42nd ANNUAL GREENWICH ARTISANS' FAIRE & MARKETPLACE

Saturday, September 28, 2013, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.
and Sunday, September 29, 2013 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
on the grounds of the 1730 Gibbon House, 960 Ye Greate Street

Rain or Shine - Free Parking
Admission: $5  Children 12 and under FREE

This is the 42nd Annual Craft Faire for modern times but actually harks back to the Autumn Faire held in many colonial communities, including Greenwich. Here in Greenwich, it was last observed in 1765 for two days. Philip Vickers Fithian hoped for the restoration of the fairs in 1767, but none was ever recorded.

Fairs in the Middle Colonies emphasized products produced at home such as textiles—woolen and flax products; from the spinning wheel would come yarn and thread; and from the home loom would come woolen or linen fabric. Since P. V. Fithian was much interested in flax production, the old fairs would have a particular attraction to him. The fair days were days of festivity, something in very short supply in Colonial West Jersey.

Within the fairgrounds this year, you will meet over 40 artists and craftsmen (10 new crafters this year) from throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The artisans will demonstrate the crafts of weaving, spinning, knitting, quilting, basketry, jewelry-making, red-ware fabrication, pottery and folk art such as carving and stenciling. The exhibits also include homemade honey, brooms, woodcarving, all-natural soaps, and homemade jams and jellies. Locally grown produce, herbs and flowers will be on sale as well as baked goods and other foods.

Fireplace cooking in the Gibbon House again comes from our 18th century beginnings. A cooking demonstration may be seen in the colonial 1740 kitchen during this busy weekend. In addition, you may take a tour through the Alan Ewing Carman Museum of Prehistory from Cumberland County and the John DuBois Maritime Museum.

Do set aside the dates of September 28 and 29 and plan to experience a celebration inspired by the fairs once held in colonial Greenwich.

ANTIQUE APPRAISALS

A certified antique and personal property appraiser is scheduled to attend the Greenwich Artisans' Craft Faire on Sunday, September 29th from 12 noon to 4pm.
Call for more information at 856-455-8580.
LOCAL SOLDIER WRITES OF PURSUIT
OF GENERAL LEE
By Jonathan E. Wood

Justus H. Livingston of Fairton wrote this letter to his wife, Rachel, after the Battle of Gettysburg. He was at the time a Private in Company "K," part of the 12th New Jersey Regiment of Infantry Volunteers.

At Gettysburg, his regiment had made two separate charges on the Bliss Barn and captured it. A number of Confederate officers were housed there. He would relate this story to his family in after years. Also, as a member of Company "K," he had a part in the attack on Pickett's Charge which was halted back. The letter he wrote after the Battle of Gettysburg while his company was pursuing Robert E. Lee back to Virginia appears to the right.

The letter reveals Justus Livingston's position in Company "K." He was apparently the cook and in his 1864 diary, (located at the Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical and Historical Library) he often relates what is on the menu.

Livingston was an oysterman from Fairton and the great-grandfather of Justus Livingston of Bridgeton.

CIVIL WAR SERIES – SUMMER OF 1863
THE TIDE TURNS

In June, 1863, the 24th Regiment returned to Bridgeton and was much heralded with a parade and a dinner. There was much appreciation of their service, but there was no getting around the fact that the two battles they had engaged in were Confederate victories—Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville.

That same month there was news of General Lee's renewed invasion of the North, this time through Maryland and penetrating into central Pennsylvania at Chambersburg. There was much anxiety in that state as Confederate forces headed east, apparently to attack Harrisburg. Washington itself was considered in great danger.

The Federal Army of the Potomac headed north to meet Lee's forces and their meeting occurred at Gettysburg. This time it would be the 12th New Jersey Regiment and Company "K" that would be involved in the battle. They took part in the well-known seizure of the Bliss Barn. Even more important was their role in stopping Pickett's Charge, the engagement that is considered the turning point of the war. Pvt. Justus Livingston's account of the days after Gettysburg is a part of this issue of the Patriot.

Simultaneously, the great victory for the Union in the west came with the surrender at Vicksburg. The Confederacy was now divided by the Mississippi River, which was controlled by Federal forces. A major goal of the Federal military strategy had been accomplished.

Hence, though the war dragged on, spirits were lifted locally with news of great victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg.
RARE MANUSCRIPTS DISCOVERED AMONG THE NIXON COLLECTION

Two eighteenth century treasures have been discovered in the Nixon Family Collection from the estate of William G. Nixon III.

The first is the will of Daniel Elmer II, dated April, 1761. The son of the Reverend Daniel Elmer, he was a surveyor and consequently able to purchase much land in the county. Two of his sons, Jonathan and Ebenezer, were famous in local history. The will indicates only modest bequests to either of these sons since both were less than twenty-one years of age. Jonathan Elmer would comment on how devastated he was at sixteen years of age upon the death of his father. Ebenezer was only nine. Both brothers assumed leadership roles in the county at the time of the Revolution and thereafter. This document witnesses the struggle both brothers had early in life after the death of their father.

The second is an indenture, dated 1762, for the Mason Tract located on the west side of Bridgeton and Upper Hopewell. This document, written in London, England, was witnessed and signed by Sir William Stephenson, Lord Mayor of London.

John Mason was one of the absentee landlords who had purchased West Jersey land while remaining in England. His descendant, Joseph Mason, was selling the land. Israel Pemberton, well-known Philadelphia Quaker, was the purchaser who would quickly sell the land to local buyers.

THE SWEDISH GRANARY, NEW SWEDEN
AND THE AMERICAN FRONTIER: A BOOK REVIEW

By Joseph Mathews

As I promised in the last Patriot, I am offering here a few remarks on the book that I first turned to when I started working on a new interpretation of our Swedish Granary. It is an admirable book and for me it connected the Swedish Granary to larger themes in American history, namely, to pioneering and the American frontier. That 1989 book is The American Backwoods Frontier: An Ethnic and Ecological Interpretation (Johns Hopkins University Press) by Terry Jordan and Matti Kaups. Back when it was newly published, I recall being surprised that the American log cabin was not American, but Finnish! Now I realize that the idea of a European origin of the log cabin was a commonplace among historians. Using architectural analysis, this book makes a strong case for it having been specifically the so-called “Forest Finns” and secondarily the Swedes who in the 17th century brought a set of pioneering skills with them to the Delaware Valley, making it the “core area” from which forests throughout the rest of the country began to be cleared and settled. Among those skills was a particular expertise in felling trees and hewing logs for log buildings and fences; “slash and burn” style forest-clearing and farming; and a tradition of both resident and “long-hunting” that provided food and clothing and that revealed subsequent paths of migration west and south. The authors provide examples of cultural parallels between the American backwoods and forests of Scandinavia, from hunting paraphernalia to folkloristic combats with bears. The pioneers were adaptable to conditions. In Scandinavia, they farmed rye as a cash crop, but here they worked Indian crops like corn, gourds, and tobacco into their homestead system. They also participated in the fur trade carried on by the Dutch and various tribes of Indians.

This book and others point out that there is more to our Swedish Granary than readily meets the eye. In future Patriots, I will list other books and essays I have been looking into. Next time, I will concentrate on writings that attempt to chronicle the development of New Sweden on the eastern side of the Delaware.
JULY 2013: BANNER MONTH FOR POTTER’S TAVERN

The gift of a framed print of “War of 1812, Major William Potter” was presented to Potter’s Tavern by Julie Dunbar of Old Lyme, Connecticut. Major Potter was a nephew to tavern-keeper Matthew Potter. To our great pleasure, we found that the Potter’s Sword Collection at the Tavern includes Major William Potter’s sword.

Potter’s Tavern was open on five occasions during July. Sara Penka, Mimi Peterson, Nancy Applegate and Bob Francois served as hosts at the annual Fourth of July Open House. Then, on four Sundays, Robert Dragotta, Jeanne Garrison, Bill Saunderlin and Charles Viel served as guides at the Tavern. Special thanks go to these volunteers for making these openings possible!

ACQUISITIONS 2013
WARREN AND REBA LUMMIS GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL LIBRARY
By Warren Q. Adams

DONOR: Janice Rivell (Cape Charles, VA) Cup from the Centennial Celebration 1785-1885 Port Elizabeth, NJ; Sampler sewn by Hannah Corson Henderson; Plate, Mauricetown Bridge 1888-1971; Paintings by Ida B. Hughes: The Boggs House, Port Elizabeth; The Mauricetown Bridge; and, Schooner on the Maurice River.


DONOR: Marietta Jurich (Newport, NJ) Copy, Cushing & Sheppard & Index: The Vineland Historical Magazine, various dates; Camden County, N.J. 1616-1676, A Narrative History; Cumberland County New Jersey Church Archives; and Historical Data, Salem County.


DONOR: Dr. Larry T. Reynolds (Omena, MI) Gouldtown 1760-1960, A First Primer of Historical and Demographic Reconstruction, by Sherman L. Ricards, PhD.

DONOR: Montgomery County Historical Society (Rockville, MD) Photograph of Donald, Gerard and Miriam Hoagland, children of Franklin & Lucy Hoagland.

DONOR: Elizabeth Gorman (Ventnor, NJ) History of Port Elizabeth, NJ 1885.


DONOR: Joe & Joan Hancock (Greenwich, NJ) Map of the Meadow Bank between Hancock Harbor & Greenwich Marina 1802 and a copy; Map of a Portion of D & A Railroad, extending from Brown’s Point to Kinkory for the Proposed Continuation of the Delaware & Atlantic Rail Road from Lisbon to Poplar Point, August 1, 1835, Burlington County; Autograph Book of Mary K. Carlil; Cigar box of Greenwich photographs and other photographs in South Jersey; Various deeds, mortgages & agreements from the Greenwich area; Webster-Franklin Fourth Reader 1878; Thomas Reeves and His Descendants 1947; Reeves Genealogy 1933; Bridgeton Hospital Recipe Book, 1915; Early Store Ledger 1789-1822 Bridgetown, John Rinley; Charles Ewing letter April 18, 1930, “1774 location of the stored tea in the David Sutton House on Market Lane where a newer house occupies the site now occupied by David Parsons;” Charles Ewing letter of April 19, 1930 about the building of the James Josiah Ewing House in Greenwich; Specifications for the Greenwich Tea Burning Monument and letter from O. J. Hammell Company Dec. 18, 1907; Poem read at Monument Unveiling; Mrs.

DONOR: Francis Fekel (Nashville, TN) Items from the Estate of Dana Campbell Springer Fekel: My Life and Times: Recollections of Dana Campbell Springer Fekel, Bridgeton Hospital Cook Book 1930's; Lowell Ayars’ diploma, Trinity College of Music London, 1938; Records and tapes from Lowell's organ concerts; Early pictures of Lowell; Three Scrapbooks: Ayars' family photos including formal opening of the USO in Bridgeton, January 1944, news articles about Lowell's concerts, and photographs of Lowell's concerts; American Theatre Organ Society plaque, Director 1981-1986; Cumberland Nail and Iron Works, Bridgeton, NJ print; Ferracutie 1863-1943, 80 Years booklet; W. Lowell Campbell, owner of W. L. Campbell Lumber Yard now Smith & Richards; 13 paintings of historical buildings in Bridgeton; Methodist Church, Haleyville; two Indians; Wagon in Georgia... all painted by W. L. Campbell.

DONOR: Gordon F. Compton (Alexander, VA) Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of Downe Township, Cumberland County, New Jersey for the years: 1799, 1803, 1805, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1819, 1820, 1821.

DONOR: Josephine Skinner (Shiloh, NJ) Old Bayside Road Repairs photo post card of road and thank you by Joe Hancock, 1989; Letters to Mrs. Skinner “Adjacent to Town Pump, Greenwich” from Joseph G Hancock 1985, 1987, 1989; Photos of wagons at the Old Stone Schoolhouse and Gibbon House Barn; An account of our trip to Florida on the Inland Waterway, 1957; The Founders Own Story; Foraging for Valley Forge by General Anthony Wayne; Current Events, The National School Newspaper 1934.

DONOR: Memorial Donation (Greenwich, NJ) In Memory of Mona Perry: West Jersey Pioneer newspaper microfilm rolls, 1869-1884.

DONOR: Mary S. Thress (Media, PA), Linda B. Taylor (Houston, TX) Fourteen diaries of Charles Ewing Sheppard, 1879-1883 of their grandfather and great-grandfather; Industrial and Agricultural Review of Cumberland County, NJ 1944.

DONOR: Gail Phero (Elmer, NJ) Descendants of Benjamin Stratton, Gillman/Gilman and Maria Magdalene Hitchner and second wife, Mary Jane Bowen.

DONOR: Herb & Katsy Fithian (Greenwich, NJ) Two photographs of tomato trucks on West Avenue and Broad Street across from Bridgeton High School, 1940's.

DONOR: Foster & June Owen (Marlboro, NJ) Legend of the Little Liberty Bell; Bridgeton High School Baconian Yearbooks: 1925, 26, 32, 53, 55; Dissertations on the Prophecies 1794; Freemason's Magazine and General Miscellany, Vol. 1, 1811; General History of the Baptist Denomination in America Vol. 2; The Works of William Dell, Minister of the Gospel and Master of Gonwil and Calus College, in Cambridge, 1816; Ten nineteenth century school books; Fourteen books from Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church; Book with written Act to incorporate the Shiloh Turnpike Co., approved April 4th, 1871; Bridgeton Scrapbook prepared by Elias Q. Hepner (Reba Buckaloo); Scrapbook of Elizabeth Mulford at Union Academy, Shiloh, articles on Roadtown, Shiloh, Marlboro, Salem, Buttonwood School, Obits, Weddings; The Cultivator, 1852; Alloway Remembers, 1978; The Man on Whom Nothing Was Lost, 2005; The Grand Strategy of Charles Hill; History of the Early Settlement and Progress of Cumberland County, New Jersey; Memories of Old Buttonwood Days; Colonial & Old Houses of Greenwich, New Jersey; Historic Bridgeton 1686-1936.

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEARTH
By Nancy Applegate

Did you know...?

- The colonials only washed their clothes about once a month?
- That ashes from the hearth and grease from cooking were collected and saved to make soap?
- Ashes plus water makes Lye which was essential for soap making?

Come to the Gibbon House during the September Craft Faire and try some homemade soap.

WINTER HEARTSIDES DINNERS
RETURN TO THE GIBBON HOUSE
January, February and March, 2014

Back by popular demand, Colonial Chef Mary Cash-Fleckenstein will be preparing hearthside dinners during the months of January, February and March, 2014. Step back in time and experience an authentic hearthside dinner to be held in the colonial 1740 kitchen of the Gibbon House, located at 960 Ye Greate Street, Greenwich. The menus will be based on recipes from cookbooks of the day and will include foods that were typically served during the winter.

$60 per person/$100 per couple
Reservations are required.
Call the Cumberland County Historical Society at 856-455-8580 for menu, prices and to make your reservations.
Seating is limited and a deposit is required per person.
Mona Morgan Perry (1927 – 2013)

The staff of the Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical and Historical Library were greatly saddened on May 27, 2013 with news of the passing of Mona Perry. She had been unable to come to the Library for more than a year because of poor health. Prior to that, however, and extending back years to our time at the Pirate House Library, she was regularly a part of the staff. Mona was a seasoned local genealogist. She helped many with research at the Library and at home with her extensive knowledge of local and internet genealogical sources. The Lummis Library has purchased eight microfilm tapes of the West Jersey Pioneer newspapers (1869-1884) to honor Mona's memory.

We miss her so much.

Questionnaires sent to CCHS Members bring great response

The questions sent to the Society membership were formulated at the Strategic Planning Retreat for officers and trustees on May 16, 2013 at the home of Robert Dragotta in Bridgeton. The afternoon and evening session was directed by Dr. James F. Turk. During August, a core group of trustees again met with Dr. Turk. They have reviewed the responses and have begun to set goals for the Society which, when ready, will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

The fact that so many of you responded with written-out comments has helped and encouraged us so much in planning for the next three years.

Volunteers needed!

Much help is needed for the upcoming Craft Faire in September. Specifically:

- **Friday, September 27**...Help with preparing the Gibbon House yard and then assistance to craftsmen as they set-up their displays.
- **Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29**...Help during the Craft Faire itself...volunteers who will check on the needs of the various booths.
- **Sunday, September 29 at 4 p.m. (closing time)**...Help with dismantling displays and with clean-up of the grounds after the Faire.

Please call the CCHS office at 856-455-8580 if you can volunteer a few hours during this busy weekend.

Attention: Elementary Teachers

Children’s Program in Historic Greenwich – Fourth and Fifth Grades

The Cumberland County Historical Society offers a children’s program for those enrolled in the fourth and fifth grades. The program provides a guided walking tour through the historic village of Greenwich, a cooking demonstration in the colonial kitchen of the Gibbon House, and a visit to The Alan Ewing Carman Museum of Prehistory in Cumberland County that contains New Jersey Indian artifacts and fossils dating back to 6000 BC. The children will also visit the John DuBois Maritime Museum. This museum is filled with shipbuilding tools, half hulls, full models of ships, a rail bird pole boat, ship name boards, crabbing and oyster artifacts, many photographs of maritime activities in Cumberland County and many other maritime artifacts.

For information and scheduling of field trips, please call the CCHS at 856-455-8580.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Cumberland County Historical Society is to preserve and promote the history and heritage of the county through acquisitions, collections, exhibits and research, educational programs and publications for the benefit of current and future generations.
AN INVITATION TO JOIN the Cumberland County Historical Society - The Society is very active in promoting knowledge concerning the history of Cumberland County and has much to offer its members. The Officers and Trustees cordially invite you to join this outstanding organization. If you would like more information regarding membership to the Cumberland County Historical Society, please call 856-455-8580 or email cchistsoc@verizon.net. You may also visit our website www.cchistsoc.org and simply print out the online application and follow the instructions.

Membership Fees:
- Annual/Individual $20
- Annual/Couple $30
- Annual - Under 18 years of age $10

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