

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Architectural Fieldwork Symposium

1st Floor Conference Room
100 Community Place, Crownsville MD 21032
Thursday, March 28, 2024
9:30AM to 4:00PM



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- 9:30 – 9:55 **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 9:55 – 10:00 **Opening Remarks – Introductions & Logistics**
Elizabeth Hughes, Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, MHT
- 10:00 – 10:30 **The Maryland Slave Dwelling Survey**
Willie Graham, Architectural Historian
This presentation will highlight a non-capital grant project which analyzed a statewide sampling of dwellings and other living spaces of enslaved African Americans – a critical component of Maryland’s historic built environment.
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Starting from Scratch: The Dellinger House – The Building and its People, 1807-1977**
Emelia Lehmann, Presidential Management Fellow and Historical Architect, Historic Preservation Training Center, National Park Service (NPS)
Using archival and physical evidence, this presentation will discuss recent findings at the house and highlight the people who constructed, developed, and maintained it.
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Break**
- 11:15 – 11:45 **National Register of Historic Places: The Big Picture**
Lisa Deline, Senior Historian, National Register of Historic Places, NPS
This presentation will provide an overview of the National Register process and highlight updated guidance for completing nominations.
- 11:45 – 12:30 **Updates from MHT**
Heather Barrett, Administrator of Architectural Research, MHT
Allison Luthern, Architectural Survey Administrator, MHT
Jessica French, National Register Administrator, MHT
MHT staff will present highlights and key projects from the Architectural Research Program.
- 12:30 – 1:30 **Lunch & Networking**
- 1:30 – 2:00 **Wings of Victory: Fort George G. Meade and the Nike Missile Program**
Ethan Bean, Cultural Resources Specialist and History Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District
During the Cold War (1947 to 1991), the Nike Missile Program at Fort George G. Meade evidenced the growing physical transformation of the country into a defensive landscape.

- 2:00 – 2:30 **The Herald Mail Media Building, Hagerstown – Blueprints to the Rescue?**
Catherine Lavoie, Chief, Historic American Buildings Survey, NPS
Tom Vitanza, Architect, RA, Partner, Historic Preservation Training Center, NPS
Using surviving as-built drawings, this presentation will highlight a case for the timely documentation of endangered Modernist buildings and the problems surrounding them as seen in the Herald Mail Media Building in Hagerstown.
- 2:30 – 2:45 **Break**
- 2:45 – 3:15 **'...it is seldom that this House is without Company—our stable always Full of Horses:' Understanding Mount Vernon's Stable**
Thomas A. Reinhart, Director of Preservation, George Washington's Mount Vernon
This presentation will examine the history of Mount Vernon's 1782 stable and recent research and fieldwork conducted to support the restoration of its lost interior.
- 3:15 – 3:45 **Lessons Learned in the Recovery and Re-Creation of Traditional Material in Contemporary Preservation Projects**
Chris Mills, Architectural Conservator, Christopher Mills Conservation LLC
This presentation will explore the critical importance of traditional materials and tools in contemporary preservation projects, specifically focusing on the presenter's extensive experience with finishes in 18th and 19th-century house museums.
- 3:45 – 4:00 **Closing Remarks & Adjournment**
Marcia Miller, Chief, Office of Research, Survey, and Registration, MHT