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The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Maryland

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FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 14, 1914

To Mr. Hullett C. Baird  
1793 Inverness Ave  
Baltimore, Md. 21222

30 March 1973

Dear Sir,

I am replying to your enquiry made to Mr. Curtis Davis relative to the depleted condition of the Battle Ace Monument on Patuxent Neck.

At present no legal research reveals the exact title to that parcel nor the responsible custodian. Mr. Bernard J. Medary and I have investigated, but to no avail. Tradition has it deeded to Baltimore Co. as a park of historical significance.

Within the past 10 years the responsibility rested with the State Roads Comm. at the executive direction of then Governor James. He expressly assigned it to the state upon once seeing its deproved condition.

Therefore, it seems that a wise step for your local citizens to take is to pressure the state authorities for assuming permanent responsibility for Battle Ace. The Governor of Md. can make an executive designation it seems, as did Mr. James.

It is wonderful to know that your communities have such a fine interest in the historical significance of your neighborhood - probably the most important in Maryland.

Sincerely,  
Dennis F. Blizzard

Copy

W. H. H. H. H. H.

Jacob Houchens

Bond of Council

To the State of Maryland

Lib. T. N. No 292 fol. 2464



Copy of Deed of battle field of  
North Point executed in 1839  
September 11<sup>th</sup>

Exd  
RCS

\$1.00

Jacob Houck  
Bond of Convee.  
To the State of Maryland

Know all men by these Presents  
That I Jacob Houck of the City  
and County of Baltimore in the  
State of Maryland are held and  
firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full  
and just sum of one dollar lawful money to be paid to  
the said State or to its attorney to the payment whereof  
I bind myself my heirs executors and administrators firm-  
ly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this  
eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and thirty nine Whereas the  
said Jacob Houck in consideration of the sum of one dol-  
lar to him paid at or before the sealing and delivery here-  
of the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and also for  
divers good causes and valuable considerations him thereunto  
moving hath contracted to give grant and convey or to  
cause and procure to be granted and conveyed unto the said  
State the Lot part of a tract piece or parcel of Land herein  
after described the same constituting a part of the North  
Point Battleground for the purpose of erecting a Monu-  
ment thereon Now the condition of the foregoing obliga-  
tion is such that if the said Jacob Houck or his heirs  
do and shall within six months next ensuing the date  
hereof grant and convey or cause and procure to be granted  
and conveyed to the State of Maryland aforesaid to be  
held by the said State forever for the use and purpose  
aforesaid all that lot or parcel of land situate and lying  
in Baltimore County aforesaid being part of a tract called

Swan Harbour which is contained within the metes and bounds courses and distances following that is to say Beginning for the same part at a stone standing in the ground on the southwesternmost side of the road leading from the City of Baltimore to North Point which stone is distant eleven perches and three quarters of a perch south sixty six degrees and a half east from a large white oak marked with twelve notches and running thence south sixty six degrees and a half east twelve perches and seven tenths of a perch to a stone then south twenty three degrees and a half west twelve perches and seven tenths of a perch to a stone then north sixty six degrees and a half west twelve perches and seven tenths of a perch to a stone and then by a straight line to the place of beginning laid out for and said to contain one acre be the same more or less Together with the appurtenances and that by such deed of conveyance and assurance in the law as shall or may be advised or devised and required by the said State of Maryland or its attorney or counsel then and in such case the foregoing obligation to be void and of no effect otherwise to be and remain of full force and virtue in Law

Signed Sealed and delivered

in the presence of  
Augustine St Penington,

Joseph Shane

Jacob Houck (seal)

State of Maryland City of Baltimore Act  
Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that on this

eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and thirty nine before the subscribers two Justices  
of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for the City  
of Baltimore aforesaid personally appears Jacob Houck he be-  
ing known to us to be the person who is named and de-  
scribed as and professing to be the obligor named in the  
foregoing Bond or Instrument of writing and doth acknow-  
ledge the same to be his act and deed In testimony  
whereof we hereunto subscribe our names on the day and  
year aforesaid

A. H. Pennington

Joseph Shane

Recd to be recorded the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 1839 @ 1/4 past  
6 Oclk P.M. same day recorded & Exd

per. Thos. Kell Clerk

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy taken  
from Liber T. N. No 292 folio 246 &c one of the Land Re-  
cords of Baltimore County (Now in my custody)

In testimony whereof I hereto set my  
hand and affix the seal of the Super-  
ior Court of Baltimore City this 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of January A. D. 1898

Robt Ogle

Clerk of the Superior Court of  
Baltimore City