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**County Library's Wilfong Architectural Photos
Now Available through Digital Maryland**

Hyattsville, MD – The Maryland Room of the Hyattsville Branch Library is the proud curator of the *James Chester Wilfong, Jr. Architectural Photographs Collection*. The collection is now digitized and available through [Digital Maryland](#). The collection includes 169 photos of old houses, slave quarters, taverns, a hospital, churches, mansions and other dwellings built between the early 17th and mid-20th centuries. Photographer James Wilfong is believed to have taken the photographs between 1921 and 1987. Wilfong's fascination with old houses, not only included photography, but regular columns in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* on the subject. He also served as president of the Prince George's County Historical Society. (Source: [Digital Maryland / Enoch Pratt Free Library / State Library Resource Center](#).)

The Maryland Room houses more than 8,000 contemporary and historical items, including microfilms, clippings, maps, books, magazines, pamphlets and newspapers about Maryland and Prince George's County in particular. The Hyattsville Branch is one of the 19 branches of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS). The Maryland Room is one of PGCMLS' special collection rooms. Other rooms are the [Sojourner Truth Room](#) and the [Tugwell Room](#).

About The Prince George's County Memorial Library System

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Early literacy and skills development Library resources include: Ready 2 Read Centers, ABCmouse, AWE Early Literacy Stations, Beanstack, Lynda.com and Brainfuse's JobNow. Enjoy STEM activities such as STEM-tastics, STEM for Families, Crazy 8s Math Clubs, Minecraft, 3D printing, Makerspaces, DREAM (Digital Resources for Electronic Applications in Media) lab and more. Other educational and fun digital offerings are: OverDrive, Inc., FastPencil, hoopla digital, Freegal and Zinio. All these services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Try out our new PGCMLS app too! Storytimes, Read to Rover, Meet the Author, Teen Advisory Board (TAB), Chess Clubs, MAC: Manga and Anime Clubs are just a few of our many free library events for various ages. For additional information, please visit our website at www.pgcmls.info.

About Digital Maryland

Digital Maryland (previously Maryland Digital Cultural Heritage or MDCH), is a collaborative, statewide digitization program headquartered at the Enoch Pratt Free Library/State Library Resource Center in Baltimore. Its mission is to facilitate the digitization and digital exhibition of the historical and cultural documents, images, audio and video held by Maryland institutions.

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