State Archives Website Postings and Award

It gives me great pleasure to announce that over 400 additional guides to collections were posted to the State Archives website, www.njarchives.org. The guides range from simple box lists to complete finding aids with institutional histories, content notes and item-level descriptions. Among the new postings are four photographic image collections (see below). Choose the "State Archives" link from the main page (above the image), and then the "Catalog" link from the sidebar. Guides are linked from the catalog descriptions. URLs for the additional holdings pages that now include guide links are also provided below.

In the "shameless self-promotion department," we are also proud to announce that the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference's Finding Aids Committee has named the New Jersey State Archives among its annual award winners for archival collection guides based on the posting of our online catalog and several hundred website pages and guides last year. The award will be presented at the MARAC Spring 2004 in Arlington, VA, at the end of this month.

We hope to post the first round of Documentary Treasures and Searchable Databases this spring. I will continue to make announcements as new postings occur. Thanks go to DARM and departmental staff for their support of our ongoing efforts to expand the State Archives' website. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Archives staff members Veronica Meyer (webmaster), Lois Bredlow and Joanne Nestor for their excellent work on html mark-up, page design and scanning of images. Also, special thanks to Gary Saretzky for nominating the site for the MARAC award.

Again, see below for direct links. Please feel free to forward or post this message to any relevant list-serves. Thanks and best wishes!

Joseph R. Klett, Chief of Archives

Photographic Image collections
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http://www.njarchives.org/links/guides/sedma005.html
Spanish-American War Infantry Officers:
http://www.njarchives.org/links/guides/sdea5005.html
Spanish-American War Naval Officers:
http://www.njarchives.org/links/guides/sdea5006.html
Construction of Wanaque Water Works:
http://www.njarchives.org/links/guides/sznor001.html

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The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jean Lacey, presents the following slate for election at the October League meeting:

President - Robert J. Hunter
Haddon Heights Historical Society

First Vice President— J.B. Vogt
Fellowship for Metlar House

Vice-President, Northern—
John E. Chance
Montclair Historical Society

Vice-President, Central—
James T. Raleigh
Friends of Monmouth Battlefield

Vice-President, Southern—
Jean Lacey
Ocean County Historical Society

Secretary— Kevin M. Hale
Metuchen-Edison Historical Society

Treasurer— Dorothy M. Andrew
Gloucester County Historical Society

Historian— Sally Yerkovich
New Jersey Historical Society

Trustee, Northern—
Dorothy E. Johnson
Oakeside-Bloomfield Cultural Center

Trustee, Northern—
Betty Hardy
Madison Historical Society

Trustee, Central—
William Fidurski
Clark Historical Society

Trustee, Central— Rhett Pernot
William Trent House Museum

Trustee, Southern—
Sonia L. Forry
Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township

Trustee-at-Large—
Robert R. Longcore
Sussex County Historical Society

Trustee-at-Large—
Patricia Drummond
Monmouth County Historical Commission

The following are valuable members of our board, but they are not elected positions:

Trustees Emeriti
Bernard Bush
Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society

Ruth Kane Fern
Passaic County Historical Society

Membership Chairman
Dorothy Pietrowski
Madison Historical Society

DEADLINE: Material for the August issue of League News must be on the editor’s desk no later than July 15, 2004. Please send all items to: Linda Barth, 214 North Bridge Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876; fax: 908-722-9556; barths@att.net.

Material submitted electronically should be in WORD format. Photographs will be scanned and returned. Digital photographs should be submitted in .jpeg or .tiff.

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Dear Friends:

I am very pleased with the League News and thank Linda Barth, our paid administrator and editor. Please help us by submitting information about your society’s publications and big events (at least three months ahead) to Linda (see Deadline box, this page).

Have you visited our website www.lhsnj.org? Chris Walter, our webmaster, has recently "tweaked" the layout and graphics. I think you will agree that he has created a clean, readable, easy to navigate site. I am very pleased with his work. Please submit your publications and events to webmaster@lhsnj.org.

The League is looking for local societies to host our meetings in 2005, 2006, and 2007. Check "How to Host a League Meeting" on the website. Ask your society to consider hosting and please let me know the results.

I am grateful to Jean Lacey and her nominations committee for our proposed slate. Remember, we are always in need of more people to work on the Preservation and Publications Awards committees.

Should we post our membership directory on our website? It would include your Society’s name, address, and contact information. Would this cause any problems for your society?

The League News, administrator, membership maintenance, and website cost money. This year's budget is $13,000. Dues for 300 members is currently $20. While we are exploring grants, clearly dues need to be raised to $30 next year. Please let me know your thoughts on this.

League meetings are fun and informative. Come out to our regional meetings; invite your fellow society members to join you; list our upcoming meetings in your newsletter. I think you'll enjoy them.

Sincerely,

Bob Hunter
bhunte@camden.lib.nj.us
IDEAS-4-U
by Jack Chance

Are you in charge of arranging programs for your society? Are you running out of ideas?

Jack Chance offers program ideas from your sister organizations. Listed here are some recent programs offered by our member organizations. For further information, please contact the sponsoring organization (in italics). Your membership list has the contact information.


Antique Christmas Ornaments and Toys. Lecture by Mark Nestied. Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission.


Concert of 18th Century Music. Wallace House and Old Dutch Parsonage, Somerville; 908-725-1015. www.state.nj.us/dep/forestry/histsite.


NEW JERSEY: CROSSROADS OF THE REVOLUTION IN SONG, STORY, AND IMAGE

“NEW JERSEY: CROSSROADS OF THE REVOLUTION IN SONG, STORY, AND IMAGE” is the title of a new set of two CDs that is now available in history-related gift shops.

The first CD features nineteen Colonial period musical selections, including fife and drum, harpsichord, guitar, vocals, and dance music.

The second contains over seventy-five images of historic sites, maps, re-enactments, and more. The audio CD will function on any standard CD player. To view the images, you will need a computer with a CD-Rom driver and Adobe Acrobat Reader. For further information, or to order your set, please call JGN Productions at 732-661-0895.
February 20, 2004

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to report that Governor McGreevey had most heartening news for our state's cultural community at a meeting yesterday in his State House office. He told the assembled History and Arts leaders that, for the most part, he would be honoring the FY05 funding promises made in the Hotel/Motel tax legislation when he presents his budget to the Legislature on February 24. In particular:

· He proposes increasing the portion of the Historical Commission's grant budget covered by the Hotel/Motel tax from $2.9 million to $3.84 million, a jump of nearly 40%. When combined with the $189,000 provided by the general fund, this would push the History Grant budget over the $4 million mark for the first time since the 2001-02 fiscal year (although still leaving us $700,000 short of that year's $4.7 million level).

· He proposes increasing the funding for the New Jersey Cultural Trust from $500,000 to $720,000.

· In perhaps the most surprising move, he proposes dedicating $1.5 million from the Hotel/Motel Tax to the Battleship New Jersey (which has quickly emerged as our state's largest history organization). There is some confusion over whether this sum will come out of the nearly $7 million increase promised to the Arts community (as the Governor seemed to indicate) or whether it will come from other sources (as was suggested following the meeting by the Assistant Secretary of State).

For those of us in the History community who believe that 85% of a loaf is better than no loaf at all (the prospect we were facing a year ago), yesterday's news was most heartening, indeed. With this starting point from the Governor, the History Advocates Board now has the crucial information we need to forge our advocacy message that we will carry to the Legislature in the months ahead.

B. Michael Zuckerman, Ph.D.

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**HISTORY EVENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**World War II—The Homefront** The exhibition will explore the war's effect on daily life in the county, such as in wartime industries, civilian defense, and the presence of enemy prisoners of war housed in the county and more. Salem County Historical Society, Salem, NJ; 11-11-03 thru 9-11-04; 856-935-5004; www.salemcounty.com/schs.

**American Indian Arts Festival**—The festival showcases more than 100 traditional and contemporary artists from throughout the Americas and provides a multi-faceted look at traditional and contemporary heritage of our country's indigenous people. Rankokus Indian Reservation, Rancocas, NJ; 5-22-04 thru 5-23-04; 609-261-4747; www.powhatan.org.

**Our Long Endurance: New Jersey in the Civil War**

Two-year exhibit focusing on the role of New Jersey throughout the Civil War. Lecture series and educational programming to be offered. Group & School tours welcome. Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum; Piscataway, NJ; 11-16-03 thru 12-31-05; 732-745-4489; www.cultureheritage.org.

**Delaware Bay Lighthouse Adventure and World War II History Cruise**—Board the *Cape May Whale Watcher* for a five-hour cruise to view six Delaware Bay lighthouses, most only visible from the water and World War II sites on both sides of the Delaware Bay. Includes buffet. Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts, Cape May, NJ; 6-5-04; 800-275-4278; www.capemaymac.org.

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The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey announces the resumption of its ANNUAL PUBLICATION AWARDS PROGRAM and invites its member organizations to submit entries. Awards will be given for works published in the years 2000-2003, in the following categories:

- BOOKS
- PAMPHLETS
- NEWSLETTERS
- JOURNALS
- CALENDARS
- MEDIA (AUDIO CASSETTES/CDs, VIDEO CASSETTES/DVDS)


Thereafter, awards will be presented each year in March, and the deadline will be JANUARY 15.

Send entries to:

PUBLICATION AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEAGUE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF NEW JERSEY (LHSNJ)
NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
52 PARK PLACE
NEWARK, NJ 07102

For further information, contact Linda Barth, Administrator, LHSNJ, at 908-722-7428, barths@att.net, 214 North Bridge Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876; 908-722-9556 (fax).

Women's Equality Day Celebration—Celebration of women's right to vote, guest speaker, tours of Paulsdale and refreshments. Alice Paul Institute, Mt. Laurel, NJ, 8-26-04; 856-231-1885; www.alicepaul.org.

Delaware River Steam Train Excursions, from Phillipsburg to Carpentersville, 4½ miles south. Hourly from 11am-3pm, Thursday - Sunday through Labor Day; www.877trainride.com.

Civil War Reenactment - Allentown, NJ; open field, rolling hills and a tree-lined perimeter make up this 38-acre park, a short walk from Civil War period Allentown. Held in conjunction with annual Harvest Festival. Unscripted battles both days and a Saturday evening candle light tour with an evening ball. The event features a Vintage Baseball game. 10-9-04 thru 10-10-04; 732-951-9013; www.14thnjvir.org.

Seaside Dreams: Atlantic City Celebrates 150 Years—In 1854, Dr. Jonathan Pitney's dream of a seaside resort on Absecon Island became a reality. Over the past 150 years, Atlantic City has become a part of American popular culture. This exhibition explores the city's history through art--photographs, paintings, prints and memorabilia. The Noyes Museum of Art, Oceanville (Galloway Twp); 6-19-04 thru 9-19-04; 609-652-8848; www.noyesmuseum.org.

Waterloo Canal Day—Celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Canal Society of New Jersey with tours of canal sites, canal-era music, mules, rowboat rides on the Morris Canal, children’s activities; Waterloo Village, Stanhope; 6-12-04; 908-722-9556; www.CanalSocietyNJ.org.
New Jersey songs to be featured on WPRB, 101.3 FM

On his Sunday, April 25th radio broadcast, John Weingart announced that he would devote a show to New Jersey music this fall. The host of WPRB’s “Music You Can’t Hear on the Radio,” John invited listeners to suggest tunes via email veryseldom@aol.com.

In that spirit, it would be fun to establish a list of New Jersey music. Marc Mappen, of the NJ Historical Commission, suggests a few titles to start the ball rolling, or the piano playing, as it were. New Jersey History List subscribers contributed some titles, and others came from an article John wrote about possible state songs.

“Jersey Blues” c. 1794, attributed to Governor Richard Howell
“Tm From New Jersey” written by Red Mascara
“Everybody’s On Their Way to Jersey” c. 1920 by Kilgour, Akst, and Handman
“The Long Branch Branch of the Red Bank Bank”
“I Found a Peach in Orange New Jersey in Apple Blossom Time”
“Paddling on the Rahway”
“The Garden State Stomp” Dave Van Ronk
“Meet me at the Pier, Dear” (about Young’s Pier in Atlantic City c.1918)
“I’m Wild About Wildwood”
“When the Lights Go Down in Jersey”
“The Maid of Mullica Hill”
“On the Way to Cape May (I Fell in Love with You)”
“I Like Jersey Best” - John Pizzarelli
“The Beaches of Avalon” - Philly Cuzz
“Jersey Girl” - Dave Van Ronk
“Jersey Bounce”
“Red Bank Bounce” - Count Basie
“Wildwood Days”—Bobby Rydell
“Palisades Park”—Freddy Cannon

Ron Becker shares a list of NJ sheet music from Alexander Library: www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/libs/scua/sinclair/sinclair_sheet_music_f_aids.shtml. Included are the Trenton polka, the Elizabeth galop, and the ever popular, “Hurrah! Votes for Women!!”

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR...FOR THE FALL LEAGUE MEETING

The League's Fall Meeting will be held in Montclair on Saturday, October 23, 2004. The meeting and programs will be conducted at the First United Methodist Church of Montclair, 24 North Fullerton Avenue.

Next winter's meeting will be sponsored by the Atlantic County Historical Society on March 12, 2005.
The Encyclopedia of New Jersey, the most comprehensive reference work ever written on the Garden State, has been published by the Rutgers University Press. This one-volume, 968-page reference book contains nearly 3,000 entries, 585 illustrations, and 130 maps. The coeditors are Maxine Lurie, a professor at Seton Hall University, and Marc Mappen, the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission. Approximately 800 experts wrote entries for the book.

The topics covered include architecture, arts and entertainment, biographies of famous New Jerseyans, business and industry, ethnic groups, geography, history, legal decisions, native plants and animals, municipalities and counties, science and technology, sports and recreation, and much more.

Every New Jersey county and municipality has its own entry. Native Americans and ethnic groups are explored, as are religious, political, historical, and cultural organizations. Comprehensive lists range from historic sites to hospitals, from nature centers to missile sites. Readers can find profiles of poets and painters, athletes and astronauts, governors and generals. Historic triumphs like the Revolutionary War’s Battle of Trenton and tragedies like the Hindenberg explosion are chronicled.
Elizabeth Morgan, one of the great resources and cheerleaders of Ocean County history passed away in February. This memorial by Kirk Moore appeared in the Asbury Park Press on February 7. She will be sorely missed.—Kathleen F. Heim

Last week Elizabeth Meirs Morgan passed away at the age of ninety. She was a rare combination of scholarly historian and environmentalist who was always willing to share her vast knowledge. She will be truly missed. —Patricia H. Burke, Executive Director, Toms River Seaport Society & Maritime Museum.

Elizabeth Morgan, local historian and naturalist
By KIRK MOORE, STAFF WRITER

LACEY -- Even into her late 80s, Elizabeth Meirs Morgan was always up for an adventure in the woods -- hunting the cellar holes of some long-lost Pinelands ghost town, perhaps, or tracking down the last chestnut trees surviving in the forest.

Morgan, a well-known local historian and naturalist, died early yesterday morning of a stroke at age 90, family members said. She lived in the Forked River section. People who knew Morgan said she will be remembered as a great teacher who passed on generations of local history and folk knowledge to new generations who arrived just as the Ocean County landscape was dramatically transformed.

"She's always been an inspiration to everyone who has met her," said Kerry Jennings of the Forked River Mountain Coalition, of which Morgan was a founding board member. "She's gone now, but we have a lot of expertise and a lot of knowledge."

"Friends of mine have said that when Elizabeth dies, it will be like losing a whole library," said longtime friend Caroline Campbell of Toms River.

Morgan, sometimes nicknamed "The Pines Baroness," was well-known for her environmental and historical activism, her prodigious knowledge of the history and nature of Ocean and Monmouth counties, and her Episcopal church work.

She was intellectually generous, and often seemed intent on downloading as much information to others as she could, friends often said. When local conservationists organized to preserve the Forked River Mountains -- a region of low, gravelly hills west of Forked River and Waretown -- Morgan supplied them with carefully drawn maps and reams of lore she had heard over the decades from woodsmen, hunters and longtime area families.

"She was a great lover of history," recalled Pauline S. Miller of the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, who met Morgan in the 1960s and collaborated with her on projects. While Miller delved into books and old documents to trace the county's history, Morgan "liked a different kind of history. She liked old places," Miller said. "She had this curiosity about many things, the environment especially."

A painting in the nature center at Wells Mills County Park outside Waretown shows Morgan attired in hiking garb, with a broad-brimmed hat, long coat and walking stick. In the back country, hunters and horseback riders were sometimes surprised to see her behind the wheel of her Jeep, accompanied only by her dogs, miles from the nearest paved road.

"She was really interested in people, and in listening to them and their stories," Campbell said. The firsthand knowledge Morgan learned in those travels often helped local residents and activists save pieces of Pinelands heritage, such as a campaign some years ago to head off demolition of an old-time hunting cabin at Wells Mills Lake. Publicity about the Forked River Mountains has led to major land purchases there by the state and nonprofit conservation groups. "Elizabeth always knew the key people to contact if something needed to be done," Campbell said.

After difficult health problems last year, Morgan seemed to be doing well and was planning to host a small meeting of local conservationists at her home next week, Jennings and Campbell said.

"She had to ration herself, but she did more under those circumstances than a lot of people in perfect health do," Campbell said.

Morgan was born, and grew up in, the New Egypt section of Plumsted, the daughter of John and Sarah Henshaw Meirs, a family with roots in the area going back to the 1700s. After graduating from Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, with a master's degree in history, she was a teacher and social worker before marrying the Rev. Luman J. Morgan in 1941. Morgan wrote for church publications, and on history and the environment for Ocean
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