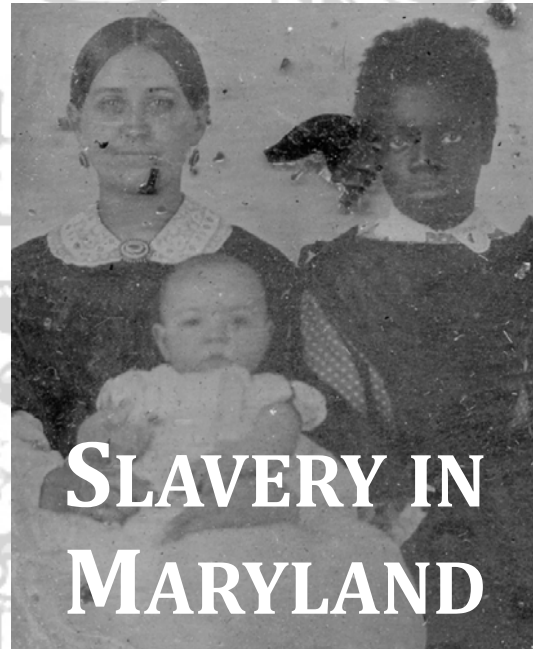


THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF FREDERICK COUNTY
 24 East Church Street
 Frederick, MD 21701

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Presents

The Sixth Annual
HISTORY SYMPOSIUM



**SLAVERY IN
 MARYLAND**

Friday, September 17, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Church
 35 East Church Street
 Frederick, Maryland

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PROGRAM

9:00 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m.
 Welcome

Kelly McCartney, Curator, HSFC

9:45 a.m.

Slavery on the Edge of the South
Jen Loux, Ph.D.

Break

11:15 a.m.

Myths, Mysteries & True Stories of
 the Underground Railroad
Kate Clifford Larson, Ph.D.

12:15 noon Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Fighting for Freedom: Mid-Maryland's
 African American Civil War Soldiers
Dean Herrin, Ph.D.

Break

2:45—4:00 p.m.

Optional Trip to tour the Roger Brooke
 Taney House and view the exhibit,
Chief Justice Taney & the Dred Scott Case
 (Requires a short drive)
 121 South Bentz Street
 Frederick, MD

**REGISTRATION
 INFORMATION**

Registration Fee:

\$75 for HSFC members

\$85 for non-members

(Refreshments and Lunch is included)

Registration Deadline: Sept. 13, 2010

Name _____

Affiliation (if any) _____

Street Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

I require a vegetarian lunch

To Register:

Either mail this information with your check,
 or email this information to
 Ellen Seagraves at eseagraves@hsfcinfo.org.

Make checks payable to

The Historical Society of Frederick County
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Confirmation, directions, and parking information will
 be sent by email upon receipt of registration. If you
 have no email address, or do not provide one, the
 confirmation will be sent to you through the mail. If you
 have any questions, please contact Ellen Seagraves at
 301.663.1188x105 or eseagraves@hsfcinfo.org.

OUR PROGRAM & SPEAKERS

SLAVERY ON THE EDGE OF THE SOUTH

By almost any objective measure, slavery was a dying institution in Frederick County in the decades before the Civil War. Having constituted one-sixth of the county's population in 1820, enslaved African Americans accounted for only seven percent in 1860. Yet as the North-South crisis escalated, many whites in the county declared themselves to be dyed-in-the-wool Southerners who would defend their region against those who would interfere with slavery. Meanwhile, free and enslaved local blacks developed their own norms of community and culture, which were molded both by the strictures of slavery and by the tradition of black resistance to it. This talk examines the many ways human bondage shaped everyday life in the county and defined the identity of its residents, both white and black.

JEN LOUX, PH.D. is a Visiting Assistant Professor of History at the College of William and Mary in Virginia. She earned her B.A. at William and Mary and holds a doctorate in American History from The Johns Hopkins University. Her dissertation examined the relationship between slavery and regional identity in Frederick County, Maryland during the Civil War era. From 2005 to 2010, Jen Loux was an assistant editor of the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, based at the Library of Virginia. She is co-author of a forthcoming book about the history of women in Virginia.

MYTHS, MYSTERIES, AND TRUE HISTORIES OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

The history of slavery and the pursuit of freedom in this country has been fraught with distortions and misinformation for generations. The history of the Underground Railroad has been particularly clouded by myths, misinterpretations, and misconceptions, figuring prominently in our individual and collective memories. These stories are often a mixture of fact, folklore, speculation, and creative "fakelore." In spite of a surge in research and documentation, many myths and legends persist. Proponents of these myths often support their speculative claims as valid and necessary substitutes for "missing history." Every Underground Railroad historian has come across claims of sites that, upon further research and investigation, turn out to be unsubstantiated. Sometimes these include homes that were built after the Civil War, homes of slave traders and not slave liberators, or that those famous "tunnels" are actually storage rooms, cisterns, or hiding places for illegal liquor during Prohibition. We no longer need those myths and re-imagined histories to tell an accurate and detailed history of the Underground Railroad movement. This talk will address some of these myths, including the quilt code, lawn jockeys, and coded songs. Where do these myths come from, and why do these myths persist in spite of no documentation, or strong evidence to the contrary? What purpose do they serve, and does it matter? Regional escape stories will be used to demonstrate the readily available sources used to uncover these hidden or long-forgotten Underground

Railroad stories providing regional communities with real histories worth honoring and acknowledging.

KATE CLIFFORD LARSON, PH.D. is a historian and author. With degrees from Simmons College and Northeastern University, and a doctorate in history from the University of New Hampshire, Kate Larson specializes in 19th and 20th century U.S. Women's and African American History. Dr. Larson also is a leading Harriet Tubman scholar and the author of *Bound For the Promised Land: Harriet Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero* (2004), one of the first non-juvenile Tubman biographies published in six decades. She has worked as a consultant and interpretive specialist for numerous public history initiatives related to Harriet Tubman, as well as the Underground Railroad in Maryland, Delaware, and New York, and currently is a consulting historian for Maryland's Harriet Tubman State Park and Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway, now an All American Road. She has served as a consulting historian for the National Park Service's *Harriet Tubman Special Resource Study*, resulting in the introduction of the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park Act, now awaiting approval in Congress. Dr. Larson has been a guest instructor at numerous conferences, as well as professional development workshops for teachers, including National Endowment for the Humanities and Teaching American History programs. She teaches at both Simmons and Wheelock colleges in Boston. Dr. Larson is the author of *The Assassin's Accomplice: Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln* (2008), and is now working on a biography of Rosemary Kennedy, the disabled sister of President John F. Kennedy.

FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM: MID-MARYLAND'S AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS

During the Civil War, African Americans began to be recruited (and drafted) for the Union Army in 1863. By war's end, Maryland had contributed almost 9,000 African American soldiers, including many who had been enslaved prior to enlisting. Several hundred of these soldiers came from the mid-Maryland counties of Carroll, Frederick, and Washington, and this presentation will focus on the history of local African American soldiers and how to research their stories.

DEAN HERRIN, PH.D. is a National Park Service Historian and the National Park Service Coordinator of the Catoctin Center for Regional Studies at Frederick Community College in Frederick, Maryland. He also is the editor of *Catoctin History*, the regional history magazine published by the Catoctin Center. Dr. Herrin holds a B.A. in American History from Brown University, a M.A. from the Winterthur Program in Early American Culture at the University of Delaware, and a Ph.D. from the Hagley Program in the History of Industrial America at the University of Delaware. He has worked for the National Park Service for twenty years, first with the Historic American Buildings Survey / Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER) for ten years before beginning work with the Catoctin Center in 2000.