ON THE BOARDWALK
IN ATLANTIC CITY...

The Sun, The Sand, The Shells - But, most of all - THE ATLANTIC CITY BOARDWALK! Travel back in time to our seashore resort of the 1900's to the 1950's.

Culled from collections of the late John Rahmeyer, Fred Ehrhardt (former ACHS curator), Adrian Phillips (Miss America Pageant mentor) plus our Museum items, this exhibit highlights pre-casino vintage shore objects and papers, photos, menus, etc. Glimpse Old Atlantic City - early bathing beauties, Miss America, keepsakes from Boardwalk shops, hotel memorabilia and a variety of novelties.

So, whether you stay at a famous hotel or guest house or, later, as a day-tripper ("Shoobie"), you are invited to "Walk the Boards" and relive lifestyles of a time gone by. Enjoy a piece of our local Salt Water Taffy - a tasty memory of your visit!

ACHS ANNUAL INSTALLATION

At the July meeting of the Board of Trustees, the report of the Nominating Committee, chaired by Diane Bassetti, was presented and accepted. Members then voted on nominees to the Governing Board. The 2014 Annual Installation Luncheon will be held Saturday, October 18th, 11:30 AM at Smithville Inn, 1 N. New York Rd. (Rt. 9), Smithville. Nominees for the 2014-2015 Board terms will be installed at this time. The Bringing History to Life Award, as well as the Olive Conover Randstrom History Award, will be presented at the luncheon.

Nominations for October 2014 to October 2016

Officers:
Sid Parker, Vice-President
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Joan Frankel, Curator
Kevin Little, Assistant Curator
Diane Miller, Assistant Librarian
Charlene Canale, Treasurer

Trustees:
Ben Brenner
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Ruth Taylor

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The Atlantic County Historical Society will be closed:
Saturday, October 18th and
On Thursday & Friday,
November 27th & 28th

Happy Thanksgiving

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## Events and Happenings

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| **RISLEY HOMESTEAD**  
8 Virginia Avenue  
(near 400 block of Shore Rd)  
Northfield, NJ  
Each Saturday 11:00am – 4:00pm  
Each Sunday 1:00pm – 4:00pm  
Free Admission – Donations Appreciated | The Risley Homestead is one of two 18th century houses in Atlantic County individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was home to many generations of Risley oystermen. The ACHS received the Homestead and its furnishings by bequest from Virginia Risley Stout in 1989. Open weekends from May through October. The Homestead is open for individual and small group guided tours. **Closed on major holidays.** |
| **EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
6647 West Jersey Ave., EHT  
Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014 8:00am – 1:00pm | **YE OLDE FLEA MARKET.**  
The ACHS is purchasing a spot at the EHT Historical Society annual event. We are urging our Board Members and Volunteers to contribute items for sale. Also, the Library will have a table selling our extra books and cookbook. All proceeds go to the ACHS. |
| **SMITHVILLE INN**  
1 N. New York Rd. (Route 9)  
Smithville, NJ  
Saturday, October 18, 2014, 11:30am  
Reservation Required. Fee: $30/person | **2014 ACHS ANNUAL LUNCHEON**  
The Atlantic County Historical Society’s 2014 will feature the installation of the nominees to the 2014-2015 governing Board and “The “Bringing History to Life Award” recipients will be honored. Members, volunteers and the public are invited to attend. |
| **BOSCOV’S DEPT. STORE**  
6725 Black Horse Pike  
Egg Harbor Twp., NJ  
Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 9am -10pm | **BOSCOV’S FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY**  
Tickets sell for $5 each. Boscov’s will give 25% off each store purchase to the buyer; even on sale prices. Tickets may be purchased from any Program Committee Member ahead of time or from their table set up in Boscov’s that day. The ACHS is recipient of the purchase price of each ticket. |
| **ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
652 Zion Rd.,  
Egg Harbor Twp.  
Monday, November 1, 2014, 3:00 PM. | **7TH ANNUAL MEET ‘N GREET**  
For Class of 2014 Veterans interviewed for the Library of Congress, Veterans History Project. For more information, Call (609) 927-5218. E-mail ACHSinfo@comcast.net or Vhp907@gmail.com. Get updated info at www.AtlanticCountyHistoricalSocietynj.org Follow us on facebook. |
| **ATLANTIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
907 Shore Road,  
Somers Point, NJ  
Saturday, October 30, 2014 - 7:00pm | **JOAN FRANKEL – MOURNING AS A WAY OF LIFE**  
Sentimental Memorial Artifacts will be shown and discussed, including hair jewelry and post mortem photography. |

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**ACHS AND STOCKTON COLLEGE GET INVOLVED**

In a continuing effort to partner with the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey for student volunteers, a few members of the Atlantic County Historical Society will be participating in the college’s “Get Involved Fair” to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, September 16th and 17th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the A-J Wing Galleries. The ACHS will display their brochures and be prepared to share information with the students of the training opportunities we have to offer. There will be another “Get Involved Fair” January 27th and 28th, at the same location. This event is held the beginning of each semester.

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**IMPORTANT NOTE!**

If you elected to receive your Newsletter by email, rather than sending an email to notify you that the Newsletter is now available for viewing, please note that the Newsletter will be posted by the 15th of December, March, July and September on the ACHS website at www.AtlanticCountyHistoricalSocietynj.org under “Publications”. You will still receive a paper copy of the Newsletter when there is a special insert for members.
Welcome

The Atlantic County Historical Society is pleased to welcome and thank our newest members:

Patricia A Chappine, Hammonton, NJ
Susan Karibjianian, Greenville, DE
Michael Morello, Longboat Key, FL

ACHS YEARBOOK

We continue to solicit articles to be considered for inclusion in the 2014-2015 Yearbook. Suitable subjects include original, unpublished research on topics of local historical or genealogical interest, transcriptions of unpublished materials in the Center's documentary collections, etc. Submissions should be addressed to the attention of the "Yearbook Committee" at Atlantic Heritage Center, P.O. Box 301, Somers Point, NJ 08244-0301, or to ACHSINFO@comcast.net with "Yearbook Article" in the subject line. Please include your contact information.

HELP WANTED:

Our new museum curator, Joan Frankel, is in dire need of 10 volunteers, but will be grateful for even a couple. There is a long list of things you can help with including, but not limited to, light cleaning, copying information & preparation of display cards. NO SPECIAL SKILLS ARE REQUIRED! Call Joan at the Society building (609-927-5218) any Wednesday. Or just stop by. She's a really nice person to work for and as a volunteer you will be part of our annual training day, volunteer appreciation lunch and you will meet the nicest people in all of New Jersey. What more could you ask for? As Nike says, “Just do it!”

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Smith In Honor Of: Ruth Taylor
Sheryl Collins, In Memory Of: Carolyn Perry
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Jim Leeds, In Memory Of: Lewis Somers Leeds
George Guiliano, In Honor Of: Sid & Pat Parker

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On June 25, 1864, at Petersburg, Virginia, the Union and Confederate standoff continues. Eventually, this standoff will endure for more than nine months. However, a group of Union soldiers from Pennsylvania, who are miners in civilian life, devise an unorthodox and innovative attack strategy. These soldiers will take nearly a month and dig a tunnel from the Union lines over 500 feet to a spot under the Confederate fortifications. The plan is to pack the end of this tunnel with black powder and detonate it blowing the Confederate lines sky high.

On July 23rd the tunnel is completed and the charge is set. The plan is to set the charge off on July 30th. It should be noted that this plan approved by General Ambrose Burnside was given lukewarm approval by General Grant. Initially, the plan provided for the first wave of the assault to charge the crater that is anticipated to result from this explosion, is to be carried out by black soldiers of the IX Corps under the command of General Ferrero who have been specifically training for this mission. At the last minute, a change was made replacing the black troops with other commanders drawing straws to see who inherits this “honor”. The thinking here is that if the operation fails, the Union command cannot be accused of sacrificing its black soldiers. As it turns out, the plan is a disaster and many Union lives are lost. While a great many Confederate casualties result, the Union soldiers rush into the resulting crater only to find themselves trapped in their own hole and mercilessly slaughtered by Confederate soldiers on the rim of the crater.

In the end, the Union casualties will be almost 3750 wounded, killed or missing. The Confederate losses will be estimated at 1500 wounded, killed or missing.

On July 9th, General Jubal Early CSA and General Lew Wallace USA clash at the Monacacy River near Frederick, MD. The Confederates punish the Union forces and force them back with the Union losses near 2000. Wallace does manage to hold off the attackers long enough to be re-enforced by troops sent by General Grant.

July 11th finds Early and his army on the outskirts of Washington near Fort Stevens. On this day President Lincoln visits the front at Fort Stevens and is standing on the top of the parapet observing the enemy in the field. A physician standing next to Lincoln is shot in the thigh and seriously wounded. Lincoln is admonished for his exposed position and finally talked down from his perch.

Early is unable to prevail against the re-enforced Fort Stevens and gives up and retreats but taking the time to burn the home of Montgomery Blair, Postmaster General. Early will retreat over the Potomac River into the Shenandoah Valley.

Meanwhile, General William T. Sherman’s assault on Atlanta and eventual march to the Sea is well underway. Sherman and General Joseph Johnston will engage near the city of Marietta GA. The result is an astounding Confederate victory with the North losing approximately 2000 soldiers killed, wounded or missing.

Sherman realizing that the frontal attack doesn’t work for him returns to flanking maneuvers and forces Johnston to fall back. Johnston is subsequently relieved of command by President Davis and replaced by the reluctant General John Bell Hood. Hood’s dashing and daring style of warfare would by his eventual demise.

September 1st finds General Hood and the Army of the Tennessee abandoning Atlanta, burning supplies and materiel in their wake. On September 2nd, Sherman communicates to President Lincoln “So Atlanta is ours, and fairly won.”

In the political arena, General George B. McClellan accepts the Democratic Nomination for President and will run against Abraham Lincoln in the 1864 election. More on this in the next installment.
**VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER**

Mary Beth Orzman is another of our great volunteers and one who wears many hats. A duty volunteer for our society for over 8 years, she also serves as our Volunteer Scheduler, takes care of our new books for sale, contributes Spotlight on the Shelves to our newsletter, and is one of our best researchers for those who contact us for help with their family genealogy.

Born in Sea Isle City, Mary Beth grew up in Ocean City and Somers Point. She graduated from St. Augustine grammar school, Holy Spirit High School, and Trenton State (now College of NJ). She also received a Master of Human Development degree from Fairleigh Dickinson. Starting as a first grade teacher, after 35 years in the Egg Harbor Twp. school system, she retired as a Special Education teacher.

Outside ACHS, Mary Beth lends her beautiful soprano voice to the choir at St. Joseph's Church in Somers Point, continues to research her family history, is active in Daughters of the American Revolution, serves as our community volunteer at the Family History Center in Egg Harbor Twp., is a member of many genealogical societies, and belongs to the Atlantic County Retired Teachers group.

Mary Beth and her husband, Larry, live in Somers Point in the house where she grew up. They have 2 daughters, Amy and Maggie, and 3 granddaughters, Darby, Moira, and Lucy, ages 6, 4, & 3½.

*This is one way to pay tribute to our many volunteers, for as a volunteer-run organization, we could not exist without their dedication and enthusiasm. If you think that you would like to join our volunteers, please contact us.*

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**VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT MARCHES ON**

The last of the three multiple interviews conducted annually by the Veterans History Project at Zion United Methodist Church in Bargaintown has been completed. Six Veterans from different eras and branches of the United States Armed Forces related their service histories on digital tape recorders. Each Veteran presented different and enlightening views of their treatment and performance during their military career.

Monthly VHP Team meetings are ongoing. The 2014 final Atlantic County Grant Report, due in July, has been delivered to the Office of Culture and Heritage in Mays Landing. The 2105 grant application is presently being prepared. A new Policies and Procedures Book has been prepared, adopted and presented to the ACHS. The VHP is constantly seeking ways to improve their methods and materials. For this reason many of their informational and instructional lists have been updated.

Twelve posters advertising the Veterans History Project and the ACHS’s participation were purchased and have been distributed to places such as the VA offices in Northfield and Vineland, The Gates in Somers Point, Ventnor Library, and the Brigantine VFW. As a result we have been advised that the VA offices will cooperate with the VHP and are willing to provide rooms to conduct Veterans interviews. Anyone knowing of a location they’d like to place a poster, please contact any member of the VHP Team or call 609-927-5218.

Four members of the Veterans History Project Team, Ruth Taylor, John Horn, Steve Jasiecki and Sheryl Collins participated in the Greate Egg Harbour Township Historical Society’s Call of Duty program on July 27, 2017. We were provided with a table to display our brochures and explain to the host of Veterans passing by the function of the VHP. Almost one hundred flyers were given out and a dozen Veterans registered for an interview. Because of increased outreach efforts this year more than the normal amount of brochures have been distributed and there are more opportunities looming on the horizon. The Hammonton Green Day Committee has invited us to participate in their 7th Annual Green Day to be held, Sept. 13, 12 noon to 4 PM, on the grounds of St. Joseph’s School in Hammonton. The VHP team will be participating in collaboration with the ACHS Program Committee. To show our “greennes” we will distribute flower seed packets to the attendees.

Each VHP Team member has been charged with selecting two Veterans from the waiting list to Interview by the end of September at which time we will have met our quota the Library Of Congress of twenty-five per year. The interview process will continue until November at which time the VHP will take a hiatus to catch up on the paper work produced during the year. If you or any Veteran you know desire to relate their military history, please call the Atlantic County Historical Society and leave your name.
SIMON LAKE
From Pleasantville to Milford, CT

The Lake family is no stranger to our library. Information on this innovative family is found on many of its shelves.

Of particular interest on a recent trip to Milford, CT, was Simon Lake. Born Sept. 4, 1866 in Pleasantville, Simon lived the latter part of his life in Milford, a historic town on the waterfront of Long Island Sound which is celebrating the 375th anniversary of its founding this year.

We were curious to find what, if anything, is told about this Atlantic County native in Milford?

According to an article in the summer 2014 issue of Milford Living, there is no debate over who the true father of the modern submarine is. “While John Holland is usually cited as its creator, many of the key developments associated with the modern submarine were instituted by Simon Lake.”

Simon’s former home still stands among the grand houses flanking Milford’s village green which have been transformed into businesses. Located at 135 Broad St., it now serves as the Smith & Sefcik Funeral Home. To one side of the front door is a plaque which reads, “Built In 1853”, and to the other side is another which says, “Former Home of Simon Lake, Pioneer Inventor of The Submarine.” Simon reportedly bought this home from the estate of Judge Fowler in 1906 and lived in Milford from 1907 – 1945, the year of his death. This purchase was made after he became flush with success and built the Lake Submarine Company in Bridgeport, CT.

Strolling along Milford’s harbor, we discovered more evidence of Simon Lake in the form of his submarine, the Explorer. Displayed at the Lisman Landing Marina on Helwig St., this submarine was completed in 1936. An adjacent sign states that it “was the last boat built by the pioneering submarine designer and builder Simon Lake. The Explorer was intended strictly for research and salvage, and was linked to a mother ship for air and power. Divers could enter and leave the submarine through an escape hatch. The boat was also equipped with a mechanical arm and basket. Like Simon Lake’s first great submarine, the Argonaut Jr. (1894), the Explorer could travel underwater either by the propeller or along the ocean floor on drive wheels.”

Lastly, we discovered that Simon Lake is buried in Kings Highway Cemetery located at 270 Cherry St. in Milford. He died June 23, 1945.

Assistant Librarian, Diane Miller, participated in Milford’s Founding Families Day on July 19. She is descended from Deacon George Clark, one of Milford's original free planters in 1639.
Our Mission:

- To collect and preserve historical materials exemplifying the events, places, and lifestyles of the people of Atlantic County and southern New Jersey.
- To encourage the study of history and genealogy.
- To provide historical and genealogical information to our membership and the general public.