



Footprints In History

UCAC Newsletter - August 2026

FEATURED ORAL HISTORY SISTER MARILYN HOPEWELL, S.F.C.C.



Sister Marilyn Hopewell grew up in Ridge Maryland during the 1930s and 1940s. She attended St. Peter Claver School and went on to study at Saint Francis Academy where she placed in the top five in her class. Sister Hopewell was very proud of her accomplishments, especially her work as a teacher, in the Civil Rights struggle, and with the Washington Library Association. [Listen to her tell her story.](#) Visit our website for a list of all of our [oral history interviews](#). Our website interview recordings stream from our [YouTube Channel @UCAC1995](#).



**Drayden School open 1st
and 3rd Saturdays - April
through October from 11 am
to 2 pm - Free Admission**
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UCAC partners with the St. Mary's County Museum Division providing docents at the Drayden School. Pictured above, UCAC volunteer Anna Moseley addresses a group of students. Many did not realize that there was no running water, no toilets, and just a wood stove for heat in the winter.

Expanding the Struggle for Freedom Exhibit

A small but enthusiastic group of folks gathered on Saturday, August 1, to launch a new interpretive project at Historic St. Mary's City. UCAC is actively supporting the project and several UCAC members attended, along with a group from St. Peter Claver, a friend from Baltimore, and museum archaeologists.

Following an informative presentation by Travis Parno, HSMC Director of Research and Collections, on the history of the Brome Plantation (also known as St. Mary's Manor) and

discussion of proposed future goals, attendees traveled to the Brome site to explore the current Struggle for Freedom Exhibit, and to become more familiar with the site.

Periodically, we will publish updates and resources for this project on our website.



JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

We have published a **Juneteenth 2026 archive page** where you can view photographs and download the Souvenir Program Booklet.

View of the programming and sponsors too.





UCAC Membership



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UCAC is dependent on our generous members in order to implement our mission. We have no paid staff. Therefore, 100% of your membership dues goes directly to funding our programs. Membership is by calendar year. So **renew today** for 2026.

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