

MOUNT SAVAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Summer 2012

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Coming Events:
Annual Plant Sale
May 11

Iron Rail Days
Sept. 14—15

Santa's Workshop
Dec. 14th.

If you haven't renewed your 2012 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

First off, I'd like to apologize for the lateness of the newsletter. I've wanted to wait until I had solid news about the Jail and Iron Furnace projects.

Just wanted to keep you up to date on the societies progress. The plant sale was a success along with the 3rd Mount Savage book. These books have given us enough funds to do several projects. Rollup UV blinds have been installed in the Union Mining Building along with the Museum. They will block the harmful sun from damaging the contents of the building. Iron Rail days went off without a hitch. Lots of folks came out to enjoy the sunshine. The little folks really enjoyed our little locomotive, many coming back for more rides. The money we made from Iron Rails Days allowed us to have the interior of the Museum painted. Both upper floors were completed. We left the bottom floor in original condition. Lots of progress have been made to the interior of the museum. All the floors have been scrubbed and a new coat of Polyurethane applied. Cardinal Mooney's items have been cleaned ready for display.

We have been in contact with county officials inquiring about taking possession of the Jail. The commissioners have finally turned over a "quit claim " deed. The Jail needs a lot of repairs which we couldn't see coming out of our pockets so with deed in hand, work can begin. As soon as warm weather gets here a new roof will be installed then interior work . The Lions Club has donated a wonderful picnic table to the Society along with 2 concrete benches. We haven't decided just where to put them but rest assured they are much appreciated and will find a good home.

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

See You Around Town

Dennis L. Lashley

From the President.....During the past months we've lost 3 valued members of the Historic Society. Carl, Gladys and Shirley greeted everyone with a smile. I always felt like an adopted son when they were around. I personally will miss them and the Society will miss their goodwill and support. Goodbye my friends, you won't be forgotten.

— Carl A. Pressman, 94, of LaVale, died peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family.

Born on Sept. 2, 1917 in Fairmont, W.Va., he was the son of the late Carl H. Pressman and Idella (Weisenborn) Pressman.

Mr. Pressman was a three-year military veteran in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving in recruiting stations in Pittsburgh and Altoona, Pa. He was a charter member of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. He was an employee of the Western Maryland Railway from 1937 to 1976 and then transferred to the Cumberland Division of the Chessie System. He retired on Sept. 30, 1982 as Chief Clerk to the Assistant Superintendent, a career spanning 45 years. Carl was an [active](#) and devoted member for many years of the Mount Savage United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the American Legion in Frostburg and the Mount Savage Historical Society. He was a long-serving member of the Mount Savage Water Company and was a past member of the Board of Directors of the B&O YMCA in Cumberland. Carl was always a devoted husband and family man. His family always came first. His love for his wife of 70 years is unparalleled. play the piano throughout his life.



Gladys D. (Wills) Pressman, 92, died peacefully on Monday, March 5, 2012, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Gladys was born on April 20, 1919, in Mount Savage, the daughter of the late Robert Wills and Sarah (Lewis) Wills. She was also predeceased by sisters, Evelyn Dickel and Anna Lilly and brothers, Ellsworth Wills and Harold Wills.

She was a life-long active and devoted member of the Mount Savage United Methodist Church. In addition, she was a member of the Sacred Heart Hospital Nurses' Alumni Association and the Mount Savage Historical Society.

Gladys was a graduate of Mount Savage High School, class of 1937, and graduated from Allegany Hospital's School of [Nursing](#) in 1940. She worked as an RN doing hospital and private duty nursing and volunteered as a Red Cross blood bank nurse.



Gladys was always a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved her family and friends. The love of her life, Carl, passed away on Oct. 25, 2011. They were married for 70 years.

2012 — MOUNT SAVAGE — Shirley Catherine (Rice) Kenney, 77, of Mount Savage, passed away on Sunday, March 25, 2012, at home.

Born Feb. 4, 1935, in Mount Savage, she was the daughter of the late William Rice and Myrtle (Winebrenner) Rice. She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Kenney, in 2009; brothers, William Rice, Russell Rice, Elmer Rice; and sisters, Hilda Shimko and Ruby Ryan.

Shirley was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Mount Savage, the Mount Savage Historical Society, and of the graduating class of 1953 from Mount Savage.



You may wonder why we wanted to save our town Jail seeing as it is in such bad shape. I'd like to give you my theory on the subject before I show you the damage. In the past so many things have been lost around town. The roundhouse, depot, store fronts on main street, the monument and theater. We can't afford to loose anything else. We have a saying around the Society. "Save what we can" The old jail looks good on the outside but let me show you what's on the inside to be repaired.



This is the ceiling in the office section of the jail. As you can see a large section has fallen in due to a leaky roof. This ceiling will need to be completely removed and replaced with new lumber then dry walled.



The window facing Beal's Garage will be closed in and replaced with display shelves.

The oldest record we can find about the Jail comes from the office of county commissioners. On July 18, 1911 a delegation from Mt Savage consisting of Rev. Dowling, Clinton Uhl and W. Bladen Lowndes together with States Attorney David Robb appeared before the Commissioners asking for a police station to mainly house the town drunks.



This is the window sill facing the community building. It will also need to be repaired or replaced. The damage comes from years of leaking down the inside wall from the roof above.



Above is a window sill in one of the cells. Damaged from the lack of a window in the opening

Our Museum has undergone some major improvements. It has been completely renovated from top to bottom. All items have been cleaned and polished with slight rearrangements of the items. The big change comes from the industrial items which have been moved to the Union Mining Company building. In their place, a one room school is being assembled (see photo below) including a cloak room.

We would like to request any items you would like to donate for this school room. Items like old kids coats, books shoes or boots and old school items.



The school room is complete with Black Board, flags and hand-made period desks. Each desk seats 2 and has storage space under the desk tops plus ink wells. Book shelves will hold school artifacts. On the opposite wall sets a display case with lots of geology items found around Mt Savage.

We are about to start on Phase 2 of the furnace project. Thanks to Earl Pope we have been in contact with the contractor who will be installing the new water line. All the waste dirt will be hauled up to the Iron Furnace to fill in a large section of the hill side below the furnace. Tapering the hill so it will be able to be mowed and kept free of brush. The hill is so steep you can't even walk up it let alone keep it cut. This will enhance the looks of the furnace area. Once the fill has been completed, the contractor will grade, seed and mulch the area and remove any thing they put in to complete the job. Bob Rost has been contacted about this project and he has agreed to let the work progress. The contractor will supply all permits making this a no cost project for the Society. The photo on the right is the area proposed for fill. Once the fill has been completed, we hope to make a walking trail down to the furnace from Calla Hill.

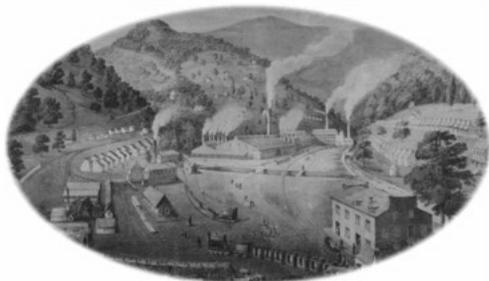
It's a big plan but there will be lots of waste from the water system and will probably take a year or more to complete but you should be able to see some progress in the near future



The profit from these books go to the maintenance and restoration of buildings in Mt Savage. The time and effort to produce was done by Society volunteers at no cost to the Society. *Each Book is priced at \$25 but all 4 can be purchased as a set for \$80. They can be purchased online at www.mtsavage.info or sending a check to : Mount Savage Historical Society P>O> Box 401 Mt Savage Md. 21545*

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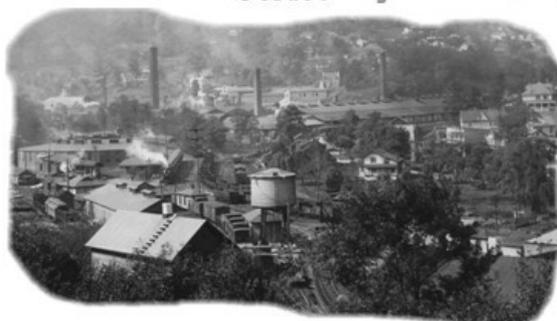
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