

MAGS Fall 2011 Conference, Hagerstown MD  
Items of Local Interests

This information is just a short sample of all the local interest in the Washington MD and Franklin County PA and is provided to you as a possible suggestions when visiting this area and to enhance your experience at the MAGS fall meeting on 29 October 2011. There are many additional items of local interest which can be found on the visitor bureau web sites for Washington County and Franklin County provided on the last page.

**1. Hager House**, circa 1739-1740 . Stone house build with uncut field stone. Acted as a fort against Indians in that time period. Is completely outfitted with authentic furnishings of the period. Hours: Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Admission; adults, \$3.00, senior citizens, \$2.00. **Web Site:** <http://www.hagerhouse.org/>

**2. Cushwa's Coal and Brick** is now a C&O visitor's center, Williamsport, MD. Includes Conococheague aqueduct. Contains a small Museum and shop. The only place on the canal where examples of major canal structures can be viewed in a half-mile stretch. See a lock house, Locks, turning basin, aqueduct and a Bollman Truss Bridge.

**3. Several Stone arch bridges in Washington County.** Web site: <http://bridges.marylandmemories.org/conoc.html>

**4. Christian Heritage Museum:** A privately owned collection of historic Bibles, books, manuscripts, sermon notes, and documents of Christian history. A structure which houses the Christian Heritage Museum is a post and beam bank barn. There are many rare English (1384-1611) and American Bibles. Need to call 877-313-9002 or send an e-mail to [info@christianheritagemuseum.com](mailto:info@christianheritagemuseum.com) to request a tour. <http://www.christianheritagemuseum.com/index.shtml>

**5. Fort Frederick State Park:** The stone fort built in 1756 protected Maryland's frontier settlers during the French and Indian War. Cornerstone of Maryland's frontier defenses, the fort has been restored to its 1758 appearance. Military re-enactments, daily living history programming. Includes Visitor Center Open Seven days a week. <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/fortfrederick.asp>

**6. Washington County Rural Heritage Museum:** Houses a variety of exhibits depicting early rural life in Washington County. Exhibits include: Post Office, Blacksmith Shop, Butchering Tools, A country store from the Washington County Historical Society, Four rooms furnished in the manner of a Victorian era farm house, Clothing and Fashions, School House, Buggies, Wagons, and Sleighs, Horse-drawn plows, An early Conestoga wagon which traveled the National Road from Baltimore to Wheeling, Grain and seed cleaners, cultivators, and implements for plating and harvesting, Automobiles and transportation implements  
Open Year Round Saturday's and Sunday's 1:00-4:00pm  
<http://www.ruralheritagemuseum.org/index.shtml>

**7. Miller House/Washington Co Historical Society, Washington Co Library/Western**

**Maryland Room:** The full collection of Western Maryland Room is available at our Downtown library location at 59 West Washington Street, Hagerstown, MD. Hours of Operation are: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

The library has excellent collections which contain many resources for Washington County and surrounding counties, both in History and Genealogy.

<http://www.washcolibrary.org/localhistory/index.asp>

**8. The Conococheague Institute:** Located on historic Rock Hill Farm near the village of Welsh Run, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Containing five historic buildings, a 6,000 volume research and genealogy library. Museum and Library Hours of Operation: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Web Site: <http://conococheague.org/>

**9. Mercersburg Pa:** Birth and the boyhood home of fifteenth president James Buchanan. James Buchanan's Birthplace State park. Mercersburg Academy. James Buchanan Hotel (1796), the boyhood home of our nation's 15th President, James Buchanan.

<http://www.explorefranklincountypa.com/do/listings.cfm?category=1&area=3>

**10. Pen Mar Park,** Altitude 1400 feet, one of the finest scenic areas in Maryland. On a clear day it is the place to experience an excellent view of the complete valley. Must see when you depart the area.

[http://www.washco-md.net/public\\_works/parks/penmar.shtm](http://www.washco-md.net/public_works/parks/penmar.shtm)

**12. Shopping Mall and Outlet Center.**

<http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=100>

**13. Several Golf Courses.** For the golfers there are several good courses in the area.

<http://www.beavercreekcc.com/>

<http://www.blackrockgolfcourse.com/>

<http://www.greencastlegreensgolf.com/>

<http://www.golfatwhitetail.com/>

**Other Informative Internet Sites for this area:**

Washington County Visitors Bureau: <http://www.marylandmemories.org/index.shtml>

Franklin County Visitor Bureau: <http://www.explorefranklincountypa.com/>

Washington County Maryland US Gen Web project: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdwashin/>

Family Hart Pennsylvania Dutch Genealogy pages:

<http://midatlantic.rootsweb.ancestry.com/familyhart/>

Franklin County Pennsylvanian Genealogy pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pafrankl/>