

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION

"Unfinished Revolution"

An updated historical narrative project for the 250th anniversary of Montgomery County, Maryland

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Objective:

Montgomery History is seeking authors with demonstrated experience in historical research and publication to produce articles/essays on specific topics related to the history of Montgomery County for its 250th anniversary.

Topics with expressed interest from identified authors (in chronological order):

18th century and Federal Period, updates and expanded research (1750-1820)
Early trading of enslaved people in Montgomery County (early 19th century)
The history of Georgetown, the "lost" piece of Montgomery County (19th century)
The Brief history of the Freedman's Bureau in Montgomery County (1866-1868)
KKK/Jim Crow/Great Migration(?) in Montgomery County (1900-1940s)
Environmental activism incl. Rachel Carson (1960s-2000s)
20th century Immigration (1940s-2020s)
Student activism in Vietnam War (1960s-70s)

Topics MH has proposed, looking for authors (in chronological order):

Early archaeology/ Native American culture (<1600s-1700)

Pre-contact and colonial-era Native people/culture (1600s)

Evolution of 20th century transportation: rise and fall of trolleys, advent of busing, Metro, road politics (1940s-2000s)

Inter-War period-- suburban beginnings and early suburban governance (1920-1940)

Mid-to-late-century politics of development, Kettler, etc. (1950s-1980s)

School Integration 2.0: issues of resegregation (Rosemary Hills), ESOL, etc. (1970s-2000s)

LGBTQ+ history, expansion and continuation (1970s-2020s)

The fate of historically-Black communities post-urban-renewal (1970s-2000s)

Evolution of agriculture: Ag Reserve, rise/fall of dairy farming, sanitation (1970s-2000s)

Urban Renewal (Rockville), 1960s-70s

More general suggested topics, requiring further focus: The social role of places of worship Federal presence and the local economy