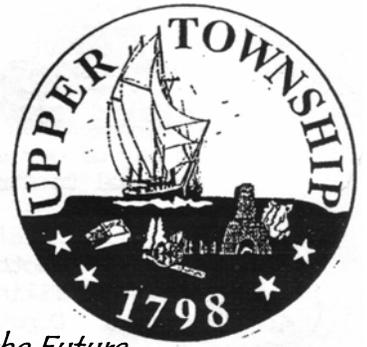


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President's Memo

The short-lived beauty of snow-laden trees and cold frosty mornings is soon to give way to warmer breezes, crocuses and daffodils poking out of sodden earth and the fresh greening of the marsh. Oh, happy days! We will be kicking off the new year with our first meeting, Our Annual Covered Dish Dinner and Show and Tell, on Tuesday, March 10th at 6pm at Church of the Resurrection. Make sure to touch base with Glenn and Eileen about your contribution to the dinner and don't forget to bring some treasured item to share.

We have been busy taking care of business during our hiatus. Our collection is almost completely assessed and entered into our Past Perfect System, our offices are being tidied and paperwork filed, our lease is being renewed for our offices and we are in the budget process with the Township Committee. Our leadership retreat is being scheduled and Dan is busy finding speakers for our monthly meetings... soon we should be ready to begin! We anticipate a fine year! Thank you to everyone who works so hard behind the scenes to keep our organization running smoothly. Glenn and Eileen Wampler will be stepping down as hospitality chairs and we need someone or someones to fill their shoes. Please volunteer. Thank you, Glenn and Eileen for a job well done!

See you all in March.

Sincerely,
Carol Williams



Calendar of Events

- March 10** - Our **annual covered dish supper** will be held on Tuesday March 10 at 6:00 PM in the Resurrection Church in Marmora. Please bring a salad, vegetable, or casserole and something for show and tell.
- April 14** - Our regular meeting will be held at the Upper Cape Library at 7:30 P.M. Refreshments at 7:00 P.M. Allen 'Boo' Pergament will present his personal and extensive collection of historical postcards and photographs of Atlantic County.
- April 18 & 19** - A fantastic **bus trip** to Washington, D.C. is planned for Saturday and Sunday in honor of **President Lincoln's 200th birthday**. See article pg. 4 for details.
- May 12** - The guest speaker at May's regular meeting will be Susan Dowling, whose subject will be '**Victorian women - Shedding the Cocoon**'. Refreshments 7:00 P.M., meeting starts at 7:00 P.M.
- June 13** - The League of Historical Societies of N.J. spring meeting will take place at the Ocean Grove Historical Society, Ocean Grove, Monmouth County. Sonia has the details.
- June 13** - The **Strawberry Festival** will be held on Saturday, June 13. **HELP** is needed! Please contact Anne Snyder, 390-8485



HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Work continues on the inventory and cataloguing of our collections. Rachael Dolhancyk is both thorough and efficient and expects to soon conclude the project by assigning the accession number to each object either directly onto the item or by attaching an archival tag when marking that object is not practical. Lastly, Rachel is willing to instruct this writer and any members interested in learning the Past Perfect program. In the future, it will be the responsibility of our society to remain current with entering donated objects into this computerized system.

A recent society purchase is a primitive wire pie rack, great for displaying apple pies during AppleFest. The rack was a successful bid at a recent public auction.

Submitted by Sonia L. Forry, Historian

New Accessions from November 2008 to January 2009



2008.045

Abigail G. Wriggins, Tuckahoe
Ledger -- treasurer's book from 1911 to 1929 for the Presbyterian Church of Tuckahoe, NJ. Contains early local surnames.



2008.076

Barbara Horan, Woodbine
Four "Straight Bill of Lading" documents -- Atlantic City Railroad Company, Philadelphia & Reading Railway System. The freight detailed on the documents were received at Palermo, NJ on 7/23/1910 (2), 7/24/1910 and 8/20/1910. The destination of the freight was Ocean City, NJ, Philadelphia, PA, and Exton, PA.

Boy Scout Troop 55 found the documents approximately two years ago.

2009.011

Michael L. & Linda M. Burshtin, Richland, NJ
Items originally from Switch Tower at Tuckahoe:

Model Board, overhead mount

Signal Background

Tuckahoe reflective sign

Kerosene lantern

Battery power lantern

1 red and 1 green flags

Fuses & Torpedoes medal, wall mounted box

Railroad crossing cross buck with reflectors lining "Railroad Crossing"

Wooden signal flag "1" and holder used to notify train & engine crews to pick up Form 19/orders

9 Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines blank "Report of Vessels Passing through Draw Bridge"

5 Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines blank "Maintainer's Daily Report of Inspections, Repairs and Failures"

7 Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines blank "Report of Material Used"

9 Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines car count/inventory sheets

NJ Transit Atlantic City-Ocean City-Wildwood-Cape May passenger rail schedule, June 28, 1981

16 Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines envelopes



2009.024

John R. Nieveen

Ocean City, NJ

Photograph (copy) -- proposed new station, Sixth & Haven Avenues, Ocean City

Photograph (copy) -- Richland, NJ from 1917 postcard -- Atlantic City Railroad looking

North electric line to Atlantic City crossing overhead in distance and Millville Line MP 39.3

Washington Bus Trip

The Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Society is sponsoring a chartered bus trip to Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19, 2009. This is a two-day trip with overnight accommodations at a Comfort Inn in the area. Included with the cost of \$150.00 per person is transportation, hotel room based on double-occupancy (a single room can be arranged for an additional fee), snacks, driver tip, however meals are on your own. The hotel does provide a Continental breakfast.

Now, here is our itinerary:

On Saturday a guided tour of Abraham Lincoln's summer Cottage located on the grounds of the Soldiers Home and a guided tour of Woodrow Wilson's house, the only museum dedicated to a President in Washington. Both of these tours have been secured and admissions to both sites are minimal and at a group rate. If you are a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, your admission to both these sites is free; however you must present your membership card upon entering.



On Sunday, the day is free to explore the many Smithsonian Institution buildings; the Museum of American History which has just reopened after a two-year renovation contains the restored Star spangled Banner (War of 1812), First Ladies Inaugural Gowns, Julia Child's kitchen and so much more. Special Lincoln exhibits are being shown at the National portrait gallery and elsewhere to commemorate the Lincoln Bicentennial year of his birth. There are lots to see and do along the Mall – a map of that area will be provided.

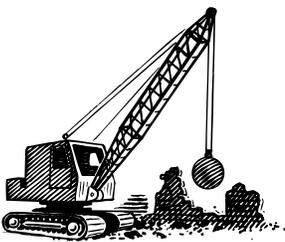


Bus pick-up locations are planned for the County Society complex in Cape May Court House and also at the Upper Township Community Center. An exciting weekend is planned for you so please do not hesitate to make a reservation as space is limited. Please contact the Museum at #465-3535 and ask for Pary or Sonia. Or give me a call at home #628-3041 for more details. See you in April!



Submitted by – Sonia L. Forry

Reservation Deadline: March 20, 2009



LOST: The early 1700's Kruk house in Seaville has recently been demolished for future development of the site. Sharon Kruk, daughter of former Upper Township mayor, Frank Kruk, donated the stone mile marker that now resides in the Gandy Farmstead barn.

The mile marker originally stood across Shore Road from the Kruk residence. It was acquired by the family sometime in the 1940's and mortared into the brickwork above the fire place. At the time of Sharon's generous donation, the marker was laboriously removed from its location by a team of volunteers, namely Lewis Albrect, James P. Hand, and Les Worrell. This heavyweight historical object is placed for outdoor exhibit during the AppleFest. Be sure to look for it!

Submitted by Sonia L. Forry, historian



Architectural Committee Report

UPDATE ON BUDGET FUNDS: \$12,500.00 that we had been counting on has been taken from us by the Upper Township Committee.

Seaville Historic District: It appears that the Committee is wary of the Seaville Historic District project. \$5000.00 of the previously approved funds for the district and included in the 2009 budget has now been tentatively denied by the Committee. We saved \$2000.00 by bartering donated shutters that we were unable to use at the Farmstead, to a painter to do some painting on the Farmstead buildings. We were originally told that the \$2000.00 saved could be applied to the Historic District project. This money was also taken back by the Township. A request to combine budgeted funds was also denied. Carol and architectural historian, Joan Berkey, will continue to pursue plans for the proposed Seaville Historic District, possibly using HPS funds.

Train Station: Progress on the Speeder Building seems to be stalled. Approximately \$5500.00 of the money which had been dedicated for work on the Speeder Building in the 2007-2008 budgets has also been taken back. Carol was told at a budget meeting that encumbered money not spent was lost. Paul Dietrich suggested to the committee that quite a bit of work was done by Steve Martinelli and Doug Longenecker to further the project, so there is a possibility that the building still could be constructed maybe by using Township employees.

FARMSTEAD: Window sash on the house is in dire need of putty and paint. Dan Clark will contact friend of the society, Ed Pearce, who has donated material and labor to paint several Farmstead buildings in the past. Marj and Bix are pruning the grapevines. Someone is needed to take on the fruit tree spraying. Due to health problems, I can no longer do this. The trees should be sprayed once every ten days during the growing season, from April to July. If a volunteer is not forthcoming, spraying will have to be paid for with Society funds.

FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL: Carol reports that the rotting steps at the school have been replaced.

Submitted by Lew Albrecht

Recent Events



On November 21, 2008 Lew and Jean Albrecht received from the Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Society the **Lifetime Achievement Award**. This was in recognition of their lifetime advocacy for historic preservation in Cape May County. Jean is shown holding their award.

On Tuesday December 9 we held our annual **Christmas Party** at 'L's Restaurant. The meal was excellent and the company was, as always, enjoyable.

Attention members:

If you haven't paid your dues please use the form below and do so as soon as possible. We need to get our membership list up to date! Use the address on the front page of this newsletter.

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I (we) wish to join _____ renew _____ donate _____ as follows

Individual \$15.00

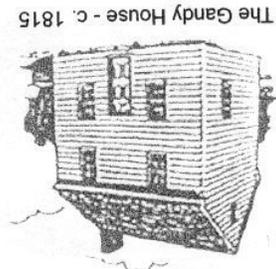
Couple \$25.00

Sr. Couple both 65+ \$20.00

Student \$ 5.00

Donation \$ _____

*Please enclose your check payable to HPSUTNJ
(memberships and donations are tax deductible)
If you live outside of Upper Township enclosed a self-addressed
stamped envelope to receive a membership card.*



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