

ATLANTIC HERITAGE

Newsletter of the Atlantic County Historical Society

SUMMER 2014

VETERAN'S HISTORY PROJECT MARCHING ON . . .

When the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic County Historical Society voted to become a partner with the National Library of Congress project on Veterans , they were hoping to expand their community outreach and in so doing to become part of a national preservation effort. Eight years later they can take pride that they have definitely done that, and accomplished much more.

The Veterans History Project was established by an act of Congress in 2000 as a national effort to collect the personal stories of the men and women who served the country in wartime and to do so in their own words and voices. Their stories, collected by volunteers throughout the county, become part of the holdings of the National Library of Congress and are available for future generations to hear and to learn some of the valuable lessons they can teach . Recognizing that the country is losing its World War II vets at a rate of 600 men and women a day, the Library has made a special effort to collect their stories. Of the 85,000 stories which are now part of the permanent holdings of the LOC Veterans History Project, 54,563 are stories of our WWII vets. Many of these have been digitized and are available for listening through the Library of Congress Veterans History Project web page (www.loc.gov/vets).

From the beginning, the Veterans History Project has been enthusiastically supported by the Board of Trustees, volunteers, and ACHS membership. Among the first local veterans to sign up for interviews were the ACHS President Richard E. Squires, a Navy veteran of the Korean War who served aboard the USS Wisconsin, and Vice President Sid Parker, a Cold War Army vet. Not to be outdone, two long time ACHS members who had served in the Second World War, Betty Steelman, a US Navy Waves vet, and Elaine Gustafson, a civilian volunteer with the American Women's Volunteer Service became the first women to participate in the local program. The agreement the ACHS signed with the LOC calls for 25 interviews to be completed and filed with the LOC annually. The ACHS has met or exceeded that goal every year. To date, 230 interviews have been collected locally and sent to the Library of Congress. Following the LOC, we have tried to gather as many stories of WWII vets as possible. Of the total, 84 are WWII Vets.

Reaching out to veterans and their families and encouraging them to tell their stories in their own words so that their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren can hear those stories remains the primary focus of the local ACHS VHP. In February, April and June, interview sessions are set up at the Zion United Methodist Church in EHT and 8-10 vets are interviewed on each day. In addition the committee works to accommodate the schedules of individual vets by scheduling sessions at the ACHS building or another public location. The committee has also traveled to local nursing homes to interview veterans living in those facilities, and Committee Chair Sheryl Collins and members Charlene Canale and Susan Slaninka made presentations at local service club meetings.

Through the work of Committee member John Horn and intern Anne Kemp, the holdings of interviews, and related documents held at the ACHS have been organized and procedures for accessing them developed. It is now possible to come into the ACHS and peruse the materials gathered by the project and to listen to the stories of the 230 men and women whose interviews are part of our permanent collection preserved for future generations. For most of the participants in the project, this is the first time they have ever encountered the Historical Society. Many have visited our collections and become friends of the ACHS. The twin objectives set by the Board when they authorized this project in 2007 are both being met thanks to the dedicated work of the VHP volunteers. Job well done!



L: VHP Interview team members with Francis Eccles, Ralph Sorrentino, Jr., Stanley Escort & Joseph McNamee.

M: John Palmentieri with Dick Squires.

R: Stanley Escort with VHP Representative John Horn.

Events and Happenings

Program Logistics

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

Program Description

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.**

RubyTuesday

4403 Blackhorse Pike – Hamilton Mall
Mays Landing, NJ

Friday, June 27, 2014

RUBY TUESDAY COMMUNITY GIVE BACK PROGRAM

Flyers are available for distribution at the ACHS and any Program Committee member. Each Board member was given flyers at the last meeting. On this evening for anyone dining at Ruby Tuesday, you simply give the server the flyer and they will give 20% of the tab to the ACHS. This is an easy and delicious fund raiser for the ACHS.

ATLANTIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

907 Shore Road,
Somers Point, NJ

September 13, 2014

Time: 6:00pm (Inside, 2nd Floor)

Free and open to the public

EVENING OF BLUE GRASS

In conjunction with Somers Point's Good Old Days, Saturday, September 13, 2014, for the fifth year, The Clayton/Bennett Blue Grass music players will present *Another Evening of Blue Grass*. It will take place upstairs at the Atlantic County Historical Society at 6:00 PM as a fitting conclusion to your day of fun at Good Old Days. Be sure to get here early before their regular followers arrive and fill up the seats. ***This event will take place rain or shine.***

ATLANTIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

907 Shore Road,
Somers Point, NJ

Thursday, July 10, 2014 – 7:00pm

KEVIN LITTLE will host and talk about his photographs taken throughout Atlantic County. The pictures will be displayed for a month upstairs at the Historical Society. Orders for copies of the pictures may be placed with the volunteers. Post card size pictures will be available for purchase opening night. Kevin is graciously donating all proceeds to the ACHS. Light refreshments will be served.

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

6647 West Jersey Ave., EHTwp.

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

Shore Road,
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

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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.

OLIVE RUNDSTROM APPLICATIONS

HELP GET THE WORD OUT TO RESEARCHERS, HISTORIANS AND LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES THAT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE ANNUAL OLIVE RUNDSTROM AWARD.

This award of up to \$500, made in honor of Olive Rundstrom, can help fund research leading to publication of books, articles or monographs, photographic projects or other activities which deepen our understanding of Atlantic County history. Innovative ideas are welcome!

Past recipients include the Great Egg Harbour Historical Society, Master Gardeners/Atlantic County Board of Agriculture, the Richard Stockton Holocaust Center and the Somers Point Historical Society.

Applications are available at the ACHS and must be filed by August 31, 2014 by the close of business. Applications must be filed using the official application form and all sections of the application must be completed.

Organizations and individuals who have not previously received an award are encouraged to apply. ***The Board of the ACHS reserves the right to make multiple awards or to make no award depending on the quality of the applications.***

PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM

Just like some oft-repeated movie lines, think Jack Nicholson in *The Shining*...."I'm ba-aack" or Arnold Schwarzenegger in *The Terminator*...."I'll be back" (or bach) or even our military history with General Douglas MacArthur in the Phillipines...."I shall return"here **we** are again with our Annual Appeal.

The Society's regular expenses are covered by membership dues, special events, savings and interest but **your** generous donations at this time will help us reach our goal to expand our very crowded facilities. It's a long road to travel, but with your help we **will** reach our destination.

Welcome

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

Shannon Zubrzyski, *Mays Landing, NJ*
(also a new volunteer)

AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU!

Our thanks to the following friends and members for their generosity and continuing support:

FRIEND: \$1 - \$49

Susan Lovett, *In Memory of* George Lonkart
Helen Walsh, *In Memory of* Carolyn Perry
Joan Frankel, *In Memory of* Carolyn Perry

PATRON: \$50 - \$249

John & Lynda Keeper and Fadi Cherfane,
In Memory of George Lonkart
Dorothy Lodovico, *In Memory of* George Lonkart
Kiwanis Club of Egg Harbor Township, NJ
Sid and Pat Parker, *In Memory of* Carolyn Perry

SPONSOR: \$250 - \$1000

Master Gardeners of Atlantic County,
In Memory of George Lonkart
Chantal Dukette

In Memoriam

Carolyn Perry
Northfield, NJ



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SOWING SEEDS OF HAPPINESS ON EARTH DAY 2014

On a beautiful sunny Sunday, April 27, 2014, five Atlantic County Historical Society members, Diane Bassetti, Charlene and Ed Canale, Sheryl Collins and Babs Perry-Silva, manned a table at the Atlantic County Utilities Authority Annual Earth Day program. The society distributed packets of wild flower seeds, ACHS and Veterans' History Project brochures and provided a bowlful of candies to the many interested passersby. Ours was a popular display and by 1:00 PM all our materials had been handed out. Next year we'll double our supply.

Another attraction on this day was a friend of the society who billed her talent as "Face Painting by Linda". From among many different selections Linda painted butterflies, pirate patches and mustaches, and flowers on the bright shining faces of a steady waiting line of youngsters who left sporting big smiles.

Over the course of the day five Veterans were intrigued by the VHP registered to be interviewed in the coming weeks.

Those of us participating this Earth Day patted ourselves on the back and deemed it a highly successful day.



L-R: Charlene Canale, Sheryl Collins & Babs Perry-Silva give out goodies at the ACHS table on Earth Day 2014.



Linda Canale, of Face Painting by Linda makes a lucky little girl into a butterfly during Earth Day 2014.

Volunteer of the Quarter

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, you are welcome to contact us.

IT DOES PAY TO ADVERTISE!



Diane Miller came to us in 1998 when she responded to a newspaper plea for volunteers at the Society. The Smithville shop where she worked had recently closed down and she had time on her hands.....not too great for Diane, but certainly fortuitous for the Society.

After four years as a duty volunteer in the library, Diane served as our paid Services and Volunteer Coordinator for another four years. She now works one day per week in the office of the Absecon Methodist Church and she is sometimes called on to babysit some of her three grandchildren, but she has been our Asst. Librarian for the last three years, a duty volunteer in the library one or two days each month and she has written several articles for our yearbook. She also answers most of the emails directed to the Society and works on some ad hoc committees.

Now.....if we could only clone her!

LOVE TO SHOP ONLINE?

Well, now you can **donate** to the Atlantic County Historical Society while you shop. Just sign on to IGive.com and shop online with over 1400 of your favorite stores. Select **Atlantic County Historical Society** as the Organization that you wish your donation to be sent. A percentage of your order through IGive.com is calculated and mailed to the Historical Society monthly. Each store donates a different percentage. What more could you ask for? Shop and donate to our organization at the same time!

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The Atlantic County Historical Society will be closed:

Friday & Saturday
July 4th & 5th
& Saturday, August 30th



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ACHS Hours: Wednesday - Saturday:

10:00am to 3:30pm

Parking and entrance at the rear of our building



150th Anniversary of The Civil War

By Skip Bellino

UPDATE ON THE WAR: APRIL 1864 – JUNE 1864

During this period some monumental occurrences will take place, some laudable, some deplorable. The Civil War is replete with examples of human decency and atrocities and this period provides history with both. I have often said that the term “Civil War” is a misnomer, because this conflict among countrymen was anything but civil.

On April 8, 1864 the Senate votes in the majority to pass the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, the abolition of slavery. Notwithstanding President Lincoln, the Amendment had no greater proponent than Thaddeus Stevens. While Stevens and the President did have their differences, they were of one accord on the matter of slavery. Stevens’s actions are accurately described in the movie *Lincoln* as presented by Stephen Spielberg. This author highly recommends this film for those who have any interest in the Administration of Abraham Lincoln.

On April 12th, Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest assembles his men for an attack on the Union Fort Pillow. The Fort is garrisoned by nearly 600 Union soldiers of whom half are black. The attack that follows is a Confederate victory all agree. The method of the victory however, has two descriptions. The Confederate version is that the Union Commander of the Fort refuses to surrender even though faced with insurmountable odds and a sure defeat. The resulting battle leads to nearly 350 Union soldiers killed or wounded. Only slightly more than 200 are captured. The Northern version was that the Fort surrendered immediately and that the ensuing carnage which caused the death of numerous black soldiers was to show the North that the South had no intention of accepting the reality of black Union soldiers.

On May 5th, the Battle of the Wilderness commences. Grant wants to move his army forward and through the area known as the Wilderness because of the tangle of trees and thickets and undulating ground. Grant finds he has to stop his forward progress because his supply lines are too far in the rear and he is running the risk of outrunning his supplies. General Robert E. Lee guesses correctly that this is what Grant intends to do and moves his troops up with the intent to attack Grant while his troops are still in the Wilderness. After fierce fighting for two days and staggering losses on both sides, Grant believes that Lee is retreating and moving toward Spotsylvania. Grant orders his troops to advance on Spotsylvania in what he believes is a surprise attack. He is wrong on both counts. Lee is not retreating and the ensuing Northern attack is no surprise. While the Battle of the Wilderness is considered a draw, the race for Spotsylvania and then Richmond is on.

On May 9th the second day of the Spotsylvania Campaign, the Union loses one of its most capable commanders, General John Sedgwick. The General while sitting his horse is cautioned that Confederate sharpshooters are active in the area. His last spoken words were, “they couldn’t hit an elephant at this distance.” He was then shot from his horse and died almost immediately.

During the next two weeks, we see both armies in the ballet of battle, each trying to outmaneuver the other. Casualties mount on both sides with little strategic advantage for either army. Grant’s losses since the beginning of the Wilderness Campaign will exceed 33000. The Confederate losses are proportionately as large when considering the number of men lost in relation to the total number of soldiers engaging.

In early June, Grant and Lee will meet again in the Battle of Cold Harbor. On June 3rd Grant orders an attack for the pre-dawn hours that will be an all out frontal attack on the enemy. The result is a murderous Confederate musket and cannon response that will leave 7000 Union soldiers dead or wounded on the battlefield in less than 30 minutes. The three days of battle at Cold Harbor will result in approximately 12000 Union casualties compared to the 1500 Confederate casualties for the same time period.

On June 8th Abraham Lincoln is nominated for President by the Republican Convention held in Baltimore, MD. Andrew Johnson, a Tennessee Democrat is tapped for the Vice-Presidential Nomination.

At the end of June the armies meet again at Petersburg. Days of fighting result in little more than mounting casualties with no advances or gains on either side. A plan is hatched to allow a group of soldiers who previously had been miners from Pennsylvania to construct a tunnel under the Confederate fortifications, to fill the end of the tunnel with explosives (mostly black powder) and to detonate said charge anticipating inflicting immense damage on the Southerners. Details of this plan and its outcome will be in the next installment of “UPDATE ON THE WAR.”



IT'S NOT THE SIZE OF THE PURSE, IT'S THE POWER OF THE PURSE



You probably know or live with a lady who has a purse fetish. Their closet is full of handbags of all sizes, shapes, fabrics and colors but let that woman loose in a store she heads straightaway to the purse department. She rationalizes that, while she may have a bag that color in her closet, she doesn't have one that size. Or that one has too many zippers or not enough pockets. It's like

searching for the perfect suitcase.

The Atlantic County Historical Society is proud to have a Trustee on board who wields a powerful "purse"; so powerful in fact, that she was recently honored with the **2014 Power of the Purse Award** through the **United Way Women's Leadership Initiative**. This award is designed to honor a local woman who is a leader, advocate and philanthropist whose efforts measurably enhance the quality of life in the community.

Helen Walsh carries a very sedate but colorful handbag that weighs at least fifteen pounds. It is a very well organized purse except for the cache of co-workers pens that seem to find their way to the bottom of her cheerful bag only to be discovered months later after she has absconded with precious retirement pens engraved with their owners' names.

But don't let that frivolous purse fool you. Our Helen is deeply devoted to her favorite projects; The United Way's Leadership Initiative being one of them, along with Success by 6, the American Conference on Diversity, and the Power of the Purse. She serves on the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic Cape Community College and the Atlantic County Historical Society's Board of Trustees. Helen has recently been appointed to the newly formed Atlantic County Veterans Museum in Estell Manor, New Jersey.

Another project dear to Helen's heart is the Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress. This program is dedicated to preserving the service related histories of Veterans of all eras. Helen has personally interviewed forty Veterans since 2007. She lugs along with her a totally different bag for this project. One can easily see how she maintains her slim but muscular frame; a fifteen pound purse for each of her favorite projects balances out her life. It's The Power of her Purse!



Spotlight on the Shelves

a treasure hiding in plain sight...

In this issue, we again will be focusing on New Jersey affairs during the Revolution. Since we, as a **State and People** will be celebrating our 350th anniversary, it is seems to be important to talk about some historical information published during those years. The book chosen right off the shelf this time: ***Selections From the Correspondence of the Executive of New Jersey, From 1776 to 1786*** was published in Newark, NJ at the Newark Daily Advertiser Office in 1848. It is not a copy or transcription but an original book.

The contents of the book consist of letters/correspondence between state leaders, the Continental Congress, General Washington, military matters and financial concerns. From the preface of the book, "The American Revolution is one of the most interesting and important events which can occupy the attention of a reflecting mind, whether we consider its more immediate or its ultimate and probable results; whether we view it as giving existence to a great Republic of unparalleled extent and rapid increase, or direct our thoughts to the influence which that republic, its free institutions, and its bold example, are now exerting and social conditions of the other nations of the world." Come in and read a book about New Jersey, her leaders and the various roles played during the years 1776 to 1786.

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!** She just needs more hands. Please don't count on others to step up to the plate. If you won't, they probably aren't either. 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!**"

ACHS VOLUNTEERS HELP CHANGE NJ TRANSIT TRAIN TICKETING POLICY

Last January a group of ACHS members retraced the route of the famous Nelly Bly train (operated from 1890 to 1961) from Atlantic City to New York. To do so, they had to ride three different NJ Transit trains, starting in Atlantic City to Pennsauken where they transferred to the River Line to Trenton. In Trenton they boarded a NE Corridor train to Penn Station in New York. They enjoyed the trip, but discovered that the super low senior citizen one way fare of \$10.70 was complicated by the ticketing system which at that time did not allow all tickets for the three trains to be purchased simultaneously in Atlantic City.

They were accompanied by a reporter from the *Press of Atlantic City*. His follow up article listed the ACHS members' observations, including their call for a unified ticketing system. Six months later, in June, NJ Transit said that it was listening to its riders, and announced that it finally had implemented the system that now allows a patron to buy tickets for all connecting trains at the station where they begin their trip. Chalk one up for both NJ Transit and the ACHS!

Library & Museum Spotlights

*Carol Raph, Librarian, Asst. Librarian, Diane Miller,
Joan Frankel, Museum Curator*

On the Road Again

.....To the Vernacular Architecture Forum

The term, “Vernacular Architecture,” refers to ordinary buildings and landscapes that celebrate and define regional architectural expression.

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP - At 8 a.m., Saturday, May 10, three ACHS volunteers (Dale Lonkart, Mary Beth Ortzman and Diane Miller) arrived bright-eyed at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club to participate in the annual conference of the international Vernacular Architecture Forum. We had been invited by Joan Berkey, ACHS volunteer and conference organizer, to sell books of local history and interest during the conference’s research papers day.

Feeling this was an ideal opportunity to represent the Society to a new audience, the committee spent several months gathering a variety of appropriate items from our collection – new and used books, photos, old postcards, a reproduction 1656 map and historic sketch note cards. All reflected the theme of the conference, “Down Jersey: From Bayshore to Seashore.”

Conference attendees had spent the two previous days on tours which focused on the every day, normal architecture and landscapes of southern New Jersey, including sites in Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties. Atlantic County locations included visits to Lucy the Elephant in Margate and the John H. Doughty House in Absecon, and a drive past the Somers Mansion in Somers Point.

Joan, who is also an architectural historian, had led a tour around Atlantic and Cape May Counties on May 9. According to an article in the April 30th edition of *The Press of Atlantic City*, the title of her ambitious, 13+ hour tour was, “Four Centuries by the Shore in a Day.” On the day of the book sale, she presented a paper session called “England and New England Influences in the First-Period Heavy Timber Frame Buildings of Southern New Jersey”. She also found time during the lunch break to join our table to sign copies of her book, *Early Architecture of Cape May County*.

It turned about to be a very interesting and profitable day for ACHS. According to Joan, the VAF’s New Jersey coordinator, Janet Foster, “was wowed by how professional our display was.” As our volunteers interacted with attendees from across the United States and Canada, they sold about \$750 in merchandise. Books from our collection now reside in such diverse places as North Carolina; Brooklyn, NY, and Savannah, Georgia. A representative from the New Jersey Historical Society took some of our brochures and newsletters for their files. And Joseph Mathews, archivist for the Cumberland County Historical Society, purchased four photographs of Cumberland County historic buildings for their collection.

According to the *Press* article mentioned earlier, this was the first time in the VAF’s history that the conference was held in New Jersey. The timing was designed to coincide with the celebration of New Jersey’s 350th anniversary in 2014. Seaview was chosen as the conference’s host site for a similar reason – this year is the golf club’s 100th anniversary.



Above: ACHS display of books and photos. Right: Joan Berkey signing her latest book.



Dale Lonkart (L) & Mary Beth Ortzman (R) manning the ACHS display.

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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.