



PASSAIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Honor Roll Awards

At the Holiday Party on December 10, the Passaic County Historical Society announced its 1989 recipients for the Honor Roll Award. This award is given to individuals and groups in recognition of outstanding service and generosity to the Society in furtherance of its purpose of preserving the history of Passaic County.

This year's recipients are S. Virginia Peterson, William L. Adshead, Freeholder Walter W. Porter, Jr., and Freeholder Norman M. Robertson. Miss Peterson was recognized for over 30 years of service to the Society as assistant curator and head museum guide. Mr. Adshead was honored for his active work and support during his ten-year tenure as a Trustee. In addition to serving as Secretary of the Society from 1983-85, he was involved with many projects including lobbying the County for the new castle roof, promoting the programs of the Society to the citizens of the County, and restoration of the marble flooring at the castle. Freeholder Walter W. Porter, Jr., was recognized for his long-time support and encouragement of the Society and cited for his work as Chairman of the Passaic County Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee. Freeholder Norman M. Robertson, a past Society President and Treasurer, was honored for six years of dedicated service as a Trustee and his recent work on behalf of Lambert Castle as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The society gratefully acknowledges the invaluable contributions of these individuals and congratulates them on their election to the Honor Roll.

Rotary Donates \$4,500 To Society Preservation Fund

The Rotary Clubs of Passaic County presented a check in the amount of \$4,500.00 to the Society's preservation fund. The presentation was made by Alvin G. Blau, Chairman of the Passaic County Rotary Beefsteak Dinner Committee to Society President Thomas D. Dayspring.

1989 marked the ninth year of the Rotary Beefsteak Dinner to benefit the Historical Society. The event was held at the UF & CW Hall in Little Falls in September and was attended by over 160 guests who enjoyed delicious beefsteak, catered by Baskingers, and the lively tunes of the Saddle River Big Band. The donation will be used by the Society to preserve its unique collections of Passaic County historical materials. Since 1980, the Rotary Clubs have raised over \$56,000 for this project. The Society extends its sincere thanks to the Rotary Beefsteak Dinner Organizing Committee and Passaic County Rotarians, families, and friends for their continuing support of our endeavors.



A Sad Beginning

Early Celebrators of the New Year — The Outcome of Too Much Enthusiasm

The Passaic County Historical Society is proud to announce the availability for loan of its exhibit "A Woman's Work..." A Look at Passaic County Women, 1850-1950. The exhibit explores the life accomplishments of six prominent Passaic County women, within the context of 19th and early 20th century American attitudes toward women and their roles. It consists of 25 photographic reproductions, label copy and an accompanying brochure. The loan is free, excluding delivery and return costs, and is ideal for schools, libraries and other Passaic County organizations. This exhibit was made possible by grants from the Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council through the New Jersey Historical Commission, the Jaqua Foundation, the Passaic County Rotary Clubs and the Passaic County Historical Society member support. For further details, contact P.C.H.S. Curator, Andrew Shick.

A Spring Holiday Boutique will be held at the Lambert Castle Museum from March 17 to April 1, 1990. A wide array of handmade gifts and decorations will be available for sale. Admission is \$2.00 including two return visits and benefits the Historical Society. For Boutique hours and information, call 881-2761.

A special preview of the Spring Holiday Boutique will be held on Friday evening, March 16th, 7-10 p.m. at the Lambert Castle Museum. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Limited to first 100 guests. Admission is \$10.00 and includes two return visits. For reservations, call 881-2761.

"Highlights from the Collection" — a selection of objects in the Society's collections which portray the rich heritage of Passaic County, and a display honoring Black History month, will open February 3 - March 4th.

"ETHNICITY IN NEW JERSEY," a slide talk by Dr. Angus Gillespie of Rutgers University, will be held Thursday, February 22 at 8:00 p.m., at the Lambert Castle Museum.

Dr. Gillespie specializes in the Folklore of New Jersey and is a past recipient of the New Jersey Historical Commission's Award of Recognition. Admission to the program is free for Historical Society members, \$2.00 for guests. Reservations required. This program is made possible by a grant from The Jacqua Foundation. For information call 881-2761.

Despite the many good resolutions Recorder Greaves made to begin the New Year with, he had to foreswear them all when he opened Court yesterday morning and saw the way he had to begin what might otherwise have been a bright future. Cornelius Winters was the first to demand his attention. Cornel is well known about town and he confessed to the Recorder that in order to call on his many friends he had to begin early New Year's Eve. Overcome by their generosity, he was compelled to seek the aid of a policeman to navigate him to a safe harbor. He will spend the first month of the New Year in the County Jail.

Matthew McGrath, Peter McCann and Michael Kelly were also introduced to His Honor as aspiring for lodgings in Hotel Buckley. They told the Court that by hard labor and sweat of their brows, they had accumulated funds enough to pay for their own New Year's treat without relying on the invitations of friends.

The Recorder acknowledged that their appearance indicated they had succeeded only too well, and kindly invited them to spend the new ten days in the County cloister at other's expense. Timothy Sullivan proved to be a hard working Knight of Labor, who had taken his New Year's treat too early in the day and was accordingly released under a suspension of sentence. James Johnson had been spending a night investigating the interior of the "cooler" and liked it so well that at the request of the Recorder, an officer conducted him to the County Jail, where he will remain for ten days to find out how Passaic County conducts one of its most important institutions. He tried to convince the Court that he could sober up in less time, but this was doubted.

Joseph McDonough gave the Clerk \$3.00 for the privilege of indulging in a New Year's Eve racket all to himself.

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Folk Finder

The Folk Finder column is devoted to helping genealogical researchers locate northern New Jersey ancestors/descendants. We invite researchers to submit requests for help, inquiries about family names, or queries concerning the exchange of family information. If you can assist any of our submitters, please contact them directly, or call the office (201) 881-2761.

1. Mrs. Gwendolyn Talbot-Bergsma, 17894 Minnow Way, Penn Valley, CA 95946, seeks biographical information concerning her grandfather, CHARLES OTTO BROWN, engineer and builder of the Chasm Bridge which spans the Passaic Falls. Mr. Brown owned the Riverside Bridge and Iron Works in Paterson. Any information would be greatly appreciated.
2. Mr. James Frederick, 138 Spring Valley Road, Park Ridge, NJ 07656, is trying to learn more about his 3rd gr-grandparents, ABRAHAM FREDERICK and SARAH FORSHEE who may have lived in Paterson or environs. Mr. Frederick would like to contact others researching the surname FREDERICK.
3. Mr. John R. Greenfield, 39 Chesham Avenue, Taupo, New Zealand, is seeking to re-establish contact with relatives who resided in Paterson at least until the 1950's. His grandmother was ELIZABETH PULLMAN, relative of GEORGE MORTIMER PULLMAN, designer of the Pullman railway cars. Other family names in Paterson are HEALY, PENMAN and perhaps SEATON.
4. Mr. David Henry, 940 Linden Avenue 128, Sunnysvale, CA 94086, is researching the CARMAN family. THOMAS CARMAN settled in Bloomington in 1780. Mr. Henry would like to correspond with anyone researching the CARMAN, VREELAND and HENION/HENNION/HENYON families.
5. Mrs. Esther Michels, 1922 N. Terry, Portland, OR 97217-6547 is researching the family history of the DENMAN and HARRISON families of Newark and is searching for the marriage records of PHILIP DENMAN, b. ca. 1755, married MARY WIANS and TIMOTHY HARRISON, b. ca. 1720's, married ELIZABETH MEEKER. Mrs. Michels would like to exchange information with others researching the DENMAN and HARRISON families.

Genealogy Club Calendar — 1990

FEBRUARY 10

“Delaware and Raritan Canals”

Joe Hannan, Lecturer and Consultant

MARCH 10

“The Continuing Saga of Grace Kitchell Ford and Her Illustrious Family”

Donald Kiddo, well-known Genealogical speaker

APRIL 14

To be announced

MAY 19

Trip to New Jersey Historical Society “Mapping”

Paul Leitner — Followed by tour and research in library — Bring your own lunch



Guests at the Holiday Party enjoy the antique toy display.
(Photo: V. Marchese)

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BOOKS AVAILABLE...

_____ copy(ies) De Vries, **Up From the Cellar**
at \$5.00

_____ copy(ies) Alaya, **Gaetano Federici: The Artist As Historian** at \$5.00

_____ copy(ies) Rydings, **Country Walks in Many Fields** at \$10.50

_____ copy(ies) Keene, **At The Sign Of The Brass Dog** at \$2.00

_____ copy(ies) Murphy, **Paterson and Passaic County: An Illustrated History** at \$24.95 *Sale Price \$13.00*

_____ copy(ies) Hammond, **Reverend Samuel Fisher's Census: Paterson, N.J. — 1824-1832** at \$5.00

_____ copy(ies) Alaya, **Silk and Sandstone The Story of Catholina Lambert and His Castle** at \$5.00

_____ copy(ies) Herbst and Keene, **Life and Times in Silk City** at \$5.00

Note: Please add \$2.00 per book to cover the cost of shipping and handling. Make checks payable to PCHS, mail to PCHS, Lambert Castle, Valley Rd., Paterson, NJ 07503.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes, I want to support the work of the Passaic County Historical Society. Please give me a membership in the following category:

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| _____ Student \$ 5.00 | _____ Sustaining \$ 50.00 |
| _____ Senior Citizen \$15.00 | _____ Benefactor \$100.00 |
| _____ Regular \$20.00 | _____ Corporate \$150.00 |
| _____ Family \$35.00 | |

Enclosed is my membership fee of _____ plus a donation of _____ Total enclosed _____

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