

NOTES FROM THE MOUNT



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NEW EXHIBIT OPENS APRIL 29, 2011

PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OF THE CIVIL WAR EXPERIENCE

History books often just present dates and places of events, and not the personal stories of the people involved in and affected by those events.



In observance of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, Mount Clare Museum House presents the exhibit "*Personal Accounts of the Civil War Experience*".

This exhibit will bring to life the personal side of war through the objects and stories of the people who personally witnessed and participated in the war. The objects on display represent both sides of the conflict,

and have come to us directly from their descendants with their individual stories.

These artifacts, many of which have never before been on public display, include family silver buried during the conflict, Cavalry brasses, plus Robert E. Lee, Governor Hicks, and Gilmore family items, furniture, Masonic aprons, flags and letters and diaries written by the soldiers.

This exhibit lends a unique and rare opportunity for Civil War enthusiasts to see and experience these personal accounts.

Mount Clare and Camp Carroll are one of four Baltimore museums to be highlighted in the current issue of Visit Baltimore promoting Civil War events and exhibits.

A series of 12 lectures on various topics related to the Civil War and life during the war will be held May–November. Please see page 3 for specific topics and dates.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **April 2**
Mount Clare 250th Anniversary Gala Event
- **April 29**
Civil War Exhibit Opens at Mount Clare
- **April 30**
Mother-Daughter Tea at Mount Clare Stable
- **May 7**
Lecture: *Origins of the Civil War*. First lecture of the Mount Clare Civil War lecture series
- **June 18**
Civil War Encampment, Carroll Park

250TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Don't miss THE event of the year!

Come celebrate the 250th anniversary of Mount Clare on April 2, 2011 at 6pm at the Maryland Club.

Enjoy a fabulous dinner, wine and a silent auction. The proceeds of this fundraiser benefits Mount Clare Museum House.

Invitations will be mailed soon—so keep an eye out for yours and please join us for what is sure to be a great party for a great cause!

MOUNT CLARE GETS A FACELIFT

This past November Mount Clare got a much needed facelift. The city of Baltimore awarded to Mount Clare matching funds to a BNHA capital grant in 2009 to have the mansion painted. The contract was awarded to Myra Coleman of Coleman Painting just in time to celebrate our 250th!



Myra brought her all woman work crew to us in early November and over the next couple of weeks they scraped and sanded off the old peeling paint; primed the wood and added a fresh coat of paint. The whole house looks brighter and fresher thanks to the efforts of our lady painters!

WELCOME

NEW STAFF AND VOLUNTEER



Meet Elizabeth Valiando, our new staff member working on education and programming. Elizabeth was born and raised in New York City. She's lived in several states along the east coast as well as Germany and moved to

Maryland in 2010 from Oregon. Elizabeth has a master's degree in education and previously worked at the John Jay Homestead in New York in the education department developing lesson plans. She is married with three grown children and a grandchild on the way.

She has a love of history and creating programs to draw young people to come to museums and historic sites to experience history and life in the past.

Elizabeth has already put together a great lecture series for our upcoming Civil War exhibit and has quickly become a great asset to Mount Clare!

Please also welcome Brianna Arnold, our newest volunteer intern. Brianna was born and raised in Maryland. She has a bachelor's degree in history from UMBC and is currently enrolled in the master's program in Museum Studies at Johns Hopkins University. She was just married this past September to her husband Chris.



Brianna comes from a family of history and historic house enthusiasts. Her love of history and historic objects and her desire to do something different attracted her to museum work. She was drawn to Mount Clare by the opportunity to gain a well-rounded museum experience and learn different aspects of museum work.

She is currently helping with research and design for our upcoming Civil War exhibit that opens on April 29, 2011. She volunteers daily, Tuesday through Friday and we are very fortunate to have her here with us!

WISH LIST

Are you looking for a way to help Mount Clare?

- We need to hire a seamstress to work on the bed hangings for the Margaret Tilghman Carroll bedroom. This project will require a lot of handwork as well as using the sewing machine.

We need to purchase:

- A horizontal file cabinet to properly store building plans, maps, documents and larger paper items that don't fit into our regular file cabinets. A new one with a stand will cost about \$1,500.00

We would like to acquire:

- Educational hands-on items for children and school groups for our Civil War tours and programming.

If you know of a seamstress or would like to donate to our wish list fund, please contact Debbie Farthing at 410-837-3262 or curator@mountclare.org

NEW COLLECTION OBJECTS

We have just received some wonderful new objects donated to our collections.

Ellan Thorson donated a porcelain pap boat which was used to give doses of medicine or to feed babies. She also donated a lovely blue and white patch box to be used on the dressing table in the Margaret Tilghman Carroll bedroom. Ladies often applied cloth or paper beauty marks to their faces to enhance their beauty as was the fashion as well as to hide pox marks. This little box came from England and has a mirror in the lid.



Merry Highby donated several pieces of metal toleware for display in the kitchen, a piece of Annapolis-printed colonial currency and a green 18th century brandy bottle.

All of these objects will enhance our ability to interpret 18th century life and are greatly appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2, 2011—Mount Clare Museum House 250th Anniversary Gala - 6pm at the Maryland Club. This celebratory event will include dinner, music, and a silent auction. Invitations to be mailed. For reservations, call the museum.

April 2, 2011 - Stitching with Mary Clare (Tote bag craft) -Held at the Mount Clare Stable located in Carroll Park from 10-12 noon. \$18 per person. Program is appropriate for girls and Junior Girl Scouts, grades 4-5. Girl Scouts register through the Girl Scout Website at www.gscm.org or by contacting Connie Adams, Girl Scout Registrar at 410-358-9711 ext. 238. All others must register with Mount Clare. Deadline to register is March 27, 2011.

April 9, 2011 - Stitching with Mary Clare (Quilt craft) -Held at the Mount Clare Stable located in Carroll Park from 10-12 noon. \$15 per person. Program is appropriate for girls and Cadet Girl Scouts, grades 6-8. Girl Scouts register through the Girl Scout Website at www.gscm.org or by contacting Connie Adams, Girl Scout Registrar at 410-358-9711 ext. 238. All others register with Mount Clare. Deadline to register is April 2, 2011.

April 29, 2011 –Special exhibit "Personal Accounts of the Civil War Experience" opens - This special exhibit will feature personal objects from persons who witnessed the Civil War first hand including soldiers in both armies as well as civilians. Come see these special objects and the incredible stories of their owners!

April 30, 2011 - Mother-Daughter Tea with colonial games -Held at the Mount Clare Stable located in Carroll Park from 10-12 noon. \$18 per person. Program is appropriate for girls and Brownie and Junior Scouts, grades 2-5. Register through the Girl Scout Website at www.gscm.org or by contacting Connie Adams, Girl Scout Registrar at 410-358-9711 ext. 238. All others register with Mount Clare. Deadline to register is April 22, 2011.

CIVIL WAR LECTURE SERIES

Series of 12 lectures on the Civil War presented at the Mount Clare Stable
at noon on the day of the lecture.

\$5.00 per lecture or \$35.00 for series of 12.

Discounted museum admission offered when purchasing lecture ticket.

Registration is required, seating is limited. No refunds. Call the Museum to make your reservations.

May 7 Origins of the Civil War The milestone events that led to the conflict of the Civil War from 1691-1861. Presented by Craig Lee Symonds (PhD.), retired professor and chairman of the history department at the United States Naval Academy. He is a distinguished historian of the American Civil War.

May 21 What does George Washington have to do with the Civil War? Presented by Anne Rubin an associate professor of History & Historical Studies Graduate Program at the University of Maryland Baltimore City.

June 4 Significant Contributions of African American Union Sailors during the Civil War presented by Bernie Siler a prosecutor for the District of Columbia and Civil War Historian. He teaches at Montgomery College and lectures on the experiences of the thousands of African Americans who served in the Union Army and Navy.

June 11 EX Parte Merryman: Lincoln, Taney and the Constitution Learn about Jon Merryman a resident of Cockeysville, Maryland the first man arrested after Lincoln suspended the writ of habeas corpus. Presented by Bob Mullauer a teacher of military history at Anne Arundel Community College and Community College of Baltimore County.

June 25 Civil War Prisons Many thousands of men died from horrible health conditions, pathetic food supplies and apathy of their jailers. Learn more about Northern and Southern Prisons presented by David Booz a teacher at Gettysburg College.

July 16 Marching Through Maryland The political and military dilemmas facing the Union and Confederate governments in the summer of 1862 influenced the direction of the Civil war. The focus will be on the issues that drove the campaign presented by Thomas Clemens (Ph.D.) a Professor of History at Hagerstown Community College. He is a Founding Member and President of Save Historic Antietam Foundation.

September 10 Mount Clare & Camp Carroll Camp Carroll was established as a training camp for Union soldiers in 1861 and was in continuous use until the war ended in 1865. Presented by Mike Connolly, executive director of the New Castle Historical Society, New Castle Delaware, and the former assistant director of Mount Clare Museum House.

September 17 Lincoln and Emancipation Proclamation Lincoln wrestled with the issue of slavery and his thinking about this topic evolved over time from his youth to his debates with Stephen Douglas and finally throughout his Presidency. Presented by Lester Brooks, coordinator for the Chesapeake Civil War Round Table and teacher of the American Civil War era at Anne Arundel Community College.

October 1 The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad During the Civil War This lecture will cover the exciting events in the history of the B&O railroad from the Pratt street riot in 1861 to Lincoln's funeral train. Dan Toomey, noted Maryland Historian.

October 8 To Ravish and Carnally Know: Sexual Justice in the American Civil War by Dr. Susan Barber Associate Professor of History at Notre Dame College, Maryland.

October 15 Medical Women of the Civil War Many women served as vivandiers, nurses, physicians and lay healers both on the home front and the battlefield. Learn what it was like for women serving in the medical capacity during the Civil war. Medical artifacts will be on exhibit by Lesley Wood, Medical Historian

November 5 Black Military Experience During the Civil War 180,000 black men served in the Union army the role they played in destroying slavery will be discussed by Leslie Rowland (Ph.D.) an Associate Professor at University of Maryland.



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