



THE LAKEVIEW RECORD

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LAKEVIEW RECORD RECEIVES FIRST PLACE AWARD



First Place Recognition received by the *Lakeview Record*

The Summer, 2006 issue of the *Lakeview Record* was recognized by the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey when they awarded it First Place in the Newsletter Division of the League's 2006 Publications Award.

The newsletter was recognized at the League's annual meeting held on March 10, 2007 in Longport, NJ. Representing the Association were Ron Becker, President, Tom Bodall, First Vice President, Marge Perrine, *the Record's* Editor, and Marise Burger. Marge accepted the award on behalf of the Association.

The *Lakeview Record* was in competition with newsletters and other publications submitted by the League's 133 member organizations.

Commenting on the award, Marge said, "This is quite an honor for our Association. It's exciting to know that we're producing a quality newsletter for our membership."

BUCKELEW DAY FESTIVAL 2007



Saturday, September 8th may seem to be a long way off, but not so for the Association. We are busy planning for the annual Buckelew Day Festival, scheduled for 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. that day at Buckelew Park. Buckelew Day is the Association's yearly tribute to Jamesburg's namesake,

James Buckelew, and follows his tradition of sponsoring a yearly festival to keep people informed of the advances taking place in agriculture and society.

The Association has chosen *Discovering the History and Heritage in Your Backyard*, and plans to make people aware of the rich history and heritage of Central New Jersey and, with the high price of gas, the many historical sites available to them, literally right in their backyards, that they can visit. Invitations have been sent to over seventy historical associations and historic sites to either set up displays or send materials for distribution during the Festival. A number have already responded and many more are expected.

To celebrate the rich heritage of the area, the Association has also extended invitations to local churches and organizations to set up historical displays. If you know of any Jamesburg-area organizations or historical groups you think might be interested in participating, encourage them to contact the Association for further information.

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NEW ROOF DONATED



The roof over the outbuilding housing the historic Dingfeld Blacksmith Shop, the agricultural implement display and the soon-to-be completed handicapped-accessible bathroom had collapsed in three places. Since the roof is not covered by the grant money the Borough of Jamesburg received from Middlesex County to restore *Lakeview*, the Association began looking for funds to cover this major repair. That's when Jamesburg resident Gino Valiant stepped forward.

Gino, his Dara, and their family have been Jamesburg residents since 1990 and feel very much a part of the community. When he heard of our need, Mr. Valiant, co-owner with his brother Michael, of Valiant

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IT'S TIME TO BE PROUD!

It's taken years; it's taken many hours of hard work and lots of money. In the end, it was worth it! The long-awaited renovation, repair and restoration of our gem, *Lakeview* and surrounding Buckelew Park are just a few months away.

For twenty-eight years the Association has struggled to maintain the house and grounds. With the grants from Middlesex County all our hopes for both will become a reality — and our job of maintaining this magnificent building will be made easier and will also allow us to upgrade our displays. This will make *Lakeview* not only "the house of many windows," but also the true "home of Jamesburg's treasures." For all this we have every right to be proud!

But there's a lot more for us to be proud of! Look through this issue of the *Lakeview Record* and see all that's going on these next few months. Look at all the events and activities we've already sponsored this year. We're offering the people of Jamesburg and surrounding communities quality programs, entertainment and, most importantly, information about our area's rich history. Yes, we're proud of all this too!

Can we be prouder? Yes? In two ways. First, by more members becoming *active* members. If the Association had more active members we could increase not only the number of programs we present annually, but also make them better. The second: increase our membership. The best way is by invitation. Invite, or give, JHA memberships. The first becomes more possible if we do the second. If we do both, we can be prouder still of our accomplishments!

Let's be proud together!

Ron Becker

COMING SOON — OUR HOLIDAY 50/50

 We're getting geared up for our annual Holiday 50/50 Raffle. This year's raffle goes off at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 16th. As in the past the tickets are \$5 and the winners will receive 50% of the amount received, broken down as follows:

- 1st Prize: 25% of amount received
- 2nd Prize: 15% of amount received
- 3rd Prize: 10% of amount received

Raffle tickets will go on sale at our Buckelew Day Festival, Saturday, September 8th.

The Association will be contacting all members in mid-October to solicit their support. The raffle proceeds help the Association meet its end-of-the year bills. With everyone's support this year we can hopefully make enough to help us further several projects that we've put on hold because of a lack of funding.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT UPDATE



The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, through its Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, has awarded the Borough of Jamesburg a total of \$892,000 toward the necessary repairs and restoration of *Lakeview*. The money is part of an anticipated three-phase project, and the total thus far represents phases one and two, \$472,000 and \$420,000 respectively. Phase one of the project will cover foundation stabilization, roof repairs, and HVAC upgrades. The second phase of the project will cover the costs of replacing the front porches, electrical system upgrades, exterior carpentry repairs and painting of the mansion, other projects related to the aesthetics, and renovations to the Dingfeld Blacksmith Shop and farm implement museum outbuilding.

The engineering firm of Remington, Vernick, and Vena Engineers of Old Bridge has been hired along with historic architect Margaret Westfield of Westfield Architects & Preservation Consultants to design and oversee the project. Currently, a historic preservation plan is being prepared along with drawings and specifications for work and repairs. It is hoped that the projects will go out to bid soon and work can begin shortly thereafter. The Jamesburg Historical Association is extremely grateful to the Borough of Jamesburg and the County of Middlesex for appreciating the historic value of *Lakeview* Mansion and their commitment to keep this unique gem standing for generations to come.



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2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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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
- 12 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House
- 18 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m. Open House
Jamesburg Street Festival
- 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-6:00 p.m. Buckelew 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
- 19 5:00-9:00 p.m. Haunted *Lakeview*
A *Lakeview Players* Presentation
- 20 5:00-9:00 p.m. Haunted *Lakeview*
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- 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

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' Christmas Party
8:30 p.m. Holiday 50/50 Raffle Drawing

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, 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.

HISTORIC CENTRAL NEW JERSEY PHOTO CONTEST



Attention anyone who can snap a photo, the Jamesburg Historical Association wants you! Central New Jersey is rich in history. What better way is there to visit and remember the many historic sites in the Central Jersey Counties of Middlesex, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset than with photographs? And the nice thing is they're all in your backyard!

All photographers are welcome to participate: kids age 5 and older, teens, adults and grandparents, amateur and professional! Take a photo of historic buildings and structures, monuments and public displays, burial grounds and graveyards, events and reenactments, to name just a few, in any of the above counties between June 15 and August 25, 2007 and submit your photo! You'll find a complete listing of categories, contest rules and entry forms at www.jamesburghistory.com. Printed copies may be requested by calling 732-521-2040 (please leave a message) or by e-mailing the Association at jhaphotocontest@jamesburg.net. Entries must be received by Friday, August 31, 2007. Late entries will not be accepted.

The Historic Central New Jersey Photo Contest is being held in conjunction with our annual Buckelew Day Festival, scheduled for Saturday, September 8th. Photo contest winners will be announced during the Buckelew Day Festival. All entries will be on display in *Lakeview* during the Festival and on-line at our website: www.jamesburghistory.com.



NEW TEMPORARY EXHIBIT

Unbeknownst to homeowners living in older structures, there are often treasures waiting to be found hidden in the walls, underneath floorboards, and around their property. Throughout history, in a time when regular garbage collection did not exist, it was common to throw broken pieces of pottery and ceramics, along with a number of other household items under floorboards, outside the back door, and in the privy. Today, many of these items are being recovered during renovation projects.

The Jamesburg Historical Association's current temporary exhibit entitled "Uncovering the Past: Artifacts of *Lakeview* Mansion" features a number of artifacts uncovered from the house and grounds of Buckelew Park over the past twenty-five years. The recovered pieces date from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and include bottles, iron nails, and fragments of a Rockingham glazed tea pot, yellowware bowl, and Chinaware. The exhibit will close on November 11, 2007.

EAGLE TACKLES FENCE



The Association extends its thanks to Monroe Township Eagle Scout candidate George Leonard. As his Eagle project, George chose to repair and repaint the fence surrounding Lakeview. George replaced the rotted sections of fencing and he and his helpers scapped the remaining sections and painted them.

George was the third Eagle Scout candidate to choose a project that involved Lakeview and/or Buckelew Park. We're pleased that these fine young men chose us for their projects. We're proud of them and their accomplishments.

At its June meeting, the Association approved the two proposed Eagle Scout projects presented to it by two members of Troop 54, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of Jamesburg. Both young men are in the process of having their projects approved and lining up the help and materials they need to complete their projects.

To recognize these young men, the Association recently placed a commemorative plaque in the front hall recognizing these Scouts and their contributions to the Jamesburg Historical Association.

THANKS, SCOUTS AND ROOFERS!



ELLIS ISLAND: THE DREAM OF AMERICA



February 17th and 18th marked another first for Jamesburg. By special arrangement with Peter Boyer, the composer, the *Lakeview Players*, our youth theater group, presented two performances of his symphony, *Ellis Island: The Dream of America*. It was the first time that Mr. Boyer permitted a performance of his symphony without a live orchestra. Mr. Boyer provided the Association with a CD containing the musical score. Our players performed the narrative parts.

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.

Both audience and cast members were impressed with Boyer's work. Several of the *Players* commented on the determination of the people whose stories they presented in their quest to come to America. For other cast members, conversations with their parents and grandparents about how their ancestors came to America gave them a better understanding of their family history. Several audience members, recalling events from their ancestor's lives, said that they were brought to tears upon hearing stories similar to those of their ancestors.

These performances were funded in part by a grant from the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission. The Association very much appreciates the support and encouragement that the Heritage Commission has given us over the years.



ON LOAN "DOWN AT THE SHORE"



The Jamesburg Historical Association is proud to announce that the early twentieth century bathing suit normally displayed in the Buckelew Bedroom is now on display at the Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum in Piscataway as part of their exhibit entitled *Down the Shore: The Coastal Heritage of New Jersey*. The exhibit will be open through June 15, 2008 and features seven galleries celebrating New Jersey's rich coastal heritage from Sandy Hook to Cape May and everywhere in between.



ROOF, continued

of Valiant Home Remodelers, offered to donate "our contacts, crews and expertise to expediting this project." Said Valiant: "I talked with my brother Michael and he fully supports this project. We both enjoy history and the perspective it presents to the present. If we as a community don't preserve it, we will lose it along with the stories that go with it."

Valiant contacted Russ Bendiann of Alside Supply Center of Edison. He "was right with me when I put my request in," said Valiant. Alside donated enough Elk 50 year High Definition Fiberglass Roof Shingles and accessories to do the complete job. Valiant continued, "Elk Premium Roofing is one of America's leading roofing products. What does this mean for the Jamesburg Historical Association? The best possible roofing shingle and system will be applied to the museum's roof."

Of course a product is only as good as its installation and Valiant Home Remodelers is a member of Elk's 'Peak Performance Contractor' program. This status is maintained by keeping up a 95% customer satisfaction and Elk inspection rating. "I'm very excited to be putting this premium product on the historical grounds of Buckelew Mansion. Valiant Home Remodelers procured the best products to do the job; products the JHA can feel confident in," said Valiant.

Valiant Home Remodelers was established in 1956 by Valiant's grandfather, Genare "Gene" Valiant in Carteret. Valiant's father and uncle ran the business through 1984, when he started. His brother Michael joined him one year later. Gino's cousin Tony joined the company in 1997. Valiant said: "The three of us, along with a tight staff of 15 run the business. While roofing is in our mix, our product lines includes vinyl siding, premium window and door systems, aluminum, fiberglass and retractable awnings, patio enclosures and carpentry. We are still based in Carteret although in our shrinking world, the majority of our work is all of Middlesex County, lower Union, and Monmouth Counties."

Hearing of the project, a local Jamesburg business, Northeastern Building Supply, arranged for the Historical Association to obtain the lumber needed for the project at cost.

Association Treasurer Chad Hetzell, who worked with Valiant on the roofing project, commented: "The Jamesburg Historical Association certainly appreciates the generosity of Gino and Valiant Home Remodelers. We would have had a very difficult time raising the funds necessary to complete this project in a timely manner. Every day that went by without making repairs meant more deterioration of the many historic artifacts housed in the building. The people of Jamesburg don't realize the many historic treasures housed in the Mansion and museum building. We're (the Historical Association) members of several museum/historical association groups and many of them are quite envious of both our mansion and collection. I hope that with Valiant Home Remodelers setting the pace, more Jamesburg-area businesses will step forward to help the Jamesburg Historical Association preserve *Lakeview* and our collection of Jamesburg treasures."

Hetzell went on to say: "People think that the grant money is going to fix everything that needs to be fixed. Well it doesn't. The County gave the Borough money to make major repairs and improvements. There's a lot that still needs to be done, and the responsibility of making those repairs and improvements falls on the Jamesburg Historical Association."



HELP US RESTORE OUR RADIO

The Jamesburg Historical Association recently acquired through donation a 1938 Philco Model 38-3XX nine tube console radio. It is not in working order and the Association would like to have it restored. Jamesburg resident Bob Gatarz, who has restored numerous early twentieth-century victrolas, pianos, and radios, has offered to donate his time and labor for this project. The estimated cost of materials to repair the radio is \$100. The project requires replacement of parts inside of the radio (original paper capacitors, electrolytic capacitors, and tolerance resistors), checking and replacing tubes, performing radio (RF) alignment, cleaning the controls, replacing lamps, and a general clean up of the internal parts.

In 1938, the original selling price of this radio was \$129.50 and 43,800 were produced. A major selling point of the new 1938 Philcos was "No Squat, No Stoop, No Squint." This referred to their new "XX" models with inclined control panels. Eight of Philco's 1938 console models had this feature. If any member would like to help contribute to make this restoration project a reality, it would be greatly appreciated.

WHERE'S BETHEL?

Lately there has been a lot of discussion about Bethel, and some attempt to locate the "Indian village" on the grounds of the proposed MTHS expansion. There are several opinions of the matter so we thought it was time for the JHA to jump in and layout the facts. And I'm sure there are some who will never allow the facts to get in the way of their opinions.

Bethel was not an Indian village, but a missionary settlement, part of the mission undertaken by the Old First Presbyterian Church of Newark to bring Christ to the natives. It was a task assumed under the pastorate of the Reverend Aaron Burr. (Revered Burr also was involved in the establishment of the College of NJ and served as President of the college. When the School relocated to Princeton in 1756, Rev. Burr moved with it). David Brainerd was ordained as "Missionary to the Aborigines" in 1744, the first man to be ordained specifically for that purpose. Shortly after his ordination he began his work in Crosswick, NJ.

In 1746 he brought his congregation to an 80-acre site on land purchased from Fredrick Buckelew (James' grandfather). He taught them to erect cabins instead of wigwams, build barns for livestock, mend fences, and plant and store English wheat and Indian corn. At it's zenith the community had about 160 inhabitants, men women and children.

They also built a church, schoolhouse, and a house for the missionary.

Sadly David died of tuberculosis in 1747 while still a young man. His work at Bethel was carried on by his brother John (who was pastor at Tennent Church) until 1754, when John sold the land to recover costs, and conveyed the deed to Peter Dreemer. The inhabitants moved on to Burlington County where an Indian reservation was formally established in 1760. A combination of the French-Indian War, greed and politics pushed the Native Americans out of the area.

According to an 1832 map, Peter Dreemer's property extended along the Wigwam Brook from Nicholas Van Wickle's home (now Levinson Axelrod office) to the area below Fernwood Cemetery. The property extended up what is now Perrineville Road to where the Gazebo stands in Thompson Park and back to the source of the Brook.

By America's Centennial in 1876 the property had again changed hands, and in his July 4th address, T. Wilton Hill mentions it and locates Bethel along the Wigwam Brook on property owned by James Redmond, Alex Redmond, Edmond Rue and the estate of James Buckelew. He added when Alexander Redmond purchased the property in 1841 many of the cellars and hearths were still preserved.

So Bethel was briefly (about 10 years) located exactly where Monroe Township historian John Katerba

said it was: in the lower end of Thompson Park and along the Wigwam Brook. And as to Indian burial grounds connected to Bethel: remember these were Christian converts to the Presbyterian Church, and they expected to enter into heaven in a proper Presbyterian manner.

If you are interested in the 1830 map, it is in John D. Katerba's photo history "Images of America: Monroe Township and Jamesburg". It is available at *Lakeview* or by contacting the Monroe Township Historical and Preservation Commission. We also have copies of Mr. Hill's speech. Both offer a glimpse into the past.

And regarding Indian encampments: Native Americans traveled through the area on the way to the ocean to gather salt, shells for wampum, fishing, hunting and trading with other tribes and Europeans. There were also Gypsy encampments up near the soccer fields until the 1940's, but that is a story for another time.



BUCKELEW DAY, continued

Many events are already planned for the day. Those already scheduled include on-going tours of *Lakeview*, the Buckelew family home. The stately twenty-three room mansion was built between 1685 and 1870. The Historic Jamesburg Train Room, consisting of a diorama and scale models of historic Jamesburg buildings, with running n-scale trains, will be operational. President Abraham Lincoln and Civil War re-enactors (both Union and Confederate) will be present, and the historic Dingfield Blacksmith Shop will be in full operation with two smiths operating the forge. The Association will also offer continuous showing of *Jamesburg of Yesteryear*, a 45 minute photographic history of Jamesburg.

There will be entertainment throughout the afternoon. The *Lakeview Players*, the Association's in-house theater group for high school and college aged students, have several productions in mind that will both entertain and involve the audience. Richard Roden, a retired English teacher and musician, will present *American History in Song*, a panorama of American history through folk songs that mirror the events and temperament of the people who formed our great Nation. Every one (at least New Jerseyans) loves the Jersey tomato, and Food Historian Judith Krall-Russo will tell people why and what makes the Jersey tomato so tasteful and special. The appearances of Mr. Roden and Ms. Krall-Russo are made possible through grants from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

We need **YOUR** help to make this day a success. Join us for the monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1st when we'll be discussing Buckelew Day in detail and making assignments. If you can't make the meeting, give us a call, 732-521-2040, or send us an e-mail, jamesburghistory@aol.com, and let us know of your availability.

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 by e-mail, webmaster@jamesburg.net, or by phone, 732-521-2040 and leave a message. If you have any items or ideas for future exhibits, please contact the Association.

- ◆ Anonymous - Branford Electric Railway Association Steam Excursion itinerary, 1957.
- ◆ Anonymous - Jamesburg High School pen.
- ◆ Anonymous - Ticket for Jamesburg High School graduation, Friday, June 11, 1965.
- ◆ Anonymous - Various color photographs from the JHS Plaque Dedication and Reunion, 2004.
- ◆ Anonymous - Copy of page 20 from the Monroe News, June 3, 1965, showing JHS basketball awards and junior prom.
- ◆ Anonymous - Copy of graduation program from the JHS Class of 1932.
- ◆ Anonymous - Undated black and white photograph of JHS Principal Mr. Fairheller.
- ◆ Anonymous - Undated black and white photograph of a woman.
- ◆ Anonymous - The Arrowhead, Official JHS handbook, 1956-1957.
- ◆ Marge Perrine of North Brunswick, NJ - three Christmas ornaments, circa 1920.
- ◆ Bob Haberkorn of Monroe Township, NJ - twenty-three scans of Jamesburg/Monroe photos.
- ◆ Aran Sontheimer of Westport, NY - a Forsgate Farm bottle opener.
- ◆ Sid Smith of Jackson, OH - a half pint Forsgate Farm bottle.
- ◆ Russell Avery of Jamesburg, NJ - 24 Forsgate Farms milk bottle caps, two cottage cheese container lids, and a metal credit card from the Clayton family.
- ◆ Ron Becker of Helmetta, NJ - a 1930s console radio and Jamesburg Fire Department Woman's Auxiliary uniform.
- ◆ Emine Ahmed of Monroe Township, NJ - Jamesburg High School yearbooks, 1957 commencement program, two Girls Athletic Achievements (GAA) patches, a JHS music award pin, 1957 JHS diploma, report cards, class ring, and a JHS Class of 1957 25th Reunion booklet.

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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 by e-mail, webmaster@jamesburg.net, or send items to the mansion at the following address: The Jamesburg Historical Association, 203 Buckelew Avenue, Jamesburg, NJ 08831.



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).

100 Years Ago: July 1907...

Judge Landis of the Chicago United States District Court issued a subpoena to Officers (John D. Rockefeller, CEO) of Standard Oil of N.J. and Indiana because they refused to supply the Judge and Court with the information he requested regarding the financial condition of the Company. The oil companies had been indicted and found guilty of price fixing (charging illegal freight rates to drive competitors out of business). They had been found guilty in 1163 counts that could bring a maximum fine of \$20,000 per count (over 25 million in 1907 dollars). He needed the information to properly assess the fine.

Locally, the Jamesburg Dramatic Club was giving a benefit performance of "Charlie's Aunt" for the Cranbury Fire Company. It was to be held at Odd Fellows Hall. The local Elks Lodges were planning their Convention in Philadelphia July 15 to 20. Some 2,000 musicians were expected to take part in a Massed Bands Parade. The City was planning an illumination of the City with thousands of electric lights to mark the occasion.

Hammocks were on sale for \$1 to \$6 at Stolls on State Street, Trenton, and Architect Victor D. Gordon was offering estimates to wire households for electricity, The Cranbury Bank was offering 3% interest on Savings Accounts, and Percy Rockefeller (son of William and nephew of John D.) was building a new home in Connecticut which will have warm air circulating in the winter and cool air in the summer. The new fangled system was advertised as "walls of winds".



The Jamesburg Historical Association

Incorporated 1979

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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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."

Jamesburg Historical Association Membership Form

| INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS | CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$5.00/year (to age 16) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$20.00/year <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$30.00/year <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$50.00/year <input type="checkbox"/> Century \$100.00 or more/year Please list names of family members for "Family Memberships." | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum \$1,000/year <input type="checkbox"/> Gold \$500/year <input type="checkbox"/> Silver \$250/year <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze \$100/year In-kind donations also appreciated |

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