

# REMEMBRANCE JOURNEY

## THE LYNCHING OF MR. GEORGE PECK • JANUARY 10, 1880

### BEALLSVILLE

- 1** Mr. Peck was a longtime resident of the area.
- 2** Employed by storekeeper Lemuel Beall
- 3** Alleged attack on young white girl, Ada Hayes
- 4** Mr. Peck captured
- 5** Monocacy Cemetery—graves of 10 members of jury of inquest



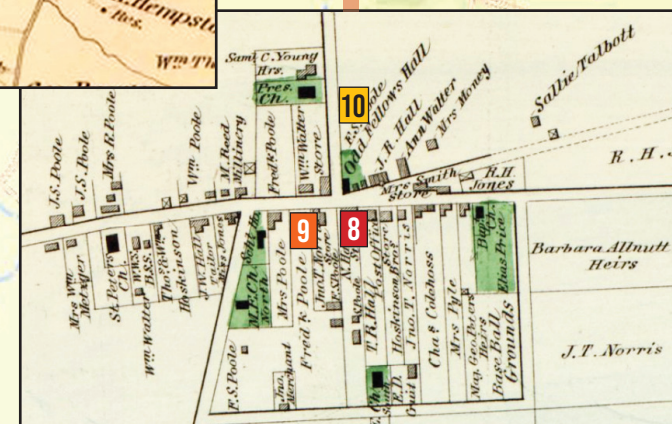
### ALONG THE ROAD

- 6** Mr. Peck, handcuffed and chained, taken 2-½ miles to Poolesville
- 7** In 1880, these large farms and former plantations were growing, milling and trading wheat and corn using both Black and white laborers.



### POOLESVILLE

- 8** Mr. Peck held in the Odd Fellows Hall (the county jail in Rockville was too far)
- 9** Constable takes Mr. Peck to Walter's Store. A mob storms the store and seizes Mr. Peck.
- 10** Mr. Peck lynched from a locust tree across from Poolesville Presbyterian Church. Mr. Peck's body was left hanging until time for church the next morning, when it was cut down and buried in a field.



### ELIJAH'S REST, JERUSALEM, JONESVILLE

- 11** A few days later, Mr. Peck's body was "exhumed by colored people and buried in their churchyard near the village."\* Probably Elijah Methodist Church. [\*"Lynch Law in Maryland," *The Baltimore Sun*, January 13, 1880.]

The people of Jerusalem and Jonesville (along with Big Woods) were perhaps the people who knew Mr. Peck best. The vibrancy and strength of Black communities around Poolesville circa 1880 demonstrate African Americans moving from a life as property to owning property and supporting their families.

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