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**Volunteers Are Asked To Participate
In Work Of The Association**

Mayfest Committee

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Cemetery Committee

William Ridgley • Chairperson

Fund Raising Committee

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Mary Jane Talley • Co-Chairperson*

Historical Committee

Vernon Green • Chairperson

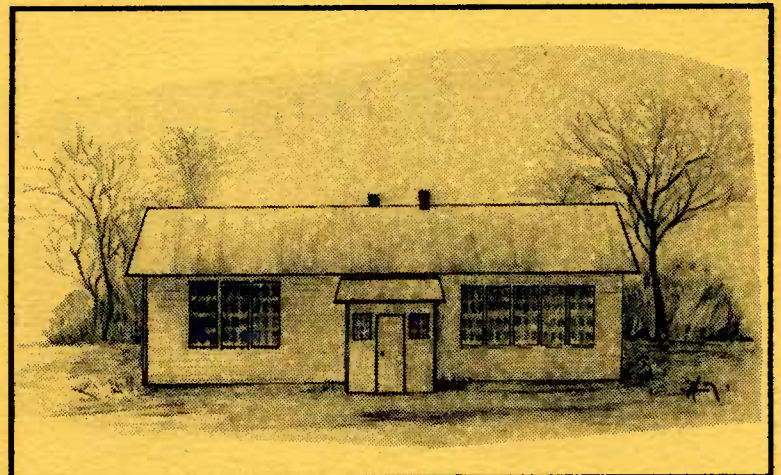
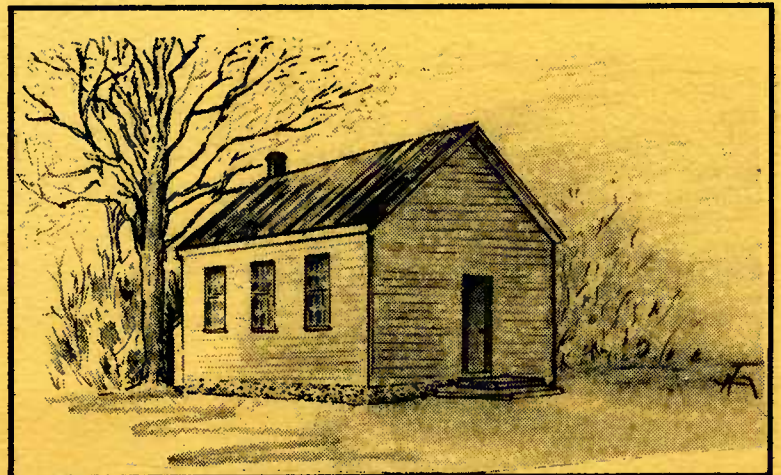
Building Committee

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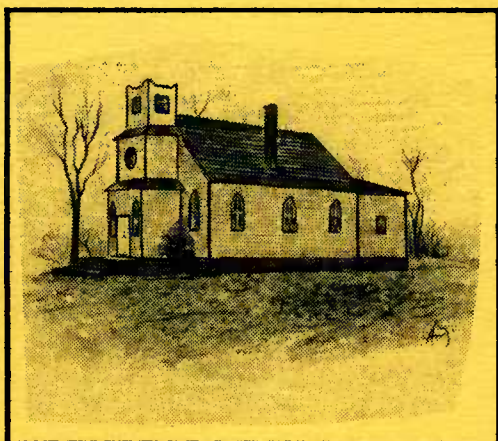
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PLEASANT VIEW HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



**QUINCE ORCHARD
COLORED SCHOOL
11810 DARNESTOWN ROAD
GAITHERSBURG, MD. 20878**

PLEASANT VIEW METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Home Of Mount Of Olives

PLEASANT VIEW HISTORIC SITE

More than 100 hundred years ago, on April 8, 1868, three years after the Civil War, approximately three acres were purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Aquilla Fisher by Thomas Neverson, George W. Johnson, Charles Beander, trustees and their successors. The property was purchased in trust for the sum of \$54.00 for the establishment of a Methodist Episcopal Church. Services were established in the community. The congregation worshipped in the school house, until they could afford to construct a church, as was customary in developing black communities.

By 1888 the church was constructed. In 1902, a decision was made by the Montgomery County Board of Commissions to build a new white school and give the blacks the old white school, after fire destroyed the black school in the community the previous year. The school was moved to the Pleasant View property, where it remains today.

By 1914, the 1888 church structure had outlived its usefulness and was rebuilt. In the 1950's extensive improvements were made. By 1968, dwindling membership and low population growth forced the congregations of Hunting Hill, McDonald Chapel and Pleasant View - three Victorian Methodist churches in the area to transfer their membership to the new Fairhaven Methodist Church for economic survival. However, Pleasant View did not merge and thus retained its legal distinction. The trustees maintains the responsibility for the site.

In 1985 the Historic Preservation Commission added the Pleasant View Church site to the Master Plan for historic preservation.

PLEASANT VIEW HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Pleasant View United Methodist Church Corporation, also known as Pleasant View Historical Association was organized in 1982 to solicit support for the establishment and sustainment of a museum of local American History and culture with emphasis on Afro-American life and history.

THE ASSOCIATION MAINTAINS THESE OBJECTIVES:

- To establish a multi-purpose center within the confines of the three acre site
 - To collect, maintain and exhibit artifacts, memorabilia, documents, illustrative of the area's history
 - To maintain research archivies and library
 - To publish relevant literature
 - To develop and encourage educational and cultural programs relevant to the expressed needs of the communities
 - And foremost to preserve, maintain and protect this three acre monument to Afro - American culture for the future generations.
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**PLEASANT VIEW HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
TRUSTEES**

Charles Thompson, Jr.—Chairperson
Thompkins Hallman—Secretary
William Ridgley—Financial Secretary
Curtis Lyons—Treasurer

Pamela Benjamin
Pearl Green
Mary Ann Hite
Melvin Joppy, Jr.
Esther Lyons
Alma Ridgley
Larry Talley

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Checks Payable to: Pleasant View Historical Association

Special Thanks —
Our sincere appreciation to our
program participants and many
friends for supporting the Pleasant
View Historical Association
and this annual June Festival.



**TOO PRECIOUS TO LOSE
Preserving our Heritage in the
Quince Orchard Community**



June Festival

Saturday, June 27, 2009

Program begins at 1:30 p.m.
Parish House Open All day

Pleasant View Historical Site
11810 Darnestown Road
Gaithersburg, MD

History

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By 1888, the church was constructed. In 1901 the Quince Orchard Colored School burned down under suspicious circumstances. In 1902 a decision was made by the Montgomery County Board of Commissions to build a new white school across the road from Pleasant View. They decided to give the blacks the old white school. The school was moved to the Pleasant View Church property where it remains today.

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—Vernon Green

Program

Mistress of Ceremonies: Mrs. Mary Ann Hlte

Black National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmony of liberty, let our rejoicing rise,
High as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

Prayer	Rev. J. W. Park
Musical Selections	The Lyles Singers
Welcome and Introduction of Trustees	Mr. Charles Thompson, Jr.
Reading of the History	Mr. Vernon Green
Musical Selections	The Royal Harmonizers
Memorial Tribute	Mr. Melvin Joppy, Jr.
Introduction of Speaker	Rev. Gerry Green
Speaker	Mr. Jason Green
Acknowledgement of Special Guests and Families	
Closing Prayer	Rev. Gerry Green

◇ Be sure to tour the church and school ◇

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1987 CHEVROLET, CAPRICE, OCTOBER 14, 1987

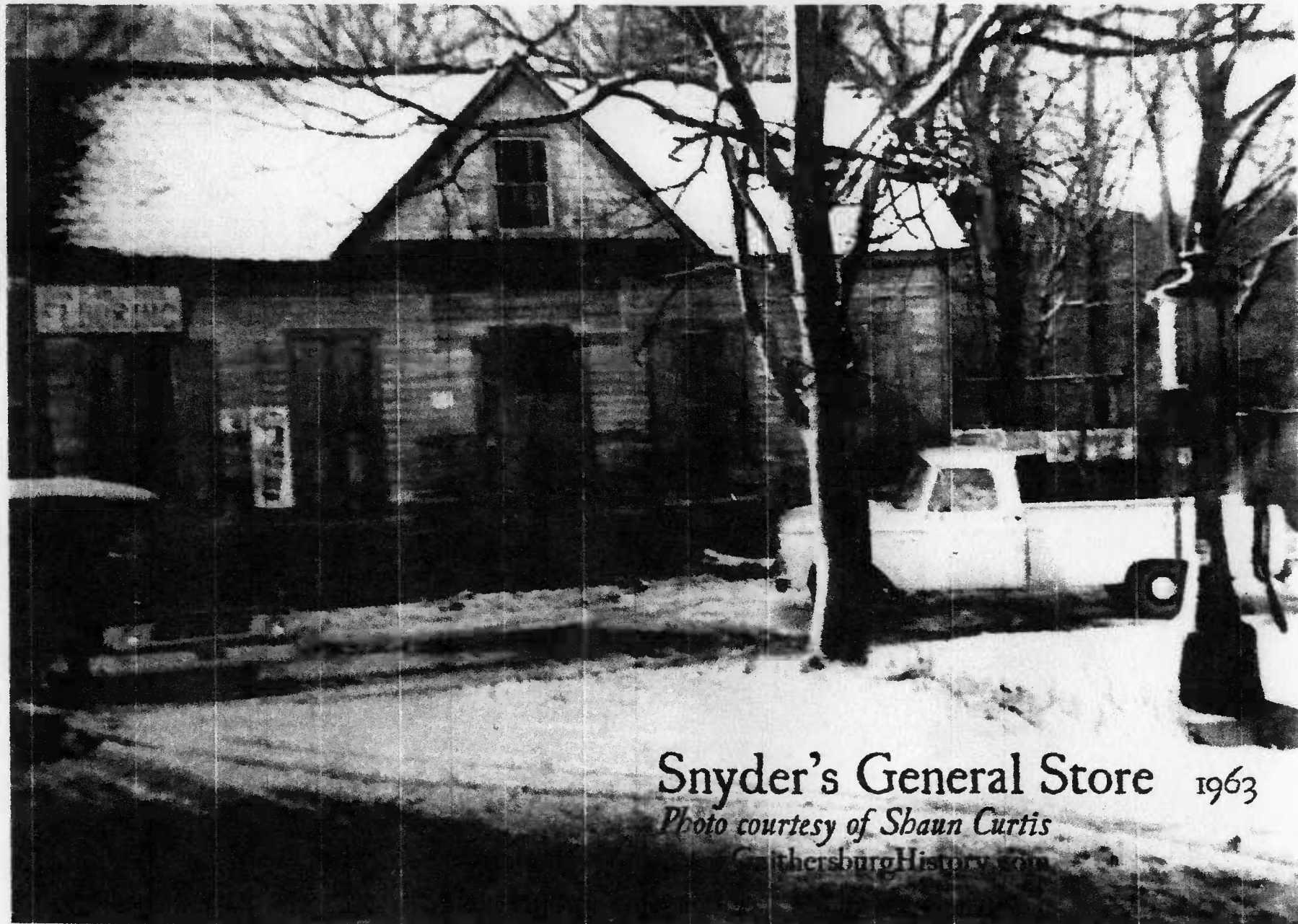
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DARNESTOWN LIBERTY 1963



Snyder's General Store 1963
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