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The Union Mills Homestead and Grist Mill are operated by the Union Mills Homestead Foundation, Inc. for the Carroll County Commissioners.

ANNUAL EVENTS AT THE UNION MILLS HOMESTEAD

Plant and Flower Market — first weekend in May
 Old Fashioned Corn Roast — first Saturday in August
 Christmas Poinsettia and Greens Sale — second weekend in
 December

Membership: Individual \$7.00, Couples \$12.50, Families \$25.00
 Life Membership \$100.00



The Restored 1797 SHRIVER MILL

Union Mills. Md.

Dedication April 29, 1984

UNION MILLS GRIST MILL DEDICATION

It is with great pride that the Union Mills Homestead Foundation welcomes you today to dedicate the restored Grist Mill, which is again grinding grain like it did for our ancestors nearly two hundred years ago. Mills such as this one played a significant role in the development of Carroll County as well as in the growth and prosperity of our state and nation. We are especially pleased that this dedication occurs as part of the 350th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the State of Maryland.

In 1797, Andrew and David Shriver purchased a tract of land along Big Pipe Creek. To construct the three-story Grist Mill, they hired Jacob Keefer and John Eckart to mold and burn a kiln of bricks on the property to provide 100,000 bricks for the structure. They also contracted with local millwright John Mong to construct and install the mill machinery. Mong used the recent innovations for milling designed by the famous inventor Oliver Evans that provided for a more efficient mill operation. While the mill was being built, the Shrivvers had carpenter Henry Kohlstock construct a six-room double house for their residence.

Throughout the nineteenth century, the Shriver family's enterprises prospered and expanded. A miller's house, sawmill, cooper's shop, blacksmith's shop, and tannery were added to create a small industrial complex. The house evolved into a twenty-three room structure that served the surrounding community known as Union Mills in a variety of functions including a post office, school, general store, and inn.

Many other historical events contribute to the rich heritage of the Union Mills Homestead. Famous Americans such as author Washington Irving and naturalist John James Audubon visited when the house was an inn. Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney and "The Star-Spangled Banner" author Francis Scott Key spoke from the balcony of the house during local political rallies. Just prior to the Battle of Gettysburg, General J.E.B. Stuart's Confederate Calvary and General James Barnes' Union Infantry camped here, arriving and departing a few hours apart.

In capturing this history, the Union Mills Homestead presents a way of life that depicts the gradual changes in our country's development as viewed through the six generations of the Shriver family that lived and worked here. We hope that you enjoy your visit with us and that you are able to return again to share the many insights into history found in our museum complex.

PROGRAM

Beginning 2 P.M.

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| Concert..... | <i>Westminster Municipal Band</i> |
| Invocation..... | <i>Rev. Julian E. Hall, Pastor St. Mary's United Church of Christ</i> |
| Introduction of Guests | |
| Recollections..... | <i>John Ti Hanson</i> |
| Remarks | |
| Presentations: | |
| <i>J. Rodney Little.....</i> | <i>American Association of State and Local History</i> |
| <i>George M. Shriver, III.....</i> | <i>President, Union Mills Homestead Foundation</i> |
| Blessing of the Mill..... | <i>Rev. Roland Reis, Pastor St. Mary's Lutheran Church</i> |
| Participating Units..... | <i>Kiltie Band of York Grand Armies of the Reunion, Inc.</i> |