



Timepiece

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President's Message—Alycia E. Rihacek

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Glorious spring is finally here.

What a winter we've had, but thankfully the first signs of spring are here. I want to thank everyone at the Madison Township Historical Society for pulling together through one of the craziest winters we've seen on record.

And let us not forget all of those wonderful friends of the Society that have assisted us through the winter including Old Bridge Township council members Mary Sohor, Lucille Panos, Debbie Walker, Parks & Rec. and, of course, our Mayor Owen Henry... thank you for the assistance.

So what's been happening, well we're well on our way to preparing for another wonderful Tea event chaired by Pat Schuck. Mrs. Lincoln will be speaking to us about the history of hand fans in from ancient times to Victorian era. She will be accompanied by Elmer Ellsworth her bodyguard. By the way, this event is already sold out.

We will to be seeking new grants to help us raise more funds for the organization and we will continue our tradition of the Apple Festival and Golf Outing, along with other exciting outreach programs.

We hope to see everybody during our June picnic. June 17, 2014- get your recipes ready for the pot luck. Also we are calling for volunteers for our outreach event at the County Fair in Aug. (Aug 4th-10th)

And again I would like to thank each and every volunteer that is helped us succeed in all of our projects and endeavors throughout this past winter.

I hope you're ready to celebrate a fantastic birthday -- New Jersey's 350th birthday! It's a time to celebrate New Jersey 350: innovation, diversity and liberty. Our organization was founded to celebrate and educate the public about the very history and people of our area! There will be events throughout the state to commemorate this milestone in our state's history, and the Historical Society will be participating in the celebration.

MEETING CALENDAR

- *Regular Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.*
- *Board of Directors Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted.*
- *See page 7 for schedule of meetings for 2014*

**MADISON TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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Kathleen M. Philbrick

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Deborah Stanley

Masthead image:
Gingerbread Mantle Clock
Connecticut origin, Steam-Pressed Oak
Circa early 1900s
Accession number 6
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**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

Tea with Mrs. Lincoln
(sold out)
Annual Member Picnic
June 17
Summer Craft Sale
July 11-13

IN MEMORIAM:

Honorable James T. Phillips
former mayor of Old Bridge Township
July 8, 1953 - February 1, 2014
(Middlesex Cty Freeholder: 1990-1995,
State Senator: 1991, County Treasurer,
Old Bridge Twp Mayor: 2003-2011)

Another sad passing of member & friend of the Society, the Honorable James T. Phillips passed away on February 1st, of this year. Born on July 8, 1953 and raised in Laurence Harbor, his parents (Hon.) John A. "Jack" Phillips and Lois M. Phillips (nee: Pellingner) instilled in James the dedication to serve the community and to help make our hometown a better place for all.

("Jack" Phillips terms: Councilman 1958-1962, Mayor 1960-1962, Middlesex County Freeholder 1962-1983 and County Deputy director 1973-1983).

Close to home, he was instrumental in curbing overdevelopment, creating "Open Space" recreation facilities and amenities for our township. From the revitalization of Laurence Harbor Waterfront Park, the establishment of the John A. Phillips Park & Preserve, the YMCA & Manino Park, to the Costello Home & Maher Manor (affordable housing for seniors and the disabled) and lastly the preservation of the Cottrell Homestead, his efforts for the improvement of our town will be long remembered.

Our condolences go out to his family. Mayor Jim, you will be greatly missed.

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innovation • diversity • liberty

CURATOR'S CORNER—Kate Philbrick

Despite some dicey, real-winter weather effecting museum hours and operation, we have received many new acquisitions from those who braved the elements! Some are too numerous to itemize individually here (books and 78 LPs in particular) so please bear with me for the sake of brevity.

Since the unfortunate passing of Mr. Herbert Cottrell, his daughter Pat has delivered to the museum several items of note from the family. These include a large collection of 78 record albums and schoolbooks used by some of the Cottrell boys when attending Glenwood Military Academy in Matawan. (Several were used by, and signed by, Judson Cottrell)

We also received a large gouache style painting of Garrett Cottrell, the family's forebear who is responsible for the construction of the homestead on the corner of Cottrell Rd and 516. Unfortunately, the cardboard on which it was painted is quite brittle and cracked at one corner when cleaned. However, it does not mar the image and is currently on display at the museum.

A wonderful selection of four vintage quilts was also donated by Pat Cottrell, having originally come from her mother's family to NJ when her parents married. They are approximately 70-80 years old.

Of particular note among the Cottrell items are a small binder containing original paperwork and stock certificates for the New Jersey Apple Grower's Association, and a wonderful scale model of a portion of the Distillery, also currently on display.

Also added to our collection recently was a binder of Lambertson Family Genealogy, featuring family line for Maud and Isabel (Belle), whose small Daily Food Sunday School books are included. (1912 dedication). Compiled and donated by Lora Tilton Capozzoli.

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Friday Volunteers Always Welcome

Can YOU Volunteer just **"ONE"** Friday at the Museum in 2014?

We're fortunate to have some very faithful regulars such as Leona Murphy, Ann Miller and Jack Becker, who do it every month. Others such as Carol Kosobucki, Sylvia Marcin and Mary Sohor come in frequently. Will you be able to do it **ONCE** this Year? The reward is really feeling like a part of the Museum, not just a member. Please call Pat 732-566-5029.

MORE AT THE MUSEUM — Kate Philbrick

Pat Schuck donated a vintage chenille bedspread, a very nice addition to our domestic textile collection. Chenille is French for caterpillar, which obviously refers to that recognizable style.

Member Deborah Stanley has likewise added to the museum's growing collection of local and historical artifacts from items found in the home of her late father-in-law. These include:

- WWII era canvas, wood and metal cot, likely military issue
- Long bamboo fly fishing rod and reel
- Ceramic syringe sterilizer
- Trophy and plaque for service to Madison Township community
- Straight razor in box
- Dexter brand hand stitching machine
- Hard cover cookbook, marked Wartime Edition
- Two rolls vintage 1960s Kodak camera film in original boxes (unexposed)
- Small St. Christopher's medal, with image of old touring car

Of especial note from Deb is a great folder full of correspondence and newspaper clippings regarding the Central Park Boys' Club--- an organization about which we had very little or nothing concerning. It contains a wealth of info, and includes a copy of a newsprint magazine from 1963, called the *Madison Independent*. This is a great find and full of photos, places and names from the township's past.

Apologies to anyone or anything I have forgotten to mention, this time around. Watch this space for news of more additions as they arrive!

NOW PLAYING!!

There are available several DVDs at the museum, which volunteers and visitors are welcome to watch, concerning local and NJ History, as well as natural science. Some subjects include:

- Emilio Carranza, the Mexican Lindbergh (young Mexican aviation hero who perished in a crash in the Pine Barrens, 1928)
- A History of Education in NJ
- The Raptor Trust (featuring the raptor sanctuary in Morris County)
- DVD of member Pauline Drake's Oral History
- Twelve Days of Terror (feature film based on the book of the same name, concerning the famous Matawan Shark Attacks of 1916, with some definite license taken!)



Showings offered on request any weekend, so please stop by. Further subjects and titles will be added. If you have others or know of any that we should include, please let us know.

In Memoriam:
Herbert Cottrell, Jr.
March 8, 1918-October 21, 2013

It is with great sadness that we announce that Herbert Cottrell, at the age of 95, has passed away. Mr. Cottrell was a lifelong resident of our Township, with a family lineage that dates back to the founding families of our State.

Many of you may know of his residence, the grand Georgian/Federal style home (circa 1831), that sits across the street from the township municipal center. In this home Mr. Cottrell was raised by his father Herbert Cottrell Sr., and his mother Wilhema Brautgan. Herbert Jr.'s grandparents were William H. Cottrell & Louisa Ely. His great-grandparents were Garrett Cottrell & Hannah Herbert, the original occupants of the homestead and lands that came as part of the dowry of the Herbert/Warne lineage. For almost 200 years, the Cottrell family occupied the homestead, conducted nursery operations, and after the repeal of Prohibition, ran the successful Apple Growers Association, and Applejack distillery.

Mr. Cottrell spent his early life in his father's footsteps, as an avid apple grower & agriculturalist for the Apple Growers Association (founded by Herbert Sr., and his brothers) that produced the finest apple crops in the area. Heinz Co. had a contract for of apples for baby food. The eventual rights of the applejack production "Browntown Apple Brandy" were sold to family friends, the Laird Company of Colts Neck.

(Hannah Herbert, the Grand-daughter of Obadiah Herbert 1731-1777 & Elizabeth Warne 1739-1822. Elizabeth Warne: daughter of Joshua Warne & Elizabeth Throckmorton, and granddaughter of Thomas Warne "proprietor" & Mary Lord Carhart).

After his graduation from Matawan High School, in 1937 not only did he help on the farm, but traveled extensively when the opportunity presented itself.

Mr. Cottrell was called to serve his country in 1942, and completed his Officer Candidate School training at Fort Benning GA, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant (he was also a graduate of the Ranger School at Camp Forrest, Tenn). He fought at Normandy Beach on D-day and the Battle of the Bulge. Wounded twice in battle, he received the Purple Heart. His meritorious accomplishments were such that he was honorably discharged in 1947.

It was during his early military career, that he met his first wife Rebecca Weaver of Bessemer, Alabama. Ms. Weaver was serving as an Army Medical Corp nurse during Lt. Cottrell's station at Camp McCain, Miss. Through a chance encounter, well really a kitchen misunderstanding, (please see Mr. Cottrell's oral history disc at the Museum), they met and began a love affair that resulted in their marriage in Sept 25, 1943 at Camp McCain, Miss. Rebecca passed away at the age of 42 in Nov. 1963, after twenty years of marriage, and two children, Patricia & William.

Herbert Cottrell, Jr. (continued)

Herbert Jr. married a second time in 1968 to Joan Brown Green, (daughter of Lewis Brown & Mary Brown nee: Quackenbush) a teacher of Business Education at Madison Township High School. This marriage merged more family ties of ancient note within the township. Joan passed away March 24, 1969.

Mr. Cottrell was the descendent of the early Founding Families of New Jersey. Thomas Warne "the proprietor", The Herberts of Gravesend LI & Monmouth Cty., and Throckmortons of Middletown, Monmouth Cty, as well as the Cottrells of Middletown, Monmouth Cty.

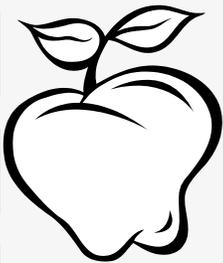
We are honored to acknowledge all of the contributions that Mr. Cottrell made during the early founding of our Society. Last year, Mr. Cottrell attended one of the general membership meetings to answer questions from the group, following the screening of the video interview conducted by members of the society. The video, which covers memories of his life, as well as the history of his family, is available for viewing any time in the museum. Mr. Cottrell's family has donated many family items to the museum, and these will be on display for the next few months.

Apple Festival—A 49 year tradition

NOVEMBER 9, 2014 from 12:00 to 4:00PM, Old Bridge Civic Center

Would you like to be a part of it?

There are many ways to participate. Whether it be 3 months, 3 days or 3 hours, your help will make another success story.



- The artist in you may want to be involved in judging the children's poster contest.
- Maybe you're a P.R. person. Good publicity is so important.
- The apple peelers and bakers are the "CORE" of the Festival.
- Volunteers are needed on the day of the Festival (from 10AM to 4PM) for transport of artifacts, setup of displays, and sales of food, crafts, gift items and Attic Treasures.
- Have something to donate (food, crafts, attic treasures)?
- Have an idea on how we can improve the Apple Festival?

Hope to hear from you soon, Patricia Schuck and Deb Stanley

This program is made possible by

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Board of Directors: at 7:30pm (Held the 2nd Monday of the Month unless otherwise noted)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 21 • February 18 • March 18 • April 15 • May 20 • June 17—picnic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July/August—no meeting • September 16 • October 21 • November 18 • December -TBA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 13 • February 10 • March 10 • April 14 • May 12 • June 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 14 • August 11 • September 8 • October 13 • November 10 • December 8 |
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We will do our best to contact the membership if inclement weather will cancel our Regular General Membership meetings. All Committees and Board of Director meetings will continue as scheduled, at the discretion of the Board or Committee Chair.

Madison Township Historical Society 2014 Membership Form

Annual membership dues for the year 2014 in the Madison Township Historical Society (MTHS) are \$15 for individual, \$25 family, \$10 student

Dues are due by April 1st, 2014.

To renew or apply for a new membership, please complete this form and make payment in person at the Thomas Warne Museum or mail this completed form along with check or money order (Please Do Not Mail Cash) made payable to:

Madison Township Historical Society—(memo note: “Membership”)

Mail to:

**Membership Committee
Madison Township Historical Society
4216 Route 516
Matawan, NJ 07747**



Check One <input type="checkbox"/> 2014 Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New Member

Please Print *DATE* _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Special Interests or Hobbies _____

Would you like to receive your Newsletter via Email?	Yes	No
Would you like to be a MTHS Committee Volunteer?	Yes	No
Would you like to be a Museum Volunteer?	Yes	No

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Thomas Warne Museum & Library



“The Little Red School House”
across from the Old Bridge
Township High School Complex

We welcome all questions and
information pertaining to local
family genealogy, township
history, historic buildings and
archeological findings.

Community groups and school
tours available by appointment.

Home of the
Madison Township Historical Society,
serving Old Bridge Township.

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Saturday & Sunday Noon-6PM

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