

ROCKLAND, FAIRPLAY

Country home of Frisby Tilghman, one of the largest slave holders in Washington County. This was the home of James W. C. Pennington (c.1807-1870), minister, abolitionist and author. He escaped from here on October 28, 1827 and made his way first to Littlestown, PA then to New York City. **9030 Sharpsburg Pike, Fairplay, MD.** This is now a special event/wedding venue.

SLAVE AUCTION BLOCKS, HAGERSTOWN AND SHARPSBURG



Although the number of people enslaved in Washington County was less than the counties farther to the east, it was an active slave market. Slave catchers would hunt runaway slaves and sell them at auction in Hagerstown. The old jail on Jonathan Street housed escaped slaves. **Located at the corner of Main Street and Church Street in Sharpsburg and on the Terrace in Hagerstown, MD.**

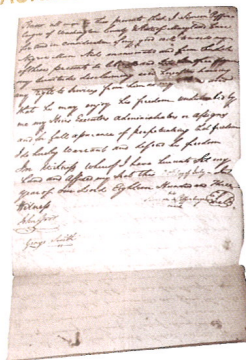
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LAPPANS



Both slaves and some free blacks attended this church alongside the white slave owners who founded it in 1849. The recently restored slave balcony can be seen inside, and the historic cemetery contains the graves of several former slaves, including ancestors of Hagerstown's Doleman Family. **18313 Lappans Rd., Boonsboro, MD. 301-582-0417. www.stmarkslappans.org**

from 1868 to 1870. The cemetery has burials dating back to the 19th century. **111 E. High St., Sharpsburg, MD. Open by appointment only. 240-452-7389 • www.tolsonschapel.org**

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



In recent years the WCHS has procured and catalogued nearly 250 documents related to slavery in Washington County, dating from April, 1783. Documents include bills of sale, manumission documents and census records. This growing collection is available to researchers at the Society's library. Open Tues.-Fri. 9am-4pm. **135 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, MD. 301-797-8782 • www.washcomdhistoricalsociety.org**

JACOB F. WHEATON



MD. 301-739-3630 • www.rosehillcemeteryofmd.org

A unique figure in Hagerstown history. An African-American born free near Middletown, MD in 1835, Jacob Wheaton moved to Hagerstown in the 1850s where he lived the rest of his life. During the Civil War Wheaton served as a nurse, helping to combat a smallpox epidemic in early 1863. Wheaton is most widely remembered as the first African-American to vote in the state of Maryland in the spring of 1868. His grave, recently rededicated, is located in historic Rose Hill Cemetery. **600 South Potomac St., Hagerstown, MD. 301-739-3630 • www.rosehillcemeteryofmd.org**

WHEATON PARK, HAGERSTOWN

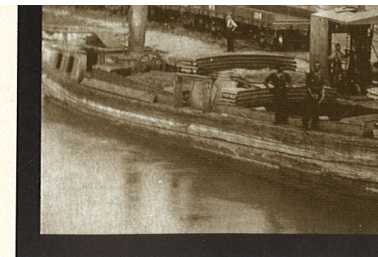


This park, named in honor of Jacob Wheaton, was opened in 1935 by the City of Hagerstown to serve the African American Community. The gazebo was the original band shell from the Hagerstown City Park. **449 Sumans Avenue, Hagerstown, MD.**

WILLIAM O. WILSON



Served in the 9th Cavalry US Army. He received the Medal of Honor for his service at the Battle of Wounded Knee on December 29, 1890. View the historical marker dedicated to his honor on historic Jonathan Street. He lived at **108 West North Street, Hagerstown, MD.**



Pictured above are black and white photos of the C&O Canal's Cushwa Warehouse.

200 Dollars

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FRISBY

November 1.

Frisby Tilghman placed the newspapers in 1827 after Pennington's escape.



Convention and Visitors

Elizabeth Hager
6 North Potomac Street • Hagerstown, MD
301-791-3246 • 88

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the contributions of African-Americans have left an indelible impression on Washington County, Maryland. In 1820, 14% of the population was enslaved; Maryland's average however was 26%. By 1860, there were more free African-Americans than slaves in Washington County. Slavery was abolished in Maryland in the fall of 1864.

There are many historic African-American sites in Washington County. Those described here represent some highlights that we hope will engage and encourage you to further exploration of this rich history.



ANTIETAM FURNACE, SHARPSBURG

Manufacturer of bar iron products. The furnace was built in 1768 and produced goods for the Revolutionary War. The furnace was a large slave owner during its tenure and also employed many free blacks.

The furnace closed in 1858. It reopened after the Civil War but finally closed in 1886. Three miles south of Sharpsburg on Harpers Ferry Road. 301-739-4200



ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD, SHARPSBURG

The site of America's bloodiest single day, with more than 23,000 casualties. The turning point needed for President Abraham Lincoln to rethink the opportunities for peace and issue the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the slaves from the entire United States. No African American Union troops fought in the battle, but the effects on the lives of African Americans are significant. **Approximately 12 miles south of Hagerstown on Rt. 65. The Visitor Center Address is 5831 Dunker Church Rd., Sharpsburg, MD 21782. 301-432-5124 • www.nps.gov.anti**



second oldest African-American congregation in Hagerstown is Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church, which was founded in 1840. The Ebenezer AME congregation was housed in a number of church buildings on W. Bethel Street, with their most recent church demolished in the late 1990s due to concerns over structural conditions. Two other community churches from the 1800s still stand, including Second Christian and Zion Baptist. **155 N. Jonathan St., Hagerstown, MD. 301-791-0498**



CHANEY HOUSE, FUNKSTOWN

Built in 1816, it was the home of Dr. Elias Chaney. In 1859, six men and eight women were included as property in Chaney's will. The house is currently The Hudson House Antiques Shop. **1 South High Street, Funkstown, MD. 301-733-1632 • www.hudsonhousegalleries.com**



DOLEMAN BLACK HERITAGE MUSEUM, HAGERSTOWN

This one-of-a-kind private collection contains books, artifacts and pictures of the rich African-American history in Washington County. The museum is open by appointment only. **540 N. Locust St., Hagerstown, MD. 301-739-8185 • www.dolemanblackheritagemuseum.org**

FERRY HILL PLACE, SOUTH OF SHARPSBURG



According to the National Park Service, this was sometimes an underground railroad stop built about 1812 by John Blackford. This property included a ferry that crosses the Potomac into what was then Virginia. The ferry was operated by two enslaved men, who Blackford named "foremen of the ferry". These two men, Jupe and Ned, ran the ferry with little oversight. They kept the records, purchased supplies and even hired free blacks for seasonal labor. The ferry remained in operation until 1851. **South of Sharpsburg on Rt. 34. 301-582-0813. Hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day, Friday-Sunday 10:00-3:00. C&O Canal, 301-739-4200 • www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/ferry-hill-place.htm**

in 1818, the Asbury congregation is the oldest African-American church in Hagerstown. The existing building was constructed in 1879 as a replacement for the fire damaged 1864 building. The



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HARMON HOTEL, HAGERSTOWN



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KENNEDY FARM, SOUTH OF SHA



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LYON POST #31 OF THE GRAND



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