

ATLANTIC HERITAGE

Newsletter of the Atlantic County Historical Society

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🎵 THERE SHE IS... THERE SHE GOES (AGAIN!) 🎵

By Sid Parker

There she is.....on her way to Uncasville, CT! Vegas couldn't/wouldn't keep it so the Pageant is on the road again. How many times, how many ways, can we say good-bye? Don McLean sang *Bye Bye American Pie* in 1971 and Mel Allen, in his own inimitable style as the announcer for the NY Yankees in the 1950's exclaimed to us "That ball is going, going, GONE!" For us, and our followers and the local populace, the Miss America Pageant may be Gone...But Not Forgotten.

The few pictures below don't really do justice to the hard work of a handful of faithful staff members who combed through many folders and files to unearth some really great memorabilia of past pageants starting with Numero Uno in 1921. We have much more on display than just photos of the winners. Early photos show the styles of the day, with very little epidermis on display, along with items from early sponsors, trinkets and some unusual behind-the-scenes photos. Come visit and view the display through the end of September. It's a great trip down Memory Lane.



Some examples of Miss America memorabilia from the new ACHS exhibit and (bottom right) our own Brittani Mazzone hard at work organizing it all.




The Atlantic County Historical Society
will be closed:
Saturday, October 12th &
Thursday thru Saturday, November 28-30th



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Events and Happenings

Program Logistics	Program Description
<p>RISLEY HOMESTEAD 8 Virginia Avenue (near 400 block of Shore Rd) Northfield, NJ</p>  <p>Saturday, September 28th</p>	<p>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 Homestead is open for individual and small group guided tours. Contact ACHS for details.</p> <p>FLEA MARKET: Many items for sale, including extra Library books. All proceeds benefit the ACHS.</p>
<p>ATLANTIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 907 Shore Road, Somers Point, NJ</p> <p>Monday, Sept. 9th – 6:30pm Auditorium– (elevator available)</p>	<p>THE 9 EARLY AMERICAN MILLS of NACOTE CREEK Saw mills, grist mills and fulling mills were some of the indispensable financial engines that drove the colonial & early American economy in what is now known as Atlantic County. One of the area's largest concentrations of the mills was in the Nacote Creek Watershed in Galloway and Port Republic. You'll learn about the impact of three feeder streams to the Nacote Creek on how the mills operated, as well as who owned them and what they later became.</p>
<p>CRAB TRAP RESTAURANT 2 Broadway, Somers Point</p> <p>Saturday, October 12th – 11:30am Reservation Required. Fee: \$32</p>	<p>ANNUAL LUNCHEON Members and the general public are invited. Following the installation of the nominees to the 2019-2020 governing Board, “The “Bringing History to Life Award” will be presented. Members will vote on nominees to the Governing Board at this time.</p>
<p>BOSCOV’S DEPT. STORE 6725 Black Horse Pike Egg Harbor Twp.</p> <p>Wednesday, October 16th: 9am -10pm</p>	<p>BOSCOV’S FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY Tickets sell for \$5 each. Boscov’s will give 25% off each store purchase to the buyer; even on sale prices. Tickets may be purchased from any Program Committee Member ahead of time or from their table set up in Boscov’s that day. The ACHS is recipient of the purchase price of each ticket.</p>

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

At the August meeting of the Governing Board, the report of the Nominating Committee was presented and accepted. Members will vote for the nominees at the Annual Luncheon to be held Saturday, October 12th at 11:30 a.m. at the Crab Trap Restaurant, Somers Point. New board members will be installed at that time.

NOMINATIONS FOR OCTOBER 2019 TO OCTOBER 2021

OFFICERS

Sid Parker, President
Pat Parker, Assistant Treasurer
Babs Perry-Silva, Recording Secretary
Norman Goos, Librarian/Chaplain
Kevin Little, Assistant Curator

TRUSTEES

James Mason V - Dr. Don Perry
Heather Perez - Dana Shupp
Michael Connor - Brendan Honick
Tom Kinsella



HOLIDAY SWEET SALE!

Atlantic County Historical Society
 Monday, December 16th
 3:00 – 6:00pm



Featuring Home Baked Cookies,
Fudge, Candy & many other treats!

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www.AtlanticCountyHistoricalSocietynj.org



AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU!

FRIENDS \$1 - \$49

Joyce Poley, Donald K. Shupp,
 Lois & Walter Gregory, Mary Sue Lovett,
 Elizabeth Naylor, Judith & Gary Newton
 Kathy & Bill Fritz, *In Honor Of* our grandchildren,
 Suzanne Mahoney Koiro,
In Memory Of Mary & John Mahoney,
 Joyce M. Pullan, *In Memory Of* Thomas W.C. Pullan,
 Norma Higbee, *In Memory Of* Virginia H. Dehn
 Sheryl Collins, *In Memory Of* her father,
 Crater Rosenberger,
 Elinor A. Veit, *In Memory Of* Richard Veit, Sr.

PATRONS \$50 - \$249

Charles Birnstiel, Laura McAuliffe, Dale Lonkart, Judy
 LaDrew Bayer, Mary Peterson, Diane Bassetti, Michael
 Connor, Anthony Marino & Rosalia Valenti, Charles &
 Maria Dupras, Mike O'Brien, Bob & Lynne Warner,
 Lee Ellenberg, *In Memory Of* Fred Ellenberg,
 George & Carol Guiliano,
In Honor Of Pat & Sid Parker,
 June Sheridan, *In Memory Of* Wm. Lee Sheridan,
 Helen Walsh, *In Memory Of* Allen "Boo" Pergament,
 Deborah Walker for AAUW, *Atlantic County Branch*
 Dick & Winnie Squires,
In Memory Of Claire Kreutz Moyer,
 Diane Miller, *In Memory Of* Dorothy Lodovico,
 Ben Brenner, *In Memory Of* Brenner brothers:
John, Marty, Mike and Joe,
 Harry P. Folger, *In Memory Of* Margaret A. Folger,
 Cynthia Mason-Purdie, *In Memory Of* Lee Sheridan
 & *In Honor Of* June Sheridan,
 Anthony Musarra, *In Memory Of* Those Who Died
 & *In Honor Of* Korean War Vets,
 Charlene & Ed Canale, *In Memory Of* Cathie Berkly,
 Babs Perry-Silva,
In Memory of Carolyn Perry & James Duross
 Sid & Pat Parker,
In Honor of Carol & George Guiliano

SPONSORS \$250 - \$1000

Sid & Pat Parker,
In Honor of our Board members and volunteers,
 H. Paxson Keates,
 Donald Perry, *In Memory of* Carolyn Perry
 & James Duross,
 Michael Morello, *In Honor of* Sid Parker

Welcome

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

Gail & Robert Viden, Jr., *Glassboro, NJ*
 Inga Robbins & John Reynolds, *Galloway, NJ*
 Jennifer Long, *Frederick, MO*
 Emily Grossart, *Edinburgh, Scotland*
 Lorie Maguire, *Lafayette Hill, PA*
 Frances Little, *Ocean City, NJ*
 Gary & Judith Newton, *Carlsbad, CA*
 Barbara Blake, *Media, PA*



IN MEMORIAM

Rev. James H. Biggs,
Island Heights, NJ

Lee Sheridan,
Egg Harbor Township, NJ

Claire Kreutz Moyer,
Northfield, NJ

James Duross,
W. Atlantic City, NJ

Edward Canale,
Egg Harbor Township, NJ

Lorraine Somers,
Absecon, NJ

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF EDWARD CANALE

Sheryl Collins, Lynn Wood, Dick & Winnie Squires,
 Helen Walsh, Joan Frankel, Dale Lonkart,
 Sid & Pat Parker, Ellen Hyatt, Robert Mastandrea,
 Judith Oakes, Linda Foster, Al English, Ruth Taylor
 Carmen & Esther Morina, Kathy Fritz
 Aquatic Club of Tilton Fitness, Northfield, NJ,
 The Gonzalez Family, Clyde & Elinor Loflin,
 EHT Clerk's Office
 (Eileen, Janice, Andee, Pam, Jenna)

MishMash

*a little bit of this
a little bit of that*

On Wednesday, June 12th, over 100 third graders took a walking tour of our end of Somers Point. Traveling in groups of about 20, they visited Somers Point Historical Society, Somers Point Library, Somers Point Beach, Somers Mansion, and our museum. At the Mansion, our volunteers Mary Rydzewski, Brittani Mazzone and Brendan Honick gave tours. Joan Frankel, Judy Schwartz and Dale Lonkart hosted the children at our museum. The kids had a great time, were well behaved, and we enjoyed having them visit. Great day!



L-R: Joan Frankel in the Museum; Mary Rydzewski & Brittani Mazzone at the Somers Mansion.

FYI!

A Special Member, Howard W. Gant is a long-time Life Member who has contributed to a yearbook article and has also been a generous donor to the Society. He has just sent us four pages of updated information on the early Scull's in America. Many members have ties to this family. For a small donation, we'll be glad to snail mail or email copies. Let us know or stop in.

Thank You!!

Wayne and Megan Ernst, in addition to being relative newlyweds, are our newest duty volunteers who usually work the first Saturday of each month with veteran Diane Bassetti. They have been working on a training manual for volunteers, specifically dealing with PastPerfect, our software program.

BTW...There are still a couple weeks left until the end of September during which ACME Supermarkets in Somers Point will contribute \$1.00 to the Society for each ACME shopping bag sold to customers.



Dale Lonkart showing new volunteers the finer points of Atlantic County's maritime history on Training Day in June.



If you're walking, or driving, past the front of our building, check out the new carriage lamps which replaced the 50-year old lights on either side of our front door. Our resident electrician, Dana Shupp, was the brains behind the installation working with his assistant, Sid Parker. Dana also installed a timer switch inside the building for the lights.

Fun times on The Duke of Fluke!!



Don Perry & Dale Lonkart



Lynn Wood



Ruth Taylor



Cindy Mason-Purdie

Atlantic County Historical Society Governing Board

President: Sid Parker, Jr.
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Historian: Diane Bassetti
Chaplain: Rev. Norman Goos

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Diane Bassetti, Ben Brenner, Sheryl Collins, Freda Heintz, James Mason, V, Mary Beth Ortzman, Heather Perez, Donald Perry, Ruth Taylor, Will Rozell & Lynn Wood.

Library & Museum Accessions

Norman Goos, Librarian ~ Kathy Munroe Fritz, Assistant Librarian

Accession# Source / Description

- 2019.017 **Gift of Mary M. Mason:** 29 small dolls from around the world
- 2019.018 **Gift of Atlantic Co. Library:** Index of Estates, Atlantic County, April 1837 to June 1915, copied from original wills book
- 2019.019 **Gift of David Doss:** Atlantic City ephemera miscellaneous news clips, postcards, photographs, brochures
- 2019.020 **Gift of Karen Whitney:** Box includes documents, photographs, photo scrapbook related to Lechner family, Somers Point/Atlantic City residents late 1800's-1930's. Donor's father owned Lechner Building in Somers Point.
- 2019.021 **Gift of Theresa Vergulti:** Map of Pleasantville NJ, hand painted original on linen, c. 1924 by Hughes & Cinquin, NY
- 2019.022 **Gift of Jerry Gordon:** Atlantic County Real Estate Atlas
- 2019.023 **Gift of Anonymous:** Bust of young girl in porcelain.
- 2019.024 **Gift of Alice Teal:** The Mayflower Quarterly, Diamond Jubilee Edition, hardcover book
- 2019.025 **Gift of Professor Samuel Avery-Quinn:** 40 page research document and published article about Daniel Risley and the Estelle Colony
- 2019.026 **Gift of Joseph J. Dawson:** Eight items relating to Miss America Pageant c. 1955
- 2019.027 **Gift of Al Velocci:** Collection of approximately 135 matchbooks
- 2019.028 **Gift of Ernest Delcher:** 1929 Wedding dress of Katherine Downham Delcher, navy velvet with lace collar
- 2019.029 **Gift of Karen Bordonaro:** Multi color afghan, given in memory of Indiana Robinson Tansey
- 2019.030 **Gift of Carolyn La Mountain:** Exploring the Little Rivers of NJ by Cawley; Sentinels of the Shore, A Guide to the Lighthouses & Lightships of NJ by Gately; Old Inns & Taverns in West Jersey by Boyer
- 2019.031 **Gift of Alvin Schaut:** 14 Atlantic City postcards, various hotels and scenes
- 2019.032 **Gift of Joshua Hamerman:** Postcard: Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, color
- 2019.033 **Gift of Robert D. Warrington:** Black and white photograph: Connie Mack & wife on Atlantic City Boardwalk, October 21, 1929.
- 2019.034 **Gift of Janyth Crowley Schaaf:** Cast iron railroad toy car owned by Emerson Crowley
- 2019.035 **Gift of Paul Schopp:** Ten miscellaneous maps, surveys, diagrams related to roads, properties and waterways in Atlantic County NJ

Architectural historian and author, Joan Berkey, gave a wonderful slide show presentation to a full house on Monday, June 10th at the ACHS building. She shared inside and outside photos of several early homes in Egg Harbor Township, and described the way they were built in the pre-Victorian era.



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HUP, TWO, THREE, FOUR HUNDRED

In May of this year the Atlantic County Historical Society interviewers for the Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress visited Four Seasons in Galloway and reached the milestone of four hundred Veterans interviewed since 2007 when we signed a contract with them to interview at least twenty-five Veterans yearly. Full interviews of all of our veterans are available at the Society, but we have included here some details about each of the seven Veterans interviewed on that special day when they were also presented with Quilts of Valor by the South Jersey QOV Ladies.

"You'll never be as close to somebody in life as you are with somebody you are with in the service, 'cause you don't know that guy, he doesn't know you, but you're willing to die for him and he's supposed to be willing to die for you. It's just a different connection that you never get with anybody else. It's pretty special."

Quote-Robert A. Pierce

Alexander Alteri-US Army, Sergeant, 1946–1952. Fluent in 5 languages, ended up playing trumpet and flugelhorn in the Army Band in Bremerhaven, Germany. Returned to New York City, graduated NYU majoring in music and played in bands around New York.

James F. Cali-US Army, Captain, 1969-1971, Vietnam. West Point graduate, assigned to Artillery, combat in Vietnam, exposed to Agent Orange, reassigned to West Point as Survivors Assistance Officer. Had to tell three families about sons lost in battle.

Thomas J. Mahar, US Army, 1st Lt., 1961-1971, Vietnam. LaSalle College, ROTC, graduate in accounting. Assigned in 1970 to Vietnam as US troops were leaving the country. Bad experience for South Vietnamese left behind without American support as Tom related.

Karl J. Neubler, US Army, Spec. 5, 1961-1963, Cold War Era. Left Fairleigh Dickinson University early, ended up with NATO in Germany after training. Post-Army, he was an investigator with Equifax. Finished college and after 26 years in criminal justice, retired as Police Captain.

Robert A. Pierce, US Navy Seabees, 1966-1972, Vietnam. After high school in NJ, went to Great Lakes, IL for boot camp, radio training in Philadelphia in reserves, then active duty and naval construction training in RI, duty in Vietnam near DMZ.

Douglas R. Satterfield, US Army, Brig. Gen., 1974-2014, Operation Iraqi Freedom. Military Police initially, commissioned in 1981, into Mechanized Engineering, into Iraq 2005, by 2010 responsible for all major construction projects, including supporting the "Surge."

Alvin R. Zimmerman, USAF/US Navy, 1951-1989, Cold War Era. Enlisted Air Force 1951, trained in maintenance, switched to analog computers in 1959, left for medical and family reasons in 1963, NJ Air Nat. Guard in 1970, became flight engineer on P-3 Orion sub hunter.



Left to right - Thomas Maher, Brigadier General Douglas Satterfield, Robert Pierce, Alvin Zimmerman, Karl Nuebler, Captain James Cali and Alexander Altieri.

ANNUAL MEET 'N GREET: NOVEMBER 2, 2019 3:00-5:00pm. @ Zion United Methodist Church Hall
652 Zion Rd., Egg Harbor Twp. For Class of 2019 Veterans interviewed for the Library of Congress, Veterans History Project. For more information, call Dana Shupp @609-458-4121 or Sheryl Collins @609-646-7355.

Looking Back through the Files

by Diane J. Miller

The intrinsic value of small historical societies is that we have resources so unique that they won't be found anywhere else. This is probably true of the William R. Farr Collection, which is housed in Collection Box 22 in our vault.

Why highlight this one above others? Because it holds the answers to a question which we are frequently asked – what was the name or location of a place from long ago?

Mr. Farr organized this collection into three boxes of index cards covering the subjects of waterways, place names and post offices. A name which might otherwise have been lost to history is located at the top of each card. These subjects are then filed alphabetically within each box, and each card contains anywhere from one to multiple references. The collection also has about 19 folders which contain a variety of resources including maps, notes and correspondence, newspaper clippings, petitions, deed extracts, etc. A reference on an index card could lead to a map in one of the folders.

For example, the intriguing name of “BUTTONWOODS” tops a card in Box 3 under the heading “Atlantic County Place Names.” The card contains two references.

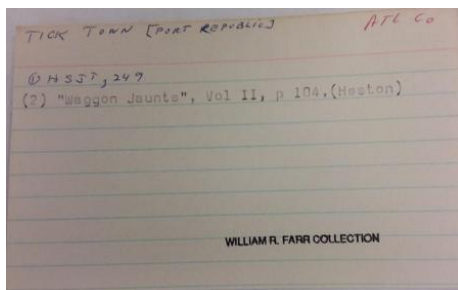
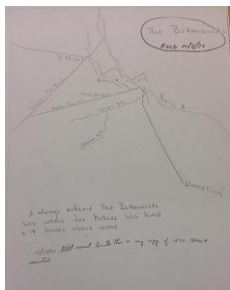
The first is typed and states: “The Buttonwoods’ is the collective term applied to a group of buttonwood trees three in number, on the Atlantic County side of the Mullica, about a mile above Pleasant Mills. These sylvan patriarchs figured prominently in local history and tradition for more than one hundred years. During the Revolution the largest tree served as a lookout and signal station for the American patriots. A rude watch tower was constructed among the upper branches, from which the sentinel on duty could obtain a view of the country for several miles around.” Mr. Farr then included his source: (Heston SJAH, Vol II, p 771.) [*South Jersey, A History, 1664-1923, Volume II*, Alfred M. Heston, editor-in-chief.]

A look within the society’s copy also revealed another interesting detail omitted by Mr. Farr: “For some months in the year 1778 a small force of New Jersey militia was stationed near the buttonwoods as a protection against the numerous bands of Tories or refugees that infested the neighborhood.” [pp. 771-772]

The second reference handwritten on the Buttonwood card says, “See map drawn by Marge Hammell to accompany her ltr of 10/7/70.” Not initially sure where this led, we found the map in folder 4 of the Farr collection. It shows the Buttonwoods’ location along the Mullica River bounded by Sailor Boy Rd. and Elwood-PM [Pleasant Mills] Rd. Handwritten below the map are the words, “I always believed The Buttonwoods was where Joe Mulliner was buried & it sounds about right.” A notation below this in what is probably Farr’s handwriting says, “10/10/70 Still cannot locate this on my copy of 1872 Beers & Comstock.”

“TICK TOWN” was another name of interest at the top of an index card – followed by the words “PORT REPUBLIC” in brackets. Was this an old name for Port Republic? We followed the card’s two references: “HSJT, 249” and “*Waggon Jaunts, Vol II*, p 104. (Heston).” These two books are also found in the Society’s library. From page 249 of *Historic South Jersey Towns* by William McMahon, we found the following: “One of the difficulties in following southern New Jersey history is that practically all places, streams, rivers, and islands have changed names at least once through the years.” Further down the page under the heading “Atlantic County” and subheading “Port Republic” were a string of names: “Wrangleboro, Uniontown, Hewitt Town, Clark’s Mills, [and there it was] Tick Town.” Again going to our library shelves, we found the second reference, *Jersey Waggon Jaunts, Volume II*” by Heston. Page 104 contains the sentence, “Ticktown was the pet name for Port Republic.”

The last example we’ll give to illustrate the value of the Farr Collection is a 1900 map of Longport. This map is significant because it shows Longport as it was before it lost its southernmost blocks above the Great Egg Harbor Inlet to storms. The borough’s southern end now stops at 11th Ave., but the 1900 map shows how Beach Ave. encircled its southern tip with a park at its center. Directly adjacent were Avenues 1 – 10, all of which are now under water. Found in folder 3, it was prepared for the *Daily Union History*.



Left to Right:
Buttonwoods Map;

TICK TOWN index
card;

1900 Map of Longport

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Our Mission:

- 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.