A LESSON ON NEW JERSEY’S FIRST SUBDIVISION
by Michele S. Byers

Had things gone differently, this state we’re in might have been called New Netherland, New Sweden, Nova Cesarea, or even Albania. But we ended up as New Jersey, a name that honors the Isle of Jersey in Great Britain … and gives us our famous “Jersey” attitude.

This year marks the 350th anniversary of the birth of New Jersey, when the English seized control in 1664. The story of how this little peninsula between the Delaware River and the Atlantic Ocean became New Jersey starts with early European explorers and colonists, and their quest for control over lands that had been inhabited for millennia by Native Americans.

The true colonial era began in 1609 with Henry Hudson, who sailed for the Dutch East India Company. Hudson explored the Delaware and Raritan rivers, the Hudson River valley, and the Newark and New York bays. Dutch mapmaker Adriaen Block subsequently surveyed the coast from New England to Delaware, naming it New Netherland. Dutch colonists settled throughout New Jersey, Manhattan, Staten Island, and the Hudson Valley.

Meanwhile, Swedish settlers migrated to southern New Jersey, what’s now Salem and Gloucester counties. In 1638 the colony of New Sweden was founded, straddling the Delaware River. It was short-lived, eventually taken over by the Dutch.

In 1660, King Charles II was restored to the throne in England and resolved to bring the New Netherland colony into the dominion of the British crown.

In 1664, he issued a patent giving extensive lands in the New World to his brother James, Duke of York. James, in turn, granted land between the Hudson and Delaware rivers to two loyal friends, Sir George Carteret, who had served as governor of the Isle of Jersey, and Lord John Berkeley.

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SAVE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING LEAGUE MEETINGS

June 7, 2014    Taylor-Butler House, Monmouth County Historical Association, Monmouth County
November 1, 2014  North Jersey American Revolution Round Table, Morristown, Morris County
March 7, 2015    Medford Historical Society, Medford, Burlington County

We encourage your society to host a future League meeting. If you would like this opportunity to showcase your site, just contact Linda Barth, 908-722-7428, barths@att.net, and she will put you in touch with the regional vice-president for your area. We look forward to visiting YOUR town some day soon.
THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Our League can have a great deal more influence to support historic preservation and state support for historical societies and museums than most of us might think. Our organizations are spread throughout the state and our membership exceeds 50,000 individuals. We ask you to speak with a member of the New Jersey legislature, a freeholder, or a mayor. Your hard work and civic engagement have earned the respect of your community and its political leadership.

Two current issues require your consideration and thoughtful involvement if you feel comfortable approaching the elected officials that you already know.

The most critical issue concerns a proposed bill (A2160; S1133) that would increase the amount of money that the NJ Historical Commission distributes in annual grants from the current $2.7 million to a proposed $3.84 million over a four-year period. Based on the practice of other states and cities, these funds come from a room occupancy tax created in 2004 to fund grants for history, art, tourism, and the NJ Cultural Trust. In the proposed budget, our state anticipates more than $106 million to be generated from this room use tax in the coming year. The majority of these funds are from non-NJ residents, mainly on business trips. This 42% increase in grants would result from restoring the intended appropriation that had been decreased due to a technicality in the current interpretation of the law. NJ art and tourism would also benefit from this clarification.

A second important topic affecting our groups is that the NJ Historic Trust needs new funds to grant for historic preservation and construction. The current funds from the 2009 voter-approved bond issue are essentially used up. Several proposals have been considered by the legislature. The one

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The document recording this land grant, now housed at the New Jersey State Archives in Trenton, proclaims that “said Tract of Land is hereafter to be called by the name or names of New Cesarea or New Jersey.”

But making a royal gift of New Jersey was a bit hasty, since the Dutch still held sole power over New Netherland. The Duke of York remedied that “problem” by sending a squadron of war ships. Dutch governor Peter Stuyvesant surrendered in September 1664, New Amsterdam was renamed New York, and New Jersey was called Albania by the local English … a name that obviously didn’t stick.

Over the next decade, war broke out between England and Holland. New Jersey once again fell under Dutch control, nullifying the land grants to Berkeley and Carteret. A peace treaty in 1674 returned New Jersey and New York to the British, and it was time to divvy up New Jersey once again.

Berkeley had sold his interest to a group of Quakers, and Carteret pressed to have his land grant reinstated. Rather than giving Carteret a half interest in the entirety of New Jersey, a decision was made to slice the state in half diagonally, forming the provinces of East Jersey and West Jersey—the first subdivision of our state.

In 1676, a “Quintipartite Deed” was executed between Carteret, who held East Jersey, and the trustees of West Jersey. A division known as the Province Line was proposed, starting at Little Egg Harbor on the Atlantic and extending northwest to the Delaware River.

Creating the Province Line was easier said than done due to squabbles over the boundary. The first survey was done in 1687, but it took until 1743 to establish the Lawrence Line, the final and legal boundary between the two provinces. East and West Jersey existed until 1702, when they were reunited as a royal colony under the reign of Queen Anne.

Since that first subdivision into East and West Jersey, New Jersey has been subdivided further into millions of blocks and lots, perhaps more so than any other state.

Most of these blocks and lots have been paved or preserved, but what will happen to those remaining? Without a stable source of state funds to continue preserving these lands, many more will be further subdivided. This does not have to happen.

Please urge your representatives in the General Assembly to renew New Jersey’s preservation funding this year, before we lose even more of our farms and natural areas.

To learn more about New Jersey’s history and the 350th anniversary celebrations planned this year, go to http://officialnj350.com.

And for more information on preserving New Jersey’s land and natural resources, visit the New Jersey Conservation Foundation website at www.njconservation.org or contact me at info@njconservation.org.

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**Historic Cold Spring Village celebrates NJ 350 with a trivia game of New Jersey history**

Historic Cold Spring Village in Cape May has developed a trivia game with five rounds of ten questions each with five bonus questions in case of a tiebreaker. The package includes the questions with multiple choice answers and supporting materials.

Celebrate NJ 350 at your organization with a NJ trivia night. Have fun and raise money. For further information, please call 609-898-2300, ext 16 or email cjuechter@hcsv.org. Trivia materials can be delivered via PDF for $10.00 or via USPS for $12.50.

Editor’s note: This is a great fundraising idea. HCSV charged $5 per person, and guests could bring wine or beer. The village sold chili and other snacks. Prizes came from the village general store. People joined together to form teams and a great time was had by all.
CIVIL WAR BOOK WINS AWARD

The Book Award Committee of the North Jersey Civil War Round Table is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2014 North Jersey Civil War Round Table Book Award is: *To Raise Up a Nation: John Brown, Frederick Douglass and the Making of a Free Country* by William S. King.

In a book researched over decades and drawing on primary sources seldom cited, the author brings an intertwined history of the great figures of the Civil War era, including Abraham Lincoln, John Brown, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and Gen. John C. Fremont. It illustrates the interactive relationships that break free from the linear biographies of these characters that so often defines one aspect of that sphere of history. The book is that important; it will be oft-cited as one of definitive sources of the Civil War era, the Emancipation Proclamation, abolition, and the formation of the armed African-American soldiers.

The author received his award, including a prize of $1,000, at the April meeting of the North Jersey Civil War Round Table and participated with Bruce Franklin of Westholme Publishing, LLC and Rich Rosenthal, president of the NJCWRT, in a panel discussion.

GARDEN STATE LEGACY OPENS ONLINE MUSEUM

Garden State Legacy is pleased to celebrate NJ350 with the ‘grand opening’ of its new online museum, “Treasured Artifacts of the Garden State”! In 2012 and 2013, GSL asked NJ history groups, museums, and archives to identify up to three of the artifacts from their collections that they most prized for their historical importance, reflecting local history, New Jersey history, or New Jersey’s role in national and world history. The responses were amazing for their diversity and the over 81 objects from 44 institutions represent a cross-section of the gems to be found in our state’s museums. To visit GSL’s online museum at www.GardenStateLegacy.com, click the “Treasured Artifacts of the Garden State” logo at the top of the homepage, the “Online Museum” link on the navigation bar, or just click http://gardenstatelegacy.com/Treasured_Artifacts_Splash.html. If your organization would like to be added, please email me at: gordon@gardenstatelegacy.com. (See also page eighteen.)

SAVING A PIECE OF LOCAL HISTORY

In an effort to save a piece of local history, Jerry Bailey of Steelmantown and Jay Demarest of Palermo, members of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township, dismantled the radiator from the old REO motor car that was used in the infamous 1925 robbery of the Tuckahoe National Bank. In that robbery, Mr. Edwin L. Tomlin, bank vice president was blackjacked and shot; he died three days later. The robbers escaped with $7,000 and were chased by the townspeople in a posse. The escape ended with the bandits’ car overturning in a cranberry bog. The robbers were tracked down by state police dogs and captured. They were convicted and spent many years in the state prison.

The motor was found in the Lord’s Boat Works, owned by Bob and Jane Burman, in Head of the River where it was used to as a winch to haul boats in and out of the water. The Burmans knew of the history of the motor and offered the radiator with the REO insignia to the society.

The radiator will be on display at the Strawberry Festival held on May 31, 2014 at the Gandy Farmstead on Tyler Road.

Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township, P.O. Box 658, Marmora, NJ 08223; 609-390-5656; UpperTwpHistory@yahoo.com; www.uppertwphistory.org
MONTCLAIR HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES GILES R. WRIGHT GRANT AWARD

On Saturday, February 15, the Montclair Historical Society gratefully accepted The Giles R. Wright Grant Award from the New Jersey Historical Commission at the 34th Annual Marion Thompson Wright Lecture Series sponsored by the Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience. The Giles R. Wright Award is named in honor of the director of the Afro-American History Program at the New Jersey Historical Commission who passed away in February 2009. The award was given to us in recognition of the work we are doing in researching and documenting the history of the African American women who participated in the YWCA in the first half of the 20th century.

Perhaps an even greater honor, however, was being on the same program as some of the great community organizers and scholars of the Civil Rights Movement—Bob Moses, Barbara Ransby, Diane Nash, and Charles Payne. They truly changed the face of America and the world in which we live. The program was both educational and inspirational.

Our research is part of an overall initiative to document and explore the history of African American women and girls in a northern suburb through the eyes of the women who attended the YWCA in the first half of the 20th century. It’s also designed to create an ongoing dialogue about race relations and Civil Rights—where we have come from, where we are today, and where we are going in the future. To that end, the Montclair Historical Society is in the midst of creating a documentary based on the oral histories of the women who attended the YWCA during that period, developing and fielding school and public programs such as the Created Equal Program Series, and reinterpreting the Crane house to reflect this period. If you'd like to see what we have planned for the Crane House, please check out our 3-minute video on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkjC7ewCfv4.

RESOURCES FOR YOU AND YOUR ORGANIZATION AVAILABLE AT www.officialnj350.com

The official 350th anniversary website has a wealth of information for you, your organizations, schools, and the general public. Among these resources are:

♦ The NJ350 Planning Guide, which offers programming ideas to stimulate ways to participate in the NJ350 celebration. Use these suggestions as springboards for programs and promotions that are best suited for your audience.

♦ Printable resources, including theme posters, book posters, rack cards, tent cards, NJ350 posters, bookmarks, the above planning guide, flyers, and buttons.

♦ The 101 Great New Jersey Books List (see page 18 for more details)

♦ Time capsules - Here you will find information on how to do an NJ350 Time Capsule, where to store it, where NOT to store it, what to put in it, what NOT to put in it, and activities surrounding it, like entombment ceremonies. We will also feature a list of those doing them and what’s inside.

♦ Teaching and other educational resources, word find puzzles, and a coloring page.

So visit and click around the website. You’ll be amazed at the variety of ideas.
President’s Letter, continued from page two:
appearing to appearing to stand the best chance of passage, SCR84, would appropriate 6% of the corporate busi-
ness tax revenues over the next 30 years to fund historic preservation, open space, and farmland preservation.

I believe that your involvement in these two issues could be critical in the continued funding of historic
preservation and historic support grants in NJ. Please research the topics and express your opinions to your elected
officials.

To see a list of sponsors and to read more about the Senate and Assembly versions of the bill, you may visit this
link:

www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillsByNumber.asp
and type in the bill number: S1133 and A2160.

We hope to see you at the 10th anniversary of the Spirit of the Jerseys
State History Fair, a great place to celebrate New Jersey’s 350th!

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 10th at Washington Crossing
State Park, Titusville, NJ, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Many League
members will participate. Stop by and say hello. Right after the fair, enjoy a free
concert by the New Jersey Army National Guard’s 63rd Army Band.

Welcome to “Celebrating Past, Present & Future”
2014 NJ History and Historic Preservation Conference
Advocates Opening Reception, Wednesday, June 4 at Historic Thompson Park
NJ History & Historic Preservation Conference, Thursday, June 5, Brookdale Community College

The conference is co-hosted by the NJ Historic Trust, NJ Historical Commission, NJ Historic Preservation
Office, and the Common Wealth of New Jersey. Highlights for this year’s program:

♦ Opening Keynote Speaker Ned Kaufman, author of Place Race and Story; Essays on the Past and Future of
Historic Preservation

♦ Closing Plenary Speaker John Durel, consultant to museum and cultural organizations and author of Building
a Sustainable Nonprofit Organization

♦ Two special educational tracks for “Heritage Tourism” and “Disaster Recovery”

♦ Choice of three field workshops: Sandy recovery efforts, the architecture and reuse options for Bell Labs, or
the history and innovation of Camp Evans military site

♦ 17 classroom sessions for nonprofit and museum managers, planners, historians, municipal and county
officials, archaeologists, architects, historic preservation commissioners and preservation professionals

For more information and to register, please visit the website: www.state.nj.us/dca/
preservationconference/index.html
Criteria for the 2014 Kevin M. Hale Publication Awards

The following criteria will be used to judge the various categories of the Hale Publication Awards for 2014.

**NEWSLETTERS**
Front Page:
- Is it eye catching?
- Does it clearly identify the name of the group, the site, the date, the location?
- Is there a web address given?

Contents:
- **Does it contain articles that add to our historic knowledge or understanding of a topic?**
- Does it encourage participation in the organization's activities? Does it encourage membership?
- Does it contain articles about events that are current (or were at the time it was published)?
- Does it review previous activities and successes?
- **Does it promote other heritage tourism?** Does it promote other sites? Does the group partner with other sites?
- **Can it be viewed online?**

Pictures:
- Do they have historic or cultural value?
- Are they clearly labeled and credited to the photographer?

Editing:
- Are there misspellings, typographical errors, wrong page numbers, etc?

Contact Info:
- Is it easy to contact the group or editor for more information? Is there an address, phone number and/or email to contact?
- Does the reader feel encouraged or welcomed to do so?

**POSTERS**
1) Quality of graphics
2) Uniqueness of subject
3) **Historic or cultural value**
4) Likelihood of long-term retention
5) Likelihood it will be framed/hung

**CALENDARS**
1) Eye catching cover
2) **Historic pictures**
3) User friendly (enough space to jot a note each day)
4) Records significant holidays or historic dates
5) **Records society events**

**BOOKS, BOOKLETS and JOURNALS**
*(3 separate categories)*
- Significance of research (how much time/effort went into the research)
- Quality of sources
- **How much does it add to our knowledge of the subject?**
- Clarity of presentation
- Quality of illustrations
- Editing

**PAMPHLETS AND BROCHURES**
*(separate categories)*
- Includes handouts describing timed exhibits, walking tours, etc.
- Clarity of presentation
- Graphic appeal
- Likelihood of long term retention
- Significance of research
- Quality of sources

**DVDs**
- Same as books, except more emphasis placed on graphics and eye appeal.

Please send your submissions by March 1, 2015 in one or two categories to J.B. Vogt, 6 Forty Oaks Road, White House Station, NJ 08889. If you have questions, please contact her at 908-534-4600 or jnvgt6@gmail.com
HISTORY EVENTS AND EXHIBITS — 2014

Through December 31, 2014 — Monmouth County - Farm: Agriculture in Monmouth County 1600-2013 -- Monmouth County Historical Association’s newest exhibition is open to the public at the museum in Freehold. The history of agriculture and farming in Monmouth County has long roots deep in the past, as does New Jersey itself, from earliest days of pre-European settlement, when the Lenape harvested corn, squash, and beans, to the modern reintroduction of organic agricultural practices. Farm will examine the means by which Monmouth men and women worked with their surroundings to feed themselves, their families, the community, and the rest of America as well. Through artifacts, diaries, letters, maps, paintings, prints, and photographs, Farm brings Monmouth’s rich agricultural history alive. Visitors will appreciate the innovation and diversity of Monmouth farmers, horticulturalists, gardeners, and livestock breeders who overcame challenges and secured the county’s reputation as a source of high-quality produce and livestock for more than two hundred years. 70 Court Street, Freehold NJ, 07728. $5; $2.50 for students and seniors; free for members. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For membership and more information, please call 732-462-1466 or visit our web site at www.monmouthhistory.org.

Saturday, May 10—Mercer County—The 2014 Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair will be a signature event in the commemoration of New Jersey’s 350th anniversary. Please join the history community in making this the biggest, best fair to date. Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville, NJ, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. There will be many special activities throughout the day, including a free concert by the New Jersey Army National Guard’s 63rd Army Band immediately following the fair. Questions? Contact Beverly Weaver, historyfair@dep.state.nj.us; 609-777-0238 or Vicki Chirco, njhistoryfair@verizon.net; 609-924-5705.

Saturday, May 10 — Monmouth County—Join us for a May Flea Market at Allaire Village! The spring fundraiser will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Show Field of Allaire State Park. Admission, $1/adult; children under 12, free with an adult. More than 100 vendors—new, used, and collectable treasures. Shop all day, visit the on-site food vendor, or spend some time in the picnic area. The General Store and Bakery open at 10. Rain date: Sunday, May 11th. Historic Village at Allaire, 4263 Atlantic Avenue, Farmingdale, NJ, off Exit 98 of the Garden State Parkway and off Exit 31B of Interstate 195. For more information, contact the Allaire Village office during business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 732-919-3500 or visit our website at www.allairevillage.org.

Saturday, May 10 — Essex County—Artists and craftspeople from Essex County, other parts of New Jersey, and the East Coast will show and sell their crafts and artwork at the 36th Annual Glen Ridge Arts Festival on Ridgewood Avenue, one block off Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge. Area musicians will perform during the combined events. Artists include Gwen Battle of Montclair with her textile work and Chris Weslowski with his unique turned wooden bowls. Daidra Carsman will show her jewelry made with silver, pearls and gemstones. Montclair artist Hilary Shank-Kuhl will have jewelry made with found objects, vintage and antique glass, and sterling silver. New this year, jeweler Zachary Bloom of Montclair. many other crafts people will present hand-painted scarves, tapestry bags, pottery and turned wood. Many children’s activities. Turtle Back Zoo will return with animals. A moonwalk, face painting, sand art and, art activities with artist Suzanne O’Connor. Home Depot will have hands-on building projects for kids and other groups will present craft activities. 10 to 4:30, rain or shine. Admission is free. For information and directions email Geni Finlay at glenridgearts@comcast.net or Hilary Shank-Kuhl at kuhl.designs@att.net.

Tuesday, May 13 — Cape May County — The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township will hold its general meeting at the Upper Township Branch of the Cape May County Library. Refreshments at 7:00 p.m., meeting at 7:30. Alice McGuigan will discuss the creation of Dennis Township from Upper Township and its early industries of ship-building and cedar shingle mining. The public is invited to come and learn.

Thursday, May 15 — Morris County—Bill Chemerka will trace 350 Years of New Jersey History at the annual dinner meeting of the Madison Historical Society on Thursday May 15th at the Madison Hotel, One Convent Road, Convent Station. The guest speaker is the very popular former Madison High School history and economics teacher, Bill Chemerka will trace “350 Years of New Jersey History in 45 Minutes.” Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available from 6:00 p.m. The dinner and meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $55 per person, and reservations can be made by calling 973-377-0722, ext 8. Please leave a message, and a society member will promptly return your call.

Saturday, May 17 — Essex County—Historic Walking Tour of Valley Road South. 1 to 3 p.m. Begin at the circle where Valley Road meets Church Street. See Montclair’s first library and discover why it was moved. See the signs of a railroad that never came to be and hear tales of a lost mansion. See a Prohibition-era speakeasy, a venue where Mae West performed, and the home a famous baseball player. Town historian Mike Farrelly leads the tour. $5 suggested donation. Contact the society (973-744-1796; mail@montclairhistorical.org) for meeting location.

Saturday, May 17 – Monmouth County—“Bog Iron Boys Pitching the Past” 19th Century Baseball Reenactment. The Historic Village at Allaire presents the rich history of baseball, 12-4 p.m. as the Howell Works’ Bog Iron Boys play the historic Hoboken 9, who have been kind enough to travel to Allaire’s industrial village for an afternoon game, played by 1864 rules, with 1800s vintage costumes and fun! The winner of the first game will play the Elizabeth Resolutes in a second vintage game! Cheer on your home team! In addition, activities throughout the day include exhibits of baseball history, craft demonstrations of how bats and baseballs were made, townhall, 19th-century games for the kids, and more! Snacks and refreshments available for purchase. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and plan to spend the day! The Baseball Reenactment is $5 per person, children under age 6 free! Opens at 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration recommended; call 732-919-3500 or visit www.allairevillage.org. 4263 Atlantic Ave, Farmingdale, NJ off Exit 98 of the Garden State Parkway and off Exit 31-B of Interstate 195. For more information contact the Allaire Village office during business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 732-919-3500 or you can visit us on the web at www.allairevillage.org.

Saturday, May 17 – Ocean County—The Brick Township Historical Society will hold a Spring Afternoon Tea from 1 to 3 p.m. at its Havens Homestead Museum, 521 Herbertsville Rd., Brick. Costumed members will serve fruit, scones, sandwiches, cookies and other desserts and a variety of teas in their 1800s farmhouse. Donation $20, and reservations can be made by calling Debbie at 732-458-4788.

Saturday, May 17 — Atlantic County—Grillin’ ‘n’ Chillin’ at Atlantic City Country Club in Northfield to benefit Absecon Light. We are teaming up with Executive Chef Ed Daggers to present grilling techniques & secrets. Guests will enjoy specialty grilled food & fixins, and get ‘chillin with S drink specials, fun music by PJ the DJ, a complimentary souvenir cowboy hat, grillin’ recipe booklet and Silent Auction. Doors open at 5:30; presentation begins at 6:00. Tickets are $50 and all proceeds benefit Absecon Lighthouse’s historic preservation efforts and educational programs for children. Call 609-449-1360 to reserve your spot. For more information about Absecon Lighthouse and its programs, call 609-449-1360 or visit us at www.abseconlighthouse.org.

Sunday, May 18 — Mercer County — 2014 Annual Meeting and Program at the Trent House: Indians, Quakers and Mr. Trent: Historical and Archaeological Research in New Jersey’s Capital City, presented by Ian C. Burrow, Ph.D. at 2:00 p.m. Explore the very beginning of the City of Trenton: its first inhabitants, first buildings, and location at the Falls of the Delaware. Refreshments at 1:30. No RSVP necessary. Wheelchair accessible. 15 Market Street, Trenton, adjacent to the Hughes Justice Complex. Ample free parking. For more information and driving directions, visit www.williamtrenthouse.org, call 609-989-0087, or e-mail trenthouseassociation@verizon.net.

Sunday, May 18 – Atlantic County—Absecon Lighthouse presents Pirate Activity Day and Jolly Roger cruise tickets. Aye, Matey, it’s a day for young seafarers to come and experience a swashbuckling good time! The Philadelphia Fight Ensemble will present its live rapier skills in a show full of exciting swordplay and comedy for young and old. Trade quips with notorious buccaneers, thrill as historical figures engage the audience with their swords whilst passing on a bit of their history through interactive fun. Kids will enjoy crafts and Pirate “Jeoparrrghdy,” a scavenger hunt, goodie bag surprises & snacks, and a thrilling climb to the top of the lighthouse to look out for the ghosts of shipwrecks. Dress as your favorite pirate! Kids, $12; adults, $6. The first 120 visitors to check in will receive tickets for a future cruise out of Gardner’s Basin on Atlantic City Cruises ‘Cruisin One. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; show at 1 p.m. Guests can climb and enjoy all activities prior to or after the show. For more information call 609-449-1360. Absecon Lighthouse, 31 So. Rhode Island Avenue, Atlantic City. Open Thursday-Monday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about Absecon Lighthouse and its programs call (609) 449-1360 or visit us on the web at www.abseconlighthouse.org.

Saturdays, Sundays – Cape May County—Every Saturday, plus Sundays starting May 18 and daily starting June 14. Ready for an afternoon of good spirits? Try these events that celebrate the flavors of the Cape May area’s outstanding vineyards and brewery: Savor a glass of wine at the Cape May Winery, 711 Townbank Road as you take a Winery Cellar Tour & Tasting. See how the grapes are grown and learn about the winemaker’s art as you enjoy a barrel-tasting accompanied by cheese and fruit at 3 p.m. Tickets, $20; the event is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance at the Washington Street Mall Information Booth at Ocean Street. If you prefer, explore at your own pace during the Self-guided Wine Trail. Visit Natali Vineyards, Hawk Haven Vineyard & Winery and Jessica Creek Winery and taste the unique flavors at each. Noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays and daily, beginning March 28. Admission is $13 and includes a map with the wineries listed. What’s brewing in Cape May? Some great spirits, as you’ll find out on the Self-guided Wine &
Brewery Trail featuring three area wineries, Natali Vineyards, Hawk Haven Vineyard and Winery, and Jessie Creek Winery, plus the new Cape May Brewing Company. Take a tour at each stop and sample some of their products. Admission is $15 and includes a map with directions. Noon to 5 p.m. Daily (except Tuesdays). Learn how the grapes are grown and the process that turns them into delicious Hawk Haven wines during the Hawk Haven Vineyard & Winery Tour, at 600 S Railroad Ave, Rio Grande. The tour includes a souvenir glass and gourmet cheese tasting on the vineyard-view crush pad and is offered at 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets are $20 if purchased at the Washington Street Mall Information Booth or the Hill House office at the Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St. For information about MAC’s year-round schedule of tours, festivals, and special events, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278, or visit www.capemaymac.org. For information about restaurants, accommodations and shopping, call the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May at 609-884-5508. For information about historic accommodations, contact www.capemaylodging.com.

Saturday, May 31—Cape May County—Ocean Grove Antiques Auction, 11:00 a.m. (preview 9-11). Historical Society of Ocean Grove, PO Box 446, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756; 732-774-1869; www.oceangrovehistory.org; museum and library, 50 Pitman Avenue. Open mid-June-September, Mon-Thurs, 10-4; Fri-Sa, 10-5. Centennial Cottage, McClintock & Central Avenue, July & August, Mon-Sat, 11-3; info@oceangrovehistory.org

Saturday, May 31 – Somerset County—Birding by Boat—Join the D&R Canal State Park naturalist and NJ Audubon volunteer Arlene Oley in a birding experience along the canal by boat. The park has limited boats available, so call early to reserve your space. Fee: $20, pre-registration required. Time: TBA. Griggstown Causeway. Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park, 609-924-5705.

Saturday-Sunday, May 31-June 1 – The Civil War Returns to Allaire Village! The Historic Village at Allaire time travels for its Fourth Annual Civil War Event! New Jersey Union regiments camp out in fields. Meet the soldiers. Shop at period stores. Experience encampment life! Civil War living history presentation of a Training Camp for new recruits in New Jersey service. Witness speeches, artillery demonstrations, battalion drills, musket cleaning, dress parades, and a farewell at the train station as troops leave for the front! Saturday, 10 to 4; Sunday, 10 to 3. $5 parking fee. Allaire Village, 4263 Atlantic Avenue, Farmingdale, off Exit 98 of the Garden State Parkway and off Exit 31B of Interstate 195. For more information, contact the Allaire Village office Mon-Fri, 9-5 at 732-919-3500 or visit www.allairevillage.org.

Sunday, June 1 – Essex County—Guided Tours of Our Historic Houses, from 1 to 4 p.m. Visit our sites and discover life in at a different time. Guided tours reveal the history of the house in relationship to its inhabitants and the history of Montclair. Food historian Carolina Capehart demonstrates hearth cooking on the first Sunday of each month in our exterior kitchen. Admission: $8 per adult and $5 per child. Family rate (up to 2 adults and 3 children): $25. Call 973-744-1796 to schedule a private or weekday tour. 108 Orange Road.

Saturday, June 7 – Somerset County—National Trails Day -- 10 a.m. The naturalist and historian of the D&R Canal State Park will lead a walk through the Six Mile Run Historic District. Free, pre-registration required. Six Mile Run Reservoir Site, Route 27 parking area. D&R Canal State Park, 609-924-5705.
Sunday, June 8 – Morris County—Macculloch Hall Historical Museum welcomes Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika to present “Greetings From the Past: A History of Morristown Through Postcard Images.” First, Ms. Nadzeika will conduct a “walking tour” of Morristown utilizing images from the 1890s to the 1960s to illustrate how the town appeared at different points in time. During the second part of the program she will highlight businesses, institutions, and homes that made up the landscape of Morristown’s past. Ms. Nadzeika will have copies of her book available to sign after the program. Main gallery at 4:30 p.m. 973-538-2404. 45 Macculloch Avenue, Morristown 07960.

Sunday, June 8 – Essex County—True Colonials: A Narrated Bus Tour at 1 p.m. True colonials—that is, houses built when New Jersey was a colony—are the subject of this bus tour. Mike Farrelly leads us through Montclair and neighboring communities to discuss our oldest housing stock and the people who settled New Jersey. $30 for nonmembers, $25 for members. Registration required. Call 973-744-1796. Bus leaves from 108 Orange Road.

Tuesday, June 10 — Cape May County—The general meeting of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township will be held at the Upper Township Branch of the Cape May County Library. Refreshments at 7:00, meeting at 7:30. We will share our memories of our ‘School Days’ and invite the public to share memories and recollections. We will also have pictures and items from the first school in 1801 to the present. You have plenty of time to look through your closets and attics to find report cards, class photos and certificates. Bring them to share.

Friday, June 13—Morris County—Friday the Thirteenth, 3:45-5:00 p.m. Learn about common superstitions and phobias. Create a silly phobia of your own. Story time & snack. Advanced registration recommended, call 973-377-2982 x12. $3 admission/ participant & Regular Admission for all others. Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, 9 Main Street, Madison. Also on Friday, June 13, Downtown Concert Series, 6-8 p.m. Enjoy a FREE, family-friendly outdoor concert on the lawn of the museum featuring the 18-piece swing band Reeds, Rhythm and All that Brass. Bring a blanket/chair and sit back and relax with a pleasant evening of music. Picnicking welcome. For more information call 973-377-2982 x14 or visit our website at www.metc.org. Rain or Shine! In case of inclement weather concert will be held inside the museum, first come first serve seating. FREE! Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, 9 Main Street, Madison.

Saturday, June 14—Morris County—Family Fun Day, 1-3 p.m. Join us at the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts for lots of family fun and craft activity. Family Fun Day is held every 2nd Saturday of the month. Advance registration recommended, call 973-377-2982 x12. Regular Admission. 9 Main Street, Madison.

Saturday, June 14 – Ocean County—Tuckerton Historical Society – NJ’s 350th Anniversary. Tim (Cultural and Heritage Commission) and Paul (Tuckerton Seaport) Hart. Explore Ocean Co. history and hear about new Tuckerton Seaport exhibits. Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum, 35 Leitz Blvd., Little Egg Harbor, 609-294-1547, 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18 – Bergen County—Jonathon King will speak on “The Hermitage Site Today.” Jonathon has been a knowledgeable and active docent at the Hermitage and has shared information on the house and grounds with many visitors. He will share his knowledge of its architecture and the restoration of this historic site. 7:30 at the Hermitage, 335 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423; 201-445-8311, or lvreeland@thehermitage.org.

Saturday, June 21 – Hunterdon County—Summer Solstice Walk, 1-3 p.m. Celebrate the Summer Solstice with the D&R Canal State Park naturalist as you explore the White Oak Trail and the Zega Lockatong Preserve. Pre-registration required; free Bulls Island Recreational Area, 2185 Daniel Bray Hwy, Stockton. D&R Canal State Park, 609-397-2949.

Thursday, June 26—Monmouth County—Women’s History Walking Tour, 1 p.m. Meet at the Ocean Grove Museum at 1:00 p.m. Historical Society of Ocean Grove, PO Box 446, 50 Pitman Avenue, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756. 732-774-1869. www.oceangrovehistory.org; info@oceangrovehistory.org

Saturday, June 28 – Burlington County—31st Annual Blueberry Festival -- Whitesbog Village is an early 20th-century company town and agricultural community. In 1916, Elizabeth White collaborated with Dr. Frederick Coville of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and successfully developed the first cultivated blueberry here at Whitesbog. Come join White Hill Mansion as we celebrate all things blueberry from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at this old-fashioned festival. Enjoy blueberry picking, live country music, lots of children’s activities, exhibits, great food, historical presentations and tours, pinelands artists and crafters, our famous blueberry pie eating contest, and lots more. www.whitesbog.org/things

Sunday, June 29 – Essex County- True Colonials: A Narrated Bus Tour -- 1 p.m. True colonials – that is, houses built when New Jersey was a colony – are the subject of this bus tour. Mike Farrelly leads us through Montclair and neighboring communities to discuss our oldest housing stock and the people who settled New Jersey. $30 for nonmembers, $25 for members. Registration required. Call 973-744-1796. Bus leaves from 108 Orange Road, Montclair.
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Friday, July 11 — Morris County—Downtown Concert Series, 6-8 p.m. Enjoy a FREE, family-friendly outdoor concert on the lawn of the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, featuring folk violinist David Rimelis. Bring a blanket/chair and sit back and relax with a pleasant evening of music. Picnicking welcome. For more information call 973-377-2982 x14 or visit our website at www.metc.org. Rain or shine! In case of inclement weather concert will be held inside the museum with first come first serve seating. FREE! 9 Main Street, Madison.

Saturday, July 12—Morris County—Family Fun Day, Ice Cream Social, 1-3 p.m. Join us at the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts for lots of family fun, games, activities and of course, ice cream. Family Fun Day is held every 2nd Saturday of the month. Advance registration recommended, call 973-377-2982 x12. $5 for all participants & $3 for members. 9 Main Street, Madison.

Saturday, July 12 – Hunterdon County—Full Moon Walk, 8:00-9:30 p.m., along the Bulls Island Natural Area. Enjoy views from the Roebling-designed pedestrian bridge under the full moon. Free, pre-registration required. Bulls Island Recreational Area, 2185 Daniel Bray Highway, Stockton. Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park, 609-397-2949.

Saturday, July 19 – Hunterdon County—Stream Stomp, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Get your feet wet in the Wicheocke Creek at the Prallsville Mill Site in Stockton, NJ, investigating the diverse organisms living under the water. The inhabitants can tell us the story of the stream’s health. This program is appropriate for ages 8 and up. Free, pre-registration required. Prallsville Mill Complex, Stockton, NJ. Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park, 609-397-2949.


Thursday, July 24—Monmouth County—Women’s History Walking Tour, 1:00 p.m. Meet at the Ocean Grove Museum at 1:00 p.m. Historical Society of Ocean Grove, PO Box 446, 50 Pitman Avenue, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756. 732-774-1869. www.oceangrovehistory.org; info@oceangrovehistory.org

Tuesday, July 29—Monmouth County—Founders’ Day Tent Tour. Historical Society of Ocean Grove. Meet at the museum, 50 Pitman Avenue. 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 16 – Ocean County—The Tuckerton Historical Society presents Pete Stemmer who will speak about “Local Men Who Fought In the Civil War.” Bring family stories, photos, memorabilia, etc to share with the group. Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum, 35 Leitz Blvd., Little Egg Harbor, 609-294-1547, 2-4 p.m.

Saturday, August 23 — Hunterdon County—Beginning Orienteering, 1-3 p.m. Learn the basics of an orienteering compass and topographic maps at the Bulls Island Recreation Area. Appropriate for ages 9 and up. Free, pre-registration required. Bulls Island Recreation Area, Stockton. Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park, 609-397-2949.

September 13 – Monmouth County—As It Grows ...A Farm-to-Table Event Planned to Benefit Monmouth County Historical Association and Parker Homestead-1665. As New Jersey celebrates 350 years, two Monmouth County not-for-profit-organizations with historic preservation as their missions have joined to commemorate their efforts to protect the county’s rich history with As It Grows, the area’s first-ever, farm-to-table fundraising event. The event spotlighting New Jersey’s rich agriculture will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. on the front lawn of the historic Parker Homestead-1665. As It Grows will benefit Monmouth County Historical Association and the Parker Homestead-1665 in partnership with Sickles Market, Little Silver. The party calls for casual country dress and will include a reception with tours of the historic Parker Homestead, a tented farm-to-table community dinner, starlight dancing to live music, live and silent auctions and a 50/50 raffle. Underwriting and sponsorships are available. Call Laurie Bratone, Monmouth County Historical Association, at 732-462-1466 x 20 for further details and information. Tickets begin at $150.

Saturday, September 13 – Ocean County—The Tuckerton Historical Society presents “Ye Old Clamtown Antiques Flea Market” at Tip Seaman Park from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. This marks its 40th year. Appraiser Table. Approx. 100 antique dealers. Selected food vendors. Rain dates: 14th or 20th. Dealers call 609-296-2584.
NEW JERSEY BOOK SHELF

NEW JERSEY’S COVERED BRIDGES

By Richard J. Garlipp, Jr.

Glimpse scenes of the covered bridges of yesteryear in New Jersey’s Covered Bridges, part of Arcadia Publishing’s Images of America series. The book displays more than 200 vintage images of the covered bridges that once dotted the New Jersey landscape.

In this new pictorial history, vintage images display the forty-five covered bridges that once crossed waterways in all corners of the New Jersey.

Perhaps the most extraordinary examples of these wooden bridges were found along the western border, crossing the Delaware River into neighboring Pennsylvania. Author Richard Garlipp discusses how although these bridges were feats of construction and engineering, they were ultimately unable to prevent the inevitable fate of almost all the covered bridges of the state. Most of these covered bridges vanished due to ice, floods, and fire as well as the development of new materials and technology.

Today, only one covered bridge survives in New Jersey. Modern images of the Green Sergeant’s covered bridge in Hunterdon County show how this span over the Wickecheoke Creek has stood the test of time. The preservation of existing bridges is another major focus of the book. Garlipp writes, “I hope the reader will become more aware of the plight of existing covered bridges and help in some way to save and preserve them.” New Jersey’s Covered Bridges showcases the rich transportation history of these structures and pictorially honors the lost ones.

Highlights of New Jersey’s Covered Bridges include:
♦ Information on how one bridge company also served as the local bank.
♦ Stories about the “Pumpkin Flood” of 1903 that destroyed many Delaware River covered bridges.
♦ The destruction of the long covered bridge at Stockton from a lightning strike fire.
♦ Images of a beautiful arched covered bridge built over the Great Falls in Paterson.

Available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing.

Richard J. Garlipp Jr. is a lifelong New Jersey resident. He has been a member of the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges for forty years.

In recent years Garlipp has chosen to focus on the history of the covered bridges in his own home state. This has led to much research and many visits to towns and historical societies and ultimately to the creation of New Jersey’s Covered Bridges.

NJ Author Randall Gabrielan Transitions at Monmouth County Historical Commission

Randall Gabrielan, longtime executive director of the Monmouth County Historical Commission, has left that position effective the first of the year when at the same time he was appointed a commissioner on that body. Regarding the change, he said, “I do not call it retirement since my aim was to work even more intensively on my writings which surrendering the part-time job should enable.” The position has been filled by John Fabiano of Allentown.

Even with his employment, Gabrielan has been quite busy with his writings over the past few years. He is now celebrating the recent publication of Monmouth County – Past and Present, a work published by Schiffer, that is a journey in time comparing 200 older and newer views of the various places throughout Monmouth County. This book follows two others from the recent past about which Gabrielan is quite enthusiastic. Explosion at Morgan – the World War I Middlesex Munitions Disaster was the most challenging research task I ever fulfilled as the event was forgotten by history and had to be pieced
together from many obscure sources.” This work was published by the History Press.

The explosion book was preceded by what Gabrielan called his best book ever—there are forty of them—Hoboken – History and Architecture at a Glance – which through 400 images and 30,000 words depicts the long and rich history of what he calls the most historic square mile in New Jersey. While Hoboken history has been written about extensively, Gabrielan pointed out what gives him special pride. “Hoboken is America’s greatest urban success story. This book not only explores the city’s rich past, but takes history up to date by not only covering its rise over the past few decades, but touching upon the despair that impacted the area by the 1960s.” One can call the book as history up-to-date.

Gabrielan’s current projects are a history of the Jersey Shore and exploration of his interest in early Catholic architecture.

**“PROCEED TO PESHAWAR” — THE STORY OF A U.S. NAVAL INTELLIGENCE MISSION ON THE AFGHAN BORDER – 1943**

By George J. Hill, Captain, Medical Corps, USNR (ret)

From the Journals and Photographs of Lieutenant Albert Zimmermann, Naval Intelligence, USNR

Published November 2013 by the Naval Institute Press

Proceed to Peshawar is a story of adventure in the Hindu Kush Mountains and of a previously untold military and naval intelligence mission during World War II by two American officers along 800 miles of the Durand Line, the porous border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. They passed through the tribal areas and the princely states of the North-West Frontier Province and into Baluchistan. This appears to be the first time that any American officials were permitted to travel for any distance along either side of the Durand Line. Many British political and military officers believed that India would soon be free, and that the Great Game between Russia and Britain in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries would then come to an end. Some of them thought that the United States should, and would, assume Britain’s role in Central Asia, and they wanted to introduce America to this ancient contest.

George J. Hill graduated from the Harvard Medical School and served in the U.S. Marine Corps and the Public Health Service, retiring as a captain in the Navy Reserve in 1992. He lives in West Orange, NJ and is a member of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. New Jersey residents have been involved in the war in Afghanistan since 2001 as regular members of the Armed Forces and as National Guard members who have been called to active duty. The area is of vital importance to us—life and death, indeed. Mr. Hill’s father-in-law, whose papers are the basis for this book, and whose photo is on the cover, was on the first U.S. official trip along the southern Afghan border.

The book is available at bookstores as well as through the Naval Institute Press, 291 Wood Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21402; customer@usni.org; 800-233-8764 or 410-268-6110. www.nip.org.
Nova Caesarea: A Cartographic Record of the Garden State: 1666-1888
to be published by Princeton University Press this summer!

A Pre-Publication Offer

To commemorate the 350th anniversary (1664-2014) of the naming of New Jersey, Princeton University Library will publish Nova Caesarea: A Cartographic Record of the Garden State, 1666-1888 in the summer of 2014. This comprehensive and extensively illustrated volume will introduce readers to the maps that charted the state's development—from unexplored colonial territory to the first scientifically surveyed state in the Union. An introductory section on coastal charts, manuscript road maps, and early state maps will provide a historical background to the major focus of the book: the state's first wall maps and county atlases. The large scale of these maps allowed their creators to include the names and locations of nineteenth-century merchants and farmers, hence personalizing local history. The maps will be supplemented with lithographs from the atlases and photographs of the locations today.

The volume of approximately 250 pages will measure 11 by 14 inches and include 100 maps in full color.

Two editions are available:
* Lithograph-wrapped hard cover, with one large foldout state map. Pre-publication price: $75 (after publication, $100). Members of the Friends of the Princeton University Library will receive one free copy. How to join: http://library.princeton.edu/about/friends.

* Special edition of 350 commemorative copies: Cloth-covered hard cover, with one large foldout state map. Numbered and signed by the author and designer. With a duplicate set of enlarged county wall maps in a companion folder. Volume and folder housed in a custom-designed slipcase. Pre-publication price: $200 while supplies last (after publication, if copies remain, $250).

This pre-publication discount ends on June 1, 2014.

Order Form: To order Nova Caesarea: A Cartographic Record of the Garden State, 1666-1888, mail with your check payable to "Princeton University Library" to Ms. Linda Oliveira, Princeton University Library, One Washington Rd., Princeton, NJ 08544 or call Ms. Oliveira with your credit card information: 609-258-3155 (Mastercard or Visa only)

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Author: John Delaney, curator of Historic Maps, Princeton University Library. His previous works on the history of cartography include To the Mountains of the Moon: Mapping African Exploration, 1541-1880 (2007); Strait Through: Magellan to Cook & the Pacific (2010); First X, Then Y, Now Z: An Introduction to Landmark Thematic Map (2012)

Designer: Mark Argetsinger, an award-winning typographer and book designer. He has designed publications for such institutions as the John Carter Brown Library, Princeton University Library, The Grolier Club, and the Index of Christian Art. He is a past winner of the Carl Hertzog Award for Excellence in Book Design.

The ordering information can be obtained here: https://blogs.princeton.edu/rbsc/files/2013/12/NJ-Maps-flyer.pdf
In *350 Years of New Jersey History, From Stuyvesant to Sandy*
G. Bilby, James M. Madden and Harry Ziegler

In 2014, New Jersey celebrates its 350th birthday, recalling the day in 1664 when a British force sailed into New Netherland waters and captured the Dutch colony’s capital of New Amsterdam without a fight. The colony’s new master, James, Duke of York, handed off the sparsely settled land across the river to two of his cronies, initiating a centuries-long saga of New Jersey political squabbling down to the present day.

A more positive New Jersey heritage is the state’s diversity. An initial population of English and Dutch settlers, free and enslaved African Americans and Native Americans, merged over the centuries with waves of immigrants from Ireland, Germany, Italy, Eastern Europe and, in more recent years, all over the world. It is no mere coincidence that the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island are located in New Jersey waters.

Through three and a half centuries of war (the “Jersey Blues” have served in every conflict from King James’ War in 1694 to Iraq and Afghanistan) and peace, New Jersey’s people have had their ups and downs, transitioning from agricultural to industrial and postindustrial economies; pioneering steamboats, railroads, electric lights, traffic circles, transistors and drive-in movies along the way; and recovering from setbacks with a brash boosterism belying the storyline that the state is merely a byway between New York and Philadelphia.

New Jersey has been home to outsized personalities in political, military, economic, entertainment and social fields, some still widely known, others unfairly forgotten, including Elizabeth Haddon, “Scotch Willie” Maxwell, Joseph Bloomfield, Aaron Burr, Sam “Jersey Jumper” Patch, Sam Colt, William Still, Phil Kearny, Leon Abbett, Alice Paul, Thomas Edison, John Draney, Albert Einstein, Moe Berg, James “Jimmy Buff” Racioppi, Curtis Culin and Bruce Springsteen—not to mention the fictional Tony Soprano, played by native “Jersey guy” James Joseph Gandolfini Jr.

*350 Years of New Jersey History, From Stuyvesant to Sandy* is available from local booksellers and chain bookstores, online book vendors including Amazon and in e-book form for Kindle, Nook and iPad.

Charleston, SC: The History Press, 2014. The authors, Joseph G. Bilby, James M. Madden and Harry Ziegler, experienced narrators of the New Jersey saga, provide a year-by-year chronicle of notable events that mark the fascinating evolution of the Garden State.

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**Folklore of the New Jersey Shore … History, the Supernatural and Beyond**
by New Jersey Authors Richard J. Kimmel and Karen E. Timper

The sense of history “being alive” comes to fruition in Folklore of the *New Jersey Shore... History, the Supernatural and Beyond*. As people begin to explore their interest in the paranormal, they are often dazzled and confused by the array of electronic gizmos and gadgets that popular media has emphasized is a staple of any good ghost hunter. Popular culture does not emphasize the most basic building block of any haunted house, an encounter with a mysterious creature or experience that an individual just cannot explain—a good story! It is that element that is passed down in the simplest of oral traditions from generation to generation, each person in turn adding in their own encounter along the way becoming a piece of living history that becomes known as the Folklore of the Jersey Shore.

This book and the authors’ obvious love of history is evident in every turn of the page. The stories they share are gripping, based in history and personal experiences with some encounters shared from the “spiritual” perspective. They soon learned that ghost stories are not just for the living; the dead have stories that encourage readers to want to become part of that history as well.

Many segments of the folklore encountered throughout this book include information from the case files of
the New Jersey Ghost Organization, founded by co-author Karen Timper, and from some of the follow-up investigations surrounding them.

During their research, the authors reached out to many associates and friends throughout the United States, asking if they have ever heard of a folklore story emanating from the New Jersey shore area. Many had and began to relay the story. Several of the stories were one in the same. The folklore had spread to just about all of the states, including Hawaii. Most of the folklore encountered seemed to be of local genre, except for the ones that had been heard many times: pirates, rumrunners, and rock and roll are the foundations for myths treasured by generations at the Shore, stories that convince people they live in a special place.

Our The authors hope that their experiences and findings will help the reader to discover whether folklore is just that, folklore and, that in part may be factual, ghostly activity, bordering the supernatural or beyond.

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**FOREST HILL by Catharine Longendyck and Kathleen P. Galop**

Forest Hill, located in the North Ward of Newark, overlooks the Passaic River to the east and Branch Brook Park to the west. This desirable residential area is filled with large homes representing a variety of architectural styles, from Richardsonian Romanesque to Craftsman. In the mid-1800s, three major landowners acquired most of the former farmland on the northern edge of Newark. These men built mansions for themselves and modest housing for those who worked in their nearby plants.

With easy commuting access to downtown Newark and New York City, the Forest Hill neighborhood was marketed to wealthy professionals. One local landmark is the old Tiffany factory. A 52-block area of Forest Hill has been designated a National Historic District and is listed in the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. Forest Hill showcases the rich architectural and community history of this Newark neighborhood.

Catharine Longendyck is a retired corporate executive who has lived in Forest Hill most of her life. Kathleen P. Galop is an attorney and principal of a historic preservation consulting firm. Together, they previously coauthored Arcadia Publishing’s *Branch Brook Park*. Images within the pages of Forest Hill were acquired from longtime residents and other collections.

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**The Mutinous Regiment: The Thirty-Third New Jersey in the Civil War, by John Zinn**

This treasure-trove of information about a single Union regiment fills a gap in the history of New Jersey. It details the regiment’s formation in the midst of the draft riots of 1863 and its three major campaigns under General Sherman in 1864 and 1865.

Based on original source material, much of it previously unexplored, the book vividly describes the experiences of the soldiers in a regiment that lost 25 percent of its recruits to desertion even before leaving New Jersey, and then effectively walked from Chattanooga to Washington, D.C., by way of Atlanta and Savannah.

Five campaign maps and almost 70 photographs are supplemented by an appendix containing the rosters of all ten companies that made up the 33rd New Jersey. Notes, a bibliography, and an index complete the work.

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THE LEAGUE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES SUMMER MEETING
Hosted by Monmouth County Historical Association at THE
Taylor-Butler House
127 Kings Highway, Middletown, N.J. 07748
Saturday, June 7, 2014

Come celebrate King George III’s 276th birthday while also celebrating the 350th anniversary of the incorporation of New Jersey!

Henry Hudson described Monmouth County in 1609 as “A very good land to fall in with, and a pleasant land to see.” After over 400 years of conflict and cooperation, agriculture and industry, the spirit of Monmouth County lives on: in Middletown where the Taylors, a family of Loyalists resided; in Freehold where Elizabeth Covenhoven stood down a British General who took over her home before the Battle of Monmouth; in a Shrewsbury tavern where locals gathered to discuss the topics of the day; and in Holmdel where farming was the livelihood of families such as the Holmes and Hendricksons. Our collective past, present, and future is preserved by Monmouth County Historical Association.

9:00 Registration and continental breakfast, including food reminiscent of the Colonial Period, and view the paintings at Taylor-Butler House
9:30 Welcome and introductions
9:45 League Business Meeting
10:00 Frederic Pachman, Director, Altschul Medical Library, Monmouth Medical Center – “CAPES: Twenty-five Years of Archival Consulting in New Jersey”
10:15 Presentation of Kevin Hale Publication Awards
10:45 Break
11:00 Bernadette Rogoff, Curator of Museum Collections – “Raising the Barn: Putting Together the Farm Exhibition”
11:45 Randall Gabrielan, Monmouth County Historian – “Weekend in Old Monmouth: Tips for Replication”
12:00 Luncheon, featuring items from “the farm to the table”

Visit Marlpit Hall for King George III’s Birthday Celebration, and then take a visit to our other historic houses and museum. Tours: Holmes-Hendrickson House, 62 Longstreet Road, Holmdel (3.8-mile drive); Allen House, 400 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury (6.6 mile drive); Covenhoven House, 150 West Main Street, Freehold (15.5 mile drive); Museum & Library, Freehold (14.9 mile drive).
Maps to these historic sites will be distributed at the meeting

Places to stay: See next page

Questions before June 7: call 732-462-1466 or email info@monmouthhistory.org
Questions on the morning of June 7: call 732-618-9570

REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE RETURN BY JUNE 1, 2014
Please include a check for $25 per person, payable to MCHA and mail it to: Monmouth County Historical Association, 70 Court Street, Freehold, N.J. 07728. You can also pay on-line by credit card through our website: monmouthhistory.org by clicking on “Donations.”

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Directions to Taylor-Butler House, 127 Kings Highway, Middletown, N.J. 07748

From Garden State Parkway
Exit 114 onto Red Hill Road
Travel east for 2.2 miles from northbound exit (2.4 from southbound), through 2 lights
Turn left at 3rd light onto King's Highway
Travel 0.1 mile as road curves to right
Taylor-Butler House & Marlpit Hall on right
Parking available at Middletown Village Elementary School, just past houses on right

From Rt. 35, northbound from Red Bank
Rt. 35 divides. At 2nd light after divide, bear right for jug handle, following signs to Middletown and New Jersey Transit railroad station
Travel 1.1 miles on King's Highway, through light at Red Hill Road
Taylor-Butler House & Marlpit Hall 0.1 mile beyond light on right
Parking available at Middletown Village Elementary School, just past houses on right

From Rt. 35, southbound from Keyport
Bear right at Sears for King's Highway
Travel 0.4 mile
Parking available at Middletown Village Elementary School on left
Marlpit Hall & Taylor-Butler House are just after school on the left

Places to stay:
Molly Pitcher Inn, 88 Riverside Avenue, Red Bank, 732-747-2500 (4.3 miles)
Note: We have reserved a block of rooms for Friday or Saturday night for the rate of $189. To make a reservation, call the hotel (732-530-8200) and ask for a room under “NJ History and Historic Preservation Conference”

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Radisson Hotel, 50 Gibson Place, Freehold, 732-780-3400 (16.3 miles)
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