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**Fall Meeting
Chinkchewunsk
Chapter, DAR,
Sussex Borough,
Sussex County
October 22, 2011**

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New Jersey in the Crucible of the Civil War

Princeton University • November 19, 2011

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8:30 Registration, exhibits, continental breakfast

9:30 Morning Program

Annual Cunningham Lecture: Eric Foner, DeWitt Clinton Professor of History, Columbia University, will discuss his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*, which examines the events and experiences that shaped Lincoln and his attitudes toward slavery. Books may be purchased at the lunch break.

Larry Greene, Seton Hall University—*The Role of Race and Slavery in New Jersey Elections*
Awards Presentation

Book Signing, Education Session, Lunch, 12:00 – 1:30

Education Session 12:45 – 1:30

Researching Your Community Heritage

Moderator: Sara Cureton, New Jersey Historical Commission

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Concurrent Afternoon Panel Sessions 1:45 – 3:00

The Homefront

Moderator: Marc Mappen, Rutgers University

Lee Ellen Griffith, Monmouth County Historical Association, *Marching Away:
Monmouth County in the Civil War*

W. Barksdale Maynard, independent scholar, *Princeton in the Confederacy's
Service*

Women, Medicine, and the Civil War

Moderator: Maxine N. Lurie, Seton Hall University

Sandra Moss, independent scholar, *Medicine and the Civil War hospital in Newark*

Carol Berkin, Baruch College & The Graduate Center, CUNY, *Angelina Grimke, Varina Howell Davis and Julia
Dent Grant During the Civil War*

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Regimental flag, 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers. The 3rd served in the First New Jersey Brigade from 1861-1865. Courtesy, NJ Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs and Joseph Bilby

The Slate of Officers and Directors of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The New Jersey Historical Commission will hold its annual historical conference at Princeton University on November 19 on the topic, "New Jersey in the Crucible of the Civil War." (See. p. 1)

The League continues to amaze me with the number and quality of programs offered by a rich variety of organizations, museums and individuals.

One of the great strengths of the League is the rotation of our three annual meetings among the three regions of our state. This is a great opportunity to showcase your history and your facility. We are actively soliciting applicants. Please see our website for details.

Mary and the Metlar-Bodine House proved to be gracious hosts for the June meeting in Piscataway, Middlesex County. Jane and the Chinkchewnska Chapter, DAR will host the October 22, 2011 meeting. Meetings at the extreme geographic locations in our state should be seen as opportunities experience the diversity of our state and perhaps be grateful that we do not live in one the 45 larger states in our union.

In these days of overcommitment when we never seem to have enough time to do all the things we know should be done, the League is most fortunate to have such dedicated and accomplished volunteers. Many wise members of non-profits hesitate to thank individuals for their efforts for fear of offending someone by leaving them off the list. My intention is to thank as many people as I can and simply include future gratitude to those overlooked at any one time. James Lewis has agreed to become the League historian replacing Chad Leinaweaver. Judy M. Aley has proven to be an accurate and prompt recording secretary.

Chairman J. B. Vogt has completed the time-consuming process of evalu-
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DEADLINE: Submissions for the January issue of *League News* must be on the editor's desk no later than December 15, 2011. Please send all items to: Linda Barth, 214 North Bridge Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876; 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.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT: NEW JERSEY'S 350TH ANNIVERSARY IS FAST APPROACHING!



Remember this stamp? Yes, it was issued forty-seven years ago. The Rev. Robert Higgs, of the First Presbyterian Church (Old First) has reminded us that 2014 will mark the 350th anniversary of our great state.

In addition to the church's own history team, church members are building close relationships with Kean University, Liberty Hall and other local historic groups. Together, they hope to learn what plans, if any, are in the works to celebrate NJ's 350th anniversary. There are many ways this event can be approached, without necessarily costing a lot of money.

Since First Church is literally constructed on the site of the original meetinghouse of the Elizabeth Associates Company that launched the colony and is home to the burial grounds of many of the founders, the church is very interested in helping in whatever way it can. Church construction will be finished later this year so that venue can host a variety of events.

Of course, the Kean University campus, home to Liberty Hall and adjacent to historic Connecticut Farms (Union), is ideal for conferences and large gatherings. In a way, Kean is an ideal venue for such a celebration because while Liberty Hall showcases New Jersey's past, the modern campus is evocative of New Jersey's future.

If any groups around the state are making plans for the celebration, First Church, Kean, and Liberty Hall would like to be part of the process. Let's get started!

Robert Higgs, 42 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201; 609-226-6678; exdir@acadenj.org

IF YOU HAVE ANY PLANS AND WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE WITH THE ABOVE GROUPS, PLEASE CONTACT REV. HIGGS.

ALSO, PLEASE SHARE YOUR CELEBRATION IDEAS WITH THE LEAGUE AND WE WILL HAPPILY PUBLICIZE ALL EVENTS TO OUR MEMBERSHIP.

JOSEPH BILBY TO RECEIVE JANE G. CLAYTON AWARD

Joseph G. Bilby has been chosen to receive the 2011 Jane G. Clayton Award, to be presented at Archives and History Day at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, Manalapan, on October 15. Created in 1997, the Clayton Award honors an individual who, over a substantial number of years, has made exceptional contributions to an awareness, understanding, and/or preservation of the history of Monmouth County, New Jersey. It is named after the former County Clerk who was responsible for the creation of the Monmouth County Archives.

Joe Bilby received his BA and MA degrees in history from Seton Hall University. A Vietnam veteran, he has taught military history on the community college level and lectured widely on Civil War and New Jersey history. He is currently part-time Assistant Curator of the New Jersey National Guard and Militia Museum in Sea Girt, New Jersey and a free lance writer and historical consultant. He is the author, editor or co-author of twelve books and more than 300 articles on New Jersey history and folklore, military history and outdoor subjects. His Monmouth-related books include *Monmouth Court House: The Battle That Made the American Army*, *Asbury Park: A Brief History*; and *Sea Girt: A Brief History*, and his several books on New Jersey's Civil War regiments such as *Remember You Are Jerseymen: A Military History of New Jersey's Troops in the Civil War* co-authored by William C. Goble includes information about Monmouth soldiers.

Mr. Bilby has appeared on the History Channel's Civil War Journal, the Discovery Channel's Discovery Magazine, and RTE, the Irish National television network, as an expert on the Civil War and 19th century firearms. He is a Trustee of the NJ Civil War Heritage Association, a member and publications editor of New Jersey's official Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, and content editor of the Committee's website. For information about Archives and History Day, please contact Shelagh Reilly at sreilly@co.monmouth.nj.us.

Historic Preservation Education Thrives at Drew University!

There's no better place to learn the processes and techniques of historic preservation than at Drew University. And, those who know that best are the alumni of Drew's Historic Preservation Certificate program.

On June 16, Drew University held its 14th annual awards ceremony for graduates of the Certificate in Historic Preservation program. Now joining a cohort of 152 alumni, Drew's nine Certificate in Historic Preservation graduates were honored for completing the program's three required courses and a total of 15 Continuing Education Units - equivalent to 150 hours of class time. This year's pool of certificate recipients included individuals from professional backgrounds such as technology, sales, architecture, design, and preservation (both professional and volunteer based).

Drew University's unique Certificate in Historic Preservation program draws from a wealth of resources in the Garden State. Designed for a wide range of participants, the program provides the tools needed to understand the discipline and language of preservation while also facilitating a special opportunity to connect with others interested in these important issues. Courses in Drew's preservation program include a variety of six- to ten-week classes and one-day workshops, each categorized by area of concentration including: theory and practice, planning, conservation, and architectural history/history. The 2011-2012 course offerings represent a great opportunity to begin or continue your preservation studies. Past and upcoming course listings include:

*Preservation Law • Historic Building Analysis • Historic Kitchens & Pantries American Architectural History • Balancing Sustainability & Preservation - Archaeology & Historic Buildings • Introduction to the History of American Interiors
Exterior Paint for Historic Houses*

The fall 2011 semester begins September 6th and students can download a registration form online at any time. All courses are taught by faculty who are active professionals in the field of preservation. Students are welcome to take courses individually or may work towards the certificate.

For a 2011-2012 brochure and further information, call 973/408-3185 or visit our website at www.drew.edu/historicpreservation.

News and Notes from Our Members

Nancy Priest writes: It gives me great pleasure to inform you of an Award given to the Westfield Historical Society by the Victorian Society for the restoration of the Reeve House. The award was presented at the William Clark House (346 Mount Prospect Avenue, Newark) on May 16th. It is wonderful that our organization is being honored. If you would like more information about the Reeve House, you may contact the society at info@westfieldhistoricalsociety.org or 908-654-1794.

For the second consecutive year, the New Jersey Library Association's Librarian of the Year Award has been presented to members of the Middlesex Automation Consortium. The Monroe Township Public Library director Irene Goldberg is this year's recipient; Joe Da Rold, director of the Plainfield Public Library was given the award last year. According to Eileen Palmer, executive director of the consortium, the award is "always given to a librarian who has exemplary leadership skills and who has given a lot to our profession."

How lovely it was to see so many League members at the Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair! Visitors saw over 30 tables displaying artifacts, posters, brochures, and even the League Publication Award from 2005!



Criteria for the Kevin M. Hale Publication Awards

The following criteria will be used to judge the various categories of the Hale Publication Awards for 2011.

NEWSLETTERS

Front Page:

Is it eye catching?

Does it clearly identify the name of the group, the site, the date, 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 current 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?

Graphic quality -- Are they eye-catching?

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

Contact information

DVDs

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

Journey On A Virtual Field Trip at the American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark

Visit the American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark via videoconferencing. Distance learning classes are offered to schools, libraries and organizations. Choose from a wide variety of topics that deal with workers, immigrants, labor struggles, child labor and more. Classes are offered on a daily basis. Advanced registration is required.

The Botto House is located at 83 Norwood St., Haledon, NJ. It was the meeting place for over 20,000 silk mill workers during the 1913 Paterson Silk Strike. The museum offers a free lending library, restored period rooms, changing exhibits, a museum store, Old World Gardens, educational and cultural programs and special events. M-F, 9-5. Tours: W-Sat, 1-4 PM or by appointment. For further information, please call 973-595-7953, labormuseum@aol.com; www.labormuseum.org.

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Macculloch Hall Historical Museum Acquires Nast Original

This summer Macculloch Hall Historical Museum shares a recently acquired original pen and ink drawing by the famous nineteenth-century political cartoonist Thomas Nast. This seasonally topical piece, *Where Shall We Go This Summer?*, was drawn by Nast in 1882. It was featured on the cover of *Harper's Bazar*, whose title was interestingly spelled with only one "a" in this period, on June 10 of that year.

The museum already owns the engraved image from the periodical. The two versions now hang side by side on the second floor landing of Macculloch Hall. The images are almost identical; there are only minor differences between the two pictures which will be on display during touring hours Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday between 1 pm and 4 pm until Sunday, October 30th.



Photo courtesy of thomasnast.com

UNION COUNTY'S FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND A Journey Through Union County's History

Saturday, October 15 10:00 am- 5:00 pm & Sunday, October 16, 12 pm-5 pm-----*Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend Historic Sites Tour.* Come and explore Union County's many historic treasures including tours of 15 house museums listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

Stop by the Crane-Phillips House Museum in Cranford and witness an encampment by Company D, 2nd Rhode Island Volunteers Civil War re-enactors.

Join the ghost of David Felt for a guided tour of the restored church/store building with interpretive exhibits and the Masker's Barn carriage house (ca. 1885) at the Deserted Village of Feltsville-Glenside Park, Berkeley Heights.

Take a leisurely stroll around the beautiful grounds at Liberty Hall in Union (1772), the ancestral home of the Livingston/Kean families.

Visit the Miller-Cory House for an introduction to colonial skills and practices as costumed interpreters recreate the daily chores and seasonal farm work in the Westfields, ca. 1740-1820.

After viewing the award-winning PBS Olmsted Legacy Documentary at Summit's Reeves-Reed Arboretum, the venue for the documentary, enjoy a scripted cell phone/podcast tour of the grounds.

In commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, pay tribute to the war's hundreds of soldiers and sailors with a visit to their gravesites at the historic Rahway Cemetery and the Evergreen Cemetery in Hillside, including those of the many Blacks who fought in regiments of the United States Colored Troops (USCT).

Much more! Free Event! For more information and a brochure, contact the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550; NJ Relay; culturalinfo@ucnj.org or www.ucnj.org/cultural.

FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND is made possible in part by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and funded in part by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State.



Crane-Phillips House Museum,
Cranford



Liberty Hall, Union



Miller-Cory House, Westfield

The 25th Annual Four Views of Trenton Guided Bus Tours

Sponsored by The Contemporary and the Trenton Historical Society.

176 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

October 1, 2011

The Contemporary's 25th Annual Four Views of Trenton features guided bus tours of the many faces of our capital city. See new and interesting aspects of this historical place up close and personal. The guides have lived and worked in the city and can show places not often open to the public. Register early to get your choice as most tours sell out. (continued on the next page)

This year's tour options are:

#1 Janet Evanovich's Burg – Guide, Jim Carlucci - Stephanie Plum, “a bounty hunter with attitude,” debuted in *One for the Money* in 1994. Author Janet Evanovich, who set her mystery series in the Chambersburg section of Trenton, created a fictional landscape of crime and wacky characters. Visualize Stephanie's world before the Hollywood version, visit a bail bondsman, a funeral home where Grandma Mazur attends wakes, and a number of Steph's favorite haunts.

#2 Coming to Trenton – Guide, John Hatch - As a 19th century boom town, Trenton attracted waves of immigrants to work in its factories. The factories aren't in production any more, but the immigrants have never stopped coming. Visit traditional food vendors, churches, work places and special collections. See what first-generation immigrants brought to Trenton, what's been saved and how their influence has changed how we live.

#3 Seldom Seen Spaces – Guide, Sally Lane - This could be called the private tour ~ it's an invitation to visit places that aren't open to the public. Most are in private hands but the few in the public domain have agreed to show us what isn't on show for everyone else. Be advised that stairs are the norm on this tour ~ that's how you get to a tower or a garret. We'll also be checking out quirky spaces at lower elevations.

#4 Two-hour Sightseeing Trip – Guide, Joe Teti - Sit back and enjoy seeing neighborhoods, historic sites from early 18th century and the Revolutionary War onward, retrofitted industrial areas, and many highlights of a city that's been the state capital since 1790. While you see the sights old and new, you'll hear about famous residents, visitors and a scalawag or two. Morning and afternoon tours available.

Tours 1, 2, 3 leave The Contemporary, 176 W. State St. Trenton at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. Morning coffee and lunch included for \$45.

Tour 4 leaves Katmandu on Rt. 29. Choose 10:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Cost \$20. For reservations, brochures and/or information, call 609-737-9128 or 215-295-1498 or go to www.trentonhistory.org/4ViewsOfTrenton2010.pdf.

New Jersey in the Crucible of the Civil War (continued from page one)

The Soldier Experience

Moderator: Jonathan Lurie, Rutgers University

David Martin, The Peddie School, *New Jersey's Officers and Generals: The Good, the Bad and the Awful*

Leonard Bussanich, independent scholar, *To Reach Sweet Home Again: The Impact of Soldiering on New Jersey's Troops During the American Civil War*

Diane Miller Somerville, Binghamton University, *Suicide and the Confederate Soldier*

Plenary 3:15 – 4:00

Nell Irvin Painter, Edwards Professor of American History, Emerita, Princeton University
Black American Artists Limn Slavery and the Civil War

To register for this conference, please visit
www.state.nj.us/state/historical/index.html.

There you will find a link for registration. The price will be \$35 if you mail your check (postmarked) by November 7, and \$40 if you mail your check later than that date.

Historic circa 1812-1820 Essex County Militia Banner to be Restored NJ Historical Commission Awards Grant to the Historical Society of West Caldwell

The New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State, has awarded a grant of \$3,000 to the Historical Society of West Caldwell. The money will go towards the restoration and preservation of a painted militia flag believed to have been flown by members of a Caldwell Township, Essex County Cavalry Militia unit between 1812-1820.

During this time period the name “Caldwell” referred to old Caldwell Township, which today includes the towns of Cedar Grove, Verona, Roseland, Essex Fells, Livingston, Fairfield, North Caldwell, Caldwell, and West Caldwell, making this flag a historical artifact of interest to the residents of all these towns. Once the flag is restored, the society plans to provide opportunities for the people of Essex County to view it and learn about it in the context of the War of 1812 during the upcoming bicentennial of the War of 1812.

The flag is approximately 30” high by 42” wide and is painted on each side. On one side is a profile of a uniformed man wearing a shako helmet and carrying a sword; he is mounted on a rearing horse. Above him is a red ribbon that reads “2__ REG: ESSEX [S]QU[A]DRON” in gilded letters. The other side shows the seal of New Jersey: two women flanking a central shield of blue, with the figure on the left holding a red flag; the figure on the right holding a cluster of large flowers and a shield with three images of a plow, painted in white. A horse’s head in profile rests above the shield. A red ribbon below the shield reads “CALDWELL TROOP” in gilded letters.

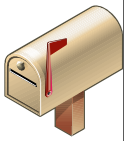
Former Caldwell Historian E. Lesley Byrnes received the flag from the late Raymond Francisco Dey (1905-1995), who donated it to the society in the 1990s. Dey believed that the flag was associated with Gen. William Gould (1757-1847), who served in the Revolution, the 1794 Whiskey Rebellion in Pennsylvania and the War of 1812. Joseph G. Bilby, historian and assistant curator at the National Guard Militia Museum of NJ, Sea Girt, states that the uniform and type of headgear indicate that the flag probably dates to the period 1814-1820. Bilby also notes that the term “Squadron” referred to a cavalry unit.

New Jersey’s involvement in the War of 1812 continued until the end of the war in 1815. Although the records are sparse, the available data indicate that there were at least two dozen Essex County militia companies activated for this conflict. Two of them are described as Caldwell companies. One was part of the First Regiment, an infantry company lead by Captain Isaac Crane, while the other was part of the Third Regiment, a rifle company lead by Captain Simeon Crane. A third company, called the Columbian Volunteers, was organized in Caldwell in 1814 and led by Captain Rufus Harrison. It is not yet known if this unit served in the War of 1812. Research on the topic is ongoing.

The Historical Society of West Caldwell (HSWC) would like to hear from other groups that have military records or artifacts from this period, especially records of militia units, particularly those of Essex County. If you know of plans to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812, please contact the HSWC at PO Box 1701, West Caldwell, NJ 07007-11701 or hswcaldwell@gmail.com. The HSWC is a not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to bring together those people interested in history, especially that of West Caldwell and vicinity; and to acquire and encourage the preservation of documents, pictures, other artifacts, buildings, and sites of historical significance. The society is seeking additional funding for the creation of an exhibit for the flag.



LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS....



Hi Linda — I would love to receive an electronic version of the Speakers Bureau List that is mentioned in the most recent issue of the League News. I am the Glen Rock (NJ) Borough Historian, and a member of the Glen Rock Historical & Preservation Society, and we are starting to get a speakers program going in our town, and this sounds like an excellent resource for our purposes. If your list is divided by sections, we really are only interested in those presenting in North Jersey.

Thank you very much, and I have to say that I find your e-mails and newsletters to be a wonderful source of information! Sue Tryforos

Your newsletter is terrific! Am enjoying reading it. Thank you. Shelley Heretyk

I have just found the time to sit and read the latest newsletter of the League News. What a lovely surprise I found on page 19. Thank you so very much for including the photo and article regarding the Township of Ocean Historical Museum being voted the best museum in Monmouth Co for the 2nd year. I have just forwarded the League News to all the members of our Executive Board and will try to forward it to our general membership. You certainly do a great job.
Virginia Richmond

UPCOMING LEAGUE MEETINGS

October 22, 2011	Chinkchewunska Chapter of the DAR, Sussex, Sussex County
March 17, 2012	Hammonton (Atlantic County)
June 2012	DANE, the Danish Archive Northeast, Edison, Middlesex 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.**

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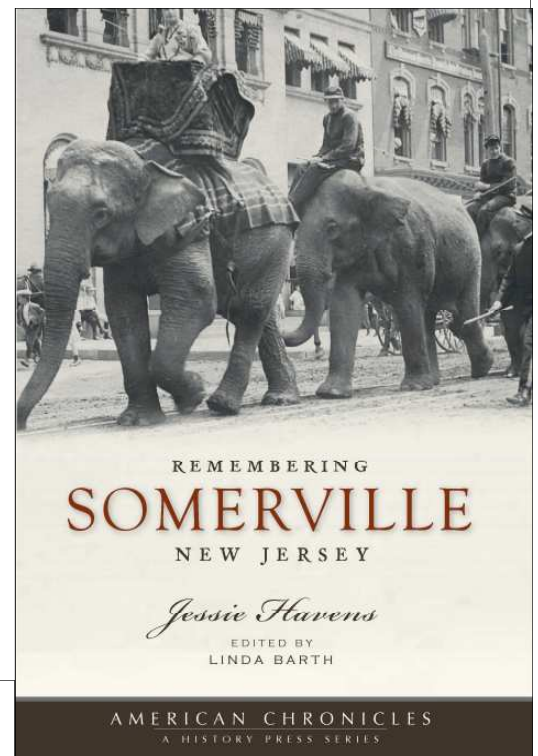
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The cover of the Somerville book, from the American Chronicles series. Unlike Arcadia titles, History Press books have more text than photos.



HISTORY EVENTS AND EXHIBITS — 2011

Through Nov. 6— "Remembering South Cape May" Exhibit examines the rise and fall of the community that once stood west of Cape May's beachfront on land that today is the Nature Conservancy's Cape May Migratory Bird Refuge. Open daily through November 6; hours vary. Admission is free. A free lecture on **Saturday, Oct. 8** at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Washington and Franklin streets. Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). For more information or to make reservations, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

Saturday, September 3 – Hunterdon County—Join us for the 17th annual TEWKSBURY Flea Market in Oldwick! The Tewksbury Historical Society hosts its 17th annual Flea Market from 8 a.m. -3:00 p.m. in the farm field ½ mile north of the village of Oldwick on County Route 517. Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 4th. 104 vendors; \$1/car. Early birds admission, 7-8 a.m., \$10/person. All proceeds benefit the Society's building fund.

Saturday, September 3 - Ocean County—Ocean County Historical Society's 25th Olde Time Antiques & Collectibles Faire, Ocean County Parking Garage between Hooper and Ma

and then board the trolley to Natali Vineyards, Hawk Haven Vineyard & Winery, and Turdo Vineyards, where you'll learn about viniculture and visit the tasting rooms. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission, \$75 per person, includes lunch, wine tastings at each vineyard and a wine tasting glass. Limited event, reserve early! Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). For more information or to make reservations, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

Saturday, September 10 – Cape May County—Art for History Art Auction at the Ocean View Resort. Fine and folk art by local artists and artisans: oils, water colors, carvings, handmade jewelry, photography and more. New this year, quality antiques. Silent and live auctions. Hors d'oeuvres and wine bar. Tickets, \$20, can be purchased at the Cape May County Museum or online at www.cmcsmuseum.org under calendar of events. The Cape May County Museum is located at 504 Route 9 North, Cape May Court House and is open 10 am to 3 pm, Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is free. For more information, please call (609)465-3535 or email museum@co.cape_may.nj.us.

Saturday, September 10 -- Monmouth County—The Atlantic Highlands Historical Society flea market at our harbor parking lot at the end of First Ave. Over 100 vendors, selling new, used and antique items. Enjoy the day shopping and strolling around our harbor with spectacular view of New York. You can contact us by calling 732-291-1861 or ahhsinfo@yahoo.com. Follow us on Facebook -Atlantic Highlands Historical Society.

Saturday, September 10—Somerset County—“Patriotic Salute” - John Hnedak, Asst. Superintendent, Ellis Island/ Statue of Liberty, speaks @ 11 a.m. on “Ellis Island: Past, Present and Future.” \$15/person, includes a light lunch. The talk and lunch are at the Van Liew-Suydam House, 280 S. Middlebush Rd., Somerset. 732-748-7657. At 1 p.m. the day's program moves to the Hageman Farm, 209 S. Middlebush Rd. There will be an apple pie contest, and talks on heritage apples. At 2 p.m. there is a “meet-and-greet” for local political candidates. The day concludes at 3 p.m. with a solemn remembrance of the 9/11 victims who lived in Franklin Township.

Saturday, September 10—Richmond County—1776 Peace Conference Celebration. A recreation of the attempted peace talks between the British and the Americans, with Colonial-era music and dancing, crafts booths, outdoor cooking demonstrations, and children's games and crafts. Suggested donation: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and seniors. 11-4 (rain date 9/11). Conference House, 298 Satterlee St., Staten Island, NY 10307; 718-984-6046; info@conferencehouse.org.

Saturday, September 10 – Somerset County—10 am to 4 pm - Rockingham Historic Site hosts a Militia Encampment & Trade Fair with Outwater's Militia. Soldiers' camp life activities including musket drills, cooking, medicine, and family life. House tours, museum store, light refreshments available. FREE event/donations welcomed. Call 609-683-7132 or go to www.rockingham.net for more info. 84 Laurel Ave., Kingston, NJ.

Tuesday, September 13 – Monmouth County—Ocean Township Historical Museum Presents "Women Flying into History: The Women Air Force Service Pilots" (W.A.S.P.). 68 years ago 2,000 women became the Women Airforce Service Pilots (W.A.S.P.). Bernice "Bee" Falk was one of them. An experienced aviator, Miss Falk was accepted into the W.A.S.P. in February 1944. Come meet Bee and hear this remarkable woman's story at 7:15 pm at the Old Oakhurst School Auditorium, 163 Monmouth Rd, Oakhurst. Copies of her book, *Letters Home 1944-1945*, will be available for sale. Open to the public and free of charge. Refreshments will be served. Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the Monmouth-Ocean County Food Bank.

Friday, September 16 – Monmouth County—11:00 AM -- POW/MIA & Gold Star Mother Recognition Ceremony. *Lecture attendees are asked to RSVP one week prior to the event. Teachers attending can receive professional credit. Admission, \$5 adults, \$3, seniors and students. Free, children under 10, active military personnel, and military veterans. To register or for more information, please call the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation office, 732-335-0033 or visit www.njvvmf.org for the latest calendar of events. Adjacent to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial off the Garden State Parkway, exit 116 in Holmdel. The center is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM. The memorial is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. No admission charge to visit the memorial.

Friday, September 16 – Morris County—Downtown Concert Series, 6 PM - 8 PM. Free family-friendly outdoor music concert on the lawn of the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts. For more information call 973-377-2982 x14 or visit www.metc.org. Rain or Shine! In case of rain, concert will be held inside the museum on a first come first serve basis. Free! Museum Coordinator, coordinator@metc.org; 973-377-2982 x14. 9 Main Street, Madison.

Saturday, September 17 – Ocean County—2nd Annual Seaport Antique Car & Truck Show, 10-2. Over 100 antique and classic cars and trucks. To enter a vehicle, contact David at ddieugenio@comcast.net. Admission: Adults: \$8, Seniors: \$6, Children 6 to 12: \$3. Children 5 and under and members free. Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, NJ, 609-296-8868; www.TuckertonSeaport.org.

Saturday, September 17—Middlesex County—First Biennial “**Antiques River-Road Show**” Appraisal Fair Event benefits the Historic Metlar-Bodine House Museum. 10-4. Bring a maximum of three items to be evaluated for a donation of \$10 each, or three for \$25. 1281 River Road, Piscataway. Professional appraisers specializing in prints, drawings, maps, photographs, posters, paintings, sculpture, advertising ephemera, military artifacts, china and glassware, ceramics and pottery, folk art, musical instruments, jewelry; toys and dolls, coins, sports collectibles, entertainment memorabilia, furniture and rugs will examine your possessions and determine their worth. Rain or shine; refreshments; free parking across from museum in Johnson’s Park. For more information or directions, please call 732-463-8363.

Sunday, September 18 – Danish American Artists. A look at the contributions made by Danish Artists in the U.S.A. Sponsored by DANE, the Danish Archive North East. At the Danish Home, 855 New Durham Rd, Edison. 2-5 PM. For information call 732-287-6445.

Sunday, September 18 – Monmouth County—12:30 PM -- Rolling Thunder – NJ Motorcycle Run. Leaves Warrananco Park, Elizabeth, 11:30 AM. Arrives at Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial, 12:30 PM. For more information about any of these events, please call the NJ Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial Foundation office at (732) 335-0033 or visit our website at www.njvvmf.org. Adjacent to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial off the Garden State Parkway, exit 116, Holmdel. The center is open Tuesday through Saturday 10-4. The memorial is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. No admission charge to visit the memorial.

Sunday, September 18 – Sussex County—Walpack Historical Society presents, “**Music in the Park,**” 1:00 pm, Walpack Church, Walpack Center. 973-948-4903.

Sunday, September 18 – Essex County—Sunday Spotlight: Genealogy...Get Ready, Get Set, Get Going. 1–3. \$8/person. Montclair Historical Society, 108 Orange Road, Montclair. Nancy C. Nelson and Carol M. Sheaffer will help you start your search for your ancestors. Great for beginners or people who need some fresh ideas on places to dig for their roots! And they’ll be back on March 18 to talk about identifying the women in your family tree. Seating is limited. Call 973-744-1796 for reservations or email us at mail@montclairhistorical.org.

Sunday, September 18 through July 2012 – Monmouth County—Civil War Exhibition Coming to Freehold. Monmouth County Historical Association will present a special exhibition, “Marching Away: Monmouth County in the Civil War,” from Sept. 18 through July 2012, in the Washington Gallery at the association’s museum and library, 70 Court Street, Freehold. See letters, photographs, diaries, uniforms, flags, personal items and military weaponry. In conjunction with the opening, there will be an encampment of the 2nd Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry Company D Civil War reenactors held on the grounds, Sept. 17-18. Please visit monmouthhistory.org or call 732-462-1466 for further information about the exhibition and related programming.

Monday, September 19 – Essex County—The Victorian Society in America, Northern NJ Chapter presents **The Wedding of President Grover Cleveland and Frances Folsom** -- The 125th Anniversary. 7:30 pm. Montclair Women’s Club, 82 Union Street, Montclair. Refreshments. Members free; non-members, \$5. Annual membership only \$25.00. For more information, please contact Christina.mayer@fmglobal.com or 973.744.5916.

Friday, September 23 – Middlesex County—7:30 pm—A *séance* to benefit the Ferry Slip Museum. Conducted by Jane Doherty, renowned & celebrated psychic. Cost: \$50.00 per person. Adults only. Payable in advance. The *séance* will be held Old Stone Cottage, 893 Main Street, Fords, NJ. To reserve - *no later than September 15th* - please call Don Peck at 732-738-5522 and make your check payable to the Ferry Slip Museum. Please mail your check addressed to Don Peck at 893 Main Street, Fords, NJ 08863.

Saturday, September 24 – Morris County—Mount Tabor’s 18th Historic House Tour showcases Morris County’s unique historic Victorian Camp Meeting community, showcasing 15 Victorian cottages and community buildings on a self-guided walking tour. 11 am to 4 pm. Rain or shine. \$20 per person. House tours, History House, quilt display, box lunches available, period costumes. Mt. Tabor, Info/tickets: 973-586-1564; www.mounttabornj.org.

Saturday, September 24 – Cape May County—Delaware Bay Lighthouse Adventure: Enjoy a cruise up the Delaware Bay aboard the new Cape May Whale Watcher for a full day of lighthouse viewing. Hear bay lore on fishing, spawning grounds, and more. Includes a continental breakfast and lavish complimentary luncheon buffet. Cash bar is available. Limit: 175. 10 a.m. Admission \$99. Co-sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC) and the Cape May Whale Watcher. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

Saturday & Sunday, September 24 & 25 – Ocean County—29th Annual Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show, 7am to 5 pm. Join us for this exciting two day event celebrating the culture of the area! Demonstrations, contests,

seminars, decoy auction, crafters, carvers, vendors, food, refreshments, music, entertainment, sneakbox races, rubber duck races and lots of fun. *New for 2011*...As featured on ESPN, "Dock Dog Competitions." Two great locations: Tip Seaman County Park and Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum. Admission: Free. Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, NJ, 609-296-8868; www.TuckertonSeaport.org.

Sunday, September 25—Hudson County— 2–5 pm – Opening reception for book art exhibit by Barbara Mauriello. Free. The Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson St., is open six days a week: 2–7 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 1–5 pm on Friday; and 12–5 pm on Saturday and Sunday. www.hobokenmuseum.org; 201-656-2240 for more information.

Sunday, September 25—Somerset County—Van Harlingen Historical Society-*The History of Harlingen* at 2 pm at the Harlingen Reformed Church, 34 Dutchtown-Harlingen Road, corner of Route 206 in the Belle Mead section of Montgomery Township. Despite its historic charm, Harlingen is not on the National Register of Historic Places. Find out why and learn lots more about this picture-perfect little village. Pictorial tour of the village narrated by Montgomery historian Ursula Brecknell with pictures of school days in the old Harlingen School, now Gasior's Furniture. John Archibald, teaching principal, will also speak. Free. Refreshments. Questions? Call Jackie Weitzner, 609-466-8009.

Saturday, October 1—Richmond County (Staten Island)
"Vittles & Fiddles" Food & Wine Festival. Take a bite out of history at our first food and wine event. Music, tasty treats and fun for the whole family. Please call the office 718-984-6046, for details. The Conference House, 298 Satterlee St., Staten Island, NY 10307; 718-984-6046; info@conferencehouse.org.

Saturday-Sunday

St. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. Free admission. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

Saturday, October 15—Richmond County (Staten Island) - English Tea. Come and enjoy our second annual English Tea hosted by the Conference House Association Auxiliary. Play croquet, lawn bowling and horseshoes - great for the young and young at heart. Handmade crafts, garden inspired items/plants & baked goods. Raffles. Tea will be served in the Conference House kitchen by reservation. For tea reservations call 718-984-2491. 12 pm - 4 pm. The Conference House, 298 Satterlee St., Staten Island, NY 10307; 718-984-6046; info@conferencehouse.org.

Sunday, October 16 – Middlesex County—Danes of Penn Yan, NY. Exploring the Danish Community, its people, churches & organizations. Sponsored by DANE, the Danish Archive North East. At the Danish Home, 855 New Durham Rd, Edison. 2-5 PM. For information call 732-287-6445.

Sunday, October 16 – Hudson County—1-5 pm – Heirloom Garlic-Tasting Festival. At the Museum. Free. *Sample heirloom varieties of New Jersey-grown garlic, plus a one-day-only green market.* The Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson St., is open six days a week: 2 – 7 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 1–5 pm on Friday; and 12–5 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.hobokenmuseum.org or call 201-656-2240 for more information.

Sunday, October 16 – Sussex County—Walpack Historical Society presents, “Van Campen Day,” noon to 4 pm, at Van Campen Inn, Old Mine Road. Tours, music, and crafts. 973-948-4903.

Friday, October 21 – Monmouth County—8:00 AM -3:00 PM 13th Annual Interdisciplinary Forum on the Vietnam Era (Pre-registration required). *Lecture attendees are asked to RSVP one week prior to the event. Admission, \$5, adults, \$3, seniors and students, free for children under 10, active military personnel, and military veterans. To register or for more information about any of these events, please call the NJ Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial Foundation office at (732) 335-0033. Please visit our website at www.njvvmf.org for the latest calendar of events. The center is adjacent to the NJ Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial off the Garden State Parkway exit 116, Holmdel. It is open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The memorial is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; no charge.

Friday & Saturday, October 21 & 22, 28 & 29 – Ocean County—9th Annual Haunted Seaport, 6 pm to 9 pm. *New for 2011... Two Scary Weekends!* Pirates and sea captains long lost at sea, stroll the boardwalk for a night of screams. “Haunted Forest”, hayrides, phragmites maze, food, refreshments, entertainment and a non-scary pumpkin patch for the little ones. Fun for the whole family! Admission: Adults: \$8, Seniors: \$6, Children 6 to 12: \$3. Children 5 and under: Free. Members Free. Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen’s Museum, 120 West Main St., Tuckerton, NJ, 609-296-8868; www.TuckertonSeaport.org.

Saturday, October 22—Somerset County—Girl Scout “Manners Badge” — 10–12 p.m. The Meadows Foundation, Hageman Farm, 209 So. Middlebush Road, Somerset, NJ 08873; 732-748-7657.

Sunday, Oct. 23, 10 am – 4 pm – Hoboken House Tour, self-guided tours starting from the museum. \$30 (\$25 for members and adv. purchase). Hoboken decorating styles on display, from restored Victorian brownstones to the latest waterfront condos and everything in-between. The Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson St., Visit our website www.hobokenmuseum.org or call 201-656-2240 for more information.

Saturday, October 23—Passaic County—Fall encampment with 18th-century craft demonstrations, cooking, dancing, military drills. Dey Mansion, 199 Totowa Road, Wayne; 973-696-1776.

Wednesday, October 26 – Middlesex County—The New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance invites you to a public program at 5pm in the Pane Room on the first floor of the Alexander Library, 169 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1163. A panel of award-winning New Jersey authors will be moderated by Chad Leinaweaver, chair of the NJSAA's authors' awards committee. Parking passes for the College Avenue deck may be requested in advance from Bonita Grant (craftg@rulmail.rutgers.edu) or Nancy Martin (ngmartin@rci.rutgers.edu). Information on the Alliance is available at www.njsaa.org.

Thursday-Saturday, October 27-29-Passaic County—Haunted Village on the grounds & in the outbuildings of the Dey Mansion, 199 Totowa Road, Wayne; 973-696-1776. 6:30 to 10 pm. Renaissance Festival Players will make your nightmares come to life and chill you to the bone! Ages 10 & up. \$10. For group tickets, call 732-565-1472.

Friday and Saturday, October 28-29—Monmouth County—The Atlantic Highlands Historical Society is hosting a **Halloween Haunted House tour.** See the elegant Strauss Mansion transformed into spooky magical place, complete with monsters and special effects. A must do for the Halloween season. Admission includes refreshments. Anyone wishing to help out with this event can contact us by calling 732-291-1861 or ahhsinfo@yahoo.com.

MORE NEWS FROM OUR STATE ARCHIVES

Joe Klett, Deputy Director for Archives, NJDARM, is pleased to announce an important genealogical and historical resource just added to the State Archives' Searchable Databases site. The new posting features portraits and information cards on over 3,400 New Jersey soldiers who died during World War I.

<https://wwwnet1.state.nj.us/DOS/Admin/ArchivesDBPortal/WWICards.aspx>

He hopes that you find the new database useful. And thanks and kudos to Joanne Nestor, Lois Bredlow, Vivian Thiele, and Veronica Calder for their handsome presentation honoring New Jersey's fallen soldiers.

Questions? Contact Joe at Joseph.Klett@sos.state.nj.us

FINDING A PROGRAM...HOW TO MAKE YOUR JOB EASIER

Are you the program chairman for your society? Do you have a hard time finding new and exciting presenters?

One great resource is the League's Speakers Bureau list.

The programs in the handbook are recommended by our members and cover a wide range of topics: cemeteries, food, architecture, black history, government, historical figures, holidays, home and family life, horticulture, labor and industry, Lenape, maritime, medical, military, music, Pine Barrens, religion, transportation, rivers, sports, and women's issues.

To receive a copy electronically, simply email our executive director, Linda Barth, at barths@att.net, and she'll be happy to send the Speakers Bureau list to you.

HISTORIC COMMISSION APPROVED IN CALDWELL, By Diane Lilli

For years, Caldwell Mayor Ann Dassing has vowed to create an historic preservation commission for the borough. In May, her wish became a reality as the Caldwell council voted to approve the formation of this new commission.

"It's been a long time coming," said Dassing. "I think it will set Caldwell apart from other towns in the area." More importantly, she added, this new commission "will provide us with grant dollars, and we'll have a wonderful inventory of all our restored structures in the town. I am looking forward to this, as it is also a great source of ideas for us in the future."

The borough is noted for a famous historical birthplace—that of former U.S. President Grover Cleveland—and now has an historic preservation commission to back up the historical significance of other buildings. The council voted unanimously to pass this ordinance.

The new ordinance to create an official Caldwell Historical Preservation Commission was discussed at the council meeting. Members of the public spoke, with David Cowell in favor of this new organization. Cowell is the official historian of Caldwell.

"I'm in favor of this resolution, with one or two small changes to matters regarding sections of ID or designation of historic structures," said Cowell. "Major changes require consent of the owner of the property. The language seems to suggest owners should consent, which is fine, but it doesn't specify what happens if the owner does not consent. Also, a 'landmark' indicates district as well as property, so if one person in the whole district objected, we would have a major problem." Cowell said the language should be amended, and that the intentions should be clearer. "If we amend that language a little more carefully we might achieve the goals and purposes of this legislation," he noted.

Borough attorney Greg Mascera thanked Cowell for the efforts he made in assisting and drafting the ordinance.

NEW JERSEY BOOK SHELF

RAILROADS AND NEW JERSEY, 1812-1901

Special Collections and University Archives at the Rutgers University Libraries announces the publication of:

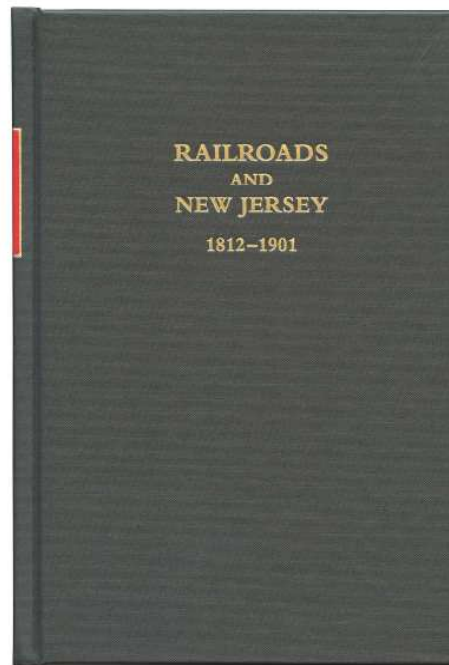
RAILROADS AND NEW JERSEY: A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CONTEMPORARY PUBLICATIONS, 1812-1901

The late Donald Arleigh Sinclair compiled the bibliography over several decades. It has been enlarged, edited, and indexed by David J. Fowler. The reference work has more than 2600 entries which focus on contemporary books, pamphlets, broadsides, and annual reports. No other work on the topic contains the amount, the variety, and the detail of primary source material related to railroads in the state during the 19th century.

A comprehensive index accesses the massive amounts of information in the bibliography. In addition to proper names, including the names of scores of railroad companies, subjects such as accidents, employees, equipment, guidebooks, lawsuits, maps, monopoly, resorts, taxation, and women are indexed. An appendix arranges all the entry numbers chronologically.

Donald Arleigh Sinclair and David J. Fowler, *Railroads and New Jersey: A Bibliography of Contemporary Publications, 1812-1901*, xxvi, 680 pages, \$40.00 postpaid.

Send checks or money orders, payable to Rutgers University Libraries, to: Nancy Martin, Special Collections and University Archives Rutgers University Libraries, 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1163; ngmartin@rci.rutgers.edu—732-932-7006 x360



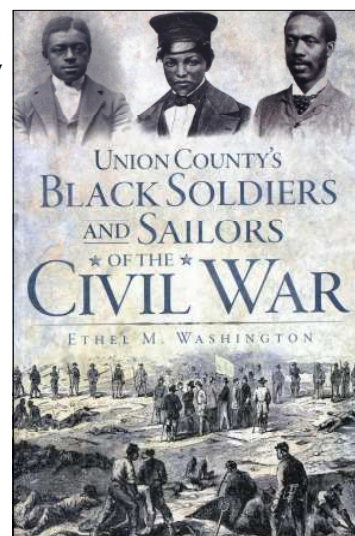
UNION COUNTY'S BLACK SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF THE CIVIL WAR

In keeping with the many activities and books written in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, Ethel M. Washington recently released her new book, *Union County's Black Soldiers and Sailors of the Civil War*, published by the History Press of Charleston, South Carolina.

The illustrated book focuses on the contributions of the many soldiers and sailors of African ancestry who served in the U.S. Navy, regiments of the United States Colored Troops, and/or white regiments organized in and out of state, a little known and mostly overlooked history fact. In addition to its 70 photos, the book includes the names, military records and some personal information about individual veterans.

Ms. Washington also authored *Union County Black Americans*, published in 2004 by Arcadia. She contributed five entries on Black history to the *Encyclopedia of New Jersey*, edited by Maxine N. Laurie and Marc Mappen, 2004. She received her B.S. from Central State University of Ohio, M.A. and M.Ed. degrees from Columbia University. Ms. Washington is the History Programs Coordinator at the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Copies are available at Amazon.com and at Barnes and Noble in Springfield and Clark. For autographed copies, contact the author at ewashington@ucnj.org or emwashing1@verizon.net.



**THE LEAGUE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES FALL MEETING HOSTED BY THE
CHINKCHEWUNSKA CHAPTER, NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SUSSEX,
21 UNIONVILLE AVENUE, SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011**

- 9:00 AM Registration & continental breakfast
9:30 AM Welcome and introductions
9:45 AM League business meeting: election of League Board Members
10:45 AM Speaker- Marc Mappen: *New Jersey is not Just the Sopranos*
11:15 AM Break
11:30 AM PowerPoint presentation by Wendy Wyman & Nancy Malone: *The Elias Van Bunschooten Museum*
12:00 Noon Lunch
1-3:00 PM Guided Tours: DAR Elias VanBunschooten Museum: an 18th century Dutch Colonial farm house with outbuildings and the Old Clove Church built in 1829.

Places to stay – spend the weekend!

Holiday Inn Express, www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/newton/nwtmj/hoteldetail
8 North Park Road, Newton, NJ 07860
(973) 940-8888

QUESTIONS BEFORE OCT. 22? Call (973) 534-9760

QUESTIONS ON THE MORNING OF OCT. 22? Call (973) 534-9760 or (973) 229-1975



REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE RETURN BY OCTOBER 15, 2011

Please include a check for \$25.00 per person, payable to the Chinkchewunska Chapter and mail it to Ashley Ziccardi, 83 Holland Road, Sussex, NJ 07461.

Name(s) _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Affiliation: _____

Directions to the First Presbyterian Church of Sussex

From Route 80/Route 15

Take Route 80 W to Exit 34B –Route 15 N towards Jefferson and Sparta.

Stay on Route 15 N for about 10 miles.

Take the exit ramp for Route 517 toward Sparta and Franklin.

At the traffic light at the end of the ramp turn right onto Route 517.

Stay on Route 517 for 5 miles. At the traffic light, turn left onto Route 23 N.

Follow Route 23 N for about 8 miles. When you get into the town of Sussex you will come to a traffic light where Route 23 and Route 284 meet. (there is a Baptist Church on the right at the corner). Go straight (Do NOT turn left to follow Route 23) through this light and make the very first right onto Harrison Street. (This road is right after a white house and right before and old stone building).

Follow Harrison Street until the end. You will come to a stop sign by St. Monica's Church. At the stop sign, turn left onto Unionville Ave. The parking lot for the First Presbyterian Church of Sussex is about 50 feet down the road on the right. Additional parking is also available across the street.

From Route 23

When you get into the town of Sussex you will come to a traffic light where Route 23 and Route 284 meet. (there is a Baptist Church on the right at the corner). Go straight (Do NOT turn left to follow Route 23) through this light and make the very first right onto Harrison Street. (This road is right after a white house and right before and old stone building).

Follow Harrison Street until the end. You will come to a stop sign by St. Monica's Church. At the stop sign, turn left onto Unionville Ave. The parking lot for the First Presbyterian Church of Sussex is about 50 feet down the road on the right. Additional parking is also available across the street.

From Route 206

Take Route 206 N through Newton to Ross's Corner, the intersection of Route 206, Route 15, and Route 565. There is an Exxon station on the left and a Park and Ride on the right. At this light continue straight onto Route 565. Follow Route 565 for 7.2 miles.

At the first traffic light, continue straight onto County Route 639.

Stay on Route 639 for 1.4 miles. At the first traffic light, turn left onto Mill Street in Sussex Borough.

At the blinking light (0.1 miles down Mill Street) turn right onto Newton Ave.

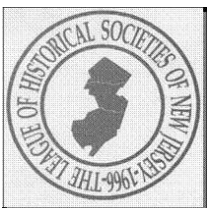
At the stop sign, go straight across, going up the hill on the right side of the Fountain Square Inn.

When you get to the top of the hill, the First Presbyterian Church of Sussex will be on your left. Drive past the church and the parsonage. There will be a parking lot of the church on your left. Additional parking is also available across the street.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER (continued from page two)

ating and selecting the Kevin M. Hale Publication Awards. The friendly competition between our members continues to help motivate an increasingly professional and effective body of useful historic publications.

Finally, the state funding of New Jersey history continues to be an ongoing challenge to our efforts to involve our residents in the cultural fabric of our society. As individuals and as a group, we need to find new and innovative opportunities to meet this challenge. Our first step must be to overcome the habit of thinking that *new* and *innovative* are foreign words to historians.



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