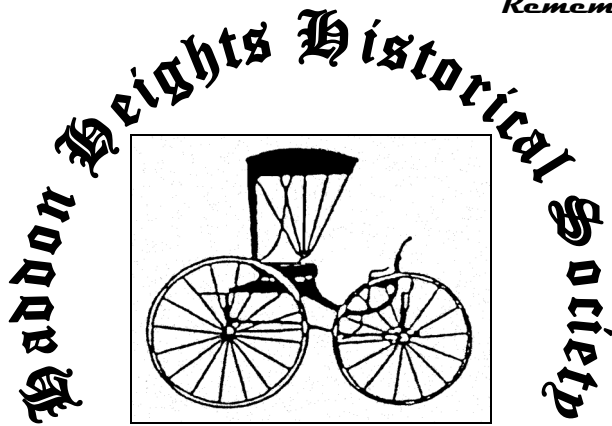


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We meet on the 3rd Monday- April, July, & October. 4th Monday- January: 7:00pm- Haddon Heights Library

APRIL 2023 HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING- On April 17th, heard from Col. Don Carey. Col. Carey has a 45 year banking and investment career with Merrill Lynch, PNB Bank and Federated Investors. Concurrently he has had a 37 year career in the USMC as an artillery officer. Formerly of Haddonfield, Don resides in Ship Bottom with his wife Fran, the former principal of Atlantic Avenue & Seventh Avenue Schools. As a lecturer, he has given presentations on Military history and battlefield strategy, famous court martials and the Battle of Gettysburg.

The presentation included a perspective on how famine and economics has impacted the history of the world. His message also contained a cautionary tale about how history repeats itself, and that factors like global warming can also contribute to changes in history.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- "Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own." - Charles Dickens This Spring nature gave us beautiful daffodils!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I hope you are able to walk around Haddon Heights and enjoy all the gifts of Spring. The Haddon Heights Historical Society also has new gifts for you to enjoy. The Society has recently installed four new historical interpretative signs around Haddon Heights. We are grateful for the grant from the Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission which allows us to continue to bring historical to everyone. Please visit the new signs: The Kings Highway School, The Church of Christ, The Glover House, and The Lippincott House. We are proud to share our history!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting. We have missed all of you and the Society is eager to welcome everyone back this Spring!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Elena M. Hill, President

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE BOARD- Please review the last page of the newsletter to see the Historical Society Board member and assistants openings. In particular, we are looking for someone willing to help with scheduling speakers, programs, and nominations for elected Historical Society Board officers. No experience is required! **YOU (Yes.... I mean 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. We are looking for new members as well, so if you have new neighbors (We have had eight new families move in on our block in just the past two years!!) , please tell them bout YOUR Historical Society, and the quarterly



meetings. The more people you share our news with, the more opportunity for us to grow and become even more representative of our town! By the way, extra copies of this newsletter can be found at the Library.



FOUR NEW INTERPRETIVE HISTORICAL MARKERS

DEDICATED! Your historical society continues to live up to our motto of “Remembering Yesterday For The People Of Tomorrow.” As mentioned in the previous newsletter, our latest group of interpretive historical markers were recently dedicated. Photos and captions are below.

1. Benjamin A. Lippincott House (location), White Horse Pike

Pictured: Joe Riggs- Property Mgr., Elena Hill- Historical Society Pres., Zachary Houck- Mayor, Peter Hill- Historical Society Trustee

2. Glover / Hatcher House (location), S. Park Dr.

Pictured: Luke Johns- Eagle Scout (This was his Eagle Scout project and he created the stand, frame, and installed the sign). Also pictured, are fellow Boy Scouts Owen & Declan McGlynn.

3. First Church Christ Scientist, 300 block Station Ave.

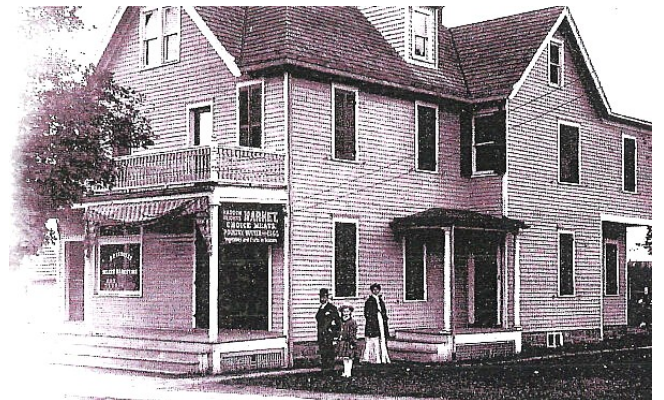
Pictured: Peter Hill, Elena Hill, Zachary Houck

4. Kings highway School (location), Kings Hwy. & E. Atlantic. Ave

Pictured: Peter Hill, Elena Hill, Zachary Houck, Carla Bitner- Sch. Superintendent, Mr. Ormsby- Principal

HADDON HEIGHTS REMEMBERED...CAPTIONS FROM THE IDEAL SUBURB- As

you may know, the Historical Society published a book titled “The Ideal Suburb- Haddon Heights Remembered”. It was first printed in 1990, and updated with a second edition in 2006, reflecting activities from our town centennial in 2004. You can still find this book. I recently bought one at a local estate sale and gave it to one of my new neighbors so they would know more about the history of our town. I thought I would share with you a few pieces of our history. The first property is currently a subject of controversy as the new owners, intend to demolish it and the adjacent structure on Station Ave (501 & 503) under the recently enacted town Redevelopment Program. Their plan is to put up a multi-use building with retail and office space on the ground floor, and apartments on the upper 2 floors.



The house on the S.E. Corner of White Horse Pike and

Station Ave (former AT&T store)- This location was the site of the first Butcher Shop in Haddon Heights. Mr. Benjamin Crookes was a Scottish immigrant who owned land along the White Horse Pike and Station Avenue, and wanted nothing to do with retail trade. He believed that gentlemen do wholesale business... He owned a ship's



Chandlery company which provisioned many of the ships in the port of Philadelphia. His wife had grown up in the Germantown section of the city and was the daughter of the largest glove importer in Phila. His business was located in the building next to Strawbridge & Clothier in downtown Phila.

After moving to Haddon Heights, so Mr. Crookes could be closer to his business, he provided meats for his family, and commuted daily to Philadelphia. Mrs. Crookes said that there was not a butcher shop in Haddon Heights, and his company dealt in meats for ships, so she thought it would be natural for him to open the first butcher shop in town in the front of their building. Mr. Crookes relented and hired a butcher.

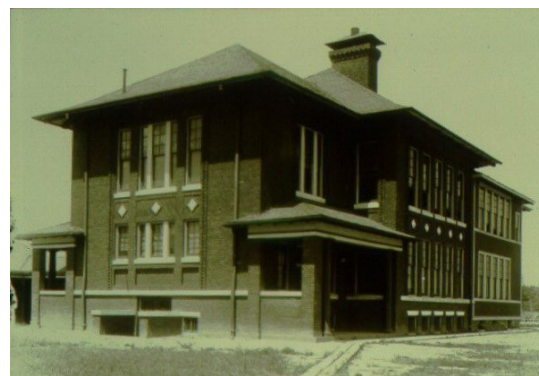
That first butcher shop was located next to the corner of Station Ave. and the White Horse Pike in 1902. The business quickly outgrew the small frame building, and Mr. Crookes moved the business to a larger building on the corner property. The original frame building, after being vacated by the butcher shop, became the town's first barber shop, run by Ulysses G. Ford. A few years later, Mr. Ford gave up the barber shop and became the town's first Constable.

Around 1907, Mr. Crookes built a house for his wife and family on the White Horse Pike, next to the corner where the Butcher Shop was established. While we're at it, did you know that Station Avenue was once home to a movie theater? It was built and opened in January 1914 by Benjamin Crookes. He hired Charley Runkle, a local resident, storyteller, and advertising representative for the Reading Railroad, to run the theater. Mr. Crookes died in October, 1914, just ten months after opening the theater. Mrs. Crookes continued to operate the theater for several more years before renting it to the Hunt Theater interests.

The second property I would like to feature, is the 1st Public School in Haddon Heights. C- 1900. It had four classrooms and was located on



King's highway at the railroad. This building accommodated eight grades in its four rooms. There were two teachers and a principal Mr. Rogers. The school children called the principal "Gumshoe" Rogers, because of the rubber soled shoes he wore, allowing him to be able to "creep" around the school.



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 Meetings– Summer meeting Monday July 17. All meetings begin at 7:00pm – Haddon Heights Library– lower level

MEMBERSHIP DUES– Please remember to renew your membership in the Haddon Heights Historical society and provide your 2023 dues. Your dues help us keep history alive. It is important to note that only paid-up members will continue to receive this highly informative and insightful (in my humble opinion) HHHS Newsletter!

Your “Paid Through” year is highlighted on your mailing label. 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.

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 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...

If you are reading this, you can be part of the solution to our shrinking membership and Board officer/ Committee vacancies. 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!

Thanks for listening! Ken Funkhouser, Editor– since April 1994 (29 yrs.)– I could use a break!

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