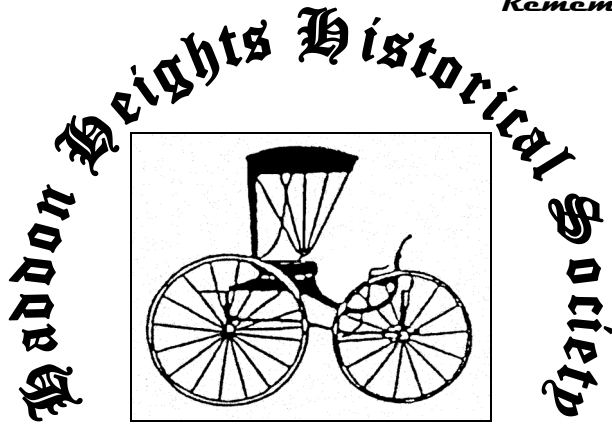


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**We meet on the third Monday of January\*, April, July, and October - at 7:00pm in the Library**

\* January meeting is held on the fourth Monday (1/27/20) due to the Martin Luther King Holiday

## **OCTOBER MEETING: NEW JERSEY-CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION-**



On October 21st, at 7:00pm, please join us as we welcome an appropriately named presenter, Mr. Ira Jersey, Chairman of New Jersey's Crossroads of the American Revolution Heritage area. The title of his program will be, "The Semiquincentennial: Recognizing and Celebrating New Jersey's Role in the Fight for Independence". Come out and hear how his organization plans to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War throughout the state from 2024 – 2033. What better topic to cover as the Haddon Heights historical Society participates in Camden County's "History month"!

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-** Fall has always been my favorite season. Cool days, vivid leaf colors, and pumpkin spice make everything nice!!!! A special "Thank You" to Amy Schmidt. She is working hard to keep us up to date on our Haddon Heights Historical Society Facebook page and she is also posting our news on the "Haddon Heights Happenings" Facebook page. So please follow us on Facebook. I also would like to thank Joan Rossler and Anne McAdams for setting up our display at the Fall Festival. Margaret Westfield also wrote a very informative article about our interpretive sign program which was published in the current edition of "Heritage Magazine" from the Camden County History Alliance. Please pick up a copy from the Library.

I highly recommend a visit to the Museum of the American Revolution. Peter and I were invited guests to the opening of the new exhibition, "The Cost of the Revolution, The Life and death of an Irish soldier." This exhibit answers the question, "What can a life tell us about an era?" The exhibit follows the journey of Richard St. George, an Irish artist and officer in the British Army. His personal trauma and untimely death reveal the entangled histories of the American Revolution of 1776 and the Irish Revolution of 1798. This is the Museum's first international loan exhibition. It chronicles Richard St. George's dramatic story with nearly one hundred artifacts, manuscripts, maps, and works of art from collections in Australia, Ireland, England, and the United States. The Museum's explains his story through a story driven approach to history.

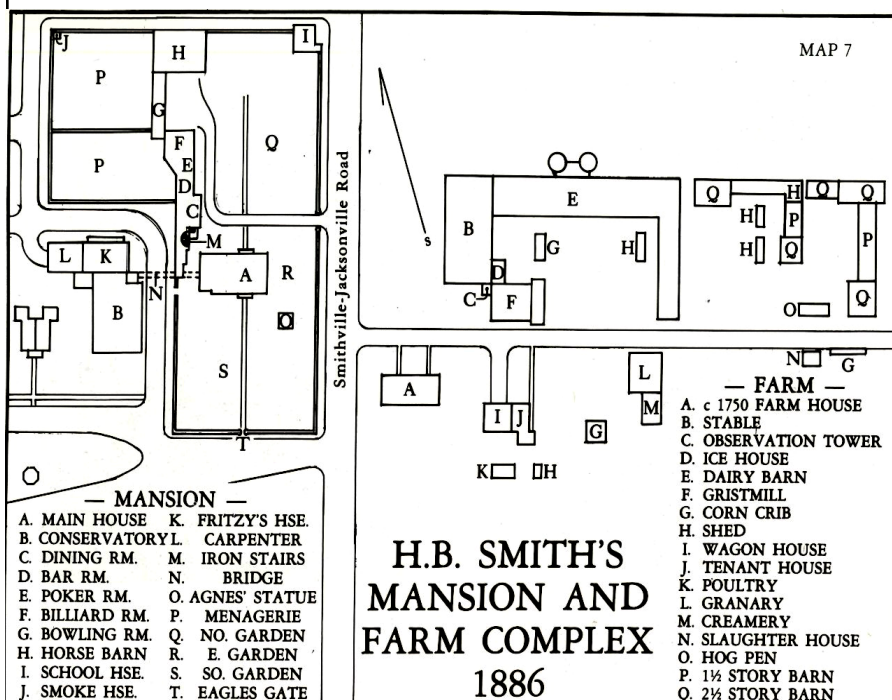
I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our October meeting when Ira Jersey, Crossroads of the American Revolution, will highlight Camden County's involvement in the Revolutionary War. Please bring a friend. Elena Hill

**OCTOBER IS CAMDEN COUNTY HISTORY MONTH!-** Our fall Historical Society meeting happens during Camden County's "History Month". This year, the celebration of history is expanded to the entire month of October! For more information about all of the "goings on " this month and to see a full list of events, please go to :

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE ! NEW VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE BOARD-** Please see the Board and Committees box on page four of this newsletter for information about the openings on the Historical Society's Committees. We need several people to lend a hand and get involved. No prior experience necessary, just a love of history and an interest in making a difference. Please reach out to the Editor or any Board Member for information or to volunteer.

**JANUARY 2020 MEETING DATE-** As a reminder, the January 2020 meeting will be held on a different date, due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. The January meeting will be held on the **FOURTH** Monday of the month- 1/27/20.

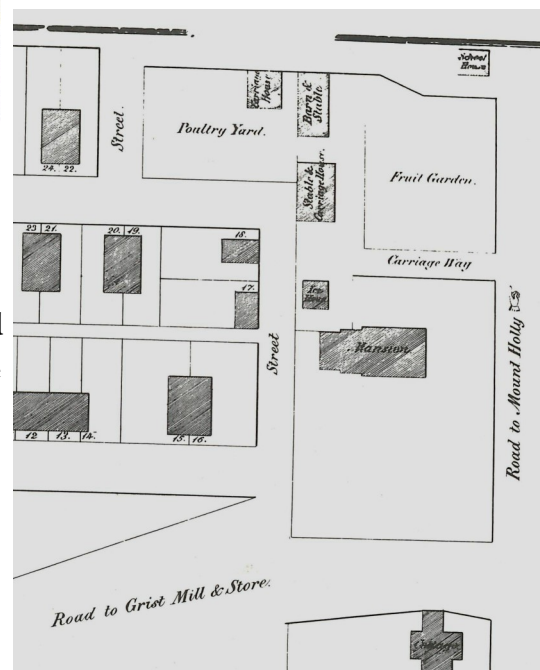
### **SMITHVILLE EPILOGUE: MAINTAINING/PRESERVING SMITHVILLE PARK-**



In recent newsletters, you read about historic Smithville Park in Eastampton Township. Have you ever considered what is involved in keeping up historic sites? When a site is listed on the New Jersey Register and owned by the public, each project undertaken there must be reviewed and approved by the state Historic Preservation Office (NJHPO) under the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act. This epilogue was written by our resident Historical Architect, Margaret Westfield.

Recently I was hired (as a historic architect sub-consultant) to help Burlington County with an application to the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office to restore the stone and brick garden walls around Smithville Mansion. We looked to historic photographs and maps of the site to understand the evolution of the garden walls. We hired a Masonry Conservator to analyze the mortar and specify a replication mortar mix. We took photographs of the existing conditions, keyed to a site plan.

Then we proposed that, where the walls are exposed stone, missing and heavily deteriorated stones would be replaced with similar stones that match the size, color, and texture of the existing. Loose stones will be reset, pins of stone (small stones) would be added where needed to keep the mortar joints consistent in thickness, and the entire wall would be spot tuck-







pointed where the mortar was missing or deteriorated. In accordance with the specified replication mortar mix, the repointing mortar would match the historic mortar in color, texture, hardness, composition, and workmanship.

The architect prepared drawings of the garden walls to indicate the areas where mortar was missing, and the entire package was sent to the NJHPO on May 15th.

The NJHPO has 30 days to review and approve (or deny) the application. On June 11th, we received an email approving the work, and masons were hired to repoint the walls this summer. This will be the first of many applications for work at Smithville as we systematically address all of the various buildings that need attention.

The reach of the NJ Register Act is broad. For example, in the Haddon Heights Historic District, the Post Office was cited for not first obtaining approval to replace their windows in 1999, and the bike racks currently being proposed for Station Avenue sidewalks will be subject to review and approval by the NJ HPO to make sure their modern aesthetic is appropriate for the historic character of our town.



The best way to ensure that our town maintains its charm and historical significance is to pay attention to proposed changes, become informed, and get involved to share your thoughts and feelings. Sometimes, the worst action you can take is...taking no action at all. (Editor)

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION**– The October meeting is when the Historical Society holds the annual election of officers. As you can see in the list of board members on page 4 of this newsletter, several positions are up for election this year. If you are interested in joining the Board or serving on one of the committees, please let any Board member know before the meeting. You can also offer your name for consideration at the meeting on October 21st. We are always looking for new folks to join the board to help keep our organization alive.

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### **2020 Membership Application / Renewal– Haddon Heights Historical Society**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Single- \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Household- \$15.00

I would like to make a tax deductible donation to Haddon Heights Historical Society, in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Coming Events

October 5, 2019- League of Historical Societies of NJ Meeting- Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum

October 21, 2019- NJ Plans for celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary!

November 14, 2019- Old Baldy Civil War Round-table. Monthly meeting at Camden County College

Winter 2020- League of Historical Societies of NJ Meeting- Camden County Historical Society

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES-** Dues for 2020 are now...due. Your "Paid Through YEAR" is printed on your Newsletter label. Your dues help us keep history alive. Only paid-up members will continue to receive the HHS Newsletter!

Those members who provide us an e-mail address, will also receive an electronic color copy of each edition of the newsletter in advance of the mailing.

**HEIGHTS NOTE CARDS-** Note card packs featuring pre-Revolutionary War homes in town. Available at the Library. \$4.00 for a pack of 8.

**CHECK OUR REVITALIZED WEBSITE-**  
Go have a look! [www.hhhistorical.org](http://www.hhhistorical.org)

### 2019 Historical Society Board

<u>President-(2018-2020)</u>	Elena Hill
<u>Vice-President-(2018-2020)</u>	Bob Hunter
<u>Past President-</u>	Margaret Westfield
<u>Treasurer-(2018- 2020)</u>	David Somerville
<u>Secretary- (2019- 2021)</u>	Lauren McBeath
<u>Trustees- (2016-2019)</u>	Ken Funkhouser
	Anne McAdams
	Peter Hill

### COMMITTEES / CHAIRS

<u>Newsletter Ed.-</u>	Ken Funkhouser
<u>Membership Chair-</u>	Joan Rossler
<u>Web Master-</u>	Gianna Hill
<u>Nominating Comm.-</u>	Bob Hunter/ Peter Hill
<u>Borough Council Liaison</u>	VACANT
<u>Affairs-</u>	VACANT
<u>Merch/Fund Raising-</u>	Joan Rossler
<u>Programs/Publicity-</u>	VACANT
<u>Programs/Publicity- Asst.</u>	VACANT
<u>Digital Photographer</u>	Amy Schmidt

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*The Haddon Heights Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization. Please keep us in mind as you plan your charitable donations. Make History by Making us part of Your Legacy...*

If you are reading this, I know you have an interest in HISTORY. Just like the old adage, I use this space each quarter to "Preach to the choir"... However, it is just that choir who can help spread interest in local history to others. Share your remembrances! Please consider how you can help build our membership. Thanks for listening all these years!

Ken Funkhouser, Editor (25 yrs)

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