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BOROUGH RECEIVES GRANT TO RESTORE LAKEVIEW



Christmas came a few days early for the JHA and the people of Jamesburg. On Thursday, December 21st, the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced that the Borough of

Jamesburg would be receiving \$472,000 to begin the restoration of *Lakeview*. This grant will be used to repair *Lakeview's* foundation, replace the heating system and replace and repair the roofs. Two additional grants, covering less urgent repairs and restorations, are anticipated over the next three years.

Over the past twenty-eight years the Association has invested thousands of dollars in maintaining *Lakeview*. For as much as we have done, the cost of needed repairs reached a point where we could not cover them. That's when Borough officials stepped in.

Recognizing the importance of preserving this valuable piece of Jamesburg history, Mayor Anthony LaMantia, Borough Council members and Denise Jawidzik, Borough administrator, reached out to county officials for help. They responded with the grant.

As this issue of the *Lakeview Record* goes to press the Borough is in the process of adopting the necessary ordinance that will allow the Borough to accept the grant money. Once the ordinance is passed the Borough will hire the historical architect who will oversee the project. Once the architect is hired, restoration and plans will be developed. Councilman John Longo, an Association member, will oversee the project for the Borough Council.



WELCOME, MR. PRESIDENT



Abraham Lincoln, as portrayed by our own Robert Costello, will visit *Lakeview* on Sunday, February 25th.

This year Mr. Lincoln will be inviting visitors into his White House office for an interactive dialogue about his life and presidency. He will be receiving visitors at 1:30, 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.

Lakeview will be open for tours between 1:00-5:00 p.m. In honor of Mr. Lincoln's visit we'll be serving refreshments similar to those served at White House functions of his time (without the alcohol, however).

This program is offered free of charge; donations would be greatly appreciated.

ELLIS ISLAND: THE DREAM OF AMERICA



By special arrangement with Peter Boyer, the composer, the *Lakeview Players*, our youth theater group, will present his symphony, *Ellis Island: The Dream of America*, at 7:00

p.m. on Saturday, February 17th, and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 18th. Both performances will take place at the Presbyterian Church of Jamesburg, West Church Street and Gatzmer Avenue. Admission is \$5.00.

Boyer's Symphony, nominated for a Grammy in 2006, combines elements of symphonic music, theatre and history to celebrate the immigration experience of coming to America through Ellis Island. Boyer chose seven of the thousands of stories in the Ellis Island Oral History Project and wove them into a narrative describing the hopes, dreams and struggles and composed dramatic and evocative symphonic music that frames and amplifies these stories.

Since we have no symphonic orchestra available, Mr. Boyer is supplying us with a CD containing the musical score. Our players will perform the narrative parts, which range from 1911-1940. This is the first time that Mr. Boyer has allowed a performance of his work using a prerecorded score.

These performances are funded in part by a grant from the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission.



WE'RE NOW A PROUD SPONSOR



In late December, 2006, the Jamesburg Historical Association became the proud sponsor of Crew 45, Venturing BSA.

Venturing is not for young boys and girls but rather for young adults (male and female, ages 14-20). Venturing provides positive experiences to help these young adults mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Venturing provides the skills needed for young adults to make ethical choices, experience a fun program full of adventure and challenges, acquire leadership skills, and to take advantage of opportunities to advance their skills and knowledge.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting program, or know of a young adult who would like to be a part of Crew 45, contact Chad Hetzell, 732-521-4468, for information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

2007 will hopefully be a year a time of excitement, hope, growth and expectation for the Jamesburg Historical Association.

We're excited about the grant that the Borough of Jamesburg received from the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the repair and restoration of *Lakeview's* foundation, roofs and heating system. These have been areas of concern for the Association for some years. We knew that we would never be able to cover the massive expense involved in repairing and restoring, and that the band-aid repairs we were making would only last so long, so when word of the grant was received, we were able to breathe a sigh of relief. We are looking forward to seeing our beloved mansion on the road to restoration to its former glory. The Association will keep you informed as plans progress.

While grant monies will pay for repairs and restoration, we are still responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the mansion and park. In addition, we need to purchase cabinets and materials to properly display and preserve our growing collection of Jamesburg-area artifacts. We can no longer depend on dues and free-will offerings to cover these expenses. We need to increase our fund-raising efforts and begin looking for grant monies. All this takes time and money. "You've got to spend money to raise money" and we have neither the membership, the experience nor the money to do fund-raising on our own. With that in mind, your Association officers are actively seeking experienced people from the community to help us raise money. We could use some help in finding qualified individuals to help us. If you know someone you believe can help us, please contact us. It is our hope that we successfully increase our funding.

We need to grow. While we show a year increase in new members, this increase is off-set by membership loss, either through move, failure to renew or death. One of the goals that the Executive Board has set for this year is to increase our membership rolls substantially. We plan to do this through a membership campaign. Can you help us? We need someone who can oversee the membership campaign. If you and a few others are willing, we're ready to begin. You can also help by giving gift memberships or encouraging family and friends to join the Association.

We also need younger members. As you read on page 1, the Association is now sponsoring a Scouting unit. Through our sponsorship of this unit and our *Lakeview Play-ers*, we're bringing young people into contact with *Lakeview* and the Association. Hopefully their participation in our youth programs will lead to long-term Association membership. By the way, congratulations to our *Players* for a very successful *Haunted Lakeview*. Over 200 peo-

ple went through the "haunted" mansion (we won't talk about our resident ghosts here!). Be sure to attend their next performance, *Ellis Island: Dream of America*. See the article on page 1 for details.

We have high expectations for the year. Last year over 1,700 people visited *Lakeview* and participated in our various programs, an increase of over 200! That's an impressive number, and we can be proud of ourselves and our programs for bringing so many people to Jamesburg. There is no doubt that we are one of the best, if not the best, cultural centers in Southern Middlesex County. With our schedule of programs (see the Events Calendar on page 3), we will have even more visitors this year.

In order to carry out these programs, however, we need your help. Right now we have only about 15 people actively involved in our programs. We could use a few more helpers. The only thing you need to be a volunteer is a willingness to help. We'll provide the training.

Finally, thanks to all who made 2006 a successful year. We couldn't have done all we did, and hope to do in 2007, without your support.

Ron Becker

HOLIDAY 50/50 RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners of our December 3rd Holiday 50/50 Raffle were:



First prize: Pat Pentangelo, Monroe
Second Prize: Darlene Puccio, Monroe
Third Prize: Tom Feld, Ringoes

Thanks to all those who purchased the tickets and all our members who sold the tickets.



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2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February, 2007

- 8 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 11 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
- 17 7:00 p.m. Ellis Island (Presbyterian Church)
A *Lakeview Players* Presentation
- 18 2:00 p.m. Ellis Island (Presbyterian Church)
A *Lakeview Players* Presentation
- 25 1:00-5:00 p.m. Annual Lincoln Observance
50/50 Raffle

March, 2007

- 8 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 11 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
- 25 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House

April, 2007

- 4 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 8 **EASTER SUNDAY — CLOSED**
- 22 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
- 28 2:00-4:00 p.m. JHSAA Open House
- 29 12:00-2:00 p.m. JHSAA Open House

May, 2007

- 3 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 5 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. State History Fair
Washington Crossing State Park
- 13 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
- 19 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Town-wide Yard Sale
- 21 1:30 p.m. *Jamesburg of Yesteryear* Presentation
Monroe Seniors @ Monroe Municipal Bldg.
- 27 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
- 28 10:00 a.m. Memorial Day Parade
11:00-3:00 p.m. Open House

June, 2007

- 6 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 10 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
Photo Archives Day
- 25 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House

July, 2007

- 4 **NO MEETING — HOLIDAY**
5:00 p.m. July 4th Parking
- 8 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
- 11 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 22 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House

August, 2007

- 1 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 11 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m. Open House
Jamesburg Street Festival
- 12 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
- 26 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House

September, 2007 — Holiday 50/50 begins

- 5 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 8 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m. Buckleup Day
- 9 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
- 15 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Town-wide Yard Sale
- 23 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House

October, 2007

- 3 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 14 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
- 26 5:00-9:00 p.m. Haunted *Lakeview*
A *Lakeview Players* Presentation
- 27 5:00-9:00 p.m. Haunted *Lakeview*
A *Lakeview Players* Presentation
- 28 **NO OPEN HOUSE**

CALENDAR, continued

November, 2007 — Membership Renewal Month

- 7 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 11 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
- 25 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House

December, 2007

- 2 1:00-5:30 p.m. Annual *Christmas at Lakeview*
- 5 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting
- 6 7:00-9:00 p.m. Holiday Open House
- 9 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
- 13 7:00-9:00 p.m. Holiday Open House
- 16 6:30-8:30 p.m. Members' Holiday Party
8:30 p.m. Holiday 50/50 Raffle Drawing

POSTCARD EXHIBIT OPENS



Postcards offer their viewers a glimpse into a moment in history. It was very popular and common in the early twentieth century to send postcards to friends and family. The Borough of Jamesburg was fortunate to have over 130 documented postcard views taken by a number of photographers in the early years of the last century.

The Jamesburg Historical Association unveiled its most recent temporary exhibit entitled *Jamesburg of Yesteryear: Postcards of the Past at Lakeview Mansion* during its 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House on January 28, 2007. The exhibit will close on May 28, 2007.

The exhibit features a number of Jamesburg postcards, ranging in date from 1900-1930. The postcards exhibit the uniqueness of their period. A brief history of postcards in the United States is discussed and examples of each style is on display.

The next temporary exhibit, *Uncovering The Past: Artifacts of Lakeview*, opens during the June 24th Open House. It will feature artifacts found in and around *Lakeview* over the past few years. These items will be on display through November 11th.

FALL DECORATIONS



The Jamesburg Historical Association would like to thank the following for donating items to decorate *Lakeview* this fall:

- Farmer Al's, Monroe Township
- Habiak Farm, South Brunswick
- R & K Farm, Monroe Township
- Allison Meyer
- Barbara and Eliot Stroul



ACQUISITION AND MUSEUM POLICY MANUAL INTRODUCED

In order to facilitate the acceptance of appropriate artifacts for *Lakeview Mansion*, in addition to outlining other museum policies, the Jamesburg Historical Association has introduced an Acquisition and Museum Policy Manual, available for viewing online at the Association's website: www.jamesburghistory.com. Copies may also be obtained upon request at *Lakeview*.

CURATOR CORNER

Tom Bodall

Since being appointed as official Curator of Lakeview Mansion, many wonderful changes have taken place over the past six months at *Lakeview*. The biggest achievement was the completion of the switch between the Kerwin Room of Jamesburg Area History and the newly renovated Jamesburg High School Room. Thanks to the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association, the former Kerwin Room of Jamesburg History was refurbished and new exhibits were installed. The Kerwin Room of Jamesburg History is now the Room of Jamesburg Area History, including artifacts from Monroe Township and Helmetta. In accordance with the Historical Association's mission to serve as the museum for southern Middlesex County, recently donated artifacts from Forsgate Farm, The State Home for Boys, and the Helme Snuff Mill are now part of the permanent collection. In addition to local area artifacts, Jamesburg business memorabilia, photographs, maps, and ecclesiastical materials are on display.

The parlors have experienced dramatic changes and some original Buckelew furniture made a homecoming in June. Original Buckelew furniture, circa 1880, has finally returned to the mansion, after being on hiatus for almost 100 years! Four straight back chairs and a Victorian settee now adorn the front parlor. A marble top table was also donated. In order to fit this furniture in the front parlor, the upright piano, which had no connection to the house, was removed and the Buckelew furniture moved in. In the corner where the piano had been, a 1921 Victrola that the Association had in storage was restored and is now on display.

As part of *Lakeview's* museum standardization process, new informational placards have been placed throughout the house to identify artifacts, photographs, and important features of the mansion. Placards with expanded and more in-depth histories, copies of newspaper stories and advertisements, and photos have been added throughout the mansion to aid in interpreting artifacts and photographs.

In November the temporary exhibit, *Bank Notes: The First National Bank of Jamesburg*, closed and a Victorian Christmas card display filled the center hall. Exhibits for 2007 include postcards of Jamesburg through the years and archaeological artifacts recovered on the grounds and from within *Lakeview*.

Over the past year and a half, the collection at *Lakeview* has as grown tremendously thanks to quite a number of generous donors. To date, over 200 new items have become part of the permanent collection at *Lakeview*. As our collection and archive continue to grow, it presents many challenges ahead, most particularly preservation. Preservation kits, boxes, and protective sleeves and envelopes, are needed to preserve the

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CURATOR, continued

manuscripts and documents in our collection. Without these items, the paper materials will become directly exposed to the air and face a more rapid state of deterioration.

Once our collection is properly archived and protected, the entire collection must be accessioned, which essentially means cataloging the entire collection. In addition to documents, all other historic objects in the house, including furniture must be documented and entered into a database.

HELP THE JAMESBURG ARCHIVE GROW!

Help our archive and displays grow! The Jamesburg Historical Association is looking for any and all items related to Jamesburg and the surrounding area. We are specifically interested in the following items; Forsgate Farms and Country Club, Helmetta and the Helme Snuff Mill, The State Home for Boys, The First National Bank of Jamesburg, Jamesburg businesses, political materials and memorabilia, the Jamesburg School District or PTA materials, yearbooks, flyers, newsletters, and any Jamesburg newspaper articles. If you have any of these items or possibly other Jamesburg materials, please consider donating them. If in doubt, let the Jamesburg Historical Association take a look. Remember, even things that happened last week or last year are history! While trying to build our historical collection, we must also collect items from now for the future. For more information or to donate items, contact Lakeview Mansion's Curator, Tom Bodall, by e-mail, webmaster@jamesburg.net, or send items to the mansion at the following address: Thomas C. Bodall, The Jamesburg Historical Association, 203 Buckelew Avenue, Jamesburg, NJ 08831-1642.

LIKE PLAYING WITH TRAINS?



Central Jersey N-Trak Club, the custodians of the Historic Jamesburg Train Room, is looking for new members.

The Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month at *Lakeview*. Members are present during the twice-monthly Jamesburg Historical Association's Open House.

For more information you are welcome to come to a meeting or call 732-521-2040 (leave message) or e-mail Dan Morris, Club President at:

choochoodan@monmouth.com.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at *Lakeview*. Any one interested in the history of the Jamesburg area is welcome to attend.

Lakeview is open to visitors on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month except December, 2:00-4:00 p.m. See our Events Calendar on page 3. An up-to-date calendar and other information about the Jamesburg Historical Association is posted on our website: www.jamesburghistory.com.

THE JHA AND CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The Jamesburg Historical Association is a New Jersey non-profit educational organization dedicated to education, preservation and restoration in the historical context of Jamesburg, New Jersey. It is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax exempt to the extent allowed by law. On January 1, 2007, two changes occurred that will/can affect your contributions to the Association.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 included a section relative to charitable donations, as follows:

A donor cannot claim a tax deduction for any contribution of cash, a check or other monetary gift made on or after January 1, 2007, unless the donor maintains a record of the contribution in the form of either a bank record (such as a cancelled check) or a written communication from the charity (such as a receipt or a letter showing the name of the charity, the date of the contribution and the amount of the contribution)

The rules now require that people claiming charitable donations must be able to back up those deduction claims with a cancelled check, records from banks or credit card companies, or written notices from the charity or not-for-profit institution.

The burden is on the donor to maintain or obtain the required records. The Jamesburg Historical Association will, upon request, issue a written acknowledgement of any and all contributions. This request must be made at the time of contribution.

Another change that occurred on January 1, 2007, concerns charitable donations from individuals age 70 or older who wish to make a contribution to the JHA using IRA earnings.

The new Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows you to make distribution directly from your IRA to one or more charities without the distribution being included in your taxable income and subject to withholding.

Previously if you wanted to use IRA funds for a charitable contribution, you had to withdraw money from your IRA and then contribute it. The amount you withdrew was then taxable, and the deduction for the contribution may or may not have been deductible.

Another benefit of the new legislation is that the funds transferred count toward your mandatory withdrawal.

Making charitable contributions directly from your IRA rather than from other assets will be especially appropriate if you: do not itemize deductions, would not be able to deduct all of your charitable contributions because of deduction limitations, you may lose some of your itemized deductions because of your income level, or you are required to take distributions but do not need them for living expenses.

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CHARITABLE DONATIONS, continued

Certain limitations apply: they cannot exceed \$10,000; they must be made to a public charity; and they cannot be to a supporting organization or a donor advised fund; the gifts must be outright; and the tax-free distributions must be made only in 2006 and 2007.

For additional information about making charitable donations to the Jamesburg Historical Association, consult your financial advisor or attorney.

Our legal title is "Jamesburg Historical Association — a New Jersey not-for-profit corporation."

REMEMBER THE JHA IN YOUR WILL

Through your membership in the Jamesburg Historical Association you assist the Association in preserving and educating people about the proud history of Jamesburg and the legacy of James Buckelew. You can continue helping the Association continue this task even after your passing by remembering the Jamesburg Historical Association in your will. We are registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your attorney or financial advisor can assist you in remembering us. Our legal title is "Jamesburg Historical Association — a New Jersey not-for-profit corporation."



Removing over 500 pounds of plaster debris from the third floor was quite a dirty, but very necessary, job.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Lakeview received a spruce-up on November 11, 2006 thanks to the Student History Association from Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. Twelve students and their advisor, joined by a local high school student and members of the Historical Association, worked throughout the morning to clean the grounds. A small dump truck load of brush and 41 bags of leaves were removed from the property. In the afternoon, the volunteers removed over 500 pounds of plaster from the third floor as part of the cleanup from the ongoing renovation project on that floor. The Jamesburg Historical Association is very thankful to the students and other volunteers, including Jamesburg Public Works, for their assistance in maintaining the grounds of Lakeview.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Marge Perrine



Pieces of local history are hidden in the places, roads and neighborhood names around us. We sometimes have visitors to *Lakeview* who ask us where the Rhode Hall is located, what or who was Gatzmer, why is it called Wigwam Brook, and is Buckelew connected with Buccleuch Park in New Brunswick

Let's start with Rhode Hall. It was a settlement, not a building, in the area where families named Rhodes and Hall owned property. Located along the Cranbury/South River Road between Deans Rhode Hall Road (where Claire's Stand stood), and the intersection of County Road 522 at Browns Corner, where it becomes Rhode Hall Road and goes into Jamesburg. The settlement grew up around a stage coach stop on a route that went from South River (once named Washington) to Cranbury, and then on to Bordentown and Trenton three times a week when the roads were not bogged down in mud, flooded, or otherwise impassable due to bad weather conditions. Overnight accommodations of a sort were available, most likely sharing a bed as well as a dormitory style room. There would have been food available in addition to a public bar to ease the aches from bouncing along in the coach. A blacksmith shop provided needed repairs for local farmers as well as the coaches. There was a one room schoolhouse still standing into the 1960's, and then it was gone. A general store/post office completed the commercial area. There were several homes clustered in the area. Now all that is left is one cottage occupied by a Psychic who offers readings, and a deserted farmhouse hidden by an overgrown grove of trees. You can glimpse it in the winter when the leaves are off the trees. This was the building that once housed the Coaching Inn. Look quickly as it too may disappear into the past. The railroads made the stagecoach obsolete, and commerce moved to the rail centers.

Rhode Hall Road (Route 522) goes into Jamesburg at Brown's Corner. It is named for the family that owns the land, and are still living in the big white house topped off with the cupola. At first glance it looks like it is a sea captains home plucked from a New England seacoast village and plumped down in the rolling plains of New Jersey. But it is a very creative blend of efficiency and Nineteenth Century technology. From the cupola, the owner had a 360-degree view of his extensive property. With the aid of a good sailor's glass, he could view his fields, see who was (or was not) working, and where, and what might need attention. If necessary he could send a messenger directly to his hired hands without losing time finding exactly where they were working.

As Rhode Hall Road comes into Jamesburg, it becomes Gatzmer Avenue. Gatzmer is kind of an unusual

name in are area of mostly Scots and English Protestant dissenters.

It is a German name from the north area, and indeed William H. Gatzmer was from the Tacony area of what is now the city of Philadelphia, an area settled by German immigrants. Like James Buckelew he was a well-to-do landowner with funds to invest and a vision of what the nation could become. He was an early investor and helped secure the charter for the Delaware and Raritan Canal. He may have first had contact with James Buckelew with the building of the canal, as James provided the mules used in the construction of the canal. He was also a friend of John G. Stevens and his sons Robert and Edwin. They were the men who brought the John Bull engine to America from England and received the Charter for the Camden and Amboy Railroad. In 1846 Gatzmer received the Charter and was the driving force behind the Trenton-Philadelphia railroad. Previously passengers had to detrain at Tacony and take a boat to the wharf at the end of what is now Disston Street in Philadelphia. To go on to Trenton, passengers had to take another ferry across the Delaware River. William Gatzmer owned the entire riverfront in Tacony, and he had a mansion located along the Delaware River in a place "inhabited by relatively few wealthy people". He was also involved with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. He was elected President of the Camden and Amboy Railroad in 1870, replacing Edwin A. Stevens who had resigned for health reasons. He was instrumental in knitting together the Pennsylvania Railroad system, which serviced most of the north central states. Stevens and Stockton Streets also commemorate railroad men who were associated with Mr. Buckelew.

Gatzmer Avenue ends at Forsgate Drive, and morphs into Perrineville Road. This is where the Wigwam Brook goes under the roadway and into the lake by culvert. The origin of the name goes back to the very early days of the area. Early settlers to the area named it Wigwam Brook because the Native Americans from the tribes living along the Delaware Water Gap would follow trails down from the mountains to the seashore where they caught fish, and gathered oysters. They would preserve them by smoking their catch, and in the late summer return with their winter provisions. With all the "stuff" necessary for the enterprise it was slow going, and they stopped and camped out along the way when they came to a suitable location. Besides the bounty provided by the sea, they also gathered shells to make wampum (their trade "currency") and collected a supply of salt, by evaporating water from the ocean. Salt was needed to preserve game. In fact it was the only way to preserve food before refrigeration. Briefly in 1746 there was a Missionary settlement in the area when David Brainerd brought a group of Indians to a mission site in what is

RECENT DONATIONS AND ACQUISITIONS

The Jamesburg Historical Association would like to sincerely thank the following individuals for contributing toward the expansion of *Lakeview's* collections. If you have any items to loan or donate to the association for what you believe could be a future exhibit, please contact *Lakeview Mansion's* Curator, Tom Boddall, by e-mail, webmaster@jamesburg.net, or phone, 732-521-2040 and leave a message. If you have any items or ideas for future exhibits, please contact the Association.

- ◆ John Katurba of Monroe Township, NJ – original schematics of the Helme Snuff Mill, a commemorative glass from the Jamesburg First Aid Squad, and a framed drawing of *Lakeview* by Neal Thompson.
- ◆ Leo Morgen of Brooklyn, NY – Helme Snuff advertising card.
- ◆ Terry and Buck Butler of Kingsport, TN – Helme snuff tin.
- ◆ Mary Jane Stevens of Pennsauken, NJ – Helme Snuff advertisement.
- ◆ Dolly Tobias of Monroe Township, NJ – Forsgate Country Club Mother's Day menu.
- ◆ Earl Solloway of Chester Gap, VA – six Helme Snuff glasses.
- ◆ Billy Luther of Waynesville, NC – two mini oil lamps.
- ◆ Mike Willcomb of Townsend, MA – Envelope from The Pineland Incubator and Brooder Company on Harrison Street.
- ◆ Rick and Helen Melgoza of Modesto, CA – Conical tin lantern, circa 1850.
- ◆ Ron Pougnaud of Conway, SC – Oliver L. E. Soden Agency driver's license holder.
- ◆ Ms. Naughton of Monroe Township, NJ – A small plaque given to Jamesburg council members and a photograph in front of the East Railroad Avenue Borough Hall in 1976.
- ◆ Anonymous – Photos of the School No. 1 and Chiara Mansion (Health Home in the Pines) fires, the renovations to the old Kerr's Butter-scotch building, and flooding.
- ◆ Anonymous – Capitalization and Punctuation booklet printed by the "Class in Printing and Design" at the State Home, dated 1924.
- ◆ Anonymous – Two small Forsgate Farms bottles.
- ◆ Anonymous – Lange family photo album.



WHAT'S IN A NAME, continued

now Thompson Park. At one time about 80 families were located here learning the European ways under the auspices of the Presbyterians. In 1760 they were moved to the Brotherton Reservation in South Jersey. Brainerd had purchased the land from Fredrick Buckelew, great Grandfather of James Buckelew.

And this brings us to the Buckelew/Buccluch question. The Buckelew family name was/is Scott. The story is: one of the Scotts was hunting some centuries ago with a King of Scotland. The King sent his arrow through a buck deer, which stumbled into a deep ravine, which in the Scottish tongue was called a douch (pronounced clue). Scott clambered into the gulch and retrieved the buck on his back. The King delighted, pointed to the ravine, and declared: Hence forward the Scotts shall call themselves the Scotts of Bucks Clough. Eventually this became Buccluch in a variety of spellings. Evidently an Earldom also came with the new name. A man of Scots decent who had served with George Washington acquired the Buccluch property in New Brunswick. He built his home and called it Buccluch in honor of an ancestor.



OUR WISH LIST



There's so much we can do if only we had the money to purchase everything we need to properly maintain and display our treasures and present the programs we should be presenting. Here's our wish list of items that will help us continue to fulfill our mission. If you can help us obtain any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated. Remember, all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Technology Needs

- LCD Projector
- Laptop

Museum Needs

- Display cases (large and small)
- Archival folders, envelopes, and boxes
- Foam Core
- Mat Board
- Logan #760 Mat Cutter

Historical Needs

- Hitching post(s)
- Jamesburg postcards and photographs
- Any Jamesburg memorabilia
- Foot warmer
- Bed warmer

Archive Needs

- Jamesburg PTA newsletters
- Programs from events
- GMB School yearbooks
- Jamesburg business cards (old and new)
- Agendas/minutes/newsletters of borough organizations

Your assistance is greatly appreciated for any assistance in fulfilling our wish list. Contact us at 732-521-2040 (please leave a message).

BUCKELEW DAY 2006



The Presbyterian Men were once again serving their delicious meatball sandwiches on Buckelew Day.

Buckelew Day was celebrated on September 9th and welcomed a steady stream of visitors throughout the day. The day featured Civil War reenactors, demonstrations of loading and firing the Jamesburg Civil War canon, a cameo visit by President Abraham Lincoln, showings of *Jamesburg of Yesteryear*, and a flute and harpist performance in the parlor. Tables and exhibits were set up on the grounds by local organizations including the Dayton Historical Preservation Committee, the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association, the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, and local author Russell Like. The Presbyterian Church of Jamesburg's Men's Club provided food and beverages for the weary travelers. For children and adults alike, nineteenth century games to view and play. Some of the games included: hoop and stick, ball and cup, jax, and the game of graces.

This year's Buckelew Day celebrated a milestone for the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association. After years of raising money and planning, the new Jamesburg High School Room opened to much fanfare and visits from alumni and faculty. At the same time, the revamped Louise Kerwin Room of Jamesburg Area History opened in the former Jamesburg High School Room. Both rooms feature new exhibits and an expanded showing of *Lakeview's* collections.



WANTED:

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS!



The Lakeview Players invite all area high school and college students to become members of this up and coming theater troupe. We've performed three very scary

Haunted Lakeviews, a dramatic reading of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, four *Improv Nights @ Lakeview* and will be presenting *Ellis Island: Dream of America* this coming February. But most of all, we've been having fun! If you're interested in joining us or want to find out more about us, e-mail: LakeviewPlayers@yahoo.com.

CHRISTMAS AT LAKEVIEW



Melodie Adeaux entertained guests with Victorian holiday music at the 2006 *Christmas at Lakeview* celebration.

Over 250 guests experienced a Victorian Christmas afternoon on December 3rd as they joined in celebrating *Christmas at Lakeview*.

The new format for *Christmas at Lakeview* included Christmas stories, beautiful Victorian holiday music played by the harp and flute duo of *Melodie Adeaux* from Burlington County, tours of the holiday-decorated *Lakeview*, Victorian Christmas ornament making and Victorian games for the young visitors and a joyful Christmas concert by Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Newton. Guests were treated to Victorian-style refreshments, including a Victorian holiday punch (minus the rum, of course!).

The number of guests was the highest in years. For most it was their first visit to *Lakeview*. A number returned later in the month and in January to take a more leisurely tour of the mansion.



HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES



For a second year the Jamesburg Historical Association joined with the Jamesburg Civic Association in treating Jamesburg-area residents to horse and carriage tours of historic Jamesburg. The tours were held on two consecutive December Thursdays, the 7th and the 14th. There were six tours each night, originating and ending at *Lakeview*. Our able Historian, Tom Bodall, gave the historical commentary as the carriage worked its way down East and West Railroad Avenues before returning to *Lakeview*. There was a \$6.00 donation requested, with the proceeds going to the Deacon's Food Pantry.

In addition to the carriage ride, visitors were treated to *Lakeview* tours and refreshments provided by several Jamesburg-area businesses.

The following businesses sponsored the rides: Monroe Chiropractic, Monroe Foot & Ankle, Jamesburg Hardware, Better Living, Soden Agency, PNC Bank, Valiant Home Remodelers, Custom Paint & Redecorating Center, Scarpa Realtors, 1st Constitution Bank and Platt's Performance Plus.

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The Jamesburg Historical Association is a New Jersey non-profit educational organization dedicated to education, preservation and restoration in the historical context of Jamesburg, New Jersey. It is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax exempt to the extent allowed by law.

The Jamesburg Historical Association is proud to be affiliated with the following professional organizations: Advocates for New Jersey History, Historical Associations of Central New Jersey, The Jamesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey, the New Jersey Association of Museums and the Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance.

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BUCKLEW DAY FESTIVAL September 9, 2006



HAUNTED LAKEVIEW October 27-28, 2006



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CHRISTMAS AT LAKEVIEW December 9, 2006



OUR GHOSTS WERE RUNNING WILD!



One the many ghosts who appeared to visitors to *Haunted Lakeview*

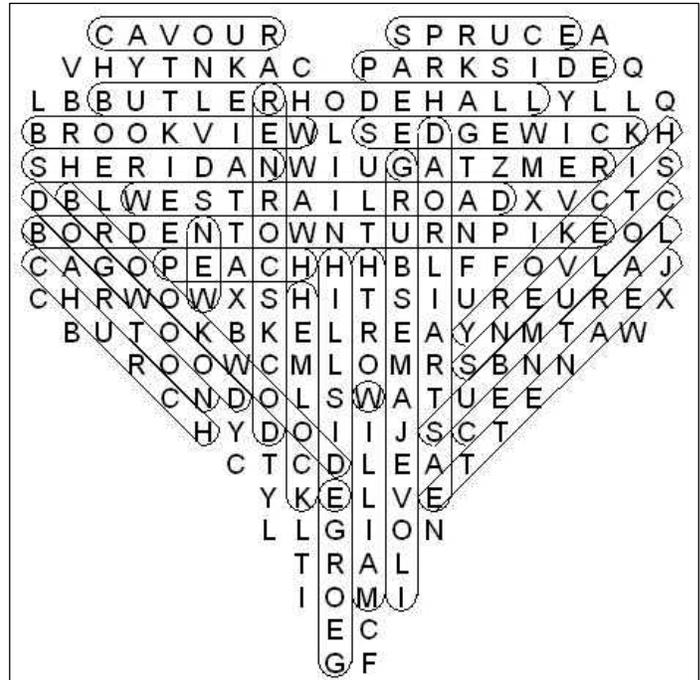
It's no secret that *Lakeview* is inhabited by ghosts, the exact number unknown. Sometimes you can sense their presence, sometimes you can hear them, rarely can you see them. That wasn't the case on Saturday, October 28th and Sunday, October 29th when the cast of the *Lakeview Players* brought them to life (so to speak) for our third annual *Haunted Lakeview*.

Guests were greeted by eerie noises and screams both outside and inside the mansion. As our guests wove their way through the many hallways, up and down staircases and through the nine rooms our ghosts made themselves known not only by their shrieks and screams but also by ghoulish scenes. Its no wonder that the 206 guests exited the front door screaming and shaking.

Our thanks to Don and Sophie Benhardt and the cast and crew of the *Lakeview Players* for their fine performances.



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**There is no charge for the afternoon's activities;
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