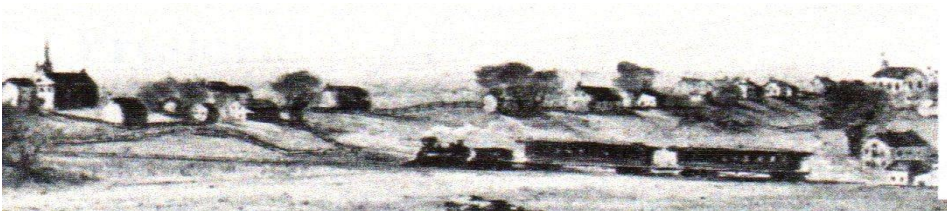


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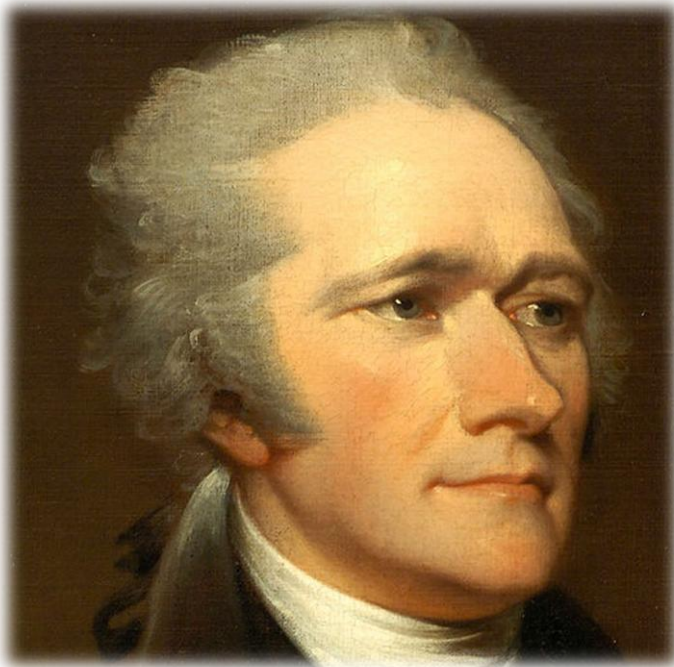


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The Madison Historical Society Presents

Pat Sanftner

Historian and Historical Costume Designer



“Alexander Hamilton, The Little Lion”

April 18 7:00 PM Chase Room

Madison Public Library

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Message from President Linda Connors

Few communities of our size are fortunate enough to have a professionally researched and written local history. During the Bicentennial, the Madison Bicentennial Heritage Committee engaged Dr. Frank J. Esposito, professor of history at Kean University, to produce such a history. *The Madison Heritage Trail: An Intimate History of a Community in Transition*, by Esposito with chapters by Kenneth Haynes and John T. Cunningham, was published in 1985.

Much has happened in our "community in transition" in the past 30-plus years. The entire text needs to be updated to reflect recent scholarship and chapters written to cover the years since 1980. The text will be checked for possible errors and omissions. The Madison Public Library and the Historical Society are working together to bring this about. We have engaged Dr. Esposito to revise and extend the original work with a joint committee to oversee the project.

The committee is made up of from the Historical Society, Linda Connors, Stu Shippey, Dave Luber, and from the Library, Louise Easton and Gary Ruckelshaus. The committee will be asking many of you for your assistance in reviewing chapters especially those dealing with organizations and events familiar to you. The inclusion of the accounts of participants will only enhance the book.

This is an exciting development and the Society is proud to be a joint sponsor with the Library.

More on Pat Sanftner

Pat Sanftner is a graduate of Earlham College and earned a Master of fine arts from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where she studied costume design for the theater. For thirty years she made her living working on Broadway, in television and film, on such shows as *The Sopranos*, *One Life to Live*, movies like *Men In Black*, and musicals like the *Music Man*. She also worked as a professor at Marymount Manhattan College for 15 years. Her dedication to history has been a focus through her life, in her career as a historic costumer, her lifelong love of antiques, and her many artistic endeavors including her regular work as a guest curator at a number of Morristown's museum. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, North Jersey Revolutionary Roundtable, the Washington Association of New Jersey, the Cut Glass Society of America, director of Schuyler Hamilton House Museum, and an advisor for the Crossroads of the American Revolution Heritage area. She is an award winning doll designer, produces costumes for re-enactors, quilts and embroiders. Pat has a proven dedication to volunteerism which has garnered her two presidential medals, a special award from Morris County Tourism and the 2013 Daughter of Distinction for the state of New Jersey. And is the New Jersey state Historian.



Perry Leavell to Address Year-End Dinner

Perry Leavell, the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of History Emeritus at Drew University will make the major address at the historical society's year-end dinner at the Madison Hotel on May 18, 2017. His topic will be "Standing Alone for Mankind, Woodrow Wilson and the Treaty of Versailles." World War I was industrial mayhem organized by nation-states. For six months after the war ended, world leaders drew up peace treaties that aimed to "end all wars," and for a couple of years afterwards, they reached agreements that continue to influence the world. Woodrow Wilson and America played a major role in the making of these treaties. Professor Perry Leavell's talk will discuss the war, the peace conference, the leadership of President Wilson, and the consequences of the treaties.



Dr. Leavell was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Emory University who received his PhD "with distinction" from Tulane University. He taught American history at Drew University from 1967 to 2008. Today he lectures on American history to various groups in northern and central New Jersey, and he is writing a book on Woodrow Wilson and his major foreign policy adviser Edward M. House.

Slate of Officers to Be Voted On At Annual Dinner Meeting

A new slate of officers for 2017-19 and 2017-2020 will be presented to the Madison Historical Society for approval at the annual general meeting and dinner held at the Madison Hotel on May 18, 2017.

The following candidates are nominated for two year terms beginning in 2017:

President: Susan Simon

Recording Secretary: Virginia Laughlin

Corresponding Secretary: Noreen McManus (2nd term)

Treasurer: Dave Luber (A one year extension of his current term)

The following candidates are nominated for Trustee positions:

Class of 2020: Scott Spelker and Judy Seery (2nd term)

Class of 2019: Linda Connors (Cathie Coultas continues her current term)

Class of 2018: Lauri Hagerich (Doug Simon continues his current term)



Spotlight on History

A Voice From Madison Past, Arthur Buttenheim

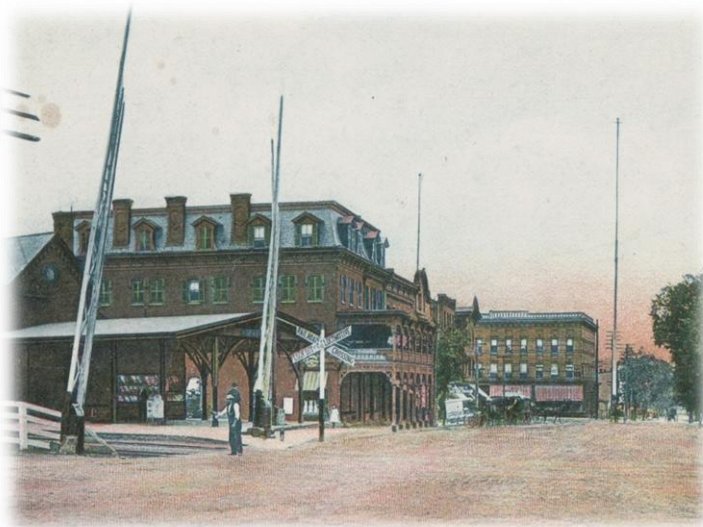
What follows are excerpts from a reel-to-reel audio tape of a 1959 address by Arthur Buttenheim to the Madison Historical Society recalling his early remembrances of Madison. Mr. Buttenheim was born in 1879, making him 80 years old when he gave the address. An active citizen of the borough, he was instrumental in the founding of the Madison Historical Society in 1922. Mr. Buttenheim was also a pioneer in bringing the YMCA to Madison. Thanks go to Stuart Shippy for undertaking the laborious task of transcribing the audio tape to written form.

I was 12 years of age when we came to Madison and I have a very clear recollection of what the borough looked like at the time. Our streets were unpaved and had gravel surfaces which were subject to rapid deterioration when heavy rains occurred. At the time Madison had no sewers and no city water supply. Our washing was taken care of by a cistern which was beside the house and which was filled from the rain water which came from the roof. The leaders had a scupper that you could open after the rain started to let the dust in the water go out, and afterwards you closed it and went on to fill the cistern.



Waverly Place 1880

The Railroad



Looking north over railroad tracks on Waverly Place. The old train station is on the left.

The Lackawanna railroad at the time ran across the foot of Green Avenue, and there were railroad gates that would close at the time trains were due. As the trains ran on the street level, last minute commuters would often board the trains on the side opposite from the station, which was located on the west side of Waverly Place adjoining the railroad tracks.

The Lackawanna railroad at the time was, of course, steam driven and heavy trains frequently had trouble making the grade at Summit. Two locomotives were often used on long trains and in some cases where one locomotive was used, trains stalled on the Summit hill. I and my brother Harold were in the terrible railroad train wreck that occurred on the meadows near the Hackensack River. I think the year was 1894. Our train was slowed down by heavy fog and we were hit in the rear by a following train. Fortunately, we were not riding in the smoker where there was heavy loss of lives.

Horse Drawn Vehicles and Peaches

Those were the days of horse-drawn vehicles, and as a lover of horses I never missed an opportunity to sit on the front seat of a horse-drawn car. The street cars in those days were always horse drawn. One amusing recollection of a trip I made to the peach orchards, which at that time were located in what is now called the Orchards, which is west of the upper part of Green Village Road. I offered to help pick peaches and put them in baskets. The pay for my efforts being given some peaches and a ride on the truck which collected the peaches. My first effort to do this was treated with scorn by the man who was filling the baskets. I would take the peaches as they came and fill up the basket very nicely. My basket, however, was turned out and I was told I didn't know a thing about filling peach baskets – that the small ones must go to the bottom and the large perfect ones would be placed on top.



Burroughs and Dangler Furniture and Undertaker Business

Winter Sports



Horse drawn sled down Main St.

Winter sports were very popular and all of you here tonight who were around in those days will recall that bobsled run on Green Avenue. As there were no automobiles and few horse-drawn vehicles, we went right down Green Avenue and when the surface was well packed or icy, across the railroad track, over Waverly Place, down Central Ave., to what was then the old firehouse. The village fathers stationed a man with a lantern at the railroad crossing and he'd swing it back and forth when the train was approaching so the sleds could stay at the top of the hill until it was safe to start down. In spite of this there were some pretty close calls and I personally remember times when at a considerable speed we had to swerve to the right on Kings Road to avoid too close contact with the oncoming train.

The Rim Tire Club

In these days bicycling was a regular sport and exercise and a number of those present remember what we then called the old Rim Tire Club. It met at regular intervals for trips to Morristown and elsewhere on bicycle, and when in Morristown a stop would be made at Day's Drugstore for ice-cream soda that you could get for ten or I think it was really five cents and which contained more ice cream than you can get at present drug counters today in a soda. This was a favorite method of enjoyment. For five cents you could get a very good hot chocolate or cup of coffee. It was not unusual for some groups to ride all the way to Lake Hopatcong by bicycle for bathing or recreation. And I remember well how difficult it was to get up some of the hills.



The unknown lady cycling down Main St.

Society Trustee Susan Simon Interviewed on TV

Susan Simon, former president of both the Madison Historical Society and the Morris Area Genealogical Society and currently a trustee of the society, was interviewed recently by Stephen Conte on his television program, *Family Historian*. The subject of the interview was Susan's family history in Ohio and how she conducted her research. Having settled in Connecticut in the middle of the 1630s and later fighting in the Revolutionary War, Susan's ancestors migrated to Ohio in 1799 and were designated a first family of the state. Some of the family remained in Ohio while others first migrated to Indiana, then Nebraska and taking the Oregon Trail eventually ended up in the state of Washington. The program can be viewed on YouTube at the following link: <https://youtu.be/VTOIG5aGeEA> and is scheduled to be aired on COMCAST and Verizon toward the end of March.



Interning for the Historical Society



The Madison Historical Society was very pleased when Jessica Rediger decided to volunteer as an intern during the Winter-Spring seasons. Jessica is a senior at the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station majoring in Political Science and History. She tells the story of just sitting in the Madison Library one day talking with a friend who happened to mention that the Society had its offices in the library. Given her interest in history, she just walked in and volunteered her services. She began doing some map analysis and later began logging in archive material to the computer. Jessica has a strong interest in local history reflected in her Senior Thesis at St. Elizabeth titled "*The American Revolution in Morristown.*" As for plans after graduation, she is considering graduate school, perhaps in Public Administration/Public Policy at Rutgers.

Chatham Township Historical Society Presents Program on Workplace Dangers in New Jersey

On Sunday, May 21 at 2:00 pm, the Chatham Township Historical Society is presenting a program titled, "Madhatters, the Radium Girls and the Asbestos Hotel: Tales of Workplace Toxins in the Garden State." The program will take place at the Chatham Township Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham, N.J. Presenting the program will be Dr. Sandra Moss. Dr. Moss is a retired internist with a degree in the History of Medicine. She is the author of three books: *The Country Practitioner: Ellis P. Townsend's Brave Little Medical Journal*, *Edgar Holden, M.D., of Newark: Provincial Physician on a National Stage*, and *Poliomyelitis: Newark 1916: "The Grip of Terror."* She has contributed close to forty articles, chapters and reviews to a wide variety of medical and historical journals.



The Radiation Girls were female factory workers who contracted radiation poisoning from painting watch dials with radioactive glow-in-the-dark paint

MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY – ITEMS FOR SALE

Books:

BOTTLE HILL AND MADISON by William Parkhurst Tuttle	\$30.00
CARING FOR YOUR HISTORIC HOUSE by Heritage Preservation & NPS	\$15.00
CIVIL WAR JOURNAL OF PRIVATE HEYWARD EMMELL by Jim Malcolm	\$20.00
COLLEGE OF SAINT ELIZABETH by Sister Mary Ellen Gleason, et al.	\$20.00
CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: A Guide to New Jersey's American Revolutionary War Sites	\$ 5.00
DREW UNIVERSITY by John T Cunningham & Regina Deverio	\$20.00
GOLDEN AGE OF DOG SHOWS, Morris & Essex Kennel Club	\$40.00
GROWING UP IN THE ROSE CITY by William F. Redmond, II	\$10.00
HIDDEN NEW JERSEY by Linda Barth -	Soft= \$ 8.95 / Hard = \$17.95
HISTORY OF INVENTING IN NEW JERSEY by Linda Barth	\$20.00
IMAGES OF AMERICA –	\$20.00
CHATHAM & CHATHAM TOWNSHIP by John T. Cunningham	
CRAFTSMAN FARM by Heather V. Stivison	
FLORHAM PARK by John T. Cunningham	
MADISON by John T. Cunningham	
MANSIONS OF MORRIS COUNTY by John Rae	
MORRISTOWN by Joan M. Williams	
SUMMIT by Patricia E. Meola	
LINCOLN'S WHITE HOUSE SECRETARY edited by Harold Holzer	\$39.95
MADISON, THE ROSE CITY: A NEW SPRINGTIME ed. Woody Kerkeslager	\$20.00
MEMORIES ENTWINED WITH ROSES by Ruth Churchill	\$15.00
POSTCARD HISTORY SERIES: Morristown by Bonnie Lynn-Nadzeika	\$20.00
NEW JERSEY GOES TO WAR: Biographies of 150 New Jerseyans Caught Up in the Civil War edited by Joseph G. Bilby	\$20.00
ST. VINCENT MARTYR PARISH, 200 YEARS OF HISTORY by Michael P. Riccards	\$25.00
THE UNCERTAIN REVOLUTION by John T. Cunningham	\$27.00

Maps:

1910 ATLAS OF MORRIS COUNTY by A.H. Mueller	Members \$115 each
MADISON PLATES 3, 4, 5: Approximate size 22" x 31"	Non Members \$125 each

Miscellaneous:

Christmas Ornament: Historic Sayre House or Luke Miller House	2 for \$15.00	\$10.00
Note Cards: Hartley Dodge Memorial (Pack of 4)		\$ 3.00
Photo Prints: Historic Madison, 7 different views		\$30.00
Postcards: Historic Madison	\$1.00 each or Set of 4 for	\$ 3.75
Tote Bag: Rose City		\$10.00

Madison Historical Society DVD's

\$10.00 each

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| * Black Church History | * Transportation |
| * Italian History in Madison | * Vietnam Oral History Project (with booklet) |
| * History of Roses | * The War Years, On the Home Front 1940-1955 |

USED BOOKS: VARIOUS TITLES, ALSO FOR SALE AT DISCOUNTED PRICES.

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