Storm Debris from Monocacy Dislodges White’s Ferry

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Heavy debris from the recent stormy weather flowing from the mouth of the Monocacy River into the Potomac began to accumulate near White’s Ferry in the late morning of December 2. The ferry employees were busy removing the branches and logs when a large log, estimated to be nearly three feet in diameter, brushed up against the side of the ferry boat at roughly 10:45 a.m., dislodging it from its cable.

The ferry momentarily drifted downstream before the crew, using its motor boat, was able to secure the ferry near the Maryland shore about one and fifty hundred yards from the dock. Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department water rescue was dispatched to the scene and assisted White’s Ferry personnel in removing all fourteen passengers to the shore. It was nearly 3:00 p.m. before the last person on the ferry made it to the shore and joined the rest of the passengers in the shelter of the ferry store.

It wasn’t until early evening before all the cars were removed and the passengers were on their way. Volunteer Fire Chief Earl Moore reported that there were no injuries.