



Carroll County History Day

Local History Research Topics

Potential Topics at the Historical Society of Carroll County

1. Mary Shellman: Activist, Poet, Educator and Catalyst for Social Change
2. Saving History: The Start-Up Story of the Historical Society of Carroll County in 1939
3. Mapping Our Way Forward: What the Historical Society of Carroll County's local map collection can tell us about major social and economic turning points in our region
4. Stories Undertold: Bringing Forgotten Histories of Carroll County to light utilizing primary resources and technology
5. Quirky Tales: Odd, Strange and Fanciful Stories from historic Carroll County Newspapers at the Historical Society of Carroll County

Joint Topics (in conjunction with Union Mills Homestead)

1. Pathways to Emancipation: Routes to Freedom for Those Enslaved in Carroll County During the Civil War
2. Images of our Ancestors: How Technology Impacted how Carroll County Families Captured the Everyday in Perfect Clarity

Potential Topics at the Union Mills Homestead

1. The Oliver Evans Mills in the Industrial Revolution: Automated Materials Handling and Technological Innovation in the American Industrial Revolution
2. The Vertical Waterwheel: An Invention that Changed World History
3. Transportation Revolution: The Baltimore-Reisterstown Turnpike's Role in Linking East to West in the Turnpike Era
4. Roads to Gettysburg: Union Mills' Role in the New Birth of Freedom at Gettysburg
5. Pathways to Emancipation: Routes to Freedom for Those Enslaved in Carroll County During the Civil War (Joint Topic with HSCC)
6. Democracy in Action: The Political Experience and American Elections in Carroll County: Who Votes, Where, and How?
7. Images of our Ancestors: How Technology Impacted how Carroll County Families Captured the Everyday in Perfect Clarity through Photography (Joint Topic with HSCC)
8. Rural Free Delivery: Turning Point in the American Information Revolution

Potential Topics at the Historical Society of Mount Airy

1. Impact of B&O Railroad on growth of Mt. Airy
2. Impact of the National Road (RT 144) on the growth of Mt. Airy
3. History of the Canning Factory
4. Underground Railroad during the Civil War in Mt. Airy and its impact on emancipation of slaves
5. Impact of U.S Colored Troops in Mt. Airy on progress of the Civil War
6. Role of Mt. Airy in the Civil War
7. Impact of railroad riots on Main Street Mt. Airy in the summer of 1901
8. Auctioning of Henry Bussard's property in 1884 resulting in the Boomtown growth of Mt. Airy in the late 1880s