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THE STORY OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
MEMORIAL LIBRARY SYSTEM AND MARYLAND STATE
ARCHIVES WORKING TOGETHER

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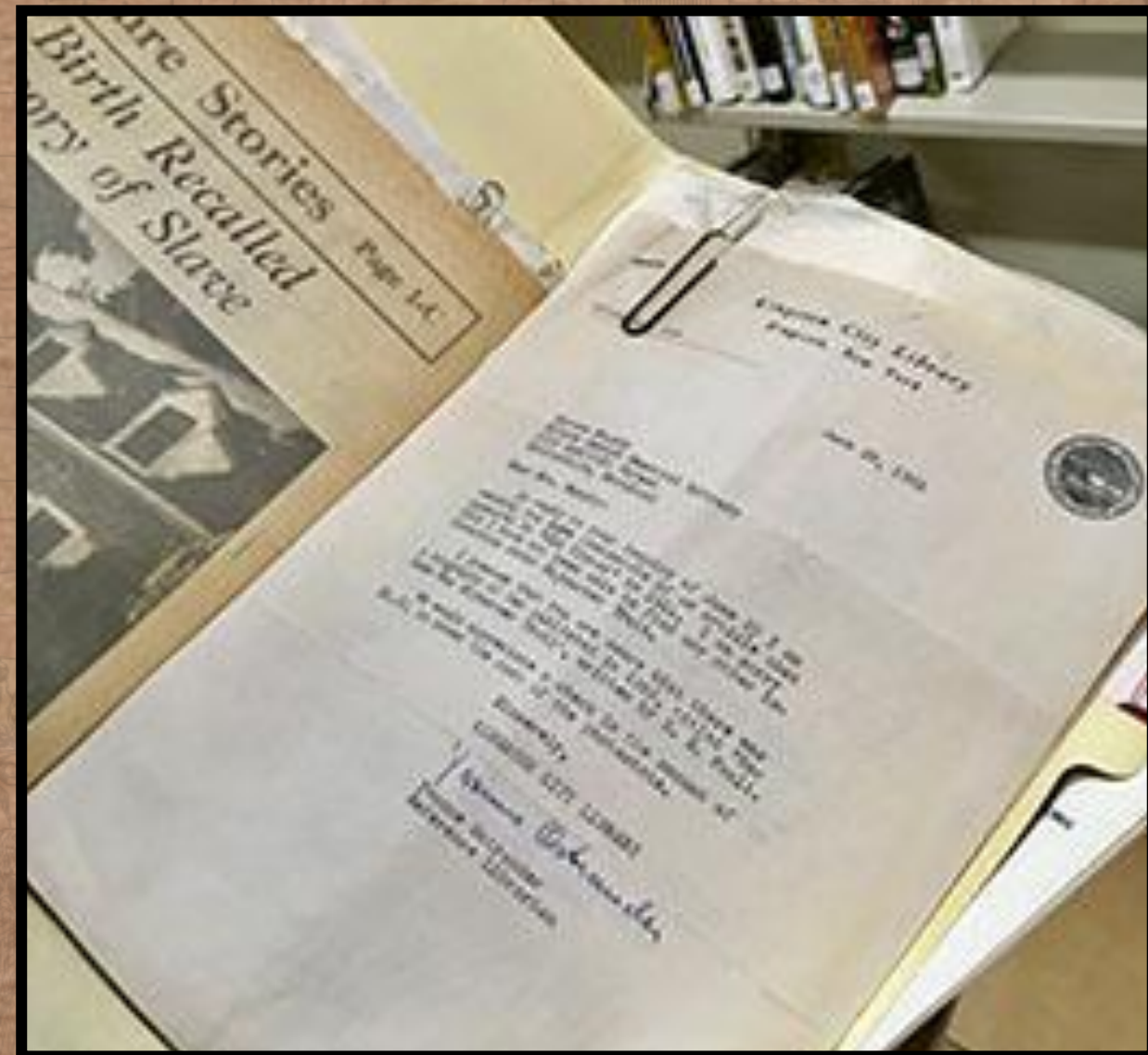
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Special Collections

“PUBLIC, SCHOOL, AND ACADEMIC LIBRARIES OFTEN HAVE “SPECIAL AREAS” WITHIN THEIR COLLECTIONS. THESE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ARE OFTEN RESOURCES IN A VARIETY OF FORMATS THAT ARE DISTINCTIVE AND HAVE INTRINSIC VALUE TO THE INSTITUTION. SPECIAL AREAS CAN INCLUDE RARE BOOKS, GENEALOGY MATERIALS, ARCHIVES, LOCAL HISTORY, THESES, AND BOOKS FROM LOCAL AUTHORS.” FROM ALA



Special Collections in Public Libraries

Tugwell Room - PGCMML

Sojourner Truth Room - PGCMML

Maryland Room - Frederick County Public

Library - local history

Menken Room - Enoch Pratt

Maryland Room - Anne Arundel Public Library

The People's Archive - DC Public Library -

Washington DC



Maryland State Archives

- Public location: Annapolis, Md
- Created in 1935, Formerly known as Hall of Records
- Independent Agency within the Office of the Governor
- Central depository for government records of permanent value
- Holdings date from Maryland Founding in 1634



Prince George's Room - Hyattsville Branch

- Special Collection on
Local History &
Genealogy
- Housed in a Large
Branch of Public County
Library System



Prince George's Room- Hyattsville Branch

- Branch is Older than the Building
- Collection History and Changes



Maryland Room

Collection

The Maryland Room is located in the reference area of the Hyattsville Branch. It is a collection of over 10,000 volumes, including books, pamphlets, newspapers, and historical materials. The collection covers a wide range of subjects, including Maryland history, genealogy, and local history.

SELECTED STATE INFORMATION IN THE MARYLAND ROOM:

Maryland Manuals from 1921
Maryland Archives to date
Maryland Historical Magazine, 1906 to date
County histories
Legal publications: the Maryland Digest, the Maryland Reporter and the Maryland Law Encyclopedia
Federal Census for Maryland, 1790-1900
Baltimore City Directories, 1863-1881

Loan Policy

The materials may be used only in the Maryland Room (the librarian may remove selected items for use in the reference area). A library card or other identification must be left at the reference desk before using the materials. The librarian will assist in locating specific items or materials.

Some duplicate copies may be found in the circulating collection, and photocopy machines are available, for both print and microfilm materials.

Hours/Access

Hours are the same as those of the Hyattsville Branch Library.

Directions to Hyattsville Branch Library

Located near Prince George's Plaza at the corner of Adelphi and Toledo Roads, one block north of East-West Highway, Route 410.

Background

- COLLABORATION BEGAN IN 2024
- VARIETY OF PROJECTS: COMMUNITY DIGITIZATION DAYS, ORAL HISTORIES, TRAININGS, INFORMATION SHARING
- SHARED GOALS OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND INFORMATION/RESOURCE SHARING
- PARTNERING WITH PUBLIC LIBRARIES HELPS CONNECT MSA WITH COMMUNITIES WHO CANNOT TRAVEL TO THEIR LOCATION
- COMMUNITIES & PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF BENEFIT FROM ACCESS TO MSA RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE

Training

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MSA can offer a variety of free training modules for professional development and CEUs. Training can better equip staff to point customers in the right direction with local history, genealogical, and other research queries.

How to Navigate the Website and Find Genealogical Resources Online at the Maryland State Archives - led by Danielle Smith

REFERENCE & RESEARCH AT THE MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES


Welcome to the Maryland State Archives!

Our research guides cover the most-used collections. Looking for something that does not have a research guide? Email us at msa.helpdesk@msa.maryland.gov.

Research Guides

- [Adoption Records](#)
- [African American Resources](#)
- [Ancestral Heritage Resources](#)
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- [Cemetery Records](#)
- [Census Records](#)
- [Church Records, Catholic and Lutheran](#)
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- [Divorce Records](#)
- [Equity, Civil, and Chancery Records](#)
- [Immigration & Naturalization Records](#)
- [Indigenous Records](#)
- [Insolvency Records](#)
- [Land Records](#)
- [Marriage Records](#)
- [Military Records](#)
- [Probate Records](#) (administration of estates of deceased persons)


African American Genealogical Resources & the Study of the Legacy of Slavery at MSA October 16, 2024 led by Chris Haley



LEGACY OF SLAVERY IN MARYLAND

An Archives of Maryland Electronic Publication

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Frederick Douglass, Son of Maryland

Legacy of Slavery in Maryland

This program seeks to preserve and promote the vast universe of experiences that have shaped the lives of Maryland's African American population. From the day that Mathias de Sousa and Francisco landed in St. Mary's county aboard the Ark and the Dove in 1634, Black Marylanders have made significant contributions to both the state and nation in the political, economic, agricultural, legal, and domestic arenas. Despite what often seemed like insurmountable odds, Marylanders of Color have adapted, evolved, and prevailed. The Maryland State Archives' Study of the Legacy of Slavery Staff invites researchers to explore all of these elements and more within its numerous source documents, exhibits and interactive online presentations.


CASE STUDIES



Biographies of slave owners, fugitives and those who assisted slaves on the run.


[Read their Stories »](#)

DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE AND THE JERRY HYNSON AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGACY JOURNAL



Explore interesting stories volunteer researchers discovered within our records in *Down the Rabbit Hole*, and view historical posts written by other scholars in the Jerry Hynson African American Legacy Journals.

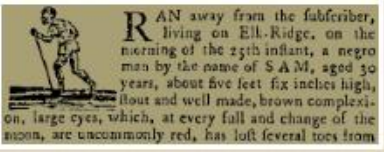
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SEARCH DATABASE



Newspaper ads, committal notices, census records, domestic traffic, and more.

[Search our Database »](#)



Mayis - November 13, 2024 led by Maria Day



MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES

MAYIS Indigenous Records

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Mayis, an Indigenous Records Guide of the Maryland State Archives

Welcome First Nations and Indigenous People of Maryland and All Visitors

The focus of our first project phase covers the years 1632-1800. Data from the Archives of Maryland Online and Dorchester County Land Records has been updated as of October 2023.

Land Acknowledgement



Citation: MSA SC 6384-1-4.
Elihu Abbott, Sr. working his crab line. Working on the local waterways is an example of one of Nause-Waiwash many traditions.



Maryland Land Records - December 11, 2024

led by Morgan Miller

MDLANDREC

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MDLANDREC.NET

The Maryland Judiciary, the 24 elected Court Clerks of Maryland and the Maryland State Archives have joined in partnership to provide up to date access to all verified land record instruments in Maryland. This service is currently being provided at no charge to individuals who apply for a user name and password. Users are encouraged to provide feedback and inform the [Maryland State Archives](#) of any problems encountered.

Click here to complete the application for a [new account](#). If you applied for an account, but did not receive your verification email, please contact the [Archives' Help Desk](#) or (410)-260-6487.

***Effective February 29th, 2016 - The Archives has been informed that the Judiciary has introduced some new instrument codes into the recordation process. While this is not expected to cause any problems with access and retrieval of instruments on mdlandrec.net, we apologize in advance for any inconvenience.**

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Resources for Community Archiving

Search

Announcement from the Maryland State Archives:

The Maryland State Archives is proud to announce that the Maryland Land Records website has been updated to a new version and a new URL. This new URL is <https://landrec.msa.maryland.gov>. For more information, please read the Archives' [Upcoming Changes to Maryland Land Records Website - Fall 2025 Launch](#) page. To access this new version, all users must create a new account. We appreciate your patience and look forward to your continued support of the Maryland State Archives.

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- Baltimore City Archives

Resources for Community Archiving

The Maryland State Archives is committed to supporting community-driven and participatory archive initiatives across Maryland. Our support is shaped by the needs of local communities, and we work in a capacity determined by their priorities. We offer training in essential archival processes, including collection development, conservation, storage, digitization, and the creation of customized workplans to meet your community's unique needs and goals.

Please contact us at msa.helpdesk@maryland.gov and we will get back to you within two weeks. We look forward to hearing from you!

Preserve Your Community's History! Handout (.PDF)

Community Preservation Days

Oct 19, 2024



Community Preservation Days

Metadata and Intake



PRINCE GEORGE'S MEMORIAL LIBRARY SYSTEM METADATA COLLECTION SHEET

This form is intended to tell us about your item. Please fill it out to the best of your knowledge, including as many specific details as possible.

1. Name and email address:

2. Item medium (Photo, pamphlet, certificate, object, etc.):

3. Item's title:

4. Item creator (e.g. photographer, illustrator, organization, company):

5. Date item was created:

6. Item size:

7. Please give a detailed description of the item:

RETURN WITH ITEM TO BE SCANNED

Copyright agreement



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The documents will be digitally recorded, described, and made available for public and scholarly use at the Maryland State Archives and PGCMLS special collections. Any member of the general public will have access to the digital copy, accepting restrictions based on **In Copyright - Educational Use Permitted**. See the complete statement at <https://rightsstatements.org/vocab/InC-EDU/1.0/>

Access will be provided through PGCMLS Digital Special collections [website](#). A link to the site will be shared by email to the address provided by the item holder. You will be credited as the owner or author of your item.

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This file will be held under "In Copyright - Educational Use Permitted"



Community Preservation Days

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION DAY

Preserve your documents, photos, and letters with help from the Maryland State Archives.

At this event, you can scan up to three items and keep both the originals and digital copies at no cost. You'll also have the option to share your digital copies, which can be added to the Archives' permanent electronic collection and PGCMLS' Prince George's Room collection.

Saturday, October 19 from 11 am-3 pm
Hyattsville Branch Library | Adults

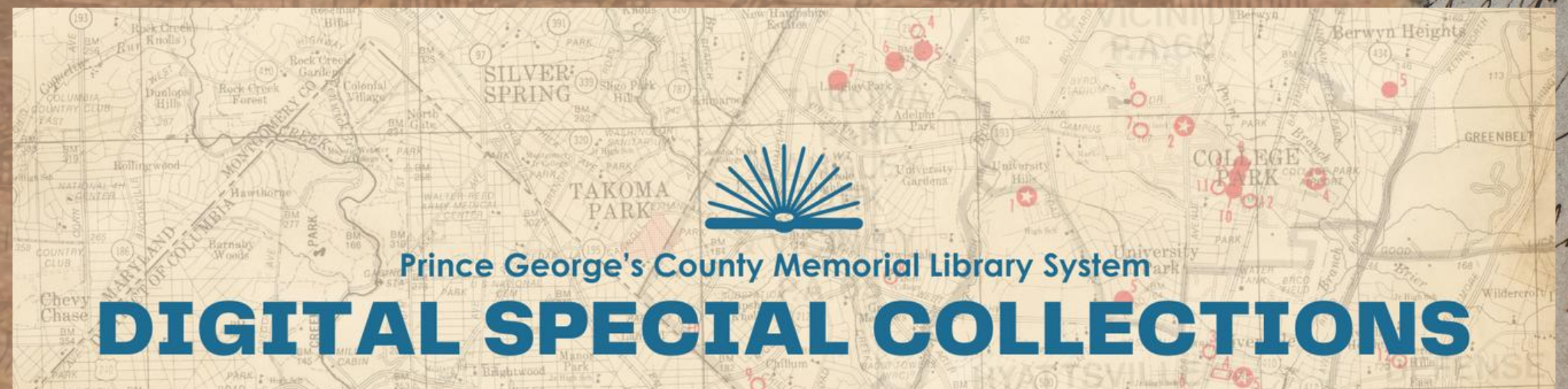
**Registration will open on Monday, September 23 and is mandatory due to limited space.*



Scan here to register!



We are especially interested in materials related to Prince George's County, but all materials are welcome.



Community Preservation Days

know ye, That James Morgan
of Captain George Everett
38 Regiment of U.S.C.
PEERS, who was enrolled on the twenty-seventh of February
and eight hundred and sixty-four to serve three years or
the war, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United States
on the day of January, 1867, at Indianapolis
by reason of expiration of term of service (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)
Said James Morgan was born in St. Marys Co.
State of Maryland, is twenty-four years of age,
five feet nine inches high, dark complexion, dark eyes,
dark hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer
Given at Indianapolis this twenty-fifth day of
January 1867.
1st Lt. A. J. Buff
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Certificate of Marriage
On the second day of the week, the 20 day of the month
March in the year 1947, corresponding to the second
of November, 1947, the Holy Covenant of Marriage was entered into at
130 E. 3rd St., N.Y.C. between the
Bridegroom Solomon Schlagel, and his Bride Helen R. Wolf.
The said Bridegroom made the following declaration to his Bride:
"We then my wife according to the laws of Israel and Israel. I faithfully promise that I will
be a true husband unto thee. I will honor and cherish thee, work for thee, protect and support thee,
and provide all that is necessary for thy due sustenance, even as it becometh a Jewish husband to do.
I also take upon myself all such further obligations for thy maintenance, during thy life-time, as
are prescribed by our religious statute."
And the said Bride has pledged her troth unto him, in affection and in sincerity, and has thus
taken upon herself the fulfillment of all the duties incumbent upon a Jewish wife.
This Covenant of Marriage was duly executed and witnessed this day, according to the usage
of Israel.
Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of November, 1947.
Reverend G. Spind - 130 East 3rd Street, N. Y. C. - Germany 7-5245

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES
HONORABLE DISCHARGE
This is to certify that
JOSEPH A. MORGAN, 33 724 403, TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE,
294TH PORT COMPANY, 506TH PORT BATTALION,
Army of the United States
is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military
service of the United States of America.
This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest
and Faithful Service to this country.
Given at SEPARATION CENTER, FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND.
Date 2 JANUARY 1946.
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Oral Histories

Voices of Maryland

Latino Leaders of Maryland- MSA used Hyattsville library for space and branch staff interviewed several Latino leaders, Hyattsville staff also assisted in taking histories at MSA.

Voices of Maryland - Maryland State Archives

ABOUT THIS COLLECTION

Voices of Maryland features oral histories of Marylanders produced by Maryland State Archives. These oral histories feature personal stories, historical and cultural information, and advice from Marylanders across the state. Speakers include community leaders, government officials, artists, scholars, and people who have made an impact on their community and the State of Maryland. These oral histories help tell a fuller and richer history of the State of Maryland and display the wide breadth of Marylanders. Similar oral histories are linked together through tags to more easily navigate the collection and bring together community voices.

BROWSE

Oral Histories

- Saul Serpas- Police Major in Prince George's County
- Jesse Raudales- First U.S. Olympic Artists- Prince George's Resident
- Wanda Ramos- Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Committee
- Omar Eaton-Martinez - National Trust for Historic Preservation



LATINO VOICES PRESERVED

UNVEILING THE LATINO HISTORY PROJECT AT
THE MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES

A Dual Celebration
of Culture & History:
Hispanic Heritage
Month & American
Archives Month

Lynching History of Prince George's County

- Lynching History of Prince George's County
- PGCMLS Prince George's Room staff researching at MSA in fall of 2024
- Researching records pertaining to lynching victims Thomas Juricks, Stephen Williams, Joseph Vermillion, John Henry Scott, and Michael Green
- Oral histories with the Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project

Digital Maryland

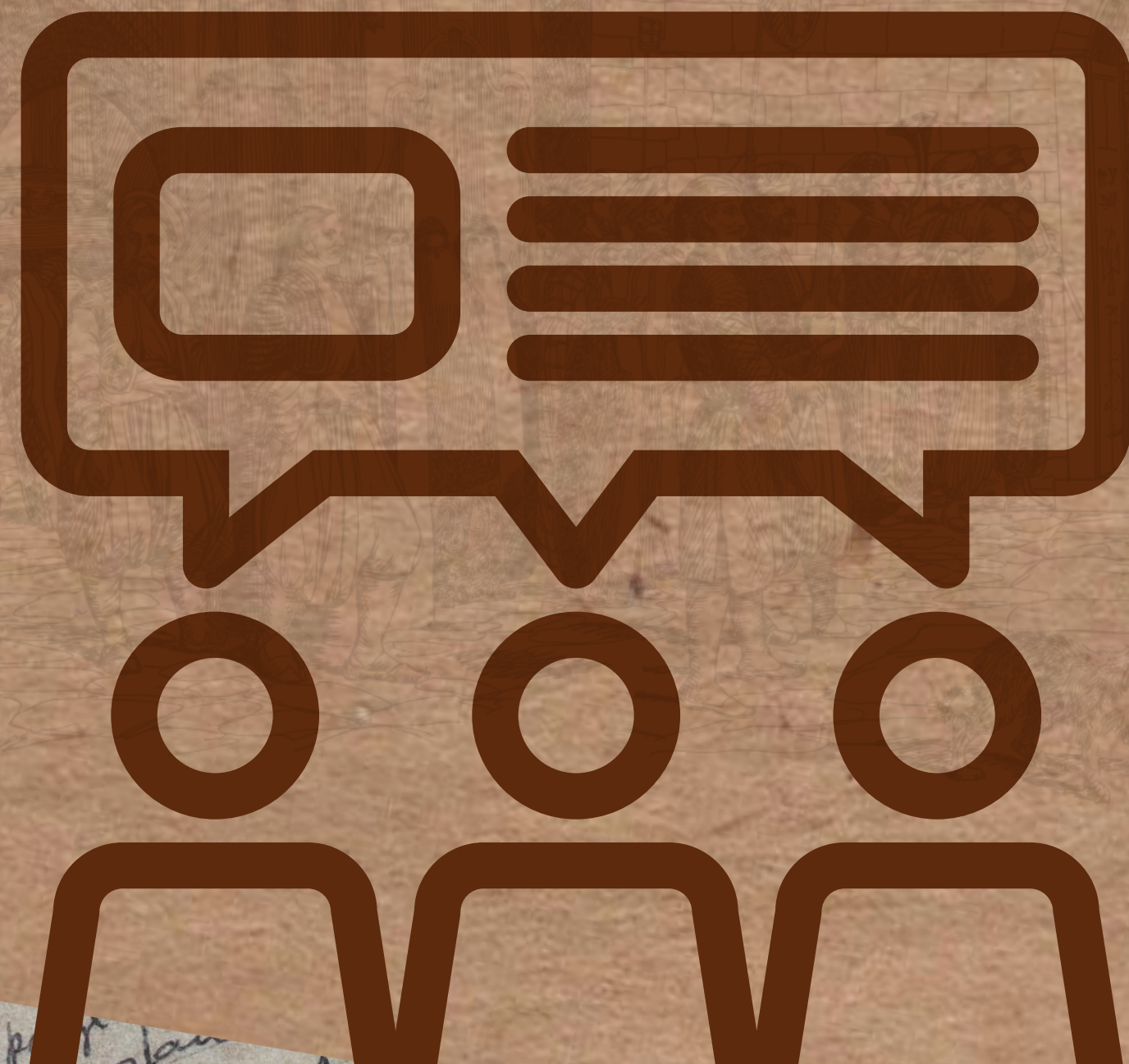
- Friends of the Crownsville Hospital Cemetery and Our Local Legacy - Friends of Crownsville State Hospital
- Voices of Maryland / Jesse Raudales Interview - MSA
- Historical Newspapers Collection - Howard County Historical Society
- Maryland in Postcards - Enoch Pratt Free Library
- Preservation Maryland Collection - Preservation Maryland
- Riviera Beach Library History - AACPL
- History of the Prince George's County Library System -

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Conclusion

- Collaborating can be mutually beneficial
- MSA offers free resources, expertise, and training
- Local library agencies hold a position of trust in their communities
- MSA can broaden their reach by training local library staff to navigate their resources and /or facilitate long term MSA content collection projects

Q&A Sessions



Thank You

