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Aquila Randall killed
at the battle of North Point
buried in Green-Mount
Cemetery ^{outline} area 2 lots 2, 4
James P. Randall's lot
His name is on the Battle
Monument and a Monument
was erected to him at
North Point

Elisha Randall was also
in the battle of North Point and
is buried in Greenmount
Cemetery lot 12 area G. (2)

Signed by the

The Grand micer of Aquilla
and Grand children of Elisha
Randall

Mr J. E. Heron # 1228 Ashland Ave
Mrs L. A. Langloz # 1617 E Preston St



Printed by J. Shaw.

Engraved by J. Hill.

MONUMENT NEAR NORTH POINT.

Published by M. Carey & Son, Philadelphia.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
201 W. Monument Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

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It is not quite so well known perhaps, that the Battle Monument on the North Point Road was erected by the Mechanical Volunteers. The reader is shown the inscription on two of the sides.

The right side bears this:

THE FIRST MECHANICAL VOLUNTEERS,

Commanded by
CAPT. BENJ. C. HOWARD,
in the 5th Regt. M. M.

Have erected this Monument as a tribute of respect for the memory of their gallant brother in arms.

On the left side is this:

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
AQUILLA A. RANDALL,

Who died bravely defending his country and his home
on the memorable 12th. Sept., 1814.

Age 24.

This monument was dedicated in 1817, when the command marched down and listened to a patriotic speech by its old commander, Captain Howard.

Nor were social and intellectual features omitted.

About 1820, the Library of the Mechanical Company was started. In 1850, this had grown into such proportions that a special room was set aside for its 3,500 volumes, a custodian appointed, and special rules and regulations made for its government. At one time Jacob Small, afterward Mayor, did not think it beneath his dignity, to take charge. At the time of the disbandment of the Volunteer Fire Department in 1859, the books were given to the House of Refuge.

Preamble of the Association of the Mechanical Fire Company Library, Adopted January 29, 1839.

"Whereas it is proper that all men should cultivate and improve those qualities and talents, with which nature hath endowed them, in order as well to obtain refinement in so-

ciety, as to acquire a knowledge of History, Letters, and the Arts—therefore, we, members of the Mechanical Fire Company of the City of Baltimore, believing that by a union of exertion, we can effect our own advancement in all that tends to elevate the mind and develop the intellect—do for the purpose aforesaid form ourselves into Library Association, and mutually agree to the following Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, adopted in convention this day the Twenty-ninth of January, 1839.

This Constitution and By-Laws was signed by ninety-one members, with

PHILIP LOWRY, Pres.
JOHN FURLONG, Sec'y.

At the close of the year 1827, an Act (127) was passed to incorporate a company in the City of Baltimore, to be called the Mechanical Fire Company.

The first section read as follows: Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that Thomas S. Sheppard, Hezekiah Niles, Isaac N. Toy, Thomas M. Locke, Jas. Willson, William Baker, Jas. Mosher, Jas. Holbrook, Joseph K. Stapleton, George Rodgers, John Dukehart, Sr., John Dukehart, Jr., and such other persons as are now or may hereafter become members, shall be, and they are hereby created and made a body politic and incorporate by the name, style and title of The Mechanical Fire Company.

This was the ending of the Mechanical Company as a military organization. For over half a century it had been the means of furnishing drilled and equipped men for every emergency. From fighting fires with buckets to opposing the enemies of its country at the point of the bayonet; from patrolling the town and punishing evildoers, to laying down their lives, the Mechanical Company was never found wanting.

And while but one monument (that at North Point) directly concerns the Mechanical Company, yet they are, to a large degree, participants in the glory of the others. They

October 5, 1973

Ben F. Womer

Mrs. Irene White, Recording; Ms. Lillian G. Moreland, Corresponding

Mrs. Luella Curl

Mr. Theodore Fluke, President
North Point Civic Association
P.O. Box 8972
Dundalk, Maryland. 21222

Dear Mr. Fluke:

We understand that your Association sponsors Explorer Post 9063, and therefore through you we wish to commend this fine group of young men who, as of April, 1973, undertook as their project the repair and maintenance of the Aquilla Randall monument, on Old North Point Road.

One of the goals of our Society is the preservation of local historical landmarks, and the fine job and hard work performed by this group is an inspiration to all of us. It is truly unfortunate that persons with directly opposite intentions have since vandalized the monument, but arrangements are being made for its prompt restoration, and, as you probably know, a reward has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

We would sincerely appreciate your extending our heartfelt thanks to the members of Explorer Post 9063 who are participating in this very worthwhile project: Advisors Evan Gillette and Jim Hannah; Post President Glenn Urtes; and to Leonard Blanchette, David Crum and Bill Malinowski, as well as to their technical advisor, Ray Horton, of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. The members of your civic organization should surely take great pride in their sponsorship of such a fine group.

Sincerely,

LILLIAN G. MORELAND, Corr. Sec.
Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Soc.

For: Ben F. Womer, President.

THE DUNDALK-PATAPSCO NECK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Founded 1970

7711 FAIRGREEN ROAD • DUNDALK, MARYLAND 21222 • PHONE 284-8846

October 16, 1973

President Ben F. Womer

Secretary Mrs. Irene White, Recording; Ms. Lillian G. Moreland, Corresponding

Treasurer Mrs. Luella Curl

Mr. Dennis F. Blizzard, President
The Society of the War of 1812
805 Kellogg Road
Lutherville, Maryland. 21093

*\$100.00
to restoration*

Dear Mr. Blizzard:

We are enclosing herewith copy of a letter written by our Society to the North Point Civic Association, which sponsors Explorer Post 9063. These boys and men did an excellent job and, so far as we know, plan to continue their maintenance work on the Aquilla Randall monument on North Point Road. In addition to the concrete work which they did, their project includes the cleaning and maintenance of the grounds. We feel it would be an excellent morale booster for them if your Society would add your appreciation to that of the Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society.

While discussing the Aquilla Randall monument, as you may know it has now been completely restored following the recent vandalism. However, the cost for the repair totalled \$345.00, which it is hoped will be shared by the various interested groups. We advise you of this fact, in the hope that the Society of the War of 1812 may be able to assist in covering this outstanding bill. We will anticipate your early and favorable reply; you may be sure your help will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



LILLIAN G. MORELAND, Corr. Sec.
Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Soc.

Encl.

J. Sheridan McClees & Company
Appraisers - Consultants
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Central Savings Bank Building
Charles & Lexington Streets
727-2956

April 2, 1976

The Society of the War of 1812
Box 5811
West Timonium Road
Timonium, Maryland 21093

Attention Mr. Edward C. Beetem, II, President

Dear Mr. Beetem:

As the contract purchaser of the land on Old North Point Road on which the Aquilla Randall obelisk is situated, I am concerned about the future care and maintenance of this monument. After talks with many interested persons, it is believed that the proposals to be set forth herein may provide a satisfactory solution. It might be stated at the outset that some people may have thoughts that the monument and its land is a separate property and not part of the land being purchased. Until a title search can be completed nothing definite can be given but I have been told that previous owners never relinquished title to the land on which the monument is located.

Present plans of this writer would prohibit any disposition of the land frontage where the monument is located. However, a lease for a term of years might be created for a nominal rent of \$1 plus maintenance to standards set forth in the lease. It would be subject to cancelation if there was not proper maintenance. The lease would further provide for a site approximately 120 feet north of the present site where the monument could be relocated if necessary because of road widening, need for the site, or other reasons. The terms covering the relocation site would provide for such an eventuality as road widening. Such relocation site would be limited to this use so that the land would be free of improvements other than landscaping or fencing. It would be stipulated that removal would consist of the obelisk and its base with inscriptions only. The stepped base would not have to be removed or

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replaced since it is in the nature of a foundation for the monument itself and was apparently added in recent years. Possibly it should also cover the responsibility as to costs of removal. The lease could be written for a term of years, say ten years, with automatic renewal unless a party canceled or made some change. This would be somewhat similar to the manner in which restrictive covenants are often put on land. It would also clearly spell out that title would remain in the lessor with no rights of redemption or other ways of acquiring a change of the underlying fee simple title of the owner making the lease or his heirs or assigns.

Principal interested parties would be your organization and the Dundalk Patapsco Neck Historical Society. It is my belief that maintenance of historical monuments is not a function of such organizations. Primary responsibility seems to rest in governmental bodies regardless of underlying ownership. Some members of the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks have indicated a willingness to undertake removal and/or maintenance ultimately. They prefer that interested citizens, either in the neighborhood or in historical societies, participate so that there will be continuing local interest. To accomplish the aims and desires of all, it is suggested that the lease could be made to Baltimore County and Baltimore County would make a sublease or a contract with one or the other or both of the organizations mentioned. The purpose of the sublease or contract would be to provide that the organizations take care of maintenance in some way. In the event of failure the county would serve as a backup. Hopefully this would be seldom and would be limited to major maintenance such as replacement of a toppled obelisk which may have been knocked over due to vandalism. A presentation of the plan should be made by a joint committee consisting of representatives of the two named organizations and the property owner.

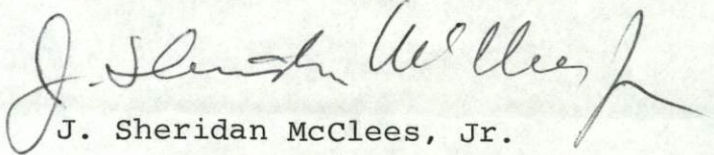
There is undoubtedly some selfish interest involved. I would not wish to be burdened with the maintenance over the years and I would not want something that would detract from the property. Without such an arrangement it could become burdensome and then it would be necessary to take steps to remove it. Obviously there is no desire to do this and this is not cited as a threat. In such a circumstance it seems likely that it would consist merely of removing vandalized

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portions and eventually it would result in complete destruction. A duplicate of this letter is being directed to each organization. After consideration, I will appreciate the opportunity to work with representatives to carry out a mutually agreeable program.

Very truly yours,



J. Sheridan McClees, Jr.

JSMcC:hpm

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April 8, 1976

The Society of the War of 1812
Box 5811
West Timonium Road
Timonium, Maryland 21093

Attention Mr. Edward C. Beetem, II, President

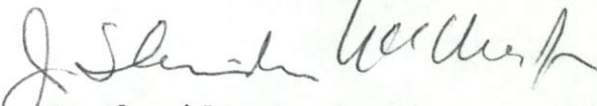
Dear Mr. Beetem:

After sending my letter of April 2nd about the Aquilla Randall obelisk, the State Highway Administration sent me their proposed requirements for an entrance permit. As a result, it now appears that the monument should be removed.

(075) It is requested that you join with this writer in asking Baltimore County to move the monument about 120 feet to the north. The new location would be on a small parcel of ground that would be deeded in fee simple to the county by me. The base would not be moved but this has no historical value since it was erected in recent years.

Thank you for your prompt consideration.

Very truly yours,


J. Sheridan McClees, Jr.

JSMcC:hpm

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April 14, 1976

Mr. J. Sheridan McClees, Jr.,
J. Sheridan McClees & Company,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McClees:

I am in receipt of your two recent letters,
concerning the Aquilla Randall obelisk.

The Executive Committee will meet this com-
ing Monday, and at that time your proposals will
be presented.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our
attention. Please be assured of our complete
cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Edward C. Beetem II
President

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



FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 14, 1814

Erie, Pennsylvania,
June 29, 1976

S. Vannort Chapman, Esq.,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
1010 One South Calvert Building
(Formerly Mercantile Trust Building)
Baltimore, Maryland, 21202.

Dear Norty,

I have been engaged in numerous correspondence with J. Sheridan McClees regarding the Aquilla Randall Monument.

Also your letter on the subject is acknowledged with thanks.

I have proposed those interested in the movement of the Monument assemble on the site for discussion, and approval of the exact spot,

Mr. Malcolm S. Aldrich, Director, Recreation and Parks for the County has been invited as well as Mr. McClees. Also it would be wise for 1812 to have several members present. Carl Bessent, president of SAR would come. A representative of the Dundalk Patapsco Neck Historical Society should be there too.

We must resolve this problem.

Sincerely yours,


Edward C. Beetem II
President

S. VANNORT CHAPMAN
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
1010 ONE SOUTH CALVERT BUILDING
(FORMERLY MERCANTILE TRUST BUILDING)
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202

July 2, 1976

Mr. Edward C. Beetem II, President,
Society of The War of 1812
705 W. Timonium Road
Timonium, Md. 21092

Re: Aquilla Randall Monument

Dear Ed,

I have your letter of June 29th, and I am in favor of your proposal that those interested in the monument assemble at the site to reach a decision as to the exact spot for the monument. I will attend if you desire.

Aquilla Randall was a member of The Mechanical Volunteers, a military company formed by what is now known as the Ancient and Honorable Mechanical Company of Baltimore, whose predecessors erected and dedicated the monument in 1817. The story is in Curt Davis' "Defenders Dozen".

The president of the Ancient and Honorable Mechanical Company is Rob Ross Hendrickson, Esq, 9 W. Mulberry Street, Baltimore, 21201. Would it be appropriate to invite his participation in the matter? If there should be a rededication after the move a full participation of all interested parties would seem warranted.

Sincerely,



S. Vannort Chapman

SVC/cr



baltimore county
department of recreation and parks
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
(301) 494-3817

MALCOLM S. ALDRICH
DIRECTOR

July 6, 1976

Mr. Edward C. Beetem II
President
The Society of the War of 1812
in the State of Maryland
705 West Timonium Road
Timonium, Maryland 21093

Dear Mr. Beetem:

Re: Aquilla Randall Monument

Our staff plans to meet with Mr. J. Sheridan McClees on Thursday, July 8 at 9 a.m. at the monument. We would be more than happy to discuss your interest in the preservation of this monument.

Mr. McClees' proposal will have to be presented to our Board of Recreation and Parks for approval after we meet with him on Thursday.

Very truly yours,

Malcolm S. Aldrich

Malcolm S. Aldrich
Director

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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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Charles & Lexington Streets
727-2956

July 15, 1976

Mr. Malcolm S. Aldrich, Director
Baltimore County Department of Recreation & Parks
101 Washington Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Aldrich:

The meeting requested in your letter of May 21st was held on July 8th at the site of the Aquila Randall Monument on Old North Point Road and Battle Grove Road. After some discussion Mr. Coulter said that there were three courses of action. One was to leave the Monument where it is, another was to move it to a new location on some other part of the property and the third was to move it to the adjoining tavern or bar property. The last of these can be dismissed since the owners of the bar property have indicated in conversations that they have no interest. The bar operators leased the property and claim to have an option to buy. Mr. Carr, one of the tenants, said that they would give no money to move the Monument in the event that the owners gave permission or he purchased the bar property by exercising the option.

Although Mr. Coulter said that he would look into the cost of moving the Monument, he believed that it would be too costly for Baltimore County to undertake it. It is my understanding that he would prefer that it remain where it is.

It is my opinion that the cost of removal will be small with very little cash outlay for a new base of concrete and some labor during a slack period. However,

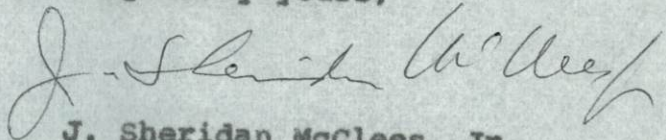
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Baltimore County Department of Recreation & Parks

July 15, 1976

there will be delays which I wish to avoid and, therefore, I am making plans to build around the Monument at present. Removal could be carried out at a future date and some land will be reserved for this purpose. When information becomes available regarding cost and the steps that would be required I will appreciate hearing about them.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Very truly yours,

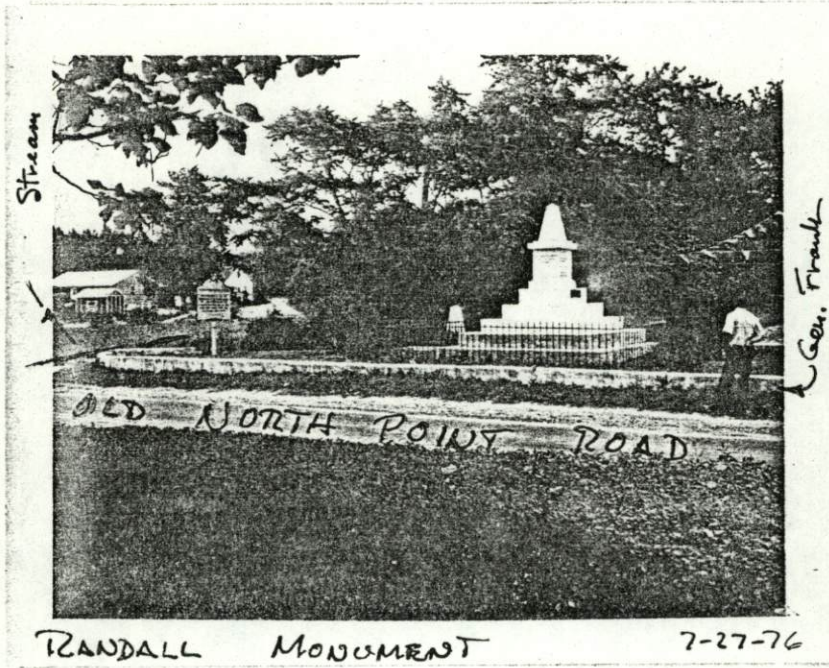


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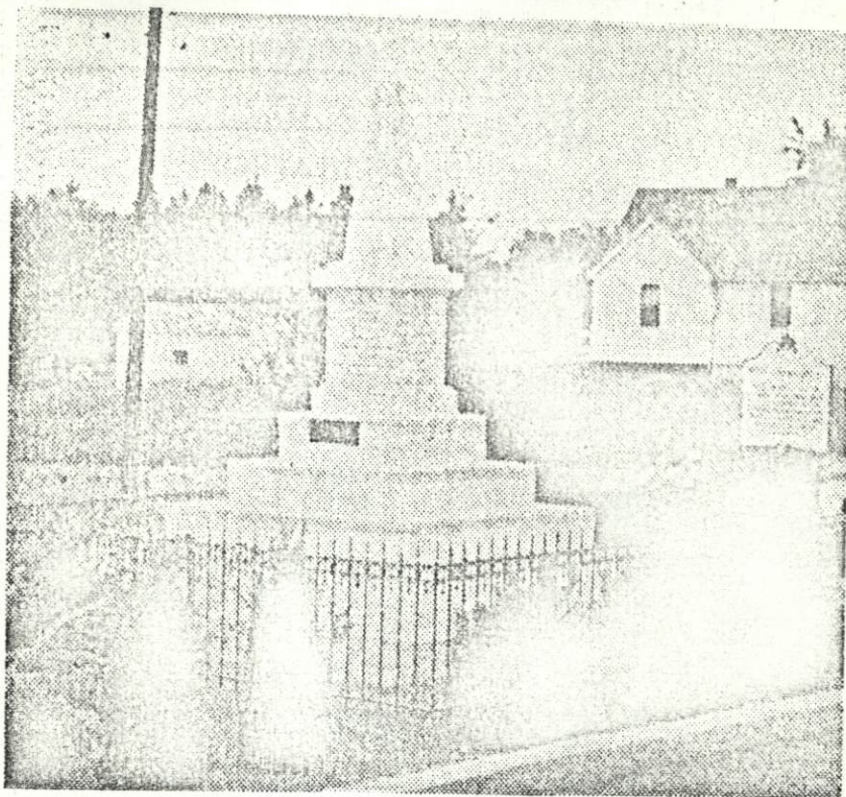
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Back in 1947, the refurbished Aquila Randall Monument looked like this.

Countian to restore 160-year-old monument

By MONTE I. TRAMMER
Towson Bureau of *The Sun*

The Aquila Randall Monument, erected 160 years ago in the 3900 block North Point road, has been temporarily removed from its foundation—but it will be re-erected, promises J. Sheridan McClees, who is now owner of the monument site.

Mr. McClees, a real estate appraiser, said that when the warehouse he is building on the property is finished, the monument will be made to look the way it did when first installed July 21, 1817.

The white stone object is about 5 feet tall, including a 2-foot obelisk, and commemorates the death of Aquila Randall in the War of 1812—on September 12, 1814. Private Randall was killed during the Battle of North Point while serving with the Maryland Militia, 1st Mechanical Volunteers.

The Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a hearing next month to determine if the object should be listed as an official county landmark, Mr. McClees said.

John McGrain, executive secretary of the commission, said the land on which it stood for so many years was part of a pri-

vately owned property that included the Monument House Saloon next door.

About 1945, Eli Buniavas, a native of Yugoslavia, bought the property and found that the monument had toppled. "As a gesture of good faith to America," he righted the obelisk, mounted it on top of a five-tier "birthday cake" concrete base and encircled it with an ornamental iron fence, Mr. McGrain said.

The property passed from Mr. Buniavas's heirs through several owners before it was separated from the saloon site and sold to Mr. McClees three months ago, according to Mr. McGrain.

Mr. McClees said he will move the monument because county zoning laws governing the warehouse site would require him to place the access road too close, in his opinion.

The monument formerly stood in about the center of the property. When work on the site is completed it will be placed on a grassy plot near the road and will look as it does in pictures on file with the Maryland Historical Society, Mr. McClees explained.

1814 heroes are not forgotten

Although it has been 163 years since Henry G. McComas and Daniel Wells died in the prime of their youth heroically saving Baltimore from the enemy,

death turned the tide of battle against the enemy.

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...promised. With another Nature as an editor, apparently you just have to wait until she's ready," he said.

There almost certainly are other suitable sites in the Baltimore area, according to Mr. Kinsley, which also would have the main advantage he saw in the museum steps—that many people would have a good view of the ice poem. It could take a couple of days, or even a week, to melt.

Tomorrow he plans to start looking, hoping to find "a large, open public area" he can use. The weather has already cooled off considerably and "I'm sure the ice will be available soon," he said.

57 degrees a record

It was not exactly a cold day in July, but a record low temperature was set yesterday at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, coming on the heels of the heat wave that broiled the area for 10 days.

The airport temperature fell to 57 degrees about 5.30 A.M. yesterday, according to the National Weather Service. That broke the previous record low of 60 degrees, set in 1966.

Baltimore's record low of 58, set in 1958, still stands because the city's low temperature yesterday was only 65.

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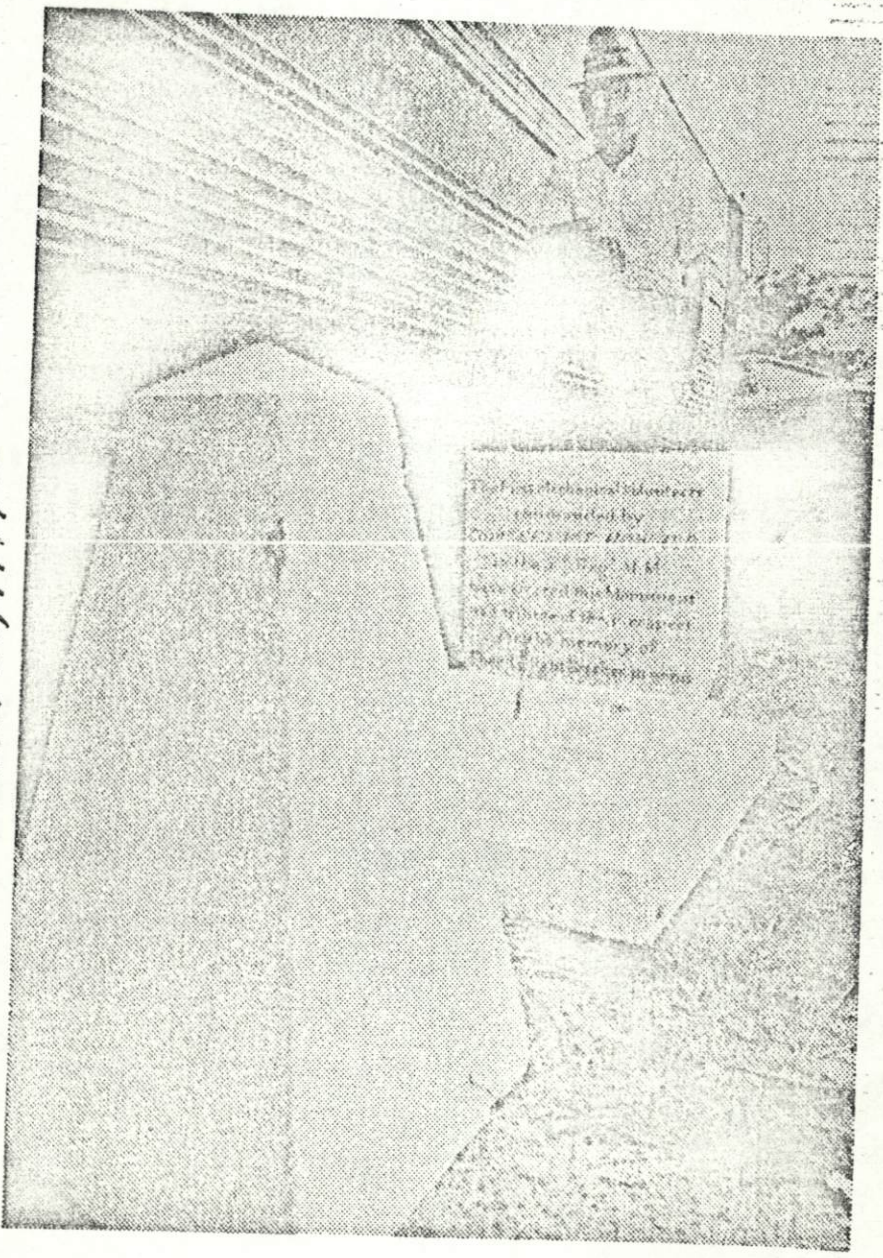
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Sunnapers photo—William H. Mortimer

New site for monument

As another owner of the property did many years ago, J. Sheridan McClees (above) plans to re-erect the Aquila Randall Monument, honoring a member of the Maryland Militia killed in the Battle of North Point. The foundation, plaque and obelisk will be reassembled near the original location in the 3900 block North Point road. (Article, B2)

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This year the city Department of Housing and Community Development is spending \$80,655 to clean and repair the McComas and Wells monument at the intersection of North Gay, East Monument and Aisquith streets, a department spokesman said.

Refurbishing of the 33-foot obelisk began about a month ago as part of the Old Town urban renewal project, the spokesman said, and will be finished by the end of the summer.

According to local histories, McComas and Wells were sharpshooters in the 1814 Battle of North Point who died side by side immediately after they had shot Maj. Gen. Robert Ross, the British commander, from his white horse. The commander's

death turned the tide of battle against the enemy.

McComas was 18 when he fell at a spot just east of what is now Patterson Park, and Wells was 19. In 1858, their bodies were disinterred from the Greenmount Cemetery and placed beneath the marble and black-granite monument, built between 1850 and 1883.

The monument is now being cleaned to bring out time-obscured details, said Richard Davis, the housing department spokesman. Its granite base is being rebuilt, its cast iron fence is being repaired and bricks are being laid around it, he said.

The obelisk is situated in front of Monument East, a public-housing apartment building for the elderly that is also part of the urban renewal scheme. Original plans for the monument entailed moving it across Aisquith street to the end of the Old Town Mall, Mr. Davis said, but the cost was prohibitive.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC AQUILLA RANDALL MONUMENT

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3970 Old North Point Road

7th Councilmanic District

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Baltimore

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd Congressional District

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Maryland

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Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. J. Sheridan McClees

Office:

Telephone #: 727-2956

STREET & NUMBER

3 E. Lexington Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21202

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Courts Building

Liber #: EHK JR. 5751

Folio #: 767

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE *
 MOVED DATE _____

*Not certain

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The authentic, 1817, part of the monument is the pointed shaft, square base, and flat pedestal, as shown in J. Hill's engraving of 1820. It was about four feet high as described in the American of July 28, 1817. (See McCauley, Md. Historical Prints, p. 130).

As it existed prior to July 20, 1977, the monument was described as follows:

The remainder of the monument, the five steps in cast concrete, the 16-foot-plus square iron fence, and the 90 by 20-foot elliptical lawn retained by curbstome material, was all added in 1945 by Eli Buniavas. The white paint applied by him at that time has faded to gray, but the black lettering survives in part. The monument is in reasonably good condition. At present it is not certain whether Mr. Buniavas built his concrete wedding cake monument base on the exact spot where the Mechanical Volunteers had put up the memorial in 1817. In fact, the monument had toppled by the time Buniavas acquired the ground.

In recent years, an interested patriotic group cast a number of concrete shafts, presumably to serve as replacements for the original shaft, and four of these objects are found on the property. The substitution of the concrete shaft would raise the height of the original memorial to considerably more than four feet.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PRFHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1817, 1945

BUILDER/ARCHITECT, Lt. Thomas Towson and Colonel Small

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This monument was put up slightly less than ^{five years} three years after the Battle of North Point at a spot where, according to the inscription on the memorial, the advanced part under Major Richard K. Heath of the Fifth Regiment, Maryland Militia, encountered the front of the British column moving toward Baltimore from its landing place at Old Roads Bay. Here were killed both Major General Robert Ross, the British Commander, and Private Aquilla Randall of the Fifth. The skirmish took place on September 12, 1814, at about 2 p.m., and historians have never resolved the question of who killed Ross or whether he died as a result of musket fire or rifle fire. Ross's own tomb at Halifax, Nova Scotia, states that he was engaged in routing the Americans. The defending forces indeed fell back from this spot, withdrawing up Long Log Lane 0.85 mile to their fortified position at the narrowest part of Patapsco Neck, a spot on Old North Point Road now called Battle Acre.

The military events are fully reported in the reports of Generals John Stricker and Samuel Smith, often reprinted.

Presumably, the site selected for the monument was identified with some accuracy; Scharf's history of Maryland states that during the skirmish of the advanced parties, the American left was in the woods and their right was across the road in a field. (1) Thus, the woods would have been on the north side (monument and tavern side) of Old North Point Road (Md. Route 20). Battle sketches in Swanson's Perilous Fight show no structures at this spot; no buildings appear in Joshua Shaw's painting of 1820 which shows a lonely rider in a grove contemplating the spot where Ross fell. (2)

The veterans of the skirmish returned to the site on July 21, 1817, and assembled the monument and dedicated it with military ceremony, all on the same day. The event was described in the Baltimore American of July 28, 1817, under the headline: "Dulci et decorum est pro Patria mori."

On Monday last, "THE FIRST MECHANICAL VOLUNTEERS," one of the Companies attached to the Fifth Regiment erected on the spot where the advanced party under Major Heath was engaged with the British forces, a MONUMENT to the memory of AQUILLA RANDALL, one of the members, who fell in that skirmish.—

The company, headed by their commander, Capt. B. C. Howard, marched from town at an early hour; and having been joined on the ground, at eleven o'clock, by Col. Heath, Lt. Col. Barry, Major Steuart, and several other officers of the regiment, the ceremony of putting up the Monument was then commenced, and in a very short time completed under the direction of Mr. Towson (Lieut. of the Company)--Indeed, much commendation is due to this gentleman (and no less to Col. Small, who assisted in the design) for the style and good taste in which the Monument is executed. He has aimed at simplicity and neatness, and he has not been disappointed.

The monument is a pyramid of white stone, about four feet high, resting on a well proportioned pedestal, which bears the four following inscriptions:

(On the side facing the Road)

How beautiful is Death, when earned by Virtue

(On the opposite side)

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF AQUILLA RANDALL
Who Died in bravely defending his Country and his home,
On the memorable 12th of September,
1814
Aged 24 years.

(On the side up the Road)

THE FIRST MECHANICAL VOLUNTEERS
Commanded by Capt. B.C. Howard,
in the 5th Regiment M.M.
HAVE ERECTED THIS MONUMENT,
As a tribute of their respect for
THE MEMORY OF
THEIR GALLANT BROTHER IN ARMS

(On the side down the Road)

IN THE SKIRMISH
WHICH OCCURRED AT THIS SPOT,
Between the advanced party under
Major Richard K. Heath,
Of the fifth Regiment M.M.
And the front of the British Column,
Major GENERAL ROSS
Commander of the British Forces,
Received his MORTAL WOUND. (3)

The American also carried the full text of Captain Howard's speech, which contained the sentences:

It was here that the haughty General who declared he did not care if it rained Militia atoned with his life for his opinion My friends we have done--We commit this Monument to Destiny and Time.

Still alive in 1839, Captain Howard, having become a General, gave the Defenders' Day address at the cornerstone laying ceremonies for a never-to-be-completed monument at Battle Acre; as Orator of the Day, the General "addressed the assembled multitude for about an hour and a half." (4)

The Mechanical Volunteers committed the monument "to Destiny and Time," and neither one took much care of it. Eventually a hotel was built close to the site, the Monument Hotel or Monument House, and a "Monument House" post office existed from 1867 to 1872 and from 1879 to 1880. The hotel appears on the 1850 J.C. Sidney map and was then Mrs. Russel's. Taylor's 1859 map showed it as J. & T. Bowen's Monument House. The 1877 atlas showed it property of John Harris.

The monument was practically new when an engraving of it was made by J. Hill and published in 1820 by Matthew Carey of Philadelphia in a volume entitled Picturesque Views of American Scenery. At the time the painting that served as the model for the engraving had been made by Joshua Shaw, the monument stood unfenced in a clearing, upon a very slight mound without any structure in the background. (5)

A view of the monument appears in Benson J. Lossing's Pictorial Field Book of the War of 1812; when drawn in November, 1860, an iron fence closely boxed in the monument on four sides. The view had been taken from Samuel Cole's house. (6) It first appeared in Harper's Monthly about four years later. (7)

Scharf in 1881 noted, "The monument shows but slight traces of the hand of time, and the inscriptions are bold and legible." (8)

A Sunday feature article of 1907 stated that General Ross had fallen just east of the monument. The lady mentioned in the story was the widow of John Butchsky, the last postmaster at "Monument House."

It is probable that Randall is not buried beneath it. Some ten years ago, when it was toppling over, Mrs. John Butchsky, proprietress of the Monument House, in front of which it stands, had it taken down and the foundations renewed.

Although it is of marble, Mrs. Butchsky keeps it well painted. In form it is an obelisk on a pedestal, about nine and on-half feet high in all, and it is surrounded by an iron railing. Each of the four faces of the pedestal has an inscription, that on the side next to the road being "How beautiful is death when earned by virtue."--the last word being spelled "vertue."

... Beneath this until the present year there appeared in black paint the legend, "Kept in repair by Mrs. John Butchsky." (9)

The official program for the Star-Spangled Banner Centennial of 1914 showed the monument in good condition, with its close-in fence unchanged from the engraving of 1860. (10)

The monument was flat on the ground and cars were parking over it when Eli Buniavas purchased the Monument House Bar in 1944. Buniavas, a native of Croatia, migrated to West Virginia in 1909, and became a coal miner and later worked in factories and on construction jobs. When he acquired the tavern in 1944, the monument came with it. Mr. Buniavas spent \$7,000 to restore the monument, and he had the worn lettering painted on with black. The monument bore an inscription, "Rebuilt Oct. 14, 1945 by Eli Buniavas (Monument House)." The rebuilding was a rather elaborate production for so small a monument - Mr. Buniavas set it atop a concrete wedding cake pyramid, five steps high, surrounded by an iron fence, and the entire area enclosed in an elliptical lawn 90 feet long by 20 feet wide, the lawn shored up by curbstone material. (11)

Mr. Buniavas built a concrete-block addition to the bar in 1950. Some old structure apparently survives in the present building - a cornice smothered in sprayed-on rusticated stucco, old-looking rooms to the rear of the public rooms. Buniavas died in 1962 and his executor split up the property, selling the bar to a partnership and turning the rest of the acreage and the monument over to Mr. Buniavas' heir, Mrs. Rose Groh.

Executor T. Bayard Williams, Jr. had drawn a proposed 21 by 26-foot parcel under the title "Monument Lot" which he hoped the State of Maryland might acquire. However, the state did not act. (12)

For a while, the forgotten monument had a self-appointed caretaker:

Earl A. Costenbader, 54, an assistant general foreman at Bethlehem Steel, who lives in a brick house next door, once took care of the monument, but no more.

"I used to maintain it but it got so I'd ruin my lawn mower on bottles every time I tried to mow the grass," he said, "I gave up on it."
(13)

In early 1977, Mrs. Groh of Ohio sold the entire property to Mr. J. Sheridan McClees, a professional real estate appraiser, who obtained a permit to build a warehouse on the property. Mr. McClees first offered to give the monument to the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, and also considered moving it out of the path of a proposed driveway.

On the 160th eve of putting up the monument, July 20, 1977, Dundalk and "Neck" residents were astonished to find the monument disassembled, and there was even greater consternation in the Baltimore County law office and other agencies, when the Buniavas concrete pylon or pedestal was bulldozed on the next day, the anniversary itself. There was much relief among preservationists when Mr. McClees explained that he intended to replace the monument in its 1817 condition when the construction work was completed. (14)

Notes:

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11. "Battlefield Neglect: None Cared But Immigrant," Evening Sun, May 28, 1952.
12. Judicial Records, OTG 728, f. 90, 123, 127.
13. Wayne Hardin, "Ghost Soldiers of 1814 Wouldn't Recognize Site," Evening Sun, April 4, 1972, p. C-1.
14. Monte I. Trammer, "Countian to Restore 160-Year-Old Monument," Sun, July 24, 1977, p. B-2.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

Immediate area of monument.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Yet undetermined; construction in progress.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None COUNTY None

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John McGrain

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning and Zoning

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

DATE

July 25, 1977

TELEPHONE

494-3495

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

J. Sheridan McClees & Company

Appraisers - Consultants
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Central Savings Bank Building
Charles & Lexington Streets
727-2956

July 28, 1977

Ed: for your interest

Curt

Sun., PM

Mr. Curtis Carroll Davis
Carlyle Apartments
500 W. University Parkway
Baltimore, Md. 21210

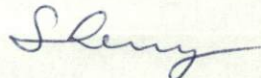
Dear Carroll:

It was good to hear from you after such a long time. I am glad that my actions did not cause consternation.

My wife and I will look forward to joining you and your associates on September 11th.

Thank you for the brochure and annual report. I doubt that I am eligible for the Society and will have to look into it.

Sincerely,



J. Sheridan McClees, Jr.

JSMcC:hpm

S. VANNORT CHAPMAN
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
608 MARYLAND TRUST BUILDING
CHARLES AND REDWOOD STREETS
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202

September 15, 1977

Mr. Edward C. Beetem II, President
The Society of the War of 1812
Box 58 - L
West Timonium Road
Timonium, Md. 21093

Re: Aquilla Randall Monument

Dear Ed,

I have received a copy of Mr. McClees' letter to you of September 16th. I saw Sheridan several days ago and he verbally told me of the situation.

This monument was erected by the Ancient and Honorable Mechanical Company of Baltimore and dedicated in 1817, as set forth in the History of the Mechanical Company by George W. McCreary. I happened to be the president of the Company at this time.

Do you not think that you and Clem and I, along with others you may select, should meet and talk with Sheridan McClees to the end that appropriate steps be taken toward the re-erection and dedication of the Monument?

Sincerely,



S. Vannort Chapman

SVC/ac

P.S. Since dictating the above I have had a phone call from McClees who said he will give a piece of land either to Baltimore County or to The Society of War of 1812 or the Ancient and Honorable Company or any combination thereof. He will furnish me with a plat showing the location and will do what he can to facilitate the matter. Sheridan is an old friend of mine and I believe he will do all he can to help us,- but we must decide what we want.

J. Sheridan McClees & Company

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September 16, 1977

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The Society of the War of 1812
Box 5811
West Timonium Road
Timonium, Md. 21093

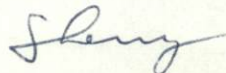
Dear Ed:

This is written to bring you and your organization up to date regarding the Aquilla Randall Monument.

After beginning construction, it became necessary to remove parts of the Monument base. To facilitate the work, the Monument was completely dismantled and portions without historic significance were destroyed. Original parts were put in temporary storage. Determination of valuable parts was based on a great amount of research contributed by Mr. John McGrain of the Landmark Preservation Commission of Baltimore County.

At a recent meeting of the Landmark Preservation Commission the Monument was designated as a landmark. It is believed that it would be more appropriate to have public ownership instead of private ownership. Therefore, I have suggested to Councilman O'Rourke that Baltimore County accept the Monument and a small piece of land as a gift from me. He is referring this to the Solicitor's office. It is probable that the County Council would have to take some action. Perhaps Councilman O'Rourke would be able to use some support.

Sincerely,



J. Sheridan McClees, Jr.

JSMcC:hpm

*Councilman
Esallagher*

November 7, 1977

Hon. Wilson K. Barnes
111 Ridgewood Road
Baltimore, Md. 21210

Re: Aquila Randall Monument

Dear Wilson,

Since Ed Beetem appointed you and me to the Committee for the preservation and reerection of the Aquila Randall Monument on old North Point Road, I have had several conversations with Sheridan McClees who is the present owner of the land surrounding the site of the monument.

Sheridan has told me that he plans to give the Society of the War of 1812 a deed to a plot of ground about 20 feet square and will pour a concrete foundation to hold the monument. The rest is up to us.

McClees has collected a great deal on the history of the monument. He has approached the County but they don't seem to move. He has had talks with Mr. John McGrain, Secretary of The Baltimore County Land Marks Preservation Committee and with Councilman O'Rourke of that area of the County.

McClees is getting itchie about this because it is interfering with his development plans.

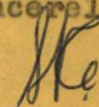
I think it is proper and advisable that we take action before we lose the land offered and the monument which is just lying around on the ground.

I am enclosing a copy of a Plat McClees has sent me and a description of the plot of land offered.

I suggest that we have a meeting and make plans to move.

Give me a phone call.

Sincerely,


S. Vannort Chapman

SVC/ac

Copy: Ed Beetem

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DEED

FROM

THE MARYLAND TITLE GUARANTEE CO.

TRANSFERRED

TO

11/9/77

THE SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812

DATE

CLERK

IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

BLOCK No. _____

Received for Record, _____, 19____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M. Same day recorded

in Liber _____ No. _____ Folio _____ &c.,

one of the Land Records of _____

_____, and examined per

_____, Clerk.

Cost of Record, \$ _____

S. Vannest Chapman, Esq.
605 Maryland Trust Bldg
Balto Md. 21202

THE DAILY RECORD CO., BALTIMORE, MD. 21202

11/9

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Scholar Offer*
Walter Rasmussen
494 - 3252
RASMUSSEN

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RECEIVED & RECORDED
IN *Land* RECORDS
CIRCUIT COURT FOR
BALTO. CO

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LIBER 5823
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FILE

This Deed, MADE THIS 8th day of November,

in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven by and between

The Maryland Title Guarantee Company, a Body Corporate

of the State of Maryland, Grantor, of the first part, and

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

of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That in consideration of the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

the said The Maryland Title Guarantee Company, Grantor

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NOV -9-77 237420# ****11.00

do es grant and convey to the said The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Maryland,

its

~~persons, heirs, assigns, and successors~~ successors and assigns

in fee simple, all

that lot of ground situate in Baltimore County, State of Maryland,

and described as follows, that is to say:

BEGINNING for the same on the northeast side of Old North Point Road in the second line of a whole tract of land described in a deed from Lillian M. Butschky Schepleng and husband to Eli Bunievas dated March 17, 1944 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber R.J.S.#1336, folio 168, etc. at the point where it intersects with the southeastern boundary of a perpetual easement for an outlet ditch described in a deed from Rose Groah to the State Highway Administration dated January 12, 1977 and recorded in said Land Records in Liber E.H.K., Jr., #5722, folio 110, etc. and shown on State Highway Administration plat 45678; thence northeasterly binding on the southeast boundary of said perpetual easement to a point 20 feet distant measured perpendicularly from the northeast side of Old North Point Road; thence northwesterly parallel to and 20 feet from the said northeast side of Old North Point Road measured perpendicularly thereto for a distance of 41 feet more or less to a point 20 feet northwesterly from the northwest boundary of said easement as measured on the line so described; thence southwesterly 90 degrees from the preceding or second line of this description for a distance of 20 feet more or less to the northeast side of Old North Point Road; thence binding on the northeast side of Old North Point Road and on the second line of the whole tract of land in the deed firstly hereinbefore referred to southeasterly for a distance of 47.22 feet more or less to the point of beginning; containing 0.02 acres of land, more or less.

TRANSFER TAX NOT REQUIRED

Walter R. Richardson
Director of Finance
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Per: Gloria J. Colburn
Authorized Signature Roll-80-A

11-9-77

BEING part of the whole tract of land described in a deed from Lillian M. Butschky Schepleng and husband to Eli Bunievas dated March 17, 1944 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber R.J.S. #1336, folio 168, etc.

The said described lot is restricted to use as a site for the Aquila Randall Monument as re-erected in conformity with its original construction in 1817 as depicted by J. Hill's engraving of 1820 without fencing or other additions or changes; said engraving being reproduced in Maryland Historical Prints by Lois McCauley.

BEING a part of the whole tract of land described in a deed dated May 2, 1977 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber 5751, folio 764, which was granted and conveyed by Rose Groah unto The Maryland Title Guarantee Company, the Grantor herein.

TOGETHER with the buildings thereupon, and the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

To HAVE AND To HOLD the said described lot of ground and premises to the said The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Maryland

its ~~persons or representatives~~/successors and assigns as restricted, in fee simple.

AND the said party of the first part hereby covenants that it has not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that it will warrant specially the property hereby granted; and that it will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

WITNESS the ~~xxxxxxx~~ seal of said grantor and the hand of Vice-President thereof.

Test:

THE MARYLAND TITLE GUARANTEE COMPANY

By Harwood D. Jackson Vice-President



Thomas J. Caracuzzo
THOMAS J. CARACUZZO

STATE OF MARYLAND,

to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on this 8th day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and Seventy-seven, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State aforesaid, personally appeared

VICE-PRESIDENT of The Title Guarantee Company

HARWOOD D. JACKSON

known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that executed the same for the purposes therein contained, and in my presence signed and sealed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Thomas J. Caracuzzo
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

July 1, 1978



THOMAS J. CARACUZZO

Rec'd for record NOV 9 1977 at 1:45 PM
Per Elmer H. Kahline, Jr., Clerk
Mail to S. Chapman
Receipt No. 1700

AQUILLA A. RANDALL MONUMENT

11/15/77

JEAN WALSH (MRS. HOWARD)

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Ed. Jones
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11/15/77

THE AQUILLA A. RANDALL MONUMENT

Erected and dedicated 1817
by the Mechanical Volunteers, Capt. Benjamin C Howard

Aquilla A. Randall was killed in action Sept 12, 1814

Inscribed =

RIGHT SIDE:

THE FIRST MECHANICAL VOLUNTEERS

Commanded by

Capt. Benj. C. Howard

of the 5th Regt. M. M.

Have erected this Monument as a tribute of
respect for the memory of their gallant brother
in arms.

LEFT SIDE

Saved to the Memory of

AQUILLA A. RANDALL

who died bravely defending his country and
his home on the memorable 12th Sept. 1814.

Age 24

The monument was dedicated in 1817 when
the Company marched over and listened to a
patriotic speech by its old commander, Capt Howard

MONUMENT LOT DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING for the same on the northeast side of Old North Point Road in the second line of a whole tract of land described in a deed from Lillian M. Butschky Schepleng and husband to Eli Bunievas dated March 17, 1944 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber R.J.S. #1336, folio 168, etc. at the point where it intersects with the southeastern boundary of a perpetual easement for an outlet ditch described in a deed from Rose Groah to the State Highway Administration dated January 12, 1977 and recorded in said Land Records in Liber E.H.K., Jr., #5722, folio 110, etc. and shown on State Highway Administration plat 45678; thence northeasterly binding on the southeast boundary of said perpetual easement to a point 20 feet distant measured perpendicularly from the northeast side of Old North Point Road; thence northwesterly parallel to and 20 feet from the said northeast side of Old North Point Road measured perpendicularly thereto for a distance of 41 feet more or less to a point 20 feet northwesterly from the northwest boundary of said easement as measured on the line so described; thence southwesterly 90 degrees from the preceding or second line of this description for a distance of 20 feet more or less to the northeast side of Old North Point Road; thence binding on the northeast side of Old North Point Road and on the second line of the whole tract of land in the deed firstly hereinbefore referred to southeasterly for a distance of 47.22 feet more or less to the point of beginning; containing 0.02 acres of land, more or less.

BEING part of the whole tract of land described in a deed from Lillian M. Butschky Schepleng and husband to Eli Bunievas dated March 17, 1944 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber R.J.S. #1336, folio 168, etc.

Nov 16/77

Phone call from Mr. John McGrain, - he says
he called O'Rourke who advised that he had
turned the matter of the Monument over to the
Department of Recreation & Parks to work out
the details

Mr. Harry Coulter, Jr. is the man in Recreation
and Parks - Phone 494-3805

JTC

Ed Jones 494-3807

(Harwood
Jackson -)

Mocks
825 - 2594

Law - Md. Transfer Declines of Property Initial Act
Evid & Facts = Sec 9 - 201 to 209

Md. Title - Law

November 21, 1977

Mr. John McGrain
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Office of Planning and Zoning
Baltimore County Courts Building
401 Bosley Avenue
Towson, Md. 21204

Re: Aquilla Randall Monument

Dear Mr. Mc Grain,

Thank you for the xerox copies of the "Inventory Forms for State Historic Sites" of the Aquilla Randall Monument and Battle Acres. The contents and references are intensely interesting and very informative, truly historic documents from which such research information is to be gotten. We will keep them in our archives for reference and for the edification in the future work of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Maryland.

I wish to thank you personally for your interest and helpful cooperation.

Sincerely,

S. Vannort Chapman
Vice President

SVC/ac

Jan 31/78

Aquella Randal Mount

Malcolm Aldrich - 494-3806

Director of Recreation & Parks, Balth. Co.,
301 Washington Ave. Iowa 21204

Harry G. Coulter Asst

Director Recreation & Parks

494-3805

Wants Plat of Location.

Wants Letter that McClew is
offering the mound & ground
~~free~~ at no charge in
conclusion.

Feb 6/78

Talked to Colter - he said he
would have to take it before
the Board - He has received
McClew's letter of 2/3/78
I said I would call him when
I am next in Iowa

J. Sheridan McClees & Company

Appraisers - Consultants
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

February 3, 1978

Central Savings Bank Building
Charles & Lexington Streets
727-2956

~~825/2594~~
321/7354

Mr. Butler

4 Clan Chattan Lane
Baltimore 21204

Mr. Harry G. Colter, Jr.
Assistant Director, Recreation & Parks
Board of Recreation & Parks
301 Washington Avenue
Towson, Md. 21204

Dear Mr. Colter:

This is to advise that I am prepared to transfer a parcel of land and the Aquilla Randall Monument on Old North Point Road at no charge or consideration.

The attached sketch depicts the land. I will be happy to meet with you and other interested parties at the site at a mutually convenient time. There is sufficient extra soil including top soil on my adjacent land to fill any depressed areas in this parcel so that it is appropriately leveled and rounded to make an attractive site. This will also be donated without charge.

Very truly yours,

J. Sheridan McClees, Jr.

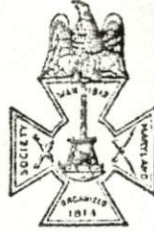
J. Sheridan McClees, Jr.

JSMcC:hpm

Encl.

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

S. VANNORT CHAPMAN, PRESIDENT
605 MARYLAND TRUST BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202



FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 14, 1914

SOUII. *March 1975*

County to get land for Randall monument

The Recreation and Parks Department of Baltimore County has moved to accept a quarter acre of land to place the Aquila Randall monument which dates back to the Revolutionary War.

The land will be deeded to the county from developer Sheridan J. McClees, and will lie adjacent to North Point Road.

The Patapsco Neck Historical society has been maintaining the marker.

Recs and Parks will remove and erect the marker, if the County Council approves the action.

DUNNAP TIMES

*Received March 20/75
from Mr. Ben Womers
7711 Fairgreen Road
Dundalk Md. 21222*



baltimore county
office of planning and zoning
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
(301) 494-3211

LESLIE H. GRAEF
DIRECTOR

*Dept of Recreation
and Parks*

*Eugene W. Gallagher, Chairman
County Council of Balt. Co.
Boul Anne, Linn
21204*

*Called McClas
3/25/78*

March 20, 1978

Society of the War of 1812
c/o Mr. S. Vanort Chapman
605 Maryland Trust Building
Calvert & Redwood Streets
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Gentlemen:

The County Council of Baltimore County has scheduled a public hearing at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 25, 1978 in the Council Chambers, County Courthouse, to consider adopting the Preliminary Landmarks List as approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, as a Final Landmarks List.

Dr. Robert M. N.

In accord with provisions of Subsection 22-145 (d) of the Baltimore County Code 1968 as amended, you are hereby notified that your property, as identified below, will be considered by the County Council for inclusion on the Final Landmarks List:

Name: Aquila ~~X~~ Randall Monument
3970 Old North Point Road

You are invited to attend the hearing and make a statement if you so desire. If you want additional information, please call Mr. John McGrain at 494-3495.

*Mr. Hulet C. Baird
1783 Swenson Ave
Randall
21222*

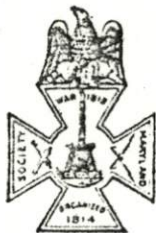
Barbara Womack

Sincerely,

Robert M. N. Crosby - J.M.C.
ROBERT M. N. CROSBY, M.D.
Chairman
Landmarks Preservation Commission
*1205 York Rd. Ruthtown Md
20193*

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

S. VANNORT CHAPMAN, PRESIDENT
605 MARYLAND TRUST BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202



FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 14, 1814

April 7, 1978

Hon. Eugene W. Gallagher, Chairman,
County Council of Baltimore County
Court House
Towson, Maryland. 21204

To: Aquila Randall Monument
3970 Old North Point Road

Dear Sir,

I have received notice that the County Council of Baltimore County has scheduled a public hearing at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 25th, 1978 in the Council Chambers, County Court House to consider adopting the Preliminary Landmarks List as approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission as a Final Landmarks List.

I, as President of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Maryland, wish in behalf of The Society, to recommend and earnestly urge that the aforesaid Aquila Randall Monument be particularly included in the Final Landmarks List.

This monument is of outstanding importance to the County since the victory over the British forces at the Battle of North Point was a turning in the invasion by land in The Battle of Baltimore and supplemented the attack by sea on Fort McHenry.

This monument is visited annually on Defender's Day when a wreath laid ceremoniously upon the Monument by the Society of the War of 1812 to perpetuate the memory of the bravery of Aquila Randall who shed his blood in the defense of our Country, upon the soil of Baltimore County, while serving in The First Mechanical Volunteers, as a part of the Fifth Regiment of the Maryland Militia under the Command of Capt. Benjamin C. Howard, on September 12, 1814.

This monument was dedicated in 1817 when the Company of Mechanical Volunteers, composed of volunteers from the Ancient and Honorable Mechanical Company of Baltimore, a Volunteer Fire Fighting Company organized in 1763 and still in existence and meeting uninterrupted for the 214th time in December 1977.

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

S. VANNORT CHAPMAN, PRESIDENT
605 MARYLAND TRUST BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202



FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 14, 1814

April 7, 1978

Hon. Eugene W. Gallagher, Chairman, #2
County Council of Baltimore County
Court House
Towson, Maryland. 21204

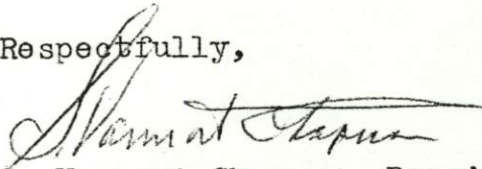
To: Aquila Randall Monument
3970 Old North Point Road

This monument and a small plat of ground has been offered to the County and the details have been discussed with the Department of Recreation and Parks. Mr. McClees has placed a concrete base for the monument and moved the parts of the monument to the new location, and a plat of the new location has been presented to the Department of Recreation and Parks.

It is hoped that the County will accept this Gift of the monument and the land on which it will rest so the important landmark will continue to be an historical and sacred spot where the honored dead may be memorialized, as in the past, and the citizenry will be kept aware of those who fought and died for their country.

I request that this letter be entered into and made part of the record of the aforesaid hearing.

Respectfully,


S. Vannort Chapman, President

SVC/ac

The said described lot is restricted to use
as ^{the} site for the reerection of the Aquilla
by the Ancient and Honorable Mechanical Company of Baltimore
Randall Monument, originally erected, near by, in
a member of the Company
memory of Aquilla Randol, who was killed at or
near the spot on September 12, 1814 while serving
in the Mechanical Volunteers, as a part of the
Fifth Regiment of the Maryland Militia under the
Command of Captain Benjamin C. Howard, and to
be reerected in conformity with its original construction
in 1817 as depicted by J. Hill's engraving of 1820,
as reproduced in Maryland Historical Prints by
Lois McCauley and Son of Philadelphia

J. Sheridan McClees & Company

Appraisers - Consultants

Baltimore, Maryland 21202 4

321-7354

4 Clan Chattan Lane

~~Central Savings Bank Building~~

~~Charles & Lexington Streets~~

~~782-2858~~

August 10, 1978

The Maryland Title Guarantee Company
St. Paul and Lexington Streets
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Application No. H-90063

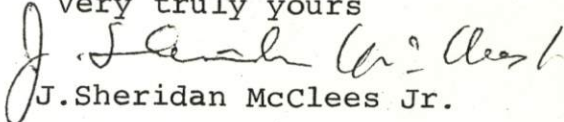
Old North Point Road, Baltimore County

Att. Mr. Harwood D. Jackson, Secretary

Dear Mr. Jackson:

In accordance with our conversation, this is written to authorize execution of a new deed to Baltimore County, Maryland for the part of the land in the above application which was erroneously deeded to the Society of the War of 1812. It understood that the Society will execute a disclaimer. I am the beneficial owner of the land in the above noted application.

Very truly yours


J. Sheridan McClees Jr.

HARWOOD D. JACKSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
200 TITLE BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202
—
SARATOGA 7-3700

August 11, 1978

S. Vannort Chapman, Esquire
President, The Society of
~~the~~ War of 1812, in the
State of Maryland
605 Maryland Trust Building
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Chapman:

I have completed the Disclaimer of the property deeded to the Society by Maryland Title. If you will stop by the office and execute it, I will record it among the Land Records.

As you know, we are making a Disclaimer by virtue of the provisions of a law which took effect this past July 1, mainly for the reason that the Society is an unincorporated association and cannot make an effective deed. Because the new law authorizing Disclaimer has not been tested, I want to go on record that I disclaim any responsibility for the legal effectiveness of any instrument prepared in accordance with its apparent authority. My own opinion, however, is that the Disclaimer should have the effect intended.

Please bring with you the tax bill. I am sure they will want it paid before they accept our Disclaimer.

Very truly yours,



HDJ:sad

HARWOOD D. JACKSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
200 TITLE BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202
—
SARATOGA 7-3700

August 11, 1978

TO: S. Vannort Chapman, President
The Society of the War of 1812
in the State of Maryland
605 Maryland Trust Bldg.
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: Ns Old North Point Road
Baltimore County

Preparation of Deed and Transfer Sheet and recording services	-----	\$50.00
Recording Deed and Notary Fee	-----	<u>6.00</u>

TOTAL \$56.00

Plus Taxes 1.89
Total 57.89

Edg. H. D. J.
8/16/78

THIS DISCLAIMER, Made this 15th day of August, 1978, by THE SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812, in the State of Maryland, an unincorporated association, Disclaimant.

WHEREAS, The Maryland Title Guarantee Company, a holding corporation, granted and conveyed certain property situate in Baltimore County, State of Maryland, to said Disclaimant, by Deed dated November 8, 1977, which was recorded among the Land Records of said County in Liber No. 5823, folio 821; and

WHEREAS, said Deed was placed on record by the Equitable Owner of the property, but without the knowledge or the consent of the Grantee, the Disclaimant herein;

WHEREFORE, the Disclaimant, The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Maryland, pursuant to a proper Resolution of its Executive Committee, hereby asserts that it does not desire to hold or own the said property and hereby Disclaims any and all of its right, title and interest therein, which said property is more particularly described as follows, that is to say:

BEGINNING for the same on the northeast side of Old North Point Road in the second line of a whole tract of land described in a Deed from Lillian M. Butschky Schepleng and husband to Eli Bunievas dated March 17, 1944 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber RJS No. 1336, folio 168, etc., at the point where it intersects with the southeastern boundary of a perpetual easement for an outlet ditch described in a Deed from Rose Groah to the State Highway Administration dated January 12, 1977 and recorded among the Land Records aforesaid in Liber EHK, Jr. No. 5722, folio 110, etc., and shown on State Highway Administration Plat No. 45678; thence northeasterly binding on the southeast boundary of said perpetual easement to a point 20 feet distant measured perpendicularly from the northeast side of Old North Point Road; thence northwesterly parallel to and 20 feet from said northeast side of Old North Point Road measured perpendicularly there-to for a distance of 41 feet more or less to a point 20 feet northwesterly from the northwest boundary of said easement as measured on the line so described; thence southwesterly 90 degrees from the preceding or second line of this description for a distance of 20 feet more or less to the northeast side of Old North Point Road; thence binding on the northeast side of Old North Point Road and on the second line of the whole tract of land in the Deed firstly hereinbefore referred to southeasterly for a distance of 47.22 feet more or less to the point of beginning; containing 0.02 of an acre of land, more or less.

IT BEING the intent of this Disclaimer that the title to said property remain in The Maryland Title Guarantee Company as though the aforesaid Deed by the latter to the Disclaimant herein had not been made.

THERE IS no actual consideration for this document, except the premises herein stated.

WITNESS: the hand of the President of the Disclaimant.

WITNESS:

THE SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 in the State of Maryland

Thomas J. Caracuzzo

BY: *S. Vannort Chapman* (SEAL) S. Vannort Chapman, Its President

THOMAS J. CARACUZZO STATE OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE CITY, TO WIT:

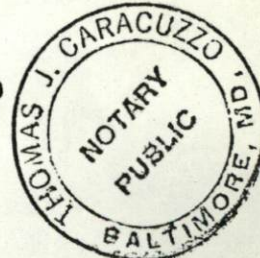
I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this 15th day of August, 1978, before me, a Notary Public of the State aforesaid, personally appeared S. VANNORT CHAPMAN, who acknowledged himself to be the President of the aforesaid association, and that he as such President, being authorized so to do, executed the same for the purposes therein contained, by signing, in my presence, the name of said association by himself as President.

WITNESS: My hand and Notarial Seal.

Thomas J. Caracuzzo
Notary Public

My Commission expires: July 1, 1982

THOMAS J. CARACUZZO



August 15, 1978

James A. Redmond, Esq,
Bureau of Land Acquisition
Baltimore County Office Bldg
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Md. 21204

Re: Aquila Randall Monument
Old North Point Road

Dear Mr. Redmond,

Following up on our phone conversation this morning I am enclosing a copy of the Deed of Disclaimer from the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Maryland back to The Maryland Title Co. to overcome and cancel out the Deed from The Maryland Title Co. to said Society recorded among The Land Records of Baltimore County dated November 8, 1977 and recorded among The Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber 5823 page 821.

This I believe will clear the way for you to prepare a deed granting the property to Baltimore County.

If there is anything further that I can do please call me.

Sincerely,

SVC/ac

S. Vannort Chapman

Copy: Harwood D. Jackson, Esq,
J. Sheridan McClees

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the matter of the plot of ground on the northeast side of Old North Point Road in Baltimore County, granted to this Society without its consent by The Maryland Title Guarantee Company, a body corporate by a Deed dated November 8, 1977 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber 5823 page 821 was presented and discussed, and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of this Society at a scheduled meeting, on August 15, 1978, duly called, a quorum being present, unananimously adopted the following,

RESOLVED that The Executive Committee of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Maryland, having no desire to have or to hold the aforesaid plot of ground granted to it without its consent by the aforesaid Deed hereby authorizes and dirests its President, S. Vannorb Chapman to execute a Deed of Disclaimer of said property, so granted.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of said Resolution adopted August 15, 1978.

Secretary.

May 18, 1979

Mr. Curtis Carroll Davis
Carlyle Apts., 16-R
500 W. University Parkway
Baltimore, Md. 21210

Re: Aquila Randall Monument

Dear Curt,

I am happy to inform you that the Aquila Randall Monument that was dismantled last year has been reerected today, May 18, 1979, about 100 yards west of its original site, by engineers of Baltimore County, upon a small plot of ground donated by J. Sheridan McCleese, Jr.

I was present and believe that it is properly erected and the work well done under the supervision of Mr. Ed Jones of the County Department.

Another historical marker has been preserved for posterity.

Sincerely,

SVC:ac

S. Vannort Chapman

May 18, 1979

Hon. Wilson K. Bernes,
111 Ridgewood Road
Baltimore, Md. 21218

Re: Aquila Randall Monument
Old North Point Road near
Battle Grove Road

Dear Wilson:

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Sincerely, Chapman

SVC:ac

S. Vannort Chapman

May 18, 1979

284-8846

Mr. Ben R. Womer
7711 Fairgreen Road
Dundalk, Md. 21222

Re: Aquila Randall Monument
Old North Point Road near
Battle Grove Road

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Sincerely,

SVC:ac

S. Vannort Chapman

May 18, 1979

Mr. Clement D. Erhardt,
8218 Burnby Road
Baltimore, Md. 21204

Dear Clem,

The Aquila Randall Monument was reerected May 18, 1979 by a Baltimore County crew. Now it can be included in the 1979 Defenders Day Calvacade. I was there to be sure it was properly done.

Sincerely,

SVC:ac

S. Vannort Chapman

May 22, 1979

Mr. Harry G. Colter, Jr.
Assistant Director, Recreation and Parks
Board of Recreation and Parks
301 Arlington Avenue
Towson, Ma. 21204

Re: Aquila Randall Monument

Dear Mr. Colter,

The Aquila Randal Monument was nicely reerected, about 100 yards, from its former location, on May 18, 1979, by your efficient crue under the supervision of your good man, Ed Jones. I was there to see the work done and was greatly pleased with the results.

Thanks for all your efforts, cooperation and care. There will be some special ceremonies there on Defenders Day.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

SVC:ac

S. Vannort Chapman

Memorial to War of 1812 soldier rededicated

By WADE NELSON

Baltimore County Bureau of The Sun

A refurbished Aquila Randall memorial, erected 162 years ago to honor a Maryland soldier killed in the War of 1812, was rededicated yesterday on a new plot of ground not far from its original location in the 3900 block North Point road.

The 5-foot-tall, white stone memorial was placed in storage two years ago when J. Sheridan McClees, the owner of the property where it stood, began building a warehouse on the land.

But Mr. McClees always promised antiquarians the memorial would be re-erected when the warehouse was completed. Yesterday, accompanied by flags, Boy Scouts and assorted short speeches, he made good on the promise.

The memorial, which has been desig-

nated an official landmark by the Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission, was restored by the county Department of Recreation and Parks, which will maintain it from now on. The 20-by-40-foot piece of land on which it stands has been donated to the county by Mr. McClees.

The monument was first installed July 21, 1817, to commemorate the death of Aquila Randall in the War of 1812.

Private Randall died during the Battle of North Point while serving with the Maryland Militia, 1st Mechanical Volunteers.

Yesterday, members of the Ancient and Honorable Mechanical Company of Baltimore and the Society of the War of 1812 were present at the rededication. Both groups were instrumental in assuring the monument was preserved and re-

erected, Mr. McClees said.

Only part of the monument is original, said Harry G. Coulter, Jr., of the facilities division of the parks department. But the newly fashioned parts duplicate the original, he said.

The original monument stood for years on land that was privately owned and included the Monument House saloon next door. It has experienced hard times

through the years and was found toppled in 1945 by the new property owner, Eli Buniavas. He righted it and enclosed it with an ornamental fence, which is how it stood when Mr. McClees bought the property in 1977.

Mr. McClees decided to move the monument because he said zoning laws required him to build a warehouse access road too close to it.

C4 • THE SUN, Monday, September 10, 1979

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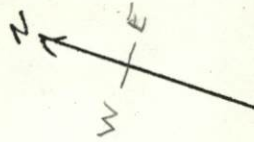
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John McGraw
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Land Marks Preservation
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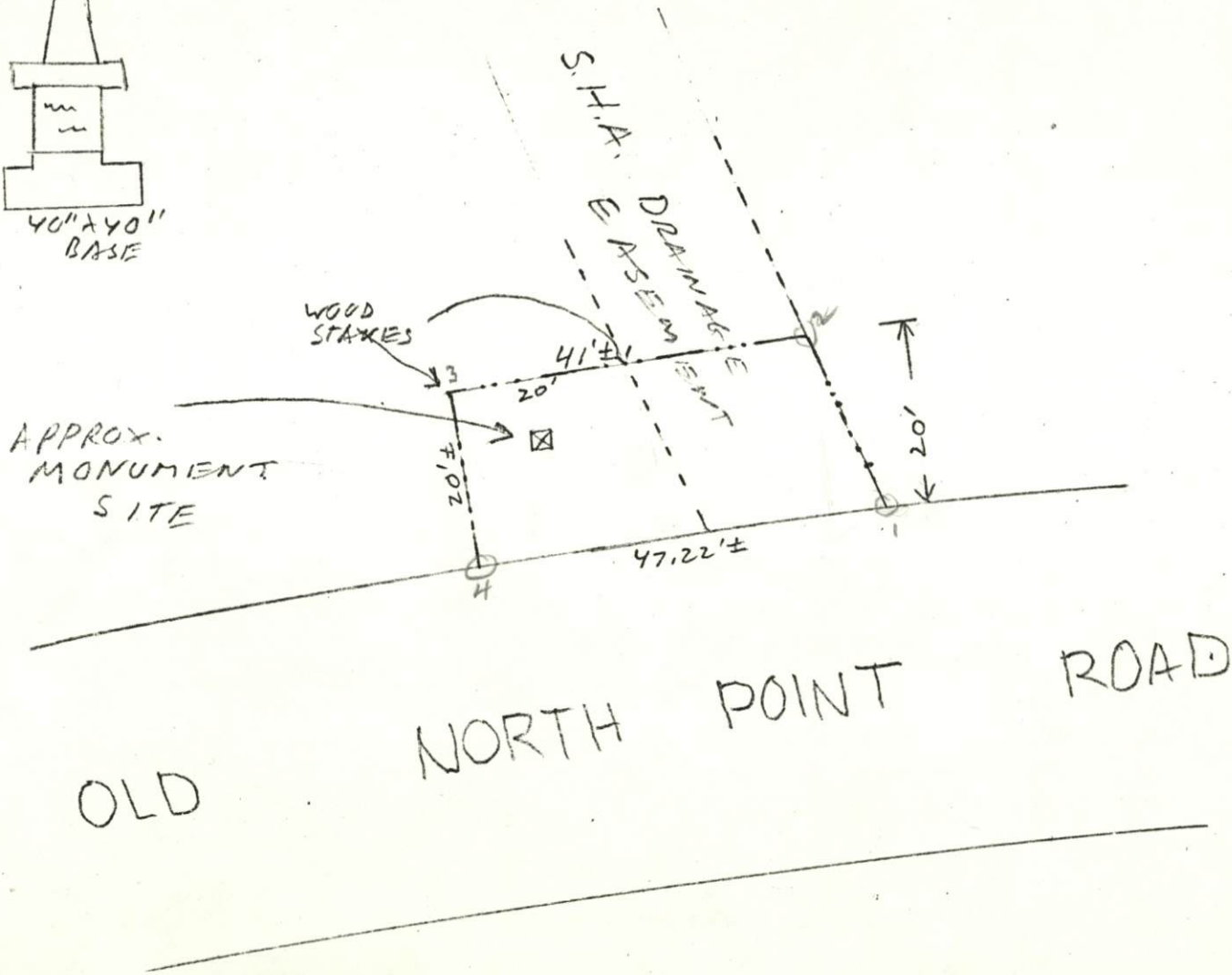
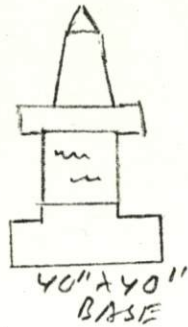
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Md. Historic Arch. #
Pictures at p. 130

1817



MONUMENT
PROFILE -
ALL PARTS
EXCEPT TOP
BELIEVED TO
BE ORIGINAL



McCraw will
pour a concrete base

