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

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October 21 Meeting Reminder:

South Jersey Ghost Research will present an evening of education and intrigue.

If you have experienced the paranormal or are just interested in ghosts, you will be happy you attended. The only Haddon Heights haunted house will be briefly discussed.

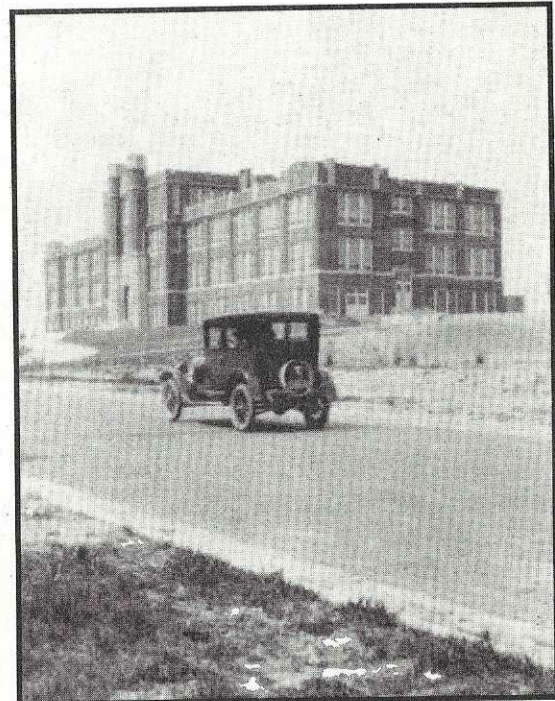
All are welcome at the Haddon Heights Library, 608 Station Avenue. Meeting 7-9 P.M.

New School, New Season: A Narrative

By John Drozdal, Ed.D., Haddon Heights HS Class of 1968.
He played for the Garnets in the fall of 1964.

It is 3:05PM on the afternoon of October 3, 1924. Paul "Flash" Smith is walking into the locker room of the new Haddon Heights High School to suit up for the first home game of the young football season against Vineland. Frank "Big" Spotts, who a writer in the Camden Courier-Telegram dubbed "the largest man in the South Jersey scholastic football ranks" probably congratulated Flash on just being chosen team captain. Or more likely, he was trying to erase the memory of his fumble the previous week that Woodbury's Dubin recovered and returned 75 yards for the game's only score and the win for the Thundering Herd.

Flash, Big, and other team members, including Class of '26 President Sid Lewis, "Tiny" Maxwell, and Jack Dempsey were about to make the short trip down White Horse Pike to Lippincott Field where the Garnets played home games since the Lippincott family made that possible. The construction of the new high school was to include an adjacent track and playing fields. However, while the new school opened on September 8, the new football field was not ready. So, Lippincott Field would host home games for another season.



The Haddon Heights High School Building turned 100 this year!

Although the 1923 campaign ended with a forgettable 1-6 record, head coach Wes Hackman believed that with several returning veterans, this new season just had to be better.

However, on this afternoon, he may have had his doubts. On the first play from scrimmage, "Big" Spotts sustained a leg injury and had to leave the game. Oddly, his replacement was "Tiny" Maxwell. The Garnets fortunes turned at once. Heights recovered a Vineland fumble of a Flash Smith punt and on the next play Maxwell tossed a pass to his end Alvarez for the Garnet touchdown. And Heights scored again in the fourth quarter to ice the game.



NEW HIGH SCHOOL HADDON HEIGHTS N.J. # 2582

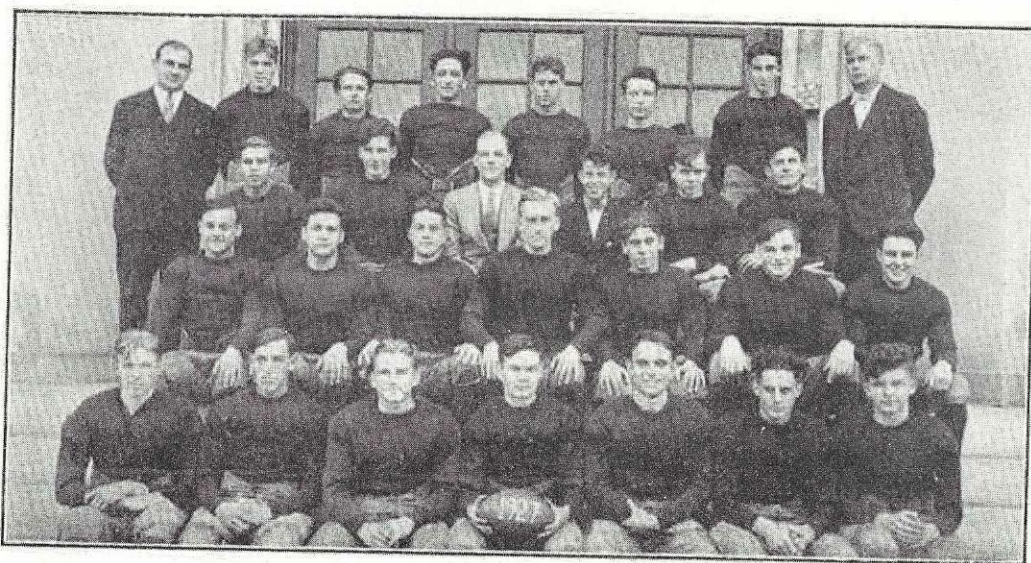
After winning their first home game, things got rougher for the 1924 Garnets. As reported in the Camden Post Telegram on October 31, "Haddon Heights has been handed a few jolts this season." Those jolts were lopsided losses to strong teams from Burlington County, Haddonfield, and Moorestown. However, on that Halloween Day, Pitman came to Lippincott Field and ran into a team looking for redemption. Heights prevailed 24-0 with "Big" Spotts scoring two touchdowns and "Tiny" Maxwell adding another along with a Jack Dempsey field goal.

Hackman's Garnets ended that 1924 season with a 5-6 record with home wins over Palmyra and the Heights Alumni.

The Palmyra game featured an emerging star named Ridge Ridgeway. After a 45-yard Jack Dempsey field goal in the third quarter to break a scoreless tie, Ridgeway ran for two touchdowns in the final quarter to seal the victory. Ridgeway would go on to torment legendary Collingwood Coach "Skeets" Irvine the following season when he played a leading role in the Garnets upset victory against a very over-confident Collingwood team.

'28 --- SENIOR RECORD --- '29

FOOTBALL TEAM



Front Row—Fred Wright, Arthur Ireland, Dale Miles, Norman Brierley, William Stauss, Roeder Halbert, Ridgway Hughes.
 Second Row—Frank Ryder, William Schwarz, Bob Buecker, Monroe Smith, Warren Fry, Wayne Bennett, George Aldrich.
 Third Row—Ralph Kappler, James Rutherford, Mr. Bedaska, Charles Densten, Manager; James Nash, Dick Henschel.
 Last Row—Mr. Stinson, Assistant Coach; Byron Swackhammer, John Ludwig, John Fittipoldi, Roland Long, Donald Proctor, George Govan, Mr. Shoemaker, Coach.

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Heights played the alumni game on Thanksgiving Day which was a practice that many South Jersey teams followed in that era. It would not be until 1927 that Haddon Heights and Haddonfield would begin to play annually on Thanksgiving Day.

Historical Markers in Haddon Heights

The legacy of historical markers in Haddon Heights began fifteen years ago when local historic architect Margaret Westfield researched and designed three signs for borough funded Station Avenue streetscape improvements.

The Haddon Heights Historical Society, with funding from donations made by Andrew Laitman, in memory of his mother, Lynn Laitman, has spent more than \$31,000 for the fabrication and installation of 17 more signs in Haddon Heights. Your Society is grateful for the research and design work done by historian Paul Schopp.

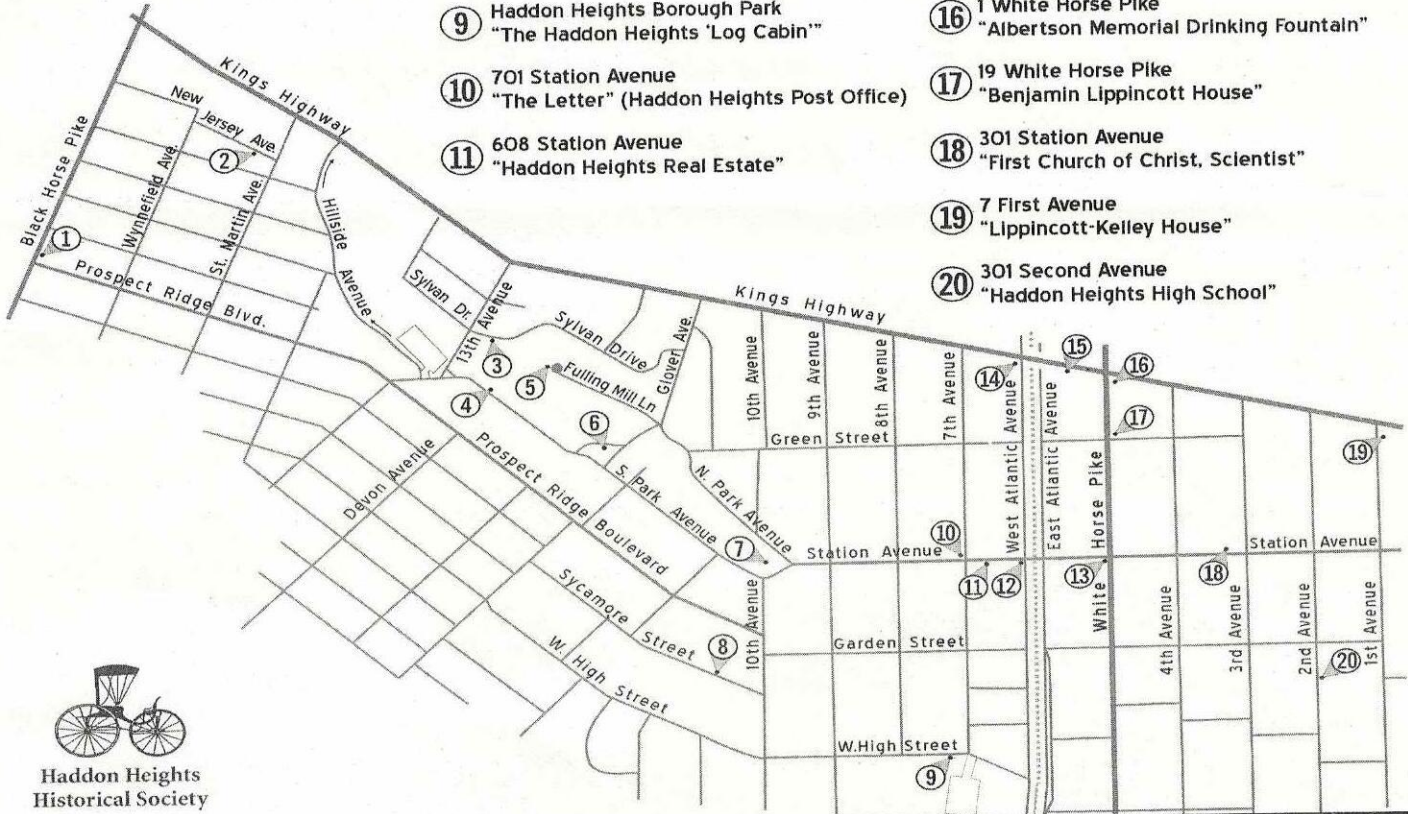
We Remember



It is with great sadness that we report the death of long time very active board member, Joan Rossler. We miss her already.

Historical Markers in Haddon Heights

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| ① Fairfield Garage
411 S. Black Horse Pike | ⑤ End of Fulling Mill Lane
"Glover Fulling Mill" | ⑫ 600 Station Avenue
"Haddon Heights & The Railroad" |
| ② 1908 New Jersey Avenue
"Thorne-Glover Plantation House" | ⑥ Glover & South Park Avenues
"The Glover House" | ⑬ 500 Station Avenue
"Haddon Heights & The White Horse Pike" |
| ③ 1212 Sylvan Drive
"John Thorne Glover House" | ⑦ Camden County Park Canons
"Crystal Lake" | ⑭ 6 West Atlantic Avenue
"Hoyle-Butcher Post No. 149" |
| ④ Camden County Park Dell
"Glover Fulling Mill & Kings Run" | ⑧ 1009 Sycamore Street
"Colonel Joseph Ellis House" | ⑮ Kings Highway & East Atlantic Avenue
"Kings Highway School" |
| | ⑨ Haddon Heights Borough Park
"The Haddon Heights 'Log Cabin'" | ⑯ 1 White Horse Pike
"Albertson Memorial Drinking Fountain" |
| | ⑩ 701 Station Avenue
"The Letter" (Haddon Heights Post Office) | ⑰ 19 White Horse Pike
"Benjamin Lippincott House" |
| | ⑪ 608 Station Avenue
"Haddon Heights Real Estate" | ⑱ 301 Station Avenue
"First Church of Christ, Scientist" |
| | | ⑲ 7 First Avenue
"Lippincott-Kelley House" |
| | | ⑳ 301 Second Avenue
"Haddon Heights High School" |



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Name: _____

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Membership Type: _____ Single-\$10 _____ Household-\$15 Additional tax deductible donation of: \$ _____

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COMING EVENTS

H. H. Historical Society Meetings:

Fall Meeting Monday October 21, 2024
All meetings begin at 7:00 pm – Haddon Heights Library – lower level

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Please consider renewing your membership. All dues help your Historical Society cover ongoing costs and support our mission. Only “paid-up” members will continue to receive this highly informative and insightful (in the Editor’s opinion) HHHS Newsletter!

Your “Paid Through” year is highlighted on your mailing label. Return the membership form on page 3 to remain a member in good standing.

Please Note: Those members who provide an e-mail address, will also receive an electronic color copy of the newsletter in advance of the mailing.

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www.hhhistorical.org.

WE NEED YOU! There are just a few of us who actively work to keep this organization going. YOU can help by volunteering to serve and by helping build our membership. We need YOU!!!!!!

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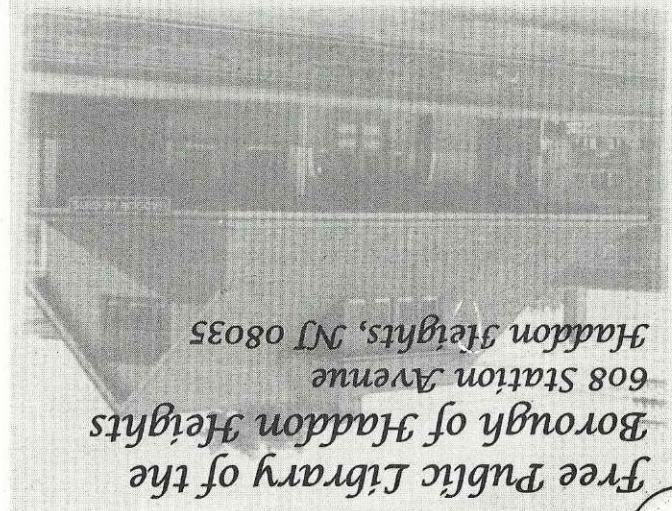
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