



Mission Statement

The Worcester County Historical Society is a 501-C3 non-profit organization dedicated to discovering, preserving and disseminating the rich natural and cultural history of Worcester County and the State of Maryland.

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Fall General Meeting
Atlantic Hotel
Berlin, MD

November 13, 2022

1:00PM Social time with Dinner at 2PM
 Gordon Katz will be speaking on the

Henry Hotel PLUS
in Ocean City

\$40 per person

Meal Choices:

1. Crab Cake a la Maryland \$5 upcharge (\$45 Total)
 2. Leo Shrimp Salad Platter
 3. Classic Chicken Caesar Salad
- Coffee, Tea and Water
Lemon Lust

Please note your meal choice when you send payment

Deadline to reserve November 7

Be kind reserve early

\$40 per person

\$45 with crab cake choice

(Make checks to WCHS)

Mail to: Judi Menavich Treasurer

9 Drawbridge Rd.

Berlin, MD 21811

All profits are used for museum grants



Museums of Worcester County

- Calvin B. Taylor House Museum
- Costen House Museum
- Delmarva Discovery Center
- Furnace Town Living Heritage Village / Mt. Zion School
- Girdletree Barnes Bank
- Julia A. Purnell Museum
- Ocean City Lifesaving Station Museum
- Queponco Railway Station
- Rackliffe House
- St. Martin's Church Museum
- Sturgis One Room Schoolhouse/Heritage House

Other Historic Sites in Worcester County

Germantown School Community Heritage Center

10223 Trappe Rd
PO Box 24
Berlin, MD 21811
410-641-0638

Marva Theatre Performing Arts Center

103 Market St.
Pocomoke City, MD 21851
410-957-4230

Please visit the museums and historic sites in our county.

Fall greetings from Newt:

Hopefully this note will find the group healthy and looking forward to our next dinner and membership gathering. We are well aware of the rapid rise in prices across the economic board affecting us in our daily lives. However, for a short time lets put those issues aside as we once again heed the call for a general meeting and enjoy a tasty, classic luncheon . The Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, Maryland is reserving their spacious dining hall for just the right place for this event. John Fager has graciously waived all room rental fees and other charges usually associated with specially planned meals. The date is now set in stone for Sunday, November 13th from 1 to 4 PM.

We'll have historian and accomplished author Gordon Katz entertaining the guests with a brief history of the old Henry Hotel as well as an honorable mention of the Bridge Night Club famous for black folks only; which occasionally had a lively band inside. This will be new material specifically researched by Gordon.

In a perfect world, we'll have good weather and mild temperatures. Please plan to attend this should be quite an afternoon.

Newt Weaver, President



Fall General Meeting WCHS
Atlantic Hotel Berlin, MD
1:00PM Social/2:00PM Dinner

To: Judi Menavich
9 Drawbridge Rd.
Berlin, MD 21811

1. Crab Cake a la Maryland
2. Leo Shrimp Salad
3. Chicken Caesar Salad

Please find my check for ____persons x \$40.00 (\$45 for crab cake) for dinner at the Atlantic Hotel Berlin, MD and the fall meeting of the Worcester County Historical Society . Please make checks to Worcester County Historical Society (WCHS). **Deadline November 7 , 2022 . PLEASE be considerate and send in your reservation early! !**

Name _____ Phone # _____

Meal Choice _____ Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

Worcester County Historical Society

PO Box 111
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

2023 Membership

(Dues period January 1-December 31, 2023)

Thank you for choosing to be a member of the Worcester County Historical Society.

Your membership will help support our efforts in Worcester County. You might also wish to volunteer at one of our county's 12 museums or WCHS at a time that is suitable for you.

Renewal_____

New Member_____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL DUES	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
<i>Individual</i>	\$10.00/year	_____
<i>Family</i>	\$15.00/year	_____
<i>Business/Patron</i>	\$25/year or \$100/5years	_____
LIFETIME	\$150.00 (ONE TIME)	_____
<i>Donation (501C-3 deductible)</i>		_____

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City/State/Zip Code_____

Telephone Home_____Office_____

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Check here if you wish to only receive electronic newsletter (newsletter will not be mailed)___

Your membership is welcome, Dues period January 1 through December 31, 2017

Please make your check payable to the Worcester County Historical Society (WCHS) and mail to:

Treasurer, WCHS

Ms. Judi Menavich

9 Drawbridge Rd.

Berlin, MD 21811

610-324-7635

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Feel free to include any comments or suggestions regarding the WCHS. Thank you.

The Judah Family

In 1819, All Hallows Parish called the Rev. Henry Raymond Judah to the rectorship of the parish. Born in 1794 in Westport, Connecticut, Henry Judah was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church by the Rev. William White of the Diocese of Pennsylvania in the previous year. Judah was serving the church in Delaware at the time. Judah followed Worcester County native the Rev. Purnell Fletcher Smith (1783-1842) in the rectorship. Bishop James Kemp of the Diocese of Maryland noted his arrival in his address at the 1820 Diocesan Convention: "The Rev. Mr. Judah, from the state of Delaware, has also moved into this diocese."

At the time of Rev. Judah's arrival, both the All Hallows and Worcester Parishes shared the same minister. This arrangement started in 1806 when the Rev. David Ball (1761-1813), who had served All Hallows since 1791, added the mantle of Rector of Worcester Parish. From 1806 to 1846, one minister served both parishes with at least three separate church buildings. In 1820, the combined parishes totaled 145 communicants and Judah reported that "From 80 to 100 families belong to this parish. There are in the parish three places of public worship, two of which are in a state of dilapidation and ruin, the other, in Snow Hill, is in tolerable repair." One of the dilapidated churches to which Judah referred is St. Martin's Church in Showell. The other may be the old chapel near Stockton. The All Hallows parochial report added that "A minister, Rev. Mr. Judah, is employed by this parish and Worcester parish – and this parish contributes to his support about \$ 400."

In 1819-1820, Judah paid court to a local Eastern Shore girl and won her hand on 10 August 1820. His wife was Mary Jane Reece (ca. 1801-1872), the daughter of the late Rev. Joshua Reece, who had served both Stepney and Coventry Parishes in Somerset County at different times. The marriage was celebrated in St. Andrew's Church, Princess Anne.

Judah was elevated from deacon to priest in 1821 by the Rev. James Kemp. Kemp was moved by this ceremony which occurred at All Hallows that he detailed the ordination in the 1821 Diocesan Journal:

"I passed on to Snow Hill, when on the 6th of August, being the Lord's Day, I admitted the Rev. Mr. Henry B. Judah to the Holy Order of Priests, in his own church. The Rev. Mr. Wickes and the Rev. Mr. Stratton assisted at his examination and presented him. Such was the impression made by this solemn and sacred service, in such a place where perhaps it has never before been performed, that a pious and judicious lay-man remarked to me, that it would be of great service to the Church, to ordain ministers in their own churches. And I was so fully convinced of the correctness of this remark, that I have in every case, when circumstances would admit, and my own parochial duties would allow, yielded to such requests: and I mean to yield to them whenever my obligations to my own people would authorize me."

Mr. Wickes was the Rev. William Wicks, who served Somerset Parish, and Mr. Stratton was the Rev. Samuel Creighton Stratton, Rector of Coventry Parish. Coincidentally, both men served as Rector of All Hallows: Wicks in 1813-1814 as a Deacon, and Stratton followed Judah upon the latter's departure.

On 12 June 1821, Henry and Mary Judah celebrated the birth of their first child, Henry Moses Judah. Two years later, Rev. Judah was called to serve St. John's Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He stayed there for almost ten years when he moved to the Rectorship of St. John's Church in Troy, New York in 1834. Ill health probably caused him to resign this post and move back to Westport, Connecticut where he died on 2 November 1836. An extensive obituary was published lauding his efforts in his ministries.

Henry and Mary Judah had a total of seven children, several of whom achieved some prominence in their relatively short lives. Their eldest, Henry Moses, was born in Snow Hill in 1821 and was graduated from West Point as part of the Class of 1843, the same class which included Ulysses Simpson Grant, future Lieutenant General of the United States Army and President of the United States. Indeed, as often is the case in the 19th century military, their paths continued to cross for many years. After graduation, Judah was posted as a brevet 2nd Lieutenant in the 8th U.S. Infantry on 7 July 1843 and assigned to garrison duty at Fort Brooke, Tampa Bay, Florida. Before joining the regiment in November 1843, he served on temporary duty in St. Augustine, Florida. He participated in several skirmishes with the Seminoles. His health was damaged with several bouts of yellow and typhoid fever during these postings. The 8th Infantry was transferred to Texas at the onset of the Mexican troubles. He was promoted to full 2nd Lieutenant of the 4th Regiment on 19 April 1846, a week before the outbreak of hostilities.

As part of the 4th Infantry, Judah was heavily involved in the War with Mexico from 1846-1848. He was engaged in the Battle of Palo Alto; Battle of Resaca de-la Palma; Battle of Monterey and the Siege of Vera Cruz, Mexico in 1847. He participated in the Battle of Cerro Gordo and the capture of San Antonio; the Battle of Churubusco as well as the Battle of Molino del Rey. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on 26 September 1847 in recognition of his service, on the same day that U.S. Grant was posted to the same rank and regiment. Judah also received a brevet captainship on 13 September 1847

After peace was declared, many officers were sent to Camp Jefferson Davis in East Pascagoula, Mississippi before being re-posted. Judah was among those at this Camp in 1848 before receiving news that he was posted to Fort Ontario in Oswego, New York. Newspapers reported that the citizens of New York presented him with a sword; the inscription read:

“EXCELSIOR. Presented to 1st Lieut. Henry M. Judah, 4th U.S. Infantry, for distinguished courage and meritorious conduct in the battles of Palo Alto, Reses de la Palma, Monterey, Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Churubusco, Molina del Rey, Chapultepec, and the City of Mexico, by his friends and fellow citizens of the city of New York.”

He married Helen M. Campbell (1829-1852) in Pensacola, Florida on 9 May 1849. During his time in Oswego, he was joined by his wife, mother and sisters. He was then transferred to the Plattsburg Barracks in Plattsburg, New York, where he served until May 1852. .

After his wife’s death on 20 November 1852, he requested frontier duty and was assigned to Ft. Vancouver, Washington in 1853. By volunteering to tackle the Indian uprisings in the Pacific Northwest he was promoted to Captain of the 4th Infantry on 29 September 1853. He then spent the next 8 years scouting and hunting renegade warriors who caused numerous problems throughout the region. He spent time in the following forts: Fort Jones, California from 1853-1858 with brief stops at Fort Humboldt, California 1854-1855, Fort Steilacoom, Washington 1859-1860, and Fort Yuma, California 1860-1861. He replaced U.S. Grant as captain of Company F, after the latter’s resignation from the U.S. Army in May 1854.

With the outbreak of the Civil War and the expansion of the American military, many long-serving Regular Army officers found higher ranks in the new U.S. Volunteers to organize volunteer regiments. These ranks did not affect an officer’s permanent rank in the Army. On 6 September 1861, Judah received a commission as Colonel of the 4th California Regiment. After the formal organization of that regiment in October 1861, he resigned his Volunteer commission to return to the East. He served in the defenses of Washington, DC until 21 March 1862, at which time he was commissioned Brigadier General of Volunteers and sent to the Western Theatre along the Mississippi, where his old classmate, U.S. Grant, was receiving accolades for his military prowess. Judah reached the Army of the Tennessee (USA), in April 1862 shortly after the Battle of Shiloh. He served as Inspector General for this Army from April to July while commanding the 1st Division, Army of West Tennessee during the Corinth campaign. He received his promotion to the permanent rank of Major in the 4th U.S. Infantry during this period.

In June 1863, he became commander of the District of Western Kentucky and the 3rd Division, XXIII Corps, stationed in Cincinnati, Ohio and participated in the hunt for General John Hunt Morgan (C.S.A.) during the latter’s incursion into Ohio. He commanded the 2nd Division of the same Corps in 1864 during part of the Atlanta campaign but alleged mistakes committed during the Battle of Resaca doomed any further active service and he was placed on routine administrative duties during the remainder of the war. On 13 March 1865, he was appointed a brevet Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel in the regular army. Judah mustered out of the Volunteer Army on 14 August 1865 and reverted to his permanent rank of Major in the 4th U.S. Infantry.

Judah was appointed to command a detachment of the 4th Infantry at the unfinished Ft. Montgomery along Lake Champlain near Plattsburgh. While waiting for construction of the permanent quarters at the Fort, the detachment was housed at Plattsburgh Barracks. On 14 January 1866, while sitting at Fouquett’s Hotel in Plattsburgh, he was stricken with a heart attack, caused in part by his exposure to the typhoid originally contracted in Florida.

Judah’s brothers, although not Snow Hill natives, also worked to help the country grow. His brother, Theodore Dehone Judah (1826-1863), was a prominent civil engineer who surveyed the route of the proposed transcontinental railroad through the Sierra Nevada and was heavily involved in the creation of what eventually became the Central Pacific Railroad. Another brother, Edward Douglas Judah (b. 1828) was also a surveyor in the West and disappeared from the records before 1870. A third brother, Charles David Judah was a lawyer, and resided in San Francisco in the early 1850s but returned to New York before his death in 1870. Both sisters also went west during the Gold Rush days with their husbands.

We honor the service of our Snow Hill native, Brigadier General Henry Moses Judah, U.S.V., during the Mexican and Civil Wars, along with that of his father, who helped guide the parishioners of All Hallows and Worcester Parishes.

Jefferson M. Moak

13 October 2022

Join Worcester County Historical Society

Do you love history? Do you have friends who love history? Do you have other family members who love history? Why not invite them to attend a meeting of the Worcester County Historical Society?

Gift membership into the organization would be a great way to introduce a family member or friend to the local history and time shared with other history buffs!

There is a membership application located elsewhere in this publication and we would love to have you give it to a friend. Make copies and share. Thank you for helping WCHS grow and continue to work to maintain an interest in local history. **Great idea for a Christmas gift!**



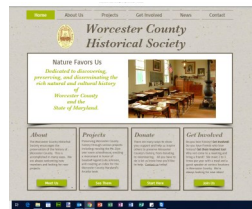
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