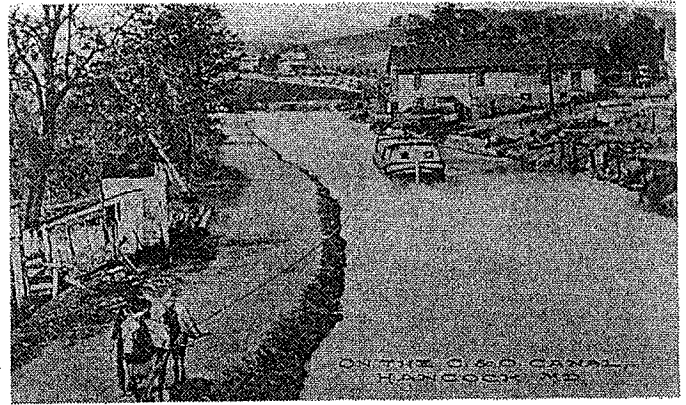


# *Hancock Historical Society*

HANCOCK, MD 21750



July 2015

Dear Members and Friends of the Hancock Historical Society,

The Civil War Sesquicentennial is over, Waterloo's 200<sup>th</sup> came and went, Queen Elizabeth has become the longest reigning monarch of England, and history is being made at every turn. In Hancock we continue to discover new pieces of our story through genealogies, online research, the social media, visitors, and hard to explain happenstances that occur and amaze us at times. Several of our members are doing great work in compiling our history and having a ball in the process.

We also have dedicated members volunteering in places where they can share the great story of our town. A stop at the Visitor Center on Main Street or the C&O Canal Bowles House will treat the curious to a wealth of information about us. Other search the auctions in barns and online for artifacts and documents that enhance our collection. I am so thankful for these members who will leave the story for generations to come.

On Sunday, July 26, at 2 p.m. we will have another great program for the community from one of our own. Board member Mac Elser will present "Finding Hancock," a program that will discuss the 100 years between the settlers landing at St. Mary's city in 1634 and their arrival in Hancock around 1730. It should be new information and very informative. Please come out and share in this time, and as always, bring someone new along.

Wishing you all a great summer,

President Dan Murphy  
Hancock Historical Society

**Hancock Historical Society**  
**105<sup>th</sup> Regular Membership Meeting**  
**Sunday, April 26, 2015**

The 105<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Hancock Historical Society was held on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at the Hancock Town Hall with President Dan Murphy presiding. A total of 28 members and friends joined for the meeting.

Secretary / Treasurer Wayne Keefer read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved unanimously as written.

President Murphy reminded the audience about the John Frye Historical Preservation Award ceremony to be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>. He noted that two of our members, President Emeritus Don Corbett and Vice President Marian Golden, were past recipients of the award and were present at this meeting.

It was noted that the Washington County Association of Museums and Historical Sites would be holding their 12<sup>th</sup> annual "Museum Ramble." The west end of the county, to include the Clear Spring Historical Society, Fort Frederick State Park, and the Hancock Historical Society would take place on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

President Murphy asked for help to open our museum this season. He said that many open dates were available.

It was noted that Board Member Mac Elser and Town Councilman Homer Schetrompf are still working on a best layout for the old Hancock Post Office. It will likely be located in the downstairs of the museum in the transportation room. Progress is being made.

President Dan Murphy then presented the award for the 2014 Hancock Historian of the Year. The award was presented to Sam Judge for his efforts to photograph Hancock in the present day—which will most certainly be a gift for future generations to appreciate. Sam Judge, a retired Veterinarian with the Federal Government, was also commended for his efforts to publicize events on the Hancock FaceBook page which he started as the community's *de facto* FaceBook presence.

**Guest Speaker: Author and historian Tim Snyder on the Fords and Ferries of the Potomac River**

Mac Elser introduced guest speaker Timothy R. Snyder who spoke on his book, "Trembling in the Balance: The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal During the Civil War." His book has been described by local historians and history professors as the preeminent study of how the C&O Canal and Potomac River impacted the events of the Civil War.

As a major mode of transportation of goods along Maryland's southern border, the destruction of the C&O Canal would prove devastating to the communities along the canal which relied on to support local economy. The Potomac River posed its own obstacles for Civil War Troops crossing Confederate Virginia into Border State Maryland, and vice versa. Several well-known fords, or natural footings within the river that were used for easy passage across, are well documented during the Civil War. Tim Snyder has found and crossed nearly all himself, although a few remain elusive. These fords were also used well before the Civil War by the Native Americans.

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