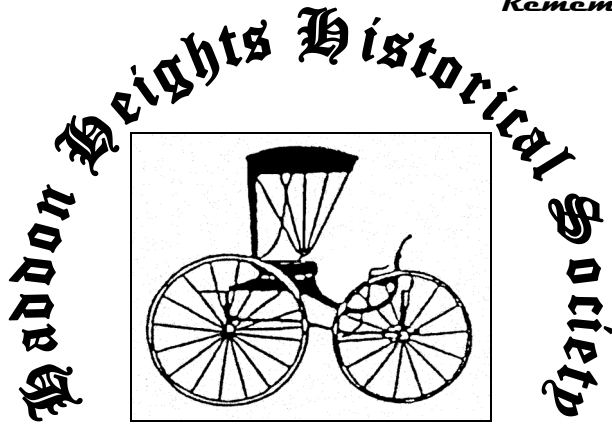


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2021 IN-PERSON SOCIETY MEETINGS-STILL CANCELLED DUE TO COVID19-

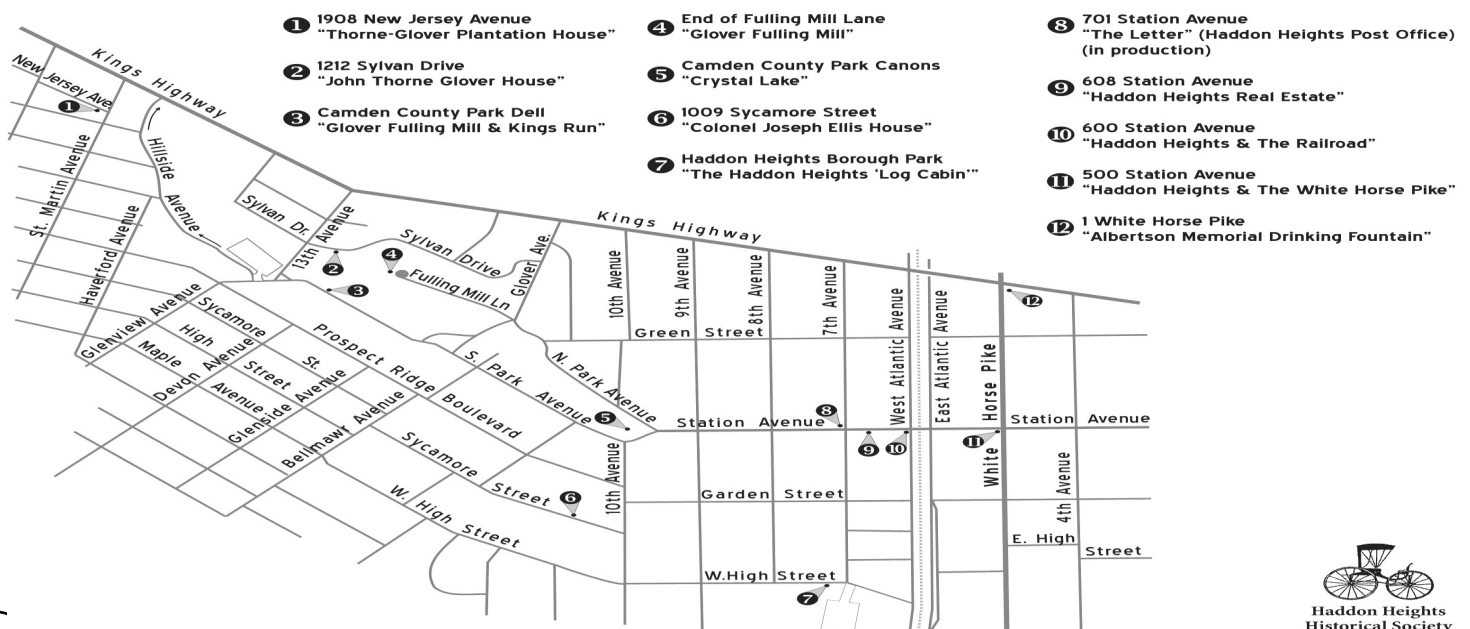
While we are no longer in "Lock Down", still, things have not (and may never) returned to "normal". The library is open, however, group meetings are not yet permitted. Therefore, the Board has decided to cancel our "in-person" quarterly meetings for October 2021, and January 2022. We hope we will be able to see you all at our April, 2022 meeting!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- "Accept then act. Whatever the present moment contains, accept it as if you had chosen it. Always work with it not against it." Quote by Kim Eng
These are different and challenging times. The Haddon Heights Historical Society Board misses not seeing all of you. We have new, interesting, and interesting programs planned for you to enjoy. Hopefully we will soon be all be together smiling, laughing, and enjoying history in person. Until then, discover the joy of Fall. Walk around Haddon Heights and see the fun and creative Halloween decorations. While you are strolling around... please stop and read our interpretive signs and see if you can locate our four pre-Revolutionary War homes. Take care and please stay safe!

Elena Hill

Historical Markers in Haddon Heights



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE BOARD- See the last page for information about the openings on the Historical Society's Committees. We need a few folks to step forward and lend a hand. No prior experience necessary. Reach out to any Board Member for information or to volunteer.

PASSING TIME- As I get older, I am beginning to deal with the fact that we all become "history" sooner or later...Since the last issue of the newsletter, several of our more active members have passed away. The Board will be making a donation to Interfaith Caregivers in the names of Virginia "Ginny" Appleby, and Annmarie Cammarota, PhD. They will be missed.

MARGARET WESTFIELD TO BE HONORED- On October 16th, Historic Preservation Architect (and past President of the Haddon Heights Historical Society) will be honored by the Lawnside Historical Society for her work in documenting the Peter Mott House, leading to its establishment as a recognized local historic site. Please join us in congratulating Margaret on this honor!

COVID EXERCISE- WALK AND LEARN ABOUT HISTORY- During this whole Covid thing, my wife and I have been walking a lot more. We will often drive to a historic site then walk the trails in the woods around the property. That is just what happened this week when we set out for the Croft Farm in Cherry Hill. While the historic home was not open, we took the opportunity to walk around, read the historic markers and follow the nature trails. It was a clear late September day, and the scenery was beautiful, with clearly marked trails, two lakes, and lots of trees.



2022 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: \$ _____

The Outbuildings at Croft Farm

Croft Farm is fortunate to have a number of extant outbuildings on the property, including the only octagonal icehouse in Camden County. All three outbuildings were utilized by several generations of the Evans Family, owners of the property for more than a century. The unique structures reflect the importance of the preservation and preparation of food for the early American farming family.

Icehouse (left)

Much like its name suggests, an icehouse was designed to store ice for months at a time. Blocks of ice cut from the adjacent pond in winter were stacked on the dirt floor, which lies three feet below ground level. Straw and sawdust were packed around the ice to prevent melting. The large overhanging roof and openings just below the roofline provided shade and ventilation. Stored properly, ice could last through the following fall or winter.



Smokehouse (center)

The smokehouse at Croft Farm was used to cure and smoke meat prior to the winter months. The meat was salted to draw out the moisture and then smoked to seal it from rotting. The meat was hung on iron hooks as far from the fire pit as possible, since it was the smoke, not the heat, that accomplished the curing. For that reason, a smokehouse was typically built without a chimney or windows. Smoked meat could be stored for months without risk of spoiling.

Springhouse (right)

The springhouse served as the "refrigerator" for the Evans Family at Croft Farm. Generally, the best-designed farms included a springhouse, a small building used for the storage of food that would otherwise spoil, such as dairy products, eggs, or meat. By locating the structure over a localized spring, the constant flow of water provided a cool temperature inside the structure year-round. Food supplies were stored in jugs and crocks and placed directly in the water on the floor of the springhouse, as illustrated below, or hung from hooks above.

In the mid-Atlantic region, the springhouse was typically a two-story structure; the upper room was often used as a workspace or for additional storage of canned and preserved foods. Stone and mortar construction was typical for a springhouse, as stone retained cool temperatures better than wood.

Typical interior of a 19th century mid-Atlantic springhouse (shown at right).
Courtesy of the Dutch Bros. Historical



THE KAY-EVANS HOUSE AT CROFT FARM DATES TO THE MID 18TH CENTURY WHEN ISAAC KAY, A PROMINENT WEST JERSEY SETTLER, BUILT A TWO-STORY BRICK DWELLING TO ACCOMPANY HIS BURGEONING MILLING ESTABLISHMENT ON THE BANKS OF THE COOPER RIVER. SUBSEQUENT OWNER THOMAS EVANS, AND HIS SON JOSIAH, EXPANDED THE HOUSE AND THEIR MILLING AND FARMING BUSINESSES ON THE SITE IN THE MID-1800S. THE EVANSES WERE ACTIVE QUAKER ABOLITIONISTS AND USED THE PROPERTY AS A STATION ALONG THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD, ASSISTING RUNAWAY SLAVES TRAVELING NORTH TO FREEDOM. IN 1925 JOHN W. CROFT, JR. PURCHASED THE PROPERTY, ABANDONING THE OBSOLETE MILLING INDUSTRY ON THE SITE IN FAVOR OF A MORE LUCRATIVE FARMING BUSINESS.

LISTED ON THE NEW JERSEY AND NATIONAL REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES IN 1999, THE KAY-EVANS HOUSE AT CROFT FARM REPRESENTS CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP'S EARLY INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY. THE MAIN FARMHOUSE ALSO ILLUSTRATES THE EVOLUTION OF MAJOR ARCHITECTURAL STYLES OVER THREE CENTURIES.

THE KAY-EVANS HOUSE AND CROFT FARM PROPERTY ARE OWNED AND OPERATED BY CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP. FUNDING FOR THE EXTERIOR RESTORATION OF THE KAY-EVANS HOUSE HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE IN PART BY THE GARDEN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

130TH BIRTHDAY OF HADDON HEIGHTS PASSENGER STATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 9:30AM - 3PM



Come celebrate the 130th birthday of the Haddon Heights Passenger Station! Built in 1890 (the party was postponed due to COVID), the station was erected on the farmlands of Benjamin Lippincott to attract railroad travelers to the planned community of Prospect Ridge (now Haddon Heights). Model trains will be running all day, with the cake cutting at 10am, followed by a special appearance of first-person interpreter Laura Lippincott who will share photos and tales of the town's early history. The West Jersey Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Association will also be there with images of the railroad stations and structures of South Jersey. All aboard for this free event!

RAILROAD TRACKS & STATION AVENUE, HADDON HEIGHTS, NJ

Coming Events

Please go to the website of the Camden County History Alliance to see all of the activities planned for this month. October is History Month in Camden County and there is a lot going on throughout the month. Help keep history alive by supporting the other historic groups in the county!

MEMBERSHIP DUES- Dues for 2022 are now...due. Your dues help us keep history alive. Only paid-up members will continue to receive the HHHS 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-
www.hhhistorical.org . Take a look!

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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...

We are closing in on the end of another year. Remember to stay in touch with friends and loved ones, and maybe take this opportunity to write down YOUR history, and share it with the next generation by "Remembering yesterday for the people of tomorrow". Stay Healthy, Stay Safe! Thanks for listening all these years! Ken Funkhouser, Editor

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