

NAMING A TOWN: Submitted by Society member Dr. Gerald Pietsch- Computer research reveals only three US towns named "Haddon"; Haddonfield, Haddon Heights, and Haddon Township. The unique name, Haddon, stems from the late 1600's during English persecution of Quakers. Oppression by citizens and government included destruction of Quaker Meeting Houses in England by the King's army.

John Haddon, a prosperous Quaker blacksmith forging anchors, was among the many subjected to this oppression. William Penn, an acquaintance, urged John to move the new world. Persuaded by the descriptions he heard, John, in 1698, purchased 500 acres in the West Jersey Colony. Unable to travel, John sent his 21 year old daughter Elizabeth in his place. She traveled unescorted on a 6 week trans-Atlantic journey arriving in Philadelphia and then proceeding to her father's land. Elizabeth had been appointed to take option on her father's land and was given power of attorney to conduct all of his business in the colony.



In 1701 Elizabeth settled on John's land where she lived in a small log house. There she established a large farm which she named Haddon Plantation, sometimes referred to as Haddon's field. At that time, large farms were referred as plantations. It should be noted, however, that she did not own slaves.

In 1702, a year after her arrival, Elizabeth married John Estaugh, a Quaker minister and together they successfully ran the plantation. Her husband continued to attend to his sacred mission traveling extensively while Elizabeth remained behind to manage the plantation. Elizabeth and John had no children but raised 5 year old Ebenezer Hopkins making him their heir. Ebenezer was the son of Elizabeth's sister in London.



By 1715 they were sufficiently successful allowing them to build a three story brick house with a stone brewery/still structure behind the home. The new house and farm they named the New Haddon Plantation. John died in 1742 while on a religious visit to the West Indies. After his death, Elizabeth continued managing Haddon Plantation. She became well

known for her generosity, discretion, and charity. Elizabeth died in 1764 at the age of 82. She was buried in an unmarked grave in the Burial Grounds of the Religious Society of Friends. In 1842, Elizabeth Haddon's house was destroyed by fire. The stone brew/still house exists to this day on Wood Lane in Haddonfield.

Elizabeth Haddon's name has not been lost to time, rather it exists to this day in towns named Haddon. Over the years, as land was settled and population increased, it became necessary to establish new towns. Among these was Haddon Heights incorporated in 1904, so named because it was contiguous with Haddonfield and had a relatively high elevation compared to the surrounding area. Haddon Heights, Haddonfield, and Haddon Township all honor the memory of an early pioneer woman who came alone to the new world and became a leader who was highly respected in the community and surrounding areas.



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 as we gear back up to full operational mode. No prior experience necessary. Minimal time requirements. Reach out to any Board Member for information or to volunteer.

LEAGUE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF NEW JERSEY: SOUTH JERSEY MEETING-

After many years and COVID-19 related delays, the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey (LHSNJ) will be holding a meeting in Camden County. The Spring gathering will take place on Saturday April 23, 2022 from 9:00am—4:00pm. The day will include a morning meeting and presentations hosted by the

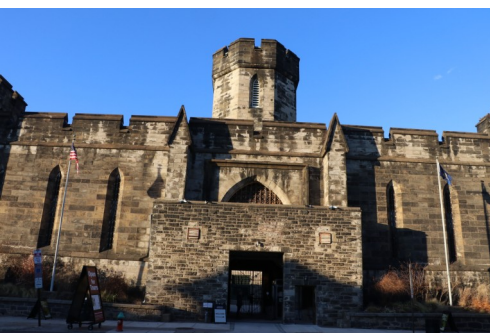
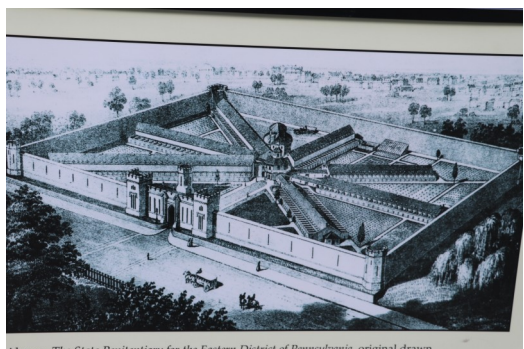
Camden County History Alliance (www.camdencountyhistoryalliance.com), at the Camden County Historical Society- Pomona Hall 1900 Park Blvd., Camden, NJ 08103. The afternoon includes optional visits to twelve Camden County museums and historical sites. Local landmarks being featured are the Peter Mott House Underground Railroad Museum in Lawnside, and the Glover Fulling Mill site at the end of Fulling Mill Lane in Haddon Heights. Registration is \$25, payable to Camden County Historical Society, mailed to PO Box 378, Collingswood, NJ 08108. For additional information, call the Historical Alliance at: 856-964-3333.



HADDON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUPPORTS PETER MOTT HOUSE-UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

MUSEUM- Since the last edition of this newsletter, your Historical Society (HHHS) has presented a check to the Lawnside Historical Society (LHS). This money will help replace the roof on this important local historical site. LHS maintains the Peter Mott House. Shown below are: Christine Lewis-Coker, Treasurer-LHS, Anne McAdams, Trustee HHHS with \$750 check, and Linda Shockley, President LHS.

“GO TO JAIL. DO NOT PASS ‘GO’. DO NOT COLLECT \$200”- Do I have your attention? I recently



visited the Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia (as a guest, not an inmate). Wow! What an amazing place. There is so much history there to see and experience. It is located in the Fairmount section of the city at 2027 Fairmount Ave. Here are some fun facts: It was the first true Penitentiary, a building designed to inspire penitence or true regret in the hearts of its prisoners, instead of focusing on

punishment for their crimes. Eastern State was the “model” for prisons across the country and in Europe for many decades after its opening. Each cell had a skylight and the design featured a central hub with cell blocks fanning out like a wagon wheel so guards could look down each hallway from their desks. Some famous prisoners were bank robber “Slick Willie” Sutton, and Al Capone. Because the penitentiary is being maintained in its



deteriorated or “ruin” condition, many windows are missing and hallways are open to the elements. I highly recommend a visit to see this monumental building that changed the face of prisons. For information you can visit www.EasternState.com, or call 215-236-3300.

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: \$ _____

COMING EVENTS

See the article inside for information about the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey Meeting in Camden County on April 23rd !!!!!!!

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! Your "Paid Through " year is highlighted on your mailing label. Your dues help defray Society costs and support our mission. Please return the membership form and remain a member in good standing.

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 WEBSITE-

www.hhhistorical.org. Take a look and check out our archived material Many thanks to Gianna Hill, our Webmaster, for keeping us current during the pandemic!

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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 following our motto, "Remembering yesterday for the people of tomorrow". Stay Healthy! Thanks for listening all these years! Ken Funkhouser, Editor

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