

February 2019

The 2018 Annual Report, “A Hot Time in the Old Town,” Baltimore Concert Opera in the ballroom, *The Ghosts of Johns Hopkins*, and Taste & Tour.

Upcoming Events at the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion

February 3 (Sunday): A Hot Time in the Old Town: The Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 (2:00 pm)

February 15 (Tuesday): Taste & Tour (6:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

March 1 (Friday): Baltimore Concert Opera / Artists in Residence. *The Flying Dutchman* by Richard Wagner (7:30 pm) Tickets available through Baltimore Concert Opera.

March 3 (Sunday): Baltimore Concert Opera / Artists in Residence. *The Flying Dutchman* by Richard Wagner (3:00 pm) Tickets available through Baltimore Concert Opera.

March 24 (Sunday): *The Ghosts of Johns Hopkins: The Life and Legacy that Shaped an American City* with author Antero Pietila (2:00 pm)

The Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund invites you to review our 2018 Annual Report.

Learn more about our commitment to the restoration and maintenance of the mansion, one of Baltimore’s architectural treasures.

Thank you to our donors and partners—your support is instrumental to our success!

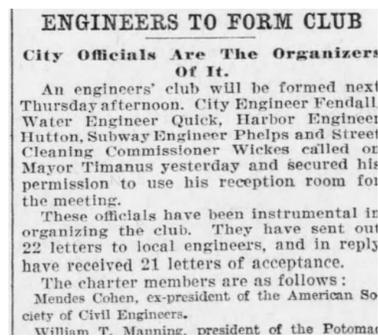


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The Great Baltimore Fire, “Society,” and The Engineers Club

In February of 1904, the social season came to an abrupt halt. “Social Entertainments Discontinued in the Gloom of Disaster,” reported *The Baltimore Sun*, which went on to note that Dr. and Mrs. Henry Barton Jacobs had recalled invitations for two dinners, one of which had been set to entertain 80 people. “In No Mood for Celebrating,” read another headline, noting the festivities for Washington’s Birthday (now Presidents’ Day) were performed on a modest scale. The cause of this disruption was the Great Baltimore Fire, a disaster that began on a Sunday morning and burned for 48 hours, destroying the city’s central district and claiming more than 1,500 buildings on 140 acres.

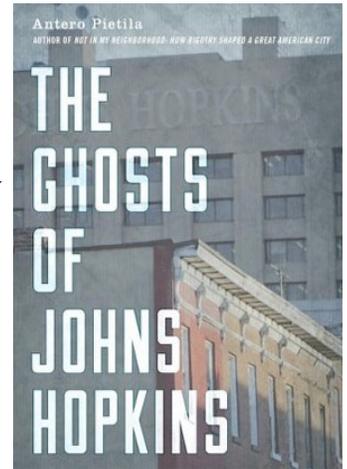
Ironically, the fire that destroyed so much of Baltimore ultimately led to the salvation of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion. In 1905, Alfred Quick, Baltimore’s water engineer, was inspired by the exchange of ideas among his colleagues regarding the fire. In response, he organized The Engineers Club as a place where engineers could meet to discuss ideas and solutions for Baltimore’s infrastructure challenges. In the 1960s, The Engineers Club purchased the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, saving the deteriorating structure from demolition and committing to its restoration and preservation.



Speaker Series:

Antero Pietila Presents *The Ghosts of Johns Hopkins*

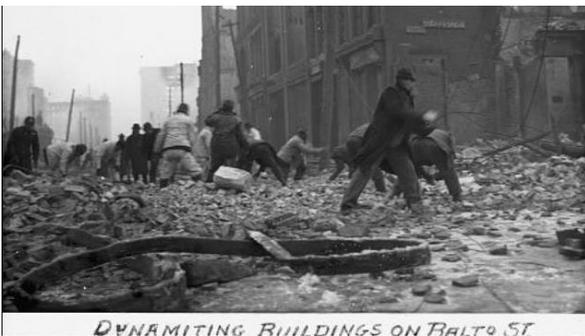
The philanthropist Johns Hopkins has shaped Baltimore perhaps like no other individual, from founding the university and hospital that bear his name to his role in shaping the B&O Railroad and making Baltimore an economic boom town in the 19th century. In a new book, *The Ghosts of Johns Hopkins: The Life and Legacy that Shaped an American City*, Baltimore author Antero Pietila explores how Hopkins and his legacy also impacted the racial patterns and climate of our city. This legacy includes Hopkins personally championing neighborhood clearance efforts in the 1800s to make way for new mercantile buildings to the myriad ways that the Hopkins institutions have impacted city-shaping efforts like urban renewal in the 1950s and revitalization programs today. Join Mr. Pietila as he shares his newest work exploring race and community in Baltimore. Tickets are available at baltimoreheritage.org.



Baltimore Concert Opera Presents *The Flying Dutchman*

Baltimore Concert Opera returns to the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion's ballroom with Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*. Based on Heinrich Heine's retelling of the legend, the opera is the story of a sea captain in a ghostly vessel cursed to sail forever for blasphemy, who can only be redeemed by the love of a faithful woman. Need to eat before the opera? Dine at the mansion with a delicious dinner or brunch buffet. \$43 includes the full buffet, tax, and gratuity. For reservations, menu, and other details, visit www.baltimoreconcertopera.com or call (443) 445-0226.

A Hot Time in the Old Town: The Great Baltimore Fire of 1904



On a cold Sunday in February 1904, a gentleman flicked his cigar butt on the sidewalk in front of Hurst's dry goods store where today's Royal Farms Arena now stands. This everyday act turned catastrophic as one of the glass "eyes" in the sidewalk, meant to bring light into a storage space below, was missing. The still smoldering cigar fell through the open hole and landed on a box of dry goods. The resulting fire burned for more than a day, destroyed over 1,500 buildings, and caused damages in the order of \$100 million (in 1904 dollars). Join Baltimore historian Wayne Schaumburg on February 3 at 2:00 pm as he walks through the great 1904 Baltimore Fire, from the young mayor (35-year-old Robert McClane) who found himself

tasked with battling the fire and launching the city's recovery, to how Thomas O'Neill saved his department store, to how Baltimore got a new cathedral out of it. Get your tickets at baltimoreheritage.org.

Taste & Tour Set for February 15

February is a short month, so be sure to put time aside for our monthly Taste & Tour. Learn about mansion architects Stanford White and John Russell Pope, the Garrett family and their ties with the B&O Railroad, the prized book collection of Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs, and the woman who ties it all together, Mary Frick Garrett Jacobs. Join us Tuesday, February 15, at 6:00 pm for a historical stroll, drink in hand. Purchase your tickets at EventBrite.com (search "Garrett Jacobs").

The Friends of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion is the membership, cultural, and educational arm of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund. Programming offered by the Friends includes tours, lectures, and interpretive and educational activities. Join us as we explore the range and diversity of Baltimore's late 19th and early 20th century history. Visit www.esb.org and select "Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund" for more information.

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