

**The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey Central  
Regional Summer Meeting  
Saturday, June 28, 2025  
Tewksbury Historical Society  
Zion Lutheran Christian Education Building  
18 Miller Avenue Oldwick, NJ 08858; 908-832-6734 (society office)  
Agenda**

9:00 - 9:30 Registration and continental breakfast

9:30 - 9:45 Welcome – Shaun C. Van Doren, President, Tewksbury Historical Society; Peter Melick, Mayor  
Tewksbury Township; John Lanza, Director, Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners

9:45 - 10:15 League business meeting

10:15 break

10:30 – 10:45 History of the Tewksbury Historical Society presented by Society President Shaun C. Van Doren

10:45 -11:15 “On the Threshold of Independence: Hunterdon County 1775-1776,” presented by Marcia Karrow.  
There is no doubt that, during our war for freedom from British tyranny, New Jersey saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state in Colonial America. But did you know that Hunterdon County was the location of the most battles and skirmishes in New Jersey? Arguably the true crossroads of the American Revolution, Hunterdon County is planning 18 months of events, lectures, and tours which will highlight its important position in our country's fight for independence. Hear what's in the works.

11:15 -12:00 “History Mapping New Jersey,” presented by David Harding, Executive Director of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. A concise but encompassing overview of the history of your county using Google Earth as the interactive vehicle for conveying your county history from its beginnings. This tool is familiar and user-friendly to all ages, and the results could be linked to all of our other counties, making it the first-of-its-kind, statewide reference. All aboard!

12:15 – 1:00 Lunch

1:15 – 2:15 History of the Zion Lutheran Church, New Germantown/Oldwick presented by Harold F. Wrede, member of Zion Lutheran Church. Hear about the history of New Germantown, its people, businesses and growth, the change to Oldwick, and the founding of the Zion Lutheran Church and how it grew to be the focal point of the community and its contributions.

Local Accommodations: Lebanon – Oldwick is approx. 10-12 minutes east of Lebanon  
Courtyard by Marriott Lebanon 300 Corporate Drive Lebanon, NJ 08833 (908) 236-8500  
Bridgewater Marriott 700 Commons Way Bridgewater, NJ 08807 (908) 927-9300

To register, complete the form below and mail with your check for \$30.00 made payable to Tewksbury Historical Society and mail to Tewksbury Historical Society P.O. Box 457 Oldwick, NJ 08858. Please indicate any dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**For questions on the morning of the meeting:** contact Shaun C. Van Doren’s cell, 908-963-2304

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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**From North via Garden State Parkway:**

Take Parkway South to Exit 142A to Interstate 78 West. Continue on I-78 West to Exit 24 Oldwick/Whitehouse (approx. 30 miles). Take Exit 24 and keep right. At the bottom of the ramp turn right onto County Route 523 North. In approx. 1 mile you will be at the intersection of County Routes 523 & 517 at a traffic light. Continue north on County Route 517, a.k.a. Old Turnpike Road. You will enter the village of Oldwick. Make the 3<sup>rd</sup> right onto Church Street (large white Church will be on corner). Go 1 block and Christian Education Building will be on your right. Sign on corner, entrance just past sign.

**From North via New Jersey Turnpike:**

Take New Jersey Turnpike South to exit 14 for I-78. Take I-78 West to Exit 24 Oldwick/Whitehouse (approx. 30 miles). Follow directions From North via Parkway.

**From South via Garden State Parkway:**

Take Parkway North to Exit 127 for Route 440/Interstate 287. Follow signs for I-287 North. Continue on I-287 North to Interstate 78 (approx. 20 miles). Take Exit 30 for I-78 West. Continue on I-78 West to Exit 24 (Oldwick/Whitehouse). Take Exit 24 and keep right. At the bottom of the ramp turn right onto County Route 523 North. In approx. 1 mile you will be at the intersection of County Routes 523 & 517 at a traffic light. Continue north on County Route 517, a.k.a. Old Turnpike Road. You will enter the village of Oldwick. Make the 3<sup>rd</sup> right onto Church Street (large white Church will be on corner). Go 1 block and Christian Education Building will be on your right. Sign on corner, entrance just past sign.

**From South via New Jersey Turnpike:**

Take New Jersey Turnpike North to exit 10 for I-287. Follow signs for I-287 North. Continue on I-287 North to Interstate 78 (approx. 20 miles). Take Exit 30 for I-78 West. Follow directions from South via Parkway.

**From East via Route 80:**

Take Interstate 80 West to Exit 25 for Route 206. Take Route 206 South to County Route 523/ Lamington Road in Bedminster (approx. 30 miles). Turn right onto County Route 523/Lamington Road heading west until you reach the end at a traffic light. Turn right onto County Route 517 a.k.a. Old Turnpike Road. You will enter the village of Oldwick. Make the 3<sup>rd</sup> right onto Church Street (large white Church will be on corner). Go 1 block and Christian Education Building will be on your right. Sign on corner, entrance just past sign.

