

# ATLANTIC HERITAGE

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## Volunteers Make It Happen!

### *Thanks and Kudos to Those Who Help!*

In line with our "Year of the Volunteer" program, we honored two couples who have dedicated their time, efforts, and abilities toward making our collections more complete and accessible.

During our annual luncheon in November, Fred and Jo Cramer were presented with a plaque. This devoted couple has traveled from Long Beach Island every Tuesday as part of "Library Staff Day". Jo is publications chairperson and Fred works his magic on our collections.

On January 16, Jim and Gene Steelman received a plaque for their many years of dedication to the aims of our society. They can be found almost every day in our library - Jim editing, correcting and classifying documents, while Gene plugs away on the Doc Star computer system. (By the way, Gene has made considerable progress in copying and installing our documents in the program.)

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Once again, we have enlisted the support of interns from local colleges to help in our library. Their professors give them choices of local places where they can volunteer for a semester. We set them up with special projects and they contribute independently after being trained. We've had some very bright and capable young people participate in the program.

Amanda Erickson, a Stockton student, worked with us during the fall semester. She was continuing the work started by a previous intern - indexing the death records filed in our vault. When the semester was over, Amanda called and volunteered to continue with the project until it was finished! We were very pleased - not only because the work will be completed, but because it's very nice to see a busy college student who cares enough to carry on the spirit of volunteerism. Thanks to Amanda and other past interns who have helped, too!

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Early in December, all of our volunteers were invited to a thank-you gathering in appreciation for their time, service, and dedication. We like to think of our volunteers as family, and what better time to get together than the holidays! It was a natural - folks talked and ate, ate and talked - while accompanied by a soundtrack of seasonal carols. Many wonderful memories were shared and a good time was had by all. We're already looking forward to having even more volunteers attend our event in December 2001!

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A brief message from your Editor (and newest volunteer): *Atlantic Heritage* is dedicated to providing you with the latest ACHS news, events, accomplishments, genealogical tips and techniques, and hopefully a few smiles along the way. I welcome your feedback on ways to make this newsletter even better and more relevant to our members and associates. Please direct your comments, ideas, and submissions to Dawn Risley at the Society's Somers Point mailing address or via e-mail at JRZDAWN@woddnet.att.net. ♦

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# User-Friendly Computer Resources



Increasingly, computers are facilitating genealogy endeavors by providing efficient ways for researchers to capture, organize, and present large quantities of vital family information, contact long-lost relatives via e-mail and web-based searches, and access Internet sites offering genealogy databases with powerful search engines. The following computer resources are a few of the latest tools available to support the quest for your family tree.

## First Stop for Civil War Information

*The following excerpt was reprinted from the article "Keying in to History" by Chris Fordney, found in the November/December 2000 issue of "National Parks" magazine.*

The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) is a database that will soon contain the records of every soldier known to have served in the war who is listed in the National Archives. It is available on the Internet and eventually will be offered through computer terminals at 42 national parks with some connection to the Civil War. The Park Service expects the names of all Civil War soldiers to be in the database during 2001.

Built over the past decade with the help of hundreds of volunteers from all over the United States, the new database will allow anyone with Internet access to type the name of any Civil War soldier into the CWSS web site ([www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/)) and quickly pull up a wealth of information – the history of the soldier's unit, the battles in which he may have fought, whether he's buried in a national cemetery, and, at some time in the future, such identifying features as height, weight, and eye and hair color. The CWSS will open up to the public a world of data that have been buried in dusty archives and available only to specialists or determined amateurs.

## GenealogySpot.com

*The following was reprinted from a November, 2000 news release.* Curious about your great-great grandfather? Want to take a genealogy lesson? Looking for a living relative? The answers to these questions and more are just a click away at GenealogySpot.com ([www.genealogyspot.com](http://www.genealogyspot.com)), a new, free genealogy information portal that simplifies the search for the best online genealogy resources for beginners and experts alike. GenealogySpot.com saves time and makes it easy to perform surname searches by state, country, ethnicity and religion, browse historical records, access reference tools,

locate lost family members, and join genealogy communities.

The site combines engaging editorial with the best information resources in one user-friendly spot. Sites featured on GenealogySpot.com are handpicked and reviewed by editors for their exceptional quality, content and utility. From the site, locate genealogy resources for 25 countries, browse databases of millions of surnames, view passenger ship records, learn how to preserve family photos, access cemetery records for all 50 states, build your own family tree, find genealogy glossaries, announce your family reunion, and much more.

## Computer Access at ACHS



The Atlantic County Historical Society is pleased to remind patrons that we now have a desktop computer up and running for public use. The system features Family Tree Maker version 7.0 software along with a library of genealogy and census records on CD-rom that can be searched. We are also starting to collect data files from local genealogists who use the Family Tree Maker program for their personal research. This is a great way to share information with others AND it saves significant space within our facility because the records are stored electronically. If you are interested in contributing a copy of your data files to the cause, contact June Sheridan or Dale Lonkart for details. ♦

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

History is on the move. From the History Channel, to Ken Burns' admirable series on jazz and the Civil War, we are more and more looking back.

The most productive and rewarding way of looking into the past is to research your family's genealogy. In fact, tracing your family history has become a growth industry. People are traveling as far as Salt Lake City, Utah, to search for their elusive ancestors. The national trend is also mirrored in the number of researchers using *our* library records.

Thanks to the loving care and attention to detail given to our collections by Librarians, our own Society is a strong source of genealogical information.

If you feel compelled to "trace your roots", your Society provides an excellent place to begin. Nothing pleases our duty volunteers more than delving into our manuscript collection to fill a gap in the history of a family.

Jack Haynie, President

## Upcoming Events:

### GENEALOGICAL SEMINARS

Arrangements aren't final yet, but we're planning a series of genealogical seminars for the fall. We have purchased videotapes of the PBS series, *Ancestors*, and will use them as a springboard for each seminar. We will have guest speakers and utilize the society's resources as teaching tools.

### S.S. CAROLINA

Shortly before Christmas, a call came in to the Society from a representative of a video production company in Boston. She was looking for photos from around 1918 and during the conversation, she mentioned the S.S. Carolina, which was one of five vessels sunk off our coast on June 2, 1918 by a German submarine. To make a long story short, our curiosity was activated and we are trying to plan a program around this event!

One of the lifeboats with survivors landed at South Carolina Ave. in Atlantic City and at one time our Society owned the lifeboat. We later gave it to the Coast Guard. We still have several of the artifacts from the lifeboat, a 1996 video detailing the story from the ABC affiliate in Philadelphia, and old documents between the Society and the steamship company. We have hopes of contacting the son of one of the survivors and a scuba diver who has been diving on the wrecks and inviting them to the program. Stay tuned.....

### UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

As the result of a legislative appropriation, the New Jersey Historical Commission is undertaking a study of the Underground Railroad (UGRR) in New Jersey. They are charged with researching the history of the operation of the UGRR in the state, which will involve identifying the routes, sites, and persons associated with New Jersey's UGRR. If you are interested in contributing information or artifacts, please contact:

Giles R. Wright

Director, Afro-American History Program

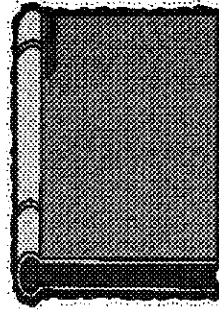
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## A Homecoming of Sorts



This is the story of a family photo album that was rooted in Atlantic County. Encased in an old, worn leather binding, with many pictures missing and most not labeled, a photo album belonging to Sarah Scull Ellis arrived back in Atlantic County in 1999. This is not where the story begins, but rather where the long journey ends for this family heirloom.

Inside the cover are two names: Mrs. Ada Scull (written in pencil) and a card containing the name of Mary M. Clayton, Richmond, Virginia. Evidently the photo album belonged to a member of the Scull family of Atlantic County and was carried by that family to a new and distant home. It eventually found its way, with our modern technology, from a Ms. Nancy Pichel of Virginia to a man in Shell Beach, California. The photo album was advertised on the Internet by Mr. Giles McNeill, of California, who was willing to give the album to a member of the Scull family. Mr. Bruce E. Scull, of Glassboro, New Jersey, seeing the offer while on-line and thinking that this album, after all its travels, needed to return home, secured the album and donated it to our ACHS archives.

We thank him, the Scull family thanks him, and the well-traveled photo album thanks him for being returned to its local roots! (# 99.95, Family photo Album #31) ♦

## An Acknowledgement

The Atlantic County Historical Society would like to thank the following people who have made recent donations in memory of Constance Scull Glenn.

Mike Wiederwax

Loraine Hutton

Joe and Annie Fussner

Ernest and Emily Todd

John and Marlene Murphy

Joseph and Elizabeth Morey

Marie S. Adams

# Library Accessions

*June G. Sheridan, Librarian*

- Gift of:** Marie Gill, Northfield, NJ - Program, Ventnor Theater, #1999.163.01; Courtesy Pass (2) Ventnor Police Dept. #1999.163.02
- Purchase:** Print of Gravestone of Yoos (Yoost) Sooy as used for yearbook #1999.164.
- Gift of:** Frederic Cramer, Ship Bottom, NJ, Postcard - Atlantic City Library (Carnegie, 1904); #1999.165.01; Postcard - Atlantic City Boardwalk, 1894, #1999.165.02
- Gift of:** James H. Mason IV, Ventnor, NJ - Postcards (photocopies on 4 pages) - Curtiss Airships in Atlantic City, ca. 1910 - 1918, #1999.166
- Gift of:** Suzanne Koiro, Northfield, NJ - Photo - Aerial view of Atlantic City (negative), #1999.167.01; Photo - Aerial view of Atlantic City (negative), #1999.167.02; Photo - Aerial view of Atlantic City (negative) #1999.167.03; Photo - Mainland National Bank, Pleasantville, NJ, #1999.167.04
- Gift of:** Clara Barrigher, Pleasantville, NJ - Booklet - "The Forgotten, Despised and Chose" The Free Black Class in the USA During the Slavery Period 1619 - 1865, by Clara Barrigher, 1998, #1999.168
- Gift of:** The Estate of Paul Aiken - 4 Scrapbooks and memorabilia of the South Jersey Regional Theater and the Gateway Theater. #1999.169
- Purchase:** Flexible negatives - Wampum Mine at Pascack, #1999.170.01; Henry Hudson, #1999.170.02
- Purchase:** Flexible negatives - Electric Car from Atlantic City, #1999.171.01; Easter Sunday (1889) Atlantic City Boardwalk, #1999.171.02; Richard Somers (profile) #1999.171.03; Coast Guard Station, Atlantic City, #1999.171.04; Continental Navy Sloop "Providence", #1999.171.05; Atlantic City Country Club, #1999.171.06; Northfield City Hall - Firehouse, #1999.171.07; Old Almshouse & Asylum, Northfield, NJ, #1999.171.08; County Building, Northfield, NJ, #1999.171.09; McClain - Steelman family, #1999.171.10; Elias Horton building bridge to Ocean City, #1999.171.11; Bog Iron Furnace - Tuckahoe, #1999.171.12; Salt Works at Salem, Mass., #1999.171.13; Lenape Indian and Squaw, #1999.171.14; English Creek School, #1999.171.15; Morris Guard Minstrel Show, #1999.171.16; Morris Guard Minstrel Show, #1999.171.17; Morris Guard Minstrel Show, #1999.171.18; Morris Guard on Parade, #1999.171.19; Lucy the Elephant, #1999.171.20; Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, #1999.171.21
- Gift of:** George Woolston, Ocean View, NJ - Tribute - (copy) Handwritten tribute to Mr. William Woolston, Jan. 23, 1940 (23 pp.) #1999.172
- Purchase:** Photo - Atlantic City Country Club, #199.173
- Gift of:** American Association of Museums, Washington, DC - Book - "A Museum Guide to Copyright and Trademark" #1999.174
- Gift of:** James H. Mason, IV, Ventnor, NJ - Photo (copy) Heinz Pier 1944 hurricane. #1999.175.01; Photo (copy) Boardwalk 1944 hurricane, #1999.175.02
- Gift of:** Jack Born, Absecon, NJ - Book - "American History" by James & Sanford. #2000.101
- Gift of:** Jack E. Boucher, Silver Spring, MD - "America Preserved - A Checklist of Historic Buildings, Structures and Sites", #2000.102
- Gift of:** Richard Hansen, Atlanta, GA - Genealogical material on the Dilks, Vansant, Babcock, Simpkins, etc. families (23 pp.) #2000.103
- Gift of:** Elizabeth Ehrhardt, Absecon, NJ - Accounting Petition - Final Account of the Estate of Hattie L. Hull, date 1936. #2000.106
- Gift of:** Jack Haynie, Ventnor, NJ - Grand jury Summons - for Emily Shinn, the first jury on which women served in Atlantic County, dated 27 Sept 1922. #2000.105
- Gift of:** Jeff Gerber, Pomona, NJ - Booklet - "Genealogy of the Dr. Matthew Paul Betts Family" by Jeff Gerber. #2000.106
- Gift of:** Bill Bartle, Somers Point, NJ - Thesis - "The Ku Klux Klan in Atlantic County, NJ in the 1920's", #2000.107
- Subscription:** "The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record" Vol. 130, #4, #2000.108
- Gift of:** Olvis W. Day, Joshua Tree, CA - Genealogical material on the Descendants of Mathias and Ruth Steelman, #2000.109
- Gift of:** Edward LaDrew, Linwood, NJ, Photo - color print of the Mulford Townsend house, West Ave., Linwood. #2000.110
- Gift of:** Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing, NJ, Paul Rigby, Librarian. - Book - "The Descendants of Jacob and Susan Ulrich" 1817 - 1986. #2000.111
- Purchase:** Flexible negative - Buena Hotel from pt#1542. #2000.112
- Gift of:** Bruce Scull, Glassboro, NJ - Book - "The Edward Scull Trunk" #2000.113
- Gift of:** Bunny Kuiken, Haledon, NJ - Postcard - Fountain of Light, Atlantic City, #2000.114.01; Postcard - Marven Gardens, #2000.114.02; Postcard - World War Memorial, Atlantic City, NJ #2000.114.03; Postcard - Glamour Girl, Atlantic City, NJ #2000.114.04; Postcard - Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ #2000.114.05; Postcard - Aquaplaning - Steel Pier, Atlantic City, NJ #2000.114.06; Postcard - View from Ventnor Pier, #2000.114.07
- Gift of:** Frederic Cramer, Ship Bottom, NJ - Book - "Proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws of the Surveyor's Association of West New Jersey" published 1880. #2000.115

**Purchase:** Book - "The Ships Locator" #2000.116

**Gift of:** Marion Reitmeyer, Linwood, NJ - Book - "Grand Homes of the Midatlantic" #2000.117.01; Book - "The Basic Book of Antiques", #2000.117.02; Book - "Encyclopedia of Antiques", 2000.117.03; Book - "Know Your Antiques", #2000.117.04; Book - Pine Barrens, Legends, Lore and Lies", #2000.117.05; Book - "Salt Dishes", #2000.117.06; Book - "All Kinds of Small Boxes", #2000.117.07; Booklet - "One Thousand Individual Open Salts", #2000.117.08; Booklet - "early American Furniture", #2000.117.09; Booklet - "The Third Book of Individual Salts", #2000.117.10; Booklet - "650 More Individual Open Salts", #2000.117.11; Booklet - "900 Open Salts Illustrated", #2000.117.12; Booklet - "Musing by Jim - A Little History of Linwood", #2000.117.13; Booklet - "Tartans of Scotland", #2000.117.14.

**Gift of:** Frederic Cramer, Ship Bottom, NJ - Book - "Catalogue #28 - New Jerseyanna" 1668 - 1934, compiled by Joseph Felcone. #2000.118

**Gift of:** New Jersey Department of Transportation, Trenton, NJ - Book - "Technical Environmental Study - Archaeology, NJ Rt #52, #2000.119.01; Technical Environmental Study, Vol.II, Historic Architecture Rt. #52, #2000.119.02; Technical Environmental Study, Vol.III, Historic Architecture, Rt #52; #2000.119.03; Technical Environmental Study, Vol. IV, Historic Architecture, Rt #52. #2000.119.04.

**Gift of:** New Jersey Department of Transportation, Trenton, NJ - Book - "Cultural Resource Study of Rt #30 Bridge over Penrose Canal, Atlantic City, NJ. #2000.120

**Purchase:** Book - "Index to War of 1812 Pension Files" Vol. I: A - I, #2000.121.01; Book - "Index to War of 1812 Pension Files" Vol. II, J - Z, #2000.121.02

**Gift of:** Frederic Cramer, Ship Bottom, NJ - Book - "Old Inns and Taverns in West Jersey", #2000.122.01; Book - "Rambles Through Old Highways and Byways of West Jersey", #2000.122.02

**Gift of:** James R. Simkins, Colorado Springs, CO - Notes - Hoffman Family, Sculltown, NJ, #2000.123.01; Chart - Descendants of James Hoffman, #2000.123.02; Family Sheets - James and Sarah Fisler Hoffman, #2000.123.03; Exercise Book - Sculltown M.E. Sunday School (copy), #2000.123.04

**Periodical:** "The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record" Vol. 131, #1 2000.124.01; "The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record", Vol. 130, 1999 #2000.124.02

**Gift of:** Frederic Cramer, Ship Bottom, NJ - Book - NJ 1887 Legislative Manual, #2000.125.01; Book - NJ 1892 Legislative Manual, #2000.125.02; Book - NJ 1909 Legislative Manual, #2000.125.03; Book - NJ 1941 Legislative Manual, #2000.125.04; Book - 1958 NJ Legislative Manual, #2000.125.05; Book - Handwriting Records of Early America, #2000.125.06

**Gift of:** Hermine Dey, Independence, CT - Book - "Dolls - A New Guide for Collectors" #2000.126.01; Book - "The Collectors Encyclopedia of Dolls", #2000.126.02

**Gift of:** Edward Brownlee, Mount Holly, NJ - Maritime records of "Eva I. Smith" #2000.127

**Gift of:** Jeffrey B. Lake, Grant, FL - Letter - Jeffrey Lake to Sidney Parker, 8 Feb, 2000, #2000.128.01; Biography Jeffrey B. Lake #2000.128.02; References, #2000.128.03; Announcement - Simon Lake into Inventors Hall of Fame, #2000.128.04

**Newsletter:** The Van Zandt Record, Vol. XXIV, # 3, Fall 1999, #2000.129

**Newsletter:** Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, #2000.130

**Gift of:** John Brennan, Northfield, NJ - "History of Corbin City" by Esther L. Bailey, dated 22 April 1985 (7pp. with photo) #2000.131A

**Gift of:** Richard Hansen, Atlanta, Ga. - Marriage Certificate (copy) John Dilks and Julia Ann Vansant, March 1857, #2000.131.01; Newspaper article (copy) Mr. And Mrs. Edward Dilks 50th anniversary, #2000.131.02; Marriage certificate (copy) Edward Dilks and Margaret Babcock, March 1888, #2000.131.03

**Gift of:** Ina H. Tuft, Monroe, UT - Genealogy - "Descendants of William Goldin of Gravesend, New York", #2000.132

**Gift of:** Frederic Cramer, Ship Bottom, NJ - Bill - Seaman & Martens, Atlantic City to Capt. L. Smith, #2000.133.01; Letter - Scott from Ike dated 30 Dec, 1192224 (2pp.), #2000.133.02; Bill - Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph to Lewis Smith, 1926, #2000.133.03; Theater Program - Nixon's Apollo Theater, 1925, Al Jolson, #2000.133.04; Directory - 1st M.E. Church, Atlantic City, July 1924, #2000.133.05; Directory - 1st M.E. Church, Atlantic City, April 1921, #2000.133.05; Program - 1st M.E. Church, Atlantic City, 14 Nov. 1926, #2000.133.07; Program - Commencement, Atlantic City High School, June 1924, #2000.133.08; Guest Tickets - Opening of Steel Pier for 1927 (2 tickets) #2000.133.09

**Purchase:** Marge Cramer Fund - Book - "Jewish Roots in Poland" #2000.134.01; Book - "Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova" #2000.134.02

**Periodical:** "The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey", #2000.135

**Gift of:** Mrs. Florence W. Irwin, Hammonton, NJ - Letter - Israel Adams to Charles Hart, 27 Nov 1906, #2000.136.01; sketch - Massey Avenue Opening, Margate, NJ, #2000.136.02; Resolution 13 Dec 1913 filing of map for Massey Ave. #2000.136.03

**Purchase:** Marge Cramer Fund - Book - "The Huguenots or the Early French in New Jersey" #2000.137

**Purchase:** Marge Cramer Fund - Book - "1671 Census of the Delaware" #2000.138

**Gift of:** Jack Haynie, Ventnor, NJ - Booklet - "Atlantic County 2005 - Final Report" #2000.139

**Gift of:** Frederic Cramer, Ship Bottom, NJ - Book - "Geographic Dictionary of New Jersey" #2000.140.01; Book - "Cities, Towns & Post Offices of New Jersey in 1880" #2000.140.02

**Gift of:** June G. Sheridan, Egg Harbor Township, NJ - Photo - St. Paul's Church Choir, ca. 1930, #2000.141

- Periodical:** "Ayars Heirs" Jan/Mar 2000 #2000.142
- Anonymous donor:** Book - New Jersey 1850 Mortality Schedule Index" #2000.143
- Gift of:** Gary and Jennifer Sawhill, Smithville, NJ - Deed - Mary P. Bowen and Joseph H. Bowen to Henry D. Smith, Galloway Township, dated 28 May 1867, #2000.144
- Gift of:** Richard Hansen, Atlanta, GA - Collection of notes and genealogical material on the Belangee and Simpkins families, #2000.145
- Gift of:** Frederic Cramer, Ship Bottom, NJ - Book - "Clinton, Ohio, Newspaper, Death and Obituary Abstracts" 1838 - 1867, #2000.146.01; Book - "Clinton, Ohio, Obituaries 1867- 1875 and Selected Genealogical Notes" #2000.146.02
- Gift of:** Mrs. Lois Ann Kirby, Medford, NJ - Collection of Helen Leek Mack, #2000.147
- Purchase:** Marge Cramer Fund - Book - "Ocean County - Four Centuries in the Making" #2000.148
- Gift of:** June G. Sheridan, Egg Harbor Township, NJ - Book "Biographical History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania" #2000.149
- Gift of:** Weymouth Township Civic Association - Book - A History of Weymouth Township" #2000.150
- Gift of:** Ruth Gold, Margate, NJ - Book "The History of the Patchwork Quilt" #2000.151
- Periodical:** New Jersey History Fall/Winter, Vol. 117, # 3 & 4, 1999 #2000.152
- Gift of:** Elinor Veit, Absecon, NJ - Photo - Absecon Lighthouse as it appears in 1999, #2000.153
- Gift of:** Kenneth R. Moore, Sr., Absecon, NJ - Discharge - Peter Kraft, Civil War 31 Dec 1863 (copy) #2000.154.01; Pay Receipt - Peter Kraft, 23 Feb 1864 (copy) #2000.154.02; Discharge - Peter Kraft, 24 July 1865 (copy) #2000.154.03; Pay Receipt - 12 Aug 1865 (copy) #2000.154.04; Addendum - Kraft family information, #2000.154.05
- Gift of:** Grace Lechner, Egg Harbor Township, NJ - "Descendants of Robert Braddock", computer generated, 4 pp., #2000.155.01; Photo - Mary Braddock (copy) #2000.155.02; Photo - Uncle Jesse Braddock (copy) #2000.155.03; Photo - Mary Baker Somers (copy) #2000.155.04; Photo - Luna Somers Braddock (copy) #2000.155.05
- Gift of:** Rev. Norman H. Thomas, Northfield, NJ - Family Bulletins - "The Van Kouwenhoven - Conover Family Association", "Family Bulletins and Tidings" 1963, 1976, 1979, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1995; Pamphlet - "Wolfert Gerritsen Van Couwenhoven and the Founding of New York" #2000.156
- Gift of:** Unknown donor - Church Register - "Bargaintown Circuit and Absecon Circuit" Vol. I, #2000.157.01; Church Register - Bargaintown Circuit and Absecon Circuit, Vol. II (with marriages) #2000.157.02
- Gift of:** Sally Sondesky, Levittown, PA - Index - 1999 "The Van Zandt Record" #2000.158
- Gift of:** Unknown donor - "Members of the Port Republic and Smithville M.E. Church (6 pages) #2000.159.01; Anniversary Program - Zion Methodist Church, Bargaintown, NJ, 145th year, 1959, #2000.159.02
- Gift of:** Edward Brownlee, Mount Holly, NJ - Tonnage Admeasurement Certificates (13 pp.) #2000.160.01; Correspondence - Edward Brownlee to Fred Ehrhardt (7pp.) #2000.160.02
- Gift of:** James H. Mason, IV, Ventnor, NJ - "Guide to Atlantic City, 1967, Medical World News" #2000.161
- Replacement:** #33.048 Typed records and index of "Lewis and Allied Families" #2000.162
- Purchase:** Bound volumes of Atlantic County Historical Society Yearbooks 1979 - 1987 #2000.163
- Purchase:** Bound volumes of Atlantic County Historical Society Yearbooks 1987 - 1995 #2000.164
- Gift of:** Frederic Cramer, Ship Bottom, NJ - "The Keepers Log" Vols. 10 -12, 1993 - 1996 #2000.165
- Purchase:** Flexible Negatives from Print - Job Vansant (1809 -1885) FXN #563, #2000.166.01; Vansant Shipyard, FXN #564, #2000.166.02; Walter Vansant and Tools FXN #565, #2000.166.03; Emma L. Cottingham, FXN #566, #2000.266.04; Lucy the Elephant, FXN #567, #2000.166.05; Ventnor Pier Fire, FXN #568, #2000.166.06
- Gift of:** James and Georgene Steelman, Mays Landing, NJ - "Supplement #1 to Land Documents in the Possession of the Gloucester County Historical Society" #2000.167
- Unaccessioned Document:** Found in MSS Box 12, folder 675 - Deed - John Steelman, Sr. to Inhabitants of Township of Eggharbour, Owners of Union School House, divided into 51 shares, 2 June 1829 (original) #2000.168
- Unaccessioned Document:** Found in MSS Box 12, folder 680 - Deed - Thomas Rodman to Robert Smith, 200 acres of unappropriated land (TBS) 18 Sept 1784, unrecorded (original) #2000.169
- Unaccessioned Document:** Found in MSS Box 12, folder 682 - Deed - Simon Lake, et al, to Joseph Ireland, land in Atlantic City, 14 Sept 1868 (original) #2000.170
- Unaccessioned Document:** Found in MSS Box 12, folder 683 - Deed - Simon Lake, et ux, et al, to Lucas Lake, Lots in Atlantic City, 14 Sept 1868 (original) #2000.171
- Unaccessioned Document:** Found in MSS Box 12, folder 685 - Deed - David Conover and Sarah h/w to John Scull, land in Great Eggharbour Township, 20 Jan 1768 (original) #2000.172 ♦

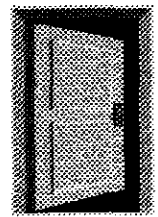
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# Some "Welcome" Additions!



## Interior and Exterior Improvements:

We have a new back door! It's hard not to notice our new door. Startling white, solid metal and made to last. The old door had served us well these many years but the weather and overuse had rendered it unsafe. We would also like to acknowledge a donation given "in the memory of Mrs. Laura Cohen", mother of Ruth Gold, towards the financing of the door replacement.

For those of you who have been struck by the darkness of our parking lot when attending evening meetings and events, we now have sensor lights that will illuminate your way up the walk and light the back door. We know this will be a great safety feature for finding your way to and from your cars. We've also had a light timer installed inside the building, by the back door, so that the porch light will remain lit until you have left the area. Don't forget we have evening hours the first Thursday of each month from 6 PM to 9 PM – you don't need to be afraid of the dark parking lot anymore.

During the recent cleaning of our carpeting, the cleaner identified the carpet as wool, which he admired as it being of fine quality. Laid down in 1968, it has withstood the pounding of shoes, sneakers, boots (no bare feet) and is holding up well. Thank heavens for sheep!

## Microfilm Acquisition:

Local researchers who have been traveling to Woodbury Courthouse to search the early deeds of Gloucester County are now able to do deed research at the library of The Atlantic County Historical Society. After securing permission from the Clerk of Gloucester County, Mr. James N. Hogan, an order was placed with the Genealogical Society of Utah for purchase of the indices and deeds of Gloucester County covering the years 1786 to 1824. In the future, we will be ordering the deeds that will completely cover the years before Atlantic County was formed in 1837.

We know that this microfilm will serve as a valuable tool to the local researcher as it contains much information on land transfers, chains of title, and also some genealogical data. We hope to continue updating our research materials so that our patrons will have many sources from which to secure family data. This microfilm was purchased through the generous gift of the Louise Scott Miller Fund.

## New Photo Albums:

### PHOTO ALBUM #31

Last year, Mr. Edgar O'Donnell, a member from Pleasantville, graciously donated his own album of photographs he took almost daily of the destruction of Atlantic City High School. He also gave us all his negatives. It has taken us awhile, but the negatives are now all identified and associated with the pictures and filed in the album. Very interesting, but kind of sad, too!

### PHOTO ALBUM #18

This was an old album in which Mr. George H. Allen took pictures of many corners of the Atlantic City Boardwalk in 1945/47 and then went back and took pictures of the same corners in 1978. It occurred to us that it would be very interesting to add current pictures to the collection. Our newsletter editor, Dawn Risley, had a particular interest in the project and she and Jerry Bell volunteered to take it on. We ordered new, archivally safe albums and material and Dawn and Jerry took pictures of every corner of the boardwalk. They then carefully removed the old pictures, installed old and new pictures in the new albums (leaving room for another set 30 years from now), and labeled and indexed everything! This is a tremendously interesting study of the history of some of the buildings on the boardwalk.

These albums are available for you to see when you visit the library. Just ask the duty volunteer for the photo album by number. They are great documents of the history of our area, graphically reminding us of the rapid rate of change taking place locally. Many thanks to everyone who worked on them. ❖

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