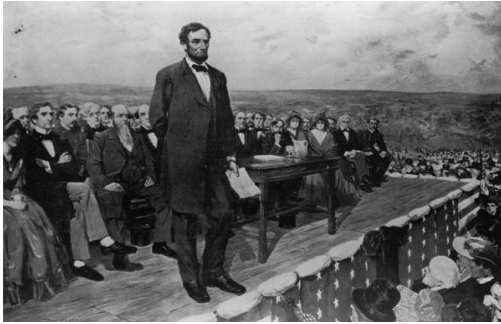


The Madison Historical Society

The Newsletter
September 2011



**“Lincoln and the Larger
Meaning of the Civil War”
with Richard Schwartz
September 20, 2011 7:00 pm
Chase Room, Madison Public Library**



On September 20th, Richard Schwartz returns to the Madison Historical Society to present a program on “Lincoln and the Larger Meaning of the Civil War.” Mr. Schwartz, history teacher at Whippany Park High School and Whippany Park’s Social Studies department coordinator, addressed the society last year with an extraordinary presentation on Alexander Hamilton. This year’s presentation will center on Lincoln’s understanding of the issues at stake in the Civil War, with special attention given the Gettysburg Address and the Second Inaugural Address.

Schwartz twice has been named Whippany Park’s teacher of the year and received teaching honors from the Newark Star Ledger and the College of New Jersey. In 2004, he received the Mildred Barry Garvin Prize from the New Jersey Historical Commission for distinguished achievement in the teaching of African-American history and was honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of New Jersey in 2005 for his teaching of citizenship. He is the author of the book, *The Prairie’s on Fire: Lincoln Debates Douglas, 1858*.

**“The Fighting 33rd: The
Rebellious New Jersey Civil War
Regiment”**

**With Bill Chemerka
October 18, 2011 7:00 pm
Chase Room, Madison Public Library**



On October 18th, Bill Chemerka presents a program on “The Fighting 33rd: The Rebellious New Jersey Civil War Regiment.” Mr. Chemerka a former and enormously popular history teacher at Madison High School, has always been a favorite of Society members. He now has a thriving acting career on stage, TV and film with appearances in productions from *The Happening*, *the Naked Gun series*, *Gods and Generals*, *The Last of the Mohicans*, *Glory*, and *The Sopranos*. He was the writer for *The Battle of Bunker Hill* and a contributing writer to the History Channel’s *First Invasion: The War of 1812*.

Dozens of New Jersey regiments battled their Confederate counterparts during the Civil War. But the 33rd Volunteer Infantry developed a wild and unruly reputation against fellow Union troops even before they left for the South in 1863. Uniformed as one of the 33rds' Zouave soldiers, Bill Chemerka describes the story of the unit's ultimate redemption in the battlefield.

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Message From The President Susan Simon

Why Local History is Important

It has been said that we as Americans are losing our sense of history, where we came from and how we got here. We are too focused on the present and the future. Perhaps we feel that because our ancestors lived so differently from the way we do now, that we have little to learn from them. Put another way, the past is outdated.

If it is true that we are losing interest in the events of the past, it is both tragic and shortsighted. Those of us who volunteer many, many hours at the Madison Historical Society do so because we hold an unshakable belief in the importance of history and most specifically, the history of our local community. History does matter. It informs us as to who we are. It helps us develop a greater sense of community. If you love living in this town, is it not important to understand the people and events that over two and a half centuries helped to shape it?

It is true that the way people lived in terms of their physical environment was different, less modern, if you will, than what we experience today. Housing, sanitation, transportation, recreation, education, and many other dimensions of life were different. But in many ways people were not so different. They had aspirations, fears, anxieties, beliefs, conflicts, just as we do. And we can learn from them and that can help us shape the future of our community.

The Madison Historical Society is always in need of volunteers. We are in particular need of people who have a facility with the computer to help out in data entry and general cataloging for our extensive collection of documents, antiques, photographs, maps and portraits. We are also in need of volunteers to help in organizing refreshments for our events. If you think you might like to volunteer, pay us a visit at the Madison Library any Tuesday or give me a call at 973-822-2377.

Newsletter to Be Offered on EMAIL

As a means to save the Historical Society the high cost of postage, members can opt to have the quarterly newsletter sent to them as a PDF attachment via email. Not only will you be helping the Society to save money, you will be receiving a full color version of the newsletter. If you would like to exercise this option, please email the Society at historicalsociety@rosenet.org. Please specify the subject as "newsletter" and send your message from the email address you want the newsletter sent to.



A Great Love and Knowledge of History, Larry Tabor

Members of the Madison Historical Society were saddened by the passing of Larry Tabor on August 18, 2011. Larry was a Life Member of the Society and a former office holder. His knowledge and love of history served him well as a volunteer on the Historical Preservation Commission, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hartley Dodge Foundation, and as the long-time official historian for the Borough of Madison. His enormous contributions to the society and the broader community will be missed.

Mystery Houses?

Do you know anything about these houses? Their location? Families that may have lived in them?



The 1927 Madison N.J. Brick Home

The photograph on the left was printed in 1927. It is a Photogravure print from plates. The mystery has baffled members of the Madison Historical Society for some time.

The Vanderpoel Mansion?

This picture of a house is part of a collection donated to the Madison Historical Society by Kenneth Haynes in 1989. Written on the back of the picture in pencil is "Vanderpoel?" The Vanderpoel family has roots in the area that go back to the American Revolution. Later, they also had a house on Madison Avenue, New York City and visited this area often.



If you know anything about either of these houses, please contact the society at 973-377-0722 x8 or drop by the Madison Historical Society office at the Madison Public Library.



SPOT LIGHT ON HISTORY: A Most Remarkable Document

The undersigned Citizens and inhabitants of the Village of Madison believing that if a well constructed Boarding House of sufficient size and capacity should be erected in this Village would be liberally patronized by Citizens from New York and elsewhere, and in order to the erection of such establishments much means will be required and from the known liberality and enterprise of our fellow Citizen William Gibbons Esq we hope to have the enterprise carried out hereby pledging ourselves to give him all of our influence (provided he engages in it) to carry out the undertaking

Madison August 6th 1847

Abraham Britton	Edward Faunley
Robert Albright	C. C. Schenck
J. M. Callaby	Dr. Maurice Day
William Sayre	George Haslam
S. P. Huntington	H. H. Green
Isaac Britton	Harb. Johnson
David J. Miller	Joseph S. Sayre
Leke Miller	Calvin Green
John S. Miller	Geo. S. Green
William Britton	J. D. Barnett
W. C. Johnson	Isaac Green
James Roll	Burj. P. Lewis
Geo. J. Sayre	Charles A. Bruen
John H. Mackinnon	Joseph Garrison
James Albright	
Sam. S. S. S.	
W. H. Sayre	

On August 6, 1847, one hundred twenty-four citizens of Madison submitted a petition to William Gibbons to establish a Madison boarding house. The original copy of that document, which is in three parts, was given to the Madison Historical Society by Mrs. Arthur B. Churchill in 2004. What makes the document so central to the history of the borough, beyond its age, are the signatures that it possesses. They read like a “Who’s Who” of Madison’s historical families – Albright, Sayre, Britten, Miller, Burnett, Genung, Bruen, and Sampson among others.

The Historical Society recently completed an “adopt a picture” campaign in which many of the society’s portraits, maps and documents were rematted and framed. Many had been framed as long ago as 50 to 100 years and were in desperate need of modern preservation technologies. The boarding house petition was so fragile that it had to be sent to The Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia where the document was blotted washed in baths of calcium-enriched deionized water to reduce discoloration and acidity. Fine steam mist was used to separate sections of the document that were adhered together, and Japanese tissue and wheat starch paste was used to mend tears and insert losses. Finally, the document was humidified and flattened to restore planarity. Even with all this work, the document remains too fragile to frame and has been placed in polyester film L-sleeves.

A high resolution scan of the document was provided by the conservators and an extremely fine copy of the document will shortly be available for viewing at the Historical Society’s office at the Madison Public Library. The image on the left is of the first page of the petition. The second and third pages are found on the opposite page.

Jonathan B Bruen
 Isaac H. Bruen
 Joseph Marsh
 Charles A Marsh
 Benj Bruen
 Moses Harris
 William L. Britton

Miriam

Charles C. Force
 John S Lyon
 John Brewster
 John N. Mitchell
 Marcus Ward
 Charles Matthews
 C. B. Hopping
 Benjamin Campfield
 Geo. W. McLean
 Theodore H. Nyre
 J. C. Campfield
 Charles Matthews Jr
 Warren H. Ware
 Samuel Hedger
 Saml. Edes
 Miss Conner
 Daniel C. Campfield

Alex^o Bruen
 Aaron Carter
 Elias R. Bruen
 Moses L. Bruen
 Charles Young
 Thomas Squire
 Mrs. J. J. J. J.
 Danub R. J. J.
 Levi Brant
 Eliza Thide
 Harvey Genuing
 L. S. J. J.
 Asahel Carter
 William Hopping
 Abraham Hodge
 William Hathaway
 Amos H. Hodge
 Lewis W. Hopping
 Asariah Carter
 William Larue
 Abraham Sampson
 Samuel Mills
 A. B. Green
 The Sturgey
 Lavette Duberaine

Pages 2 and 3 of the Boarding House Petition of 1847

Ly. Osabay
 Nicholas
 J. Lawton
 David Day
 Isaac Hanks
 A. H. Burnett
 John Knapp
 Joel L. Lee
 Samuel L. Holt
 Charles Brunst
 Ambrose Howell
 W. Gibson Stone
 Joseph Manning
 Samuel Roberts Jun
 William H. Conklin
 John C. Gray
 Charles R. Pinson
 Peter Barrett
 William High
 Samuel Roberts
 Geo. J. Weston
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Philimon Diobinson
 W. H. Wood
 John De Spier
 J. J. J.
 William L. J. J.
 John P. J. J.
 Alfred W. J. J.
 Stephen Miller
 Crested Bagshaw
 John Scarlett
 John S. J. J.
 Joseph Russell
 Jabez L. Ruden
 David H. J. J.
 I. M. Lockner
 J. H. Pruden
 David J. Hopping
 Duncan Hopp
 Michael Hopp
 William Hopp
 H. B. McSwain
 J. J. Giraud

Madison Petition for a Boarding House.
 Sept 1 Sep. 1847



Typical boarding house meal. Location unknown.

Doll House Raffle

The Madison Historical Society is raffling off a restored 1950s doll house. Only 250 tickets at \$10.00 each will be sold during the months of September, October, and November and can be purchased at the Somerset Hills Bank in Madison, at the Society's office any Tuesday between 10 am and 4 pm, at



the Society's booth on Bottle Hill Day on October 1st, at both of our Fall program meetings in the Chase Room of the library on September 20th and October 18th, and at the Society's wreath sale on December 3rd.



Events of Interest in the Area

Saturday, September 24: 18th annual Old Mount Tabor House Tour, 11:-- 4:00. Rain or Shine. \$20 per person. Quilt display, box lunch available, period costumes. Over 15 Victorian cottages and community buildings. Info/tickets: (973) 586-1564.

Sunday, September 26: Walking Tour Through Princeton. 2-4 pm. Enjoy a 1.9 mile, two-hour walk around downtown Princeton and the University campus as you learn about historic sites in the area, including Bainbridge House, Nassau Hall, the University Chapel and Palmer Square. Purchase tickets at Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street. \$7 per adult, \$4 children 6 to 12. Children 5 and under free. No reservations required.



One of the Old Mount Tabor Houses

Sunday, September 26: Costume Workshop at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 12:30-3:30 pm. Learn where to find authentic patterns, appropriate fabrics, and specialty items to create a period wardrobe. \$10 for non-members, \$5 for MCHS members. Reservations required.

Sunday, October 2: Morristown's Fall Festival on the Green

12 - 5 p.m. Schuyler Place, Morristown. This year Morris County Historical Society will join 17 other historic and cultural attractions at the Fall Festival in a special area on Schuyler Place. In addition to each site having a booth there will be reenactors and special performances on stage. FREE!

Now through October 30. Coming of Age: Early American Silversmiths; Masters, Apprentices, Trade Partners and Taste. Macculloch Hall Historical Museum, 45 Macculloch Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960. Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 4 pm. The exhibit explores the relationships between various makers in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, the centers of 18th century American silver making. The museum's collection complements objects on loan from private collectors, featuring pieces made by renowned silversmiths including Paul Revere, Jr. of Boston, Myer Myers of New York, and Joseph Richardson, Sr. of Philadelphia.

Madison Historical Society – Items for Sale

Books:

<u>CIVIL WAR JOURNAL OF PRIVATE HEYWARD EMMELL</u> edited by Jim Malcolm	\$55.00
<u>BOTTLE HILL AND MADISON</u> by William Parkhurst Tuttle	\$30.00
<u>FROM HERE TO HEAVEN</u> by Thomas Sapio	\$14.50
<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>MEMORIES ENTWINED WITH ROSES</u> by Ruth Churchill	\$15.00
<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:

2010-2011 Pocket Calendar by Madison Historical Society	\$1.00
Postcards of Historic Madison	\$1.00 each or Set of 4 \$3.75
Rose City Tote Bag	\$12.00
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
Madison Historical Society Note Pad with Pen	\$ 2.50
2008, 2009 Madison Photos on Calendar	\$ 5.00

Madison Historical Society DVD's

\$10.00 each

The War Years, On the Home Front 1940-1955
 History of Roses in Madison,
 Vietnam Oral History Project (with booklet),
 Italian History in Madison, Black Church History,
 Luke Miller, Forging History,
 Isaac Gordon – Civil War in N.J.

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