

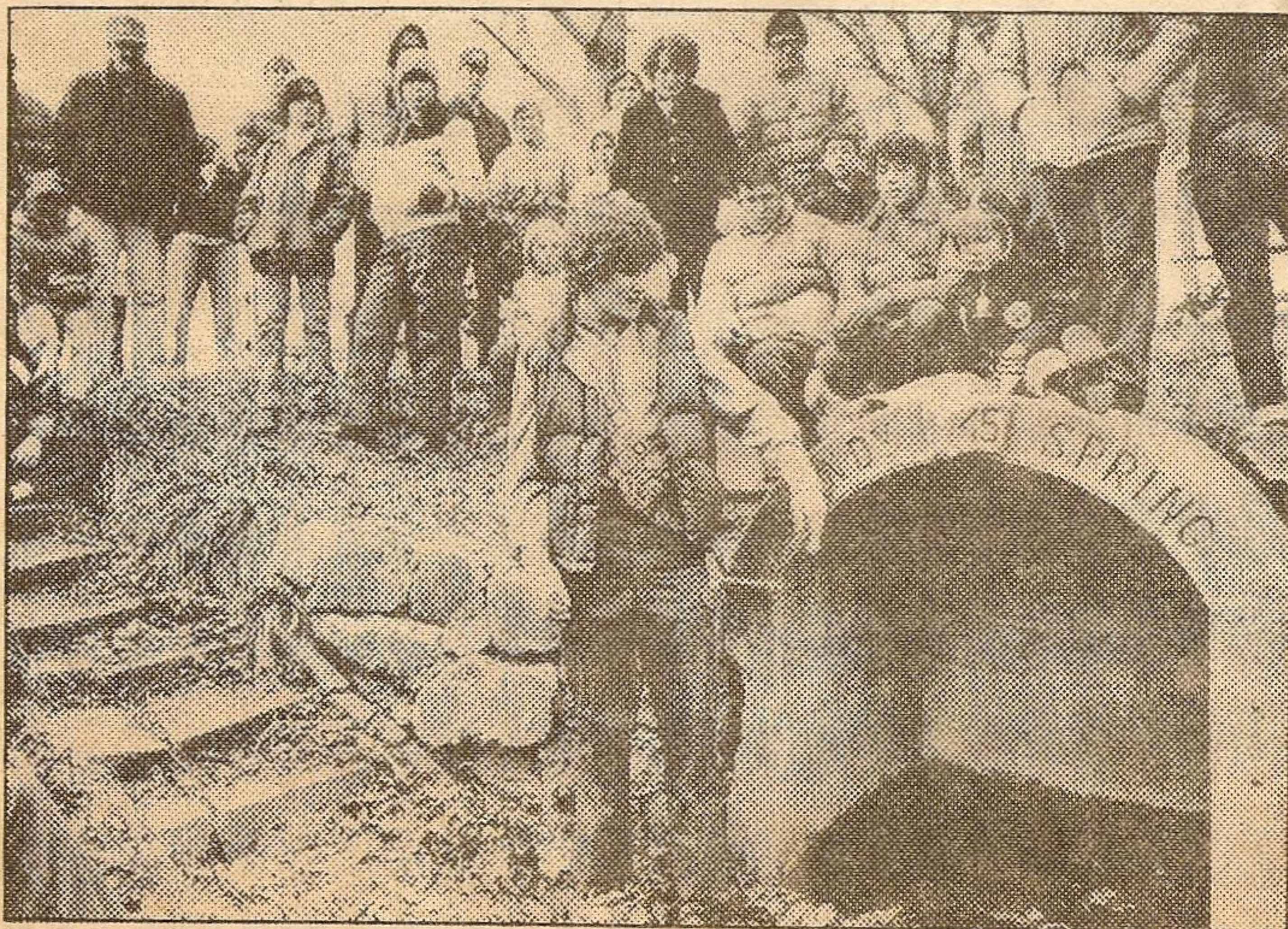
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Eagle Scout Chris Davies leads a group of county residents on an 8-mile trail that he developed of historic sites in upper Montgomery County.

## Following a Path Full of History

An 8-mile trail in upper Montgomery County was dedicated Saturday by about 100 walkers, including several County Council members and Rep. Michael D. Barnes (D-Md.) The Brookeville, Olney, Sandy Spring Historic Trail passes 36 historic places in the county and was developed by Chris Davies, a 14-year-old Olney Eagle Scout. Modeled on other historic trails around Gettysburg and Antietam battlefields, also Boy Scout projects, the trail

can be followed by car, foot or bicycle on lightly-traveled roads. With \$400 raised at a fair and from donations, Davies has written a brochure and map giving a brief history of the sites. The map is available free by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Davies at 3813 John Carroll Dr., Olney, Md., 20832. Boy Scouts can earn a merit badge by answering a questionnaire after following the trail.



Davies explains the origins of Sandy Spring, and the abrasive quality of the water that rose from it. The spring dates back to 1745.