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to destroy the past”

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Annual Meeting Planning in Full Swing

Meeting to be held April 26, 2014 in Salisbury, Maryland

Our 23rd Annual meeting will be held Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Poplar Hill Mansion 117 Elizabeth St., Wicomico County in Salisbury, MD. The very small town of Salisbury expanded when it was used as a port landing site since 1732. In 1795, Major Levin Handy (from Newport, R.I.) bought 357 acres and began construction of this lovely Federal-style home in 1795. Since then, the mansion remained as private buyers' properties until Mrs. Ward Garber sold the property in 1970 to Wicomico County. Currently the "Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion" (a non-profit corporation) is maintaining and perpetuating the Mansion's history and architectural beauty. Poplar Hill

Mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to announce the following speakers:

Sarah Meyers (Curator Poplar Hill Mansion – Power point presentation on Poplar Hill
Scott Disharoon of Salisbury Monuments (in business since 1890)

Ray Thompson (Founder and Executive Director) of Nabb Research Center

PLEASE: Remember the deadline for registration is April 12th. Form is included in this issue.



Poplar Hill Mansion



Parsons Cemetery – Division St. Entrance

Periwinkle Nominations are Still Being Accepted

Periwinkle awards will again be conferred at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Such awards are conferred to those concerned citizens who dedicate time and work in protecting and preserving the hallowed ground and monuments of cemeteries in Maryland. Please submit candidate names and accomplishments for such an honor to the Periwinkle Committee:

Robert Mosko Chairman , Tel: (717) 633-8092 robertmosko@embarqmail.com

John Higgins Tel: (301) 656-7202 e-mail higgins@CUA.EDU,

Eileen McGuckian Tel: (301) 330-7336 e-mail phileen3@verizon.net.

Applications are available on website www.cpmbs.org . Deadline for submitting such nominees is March 1, 2014.

Rosa Bonheur Society

Candy Warden reporting for the Rosa Bonheur Society, Inc. (RBS) stated that on December 1, 2013 a well-attended Christmas party was held at the Rosa Bonheur Memorial Park. Among the guests were those with loved ones interred at the cemetery, CPMBs, members of Eternal Justice, and other interested parties.

An update was given on the status of the FIXHOCO referendum petition, which challenged elements of the Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning (DPZ) comprehensive rezoning plan. The passage of the rezoning plan imperils the future of the cemetery by making the parcel attractive to developers. The referendum petition's signatures were certified by the Howard County Board of Elections (HCBE), but the referendum petition as a whole was rejected as the HCBE deemed the summary section to not be "fair and accurate". This decision is being appealed as the HCBE had stated prior to circulation of the referendum petition that it was not their role to assess the fairness or accuracy of the summary, but that it was possible that it could be contested in court by other individuals and/or groups.

In planning for concerns of a potential and/or future nature it was disclosed that the RBS has not been granted tax exemption status as yet.

A review of the remote sensing of the cemetery grounds initially proposed by DPZ was provided. Two meetings were held at the cemetery for the purposes of remote sensing by Dr. Laura Cripps and team, which will be overseen by DPZ personnel. During the first session (Jan. 14, 2014) no remote sensing was conducted due to inclement weather. Dr. Cripps provided an overview of the methodology, procedures, and tools that will be used during the survey, which is projected to take two months to complete. Attendees at this meeting included representatives of government agencies, the potential developer, and RBS. James Lanier recounted that the second session (Jan. 17, 2014) entailed several hours of remote sensing within grids that were laid out and scanned by Dr. Cripps and her team. Attendees at this session included representatives of government agencies and RBS.

Finally, Carolyn Jacobi of Eternal Justice is preparing to initiate work on developing pet cemetery legislation, which would aid in strengthening and supporting the legal rights of people that have interred their loved ones in such cemeteries.



Draft minutes of Board of Directors - Quarterly Meeting: January 18, 2014

President Eileen McGuckian called the quarterly meeting of the *Coalition* to order at 1:19 p.m. on January 18, 2014 at the East Columbia Library, 6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, Maryland. Present at the meeting were Eileen, John E. Higgins, Jr., Patrick Warner, Gerhardt "Gary" Kraske, Barbara Kraske, Kristin Kraske, James Lanier, Paul Miller, Dave Mills (elected at this meeting), Robert Mosko, and Candy Warden. Guests present: Jack Carson, Aleta Gravelle, and Evan Mosko.

Secretary's Report, Appointment of Director, Resolution on Principal Officer: Minutes of the Board meeting of September 21, 2013 were approved as presented. Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to appoint David Mills to fill the remainder of Director Sandra Wright's (2013-15) term and to appoint Gerhardt Kraske as Principal Officer of the corporation.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gary Kraske presented the financial report for the year ending December 31, 2013, which was accepted by the Board. Director Paul Miller and Treasurer Kraske will file the federal and state of Maryland tax forms and reports due in early 2014.

James R. Trader Fund Report: The attorney representing the Estate of James R. Trader has explained that the portion of the estate's residual earmarked for the Coalition will be distributed after an overpayment refund is received from the IRS. Barbara Kraske presented the Board with her recommendations for the name and Board responsibilities for the fund, and the mission statement to "*Award grants to qualified individual(s) to restore and/or prevent burial sites from being desecrated by nature or by man.*" She also suggested guidelines to be considered for grants. After discussion it was agreed to require a match from the applicant (but not necessarily cash), and to investigate changing our IRS designation from 501-c-4 to 501-c-3 in order to allow donations to be tax deductible. The Board established a James R. Trader Cemetery Emergency Grant Committee to judge the grant requests and send worthy requests to the Board for approval, and to monitor the progress of the grants; directors John Higgins, Dave Mills, and Robert Mosko were appointed to serve. The Board also agreed that funds would be disbursed to a project with 50% at the beginning and 50% if and when the committee was satisfied with the progress of the project.

Periwinkle Award Committee Report: John Higgins will serve with Chairman Robert Mosko to recommend to the Board candidates to be honored at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Others are urged to volunteer to serve on this committee and to solicit nominations before the March 1 deadline.

Annual Meeting: After Vice President Ed Taylor recommended that the 2014 meeting take place in Salisbury as a memorial to Jim Trader, planning committee member Dave Mills visited Popular Hill Mansion there and presented his report at this meeting. His recommendations were unanimously accepted, as was the date of Saturday, April 26, 2014. Information and plans will be announced to the membership and publicized as soon as possible.

Unfinished Business and Updates: CPMBS Logo: Several possible logos to replace the Coalition "rooster" logo now being used generated discussion, but no conclusion was reached. The matter will continue to be studied, possibly being decided at the annual meeting.

Coalition Courier: The directors were unanimous in their praise and appreciation for the excellent work performed by Courier Editor Diane Nesmeyer over more than a decade and expressed regret that she has resigned from this position. The Board agreed to continue to produce an abbreviated version of the Courier, and was unanimous in thanking Mrs. Nesmeyer for continuing to serve as the Coalition's webmaster.

Rosa Bonheur Cemetery Report: Candy Warden updated efforts to protect and preserve Rosa Bonheur Cemetery in Howard County from future development as a result of the current rezoning plan put forth by the contract purchaser. Her report included an update on the FIXHOCO referendum petition that challenged the elements of the rezoning plan. James Lanier also reported on the remote sensing project of the cemetery grounds to locate both human and pet graves that is being conducted by the Howard County Community College team headed by Dr. Laura Cripps. Further, there is interest in state legislation that will strengthen and support the legal rights of pet owners who have pets interred in Maryland pet cemeteries.

New Business: The terms of the following expire in 2014 and they must stand for election at the Annual Meeting if they desire to serve another two-year term:

President Eileen McGuckian, Vice President Edward Taylor, Vice President for Legislative Affairs John E. Higgins, Jr., and Directors James Lanier, Candy Warden, and Melvin Mason. Those in attendance at this meeting desire to serve again if reelected.

It was agreed that another meeting of the Board of Directors should be held prior to the Annual Meeting, and the date was set for Saturday, April 5. There being no further business, President McGuckian adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, J. Patrick Warner, secretary

Allegheny County

During the past Christmas season the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization placed Christmas wreaths, poinsettias, and historic flags at their more than 800 monuments which the CHCO has erected and restored since 1985. These sites are entitled "Designated and Protected Gravesites of the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization".



Pictured are CHCO members placing Christmas poinsettias at the graves of John and Rebecca

Klipstein who both died in the early 20th century. In 1995 the Klipstein family and the CHCO erected this monument at their graves. The seal of the CHCO is engraved on all monuments. This site is located in the Morrison Cemetery near Barton, MD. Members are Harold Nicol, Christina Taylor and James Klipstein, Sr. To see CHCO monuments visit ww.chco-online.org.

Anne Arundel County

The Welch Family Cemetery

On November 16th, Jeff and I helped the Anne Arundel Genealogical Society with their last inscription day for 2013. The event was being held at the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Annapolis. Tina Simmons, the Cemetery Committee Chair for the Society, and a Coalition member, walked the group over to a group of 13 markers that were flat on the ground. Tina told us that on September 9, 1954, the Del-Parr Corporation moved the Welch Family Cemetery from New South River Highway to Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

According to the markers the earliest death date was February 13, 1830 for Edward Augustus Welch and the latest was March 6, 1869 for Patty Welch.

This year marks the 60th year this cemetery has been in its new location.



Diane Nesmeyer

[Thanks to Tina Simmons for providing background information for this article.]

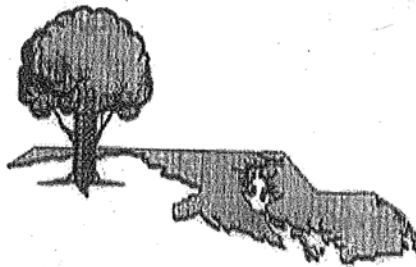
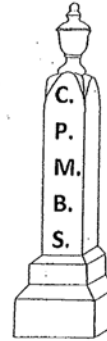
GOT CPMBS LOGO?

Since the Coalition formed in 1991, two logos have been used. You've likely seen the "rooster" in our website and the Courier, and the "tree with Maryland state map" on flyers and letterhead. Below are those images, plus a few others that are being considered.

Now is your opportunity to submit any of your ideas for a single CPMBS logo to a panel that will narrow the field down to 2 or 3 finalists. Then, a membership vote will be held at the 2014 Annual Meeting in April.

Got CPMBS logo ideas ??
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The Courier

The Coalition Courier is published quarterly by the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc., P. O. Box 1533, Ellicott City, Maryland 21041, (410) 772-8602. Members of the Coalition receive the Courier as part of their membership which runs from June 1 through May 31st of each year. Individual memberships are \$10.00, household memberships are \$15, student memberships (grade 12 and under) are \$5, and organizational memberships are \$20.00 per year. Dues should be mailed to the Membership Chairperson at the address listed above.

The President, Board of Directors, and the Courier editors encourage all members to submit articles to the Courier. They further invite members to write to the Courier with questions or comments about any topic that pertains to burial sites. The topics can include preservation, protection, restoration and maintenance, historical and cultural significance, and documentation. They are also looking for questions or comments you may have about the Coalition. The questions, answers, and comments will be printed in future editions of the Courier. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your Coalition and to have questions answered that you may have regarding burial sites.

All articles, questions, items of interest may be sent directly to the Coalition at the address listed above or e-mailed to the editors at their address listed below.

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Coalition's Objectives

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 program

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.

Editors

Barbara and Gary Kraske
9425 Dartmouth Rd. Columbia, MD 21045

2014 Publication Deadlines

Spring	March 15, 2014
Summer	June 15, 2014
Fall	September 15, 2014
Winter	December 15, 2014

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held quarterly and scheduled by the President. Meetings are first posted on the Coalition's Web Site and announced in the issue of the Courier published just prior to the meeting.

The Annual Meeting is held during the board meeting in April of each year. Election of new officers and Board members takes place as well as presentation of the annual reports, adoption of the budget for the coming year, and presentation of the Periwinkle Awards.

2013-2014 Officers and Board of Directors

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Web Site

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Editors' Corner

There are many folks who contributed articles for this issue. Thanks to Dave Mills, Barbara Kraske, Candy Warden, Pat Warner, Diane Nesmeyer, and Eileen McGuckian

Barbara & Gary Kraske

23rd Annual Meeting: April 26, 2014

Where: Poplar Hill Mansion
117 Elizabeth Street
Salisbury, Maryland 21801 Wicomico County
Telephone 410-749-1776

When: Saturday April 26, 2014
8:30 - 9:00 AM refreshments & registration
9:00 Start of Annual Meeting

Cost: \$45.00 per member \$55.00 per non-member - Includes morning coffee, tea, refreshments, noontime lunch

Field Trip: Local Cemetery Tours Available

Parsons Cemetery (4 blocks from Mansion) 28 acres containing 100 plots including Governor Jackson (1888 – 1892) and Jackson family members.

Huston’s Cemetery (1/2 miles from Mansion) containing plots of African American slaves who helped build Poplar Hill. Also a potters’ field containing burials of Civil War soldiers

HOTEL	Phone #s	Relative Rates &Expedia Reviews
Best Western Salisbury Plaza 1735 N Salisbury Blvd	(410) 546-1300 FAX (410) 543-0370	\$49 3.8 out of 5 (253 reviews)
Comfort Inn Salisbury 2701 N. Salisbury Blvd.	(410) 546-4666 FAX (410) 749-2639	\$70 3 .6 out of 5 (98 reviews)
Courtyard Marriott Salisbury 128 Troopers Way	(410) 742-4405 FAX (410)-742-0101	\$119 \$95 4.5 out of 5 (92 reviews)
Hampton Inn Salisbury 121 East Naylor Mill Rd	(410) 334-3080 FAX 410-334-3095	\$99 \$84 4.3 out of 5 (233 reviews)
Holiday Inn Salisbury Downtown 300 S Salisbury Blvd	(410) 546-4400 FAX (410) 546-2528	\$70 \$63 3.7 out of 5 (121 reviews)
Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham 3050 Merritt Mill Rd	(410) 742-2626 FAX (410)-742-9922	\$65 \$52 4.0 out of 5 (225 reviews)
Residence Inn by Marriott Salisbury 140 Centre Road	(410) 543-0033 FAX (410)-543-0055	\$119 \$112 4.4 out of 5 (43 reviews)

Questions? See www.cpmbs.org

Contact: Dave Mills at (302) 424-7674 (Home)
(301) 504-1200 (Work)

Registration Deadline April 12, 2014

Yes, sign me up for the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites’ Annual Meeting on April 26, 2014!

Name _____
Organization (if applicable) _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Send check for \$45.00 per member, \$55.00 per non-member payable to CPMBS. Mail check with this form to:

Mr. Gerhardt Kraske, Treasurer
9425 Dartmouth Road
Columbia, MD 21045

*******Deadline: April 12, 2014*******

**Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites
Membership Form**

**NOTE: This is *NOT* a renewal *notification*; it is provided for convenience only.
Membership year is June 1 through May 31st**

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	Organization.....	\$ 20
	Household.....	\$ 15

Questions? Call Kristin Kraske,
Membership (410) 461-6313

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Annual Meeting

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