

Agenda for the January 2018 MSS Baltimore Chapter Meeting

Wednesday January 17, 2018 at WBC&M

12 Noon to 1:00 pm +/- General Business Meeting

Lunch will be provided at the meeting

- * Welcome members and guests & hand out today's agenda
- * Acceptance of the past meeting's minutes
- * Treasurer's Report
- * Old Business
 - Future Surveyors Pilot Program update & kickoff for the new school year
 - Baltimore County Plat Review process update
- * New Business
 - New Baltimore County Survey Control web site.
 - MSS Website – Updates, Chapter email blasts & Groups
- * Announcements
 - MSS General Membership meeting: Tuesday, January 30, 2018,
 - February meeting is on the 21st. Pat Simon to review Baltimore County Survey Control Website
- * Adjourn the meeting
 - Program: Dr. Edward Papenfuse: Thomas Poppleton's Survey and Map of Baltimore

The first half of the presentation will focus on the creation of Thomas Poppleton's survey and map of Baltimore begun in 1811, published in 1822, and updated in 1851/52. The map appeared in two wall map editions, 1822 and 1851 (with subsequent corrections in 1852). It was the first scientific survey of the city and became the base map for the development and expansion of the city. The 1851/52 revisions became the official map for the recordation of all land transactions in the city. Each block formed by Poppleton's survey was assigned a number and all land transactions relating to that block were indexed under that block number in block books maintained at the courthouse. The accuracy of the Poppleton map is remarkable, as is the story of its creation by a bankrupt surveyor from London hired by John Eager Howard and his brother Cornelius.

The second half of the presentation will focus on how the map can be placed on Google Earth and used as a research aid for anyone interested in visualizing where Baltimoreans lived and worked in that 40-year period. When placed on Google Earth, the maps provide not only a framework for visualizing where people lived and worked but also a means of managing and accessing research and writing about Baltimore and Baltimoreans. For those wishing to download copies of the two editions of Poppleton's map as placed on Google Earth, I have placed a kmz file on my personal server and made it available for personal use only. See: http://virtualarchive.us/historywiki/index.php/Poppleton_Maps_of_Baltimore,_1822_%26_1852 for details and the link to downloading the kmz file.

Cost: \$20.00 for licensed surveyors, \$10.00 for all others. Reservations are required by January 16th.

Payment is due the day of the meeting. Receipts may not be given.

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