

# Heroes Among Us

Throughout history, heroes have made Frederick County their home.  
(See attached list)

From the first settlers to today, we can be grateful for our hometown heroes.

All around us nurses, EMTs, Ft. Detrick scientists, and other essential employees are on the frontlines of our fight against Covid-19.

## Who's your Hero?

Tells us about your Frederick County hero, past or present!

## Take a Selfie

Write the name of your favorite hero with a brief identity.

## Tag us

We will share your pic on  
HF Facebook and Instagram pages!

Let's get

**#FrederickHeroes**  
started  
**NOW!**

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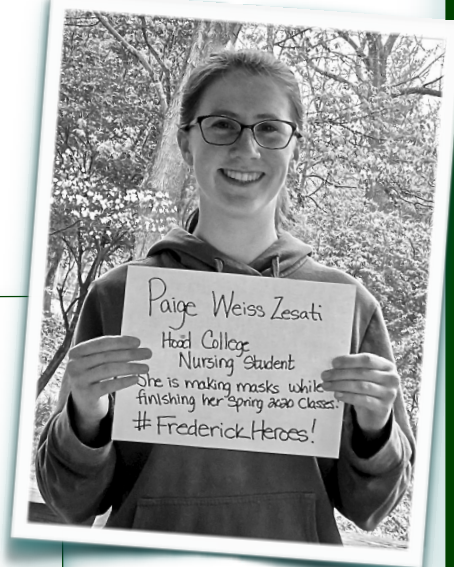
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# Frederick *Heroes*



**John Thomas Schley**

**John Thomas Schley** (1712-1790) was a schoolmaster and musician. He emigrated from Germany around 1745 and built the first house in Frederick, making him one of Frederick's first settlers.

**John Hanson** (1721-1783) was one of Frederick County's leading Patriots, rejecting colonial rule under Great Britain. In 1781 he was elected a first president of the Continental Congress (also called President of the United States if Congress



**John Hanson**

assembled). For this reason some historians call him the first President of the U.S.

**Thomas Johnson** (1732-1819) was the first non-colonial governor of Maryland. He and his brothers supported America's Revolutionary War by manufacturing ammunition.

**Barbara Fritchie** (1766-1862) was made famous in the popular poem, *Barbara Fritche*, by John Greenleaf Whittier, that told the story of Fritchie's



**Thomas Johnson**



**Barbara Fritchie**

defiance in the face of Confederate troops when they marched past her house during the Civil War.

**Elizabeth Ann Seton** (1774-1821) was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint", in 197). She established St. Joseph's Academy in Emmitsburg, MD, the first free Roman Catholic School in the U.S. She also established the first congregation of nuns in the U.S.



**Elizabeth Ann Seton**



**Francis Scott Key**

**Francis Scott Key** (1779-1843) wrote the lyrics (words) to what became our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," in 1814.

**Clara Barton** (1821-1912) risked her life bringing supplies and support to soldiers during the Civil War. She founded the American Red Cross.

**Margaret Hood** (1833-1913) supported many causes, including her donation and bequest to support and rename Hood College.



**Clara Barton**



**Margaret Hood**

**Claire McCardell** (1905-1958) was a pioneer in the world of fashion. In an age where designers were mostly men, she offered comfort and style to women and still influences designers around the world today.

**William O. Lee, Jr.** (1928-2004) was an African American teacher and civil rights activist. He taught Physical Education at Lincoln High School when African Americans were denied equal access and



**Claire McCardell**

service. He later taught at West Frederick Jr. High, where he became its principal. He served as Frederick City Alderman, (1986-1994). Lee received awards for being a dedicated and innovative leader who worked in the best interests of students, faculty, parents, and the citizens of Frederick County, especially the disadvantaged or homeless.



**William O. Lee, Jr.**