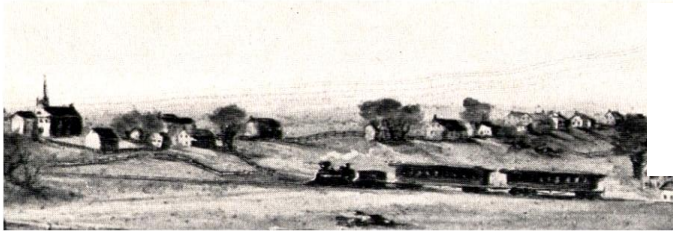


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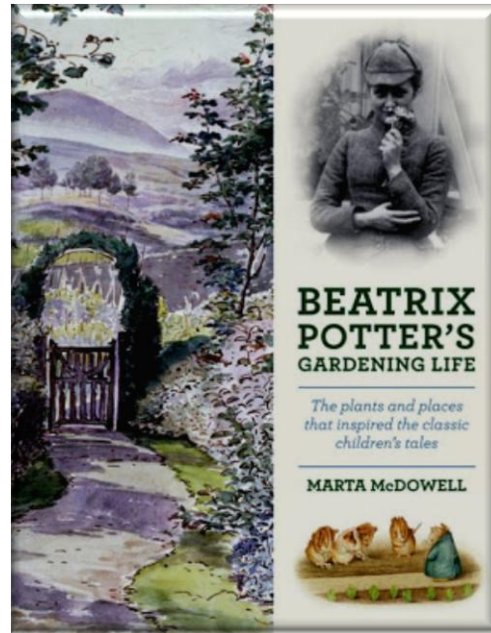


The February 2014
Newsletter

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New Jersey's 350th Anniversary Year

The Madison Historical Society Is Pleased To Present



Marta McDowell

Speaking On

Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life

Investigating History and Biography through a Horticultural Lens

March 18, 2014

7:00 PM

Chase Room

Madison Public Library

(Read more about Marta McDowell on page 2)

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The wreath sale is a highpoint of the Madison Historical Society's program year and our major fundraising effort. On a cold but thankfully sunny Saturday this past December, society volunteers conducted a successful event that netted \$2300 to support our work in preserving and interpreting Madison's history. Carmine and Marie Toto graciously offered us the use of their property; the Forum Club opened its doors providing a space to sit, enjoy refreshments and hear the history of the club. The afternoon offered opportunities to listen to The Four Old Parts barbershop quartet, learn about winemaking from Carmine Toto III of the Villa Rose Wine School, and watch the model train display of the West Jersey High Railers Club. Unique wreaths and holiday decorations handcrafted by members of the Garden Club of Madison, the Madison Historical Society and a Madison High School arts class were offered for sale.

The event was a success. The multiple activities attracted people who had not attended prior events and increased awareness of the historical society and its programs. The wreaths and decorations were the best ever and we sold every one. None of this would have been possible without the hard work of many volunteers, but we also had fun and the satisfaction of achieving our goal.

If you missed this year's festivities, plan now to come next December; it will be another memorable event. And if you would like to be more involved in the work and fun of a good cause, let us know. We can always find room for one more.

More on Marta McDowell

Marta McDowell lives, writes and gardens in Chatham, New Jersey. She shares with her husband Kirke Bent, their crested cockatiel, Sydney, and assorted wildlife. Marta is the author of *Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life* (2013) and *Emily Dickinson's Gardens* (2005). Her garden writing has appeared in popular publications such as *Woman's Day*, *Fine Gardening* and *The New York Times*. Scholars and specialists have read her essays on American authors and their horticultural interests in the journals *Hortus* and *Arnoldia*.

Marta teaches landscape history and horticulture at the New York Botanical Gardens. She lectured widely both here and in England including delivering the Beatrix Potter Society's Linder Lecture at the Sloane Club in London. Marta interned at Wave Hill, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, the Royal Horticultural Society's Rosemoor in Devon, England and at the Chelsea Physic Garden. She worked as a horticulturist for five years at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit, NJ. Her current projects include a book about the history of American gardening as seen through the gardens and grounds of the White House due out from Timber Press in 2015. Marta is on the Board of the NJ Historical Garden Foundation at the Cross Estate.

(Information from Marta McDowell's web page: <http://www.martamcdowell.com/>)

And Save These Dates

April 15th, 2014 at 7:00 pm, Chase Room, Madison Public Library.

Suzanne Bowles, Assoc. Professor History at William Paterson will be speaking on “The History of Grace Episcopal Church of Madison” Suzanne Bowles received her B.A. in American Studies from Syracuse, an M.A. in History from Rutgers, an MTS in Church History from Drew University’s Theological School and her Ph.D. in history from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Prior to teaching at WPU, she taught at Upsala College. She is the author of three books, *Jonathan Edwards to Aaron Burr*, *Lutheranism and Anglicanism in Colonial New Jersey*, and *A Widening Sphere of Usefulness: Newark Academy 1773 -1993*.



May 16, 2014 Annual Dinner of the Madison Historical Society, Madison Hotel. The guest speaker will be Bill Chemerka speaking on “350 Years of New Jersey History in 45 Minutes”. Always a popular speaker at Society events, Bill Chemerka is a former history teacher at Madison High School now thriving as an actor on stage, TV and film. He is also a writer for the TV shows *The Battle of Bunker Hill* and the History Channel’s *First Invasion: The War of 1812*.



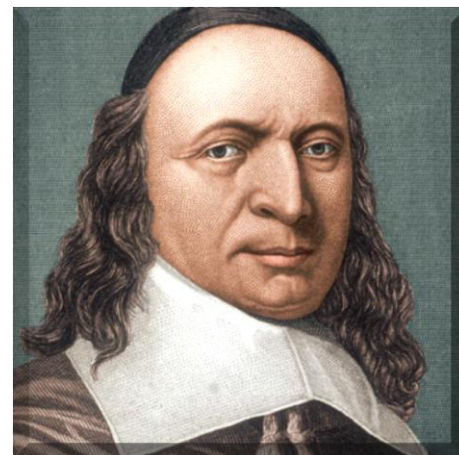
Spotlight on History

The Founding of New Jersey: A Brief History

By Doug Simon

Many of us have heard the story, particularly if we went to school in New Jersey during our childhood. Nevertheless, it is a story well worth repeating.

The 1664 founding of New Jersey emerged out of the on-going conflict between England and the Netherlands, both enormously powerful seaborne trading countries. Indeed, between 1652 and 1674, the Dutch and English fought three major naval battles for domination of shipping and trade. Between 1611 and 1614, the Dutch had surveyed land in the New York/New Jersey region and named the area they surveyed New Netherlands. After a number of trading posts were established on Manhattan Island as well as across the Hudson in what was to become New Jersey, the Dutch established a capital at New Amsterdam.



Peter Stuyvesant

The problem was that the English lay claim to the region by right of discovery by John Cabot in 1497. Through the years English expeditions had sailed along the east coast and established outposts including Virginia. The first permanent English settlers arrived in 1607. In 1609 Henry Hudson explored the river that was to bear his name and the Mayflower landed on the Massachusetts coast in 1620, followed by more English settlements.



Charles II

Meanwhile the Dutch were expanding their territory. Charles I attempted to block the Dutch when in 1634 he granted Sir Edmund Plowden a large area south of Long Island including what later became New Jersey. The move was not effective in stopping the Dutch.

On March of 1664 Charles II made his move granting the territory between the west side of the Connecticut River and the east side of

Delaware Bay to his brother James, the Duke of York. The Duke then made a grant to Sir George Carteret and Lord John Berkeley of that part between the Hudson and Delaware rivers.



Colonel Richard Nicolls Lands on Long Island, August 1664



Sir George Carteret

James also dispatched Colonel Richard Nicolls to seize the Dutch colony. In August 1664 the English fleet consisting of four war ships sailed ashore on Long Island and moved west to Brooklyn, enlisting support from the English towns on Long Island. Nicolls confronted Peter Stuyvesant, the Dutch governor, and promised that in return for surrender the settlers would, “peaceably enjoy whatsoever God’s blessing and their own honest industry have furnished them with and all other privileges with his majesty’s English subjects.” The Dutch protested but eventually surrendered and New Amsterdam was renamed New York.

In June of 1664, Sir George Carteret and Lord John Berkeley were favored by the grant of territory to be called *Novo Caesarea* or New Jersey.

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What about Madison?

Accounts of the first settlers in Madison (Bottle Hill in the early years), are sketchy to say the least. Memoirs, letters, and diaries are almost nonexistent. In 1855, the Rev. Samuel L. Tuttle, pastor of the Presbyterian Church did piece together an account based on the memories of old timers. As best we know, Barnabus Carter was believed to be the first person to settle here in 1715, roughly fifty years after Sir George Carteret and Lord John Berkeley were given the grant of territory to be called New Jersey. The Carter story is supported by a map found in the book the *History of Chatham, New Jersey* by Ambrose Ely Vanderpoel. On the map, Carter was designated as a major landholder in the vicinity of what today is Brooklake Road and Central Avenue. Carter came from Elizabethtown as did many of the settlers who followed him. Elizabethtown was believed to have been established in 1664 and officially became Elizabeth, N.J. in 1855.

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Did You Know?



New Jersey's state seal was designed by Pierre Eugene du Simitiere and presented in May, 1777 to the Legislature, which was then meeting in the Indian King Tavern in Haddonfield. The three plows in the shield honor the state's agricultural tradition. The helmet above the shield faces forward, an attitude denoting sovereignty and thus particularly fitting for one of the first governments created under the notion that the state itself is the sovereign. The crest above the helmet is a horse's head. The supporting female figures are Liberty and Ceres, the Roman goddess of grain, symbolizing abundance. Liberty, on the viewer's left, carries the liberty cap on her staff. Ceres holds a cornucopia filled with harvested produce. Although the Seal's major elements have kept their relative positions for more than 200 years, there have been lesser changes. The staff that Liberty now holds with her right hand she once held in the crook of her left arm. While the female figures now face straight ahead, they at one time looked away from the shield. The cornucopia that Ceres now holds upright was once inverted. The Seal was redesigned in accordance with Joint Resolution 8 of the Laws of 1928. It was then that the year of statehood, 1776, first appeared in Arabic figures.

Source: Taken directly from: <http://www.nju.gov/njfacts/seal.htm>

Events and Activities of Interest

February 10, 2014, “Mines – Buried History” is the subject of the next “Glimpses of the Past Lecture,” Montville Township Historical Society’s program. The program is at 7:30 p.m. in the Montville Township Senior House, 356 Main, Montville.



February 16, 2014 Tours of the 1796 Israel Crane House and Nathaniel Crane Houses, Montclair Historical Society.

Guided tours reveal the history of the house in relationship to its inhabitants and the history of Montclair. Food historian Carolina Capehart demonstrates hearth cooking on January 19, February 16, and March 2 in the exterior kitchen. Sites are open for 1 to 4 pm. Admission is \$8 per adult and \$5 per child. Family rate (1 or 2 adults and up to 3 children): \$25. Free admission for members. Houses are also open by appointment. Call 973-744-1796 to schedule a weekday tour.

The Charles Shultz House (Evergreens) is closed for the winter, reopening in April.

March 8, 2014, “*The Pulaski Skyway*” with Steven Hart. 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Secaucus Public Library, Secaucus, N.J. Mr. Hart will be discussing the construction of Route 25 – later dubbed the Pulaski Skyway – within the context of the epic struggle between Jersey City mayor Frank Hague and Hague’s nemesis on the project, union boss Teddy Brandle that ultimately led to bloodshed. Mr. Hart is the author of the book *The Last Three Miles: Politics, Murder, and the Construction of America's First Superhighway* and a new book, *American Dictators: Frank Hague, Nucky Johnson, and the Perfection of the Urban Political Machine*



MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY – ITEMS FOR SALE

Books:

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<u>GERALDINE Rockefeller Dodge</u> by Barbara J. Minick	Hardcover	\$20.00
	Paper	\$10.00
<u>HIDDEN NEW JERSEY</u> by Linda J. Barth, Illustrations by Hazel Mitchell	Hardcover	\$17.95
	Paper	\$ 8.95
<u>BOTTLE HILL AND MADISON</u> by William Parkhurst Tuttle		\$30.00
<u>FROM HERE TO HEAVEN</u> by Thomas Sapio	SALE ITEM!	\$12.00
<u>GROWING UP IN THE ROSE CITY</u> by William F. Redmond, II		\$10.00
<u>IMAGES OF AMERICA – MADISON</u> by John T. Cunningham		\$20.00
<u>IMAGES OF AMERICA – CHATHAM TOWNSHIP</u> by John T. Cunningham		\$20.00
<u>ST. VINCENT MARTYR PARISH, 200 YEARS OF FAITH</u> by Michael P. Riccards		\$25.00
<u>THE UNCERTAIN REVOLUTION</u> by John T. Cunningham		\$26.95
<u>CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: A GUIDE TO NEW JERSEY'S AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR SITES</u>		\$ 5.00
<u>NEW JERSEY GOES TO WAR: BIOGRAPHIES OF 150 NEW JERSEYANS CAUGHT UP IN THE STRUGGLE OF THE CIVIL WAR</u> edited by Joseph G. Bilby		\$20.00
<u>LINCOLN'S WHITE HOUSE SECRETARY: THE ADVENTUROUS LIFE OF WILLIAM O. STODDARD</u> edited by Harold Holzer		\$39.95

Maps:

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

Miscellaneous:

Postcards of Historic Madison	\$1.00 each or Set of 4	\$3.75
Rose City Tote Bag		\$10.00
Hartley Dodge Memorial Anniversary Note Cards (Pack of 4)		\$3.00
Christmas Ornament: Historic Sayre House		\$10.00
Christmas Ornament: Luke Miller House		\$10.00
	(2 for	\$15.00)
2008, 2009, 2012 Madison Photos on Calendar by Joe Mezzacca, Jr.		\$ 1.00

Madison Historical Society DVD's

\$10.00 each

Black Church History
 The War Years, On the Home Front 1940-1955
 History of Roses in Madison
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