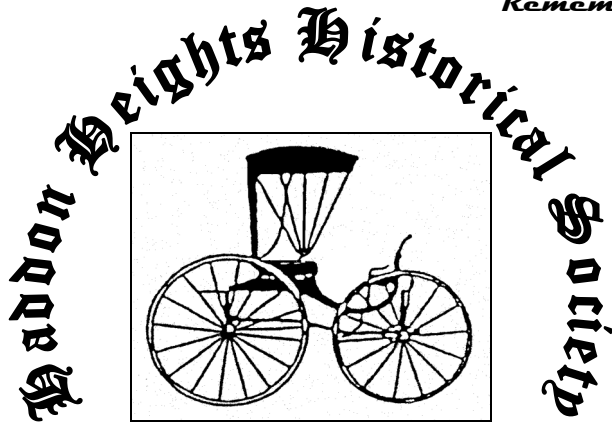


*" Remembering Yesterday For The People Of Tomorrow "*



# Bulletin

[WWW.HHHISTORICAL.ORG](http://WWW.HHHISTORICAL.ORG)

P.O. Box 118 • Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

Volume 47 Number 4

October 2022

We meet on the 3rd Monday- April, July, & October. 4th Monday- January: 7:00pm- Haddon Heights Library

**IN-PERSON SOCIETY MEETING ON OCTOBER 17th: MARKED FOR HISTORY!** Paul W. Schopp has worked in the historical field almost 50 years. During that time, he served as Senior Historian for several cultural resource management firms in the Delaware Valley, also as Executive Director of the Camden County Historical Society, and Assistant Director for the South Jersey Cultural & History Center at Stockton University. Paul has recently been working on researching our next group of interpretive historical markers. Did you know that the Haddon Heights Historical Society has sponsored and erected more than a dozen historical markers around town? We would love to see you at our upcoming meeting next Monday!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-

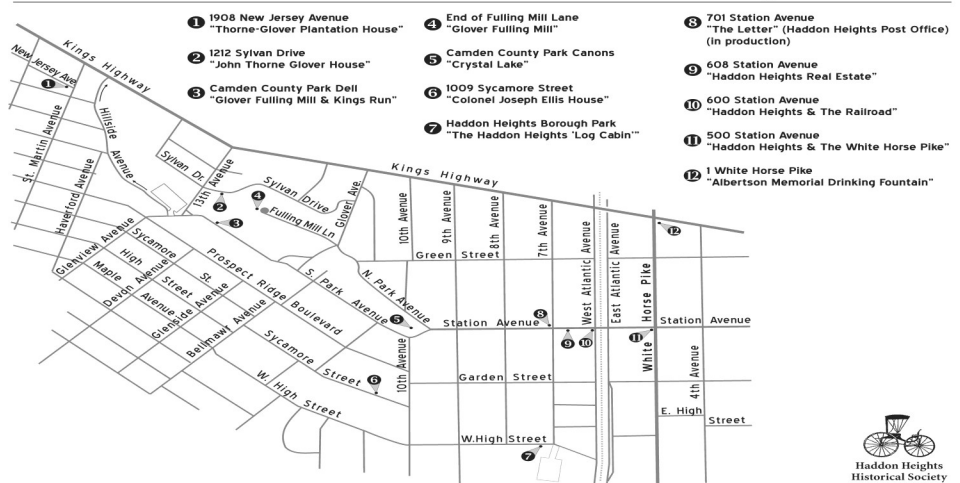
"Autumn is a second Spring when every leaf is a flower." Albert Camus I hope you are all enjoying this amazing and beautiful season that nature has planned for us.

The Society has been very busy this year. We will be unveiling five new Interpretative Signs. The Society will be unveiling the Historic Fairfield Garage interpretative sign at 411 Blackhorse Pike, on October 28th at Noon. You are all welcome to join us and help celebrate! The next four interpretative signs will be the Hatcher House, the Lippincott House, the Glover House, and the First Church of Christ Scientist. Those interpretative signs will be unveiled later this year. We are excited to share the history of Haddon Heights with everyone who walks past these significant sites. I look forward to seeing all of you at our October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. With our speaker, Camden County Historian, Paul W. Schopp. Paul, through historic consultancy, will provide a special preview look at Haddon Heights' newest interpretive signs. Please join us for "Hands-On History."

Elena M. Hill, President

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE BOARD-** Please review the last page of the newsletter to see the openings we have for Historical Society Board members and assistants. In particular, we are looking for someone willing to help with scheduling speakers, programs, and nominations for elected Historical Society Board officers.

## Historical Markers in Haddon Heights



No experience is required! YOU can make a difference if you are willing to step up and help. If you are unable to assist at this time, maybe you can think of someone who might be interested, and ask them to contact any Board member.

## OCTOBER IS CAMDEN COUNTY HISTORY MONTH!

Our fall Historical Society meeting happens during Camden County's "History Month". This celebration of history is filled with activities for the entire month of October!

Please watch for additional information in the newspaper, online, and the Camden County History Alliance publication, which is delivered to your door. For more information about all of the "goings on" and to see a full list of events, please go to : [www.CamdenCountyHistoryWeek.com](http://www.CamdenCountyHistoryWeek.com), or see the FaceBook account at: [www.facebook.com/CamdenCountyHistoryAlliance](http://www.facebook.com/CamdenCountyHistoryAlliance).



FAIRFIELD GARAGE INTERPRETIVE HISTORICAL MARKER— As mentioned on page one, our next interpretive historical marker will be dedicated at Noon on October 28th at the site of the former Fairfield Garage. Please join us on that day. If you are unable to make it that day, I have included below, a copy of the sign commemorating this part of Haddon Heights history.



## **Fairfield Garage & Motor Company**

This building, now the offices of Sensonics International, was built as the Fairfield Garage & Motor Company where cars were repaired, fueled, and sold by the Crecelius family. In the 1920s, Frederick W. Crecelius moved his family from South Philadelphia to Haddon Heights, where he and his sons, Frederick, Jr. and Edward, ran the company. By the 1950s, the business name changed to "Fairfield Automotive Supplies" and sold auto parts.

The name of the garage was derived from the area of town known as Fairfield Estates. When Haddon Heights was incorporated in 1904, its western boundary extended only to Bellmawr Avenue. The portion of town from Bellmawr Avenue to the Black Horse Pike remained part of Centre Township until 1925 before joining the Borough.

Above the garage there were six apartments that were called "cold water flats" because they didn't have any hot water piping. One of the families who lived there had a nine-year-old daughter, Beatrice Deuter, who met Kenneth D. Crecelius, the son of Frederick, Jr., and fell in love. Married in 1953, Ken and Bea lived together on Sycamore Street in Haddon Heights until Ken's death in 2016. Some of their descendants still live in Haddon Heights in 2022, including their granddaughters, Jennifer and Rachel Crecelius, and their great-granddaughters, Shannon Hagan and Giavanna Rossello.

Haddon Heights  
Historical Society



In memory of  
Lynn Laitman



This view of the station's gas pumps shows a custom sedan being serviced. This was a large, expensive car from a custom body shop. The rounded windows and body curves indicate it dates to no earlier than 1926; the slim-spoke artillery, detachable-rim wheel with small hubcap indicates it was manufactured before 1929. The smooth window surrounds are unusual for this period since most car windows were surrounded by decorative indents, often painted another color.



Frederick W. Crecelius, Jr. with the company truck, a 1930 or 1931 Ford Model A panel delivery truck.



The Crecelius home stood to the left of the garage at 409 Black Horse Pike. Built in 1924, the house was demolished in 1972 for the construction of a Wawa Food Market, and is now the location of a karate academy.

FAIRFIELD ESTATES— Do you live in Fairfield Estates? Wait a minute.... Is that the development from "Back To The Future"? Why is this guy asking about some other town? If you grew up or now live on the west side of town near the Black Horse Pike, you may have spent time in the area formerly known as "Fairfield Estates". Back in 1924, citizens of this unincorporated area between Haddon Heights and Mt. Ephraim, petitioned Haddon Heights to become part of our town. There was much debate and discussion as Haddon Heights was a relatively new town, only incorporated in 1904. Read on, to see the letter about this proposal, sent to Haddon Heights residents by the Borough Council and distinguished citizens.....

# Shall We Annex Fairfield?

December 17, 1924

Dear Voter:

The people living in the Fairfield estates between Haddon Heights and Mt. Ephraim have petitioned our Town Council for annexation, with the understanding they carry their own abutting property improvement costs.

This is an opportunity for the citizens of Haddon Heights to protect themselves from mounting costs of town and school maintenance by adding 1,392 taxable properties to the borough.

A locomotive with power to pull a train of forty loaded box cars is unprofitable if pulling only twenty.

We have town and high school equipment to serve three times our population, and this annexation would in a few years utilize that full equipment, and make us unafraid of new high schools erected in Audubon, Laurel Springs, or elsewhere. The additional ratables will stop an ascending tax burden on every property in the old and newly added parts of town.

The enclosed tabulation is authentic. Study it, bring it with you to a Town Meeting held in the new High School Auditorium, Friday evening December 19, 8:15, at which time our Councilmen will be guided by the vote of that meeting on this question. Ask questions at this meeting. Find out what this proposed annexation means to your pocketbook and then vote as your conscience guides you.

No more important Town Meeting was ever called in Haddon Heights. We must act quickly or lose this opportunity for all time.

Sincerely,

Wm. J. Dallas  
Wm. M. Nash  
Howard Evaul  
A. Lincoln Taylor  
George Van Hart  
C. F. Congezer  
A. G. Richardson  
Frank Roller  
Edward L. Shew  
Sherman W. Evaul

R. B. Lewis  
John Barr  
Joseph Patton  
James V. Moran  
E. B. Evaul  
Ernest Ackerman  
E. I. Deibert  
Wm. Congezer  
R. M. Hutchinson  
E. N. C. Davis

Geo. Pelouze  
F. M. Underkuffler  
F. H. Upham  
Wm. Brown  
Walter N. Keating  
Hon. Frank B. Jess  
A. M. Young  
F. B. Newhard  
J. Morgan Cook

\*\*\*\*\*

## 2023 Membership Application / Renewal- Haddon Heights Historical Society

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Membership Type: Single- \$10.00 Household- \$15.00 Additional tax deductible donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## COMING EVENTS

H. H. Historical Society- Fall General Meeting:  
October 17th 7:00pm- Haddon Heights Library  
\*\*\*\*\*

**MEMBERSHIP DUES-** Dues for 2022 are past due. Please remember to sign-up for 2023! 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 on page 3 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.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS-** The October meeting will include the annual election of officers for the Society. You are able to place your name in nomination at the meeting, if you are interested.

### **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 and moving forward!

*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...*

Thank you for reading the latest edition of the H.H.H.S. newsletter. I hope you find it informational and entertaining. I am always looking for input and stories from our members. Please consider sending me your reminiscences! The Fairfield Estates letter was supplied by our past President Bob Hunter. Thank you, Bob! Thanks for listening!

Ken Funkhouser, Editor- since 1994

## 2022 Historical Society Board

<u>President-(2020-2022)</u>	Elena Hill
<u>Vice-President-(2020-2022)</u>	Bob Hunter
<u>Past President-</u>	Margaret Westfield
<u>Treasurer-(2020-2022)</u>	David Somerville
<u>Secretary- (2021-2023)</u>	Lauren McBeath
<u>Trustees- (2019-2022)</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>	Rose Fitzgerald
<u>Historical Society Affairs-</u>	VACANT
<u>Merch/Fund Raising-</u>	Joan Rossler
<u>Programs/Publicity-</u>	Peter Hill
<u>Programs/Publicity- Asst.</u>	VACANT
<u>Digital Photographer</u>	Amy Schmidt

Contact the Board : WWW.HHHISTORICAL.ORG  
Mail correspondence- P.O. Box 118 Haddon Heights,  
NJ 08035

**Haddon Heights Historical Society**  
**P.O. Box 118**  
**Haddon Heights, NJ 08035**

