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Congratulations to the Frederick County Historic Preservation Commission on its tenth anniversary. The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area is proud to join in the celebration of Frederick County Historic Preservation Year, proclaimed under the slogan "This Place Matters!"

CIVIL WAR STAKEHOLDERS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

ON MAY 8, the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWhA), along with Civil War Trails Region VI, hosted a gathering of 43 Civil War stakeholders from around the state.

In attendance were Maryland Office of Tourism Development (MOTD) Executive Director Margot Amelia and key members of her staff, plus Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Director Richard Hughes with Assistant Director Amanda Murphy. Nine Destination Marketing Officers represented county tourism offices, along with four Heritage

Area representatives, Department of Natural Resources Chief Historian Ross Kimmel, Civil War Trails Executive Director Mitch Bowman, representatives of four National Park Service units, members of the HCWhA Advisory Board, and representatives of several key museums and historic sites.

During the meeting, participants reviewed the status of the state's five-year-old Civil War Trails (CWT) program. Inaugurated in Maryland in 2002 with the "1862 Antietam Campaign: Lee Invades Maryland" trail, CWT is among the state's most successful

heritage tourism programs. The trails are an appealing way to travel scenic roads, learn fascinating stories in the places where they happened, and enjoy other amenities offered by towns and cities along the way.



The meeting was held at one of Frederick County's newest conference facilities—Monocacy Hall at the Bishop Claggett Center, located on the Civil War Trails' Antietam Campaign trail, just south of Buckeystown.

Marci Ross, MOTD Assistant Director, affirmed the state's ongoing commitment to marketing CWT and stated that new trails and/or trail markers may be undertaken on the local level and via creative partnerships. Mitch Bowman, CWT Executive Director, encouraged groups interested in adding new stories to an existing trail or establishing a new trail to contact him directly at 804-783-7423 or hmb7@cox.net.

Part of CWT's success is an assertive plan for maintenance. For a modest annual fee, prompt repair or replacement of markers is

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MINI-GRANTS AWARDED

The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area is pleased to announce the following mini-grants awards. The mini-grant program will resume in August. Watch for press announcements about FY09 deadlines, applications, and guidelines.

Sykesville Gatehouse Museum: \$1,000 for a tour brochure entitled "Take a Stroll through History: Beautiful, Downtown, Historic Sykesville"

New Windsor Heritage Committee: \$1,614 to support a walking tour brochure

Community Foundation of Carroll County: \$600 for informational signage for Corbit's Charge Commemorative Weekend

Westminster Historic District Commission: \$600 to produce the Preservation Month 2008 Scavenger Hunt Poster

The Maryland Theatre: \$500 for materials promoting "Frederick Douglas, In the Shadow of Slavery"

Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc.: \$1,886 to support the design of a new exhibit on the history of the C & O Canal and the science behind the operation of canal locks

City of Brunswick: \$500 grant to produce banners for Railroad Days and the Veterans Day Parade

FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY...

Antietam Is Dream Destination



Antietam National Battlefield Park Superintendent John Howard was very pleased to learn of the park's selection as one of the 100 Dream Destinations. "It is a great honor, and I'm thrilled to see the worldwide recognition of this special place."

Dream Destinations: 100 of the World's Best Vacations—a new hardcover book from LIFE—features a familiar attraction on page 115. The Antietam National Battlefield in Washington County is the only Maryland destination and the only Civil War site featured in the book.

On September 17, 1862, Antietam was the site of America's single bloodiest day of battle with more than 23,000 casualties. Today, Antietam is recognized as America's most pristine battlefield park and is the most-visited historical attraction in Western Maryland. The LIFE book hails Antietam as "crucial" in the Civil War and cites the importance of President Lincoln's issuing of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation following the battle. Readers of *Dream Destinations* are urged to visit the national battlefield park and to "take a self-guided hike on any of the trails—Cornfield, Final Attack, Union Advance, Antietam Remembered, Sherrick Farm, Snively Ford—and just...imagine."



Antietam visitors can now explore the Pry House barn, which served as a field hospital for 400 wounded Civil War soldiers. The National Museum of Civil War Medicine, which coordinates exhibits in the barn and the adjacent Pry House Field Hospital Museum, invites visitors to stand on the site where the wounded were treated and learn about medical concepts that were pioneered during the war. Although the barn's multi-year renovation won't be complete until early 2010, the building is open to the public daily (through October) with special programming most afternoons.

On September 12, 13, and 14, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine will host the Third Annual Early American Banjo Conference at the Pry House, featuring lectures and workshops on period playing styles and banjo construction and restoration, as well as the lives of early performers. A public concert will be held on Saturday, September 13, time to be determined. For more information, visit civilwarmed.org or call 301-695-1864.

FROM FREDERICK COUNTY...

Rose Hill Manor Readies for Reenactment



Rose Hill Manor, the final home of Maryland's first elected governor, Thomas Johnson, was host to encampments of both Confederate and Union troops in 1862 and 1863. During the Encampment this July, visitors will get a close-up look at Civil War camp life.

Visitors to Downtown Frederick will see smoke from the campfires and hear the distant boom of cannons on July 12 and 13, when more than 100 reenactors and living historians gather for the Fourth Annual Civil War Encampment at Rose Hill Manor Park and Museums in Frederick. The popular event is a tribute to both Federal and Confederate soldiers who held encampments on the property during the Civil War.

The once 400-acre farm and manor house was impacted during the Civil War by several large encampments, the largest of which took place in the fall of 1862 by Confederate troops and the

summer of 1863 by Federal troops before and after the battle of Gettysburg. At the time, the property was owned by David Ogle-Thomas, a gentleman farmer whose main crops were wheat, rye, and corn, in addition to other crops and livestock. Ogle-Thomas lived at Rose Hill with his wife and seven children and was extremely successful as a plantation owner in Frederick County.

Since its inaugural year in 2005, the encampment has grown in popularity with spectators and reenactors, who share a love and dedication not only to Civil War history but also to the Rose Hill property and its legacy. This year's event takes place on Saturday, July 12 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Sunday, July 13, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Activities will include military drilling, artillery demonstrations, demonstrative battles on both days, a period church service, debates between General Lee and General Grant, civilian events, a court martial, and an up-close look at encampment life. New this year will be candlelight tours of the camps from 7 until 9 p.m. each evening. Admission is \$5.00 per person. For more information, visit rosehillmuseum.com or call 301-600-1650. Rose Hill Manor Park and Museums is located at 1611 North Market Street in Frederick.

FROM CARROLL COUNTY...

The Cavalry Rides Again at Union Mills Homestead

In 1863, the Shriver family, owners of the Union Mills Homestead property and surrounding land, were like many other Marylanders at the time—divided in loyalty to the Confederacy and Union causes. At the Homestead, Andrew K. Shriver's family supported the Union, while his brother William Shriver and family across the road supported the Confederates. Each family had sons in the two armies.

Conflict came closer than ever for the Shriver family when, just before midnight on June 29, 1863, J.E.B. Stuart's Confederate Cavalry swarmed over the orchard hill. Horses and soldiers filled the yard and surrounded the Homestead. Hungry soldiers were fed flapjacks in the old kitchen, and at dawn the rebel cavalry headed towards Hanover, Pennsylvania. William Shriver hosted the Confederate officers for breakfast, and J.E.B. Stuart even entertained his fellow Southern sympathizers with a song.

Shortly after the Confederates left, the Union soldiers arrived. Syke's Fifth Corp of infantry camped in the surrounding fields, and Division Commander General Barnes made the main house his headquarters. Because of J.E.B. Stuart's engagement at Hanover, General Robert E. Lee was handicapped during the first two days of fighting at Gettysburg, which proved to be a significant factor in the Union victory there.

On July 2 and 3, Union Mills Homestead will once again host J.E.B. Stuart and his cavalry, when reenactors convene and ride into Pennsylvania to reenact the Battle of Hanover at Sheppard Farm. The troops will bivouac at Union Mills the night of July 2, and visitors may join them for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. the next morning. Breakfast costs \$6 per person and includes sausage, applesauce, coffee, and juice, along with pancakes made from the stone-ground flour of the historic mill. Guided tours of the mill and original homestead are available for a separate fee. For details on J.E.B. Stuart's Ride, go to unionmills.org or call 410-848-2288. To learn more about the battle reenactment at Sheppard Farm on July 3, visit LCACnet.org.



J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry arrives at Union Mills once again on July 2, on the way to reenact the Battle of Hanover.

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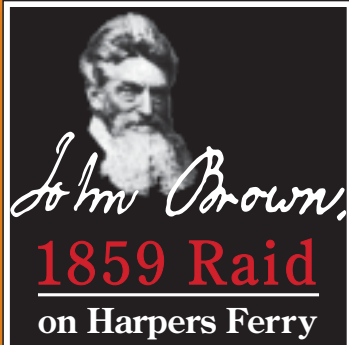
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COMMITTEE PLANS FOR 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF RAID

Most historians look upon the John Brown Raid of 1859 as the spark that began the inferno of the Civil War. The 150th anniversary of this critical event is certainly cause for commemoration, and the John Brown 150th Anniversary Quad-State Committee—comprised of various historians and officials from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland—is already hard at work planning reenactments, dramatic productions, concerts, art exhibits, academic lectures, special tours, and more. Visit the new website at johnbrownraid.org for event specifics and historical background.

Innovative Partnership Expands Interpretation

The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWhA) is partnering with National Park Service (NPS) and South Mountain State Battlefield to bring more public programming and visitor services to Maryland's only state battlefield. South Mountain State Battlefield was established by the Maryland General Assembly in 2000, but capital and human resources to develop interpretation and meet visitor needs and interests have been extremely limited.

This year, Antietam National Battlefield and HCWhA combined resources to fund two seasonal interpreters, hired through NPS but assigned to work under the supervision of South Mountain State Battlefield Manager Al Preston. A heritage area grant, matched by NPS resources, made this partnership possible. Further, three additional seasonal interpreters funded through the state allow for a full range of programs and services to be offered this summer, including some new initiatives.

A guided van tour of Antietam and South Mountain Battlefields was launched this year on Memorial Day weekend. Every Saturday and Sunday (including holidays) through Labor Day, van tours depart the Antietam Battlefield visitor center at 10:30 a.m., returning at 12:30 p.m. These popular tours are provided by the seasonal interpreters hired through the partnership described above.



Isaac Foreman and Paul Miller, seasonal interpreters, appear in costume to promote upcoming public programs at South Mountain State Battlefield during Museums at the Mall on March 29. The annual event at Francis Scott Key Mall in Frederick is sponsored by the Frederick Historic Sites Consortium.

The three South Mountain State Battlefield Museums are open every day through September 30, 2008. Daily introductions to the battlefield and the parks are presented, and weekend schedules include guided tours and demonstrations. On Memorial Day weekend alone, the museums at South Mountain served nearly 850 visitors, as compared to 575 in 2007. Likewise, park visitation on Memorial Day weekend was up by at least 400 visitors. These increases are a testament to the power of partnership and the public interest in learning more about South Mountain's Civil War history.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN STATE BATTLEFIELD IS A DISCONTIGUOUS RESOURCE THAT INCLUDES THREE STATE PARKS (WASHINGTON MONUMENT, GATHLAND, AND SOUTH MOUNTAIN) AND INTERPRETATION FOR THE CONFLICT AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN, PARTICULARLY THE THREE HISTORIC GAPS: FOX'S, TURNER'S AND CRAMPTON'S. TO LEARN MORE, VISIT DNR.MD.GOV/PUBLICLANDS/WESTERN/SOUTHMOUNTAIN.HTML.

assured, and sponsoring organizations are granted access to services such as access to camera-ready art, trail blazers, and marketing opportunities. John Fieseler, Executive Director of the Tourism Council of Frederick County and a member of the HCWHA Advisory Board, serves as the Region VI (Maryland) Coordinator for CWT.

MOTD Executive Director Margot Amelia and Director of Cultural and Heritage Tourism Bill Pencek reviewed the state's approach to significant anniversaries, including the upcoming War of 1812 Bicentennial. Observing that each anniversary event is unique and state involvement differs accordingly, Amelia was enthusiastic about Maryland's "great Civil War product with a built-in audience and partnerships" and noted MOTD's particular interest in strategic marketing of the Sesquicentennial. Dennis Frye, HCWHA Advisory Board member and Harpers Ferry NHP Chief of Interpretation,

described the progress of the John Brown 150th Anniversary Quad-State Committee (see p. 4), which kicks off the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War in June 2009. He suggested that this effort—which coordinates events, education efforts, and marketing by several counties in four states but leaves most decision making to local committees—might provide a model for planning for the whole of the Sesquicentennial through 2015.

Small groups brainstormed possibilities for statewide coordination, education, signature events, and marketing related to Civil War 150th commemorations. Several individuals agreed to continue these discussions before formal outcomes and recommendations are released. All participants agreed that a coordinated statewide approach to planning is warranted, given the event's enormous potential for Maryland tourism and the enthusiasm expressed by stakeholders at the meeting.

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The Power of Place

Against the breathtaking backdrop of Sugarloaf Mountain, HCWHA Advisory Board member and Harpers Ferry NHP Chief of Interpretation Dennis Frye set the tone for the May 8 meeting with a reminder of the power of place, and the importance of communication and coordination.

A masterful interpreter, Frye moved the group outside and shared the history of Sugarloaf as an outpost for signalmen of both armies, explaining the strategic role it played in communication during the war. As Frye spoke, participants could sense how citizens and moving troops must have felt—alert, anxious, and aware that their futures depended in part on Sugarloaf's role in relaying critical information. The group was spellbound as layers of meaning unfolded, and all were reminded that heritage travelers seek authentic experiences in the places where history happened—something the Civil War resources of Maryland can offer in powerful ways now and throughout the years of the upcoming Sesquicentennial.

A compelling presentation by Dennis Frye (pictured top) focused on the history of Sugarloaf (bottom) and the role it played during the Civil War, serving as early warning post, observation point, and communication center.

HCWHA Is Part of Maryland's First National Heritage Area

From the House to the Senate to the President's desk...it's now official! On May 8, President Bush signed legislation that created the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, which encompasses 15 counties in four states, including Carroll, Frederick, and Washington counties. The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area has the distinction of being the first Maryland Heritage Area to be included in a National Heritage Area.

The designation, only the 38th nationwide, recognizes the unparalleled cultural, historic, and scenic resources within Carroll, Frederick, and Washington counties and the entire Journey Through Hallowed Ground corridor. With the designation come expanded opportunities to support heritage tourism, generate revenue, and create educational programs that engage and educate people of all ages. To learn more, visit hallowedground.org.

At the JTHG annual meeting in May, HCWHA's John Fieseler (far right) participated in a panel discussion on the Civil War's 150th anniversary plans. Other panelists, from left, were Dr. James Latschar, Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park; Dr. Robert Sutton, Chief Historian, National Park Service; and Cheryl Jackson, Project Manager and Staff Coordinator of Virginia's Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission.



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This new brochure showcases the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area. To pick up a copy, stop by the Visitor Centers in Washington, Frederick, or Carroll County. The brochures are also distributed at the Mason Dixon Discovery Center and the I-70 Maryland Welcome Center at Prime Outlets in Hagerstown.



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