

# GUIDE TO PRIMARY & SECONDARY SOURCES ON THE SUBURBANIZATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

## FINDING AID

### **Historic Medley District**

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***Name of archive/collection/records:*** John Poole House, Old Town Hall, and Seneca Schoolhouse.

***Date Range of archive/collection/records:*** 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

***Language of archive/collection/records:*** English

***Background Information:*** In 1974, concerned Montgomery County residents founded HMD to protect historic landmarks from neglect and disrepair in the area formerly known as the Medley District of Montgomery County, Maryland voting district. The mission of HMD is to facilitate the conservation of buildings, structures, objects, and spaces that contribute to the historic character of the area; the development and implementation of historic preservation and utilization of resources; promotion of research and education regarding Montgomery County history; and community outreach and participation.

***Summary and scope of archive/collection/records:*** The archive's records pertain to the history of HMD's three properties: the former Poolesville Town Hall, the 1793 John Poole House, and the Seneca Schoolhouse. The archive also houses organizational records. The records accentuate the life and times of people living in the Poolesville MD area around the time of the Civil War. The John Poole House and the Seneca Schoolhouse reflect life in the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries through its transformation from a rural, farm related lifestyle to the modern, suburban lifestyle of Poolesville and neighboring communities today. The John Poole House and its arboretum retain high historic integrity. During the school year, children from public, private, and home schools can participate in a four-hour field trip session that aims to "bring them back in time" to experience a one room schoolhouse in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The school is also open by appointment to adults and community groups. HMD has a knowledgeable staff and trained docents to assist visitors in our facilities.

***Format of materials in archive/collection/records:*** Paper, Digital Records, Maps, Photographs

***Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records:*** Biographical Records, Civic/Community Organizations, Corporate Records, Education, Land Development, Maps/Atlas/Street Maps, Transportation: Railroad,

***Special Collections:*** None.

***Access and Use:*** By Appointment.

***Admission:*** Free.

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