

ATLANTIC HERITAGE

Newsletter of the Atlantic County Historical Society

SPRING 2019

SOBRIETY MEETS HISTORY...OR VICE VERSA

By Sid Parker

A piece of history, namely a 10' section of the bar top which, for decades, was part of the Submarine Grill at the Traymore Hotel—like Elvis—has left the building. Since 1972, just before the demolition of the Traymore, the bar top was a long shelf in the home of Linwood resident, John Williamson, who saved it from the dynamite and, 46 years later, donated it to us.

In January, a couple young adults from EACYPAA (Eastern Area Conference Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous) visited us for some information about the Traymore. It turns out that Dr. Bob Smith (**THE Dr. Bob**), while attending a medical convention in Atlantic City in 1935, engaged in his final binge, much of it at the aforementioned bar, before heading back to Akron, Ohio where, with Bill Wilson, they founded AA. The EACYPAA visitors, ecstatic at discovering THE BAR, asked if they could borrow it for their convention to be held at Bally's Hotel & Casino, March 8-10 where they anticipated 3000 attendees from east of the Mississippi and out of the country. They planned to replicate a base for the bar top based on an early photo from ACHS, and use it for photo opportunities at their registration tables.

With considerable trepidation initially, Curator Joan Frankel, after hearing of virtually unanimous informal board approval, and having a properly executed Loan Agreement in hand, consented to the loan. We hope to have a photo or two in the next newsletter.



All wrapped up and heading for its moment of glory!

The Atlantic County
Historical Society
will be closed on:
Friday, April 19th &
Saturday, April 20th



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We are a
Blue Star
Museum

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Events and Happenings

Program Logistics

RISLEY HOMESTEAD

8 Virginia Avenue
(near 400 block of Shore Rd)
Northfield, NJ



Program Description

The Risley Homestead is one of two 18th century houses in Atlantic County individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was home to many generations of Risley oystermen. The ACHS received the Homestead and its furnishings by bequest from Virginia Risley Stout in 1989. The Homestead is open for individual and small group guided tours. Contact ACHS for details.

ATLANTIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

907 Shore Road, Somers Point, NJ

Monday, March 11, 2019

6:30pm – Auditorium– (elevator available)

“THE GREATEST AGRICULTURAL COLONY ON EARTH”:

Daniel Risley, the Estelle Colony and the founding of three Atlantic County communities. Samuel Avery-Quinn, PhD., Visiting Assistant Professor, Appalachian State University in Boone, NC will present *Daniel Risley: Founder or Fraud, Visionary or Villain?* Free Admittance. Light Refreshments served.

ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY (ACUA)

Delilah Rd., Egg Harbor Twp. *Inside the Tent*

Sunday, April 28, 2019 - 10:00am – 4:00pm

EARTH DAY @ ACUA

The Atlantic County Historical Society will have a booth at the Earth Day EcoFair at the Atlantic County Utilities Authority’s annual event, which draws thousands of adults and children. Come out to see us and get acquainted with all that the ACHS has to offer.

DUKE OF FLUKE

Higbee Ave. & the Bay, Somers Point, NJ

Wednesday, August 4, 2019 - 5:30 – 7:30pm

\$25./per person

DUKE OF FLUKE

Explore the Great Egg Harbor Bay aboard the Duke of Fluke. A two-hour cruise leaving from the dock at the base of Higbee Ave. next to the Somers Point Municipal Beach. Parking is available. (Rain date 8/11/19). More details in the next Newsletter.



Spotlight on the Shelves

a treasure hiding in plain sight...

It has been a long break since spotlighting some hidden gems on our shelves. If your family has been here since the 17th, 18th or 19th Century, you probably have some Quaker Ancestry in your background. Around P 401.8 on our shelves you will find several books on Quaker-Friends Monthly Meeting and Marriage Records. The records are recorded in separate books for both men and women and document the Egg Harbor and Cape May Meetings. Egg Harbor represents what is now Atlantic County not Egg Harbor City. The books contain quite a lot of genealogical data- when a family moved from place to place, they obtained a letter of good standing for the future meeting. The letter might list all in the family and sometimes a letter was carried from both the Men and the Women’s Meetings. A pot of genealogical gold after some fascinating searching.



October 12th

**ACHS
Annual
Luncheon**

Crab Trap Restaurant
Somers Point
11:30am

Members and the general public are invited. **Members will vote on nominees to the 2019-2020 Governing Board at this time.** More details will be provided in the next Newsletter.

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AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU!

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Benefactor: \$1000 +

Robert & Joanne Stiefbold

IN MEMORIAM



Life Member:

R. Robinson Chance, Jr., *Richmond, VA*

M. Diane Forte,
Egg Harbor Township, NJ



Accepting the check were Dana Shupp, VHP Chair & Sheryl Collins, outgoing Chair. Also present: VHP team members Helen Walsh, Lori Jo Jamieson, Admin. Asst., Ruth Taylor & and several IGT employees.

Welcome

The Atlantic County Historical Society
is pleased to welcome our new members:

John E. VanSant, *Medford, NJ*
Virginia Czikra, *Cary, NC*
Mark Ferguson, *Cologne, NJ*
Jay Helfrich, *Ocean City, NJ*
William Banks, *Northfield, NJ*
Dan & Cindy Nece, *Pennsauken, NJ*

CHECK PRESENTATION TO VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT HOW SWEET IT IS!

The employees at International Game Technologies (IGT) in Egg Harbor Township recently learned of the Veterans History Project through one of their employees, Gary Mulford, who also works with the Veterans History Project. He approached them about the possibility of giving a donation to our cause. Consequently, during the Christmas Holiday Season many of the workers at IGT personally gave and collected \$355.

IGT is a multinational gaming company that specializes in the promotion of gaming, the lottery and sports betting. They have a complete portfolio of digital gaming products and offer services and support. Locally, they have offices on Westcoat Road in Egg Harbor Township as well as Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada.

The VHP was contacted to set up a date for a presentation by some seven of the donors. This was accomplished on Monday, January 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Atlantic County Historical Society. Those attending from IGT were Andre Brunette, Erika Valentin, Alice Santiago, Steve Gittle, Dave Strang, Tim Shortall and Kristina Klickovich. IGT had made a proto type of the check which was hung on the bulletin board for all to see how proud and thankful we are for this generous donation.

Lynn Wood, VHP Photographer, took many pictures and Helen Walsh gave an interesting history of the VHP and the ACHS's involvement with them.

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& Lynn Wood.

Library & Museum Accessions

Norman Goos, Librarian ~ Kathy Munroe Fritz, Assistant Librarian

Accession#	Source / Description
2018.061 -	Gift of Dale Lonkart - Brick: Somers Brick Co., made in Northfield, NJ
2018.062 -	Gift of Kathleen Fritz - NJ archives copy: death certificate of Daniel Tilton, 6/1/1890, Absecon, NJ
2018.063 -	Gift of Joan Berkey - Book: Historic Structures Report, Estell Manor Mansion.
2018.064 -	Gift of Jack Stebbins - Map: Egg Harbor Township 1896
2018.065 -	Gift of Janyth Crowley Schaaf - 1919 Certificate: Adams School of Manicuring to Etta F Simpson
2018.066 -	Gift of Vineland Historical Society - Correspondence: Woolford & Minford, 1880-1920. Approx 80 handwritten letters & receipts, primary topic: a property in Cedar Lakes, Buena Vista Township, NJ
2018.067 -	Gift of Harrison Township Historical Society - Menus: 1955 Smithville Inn & Ladycakes, Smithville
2018.068 -	Gift of New Jersey State Archives - Brochure: Revere House, Atlantic City
2018.069 -	Gift of Richard Squires - Collection of materials relating to Kathleen Crowley-Rubsam, 1929-2017; Atlantic County Time and Payroll Book, January 1946-December 1948.
2018.070 -	Gift of Talbot Historical Society - Brochure: Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City
2018.071 -	Gift of Benjamin Brenner - Yearbook: Holy Spirit High School, Spartan 1958
2018.072 -	Gift of Alisa McCann - Postcards: Young's Million Dollar Pier, Atlantic City & Boardwalk at Night
2018.072 -	Gift of Anonymous - Early advertisement for Morton Salt
2018.073 -	Gift of Patricia Ryan Dryer - Six antique irons, one ruffle iron
2018.074 -	Gift of Frank Ferry - c. 1978 Model of the Knife and Fork Inn, with working dining room light, furniture, and decor. Complete with working dining room light, furniture, and decor. Inside window reads: "Where hungry and thirsty democrats and republicans are always welcome" Atlantic City's Outstanding Seafood House, est. 1912; Label states: M & J Latz Limited Edition, Central Square, Linwood. Refurbished by A. Kutschera,
2018.075 -	Gift of John Williamson - 10 ft. section of the bar from the Hotel Traymore Submarine Grill, Atlantic City, c. 1915; Acquired at demolition of the Hotel Traymore in 1972.
2018.076 -	Gift of Anonymous - Telephone: Western Electric Company, standing box with 2 ringers, c. 1904.
2018.077 -	Gift of Anonymous - Hygrometer: "Lloyd's Hydrodeik" by Taylor Instrument Co., for measuring humidity. Pre-1930s.
2018.078 -	Gift of Irene Price (Mrs. Mark) - early electric fan
2018.079 -	Gift of Anonymous - 8 x 10 photograph, aerial view, 1940's Ventnor Boat Works
2019.001 -	Gift of Jeff MacNeill - Two tote boxes of materials related to Hurley-Jones Dept. Store, Atlantic City: including scrap-books, photos, advertisements, and Atlantic City postcards; three Atlantic City pageant trophies 1915, 1916 & 1925; a horsehair carriage blanket and a box of materials related to military service in WW1 and WW2 of Robert Franks Jones and his father.
2019.003 -	Gift of Child Federation of Atlantic County - Two boxes of minute/ledger books, scrapbooks, photos and other materials related to the history and activities of the Child Federation founded in 1916.
2019.004 -	Gift of Audrey Foster - Two boxes of misc. materials: 1929 Graduate memory book, Amelia Gasbarro, Holy Spirit HS; Miss America Pageant programs, black and white and color photos, script books and pamphlets 1930's - 1980's - Bette Cooper, Lee Merriwether, Vanessa Williams; postcards: Riptide Room, Hotel Penn, Atlantic City & Boardwalk regulations; brochure: Atlantic City Tuna Club, before 1947; booklets, Atlantic City visitor's guides, 1953, 1959, 1961; booklet, "Airlanes" 1948; photo & article: Exec. Committee of the Leeds & Lippincott Co. 7/14/1942; article, Kiwanis Magazine, Feb. 1930, re: Leeds and Lippincott Co. upon completion of Haddon Hall Hotel; article, re: Allen "Boo" Pergament, NJ Lifestyle, 2011; info sheet, timeline: All Wars Memorial Building, Atlantic City; letterhead, US Naval Air Station, Atlantic City; pamphlet, about dairy farm developed by Leeds & Lippincott to supply milk to Chalfonte-Haddon Hall Hotel; brochure, 1922, Leeds & Lippincott open Boardwalk wing Haddon Hall; card, dairy drinks in Derbyshire Lounge, Haddon Hall; program, testimonial to Henry O. Leeds, 1944, American Guernsey Cattle Club; photo: Fred and Ethel Noyes with actress Mitzi Gaynor; booklet, 1932, 3rd Nat. Atlantic City Flower & Garden Pageant; program, 1938, Atlantic City Sea Gulls, Ice Hockey; booklet, re: old Brighton Hotel, produced by Brighton Hotel & Casino, c. 1980; pamphlet, 1919, The Boardwalk Church, Bijou Theatre, Atlantic City; booklet, Championship Cat Show, Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, 1933; booklet, The Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City; article, history of Atlantic Shore Hospital and Sanatorium; booklets: Miss Atlantic County pageant, 1952 & Miss NJ Pageant 1953; poster for Atlantic City movie theaters, 1960's; photos: Easter parade judges, Atlantic City; Yearbook 1944: James Harvey American Legion Post, Ventnor; "Atlantic City Pictorial" magazine, March 1934.
2019.005 -	Gift of Cynthia Mason - Football programs: Holy Spirit HS vs. Atlantic City HS: Nov. 23, 1966 and Nov. 22, 1967
2019.006 -	Gift of James H. Mason V - Pertaining to Democratic National Convention, 1964, Atlantic City: "The Democrat" 8/24/64 souvenir edition; Floor plan; two press releases 8/26/64 and 8/27/64; Adlai Stevenson press release 8/28/64; Young Democrats Clubs booklet; YCJ schedule; Republican votes estimated; NJ Democrat Leaflet 8/19/64; Young citizens rally program; 1964 Democratic materials catalog; Atlantic City guidepost booklet; 1964 DNC program leaflet; YCJ leaflet; One nation, One people leaflet. Also: Notebook: cultural resource survey of Weymouth Bridge Rd and Bridge, 1983; St Peter's Church calendar 1953; Harris Co Insurance receipt, Manhattan Apts. 1920; Pleasantville HS 1953 commencement and class night program;

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Library & Museum Accessions, *continued...*

- 2019.007 - **Gift of Nick Hillyer** - Color postcard, Atlantic City High School; Framed aerial photo of Atlantic City; Church of the Ascension 1974-1988 pamphlets; booklet: Fragments of Early Industries South Jersey, 1931; book: Images of Northfield; articles: Allaire and Rockingham, NJ historic sites.
- 2019.008 - **Gift of Theresa O'Donnell Perry** - Yearbooks: Holy Spirit HS 1956 & 1957; Atlantic City HS 1957
- 2019.009 - **Gift of John Brough** - Three postcards: 1905 Steel Pier, 1911 Boardwalk scene with rolling chairs, 1922 Young's Million Dollar Pier.
- 2019.010 - **Gift of Diane Pogue** - Folder of news clippings related to Atlantic City, people, places and events.
- 2019.012 - **Gift of Buena Historical Society** - Photo: diving horse, Steel Pier, Atlantic City
- 2019.013 - **Gift of Richard Squires** - Booklet: "Sidney Hirst Hewett, A Great Man and Patriot"
- 2019.014 - **Gift of Galloway Township Historical Society** - Photocopy of image: Independent Order of Mechanics building, Port Republic.
- 2019.015 - **Gift of Jerry French** - Ribbon: Absecon Halloween Parade 1952; 1977 letter from Marlborough Blenheim to Jake French; three photos of fire at Overbrook Hotel, Atlantic City; pamphlet, 1959, North Pleasantville Mothers softball League; Christmas letter 1999 from PeeWee Care with images of 1931 Steel Pier water sports performers; articles, NJ Lifestyle Magazine: 2009: Steel Pier diving horse; 2011: Atlantic City High School and Boardwalk; article: "Atlantique City" Official Show Program - re: Boo Pergament; articles, JerseyMan Magazine, re: diving horses on Steel Pier & NJ shark attacks of 1916; image copies: two color postcards, diving horse and Rex Wonder Dog with Arnette Webster French; black and white c 1941, Jake French and Rex Wonder Dog in boat pulling three water skiers including Arnette French; black and white, Lorena Carver on horse, Sonora Webster Carver standing (sisters-in-law); List of Diving Horse Riders as written by Arnette Webster French.
- 2019.016 - **Gift of Richard Knupp** - 1961 Atlantic City area telephone directory - for use after 2:01 AM, April 9, 1961 when automatic dialing with 7 numeral numbers went into operation.

MishMash

a little bit of this
a little bit of that



Top L-R: ACHS Vice-President, Cindy Mason-Purdie preparing for the onslaught of cookie buyers for the Annual Sale; Customers loading up!
Bottom L-R: Happy sellers Sheryl Collins & Joan Frankel; ACHS Christmas elves Babs Perry-Silva, Pat Parker & Lynn Wood.

New Listing!



Somers Dollhouse

Lovely, Margate Parkway House!
- Inspired by the historically significant
1920's-era home.
Spacious, 4 bd, 1 bath, fireplace, porch.
Complete with furnishings & accessories.
Great location in Somers Point
at the Atlantic County Historical Society.
Move-in ready!

Watch for Open House dates soon!

Looking Back through the Files

Transcribed by Diane J. Miller

Editor's Note: This account of the 1849 Gold Rush was transcribed from an article found in Collection Box 19b, f. 30-6, pp. 43-50, writings on South Jersey by Judge E. A. Higbee, Sr. An entry in the Collection Box index states, "Trip of Local Men to California at time of the Gold Rush aboard the FRANCIS HELEN." The date 1892 is written in pencil on the article's first page. Based on information within, that is likely the year it was written.

Due to space considerations within this newsletter, content has been shortened. Additions by the transcriber are enclosed in brackets.

While transcribing, other resources connected to the Frances Helen were discovered in the Society's library. One is an account of the same trip written in 1929 by Absalom Higbee, brother of Enoch. This is housed in Historical File A-6.1, Ship Logs. Another is a typewritten extract from the Log Book of the "Frances Helen" in Manuscript Book FA-5. Both are footnoted in this transcript as "Absalom" or "Log Book," respectively.

**Historical Points
In and About
Atlantic County
By E. A. Higbee
[Enoch Alonzo Higbee, 1863-1931]**



While conversing with a party of friends on Christmas Day, the mind of one of them ran back to his experience on that day 43 years ago, when he, in company with other adventurers were on their way to California in quest of gold.....James Marshall, a mechanic, was employed in building a saw mill for John A. Sutton, Esq., on the south side of the river known in California as the American Fork some 50 miles from Sutter's Fort, and in pursuing his work discovered immense quantities of gold in the bottom of the sluices he had dug. Other examinations followed and by the beginning of the year 1849 so glowing were the accounts of this country that many people imagined that the land spoken of by the Revelator, the streets of whose cities were paved with gold, had at last been actually located. These accounts were upon the tongues and resounded in the ears of every individual. Ministers, doctors, lawyers, farmers, mechanics, sailors and soldiers were alike susceptible to the glitt of this precious metal.....

Either the desire to reach this beautiful land.....or the ambition to acquire a reasonable portion of its glittering contents, caused a party of gentlemen from this county to embark for the Pacific shores whose golden gates stood ajar so that everyone who was of a thirst might come.

This party consisted of Capt. Mark Leeds¹, an experienced and renowned navigator of his time, with the following crew: Ebenezer Sooy, mate; Holmes Henderson, second mate; Smith Endicott, steward; Mark Smith, cook; and remainder made up as follows: Samuel Gandy, James Turner, Enoch Higbeeⁱⁱ, Jacob Baremore, George Dalbow, Lemuel Johnson, Risley Smith and Mahlon Higbee.

In addition to these were the following persons as passengers: John Steelman, Samuel Smith, Steve Bennett, Patrick O'Brien, Eliza Sooy, Somers Garwood, John Henderson and William Hay, son of Andrew K. Hay, then a prominent and wealthy man of Winslow, who is too well-known to the people of South Jersey to need further mention.

This party of adventurers set sail from Philadelphia on the 23d day of October, 1849, on board of the schooner Francis Helen of 250 tons burden, that had been built at Green Bank, this county, and owned by Capt. Mark Leeds and Andrew K. Hay above referred to. Thus it will seem that the vessel owners, captain and crew were solely the products of Atlantic County. The members of the crew were all young men full of vigor, courage and ambition and as they launched out upon the broad Atlantic Ocean en route for this glowing and distant land they cast a longing and anxious look behind.....Day after day they saw the sun rise and fade from their sight upon the broad waters of the Atlantic. Nothing of note happened until the 57th day out, and in the latitude of the Equator. Jacob Baremore was knocked overboard and in the midst of the great ocean faded from their sight.ⁱⁱⁱ And right here I might note that just 57 days from this time Samuel Gandy, another of the crew, was drowned in the same latitude in the Pacific Ocean.^{iv} Christmas morning, 1849, found this crew off the mouth of that great river, Rio de La Plata, full of life and Jersey lightning, having captured an albatross that measured 13 feet from tip to tip^v.....The first stop was in the Straits of Magellan, where they cast anchor in a little harbor called Possession Bay. Here they went on shore for wood and water and conversed with a band of exiles who treated them very kindly.....In passing through these Straits which are about as wide as the Hudson River they saw many Patagonian indians who are of cannibal propensities, on the adjoining shores, and who eagerly motioned for them to land and many times they feared they would strike the shores and fall a victim to their

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appetites. On one occasion when the sea was running high, washing everything loose upon deck, some of the rigging aloft gave way and when two or three unsuccessful attempts had been made to repair it, Mr. Higbee, who was noted for his strength and agility, succeeded in making necessary repairs, but on descending was struck by the fore gaff, caused by a sudden jibe and had several of his teeth knocked out, and saved himself by catching with his feet and thus holding on until assistance was rendered.....

The next stop was at Valpariso.....The harbor is very poor and affords but slight protection, and while most of the crew was ashore, the vessel began to drag and not until five hours hard rowing did they reach the vessel and secure their anchors. Having done this and once more sailing into the harbor they again went on shore to redeem a portion of the crew that had violated the chilling rules of Chili. Before accomplishing this they found it necessary to form the acquaintance of the American Consul having taken some lessons on the city law and paid their proportion toward the support of its government. They bade adieu to Valpariso and proceeded on their journey which after a period of 157 days from the time they set sail in Philadelphia,^{vi} they entered the bay of Sacramento and cast anchor abreast the town of San Francisco, now one of the largest cities in the United States and then but a town of tents of every style that imagination could fancy. There was not a dwelling in the whole town worthy the name of a house. There were tents made of deer skins, bear skins, buffalo hides, cow hides, blankets, old sails and boughs of trees. But many of the leading stores and places of business were parts of old vessels that had been abandoned by captain and crew in search of gold; in fact a captain could scarce hold a crew 48 hours after landing in San Francisco. The population of the town was as varied and uncouth as the village itself. You might behold a group of persons composed of every nationality and creed of men occupying every station in life. There would be the educated man who had given up the professorship of some university to seek his fortune among the mines, by his side would be the unlettered trapper who had never even been within the shadow of a country school. That man with a glittering silk hat was once a physician in New York City; he is conversing with a rough looking frontiersman, inquiring which are the best mines, and a hundred other things pertaining to their working.....Everything was a perfect pandemonium; lawlessness was rampant, tricks and fraud were practiced unrestrained by any law; men would come down from the mines possessed of a fortune and lose every dollar in a single night beneath the tent of a San Francisco gambling den. But let us return to those Atlantic County boys, the crew of the Francis Helen, who had landed in this strange town and county of which they had so oftentimes dreamed. Time and time again they had been aroused in their slumbers by the clinking of the precious metal. They had many times beheld in their vision its gold paved streets and as they stopped to drink from the river of life were aroused from their slumber and realized their wealth was but that of a fancied dream.....However, they found a market for their cargo. Potatoes they had bought in Valpariso sold for 40 and 60 cents per pound, whiskey one dollar per drink and everything in proportion. Having disposed of their cargo and taken in the situation, this crew, like many others, began to separate. Some went to the mines, some to farming, but most engaged in a traffic of carrying provision from up the coast to San Francisco.^{vii}

ⁱ Absalom, p. 1, Mark Leeds was a cousin of his father

ⁱⁱ Clinton, David Higby, Ph.D., *Edward Higby and His Descendants* [P220 Hig], privately printed for the author by T. R. Marvin & Son, Boston, MA, 1927, p. 340; [father of Judge Higbee] "joined a party of 'Forty-niners' of his section and went to California via Cape Horn in search of gold. After spending three years with these prospectors he returned home, and shortly afterward married at Leeds Point Bethiah Clark, born at Clarks Landing."

ⁱⁱⁱ Log Book, Dec. 18, 1849, p. 5, "In securing sails a seaman, Jacob Garemore [*sic*], fell overboard. Man overboard was the cry from foreward when instantly two pieces of timber was thrown over to him from the stern. The stern boat was lowered and out from the davits and four men with her in order to save him if possible. The boat with her crew was where he fell from in about fifteen minutes, found his hat. But the poor fellow was gone to a watery grave."

^{iv} Log Book, Feb. 10, 1850, p. 13, "4 A.M. in the act of jibing ship one of our seamen, Samuel Gandy by name, was knocked overboard by a blow from the fore boom.....Immediately 'Man overboard' was the simultaneous shout from both watches.....Too pieces of scantlin was thrown over.....In five minutes our stern boat was dispatched, but could not find him and returned. We lay hove till all light then tacked ship.....could not find him."

^v Log Book, March 15, 1850, p. 15, [another albatross], "4 P.M., caught an Albatross with a hook and line. Took some of his feathers and let him go with a piece of leather fast to his leg."

^{vi} Log Book, March 29, 1850, p. 15, "So ends the 157 day from Philadelphia and 51 from Valparaiso, Chili."

^{vii} Absalom, p. 5-6, "Father stayed around there for some time and finally came home in a schooner belonging in Connecticut, came back 'around the horn'He arrived home in 1852 and was married to my mother in May of that year."

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- To collect and preserve historical materials exemplifying the events, places, and lifestyles of the people of Atlantic County and southern New Jersey.
- To encourage the study of history and genealogy.
- To provide historical and genealogical information to our membership and the general public.