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### New Windsor is the Site of the Annual Meeting!

The 16th Annual Meeting is to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2006 at the New Windsor Conference Center 500 Main St. New Windsor, MD.



Registration and refreshments will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a business meeting and announcement of the Periwinkle Award recipients. Following lunch, speakers are Mary Ann Ashcraft who will discuss Black Gravestone Carvers in the Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century in Frederick County and Ms. Patricia Fagan Tress of the Office of Cemetery Oversight located in Baltimore City at 500 N. Calvert St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor will address the Purposes and Functions of the Office.

Members should already have received registration forms in the mail. Please note that pre-registration is required by April 14, 2007. For questions and directions call Gerhardt Kraske at (410) 730-8278 or visit <http://www.cpmbs.org> and click on Annual Meeting. The cost is \$25 per person and includes morning refreshments, a delicious lunch, and all programs. To register, make checks payable to CPMBS and mail to Barbara Kraske, Treasurer, 9425 Dartmouth Road, Columbia, MD 21045. Include the names of all persons attending and a telephone number. For those who may have misplaced their registration form, the form is also included on page 10 of this Courier.

### Remembering Jim Purman

Carroll County Times March 9, 2007 by Rev. Earl Mullins

Jim Purman, who died Monday, 3/5/07, will be greatly missed by members of The Friends of Old Trinity Cemetery (Carroll Co.) and our Coalition. He was one of the first members of CPMBS and helped found the Old Trinity Cemetery organization. Having also been the rector of St. Barnabas Church (Sykesville) from 1965 to 1973, Jim was very admired and respected by the community's residents.

Mr. Purman was a well-rounded gentleman. In addition to being a minister he won the Bronze Star in WWII, worked as a drug counselor at Springfield Hospital Center, acted as curator of the Gatehouse Museum, was a friend of the East Broad Top

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Railroad (PA) and an enthusiast of antique guns, steam engines, and books.

His efforts certainly helped the preservation of Old Trinity Cemetery. Unfortunately, Trinity Church no longer survives but it had impressive historical significance. It was one of the few Anglican churches built just before the American Revolution. After the Revolution the Anglican Trinity became the American version or Episcopalian Trinity. This change seems quite similar as to why Americans became coffee drinkers, not the British tea indulgers.

In 2004 Mr. Purman moved to Wichita, Kansas to be near his daughter, Rachel Workman. Yet his last wish was to bring his body back to Sykesville on Amtrak from Kansas to Maryland. His son, Paul, related that he loved traveling by train.

Submitted by Horvath's Abridged by Barbara Kraske

## President's Message

First, Congratulations on Robert Mosko and Ms. Rhonda Deeg establishing a credit course in Cemetery Preservation at Harford Community College. This is a tremendous first step towards increasing public awareness of the critical needs of our burial sites. See more on Page 8. Thoughts for the upcoming meeting. Jim Trader's thoughts from last spring are still appropriate. To quote from his last message, "needed legislation, creation of county cemetery advisory boards, the inventory and records of burial site locations, IRS approval a 501C(3) organization, increased membership." are still principal needs. In addition, our organization needs more active participation. Currently relatively few members sustain the activities of the group. Our organization needs more members. A lot of us are aging with the group and may not be able to participate as much as we would like. I believe we need to be more evangelistic in signing up new members. I would propose that we need to seize every opportunity to address groups about our organization. Groups that each of us belong to especially church groups, genealogical societies, fraternal organizations, social organizations and others need to be addressed. We need to find enthusiastic new members!

We have a full docket for the year ahead, let's plan for it!

Gary Kraske

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee consisting of James Trader, Kristin L. Kraske, and Ann Horvath has 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 28, 2007, to be held in New Windsor, MD. Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the vote but will be subject to the nominee accepting the nomination.

### Officers:

President	Open as of publication
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Secretary	Amanda Becker, Montgomery
Treasurer	Gerhardt Kraske, Howard

### Board of Directors:

Ann Bolt	Montgomery
George Horvath	Carroll
Robert Lyons	Baltimore
Melvin Mason	Prince George's
Thomas Mason	Prince George's
Paul Miller	Howard
Kristin Kraske	Howard

## Photo Gallery



See "Good News from Hooper Island Cemetery",  
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## Meeting Minutes of January 20, '07

Vice-President Gerhardt Kraske called the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites Inc. January 20th, 2007 meeting to order at 4:08 PM at the Miller Library in Ellicott City, Maryland.

Thirteen people were in attendance: Vice-President Kraske, Treasurer Barbara Kraske, and Board of Directors; Ann Bolt, George Horvath, Kristin Kraske, Melvin Mason, Thomas Mason and Paul Miller. A quorum was present.

Members in attendance were Leonard Becraft, Ann Horvath, Sandra Wright, John Wright, and Amanda Becker.

Vice-President Kraske announced that Ms. Becker

would be taking the secretarial minutes for the day. The secretary's report from the October 14, 2006 meeting written by Ann Bolt was then reviewed. Kristin Kraske made a correction to the October minutes for the spelling of the name of Haas. No future corrections were needed so Vice-President Kraske called for a motion for the secretary's report to be accepted. Melvin Mason made a motion, George Horvath seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Treasurer's report. The balance from October 14th, 2006 was \$6,831.81. The expenses and income from that time until now have been \$209.60 and \$520.00 respectively. The balance as of December 31st, 2006 was \$7,139.21. A CD in Susquehanna Bank matured at \$1,079.44 and was renewed for a nine month period at a 4.97 percentage rate, an increase of approximately 3.0 percent. The total worth as of January 20th, 2007 is \$8,218.63. Corrections were made on spelling of Miller on page 3. Treasurer Kraske will verify check numbers for the newsletter and mailings sections on page 3. Vice-President Kraske called for a motion to be carried to accept the Treasurer's report with corrections noted. Melvin Mason made the motion, George Horvath seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Kristin Kraske gave the membership report of which we have a total of 105 members, 3 new members, and 89 paying members for this quarter. Ms. Kraske handed out membership listings and addresses. Vice-President Kraske called for a motion to approve the membership report. Thomas Mason, moved, seconded by Gerhardt Kraske; all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The July meeting minutes have yet to be approved. George Horvath is going to speak with Barbara Seig about what she added and edited in the July minutes and report back.

The Annual Meeting logistics were then discussed. The New Windsor Conference Center (NWCC) run by the Church of Brethren General Board, in New Windsor, Carroll County, Maryland would be able to accommodate up to forty people in their conference room. A small room behind the conference room is available for use. April 28th was the date available and the audio/video use is free. We could perhaps bring in refreshments (we must check with NWCC)—since coffee and tea service is available @ \$2.50 per person, and the center would provide lunch for \$9.50 plus \$11.00 for use of the room. Thus the cost per person is \$23.00. Since

we would have to provide morning appetizers the group came to the conclusion that \$25.00 per person for the annual meeting would be fair. The Vice-President asked for a motion that George Horvath of the Annual Meeting Committee make a reservation by check for the New Windsor Conference Center for our Annual Meeting. Melvin Mason made such motion and this was seconded by Treasurer Barbara Kraske. All answered in favor and the motion carried. Vice-President Kraske is to send out preliminary flyers to members announcing the upcoming annual meeting.

The preservation workshop was then discussed. Melvin and Thomas Mason will not be able to host it this year as they have previous commitments. The Vice-President will contact Robert Mosko to see if he will be available to host it. Melvin Mason did say that the Lynette Strangstad book, A Graveyard Preservation Primer, would be good to have on hand at the annual meeting for people interested in preservation workshops. A chart or guideline of the logistics of caring for and restoring a cemetery was discussed to be created to help members. Getting school children involved in cemetery preservation was also discussed at length with pros and cons, and Vice-President Kraske would like a committee to discuss their findings for these items at the annual meeting.

George Horvath, along with fellow board of director Robert Lyons and founder of the Coalition, Barbara Seig, attended a meeting of the Office of the Cemetery Oversight Committee in October of 2006 to share input and Coalition goals with those in attendance. We have had no follow up so we do not know if this has been beneficial.

On November 5, 2006 Barbara Seig received the Preservationist of the Year for 2006 award of Howard County. Accepting the award on her behalf were George Horvath from the Coalition, and Judith Hess Boitz from the Whipps Cemetery.

By-laws were briefly discussed concerning the term of office of one year for officers. Nominations are pending for annual meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Need to meet with new legislative liaison in Annapolis to share with them the Coalition's cause.

The Annual Meeting program and tour possibilities were then discussed. Ann Horvath suggested that we have local speakers and she suggested Mimi Ashcraft who may speak on a local stone carver in the area. The date

of the meeting may not be available for her, as she is also involved in many Civil War reenactments.

Ed Okonowicz was another person suggested but his fees may be too high for our group. Ms. Becker shared a packet from Mr. Bryan Schultz from Kansas. He has restored a cemetery in Carroll County. A visit to this cemetery is a possibility as one of the stones has the local stone carver's work that Mimi Ashcraft may speak on. William Henry Rinehart the renowned sculptor who was born nearby could be another topic discussed at the annual meeting. The annual meeting committee will take all of this into consideration.

The Nominating Committee has been meeting to find qualified people for officers and board members.

Ann Bolt from the Periwinkle Awards Committee needs nominations for this award. Ms. B. Kraske suggested that instead of giving Periwinkle flowers the Coalition give winners a plaque or a monetary award. After much deliberation on the extent of monetary award, it was decided that the Awards committee, given the sense of the Board of Directors, would be able to give a monetary award to the winners this year within the award range discussed at the meeting. It would also be nice to have updates of past Periwinkle winners and their projects.

The Website will still be organized under the auspices of the Nesmeyers. The Courier will temporarily be printed by Vice-President Kraske until further notice.

#### News from Our Members

Leonard Becraft tried to visit a family cemetery in Frederick County, but has been denied access. This cemetery is now in the middle of a new racehorse facility and stones have been damaged and moved. Barbara Seig wrote a letter to the owner, Ms. Mary Ann Segra and another letter will be written by our Vice-President. Mr. Becraft and George Horvath had visited the cemetery before and seen the beginnings of the destruction of this cemetery. Mr. Horvath also met with Janet Davis, Historic Preservation Planner in Frederick County.

Ms. Kristin Kraske read a note from Mary Baker of York, Pa concerning her family cemetery in Linganore, Frederick County. It is in the middle of a farm and in disrepair and she would like to have it moved to a more suitable place. Her question was did we know of anyone who would do this? Need to find out who was going to respond to her question.

James R. Trader had a letter published in The Daily Times in Salisbury, Wicomico County on January 18, 2007. This was about the Tyler-Travers Cemetery, a

cemetery that is on Hooper's Island where the island shore is eroding and elected officials are not concerned about this matter.

Amanda Becker asked a question about cemeteries in state parks and how you go about fixing them and if the state cares. Melvin Mason answered her questions.

At 6:02 PM the meeting was adjourned.

**Amanda Becker, Secretary, pro-tem**

## News from the Counties

### Baltimore City

#### Fate of Unclaimed Bodies

"The Baltimore Examiner" Jan. 22, 2007, by Jaime Morlarkey

Do you remember the haunted stories of buried bodies being retrieved (stolen) from early cemeteries to be transported through an underground tunnel leading to the University of Maryland Medical School in Baltimore, MD? In the early an mid 1800s this practice was supposedly conducted to help U of Md. professors and medical students study the human body intimately rather than just through books and verbiage. Founded in 1807, the U of Md. Medical School was the first public medical school in the country. The first/original beautifully columned building of the school is located at Green and Lombard Streets in the city. Within very close proximity to the original school is the old Westminster Cemetery on Green and Fayette Streets. Can such coincidental locations produce such stories to be fact or fiction?

Since Leonardo DaVinci, our doctors and scientists have valued the need of cadavers for medical and scientific research. Thus, what is one of the practices today for fulfilling this need?

Of course some dedicated individuals 'will' their bodies to the medical community. On Baltimore there is another source as well. According to Ronald Wade, Director of the Maryland State anatomy Board, donors can be those people found on the street, out-of-towners, ones with no family, or even those whose family members are not known. If these bodies are not claimed within two weeks, they belong to the state. Then the bodies are sent to universities, pharmaceutical companies, and medical device firms. Others might be stored in the Board's freezer or cremated after use.

Profits from cadaver sales to universities et al are prohibited under federal law. Yet, this whole issue can evoke concern over those bodies interred in cemeteries that were desecrated, destroyed, overrun or neglected. Are the lost forever or possibly sold for

profit to undisclosed institutions? Obviously our Coalition hopes to lessen this probability in its quest to protect burial sites. This type of dilemma also begs the question as to whether two weeks is a sufficient period of time to locate friends or family of a deceased?

The most recent (2001) lawsuit was instituted by a daughter whose mother, living at the Augsburg Lutheran Home, was transferred to Mount Sinai Hospital where she died. Having then been sent to the anatomy board, the mother was cremated. The judge in the case agreed with the board's attorney that the state is not obligated to identify relatives and that the law implies the right for cremation. Past laws have protected government employees from accusation claims. Does this immunity form prosecution encourage exploitation by the wrong type of person?

To exacerbate the problem, some states and universities don't have an accounting procedure, like those of a tissue bank, for self-willed bodies. A tissue bank makes sure that end-users are reputable and possess abuse prevention and safe handling. This, then can open the door to possible buying and selling of desired body organ through disreputable channels. It is hoped that the general public is made aware of these profound concerns for the "unknown" deceased.

Abridged by Barbara Kraske

## Carroll County

### Holy Trinity Cemetery (Eldersburg)

Our Spring cleanup is scheduled for March 31st with a rain date of April 14th. Each date is a Saturday morning and we will be working from 10 A.M. to Noon. Light refreshments will be available. Bring rakes and work gloves if interested in helping.

There was a Sykesville history walk on Sunday, March 18th at 3 P.M. This event was co-sponsored by the Sykesville Gatehouse Museum and The Friends of Old Trinity Cemetery. Money collected is shared by the 2 groups.

The care of Holy Trinity Cemetery is an ongoing process and anyone just getting started with a cemetery rescue might enjoy participating in these upcoming events. However, everyone is invited to join in the fun.

Two stones from lost cemeteries are being given a home at the cemetery. The stone of Zachariah Conaway has been installed with the help of descendants Bill Conaway and his sister Helen Irons. The other stone is only a fragment and it will need to be given some special attention before it can be placed at the cemetery. It is a stone for a Freeborn Garrettson, who died in 1815 at the age of 58. He was probably a cousin of the famous

Methodist Circuit Rider by the same name. Additional information about these events or this cemetery can be obtained from Ann Horvath at 410 - 526 - 4878 ([horvathmap@aol.com](mailto:horvathmap@aol.com)).

### Daughters of the American Revolution to mark grave in Carroll County

The grave of Cornelius Sullivan, a local Revolutionary War soldier and patriot will be marked by the William Winchester Chapter on May 26, 2007. The grave of both his wife, Catherine Bohn and an unmarried daughter will also be marked. This ceremony will be held at 11 A.M. at Krider's Cemetery in Westminster. Descendants are encouraged to contact Janet Colburn, Regent for an invitation ([janetc@carr.org](mailto:janetc@carr.org)).

### Local group cleans up cemetery in their development

The Richard Wight Family Cemetery sits in a development in southeastern Carroll County. It is on what appears to be an easement between two homes. It was recently cleaned up by local residents. As a result an additional tomb stone was located and recorded by members of the Carroll County Genealogical Society.

Carroll County Reported by George Horvath

## Dorchester County

### Good News from Hooper Island Cemetery

From article by Renee Gilliard of the "Daily Banner"  
Cambridge, MD - February 2, 2007

How wonderful to hear good news for a change concerning loss/neglect of a cemetery! Thanks to the tireless efforts of Jacqueline Hedberg, a former Hooper Island native, the present and future of Hooper Island Cemetery is assured. (See photo on Page 2.)

After researching what would constitute an endangered Maryland Treasure, Jacqueline with her newly formed "Friends of the Graveyard" coalition was able to get the Maryland commission's confirmation for the cemetery's formal status as being endangered.

Interest in this cemetery was stirred when she observed the shabby neglect with fallen trees, overgrown foliage, and desecrated tombstones. It was estimated that at least \$8,000 was required for restoration. However, after 150 hours of volunteer work, it became very obvious that more work and money were necessary. In addition, they discovered approximately 100 graves that had not been recorded. Fortunately the coalition was able to document more names of the buried.

Old Hooper Island Cemetery was originally owned by William and Elizabeth Travers in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The oldest tombstone dates to 1805 and all the graves can be traced back to the Travers.

Incredibly the "Friends of the Graveyard" consists of 230 members residing in 24 states, Washington, D.C., and Switzerland. Not only have the members donated enough money to fulfill the estimated cost of restoration but also they have funded its perpetual maintenance. As a result, Mrs. Hedberg is quoted as saying, "We have met our goals and they (members) have continued to give generously."

With all of this interest and involvement, Jacqueline has included the cemetery's history in a book entitled "Hoopers Island" which is part of the Images of America series. It is published on <http://www.arcadia-publishing.com/> and can be sold locally after Feb. 26, 2007.

CPMBS is encouraging the purchase of this book since Mrs. Hedberg is a member of our coalition and is an exemplary citizen caring and helping the recognition and restoration of neglected gravesites in Maryland.

Three 'huzzahs' for Jacqueline Hedberg!

Submitted by Melvin Mason, Abridged by Barbara Kraske

### **Semper Fidelis et Determinatus**

A former Marine, Donnie Willey, retains and utilizes this stirring credo (with an additional noun just for Donnie) throughout the tireless efforts of his life. He is conducting a one-man battle to save an old cemetery in Hoopersville, Hoopers Island from disappearing into the Chesapeake Bay. He is a resident of this community willing to save this graveyard even though he has no relatives or friends buried there.

He first found this site (approximately 1 acre in size) in 2003 and actually could have driven around this graveyard. But no more! Huge crashing waves caused a 6 foot chunk of dirt to fall into the bay. In fact, so much dirt was lost that have of a grave was exposed and left dangling over the waves. The vault belongs to Daniel Wroten who died in 1920. Willey attempted to save this vessel by securing lines under the vault and to two trees in opposite directions. John Gallagher, a Travers descendent, helped him in this endeavor. However, they lost the battle as it slipped down the embankment and onto the shore. Within a few days it was raised and moved farther back.

Family members who are interred there include the: Meekins, Ruarks, Tolleys, Parks, Lewises, Johnsons, Traverses, Rosses and others. A particularly interesting man buried there is Benjamin Travers, born in 1750 and died in 1819. One conjectures as to whether this gentleman joined the militia to fight in the American Revolution or made certain contributions to help stabilize this nation before and after the U. S. Constitution of 1789. Thus it is hoped that family descendents, history buffs, or just concerned people who

respect our past generations will donate money or their time to help this incredible endeavor.

This oldest of Hooper's Island's cemeteries is very noteworthy in that a black burial site is also located there. Willey indicates that he knows the Travers family owned slaves whereas local residents have always alluded to this one side of the graveyard being allotted for use by the black community. Numerous depressions in the ground indicate the presence of unmarked graves. This most probably occurred due to wooden caskets being used for the deceased. Unfortunately as the wood ages and rots the caskets cave in and cavities are formed.

A particular tombstone that stirs the historical curiosity is that of a Ross. It was a Ross to whom Harriet Tubman was married and lived in Dorchester County. Harriet made her indelible mark in history by helping her fellow slaves through the Underground Railroad. Thus it is very probable that some of Tubman's family is buried there.

Donnie has attempted to obtain assistance from the local government. At the Cambridge courthouse he discovered that the cemetery is community property. Some years ago the Travers family must have donated the property to the community. Therefore, county government officials informed him that it is the community's responsibility.

It is estimated by Mr. Willey that it probably would require approximately \$100,000 first to stabilize the shoreline with boulders to stop the erosion. Presently he has donations of about \$2,000. Yet, "I haven't spent one penny yet." "I want to be accountable for every penny I spend of donated money."

Out of his own pocket he has spent about \$2,500 for a pole truck (clearing underbrush and trees). Approximately \$11,000 was paid for a bush hog and skid loader. A much lesser sum was spent for a backhoe, van and trailer. In addition, he is trying to obtain a loan for \$15,000 to cover an excavator, bulldozer, and possibly a front-end loader. Amidst all of this activity, Donnie helped the "Friends of Old Hooper's Island" by cutting down the hackberry tree at the Honga Graveyard. Jackie Hedberg was most grateful for his contribution to another graveyard on Hoopers Island. In addition to donations, he could use some physical assistance with cleaning and maintaining the graveyard, placing donated broken cement blocks to temporarily stabilize the shoreline, and cutting trees. William Follmer, attempting to gain his Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts, with his parents and friends spent 5 days cleaning the site.

Donnie Willey must be a dedicated gentleman with a heart of gold. He has experienced set-backs that would

warrant most of his time and energy. Hurricane Isabelle destroyed his house and its contents on Upper Hoopers Island. He now lives in a FEMA camper trailer while he is trying to build his house.

This extraordinary man needs help! Donations and checks can be made payable to the "Anchor of Hope Graveyard Project", addressed to Mr. Donald Willey, 1208 Parks Rd., Fishing Creek, MD 21634. For information call 410-397-3433.

Abridged by Barbara Kraske

### **Chesapeake Bay Swallowing the Dead**

By David Fahrenthold Washington Post 2/18/07

Hoopersville, MD makes the news again!! This Washington Post article also emphasized the loss of too many graves falling into the Chesapeake Bay as a result of rising waters overtaking graveyards in the Eastern Shore. Not surprisingly, Donnie Willey was interviewed concerning this urgent problem. Mr. Willey was quoted as saying "This is ready to topple over; taking the grave with it." One to five of the graves are almost ready to fall over the banks.

Due to rising water levels, a number of burial sites are gone which has visibly left bones and coffin handles. According to Mr. Fahrenthold some experts are predicting flooding around Washington D. C. and might even redraw the map of the Eastern Shore.

Sometimes graves are destroyed from below through groundwater some of which might be salty. This destroys vaults and kills cemetery trees that fall and desecrate graves.

According to a Washington Post reporter who conducted an informal survey, at least a dozen burial sites have either washed away or are close to disappearing. Sea levels may seem to be rising because the land is sinking.

In particular, American colonists tended to establish their cemeteries close to the shore since that was where they lived and worked. Some cemeteries were located further inland within farms or by churches. Even they are threatened due to erosion.

Basically only Smith and Tangier Islands are "holding on" as much as they can.

Similar troubled cemeteries can also be found on the Bay's tributaries. Close to Kilmarnock located in Virginia's Northern Neck peninsula an Indian burial pit was discovered due to an eroding bluff. Unfortunately, this past November the burial pit disappeared mostly due to 2 large storms. Along the York River in Jenkins Neck, VA, a 19<sup>th</sup> century cemetery and an Indian burial

site dating back approximately 1000 years have also been adversely affected.

Submitted by Jim Trader Abridged by Barbara Kraske

### **Somerset County**

#### **Juveniles Vandalize Deal Island Cemetery**

Deal Island Church, Cemetery Vandalized

by Liz Holland, Somerset Herald, 8/24/05

Church Vandals Damage Remains

by Deborah Gates, Salisbury Daily Times, 2/22/06

Recent Status report of Outcome Regarding Cemetery Vandalism by Juveniles

by James Trader (Past CPMBBS President)

In reaction to 11 juveniles viciously vandalizing the Old Trinity Cemetery and adjacent Joshua Thomas Chapel in Somerset County, Lana Jones, close neighbor remarked, "Its sad that kids don't respect the Lord more than that." As if that destruction was not enough, they spray painted graffiti on walls and heating/air conditioning units at Deal Island School which backs up to the chapel and cemetery. Desecration of the cemetery and chapel occurred during the last days of July 2005. Tombstone were overturned, markers were broken into pieces and walls and columns defaced by knives. According to Edward Hopkins from the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services in Baltimore, parents are held accountable for court-ordered restitution in juvenile cases. So—where's the justice in this case against these youngsters?

In 2002, local residents had already raised \$30,000 to restore the Greek revival style Joshua Thomas Chapel which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1850, this chapel was named after Joshua Thomas, born in 1776. As a young man he converted to Methodism moved to Deal Island and began preaching to Methodist gatherings. As a result this chapel and cemetery are thought of with great reverence.

Not surprisingly, Deborah Gates of the Salisbury Daily Times reported in Feb 2007 that the accused 11 juveniles have not helped restore or pay restitution for their destruction. At the trial on Wed. Feb. 22 2006, Jim Trader suggested to the State's Attorney that he ask the judge to sentence these adolescents to complete community service at the church and cemetery. Indeed, the judge ordered these juveniles to perform a certain number of hours in restoration and a deadline for its completion. In addition, the judge placed a 9:00 P.M. curfew upon them. Failure to comply would necessitate further court action.

Since November, '06 Mr. Scot Disharoon has been working most Saturdays chiseling, measuring, and hauling stones as well as restoring grave markers. He also finds it difficult to conceive as to why those who created such damage through mischief and disrespect have not come forward to help. He, as well as some church members, have indicated that most residents "don't want to rattle the bones of the children's families" involved since they are neighbors in this small waterman's village.

Due to this non-compliance of law, our past President, Jim Trader, spoke with Daniel Long, his long-time friend, and Judge on the Circuit Court in Somerset County about the situation. Judge Long promised he would look into the matter and inform Jim. One of the last lessons to be learned in the U.S.A. is to enable delinquents to think that such and even more mischief of theirs will not be prosecuted and punished.

Abridged by Barbara Kraske

## Newsorthy Events

### More State Highway Notices

Public Notice was received from the State Highway Administration of a study to develop and evaluate alternatives to connect the I-95/I-495 Interchange and the U. of Maryland College Park, MD. This notice was to inform interested parties of the method to apply to included on the project mailing list. Acting President Gary Kraske sent in his e-mail address on 2-28-07. Having not received confirmation, Gary re-sent the request on 3-27-07. Awaiting confirmation. There is no project number assigned as of the date of notice as received. Submitted by Leonard Becraft

Abridged by G. Kraske

### Port Deposit 400<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Jamestown

Opportunity to participate in the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jon Smith's Chesapeake Bay Exploration has been received from the Captain John Smith 400 Committee of the Port Deposit Chamber of Commerce. Deadline for submittal is reception by May 1, 2007, thus it is necessary to do this on-line and US mail poll of the board members to see if there is interest in supporting this and staffing the one-day show on July 21, 2007. The above committee would answer back to us "after 5/1/2007"

## Coalition Members in the News

### Ann Horvath - Co-authoring Book!

Ann (caretaker) with Jane Ward (President) of the Friends of Old Trinity Cemetery are writing a book on Holy Trinity. They anticipate publishing it in the fall

2007. Congratulations, Ann! We are looking forward to buying this informative edition.

Source Friends of Old Trinity Cemetery newsletter

### Thank You to James Trader

Letter to 'The Daily Times', Salisbury, MD Tuesday 1/23/2007 Pg A-6, Grapevine column "Guardian Angel"

"I thank James Trader for securing cemeteries. His attention and basic goodness is underappreciated. Thanks for taking care of our heritage and those who sleep. Your work is the work of an angel who cares deeply about others and others feelings. Bless you."

### New Course at Harford Community College!

Robert Mosko of CPMBS and Ms. Rhonda Deeg of the Harford Community College staff have teamed up to receive authorization to present a 1 credit course in cemetery preservation on the weekend of April 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Presentation to Sons of American Revolution

Per invitation via member Pat Warner, on March 1, 2007, Gerhardt Kraske gave a presentation to 21 members of the Sons of the American Revolution at Alfio's Italian Restaurant, 4515 Willard Avenue, in Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Communicated were the history and aims of our society and with some facts of the legislative achievements accomplished by our organization as well as efforts on behalf of various cemeteries and "Friend" groups. The slide presentation was used to good effect. Handed out were the short brochures that list the aims and philosophy of CPMBS. Gary wishes to thank Kristin Kraske and James Trader for their assistance in preparing for the presentation.

### New Members This Quarter

Ms. Elizabeth Hartley, Petaluma, CA; Ms. Luann Moorman, Baltimore City; Dr. Alvin Cole, Montgomery County

### Prior Meeting Minutes

#### Minutes of October 14, 2006

At 2:05 p.m., Vice President Gerhardt Kraske called the meeting to order. There were nine members present, including Robert Lyons, George Horvath, Ann Bolt, Paul Miller, Kristin Kraske, Robert Mosko, and guests Brenda McNeal and Ahasan Wilson.

Ann Bolt volunteered to record the minutes.



The By-laws were consulted regarding a quorum. It was determined that there was a quorum. By-laws were further consulted in regard to resignation of officers. The Board has been notified of the resignation of President Barbara Sieg via letter dated September 13. Stated within the letter was the information regarding the last issue of the Courier by the current editor. There was also some indication that the Secretary had resigned but nothing has been received in writing.

The By-laws state that in regard to resignation of officers, the board may elect on pro-tem basis. Article 5, section D.

The Chair asked for volunteers for the position of President. A lengthy discussion followed as to the duties of this office. Mainly, this requires a contact point for the organization as well as maintaining support for ongoing projects such as workshops, guide books, Courier Index, and cemetery restoration projects. This contact point would continue until the Annual Meeting in April (or whenever determined) when election of officers would be held.

Robert Mosko volunteered to field questions arriving in the emails. Other directors are encouraged to respond if the questions are pertinent to their locale.

The email address is: [mail@cpmbs.org](mailto:mail@cpmbs.org) (not .com). Brenda McNeal suggested we set up a Yahoo sharing group. Discussion concluded that the organization isn't large enough to warrant it at the moment.

Activities to be planned during the six-month period until election of officers include planning the annual meeting. A review of various committees was listed:

Annual Meeting: George Horvath, Leonard Becraft, Barbara Kraske

Nominating Committee: James Trader, Kristin Kraske and Ann Horvath

Periwinkle Awards Committee: Ann Bolt, Barbara Sieg, and Ed Taylor, Jr.

Westminster was discussed as a possible site for the Annual Meeting.

### REPORTS

Membership: Kristin Kraske reported 103 members, seven new members. 87 have paid, the rest are honorary. Treasurer: Bank Balance on hand \$6,831.81. In addition approximately \$1,050 is the value of our Susquehanna CD.

Minutes: Discussed. Kristin Kraske clarified her name use and spelling: Kristin Kraske. Under New Business, information was added after the fact. Copies of the original notes/minutes will need to be studied. Resignations need to be in writing. Robert Mosko will

ask that the Secretary clarify her intentions. George Horvath will ask Barbara what she added to the minutes. Reading of the minutes was tabled until the January meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

Inter-County Connector – a flyer was passed around, The Connector, Fall 2006 issue, with a map of the intended route. Some discussion on whether it would involve relocation of grave sites.

St. Mary's County Cemetery Inventory - nothing new  
Boy Scout Cemetery Projects – Robert Mosko is working with the Boy Scouts at the Cooke Cemetery in Columbia; and the other scout is working at the Gary Memorial Methodist Church Cemetery in Daniels.

Rosa Bonheur Pet Cemetery – no update

Legislative Committee – will need to contact newly elected officials in January. It is hoped that the wording could be changed in regard to describing cemeteries from “abandoned” to “neglected.” This committee is comprised of James Trader, Barbara Seig, George Horvath and Eileen McGuckian.

Happy Birthday Montgomery County, Sept 10 – Kraske and Campbell families were at the CPMBS booth. Leonard Becraft also had a booth next to our CPMBS booth.

Office of Cemetery Oversight – A meeting will be held October 26 in Baltimore. George Horvath and Bob Lyons plan to attend.

### NEW BUSINESS

Bob Lyon announced that 220 Confederate grave markers have been replaced at the Loudon Cemetery in Baltimore. Each marker costs \$200. The project is about half-complete at this point.

Ahasan Wilson discussed an old African American Cemetery in Bozeman, near St. Michaels. He has started a non-profit organization and is starting to work through the vegetation and growth. His group meets the first Thursday of every month at a nearby church. It was suggested that he preserve the root system of the growth, rather than remove it, to determine the historical significance.

A suggested website for historical maps and cemeteries was: [historicalmaptech.com](http://historicalmaptech.com) (Historical Map Tech)

Higgins Cemetery group will be celebrating its project on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in Rockville, MD.

Holy Trinity in Sykesville will hold its yearly visitation on October 29, at 3 p.m.

The CPMBS workshop will be planned for either April or May.

Robert Mosko announced that he will be teaching a Cemetery Preservation course in Harford.

George Horvath moved meeting be adjourned. Kristin Kraske seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**Ann Bolt, Sec. pro-tem**

**Believe It or Not**

One morning in January 07 police came to investigate reports of a man screaming for two hours from a nearby cemetery in Lilburn, Georgia. They found Ezekiel Rodriquez, 24, pinned under a gravestone with a bloody, broken leg. He explained that he had knocked over headstones for fun until one fell on him. Poetic Justice?? Submitted by Richie Campbell Abridged B. Kraske

**Haunting Humor**

"She lived with her husband 50 years and died in a confident hope of a better life."

"Here lies Jane Smith, wife of Thomas Smith, marble cutter. This monument was erected by her husband as a tribute to her memory and as a specimen of his work. Monument of the same size: \$350."

**Editors' Corner**

In this issue you will notice that the minutes for the past two board meetings are included. Due to various reasons, the October minutes were approved this past board meeting. The January minutes will be reviewed, amended and approved at the annual meeting. We are ready for Spring and for the Annual Meeting in New Windsor. Have you made your reservations?

There are many folks who contributed articles for this issue. Thanks to Jim Trader, Ann and George Horvath, Audrey Bagby, Leonard Becraft, Amanda Becker, Melvin Mason, Robert Mosko, Barbara Kraske, Gerhardt Kraske, Richie Campbell, and Kristin Kraske.

Help is needed to assist us with summarizing the newspaper articles. We are asking for someone to step forward to help. If you are interested in lending a hand, please drop us a line (either at our USPS address or [gpkbmkmd@aol.com](mailto:gpkbmkmd@aol.com)) and we will go into more detail all that is involved. It is not hard work and only takes a couple of hours, or less, every quarter.

We wish that all members will have a great Spring. Gerhardt and Barbara Kraske

**"CEMETERY SEEKERS" – "THE PLOT THICKENS"**

by Leah Bott Main

Baltimore County Genealogical Society

If you "dig" cemeteries (pardon the pun), then get together and have some fun, It's cemeteries we'll be seeking and of cemeteries we'll be speaking. These grounds are hallowed, as you know, and history abounds We must take care and not be "spooked" by any ghostly sounds Our quest will be to fund those spots that never have been listed And even some we'll come across that no one knew existed We'd like to seek and find and pinpoint these locations So they'll be listed and be known for future generations

**Annual Meeting Registration Form**

**Deadline April 10, 2007**

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**Yes, Please register me for the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites' Annual Meeting on April 28, 2007!**

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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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