



# NEWSLETTER

of the  
HARFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 20-November-2005

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: The Historical Society of Harford County  
143 N. Main St., Bel Air, MD (corner of Main & Gordon Streets)

NOTE the change of location for this meeting!

Program: Francis O'Neill, Senior Librarian at the Maryland Historical Society,  
will speak on "What's New at the Maryland Historical Society Library".

*Also please note:*

- Ella Rowe will be at this meeting with fresh pecans and chocolate covered pecans for \$7.00 a bag. They are always very good.
- Special Publication 34 (Ancestral Charts Vol. 6) should be available at the November meeting. For those of you local, please be present to pick up your copy and save us postage.
- There will be no meeting in January, 2006.

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For those of you who do research on the web, the Harford County  
Historical Society web address is: [www.harfordhistory.net](http://www.harfordhistory.net) E-mail address:  
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Roberta Kimball has given notice that this will be her last *Newsletter*. A special thank you is given to her for having been our Editor for the last several years. If anyone would like to accept this position, please let me know. Until such time, I will see that a newsletter, with at least the meeting notice, is published.

Although she will not be the official editor in the future, Roberta will hopefully continue to provide many of the interesting items you see here from her volunteer efforts in the Court Records section on Tuesdays at the Historical Society's headquarters.

Thanks for a job well done.

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**2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE TO BE PAID IN JANUARY**

(Note the increased membership fee).

Please complete the form below and mail with your check for \$15.<sup>00</sup> made payable to: *The Harford County Genealogical Society*.

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If you haven't yet submitted your ancestral chart (Ahnentafel format), there is still time. Mail to Mary B. White, or mail/E-mail to Doug Washburn at the addresses above.

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The Maryland Historical Society has benefited in recent years from two major donations from the Maryland State Medical Society, chartered in 1799 and one of the oldest societies in the country.

When it closed its library in 1999, MedChi gave the MdHS manuscripts including correspondence, lecture notes, and case books of William Welch, William Osler, and other prominent figures in Maryland medical history. The collection also includes records of the Baltimore General Dispensary documenting the medical treatment of free blacks and the poor in the 1800s.

In 2003, MedChi generously allowed the MdHS library to select materials from its holdings. Among the eighty boxes of books and journals are the manual of Military surgery used by Confederate doctors, and annual reports for many nineteenth-century institutions. MedChi gave to the MdHS the personal libraries of two of its founders, Dr. Upton Scott (1722-1814) of Annapolis and Dr. John Archer (1741-1810) of Harford County. Among the twenty boxes of other materials are ephemera from hospitals and medical schools, a nineteenth-century prescription book, licensing applications of homeopathic practitioners and other manuscripts.

MedChi also bestowed some wonderful objects on the MdHS museum. Two extraordinary pieces are a medicine chest belonging to Dr. Upton Scott and a ca.1850 magneto-electrocardiograph machine. We are pleased that the organization chose to save so much of Maryland's medical history by presenting these collections to the Maryland Historical Society

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In addition to the "normal" documents one would expect to find in the Court Records Section at The Historical Society of Harford County, there are sometimes items that contain illustrations. Following is one such item; it illustrates an 185 acre plot surveyed 3-Jul-1839 (?) deeded by Aquila McComas. Although it does not display well here, it contains a reference to a garden, orchard, wood land and meadow.



### CLOSED CHURCH RECORDS

This is a continuation of the list of closed Methodist Churches and their records that can be found in the Lovely Lane Museum.

- ***Oxford Me:*** Organized in 1886 as a Sunday School by Waverly ME Church; 1887 located on Belt Ave and Quaker Lane (presently 24th and Loch Raven); Adjunct of and owned by 1st ME Church
  - Some records at MSA:
    - Baptisms - 1900-1953                      -Funerals 1917-1953
    - Marriages 1917-1953                      -Quarterly Conference Minutes 1947-1956
    - Golden Anniversary Program 1887-1937
  
- ***Parkside-Montford MD, UMC:*** 1931 lot bought at Mannasota & Parkside; 1932 Built on SE corner of above; merged with Montford Ave. in 1932; building burned in 1938; new building dedicated in 1939; closed in 1996.
  - Some records at MSA:
    - Baptisms 1933-1996                      -Deaths - 1933-1996
    - History    -Marriages/Addresses - 1933-1996
    - Membership Directory 1996                      -Members Photo Directory 1982
  
- ***Patterson Chapel MD:*** On Chester St., north of Orleans; in 1878 renamed Chester Street; in 1910 merged with Exter Memorial at Milton and Jefferson Sts.
  - Baptisms - 1878-1904                      - Class Records - 1878
  
- ***Payson St., MP:*** Established in 1892 at Payson St. & McKendree, then near Frederick Ave.; discontinued around 1932.
  - Baptisms 1927-1930                      -Marriages 1927-1930
  - Members 1892-1932
  
- ***Roguel Heights:*** 1914 Organized at Walnut and 3rd Ave.; 1918 built at 808 Walnut Ave. off Colborne Rd.; 1928 merged with Franklin St. Church; discontinued in 1978, building sold.
  - Baptisms - 1930-1977                      -Guest Book -1966-1978
  - Marriages - 1919-1928                      -Members - 1914-1977
  - Photos