Bryan has reported the goals of the committee, identified the Maryland camps and provided some resources, including the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites in his first issue. For more information about his worthwhile project you should contact Bryan Green at mdscagraves@aol.com, 7003 Knighthood Land, Columbia, MD 21045-4803]

AGS Conference and Annual Meeting

Western Connecticut State University

Danbury, Connecticut June 24--27, 2004

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By Barbara Rotundo and Diane Nesmeyer

The 2004 conference began on Tuesday. Our folders with name tags in cloth holders were waiting for us at the registration table as we entered Fairfield Hall. There were no keys for our rooms but a sequence of numbers to punch in.

Supper was in the Student Dining Hall at the far end of the Student Union, a short walk from Fairfield. All the indoor activities at the conference, including the display and sales area, took place in

the Student Union. The food was particularly good for a college cafeteria, and the people working there seemed anxious to please. Some AGS members discovered that you could go in between meals and help yourself to an ice cream cone—paradise for a child and wicked pleasure for a grown up.

Wednesday -- That morning, our tour buses were waiting for us beside the Student Union. One went east to Hartford where Ruth Shapleigh Brown led people to the Ancient Burying Ground (est. 1640) and East Hartford's Center Cemetery (est. 1710), both having stones by many Connecticut carvers. In time for lunch they left the city proper for its beautiful rural cemetery, Cedar Hill (est. 1864), still very active with a fine collection of modern stones as well as nineteenth-century sculpture. The other tour bus went west to New York State where **Gray Williams** led a tour first of Sleepy Hollow cemetery (est. 1849), which is like an extension of the Old Dutch Burying Ground, with the graves of Washington Irving's family at the border between them. We ate lunch on the grass by the beautiful stone church that dates from around 1690 (you can see a picture of it in Gray's handsome coffee-table book, *Picturing Our Past: National Register Sites in Westchester County*). After lunch he pointed out interesting stones in the Old Dutch Burying Ground.

Members who arrived in Danbury while the tours were out could go on the self-guided tours or watch the preparations of the Basic Conservation Workshop due to take place on Thursday at Wooster Cemetery, a few blocks from the campus. In the evening there were orientation sessions for the Conservation Workshops: 1) the Basic Conservation Workshop or 2) Rescuing the Abandoned Cemetery.

Wednesday Late Night Sessions -- There was only one Late Night Session on Wednesday: **Peggy Jenks** presented "Murder, Mayhem, and Lost Loves."

Thursday -- The Basic Conservation Workshop met in Wooster Cemetery, which had mostly marble stones for cleaning, resetting, and repairing. Fred Oakley coordinated with Jon Appell, C.R. Jones, Charles Marchant, and Brenda Reynolds,

who were guiding individual groups.

Starrs Plain Cemetery was the abandoned cemetery to be rescued under the direction of **Ruth Shapleigh Brown**. It was also the site picked by a photographer from the *Danbury News-Times*, which devoted more than a page to the pictures (in color!) and text the next day. (Co-chair of the conference, **Bob Young**, bought one hundred copies of the issue and sold them to conferees at the price he'd paid. They made great souvenirs to take home as a way of explaining where you'd been and what you'd been doing.)

Those workshops lasted all day. Others were set up for the members who were registering all morning. At 1:00 p.m., a Beginners Photography Workshop was led by **Bob Drinkwater** (the other conference co-chair), Advanced Photography by **Frank Calidonna**, and a Rubbing Workshop by **Roberta Halporn**.

The welcome reception before supper was held in Alumni Hall. **Dr. Katherine Harris** was the keynote speaker. She explained the significance of the title of "Black Governor" that occurs on a few gravestones in Connecticut. The title is not an imitation of white political structure but a carryover from tribal governance in Africa. [For more on Black Governors, see page 17 of this issue.—Ed.]

Other lectures that evening were "The Invention of the Past: Medievalism in Oakland Cemetery" (Atlanta, Georgia) by **June Hadden Hobbs** and "Evelyn Beatrice Longman—Cemetery Sculptor" by **Lee Sanstead**, who is writing a biography of Longman and who convinced his audience that her work has been unjustifiably neglected for years.

Thursday Late Night Sessions -- **Marianne Greenfield**: "Iceland, Savannah, Charleston, Vermont Gravestones" (a slide show with music).

Frank Calidonna: "Organizing Print, Slide, or Digital Photo Collections with a Computer."

Brenda Reynolds: "Mysterious Monuments and Ghostly Haunts." **Dan Lynch**: "Road to Ajo."

John O'Brien: "Slides of Stones at Last Year's AGS Tour—and Stones on Today's Tour."

Friday -- After breakfast there were three buses waiting beside the Student Union. It took a lot of walking around, but we finally found which bus was for which tour, and we were off.

The Colonial-Victorian Tour, under the guidance of **Gray Williams**, went to New Haven. They stopped first at Evergreen Cemetery (est. 1848), an attractive rural cemetery with many imposing Victorian gravestones and monuments. **Dale Fiore**, General Manager of the cemetery, had put up a canopy and offered his visitors breakfast pastry, a very welcome break after the fairly long drive. The group then went into the center of the city, near the Yale campus, to explore Grove Street Cemetery (est. 1796) with **Patricia Illingworth** as their guide. Local AGS member **Sabrina Selfridge** provided invaluable assistance with transportation and hospitality at both sites.

Grove Street Cemetery has early stones as well as Victorian and contemporary ones, because by the end of the eighteenth century New Haven wanted to clear the old burying ground on the central green. Many old stones (and a few bodies) were moved to the "new" cemetery on Grove Street. In 1816, Center Church was built right over the others, which still stand in its crypt. Most of these are in remarkably good condition, because they have been spared two hundred years of weathering. Gray escorted half the group at a time from Grove Street to the church, where **Laura Ellsworth** guided them through the crypt. (See Gray's article with Farber photographs in *Markers IX*, pages 79–104, for a full discussion of the crypt and its history.)

Sue Kelly led the Colonial Tour. She unfortunately got stuck in a traffic jam on her way to the campus. She guided the bus by cell phone to Milford and then led us to Stratford where we ate lunch. On the way to our next stop, the bus driver saw that his bus would not fit beneath a low bridge ahead. We regrouped and proceeded to Old Cemetery in Milford by a different route. Despite moments of confusion, there were no complaints. When we reached the cemeteries Sue had chosen, everyone found what they'd hoped to see. There were plenty of Massachusetts carvers as well as the Connecticut carvers. After starting the day at Milford, the day finished at the Old Cemetery in Fairfield.

The Victorian tour, led by **Barbara Rotundo**, had a smooth and easy day in Bridgeport, since neither

of the still-active cemeteries had a funeral, and the head of each cemetery put himself out as a genial host. The bus went first to Mountain Grove Cemetery (est. 1849), which has an ideal setting for a model Rural Cemetery: there are two ponds, a ridge, sloping areas, and a hill crowned with a handsome copy of a temple of Venus. Its roads curve, and the trees of all kinds make it something of an arboretum. Also, its name comes from nature. These are all the characteristics that Victorians expected to see in what they called a Rural Cemetery. President **Armand Cheverette** met the bus at the gate and guided it to a turn-around spot deep in the center of the cemetery. Lunch was at Beardsley Park, where the bus driver, after a long tour through woods and fields, found us a picnic spot. After lunch we drove to the Lakeview Cemetery (notice again a name from nature, though I never saw a lake any more than I had seen a mountain at the first cemetery). Here members had a chance to see Victorian stones, as well as modern stones with porcelain pictures, and also grave goods, especially on children's graves. **Seely Jennings**, head of the cemetery, had set up a canopy and offered welcome cold drinks. He also answered questions about gravestone variety, prices of burial plots, etc., and members came away highly satisfied.

The Friday evening lectures included a noble young man, **Paul Baumann**, who, with no sleep (having driven overnight from Illinois), managed to give his talk a day early as a last minute substitute. Kevin and Paul Baumann have been looking for signed gravestones in cemeteries in central Illinois. They have found 5,350 signed stones in 540 cemeteries. Kevin and Paul approached the subject as cultural geographers. **Joe Edgette** gave one of his usual excellent talks, this time on the use of flags, banners, etc., in cemeteries and on gravestones. **Cynthia Toolin** showed some quilts and talked about them as an aid to mourning and as memorials. **Deborah Trask** gave a paper on Acadian cemeteries in Nova Scotia, a good topic in itself but also an appetizer for next year's conference that Deb will be running in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Friday Late Night Sessions--**Barbara Rotundo**: "Sculpted Groups." **Janet Heywood**: "Embellishments for the Gravestoner: Stereo Views of Victorian Family Lots." **Charles Mar-**

chant: “The Mystery of John and Sylvia Mentor and Update on Edward Dickinson Gate.”

Cristine Demarco: “A Mausoleum in My Backyard.” **John O’Brien:** “Pictures from Graveyards Toured Today.”

Saturday -- The activities for the day began in the Student Union Theater. **Ruth Shapleigh Brown** (Connecticut Gravestone Network); **Lindsay S. Hannah**, Chaux Vive (Architectural Conservation and Preservation Services); **Gerron S. Hite** (Texas Historical Commission); **C. R. Jones** (New York State Historical Association); **Judy Peters** (Historic Preservation Program, University of Pennsylvania); **Helen Scclair** (Champion of Chicago’s Cemeteries); and **Bob Drinkwater**, host and moderator, held a discussion of “Where Have all the Gravestones Gone?,” an informal symposium that “reviewed and assessed the factors that contribute to gravemarker attrition.” In other rooms throughout the Student Union, morning sessions were held that included **Tom and Brenda Malloy’s** presentation, “History in the Graveyard: Gravemarkers and Memorials of King Philip’s War;” **David Mould and Missy Loewe’s** program, “New England Carvers in the South: A Tour of Historic Charleston;” **Joe Edgette and Richard Sauers’** discussion of “Learning the ‘Story’ of Cemeteries and Gravemarkers through Postcards;” and **Walter Powell’s** talk about “The Day Connecticut Died: Charles Ives, Wooster Cemetery and the Civil War.” In the afternoon, **Donald Hall** held a double session. His presentation, “It Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time: The White Bronze Gravemarkers of Monroe County, New York,” began at the Student Union. The session was then followed by a visit to Wooster Cemetery to see its magnificent white bronze. **Ruth Brown** discussed issues regarding her work with Connecticut burial grounds. **Brother William Ng**, a Franciscan Friar from Hong Kong who is doing graduate work at Yale University, presented a program on “Chinese Christian Tombstones in Hong Kong.” **Valerie Berberich** and **Peg Jenks** held the last session of the day, with a discussion “Of Gravestones and Genealogy—Researching Ancestry Within a Cemetery.”

Karin Sprague of North Scituate, Rhode Island,

arrived after 10:00 a.m. and set up her carving display just outside the entrance to the Student Union. She brought a completed soapstone marker that is destined for a cemetery in California. The soapstone is from Schuyler, Virginia. In addition to the completed marker on display, Karin brought a Welsh slate that will be installed in Arizona when it is completed. Karin allowed interested conferees to try their hand at carving on some scrap Welsh slate she had on hand. There was always a crowd around her display but few who wanted to tempt fate with the chisel. Karin did find that when someone actually sat down and tried stone carving, they did not want to stop.

The evening festivities took place on the Westside Campus. Shuttle buses provided transportation for those not driving. The reception was held at the Westside Planetarium. It was a hike up the hill to the observatory but well worth the climb. We had our refreshments on the outdoor patio or inside while viewing the planetarium show. The banquet in Phinney Hall was a sit-down dinner, a treat after so many days of cafeteria-style service. **Tom and Melvin Mason** packed and transported the silent auction items to the banquet, so we could make last minute bids. The bidding was fast and furious on many items. All items in the silent auction had been graciously donated by the members. The final total of the auction raised the grand sum of \$1,788.

Bob Young, the Conference co-chair, presented bouquets of flowers to some special people: **Andrea Carlin**; **Brigid Guertin**, the Executive Director of Danbury Historical Society, our local sponsor for the conference; **Kay Schrieber**, CityCenter of Danbury, who helped with maps, brochures, and hotel rates; **Mary Jo Young**, Bob’s wife, for supporting him during his tenure as conference chair; and **Helen Scclair**.

Tom and Brenda Malloy gave a brief introduction to this year’s Forbes recipient, **Helen Scclair**, although Helen does not need an introduction. Helen, known as “the cemetery lady” in Chicago, recapped her interest in and activities in and for Chicago-area cemeteries, during her acceptance speech. [For the text of Helen’s speech, see page 24 of this issue. — Ed.]

After the banquet we had a brief Annual Meeting,

followed by the evening lectures. **Tom and Brenda Malloy** presented "Massachusetts Grave-markers of the French and Indian War, Part I and Part II," and **Nancy Morgan** discussed "The Way the Sod Turned: Tennessee Burials from Pioneer Times through Jim Crow Days."

Deborah Trask hosted the Late Night Sessions, because Bill Baeckler had to leave early. She began the lectures by giving us an idea of what we will see next year in Nova Scotia. The stones are awesome, as is the scenery of this region of Canada. We will be in for a treat next year.

Saturday Late Night Sessions -- **Deborah Trask**: "Nova Scotia in 2005." **Bob Drinkwater**: "A Selection of Gravestone Photographs in the Pierce Collection." **Walter Powell**: "The Shades of Death: Dunbar's Camp on the Braddock Road, July 13, 1755." **Judy Peters**: "Assessing the State of Prevention of the Historic American Cemetery." **John O' Brien**: "Images from This Year's Conference."

Sunday -- There was a flurry of activity in Fairfield Hall on Sunday morning as we packed for the trip home. After breakfast we headed to Student Union Theater to listen to **Lynn Rainville** discuss "Understanding Gravestone Variability in Slave Cemeteries;" **Bel Browning**, a student of Brighton University in the United Kingdom, discuss "Playing Dead: An Exploration of the Leisure Uses of Cemeteries;" and **Dr. Frederick F. Meli** talk about "The Fascination with New England Vampire Graves: A Geographic Socio-Cultural Phenomenon."

After the morning lectures ended, we returned to the cafeteria for our last meal. All too soon, the end of another conference had arrived.

[Ed. Note: Sorry, this article took up so much space. I find the conferences to be a vital source of information and a place to network with others having the same interests for burial grounds as the members of the Coalition. We are not able to attend the conference this year but hope some you will be able to do so and report in the Spring.]

Allegheny County News

Upcoming events for the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization:

During April the CHCO will honor our Confederates since April is Confederate history month. On Saturday, April 16th the CHCO will hold a meeting at the home of President Edward W. Taylor, Jr., 400 S. Allegheny Street, Cumberland. After the meeting members will travel to nearby Rose Hill Cemetery and hold a prayer service at the Confederate Soldiers' Monument. Members will then lay a wreath at the grave of CHCO member and Confederate historian Sally Williams Stern. Sally died August 28, 2004.

The members will decorate over 500 graves with flowers and proper historical flags for Memorial Day during the month of May. Most of these graves are located in all cemeteries in the Allegheny County area and some in nearby Mineral County, WV.

Sunday, May 29th at 2 p.m. the CHCO will hold their annual Memorial Day Service at Sumner Cemetery. In 1991 the CHCO erected a large granite monument and flag pole at the gravesite of six black Union Civil War soldiers. The service will be held at the monument. Sumner Cemetery is located on Yale Street in Cumberland.

For more information see the organization's website at www.chco-online.org or call (301) 722-4624.

Ed Taylor

Baltimore County News

Gentlemen:

I have just today discovered your web site. I have questions concerning a private graveyard in the Fullerton area of Baltimore. The ancestors are the Fitch family of Fitch's Chance, Sophias Garden and the Murray family of Baltimore.

Some years ago my Mother, Gladys Reeves Kon-ski, descendant, was denied access to this graveyard that is located on land owned by the Sipple family. I also, perhaps 20yrs. or so ago was chased off the property by an older man as I attempted to take photos for my Mother of the disrepair. My Mother also around this time hired a lawyer Charles Stein, Jr. to look into the access and up-keep situation. As far as I can determine he told her nothing could be done.

The following is information my Mother assembled on this graveyard:

Recent Burials In The Fitch-Murray Graveyard

John Fitch – 1892

Robert A. Murray - 1896

James Roger Murray - *

John Thomas Murray - *

Sarah A. Murray - 1904

Rebecca Crips - 1914

Thomas Fitch Murray - 1916

James E. Murray - 1927

Elizabeth Murray - 1928

Margaret Fitch - 1929

Clarence Fitch - 1930

Bessie Fitch -1930

Debora Fitch - 1931

Ella Fitch - 1935

Robert Fitch - 1938

James E. Murray told John Fitch that Louis Sipple, Sr., asked him to use the straight road to the cemetery instead of going through the yard....also told George W. Fitch this.

Ross Fitch was told when hauling cement and gravel (for installing pipe fence) to use the straight road. This road was open in 1917-1918. This road was closed in 1939. The Sipple house was built in 1917 by Helwig Bros. In 1939 Louis Sipple told Ross Fitch he could drive in his yard any time he wanted to go to the cemetery. Louis Sipple did not take deed until 1921.

*James Roger Murray & John Thomas Murray, Sons of Robert A. Murray and Elizabeth Murray, his wife, were buried beside their Father sometime between 1896 and 1904.

This is all of the information I have on the graveyard.

I have been researching my family and would like to go to the cemetery. I do not know if the same family now owns the land that surrounds this cemetery. I have no idea if the current owners would permit me to visit. Do I have a "right" of some sort to go to this cemetery even though it is on someone else's property?? Any assistance you could render in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Nancy Avers

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Dorchester County News

Jim Trader recruited Melanie Merryweather as a member of the Coalition. A synopsis of an article that appeared in *The Daily Times* on February 26, 2005 about her follows:

Where governors go to rest

Seven Maryland governors are buried in Dorchester County

By Brice Stump

Melani Merryweather is graveyard chairwoman and church historian for the Christ Episcopal Church cemetery in Cambridge. During her tenure as graveyard chairwoman she has charted the location of all the marked graves located in the churchyard. Her cemetery boasts the remains of five governors and as far as she is aware Dorchester County has more governors buried within its boundaries than any other location in the State [7].

[Editor's Note: We checked the Maryland State Archives website and learned that Gov. Ehrlich is the 60th governor of the State of Maryland.]

Diane Nesmeyer

Frederick County News

Zion Church Preservation Committee

We have reached an understanding with the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland that it will divest itself of Zion Church and cemetery by conveying it to an appropriate nonprofit preservation organization. After discussions with the Diocese and the leadership of the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation (FCLF), we all believe that FCLF would be an ideal organization to receive Zion from the Diocese.

Nothing is definite yet, but all signs point towards a collaboration between the FCLF and the Zion Church Preservation Committee (ZCPC) to acquire and restore the Zion property! We are very pleased at how this is taking shape, and we will keep you posted as things develop.

Terry Lynn Grimes and Knight A. Kiplinger

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Mount Olivet Cemetery

On January 31st staff at Mount Olivet noticed that the Whitehill family crypt had been pried open and two adult skulls and possibly some remains of an infant boy were missing. On February 3rd police recovered a human skull in some bushes in the 300 block of East Patrick Street. It is believed that the skull was one that was missing from the cemetery.

The family crypt is nestled into a hillside with a marble front and half inch thick iron door that had deteriorated over the 118 years since its construction. Cemetery records indicate that the crypt was last burglarized around the late 1800s. During that period robbers would enter the crypts to steal jewelry. In 1997 the crypt underwent some maintenance work and the remains were accounted for at that time.

The police do not believe the removal involves cult activity or satanic rituals. Police believe that the culprits are probably a couple of juvenile males who may have stolen the skulls with the idea to use them as pranks. The culprits may have left the skull in the very conspicuous place because they got scared and did not want to get caught and face the fines and prison time.

The story does not end here. On February 6th Tina Nicole Blaik was arrested when she was caught crawling inside the Whitehill crypt to take pictures. Ms. Blaik told arresting officers that she meant no harm, that she only went in to take pictures. On February 10th detectives returned to the crypt to retrieve a jawbone they had seen during their previous investigation. The police wanted to see if the jawbone matched the skull that was recovered from the bushes. The jawbone is now missing.

The information for this piece was gleaned from a number of articles that appeared in the *News Post* and *Gazette.Net* during the first two weeks in February.

Diane Nesmeyer

Montgomery County News

Leonard Becraft appeared on behalf of the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites at one of the State Highway Administration's recent public hearings for the proposed Intercounty Connector. Leonard testified that the proposed Intercounty Connector would affect a number of historic cemeteries. Leonard's list of those cemeteries is provided below. Several cemeteries were surveyed during our 2004 inventory effort. So far as I know cemeteries have not been on SHA's or anyone else's radar for the several decades that the ICC has been out there, so how much attention this would get is anyone's guess. However, as a Montgomery Preservation Inc. activist noted, it's always good to get the information out there and perhaps some positive result can come out of that, either now or farther down the road.

Eileen McGuckian

[Ed. Note: Unfortunately any comments on the ICC were due before the 25th of February, 2005.]

The home page for the Intercounty Connector is <http://www.iccstudy.org/index.php>

Leonard Becraft's list of cemeteries in and near corridor 2 of Intercounty Connector:

1. Burton, Carr, Edmonston plus others east RT. 198
2. Burton Family—Bell Road
3. Primitive Baptist Cemetery—RT. 29—Old Columbia Pike
4. Merson Cemetery—Columbia Pike and RT. 198
5. Union Cemetery—RT. 198 and Kruhm Road
6. Billy Ward Grave (African American)—Kruhm Road next to Kenneth Poole Farm
7. Mt. Calvary Church Cemetery (African American)—Batson Road
8. Single grave- Batson Road north of Mt. Calvary—500 ft
9. Round Oak Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery (African American)—
Good Hope Road, Silver Spring

10. Alloway Cemetery—RT.198 and New Hampshire Ave.

11. Harding Cemetery—Harding Lane, Silver Spring

Cemeteries in and near corridor 1 of Intercounty connector:

1. Bonifant Cemetery—Bonifant Road
2. Oak Chapel U. Methodist Cemetery—14500 Layhill Road
3. Others????

Concern for other cemeteries between RT. 198 and RT. 95/RT.1 in the path of Intercounty Connector

Leonard Becraft becraft4me2@aol.com

Somerset County News

Human remains found outside Crisfield

By Tristan Schwieger

The Daily Times, February 15, 2005.

A contractor performing routine maintenance on mosquito ditches found a bone that the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner identified as human. The ditches are located on land bordering the Janes Island State Park. Police returned to the site and found more remains. At the time of the article it was not clear how long the remains had been there and if there had been any foul play.

Diane Nesmeyer

St. Mary's County News

Updates for St. Nicholas Cemetery, Naval Air Station, Patuxent River.

- To date, 28 memorials have been repaired and re-erected on the site.
- Phase III has been approved and allows for 20 more stones to be recovered and re-erected
- Approximately 190 memorials remain to be discovered (that we know of.)
- An anonymous donor sent a check for \$10,000 to perform a GPR survey of the site. We hope to begin the survey in April. This is going to be pretty thrilling as it will tell us exactly where the stones are, where all the burials are and the location on the old buildings on the site.

This project is moving forward quickly. Sen. Roy Dyson sponsored a bond bill in the Maryland General Assembly that was read on March 19th. If passed, this bill will allow for an \$8000 grant toward the project. No vote has been made but the Senator's office called me and claimed that it was well received. A decision will be made this spring and, hopefully, a check issued by June. Keeping our fingers crossed.

Scott D. Lawrence

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I have attached a few pictures.



Thomas Bean



William Ford



Elizabeth & Jeremiah Underwood

[Ed. Note: To see these photographs and others in color (and larger) please visit http://www.rootsweb.com/~mdcpmb/st_mary.html.]

Washington County News

Group plots cemetery restoration

By Marlo Barnhart

Article appeared March 16, 2005 *The Herald-Mail Online*

The Riverview Cemetery Association will be giving the cemetery located on land donated by town founder Otho Holland Williams some restoration work. The cemetery comprises about 10 acres and is still active even though there are no longer lots for sale.

The Association plans to repair some of the block retaining walls when the weather improves. The repair of the retaining wall is classified as Phase I and when money becomes available the members will work on other projects including the roads, signage, columns or gates at the entrances, and then restoring the tombstones.

Donations can be made out to Riverview Cemetery Association and sent to Box 481, Williamsport, MD 21785.

Questions can be directed to Osborne Funeral Home (301) 582-3311.

Diane Nesmeyer

Wicomico County News

I attended a talk given by Ed Okonowicz on March 12th at the Wicomico County Free Library. I introduced myself to Mr. Okonowicz, gave him my business card, a copy of the Coalition's brochure, and an issue of the *Courier*. I asked for his support of H.B. 410 in the Legislature and contact with the House Committee Chairman, and advised him about our annual meeting in April.

I told him I had written to the Cecil County Historical Society about support for H.B. 410 - knew Mike Dixon – and we previously had a Coalition annual meeting at the Cecil County Historical Building in Elkton, MD.

I gave brochures and *Courier* copies to other interested persons and asked them to join the Coalition. I also posted information about the annual meeting in the genealogy research room in the library.

Jim Trader

[Editors' Note: Originally member Barbara Sieg was going to speak at the annual meeting but will be unavailable that day. In her place the members will have an opportunity to hear Mr. Okonowicz's presentation. The details are provided on page 1 of this issue.]

Remains of the Day, Construction workers stumble upon the Colonial-era grave of one of Wicomico's wealthiest men, But precious little remains of the privileged life he once led.

By Brice Stump The following is a synopsis of the article that appeared in *The Daily Times* Sunday March 13, 2005

Robert Handy was buried in 1765 at the age of 39. He was one of the wealthiest men on the Eastern Shore at the time and all that remains of his fortune are six small glass buttons and an expensive and rare blue slate tombstone. Research determined that the stone came from the John Stevens Shop in Newport, Rhode Island.

Archaeologist Ed Otter found a total of eight graves, seven unmarked at the same location as the Handy grave. The burials are located just above a layer of clay. Unfortunately, the remains were dissolved by standing water that was unable to penetrate that clay.

While Otter and his crew worked to unearth the "ghosts", crisp black outlines of six-sided coffins that mark the soil, two members of the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture researched the 18th century records for information about Handy. The researchers found a 28-page inventory of his estate that provides details of Handy's life and personal property that have sparked the interest of Colonial Williamsburg.

If the construction worker had not recognized the block of stone as a tombstone, all would have been lost. The stone was broken by accident but has its entire inscription intact. The stone reads, "He was an affectionate Husband, Tender Father, and an obliging good neighbour". Also inscribed, "This monument is erected to his memory by his loving and affectionate widow, Ann Handy". The tombstone will be restored and placed at Pemberton Hall.

Diane Nesmeyer

Conservation News

Despite many attempts to keep a low profile this year in order to do some additional studies on stone consolidation, color and texture matching mortar, and to do some research on cemetery ad-

ministration. Word of mouth has traveled and I have been quite busy.

In **Carroll County**, conservation efforts at **Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Manchester, Maryland** is still on going. The project involved a total 393 gravestones and markers in a variety of conditions. Once completed, 43 stones were later vandalized. We are scheduled to return in the spring for additional work. A small conservation project that involved 36 gravestones and markers was also completed at **St. Benjamin's Lutheran Church in Westminster, Maryland** where we experimented with color and texture matching our mortars. We were able to simulate the color streaks in a broken Type II tablet and were able to mend a Type I break that an 1½ inch thick tablet had sustained without the use of synthetic adhesives. We were able to mend the stone with mineral based mortar only. Despite the repair being inconspicuous, it continues to be closely monitored to see how well it stands up to the freeze-thaw cycles. The results are also being monitored by Cathedral Stone Products since they are the manufacturers of the mortar. A stone-by-stone, row-by-row, full scale condition survey of **St. Benjamin's Lutheran Church and Benjamin Krider's UCC Cemeteries** have been conducted and both are currently working together to acquire grant money in order to proceed with the project. (A summary of our report is available upon request.) At **Wesley United Methodist Church in Hampstead, Maryland**; a conservation project that involved 25 gravestones has also been completed. A project is pending at the **Oakland United Methodist Church in Sykesville, Maryland**. This has to be one of the most unusual churches we have surveyed in Carroll County. The church has two separate cemeteries designated North and South and are located a little more than a mile and half from each other. We had learned that the congregation was divided in 1892 over slavery issues. The church is one of Carroll County's oldest churches that is still active today. Also in Sykesville, we completely reset the Devries' obelisk that was located within **Springfield Presbyterian Church**. The obelisk stood 22 feet in four sections and weighed more than 3 tons. It had been leaning six and a half degrees and had shifted 1 degree more from the date it was initially assessed. Out of concern for safety, the board decided to go ahead and have the stone reset. So we dismantled and rebuilt it from

the foundation up. The entire operation took six hours.

In **Baltimore County**, the **Hoffman Cemetery**, which was also known as the **Hoffman Gunpowder Burying Ground** that was established in 1778 has been conserved. This cemetery contains the grave site of William Hoffman who was the very first paper manufacturer in the State of Maryland and produced the paper that the very first continental currency was printed on. The project involved constructing a new fence around the cemetery and involved a total of nine stones. The cemetery is located on water shed property owned by the City of Baltimore. The outcome of the repairs did not turn out as well as we had liked due to our inability to get our trailer to the site that contained a majority of the materials that we immediately needed. Conservation is also ongoing at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arcadia / Upperco**. The church is the oldest, active, Lutheran Church in Baltimore County. A full scale survey was conducted that revealed a total of 176 gravestones within the 8-acre cemetery in need of attention. Projects are also ongoing at **Grace Falls Road United Methodist Church in Reisterstown** where we will be returning to do some warranty work. **St. Thomas Church located in Owings Mills** had a conservation project completed that involved 89 unsteady stones and one repair that had failed. The church and cemetery were founded in 1742, with the original chapel as well as church yard still intact. The stone involved were located within the original church yard. What impressed me the most about this cemetery, is that the board had adapted regulations that required the placement of grave markers that matched the original fabric and style of those originally placed.

In **Baltimore City**, a conservation project is pending on the **Mt. Auburn Cemetery**. The cemetery is a total of thirty-three acres and contains more than 48,000 burials according to records. The cemetery was founded in 1861 and is Maryland's oldest black cemetery. It has as not been maintained in over twenty two years making it absolutely impossible to conduct a survey on the ground so we took to the air. At 800 feet, it was revealed that the cemetery suffers from a severe drainage issue that has caused at least 22 acres of it to become swamp. Mosko Cemetery Monument Services are partnering with KCI Engineering from Hunt Valley, Maryland to address this

problem and properly and cost effectively conserve this historic site.

[Follow up information: I'd like to give you an update regarding the status of **Mt. Auburn Cemetery** in Baltimore. I received a phone call from the Department of Housing and Community Development who has organized community volunteer cleanups for the cemetery. The cemetery has received a grant but needed to incorporate a Master Plan for the distribution of funds. The city is doing all the grant writing, soliciting, and coordinating of volunteers, obtaining large and small equipment, and labor. Fees and permits were waived in order to help the owners clean the cemetery up and get a full scale conservation project underway. The Housing Authority has had to file a civil suit against the cemetery owners in order to get them to accept the assistance and schedule a series of cleanup sessions. I have never heard of any organization not wanting to accept such assistance especially when a cemetery is involved. Even I have offered to host, sponsor, and conduct workshops both on site as well as in a classroom setting and offered unlimited consultation at absolutely no cost to the owners. The city has accepted my offer but the only response I received for the church was that "they are still in the planning phase and are not in need of any of my services". I don't understand it.]

In **Prince George's County**, we had worked with a developer regarding the preservation and conservation of the **Skinner Family Plot**. The cemetery is a family plot that is located on a farm that the developer had purchased and planned to construct six estates. The developer's primary concern was not for the cemetery (he admitted quite openly), but to be in compliance with Maryland law regarding the cemetery. (That's one for the Coalition! If that doesn't prove that what you all are doing isn't effective, then nothing dose.)

In **Howard County**, two tablets had been repaired and reset in the **Whipps Cemetery**.

In **Frederick County**, ongoing conservation continues in the **Pleasant Hill Cemetery** at the **Bush Creek Church of the Brethren in Monrovia**. The original contract involved 53 grave stones and markers that were in a variety of conditions. We will be returning in the spring to perform warranty work. **Glade Reformed Cemetery** located in **Walkersville** is currently under conservation contract for 220

stones. The project is scheduled to begin in late March or early April.

In **Montgomery County**, a full scale survey had been conducted at the **Rockville Cemetery's** original section. The survey revealed 379 stones in a variety of conditions along with multiple terrain and environmental issues. Eighteen of the most critical stones have been conserved and another conservation project will get underway in the spring. Conservation efforts within the cemetery are still ongoing. We are under both written and verbal contract to address the John Harding stone (the oldest stone in the cemetery), and to reset the Johnson stone that had fallen over during the removal of some threatening trees. Ten stones located with in the **Rockville Baptist Church Cemetery** have been conserved. At the time of the project, the cemetery had unrestricted access so we opted to use lead tape to secure at least two tablets into the slot of their bases to decrease the threat of damage in the event that they would ever get pushed over by vandals. A fence has since been erected around the site so we will then be returning in the spring as well to replace the lead tape with mortar. The **Griffith Retirement Cemetery** located off **Griffith Road in Laytonsville** has also been conserved with the exception of the decorative iron fence. The cemetery is a private family plot adjacent to Edgehill farm which were both prominent farms at one time in Montgomery County.

In **Washington County**, the **Riverview Cemetery located in Williamsport**, is still pending. The cemetery board of trustees now has a new president and has opted to move forward with our recommendations. A masonry firm has been currently contracted to restore and repair the retaining walls that have fallen down. Once this has been completed we will conduct another full scale survey. In the mean time, they continue to apply for grant money and other resources in order to conserve the cemetery.

I have never heard anything mentioned about **Harford County**. Currently, Mosko Cemetery Monument Services is working with Harford Community College in working out an internship program with their Building Preservation and Restoration Program. The internship will give students the opportunity to see first hand the importance of cemeteries and what they have to offer. They will also learn proper cemetery conservation as well as the many techniques and materials involved. Once the student

has completed their requirements, they should have a better understanding of cemetery conservation and hopefully we will begin to see a decrease in flawed repair attempts and less Portland cement being used in cemeteries.

Robert Mosko,
Mosko Cemetery Monument Services

Green Mount Cemetery Tours

May 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, 2005

Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore City

Greenmount Avenue and East Oliver Street

Four guided tours of Green Mount Cemetery will be held during the month of May. Tours begin at 9:30 am from the main gate located at Greenmount Avenue and East Oliver Street. The two-hour tours are led by Baltimore historian and educator Wayne R. Schaumburg. The cost of the tour is \$10 and reservations are required. For information or to make reservations, contact Wayne at wschaumburg@earthlink.net.



Taken at Green Mount in 2001 by Diane Nesmeyer.

For more information about Wayne and other tours of Baltimore visit his site at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~wschaumburg/>

2005—2006 Dues

Reminder: The 2005-2006 membership dues should be made by June 1st. Use the form on the back of this issue to renew today or you can visit the Coalition Website at <http://www.cpmbs.org> and click on membership to access the membership form to print.

Some members have already paid. If you are not sure of your membership status check the mailing label. Kristin will provide an indication that you have paid.

New members

Elmer and Patricia Joan Horsey
Kent Co.

Rockville Cemetery

Rockville Cemetery is the community's oldest burying ground. The cemetery was first associated with Prince George's (Anglican) Parish, c. 1740s and then the Christ Episcopal Church after 1822. In 1880 the property was deeded to Rockville Community Association.

This very brief history was gleaned from http://peerlessrockville.org/peerless_places/peerless_places_rockville_cemetery_1.htm

Two great articles about the cemetery and pictures can be found at:

<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/hdc/histories/Rockcemetery.pdf> and

<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/historic/rkv-cemetery-guidelines.pdf>

Diane Nesmeyer

The Courier

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The Coalition, through its members in each county, hope to reach out to all areas of the state to:

Facilitate the exchange of information among individuals and organizations concerned about the protection of Maryland burial sites.

Increase public awareness of the historic and cultural significance of burial sites and the serious threats to them.

Draft and gain passage of new laws to more effectively deal with criminal acts against burial sites and to establish effective and uniform procedures for the protection and preservation of burial sites regardless of their age, cultural affiliation or condition.

Organize support for stronger laws in Maryland to protect burial sites--Native American burials as well as traditional cemeteries.

Raise funds for statewide public education programs, focused on burial site protection, and to provide information and guidance to any government agency, group, organization or individual interested in preserving human burial sites.

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