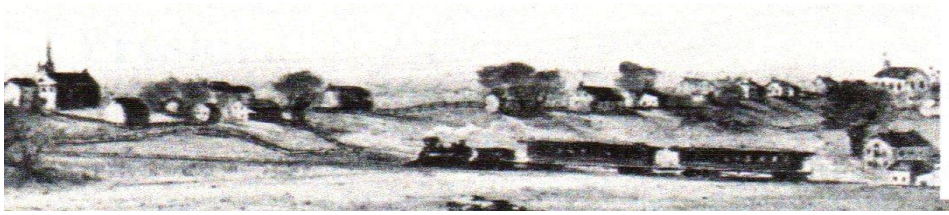


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“The General and Mrs. Washington, The Untold Story of a Marriage”

With

Dr. Bruce Chadwick



**September 15, 2015 7:00 pm Chase Room
Madison Public Library**

And in October....

“The Evolution of Madison’s Historical Fire Apparatus”

With

Louie E. DeRosa III, Chief of the Madison Fire Department



**October 20, 2015
7:00 pm
Madison Public Safety
Complex**

For more on our September and October Speakers and their programs, see page 3.

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Message from President Linda Connors

Welcome to a new program year for the Madison Historical Society. The Board has been pursuing a number of initiatives including evening and Saturday programs under Jim Malcolm's leadership, educational outreach to the elementary schools coordinated by Cathie Coultas and Susan Simon, and the campaign for a local history museum under the leadership of Susan Simon and Dave Lubber.

This spring Andrea Vacchiano, Madison High School senior and Society volunteer, created a PowerPoint presentation on Madison history for second graders. Her work has now been incorporated into the second grade curriculum. The next challenge is to research local history to support the curricula of grades 3 through 5. We need volunteers who are willing to do research in our collections and write up the information for the curriculum staff. You need not be a curriculum specialist nor do you need to know PowerPoint. All that is required is to find the relevant local history, especially those interesting bits that would appeal to children.

Despite promising signs, the Borough's grant application to the Morris County Historical Preservation Commission was not funded. Although this is very disappointing, we are encouraged by the Borough's commitment to pursue other funding opportunities, primarily grants. The Society is equally committed to working with the Borough in creating a local history museum in the east wing of the Hartley Dodge Memorial.

All these efforts, and others mentioned in this newsletter, need volunteers. Hopefully one of these is an opportunity that appeals to you. If not, consider asking a neighbor, or someone you see regularly, to be a volunteer. Local history is that important.

And visit us at our booth on Bottle Hill Day!

The Society Needs Historian and Data Entry Help

The Madison Historical Society is in need of volunteers to fill two specific positions.

Society Historian

The Historian is basically the record keeper of the organization and as such maintains a list of all past officers of the Society. A list of all past programs and events is also maintained on the society's computer. In addition, the historian keeps a hard copy file of all society board meeting minutes organized by program year, all announcements, press releases and other newspaper articles, and a hard copy file of the society's newsletter.

Data Entry Volunteer

The society has an extensive data base of historical acquisitions, membership lists, and other critical files and needs a volunteer to help accomplish this task. Entries are made using Past Perfect software. Volunteers need not be familiar with this software. We will teach you!

The amount of time devoted to these tasks is flexible, generally no more than one day (or part of a day) per week. If you are interested in either position please contact Linda Connors, President of the Madison Historical Society at 973-377-8662 or drop in the Society's office at the Madison Public Library on Tuesday and/or Thursday between 10:30 am and 3:30 pm.

September Speaker Dr. Bruce Chadwick



A prolific writer and university professor, Bruce Chadwick has an incredibly varied background. He spent 23 years as a journalist with the *New York Daily News* before earning a doctorate in American history in 1999 from Rutgers University and is now a professor of journalism and history at New Jersey City University as well as Rutgers in American studies. While in the field of journalism, professor Chadwick developed interests in a variety of fields – football, sports memorabilia, film, crime and forensics, and of course, American History. He wrote more than 150 freelance articles for magazines such as *Sports Illustrated*, *House Beautiful*, *McCall's*, *The Sporting News*, *Town and Country* and *Cosmopolitan*. He is the author of 29 books that reflect his many interests including *Travelling the Underground Railroad; 1858: Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant and the War They Failed to See; When the Game Was Black and White: The Illustrated History of Baseball's Negro Leagues; and I am Murdered: George Wythe, Thomas*

Jefferson, and the Killing that Shocked a New Nation. Most appropriate for his presentation to the Madison Historical Society is his 2007 book, *The General and Mrs. Washington*.

In describing his talk, Dr. Chadwick says the following: “*We all know the story of George Washington, but few of us know the story of his marriage to Martha Custis. It was a union full of triumph and tragedy, but most of all a marriage of two people in a turbulent time in U.S. history. They were rich, they lived in a big mansion and led the high society parade. Yet, they risked all of it for the cause of freedom in the American Revolution. The talk describes their married life, the kids, the mother-in-law, the ‘other woman,’ how they clung to each other in the harrowing days of the war, the ‘first family,’ the start of the U.S. government, breakups and make ups. Hand in hand, George and Martha made this country.*”

October Speaker Louie E. DeRosa III

Madison Fire Department Chief, Louie E. DeRosa III, a 1977 graduate Madison High School, joined the department as a volunteer in 1977 and was hired in May of 1983 as a Career Firefighter. In 1992 he was promoted to Captain and in 2010 became Chief. He was a member of the New Jersey Task Force One (NJ-TF1) from 2000-2013 as a Search Manager and responded with that task force to New York City on 9/11 for the first 9 days of the terrorist attacks on our country. In his earlier career as a N.J. Electrical Contractor, he served as a licensed N.J. Fire Inspector, Fire Subcode Official and Electrical inspector. He currently serves as President of the Morris County Active Fire Chiefs Alliance.



The topic of his presentation on October 20th will be the evolution of Madison’s fire apparatus from 1881 to the present, highlighting Geraldine, the 1921 Aahrens-Fox fire engine. He plans to tie the borough’s equipment needs and purchases to Madison’s development and growth over the years.

Spotlight on History



The “Nurse of the Century” Was a Long Time Resident of Madison

By Doug Simon

Hildegard E. Peplau was one of the world’s leading nurses and theorists of the 20th century. It has been argued that Dr. Peplau’s life and work produced the greatest changes in nursing practice since Florence Nightingale. Indeed, she is credited with developing a breakthrough theory that provides the foundation of modern nursing practices. Her stunning career earned her the titles “Nurse of the Century” and “Mother of Psychiatric Nursing.” She was also a resident of Madison, New Jersey for 30 years.

CAREER

Hilda was born in Reading, Pennsylvania to immigrant parents of German descent. She was very strong-willed and at an early age sought to carve out a life beyond traditional women’s roles. She began her career in 1931 as a graduate of the Pottstown Hospital School of Nursing in Pottstown, PA. She then went on to work as a staff nurse in Pennsylvania and New York City and later Bennington College in Vermont. While at Bennington she earned a Bachelor’s degree in interpersonal psychology. From 1943 to 1945 she served in England with the Army Nurse Corps where the American School of Military Psychiatry was located. After the war, many of the men she had worked with went on to reshape the mental health system in the United States.



Hildegard Peplau begins her career graduating from Pottstown Hospital School of Nursing

Hilda lived at a time when most women had to choose between career and marriage. She chose not to marry but was determined to raise a child. In 1945 she returned from her service in England pregnant and gave birth to a daughter, Letitia Anne, also known as Tish. She arranged to have the baby adopted by her brother but raised the child herself, with only a handful of people knowing the truth of the child's birth.

Peplau earned her master’s and doctoral degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University and was certified in psychoanalysis by the William Alanson White Institute of New York City. She was a member of the faculty of the College of Nursing at Rutgers from 1954-1974 and while there created the first graduate

level program for the preparation of clinical specialists in psychiatric nursing. During her career she was an advisor to the World Health Organization and was a visiting professor at universities in Africa,

Latin America, Belgium and throughout the United States. She also served as a consultant to the U.S. Surgeon General, the U.S. Air Force, and the National Institute of Mental Health. In 1975 and 1979 she served as a visiting professor at the University Leuven in Belgium. She was awarded honorary doctoral degrees from several universities including Alfred, Duke, Indiana, Ohio State, Rutgers and the University of Ulster in Ireland. In 1997 she received the world of nursing's highest honor, the Christiane Reimann Prize, an award only given out every four years. In 1996 the American Academy of Nursing honored her as a "Living Legend," and in 1998 the American Nurses Association inducted her into the ANA Hall of Fame.



Hilda was a prolific writer. Her signature work appeared in 1952 in her highly regarded book titled *Interpersonal Relations in Nursing*. Inspired and heavily influenced by the scholarship of Harry Stack Sullivan, her interpersonal relations theory describes six nursing roles that lead into the different phases of the nurse-client relationship: Stranger Role, Resource Role, Teaching Role, Counseling Role, Surrogate Role and Leadership Role. The book has been translated into nine languages and has stood the test of time having been reissued numerous times. The archives of Peplau's work are housed at the Schlesinger Library at Harvard University.

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Having secured a full-time appointment to the faculty at the Rutgers School of Nursing in 1954, Hilda began looking for permanent residence outside of Manhattan where she was living. The lure of suburban life for her daughter, Tish, was clearly at play. Among other things, Peplau often took a taxi through

Madison on her way to Greystone psychiatric hospital where she was completing some training. She very much liked the town and heard that the schools were excellent. In June of 1955 she bought a house at 118 Shunpike Rd. and lived there for the next 30 years. The schools were indeed good and Hilda loved the town's people. In her biography of Peplau, *Heldegard Peplau: Psychiatric Nurse of the Century*, Barbara Callaway tells the story of the very first November in the Madison house. A terrible snow storm fell upon northern New Jersey and the house was buried up to the windows. Hilda had no snow shovel and was about to call the equivalent of 911 when a veritable "brigade" of neighborhood men showed up to dig her out.

After living in Madison for thirty years she moved to the west coast and in 1999 at the age of 90 she passed away at her residence in Sherman Oaks, California.

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Community Outreach a Major Focus of the Historical Society

During the Spring of 2015 several members of the Madison Historical Society reinforced one of the society's primary missions, that of community outreach.

This past June, Cathie Coultas and Margaret Weisgerber, gave local history programs to second grade students at Kings Road and Tory J. Sabatini schools. The programs were given to six classes and included clothing that might have been worn in the late 1800's and bathing costumes appropriate during the 1920's. Also slides were shown of buildings and scenes around the Madison area in the late 1800's and early 1900's such as the old fire and police stations and train tracks at ground level before being raised in 1913. Also included were photos and history of Madison's unique rose industry.



Margaret Weisgerber and Cathie Coultas

Madison attracted many immigrants with its thriving peach industry until the 1860's and the rose industry until the 1960's. Also there were many opportunities for the talented masons who came to build the beautiful mansions in the Madison area. Many of these immigrant families had a significant influence on the development of our community.



Susan Simon leads tour of Miller house.

On June 5, five Madison High School students, Brett Pershing, Alex Gann, Peers Hiscano, Ryan Weck and Mohamed Alrefaai, volunteered to do landscaping at the Luke Miller House on Ridgedale Avenue. While on a break from work, they were given a tour of the historic house by former historical society president and now trustee, Susan Simon. The Luke Miller House is considered the oldest existing home in Madison, having been built between 1730 and 1750 by Luke Miller's grandfather, Andrew Miller. It was often referred to as Miller's Station, due to the fact that it served as a forge and way station during the Revolutionary War. General George Washington is reported to have been a frequent guest at the home. While Washington and his officers stayed at the main house, their horses were attended to at the Forge. The Forge was used to shoe the animals, repair wagon wheels, and fix or make hand tools, such as hammers and axes, needed by the men back at the camps in Loantaka Valley in 1777 and Jockey Hollow in 1779.

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The Miller House today.

MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY – ITEMS FOR SALE

Books:

<u>CIVIL WAR JOURNAL OF PRIVATE HEYWARD EMMELL</u> , edited by Jim Malcolm		\$55.00
<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>MANSIONS OF MORRIS COUNTY</u> by John W. Rae		\$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
<i>Maps:</i>		
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
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>		
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
<i>Madison Historical Society DVD's</i>		\$10.00
each		
The War Years, On the Home Front 1940-1955	Black Church History	
History of Roses in Madison	Luke Miller, Forging History	
Vietnam Oral History Project (with booklet)	Transportation	
Italian History in Madison, Black Church History		
Historic Photos of Madison, 7 different views		\$30.00 each

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