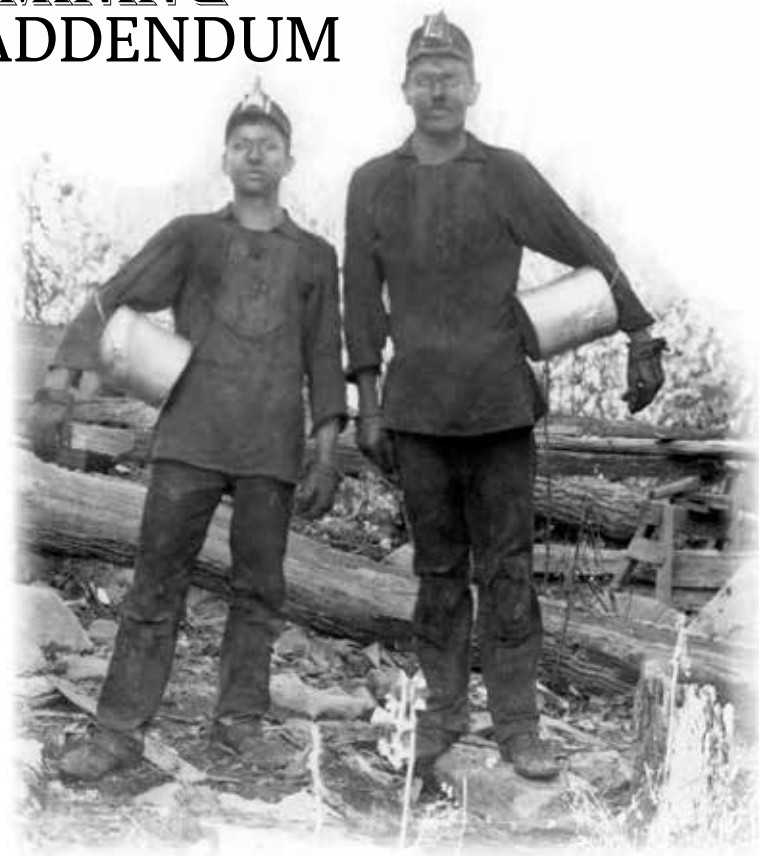


# UNDERGROUND COAL MINING

## In Western Maryland ADDENDUM

**Editor's Note:** In our Fall/Winter 2018 Mountain Discoveries, we featured an extensive history of coal mining in Western Maryland. Near the end of the article, it mentions how the coal miners contributed the money needed to purchase land for Frostburg's Normal School #2 (the beginning of Frostburg State University). The names of the miners and others who contributed were listed in the *Frostburg Mining Journal*, January 7, 1899. We thought it fitting to list their names and donations here — you may notice a relative or two!



### Normal School Site Fund

In the final session of the Maryland Legislature in 1898 a general appropriations bill was passed which included a last-minute amendment providing \$10,000 for the construction of Normal School #2 at Frostburg, on the condition that the town contribute an appropriate site for the building.

Of the thirteen lots suggested for the school, the Governor's task force chose Beall's park, a three-acre area bounded by Loo Street on the north, Oak Street on the south, and unnamed alleys on the east and west. The Beall family agreed to accept \$2,000 for the land, but the Mayor and Council, when approached by the volunteer Normal School Committee, refused to make the initial contribution to the School Fund, saying that, since the merchants of the town would be the beneficiaries of the new enterprise, they should underwrite the costs. The committee, instead, went directly to the ordinary citizens, soliciting contributions from the miners as they received their pay. The small individual amounts, carefully noted with the names of the donors, and supplemented later by gifts from business and professional men, quickly added up to the required \$2,000, with enough left over to pay expenses and to refund part of the City Council's tardy donation. This list was published in the *Frostburg Mining Journal*, January 7, 1899. A copy of the newspaper was placed in the cornerstone box of Old Main.

This plaque is a record of the contributions of Frostburg's citizens in 1898 and a memorial to those who are the true founding fathers of Frostburg State College.

— Mary Elizabeth H. VanNewkirk

Western Maryland's coal mining heritage has been the focus of the **Foundation for Frostburg's Coal Miner Memorial Statue Fund**. The statue and landscaped park will be located between Frostburg's C&P Depot and the Allegheny Highlands Trail. Tax deductible donations are gratefully accepted: **The Foundation for Frostburg CMMSF, P.O. Box 765, Frostburg, MD 21532.**

#### Ocean No. 7 Lord

Thomas Allen	.25	John Ewing	.25
George Anderson	.25	William Ewing	.25
John Anderson	.25	Christian Festerman	.25
Wesley Anderson	.25	Thomas Fitzpatrick	.25
William Angwin	\$1.00	James Fleming	.25
Charles Baker	.25	Stephen Gadra	.25
Frank Baker	.25	John S. George	.25
Jacob Boettner	.25	Reese George	.25
Thomas Boyce	.50	Frank Getson	.50
W. F. Braithwood	.50	Thomas Gruber	.50
Patrick Brennen	.50	Benjamin Gwinn	.25
William Bretsco	.50	David Gwinn	.25
Andrew Brode	.25	William Hamilton	.50
George Brode	.25	Harry Hammers	.25
Stephen Budie	.25	William Hanson	.25
James Campbell	.25	W. E. Harris	.50
John Campbell	.50	Jacob Hoblitzell	.25
Thomas M. Campbell	.25	James Howie	\$1.00
Joseph Cesnyk	.25	Charles Humbertston	.50
C. E. Cheney	.25	David J. Jones	.25
J. W. Cherry	.25	Thomas H. Jones	.25
Harry Clise & Son	.50	William Kane	.25
Isthan Conner	.25	Peter Kelly	.25
John J. Corrigan	.25	James Kenny	.25
William Cronin	\$1.00	Thomas Kenny	.25
Patrick Cullen	.25	James Kight	.25
Joseph Cutter	.50	Thomas Kirk	.25
Grant Dawson	.25	William Kirk	.25
Harry Deck	.25	George Kroyer	.50
Christopher Dick	.25	D. J. Krapf	.25
Nataniel Dunn	.50	Jacob Lashbaugh	.50
John H. Dunston	.50	William Lashbaugh	.50
Charles Edwards	.25	Charles Lehr	.50
		John Lenignel	.50
		Edmund Lewis	.50
		Lewis Lewis	.25





Charles Kinney	.25
George Knieriem	.25
Peter Knieriem	.50
Charles E. Lewis	.25
Theophilus Morgan	.25
John C. Ort	.50
David Phillips	.25
John Phillips	.25
John Phillips, of G.	.25
William Philpot	.25
James Pollock	.25
James Pollock, Jr.	.25
Scott Robb	.25
John Roberts	.25
Henry Spitznos, of C.	.50
William Taylor	.25
James Tennant	.50
Thomas M. Thomas	.50
Enoch Wade	.75
John Wade	.50
John E. Wade	.50
Samuel Watson	.50
Thomas W. Williams	.50
Frank Willitts	\$2.00
Thomas Willitts	.50
Dorie Wilson	.25
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**Frostburg**

Annand & Beall	\$1.00
R. Annan	\$2.00
Anonymous	.50
Anonymous	.50
Evan Arthur	\$2.00
James Aspinall	\$5.50
Arthur Baker	\$5.00
John H. Bath	\$5.50
Frank C. Beall	\$101.00
Joseph Bear	\$56.20
John N. Benson	\$1.00
J. Harry Bepler	\$5.50
Charles F. Betz	\$11.00
Daniel J. Betz	\$15.50
Edward L. Betz	\$5.50
Lewis W. Boettner	\$1.00
Bowen Bros.	\$5.50
Samuel Bowen	\$10.00
R. E. Boyns	\$10.50
Rev. Charles A. Britt	\$5.00
C. D. Brode	\$2.00
James Brown	\$1.00
Miss Clara Campbell	\$1.00
John N. Carson	\$1.00
John Chambers	\$16.00
Citizens National Bank	\$50.00
William Clark	\$1.25
Rev. S. J. Clarke	\$25.00
Harry B. Colborn	\$10.50
Lewis J. Coleman	\$2.00
Consolidation Coal company and Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad company	\$200.00
Henry F. Cook	\$1.00
J. W. Craig	\$1.50
James Dando	\$1.00
John Daniel	\$2.00
John Davis	\$1.00
Patrick Davis	\$1.00
Thomas G. Dillon	\$10.50
Division 7, A.O.H.	\$50.00
Mrs. Ann Donohue	\$5.00
Edward Dufty	\$5.50

William Dufty	.50
Silas Duggan	.25
Durst & Slick	.25
Upton Edwards	.50
Henry Eisel, Jr.	\$1.00
Eisenberg & Stern	\$5.50
Owen England	\$2.00
William Engle	\$10.50
_____ Eubank	.25
Horace G. Evans	\$2.00
John W. Evans	.25
John Farraday	\$1.00
First National Bank	\$50.00
Fisher Bros.	\$11.50
Freedom Council 123, Jr. O.U.A.M.	\$10.00
Otto Frey	\$5.00
Frostburg City Lodge 88, K. of P.	\$10.00
Frostburg Cycle Club	\$65.00
Frostburg Illuminating & Manufacturing Co.	\$25.00
Fuller Bros.	\$10.00
Gehauf & Mayer	\$11.00
Rev. D. W. Griffin	.25
Dr. Timothy Griffith	\$26.00
Edward Gross	\$1.00
Madison Gunnett	\$5.00
James Hanson	\$5.00
John Hartig	\$5.00
William Harvey	\$2.00
Rev. A. C. Haverstick	\$5.50
S. Graff Haverstick	\$1.00
Rev. C. A. Hauser	\$4.00
Hay & Fersner	\$10.00
Thomas Hill	\$5.00
William G. Hiller	\$16.00
W. E. G. Hitchins	\$1.00
W. E. G. Hitchins & Co.	\$25.00
The Hitchins Bro's. Co.	\$103.00
G. Dud. Hocking	\$3.00
G. H. Hocking & Sons	\$5.50
Nickolas T. Hocking	.25
Otto Hohing	.50
Dr. C. C. Jacobs	\$10.00
Thomas James	\$1.00
Orville Jarrett	.25
Alfred Jeffries	\$1.00
Charles Jeffries	\$1.00
Samuel Jeffries	\$5.25
William H. Jeffries	\$1.00
Benjamin Jenkins	\$1.00
Thomas Jenkins	\$2.50
Toy Jim	\$1.00
George Jones	\$5.50
Knights of Malta	\$25.00
Henry Lammert	\$1.00
Peter Lammert	\$6.00
William Lewis	\$1.00
Samuel Mansbach	.50
R. P. Mason	\$2.00
Joe L. Marx	\$5.00
Mrs. E. Mayer	\$10.00
Mayor and Council	\$250.00
G. A. Mays	\$10.50
John McAllister	\$1.00
McGann & Thompson	\$5.25
Dr. W. Oliver McLane	\$10.00
William McLuckie, Sr.	\$3.00
D. F. McMullen & Co.	\$26.00
George D. McNeill	\$5.00
L. N. Meadows & Co.	\$15.00
John S. Metzger	\$3.50
John G. Merrbach	\$2.00
Michael & Burton	.50

Mining Journal	\$25.00
Mountain City Council 11, Jr. O.U.A.M.	\$10.00
Mountain Lodge, 99, A., F. and A.M.	\$20.00
Henry K. Neff	\$2.75
George C. Neville	\$5.00
C. F. Nickel	\$10.00
William E. Noel	\$1.25
John H. Odgers	\$10.50
Conrad Ort	\$5.00
P. O'Rourke	\$2.00
Mrs. P. O'Rourke	\$2.00
A. F. Parker	\$5.50
W. T. Parker	\$10.00
George E. Pearce	\$5.00
G. K. Pearce Drug Co.	\$16.00
John L. Porter	\$5.00
John Pressman	\$2.00
Dr. A. B. Price	\$11.00
D. D. Price	\$5.00
J. M. Price	\$5.00
Owen Price	\$5.00
Thomas J. Price	\$5.00
E. B. Pritchard	\$1.00
E. H. B. Pritchard	\$5.00
Alexander Rankin	\$2.00
John T. Ravenscroft	\$3.00
Alexander T. Reckner	\$5.00
W. B. Redgrave	\$10.00
Dr. L. L. Ritter	\$10.50
William Rodda	\$1.00
St. Mary's Beneficial Society	\$25.00
Robert A. Scott	\$1.00
Frank Schaub	\$1.50
Henry N. Schneider	\$8.50
B. T. Schofield & Sons	\$1.00
H. B. Shaffer Co.	\$25.50
J. W. Shea	\$1.00
Thomas Shea	\$2.50
Capt. John Sheridan	\$20.00
Hop Sing	\$1.00
Alexander Smith	\$2.25
Arthur F. Smith	\$2.00
Mrs. D. T. Smith	.50
Dr. G. A. Smith	\$5.00
Hugh Spier	.50
Walter B. Spill	\$2.00
Louis Stanton	\$10.75
Robert Tennant	\$5.00

Mrs. C. W. Thomas	\$1.00
George Thomas	\$5.00
William Thomas	\$5.00
C. O. Towles	\$11.00
George G. Townsend	\$25.50
Mrs. M. E. Townsend	\$25.00
J. N. Trussell	\$10.00
M. Tuvin	\$5.25
Christian Vogtman	\$2.25
Charles H. Wade	\$3.00
John A. Wagner	.50
Charles H. Walker	\$5.00
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Frank Watts	\$5.50
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N. Wetmore	\$1.00
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D. J. Williams	\$5.25
Henry Williams	\$25.50
J. B. Williams Co.	\$10.00
John B. Williams	\$5.00
Willison Bros.	\$25.00
J. C. Wilson & Son	\$2.00
Marx Wineland	\$41.00
G. H. Wittig & Sons	\$26.00
L. W. Wood	\$2.00
Charles C. Wright	\$2.00
John B. Wright	.50
W. C. Wright	.50
Young Bros.	\$1.00
Melchoir Yungerman	\$2.50
G. W. Zeller	\$5.50
J. C. Zilk	.25
J. M. Zimmerly	.50
Conrad Zinken	\$3.00
<hr/> Aggregate	<hr/> \$2,099.70

**GRAND SUMMARY**

<b>Lord</b>	\$57.50
<b>Carlos</b>	\$52.75
<b>Eckhart</b>	\$69.50
<b>Ocean</b>	\$108.50
<b>Borden</b>	\$22.00
<b>Frostburg</b>	\$2,099.70
<hr/> <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<hr/> <b>\$2,409.95</b>



"Old Main," which housed classrooms and a library, was the first campus building at State Normal School No. 2. Photos courtesy Frostburg State University