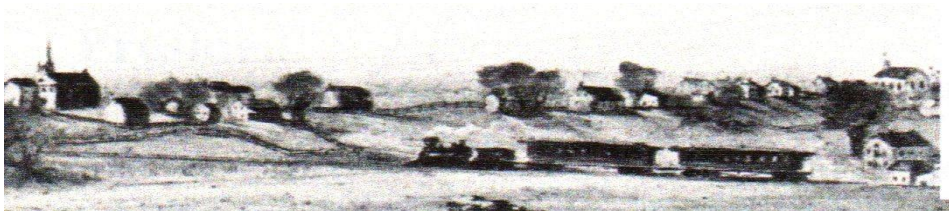


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Then and Now

In this issue of the Madison Historical Society Newsletter, we present a special three page gallery of historic photographs of the Borough of Madison alongside photos of the same subject and from the same perspective taken within the past month.

For more 'Then and Now' photographs see pages 3, 4, and 5



Waverly Place 1880s



Waverly Place 2018

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Message from President Susan Simon

We have several projects happening at Madison Historical Society but do need help in a few areas.

The update of the history of Madison book, *The Madison Heritage Trail*, is progressing with the revisions of the original book coming in from the authors, Dr. Frank Esposito and Dr. Brian Regal, for review by the committee. There is a folder in our library office for suggestions of what should be included in the new section of the book. We would love to hear from you.

We are still looking for the names of people in photos recently given to the society. The photos are from the North Street area of Madison from the early 1900s to around the 1950s. There is a notebook in the library placed on top of the Historical Society's display case with copies of the photos and a place to write in the names. If you think you might know some of the people take a look at the notebook. We also have a notebook that will travel. Let us know if that would be helpful.

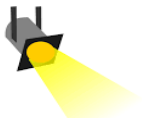
I mentioned at our last meeting that we are in need of someone to help us with technology, specifically to keep our web site up-to-date and to maintain a Madison Historical Society Facebook page. If you might be interested give us a call.

Historical Society At Bottle Hill Day

The Madison Historical Society had another popular booth at Bottle Hill Day with somewhere in the neighborhood of two hundred visitors. The booth featured a variety of items for sale including maps of the borough from 1910, a variety of history books about Madison and the surrounding region, and historical photos and postcards.

Visitors to the booth also received a special edition of the Society's newsletter that featured information on how Madison got its name, the mission and activities of the Society, a small photo gallery, and information on how to join the Society.





Spotlight on History

Images of Past and Present Madison

The photo gallery presented on the following three pages constitutes our version of “Back to the Future.” What is remarkable about some of these pairings of photographs is not how much things have changed over more than a hundred years. That is to be expected. What is so interesting is that in some cases how much has stayed the same. We hope you enjoy them.



Main Street 1920



Main Street 2017



**Luke Miller House, Ridgedale Avenue
Date Unknown**



Luke Miller House 2017



Madison Iron Works Park Avenue. Prior to fire in 1908



Rebuilt with brick in 1908. Photo 2017



Madison House 1922, Corner of Main and Waverly.



Chase Bank 2017. Same corner of Main and Waverly.



Mead Hall, Drew University, 1880s



Mead Hall 2017



**Burroughs Furniture and Undertaker
Date Unknown**



**Burroughs, Kohr & Dangler Funeral Home
2017**



**Waverly Place, Date unknown but prior to
approval of the elevation of the railroad in 1914.**



Waverly Place 2017



**The old firehouse. 1880s. Corner of Central and
Cook.**



**The Barbara W. Valk Fire House Apartments.
New building in same location and similar style.**

A Special Thanksgiving Letter

Ruth Churchill, longtime resident of the area, loved history and she wrote about it in her elegant book of recollections, *Memories Entwined With Roses*, published in 1984.* In it she speaks of things like the roses grown in the massive greenhouses, the journey to the Methodist Church of Madison every Sunday, the impact of early automobiles on those that were used to horse drawn carriages, and as a child playing in and around Drew University and its stately Mead Hall. Later in life she conducted extensive research into the Gibbons family that resided in the Hall when it was a private residence. In the book she tells of discovering a letter written by her mother to her parents dated November 20, 1882. Her Mother was Maria Meeker Noe, the family whose name should be familiar to those who utilize Noe Pond in Chatham Township and traverse Noe Avenue that runs through Madison and the Township. Maria had been married on October 5th, 1882 and took up a new residence in Tarrytown, New York. Perhaps a bit homesick, the letter to her parents was an invitation to celebrate Thanksgiving with the new bride and groom. Space does not permit reproducing the entire letter, but a few extracts speak to another age and are very poignant.

“I feel confident that the turkey you are bringing will be a success roasted in the oven of our new Richardson and Boynton range. The range is set in a recess in the chimney with a huge metal hood over it to keep out any odors for cooking.”

Writing about appointments in her new house, she notes the following: “I am going to find it hard to keep enough white beautifully ironed damask tablecloths always immaculate on my golden oak dining room table. However, I have found a well recommended wash lady who comes at 7 a.m. She puts the wash boiler on, cuts up the soap, and sorts the clothes before coming upstairs for a cup of coffee. She walks two miles and is very well mannered. She finds our new stationary wash tubs a big improvement. I pay her \$1 a day and she finishes ironing at 6 o’clock. I feel sorry for her so I gave her a nickel for trolley fare home.”

Returning to Thanksgiving, she writes: “I tremble hoping everything will be right for our Thanksgiving dinner. It will be a great day for both families. Be sure to bring sister Lillian, that cute little four year old. I want to show her off to my new relatives.

With love to the dearest parents in the world I am,

Your affectionate daughter, Maria”



Maria Meeker Noe

*Ruth Churchill, *Memories Entwined With Roses*, Copyright Ruth Pierson Churchill, 1984.

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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