

PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 30, 2011

Union Mills, Maryland – Andrew Keiser Shriver and his wife, Catherine Shriver, are pleased to announce that they will be making a major announcement to members of the media on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 12 noon, at the Union Mills Homestead, 3311 Littlestown Pike, Union Mills, Maryland. Union Mills is located 7 miles north of Westminster, between Westminster and Littlestown, PA.

Mr. and Mrs. Shriver will be joined by several important senior officers of the Union and Confederate Armies. Members of the First Maryland Cavalry, a Confederate Unit, will also be in attendance. The Shrivens and the military officers will reminisce about events in Carroll County, including the events at the Shriver Homestead, during the Summer of 1863 leading up to the Battle of Gettysburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Shriver, members of their family, and the military officers will be available for interview. Descendents of the Shrivens, and descendents of Mr. Shriver's brother, William, will also be available to speak to the media. Also present will be the Commissioners of Carroll County, members of the Board of Governors of the Unions Mills Homestead Foundation, and members of the Corbit's Charge Commemorative Committee.

Andrew Keiser Shriver was born at Union Mills in 1802, the fifth son of Andrew Shriver, who founded the Homestead in 1797. In the division of his father's estate, Andrew Keiser Shriver received the Homestead and the tannery on the property. His brother, William, received the mill on the property and built a home for himself across the street from the Homestead. William Shriver sympathized with the southern cause during the Civil War, while his brother Andrew Keiser Shriver remained a Union man. Sons of these two brothers served on opposite sides in the Civil War.

Leading up to, and during, what became known as the Battle of Gettysburg, Carroll County was a thoroughfare for a large number of military units, and the County played a key part in the Union Army's defenses against the Confederate invasion of the North. A number of significant events occurred in the County, including a Cavalry skirmish in Westminster on June 29, 1863 and the near miss of the Confederate and Union Armies at Union Mills, where Southern and Northern forces encamped on successive nights. General Barnes, Commander of the First Division, Fifth Corps of the Army of the Potomac, established his headquarters at the Shriver Homestead of Andrew Keiser Shriver and his family on the evening of June 30, 1863.

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