

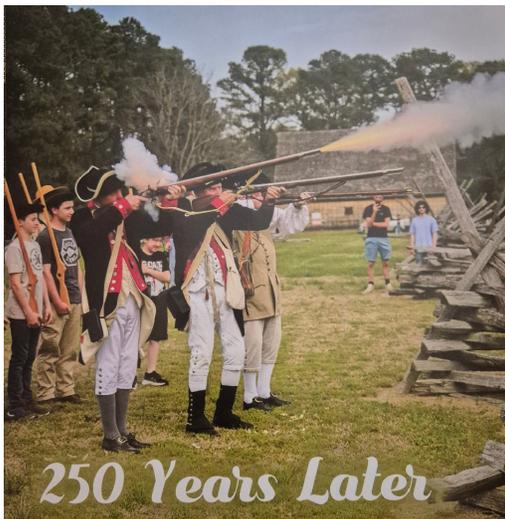
**Sunday, May 3, 2026, 1-3 p.m., the House Tour Season
Opens at Pemberton Hall with Special Programming.**



Pemberton Hall begins our house tour for the 250th year of our national independence with an event that will focus on the July 26, 1775 Declaration of the Association of the Freemen of Maryland. The declaration, signed a year before the Declaration of Independence 1776, asserts that the British government was subverting the rights and freedoms of the American colonists.

This revolutionary proclamation adopted by the Annapolis Convention served as a formal justification for Maryland's decision to join the other colonies in armed resistance against British "tyranny" while simultaneously establishing an interim provincial government. Handy descendants were signatories of this historical document. In response to what they saw as tyrannical acts, the Freemen of Maryland pledged to unite and resist British rule with force if necessary. Signers included Samuel and Levin Handy who along with family members Henry Handy of Pemberton Hall and George Handy of Handy Hall contributed significantly to the patriot cause.

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On May 17, 2026, 1-4 p.m., Pemberton Hall will celebrate the 250th Year of National Independence with an event featuring a Declaration of Independence presentation by Tim Robinson from the Salisbury University History Department, the Dover English Country Dancers, a Liberty Tree Dedication, colonial music, colonial food/ beverages, and colonial reenactor musket firings. Avalai Swinehart will inaugurate the event with a rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.



On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the first Flag Resolution. This resolution officially adopted the "Stars and Stripes" as the national flag.

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Tea Party and Revolutionary Lecture

Join us at Pemberton Hall on Sunday, May 31st from 2 - 4 p.m. for a tea party starting at 2:00 p.m and beginning at 3:00 p.m., a lecture:

Tea, Tea Parties and the Coming of the American Revolution
by Dr. Ray Thompson, Professor Emeritus of History at Salisbury University and Co-founder of the Nabb Research Center.

Seating for the tea party is limited to 30 persons.

Call 856-905-6121 for a reservation.

Donations at the events are appreciated!

