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Oakley Cabin, log slave quarters and later home to free blacks, is a living history museum of African-American heritage operated by M-NCPPC.

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Protecting Our Heritage



Historic Preservation in Montgomery County



An Overview



75 years

Montgomery County's Heritage

Visible reminders of Montgomery County's rich history are everywhere. Look beyond recent development and you will discover buildings from the Colonial and Federal periods, and from the agrarian, industrial and recent past. Individual landmarks and historic districts demonstrate how each generation leaves its mark on the built environment.



Construction began on the Hyatt House in the early 1800s. This Hyattstown building served as a hotel, store, and post office. Friends of Historic Hyattstown Collection.

Taken as a whole, these landmarks create a historic landscape that includes:

- Archeological sites and mill ruins along the stream valleys;
- Farms, banks and meeting-houses associated with the Quaker heritage;
- Lock houses, aqueducts, mines, and quarries bordering the Potomac River and the C&O Canal;
- Farmhouses, spring houses, corn cribs, and slave quarters from the rural past;
- River fords and encampment sites of the Civil War;
- African-American communities;
- Early suburbs developed along the route of the B&O railroad;
- Small-scale commercial blocks and gas stations from the early automobile era;
- Major government complexes such as the Bethesda Naval Hospital and the National Institutes of Health;
- Postwar housing that shaped suburban development.

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The Maughlin House in Boyds, photographed in 1866. Montgomery County Historical Society.

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For state and federal historic preservation programs, contact:

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Front cover: left to right, top to bottom: Fraley family at Flint Hill, c1890, Montgomery County Historical Society; Gothic Dairy Barn at the Lawrence White Farm; House in Takoma Park Historic District; The Silver Theater, 1938, The Mitchell Wolfson, Jr. Collection, The Wolfsonian-Florida International University, Miami Beach, Florida; Schoolchildren at the Loving Charity Hall, Elijah Methodist Church in Poolesville, 1909, George McDaniel Collection, Montgomery County Historical Society; Brookeville Academy; Oliver Watkins Farmhouse; Bussard Farm bank barn, early 1900s, M-NCPPC.



The Bussard Farm, photographed in the mid-20th century, is now part of M-NCPPC's Agricultural History Farm Park. M-NCPPC.

What is the County's program for heritage education?

The HPC is charged with serving as a clearinghouse for information on historic preservation and with advancing preservation goals within the county. Toward this end, the HPC and Historic Preservation Section staff undertake many education and outreach activities. The Commissioners and staff:

- **Interpret** the county's history for visitors through public programs at county-owned parks and properties, such as Woodlawn Manor, the Bussard Farm at the Agricultural History Farm Park, and Oakley Cabin. These programs are sometimes done with the help of Friends groups.
- **Produce** historic markers for designated properties in the county parks.
- **Conduct** public archaeology digs on county-owned land. Using school-age children, college students, and interested adults, the county's archaeologists conduct Phase One testing of archaeological sites.
- **Fund** educational and interpretative projects identified by other organizations through grant programs. Selected projects are those that promote the county's heritage.
- **Prepare** a quarterly newsletter called *The Preservationist*, which is an informative look at preservation issues in the county.
- **Maintain** an informational website for the public.
- **Provide** a Geographic Information System (GIS) database of all *Master Plan*, *Locational Atlas*, and National Register sites in the county.
- **Publish** books on the planning history and the architecture of the county. Recent works have included *Places from the Past: The Tradition of Gardez Bien in Montgomery County, Maryland* (2001) and *Chevy Chase: A Home Suburb for the Nation's Capital* (1998).
- **Speak publicly** on preservation and historical topics through lectures, slide shows, and participation on various panels.



Children participate in archaeological digs sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning, Historic Preservation Section. © MDCPC.

Montgomery County has established a comprehensive program to identify, protect and interpret this three-century-old legacy. The county works hard to preserve those aspects of its heritage important to future generations. The county preservation program:

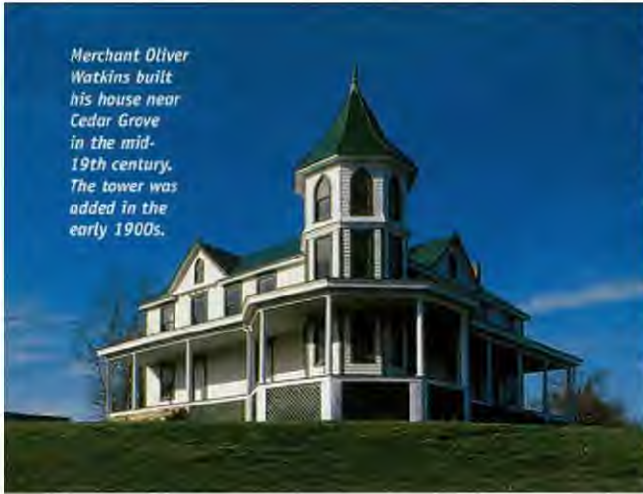
- Provides accurate and thorough research on the history of the county and its historic resources;
- Supports good stewardship of recognized historic buildings and sites by providing tax credits to defray the cost of rehabilitation;
- Offers the expertise of professional staff that can work with property owners on rehabilitation plans;
- Administers a local grant fund for nonprofit organizations that undertake a variety of educational projects, such as publications, living history programs, and oral histories.

The hundreds of private property owners who preserve and maintain the county's historic buildings and sites are key to the countywide preservation program. In addition, private museums and non-profit organizations educate residents and tourists about the county's history, while family farms open their gates to schoolchildren to keep the county's agricultural heritage alive.

The nine members of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) are leaders in the preservation effort. Professional staff at the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning's Historic Preservation Section supports the work of the HPC. To date, the preservation program has succeeded in:



This stone bank barn at Woodlawn near Sandy Spring was built in 1832 by master stonemason Isaac Holland.



Merchant Oliver Watkins built his house near Cedar Grove in the mid-19th century. The tower was added in the early 1900s.



This Late Victorian house in the Takoma Park historic district was extensively restored by owners who took advantage of the county rehabilitation tax credit.

- Identifying over 560 archaeological sites;
- Protecting over 2,400 buildings and sites by designation on the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*;
- Establishing an easement program to protect open space and standing structures;
- Preserving numerous public properties for historic interpretation.

What is Montgomery County's historic preservation law?

Montgomery County's historic preservation program was established in 1979 by an ordinance, which is Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. The ordinance requires that the county provide for the "identification, designation and regulation, for purposes of protection, preservation and continued use and enhancement, of those sites, structures with their appurtenances and environmental settings, and districts of historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value in that portion of the county which is within the Maryland-Washington Regional District."

The ordinance established a nine-member volunteer Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to oversee the preservation program. The HPC members are appointed by the County Executive for three-year terms and represent the fields of history, architecture, preservation, and urban design. The Historic Preservation Section staff includes architectural historians, architects, historians, planners, and archaeologists.

and repairing original siding, repointing brick or stone foundations or chimneys, restoring a documented feature that is currently missing, and repairing and maintaining outbuildings. The costs associated with new construction and interior work are not eligible. Work on approved projects must exceed \$1,000 in a given year and be performed by a licensed contractor.

The state also offers a generous income tax credit for approved work on "certified" historic properties. The Maryland Historical Trust reviews the projects. The state credit applies to exterior and/or interior structural or mechanical work, and does not cover the cost of new construction. Likewise, the federal government has tax credits for exterior and interior work on certified income-producing property.

How can easements help me?

The county has an easement program to preserve historic resources. A property owner may offer the county a preservation easement to protect or conserve interior or exterior features of a historic resource or open space. All easements are granted in perpetuity and are recorded by the grantor in the county land records. In return for donating an easement, a property owner can register a charitable donation with the IRS—typically a very beneficial tax tool. In some cases, property assessments are also lowered after donation of an easement. Consult your accountant or tax attorney for more information on the benefits of donating an easement.



The Corby Estate/Strathmore Hall (1902; 1914) is a county-owned cultural arts center. Its exterior and interior are protected by a state easement. H-NCPHC.

If the HAWP is denied, the HPC provides the property owner with a written decision, which can be appealed to the Board of Appeals by any party "with standing" within 30 days.

A HAWP is **not** required for interior changes, ordinary maintenance, repair of exterior features (meaning retention of original materials), or selection of paint colors.



The Bussard Farmhouse along Rock Creek is typical of center-gable, one-room deep farmhouses found throughout the county.

What if a proposed development affects historic properties?

The staff of the Historic Preservation Section is involved in reviewing subdivision plans, site plans, and development proposals to assess their impact on historical and archaeological resources. If cultural resources are located within development sites, steps are taken to protect those resources from adverse effects. Staff works closely with developers to make sure that the appropriate protective measures are taken.

What tax benefits are available for repairing historic property?

County tax benefits are available to encourage historic preservation and to offset the cost of repairing historic property. This applies only to sites that are designated on the *Master Plan*. The current program offers a county property tax credit of 10% of the cost of *approved* maintenance, exterior restoration, or preservation. Eligible work includes but is not limited to painting, repairing roofs or windows or replacing them in-kind if necessary, repairing architectural trim or ornament, uncovering

How does a property get designated as a historic site?

In 1976, the county undertook a survey to identify potential historic sites. The result was the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites*, an interim listing of potential historic resources. Sites listed on the *Atlas* are protected from demolition or "substantial alteration" by order of Chapter 24A, Section 10. Sites not initially identified on the *Atlas* can be added to it, if research shows that they have historic potential.

Sites from the *Atlas* are evaluated for designation on the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*, the county's official listing of protected resources. The evaluation is generally initiated during comprehensive planning for specific communities. Both individual sites and districts can be nominated to the *Master Plan*.



Woodlawn (c1800-25) reflects the Quaker presence in the Sandy Spring, Olney, and Ashton areas.

To qualify, the history, architecture, and significance of a structure or site must be documented on a form called the State Historic Sites Inventory Form (available from the Maryland Historical Trust). Once a site has been reviewed, Historic Preservation Section staff provides the HPC with a recommendation on the matter of designation and a suggested "environmental setting" to protect the site. The HPC evaluates each proposed designation to see if it meets the county's criteria for preservation. If sites do not qualify for listing on the *Master Plan*, they can be removed from the *Atlas*.

If the HPC recommends designation to the *Master Plan*, it takes the form of an amendment to the *Plan*. The county's Planning Board and the Montgomery County Council must review it and agree before the

amendment can be finalized. The County Executive also has the opportunity to comment prior to the County Council's hearing. Each reviewing body holds public hearings.



The Hyattstown Mill (1918) is a designated historic site now being leased by M-NCPPC to an arts organization.

What is the difference between County designation and listing on the National Register of Historic Places?

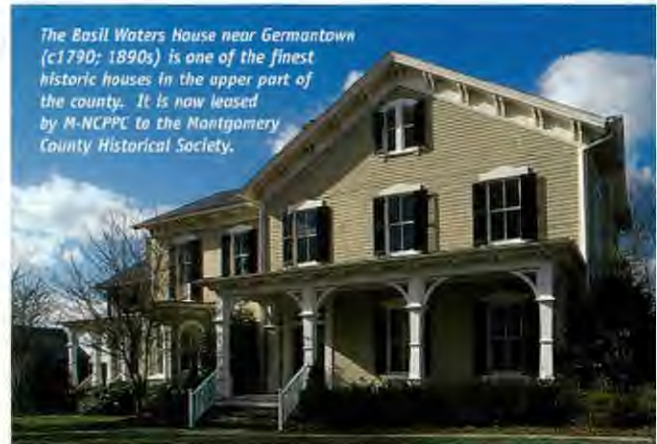
A designated *Master Plan* site (either individually or within a district) is a **local** designation. This status is different from a property that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The *Master Plan* listing places a property owner under the jurisdiction of Chapter 24A of the County Code, and makes it eligible for county rehabilitation tax credits. A National Register listing filed with the National Park Service protects a property owner from the adverse effects of government projects that use state and/or federal licensing or funding. National Register listing also opens up the possibility of preferential tax treatment for "certified rehabilitations" at the state and federal level. Unlike a county listing, National Register listing does not require a private owner using private funds to seek approval for renovation, alteration, or even demolition.

How do I make changes to a County-designated historic property?

The HPC and the staff are available to help property owners make compatible changes to designated sites. For work on public or private properties listed on the *Master Plan*, the County Code requires that a property

owner obtain an Historic Area Work Permit (or HAWP) *before* the applicant files for a building permit. HAWPs are intended to encourage repair over reconstruction and to manage change. The County Code notes that HAWPs are required before "constructing, reconstructing, moving, relocating, demolishing or in any manner modifying, changing or altering the exterior features of any historic site or any historic resource located within any historic district." HAWPs also must be obtained when changing features within the environmental setting of an historic site or erecting fences and most signs.

Historic Area Work Permit Applications are obtained from the Department of Permitting Services in Rockville. Applicants are encouraged to consult the



The Basil Waters House near Germantown (c1790; 1890s) is one of the finest historic houses in the upper part of the county. It is now leased by M-NCPPC to the Montgomery County Historical Society.

Historic Preservation Section staff of the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning early in their project to obtain guidance. The Historic Preservation Section staff reviews all HAWPs for compliance with Chapter 24A, along with any district-specific guidelines, and the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Members of the HPC hear each HAWP case no more than 45 days after filing. When the HPC approves the HAWP, the Department of Permitting Services issues a work permit. The entire process typically takes 3 weeks from date of filing to approval by the HPC.

Calendar

Through February 2005

Exhibit: *Brown vs Board of Education: Public School Integration in Montgomery County*. Beall-Dawson House, Rockville. Tuesdays through Sundays, 12:30-4:30 PM 111 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville. Call 301-762-1492. montgomeryhistory.org

Exhibit at the Waters House in Germantown: *Frippery: Finery in Dress*. Wednesdays 2 PM-7 PM, Saturdays 10 AM-4 PM. 12535 Milestone Manor Lane, Germantown. Call 301-762-1492. montgomeryhistory.org

Through December

Rockville's Road to Brown vs. Board of Education. Traveling exhibit by Peerless Rockville on view in Rockville Library in Town Center.

Through January 2

Holiday Tours - 1815 Beall-Dawson House decorated for the holidays. Tours end with special hot spiced cider and homemade cookies. Free to MCHS members (\$3 non-members). Tuesday through Sunday from 12 noon-4 PM with the last tour of the day at 3:15 PM. 111 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville. Call 301-762-1492. montgomeryhistory.org.

December 2004

1 & 15 HPC Meeting, 7:30 PM, MRO Auditorium, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Call 301-563-3400. mncppc.org.

6 & 7 1st Annual Holiday Craft Boutique at the Waters House in Germantown. Sat. 10 AM-5 PM, Sun. 12 noon-7 PM. montgomeryhistory.org.

6 7th Annual Waters House Tree Lighting from 4:30 to 6 PM at the historic Waters House, Royal Crown Drive and Milestone Manor Drive in Germantown. Santa on a horse-drawn wagon, hot cider, cookies, carol singing. Call 301-762-1492 for information. montgomeryhistory.org

11 & 12 Christmas on the Farm: Hayrides and Candlelight Tours of the Bussard Farmhouse at the Agricultural History Farm Park, 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood; noon to 8 PM. Call 301-670-4661. montgomeryparksfund.org

January 2005

12 & 26 HPC Meeting, 7:30 PM, MRO Auditorium, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Call 301-563-3400. mncppc.org.

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Archaeologist excavating at county historic site.

Historic Preservation & Archaeology: A Partnership in Preserving the Past

The Historic Preservation Commission has a partner in the challenging job of preserving Montgomery County's heritage: The Archaeology Program! The Historic Preservation

Commission and the Archaeology Program are united in the essential goal of identifying, protecting and interpreting our archaeological and historical sites throughout Montgomery County.

At many special historic events you will see the two programs working together: on Emancipation Day, celebrated along the Underground Railroad Trail in Sandy Spring and at Oakley Cabin in Brookeville, archaeologists joined historians and Friends of Oakley Cabin to interpret our African American heritage. At a recent symposium, *Archaeology & the Civil War*, held at Brookside Gardens Visitors Center in Wheaton, archaeologists and historians joined to present the interpretation of the physical reminders of the Civil War Era including a variety of sites, from historic houses like Bloomfield in Sandy Spring to the earthworks of Blockhouse House Point in Potomac.

Archaeology is both history and anthropology. Often the historical significance of a site is not only supported by archaeology but is proved by archaeology. Archaeology is a foundation of history! Archaeology is key in making connections to the common, ordinary folks in the past, whose lives were often overlooked: the slaves, women, children, and tenant farmers of our community. Archaeology reaches back to the time before written record, to when Indians settled along the shores of the Potomac, to even further back to when Indians traveled the stream valleys in small bands, camping in rock shelters, their tribal names and language lost, only their stone tools and weapons giving us a marker that they

The Archaeology Program strives to bring our past alive and provide stewardship for our archaeological resources through its public "dig days", community symposiums, school outreach, internships and an active volunteer program. Working with Montgomery College students, high school archaeology clubs and the local chapter of the Archaeology Society of Maryland, the Archaeology Program has uncovered clues from our past. Current research includes excavation and analysis of Civil War Era/Underground Railroad sites such as a blockhouse, slave cabin, tenant house, free black settlements and other Underground Railroad features; and studying prehistoric sites such as the excavation and analysis of a rock shelter along the Potomac and the identification and registration of several other prehistoric camps and quarries.

Next year is the 250th Anniversary of the French & Indian War and the Historic Preservation and Archaeology Programs will participate in the statewide celebration. Dowden's Ordinary in Clarksburg, where General Braddock and his troops stayed, will be a focal point of the celebration with public "dig days" at the site and a French & Indian War symposium to be held in the fall.

Archaeology is history in your backyard—not just something to read about! Become involved. Contact Heather Bouslog or Jim Sorensen for more information: heather.bouslog@mncppc-mc.org, james.sorensen@mncppc-mc.org or 301-840-5848. mncppc.org/historic/archaeology/

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Historic Preservation News and Notes

Happy Birthday Montgomery County

Eighteen county historical organizations participated in celebrating the 228th birthday of Montgomery County September 6 at the Beall-Dawson House in Rockville. Visitors were enchanted this year by the new exhibit by Civil War reenactors from the Buffalo Soldiers group. Also new this year was the display by the Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County. Seven of the exhibits were on projects that had been achieved with the help of Historic Preservation Grants. In addition, two of the videos shown during the day in the video tent were the products of HPC grants. In the HPC tent Commissioner Lee Burstyn, coordinator Gwen Wright, planner Clare Cavicchi, and county archeologist Heather Bouslog presented the work being done by the staff and commissioners to help preserve our country's history.

Magical Montgomery

The Historic Preservation Commission joined with many other cultural and arts organizations on October 9 for a grand street fair in Silver Spring. This year there was a special display at our booth honoring the 25th Anniversary of the historic preservation program in Montgomery County, as well as an activity for children using the different techniques of construction typical of historic buildings. Commissioners David Rotenstein, Julia O'Malley, and Steve Breslin greeted visitors to the booth.



Children at HPC Booth at Magical Montgomery.

National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Listings

On September 15 the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom's National Committee of Regional Coordinators accepted M-NCPPC's two applications for inclusion in the Network—the site of the arrest of William Chaplin at Jesup Blair Park as a site; and the Underground Railroad Experience Hike on the Rural Legacy Trail as a program. Both the site and the program will now be included in the Network, be listed on the official website, and will be able to use the official logo.

The site of the arrest of William Chaplin for attempting to help two slaves escape to freedom on August 8, 1850, is on Georgia Avenue at Blair Road. An interpretive sign will be placed at the site this spring when the renovation of Jesup Blair Park is completed.

The Underground Railroad Experience Hike on the Rural Legacy Trail is a 1.5-mile trail interpreted to be used as a self-guided hike through woods and fields that recreates, at least in part, the experience of escaping on the Underground Railroad. (see www.montgomerytrails.org) The trail begins at Woodlawn Manor (located at Norwood and Ednor Roads) and ends at the Sandy Spring, a spring that was used by farms on the outskirts of a Quaker town settled in the 1720s and named for the spring, Sandy Spring. The stone barn near the house will eventually be converted to a visitor center for the Montgomery County Underground Railroad/Quaker Heritage Cluster.

For National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom information visit www.cr.nps.gov/ugrr.

Year 2005 Historic Preservation Grants Awarded

The March 2005 History Day will have the help of an HPC grant.

Montgomery Preservation, Inc. was awarded a grant for the 19th annual Historic Preservation Awards Reception to be held next spring.

Montgomery Preservation, Inc. also received a grant for the creation and installation of two outdoor historic district signs for the Hammond Wood Historic District. This unique post World War II neighborhood is one of five in the county to have houses designed by the renowned Modern architect Charles Goodman and the neighborhood has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Capital Trolley Museum was awarded a grant for two banner style exhibits, Trolleyman at Work.

For two years Peerless Rockville has received HPC grants for the Rockville's Recent Past project. This year's grant will complete the project by expanding, diversifying and adapting the GIS database, continuing research on the sites and identifying additional sites. It will also include conducting oral histories.

The project of Peerless Rockville and Historic Takoma to inventory and analyze historic burial grounds in Montgomery County, will be completed in 2005 with help from an HPC grant.

Save Our Seminary last received an HPC grant in 1999 to help with the publication of a book on the National Park Seminary at Forest Glen. This grant will help with the archiving and interpretation of the Forest Glen Seminary collections for future research and display. This is phase one of a project that will probably take three years.

The Historic Preservation Commission voted on October 27 to award \$30,000 in matching grants to county non-profit groups for a variety of projects that will increase public awareness of our county's history, protect our county's heritage resources, and promote the preservation of historic structures. The funding is limited to non-capital projects and all of the projects must be completed before December 31, 2005.

The Cabin John Citizens Association will be fabricating outdoor interpretive signage on the history of the cemetery at the historic Gibson Grove AME Church in Cabin John.

Last year the Town of Glen Echo produced a very informative *Walking Tour of Glen Echo* booklet. This coming year they will be producing a book on the history of Glen Echo.

For many years visitors have enjoyed the native plant life in the lovely arboretum behind the John Poole House in Poolesville. The Historic Medley District will be creating a rehabilitation plan for the Stock Arboretum.

Historic Medley District will also be receiving a grant to produce a pictorial map of the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve for the upcoming 25th Anniversary of the Reserve.

New signage is going up all over the City of Takoma Park and Historic Takoma is receiving a grant for interpretive signage in the Takoma Park Historic District that will be coordinated with the overall plan.

Montgomery College will be doing an archaeological excavation and analysis of the Watts Site in Montgomery with help from volunteers from the Rockville Senior Center. Dr. James Sorensen, MNCPPC archaeologist, will oversee the curation and disposition of field notes.

Since 1999, the Montgomery County Historical Society has sponsored the National History Day competition for High School and Junior High students in Montgomery County. With more than 19 schools and 1,150 students participating, this has become quite a project.

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