

MOUNT SAVAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2021

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Coming Events:

Iron Rail Days
Sept. 11—12

If you haven't renewed your 2020 membership. Please remember to send your dues (\$7.00) and any extra donations to :

Mt Savage Historical Society.
PO Box 401
Mt Savage MD.

Letter from the President

Hi Folks

Another year has come and gone, and what a year it's been. 2020 started out without the bridge being complete. Fortunately it was finished even with the virus. Corona virus hit us hard. All the tours I had scheduled had to be canceled along with Iron Rail Days. As you know that is our big fund raiser leaving us a little behind. We did have a silent auction in October which added to our bank account. All other activities had to be canceled. The good news is we have a new WW1 Memorial park which we will be taking care of in the future. As the weather gets better stop by and check it out.

We had to replace the rain gutter on the museum which was damaged last winter.

The Bank is in need of some repairs. The spouting on the back side needs replaced along with the soffit. Hopefully the repairs can be completed this summer.

Book sales have fallen off so if you know anyone interested let us know. We do have a fifth book available. If you like what's in this newsletter you'll enjoy this book.

My thanks to all who have contributed to making Mount Savage a wonderful place to live.

See You Around Town

Dennis L. Lashley



1853 September 9 Fire at Mt Savage - We learned that the foundry and machine shop buildings of the Mt Savage Iron Company near Cumberland were destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The valuable tools, machinery and stock were mostly saved. Loss between 5,000 and \$ 6,000.

1854: The dwelling of Mr. Thomas Mullany, was consumed by fire a few nights ago Peter Skelly. A boarder, lost a trunk in the flames containing clothing and \$50 money.

1857 John W. Brown invent "rolls" for the manufacture of " T " rails

1857 The works were shut down in December 1857, but resumed operations of both the smelting and rolling operations in the spring to make rails and fulfill a government contract for cannonballs.

1850"s Frostburg tunnel constructed.

Originally constructed in the pre-Civil War years of the mid 1850s, the subdivision served as a mainline for the Cumberland & Pennsylvania Railroad between Cumberland, MD, and Westernport, MD. Following the Civil War, coal production expanded in the Georges Creek Valley as did the numerous branch lines to serve the many coal loaders. This boom along with C&P passenger trains between the many mining towns made this line a high density piece of railroad, like many coal railroads of that era.

1861: Large scale fire brick manufacture began. Mount Savage bricks were in demand by other industries because of the superior quality of the native clay.

One of the earliest wire tram systems in this country was a line built for the Mount Savage Fire Brick and Mining Company, by Mr. E. G. Spilsbury, who was then the American representative of the Hodgson Wire Rope Tramway Company.

1862: Construction began on Saint Patrick's' Catholic Church.

1864 Jan. 26 C&P Railroad purchase of Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company and Railroad.

1865: Saint Patrick's Catholic Church was formally dedicated

1865-1870 Henry Weber and Brother open a market garden

1866: The C&P locomotive shops were established in Mt. Savage under the direction of James Millholland and employed as many as 600 men.

1868: The Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroads' Mt. Savage Shops produced its first home-built locomotive, and until the 1940s, built or rebuilt one hundred steam locomotives and other rolling stock.

1870: February 28th, Consolidated Coal Company to the Mt. Savage Fire Brick and Mining Company conveyed all the described deed from the Mount Savage Iron Company to the Union Mining Company.

1870 Blast furnace was in Blast for the last time in early spring



A&P STORE NO. 85
A. LENNOX MGR,
1940

In 1914 William Farrell purchased 2 lots from the Union Mining Company to build his store which was an ACME market.

In 1918 he opened the second floor for a dance hall.

In 1927 he sold the building to the Fire Department.

In 1940 the Fire Department rented the front portion to Andy Lennox to open an A&P market which remained open to the early 50's

1907 February 25

The roundhouse of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad at Mount Savage was burned. Six locomotives were destroyed

MOUNT SAVAGE

Bob Beal's Market
Valley View Service Station

A. and P. To Close
The Mt. Savage A. and P. store will vacate the building it occupies at the end of May, according to D. I. Porter, supervisor of the Cumberland district for the A. and P. Company. Plans are being made to enlarge the branch in Frostburg, he said.

The Mt. Savage store has been located in the Main Street building, owned by the Mt. Savage Volunteer Fire Company 15 years, Porter said. Andrew Lennox has been local manager ten years, he added.

Firemen said no decision had been made as to the use of the storeroom after it is vacated.

GENE'S BARBER SHOP
RAILROAD ST., MT. SAVAGE
Open Daily 'til 9, Saturday



September 23 1940

Citizens Group Insists New Building Be Erected to House Children

The Allegany County Board of Education remained firm on its stand that **Mt. Savage** children attend high school in Frostburg or Cumberland after the new Frostburg building is completed despite a conference with a committee of **Mt. Savage** citizens yesterday.

The **Mt. Savage** group continued to demand a new school be built in the community.

Charles L. Kopp, superintendent of schools, said today it is the responsibility of the Board of Education and administration officials to provide an efficient education in the county.

September 23 1939

Board Will Make Inspection, Alleviate Crowded Condition At **Mt. Savage** School

Both of Allegany county's school strikes ended last night and students returned to classes this morning at **Mt. Savage** and Beall High School, Frostburg.

Tithes for New Church.

Cumberland, Md., July 16.—A majority of the 125 members of the Methodist Episcopal congregation at **Mt. Savage**, this county, are giving one-tenth of their gross earnings toward the erection of a new church to cost about \$5,000. A frame parsonage which cost \$1,200 has been completed.

Pittsburg Press July 16, 1901



New WW1 Memorial Park located on the site of the old Fire hall. Dedicated to the men who gave their lives for our country during WW1. This spring it should be green with new land scraping.

1909 April

The Deseret News - Apr 7, 1933

Vatican Delegate To Tokyo Returns

VATICAN CITY, April 7—(AP).—Archbishop Edward Mooney, apostolic delegate to Japan, arrived in Rome this morning from Tokyo. He will be received by Pope Pius in the near future.

Vatican prelates say the Pope desires to talk with the archbishop because opposition has been expressed in some circles in Japan due to the fact that he is an American. The archbishop, who has been the apostolic delegate to Japan since March 30, 1931, is a native of the Mount Savage diocese of Baltimore.

Mt. Savage, Md., April 9.

The Mt. Savage Treasure Club of this place, will hold a great ball in Mullaney hall Easter Monday night which will be one of the best of the season. Good music has been secured for the occasion and arrangements have been made for those who attend to get their supper at St. Patrick's hall, where it will be served.

Closed for Easter.

The C. & P. R. R. shops have closed down for Friday and Saturday but will resume work on Easter Monday

Band Concert.

The Union Cornet band gave a free concert on the diamond in front of Mullaney Bros.' store Thursday night.

The bazaar in St. Patrick's hall will open Monday evening with a dance and supper. Good music has been secured for the occasion and on Thursday evening there will be a progressive euchre. Many handsome prizes will be awarded the successful ones. The ladies and gentlemen in charge have made great preparations to make this one of the best occasions of the kind in the history of Mt. Savage.

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2014 Mt. Savage Historical Society Membership Form

We rely on dues, donations and fundraisers to keep our organization operational. All donations go to renovating and maintaining our historic buildings and sites. It also allows us to continue educational programs for area children. Please take a few minutes to fill out and return this form to the address provided, along with your dues and donations. We appreciate your support & thank you for helping to preserve the rich history of our town.

Name_____ **Phone**_____

Mailing Address_____

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Dues \$7.00 per member_____ **Extra Donation**_____

We need help with different events and projects that we hold throughout the year. Please indicate here, if you would be able to help in any capacity:

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