

Friendship School - Circa 1830

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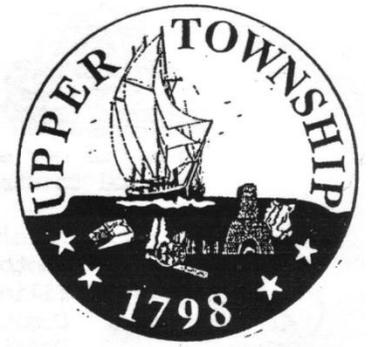
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President's Message



Happy New Year everybody!

I hope the New Year is good for all of us and for the Historical Society!

Things got off to a bad start, however, with the robbery of our railroad artifacts from the new speeder house at the Tuckahoe Station. Most of you read about it in the Upper Township edition of the Gazette. The theft occurred on January 3rd. The state police investigation turned up no leads and we doubted we would ever see the items again. However, just a month later, as a result of the article in the gazette, Mr. Larry Migliaccio, of Upper Township saw the stolen items abandoned along the railroad about a mile or so south of the station and immediately notified the state police. Everything was recovered in good condition. Guess the thieves got cold feet after the newspaper article and disposed of their loot. Better security measures for the shed are being undertaken

Now for brighter items:

I'd like to see an increase in society membership. A publicity program is in the planning stage; but if you know someone who is interested in local history, why not invite them to our next meeting?

All for now. Hope to see you all at the covered dish supper in March.

Doug Longenecker, president.

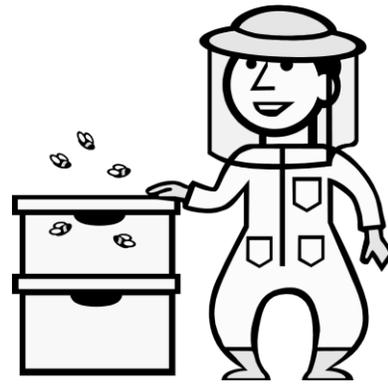
New Donations since 2009

These items are soon scheduled to be accessioned. The society is grateful and appreciative to the following donors for additions to our growing collection of period pieces:

- Marjorie & Stoddard Bixby - framed map of New Jersey, dated 1901, indicating railroad lines
- David Mackin - two Dietz railroad lanterns, blue with red glass globes
- Grace Garrity - photo copies of the early Batchelor house
- William Brown & Michael Houdart - United States Post Office account sheet from Tuckahoe, New Jersey, 1854. Framed.
- Lollie Eldredge - railroad magazine article – tribute to the late Alfred H. Eldredge, Jr.
- Unknown donor - miscellaneous railroad photos
- Joe May & Jerry Bailey - ice tongs and railroad tie tongs
- Cape May County Historical & Genealogical Society:
 - Undated bible, belonging to Thomas Gandy and Elizabeth Corson: Tuckahoe
 - National Bank Ledger of \$100.00 shares
 - Cape May County Tercentennial flag; which formally resided in the Upper Cape Branch of the Cape May County Library.

The society also received cash donations from the following:

- Dr. David and Mrs. (Anita) L. Lohin
- Gam and Betty Broadley
- Barbara Westergaard
- James & Elaine Holsomback
- Memma Kilgannno



Historian's Report

Some new projects are in the discussion stage. One of these is as follows: Beehives could be set-up at the John Wesley Gandy Farmstead by the Beekeepers Association assisted by the 4-H Beekeepers Club. The hives would be located in the far rear corner of the farmstead property. Our site's fruit trees and visitors alike could benefit from the bees' presence. Who doesn't like local fruit and honey?

We expect to see the Master Gardeners group return to prune the orchard trees and grape vines early in March.

Save the date of Saturday, May 12, for this year's Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair, again being held at Washington Crossing State Park. If you are interested in participating by representing our society at our booth's exhibit, please contact me. My phone number and email are on the front cover of this newsletter.

Of particular interest is a new complete inventory of the 51 surviving churches, meeting houses, and synagogues for Salem County, NHJ from the 18th and 19th centuries and now available at the NJ Churchscape website: www.njchurchscape.com/salem.html. A book publication will follow shortly.

FYI – Our society is represented during the month of February with a wintry display, centered around a pair of antique ice skates from our collection. See this exhibit in the lobby of the Cape May County Administration Building.

Contributed by: Sonia L. Forry, historian

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 27th at 10 am we will have a clean-up day at the Friendship School to get ready for Kindergarten Day.

March

- **Dues are due!!!**
- 6th – Board of Trustees will meet at the Tuckahoe Train Station at 7:00 pm.
- 13th – The first general meeting of the year will be the annual Covered Dish Supper and Show and Tell. It will be held at the Tuckahoe Methodist Church at 6:00 pm. The Board of Trustees will provide desserts and meat, please bring salad, vegetables, or breads.
- 17th – The winter meeting of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey will be held at the Frog Hollow Country Club, Hammonton, NJ. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Contact Sonia Forry for additional information.
- 23th – Kindergarten Day. This year we will have 7 classes. It is a busy, fun time. Please come and help.
- 30rd - Rain date for Kindergarten Day.

April

- 3rd - Board of Trustees will meet at the Tuckahoe Train Station at 7:00 pm.
- 10th – The general meeting will be held at the Upper Township Branch of the Cape May County Library. Refreshments at 7:00 pm and the meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Our speaker will be Tommy Champion who helped to build the Bellplain State Forest. He has many pictures of its creation, including photographs of the large canoe that was found when the land was dug out to form Lake Nummy.

May

- 1st - Board of Trustees will meet at the Tuckahoe Train Station at 7:00 pm.
- 8th - The general meeting will be held at the Upper Township Branch of the Cape May County Library. Refreshments at 7:00 pm and the meeting will start at 7:30 pm. The speaker will be Kimball (Kim) Baker who is one of the group of residents who rallied together to preserve the Ocean City Life-Saving Station on site. He will bring copies of the book that he wrote about the station. They sell for \$9.95; proceeds go to U.S. Life Saving Station 30. There will be a book signing and a time for questions and answers.
- 12th – The Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair – See our historian's report in this issue for details.
- 15th – All articles must be turned in to Marj Bixby to be included in the next issue of the SHOUT. Sometime in May, we intend to start visiting the fourth grade classes with our Traveling Trunk to introduce the children to our local history. Carol Williams is writing the curriculum and will arrange the dates with the Elementary School. Details will be announced in the SHOUT.

June

- 2nd – The Strawberry Festival will be held at the Gandy Farmstead from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- 3rd – The rain date for the Strawberry Festival.



DUES are DUE!

According to Article VI, Section 2a of our revised bylaws dues must be paid by March 1 to maintain current membership. Please use the form below and mail it to the address included!!!

*The Historical Preservation Society
of Upper Township NJ Inc.*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please make your check payable to **HPSUT** and remit with this form to:

***The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township NJ Inc.
(or HPSUT)***

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MEMBERSHIP POLICY: Individual @ \$15.00/ea

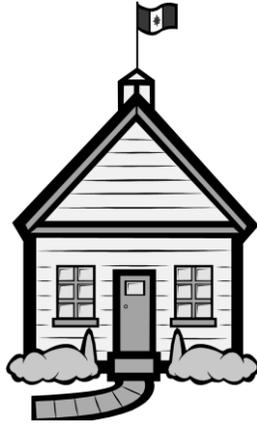
Couple (Both under 65) \$25.00

Sr. Couple (Both 65 or older) \$20.00

Student @ \$5.00/ea

Recent Events

December was busy!



We had a Christmas Open House at the Friendship School. Although it was well advertised, it was very poorly attended and I cannot recommend doing this again. People are just too busy. Perhaps the best time for an open house at the Friendship School would be the weekend after Kindergarten Day.

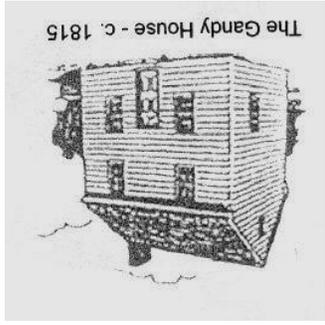


The Santa Claus Train ran from the Tuckahoe Railroad Station weekends all month. Some of our members loyally gave up their free time to help out at the station. It was a lot of work, but it really does showcase one of our restored sites as well as make many children very happy.



We held our annual holiday party and installation of officers at the Tuckahoe Inn. The food was very good and the company was of course excellent.

Contributed by Marj Bixby, editor



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