

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

United States Colored Troops Institute

Harry Bradshaw Matthews, President
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The United States Colored Troops Institute (USCTI), Inc. is an educational institution established at Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY, by charter members from 12 states and Canada during October 1998. The goal of the Institute is to encourage and promote original historical and genealogical research about the 200,000 colored soldiers and 7,000 white officers who comprised the US Colored Troops during the American Civil War. The Institute encourages members to "find" their local USCT members and to place soldiers and their families within a local historical context through educational and commemorative events. Today, the USCTI has members in 20 states and Canada.

Central Maryland Chapter Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society

John R. Gourdin, President
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The Central Maryland Chapter of AAHGS, Inc. is a group of family historians and genealogists who share resources and methodology in tracing their ancestry. The objective of the Chapter is to encourage and promote studies in academic, local, and family history of all ethnic groups, with particular focus on African Americans. The Chapter regularly conducts training sessions, workshops, exhibits, discussion groups, and projects designed to expand the breath and depth of historical and genealogical knowledge; enhance research skills; and strengthen family networks. The Chapter meets monthly at the Ellicott City Colored School, located in Ellicott City.

Ellicott City Colored School Restored

Sylvia Cooke Martin, Executive Director
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The Ellicott City Colored School Restored, Inc. is a non-profit, historical and genealogical research center for African American ancestry in Maryland - and beyond. Constructed during 1879, and restored during 2000-03, ECCS is the first public school to support the African American community in Howard County. Once fully developed and staffed, the School will provide research assistance and resources including abstracts of census data, church and school histories, records of family reunions and family histories and other African American experiences in Howard County. The School will host regular meetings of the Central Maryland Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society.

Howard County Center of African-American Culture

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The Howard County Center of African-American Culture, Inc. is an independent, not-for-profit educational corporation dedicated to the collection, preservation and interpretation of African American culture in Howard County, Maryland. It was founded in 1987 to promote the appreciation of African American history and to serve as a place for the enlightening and enrichment for persons residing in and around Howard County. The Center's philosophy is based on the belief that living history can inspire and challenge minds of all ages. We seek to make the public more aware of the contributions of African Americans by offering an exciting, unusual learning experience and encouraging continuing dialogue.

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