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We are grateful for those who share our belief that preserving the past is essential to inspiring and educating future generations. By becoming a member, you—along with your family and friends—can help us continue this meaningful work. Your support makes a lasting difference. Membership lasts for one calendar year and qualifies as a tax-deductible contribution.

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Please check a membership donation box and return this form with your check to:

**Rural Life Museum of Trappe, MD, Inc.
29241 Backtown RD / Trappe, MD 21673**

**We also appreciate donations of
time and talent.**

The Rural Life Museum of Trappe, MD, Inc. is designated as a 501 (c) (3) charity and gifts are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law. A copy of our financial statement is available or by writing to The Rural Life Museum at 29241 Backtown Rd, Trappe, MD 21673. Information about the Rural Life Museum of Trappe, Md., Inc. submitted under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act can be obtained for the cost of copies and postage from the Office of the Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Progress

Defender House (c.1815) acquired 2007



**Carriage House (c.1900) acquired 2007
Slaughter Smokehouse (c.1890) acquired 2011**



Scale House (c.1920) acquired 2008



In person



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Please Come Visit!

Open 1st & 2nd Saturdays April thru
November, for events & by appointment
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“Building Our Future by Preserving Our Past”

The Town of Trappe is a small village, traditionally of 300-400 residents, but the surrounding area has always been “Trappe” as well. To be from “Trappe” means you are from the lower third of Talbot County. This small town has always been a crossroads in the south of the county, not exactly waterfront but many acres of tillable land. While the town itself is not waterfront, the rest of Trappe is surrounded on three sides by the Choptank River and Island Creek. Trappe has been a farm rich area for growing tobacco, tomatoes, corn, soybeans, wheat and other seasonal vegetables. Farms along the river have aided in the selling and shipping of these crops. Trappe has produced/been home to several notable folks: Franklin “Home Run” Baker, John Dickenson, Robert Mitchum, Brigadier General John S.D. Eisenhower, Uncle “Nace” Hopkins, Samuel Stevens, and Daniel Martin.

On April 9, 2006, twenty-seven residents of Trappe gathered to explore the idea of creating a rural life museum. Their mission

Fox Hall, Inc. donated the land and house that now make up the Museum grounds. The other buildings were donated by the Slaughter and Adams families from the outlying area as the opportunity arose.

Our mission statement: “To preserve, share, and celebrate the rich heritage of Trappe, Maryland.” is something we take to heart. We celebrate the accomplishments of remarkable individuals such as “Nace” Hopkins, a former slave who served in the Union Army and went on to help establish a school for African American children, helped found Scotts Church and began the Emancipation Day Celebration in 1867 that continues to this day. We also honor Franklin “Home Run” Baker, a hero of baseball’s dead-ball era who earned a place in the Hall of Fame; two of Maryland’s Governors and the many “ordinary” citizens whose everyday contributions make our community extraordinary.

Our progress has been inspiring, but our continued success relies on the support of our community to be members, directors, volunteers, and friends like you. Everyone has a role to play!

Donate: Time or artifacts - loaned or gifts

Volunteer: So much to do, every little bit helps

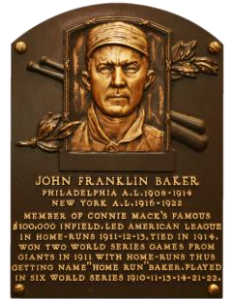
The Old Trappe High School Clock

-- crafted by IBM’s predecessor and once responsible for ringing the school bells—is now a standout piece in our collection. This generous gift from the Trappe High School Alumni has been beautifully restored, thanks to the precision of master clocksmith Robert Croswell and the fine woodworking of Perry Dobson and Brian Beecher.

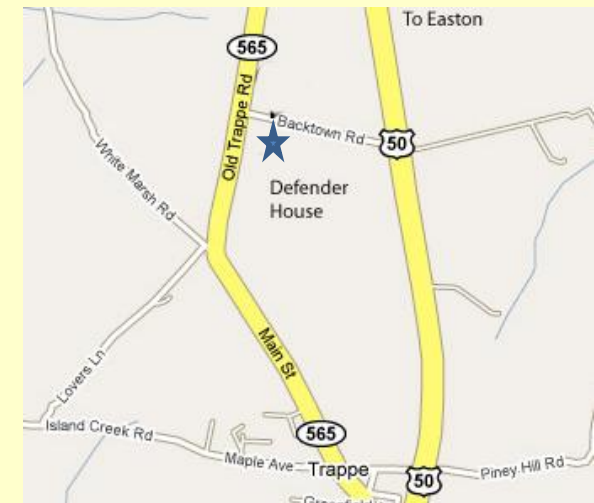


We love to showcase the stories of local legends, including “Nace”

Hopkins and Franklin “Home Run” Baker.



Please note that the grounds of the Rural Life Museum may present challenges for visitors with mobility concerns.



On Saturday, November 5, 2011, a proud gathering marked the first raising of the American, Maryland, and Talbot County flags at the Rural Life Museum.