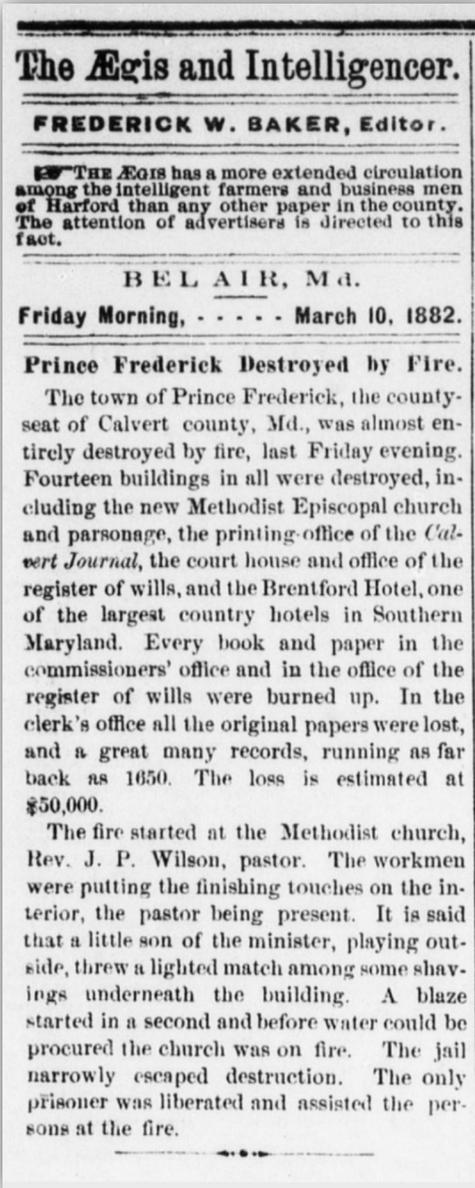




# The Linden Times

A bi-weekly newsletter for the members & friends of the Calvert County Historical Society – April 9, 2020

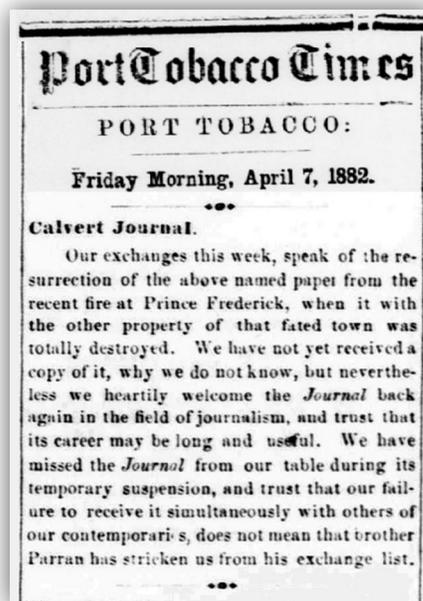
Due to the overwhelming positive feedback from Calvert County Historical Society's membership and friends and to provide something other than the abundance of news about the Coronavirus, we are going to increase *The Linden Times* to a weekly offering. Calvert County has seen some hard times in its 366 year history. As always, we will get through these challenging days together.



## The Court House Fire

On the 3rd day of March 1882, at the hour of 3:30 o'clock p.m., the village of Prince Frederick, consisting of a Methodist Episcopal Church and Parsonage, Court House, Shoe Shop, Journal Office, a large store, the property of J. W. Shemwell & Bro., a large and fine hotel, the property of D.R. Magruder, a dwelling house occupied by Silas R. King, and the law offices of Joseph A. Wilson, John P. Briscoe, C.S. Parran, and John B. Gray, were completely destroyed by fire. Fourteen buildings in all were destroyed and about ten were left unharmed. The Records of every kind and description in the Register's Office and in the Office of the County Commissioners were destroyed. A few of the more recent Records from the Clerk's Office were saved; the older one running back to 1658 were all lost. Not a single original paper was saved.

V.C. Cox, Register of Wills (March 14, 1882)



## The CCHS

will be postponing all of our events through the month June. We will reschedule the annual CCHS Dinner & Silent Auction and our other events to dates that will be both safe and appropriate for everyone.

As always, the staff of CCHS is available to answer the questions or concerns of our membership. In the interim, send us an email or leave a voicemail.



*"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life. It goes on."*  
Robert Frost