



Letters From Linden & Postscripts

CALVERT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2021

SPRING newsletter

A Note from the Director

The Calvert County Historical Society (CCHS) is “rebounding” from the pandemic with exciting summer and fall programs for everyone. I am pleased to report, as the circumstances with the pandemic improve, we have created and scheduled many new programs, events and opportunities for our CCHS members and friends to enjoy. You can find our event list and details about these coming events in this newsletter on pages 8, 9 and 10.

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Louis Lazarus Goldstein

March 14, 1913 – July 3, 1998

It's odd enough seeing the words, “*beloved tax collector*” next to each other in a sentence. It's even more remarkable to see the word “beloved” used again and again to describe a man elected to ten terms to do just that and so much more.

In the March 25-31, 1999 New Bay Times, Dock of the Bay, Carol Glover wrote, “*Goldstein's love of history is legendary. Louis used history to light the path into the future. Goldstein met with school children throughout the years of his public service, taking them through the State House and explaining its history to them.*”

"His love of history came from his teacher Cathy Bond Duke. She taught him a love of Maryland and Maryland history. He became part of that history himself."

Goldstein lived Maryland's history and took his place in its telling. He started his career in elective office in 1939 as Calvert's delegate to the Maryland General Assembly. He moved to the State Senate from 1947 to 1958, serving as its president for three years. During this time, he was floor leader for the state sales tax, sponsored legislation to control the discharge of oil into the Bay and sponsored the 1954 Sunshine Law, giving the public access to government meetings.

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Elected as comptroller in 1958, he served with 11 Maryland governors. At the time of his death, he was running for re-election to his 11th term. No one has served in elected office in Maryland -- possibly any state -- longer than Goldstein.

History didn't end at the office for Louis L. Goldstein. He was surrounded by it at home in Calvert at Oakland Hall, built in the 1850s and restored lovingly by him and his wife, Hazel.

When the Louis room is ready we'll be able to live Maryland history through his eyes and his life. *"Louis would be pleased to know that his collection is in Calvert, his own county," says former State Sen. Bernie Fowler. "He was a beacon to me always saying, 'May God bless y'all real good with continued success, good health and happiness.'"*

Nor does Mr. Goldstein's legacy end there: on March 21, the Maryland National Guard named its Prince Frederick Armory in his memory. *"Mr. Goldstein was a great and good friend of the Maryland National Guard, as time and again he was instrumental in the construction and renovation of armories throughout our state,"* said Maryland's Adjutant General, James F. Fretterd.



The 1999 naming of the Armory in Goldstein's honor, just 8 months after his passing, commemorated his nearly 60 years of service to the citizens of Maryland as a public servant which began in his 20's. He was born in Prince Frederick, Maryland on March 14, 1913. Louis' father Goodman Goldstein was a Jewish immigrant from Prussia and settled in Calvert County after he was assigned here as a salesman. Louis worked in his father's store in Prince Frederick, until he left to attend College earning a law degree in 1938.

Goldstein enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of 29 following the Pearl Harbor attack and served in the Pacific. Commissioned as an officer from enlisted rank he reached 1st lieutenant. Following the surrender of Japan he was a member of General Douglas MacArthur's staff that investigated Japanese war crimes in the Philippines.

Throughout his life, Goldstein was a steadfast supporter of the Maryland National Guard.

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Members and friends of CCHS, unfortunately we need to inform you of the passing of Mr. Dan Jones, of 5314 Williams Wharf Road, St. Leonard, MD, 20685.

Sadly, Dan passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 9, 2021. He and his wife Carol had been CCHS members, since 2014. Last year Dan reengaged as a CCHS volunteer following the taking care of, and eventual passing, of Carol.

Dan came in each Wednesday and operated the large scanner to digitize the Calvert Independent newspaper, for our electronic files. Dan Jones was a reliable volunteer, a positive supporter of CCHS and will be missed by all of us, at the Calvert County Historical Society.

*Louis L. Goldstein Armory,
continued...*

Many of the members and friends of Calvert County Historical Society can recall the distinguished and notable past of the National Guard Armory located at 175 Armory Road in Prince Frederick, Maryland. While they remember the past, there is also some concern for the present and future of the Armory. In the last decade or so there have been



many discussions, debates, and even emotional disputations regarding what is going to be done with the Armory. Exchanges of ideas and a variety of inclinations about the Armory have been the subject of recent articles by the Calvert County Times, on July 23, July 31, and then again on August 13, 2020. In those articles, options as to what would be the best use now and for the future of the Armory buildings, were considered ranging from rehabilitation, creative alternative uses, preserving the building and finally, the idea of demolishing the building(s) altogether.

It is the opinion and position of advocacy from the Calvert County Historical Society (CCHS) Board that the building(s) should be nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Listing in the



National Register designation as a local historic landmark would ensure the preservation of at least the exterior of the building(s) and the adaptation for new uses they could qualify for Federal and State tax credits and assist in future maintenance. The rationale for this position by CCHS is the fact that the Armory has had a distinguished and honorable past serving the State, Southern Maryland and most notably the citizens of Calvert County.

Louis L. Goldstein Armory, continued...

The Armory was designed and built to serve as a military training center for the Maryland National Guard and is the only such public building of this type in Calvert County. It was dedicated on March 3, 1955. The Art Deco-style brick building was designed by Lawrence Sangston and constructed by contractor Charles Tovell. The Armory at that time was intended to serve as a military staging area in time of emergency or natural disaster and serve as a community meeting hall and gym during peacetime. Chiefly the Armory was occupied and used by Company A, 121st Engineer Battalion of the 29th Infantry Division. The 121st Engineer Battalion was activated during World War II in March of 1942, and was one of the most illustrious units in the Maryland National Guard. The 121st distinguished itself as one of the first American units to land on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Two platoons of the 121st landed ahead of the other units in the division to clear obstacles for the main invasion forces. The battalion also participated in the liberation of Saint-Lô, Siege of Brest and the attack against the Siegfried Line.

Later, in the second half of the 20th century, the Prince Frederick Armory supported Maryland and the D.C. area, serving our country during the height of the Cold War and during the social tensions that occurred in the United States in the 1960's. The Armory also assisted in historic recovery efforts needed for many local Marylanders who had suffered from the disastrous ravages from Hurricane Agnes, in 1972. A number of Calvert county residents have served as company commanders. The Armory plays an important role in serving as a monument and memorial to those soldiers of Calvert County who served there. Veterans identify with this building.

The 24,000-square-foot Louis L. Goldstein Armory served at times as the first community center in Calvert County and was an overflow space when the Calvert County Board of Education needed additional classroom spaces. Classes were held at the Armory for Calvert County Junior-Senior High School and the Prince Frederick Elementary School.

The Armory has provided to Calvert County and Maryland significant and honorable military service and community support as it served as a popular venue for large social events such as concerts and dances. As such, the Armory has earned a special place in the hearts and memories of the Calvert community. It has been and is, a prominent and important feature in the heritage and historic landscape in Prince Frederick.

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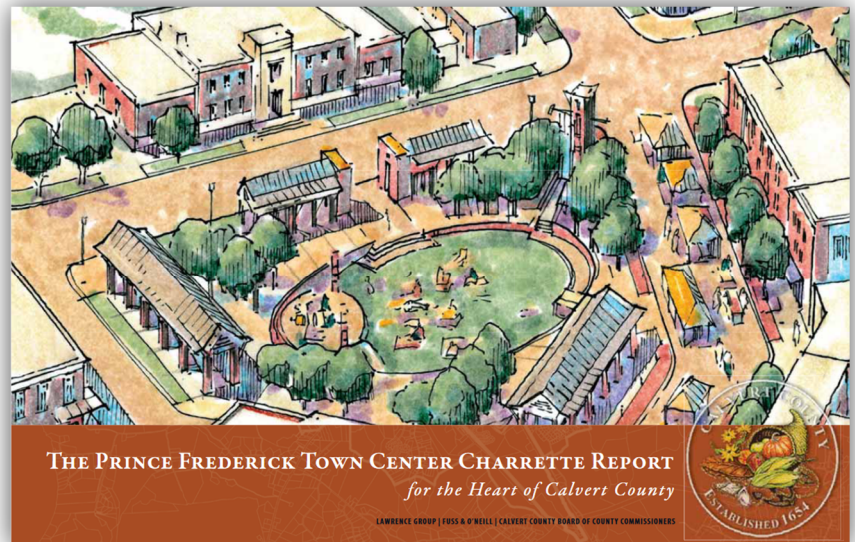
Louis L. Goldstein Armory, continued...

Interestingly enough some eight years ago, there was a rather extensive study and public charrette conducted to study and recommend ideas for design and use of property, businesses, residential locations and land in Prince Frederick. It was called The Prince Frederick Town Center Charrette Report for the Heart of Calvert County. The use of the Armory and surrounding area was part of the larger plan and many Calvert citizens spent considerable time, thought and effort in conjunction with County staff, to come up with the best use of the Armory and surrounding properties. The final report from the consultants for the Charrette back in 2013 featured a drawing of the Armory on the cover page of their report. They saw the Armory as an important feature and one that could guide and be incorporated into the design of whatever gets built on the former Calvert Middle School property. That plan for Armory Square Town Center is available for review on pages 26 – 31 of the study: <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5102/PF-Town-Center-Charrette-Report-Draft-Dec-17-2013-compressed?bidId=>

While the Armory Square Town Center Plan of eight years ago might not now be possible due to many changes over time, the preservation and adaptive use of the Armory remain to be creditable and worthy goals for our community.

It is the position of the Calvert County Historical Society that the Armory located at 175 Armory Road, Prince Frederick, 20678, be preserved as the only public building of this type in Calvert; as the sole historic site north of Dares Beach Road in the Town Center; as an authentic example of a post-World War II designed building; as a monument and memorial to those soldiers who served there; and as an important building that served the Calvert County community for a number of years. Included in the article is a letter that the Calvert County Historical Society has sent to the county commissioners, in support of preserving the Louis L. Goldstein National Guard Armory.

The future of the Armory is in the hands of the Board of County Commissioners. It can be destroyed, or it can be preserved and utilized to serve the best interests of the citizens of Southern Maryland. If you have strong feelings about this issue, whatever they may be, we encourage you to contact your county commissioners.





Calvert County

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May 5, 2021

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

The Board of Directors of the Calvert County Historical Society urges you to preserve the National Guard Armory in Prince Frederick. The Armory, completed in 1954 for the Maryland National Guard, is the only public building of its type in Calvert County. It is also a rare, intact historic resource in the Town Center, and the only historic building north of Dares Beach Road. The National Guard Armory is a fine example of post-World War II armory design that served both a military and a civic purpose.

The Armory is also significant for its long service of maintaining a constant military presence in the county throughout the Cold War, and for its many roles in supporting the community. For example, it served as an extension of an elementary school in Prince Frederick while a new building was under construction. It was a community center for large events such as concerts and dances. Civic offices were housed there. And all the while, the Armory fulfilled its role in supporting the Maryland Defense Force with equipment and personnel who conducted exercises and carried out their work there. The Armory, through all these and other functions, earned a special place in the hearts of the communities it served and in the memories of our citizens. It is a prominent, notable feature of the landscape in Prince Frederick that can inform and serve residents that were not here to experience the armory in other roles.

Other communities across Maryland and throughout the country have found vibrant new uses for their historic armories. Calvert County can do the same. We understand that Federal and State tax credits could be available for redevelopment if the building is found to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; pursuing listing is an important first step. The Calvert County Historical Society strongly encourages you to take action to preserve the Armory to honor our past while serving the present.

Sincerely,

Carolyn D. Mohler, President



to our...

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"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." - Aesop

Dear CCHS Members,

We have missed you!!! It has been fourteen long months since Linden has been open to the public. Now our doors are again open for you. Please stop in to pick up your copy of the Historian, come to some of our exciting upcoming events, browse the gift shop, do some research, or just drop by to say "hello." We will really love to see you!



Carolyn D. Mohler, Board President



Our annual CCHS membership renewal is due in June. Existing members will remember we transitioned to a yearly renewal schedule to streamline the process of renewing memberships. If you've recently become a member, dues will be prorated. If you have questions about your membership renewal date or dues please call us at (410) 535- 2452 for assistance.

The CCHS, like other non-profits, relies on membership and donations to stay solvent and remain the historical, cultural and heritage center of Calvert County. We will be sending our members a renewal reminder email the 1st week of June. Included in that email will be the link to our website where you can renew your membership/pay your dues via our secure CCHS PayPal account. You can renew your membership now online at:

http://www.calverthistory.org/?page_id=1330 or complete the membership form included at the end of this newsletter. Mail the form with a check to:
CCHS, Box 358, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

CCHS presents a FREE Outdoor Summer Concert Series!

Music on the front porch. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and coolers and come to enjoy!



Featuring Local 16 Piece Big Band

"THE CALVERT DANCE BAND"

Thursday, June 17th, 7:30pm to 9:00pm



*Featuring the New Orleans Jazz Band
Sound of*

Zachary Smith and the Dixie Power Trio

Thursday, July 15, 7:30pm to 9:00pm



**Featuring Local Classic Country / Rock
and Roll Band**

"Country Memories Band"

Thursday, August 19th, 7:30pm to 9:00pm



Featuring Local Bluegrass/Country Band

"The Riverside South Band"

Sunday, October 10th, 3:00pm to 5:00pm

The summer events will have snacks including Calvert Kettle Corn and Calvert Kona Ice will be for sale. The October 10th theme will be Oktoberfest featuring typical German foods, drinks and fun. The Riverside South band will play from 3 – 5 and Oktoberfest activities will continue on the Linden grounds until 7pm.

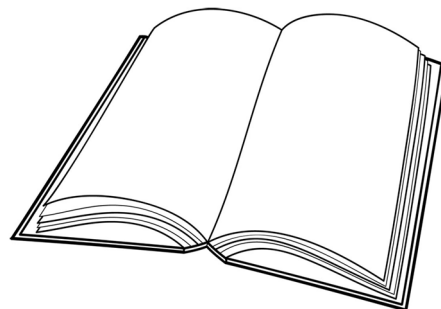
Overflow parking at Trinity United Methodist Church parking lot. If inclement weather, concert will be cancelled. Questions? Call CCHS at 410-535-2452

The New CCHS Historian (years 2017 – 2021)

“Re-Opening” Hand Out at Linden.

June 12, 2021, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come on in to get your copy of the Historian. There will be free coffee and donuts too! We will be practicing social distancing. Historians are free for current members, \$10 each for non-members or for more than one copy.



Fall high Tea at Linden



Open to CCHS
members &
their guests



CCHS Annual *High Tea at Linden*

Grandparents Day
September 12, 2021
2 – 4 p.m. at Linden.

Celebrating Grandparents & Special Friends. Bring the Grandchildren! Current membership required for reservations. Attendees will have a choice of sitting inside Linden or outside on the front porch. Tea is \$25.00 per person. Reservations: call 410-535-2452 or send an email to director@calverthistory.org

Thursday, September 23, 2021

5 – 8 p.m.

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum

10515 Mackall Rd., St. Leonard, MD 20685

This year's annual “sophisticated picnic style” dinner will be catered by Thompson's Seafood and will be held in the outdoor covered pavilion at JPP&M. In addition to the picnic dinner, there will be our normal Silent Auction/Conviviality (5:00-6:00). Dinner will be

6:00-7:00 and program/election of CCHS Board members 7:00-8:00. Reservations can be made by calling (410) 535 2452 or sending an email to director@calverthistory.org

CCHS
MEMBERSHIP DINNER
Silent Auction

"The Barns of Calvert County"



The Barns of Calvert County Art Show and Sale

Sunday, October 3rd, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Numerous local artists will display art works of the disappearing barns of Calvert County. There will be many booths, displays and organizations on the front lawn of Linden celebrating the farm/tobacco heritage of Calvert County

For the time being, our **Brown Bag Lunches at Linden** are virtual via Zoom. The next two Brown Bag Lunches are:

Ms. Carol Booker talking about her husband's book, *Shocking the Conscience*, June, 10th, 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon, and

Ms. Chris Banks discussing Calvert County's, Ms. Christianna Parren, July 8th, 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon



Note from the Director, continued...

As we all venture out into the world again, we hope that everyone will take the opportunity to set aside time in their schedules for themselves and their families to attend many or all of these events in the months ahead. Remember that some of our upcoming programs, like the high tea, annual membership dinner/silent auction, are for members of CCHS and their guests. Now that we are open and have some great new activities and programs and getting your membership up-to-date, will insure you won't miss any of the fun.

We're taking advantage of the great outdoor space we have. New programs of significant note are our free front porch concerts, to be held at Linden through the fall. This year's always popular and traditionally sold out, **High Tea at Linden** will be **Celebrating Grandparents and Special Friends**. Tea attendees can choose seating inside of Linden or outside, on Linden's front porch. Our **Annual Dinner/Silent Auction/Board Election** will also be an outdoor event. Ringing in the fall will be the new **Barns of Calvert County Art Show and Sale** where up to twenty local artists have created art featuring the disappearing barns of Calvert County. Approximately fifty new and local works of art will be available to be purchased at this event. Come and purchase a piece of Calvert County.

We're excited to be open and are looking forward to seeing you all soon at Linden again.

For sale in our gift shop!

Author, Carol McCabe Booker's

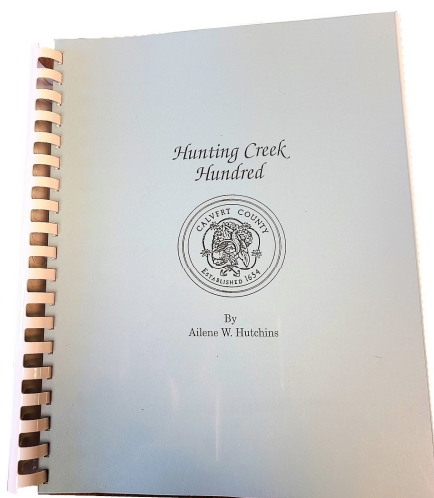
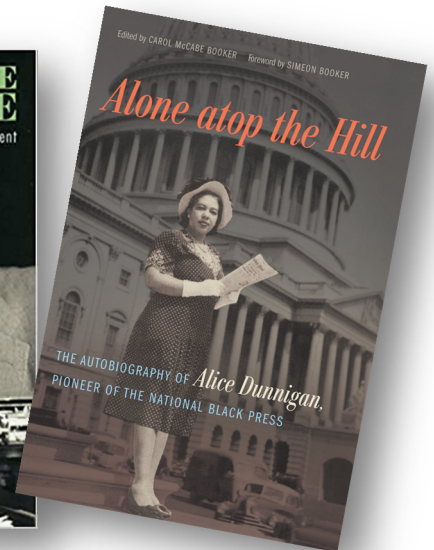
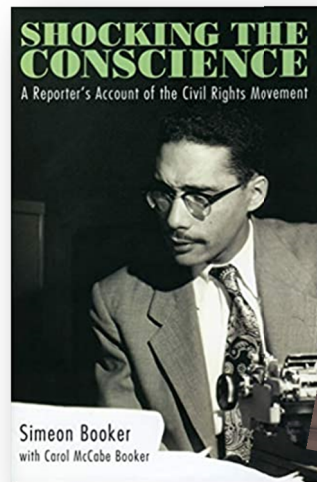
Alone atop the Hill

The Autobiography of Alice Dunnigan

Shocking the Conscience

A Reporter's Account of the Civil Rights Movement by Simeon Booker

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Ailene W. Hutchins

Hunting Creek Hundred (published 1992)

Ailene Williams. Hutchins, (Nov. 19, 1919 – June 23, 2006) was a former educator and a chief judge of the Orphans Court of Calvert County who wrote widely about her native Calvert County. For a decade starting in 1963, Judge Hutchins wrote a weekly column on local history for the Calvert County Recorder, then became a contributing writer for the Calvert Independent.

In addition to *Hunting Creek Hundred*, she was the author of the books *Memoirs of John P. Broome*, *Calvert County Early Land Records* and *Our Infant Zion - History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church*.

Judge Hutchins was a founding member of the Chesapeake Beach Railroad Museum and an active member of the Calvert County Historical Society and Calvert Marine Museum. She had been a volunteer with Calvert Hospice and Calvert Meals on Wheels. A rose fancier, she was a member of the Calvert County Garden Club. She enjoyed reading, traveling, cooking and crabbing in the Patuxent River near her home.

The CCHS has exclusive permission to reproduce **Hunting Creek Hundred**. Call us at (410) 535-2452 to reserve a copy. Have it shipped to you or, schedule a time for a Front Porch Pick Up. **Spiral bound: \$35.00, less 10% for CCHS members.**

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"I have always imagined paradise will be a kind of library."

– Jorge Luis Borges



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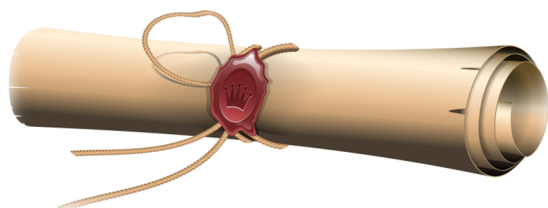


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Like the Spanish Flu,
the Coronavirus pandemic of 2020-2021 will be written and

spoken about and learned from by generations to come.

The CCHS, as your record-keepers of local history, invite you to help us document this event on a local scale, and share your stories about the pandemic with us. In twenty-five, fifty or one hundred years, people will want to read our first-person narratives.

We welcome you to share your story through a written, physical journal or a digital record (flash drive or an emailed document), a vocal recording and/or photographs and donate your record to our historical society to be preserved for future generations.

We'll be sending out an email in the coming days with more details along with a questionnaire geared towards adults and children.



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**To collect, preserve, research
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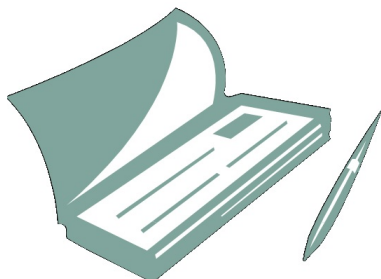
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