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SLAVE QUARTER DISCOVERY IN MARYLAND TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE JARRETTSVILLE LIBRARY

(Belcamp, Maryland – November 4, 2015) Jarrettsville Library will host Dr. Julie M. Schablitsky, Chief Archaeologist at the Cultural Resources Section of the Maryland State Highway Administration on Thursday, November 12th who will discuss the find of a slave quarter in Anne Arundel County.

In 2014, Maryland archaeologists discovered the buried remains of a large, stone and brick slave quarter on the site of an 18th-century plantation in Crownsville. Built by Francis Scott Key's great uncle, Dr. Upton Scott, this building housed at least one dozen enslaved African Americans between the 1780s and 1864. Thousands of artifacts collected from around and within the building revealed what they ate, how they dressed, and who they served. The intact foundation, hearths, and brick flooring demonstrated a unique construction style not commonly found in Chesapeake slave quarters. Schablitsky will provide a history of the site, an overview on the current archaeological dig and some artifacts that were unearthed.

The program begins at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact the Jarrettsville Library at 410 692 7887.

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Photo caption #1: Belvoir Slave Quarter in Anne Arundel County.