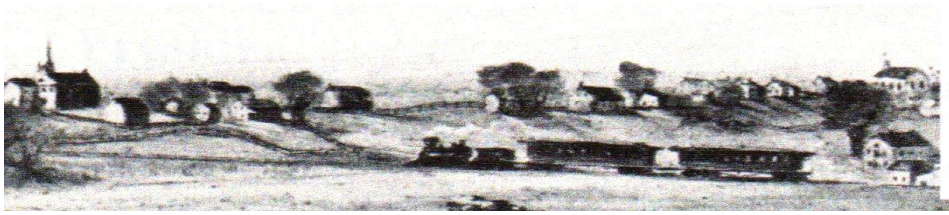


# *Madison Historical Society*

*Madison, N.J*



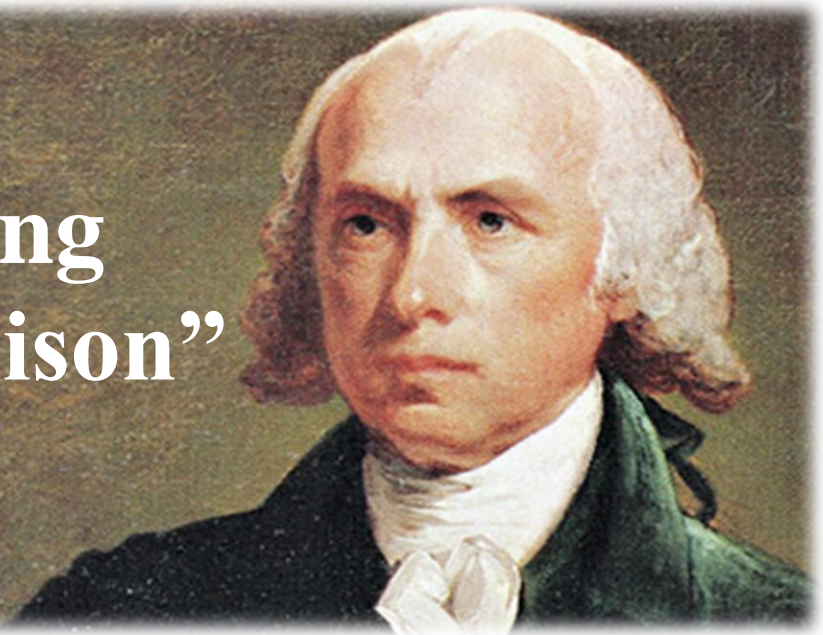
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**The Madison Historical Society Presents**

## **Jude Pfister**

**Chief of Cultural Resources, Morristown National Historical Park**

**“Becoming  
James Madison”**



**September 20, 2016      7:00 PM**  
**Chase Room, Madison Public Library**

**And note on October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**“Thursday Morning Club: 120 Years of Service”**

**With Michal Holzman, Past President of the Thursday Morning Club**

**7:00 PM Chase Room      Madison Public Library**

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### Newsletter

*Doug Simon*

## Message from President Linda Connors

A museum devoted to the history of Madison is closer to being realized! Although the 2016 grant application to the Morris County Historic Preservation Commission was only partially funded, the Borough Council did approve an allocation to cover exterior and interior design work and construction drawings for the renovation of the east wing of the Hartley Dodge Memorial.

The Historical Society has entered into a partnership with the borough in which we have allocated \$250,000 to the interior renovation in return for a lease for the basement and first floor. A generous bequest from Fred Bruehne, a lifelong Madison resident who also donated artifacts to our collections, made this grant a possibility.

On August 8 Susan Simon, Dave Luber and I met with borough officials Ray Codey and Bob Vogel and the architect John Hatch to review preliminary drawings. Much of the discussion focused on location of the elevator and changes necessary for the museum. The museum is still several years in the future, but it now seems truly possible.

## Tommy Solow Wins Society Award

Tommy Solow of Madison High School is the recipient of the 2016 Madison Historical Society Award for Interest in History. The award which carries a prize of \$500 for college expenses, is presented for excellence in essay writing accompanied by an oral presentation. Tommy's essay was titled "Reduced Tensions" and asserted that the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, while bringing the United States and the Soviet Union to the brink of nuclear war, nevertheless served as a catalyst for President Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev to enter into direct communications and subsequently undertake a number of initiatives that reduced tensions between the two superpowers.



First Row: Tommy Solow flanked by his parents, Donald and Geraldine. Back row left to right: Jim Malcolm, Vice President of the Madison Historical Society, Madison High School Principal Gregory Robertson, Tommy's sister Sabrina, Mark De Biasse, Director of Humanities, and history teacher Stephen Bernich.



## About our upcoming speakers....

### Jude Pfister

Dr. Pfister has been at the Morristown National Historical Park since 2004 where he oversees the museum, archival, and library programs. He has been with the National Park Service in the field of historic preservation and cultural resource conservation since 1993. A historian by training, his professional interests include American constitutional development; the development of American historiography as a separate discipline; historic preservation and the communication of cultural patrimony to the general public; and understanding the broad scope of historic preservation through the interconnectedness of cultural resources. He is the author of several books, including *America Writes Its History*, as well as multiple articles and reviews. In May 2015 *Morris County's Acorn Hall*, was published by the History Press. His most recent book, *Charting an American Republic: The Origin and Writing and The Federalist Papers*, is due for publication in November 2016. Dr. Pfister's program will look at the early James Madison up to his triumphs during the late 1780s. It will follow the young Madison as he begins his life as a member of the Virginia plantation aristocracy before moving on to become a revolutionary in his early twenties. Once committed to a break with Britain, Madison never looked back and increasingly shouldered much of the planning and thinking about what the new United States should be as a government.



### Michal Holzman



When Michal Holzman retired from Novartis Pharmaceuticals as the Director of Project Management for the company's US Consumer Division, she looked around for something useful to do. Through an acquaintance, she discovered the Thursday Morning Club and has been actively involved since joining in 2005. Ms. Holzman is the immediate past-president of this 120-year-old women's club and is currently serving on the Board of Trustees as Membership Chair. Over the course of her eleven years with TMC, Ms. Holzman has also chaired major fundraisers; "Le Bazar de Noel", "Homes for the Holidays", served as 1st Vice-President and, as Ways & Means Chair, initiated the popular lunch and lecture series, "Wise, Wonderful Women."

Ms. Holzman states that the Thursday Morning Club is a favorite topic of hers, so she is delighted to be able to share the history of the club, including the ownership and operation of the Madison Community House. You will hear of the Club's impact on many aspects of

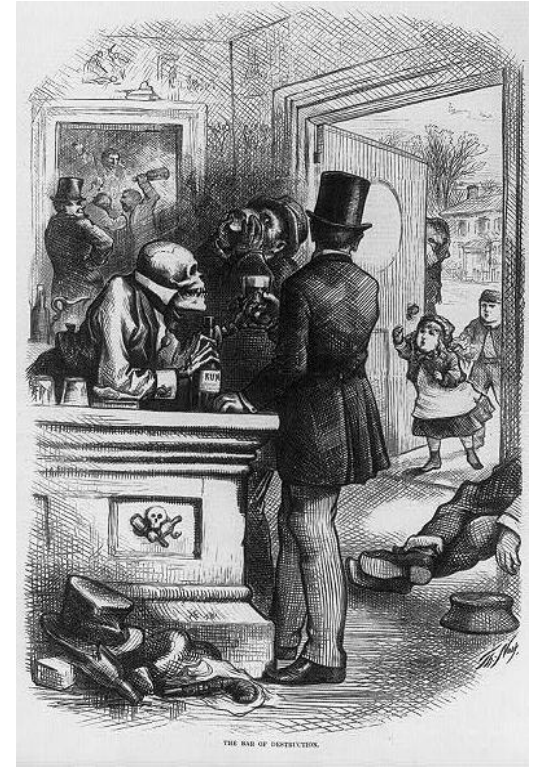
Madison's past and the numerous ways in which the 250 members continue to serve Madison and surrounding communities through living up to the club's motto: "Ich Dien", I serve.

## Spotlight on History

# How Madison Got Its Name

-Doug Simon

Around 1830, a temperance movement became particularly strong in the village of Bottle Hill.<sup>1</sup> The population of Madison in 1832 was 500 and 420 of them were members of the Madison Total Abstinence Society led by Matthias L. Burnett, a prominent citizen of Bottle Hill and a wheelwright by trade.<sup>2</sup> For many of these citizens the very name "Bottle Hill" was totally unacceptable because it conjured-up an image of a community of drunkards. The name had to be changed. Two large public meetings were held on the issue, but many smaller conferences were also held in the store of a Mr. Sharp.<sup>3</sup> The larger meetings were held at the Madison Academy and at the first meeting on April 2, 1834, the name of Jefferson was proposed. When the Postmaster General was notified, he replied that there was already one or two Post Offices in New Jersey with that name, and suggested a change.<sup>4</sup> Because no resolution was reached at that first meeting a second was held on August 30 and at that meeting the name Madison was narrowly approved as the borough's new name.



The Bar of Destruction, Cartoon appearing in Harpers Weekly

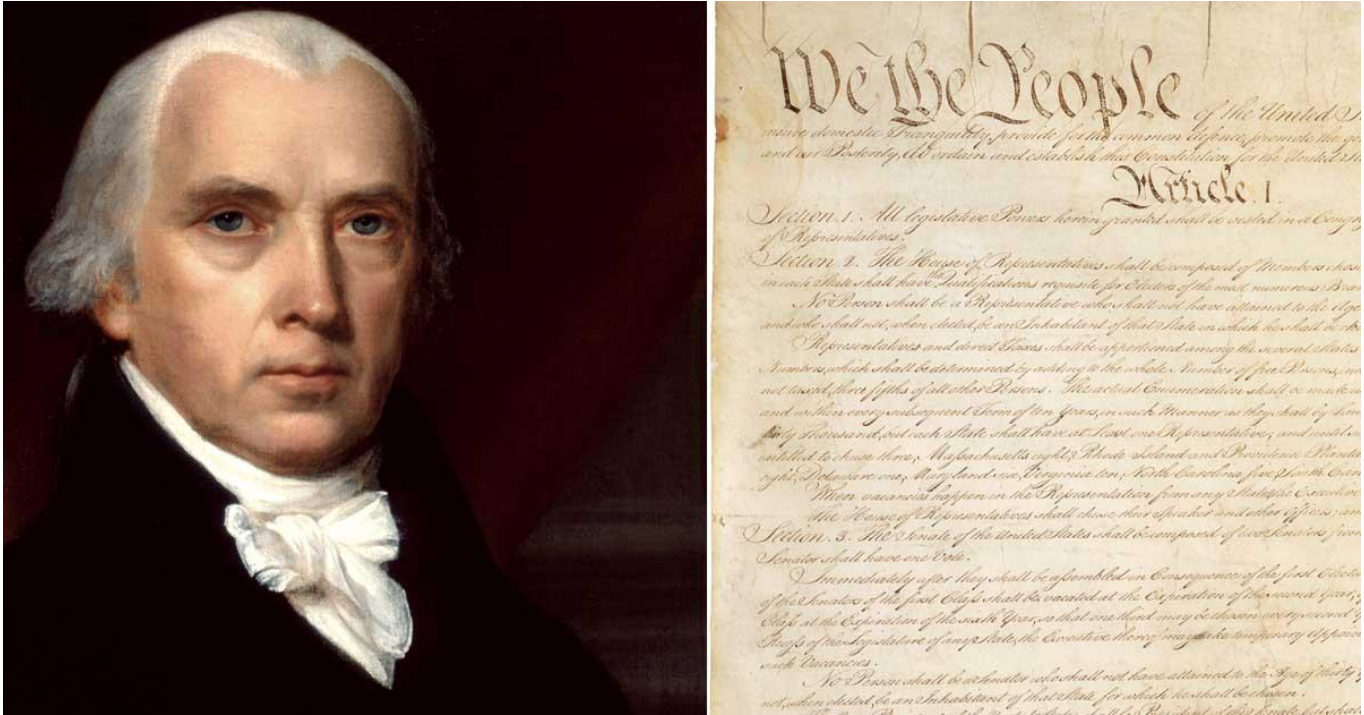
**A CHANGE OF NAME.**  
 Agreeable to public notice a meeting of the inhabitants of the village of Bottle Hill, convened at the Madison Academy in said place, on the 2d August, 1834, to take into consideration a change of name for said place, and after an interchange of sentiment it was resolved to adjourn for 4 weeks, to give further time for deliberation, and in pursuance of such, the inhabitants again convened at said Madison Academy, on the 30th August, 1834, when Matthias L. Burnet was chosen Moderator, and Robert Albright Secretary, and after an interchange of sentiment—a motion was made, seconded and passed, that the name of said Village be changed.  
 A motion was made, seconded and passed, that the name of said place be called "Madison,"—Adjourned.  
 M. L. BURNET, Moderator.  
 Robert Albright, Secretary.  
 Madison, August 30, 1834.

Notice of the change of name from Bottle Hill to Madison from the Morristown Whig newspaper, September 1824.

While we know why the name Jefferson was not chosen, it remains somewhat of a mystery as to why the name Madison was chosen. True, Madison was the fourth President of the nation from 1809-1817 and revered as one of the great founding fathers. Further, Madison Academy already had its name and was a very important part of town. So it may have been that picking Madison was a logical choice.

James Madison, of course, is noted for being the principle architect of our current federal system of government which defined the relationship between the states and the central government. The *Articles of Confederation* adopted in 1777 worried many nationalists because it provided for such a weak central government. Dissatisfaction with the *Articles* highlighted a related problem that Madison ultimately took upon himself to solve.<sup>5</sup>





Conventional wisdom of the time was that a republican government based on self-government and liberty was possible only in a small political community—for example, a city state such as Athens, Florence, Venice, or Geneva. A large state could be governed only by a monarch or a despot.<sup>6</sup>

Most politicians of the time had refused to face up to the problem because they believed it to be insoluble. Patrick Henry and other Anti-Federalists, were opposed to a new constitution and believed in the conventional wisdom of democracies only thriving in small political units. On the other side of the spectrum, men like Alexander Hamilton, who did support the movement for a new and stronger constitution, felt that confederations were weak and that only a powerful central government based on the British model could hold together a political community as large as the new American nation.<sup>7</sup>

In response to this dilemma, Madison developed a theory of the “extensive republic,” the term he used to describe a federal republic governing a large territory, a federal republic that would allow for liberty, self-government, and justice at the local level of state government and also have a powerful central government able to protect the common interests of the whole Union. Madison’s solution was ultimately reflected in the *Constitution of the United States* and its *Bill of Rights*.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Frank J. Esposito, *The Madison Heritage Trail*, Madison, N.J.: The Madison Bicentennial Heritage Committee, 1985.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Butler Carter, “Madison New Jersey, My Birth Place,” 1888. Typed manuscript held by the Madison Historical Society, Madison, N.J.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

<sup>4</sup> F. Bardon, “The First Temperance Organization in Madison,” *CHRONICLE*, June 4, 1879.

<sup>5</sup> Neal Riemer, Douglas W. Simon and Joseph Romance, *The Challenge of Politics*, Washington, D.C.: SAGE/CQPress, 2015, pp. 42-43.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid, p. 42.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid, p. 41

<sup>8</sup> Ibid, p. 43

## Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen Addresses Society at Annual Dinner

On May 19<sup>th</sup> the Madison Historical Society held its annual dinner and general meeting at Rod's Steakhouse and Seafood Grill. Guest speaker for the evening was United States Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen who addressed the gathering on the America's National Park System that celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016.

Also on the agenda for the evening was the first public announcement of a major bequest from the estate of Fred Bruehne. Two thirds of the over one million dollar gift is dedicated to an endowment. The funds now make it possible to fully fund the establishment of a Madison Historical Museum, a dream of society

members for many years. A slate of officers was presented for approval by the membership present at the dinner. Those elected were: Vice President Jim Malcolm, Recording Secretary Laurie Hagerich, Historian Kathy Rogers, and Trustees Cathie Coultas and Susan Simon.

The dinner meeting also saw the approval of a restated Certification of Incorporation of the society. Finally, special recognition was given to six volunteers for their exceptional and valuable service to the society: Tom Bintinger, Karen Jones, Andrea Vacchiano, Helene Corlett, Kathy Rogers and Margaret Weisgerber.



Society Vice President Jim Malcolm, President Linda Connors, and guest speaker U.S. Congressman Peter Frelinghuysen



Tom and Joann Bintinger and Nancy Adamcyk, Head of the Madison Public Library

## School Outreach Program Continues in 2016

- Cathie Coultas



Margaret Weisgerber and Cathie Coultas

On June 9<sup>th</sup> Margaret Weisgerber and Cathie Coultas gave programs to two second grade classes at Kings Road School. Teacher Kathy Goodbread has been our contact there for several years, and it's always enjoyable seeing the enthusiasm for local history not only by the children but the teachers as well. The program began with a little history about the Society and its mission. Then the children were shown clothing appropriate for the 1880's up to the 1920's. The boys were astonished that their clothing was so different to what they wear today. They were particularly surprised at the bathing suits worn with the girls and women totally covered while the boys and men wore scratchy heavy wool bathing

suits. The students next saw slides of some of Madison's places and old buildings that still exist in the downtown area. They also saw that Madison's train tracks were once on the ground. Next were slides of some of the local rose growing greenhouses, and they learned why Madison has a long time nickname as "The Rose City". Immigration was the last topic to help them understand that such early Madison industries such as the rose growing, peach orchards and masonry brought talented and hard working people from other countries to Madison who helped shape our community's future.

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CIVIL WAR JOURNAL OF PRIVATE HEYWARD EMMELL Edited by Jim Malcolm	\$20.00
CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: A Guide to New Jersey's American Revolutionary War Sites	\$ 5.00
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