



# The Mansion Review

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What an incredible first year it has been! The Friends of the Perry Hall Mansion have grown in numbers and support. As we have become more determined in our efforts to raise awareness and promote this historic gem, we have relished in such great community response, particularly at the Perry Hall Town Fair! We participated in the Perry Hall Halloween Parade, visited and informed other community organizations, and offered tours and living history experiences; in addition, we now offer note cards, ornaments, and a booklet on the Mansion's History for purchase. We are working to improve our membership meetings, provide more learning and involvement opportunities, and additional fundraising efforts. Please refer often to our website: [www.perryhallmansion.org](http://www.perryhallmansion.org) to see the updates and opportunities with the Perry Hall Mansion. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to the great opportunities and improvements for the upcoming year.

## First Interior Tour of the Mansion

Over seventy people took part in the first ever tour of the interior of Perry Hall Mansion. This event, sponsored by the Friends of Perry Hall Mansion and the Maryland Historical Society, offered attendees the chance to learn about the colonial home of Harry Dorsey Gough, founder of Perry Hall. The tour was the first of the Maryland Historical Society's 2008 Historic House Lecture and Tour Series, which occurs throughout October.

Costumed re-enactors playing the parts of Harry Dorsey Gough and Prudence Gough led the tour of the Mansion, which is undergoing restoration. During the tour, the Friends of Perry Hall Mansion, unveiled an antique French gothic-style mantle clock that was presented as a wedding gift to a Gough descendent in 1899 and that traveled to Perry Hall from Birmingham, England late September. Also on display during the tour were several items originally belonging to Harry Dorsey Gough, as well as findings from this summer's archaeological assessment on the Mansion grounds.



"Prudence and Harry Gough"

## SPRING & SUMMER

There has been a great deal of momentum associated with the historic residence of Perry Hall founder Harry Dorsey Gough, during the spring and summer of 2008. For instance, the Friends of Perry Hall Mansion – an organization that exists so as to manage and maintain this historic property – have coordinated both exterior and interior maintenance projects. The exterior clean-up resulted in the removal of nearly 4 tons of brush and yard waste!

On other fronts, the Friends have successfully begun the first phase of an archaeological exploration of the Mansion and grounds. The Friends have entered into a partnership with local historic preservationist Mr. William Knauer, who is presently engaged in a magnetometer sweep of the approximately four acres of property surrounding the historic mansion. This surface sweep is to determine the areas where specific artifacts appear to be clustered. A number of historically significant finds have already been made, and have been -- and will continue to be -- on display at various community events.

In addition, the Friends had a strong presence at this summer's Perry Hall Town Fair. Original Mansion occupants Harry Dorsey and Prudence Gough (or at least re-enactors dressed for the part) shared the wonderful legacy of this historic home with fair attendees. Also, a charity raffle was held, with the prize being a print of one of artist Francis Guy's 1803 paintings of the Mansion.



Interior View of the Great Hall of the Perry Hall Mansion

## INTERIOR WORK TO BEGIN

After completing extensive consultations with Baltimore County Government, the Friends are pleased to announce that the first phase of the interior renovation of the Mansion is scheduled to begin, prior to the end of 2008, and concluding by about June 2009. Work to be done includes the complete replacement of all electrical wiring, plumbing and fixtures, and the installation of a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system.



Grounds Clean up Volunteers on the Mansion Steps

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