

Worcester County Historical Society News

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Mission Statement

The Worcester County Historical Society is a 501-C3 non-profit organization dedicated to discovering, preserving and disseminating the rich natural and cultural history of Worcester County and the State of Maryland.

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From our President

Season's greetings coupled with the hope for a more gentle New year. For those who have sheltered in and stayed away from the worst contagion since 1917-1919 please continue to remain healthy. I sincerely have missed our Spring and Fall General Meetings and especially the dinners. As of this message, we have a tentative date for our late Spring General Meeting and dinner scheduled for Friday, May 14, 2021 in Pocomoke. By then the vaccines will have been made available to those who wish to receive the injections.

Each month we faithfully turn to a new page of the calendar on the wall. Despite the fact that time has passed it seems we have been standing still since last March.

"Life is so very brief
And time is an unrepentant thief
When kind words are often left unspoken
Will a nod and partial grin be our only token?"
"Time has no beginning nor does it have an end

Its real value is in the moments we spend with a friend"

In a perfect world we'll see you all in May.
Newt Weaver, President



Pandemic Stories

What have you been doing during the past 10 months? I think that everyone has a story. We would love to hear from you and be able to document this historic period in our lives. Send your story to: Mabel Rogers 11238 Adkins Rd. Berlin, MD 21811 or by email to thimbly@comcast.net. I look forward to hearing from YOU!

Museums of Worcester County

- Calvin B. Taylor House Museum
- Costen House Museum
- Delmarva Discovery Center
- Furnace Town Living Heritage Village / Mt. Zion School
- Girdletree Barnes Bank
- Julia A. Purnell Museum
- Marva Theatre Performing Arts Center
- Ocean City Lifesaving Station Museum
- Queponco Railway Station
- Rackliffe House
- St. Martin's Church Museum
- Sturgis One Room Schoolhouse/Heritage House

Other Historic Sites in Worcester County

Germantown School Community Heritage Center

10223 Trappe Rd
PO Box 24
Berlin, MD 21811
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Please visit the museums and historic sites in our county.

Check new Historic Site

Historic Horse Trails
www.MDHistoricHorseTrails.com
Info@MDHistoricalHorseTrails.com



Sandra Mumford Quillen

Sandy was an active member of the Worcester County Historical Society Board for many years. She worked diligently on fundraisers and was an active part in helping to index the WCHS book, Worcester County, Maryland's Arcadia. She passed away on December 22, 2020.

Good Luck in the New Year

New Years traditions are abundant and cover all aspects of life. Let's explore a few!

If the first person to cross your threshold on New Year's Day is a man, you will have good luck all year long.



Eating Black Eyed Peas (also known as Hoppin' John) on New Year's Day is a southern tradition that should bring good luck all year long.

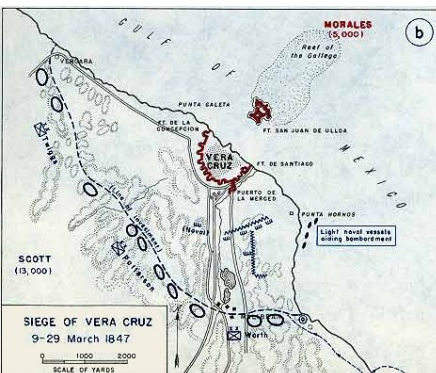
Because of their deep emerald color (think money), hearty greens like kale, spinach and collards are believed to bring wealth and health to those who enjoy them early and often in the New Year.



Who Am I?

This gentleman was a Cadet at the Military Academy in West Point from 1839-1843 when he graduated and promoted in the Army to Bvt. Second Lieutenant. He was a classmate of U. S. Grant.

As part of the 8th Infantry Regiment, he was assigned Garrison duty at Fort Marion, Florida and then on to Fort Brooke, Florida where he faced brief skirmishes with the Seminole Indians who had aligned themselves with escaped slaves. Surviving several bouts of Yellow Fever he was transferred with the Militia Occupation of Texas in 1845-46.



As part of the 4th Infantry, this man was heavily involved in the War with Mexico 1846-48 being engaged in the Battle of Palo Alto; Battle of Resaca de-la Palma; Battle of Monterey and the Siege of Vera Cruz, Mexico in 1847. He participated in the Battle of Cerro Gordo and the capture of San Antonio; the Battle of Churubusco as well as the Battle of Molino del Rey where for Gallant and Meritorious conduct he was promoted to Bvt. First Lieutenant.

In the Battle of Chapultepec, September 13, 1847 he was promoted to Bvt. Captain for Gallant and Meritorious conduct. He was part of the frontal assault and capture of the City of Mexico.

More about this local fellow in the next newsletter.

Newt Weaver, President



Do you have an interesting story to share with your friends who also enjoy the history of Worcester County?

We want to hear from you. Do you know of any interesting websites/newsletters that have information about DelMarVa, in particular , Worcester County? Write a short (or long) story and send to Mabel Rogers as editor of this publication. I always remember an admonition that I received a long time ago and that was if you want to remember anything "Write it Down!" Our memories tend to fade but if we have written it down then it is there for posterity. So please write it down and then share with us. Thank you.

Introducing New Board Members

Worcester County Historical Society board has had a couple of members resign or retire and we would like to thank them for the diligent service. Retiring from many years of service in various positions is Kathy Fisher. We will miss you. Please join me in welcoming two new members to the board, Karen Neville and Jefferson Moak. Now a little about these two new board members.

Karen Neville

Karen Neville resides in Berlin. She grew up in Pocomoke. Neville worked for Worcester County Library for 37 years. She retired as assistant director in 2019. Ms. Neville looks forward to joining the Historical Society Board in 2021. Previously, she served as a board member, vice-president, and president of the Worcester County Historical Society in the early 2000's.

Jefferson Moak

Jefferson M. Moak, a graduate of Randolph-Macon College (B.A. in History, 1974) and Temple University (M.A. in American History, 1998), has enjoyed a 45-year professional career with appointments at the Free Library of Philadelphia, Philadelphia' 76, Inc., the Philadelphia Historical Commission, the City Archives of Philadelphia and the National Archives at Philadelphia. He moved to Worcester County, Maryland in 2017 after retirement. He now works as an archivist and genealogist.

He has undertaken extensive research into the architectural, cartographic and neighborhood histories of Philadelphia, publishing several guides to Philadelphia research including *Philadelphia Street Name Changes (1995, 2000)*, and *Architectural Research in Philadelphia (2001-2002)*. He did the research necessary to put the Chestnut Hill neighborhood on the National Register in 1985. His master's thesis focused on the early land development of Chestnut Hill, Roxborough, Springfield and Whitmarsh townships in the old Philadelphia County.

He has been active in many lineage societies during his career and currently sits on the boards of the Pennsylvania Society of the War of 1812 (as Registrar and Genealogist) and the Delaware Society of the War of 1812 (as Registrar). In addition, he is General Registrar for the General Society of Sons of the Revolution, and Historian General for the General Society of the War of 1812. He recently stepped down from the position of Registrar for the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution that he held from 2003-2020. Previously, he served on the boards of the Chestnut Hill Historical Society (now known as the Chestnut Hill Conservancy), the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, and the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania. He is an accomplished genealogist, compiling several genealogies and currently works as the verifying genealogist for several lineage societies.

In 2017, he presented a paper before the International Society of the History of the Map on 19th century Philadelphia map publishing – a topic which has intrigued him since the 1970s when he compiled a bibliography entitled “Atlases of Pennsylvania” and published “Philadelphia Map-makers,” a small history and directory of those connected with the map publishing industry.

He was elected to the vestry of All Hallows Episcopal Church and the Furnace Town Foundation Board in 2019 and appointed Archivist of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton in May 2020.

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2021 Membership

(Dues period January 1-December 31, 2021)

Thank you for choosing to be a member of the Worcester County Historical Society.
Your membership will help support our efforts in Worcester County. You might also wish to volunteer at one of our county's 12 museums or WCHS at a time that is suitable for you.

Renewal_____

New Member_____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL DUES	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
<i>Individual</i>	\$10.00/year	_____
<i>Family</i>	\$15.00/year	_____
<i>Business/Patron</i>	\$25/year or \$100/5years	_____
LIFETIME	\$150.00 (Individual)	_____
<i>Donation / Gift (501C-3 deductible)</i>		_____

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Mailing address_____

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Email address please_____

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Feel free to include any comments or suggestions regarding the WCHS. Please write comments or suggestions regarding the WCHS on the back of this page.

Save the Date

Friday, May 14, 2021

Pocomoke Fire House

WCHS General Meeting

Details in next newsletter!

Please check your mailing label!

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Has your membership expired?

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