

CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY

Garden Council

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THE CHATHAM NATURE CLUB

An appreciation of our natural heritage has long attracted people to Chatham, first as settlers of the land and later as visitors who each year returned to enjoy the summer months in Chatham. So it is natural that with this interest there would be organized groups of people expressing a common interest in the wonders of the out-of-doors. Various organizations have sponsored study-groups for the purpose of identification and enjoyment of the diversified forms of plants and wildlife. Many pursued a hobby which entailed the collecting, pressing, and mounting of wildflowers, or the identifying of birds, trees, or insects, or the collecting of rocks and minerals.

In 1945 Miss Margaret Keisler, Miss Jeannette Middlebrook, Charles E. Holmes, and Charles Hoiles met to discuss the formation of a Chatham Nature Club the purpose of which would be:

- 1) To devote itself to the protection and preservation of our native wildlife and natural resources, particularly within the State of New Jersey.
- 2) To promote among the people of New Jersey an interest in our native birds because of their great economic, esthetic, and recreational value.
- 3) To encourage sound conservation legislation
- 4) To aid in the enforcement of laws protecting wildlife
- 5) To enjoy all phases of the out-of-doors and become aware of the interrelationships of all nature.

In 1946, with Charles E. Holmes as President, the Nature Club conducted its first complete year of meetings. Since that time the following persons have served in the capacity as President: Miss Jeannette Middlebrook. Mrs. J.A. Burton, Mrs. E.P. Felch, William C. Brown, Charles W. Hoiles, Edwin W. Bemis, Mrs. M.I. Romnes, Philip^{L.}_A S. Lum and John Hayes. An average of eight meetings are held each year with an interesting and varied program consisting

of guest lecturers who frequently illustrate their talks with slides or movies. The programs deal with a variety of subjects dealing with Astronomy, Birds, Botany, Conservation, Entomology, Forestry, Historical and Natural Areas of New Jersey, Mineralogy, and Travel.

In addition to the monthly meetings, now held in the Commons Room of the Fire House, a program of Field Trips is conducted throughout the year visiting many of the interesting and fascinating areas found within our state. A trip may be a visit to a Nature Center, a Museum, a Refuge, or to some particular area between High Point and Cape May or the Atlantic seacoast and the Delaware River to observe birds, plants, minerals, or animals.

Because of an inherent interest in Conservation not only in Chatham and New Jersey but throughout our country the Nature Club has participated in various movements such as the development of Chatham's own conservation area, Wuhala Woods located along the Passaic River, and in the saving of the Great Swamp as a National Refuge. The club also gave funds one winter so that bales of hay could be air-dropped to herds of starving deer who were trapped due to the heavy snows.

In 1953-54 under the direction of Mrs. Philip M. Wells, the Nature Club participated in a study of the Nocturnal Migration of Birds which was conducted by the Museum of Zoology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana to determine how the volume of fall migration changes from hour to hour during the night by the observation of the flight of birds as they cross the moon.

A project in which the Chatham Nature Club has participated since its inception is the Winter Bird Count of the area. This count of birds, made during the first seven days of each month from December 1st to March 7th, has revealed that ⁱⁿ this area, a superimposed circle with a center at Hickory Tree and a radius of $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles, there have been observed 167 species of birds since 1945.

The Chatham Nature Club hopes to continue its share of the guardianship and appreciation of every American's heritage of the natural beauty and resources of our country.

- Jeannette Middlebrook
28 Red Road
Chatham, New Jersey

JEANNETTE MIDDLEBROOK

Born in Chatham - living in house where I was born

Mother - Mabel Campion - born in Bordentown, N.J.

Father - William Carr Middlebrook - born in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sister - Virginia - born in Chatham - now living in North Carolina

Brother - Stephen Allen - born in Chatham - now living in South Carolina

Education - M.A, degree in Education - New York University, N.Y.

Teacher of Kindergarten through Grade three. Worked as Audio-Visual Director in Summit. N.J. schools for seven years. At present an Elementary School Principal in Summit, N.J.

Memberships - Active in Y.W.C.A. work serving on the Board of Directors and also being a counselor and later a Director of Y.W.C.A. camps in New Jersey and New Hampshire. For a number of years an advisor for a group of Y.W.C.A. girls.

One of the three founders of the Chatham Nature Club which has been in existence 26 years. An active member of the Summit Nature Club.

An active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary international Society for Women Educators.

Member of the Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church where I served as a Trustee for a term.

Hobbies - The out-of-doors, Photography, New Jersey History, Travel



Jeannette Middlebrook



28 Red Road

Addenda to Chatham Nature Club
by the Committee

The Chatham Historical Society has in its possession an "Herbarium of Phoebe Jane Smith Bruen (1825-1909)". On October 6, 1847 she married Harvey Mandred Lum. She was the mother of Chatham's first Mayor. This collection of pressed flowers was presented by her grandson M. L. Budd.

Much thought, time and knowledge went into the pressing of the lilies, sweet pea, wild rose, etc. The scientific name is given, along with its order, etc. There are many quotations from the Bible or even poems relative to the particular plant. There are also sketches. The complete booklet is done most artistically.

THE CHATHAM TOWNSHIP GARDEN CLUB HISTORY

The Chatham Township Garden Club is an outgrowth of the Township Newcomer's Welcome Wagon Club. In 1956 the Garden Club activity group of the Newcomer's Club adopted the name, "Township Trowlers". There were over thirty members so in October 1957 a second Garden Club was formed and its name was, "Hoe and Sow".

In 1959 the two clubs united and there were co-officers that year with Ethel McCormack and Mickey Sawyer as co-presidents. In May 1960 "The Chatham Township Garden Club" was adopted as the official name of the united clubs.

1960-61 Bee Kelley - President. Onnolee Crane was trail Chairman. The Club planted bulbs and myrtle in front of the parking lot at Nash Field.

1961-62 Natalie Lanzara - President. In the summer of '62 the Club took First Prize at the Morris County Fair with a "Shady Garden" in the Garden Plot contest.

1962-63 Onnolee Crane - President. The Club made a generous contribution to the Great Swamp fund and financed a gardening project for the patients at Morris View. At holiday time the Club made decorations for the Southern Blvd. Fire house. During March and April 1963 the Club made and maintained a terrarium of native materials at the exhibition held at the Mall by the Great Swamp Committee of the North American Wildlife Committee. The Club actively participated in the Spring Garden Tour sponsored by the Garden Council to benefit the Great Swamp Sanctuary Fund.

1963-64 Virginia Volk - President. A Christmas welfare

project was undertaken and the Club continued the support of the Morris View garden. A contribution was given to the County Park Commission for a bulletin board panel at the Educational building on Jay Road in Chatham Township. The Club participated in the Tercentenary celebration by planting white petunias at the Township High School and at Nash Park.

1964-65 Adeline Trimarchi - President. The Club had a trip to view the Duke Gardens. The Christmas welfare and Morris View projects were continued. The Club helped maintain the Nash Park Area. An evening meeting with our husbands as guests was held. In June the Club visited Mrs. Averett's garden.

1965-66 Mabel Latham - President. The local Christmas and Morris View projects were continued. The Club sponsored a bus trip to Longwood Gardens. A contribution was made to the North Jersey Conservation Foundation. An Arbor Day celebration was held at Southern Blvd school where the Club planted one tree and two shrubs.

1966-67 Nancy Knapp - President. The Christmas welfare project was continued. In January the Club held an open meeting with a speaker from the State Conservation Department presenting the program.

Through all these years this Club has been a member of the Chatham Garden Council and has actively supported the projects in the conservation areas.

Submitted by -

Nancy Knapp

January 1967

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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Name - Mrs. Nancy May Bergen Knapp (Mrs. Roger D.)

Birthplace - Summit, New Jersey

Parents' Names - Lewis L. and Lillian May Smith Bergen

Education - Graduate of Chatham High School, Chatham, N. J.

Date of Marriage - July 6, 1946

Parentage of Husband - Rudolph David and Mildred Barth Knapp

Children - David Barth
Melissa Leigh

Business of Husband - Plant Manager, Carter Bell Manufacturing Co.,
Springfield, New Jersey

Special Interests - Member of Green Village Methodist Church; member
of Church Choir; editor of Church newsletter;
President of Chatham Township Garden Club, 1966-67;
former Republican County Committee Woman, 1961-66



Mrs. ROGER D. Knapp and daughter MELISSA



Residence of Mr. and Mrs Roger D. Knapp
4 Ferndale Road, Chatham

HISTORY OF CHIMMIWINK GARDEN CLUB

The Chimmiwink Garden Club was organized in 1958 by a group of women who had been members of the Newcomers Garden Club. At the first meeting, members chose the name, Chimmiwink Garden Club, suggested by Mrs. James Daley, because of its local historical background.

The first president of Chimmiwink Garden Club was Mrs. Roy Scott. Succeeding presidents have been Mesdames Robert Fromel, Sid Frank, Bruce Abrams, Mel Bondy and Thomas Hughes.

The Club, limited to twenty-five members, meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the home of a member. Programs consist of speakers on various garden topics, workshops in which each member creates her own flower arrangement, a special Christmas program highlighted by a speaker demonstrating Christmas decorations, and a plant exchange between members at the June meeting. There have also been several combined meetings held with the Evening Garden Club of Chatham. Each year at the December meeting, the Club has celebrated the Christmas season with a dinner, gift exchange and social evening.

Chimmiwink has participated in many special projects through the years including work in the conservation area, Wuhulla Woods, entry in many flower shows, planting and upkeep of bulbs and flowers in front of the "Chatham Welcome" signs provided by the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, planting bulbs and ground cover at the Chatham Railroad Station, and acting as hostesses at the Spring Tour for the benefit of The Great Swamp Sanctuary. A scrap book is kept in which programs, ribbons, news clipping, photographs, etc. are preserved.

Each year Chimmiwink Garden Club holds a Members Flower Show at the May meeting. Qualified judges are invited to evaluate entries and award ribbons for the arrangements.

This year the program chairmen have planned some new and different programs. There will be a field trip to Sterling Forest in New York, a panel of members will discuss and illustrate different skills in flower arranging, and a Christmas dessert bridge will be held instead of a dinner. Each year the program is varied and expanded to keep members interested and attract new members who are always welcome.

Mrs. Thomas Hughes

October, 1963

THE COUNTRYSIDE GARDEN CLUB

The Countryside garden club was organized in 1958 as a Welcome Wagon Newcomer's Club activity for newcomers to Chatham Township. Originally called the Newcomer's garden club, the name was changed to Countryside in 1960. The aims of the club are to encourage and share interest in beautification of home and community, and to protect and conserve wildlife.

Our community projects include plantings at the railroad station and Bash Field, care for a patch at Wuhalla Woods, participation in the garden tour, and the Great Swamp exhibit at the Mall, decorations for township buildings at Christmas, and donations of nature books to the new Township High School.

Our regular monthly meetings, on the first Wednesday of each month, include speakers, demonstrations, films, and workshops to share ideas and learn new ways to improve our homes and gardens.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Margaret Macdonald Impey

Parents: Malcolm McFee Macdonald

Euphemia Reid Macdonald

Both born in Pисley, Scotland

Birthplace: Buffalo, New York

Education: Public Schools in Buffalo (#72, South Park H.S.)
College - New York State College for Teachers, Buffalo
majored in Home Economics

Married to Robert Verne Impey
son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Verne Impey, Buffalo

Children: Gail Impey Arnold
married to Charles Gregory Arnold

Bruce Verne Impey
married to Deborah Lee Warren

Business: Office Manager, Chatham Courier
Assistant Bookkeeper, Madison Eagle

Memberships while in Chatham:

Chatham Township Presbyterian Church
Chatham Fish and Game Protective Association
Chatham Woman's Club
Countryside Garden Club

Hobbies: Handcrafts, bridge, gourmet cooking
Teaching Basic Dressmaking in Chatham/Madison
Adult School



9 Southern Boulevard

Mrs. Robert Impey



CHATHAM GARDEN COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS

The executive board of the Chatham Garden Council is happy to announce the following achievements for 1963-64.

I. Wuhala Woods:

at Princeton Road, Chatham Borough

Work days were scheduled both fall and spring at Wuhala Woods. Two dogwood trees and six hemlocks were planted at the entrance. Wood chips were laid on the wildflower trails.

II. Nash Park:

at Southern Boulevard, Chatham Township

Spring flowering bulbs and juniper shrubs were planted in Memorial Area and road foot frontage. Wood chips were also added to the trails in the conservation area. Donations by residents of the area for the park included several bushels of myrtle, two pine trees and ajuga plants.

III. Holiday Decorations:

Public buildings in the borough and township were decorated for the Christmas season by members of the garden clubs and garden council.

IV. Tercentenary Beautification in the Township and Borough:

Thirty-five flats of "White Cloud" Petunias were planted by the following clubs:

1. Chatham Nature Club

Borough Firehouse and triangle in parking area.

2. Chatham Woman's Club Garden Dept.

Chatham Free Public Library

3. Chatham Township Garden Club

Road foot frontage at Nash Park

4. Chimmiwink Garden Club
"Welcome Chatham Signs" on Main Street and
parking area across from Post Office
5. Countryside Garden Club
Memorial Area at Nash Park
6. Evening Garden Club
Northside triangle at Railroad Station and
Reasnor Park
7. Garden Dept. of Woman's Club of Chatham
Township
Civil Defense building at Nash Park
8. Little Garden Club
Chatham Emergency Squad Building
9. Perennial Garden Club
Chatham Post Office
10. Suburban Garden Club
South side triangle at Railroad Station
and entrance at Commons Building
11. Town & Country Garden Club
Chatham Township Hall
12. Transplanters Garden Club
Nash Park Recreation Building and mailbox
planting for new public works building
13. Rolling Hill Garden Club
Township Police Station

Letters were delivered by council members to local establishments to encourage the planting of white petunias. The response was great and appreciated by all residents and passersby.

V. Great Swamp:

Donations were made by many Chatham Garden Clubs to Swamp Fund. Members contributed time at Swamp Office for preparation of Dedication ceremony.

VI. Spring Canal Trip by mule drawn barge at New Hope, Pennsylvania:

Members and friends enjoyed Pennsylvania landscape bursting with blossoms.

The members of the Executive Board of the 1963-64 Chatham Garden Council are:

- Mrs. Robert Carver
- Mrs. Ernest Baker
- Mrs. N. Trimarchi
- Mrs. David Robinson
- Mrs. Charles Probst
- Mrs. Lewis Tucker
- Mrs. Theodore Thayer
- Mrs. C. T. Downey
- Mrs. Marius Grosso
- Mrs. J. P. Latham
- Mrs. H. I. Romnes
- Mrs. Edward Vaill
- Mrs. Arthur Crane

Name and Address: Mrs. Marius Grosso
 Noe Avenue, Chatham Township, New Jersey

Born: Lucile Geoffroy Doremus
 Noe Avenue, Chatham Township, New Jersey
 July 9, 1914

Parents: Jefferson Leon Doremus, Noe Ave., Chatham Township, New Jersey
 Lillian Noe, Noe Avenue, Chatham Township, New Jersey

Educated: Centenary Collegiate Institute
 Beaver College

Husband: Marius Grosso

Born: January 28, 1915, Orange, New Jersey

Parents: Alfred John Grosso, Orange, New Jersey
 Grace Brenneman, Orange, New Jersey

Educated: Newark Academy
 New York University
 Columbia Law School

Position: Lawyer - Partner in firm in Orange, New Jersey
 Magistrate - Chatham Township and Harding Township

Children: Jefferson Leon Doremus Grosso
 Born November 18, 1939, Livingston, New Jersey
 Married Pamela Antal, North Caldwell, New Jersey
 Reside, Denver, Colorado
 Two children

Mauri Geoffroy Grosso Buchanan
 Born August 9, 1941, Livingston, New Jersey
 Married Edward Roberts Buchanan, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Reside, Gainesville, Florida
 One child

Stephanie Noe Grosso
 Born December 12, 1942, Noe Avenue, Chatham Township, N.J.
 Resides, Moshi, Tanzania, East Africa

Denomination: Episcopalian - Grace Church, Madison, New Jersey

Interests: Travel, conservation, antiques, gardening and out-of-doors.



MRS. MARIUS GROSSO



HOME OF MR. & MRS. MARIUS GROSSO
135 NOE AVENUE
CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

HISTORY OF THE CHATHAM GARDEN COUNCIL

I. The Need for Conservation.

When only the Indians inhabited our country, conservation was a fact and not an issue. The Red Man lived with nature, and left few scars to mark his presence. Nor did conservation concern the early settler who painfully carved his homestead out of the vast and seemingly endless wilderness. There was room aplenty. He welcomed neighbors, reinforcements in the struggle to tame the land.

But when industry moved in, with its incessant demands for labor, the White Man flooded the land like a tidal wave, which never receded, but has swept across the country, changing, molding, re-making, forests cut, hills leveled, hollows filled, concrete fingers reaching everywhere. Towns grew into cities, cities spilled over into Suburbia.

Man expands at an alarming rate, affecting everything he touches. Today's woodland is tomorrow's housing project or factory site.

Our open spaces are vanishing as did the Indians who once roamed through them, and have become so valuable that soon not even vacant lots will be available to our children for play purposes. They will never enjoy the wide rural spaces of our own youth.

Man needs kinship with Mother Nature. When the pressure of modern existence mounts up, a walk in the woods, the sight of bird and mammal, or just sitting and finishing can sooth and unwind one's mental kinks.

II. Local Awareness of Conservation Needs.

Today the thoughtful community provides public land and teaches its citizens not to destroy, but to enjoy. The increasing popularity of national, state and municipal parks and forests for vacation spots indicates a growing need for free land in our era of expanding population.

Thoughtful people have watched the retreat of Nature with misgiving and a determination to preserve even some small part of our natural heritage.

In 1953-1954, a group of Chatham Nature Club members, acutely aware of the transition and need, studied the available wooded areas and decided that the land in the northeast corner of the Borough would make a desirable conservation area.

Mrs. Walter Swettman, spokesman for the group, and a pioneer in conservation, contacted the various garden clubs and Scout leaders, and requested them to write to the Borough Council to set aside this land for conservation purposes.

III. Chatham Garden Council - The Beginning.

Stimulated by Mrs. Swettman's efforts, during 1955-1956, a group of conservation-minded women, representatives of six garden clubs, held informal meetings to discuss the problem, and their efforts lead to an official meeting on October 18, 1956, attended by representatives of ten garden and nature clubs from the Township and the Borough of Chatham, backed by a total membership of 306 people. This meeting marked the beginning of the Chatham Garden Council, although it was originally called the Chatham Council of Garden and Nature Clubs, the change of name having occurred in 1963.

IV. Purpose.

To promote civic interest in conservation and the improvement of the community's appearance is and has been the purpose of the Chatham Garden Council, and this purpose can not be realized without the support of the powers of Government. We have been most fortunate in this area.

V. Municipal Contribution to the Conservation Endeavor - Borough of Chatham.

During the year 1956, 14.63 acres of Borough-owned land on the southwest side of Princeton Street was designated as a conservation area. Later, forward-looking officials zoned all wetlands or swampland in the Borough for conservation and recreation. With this, the total area passed 30 acres.

Then the Garden Council obtained permission from the Borough Council to develop the Princeton Street tract. Trails were blazed through the most beautiful part of the woods and along the stream on the northeast side of the road. However, in 1958, the threat of Route 24 to this section became apparent, and the Council shifted its efforts to the other side of Princeton Street (the southwest side).

This tract, which has become the subject of our concentrated attention, is typical bottom land, a floor plain of the Passaic River, covered with a deciduous forest with native shrubs attractive to small birds and animals apparent from blazed and marked trails created by the Garden Council.

In April, 1958, the Borough Council gave the Board of Recreation general supervision over the use of this sanctuary and retained final authority over its development. The Mayor declared he would appoint a member of the Garden Council to the Board of Recreation as soon as a vacancy occurred, which promise has been fulfilled.

Our Council has shown its cooperation by busily working on the area, trimming the rampant growth, pacing off,

marking and dividing the trails among the various member clubs, with responsibility assigned to each particular club for planting, labeling and maintaining about 30 feet of trail. The entire entrance area is the responsibility of the combined groups.

VI. A Question of Names.

The Borough conservation area was named as the result of a newspaper article in 1958 asking for public suggestions.

As evidence of public interest, is the fact that 36 separate names were submitted, which the Garden Council carefully studied, selecting the 5 which seemed to be most appropriate: These were:

1. Wuhala Woods - Indian name for "Protect."
2. Nowenock Woods - Name of a local Indian chief.
3. Natami Woods
4. Passaya Woods - Original spelling of "Passaic"
5. Littlejohn's Woods - Name of our first local conservationist.

The matter of final choice was left to the Borough Council, which in January, 1959, chose "Wuhala Woods" as the name for the Princeton Street conservation area. Since Wuhala does mean "protect" it is felt that the Borough Council's choice was a happy one.

At the request of the Mayor of the Borough of Chatham, the Garden Council and Board of Recreation held "Open Woods" on Saturday, May 21, 1960, from 10 to 12 o'clock A.M., and in the presence of a number of residents, Mayor Henderson cut a ribbon officially opening the area to public use.

VII. Municipal Contribution to the Conservation Endeavor - Township of Chatham The Generosity of the Nash Family.

During the year 1958, the Garden Council was given another golden opportunity to prove its mettle and resourcefulness. 14½ unspoiled acres of Chatham Township land adjoining the westerly and southerly side of the Police Station on Southern Boulevard, given to the Township for conservation and recreation by Mr. Aubrey Nash, was placed by the Township under the jurisdiction of the Board of Recreation. It was appropriately named "Nash Park."

The Board of Recreation requested the Garden Council to plan, develop and maintain the rear portion of the tract as a conservation site for public use, under its supervision.

Our own response has been enthusiastic. Members of the Council have laid trails through the meadows, woods and swampland of this natural and truly beautiful hilly terrain, abounding in undisturbed growth. With the help of the Scouts and the Board of Recreation, temporary boardwalks were placed over the wet swampy sections, which later were replaced by sturdier wooden boardwalks or catwalks, giving to those interested an opportunity to admire and study the native ground cover, flowers, plants, shrubs and trees that are indigenous to the locale. Three camp-sites have been cleared by the Scouts, which have been approved by the Girl Scout Council.

Nash Park was officially dedicated in July of 1959, and the public is the happy possessor of a natural preserve of more than 10 acres, which adjoins a 3½ acre tract available for baseball and skating. Picnic tables and a fireplace are available for the enjoyment of our local families and organizations.

On April 27, 1963, a special Memorial and Arbor Day service was conducted at Nash Park in memory of Chief Rustem Bey. The Garden Council participated by presenting three trees, which were planted in Chief Bey's honor.

VIII. Further Work of the Recreation Board, the Scouts, and Asplundh Tree Company

Attractive signs at the entrances of our two preserved^s have been erected and paid for by the respective Recreation Boards of the Borough and the Township. Wood chips spread over the trails have been provided through the courtesy of the Asplundh Tree Company, and the Scouts have been most active, together with our members, in various ways, including posting of "No Hunting" signs each year.

IX. Official Recognition of the Work of Our Organization

In recognition of our work, during the year 1959 two members of the Garden Council, Mrs. C. T. Downey and Mrs. Robert Carver, were appointed as Chairmen of Conservation, to serve as members on the respective Boards of Recreation of Chatham Borough and Township. Now our organization has recognized authority through Mrs. Downey over "Wuhala Woods" and through Mrs. Carver over "Nash Park."

X. The Conservation Areas

(A) Schedule of Continuous Upkeep.

(B) The work of the Borough and Township Departments of Roads and Public Works.

(A) In 1959, a continuous work pattern was developed,

which is repeated each year in both sanctuaries. Trees and branches fallen in the paths and unsightly debris are removed, wood chips are spread over the trails, general pruning and cleaning up and maintaining are accomplished, new stock of native trees, flowers, etc. are planted where they are needed, and in Wuhala Woods, are labeled. By following landscape plans made by Mrs. Edward Vaill, the two entrances are enhanced by an abundance of additional planting.

(B) With the men of the Borough and Township Departments of Roads and Public Works doing the heavy work, and the members of the Garden Council and Boards of Recreation doing the planning, supervising, transplanting, and appropriating funds, Wuhala and Nash are progressing rapidly.

XI. The Conservation Areas. Public Response.

The public has shown an enthusiastic interest in the preserves, and over 3,500 interested adults and students have been guided through the area by our Council members. Botanists, biologists and naturalists have come to visit, see and enjoy. Wuhala now has its own botany trails prepared by Chatham High School students for use as an open-air classroom.

These areas give our townspeople a place where they can actually learn about nature and the out-of-doors through the combined efforts of all the Chatham Borough and Chatham Township garden and nature clubs, by preserving, planting, and identifying native plants, trees, shrubs, and ground covers. To these areas, Scouts, students, and other persons may go to learn about conservation, and through their visits, carry back to their homes and friends the ways of preserving and protecting the beauties of Nature.

XII. Other Work of the Council.

- (A) Public Places in General.
- (B) Education and Attitude Towards Legislation.
- (C) Save-the-Swamp Movement.

(A) In addition to creating and maintaining our two natural areas, the Garden Council has been very active in other ways. Under the guidance of Joanne Eastman Bennett, landscape architect, the appearance of the Chatham Railroad Station has been improved by the planting of myrtle and daffodil bulbs in each tree island bordering the parking area. A plan for the beautification of the entire grounds of the station is in our possession for use in a future project. We have supervised the planting of bulbs and shrubs in municipal grounds, sponsored the decoration of town-owned buildings, both at Christmas and in springtime, and have complimented by letter owners of well cared for public places.

(B) Our conservation group initiated an education program as a result of which 1,850 students of our local schools attended talks and were shown slides on conservation on the local, state and National levels. All schools have been urged to conduct "litter bug" campaigns, and have received "Litter bug" seals for their doors. The Garden Council has supported all legislative conservation bills brought to its attention, has provided conservation displays on request, and has distributed rules and regulations on conservation to all clubs, and has given advice on beautification of public places.

(C) When the Save-the-Swamp Movement originated in 1960, the Chatham Garden Council stimulated interest by having one of the first rallies enabling all garden club members and guests to see slides and hear about the rare, unknown beauty of the Great Swamp.

Since that time, all clubs and the Council have been donating money to this worthy cause.

As a fund-raising measure, in May of 1963, the Council sponsored a tour of 12 private gardens ranging from small, natural woodland gardens to large, formal estates--to be opened to the public at \$2.00 a ticket for the benefit of the North American Wildlife Foundation. The gratifying sum of \$1,330.00 was raised and donated to the Foundation, making possible the purchase of 6½ wildlife acres at \$200.00 an acre.

XIII. A Review of our Membership.

The foregoing is a partial list of our accomplishments, which represent the whole-hearted merging of kind hearts, strong backs, and conservation-minded individuals. Ours has been a united effort involving garden and nature clubs, the two Municipal Councils, the two Boards of Recreation, the Departments of Public Works and Roads, the Police, and the Scouts, both Boy and Girl.

1964 finds the Chatham Garden Council in flourishing condition, with an active membership of 13 clubs from the Borough and Township of Chatham, comprising a total of 380 persons.

Our participating clubs are:

- Chatham Nature Club
- Chatham Woman's Club Garden Department
- Chatham Township Garden Club
- Chimmiwin Garden Club
- Countryside Garden Club
- Evening Garden Club
- Garden Department, Woman's Club of Chatham Township
- Little Garden Club
- Perennial Garden Club
- Rolling Hill Garden Club
- Suburban Garden Club
- Town and Country Garden Club
- Transplanters Garden Club

The meetings are held at 9:30 A.M. on the third Thursday of each month, from September through May. Nominal dues of \$1.00 are collected from each club annually, in October.

A List of our various chairmen to date is as follows:

September, 1956 - September, 1957	- Mrs. Walter Swettman
September, 1957 - September, 1958	- Mrs. Theodore Thayer
September, 1958 - December, 1958	- Mrs. George Hill
January, 1959 - January, 1960	- Mrs. Marius Grosso
January, 1960 - January, 1961	- Mrs. Marius Grosso
January, 1961 - September, 1961	- Mrs. George Farner
September, 1961 - January, 1962	- Mrs. Lewis Tucker
January, 1962 - January, 1963	- Mrs. Robert Carver
January, 1963 - January, 1964	- Mrs. Robert Carver

An appropriate conclusion to this report is the "Prayer of a Tree" which follows, which has been recited by the Portugese in their forest reservations for more than one thousand years:

"I am the heat of your hearth on a cold winter's night,
The friendly shade screening you from the summer sun,
and my fruits are refreshing draughts quenching
Your thirst as you journey on.

I am the beam that holds your house, the board of your table,
The bed on which you lie and the timber that builds your boat.

I am the handle of your hoe, the door of your homestead,
The wood of your cradle, and the shell of your coffin.

I am the bread of kindness and the flower of beauty.
You who pass by, listen to my prayer!

Harm me not."

Lucile D. Grosso
March 24, 1964

HISTORY OF THE CHATHAM GARDEN COUNCIL--1965-67

By Mrs. Richard H. Kelley

Since the writing of the "History of the Chatham Garden Council" in 1964 by Lucille D. Grosse, work has gone on in the council under the guidance of Mrs. Arthur Crane in 1965-1966 and Mrs. Richard H. Kelley, present chairman.

The planting of petunias around public buildings and the decoration of these buildings at Christmas has continued.

In the spring of 1966, Mrs. Carver was appointed "Litter Chairman" for the council. With the aid of the Township and Borough Chambers of Commerce, a thousand litter bags were ordered and sold. Work will go on to make the public "Litter conscious".

In the summer of 1967, the council joined with the Chatham Twigs to work on a garden booth for the Greystone Park Bazaar. Many dried flower arrangements were made for sale and house plants were grown and sold.

The prime interest of the council as always, in conservation. Toward this end, members were asked to help in the campaign to have the Great Swamp declared a "Wilderness Area". Letters were written and a large attendance guaranteed at the hearing. Action by Congress is still pending on this bill.

As our towns continue to grow, the need for a conservation group such as the Chatham Garden Council increases. We can no longer be content to watch the bulldozers destroy our heritage.

My name is Beatrice Waegelin Kelley.

I was born in Bayshore, Long Island, the third child of Emma Heiselman Waegelin and Charles August Waegelin.

I attended grammar school in Bellport, Long Island and graduated from Patchogue High School and Pace Business School.

In 1935, I was married to Richard Hollis Kelley. His mother's name is Minnie Hanners Kelley and his father was Frank Millett Kelley.

Our children are Richard Hollis Kelley, Jr. who is married to Susan Slagle and our daughter, Chris Ann, who is married to Peter Peterson.

I am a member of Green Village Methodist Church and the Chatham Township Garden Club.

My hobbies are many-- Painting, gardening, sewing, needle work, knitting and reading.



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Mrs. Richard Kelley

HISTORY OF THE
GARDEN DEPARTMENT OF
THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Our Garden Department was formed in October, 1951. Each year since then we have been active both in personal and civic projects. In 1951, our club was known as the Fair Mount Woman's Club of Chatham Township. It wasn't until 1962 that the name of the club was changed to the Woman's Club of Chatham Township.

The following will give a general idea of what we have accomplished over the years civically.

1951-1952: Chairman, Mrs. Marjorie C. Jones

Assumed responsibility for grounds of the Red Brick School House (which is now known as Township Hall) and for the window boxes at the Township Hall (which is now known as the Municipal Court of Chatham Township).

1952-1953: Chairman, Mrs. Beatrice Johnston

Planted trees and cleaned grounds at Red Brick Schoolhouse and planted flowers in windowboxes (made by husbands of members) at Township Hall.

1953-1954: Chairman, Mrs. Beatrice Johnston

Worked on windowboxes for Township Hall. Sold Christmas wreathes made by the members and donated part of proceeds for the upkeep of the windowbox project.

1954-1955: Chairman, Mrs. Sophie M. Deeg

Planted flowers at Township Hall. Participated in Chatham Woman's Club Flower Show in which we won Third Prize for a Victorian arrangement. Provided decorations for dedication ceremonies of Lafayette Avenue School. Contributed to Federation Garden Department projects in addition to contributing to a fund for the preservation of Mettler's Woods.

1955-1956: Chairman, Mrs. Lillian M. Kramm

Members made wreathes and sprays to decorate the public buildings of Chatham Township. Joined the Garden and Nature Council for civic betterment in matters pertaining to conservation and gardening.

1956-1957: Chairman, Mrs. Lillian M. Kramm

Provided Christmas decorations for Chatham Township Firehouses and Township Hall.

1957-1958: Chairman - Mrs. Hilda Hunt

Participated in Christmas project of wreath-making for Township Hall, the Firehouses and Lyons Veterans' Hospital. Joined in a Flower Show sponsored by First Bank & Trust Co. of Madison. Acquired several ribbons in horticulture and arrangement at the Annual Community Flower Show in Chatham.

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1958-1959: Chairman, Mrs. Jay W. McMillan

Participated in Tenth District Flower Show, State Convention Flower Show, our own show, Flower Show at Drew University sponsored by the Perennial Garden Club and Township Trowlers, and Bernardsville Garden Club Flower Show. Worked at Wuhala Woods blazing trails, planting wildflowers, etc. Decorated Municipal Buildings in Chatham Township at Christmas and planted flower boxes and borders at Town Hall on Southern Boulevard. Mrs. Marius Grosso, a member of our Department, became chairman of the Chatham Garden and Nature Council of which we are a member.

1959-1960: Chairman, Mrs. Natalie Carver

Potted plants delivered to Garden Terrace Nursing Home for Easter. Attended opening of Wuhala Woods which was dedicated by the Mayor. Worked on Wuhala Woods nature trails in the borough and conservation trails at Nash Field in the Township, where we also planted Andrometer. Decorated the Chatham Township Municipal Buildings at Christmas.

1960-1961: Chairman, Mrs. Marge Ferratti

Planted Marigolds at old Township Hall and Yews at sign by the new Township Hall, formerly the Red Brick School House. Made Christmas Wreathes for all municipal buildings in Township. Asked by Garden Council to pick spot at Nash Field for a project. Selected the Civil Defense Fallout Shelter, since it was through the efforts of the Woman's Club of Chatham Township that the shelter was placed on display.

1961-1962: Chairmen, Mrs. Marge Ferratti-Mrs. Evelyn Hladky

Provided decorations at Christmastime for the two firehouses and Township Hall.

1962-1963: Chairman, Mrs. Evelyn Hladky

Served as hostess for the Garden Tour sponsored by the Chatham Garden and Nature Council. Held plant sale to raise money to purchase plants and shrubs for the landscaping of Fallout Shelter. Placed an exhibit of native plants at the Great Swamp Exhibit held at Stouffers on the Short Hills Mall.

1963-1964: Chairman, Mrs. Connie Lombardo

Purchased shrubs and landscaped the Civil Defense Building at Nash Field. Continuing membership in the Chatham Garden and Nature Council which will help us further our interest in civic betterment.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY of the Chairman of the Garden
Department of the Woman's Club of Chatham
Township

NAME: MRS. Vincent Lombardo (nee: Constance Galgano)

BIRTHPLACE: Bronx, New York

Parents: Edward and Susan Galgano

EDUCATION: Andrew Jackson High School

MARRIED: Vincent A. Lombardo - February 9, 1958

HUSBAND'S PARENTS: Cologero and Angela Lombardo

Children: Judith Angela - November 10, 1958

Lynn Susan - May 2, 1960

John Carl - April 30, 1961

Leslie Diane - June 15, 1965

HUSBAND'S BUSINESS: Dentist

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Gardening, arts, baking, reading
and ceramics.

Residence - 7 Sunset Terrace - Chatham

A Small Herb Garden

A few years ago two members of the Stanley Congregational Church, who were former members of the New York unit of the Herb Society of America, discussed the possibility of establishing an herb garden on the church property. A small spot on Oliver Street between a church walk and the Quackenbush drive seemed a logical spot without upsetting the landscaped planting. Before permission was obtained from the church trustees one of the herbists met a tragic death. The remaining member decided to go ahead with the idea. The trustees graciously gave their consent, so the project was started. With the help of two other loyal members of the church, the ground was prepared, a design was decided upon which would include a brick path starting on Oliver Street curving well back toward the rear of the lot ending on the church walk. About half way the path developed into a small circle in the middle of which was a Rosemary (for remembrance) with a ground cover of Thymus Alba, favorites of the deceased member. The man of the committee did the hard work digging out the soil for the brick path, and filling in with crushed stone. The writer furnished the bricks from her own property, but alas, 40 more bricks were needed to finish the job. Since it was Saturday, it was suggested a sign be put up "needed 40 more bricks". Next morning there were the "40 needed bricks", neatly stacked beside the little path. With the exception of one donation of grey and green santolinas, all herbs were furnished by the writer, over 50 varieties, who wanted to do this in memory of the one gone.

The young minister's wife helped with the design of the garden, also donating some shallots. Fragrant herbs, herbs just for beauty, culinary herbs and medicinal have been tucked in this little garden.

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It is a real help when the cooks are busy in the church kitchen and suddenly find they need some chives, parsley, basil, thyme or sage, to just take their shears, slip out and get some fresh herbs. Also since most every one here has thrived so well, some have been divided and given to members who wished them. A border of germander has been started along the edges of the garden next to the walks. While not an herb, it has been largely used in herb gardens.

So this is the story of the little church herb garden; not a big one like at the monistaries of medieval times, but one the writer is able to care for in memory of one gone.

Oct. 23, 1966

(Signed) Aimee M. Quackenbush

Autobiographical sketch of Mrs Quackenbush
and pictures will be found under World War II
in mms. Victory Gardens.

By Mrs. Ernest Baker

THE LITTLE GARDEN CLUB OF CHATHAM was organized in 1961.

It was the first club to be formed from the Newcomers Group of Chatham after "graduation". The first chairman was Mrs. DeL. Wheeler of Green Village. Here are some of the Community contributions the club has made:

1. For many years members of this club have taken the responsibility of providing suitable decorations for the library, with special emphasis at Christmas time.

2. Provided evergreen plantings for the Emergency Squad building.

3. Supplied the station with an attractive poster to explain the planting of myrtle and daffodils around the trees at the station. (about 1961)

4. Contributed handmade articles related to garden products for the Greystone Bazaar in 1963.

5. In 1961 each member made and filled at least one "ditty bag" as a Christmas gift for a Greystone patient.

6. One Christmas, bedside table arrangements were made for the patients of the Shungun TB Hospital.

7. About 1960 all the Garden Clubs of Chatham were invited as guests to a Christmas Show displaying decorations and arrangements at the home of one of the members.

8. Have participated in the Garden Council.

9. Have shared in the work at Wahalla Woods and Nash Field.

We now have 23 active members and 3 inactive.

Abbie Baker

Abbie E. Baker (Mrs. E.W. Baker)

Father: James Kelsey Mother: Abbie A. Sypher

Birthplace: New York City

Education: Lincoln High School, Jersey City, Newark Normal
School, B.S. Conn. College, M.A. Teachers' Col-
lege, Columbia.

Marriage: Ernest W. Baker

His father: Abner His mother: Caroline Hillmer

Children: Janet - married to Peter L. Huston

Doris - married to Richard H. Kersten

Memberships: Ogden Mem. Church, Chatham Wm's Club, Little
Garden Club, Madison Golf Club

Hobbies: Golf, gardening, bridge, knitting



PERENNIAL GARDEN CLUB

The Perennial Garden Club was originally a department of the Chatham Welcome Wagon Newcomers' Club. In 1953, when the group had reached a quota of twenty-five members, it became an independent organization and assumed the name, Perennial Garden Club.

As stated in the constitution, "the object of the Club shall be to study gardening and associated fields, and to take part in such civic improvement projects as the Club shall agree on".

For several years the Perennial Garden Club held a Christmas flower show in a member's home. In recent years this custom has been dropped, and a spring flower show has been held in alternate years. The Club has also made it a practice to provide plants for the patients of a rest home in Morris County. This has been a very satisfying project. The plants are greatly appreciated by these people -- many of whom are without family. Perennial has also contributed to other projects of the Garden Council, such as the decoration of town buildings for Christmas, the maintenance of conservation areas, and the planting of bulbs at the railroad station.

The Perennial Garden Club is not a federated group, but rather an informal club where members may learn, and exchange ideas on gardening, arranging, and decorating.

A list of officers is attached.

OFFICERS

PERENNIAL GARDEN CLUB

1953

Chairman	Dorothy Croll
Program Chairman	Goldie Henderson
Sec'y-Treasurer	Jane Kline

Hospitality

1954

Maria Youngblood
Florence Wilson
Jane Rodimer, Sec'y
Agnes Richards, Treas.
Edna Robinson

1955

Chairman	Ruth E Lovretin
Program	Ruth Jones
Secretary	Florence Wilson
Treasurer	Dagmar Marchant
Hospitality	Ann Bulloch
Membership	Christine Olson
Publicity	Patricia Ensign

1956

Mary Hill
Patricia Ensign
Jane Kline
Lucille Bentson
Jo Quimby
Daisy Gay
Dorothy Croll

1957

Chairman	Hope Little
Program	Jo Quimby
Secretary	Rita Tilley
Treasurer	Margot Tucker
Hospitality	Harriet Richter
Membership	Gene Slocum
Publicity	Edna Robinson

1958

Virginia von Hoffmann
Mary Lou Moody
Charlotte Pamplin
Christine Olson
Jane Finlay
Ann Bulloch
Margery Johnson

OFFICERS

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PERENNIAL GARDEN CLUB

	1959	1960
Chairman	Margery Johnson	Jane Kline
Program	Rita Tilley	Jean Lapha
Secretary	Dorothy Croll	Virginia von Hoffmann
Treasurer	Daisy Gay	Eleanor Slade
Hospitality	Edna Robinson	Mary Bethune
Membership	Elizabeth Porter	Joan Bristol
Publicity	Jean Lapha	Catherine Conkling

	1961	1962
Chairman	Mary Bethune	Dorothy Ahlers
Program	Ann Bulloch	Martha Clagett
Secretary	Mary Emert	Martha Summers
Treasurers	Jane Beacham	Elizabeth Porter
Hospitality	Della Rutherford	Jean Lapha
Membership	Eleanor Slade	Dorothy Croll
Publicity	Jane Snyder	Grace Horsfield

	1963
Chairman	Virginia von Hoffmann
Program	Dorothy Croll
Secretary	Joanne Richmond
Treasurer	Elizabeth Porter
Hospitality	Eleanor Slade
Membership	Emily Jackson
Publicity	Susan Trench

by
Virginia von Hoffmann

Virginia Salander von Hoffmann

daughter of Ebba Alfihilde Svensson and Knute Sigfried Salander

born in Brockton, Massachusetts

graduated from Taunton High School, Taunton, Massachusetts

Kathleen Dell School, Brookline, Massachusetts

married to Bernard von Hoffmann, Jr.

son of Dorothy McClintock and Bernard von Hoffmann

children -- Bernard 3d, Brant, Todd and Paige

memberships -- Christ Church, Summit; Overlook Hospital Women's

Auxiliary; Perennial Garden Club; League of

Women Voters; Women's Committee for the New

Jersey Symphony; Minisink Club

hobbies -- flower arranging; needlepoint

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Von
Mrs. Hoffman, Jr.

17 Manor Hill Road, Summit

THE TRANSPLANTERS GARDEN CLUB

On the perimeter of the Great Swamp nestles Chatham Township. Here, in this beautiful community, live many people dedicated to the preservation of one of Nature's most unique and valuable gifts - a perfect outdoor laboratory.

In the Spring of 1960 a group of friends and neighbors met together to discuss the forming of a garden club with the thought that they would like, in some small way, help to protect and promote this haven of bird, animal and plant life through service to the community. So our club was started.

What would we choose as a name? As we had decided to be a "working club" it was suggested we call ourselves "The Transplanters."

The year was spent meeting together..discussing area needs and problems. What would be our purpose - how sincere were our motives for formal organization. On October 9, 1961 we met together to choose officers for the coming year; to plan a program and to establish a working policy.

AIMS

1. To share in protecting the Great Swamp
2. To acquire practical horticultural knowledge
3. To be actively interested in a more beautiful community
4. To encourage the art of flower arranging

The Transplanters have planted trees, shrubs and flowers at Chatham Township's Nash Park and maintained a garden through establishing work days at the park..Many of the trees and shrubs, and also flowers, were contributed by members and local nurseries. An extensive planting of many bulbs by several of our Girl Scout Troops have added to our efforts to make this park a bright and beautiful area within our town.

As a member of the Chatham Garden Council our club has assisted in maintaining Chatham's Wuhala Woods - a conservation area. In return, other council club members have given many hours of work at Nash Park and all of us together have lent our assistance to Chatham Township's Recreation Association in establishing trails by clearing brush and spreading wood chips on the paths. The building of these trails through the

woods of Nash Park was accomplished with the interested help of many Girl Scouts from this area.

At Christmas we make wreaths for some of our public buildings. We spend a wonderful day together on this project.

In our program for the year we include a series of Nature Walks. Some of these walks have taken us into the Great Swamp and other conservation areas, as far away as Bowman's Hill to study the wild flowers.

We close the year with a progressive luncheon and tour of all member's gardens. This gives us all an incentive to strive for interest in and appreciation of the many ways in which home grounds may be made more charming and beautiful. Following the close of the luncheon we conduct our final business meeting for the year. At this time new officers for the coming year are named, and plans are made for our first Fall meeting.

The Chatham Garden Council desired to purchase a piece of land in the Great Swamp as a gift to the North American Wildlife Federation. Our club members donated a sum of money, which was presented to the council for this purpose.

During the Spring of 1963 our club was actively engaged in helping the council to carry out a Garden Tour for the benefit of the Great Swamp fund - for purchase of land to establish a National Wildlife and Conservation Park within the Great Swamp. This tour was not only a financial success, but seemed to have reached out and touched many people who had not realized the tremendous importance of our "back-door" natural wealth.

The Great Swamp committee built and promoted a Nature's Showcase exhibit at The Mall, Short Hills, New Jersey. We entered an arrangement of natural materials gathered from the Swamp and we also contributed our time taking turns with other clubs as hostesses.

Membership for 1964 - 1965: Mrs. Forrest Abell, Mrs. Elliott Averett, Mrs. M. C. Biskeborn, Mrs. S. T. Brewer, Mrs. R. W. Carver, Mrs. W. S. Carver, Mrs. C. F. Cotton, Mrs. J. L. Doremus, Mrs. Marius Grosso, Mrs. Paul E. Hardy, Mrs. A. Dudley, Mrs. F. Fredericks, Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Mrs. E. D. Kramm, Mrs. Alexander McBean, Mrs. W. H. MacDonald, Mrs. John Palmer, Mrs. Thomas W. Surman, Mrs. Thomas Ungar, Mrs. Clark Wallace.

Provisional members - Mrs. Geo. Deeg - Mrs. James M. DuPont.

Officers for 1964 - 1965

Chairman.....Mrs. Marius Grosso
Co-Chairman.....Mrs. W. S. Carver
Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Clark Wallace
Corresponding Secretary.....Mrs. E. D. Kramm
Treasurer.....Mrs. C. F. Cotton

Committee Chairmen

ConservationMrs. Alexander McBean
HorticultureMrs. Elliott Averett
MembershipMrs. R. W. Carver
ProgramMrs. S. T. Brewer - Chairman
 Mrs. W. S. Carver
 Mrs. L. E. Johnson
PublicityMrs. M. C. Biskeborn
Trail.....Mrs. Thomas Ungar
Year Book.....Mrs. M. C. Biskeborn.

In addition:

The Transplanters were pleased and honored to have had one of their club members elected to serve as President of the Chatham Garden Council during this Tercentenary Celebration of our beautiful State of New Jersey, Mrs. R. W. Carver. Under her guidance and leadership all member clubs worked long and hard hours planting a beautiful display of white petunias at all municipal properties in both the Borough of Chatham and The Township of Chatham -

Marion G. Abell

1965

Biographical Sketch of Mrs. Forrest Abell

Marion Gertrude Abell , born in Houlton, Maine.
Daughter of Ferdinand and Eva Nealy
Attended Houlton Schools
Did secretarial work before marriage.
Married Forrest A. Abell, son of Clark W. Abell and Rose Kerns
Daughter - Carolyn Ruth
Memberships; Charter member Morris Co. Grand Jurors Ass.
Fairmount Woman's Club.
President Morris Co. Girl Scout Ass.
Transplanters Garden Club.
Hobbies; Extensive work on Nash Park
Art.



Mrs. Forrest Abell



574 Fairmount Ave.

FORREST A. ABELL

574 Fairmount Avenue, Chatham Township, N.J.

Born in W. Salisbury Penna. May 25, 1914

Father: Clark W. Abell W. Salisbury Penna.

Mother: Rosa Abell, Maiden Name: Kerns.

Married to Marion Nealey of Houlton Maine

Daughter: Carolyn Ruth Abell Married Jeffory Sutton
of Hudson Ohio and lives in N. Canton Ohio

Business: Real Estate sales.

Education: High school and night schooling for
Industrial Engineer.

Membership: Masonic Lodge.
Chatham United Methodist Church

Hobbies: Aviation (CO-Owner of a Cessna 172 Skyhawk
airplane).

Former business: Supervisor of electrical controller
division of Otis Elevator Co. N.Y.
Retired after 21 years.

Designed and personally built the house in which I
live.



The Town and Country Garden Club of Chatham, New Jersey

Seventeen enthusiastic green-thumb gardeners, who had enjoyed the two year fellowship of the Chatham Welcome Wagon Newcomer's Club, were ready to embark on a new enterprise. On October 28, 1952 they met at the home of Mrs. Earl M. Turner to organize the second garden club in Chatham, formed by members who had graduated from the newcomer's organization.

The club was named "The Town and Country Garden Club of Chatham." The membership of twenty-five meet at twelve noon on the first Wednesday of each month, September through June.

In 1956 the club became a provisional member of the New Jersey State Federation of Garden Clubs. Following the presentation of the Flower Show, "May Melodica," held at the home of Mrs. Frank W. McCarthy, the club attained its state membership in 1957.

Each year the Town and Country Garden Club of Chatham aims to have one prominent garden club speaker and frequently shares this occasion with other interested garden groups. Guest speakers have included Mrs. Myra P. Brooks, author and lecturer; Mrs. Dorothy Biddle, garden editor and author; Mrs. Joseph R. Michener, flower arranger and lecturer; Mr. John Jennings, holly expert; Dr. Benjamin Blackburn, Professor of Botany at Drew University; Mrs. Frank Dean, Japanese flower arranger of the Sogetsu and Ohara Schools; Mrs. Margaret Cochrane Cole, noted flower arranger and editor of "Flower Grower" magazine; Mrs. John C. Bayles, flower show school director and authority on chrysanthemums and Mrs. Henry N. Kistner who has written a book and is a popular flower arranger.

The members have participated in many community projects. In the fall of 1957 under the able leadership of Mrs. V.N. Vaughan, Jr. , they made fourteen dried arrangements in the authentic eighteenth century Williamsburg manner. These were placed throughout the National Historical Ford Mansion, Washington's Headquarters in Morristown and were on view through the following March.

Horticultural knowledge and artistic ability of the members has been shared with local youth groups. Instruction and talks have been given to the sixth grade classrooms, Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Tri-Ki-Y groups and Junior Garden Clubs. Each fall since 1959, a Junior Garden Club has been formed under the direction of a Junior Garden Club chairman, according to the rules of the State Federation.

In 1960 the Town and Country Garden Club was honored to have their Junior Garden Club receive the highest number of points in the second state-wide Junior Garden Club show held at S. Altman's in Short Hills. The Juniors also received the Junior Achievement Award for their exhibit on the Great Swamp as a conservation area.

Recipients of our club gifts of plants, trees, Christmas wreaths, flower arrangements, tray favors and boutonnieres include Lyons Veterans Hospital, East Orange Veterans Hospital, Chatham Township Hall, Garden Terrace Nursing Home, Westfield Home for Crippled Children, The Hemlocks Nursing Home, Pine Acres Convalescent Home, Overlook Hospital, The Chatham Library and the new Chatham Township High School. Financial support and illustrated lectures have been given for the Great Swamp Conservation project.

Members of the club have participated in many local flower shows

and at the annual International Flower Show held in New York City. Several members assisted as volunteer clerks in the horticulture section at the 1962 display.

The club is a member of the Chatham Council of Garden Clubs and has assisted with conservation projects at Nash Park and Wuhala Woods and planted daffodils at the Lackawanna Railroad Station Plaza. They also hold membership in the New Jersey Audubon Society.

In May 1963 the Federated Garden Clubs of New Jersey awarded the Town and Country Garden Club of Chatham the Certificate of Merit with Gold Seal (90-95 %) for outstanding accomplishments in their standard flower show "The Twelve Days of Christmas." It was held December 1st, 1962 for the enjoyment of the public at the Chatham Township Hall (the historic Red Brick School House) . For the Tercentenary celebration, the club has drawn up landscape plans for this interesting historic landmark, which will be submitted for a Sears Roebuck grant.

The Tercentenary year finds the club represented for the first time on the board of the New Jersey State Federation of Garden Clubs. Mrs. Edward W. Vaill has been appointed Chairman of Zone V and made a member of the Landscape Critics Council for the State Club for 1963-64. It is interesting to note that our twelve past presidents still reside in Chatham and are devoted members of the Town and Country Garden Club.

Past Presidents of Town and Country Garden Club of Chatham

Mrs. Earl M. Turner	1952-53
Mrs. V.W. Vaughan, Jr.	1953-54
Mrs. Alexander Forbes III	1954-55
Mrs. Wilson H. DeCamp	1955-56

Mrs. Clifford E. Greenland	1956-57
Mrs. Byron V. Smith	1957-58
Mrs. Lloyd A. Hathaway	1958-59
Mrs. Charles W. Hunter, Jr.	1959-60
Mrs. Arthur C. Hensler, Jr.	1960-61
Mrs. Joseph F. Harter, Jr.	1961-62
Mrs. E. Leslie Johnson	1962-63
Mrs. Lenox S. Reid	1963-64

EVENING GARDEN CLUB OF CHATHAM

Information concerning the Evening Garden Club did not reach the Book Committee until after the publication date. However, we are pleased to include the history in this final report.

Book Committee

January 23, 1968

THE EVENING GARDEN CLUB OF CHATHAM

The Evening Garden Club of Chatham was organized in 1952 by a group of women on Elmwood Avenue. This little Garden Club had aims as well as the usual by-laws. One of the most important aims was to help beautify Chatham. In accordance with this aim, we planted flowers along the railroad property, helped to beautify ^{WOODS} Walhallou Woods as well. Also, we donated a book to the library. Although all the records were lost, the first President, Mrs. Theodore Thayer, remembered enough to enable us to compile the above information.

The Club today has basically the same aims as before although we have added a few. Every Christmas season we furnish a wreath to be hung on the doors of the Town Hall. We have helped with the Litter Drive, ~~also~~ also planted petunias along the railroad property. This year we have donated a book to the library. Our members (each Christmas season) donate arrangements to be distributed to residents of the Morris County Welfare Home. We hope this year to donate money to help beautify the grounds surrounding the Chatham High School.

As a final thought, we (the members) feel that our club is useful to the community of Chatham and a source of pleasure to our members.

January 23, 1968

BIOGRAPHY (Mrs. Harvey Brittle)
23 Sandy Hill Road
Chatham, New Jersey

I was born in Lake City, Minnesota and lived eighteen years at Maiden Rock, Wisconsin. I joined the Marine Corps where I met Harvey Brittle who was an officer in the U.S.C.G. We were married at Camp ^{LE JEUNE?} Lequine, North Carolina. We have lived since in New Jersey; the first nine years in Union, New Jersey where Cheryl Curtis and Debra were born. David was born in Chatham.

I have been active in Girl Scouts, the Garden Dept. of the Womens Club of Chatham, the Chatham Township Garden Club. At present, I am president of the Evening Garden Club of Chatham. My hobbies are gardening, cooking and sewing.



Geology

GEOLOGY OF CHATHAM, N. J.

by Jeanne McHugh

GEOLOGY OF CHATHAM

A. Early Periods

Distinctive features of this area occurred mostly during the Mesozoic and Cenozoic Eras. The earlier periods of geological development were the same for this region as for most of the U. S. Archeozoic, Proterozoic, Paleozoic all preceded the Mesozoic and laid down the bedrock, the quartz, shist, limestone of the area, but the region of Chatham was at that time covered by the sea. This inundation produced many of the fossils and fossil prints found in the area.

200,000,000 years ago, during the Mesozoic Era the red sandstones, shale, conglomerates were deposited throughout North Jersey, forming the Piedmont Plain, and the Appalachians were uplifted. This area protruded from the sea and formed part of the continental land mass.

B. Period of Volcanic Activity

Soon after this, the first geological phenomenon to shape the land of the area, took place. Volcanic activity occurred in the Piedmont area. The bedrock of eastern Morris County as well as the surrounding areas, was bent, warped and raised to the surface. Volcanic rock, such as basalt (trap rock) was emitted from the depths of the earth, forming the Watchung Mountains, (Long Hill, First and Second Mountains) the Palisades, along the Hudson, Cusketunk Mountains, and the Sourland Mountains. Lava flows were deposited across the valleys, and dikes of basalt or trap rock were formed. These trap rock deposits are the source of quarrying operations in the Watchung Mountains, such as the one on Orchard St. in Summit, N. J.

The volcanic rock of the Watchungs, called basalt, is fine grained due to fast cooling close to the surface. The rock of the Palisades, Cushtunk, and Sourland, called diabase, is coarse grained due to slow cooling beneath the surface. Both basalt and diabase are commonly called trap rock and are used as railroad ballast, for concrete, and as road building materials.

C. Glacial Period

The second and most recent geological phenomenon to influence this area was the glacier. The climate turned cold and over a long period of time a glacier formed over North America extending as far south as central New Jersey. At one time the ice of the glacier was a mile or more in thickness.

Beneath the glacier rivers flowed. These rivers left deposits of gravel and sand in long hillock-like formations. These are called eskers. Two were reported in this region by Salisbury¹. One in¹⁵ west Livingston, the other¹⁵ in Afton extending into the eastern part of Madison. The one in Livingston varied in height from four feet to twenty feet or more.

As the glacier receded it left a long line of gravel marking its southernmost limit. As the ice melted, the water flooded over the front of the glacier and left great mounds of stratified gravel and sand. These are called kames. In Chatham, according to Philhower², there are three examples of these. One is Coleman's Hill, the knoll on Passaic Ave. where Yale St. intersects, Molitor's sand pit on lower Watching Ave. just west of the DL&W railroad and east of Girard St.,^{Ave.} and Duchamp's sand pit just west of the Milton Ave. School.

¹ Salisbury, Rollin D. Glacial Geology of New Jersey; Vol. V of The Final Report of the State Geologist; p.664-665

² Philhower, Charles A. Brief History of Chatham; p.2

Some stagnant pools, caused by the flooding, and the limestone and other silt of the area, formed clay deposits. Evidence of these can be seen in the creek beds near Coleman and Van Doren Aves. and in the woods behind the Milton Ave. School. The most profitable one was the one at the junior high school field. During the late 1800's a brick yard was located there. Some of the bricks were used to build local homes, such as the Weston house, at the corner of Oliver St. and Fairmount Ave., a house on Center St. across from Center Pl., and the first St. Patrick's Church at the corner of Oliver St. and Washington Ave.

D. The Lake Passaic Period

The gravel deposits from the glacier blocked the natural outlet for this region through Hobart Gap(route 24 east of the Canoe Brook Country Club) and the waters from the receding glacier filled in the lowlands between the Watchung Mountains and the Appalachian Highlands. The outlet was at Muggy Hollow near Liberty Corner. The water was probably as much as one hundred fifty feet deep in the Chatham area.¹

Many shore features found in this area attest to its long period of submergence. The wave action from the lake produced the spit like shape and the gravel deposits of red shale at the end of Long Hill, one mile west of New Providence.² Gravel pits of smooth, worn trap rock caused by the wave action, are found at varying heights throughout the area. The highest deposits are found at three hundred sixty feet above sea level, probably indicating the highest level of the lake, and at lower levels, formed as the lake receded.³ One such deposit is located near Fountain Hill at the end of Long Hill, just below the Meyersville Rd. intersection.

¹ Philhower, op cit; p. 2

² Annual Report of the State Geologist; 1892; p. 132

³ Ibid; p. 132

The wave action of the lake also produced some sandy beach areas, found in this area. One "beach" is located in New Providence where the Beachwood Apartments are now situated.

In the areas covered by deep water, and not affected by wave action, the sediment settled forming soil stratified with clay and sand alternating.¹ This type of soil is found throughout the lower areas. Also found in the lower areas are small mounds of gravel and occasional large boulders probably dropped by the melting icebergs that must have floated on the lake during its early period.² The shells of many marine animals are also found throughout this region, particularly in the low areas.

The waters finally found an outlet at Little Falls and Paterson, and the area, through the course of many years, was drained by the Passaic River. The gravel of the terminal moraine originally piled up by the glacier formed a barrier in the drainage of this lake at Stanley, and for a considerable time a minor body of water called "Dead Lake" extended southwestward from Stanley towards Millington. The lake eventually broke through the gravel deposits and the Passaic Valley was finally drained.³

The swampy, marshy lowlands of the Great Swamp and the annual spring freshet along the Passaic are the last vestiges of Lake Passaic.

Apparently large animals such as mastadons roamed the swampy area as the lake receded. In 1865 a mastadon tooth was found on the Morehouse farm,⁴ on Parsonage Hill Rd. Livingston. Also off Parsonage Hill Rd. in Livingston, in the early 1900's parts of a mastadon skeleton was found during the building of the power station on the East Orange Water Reserve land.⁵

¹ Annual Report of the State Geologist; 1892; p. 138.

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³ Philhower; op cit; p. 2

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SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

CENOZOIC

Quaternary - Recent - deposits of Sandy Hook and the offshore bar shown in white. Pleistocene deposits not shown.

Tertiary

MESOZOIC

Cretaceous

Triassic

PALEOZOIC

Devonian

Silurian

Ordovician

Cambrian

PRE-CAMBRIAN

Franklin Ls.

IGNEOUS ROCKS

TRIASSIC

Diabase

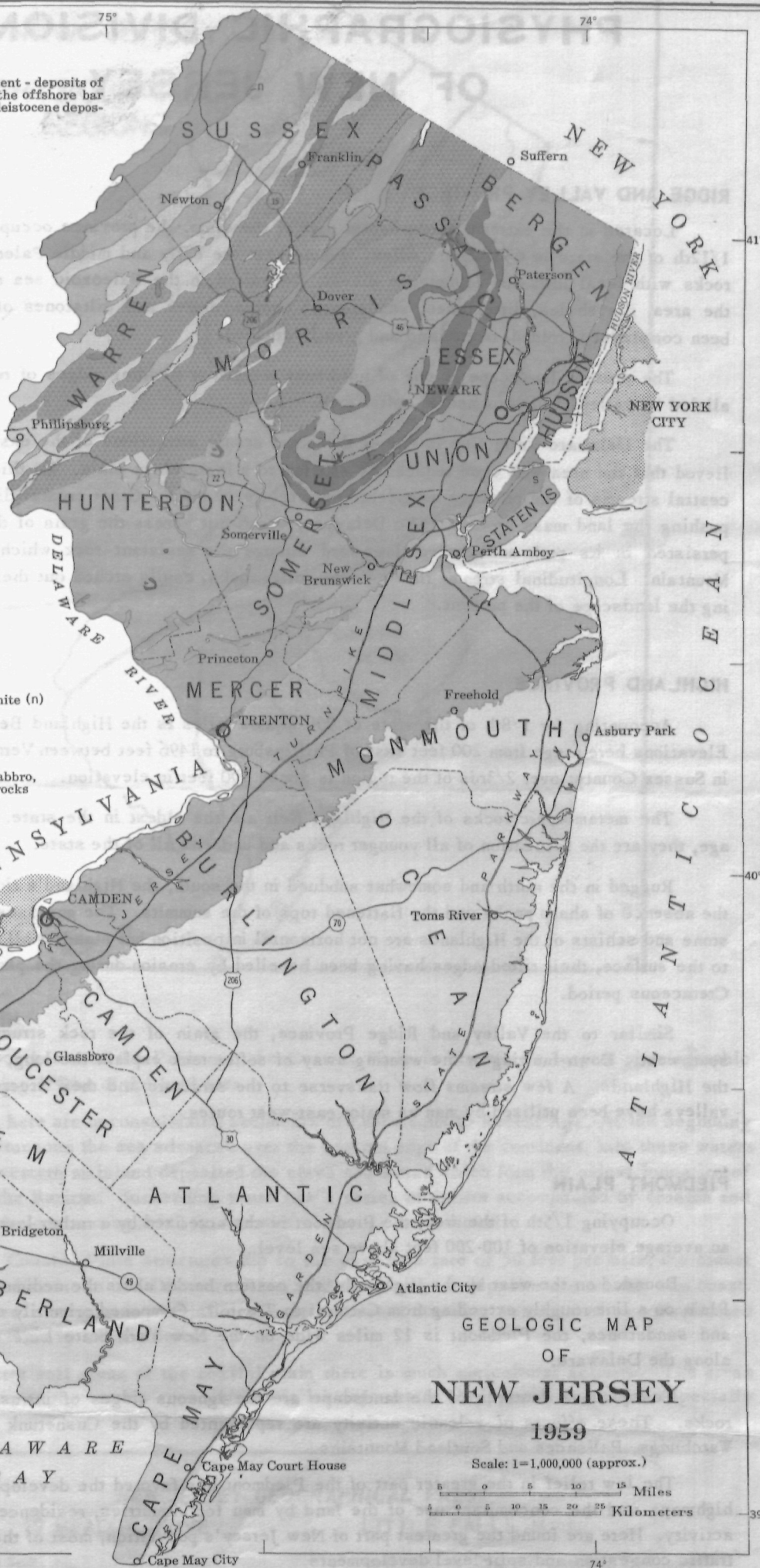
Basalt

POST-ORDOVICIAN

Serpentine (s)
Nepheline-Syenite (n)

PRE-CAMBRIAN

Gneiss, Granite, Gabbro,
and metamorphic rocks



GEOLOGIC MAP
OF
NEW JERSEY
1959

Scale: 1=1,000,000 (approx.)

0 5 10 15 Miles
0 5 10 15 20 25 Kilometers

PHYSIOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS OF NEW JERSEY

RIDGE AND VALLEY PROVINCE

Located in the extreme northwestern part of the state, the province occupies approximately 1/12th of the state or 635 square miles. Found here are early and middle Paleozoic sedimentary rocks with local intrusion of igneous dikes. Deposited in the Paleozoic sea that once covered the area, the shales, limestones, sandstones, conglomerates and siltstones of the region have been compressed, folded, overturned and greatly crushed.

The present landscape is one of northeast-southwest trending ridges of resistant rock paralleled by valleys which formed on softer rock.

The Delaware Water Gap is one of the great scenic attractions of the east coast. It is believed that the area was once reduced by erosion to a featureless plain. On this surface, the ancestral streams of the province meandered over the level plain. Great crustal disturbances began pushing the land mass upward. The Delaware, which cut across the grain of the rock structure, persisted in its path and eroded downward through the resistant rock which forms Kittatinny Mountain. Longitudinal streams flowing over softer rocks, easily etched out their valleys producing the landscape of the present.

HIGHLAND PROVINCE

Accounting for 1/8th of the state or 900 square miles is the Highland Belt of New Jersey. Elevations here range from 200 feet east of Phillipsburg to 1496 feet between Vernon and Canistota in Sussex County; over 2/3rds of the region is above 500 feet in elevation.

The metamorphic rocks of the Highland Belt are the oldest in the state. Pre-Cambrian in age, they are the foundation of all younger rocks and underlie all of the state.

Rugged in the north and somewhat subdued in the south, the Highland's ridges are noted for the absence of sharp peaks and the flattened tops of the summits. The gneisses, crystalline limestone and schists of the Highlands are not horizontal in position but stand at all angles in relation to the surface, their tilted edges having been bevelled by erosion during the peneplanation of the Cretaceous period.

Similar to the Valley and Ridge Province, the grain of the rock structure is northeast-southwest. Down-faulting or the wearing away of softer rock explain the long, narrow valleys of the Highlands. A few streams flow transverse to the structure and their steep-walled cloves or valleys have been utilized by man as major east-west routes.

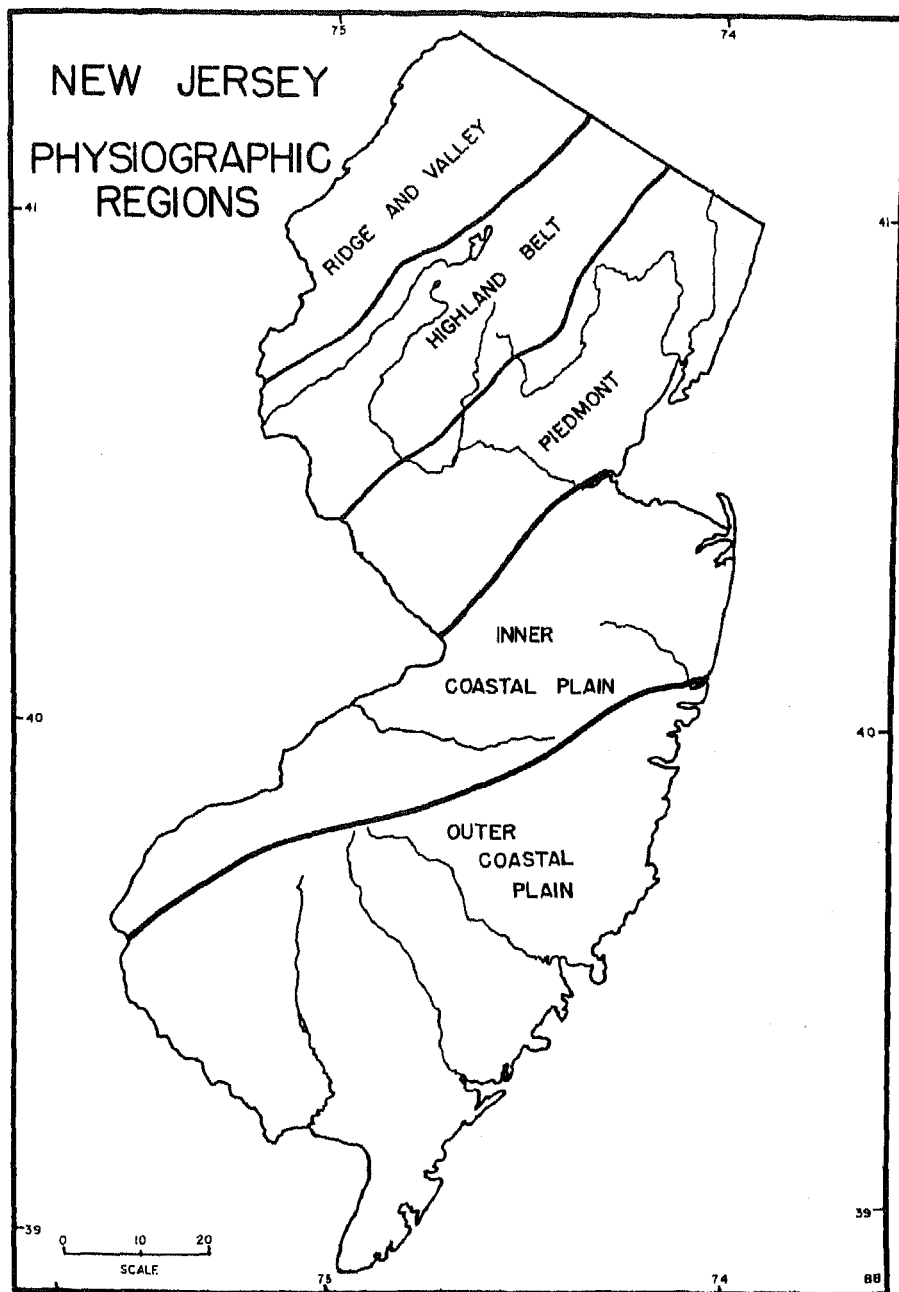
PIEDMONT PLAIN

Occupying 1/5th of the area, the Piedmont is characterized by a rather level topography with an average elevation of 100-200 feet above sea level.

Bounded on the west by the Highlands, the eastern border abuts the sediments of the Coastal Plain on a line roughly extending from Carteret to Trenton. Composed primarily of Triassic shales and sandstones, the Piedmont is 12 miles wide on the New York State Line and 32 miles wide along the Delaware.

Conspicuous features of the landscape are the igneous ridges of intrusive and extrusive rocks. These effects of volcanic activity are represented by the Cushetunk Mountain and the Watchungs, Palisades and Sourland Mountains.

The low relief in the greater part of the Piedmont has favored the development of railroads, highways and the concomitant use of the land by man for industries, residences and commercial activity. Here are found the greatest part of New Jersey's population, most of the cities, colleges, traffic congestion and split-level developments.



COASTAL PLAIN

Located southeast of the Piedmont, the Coastal Plain is the state's largest physiographic province occupying 3/5ths of the land area.

The rocks here are unconsolidated sediments of Cretaceous to Recent Age. At the beginning of the Upper Cretaceous the sea advanced over the eastern edge of the continent, into these waters rivers from the western mainland deposited the clays and sands which form the oldest formation of the province – the Raritan. Succeeding years saw a series of uplifts accompanied by erosion and a series of inundations accompanied by deposits of sand, clay and marl.

Since the Coastal Plain structures dip to the east at a rate of 50 feet per mile, the oldest outcrops occur adjacent to the Delaware River and the youngest deposits are on the sea coast. Thus the surface structure is one of northeast-southwest trending outcrops of unconsolidated sediments – bevelled by erosive forces.

In the better soil areas of the coastal plain there is much agricultural activity. The areas major contribution to the state's economy lies in its deposits of clay, gravel and sand, especially glass sand.

NEW JERSEY GEOGRAPHICAL PRESS

19 MEADOW DRIVE

LITTLE FALLS, N. J.

1962

Price 50¢

SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

Cenozoic

Quaternary—Recent deposits of the last 10,000 years are chiefly beach sands forming Sandy Hook and the offshore bars. Pleistocene or ice age starting 1,000,000 years ago. Widespread thin deposits of till and outwash covering older formations are not shown on this map. Mineral production—peat moss, sand, and gravel.

Tertiary—Starting 70,000,000 years ago. Unconsolidated sands, gravels, and clays. Forms the outer Coastal Plain. Marked by three different periods of invasion by sea, separated by erosional periods of dry land. Mineral production—brick and terracotta clays; glass sands; ilmenite (titanium ore).

Mesozoic

Cretaceous—Starting 125,000,000 years ago. Unconsolidated sands, clays, and greensand marls. Forms the inner Coastal Plain. Appalachian Province uplifted and coast depressed; fast moving rivers deposited sediments in marine environment. Mineral production—fireclay, brick clay, greensand marls.

Triassic—Starting 200,000,000 years ago. Shales, argillites, sandstone, and some conglomerates. Forms Piedmont Plain. Appalachian Mts. uplifted and long thin depressed basins formed between ridges; fast moving rivers deposited sediments in these basins. Mineral production—Stockton sandstone (brownstone) for building stone; negligible amounts of copper found in some shales.

Paleozoic

Devonian—Starting 330,000,000 years ago. Sediments occur in two areas, 1) fossiliferous, calcareous shales and limestones in Appalachian Plateau, 2) sandy shales, sandstones, and conglomerates in valley south of Greenwood Lake in Highlands. No significant mineral production.

Silurian—Starting 360,000,000 years ago. Coarse conglomerates, sandstone, shale and, limestone. Occur to the southeast of Devonian sediments. From early Devonian, when sea receded to early Upper Silurian, N.J. was dry land. In late Silurian, the sea receded for a very short period and then re-invaded land. No significant mineral production.

Ordovician—Starting 420,000,000 years ago. Limestone, shales, and slates. Found in the Highlands and Appalachian Plateau. Three different invasions of land by sea, with erosional periods of dry land in between. Mineral production—cement rock and slate.

Cambrian—Starting 500,000,000 years ago. Quartzite followed by limestone. Found in the Highlands and Appalachian Plateau. During first and last parts of Cambrian time N.J. was covered by seas, while in Middle Cambrian time it was dry land.

Precambrian—Franklin limestone—more than 500,000,000 years old. Typically a white crystalline limestone. Found in a narrow belt and a few isolated masses in the Highlands. Mineral production—zinc deposits at Franklin and Ogdensburg; limestone for flux and cement rock.

IGNEOUS ROCKS

Triassic—Diabase and Basalt—The same basic rock formed from cooling molten material. Differ in texture. Diabase is coarse grained due to slow cooling beneath the surface while basalt is fine grained due to quick cooling of lava at the surface. Diabase forms the Palisades and its extensions to the south in the Princeton area. Basalt forms the Watchung Mts. and the two small masses at New Germantown and Sand Brook. Diabase and basalt are extensively quarried for concrete, road metal, and railroad ballast.

Precambrian—Gneiss and Granite. Granite is a coarse grained igneous rock characterized by predominant alkali feldspar and quartz. Gneiss is a crystalline rock with a secondary rough foliation developed as a result of pressure on the solidified rock; bands or lenses in gneisses are commonly unlike. Metamorphic rocks are included in this zone, some of them having been derived from sediments. These rocks form "The Highlands of New Jersey". Mineral production—magnetite (iron ore), crushed stone and prospects for uranium, monazite, and rare earths.

JEANNE M. McHUGH. Born at Summit, N. J. The daughter of Josephine and Francis D. McHugh of Chatham, N. J. Attended St. Patrick's elementary school, and graduated from Chatham High School. Received Bachelor of Arts Degree from Montclair State College, and Masters Degree in Education from Newark State College. Presently a candidate for Doctor of Education Degree at Rutgers University Graduate School of Education at New Brunswick, N. J. Taught Science at Rockaway Borough High School; presently a teacher at the Milton Avenue Elementary School, Chatham, N. J.

January 27, 1967



MISS JEANNE MCHUGH



RESIDENCE OF THE MCHUGH
FAMILY
31 OLIVER STREET

Gift Shops

Harned's, 104 Main Street, Chatham, N. J.

1937-1961. Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Harned, and R. E. Harned, Jr. opened their shop in 1937. They had returned from California, where they had operated their Chinese Shop since 1930. During these years they had imported directly from China. This they continued to do in Chatham until the war in China cut off all imports.

Many remember the beautiful handmade embroidered linens, the old Mandarin silk embroideries, the Fette rugs and many works of art. As war approached they turned it into a gift shop. In 1961, after 24 years, they sold the shop to Mr. George R. Gibson, Jr. and it became the William Pitt Gift Shop.

The Tempe Wick Shopp, 231 Main St. Chatham

In 1937 the shop was opened (owner unknown). In 1940 Mrs. Mabel Jamison bought the shop. In 1942 Mrs. Jamison sold the shop to Mrs. Lois Albright. Mrs. Albright sold to Mrs. Peggy Beggino. In 1948 Mrs. Beggino sold to Mr. and Mrs. Harold I. DeClark. In 1954 Mr. DeClark sold to Mr. Sydney Schofield. In 1955 Mr. Schofield sold to Mr. Joseph McNany who closed the shop in 1960.

Punch and Judy Shop, Fairmount Ave.

Owner and date of opening unknown. 1946 or 1947 bought by Miss Mary Clark. 1954 Miss Clark sold to Miss Ann Marie Connachan.

Jinnie Burr Shop, 242 Main St.

Miss Virginia Black opened the shop in 1951. *Closed in 1975.*

Punch & Judy
8 Fairmount Avenue
Chatham, New Jersey

We of Punch & Judy are very happy to be part of the community of Chatham. We have a nice shop and a wonderful clientele. We carry some brand names such as Hallmark and Norcross cards plus party goods.

Trifari Jewelery
Prince Gardner Leather Goods
Lenox China Art Ware
Ice Buckets by Kraftware
Milk Glass by Westmoreland
Swank Gifts for Men
Rooster Ties " "
Stationery by Eaton and Montag
Kensington Ware
Playing cards and all bridge accessories
Table and Boudoir Lamps

plus many other useful and unusual gifts.

We also carry a very large assortment of boxed and Personalized Christmas Cards carrying most of the top lines.

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Jinnie Burr's Gift Shop has, for eleven years been one of those small stores where one has found the bridge prize or the birthday gift. It has been the store where many a small boy or girl has found friendly and interested help from the owner Miss Virginia Black. For the first year she had a co-partner, Miss Agnes Burr with part of each of their names going to make up "Jinnie Burr's". The store is packed with a variety of small items to appeal to Chathamites who always ^{find} "Jinnie" the same sweet, smiling personality with a very pleasing southern accent. We are sure she could tell many appealing stories of the small fry's shopping ventures, but the following account gives a hint of what one might encounter in one of Chatham's friendlier stores.

"At Jinnie Burr Gift Shop you will find Genuine Hummel Figurines; all kinds of pretty jewelry. They also carry inexpensive items for the children who only have a dollar, squeezing it in their hand, for mother's birthday-- one little girl came in with a dime. We sold her a sachet.

They also feature beautiful Westmoreland Milk Glass and English Bone China. About fifteen different makes of cards."

Addenda to Gift Shops
by Committee

THE DREAM GIFT SHOP

The Chatham Historical Society has a flyer sent out by this shop dated December, 1928, under the name of Kirkbride located at 17 Passaic Avenue. The remarks under a picture of the showroom with a fireplace, large ceiling beams and a balcony are as follows:

"If you stepped into our Gift Shop -- what an agreeable surprise you would experience -- Oriental Picture Tapestries, Bridge Gifts, Cards and many other distinctive and individual Trinkets one would be proud to possess."

"We'd like awfully much to have you see what a transformation can be made out of an old building. The above views are photos of the interior. Your visit will not oblige you to purchase."

Sadie Whittlesey Harned born in Corfu, N. Y. moved to Madison, New Jersey at the age of 7 years with her parents Mr. & Mrs. Curtis E. Whittlesey. She had two older sisters, Mildren who married James H. McGraw, founder of McGraw Publishing Co., and Louise who married Dr. Carl A. Felt, President of Peking Theological Seminary, Peking, China.

Mrs. Harned graduated from Madison Public School in 1899 and from Rye Seminary in 1901. In 1903, she married Robert E. Harned from New Haven, Conn. He was a graduate of ^{WESLEYAN} Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. and from Drew Theological Seminary. During the number of years they lived in Madison after their marriage, Mr. Harned served as pastor of several Methodist churches in the area, Secretary for the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions in New York and as Librarian of Drew University. He was also Secretary to the President of North Western University and served as pastor of a church in Hollywood, Cal.

Four children were born to Mr. & Mrs. Harned, Herbert Whittlesey, Robert Elsworth, Jr., Curtis Whittlesy and Mildred Louis.

In 1929 while living in California Mrs. Harned opened a Chinese Gift Shop importing directly from China. They were able to get these beautiful Chinese gifts until the beginning of World War 2. Mr. & Mrs. Harned operated the Harned Gift Shop in Chatham together.



Picture of Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Harned taken on their 50th
wedding anniversary
May 26, 1953



104 Main Street

THE WILLIAM PITT GIFT SHOP
104 Main Street
Chatham, New Jersey

Founded as "HARNED'S" in 1937 by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Harned, an oriental art and later a gift shop have been operated in the old Colonial house at 104 Main Street ever since. In 1961 the business was sold to George R. Gibson, Jr., and the name changed to The William Pitt Gift Shop to complement the adjacent family restaurant of the same name.

In March of 1966 the shop was sold to Mr. & Mrs. George B. Colesworthy, Jr., who continue the same shop name. Eleven year residents of Summit, the Colesworthys now occupy the apartment on the second floor. Distinctive gifts, greeting cards, pictures, lamps and candles are featured in an early American atmosphere.

Prompted by an injection of fresh new merchandise as well as genuinely thoughtful merchandising methods, response from Chatham and nearby residents has been gratifying. The Colesworthys look forward to many years of rewarding service to those with feeling for historic Morris County.

George B. Colesworthy, Jr.
February 6, 1967

BIOGRAPHY:

George B. Colesworthy, Jr.
104 Main Street
Chatham, New Jersey

George B. Colesworthy, Jr., was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he attended Harvard College and Harvard Business School. After school he served in a variety of executive marketing activities for General Electric Company for 25 years and later did similar work for Westinghouse Electric Corp. His wife, Marion, was likewise a New England native, born in New Haven, Connecticut, and resident in Newton Highlands, Massachusetts, at the time of their marriage in 1937. Mrs. Colesworthy's father was a well-known interior decorator and this early influence has had its bearing on her genuine feeling for gifts and decorative accessories.

In 1955 General Electric transferred the Colesworthys to this area where they lived in Summit until purchase of the William Pitt Gift Shop in March of 1966. They now live in the comfortable apartment over the shop. While Mr. Colesworthy's work involved serving retailers over a long period of years, this is the first direct retail experience for either member of the husband and wife team.

February 6, 1967



MR. GEORGE B. COLESWORTHY, JR.



THE WILLIAM PITT GIFT SHOP, 104 MAIN ST.

Girl Scouts

GIRL SCOUTING IN CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY

(1920 - 1963)

by

Louise W. Howarth

GIRL SCOUTING IN CHATHAM

The following announcement appearing in the Chatham Press of Dec. 16, 1922 testifies that Girl Scouts in Chatham were ready to project a public image (for 35¢ a ticket).

Holly Troop # 1

On Saturday night, Dec. 16 at the Episcopal Church, a prize will be awarded to the Girl Scout who has written and reads the best paper or story on "Scouting".

The patrol which has the best record in attendance, punctuality, dues and neatness will win a patrol flag.

This entertainment is being given that Chatham people may become acquainted with their Girl Scouts and any money made will be used for buying an American flag and stand and a Troop flag. Everybody come, help on this fine work. Give us your backing.

The first Girl Scout troop originated in Chatham when a group of girls called "Blue Birds" under the leadership of Miss Grace Switzer in 1919 outgrew the program of that organization and wished to carry on together. Miss Laura Twitchell and Mrs. Latshaw organized these girls into a troop of Girl Scouts, a designation first declared in 1913, a year after Juliette Low founded the first Girl Guide troop in the United States in Savannah, Georgia. Miss Bertha Lambly (now Mrs. Gilbert Cornish of Millington) soon became captain and successfully led the girls for one year at which time she left Chatham. Among the 14 girls in this troop was Helen Hatt who took the problem of leadership to her mother, Mrs. J. Wm. Hatt. Assisted by an able lieutenant, Miss Catherine Spooner, Mrs. Hatt, in 1921, stepped in wholeheartedly. For seven years, with the services of Miss Opal Ray and Miss Adelaide

Clements as lieutenants for most of this time, Captain Hatt was the inspiration for an increasing number of Chatham Girl Scouts. Mrs. Hatt continued her active interest in the movement as Commissioner in Summit for many years afterward.

What was the character of scouting in Chatham in the early 1920's? As an outcrop of World War I, the emphasis was decidedly military with khaki uniforms, lots of hiking, many parades, brisk salutes and rigid inspections. Holly Troop # 1 (and only) met once a week at the Methodist Church, then located on Center Street. The girls, soon numbering from 24 to 32, were divided into four patrols, each with its leader and corporal. Local citizens supplemented the leaders' talents in teaching skills necessary for earning merit badges. For example, Dr. Mary MacGregor taught the girls First Aid and Mrs. Edward Lloyd helped the girls acquire the Cook badge. Mr. Tom Scott, editor of the Chatham Press, instructed the girls in map-making as a requisite for the Pathfinder badge and Mr. Ralph Bates, superintendent of the Chatham schools, taught the girls photography, allowing them the privilege of developing pictures in the dark room of the Fairmount Avenue School.

In 1927 Mrs. Hatt gave up her simultaneous leadership of two troops and chairmanship of the Chatham Girl Scout Community Committee. With Mrs. George Arthur Smith as her successor, this committee enthusiastically carried on the work. Miss Betty Smith (now Mrs. Richard Lum), Miss Catherine Spooner,

Mrs. John Trowbridge, Miss Miriam Harper, Miss Ruth Horsefield and possibly others acted as leaders. Upon culling the Chatham Press records of this year, one finds that Girl Scout interests had broadened considerably: an eagerly anticipated overnight hike was postponed because of wet weather; glowing accounts of their experiences at Camp Osborn, the Girl Scout camp of the Oranges, near Central Valley New York on Lower Twin Lake were reported by Scouts Annette Pignolet, Virginia Middlebrook, and Olive Benson; "Mrs. Carpenter on behalf of the Woman's Club asked the cooperation of the Girl Scouts in distributing non-partisan election notices throughout Chatham. The girls were enthusiastic in wanting to help."; \$110 was collected for Mississippi Flood Relief work by scouts and \$25 added from treasury; The Community Committee "agreed for scouts to take a census of the town, requested as a special favor for the Home and School Association work. All names and addresses of all children under five years of age are to be found out".; At Pine Troop's Halloween masquerade party "highlights of the International Girl Scout Camp at Geneva were cast on a screen"; Mrs. George Arthur Smith, new chairman of the Community Committee reported that "the crying need is for leaders".

Startling modifications in uniforms were made at this time. Well dressed Girl Scouts in 1928 replaced their broad brimmed felt campaign hats with "cloche" shaped hats turned up in back and khaki blouses and skirts gave way to green, one piece,

cotton twill dresses with flat collars opening at the throat. The length was adjusted to suit one's age.

By the fall of 1932, Girl Scouting in Chatham was securely established as a going enterprise but its "lone" troops which dealt directly with national Girl Scout headquarters in New York City felt the need of professional assistance at closer hand. To this end, Mrs. Joseph Walden, chairman of the Community Committee secured from the Morristown Council, which had received its Girl Scout charter in 1923, the services of its local director, Miss Margaret Delano, and an assistant, Miss Margaret Peck. These professionals, as part-time workers, helped the Committee and leaders supervise Chatham's sixty-six scouts, now necessarily formed into two more troops, with the following leaders: Troop 1, Miss Margaret Greer and Miss Dorothy Hall; Troop 2, Mrs. C. Hitchen and Miss Virginia Middlebrook; Troop 3, Mrs. John Dunham and Miss Ruth Roby.

After receiving SOS calls from several other outlying communities, in 1933, the Morristown Girl Scout Council decided to expand into an Area Council and extend the advantages of more centralized, supervised scouting to 592 girls. By 1934, the Morris Area Girl Scout Council was set and became the first "area" Council of Girl Scouts to be established in the United States. Chatham's Community Committee Chairman, Mrs. Leslie S. Carpenter, became a member of the Board which met monthly at Morristown headquarters.

Nineteen thirty-seven marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of Girl Scouts in America. The Community Committee at that time was comprised of the following members: Mrs. H. D. Hall, chairman, Mrs. F. A. Pratt, Mrs. H. E. Bishop, Miss Muriel Moore, Mrs. A. R. Metcalfe, Mrs. Herbert Smythe, Mrs. L. S. Carpenter, Mrs. C. Hitchen, Mrs. Harold Doerr, Mrs. F. L. Dendy, Mrs. M. J. Mealey, and the troop leader's representatives, Mrs. Stanley Weston, Dr. Mildred Boivie, Mrs. Joseph Joiner, and Mrs. Blauvelt. Other leaders helping Chatham's eighty Girl Scouts at this time were Miss Dorothy Hall, Miss Hazel Lum, Mrs. Carl Blatt, and Mrs. Ashton Davis.

By the early forties, Girl Scouting in Chatham was flourishing. In 1942, there were 9 troops of 200 registered girls and 11 Chatham girls joined a Senior Service Troop in Morristown. Three of the local troops were Brownie Packs, the Scout organization for girls from seven to ten years old. Their leaders were called "Brown Owls" and their assistant leaders "Tawny Owls". Mrs. Charles Woodcock made her debut as Chatham's first Brown Owl in the mid-thirties. Prior to this, in 1927, Mrs. Hatt had asked Miss Betty Smith to help get the younger girls ready to be Scouts. Accordingly, Miss Smith started with three girls in October and finished with forty in May. At the time these girls were not known officially as Brownies, but the need for a program for this age level was apparent. The Community Committee, meeting monthly in the Firemen's room of Boro Hall

continued to direct the activities of the girls.

It became increasingly apparent that the Area Council, as then organized was no longer adequate to meet the needs of the greater number of girls. Larger towns such as Chatham felt the need for partial autonomy. After much deliberation and careful planning, the constitution and by-laws were revised and the Area became an Association Council, a union of town associations and rural troops. In new terminology, the Community Committee became the Chatham Girl Scout Town Association in 1944.

World War II influenced Girl Scouting locally as well as nationally. The war took many Chatham women into business and troop leadership recruitment was a trying problem. Transportation difficulties curtailed many usual activities such as leadership training courses, camping and special trips. The annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale, source of much needed income, was put on a restricted quota for sale basis. Girl Scout Handbooks were no longer available. One of the churches in which troops met requested assistance with the heating situation by Girl Scout payment for half a ton of precious coal. The Town Association approved "provided we get the heat". Another church, running short of coal, had to withdraw its customary hospitality for Girl Scout meetings.

On the plus side, the war offered many opportunities for the girls to be of service and their record of helpfulness was excellent. The Chatham Girl Scouts contributed to the Red Cross,

War Chest, Girl Scout Victory Fund, made fag bags, kits for sailors, collected shoes, tin cans and keys, worked for the Red Cross office and sewing room and for the Ration Board. They made tray cards for hospitals, puzzles and scrap books for the soldiers, a quilt and an afghan for the Bundles for Britain organization. In answer to the manpower shortage, Mrs. Fred Dendy and Mrs. Ronald Sangster, leaders of a Wing Troop, brought their twelve or fifteen girls to Jockey Hollow for two days of hard work. Their mission was to replace the rangers and perform the necessary gardening tasks at Tempe Wick House. Mrs. Helen J. Miller, unofficial assistant to troops from the days of Mrs. Hatt's leadership, accompanied this expedition and reports that physically exhausted but deeply contented, they enjoyed sleeping under the stars. An example of a cooperative community project was a window display put on the first week of March, 1944 to show the Fields which the Red Cross taught the Girl Scouts. The window was lent by the Bundles for Britain group, the screens made by a local lumber dealer, Mr. Fred Walters, Jr. and the cards and silhouette made by a former Girl Scout, Miss Chris Finan. Clever demonstrations every afternoon and twice on Saturday were planned by the leaders and carried out by the scouts.

In 1947, Mrs. Joseph Joiner, who ^{as Helen Hatt,} was a charter member of Chatham's Holly Troop and herself became an inspiring leader of Chatham Girl Scout troops, member of the Chatham Community

Committee, and President of Chatham's first Girl Scout Town Association added another distinction to her scouting career by being elected President of the Morris Area Girl Scout Council. Mrs. Joiner made many contributions toward the successful development of scouting in Chatham and Morris County and also served as a member of the national Girl Scout membership committee. She continues an active role in the Girl Scout movement at this writing. Two other Chatham women, Mrs. Richard Lum and Mrs. Edwin Robinson also can claim the honor of being past presidents of the Morris Area Girl Scout Council and have continued their active interest in the Girl Scout movement and have served on National Girl Scout Committees.

Nineteen forty-eight marks an important milestone in Chatham Girl Scouting. The Morris Area Council celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary and Camp Mogisca was reestablished at Lake Hopewell, near Sparta, N.J. with Mrs. Matthew J. Storey of Chatham as its director. Funds were desperately needed to reopen the county's Girl Scout camp and Chatham far exceeding its goal of \$2900, proudly raised \$4300. Perhaps the 1944 ruling which permitted girls to wear slacks and dungarees at camp may have stimulated a little interest but in this year 145 girls quickly applied for admission and 27 of these Mogisca campers were Chatham girls.

Senior Scouts came into sharp focus at this time. There were 55 girls in three Senior troops, the two Mariner troops

being led by Miss Pat Pulsford and by Mrs. J. Howard Foote and Mrs. Wm. Hooper; the Mounted troop being led by Miss Barbara Bates and Miss Betsy Hogeman and later by Mrs. Robert Close. The first Chatham Mariner Cruise was in the summer of 1949. Aboard Captain Johnson's "Yankee", a two masted schooner which had recently completed a trip around the world, sixteen Chatham girls sailed as crew for a week from City Island, employing various skills from swabbing the deck to standing watch. Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Foote and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lum, who accompanied the nattily blue clad Mariners, reported that the sea of tears with which the girls greeted their anxious parents upon disembarking at City Island was primarily caused by reluctance to leave their beloved Commander Johnson.

There were two subsequent Girl Scout Mariner cruises - another on the "Yankee" in 1951 with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Felt in charge of sixteen girls and the most recent in 1957 on the 92' schooner "Tabor Boy" (the rechristened "Bestaever") out of Marion, Mass. Miss Diane Felt, a former Mariner on the '51 "Yankee" cruise, and Mrs. Eunice Royce were the leaders of this group. Ask any Mariner fortunate enough to have sailed on one of these cruises and she will point out the experience as one of the high points of her life. The cruises were the culmination of long and thorough preparation in such arts as knot tying, splicing, navigating, charting, and boxing the compass. It is small wonder that the skipper allowed the girls to climb the rigging to the

yardarm on one occasion.

Girl Scout landlubbers had many opportunities for adventure in the fifties. For example, Mrs. H. I. Romnes' Troop #288 in four years of activity went to Washington D.C., Boston, took an Appalachian Trail Trip in Maryland, camped on Cape Cod and visited Montreal and Quebec. Lest the impression that the girls were spending all their time as tourists be falsely conveyed, it should be noted that this troop also put on a puppet show for the Children's Home, made toys for Indian children, supplied Thanksgiving and Christmas for a family of ten and repaired, painted and decorated a cabin at Califon. This troop also did primitive camping.

Teaching girls that service to others does provide a practical and satisfying way of life is basic to Girl Scouting. A sampling of service projects in the last decade reveals a diversified application of this idea. Girl Scouts have delivered United Fund campaign literature and flyers telling about the History of Chatham by Ambrose Vanderpoel to homes throughout the town; collected and destroyed tent caterpillar egg masses; prepared kits for Korea; offered baby-sitting at Church on Sundays; made cartoon scrapbooks and vases for Greystone; adopted a 50 girl camp in Haiti and gathered clothing to send to it. In 1955 the Town Association joined the Nature Club of Chatham in petitioning the Mayor and Council with a request that they pass a resolution dedicating a certain portion of Boro

owned land for conservation purposes such as a wild life sanctuary and recreational area. Trails were laid out and birds and small animals fed in bitter winters by the girls in the conservation area near the Passaic River thereafter.

Camping has always been an integral part of scout program. Chatham Girl Scouts have not had to confine their campcraft skills to backyard activity nor anxiously await possible admission to a two week summer session at Mogisca. Day camping has long been available for girls at incredibly low cost. In 1942, one of the Morris Area Council's five Day Camps was located at Homestead Park in Chatham Township and, in 1944, a Girl Scout Day Camp was located at the Presbyterian Church in Chatham as a wartime exigency. In the last few years there have been six or seven Girl Scout Day Camp sites in the county, one of which has been located within the easy distance of Green Village or Passaic Township. Chatham youngsters have taken advantage of this opportunity again made possible through the volunteer staff services of women, some of whom have been Chathamites.

In 1934, overnight camping was made available to Morris County Girl Scouts by the Morristown Rotary Club's gift of a cabin built on 200 acres of woodland property at Jockey Hollow donated by Mr. Lloyd ^{WADDELL} Smith of Florham Park. Since that time "troop camping" has become so popular that reservations have had to be booked months in advance to avoid disappointment. The building of Lean-tos and a winterized cabin, Fingaar Lodge,

have helped to accommodate a few more girls but even these improvements and the troop camping opportunities at Mogisca combined have been unable to supply the insatiable demand for "overnights".

A word must be said about camperships. Since the early days of the Community Committee, a continuous effort has been made to assure camping experience to Chatham girls. The generous donations of several local service clubs and other interested organizations plus profits from the annual cookie sale have enabled impartially selected, worthy girls to enjoy full or partial camperships.

By the mid-fifties the expansion of Girl Scouts made administration by the Town Association system difficult. Closer supervision of twenty-seven troops indicated that some degree of reorganization at the local level would be advisable and a study group with Mrs. Edouard Martin as chairman was appointed to investigate the possibilities of working in smaller groupings. This committee recommended the adoption of the Neighborhood Plan with its advantages of groups of girls large enough to be stimulating but small enough to act as cohesive units, the hope of more easily finding qualified people to fill positions of divided leadership, responsibility, and the likelihood of leaders getting help for their problems more quickly and efficiently. Thus, in September of 1957, the Town Association, which in its last few years had met alternate months at the Fish and

Game Club, was replaced by the new Neighborhood Plan. Now, for administrative purposes, Chatham was divided longitudinally into three geographical sections, each under the guidance of a service team. The first women to serve as Neighborhood Chairmen were Mrs. Richard Petersen, Mrs. Frank Gasdia, and Mrs. Forrest Collier. Experience has shown that the Neighborhood Plan functions as intended but because of unnecessary duplication of effort the three present Neighborhoods voted to consolidate and in the fall of 1963 will operate as two.

In acknowledgment of the modern trend of earlier readiness of youth to accept responsibilities and undergo challenging experiences, Senior Girl Scouts have been offered wider opportunities to explore new fields and acquire special skills in depth. After completing a five point program which includes the basic elements in the Senior program of the out-of-doors, emergency preparedness, knowledge of the Girl Scout Council, and special hobbies, the Senior Scout becomes eligible for advanced work in special areas such as an International Friendship or Service Aide troop and also is privileged to try out for national and international events.

Competition for these advanced honors has been keen and Chatham may be justly proud of its Girl Scouts who have undergone intensive training and successfully met the exacting standards necessary for participation. In 1956, Marjorie Schmidt and Lucille Coons were delegates to the first Senior Roundup, an

international encampment of 5,000 Girl Scouts held at Highland Recreation Area, Michigan. In 1958, Margie Schmidt, with only seven other girls from the United States was chosen to attend World Camp in Greece. This group spent a week at Camp Edith Macy in Westchester County before embarking on the S. S. United States early in July. Upon their arrival in England they were entertained for five days by English Girl Guides before flying to Greece. World Camp itself was in session for two weeks and was followed by five days of visiting with a Greek family. An unscheduled nine day project in which the American patrol participated was setting up a service camp in a small village near the Turkish border. The girls pitched their tents in the school yard and offered help in child care, supervised a daily play school, and instructed the people in handicrafts, showing them how to make little niceties for their poor homes. An additional two weeks of sightseeing ended in Paris where the girls met sister scouts going to Our Chalet in Switzerland and those attending another Girl Scout camp in Finland.

Karla Kindermann was Chatham's youth representative at the second Senior Roundup of 8500 girls at Colorado Springs in the summer of 1959 and Mrs. H. I. Romnes served on the national adult staff at Roundup. From the Morris Area Council's quota of twenty girls eligible to attend the third International Roundup at Button Bay in Vermont in July, 1962, five were from Chatham: Peggy Bowden, Betsy Osborne, Vicky Porth, Karen Sward,

and Peggy Rugger (Township). These girls were among the ten thousand who consumed two tons of birthday cake at one meal. Pamela Merrill is one of two delegates from the Morris Area Girl Scout Council to be selected to attend the All-States Encampment this summer. Pam will go to Emigrant Gap, California to participate in a camping experience designed to enable her to teach leader-training techniques at home.

In May of this year Karen Sward was one of seven Senior Scouts from the M.A.G.S.C. chosen to attend the first Pilot Conference on International Friendship conducted by Region II in New York City. For three days, international program possibilities were explored. Karen also can claim the distinction of having completed the first Leader-In-Training course offered to carefully screened Seniors by the Morris Area Council.

March 12, 1962 marked the first half century of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Membership in the movement is two and two-thirds million, with three-fourths of a million adult members, of whom only one-fourth of one per cent are professional workers. Not taken into account are the incalculable number of people who devote time in various capacities to helping Girl Scout program. Chatham's share in the official statistics is the registration of over four hundred girls from second grade through senior high school, fifty-four trained leaders, and at least twelve adults working in other administrative efforts. Locally, the Golden Anniversary was celebrated by Girl Scouts of every age planting

yellow tulips and daffodils at the library and by Seniors baking a cake for the Boro Council.

Even as the Golden Jubilee was observed, vast efforts and resources were being mobilized toward preparation for a new design in Girl Scout program to be launched in September, 1963. A new Program Change terminology is on the tongues of every adult in Girl Scouting. Although there are new ideas and updated tools to further broaden the scope of program, the basic concept of Girl Scouting and the basic program will be as valid for the next fifty years as it has in the past fifty years. The purpose of Girl Scouting is to help girls develop as happy resourceful individuals, willing to share their abilities as citizens in their homes, their communities, their country and the world. This purpose is achieved through a program based on an ethical code of living voluntarily accepted by girls and adults alike.

Reflection on over forty years of Girl Scouting in Chatham reveals that our community has enthusiastically responded to the high, democratic ideals of this movement from its inception here in 1920. Girl Scout Sunday, the Fourth of July Girl Scout floats, the annual cookie sale, rallies and Courts of Award are part of Chatham tradition. The search for competent leaders has been relentless and there have been increased opportunities for leadership training in recent years. The greatest change has been the ever widening scope in fields of interest in answer to the steadily increasing numbers of individual girls. Scout-

ing For Girls, the first official American handbook of the Girl Scouts, in the 1926 edition, devotes an entire chapter to Drill (marching) and another to Signalling (wig wag and semaphore); it lists 47 proficiency badges. The current Girl Scout Handbook does not mention drill and reduces signaling to two pages; it lists 116 different badges. Although captains have become leaders or advisors, the same emphasis is placed on the unchanged Promise and Laws.

As I have worked on this manuscript with a minor historian's major concern for objectivity and accuracy; as I have encountered the names of so many worthy local people and interesting events far too numerous to mention; I have been impressed by the mass of evidence of Chatham women's imagination, vitality and sense of dedication. I conclude that the public image of Girl Scouting is gratifying and abiding.

Individuals who have helped with information:

Mrs. Carl Blatt
Mrs. C. H. Coons
Mrs. Gilbert Cornish
Mrs. J. Howard Foote
Mrs. Frank Gasdia
Mrs. Joseph Joiner
Mrs. Wilfred Kindermann
Mrs. Richard Lum
Mrs. Edouard Martin
Miss Jeannette Middlebrook
Mrs. Helen J. Miller
Mrs. Edwin Robinson
Mrs. H. I. Romnes
Mrs. Bruce Ross
Mrs. Wm. Schmidt
Mrs. Herbert Smythe
Mrs. Matthew Storey
Mrs. John Swett

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Autobiographical Information

Born Louise Abbott Whipple in Salem, Mass., 1920

Resided in Lexington, Mass. from 1927-1944

College - Smith, '41; Major - History

Employed Sept. 1941 - Dec. 1943; Aug. 1944 - Nov. 1946 at
Parke Snow, Inc., Waltham, Mass. as assistant to
lingerie and toy buyer; O.P.A. coordinator; advertising manager

Married to Samuel D. Howarth of Chatham, N.J. in 1944

Residing in Chatham from 1947 - ?

Children: Sandra - March 1949
Joan - Nov. 1950
Hilary - Sept. 1953

Current Community Activity - Madison Area Y.M.C.A. - Board
of Trustees

Morris Area Girl Scout Council -
Board of Directors

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF LOUISE W. HOWARTH

Salem, Massachusetts, a city of historic importance was the place of my birth in 1920. When I was seven years old, my parents brought my two older brothers, my sister and myself to Lexington, Mass where I attended public school. From the "Birthplace of American Liberty" I moved to Northampton, Mass. where I majored in history at Smith College. After graduation in 1941, I returned to Lexington and was employed in a family retailing business, doing everything from stock room work and advertising to figuring ceiling prices on merchandise.

In 1944, a soldier from Chatham, N. J. Sam Howarth, became my husband and we were able to enjoy a few months together at Cape Cod and in North Carolina before he was sent to Europe. When he was honorably discharged from service in 1946, he persuaded me to cross the Hudson and the Fishawack and to settle in his native town. A remodeled barn at 104 Watchung Avenue was our first house and a few years later we moved around the corner to 167 Fairmount Avenue.

Here I have remained until the present writing, devoting my time to our three daughters, Sandy, Joan and Hilary. Spare time has been spent in a variety of community activities with Girl Scouting receiving the most emphasis in latter years.



Mrs. Samuel D.
Howarth

Home of
Mr. & Mrs. Howarth
167 Fairmount
Avenue



GIRL SCOUT PICTURES 1925-1963

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Source</u>
	Girl Scouts in 1925 Parade 4" x 6" snapshot (Present location - Chatham Library, Special Collections Room)	
	(Present location of all the following pictures - Girls Scout filing cabinet, Ogden Mem. Presby. Church)	
(1)	Beryl M. Hatt (Mrs. ^{Joel} William) Working on G. S. Project	Chat. Historical Soc.
(2)	Captain Hatt 1925, 3" x 2" snapshot	Miss Jeanette Middlebrook
(3)	Capt. Hatt, Lt. Ray, and Lt. Clements 1925, 3" x 2" snapshot	" " "
(4)	Group Photographer Badge, 1926 2" x 3" snapshot	" " "
(5)	Captain Hatt, 1935, 2" diam. snapshot	Mrs. J. Joiner
(6)	Red Cross-Girl Scout Window Display March, 1944, 7" x 5" photograph	Mrs. F. Gasdia
(7)	" " " "	" " "
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(9)	Beryl M. Hatt, August, 1944 Portrait at age 67	Mrs. Edna V. S. Budd
(10)	Chatham Girl Scout Rally (possibly at Jockey Hollow) late 1940's 5" x 4" snapshot	Mrs. F. Gasdia
(11)	" " " "	" " "
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(13)	Girl Scout Float, Fire Dept. 50th Anniv. Parade, April 17, 1948	Chat. Historical Soc.
(14)	<u>Yankee</u> - 96' schooner in full sail 8" x 10" glossy print	Mrs. F. Gasdia
(15)	<u>Yankee</u> - passing Battery 7" x 6" newspaper photo	N.Y. Herald Tribune April 28, 1949
(16)	Mariner Scouts aboard <u>Yankee</u> 3" x 5" color snap, 1949	Mrs. J. H. Foote

GIRL SCOUT PICTURES (cont.)

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Source</u>
(17)	Fly-up Brownies on Float, July 4, 1954 probably Chatham Courier	Mrs. F. Gasdia
(18)	Girl Scout Float, July 4, 1954 4" x 6" newspaper	Probably Chatham Courier
(19)	Girl Scout Float, July 4, 1955 4" x 6" newspaper	" "
(20)	Girl Scout Float, July 4, 1956 newspaper	" "
(21)	Mariner Scouts, Sept. 12, 1957 4" x 4" newspaper	Chatham Courier
(22)	Neighborhood Reorganization, 1957 6" x 3" newspaper	" "
(23)	Washington, D.C., Group, April 3, 1958 6" x 4" glossy postal	" "
(24)	Marjorie Schmidt, World Camp, 1958 5" x 4½" newspaper	Newark News Sept., 1958
(25)	Marjorie Schmidt, 1st Roundup Girl 1956, 3½" x 1½" newspaper	Morris County Daily Record, April 8, 1958
(26)	Karla Kindermann at Colorado Roundup 1959, 3" x 2" snapshot	Mrs. W. Kindermann
(27)	Betsy Osborne, 1962 Roundup 3" x 3" color snapshot	Mrs. W. Osborne
(28)	Karen Sward, 1962 Roundup (in Senior Scout Uniform) 3" x 3" color snap	Mrs. N. Sward
(29)	Roundup Girls, Peggy Bowden and Vicky Porth at Milk Bar, 1962 4½" x 6" newspaper	Chatham Press Aug. 8, 1962
(30)	Mrs. S. D. Howarth, Cookie Chairman 6" x 3½" newspaper	Morris County Daily Record, Feb., 1962
(31)	Mrs. L. I. Snyder 1½" x 2" newspaper	Chatham Press May 29, 1963
(32)	Campership Awardees 3" x 4½" newspaper	Chatham Press April 10, 1963



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BERYL M. HATT (MRS. J. W. M.)
WORKING ON GIRL SCOUT PROJECT



CAPT. HATT (2)
1925



CAPT. HATT, LT. RAY & (3)
LT. CLEMENTS
1925



(4)
GROUP PHOTOGRAPHER BADGE
1926



(5)

CAPT. HATT
1935



(6)



(7)

RED CROSS - C.S. WINDOW DISPLAY, MARCH, 1944

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RED CROSS - G. S. WINDOW DISPLAY - MARCH, 1944

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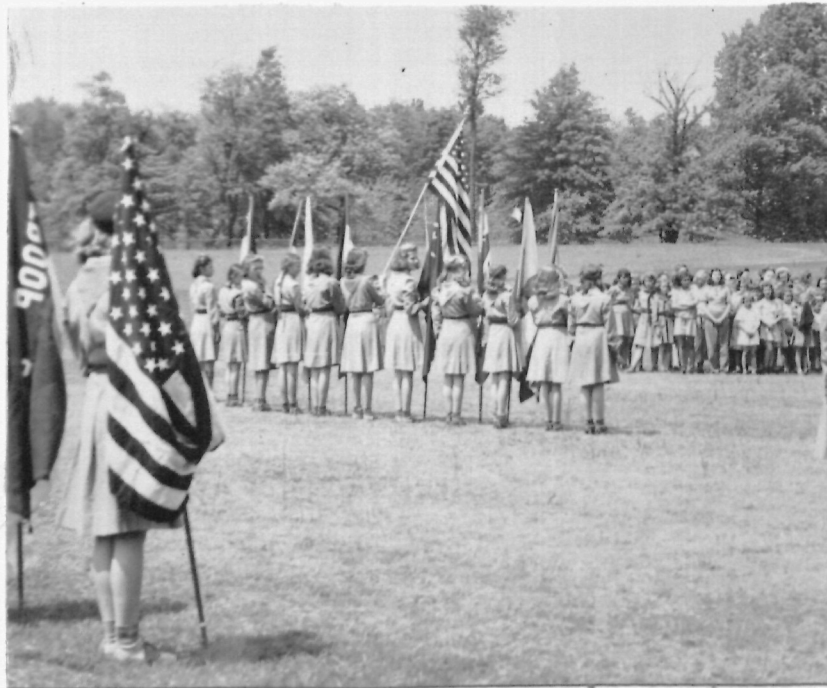
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GIRL SCOUT RALLY - '40's



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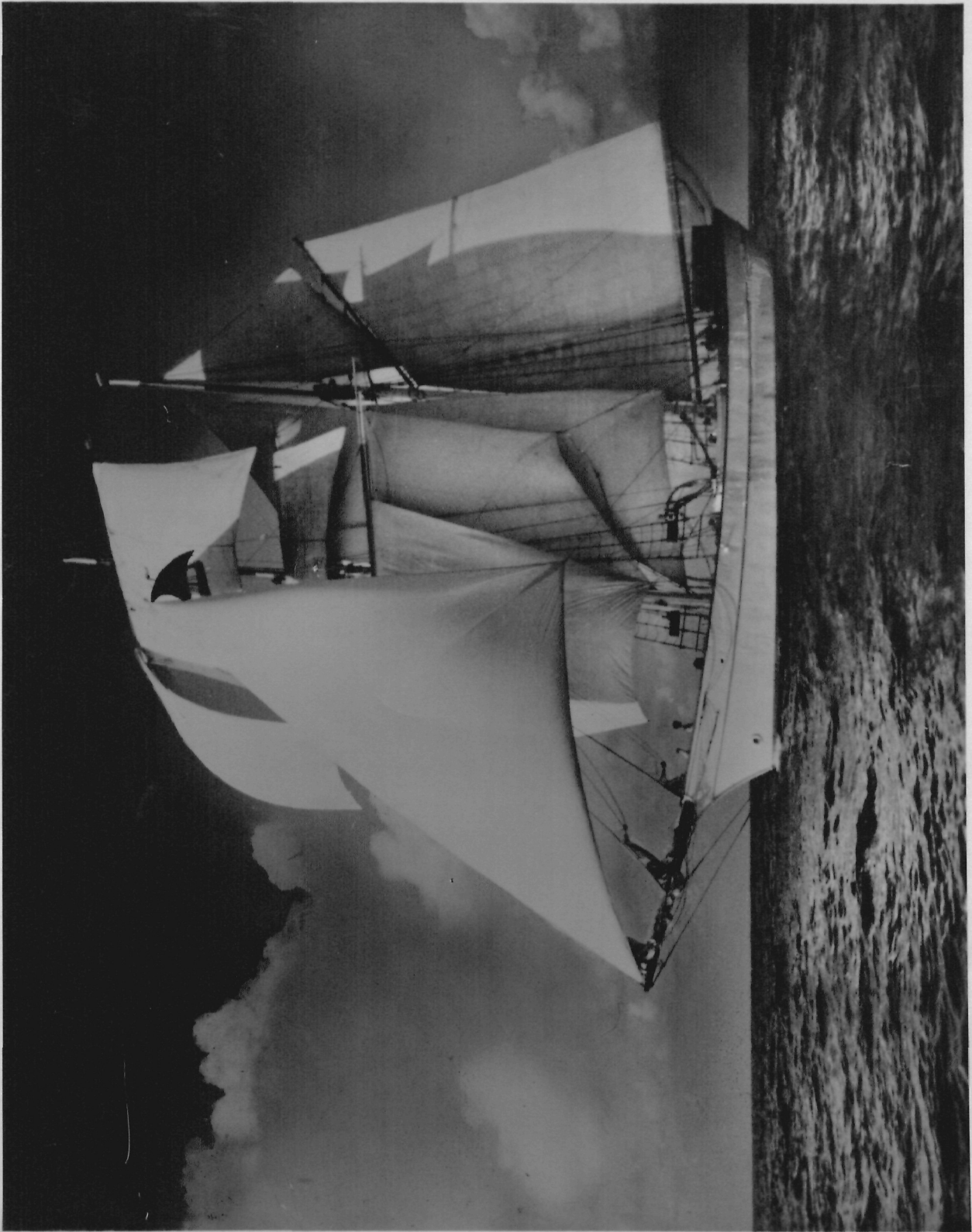


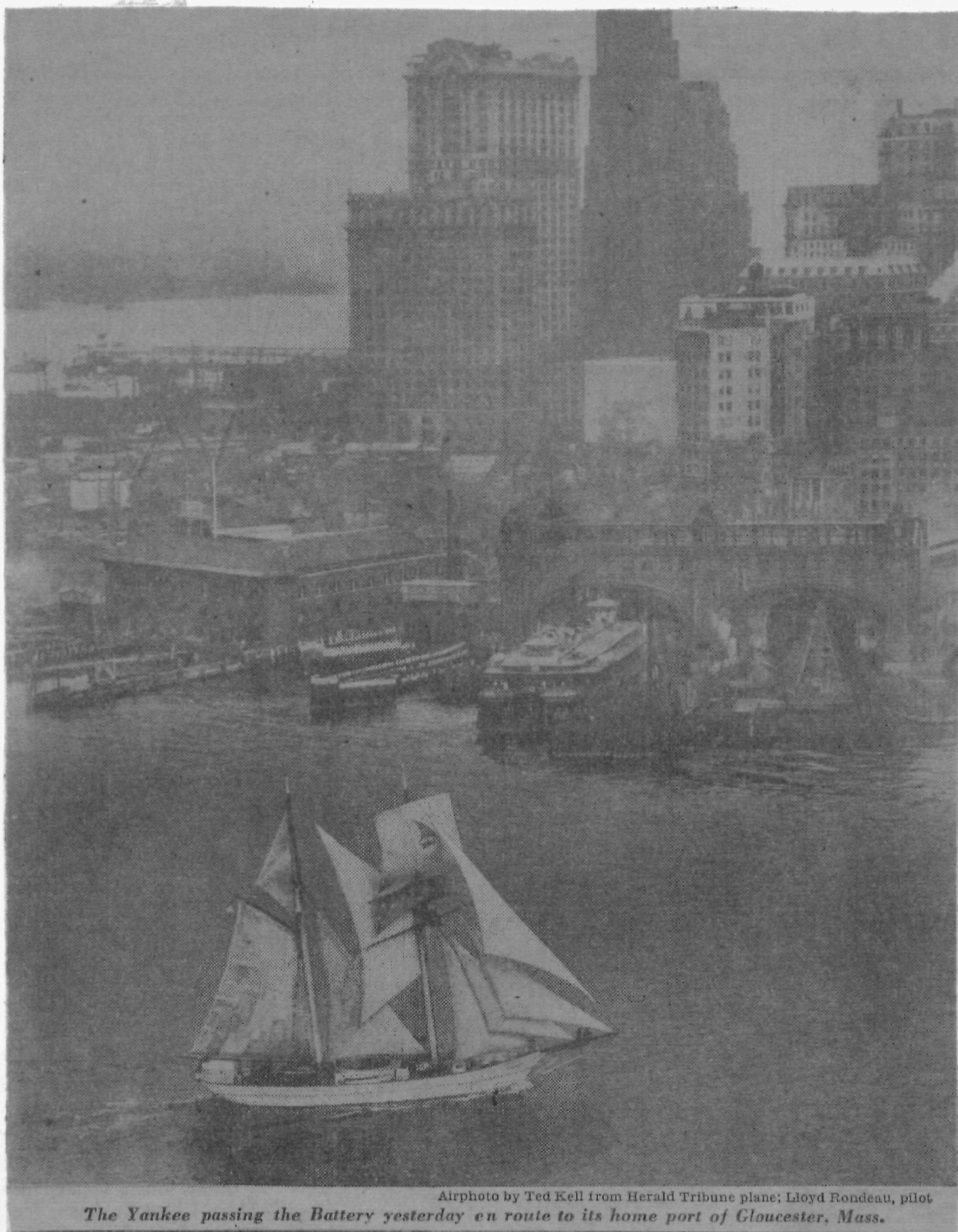
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GIRL SCOUT FLOAT
FIRE DEPT. 50TH ANNIV. PARADE
APRIL 17, 1948





Airphoto by Ted Kell from Herald Tribune plane; Lloyd Rondeau, pilot
The Yankee passing the Battery yesterday en route to its home port of Gloucester, Mass.



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MARINER SCOUTS ABOARD "YANKEE"
1949

7-DAY CRUISE - CITY ISLAND, BROOKLYN, TO BLACK ISLAND, L.I.

BACK ROW: BARBARA RYERSON, PEGGY ANN BUTLER,
SANDY SWARTOUT, NANCY STRATFORD, DIANE WARD.

FIRST ROW: POLLY ROTH, BETTY ANNE KENDE, NANCY WIND,
JACKIE SERVIES, LOIS FREELAND, JOYCE DOWNS,
JAN BAYREUTHER, COMMANDER IRVING JOHNSON,
MARILYN LUM, SANDY SHEPHERD

NOT SHOWN: BARBARA BARTON, RUTH ANN CORTLETT



July 4, 1954

Elizabeth Champion, Gail Adams, Perry Convery and Judith Stickel, Brownies on the "fly up" float provided by Fred Walters;

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The Firemen Staged A Grand Parade



On

Independence

Day

Ann Collier, Mary Ellen Noble, Barbara Haight, Frances Gasdin, Betsy Foote, Martha Krayner, Barbara Reed, Mary Brackbill and Margie Foote with the Girl Scout float that featured "Citizens of Tomorrow" in Chatham's parade last week

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July 4, 1956

The Chatham Firemen Put On A



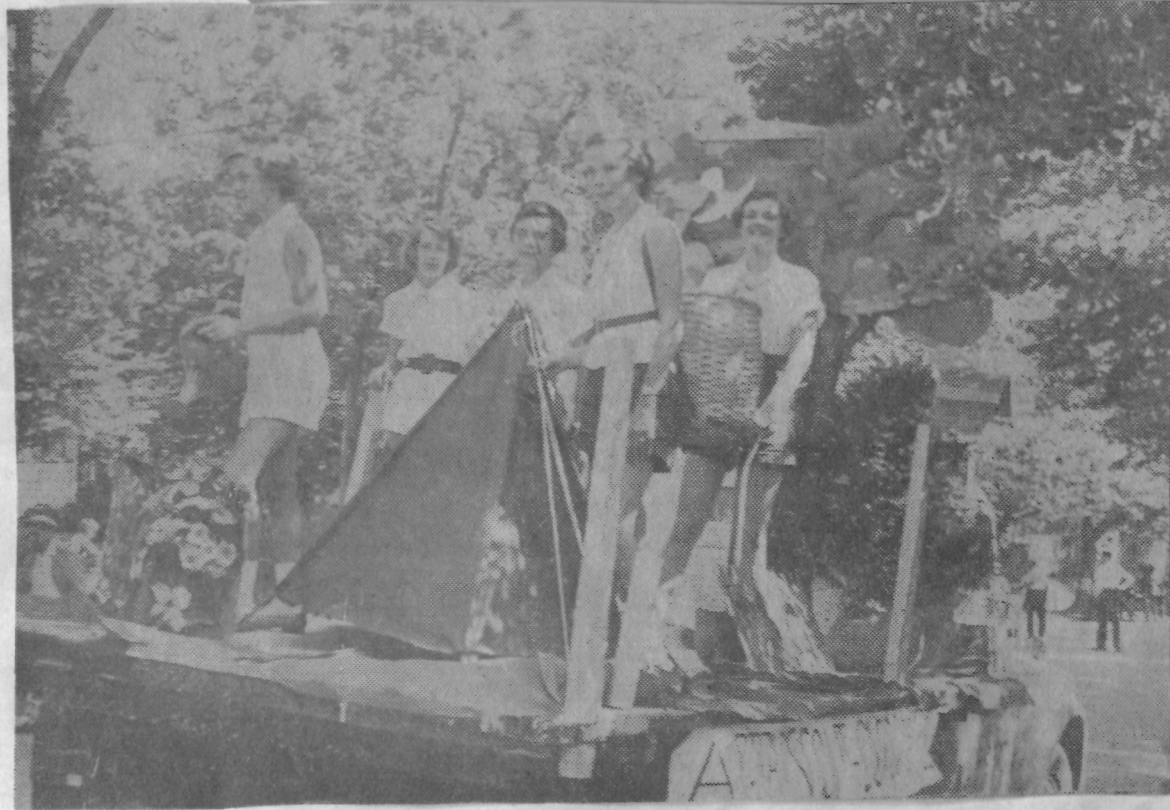
Good Show

July 4, 1954

Monday

Participants in Chatham's Fourth of July parade Monday included (upper left) Frances Gasdia, Mary Ann Elia, Dorothy Tyrone, Rosemarie Fusco, Louise Reutelhuber, Barbara Miller, Lou Martin, Barbara Forsyth and Priscilla Grierson on the Girl Scout float symbolizing world friendship;

Civic Groups Aid Firemen In The Parade /



That Grows

And Grows

July 4, 1955

the Girl Scouts with a camping and conservation display, manned by Susan Kent, Mary Wadsworth, Robin Frantz, Gayle Gernert and Connie McNeely.

THE CHATHAM COURIER, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1957

Girl Mariners



Girl Scout Mariners Cynthia Hanners, Diane Thompson, Pam Schmidt, Sally Triggs, Ann Peters, Sally Walters and Lucy Lloyd aboard ship on a recent cruise.

SHIP AHOY!

A six day cruise aboard the schooner, Tabor Boy, last week climaxed more than a year of planning and work for fourteen Chatham mariner scots.

From August 18 to September 3 the girls: Cynthia Hanners, Diane Thompson, Joan Hannis, Lynda Niebling, Stevie Fontaine, Sally Triggs, Lucy Lloyd, Jane Hensel, Pam Schmidt, Barbara Rau, Lou Martin, Sally Walters, Barbara Miller, Ann Peters, and their leaders Dinny Felt and Eunice Royce sailed the ship around the New England coast with the help and guidance of a five man crew. The girls learned to con the helm, steer by compass, swab the deck, shine the brass, haul the sail, and even to climb to a precarious perch on the yard arm.

The itinerary included such ports as Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. At Gloucester the mariners made a side trip to the artist colony at Cape Ann. The troop spent Sunday at Plymouth where they attended the church of the Pilgrims. The final port-of-call was Mystic, Conn..

There the group visited such points as the whaling museum and the old whaling ship, Charles W. Morgan. The ship then headed for its home port—Marion, Mass., the

The girls spent the last past winter working towards the cruise. They were taught such arts as knot tying, splicing, navigating charting, and boxing the compass by their leaders and with the aid of Cmdr. Lester McDowell.

The Chatham Girl Scout Council gave some funds and the troop raised quite a bit more by selling various Christmas gifts which they had made.

NIEBLING

Girl Scouts Reorganize Leadership



Mrs. John Biskut, troop organizer, Mrs. W. T. Osborne, troop organizer, Mrs. Richard O. A. Petersen, neighborhood chairman, Mrs. Lloyd Snyder, troop consultant, Mrs. Forrest Collier, Jr., neighborhood chairman and Mrs. Frank R. Gasdia, neighborhood chairman, form the new central organization for Girl Scouts in the borough. The youth movement has replaced its old town association organization plan with the newer neighborhood plan. Mrs. James Wiley, also a troop organizer, was not present when the picture was taken.

Eagle-Courier Newsfoto

Girl Scouts Are Planning to Re-organize

The Morris Area Girl Scout Council has announced a new plan of organization which will be put into effect in Chatham this year. Under the new plan, known as the Neighborhood Association, the town will be divided into three sections each one under the guidance of a service team. Each of the three neighborhood service teams will consist of a neighborhood chairman, a troop consultant and a troop organizer. The duty of the chairman is the guidance and direction of girl scouting in her neighborhood, the task of the troop consultant is to furnish help and advice to leaders, while the troop organizer handles details of troop formation, meeting places and other allied matters. Chairman for Neighborhood One is Mrs. Richard O. A. Petersen and troop organizer, Mrs. William T. Osborne. In Neighborhood Two Mrs. Frank R. Gasdia is chairman and Mrs. John Bishop, troop organizer. In Neighborhood Three, Mrs. Forrest F. Collier, Jr. has been named chairman, Mrs. James L. Wiley, troop organizer, and Mrs. Lloyd I. Snyder, troop consultant.

The advantages of the proposed plan appear to be many. The neighborhood system of organization provides groups of girls large enough to present a stimulating organization but small enough for the members to act as a cohesive group. The responsibility of leadership is divided and the importance of finding qualified people to fill each position is immediately apparent. It is possible for people to know each other well, work together easily, and get help for their problems quickly and efficiently. In communities where the neighborhood association is in effect it has helped maintain high standards of accomplishment and has given its members a feeling of being directly responsible for the girl scouting operation.

Anyone interested in assisting with the girl scout program in Chatham is urged to get in touch with the troop chairman in her neighborhood.



MARJORIE SCHMIDT

(25)

1956 - FIRST SENIOR ROUNDUP
HIGHLAND RECREATION AREA
MICHIGAN



(26)

KARLA KINDERMAN - 1959
COLORADO SPRINGS
2ND ROUNDUP



BETSY OSBORNE

(27)



KAREN SWARD

(28)

THIRD ROUNDUP - 1962
BUTTON BAY, VERMONT

Finds Scout Visit in Greece Friendly One

Sept. 1958 Newark News

Staff Correspondent.

CHATHAM — An international gathering of teen-agers is a friendly event. This was the impression a Chatham Girl Scout brought back from a Scout camp in Greece this summer.

Marjorie Schmidt, 17, was one of eight Scouts from the United States attending the camp at Kirke.

The Scouts lived with Greek families for about a week and worked nine days in a service camp near the Turkish border. There, while cooking with native women, Marjorie collected some of her favorite souvenirs, Greek recipes.

Supervised Program

At the service camp in a northern Greek pleasant village,

Marjorie and the other American Scouts supervised a play program for village children and taught handicrafts.

Marjorie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Schmidt of S. Chandler Rd., was graduated from Chatham High School. She will enter Smith College this month.

WORLD
CAMP

1958



Newark News Photo

MEMENTOS—Girl Scout Marjorie Schmidt, 17, of Chatham holds dolls she brought back recently from Greece.

WASHINGTON D.C.

(23) APRIL 5, 1958

Thirteen Girl Scouts from Troop 157, accompanied by four mothers, travelled by bus from Chatham to Washington, D. C., over the Spring Recess, spending four days in the nation's capital. Judith Stickel made arrangements with Representative Peter Frelinghuysen to meet the girls on the steps of the Capitol Building where their picture was taken with Representative Frelinghuysen who then personally conducted the girls through the Capitol Building. The girls who are shown above are Mrs. R. W. Stickel, Barbara Ball, Judith Stickel, Gwen Moore, Perry Convery, Mrs. F. Gasdia, Heather McDowell, Gail Adams, Ginny Martin, Mrs. R. Moore, Mrs. C. H. Convery, Linda Moore, Nancy Page, Pat Bailey, Cathy Morgan, Barbara Herse, Nancy Kebbon, and the Hon. Peter Frelinghuysen.



Chatham Press
Aug. 8, 1962

Peggy Bowden, left, of Overlook Terr., and Vicky Porth, right, 27 Oak Drive, both of Chatham, enjoy a refreshing glass of milk at the Dairy

Exhibit at the 1962 Senior Girl Scout Roundup at Button Bay, Vermont.

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Roundup Morris Area Girl Scouts

On July 18 two patrols from the Morris Area Girl Scout Council arrived at Button Bay, Vermont for the Senior Girl Scout Roundup. The girls from the Yankee Doodle Patrol are patrol leader Trudy Stetter, Mountain Lakes; Sandy Voeglie, Stanhope; Peggy Bowden, Chatham; Bobbi Jewell, Florham Park; Betsy Osborne, Chatham; Joyce Rock, Boonton; Peggy Rugger, Chatham Township; and Carol Wente of Chester and the following from the Tempe Wick Patrol lead by Karen Sward, Chatham; Arlene Crawford, Mountain Lakes; Vicky Porth, Chatham; Carol Wenk, Mountain Lakes; Stephanie Forrest, Madison; Ann Giedlinski, Florham Park; Mary Ann Franchino, Lake Hopatcong; Elaine Brown, Lake Hopatcong.

From the 18th to the 30th they lived in a tent city inhabited by 8500 girls and 1500 adults. Girls spent their time free from chores watching demonstrations, visiting youth forums, swapping items typical of their area, visiting the Trading Post, and seeing the Village Green. The Village

Green was an innovation at the Roundup this year and it consisted of demonstrations of the ways of colonial life such as weaving, making maple sugar, making snowshoes, and the work of smiths. It also contained a mineral exhibit of specimens found in Vermont.

Morris Area's two patrols based their demonstrations of skits and swaps on the American Revolution. . . the Tempe Wick Patrol portrayed the story of Tempe Wick in a puppet show, and the Yankee Doodle Patrol told the story of the Jersey Blues in 28 verses to the tune of Yankee Doodle.

The Jersey Blues were farmers who wanted to join the army. Unable to afford uniforms, they dyed their shirts blue and put feathers in their hats, naming themselves the Jersey Blues. Later the British mocked them, calling them the Yankee Doodles. There is still a regiment today known as the Jersey Blues. The former patrol's swaps were circles of red felt with a black felt horse-shoe and a horseshoe nail attached. The latter's was a miniature Jersey Blue which consisted of blue plastic tubing, and a blue pipe cleaner for the body, doweling as the head, red feathers, and a hat which was made of plaster of paris rolls. Both patrols put on their demonstrations in the large demon-

Scout Report

by Peggy Bowden

Girl Scout Senior Roundup at Button Bay, Vermont, began on July 18 at Button Bay State Park, Vermont with the arrival of one half the patrols. Two patrols from Morris County named the Yankee Doodle and the Tempe Wick patrols consisting of eight girls each arrived on that day. The girls will be here from July 18th to the 31st. From the first day of the actual Roundup, the main attractions are the swaps or trade items which are representative of the areas from which each girl comes.

At the first all Roundup campfire on July 20, President Kennedy keynoted the Roundup with a challenge for the girls. Mrs. Charles U. Culner, President of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America officially opened the Roundup. Each morning the day begins with a flag ceremony. Approximately 200 flags are raised every day. These include flags from the foreign, countries represented and the flags of the fifty states.

Songs filled the air as the second arena event began on Tuesday, July 24 at the Senior Girl Scout Roundup.

This was the celebration of the Girl Scouts 50th birthday. After singing a few songs, girls came running down the aisles with helium-filled balloons and tied them to rails on the stage which was decorated with a large

CHATHAM—The old axiom "If you want something done, ask a busy person" seems never truer than when applied to Louise Howarth of 167 Fairmont Ave. Actively interested in civic affairs since she and her husband Samuel moved to this area in 1947, Mrs. Howarth is a member of the PTA and serves on the board of the Madison YMCA.

Out of scouting for several years, after originally being enrolled as a Brownie and continuing up through Intermediates, Mrs. Howarth again became interested through her three daughters: Hilary, in third grade; Joan in sixth; and Sandy, now in the seventh grade. Besides being a leader, committee woman and cookie chairman in the past, she is now chairman of Neighborhood No. 1 in District D.

Last month she was selected by the Board of Directors of the Morris Area Girl Scout Council to become District Chairman of the Chatham Area, which covers neighborhoods in Chatham, Chatham Twp., Harding and Passaic. She will officially take office at the annual meeting in May, with all other newly selected officers of the Council. As District Chairman, she will now also be a member of the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Howarth originally hailed from Massachusetts where she attended Smith College in Northampton. She and her family still enjoy vacationing in New England.

Having been a Girl Scout cookie chairman, Mrs. Howarth was naturally attracted to a recipe that included their use. It was passed on to her by a Chatham neighbor, a native of Ohio, where it was used several years ago during Girl Scout Cookie Promotion Week in her home town. Quite a rich dessert, the recipe is a real favorite with the Howarths.

The youngsters' pet, a poodle by the name of Michele, is a real cookie hound and a definite problem to be reckoned with insofar as those mints are concerned.

Not surprisingly, the recipe came to mind during the Morris Area Girl Scout Council yearly cookie sale now in progress through this month.



MRS. SAMUEL HOWARTH

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE MINT PIE

- 14 Girl Scout mint cookies
- 3 egg whites
- Dash of salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped nut meats
- $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 cup sweetened cream — whipped

Chill cookies few minutes then roll between folds of waxed paper to even sized crumbs. Beat egg whites and salt together until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in

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May 29, 1963



MRS. L.I. SNYDER

At the annual Court of Awards held May 21, Girl Scouts of Neighborhood III of Chatham Borough were presented with the badges they earned during the year. A special Citation and Thanks Badge was awarded to Mrs. L. I. Snyder of Burgess Street for her outstanding service as Troop Consultant for the past five years. At a recent meeting of the Morris Area Girl Scout Council, Mrs. Snyder was elected a member of the Board of Directors.

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Girl Scouts Win Awards



Mrs. John See, Campership Chairman, announced that eleven Girl Scouts were awarded Camperships. The girls, pictured above, are: (standing) Karen Nunn - Troop 264; Jean Semmelman - Troop 264; Pam Merrill - Troop 264; Kathy Malay - Troop 220. (Sitting) Sharon Ahern - Troop 582; Nancy Moore - Troop 399; Terry Hartford - Troop 581; Debbie Speir - Troop 248; Frances Kurent - Troop 570; and Debbie Merrill - Troop

575. Not pictured, Lynn James - Troop 399.

A campership as its name implies, is a scholarship to camp. To qualify for the Campership a girl must be a registered Girl Scout, must have done outstanding work in her troop and be able to share with her troop good camping experience and should be ready for a camping experience and show interest in the outdoor program.

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Pamela Merrill

Delegate to All-States Encampment

Emigrant Gap, California

1963

Great Books

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION PROGRAM IN CHATHAM

BY

Maurice Wainwright

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION PROGRAM IN CHATHAM

In 1947, The Great Books Foundation was established to develop a coordinated reading and discussion program. Today, The Great Books Foundation, a non-profit organization claims to be the biggest "university" in the world. It is a university without a campus, an endowment, tuition fees, or a faculty.

The Great Books discussion program is very popular and successful in Chatham. Chatham was in fact one of the pioneers in this adult activity. Three groups of ten to twenty men and women now meet every other week in the downstairs room of the Chatham Public Library. One group has been meeting since 1949, just one year after The Great Books Foundation went into action. This group was led by Mr. Maurice Wainwright and Mrs. Rulon Biddulph, and in its fourteenth meets on alternate Wednesday evenings. After the first year Mr. Wainwright continued as the leader, and members from the group served as co-leaders. A second group first met in 1953 with Mr. Lawrence J. MacGregor as leader and Miss Kathleen Wallace and Dr. MacGregor as alternate co-leaders., and has been meeting on alternate Monday evenings ever since. It has just completed its tenth year. The third group led by Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Hirsch, Jr. has been meeting since 1958 on alternate Wednesday evenings. In 1950 Dr. Donald Kent and his wife organized a group which met on Thursday evenings in Dr. Kent's office for six years.

The first group still has many of the original members who would not dream of discontinuing, the program has become so much a part of their lives.

Maurice Wainwright

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Maurice Wainwright - An Appreciation

The many friends of Maurice Wainwright suffered a greivous loss through his passing, on January 5, 1970 in the 71st year of his life.

During this life he was actively involved in many organizations. One such was the "Ben Franklin Club" of Summit, a discussion group meeting monthly and of which he had ^{been} a member for 36 years.

Of most immediate interest to Chatham folk, perhaps, is the part the Maurice played in starting the first "Great Books Group" in Chatham in 1947. Two years before he had organized and continued to lead for some time a "Grat Books Group" which met in the Newark Public Library.

The Chatham group met twice monthly at the Chatham Library and was an immediate success also under Maurice's leadership. Pressure of other activities and the onset of aural troubles after some time forced him to forego his full-time leadership among the members, in favor of rotational leadership. Maurice remained a participating member until the 1960's when his aural troubles finally forced him to discontinue altogether. This was a particularly heavy blow to the remaining membership since his contributions to the discussions were positive and always relevant, never dull and often most pithy and humorous.

Following the success of the original group which, incidentally jst completed its 25th year (1972) some other groups were

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formed.

The first was that by Dr. & Mrs. Donald F. Kent in 1950,
a second by Laurence Mac Gregor and Mrs. Kathleen Wallace
in 1953 and a third by Mr. & Mrs. Hirsch Je in 1958.

Hence the influence of Maurice's efforts are still
felt here in Chatham and will be for a long time to come.
We miss the guy.

E.E.T.
Evan Thomas

Great Swamp

128 Fairmount Ave.
Chatham, New Jersey
April 24, 1964

Dear Mrs. Budd;

In listing the interests of Chatham people, the Great Swamp project should surely be included. This fascinating area lies just over the hill from Chatham. For years, many of us have unofficially used the area for bird watching, botanizing, blueberry picking and photography.

When the concerted effort to set aside the Great Swamp for posterity started, it became a "CAUSE" which our community underwrote in many ways, by mass donations, working on committees, helping with exhibits, fund raisers, speakers bureau, tour guides, and office workers. So many have taken part that it is impossible to list them.

I am enclosing a brief description of the Great Swamp which explains its interest and value.

In this period of rapid growth in Morris County, we feel it is essential to preserve some of the wonders of nature while they are still available.

Chatham is fortunate indeed to have the Great Swamp so close and I hope it will be available to our citizens for many generations to come.

Sincerely,

Aimee C. Romnes
(Mrs. H.I.) Aimee C. Romnes

The Great Swamp

The dramatic story of how the Great Swamp in Morris County, New Jersey is being acquired for a national wildlife refuge is heartening to all those interested in conservation. It is the story of what can be accomplished when a group of people love the land and are willing to work to protect it.

Today, \$870,000 from 4,900 individuals, 340 organizations, businesses, foundations, from 240 towns, in 27 states, has been contributed toward the purchase of land to create Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Its dedication this June will result in a refuge whose unique design as a nature interpretation area and living laboratory will be one of the finest in the country.

The explanation of Great Swamp's great natural values comes from its geological background. The Wisconsin Glacier, moving in a southerly direction, reached its terminus at the location in New Jersey where Morristown, Madison, Chatham and Summit now stand. The melting waters of the receding glacier formed a lake which was thirty miles long and ten miles wide, stretching approximately from Paterson to Plainfield. As the glacier continued to recede, the waters of this great lake drained out through a gap at Little Falls and followed the course which developed the present Passaic River. At the headwaters of the Passaic River remained the wetlands in the glacial **lake** bed which is now Great Swamp.

This relatively unspoiled area, located where the Hudson and Atlantic highways converge, has served for many years as a resting and feeding area for migratory waterfowl and passerine birds. In addition, marsh, woodland, meadow and sandy knoll provide a variety of habitat essentially undisturbed by man, although located a bare 30 miles from New York City. For the professor, the amateur geologist, the botanist, the student and those seeking rest and spiritual refreshment, Great Swamp has a special meaning and fills a special need.

Endangered by the pressures of urbanization, a small group of men and women banded together to save the Swamp from the mighty bulldozer. Working in cooperation with the North American Wildlife Foundation of Washington, D. C., a nationally known and respected conservation organization, this group has succeeded in enlisting the support of hundreds of people through its free programs, mailings, exhibits and publicity, and are now seeking the final funds to assure the completion of their goal.

In the meantime, the first phase of Great Swamp's development is in operation. A Nature Center, developed by the Morris County Park Commission on land adjoining the Refuge, is conducting an educational program for school classes. Staffed through the cooperation of the New Jersey Audubon Society, teachers unfold the story of the marsh--a mysterious teeming wilderness--as they lead the student over the boardwalk to laurel covered hummocks.

Great Swamp will be a rare and wonderful heritage to bequeath to future generations. Its preservation will be a lasting satisfaction to all who participated in this effort and it will become increasingly valuable and more cherished with each succeeding generation.

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PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 90th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

A Bill To Designate the Great Swamp as Wilderness

SPEECH

OF

HON. PETER H. B. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1968

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I introduced H.R. 16771, to designate a portion of the Great Swamp of Morris County, N.J., as wilderness. I should like to point out at the outset that every member of the New Jersey congressional delegation is a cosponsor of this bill. In addition, both New Jersey's Senators, Mr. CASE and Mr. WILLIAMS, have introduced similar legislation in the other body. This is, Mr. Speaker, a gratifying and most welcome display of bipartisan support.

This bill will place 3,750 acres of the swamp in the national wilderness preservation system. Currently, the swamp is under the jurisdiction and management of the Department of the Interior as a national wildlife refuge. The refuge was established in May 1964, and was dedicated by Secretary of the Interior Idall. Eventually the refuge, a prime nesting area for migratory waterfowl and a natural home for an abundant array of animal life, will cover 5,800 acres.

Introduction of this legislation is a great stride toward the culmination of an effort begun nearly 10 years ago to reserve and protect this unique natural wonder. The legislation will give the swamp the full protection of the U.S. Government and will insure its preservation in its unspoiled natural state.

In a larger sense, the names of hundreds of private citizens should be listed as today as cosponsors of this legisla-

tion. For the story of what has led to this legislation is one of widespread citizen involvement and dedication to a cause.

The tremendous ground swell of support for efforts to protect the Great Swamp, and the selfless outpouring of more than \$1 million to purchase and donate to the Federal Government nearly 3,000 acres in the swamp, will stand as a monument to the effectiveness of active citizen participation. This support has never wavered; indeed, it has grown stronger over the years. It was never more clearly illustrated than on February 17, 1967, when the Department of the Interior conducted a hearing in Morristown, N.J., on the proposal to include the swamp in the wilderness system.

The public hearing transcript runs to 350 pages, and contains the oral testimony of 62 persons and 164 written statements in the form of telegrams, letters, and cards. All were in favor of the proposal, except one. In addition, communications were received from 6,212 individuals, only two of which expressed opposition. A total of 245 communications was received from a wide variety of organizations, such as the Wilderness Society and the Sierra Club, and all of these were in favor of the proposal.

Elected officials, at the National, State, and local level, all testified in support of the proposal and the hearing officer received 30 communications from municipal and county officials, all in favor of the proposal. Support was also given by the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development, and a number of Federal agencies, including the National Park Service.

I submit, Mr. Speaker, that a clearer record of support would be exceedingly difficult to find.

This support is, however, easy to understand, for the swamp is a priceless outdoor nature laboratory, supporting a wide variety of plant and animal life. There exists within its confines a few remote ridges which support magnificent stands of beech trees. Some of the trees in the swamp measure 14 feet in girth and are estimated to have stood there before the arrival of Columbus in the New World.

To describe the swamp as a veritable wonderland for scientists and scholars would be to grossly understate its value.

Located a mere 25 miles from the teeming New York City metropolis, the swamp is an oasis virtually untouched by the relentless hands of time. Indeed, it lies in the center of what has come to be known as Megalopolis, U.S.A., easily accessible to approximately 30 million persons in the metropolitan area.

The swamp offers the peaceful seclusion of nature as well as furnishing the means to satisfy man's need for escape from the frantic pace of modern civilization. Perhaps, even more important, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that this area is the last of its kind in northern New Jersey. To permit it to fall before the blade of the bulldozer or to deny it the protection it so richly deserves would be a tragedy, indeed.

It behooves us, therefore, to take advantage of this opportunity to preserve this heritage for future generations. I urge Congress to take rapid and favorable action on this legislation, so our grandchildren can look back and praise the foresight with which this body acted.

**S. 3379—INTRODUCTION OF BILL
RELATING TO GREAT SWAMP
WILDERNESS AREA**

**SPEECH
OF**

HON. HARRISON A. WILLIAMS, JR.

AND

HON. CLIFFORD P. CASE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Wednesday, April 24, 1968

Mr. WILLIAMS of New Jersey. Mr. President, I introduce, for myself and

Senator CASE, of New Jersey, a bill to place in wilderness status 3,750 acres of the Great Swamp in Morris County, N.J. An identical bill is being introduced today in the House of Representatives by Representative FRELINGHUYSEN, in whose district the Great Swamp lies. And the other 14 Members of the New Jersey House delegation are cosponsoring Representative FRELINGHUYSEN's bill. Thus the entire New Jersey congressional delegation is on record in support of this legislation.

I might add that, following hearings in Morris County last year, Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior, also has recommended this tract, which is now a national wildlife refuge, for inclusion in the wilderness system.

Mr. President, it may seem incongruous to some to create a wilderness area—where, by law, man may be only a temporary visitor and his works are barred forever—in the teeming New York metropolitan area. But I find nothing incongruous in it. Indeed, I find it entirely fitting that the Nation's most urban State should also be one of the first to have a wilderness area designated within its borders.

In urban and suburban New Jersey, man has reshaped the earth to his own needs and wishes. The skyscraper and the jetport, the freeway and the shopping center have left almost no trace of the land that our fathers found but three short centuries ago.

The Great Swamp is the last sizable vestige, in northern New Jersey, of that natural heritage. It has resisted the encroachments of man to this point because of an accident of topography and geography. But even these features will not be sufficient to protect it from the bulldozers if we do not act now.

Only by legislative fiat can we now preserve the island of beauty and solitude in the midst of 30 million people. Already, the developers have turned acquisitive eyes on this tract. Presently, it is the Port of New York Authority which wants to build a giant jetport, but if that threat is turned back there will be another and another and another until, finally, the pressures of our growing population would overwhelm and overpower those who seek to preserve this island in a sea of concrete.

I shall not burden the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD with the technical reasons why this section of the Great Swamp is

deemed especially suitable for designation as a wilderness area. The Department of the Interior has amply documented these reasons and its report is readily available to those who wish to see it. Suffice to say that it more than meets all the criteria which have been established by the Congress and by the Department of the Interior.

Mr. President, I intend to ask the junior Senator from Idaho [Mr. CHURCH], who is chairman of the Subcommittee of Public Lands of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, for an early hearing on this bill. It is relatively free of controversy—only three of more than 200 statements at last year's hearing were opposed to the measure—and I do not anticipate that the hearing would take more than 1 day.

At this point, I am optimistic that this bill can be reported favorably this year and that the Senate will have an opportunity to vote on its final passage before adjournment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be received and appropriately referred.

The bill (S. 3379) to designate certain lands in the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Morris County, N.J., as wilderness, introduced by Mr. WILLIAMS of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. CASE), was received, read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Mr. CASE, Mr. President, I am glad to join with my colleague, Senator WILLIAMS of New Jersey, in introducing legislation to create the Great Swamp Wilderness in Morris County, N.J.

Identical legislation also is being introduced today in the House. It is indicative of the strong support for this bill that all of New Jersey's 15 Congressmen have joined in introducing it in their body.

The Great Swamp bill has been strongly supported by the Secretary of the Interior and recommended to the Congress by the President. It has the endorsement of the Governor, of other State and local officials in New Jersey, of businessmen, of conservationists, and of thousands of interested citizens. When field hearings on the proposal were held last year, 6,212 individual letters and wires were received and all but two were in support of the wilderness area proposal for the Great Swamp.

The bill before the Congress is a sim-

ple one. It would place about 3,750 acres of the swamp in a national wilderness area. The area to be so protected includes sections of land known as the M. Hartley Dodge and Harding Wildernesses. At present these areas are part of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge which is administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Because the Dodge and Harding units are, in effect, "roadless islands" with unusual ecological features, and are within a national wildlife refuge, they qualify for protection under the Wilderness Act. This protection would preserve them in their present wild state forever. No buildings would be permitted. Access would be by foot or horseback only.

Wilderness area designations are the surest guarantee we have against encroachments on the natural wonders of our land. Such designations are made by acts of Congress and, therefore, can only be changed by Congress. This contrasts with national wildlife refuges which are created by a special commission and placed under control of the Interior Department. As past experience has shown, this protection, as good as it is, can be vulnerable to political pressures.

The Great Swamp needs all the protection it can get. Since 1959 the Port of New York Authority has sought to convince the public that the swamp is the ideal site for a new global jetport the port authority wants to build in the metropolitan area. I and others have strongly opposed location of a jetport in the Great Swamp. Largely because of this opposition, reinforced by the State legislature, the port authority proposal for the swamp has not gotten to first base.

The port authority proposal in 1959 did, however, trigger a nationwide effort to save the Great Swamp. More than a million dollars was collected and with it some 3,000 acres acquired for donation to the Federal Government as part of a Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge was established in May 1964 and eventually will consist of about 5,800 acres, including lands that are being purchased by the Federal Government.

More than half of the 5,800 acres will comprise the new wilderness area. The remainder of the refuge will continue to be managed by the Interior Department to enhance its use by migratory and nesting waterfowl.

Supporting it as it does a wide variety of plantlife and animal and bird species, the swamp is a priceless outdoor laboratory and classroom for scientists and scholars. In addition, it serves as a source of enjoyment for those simply interested in viewing the wonders of nature.

Moreover, the swamp is important to the water supply of the region. By holding runoff waters and releasing them gradually, the swamp exercises a beneficial influence on the level of the Passaic River. In this context, it is a natural

helpmate in the fight against flooding or pollution of the Passaic.

The Great Swamp is both "unique and the last of its kind," in northern New Jersey, according to the Department of the Interior. The swamp also has been described as an island of beauty in the midst of a sea of increasing urban ugliness. It is that and more. If Congress acts promptly, large portions of this unique natural wonder can be preserved untouched for the enrichment of present and future generations.

299-650-12598

BULLETIN!

We have just learned that Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall will be free to preside over the dedication of the Great Swamp as a National Wildlife Refuge on Friday, May 29th at 4 P. M., 1964.

THE ENCLOSED NEWS RELEASE TELLS THE STORY.

Also enclosed is your invitation to this ceremony which recognizes so fittingly our efforts to preserve the Great Swamp as a natural resource.

THE NOTICE IS SHORT, WE KNOW, BUT SO WAS OURS. PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR FAMILY.

The dedication site will be on the former Dog Show grounds of the M. Hartley Dodge Estate on Blue Mill Road, New Vernon. It can be reached from -

MADISON

Route 24 to Loantaka Way Light. 2.6 miles west on Loantaka Way.

MORRISTOWN:

From the Square east on South Street to Spring Valley Road to blinker light intersection.

BASKING RIDGE:

Lee's Hill Road to New Vernon Presbyterian Church. 1.4 miles east on Blue Mill Road.

The North American Wildlife Foundation
cordially invites you to attend the

Dedication
of the

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

by

The Honorable Stewart L. Udall
Secretary of the Interior

Four o'clock, Friday afternoon
the twenty-ninth of May
nineteen, sixty-four
at the

M. Hartley Dodge Estate
Blue Mill Road, New Vernon
New Jersey



FROM: The North American Wildlife Foundation
Great Swamp Committee
P. O. Box 333, New Vernon, N. J.
Mrs. Arthur G. Fenske, Secretary

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FOR NEWS RELEASE: May 19, 1964

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall will dedicate the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in Morris County, New Jersey Friday, May 29th, it was announced today by Mr. C.R. Gutermuth, Secretary of the North American Wildlife Foundation, Washington, D.C.

The dedication ceremony had originally been planned for late June, but was advanced this week when it was found that Secretary Udall's schedule would permit his presence only at this earlier date.

The dedication ceremony will take place on the M. Hartley Dodge Estate in New Vernon, New Jersey, overlooking the Great Swamp, and it will honor the late M. Hartley Dodge, noted industrialist, philanthropist and conservationist whose leadership and foresight played a major part in the preservation of Great Swamp.

The dedication will recognize more than five years effort by the Great Swamp Committee of the North American Wildlife Foundation to preserve the Great Swamp, a wilderness of marshland and forests thirty miles from Times Square, New York City and within an hour's drive of 30 million people. As an outstanding example of federal, county and private cooperation in the protection of a natural resource, it is considered one of the foremost conservation projects in the country. Over one million dollars has been contributed by 6,100 individuals and 462 organizations, industries and foundations from 289 towns in 29 states.

To date 2600 acres of a minimum goal of 3000 acres have been deeded to the U. S. Department of Interior. The remaining acreage is expected to be completed shortly and transferred to the U. S. Department of Interior.

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AIMÉE C. ROMNES (MRS. H.I.)

Born in Manhattan in 1909, daughter of Helen and James A. Champion, both of Saratoga County, New York State.

Lived in New York City for 12 years, then moved to Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

Graduated from Bethel Woman's College, Kentucky.

Married Haakon I. Romnes of Stoughton, Wisconsin, on December 26, 1930.

Moved to Chatham in October 1936. Lived first at 8 Duchamp Place, then at 128 Fairmount Ave.

One child, a daughter, Karen Mali, born January 15th, 1938.

First Evening Department Chairman of the Chatham Woman's Club. Also served as Hospitality Chairman for the general club meetings.

Active in the Missionary And Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church.

Taught First Aid courses for the Red Cross, served as a Grey Lady at Lyon's Veterans Hospital; also held various other jobs for the Madison-Chatham Chapter, including Board Membership.

A Girl Scout Leader for a number of years; at one time, had two troops going. Was a Trainer for Morris Area, giving courses in camping and other skills for leaders. Served a term on the National Camp Committee. Attended the Senior Roundup in Colorado, as an adult volunteer.

Served several terms as Secretary of the Chatham Recreation Department; and later, as Secretary for the Board of Trustees of the Chatham Public Library.

Gave programs on garden and nature subjects.

Was active on behalf of the Great Swamp Committee in their efforts to save the vestigial remains of ancient Lake Passaic for conservation and educational purposes.

Aimee G. Romnes

Served on the Board of the Morris Area Planned Parenthood. Set up the Speakers' Bureau; and worked as a volunteer in the office.

Past President of the Chatham Nature Club.

Conservation Chairman for Summit Nature Club.

Member of the National Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, The Wilderness Society, Defenders of Wildlife, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, and Trailside Museum Association.



Explanation

This material was prepared at the urgent request of Mrs. A. G. Fenske of Green Village, who at the time was Executive Secretary of the North Jersey Conservation Foundation. They were working on the preservation of the Great Swamp.

A special meeting with Federal officials had been unexpectedly called to consider the possibility of advancing the status of the area. The committee had ample flora and fauna data but appealed to me to assemble some historical, archeological and recreational items. There was a five day deadline.

E. V. S. B.

Bits of History of the Great Swamp-in Three Categories

1. Archeological
2. Colonial
3. Recreational - with story of Minnisink Indians

by Edna Van Sickle Budd (Mrs. Merritt L. Budd)

8 pages
Nov. 1965

1. Archeological

The Great Swamp existed long before the advent of the white man or any written records as we usually know them. But archeological records there are - and many - and in the light of today's scientific methods of research, the story of Stone Age Man in the Great Swamp is being carefully investigated. Farmers living on the perimeter of the swamp have long been accustomed to finding Indian stone artifacts on their property and many collectors have dug and searched the fields.

It was not until the summer of '63, however, that a scientific study was undertaken. At that time the Shongum Chapter of the Archeological Society of New Jersey excavated the Miele site on Britten Road in Chatham Township. Many of the members of that group had archeological experience digging under the supervision of professionals and they were careful to follow all procedures currently recommended. The success of the project is attested by the facts that in addition to making a detailed report to the local chapter, the group of active participants collaborated in a resume, with slides, which was presented by request to a State Society meeting in Trenton January '64 and again by request at the Annual Conference of the Eastern States Archeological Federation at ^{North} Attleboro in Massachusetts, November '64.

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This Shongum Chapter - a list of whose officers and members is appended - has knowledge of 37 Indian sites on the perimeter of the swamp. They believe there are many others in the swamp itself - as well as the perimeter. They are currently engaged in securing detailed maps of this vicinity on which these sites will be recorded. They are meanwhile in the process of securing permission from the present owners to make further investigations of each site. Data so far studied reveals that there are several periods of occupations present~~ly~~ - known to archeologists as Archaic, Early, Wood^{land} and Lake Woodland. The Archaic period represented in this area^{is}, 2000 to 3000 B. P. (before present.)

The members of the Shongum Chapter believe that this project will prove to be of major value to the history of the Great Swamp and its environs.

a list of present members is appended.

2. Colonial History

The first written record of the Great Swamp thus far located by this writer is August 13, 1708 in an "Indian Deed to Nathaniel Bonnell and others for New Britian". This is known among historians as the New Britian Purchase - or by the Indian name Mackskta Cohungo. It records the sale of an 18 mile square tract from the Indians to white purchasers. The Great Swamp is mentioned by name and is included in this tract. The original deed is in the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark. References to this important transaction may be found in many New Jersey histories. Recent publications are Vanderpoel's History of Chatham (published 1959) page 23 - and Langstaff's New Jersey Generations, Macculloch Hall (published 1964) where the deed is published in full.

The notation "Great Swamp - Indian purchase 1690" may be found on the map on the back end paper of Theodore Thayer's book As We Were - The Story of Old Elizabethtown - (published 1964). This map is dated 1745.

It is believed that there were settlers in this area prior to 1700. See History of New Jersey by Barber and Howe (published 1845).

The story of the land purchases in this part of New Jersey is long and involved. Beginning with Berkeley and Carteret in 1664 - the sale by them to the East Jersey Proprietors and West Jersey Proprietors - dissention concerning the

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boundary lines between the two sections (three different lines were drawn) - all this complicated by what is known as the Elizabethtown Purchase - makes for a story too long for this brief resume. The reader is referred to New Jersey from Colony to State (published 1964) by Richard P. McCormick. Of special interest, however, is the fact that records indicate that William Penn was one of the proprietors of both East and West Jersey and owned 1280 acres in the Great Swamp.

Conflicting claims and much bitterness concerning title to property continued until the ^{R.W.}war.

The Great Swamp figures prominently in a local legend of the Revolution. We use the term legend advisedly because so far as is presently known there is no definite proof of this story of the famed New Jersey Journal. However, it is believed that at the time of the Battle of Springfield June 23, 1780 - when, for a week the New Jersey Journal published in Chatham by Shepard Kollock, failed to appear - the editor, together with the printing press, hid in the Great Swamp. (Vanderpoel - page 231). The New Jersey Journal was the leading newspaper of the State at that time; the only other newspaper being in South Jersey. The British were eager to capture the editor.

Frequent references to the Great Swamp are found throughout the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries - extensive lumbering was carried on, particularly before the discovery of coal. Many farmers, in addition to their "tillable"

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-Recreational History - The story of the Minnisink Indians

The story of hunting, trapping, fishing, bird watching, botanical studies, etc., in the Great Swamp was not requested for this article. We here briefly record the story of a specific recreational group.

Prior to 1924, there may be found references to family outings and picnics in the Great Swamp, especially in the huckleberrying season. Persons journeyed there from near and far (and frequently got lost).

The first recorded group of persons using the Swamp for recreational purposes are the "Minnisink Indians". Actually these "Indians" were not Indians at all, but a group of business men of Chatham, most of whom were commuters. Their "Chief" was Rufus Keisler, Jr. who purchased 23 acres on a knoll in the Swamp in 1923. Mr. Keisler was a Newark banker.

On September 1, 1924, the "Minnisink Tribe" came into being. Members of the group were enthusiastic outdoor lovers. They roamed the Swamp and enjoyed its beauties. They built an Adirondack lean-to on their knoll, also a replacement when the original structure was destroyed by fire. A huge fireplace on the open side of the cabin made cooking possible. The group met for Sunday morning breakfasts and held "pow wows" with feasting and story telling at the times of the full moon. Families of the members were entertained annually on Washington's Birthday and certain other special occasions.

The "Minnisinks" were civic minded. They often entertained groups of Boy Scouts and others. On one occasion they served

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land would acquire a "wood lot" in the Swamp.

We are indebted to Miss Margaret Keisler of Chatham for record of a "wood lot" in the Great Swamp owned by her ancestor John Marsh Pierson (1791-1869). The Presbyterian Church in New Providence recently sold a "wood lot" to the North American Wild Life Foundation.

Fantastic tales and legends of huge animals persisted through the years - some probably told at first to frighten children and thus deter them from wandering too far alone. An article in Plainfield's Courier-News of September 24, 1963 recounts an interview with Albert Zander (then 70) of White Ridge Road whose home is surrounded by the Great Swamp and who still runs a saw mill there. He and his son are the first to be called out on present day searching missions for those lost in the Swamp. Mr. Zander recalls that there were those in years past who claimed to have seen "The Swamp Devil" - a sharp witch who inhabited the interior, preying on lost hunters and berry pickers.

New Jersey's Tercentenary of 1964 resulted in the publication of many books on the history of the state. We have already referred to several volumes - all currently available. To the student interested in further research on the Great Swamp - we recommend Volume 21 of the New Jersey Historical Series - published under the auspices of the State Tercentenary Commission. It is titled "A Narrative and Descriptive Bibliography of New Jersey" and is written by Nelson R. Burr.

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dinner to 150 boys attending an Older Boys' "Y" conference in Chatham. They also participated each year in the local July 4th parade.

The "Minnisinks" were true nature lovers as attested by this quotation from Shakespeare's As You Like It printed in Old English Letters on the side of the cabin.

"Well Here is the Forest of Arden
Here come we in content and not to banishment
And this our life exempt from public haunt
Finds tongues in trees, books in running brooks,
Sermons in stones and good in every thing"

At this writing, the group is disbanded, most of them have traveled to "the Happy Hunting Ground", and the cabin is no more *But their Spirit lingers on; for they were* indeed fore-runners of the many devoted nature lovers who visit the Swamp today.

The reader is referred to the Newsletter of the Chatham Historical Society - June 1961, for a more detailed account of these "Minnisink Indians". They chose this spelling of the word instead of the more usual "Minsink".

*Autobiographical sketch of Mrs Budd with pictures
will be found under "Archæology"*

Hair Dressers

The art of hairdressing is as old as the surrounding hills and many present day hair styles originated from the early days of civilization. There are still remote regions of land where beauty salons have never been seen and where ethnic forms of beauty have remained unchanged for centuries.

Once upon a time, not only in our town of Chatham, but all over the world, long locks were considered one of woman's chief charms. Every heroine of fable and fairytale fame had long flowing tresses as part of her standard equipment. Lengthly hair was and always will be a time consuming luxury. Impractical and inconvenient, its upkeep demanded either an abundance of leisure time or a string of helping handmaidens. At first a symbol of wealth and good social position, long hair came to be associated with prevailing ideals of femininity. In the early days a woman's place outside the home was largely ornamental, and hairdos were geared to this decorative existence. The lengths to which hair was grown reflected limitations of this female mode of life. The results of endless hours of preparation may have been captivating, but the day by day routine of hair setting was very cumbersome. As the years went by and the pace of living quickened, people no longer had the time to spend in fixing long hair. Beauty salons then began to open and people who could afford the luxury of having their hair done in a beauty salon would travel great distances to do so.

In the early part of the 1900's there were a few women who would go around to various homes and give shampoo's. This was done right here in Chatham by a Miss H. Thommen

of Kings Road. Miss K. Wolf of our town had her hair done this way. Miss Thommen would receive appointments by phone and would then go to the persons house and give the shampoo either in the sink or in a tub.

As the town of Chatham began to grow beauty salons began springing up. The first Beauty Salon in Chatham opened in 1924 and was located at 27 Passic Ave.. This shop was located in front of the home which was owned by Mr. C. Henrich and was operated by his daughter Marie who had been working in a shop in Summit for a Mr. Kische who was a French hairdresser. The name of the first salon was the Amberay Beauty Shop. It derived this name from the amber lamp which was placed in the picture window in front of the house. The shop consisted of three booths and permanent waving, marcel waving, water waving and manicuring was done here.

After a few years Miss Henrich married and closed her shop as she moved from Chatham. Other shops soon opened and today it is no problem at all to find a beauty salon to have your hair done in.

The above information was
was given to me by Mrs.
Loeck of Chatham, a sister
of Miss Henrich.

Note from Book Committee: The following advertisement was found in the Madison Eagle, July 31, 1914: "Miss Anna M. Houston, experienced hairdresser, manicure and scalp specialist, would like to solicit trade in Madison and vicinity. Phone 645-W Chatham."

Autobiography

Chatham Beauty Salon
225 Main Street
Established-1940

Owner... Joseph Merle, married, 3 children, twin boy and girl each 16 years old and a 21 year old boy who is a senior at Newark College of Engineering.

I have been located at this establishment for the past 23 years, and believe that I am the first male hairdresser to open up his own business in this town. I learned the art of hairdressing from the very foundation. My dad had his own barber shop in Elizabeth and when I was sixteen years old I began working for him in the shop. It was here that I received my first lessons in haircutting and where I gradually became proficient at cutting mens hair. In these days it was easy for a person to start working in a barber shop as there were no state laws governing the operation of a barber shop. Although my first job was working in a barber shop, I had no intentions of becoming a barber as my real interest was in the field of dentistry. Thus, when I graduated from high school I entered the University of Villanova where I took pre-dental courses. After two years of college I was forced to leave, as my folks could not afford to continue paying for my education when the depression hit. Unable to continue college and unable to get a job, I was forced to return to work in my fathers barber shop. Women were now beginning to get their hair cut and would come to the barber shop to have it cut. My dad opened up a beauty shop in the back of the barber shop as the women began not only to want hair cuts but also to want their hair curled. After working for my father and gaining more experience not only with mens hair but also with womans hair, I entered a Beauty Culture school in New York City. After completing the beauty course

I went back to my fathers shop where I worked for a few years in his beauty salon. Although I was becoming more and more adept at working with wemans hair, I was determined to go out and make a name for myself. Thus when I saw a job opening at Best & Company^{NY} I applied for the job and was hired. After working here for a short while, I was offerred a better job with the ^{FRANKLIN} Simon Beauty Salon which was located right across the way from the Best & Co.^{NY} After six months at this beauty salon, the supervisor approached me and asked if I would like to become a beauty consultant and travel to all of their salons throughout the United States to give advice on hair styling. Since I was still young and net yet married, this offer seemed very attractive to me and so for the next several years I worked as a hair consultant in all parts of the country. During one of my trips back home, I met a girl who I fell in love with and decided to marry. Thus, I asked for a transfer so that I could be near her. I was sent to Halene & Co. and from their went to work for Bambergers & Co. where I stayed for six years. In the mean time I got married and saved enough money to start my own business with. I had passed through Chatham a few times and some of my patrons at Bambergers came from there and besides I had always favored small towns as their is a more friendly atmosphere between you and the customer. With this in mind I decided to open up my business in Chatham. Thus, on one of my days off I rode through Chatham and found the store where I am now located.

I have been here in Chatham for 23 happy years and have never regretted my decision to move here as I have met some of the nicest and friendliest people that I have ever known

in my life.

During the twenty three years that I have been here, the field of Hairdressing has progressed for the better. Hair styles have changed radically in the past twenty years and now there is a style to fit almost every individual. Not only have hair styles changed, but there has also been a great change in the methods used by the hairdresser to create the hair styles. Twenty years ago permanent waving was a tedious task for both the hairdresser and the customer as permanent waving was done with a machine which took many hours and which often left the hair tight and knotty. Today the machine has been replaced by a new method known as cold waving. Cold waving is not only a quicker method but it also gives a more natural look to the hair. Another significant improvement in the hairdressing profession lies in the control which the State now has over the operation of beauty salons. Beauty shops are now under the control of the Department of Law and Safety and are subject to strict controls to insure that the health and safety of the customer will not be impaired.

Autobiography of Joseph Merlo

Born - Elizabeth, N. J.

Parents - Mr. & Mrs. Victor Merlo (Nee Josephine Li⁶massi)

Education - Battin High School - Elizabeth - Villanova College
Villanova, Pa

Married - Rose Sapienza - daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Sapienza

Residence - 20 years in Maplewood-after marriage

Last 7 years #64 Park Av. Berkeley Heights, N. J.

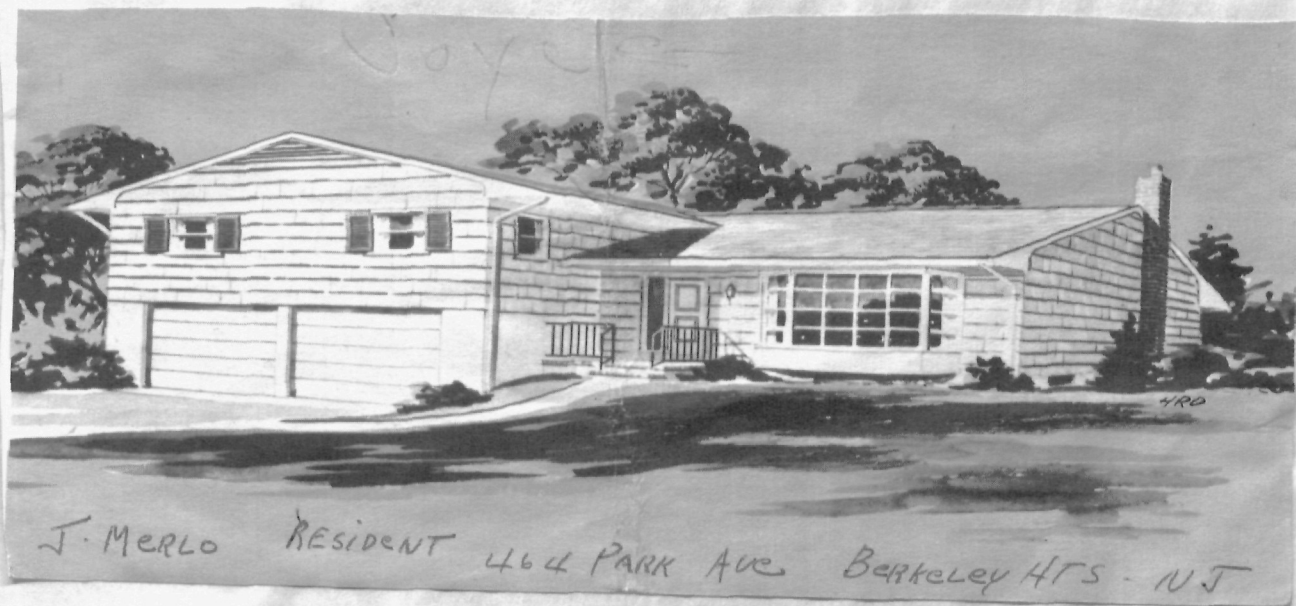
Summer home for 15 years - Seaside Park, N.J.

Children - Victor Joseph - married Sharon Evans

Robert T.)
) twins - now 19
Joyce M.)

Hobbies - gardening and fishing - especially deep sea fishing

Mr. Joseph Merlo



Son - Victor Merlo



Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Merlo with
Twins Robert and Joyce

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Joseph Merlo
225 Main Street
Chatham, New Jersey

February 11, 1963.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your request of February 5, 1963 regarding beauty shops in Chatham, New Jersey; please be advised that the only available records we have on hand date from 1950. The shops that are out of business are as follows:

M. L. Groh
t/a Charm Hairdressers
4 Center St. Chatham, N.J.
In business prior to 1950 up to 1958.

F. DeSantis
t/a The Hollywood Hairdressers
9 Passaic Avenue, Chatham, N.J.
In business from 1954 to 1957.

New Owner

Current Shops:

Anthony Petraccoro
t/a Anthony's Beauty Salon
166 Main St. Chatham, N.J.
In business prior to 1950.

Joseph Merlo
t/a Chatham Beauty Salon
225 Main Street, Chatham, N.J.
In business prior to 1950.

Philip Errico
t/a Errico Hair Fashion Salon
353 Main St., Chatham, N.J.
In business since 1958.

Louis A. Vispoli
t/a Hollywood Hairdressers
9 S. Passaic Ave., Chatham, N.J.
In business since 1957.

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Josephine Triolo
t/a Josephine's Beauty Shoppe
262 Main St. Chatham, N.J.
In business prior to 1950.

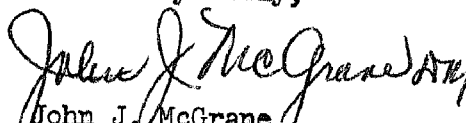
M. McGarry
t/a Mattie Lou Beauty Salon
164 Main St. Chatham, N.J.
In business prior to 1950.

Michael Rossmey
t/a Michael of Vienna
186 Main St. Chatham, N.J.
In business since 1955.

James DiRienzo
t/a Mr. James
465 Main St. Chatham, N.J.
In business since 1960.

Peter Ferlise, Pres.,
t/a Peter Coiffures, Inc.,
235 Main St. Chatham, N.J.
In business since 1958.

Yours very truly,


John J. McGrane
Secretary.

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Josephine's Beauty Shoppe

Josephine's Beauty Shoppe is now in its thirty-second year of business, thus making it the longest established salon in Chatham. Miss Josephine Triolo opened her shop on December 1, 1931. Prior to her opening there had been only one other beauty parlor in town, quite a change as compared to the eight existing salons today. Her first place of business, where she remained for three years, is across the street from her present location at 262 Main Street.

Josephine is a very charming person who has served three generations of Chathamites. She trained at the Marinella School of New York City, and continued to work in New York for three years before her opening in Chatham. She prefers to think of her clientele as friends rather than customers. In 1956 her twenty-fifth anniversary was marked by a reception in her shop at which family, business associates, and other well-wishers gathered to visit her. For the reception she had with her the very first appointment book of the shop which, most certainly, is an interesting Chatham item. Miss Triolo enjoys reminiscing and has seen many changes during her years as a beautician. She is vividly aware of the transitions and trends from the curling irons and electric permanents of yesteryear to the chic styles and latest innovations of the high fashion coiffures of today.

Josephine is the first of the eight children of the late Charles C. Triolo and Mrs. Triolo. She resides at 66 Garden Avenue with her mother and two of her sisters, Dorothy, a former member of the Army Nurses Corps in World War II, and who is presently employed by the Summit Medical Group, and Hilda, an employee of Ciba Pharmaceuticals. The other Triolo children are Mrs. Joseph C. ^(Rose)Valgenti of Chatham, Miss Jane Triolo of New York City.

There was also a brother, Peter, who died in World War II, and two sisters who died earlier.

Miss Tiolo is a member of the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association and the Soroptomist Federation of the Americas, Inc.

She is an active member of the Chatham Chamber of Commerce and of St. Patrick's Rosary Society.

She is a past vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce.

(Courier, Nov. 31, 1956).

Anthony's Beauty Salon

Anthony's Beauty Salon, 166 Main Street, Chatham, N. J. owned and operated by Anthony Petraccoro of Summit, N. J., opened on May 15, 1950.

Mr. Petraccoro started his career in Summit, N. J., working there for 3 years before coming to Chatham. It was a hard struggle at first, because he took over the shop with no good-will. But with determination, work and confidence I have made a success.

The women of Chatham and nearby communities have been very kind and understanding to us. I have just loved and enjoyed working in Chatham for the past 13 years. It doesn't seem that long, because it has gone so fast.

In all these years there has been quite a change in customers. Many have moved away, but always new families coming in.

Anthony has two assistants: Miss Agnes Petrone of Morristown, N. J. for 12 years, with a total of 20 yrs. experience; and Miss Antoinette Bivona of Plainfield, N.J. for about 6 yrs, with a total of 20 yrs. experience.

We hope to continue to serve the women of Chatham, N. J. for many years to come.

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Shop was owned previously by Ann Guida of Summit, N. J.

Michael of Vienna

In March, 1956, Michael Rossmey, two-time winner of the World's Championship hair styling competition of the International Beauty Show and winner of 29 other trophies, opened a beauty shop at 186 Main Street.

Michael, who came to this country from Vienna began working January, 1952, at the "New Weston" in New York. Two months later he won the grand prize. He has taught classes in many sections of the country. The February, 1956 cover of American Magazine featured one of his hair styles. His shop provided complete beauty service with expert massage and make-up styling; it offered parking facilities for 30 cars.

He has a scrapbook of pictures, one showing him doing Miss America's hairdo; also a tricky hairdo on Jane Pickens show on TV which can be changed in two minutes from a daytime to evening style.

Michael, 6 ft. 1", has trophies for skiing, swimming, bicycling and soccer. His family consists of the attractive red-haired Julie and their 11-year old son, Michael, Jr.

(Taken from Courier, March 8, 1956).

N. B. On July 1, 1963 this shop changed hands.

Steven Rohaly, assistant to Michael of Vienna, took 2nd master prize at Annual Club Championship of the Greater Art Hairdressers Club of New York. He has been with Michael for a year and a half. He also won a medal for the Jersey State Championship held recently in Atlantic City.

(Taken from Courier, November 21, 1957).

Errico Hair Fashion Salon

Mr. Philip Errico, Famous Beautician for twenty-five years, is a former resident of East Orange. He moved to 353 Main Street, Chatham, with his family on November 1, 1958. His wife is the former Nicolina Marmo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carmine Marmo of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Errico have four boys, Carmine, Philip, Joseph and Albert.

Mr. Errico holds the Outstanding Achievements Trophy in Beauty Culture.

Mr. Errico purchased the property from Dr. Guy Emery Shipler and started his own business.

Mr. James Beauty Salon

Mr. James was born and raised in Newark, one of 11 children. He attended all Newark schools and then served two years in the Korean War. On returning from the service he decided to attend Wilfred Academy, one of the foremost Beauty Schools in Newark. After working in several Newark shops he enrolled in the Charles of the Ritz Styling School in New York. While there a former member of the Charles of the Ritz staff of B. Altmans, Short Hills, offered him a job in their salon. That was the year 1957. James worked there until he opened his own shop in 1961: Mr. James Beauty Salon, Chatham, N.J.

James Di Rienzo

Peter Coiffures

Established: May 5, 1959

Location: 235 Main Street

No. of Employees: Three - Peter Ferlise, Rose Saraniti,
Helen Zavor

Type of Bus.: Hairdressing, and wigs

Owners: Peter & Ann Inc.

Trade Name: Peter Coiffures.

Peter Ferlise
Pres.

Hardware Stores

HISTORY OF THE HARDWARE BUSINESSES IN CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY

by Leon R. Marengi

In trying to secure and accumulate specific dates of hardware stores or businesses in Chatham, it is quite a task to pin point the exact day of the month, but the year is not quite so difficult.

The writer has now been in business nearly forty years, and can recall many changes in hardware line before and as of the present.

Some vague records have come to light from the Madison Eagle of 1887 to 1879, also from the Chatham Press since 1896.

In the November 25, 1887 issue of the Madison Eagle, it informs us of the fact that Mr. J. H. Valentine conducted a store that specializes in Deoderisers, Hardware and Tin Ware. The store was very much appreciated locally.

On September 7, 1888 issue of the same paper, it makes known that Mr. Frank Mead, who has had experience as a hardware merchandiser has become an associate of Mr. Valentine.

On October 4, 1889 the issue of the paper states that Mr. Valentine is leaving for Elizabeth Town, and that Mr. Mead will carry on the business.

Mr. F. L. Trowbridge was put in charge of the above mentioned store after it was purchased by Mr. Stockton Halsted Atteridge from Mr. Mead. This was in April of 1896. A little later, Mr. F. L. Trowbridge, who is a son-in-law of Mr. S. H. Atteridge,

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secured the business under his own name.

Mr. Raymond Atteridg was hired to assist Mr. Trowbridge, and in the course of a few years became a partner, and the business from then on became Trowbridge and Atteridg.

All of the above businesses, according to the Chatham Press were located on the corner of Main and Center Streets, the present location. In 1922 the partners purchased the building juxtaposition to their store and put a brick veneer on both buildings.

Mr. Atteridg died on September 27, 1936. Mr. Trowbridge sold the business the next year.

Mr. J. A. Bovie purchased the business in 1937 from Mr. Trowbridge. Mr. Bovie had been in the jewelry business and he tried to combine hardware and jewelry, letting the hardware deteriorate which was bad for the business. In 1939 Mr. Bovie passed away.

The Bovies sold the business to Percy W. Abbott and Eugene C. Straub. Mr. Straub was a sort of silent partner and was seldom about. Abbott and Straub carried on for about thirteen years and sold the business in 1951.

Mr. Swanson had been manager for the Stump and Walters Seed Company in Millburn, N. J. for four years. He is the present owner of the business at this writing. The store is known as Swanson's Hardware and Garden Supplies.

In 1940, Mr. Robert Henrich opened a hardware place of busi-

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ness on the North side of Main Street, between Center Street and North Passaic Avenue. Mr. Henrich had worked for Trowbridge and Atteridge since 1925 and also for Mr. Bovie.

This business was sold in 1947 after seven years to Walters Fuel and Lumber Company.

Very little information can be obtained concerning Mr. George H. Paddock who operated a plumbing establishment and sold a limited amount of hardware. He was in business from about 1912 to 1918. The location of this store was on the East side of South Passaic Avenue, about 200 feet from Main Street.

During the years from 1929 until 1930, the Hamilton Hardware came into existence. It was located on the North side of Main Street, about 70 feet in from North Passaic Avenue, east. After two years the store was sold to Mr. William VanWert and Mr. William Messic. The two partners continued this business under the title of Chatham Hardware. In 1932 they they retired from business.

The Walters Fuel and Lumber Company conducted a business at 36 River Road and dispensed coal, fuel oil and lumber. The business was started in 1925. In 1938 they enlarged their establishment and added some hardware and paint. The company purchased the Robert Henrich Hardware on October 27, 1947.

The store continued for several months on Main Street and moved to 15 South Passaic Avenue.

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In 1950 the firm built a new building at 10 Fairmount Avenue next to the Municipal Building, resuming the hardware business until December 14, 1954, at which time they sold to Mr. Robert Hudkins, who changed the name to Chatham Hardware. The business still continues at the present time.

Continuing with Walters Fuel and Lumber Company, they erected a building in 1955 at 20 Watchung Avenue under the name of Cashway.

In 1960 the parent place of business on River Road combined with Cashway and moved to that location and is there at the present time.

Another hardware business came into existence on May 10, 1951 under the title of Albert's Hardware. The proprietors were Mr. R. D. Alberts and Anita Alberts. Mr. Alberts passed away in 1956. Mrs. Alberts continued the business until April of 1962. Mr. G. T. Gianquitti purchased the store at this time, and put his son Thomas J. Gianquitte in charge. The Gianquittis have been in the hardware business in Bernardsville, New Jersey for over fifty years.

During the year of 1923, Mr. Leon R. Marengi built a store on 223 Main Street, which is on the South side of Main Street, about 200 feet east of South Passaic Avenue. On April 19, 1924 he opened a Variety, Hardware and Sporting Goods Store, the business known as Marengi Hardware. The population of Chatham at that time was about 2800.

Mr. Marengi served with the 29th Division during the first

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World War. After being discharged he worked in Wall Street before deciding to enter the retail business. Along with hardware he carried a full line of radios and also rendered radio service. In 1935 he gave up the radio business and concentrated on hardware and paints. The Chatham Ball Club which was part of the Lackawanna League, purchased their uniforms and supplies from this store.

In the course of the forty years since he constructed his store, Main Street has changed so that it would not be recognized by old timers. Now we have a population of about ten thousand people.

On the Northwest corner of Main Street, there was a house with a well in front of it, the Chatham Bank was in a small store juxtaposition to Trowbridge and Atteridge building, across the street where the bank now stands was a wooden structure that housed the library and then a delicatessen. The lots were empty from said building to about one hundred fifty feet from South Passaic Avenue, and the building on the corner was an old wooden structure. Going west from Fairmount Avenue, there were no places of business. From Marenghi's Hardware, west to South Passaic Avenue, there was one store, an old house, a little shack that contained a plumbing office, and the corner contained a wooden building.

It is interesting to note the type of merchandise and goods that was dispensed in the hardware line, particularly between

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1900 and 1930. There were pot stoves, kerosene stoves, gasoline, garage and barn hinges and hangers; very large type hinges, harness and buggy equipment in the horse and buggy days, copper bottom wash boilers, gas mantles, kerosene lamps, round tubs and wringers. Putty was dispensed like butter from a tub, oils sold in bulk only, whitelead and oil being more popular than ready mixed paints, etc.

THE CHATHAM PRESS Friday, Aug. 3, 1951

Picture -- "Chatham's Oldest Business Starts Anew"

Mr. Martin Swanson who resides on Yarmouth road in Chatham Township, has purchased the balance of the stock and fixtures of the Abbott and Straub Hardware Store and will continue the oldest business in Chatham under the name of Swanson Hardware and Garden Supplies. The store has been a hardware store for the past 63 years.

Mr. Swanson worked at the hardware trade for nine years before becoming associated with the Stumpp and Walter Seed Co. He has been manager of this company in Millburn for the past 4 years. Mr. Swanson will devote all of his time to his new endeavor after August 20th.

The picture above is of the building when it was erected in 1888 by the late Frank L. Kelley, Mayor of Chatham for ¹⁹⁰³⁻¹³ ~~twenty~~ years. The rear part of the building was occupied by J. . Valentine, who used it in the manufacture of chemicals and the front was used as a hardware store by F. Mead who, after a few years of ownership, traded the hardware store to S. H. Atteridg, who owned a prosperous meat business in the next building. Mead formed a partnership with Chet Barber, father of Fire Chief Dudley Barber and sold porterhouse for 16 cents a pound, sirloin for 15 cents per pound, sirloin steaks 15 cents per pound, prime ribs of beef 16 cents per pound, loin of Jersey Pork 10 cents per pound, hindquarters of lamb 12 cents per pound, eggs 25 cents a dozen. Elgin butter at Kelley's Grocery was 17 cents per pound and Sayre's grocery store was selling coffee for 35 cents per pound.

Mr. S. H. Atteridg was the father of Edgar Atteridg who resides on Lum Avenue. It wasn't long before S. H. Atteridg sold to his son-in-law, Frank L. Trowbridge, a mason contractor, who lives at present on Main Street. Mr. Trowbridge conducted the hardware business for a number of years and then formed a partnership with the late Raymond

Atteridg. In 1922 they purchased the next building ^{not} (~~Chiefs~~), widened the original store and faced both buildings with brick.

On the death of Mr. Atteridg, about 14 years ago, Mr. Trowbridge sold the business to J. A. Boivie, who ran it a year or two and then sold it to the last owners, Percy W. Abbott and Eugene C. Straub of Montclair. Mr. Straub was an inactive partner. During the past 12 years Mr. Abbott made many friends who will regret seeing this sterling gentleman leave Chatham. Mr. Abbott is taking up a new endeavor.

The Vapo-Cresoline ^{the} factory is the second oldest establishment, the Press, third and Charles Van Wert's plumbing business fourth.

In looking over a copy of the Press printed in the late 1800's we came across some interesting items of the time when the hardware store was established. An editorial written in the above mentioned issue read as follows: "It has been a question in the minds of a great many of our citizens as to whether a newspaper could live in Chatham with the present population (about six or seven hundred). We wish to say that a paper can live if the people want it to. If every businessman's club or society, should bring their printing to us instead of taking it out of town, it would help the paper materially; and if every reader would send in his or her subscription they would give the paper substantial aid. We are here to grow with the Borough, and hope to be able "to live and let live." Help your home paper, and before long it will be in a position to help you."

In the same issue under the heading "Local Happenings" the Chatham Wheelman's Club or its members are mentioned often. A few paragraphs from the column follow:

Plainfield has enforced the bicycle bell and lantern ordinance. An East Orange cyclist was arrested for not having a bell. Future generations probably will read of our being arrested for

passing a red light."

Captain Henrich wishes it understood that the Wheelman must obey orders when out on a Club run or be fined.

Chicken thieves entered W. H. Miller's hen house a few nights ago and stole a number of valuable fowl.

A notice of a Borough election to be held in the Wagon shop of James N. Ryerson on Railroad avenue to vote for or against the proposition of constructing a water works in Chatham. In 1904 the financial report showed the water and light department to have a balance of \$3,065.37 after expenses extending mains, buying meters and transformers.

SWANSON'S HARDWARE

Garden Supplies and Paints

254 Main Street, Chatham, N. J.

ME. 5-0707

SWANSON'S HARDWARE LOCATED AT 254 MAIN STREET, CHATHAM,
NEW JERSEY.

OWNER MARTIN SWANSON RESIDING AT 3 PLYMOUTH ROAD, CHATHAM
TOWNSHIP.

STORE WAS PURCHASED JULY 1, 1951 AND HAS BEEN OPERATING
AS A HARDWARE STORE SPECIALIZING IN GARDEN SUPPLIES, HOUSE
WARES, AND PAINTS.

Mr. Leon R. Marenghi

Before coming to Chatham, New Jersey, I lived in Westifeld , New Jersey, during my early life and school days.

Born in New Brighton, Staten Island, New York on July 23rd, 1895, my family moved to Westfield I believe in 1897. I remember the Spanish American War.

While in high school I played on all the athletic teams, football, base ball and basketball. Manuel Training was one of my main interests while in school. I taught afternoon classes in Manual Training.

After graduating from high school, I secured a position as a stenographer with the American Felt Company.

The First World War had been in progress for some time and our country as about tn enter as a participant.

Shortly after we declared war, I enlisted in the cavalry and then we were changed to artilery and made a part of the 29th Division, serving in France.

After the war a position was secured wirth the Registrar and Transfer Company in New York City. After three years I transferred to the U. S. Mortgage and Trust Company.

Always wanting to go into business for myself, and as comuting was a bore I decided to go into the hardware business.

Before coming to Chatham I was Comander of the Clark-Hyslip Past Veterans of Foreign Wars.

While in Chatham, I was President of the Lions Club, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and served on the committee connected with the Planning Board to implement the findings of that board.

Started in business in Chatham on April 19th, 1924

Leon. R. Marengi



Mr. Leon R.
Marengi



Residence of
Mr. Leon R.
Marengi, 697
Fairmount Ave.

Heating

Heating by Thomas A. Tyrone - substituting for his father
D.T. Tyrone

The history of Heating in Chatham, as elsewhere, is a story of change. Fireplaces were the only sources of warmth in the early days. In Chatham's first church there was no heat. Families brought their own hot coals in a small wooden box-like container with a metal insert. The church pews were enclosed, so that the bodily heat from the family, plus the heat from the coals in the foot warmer would not be dissipated.

Then came the day of stoves- wood-burning at first until the advent of coal. Many residents recall the pot-bellied stove in parlors, schools, stores etc. They lasted until well into the 1900's with the advent of kerosene, auxiliary units used that fuel especially in summer.

But an innovation was at hand - central heating! A coal burning furnace was placed in the basement with openings in the floor above for the heat to rise. No longer did the householder have the dirt and ashes in the living areas. This also left more living space.

The next step was steam heat, with radiators in every room, but the home owner was no longer master of his heating needs. He required the assistance of a plumber. Charles Van Wert was one of the early plumbers and was in business many years. (See manuscript on Plumbers).

By the 1920's very few houses were built with fireplace. They were a luxury. Fireplace logs were expensive.

When oil for heating came on the market in the 1930's a new kind of technical skill and science was needed. The "Heating Expert" was born. Householders began to remove the coal-burning grate and send for this newly trained technician to install oil burners.

World War II changed this trend. The shortage of oil made it advisable to revert to coal. So the heating engineer was again called in. D.T. Tyrone made many such reversals. People had to shovel coal for a few years. When the war was over, folks went back to oil.

After WWII there were two firms in the heating business in Chatham. E.J. Stone conducted business from his home on Fuller Ave. from 1943 until about 1970. D.T. Tyrone operated from his home at 21 N. Passaic Ave until his retirement in 1972.

The Crown Oil Co. was established in Chatham in 1946. At first they were oil suppliers, then gradually built a heating

service. In addition there was Jeffrey Would, Scherer and Pierson
Wm T. Pierson established his business in 1952. It continues today.

Thomas A. Tyrone, son of D. T. Tyrone, learned the heating
business from his father- then spent five years at the Thomas Jeffers
High School in Elizabeth, N. J. He served his apprenticeship in the
Summit area, then started his own business in 1967. He operates from
a shop at 40 Commerce St. also from his home at 94 Watchung Ave.,
the former home of Elmer R. Lum and family.

Oil is now gradually being replaced by gas and the he
heating technician has added another skill. With the recent advent
pf electric heat, only an electrician is needed for installation.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THOMAS A. TYRONE

Parents: D. Thomas Tyrone and Mary Ann Connolly

Birthplace: Summit

Schools: Chatham

Married: Evelyn Ackermann, daughter of Fred and

Pauline Statts Ackerman

Children: Michael and Mary Ann

Business: Plumbing and heating

Memberships: Chatham Fire Department, Lions Club,

Knights of Columbus, Elks Club, St.

Patrick's Church, Master Plumbers Assoc.

Hobbies and Sports: Manager of Tri-county baseball

team (14 to 16 years), ice-skating

34 Rose Terrace,
Chatham, N. J.
May 8, 1972

Dear Mrs. Budd,

This is the information you asked me to send you.
Feel free to make any changes you wish.

A unique coal-burning cast iron steam boiler for heating homes was invented and patented by a man named Alexander, who lived on Minton Ave., Chatham. It was called the Alexander Perk-a-Flash and it worked similar to a coffee percolator.

It had four sections; base with grates, feed section, upper section like a wagon wheel with holes in the spokes and rim and a pipe in the center that went to the top section.

The water line was below the bottom of the top section so when the water charged up the center pipe to the hot top section it turned immediately to steam.

There were several hundred of these boilers sold in the area between 1900 and the early 1930's. In later years they worked well with coal stokers and oil burners.

Very truly yours,

Fred L. Walters Jr.
Fred L. Walters, Jr.

P. S. I made several contacts but was unable to find Mr. Alexander's first name.

*Look up Carl Alexander - N.J.
Built home 4 years ago from Red Branch School
East side of town*

Historical Society

CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HISTORY OF CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Margaret C. Keisler and Ruth C. Bowden

CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Report on its
observance of the 1964 Tercentenary of New Jersey

COPY OF DIEFENDORF LETTER

COPIES OF SEVEN BULLETINS sent by Mrs. Merritt Budd
to all persons working on manuscripts for
CHATHAM: AT THE CROSSING OF THE FISHAWACK

History of Chatham Historical Society

The Recording Secretary's book gives a picture of the beginnings of the Society. The entry for December 11, 1923 states,

"Minutes of a meeting held in the Chatham Fish and Game Protective Association Club House for the purpose of considering the organization of a local HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Mr. Wm. C. Maier called the meeting to order and was then elected temporary chairman, Mr. James Whitton being elected temporary Secretary. The Secretary outlined the preliminary steps that had been taken:--thirty-one residents...had signed a letter, dated Sept. 28, 1923 addressed to the Chatham Public Library, requesting accommodation in the new library building for display of the collection of a proposed historical society,....Mr. Charles Lum, President of the Board of Trustees wrote to the committee expressing approval of the idea forming such a society; the Library Trustees decided to set aside for the use of the proposed society and until such time as it may be required for library purposes, a room originally intended for a book storage room in the basement of the new building, and to make certain changes required to make it suitable for the purpose.

The Secretary also outlined the objects of the proposed society as conceived by the signers of the letter and as presented in formation of interest connected with the history of Chatham, of this neighborhood, of New Jersey and of the country in general; the public exhibition of such a collection; and the fostering, especially amongst the boys and girls of the town, of an interest in matters historical leading to an interest in matters of civic and governmental nature, stimulating civic and social consciousness, and helping in the making of good citizens."

The minutes for January 23, 1924, list the first officers and trustees of the Society:

President, Mr. Thomas W. Dawson
Vice President, Mr. Ambrose Vanderpoel
Treasurer, Mr. Emory Faulks
Secretary, Mr. James Whitton
Librarian, Miss Katherine Wolfe
Trustees:

Mrs. Merritt Budd
Mrs. D. J. Griffin
Mrs. F. Scott Hallett
Mr. Edward H. Lum
Mr. William Maier
Mr. Herbert T. Strong

At this meeting articles of incorporation were approved and the list of charter members given.

No record of this Society would be complete without recognition of those who created and sustained it with unremitting interest and service for many of its 35 years; Mr. Thomas W. Dawson, President from 1923 to 1943, Mr. James Whitton, Secretary from 1923 until 1930 and Mrs. Frederick Becton, Curator and Historian from 1923 until 1942.

After the death of Mr. Dawson and through the World War II years the Society's activities were few except for the annual meeting. In 1947 the Library requested the use of the room which had housed the collection over the years, and accordingly the artifacts were packed by Mr. Gene Sacco and removed to the Morristown Library attic under the aegis of the Morris County Society as no safe and dry storage was found in Chatham. If they were not returned at the end of 5 years they were to become the property of the County Society.

In 1952 no exhibition space was available. To preserve the collection it was returned and unpacked in the cellar of the Keisler hom the following year where it remained for the next decade and the tremendous task of sorting, repairing, labeling, cataloguing was done by Mr. Howard Baldwin and Mr. Wm. B. Wilson. A large portion of it -- mostly tools and implements -- was eventually placed on permanent loan at the Morris Museum. Together with the Boro, 4 exhibition cases were provided in the back upstairs room of the Boro Hall. The books and pictures were placed in the New Jersey History Room of the

Public Library. The portrait of Wm. Penn ^{PITT (?)} was hung in the Council Room and the map of the Incorporation of the Village in 1892 by Russell ^{WIMMAN} ~~Stinman~~ was hung in the entrance of the Boro Hall.

(Autobiographical data under
"Architecture")

By Margaret Keisler

Continued by Ruth C. Bowden

years the

Through the Society has been a vital group, providing varied programs and trips for its membership, involving outside speakers as well as the popular Sunday afternoons when the membership itself participated in hobby shows, talks, or open houses to show their treasures or collections. The Society has tried to keep close touch with the development of the Borough, hoping to keep its attractive colonial appearance. Also it has tried to interest young people in local history as well as national and has provided a prize for the high school graduations. It has also been anxious to meet and entertain the exchange students each year.

The Society has been quite ambitious and successful in several large undertakings such as republishing Vanderpoel's "History of Chatham" in 1959. It was not too long after that that the Society decided to write Volume II to bring Chatham's history to the present. As the flyer described CHATHAM: AT THE CROSSING OF THE FISHAWACK. It "represents both community action and the skills of a noted journalist and historian. More than 400 men and women helped. They gathered data, compiled manuscripts, took photographs, made special sketches, haunted area libraries to check facts. The result was millions of words, presented to John T. Cunningham in unsorted form to be woven into a book. All the words persist in carefully catalogued folders in the Chatham Public Library." This book was published in 1967.

This Society is a vital part of the community with a membership of over 300. From time to time it puts out a most interesting NEWSLETTER, covering some interesting historical facet of Chatham.

Mrs. Bowden's autobiographical data will be found under "Leisure Time Activities".

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NEW JERSEY'S TERCENTENARY YEAR
IN CHATHAM

1964

This is a copy of the Chatham Historical
Society Report on the TERCENTENARY OF NEW
JERSEY -- 1964-- as requested by Mr. Lester
McDowell, Chairman of Chatham's Tercentenary
Commission.

NEW JERSEY TERCENTENARY COMMISSION OF CHATHAM BOROUGH
Borough Hall
Chatham, New Jersey 07928

30 November 1964

MEMORANDUM TO TERCENTENARY PARTICIPANTS*

As the Tercentenary Year draws to a close, we can look back with satisfaction upon a year filled with meaningful activities, many of which will continue to benefit Chatham in future years.

It is now time to summarize these activities, to record them for the future, and to make our final report to the Mayor. The report will consist of a composite summary by me as the Tercentenary Chairman, supplemented by individually prepared reports by Chatham's participating organizations.

To be meaningful, the Tercentenary Report to our Mayor should be complete and accurate. In the interest of uniformity and neatness, it is requested that reports be typed or carefully written on the report forms furnished. (Additional pages may be obtained from John Mowen, in the Borough Hall). Please use work sheets for preliminary notes, and reserve the report forms for final submission to me by January 11, 1965.

In preparing reports, place yourself in the position of a reader 500 years hence who, by reading your report, can know and understand your organization, its members, and what they were doing in 1964. Remember that the report will be around for a long while - make sure you are proud of your handiwork!

Reports need not conform exactly to the suggested title page. Use your own ingenuity to tell the story best. It is suggested that the first page show the "Name of the Organization, Address," etc., with subsequent pages using the "Printed Blank Page" forms. Please observe the binding margin, include names, dates, places, photographs, printed matter, and other vital information that will be of interest to future generations. A full list of officers, and a full list of members, are especially desired. Personal signatures are also desired.

Chatham's principal projects and activities included the following. Can you add others?

* If you are not the proper person to prepare this report, please forward at once to the proper person, or notify me promptly.

1. Microfilming early copies of "Chatham Press" and early municipal records. Available in Public Library.
2. Publication and sale of Tercentenary Stamps.
3. Researching and writing of organization, trade and professional histories by over 150 persons. Available in Public Library.
4. Planning publication in June, 1965, of History of Chatham, Vol. II.
5. Annual July 4 parade with historical theme.
6. Republication of a 1781 issue of the New Jersey Journal.
7. Four busloads of Chathamites attended New York World's Fair on Morris County Day.
8. Tercentenary Flags flown on Post Office, at Memorial Park and in July 4 parade.
9. Special Tercentenary plantings by Garden Council.
10. "Fireside Recipes" by Fireside Fellowship at Stanley Congregational Church.
11. Three visits of the Tercentenary Historymobile to Chatham.
12. New Jersey Tercentenary Year Scrapbook of Chatham.
13. Adult School Tercentenary History Lecture Series.

After the full Report is assembled and bound, it will be presented to the Mayor, and then placed in the Public Library with the other historical collections.

On behalf of all Chathamites, present and future, I extend a heartfelt "Thanks, and Well Done!" to all those who helped make Chatham's participation in the Tercentenary a success.

Cordially yours,

Lester L. McDowell, Chairman
 12 Edgehill Avenue, Chatham, N.J.
 Home Phone: ME 5-9650
 Office Phone: 212 AL 4-4484

FOR THREE CENTURIES

PEOPLE
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PURPOSE

PROGRESS
 1964

January 27, 1965.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Chatham Historical Society

ADDRESS: 91 Fairmount Avenue, Borough

OFFICERS: President - Mr. Edouard W. Martin
1st Vice President - Mr. Edward Fueschel
2nd Vice President - Miss Margaret C. Keisler
Recording Secretary - Mrs. Arthur B. Jaquith
Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. William T. Osborne
Treasurer - Mr. William B. Wilson

Complete list of Trustees, Committee Chairmen and Honorary Members on following page.

FOUNDING DATE: December 11, 1923

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 198

OBJECTIVES OF ORGANIZATION:

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"The collection and preservation of articles and information of interest connected with the history of Chatham; the public exhibition of same; the fostering among the young people of an interest in matters historical". See complete quotation from original minutes in NEWSLETTER No. 8. - September 1958.

Regular Activities: See attached sheet.

SHORT HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION:

See attached sheet.

SPECIAL, TRICENTENARY YEAR ACTIVITIES:

See attached sheet with fourteen items.

COMPLETE LIST OF TRUSTEES, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
AND HONORARY MEMBERS:-

TRUSTEES - 3 year term ending 1965.

Mrs. Charles H. Hontz
Mrs. Richard O.A. Petersen
Mrs. Theodore Thayer

TRUSTEES - 3 year term ending 1966.

Mr. Samuel D. Howarth
Mr. Elmer R. Lum
Mrs. Marshall N. Waterman

TRUSTEES - 3 year term ending 1967.

Mrs. Arthur W. Goetz
Mr. Samuel C. MacGregor
Mrs. John R. Olson

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Registrar - Mrs. Douglas M. Angelman
Librarian and Curator - Mr. Howard Baldwin
Fourth of July - Mr. William T. Browne
Tercentenary Representative - Mrs. Merritt L. Budd
Annual Dinner - Mrs. Edouard W. Martin
Publicity - Mrs. Clark R. Hontz
Tercentenary Stamp Sales - Mr. Samuel D. Howarth*
Book Shop Committee - Miss Jeannette Middlebrook
Hospitality - Mrs. John R. Olson
Program - Mrs. Richard O.A. Petersen
Tercentenary Stamps - Mrs. George C. Southworth
Nominating - Mr. Harrison Thornell
Historian - Mrs. William B. Spooner, Jr.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mr. Elmer R. Lum
Mrs. Merritt L. Budd
Mr. James M. Henderson
Dr. Elizabeth M. Doppler

* and Mrs. Arthur B. Jorgensen
Co-Chairmen

Regular Activities:

1. Bi monthly Regular Meetings. These are often trips to Historic Sites. The Annual Dinner is a Gala Occasion.
2. Bi monthly Board meetings.
3. Acquisition and exhibit of collections, featuring History Room in Library, 4 Museum cases in Municipal Building and long term loans to Morris County Junior Museum.
4. Publication of NEWSLETTER and COLLECTIONS.
5. Yearly participation in Independence Day Parade.
6. Yearly award of money and copy of Vanderpoel History to member of High School graduating class.
7. Historical talks by members to various local organizations when requested. Requests are frequent and especially from Newcomers Clubs. There are many requests from the Public School System. These school talks, with slides, are given by Miss Margaret Keisler.
8. Selling of books and maps (primarily on New Jersey). This is carried out by a Book Shop committee. Profits are shared with the Public Library. See attached flier. 82 items now listed.
9. Continuing program to preserve the traditions of the past and the architectural heritage of Chatham's earlier days.
10. Installation of photographs of Chatham Mayors in the Municipal Building.

Short History of Organization:

Following the founding in 1923 an active Society held regular and Board meetings and collected articles of historic interest. These were exhibited in a basement room of the Public Library. In 1947 the room was needed

Short History of Organization continued:

by the Library, so the collection was removed, placed in the custody of the Morris County Historical Society and housed in the Morristown Public Library.

In 1953 the collection was returned and placed in the basement of the Keisler home at 91 Fairmount Avenue. The Society resumed its former activities.

In 1961-1962 many of the books, pictures, maps, etc., were placed in the New Jersey Room of the Public Library. Museum cases were purchased jointly by the Society and Chatham Borough and placed in the Municipal Building. Here small objects are exhibited and stored. Many artifacts are on long-term loan to the Morris County Junior Museum.

In February 1955 a semi annual NEWSLETTER was started. This continues - also more formal pamphlets entitled Chatham Historical Society COLLECTIONS.

In 1959, the Society republished The History of Chatham by Ambrose E. Vanderpoel. An account of this major project may be found in the NEWSLETTERS on file in the New Jersey Room of the Public Library.

A sequel to the publication of this book was the formation of a Book Shop committee. Autographed books, primarily on New Jersey, are sold at four locations in Chatham. All workers are volunteer. Profits are shared

with the Public Library.

A committee is presently working on a new History of Chatham. This is described in some detail under Tercentenary Activities No. eleven.

SPECIAL TERCENTENARY ACTIVITIES

The Chatham Historical Society supported with enthusiasm the request of the Mayor's Tercentenary Commission that the Tercentenary of New Jersey be fittingly observed. This was carried out in the following manner:-

1. Representatives of the Society attended all scheduled meetings of the Commission.
2. Tercentenary insignia was placed on all stationery.
3. Special Tercentenary stamps were designed and distributed.
4. The Society cooperated with the Morris County Tercentenary committee in supporting participation in the New York World's Fair.
5. Regular programs of the Society emphasized the Tercentenary.
6. Cooperation was extended to the community Adult Education historical program.
7. The Tercentenary was featured in the Society's float at the Borough's 4th of July parade.
8. The Society emphasized the exhibits of its collections, particularly when the History-mobile visited the town.
9. A Scrap Book committee was organized to gather all documents etc., that would record the story of the Borough's Tercentenary year.
10. The Book Shop committee featured New Jersey Books and Bumper Strips. They had a special booth at the Morris County Fair.
11. Plans for a new project of Chatham were inaugurated - this History of Chatham is moving toward completion. An outgrowth of

this undertaking was the microfilming of the Chatham Press.

12. The Society's membership, archives and collections served as a resource throughout the Tercentenary year for persons in the community seeking historical data.
13. The Society cooperated with the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development in its pre-Tercentenary Survey of Historic Sites and Structures.
14. The Society, through its representative, was an advisor concerning the installation by the State of two Historic Markers in Chatham Borough and one marker in Chatham Township.

Detailed reports of each of these fourteen items follow:

Item 1.
Meetings of the Commission

These meetings were held in the Commons Room of the Fire House. The Society provided speakers on local history on several occasions. Since all organizations were currently writing manuscripts on local history, these meetings gave an opportunity for answering questions.

Item 2.
Tercentenary Insignia

A sample of the Society's 1964 stationery is attached. The Tercentenary insignia will also be noted on all Bulletins issued by the committee working on the new History of Chatham.

Item 3.

New Jersey Commemorative Tercentenary Stamps

At the Chatham Historical Society's board meeting on June 6, 1962, Mr. Ed. Fueschel and Mrs. George Southworth simultaneously sparked the idea of designing, printing and selling some commemorative stamps for the New Jersey Tercentenary year. Mrs. Southworth was asked to carry out this project.

Jewel Ryman did the art work for these stamps and Mr. Frank Keller, a commercial artist in Chatham and a personal friend of Mrs. Southworth, did the lettering. Mr. William Browne and Mr. Carl Kelly assisted Mrs. Southworth in hiring the services of the Vonderake Printing Service Company, also of Chatham, to print the stamps, and on May 3, 1963 distribution and the first sales of these stamps took place at the Society's annual dinner.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Samuel D. Howarth and Mrs. Arthur B. Jaquith were appointed co-chairmen in charge of sales, and some 600 letters giving price lists and other pertinent data were mailed to all Borough organizations as well as Historical Societies, Tercentenary Commissions, Colleges, Jr. Colleges and some banks throughout the state.

Stamp girls, dressed in blue and gold tunics (the colors of the stamp), distributed fliers and sold stamps at the Borough's 4th of July parade and several hundred dollars were realized on the total sales of these stamps.

This project served a two fold purpose. It advertised and commemorated New Jersey's 300th anniversary and all profits have gone towards the publication of Volume Two of the History of Chatham. (Sheet of Stamps attached).

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel D. Howarth
Samuel D. Howarth

Catherine B. Jaquith
Catherine B. Jaquith

Additional stamps may be obtained from the CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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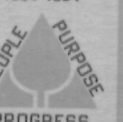
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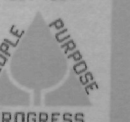
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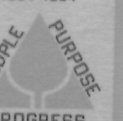
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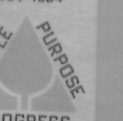
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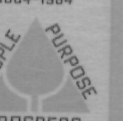
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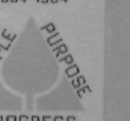
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Co-operation with Morris County

Item 4.

Dean Pratt, Chairman of the Morris County Tercentenary Commission, appointed Mr. Alexander Fowler to form a committee of the Historical Societies of Morris County. Our Society sent a representative to be a member of this committee, which met about once a month. It was decided that for our main project we would take the responsibility for the exhibits in the center section of The New Jersey Pavilion at The World's Fair for one day. May 3rd was "Morris County Day". The Chatham Historical Society displayed a reproduction of the printing press used by Shepard Kollock to print The New Jersey Journal in Chatham --1779.^{'81} This press was borrowed from the Ashland School of East Orange. It was made by boys in their school shop. Some of these boys spent the day at the Fair, printing and distributing leaflets. (Sample enclosed).

Many Chathamites visited The Fair that day, including two chartered bus loads sponsored by The Chatham Historical Society. This exhibit was again used in August 1964 in the History tent at the Morris County Fair.

Charlotte Smith Martin
Charlotte Smith Martin
Representative

T H E
NEW- JERSEY JOURNAL.

[Vol. III.] NOVEMBER 7, 1781. [NUMB. CXLII.]

Founded in Chatham, New Jersey by
Shepard Kollock—1779

Moved to Elizabeth—1783

the oldest continuing newspaper
in New Jersey.

*Press and Printers in cooperation with the
Continental Gazette—Ashland School, East Orange.*

ITEM 5.

The Chatham Historical Society's Celebration of the Tercentenary

The Tercentenary of New Jersey was celebrated by the Chatham Historical Society in its bi-monthly programs beginning in October 5, 1963 with a Field trip to Middletown, New Jersey (Marlpit Hall) and the Freehold Museum. On December 4, 1963, Mr. Charles Grummon of Newton, New Jersey gave an illustrated lecture on The Old Mine Road.

The first program of 1964 was a motion picture, A New Jersey Journal. It took us on an armchair tour of our state refreshing our memory of its industry, business, topography and beauty. In short, it described New Jersey three hundred years after its founding.

Subsequent programs were devoted to portrayal of how the state grew to its present proportions, and to roots from whence its people sprang.

The second program was a motion picture, The Land Called New Jersey. This was a documentary showing the signing of charters and grants by the then King of England to his courtiers, including the Carters and Berkleys.

Miss Martha Conlon, of Florham Park, gave us a talk on Historic Homes in Morris County, illustrated with slides of many interesting old houses.

The highlight of the year was the annual dinner in May. One hundred thirty attended including Honored Guests Mayor and Mrs. Dewey Hagen. The theme being the Tercentenary, each table

displayed a Tercentenary flag, a commemorative place mat and menus which were facsimilies of the New Jersey Journal. Samples are attached.

The program included a series of dances performed by the Tercentenary Dancers of Montclair State Teachers College. The young performers, in appropriate national dress, performed folk dances brought from Europe by the settlers of New Jersey who came from Holland, Sweden, England, and Ireland. The final number was a lively performance of the Charleston (of the 1920's) which brought down the house.

Mrs. Merritt L. Budd ended our Tercentenary programs with a series of three meetings in her museum of small groups of twenty each evening. She showed artifacts and relics of the Lenni-Lenape Indian tribes, who were living in Chatham when the settlers came.

Two booklets were distributed to the membership at our meetings:-

1. Tales of New Jersey, prepared by the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, is a compilation of historic stories of events in New Jersey.
2. A Brief History of Morris County prepared by the Morris County Planning Board. These booklets were especially written for New Jersey's celebration.
3. Special Events, notices of events of historical interest taking place in the area. Prepared by Program Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Petersen
Susan H. Petersen
(Program Chairman)



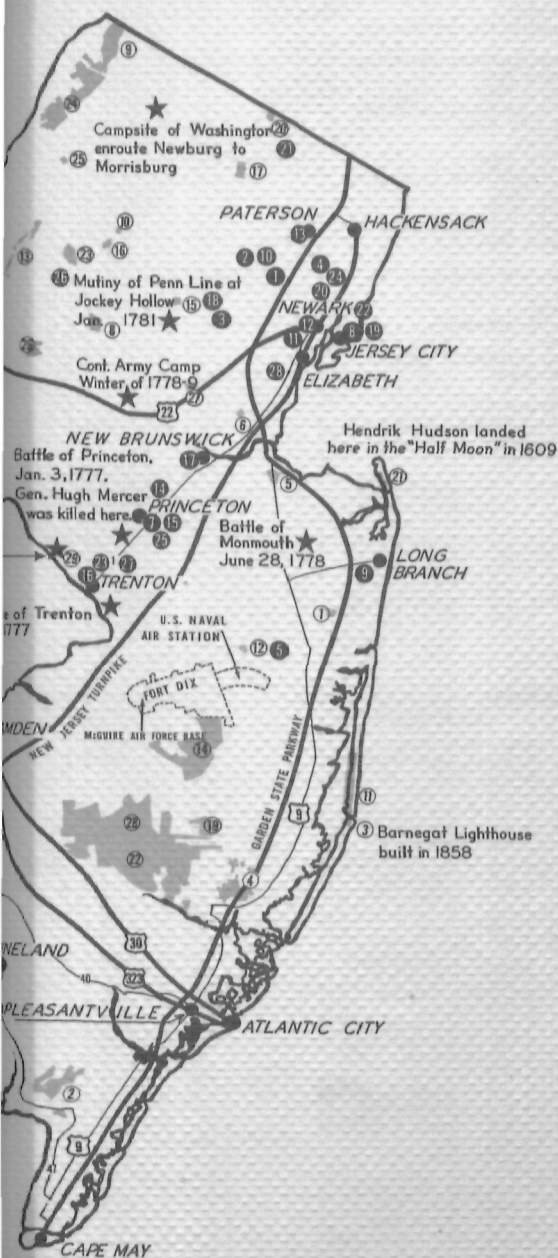
Why 1964?

New Jersey's 1964 Tercentenary honors the 300th anniversary of several events which heralded the State's beginning.

In 1664, having disposed of Cromwell and restored the Stuart king, England began to consider seriously the colonization of the New World. In the grand manner of the period, Charles II granted to his brother James, the Duke of York, what was known then as the Dutch domain, the land between the Connecticut River and the east side of the Delaware River.

In June 1664, the Duke of York gave New Jersey its identity and made it an entity. By a stroke of his quill, the Duke carved out of the King's original patent the land between the Hudson and Delaware Rivers, presented it to two of his favorites, John, Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret, and named it Nova Caesarea, or New Jersey.

Today, the boundaries of New Jersey are exactly those set by the Duke of York in his deeds of lease and release. For New Jersey, 1964 marks the 300th anniversary of its birth as a political entity.

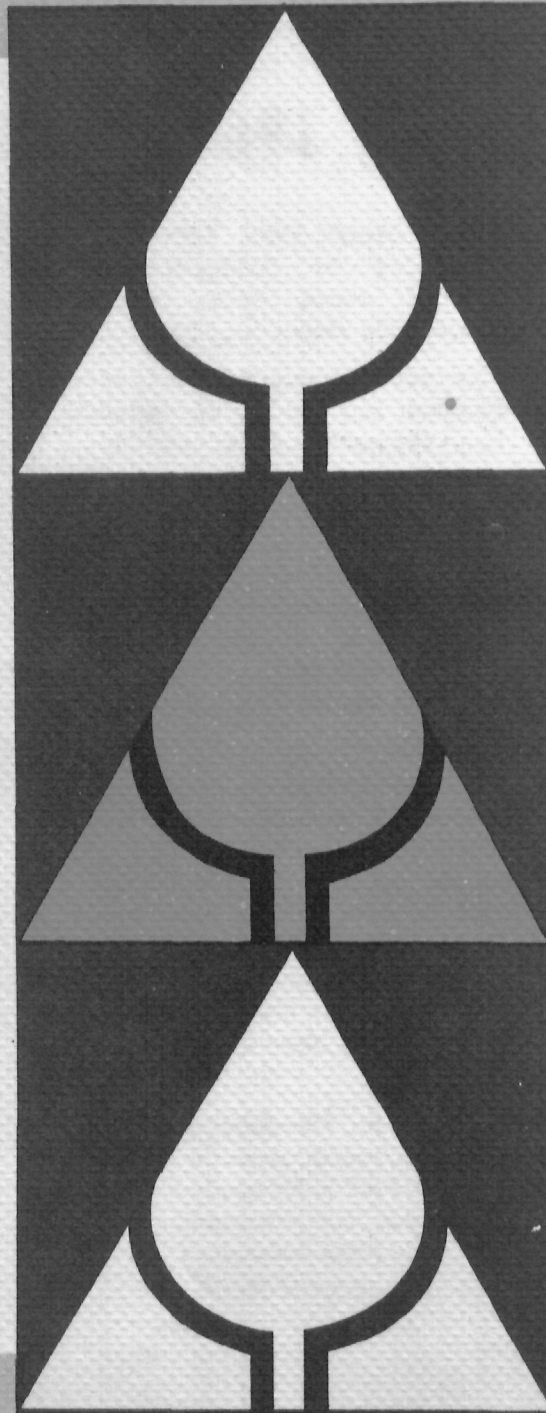


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MANUFACTURERS. 10,000 WORKERS.	120 MILES OF BEAUTIFUL OCEAN FRONT BEACHES.	3RD OF ORIGINAL 13 STATES.	SCHOOLS: 1,652 Elementary
		POPULATION: (Census 1960) 6,066,782.	321 High Schools
	MORE THAN 800 LAKES AND PONDS.	TOTAL AREA: 8,204 Sq. Miles.	14 Vocational
	100 RIVERS AND LARGE CREEKS FLOW THROUGH NEW JERSEY.	5TH SMALLEST STATE IN AREA.	NUMEROUS PAROCHIAL, PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES.
CK TERMINAL.	12 STATE FORESTS.	8TH LARGEST STATE IN POPULATION.	

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For Three Centuries



COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Name	Location
1. Bloomfield	Bloomfield
2. Caldwell College for Women	Caldwell
3. Drew	Madison
4. Fairleigh-Dickinson University	Rutherford
5. Georgian Court	Lakewood
6. Glassboro State	Glassboro
7. Institute for Advanced Study	Princeton
8. Jersey City State	Jersey City
9. Monmouth	West Long Branch
10. Montclair State	Upper Montclair
11. Newark College of Engineering	Newark
12. Newark State	Newark
13. Paterson State	Paterson
14. Princeton Theological Seminary	Princeton
15. Princeton University	Princeton
16. Rider	Trenton
17. Rutgers, The State University	New Brunswick
18. St. Elizabeth, College of	Convent Station
19. St. Peter's	Jersey City
20. Seton Hall University	South Orange
21. Shelton	Ringwood
22. Stevens Institute of Technology	Hoboken
23. Trenton State	Trenton
24. Upsala	East Orange
25. Westminster Choir	Princeton
26. Centenary College for Women	Hackettstown
27. Trenton Junior	Trenton
28. Union Junior	Cranford

Washington Crossing
Christmas 1776, among
where he surprised the
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NATIONAL and STATE PARKS and FORESTS

1. Allaire State Park
2. Belleplain State Forest
3. Barnegat State Park
4. Bass River Forest
5. Cheese Quake State Park
6. Edison Memorial State Park
7. Fort Mott State Park
8. Hackle Barney State Park
9. High Point State Park
10. Hopatcong State Park
11. Island Beach State Park
and Beach Area
12. Jackson State Forest
13. Jenny Jump State Forest
14. Lebanon State Forest
15. Morristown National
Historical Park
16. Musconetcong State Park
17. Norvin Green State Park
18. Parvin State Park
19. Penn State Forest
20. Ringwood Manor State Park
21. Sandy Hook State Park
22. State Forest Park and Water
Reserve Area
23. Stephens State Park
24. Stokes State Forest
25. Swartswood State Park
26. Voorhees State Park
27. Wash. Rock State Park
28. Wharton Tract State Forest
29. Washington Crossing State Park

Scene of Battle of
Rt. Nassau, N.J.
1663, was the
settlement of

CAPITAL: Trenton
MOTTO: Liberty and Prosperity
BIRD: Eastern Gold Finch
FLOWER: Purple Violet
TREE: Red Oak

COUNTIES: 21



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STATE LEGISLATURE:
21 — Senators
60 — Assemblymen

RANKS FIRST IN INCOME PER FARM
ACRE ALSO IN DOLLAR VALUE OF
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS.

5 — UNIVERSITIES INCLUDING
PRINCETON AND RUTGERS, THE
STATE UNIVERSITY.

33 — COLLEGES INCLUDING SEVEN
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL
COLLEGES.

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Item 6.

ADULT EDUCATION

- a. Members of the Society served as advisors to the Madison-Chatham Adult Education committee in the planning of the course 300 YEARS IN NEW JERSEY held in the Spring of 1964. See attached program.
- b. A member of the Society presided at all meetings of this class of about 60.
- c. Two members of the Society participated in the program concerning Indians of New Jersey.
- d. The Society sponsored a concluding meeting not listed on the accompanying program. This consisted of a visit by the class to the Maccullough Hall Museum in Morristown. The Program committee of the Society acted as host and served refreshments.

• ADVENTURES OF THE MIND •

THREE HUNDRED YEARS IN NEW JERSEY

Wednesday, 8-9:30 Room 110

Fee \$10

2 members of a family \$15

In celebration of the Tercentenary, this series will reveal interesting and unique aspects of our State.

Feb. 5—The Spirit of New Jersey

James E. Downes, Professor of Political Science, Newark State College, Retired.

Feb. 12—The Early Jersey Home and Living in It

Norris H. Evans, student of the American Colonial Scene, lecturer, and maker of historical models.

Feb. 19—Notable New Jersey Decorative Arts

Barry Tracy, curator of Decorative Arts, Newark Museum.

Feb. 26—New Jersey's Painters and Sculptors

William Gerdtz, curator, Painting and Sculpture, Newark Museum

Mar. 4—"Land Called New Jersey"—film

Mar. 11—Program to be presented by 5 members of the Shongum Chapter of the State Archaeological Society.

March 18—New Jersey's Early American Architecture

Alan Gowans, Chairman, Department of Art and Art History, University of Delaware; author for the Tercentenary of "The History of Architecture of New Jersey".

Mar. 25—Eastern Jersey under the Proprietorships

George J. Miller, currently Registrar of the General Board of Proprietorship of the Eastern Division of New Jersey.

Apr. 8—A Century and a Half of Public Transportation in New Jersey.

Thomas T. Taber, former Mayor of Madison; railroad historian; chairman, Board of Public Transportation of Morris County.

Apr. 15—New Jersey Today—Land of Variety

John T. Cunningham, historian and lecturer; author, "Tercentenary Tales".

MADISON - CHATHAM ADULT SCHOOL

FLORHAM PARK - CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

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Item 7.

JULY FOURTH PARADE

As it has for many years. The Chatham Historical Society participated in the Independence Day parade with a float planned to fit the spirit of the day.

Designed and built in the shop of Bill Browne, by a committee of members, the float featured a working reproduction of the printing press used by Shepard Kollock in producing the New Jersey Journal of Revolutionary fame. This press was constructed as a project by some boys of the Ashland School in East Orange and several of these boys, appropriately costumed as printers, manned and operated the press - adding a flavor of our early days to the contemporary themes of other floats.

Eleven pretty girls, namely - Cherry Wilson, Pam Rodgers, Robin Wilcox, Pat Tuson, Barbara Houghton, Sandy Howarth, Ellen Ward, Jerry Barnes, Janice Semple, Tish Lum, and Betty Abbot, costumed by Mrs. Arthur B. Jaquith in yellow tunics with the Tercentenary emblem emblazoned in blue on the front, circulated among the crowd and with youthful enthusiasm, sold a quantity of the Society's Tercentenary stamps.

A picture of this float is herewith attached.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Browne
William T. Browne, Chairman.

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PEOPLE*Our Georgeous Stamp Girls***PURPOSE***To Sell Chatham's Tercentenary Stamp***PROGRESS***Towards \$ For the New**"History of Chatham"*

THE CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HAPPY HOLIDAY

Fliers distributed by a group of "Stamp Girls" dressed in yellow and blue costumes on July 4, 1964 along the parade route.



Float in the July 4, 1964 parade

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Item 8.

ACQUISITION AND EXHIBIT OF COLLECTIONS

- a. Guided tours to view the collections in the Municipal Building were arranged for certain of the evenings when the Tercentenary Commission were in session at the near-by Fire House. Tours were also arranged on the occasions when the Historymobile visited the town.
- b. The Chatham Public Library used some of the Society material in special Tercentenary displays.
- c. A Civil War exhibit was featured in two of the Municipal Building cases.
- d. Many gifts and loans (for photostatic purposes) of pictures, newspapers and etc., were received as a result of the accelerated interest in New Jersey history in 1964.

Howard W. Baldwin
Howard W. Baldwin,
Curator.

Item 9.

THE SCRAP BOOK

The Chatham Historical Society under the leadership of the Historian, Mrs. William B. Spooner, Jr., has been collecting materials for a Scrap-book which will be a cross section of Chatham's history of the Tercentenary year 1964. Since every organization, the churches, the schools and local newspapers, rail road and bus schedules, etc., and even posters are now on hand; the method of presenting the multiple material will be determined by a committee.

Mrs. Spooner has been assisted by Mr. and Mrs. William T. Browne. Mr. Browne made the Collector which has graced the outer door of the New Jersey room near the service desk of our Chatham Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryrose M. D. Spooner
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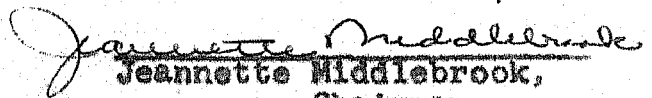
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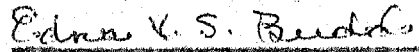
BOOK SHOP COMMITTEE

Aware that the Townspeople would be history conscious in 1964, the Book Shop committee conducted an intensive publicity campaign in local papers. This committee at all times emphasizes books on New Jersey, but 1964 was a banner year because of the large number of new publications.

Two "special" projects were instituted because of the 300th anniversary:-

- a. The committee ordered 500 Tercentenary Bumper Strips. These were sold through the co operation of the Kiwanis, the Rotary and the Lions Clubs and certain public spirited individuals, as well as through the three usual Book Shop channels. All profits accrued to the Book Shop committee.
- b. In August, this committee was allocated, without charge, a location in the History Tent of the Morris County Fair at Troy Hills. This booth was manned daily for the week, Fliers were distributed and more books were sold than anticipated. Orders emanating from the Fliers continue to reach the committee from all parts of the country. The current Flier is appended.


Jeannette Middlebrook,
Chairman.


Edna V.S. Budd,
Assistant Chairman.

AUTOGRAPHED BOOKS, Etc.

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Chatham Historical Society

For the Benefit of the Society
and the Chatham Free Public Library

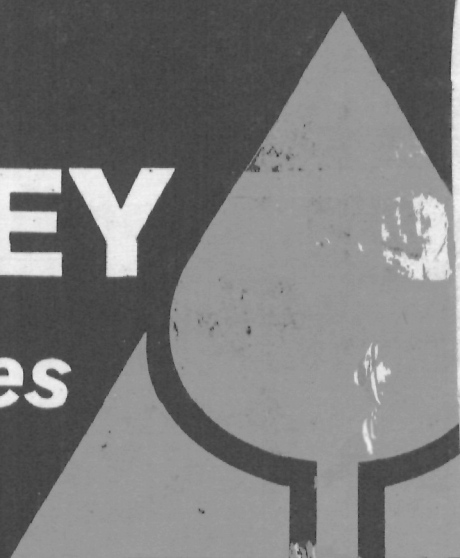
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History of Chatham	\$5.00
by Ambrose E. Vanderpoel	
Forty Years of Radio Research	\$6.50
by Dr. George C. Southworth	
The Peace of Christmas Eve	\$6.95
by Fred Engleman	
Come with Me	\$1.50
by Carl Kelly	
Lum Genealogy	\$5.00
by Edward H. Lum	
That Ancient Trail	\$4.50
by Amelia Decker	
Nathanael Greene	\$6.95
<i>Strategist of the American Revolution</i>	
As We Were—The Story of Old Elizabethtown	\$10.00
Both by Dr. Theodore Thayer	
George Washington's Generals	\$6.00
Edited by Billias (1 chapter by Thayer)	
"I'm from New Jersey"	.50
<i>Reprint from National Geographic</i>	
This is New Jersey	\$6.50
The New Jersey Shore	\$2.50
paper back edition	\$1.95
Garden State	\$5.00
Made in New Jersey	\$6.50
The New Jersey Sampler	\$7.95
(Historic Tales of Old New Jersey)	
All by John T. Cunningham	
Family Empire in Jersey Iron	\$6.00
The Richard's Enterprises in the Pine Barrens	
Iron in the Pines	\$5.00
Smuggler's Woods	\$5.00
paper back edition	\$1.95
All by Arthur D. Pierce	
New Jersey Generations	\$3.95
Macculloch Hall, Morristown	
The Enterprising Life—John McVicar	\$5.95
Both by John Brett Langstaff	
Where the Raritan Flows (for younger readers)	\$4.95
by Earl Meirs	
Stories of New Jersey Stockton	\$4.50
Introduction by Gavel	
paper back edition	\$1.95

Exploring the Little Rivers of N. J.	\$4.50
by the Cawleys	
paper back edition	\$1.95
The Old Farm - Mellick	
Edit. by Schmidt	
paper back edition	\$1.95
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paperback edition	\$1.95
Forgotten Towns of Southern N. J.	\$5.00
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More Forgotten Towns	\$6.00
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The Jersey Midlands	\$6.00
paperback edition	\$1.95
Jersey Genesis	\$6.00
paperback edition	\$1.95
Tales and Towns of Northern N. J.	\$4.95
All by Henry Charlton Beck	
The New Jersey Reader	\$6.00
Introduction by Beck	
2 Books of Cartoons by Chon Day	
Brother Sebastian Carries On	\$1.50
Brother Sebastian at Large	\$1.75
The Official N. J. Historical Series. 26 Vols. Sponsored by N. J. Tercentenary Commission. Sold individually at \$3.95 ea. or by set (10 per cent off.)	
Cruising New Jersey Tidewater	\$4.95
(A Boating and Touring Guide) by Fred Van Deventer	
Indians of New Jersey	\$4.95
by Harrington	
paperback edition	\$1.95
The Old Mine Road	\$6.00
by Hine	
paperback edition	\$1.95
The Revolutionary War in the Hackensack	\$10.00
by Leiby	
Away We Go	\$1.95
New Jersey Almanac	\$2.95
paperback edition	\$1.95
Map of Colonial New Jersey	\$2.50
Skinner	
Tercentenary Stamps	\$1.00 per sheet
* * * *	
These books are on display at the Library and may be purchased at Coleman's Real Estate Office, 258 Main St., Chatham, Columbia Cleaners, Chatham Rd., Sum- mit, or from:	
Mrs. Merritt L. Budd, 28 Elmwood Ave, ME 5-2390	
The History of Chatham is also on sale at the Punch & Judy Shop, 8 Fairmount Ave.	
Make Checks Payable to Chatham Historical Society	
REMEMBER—ALL BOOKS AUTOGRAPHED	

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Item Eleven
New History of Chatham

Work on a new HISTORY OF CHATHAM was the main project of the Historical Society for the Tercentenary. This is reported under two main headings:-

- A. Manuscripts
- B. Microfilming

Item Eleven A - Manuscripts

Requests for a book to bring Chatham's history up to date had been coming from the townspeople for some time. Philhower's HISTORY OF CHATHAM and Strong's STORIES OF OLD CHATHAM are out of print; Vanderpoel's HISTORY OF CHATHAM published in 1921 and republished by the Society in 1959 closes with the Revolutionary War period; hence the request for a new volume.

A committee to formulate plans first met in July 1962. By December of that year the project was well under way - as attested by a letter and Bulletin No. 1 herewith attached.

The project in brief is to have a manuscript written in duplicate by qualified persons on every facet of community life. The original manuscripts will be placed on file in the library. The duplicates are being turned over to the noted Historian John T. Cunningham, who has been engaged by the Society to edit this voluminous material and produce a single volume recording Chatham's history through 1964.

Mr. Cunningham was interested in this undertaking primarily because he felt it was a unique project - no history written from the "grass roots" on this scale having ever before, to his knowledge, been attempted.

In January 1963, two work shop meetings were held, at which times Mr. Cunningham met with the fledgling authors to give advice and answer questions. Four more Bulletins were issued in 1963. Many additional subjects have been suggested to the committee. This has required additional writers.

The project has thus continued to expand. Although it was originally hoped that Volume Two could be published late in 1964, this was found impossible. The date as now projected is early 1966.

At this writing (January 1965) an additional Bulletin #6 has just been mailed to the 225 persons involved. This outlines the present status and some of the final plans.

Item Eleven B - Microfilming of Chatham Press

Early in 1963, as residents working on manuscripts flocked to the Chatham Public Library to peruse the early copies of the Chatham Press (our only newspaper [with a few exceptions] from 1897-1945) it became evident that these old fragile records could not withstand frequent handling. Accordingly, Operation Microfilm was organized under the direction of Mrs. Sidney Gleason. A committee of the Chatham Woman's Club was recruited, with Mrs. George Rushforth as Chairman, to assist Mrs. Gleason.

A machine was rented by the Historical Society and set up in the basement of the Chatham Public Library. Here, daily, for a month, the women volunteers labored, assisted at times by Dr. George Southworth and Mr. Seth Bryant. Fortunately, it was found possible to photograph other historical documents as well as the Press.

Meanwhile a second committee consisting of Mr. Edward^{ch} Martin, President of the Historical Society, Miss Margaret Keisler and Mrs. Merritt L. Budd instituted Operation Fund Raising - to pay the cost of Microfilming. This was an unexpected expense that the Historical Society was not in a position to assume.

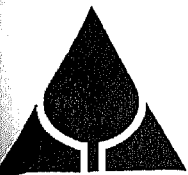
A list of public spirited persons was drawn up - contacts made, and donations received from each person on the list as well as from one person non-solicited. We record this as an illustration of what we proudly call "The Chatham Spirit". Supplemented by a donation from the Chatham Trust Company and from the Tercentenary Fund of the Chatham Borough Council, all expenses of Operation Microfilm were met. If no other project than this microfilming of perishable documents had been carried out in 1964, we believe that the Tercentenary would have been suitably and worthily observed.

Vol II - History

Edna Jan S. Budd,
Chair

Margaret C. Keisler
Vice Chairman

Complete set of Bulletins (7)
and 2 letters attached



TERCENTENARY HISTORY OF CHATHAM

SPONSORED BY THE CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear

The Chatham Historical Society is engaged in a project which it has undertaken in recognition of New Jersey's 300th anniversary of statehood. A Tercentenary History of Chatham will be published in 1964 with John T. Cunningham, well-known New Jersey historian and author, writing the text, based on source material to be furnished by more than one hundred and fifty local residents.

It has occurred to the committee in charge of the project, of which Mrs. Merritt Budd is chairman, that this would be an appropriate time to assemble biographies of people who have contributed in a significant way to the life and development of Chatham. These will constitute valuable material for possible use in the history and, being filed in the Library, will furnish important source material for students, teachers, and speakers through future years.

We would like to include in this file a biography of the person whose name is listed below, with a picture of the one described and of his Chatham home, if possible. The inclusion of any related information which may occur to you concerning life in Chatham - its schools, churches, organizations, and personalities - would be of great interest. Would you undertake the preparation of such a biography for us? The assignment, we fully realize, will be a time-consuming one, but we trust it may also bring considerable pleasure in the memories it evokes.

Our sincere thanks for your help. Much of the town's history is in the minds of its people, and it will be worth while indeed if it can now be recorded.

Note from Book Committee: This letter, accompanied by a personal note, was sent by Mrs. Homer Diefendorf to all mayors, school superintendents, and those listed under "Biographies". In the case of a person no longer living the letter was sent to the family.



TERCENTENARY HISTORY OF CHATHAM

SPONSORED BY THE CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Introductory letter.

Dec 26, 1962

To all contributors to the Tercentenary History of Chatham:

Welcome to this community project. I hope you will find it interesting and that you will have fun. We all know it will be worthwhile.

To answer some of your questions and to give you some suggestions concerning the manuscript you are planning to write, two workshops will be held in the Commons Room of the Fire House from 8 o'clock until 9:45 p.m. -- one on Friday, January 11, the other on Thursday, January 17. Please indicate on the enclosed postcard which evening you prefer. This is important since approximately 100 persons are participating in the project and adjustments may have to be made if numbers vary too widely. Please be prompt, as we intend to adhere strictly to this time schedule.

Dr. John T. Cunningham, who will write the final version, will give a short talk on the History as he envisions it, and will answer questions. We are very fortunate that he has volunteered these two evenings. However, this will be your only opportunity to confer with him. I have promised that we will be "on our own" after this. Your Chatham Steering Committee will try to answer later questions.

Be sure to bring note-book and pencil as well as the enclosed Bulletin.

Tercentenary Greetings!

Edna Van Sickle Budd, Chairman

Steering Committee

Mrs. Merritt L. Budd, chairman (ME 5-2390)
Miss Margaret Keisler, vice-chairman (ME 5-2385)

Mrs. Edwin Felch, publicity
Mrs. Sidney Gleason, secretary (ME 5-7316)
Mrs. Arthur Jaquith
Mr. Richard Lum, treasurer
Mr. Lester McDowell
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Mr. Harrison Thornell



TERCENTENARY HISTORY OF CHATHAM

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Dec 26, 1962
Bulletin no. 1
2 pages

1. This is an experiment -- an adventure. As far as is known, no town has previously tried to write its history by this method. The broad outline of the plan has been formulated; certain details are not yet resolved.
2. Each organization in Chatham is being asked to write its own history. In addition, topics as varied as transportation, physicians, carpenters, etc., are being covered by individuals or by small committees.
3. All manuscripts [it is estimated there may be 100 or more] will be placed in matching folders in the Chatham Public Library, the New Jersey State Historical Society Library, and possibly in other places.
4. The names of all contributors and manuscript titles will appear in THE BOOK.
5. Each contributor will be supplied with a list of names of all contributors and topics. so that there may be an exchange and sharing of information. Dr. George Southworth and Mrs. Sidney Gleason have volunteered to search early records prior to 1850 and will channel items of interest to the appropriate contributors.
6. Miss Margaret Keisler, with her extensive knowledge of Chatham history and her familiarity with the contents of the Chatham Historical Society collections, has offered to consult with contributors if they will call her around 7 p.m. [ME 5-2385].
7. Write in as much detail as possible. Enlist the help of friends and neighbors.
8. It is important that the source of your information be given. If from a book, give the title, author, and page; also where the book is to be found if it is not readily accessible. If from manuscript records or minutes, indicate where they are to be found. If your information is from legend or hearsay, so state, giving the name of your informant if possible. The details may be just as accurate as if they had been printed.
9. Cards listing available source material and its location will be filed in the "Chatham Historical Society Collections" drawer in the Chatham Library. Additions will be made by Mrs. Gleason as contributors supply details.
10. There is a complete file of the "Chatham Courier" in the Library. Plans are being made to have the early issues of the "Chatham Press" microfilmed, since they are in frail condition. There is a microfilm reader in the Library.
11. It is hoped that individual manuscripts will include pictures and maps where possible. Just how that may be done without too much expense is now under consideration. The Historical Society has a collection of several hundred pictures; these are now being catalogued.

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12. By March 1st a resume of the plans of each contributor or committee should be in the hands of the Secretary (Mrs. Sidney Gleason, 21 Chandler Rd.). The Steering Committee will check for duplication and for the scope of coverage.
13. Manuscripts should be typewritten, double-spaced, on one side only of 8½ x 11 paper (erasable paper is available in 100-sheet packets). The number of copies needed will be indicated in a later bulletin.
14. All manuscripts must be completed by May 15. A duplicate of each will then be turned over to Dr. John T. Cunningham, who will have full authority to select material for an informal history. It is planned that this will be in the style of the "National Geographic", with many pictures.
15. Bulletins will be issued from time to time as the project progresses, covering further details and answering questions. It is recommended that you keep this and future Bulletins together in a folder for ready reference. Careful re-reading may eliminate a phone call.

NOTES:



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Bulletin no. 2

5 pages

Advisory Committee

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 Donald Sinclair, curator of the New Jersey Room, Rutgers University Library
 Dr. Theodore Thayer, professor of history, Rutgers University
 Miss Kathleen Wallace, librarian, Chatham Free Public Library
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 This list of topics, with the names of the contributors to date, has been prepared to make it easier for you to exchange and share information with other contributors.

Adult Education - Mrs. J.S. McNeilly Jr. - 5757
 American Legion - Seth Bryant - 8785
 American Legion Auxiliary - Mrs. George T. Conlan - 0853
 Anecdotes - Miss Muriel Moore - 7846
 Antiques -
 Architecture - Wm. Pieper - 7132
 Art - Mrs. James McGlumphy - 5277
 Authors - see Chatham Books and Authors

Bakery - see Food
 Banking - Charles A. Johnson - 8178
 Stephen R. Brown - 2457
 Barbers - Carl Henrich - 5794
 Baseball - Chatham Baseball Club - Wm. Schick - 5467
 Junior League Club - Wm. H. Harrison - 7490
 Tri-County League - Wm. H. Decker Jr. 9173
 Women's Auxiliary - Mrs. J.M. Stocker - 7246
 Mrs. E.W. Seigler Jr. - 8814

Basketball - see Recreation, Indoor
 Biographies -
 Blacksmith - Mr. & Mrs. James Pearson - 4759
 Boarding Houses - see Hotels
 Boating - see Recreation, Outdoor
 Boy Scouts - A.T.C. Peters - 7320
 Braille Association - Mrs. Henry Guyre - 2437
 Brick-Making - Mrs. Theo. T. Lindemann - 5337
 Buses - see Transportation

Cabinet-Makers - Carl Edwards - 2418
 Card Games - see Recreation, Indoor
 Carpenters - W. Carey VanSant - 8272
 Cars, Early - Wm. T. Browne - 9221
 Cemeteries and Morticians - R.F. Edwards - 8184
 Ceramics - Frank Goss - 9238
 Chamber of Commerce - F.N. Wainwright - 9529
 Chatham Books and Authors - Miss Katherine Wolfe - 9194

- Churches - Catholic - Mrs. Margaret O'Dea - 0625
 Congregational
 Episcopal - Jared Moore - 7846
 Methodist - Mrs. Stephen Brown - 4257
 Presbyterian - John C. Richmond - 0718
- Cigar Stores - Frank Patterson - 4908
- Civilian Defense - E.H. Hatton - 4659
- Civil War - see American Legion
- Cleaners - George Boorujy - CR 3-3100
 Edward Boorujy - CR 3-6516
- Clothing Stores - Mr. & Mrs. Irving Marks - 0684
- Clubs - see Recreation, Indoor; see also Names of Clubs
- Communication - see Post Office, Telegraph, Telephone
- Community Celebrations - see Pageants
- Community Players - James F. Cairns - FR 7-7774
- Company B - Dr. M.J. Williams - 2414
- Confectioners - see Stores
- Cultural Aspects - see Art, Drama, Flower Arrangements, Literature, Music
- Cultural, Educational, and Religious Relations with neighboring communities - Mrs. Charles Thaeler - 9267
- Dairies and Farming - F. Dwight Budd - 2387
- Daily Life - Miss Margaret Keisler - 2385
- Dancing - see Recreation, Indoor
- Delicatessens - A. Kyrios - 2528
- Dentists - Dr. F.H. Lum^{III} - 2430
- Developments - see Real Estate
- Doctors - Dr. F.I. Krauss - FR 7-1094
- Dressmaking and Fabrics -
- Eastern Star - Mrs. George Otterbein - 7398
- Education - see Cultural relations with neighboring communities, Schools
- Emergency Squad - Robert Conway - 8569
- Emergency Squad Auxiliary - Mrs. Kenneth Look - 8427
- Entertainment - see Leisure Time Activities
- Ethnic Origin of Residents - Chas. Wittreich - 4702
- Fabrics - see Dressmaking
- Farming - see Dairies
- Fire Department - Wm. R. Kelley - 0836
- First World War - see American Legion
- Fish and Game Club - Max von der Linden - 5383
- Florists - Jared Moore - 7846
- Flower Arrangements - Mrs. Theodore Thayer - 9698
- Food - Mrs. Daniel Hopper Jr. - 9025
- Fraternal Organizations - see Names of Organizations
- Free and Accepted Masons, Madison Lodge - A.B. JAQUITH
- Garbage Disposal - Carl Carlone - 0890
- Gift Shops - Miss Ann M. Connachan - 7578
- Girl Scouts - Mrs. Samuel D. Howarth - 5154
- Hairdressers - Joseph Merlo - 4884
- Hardware Stores - Leon R. Marengi - 5017
- Historical Society - Harrison Thornell - 7875

Hobbies -

Home Services - see Carpenters, Cleaners, Dairy, Garbage Disposal, Laundries,
Painters, Plumbers

Hospitals - Robert C. Porter - 5974

Hotels - Mrs. Edwin A. Robinson - 2420

Industries - see Brick-making, Ceramics, Dairies and Farming, Florists, Mills

Insurance Firms - Philip Lum - 2427

Jaycees - John H. Smith - 8925

Jewelry Stores - F.N. Wainwright - 9529

Kiwanis - Geo. H. McKelvey - 8244

Knights of Columbus - Walter Bischoff - 8022

Korean Conflict - see American Legion

Labor -

Land Values and Assessments - Harrison Thornell - 7875

Laundries - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Warren - 9163

Lawyers and Judiciary - R.W. Stekel - 9309; A.B. JAQUITH

League of Women Voters - Mrs. Wm. F. Hinners - 2338

Leisure Time Activities - Mrs. Frank J. Bowden - 0669

Library - Miss Kathleen Wallace - 5458

Lions Club - Charles Heu - 4755

Literature - see Chatham Books and Authors

Livery Stables - see Transportation

Lumber and Coal - Fred L. Walters Jr. - 9384

Masons -

Mental Health - Mrs. George G. Hennessey - 4734

Mills -

Minisink Club - Frank P. Patten - 7958

Morris County, Relations with -

Mosquito Control - see Municipal Government

Movers - E.P. Sacco - 2360

Municipal Government and Services - John Mowen - 0674

see also Civilian Defense, Emergency Squad,
Roads, Streets,

Music - Mrs. Joseph Watkins - FR 7-7631

Nature Club - Philip Lum - 2427

Newcomers Club - see Welcome Wagon

Newspapers and Printers - Adolph Bohrmann - 2400

Nursery Schools - Mrs. C.W.S. Slagle - 9573

Nurses and Nursing Homes - Miss Elizabeth McNany - 2469

see also Hospitals

Oculists -

Odd Fellows - Herbert G. Lerch - FR 7-0190

Organizations - see Names of Organizations

Pageants -

Painters - Howard C. Tyson - 2526

Parks - see Municipal Government

Paving Contractors - Ellis May Jr. - 7244

Pharmacists - Charles Mayer - 8700
 Richard Mayer - 8700
 Photographers - Mr. Bozian - 9048
 Plumbers - Jeffery Would - 8287
 Police - see Municipal Government
 Politics - see League of Women Voters
 Post Office - Francis D. McHugh - 9260
 Printers - see Newspapers
 Professional Services - see Dentists, Doctors, Lawyers, Oculists
 P.T.A. - Fairmount-Washington - Mr. & Mrs. J.G. Carden - 8411
 - St. Patrick's, see St. Patrick's Mothers' Guild
 P.T.O. - Junior-Senior High School - Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Firmage - 2584
 - Milton Avenue - Dr. Samuel Barklis - 5747

Railroads -
 Real Estate and Realtors - G. Kimball Coleman - 2500
 Recreation, Indoor - Mrs. H.I. Romnes - 5653
 Recreation, Outdoor - Edouard Martin - 7027
 Recreation Board - Mrs. Chester Downey - 9547
 Red Cross - Dr. Robert Schultz - 0739
 Religious relations with neighboring communities - see Cultural, educational,
 religious relations, etc.
 Research Firms -
 Residents - see Ethnic Origin of Residents
 Restaurants - see Hotels
 Roads - Mrs. Arthur B. Churchill - FR 7-1065
 Rotaryannes - Mrs. Charles Mayer - 8700
 Rotary Club - Carl K. Kelly - FR 7-1184

St. Patrick's Mothers' Guild - Mrs. Margaret O'Dea - 0625
 Schools, Private - see Nursery Schools, Cultural ... relations
 Schools, Public - Ralph F. Bates - 7321
 Second World War - see American Legion
 Senior Citizens - Mrs. G. V. Lum - 2395
 Service Stations -
 Sewers - see Municipal Government
 Shoemakers - John Alfoldi
 Skating - see Recreation, Outdoor
 Sledding - see Recreation, Outdoor
 Spanish-American War - Howard C. Tyson - 2526
 Stage Coach - see Transportation
 State of New Jersey, Relations with -
 Stores - see Antiques, Delicatessens, Dressmaking and Fabrics, Food, Gift Shops,
 Hairdressers, Hardware, Hobby, Jewelry, Lumber, Phramacists, Photo-
 graphers
 Storms - see Weather
 Streets and Names - Ralph C. Ford - 0839
 Swim Clubs - see under Names of Clubs
 Swimming - see Recreation, Outdoor

Tailors - C. DeSantis - 4868
 Taverns - see Hotels
 Taxis - E.P. Sacco - 2360
 Telegraph -
 Telephone -

Tennis - see Recreation, Outdoor
 Toy and Hobby Stores - see Hobbies
 Transportation - E.E.Thomas - 8687
 see also Railroads, Stage Coach, Taxis, Trolleys
 Trolleys - J.C.Kemble - 5367
 Twigs - Mrs. Donald Kent - 8046

Unions - see Labor

War of 1812 - Dr. George Southworth - 9032
 Wars - see under Names of Wars, American Legion
 Water Department - see Municipal Government
 Weather - Roger Gurley - 9364
 Welcome Wagon - Mrs. H.E.Smith - 9558
 Welfare -
 Woman's Club - Mrs. George Arthur Smith - 2325
 see also Art, Chatham Books and Authors, Music

Y.M.C.A. - William Arthur - FR 7-6200
 LeRoy Badgley - 8997

Contributors with topics as yet unassigned:
 C.W.S.Slagle, 293 Fairmount Ave. - 9573
 John R. Tyson, 32 Inwood Rd. - 8030
 Mrs. William Ward, 108 Fairmount Ave. - 5550

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The Library staff is ready to help all contributors to the Tercentenary History of Chatham. Inasmuch as this research assistance is in addition to the regular busy day of the librarians, especially the Reference Librarian, it will help them serve you better if you will follow these suggestions:

1. Call the Library the day before you plan to come in, whenever possible, so hard-to-locate information may be searched for in advance.
2. Try to come to the Library in the morning, when the staff is less busy.
3. Tell the assistant just what your subject is, and she may be able to steer you to specific books.
4. In using the books in the Special Collections room, please:
 Sign register as directed.
 Use books in the room.
 Report to the desk assistant when you have finished so that the room may be locked immediately.
5. Many of the special, irreplaceable materials belonging to the Library are kept in various places for safe-keeping. If you are given any of this material, please return it to the person who gave it to you or to the assistant at the desk.



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Bulletin no. 3
January 17, 1963

2 pages

The Steering Committee requests that each contributor include a brief autobiography with a picture of himself and of his home. Think how interesting it would be for us today to have this picture of the early settlers! YOU are recording for the future.

If you recall any anecdotes of Chatham or biographical details about former prominent residents, do jot them down on paper even if they don't belong with your topic. Or pass them on to Miss Muriel Moore [Anecdotes - ME 5-7846] or to Mrs. Homer Diefendorf [Biographies - ME 5-2316].

Additions and Changes for Bulletin no. 2 [with more to come in future Bulletins]

- page 1 - Antiques - Mrs. Russell Mowen - 9172
 Automobile Dealers - Robert Nichols - 7700
 Biographies - Mrs. Homer Diefendorf - 2316
 Blacksmith - read "Pierson" for "Pearson"
 Camera Clubs - see Photographers
 Campaigns other than United or Red Cross - Mr. & Mrs. Alf Melander - 2417
 Chiropractors - W.R.Coss - 4640
- page 2 - Communications [other than Post Office] - Mr. & Mrs. W.S.Weeks - 2411
 Community Celebrations - see also Three Towns Pageant
 Dressmaking and Fabrics - Mrs. William Ward - 5550
 Electrical Contractors - James V. Kane - 7650
 Excavating and Grading - see Paving Contractors
 Floors and Floor-Coverings -
 Florists - add and Nurseries
 Free and Accepted Masons, Madison Lodge - Arthur B. Jaquith - 5931
 Friends of the Library - see Library
 Fuel Oil - see Lumber and Coal
 Great Books - see Library
 Heating - Thomas Tyrone - 5462
- page 3 - Hospitals - Mrs. Charles Niebling - 4945 [in place of Mr. Porter]
 Industries, Recent - C.W.S.Slagle - 9573
 Inter-Church Council - The Rev. Clarence Lecrone - 0846
 Kiwanis - Dr. George H. Pike - 7179 [in place of Mr. McKelvey]
 Lighting, Early - Miss Elsie Monteith - 9358
 Locksmiths - R.B.Thorne - 9404
 Madison Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons - see Free and Accepted Masons
 Masons - Robert Molitor - 7434
 Mills - Mrs. James Wagner - 9479
 Nature Club - Miss Jeannette Middlebrook - 2330 [in place of Mr. Lum]
 Nurseries - see Florists and Nurseries
 Osteopaths - Dr. George H. Pike - 7179
 Paving Contractors - add Excavating and Grading

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page 4 - Photographers and Camera Clubs - K.W.Horn - 4717 [in place of Mr. Bozian]
Prohibition - see Temperance
Radio and Television -
Schools, Early - Miss Dorothy^{EDNA} Stuart - 4645
Schools, Private - Miss Dorothy Stuart - 4645
Service Stations - Robert L. Marek - 9286
Shoemaker - John Alfoldi - 5619
Stanley and Mills - Mrs. James Wagner - 9479
Teachers' Association - Matthew Foley - 9100
Telegraph - see Communications [other than Post Office]
Telephone - see "
Temperance and Prohibition - Stuart W. Dawson - 7482

page 5 - Three Towns Pageant - E.J.Karr - 8143
Tree Service - see Florists and Nurseries
Trucking - Mrs. Delphine Duchamp Houchin - FR 7-2875
United Campaign Fund - H.E.Kilminster - 0660
Wheelman's Club - see Recreation, Outdoor

Add to Steering Committee [letter no. 1]: Miss Kathleen Wallace
Advisory Committee [Bulletin no. 2, page 1]: Dr. John T. Cunningham

Others assisting in various capacities:

Mr. J. Norman Bennett
Mrs. Keith Block
Mr. A. J. Moffitt
Mr. Forest H. Smith

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Bulletin no. 4
January 24, 1963

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Until Mrs. Budd returns from her vacation the middle of February, Miss Keisler (ME 5-2385) and Mrs. Gleason (ME 5-7316) will try to answer your questions and help with your project in any way possible.

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SUMMARY of Mr. Cunningham's comments and of the questions and answers at the workshops, January 11 and January 17

The "Tercentenary History of Chatham" is a unique project, bringing together the whole community. It will present a portrait of a typical suburban community, a truly American phenomenon. The individual small histories you will write are the most vital part. They will provide source materials for a history of Chatham and its society, of value to students, speech-writers, teachers, and to your own organization. Even if for any reason the history is never published, you will know your town better and each group will know itself better.

Your job: - Find out as much as you possibly can about your subject.
- Write everything down, so your report will be as complete as possible.
- Transmit information as accurately as possible.
- Write as if you are telling someone the story. Don't worry about style.

Look for: - Dates. Also, be on the look-out for relating your topic to important dates.
- Names, in detail [not just J.T. Smith if it's Jeremiah Tervilliger Smith III].
- Written materials [letters, diaries, account books].
- Records of organizations.
- Anecdotal material. [Folklore and anecdotes can be most illuminating; perhaps there'll be enough for some "tall tales of Chatham."]
- Descriptive details of individuals and events. [Sometimes they make the bare facts much more exciting.]
- Pictures -- as many as possible, especially of things which no longer exist. [An 1860 picture in poor condition is in some ways better than a good 1960 picture; it tells good social history.]
- "Illuminations of history" which help set individuals in their proper context and time.
- The "Bright things" you'd like to know about your subject.

Where to look: - Right here, in your attic or your neighbor's, for written materials and pictures.
- Right here, in interviews. [Recognize the value of living sources.]
- In libraries: Chatham, the collections of the Chatham Historical Society, the old records of organizations, New Jersey Historical Society, Newark Public Library, Rutgers University Library.

JTC's job as a "journalistic historian": to boil down our 200-300 thousand words to perhaps 50,000 in about 20 chapters -- about the size of Vanderpoel's "History of Chatham", but different! You ask: why write 3000 words if only 100 of them will be used? The most vital part of this community venture is the individual stories which will result. Each contributor should have the satisfaction of doing a good job in his area. We need be concerned with facts and accuracy, but not about style or manner of presentation. Mr. Cunningham will go through all the material, collate it, and incorporate your interpretations in a history that everyone will read easily and with interest. The book will include lots of pictures, also maps and charts.

Questions and answers

1. Should presentation be essay-style or encyclopedic? . . . List your facts, without worrying about literary style. Then, if you wish, write an essay. The information and accuracy are important; it is more valuable to spend time gathering material than presenting it.
2. Is there any limit to the length of individual histories? . . . No. Include everything of interest to you, making your report as complete and as accurate as possible. Remember, you are writing the ultimate history in your own area.
3. What time span is to be covered? . . . Right to the present, to cover the evolution of a suburban town through 1962.
4. How much stress should be put on joint efforts with Madison? . . . Inevitably the broader story of an organization such as the Red Cross must be included. But stress the part it plays in Chatham itself.
5. What about making distinctions from the Township? . . . Best stick to the present Borough boundaries where possible.
6. What should an organization try to bring out? . . .
 - Basic and significant dates (beginning, anniversaries, reunions)
 - Qualities of individual leaders. List names of officers past and present for your own book, even though they would probably not be included in the History.
 - Describe changing habits (differences in ways of celebrating reunions, in program or discussion topics over the years)
 - Collect pictures
 - Find about social life beyond and formalities and ritual
 - Above all, make it a personalized story
7. What about relatively new organizations? . . . Don't demean what you are doing just because it isn't old; you are making the beginning of something. Remember, history is everywhere around you -- history is now. It is a record of all facets of community life.
8. What about overlapping of material? . . . It is inevitable and won't matter. For example, World War I will appear in many folders; out of all these will evolve a feeling of its impact on the community.

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9. What is to be done with material which does not pertain to one's assigned topic? . . . Make a note of the actual information (if brief) and turn it over to the person who has the topic (listed in Bulletins 2 and 3); or make a note of the place where the information is to be found and turn it over to Miss Wallace at the Library or to Mrs. Gleason.
10. What about pictures outside one's assigned topic? . . . Any pictures not fitting into one of the obvious categories (see Bulletins 2 and 3) should be turned over to Miss Sarah Baxter (ME 5-0807). She is making a catalogue of pictures in the Historical Society's collection.
11. What about pictures with unidentified people? . . . Try to establish at least the approximate date and place; ask other people for help.
12. How should resources from which information is taken be referred to? . . . Include references in a footnote or in parentheses right within your text, giving as many details as possible (for books; author, title, date of publication, page; for manuscripts: any descriptive information, especially where they are to be found)
13. Should old accounts be quoted? . . . Yes. Any reference to prices of anything at any time are a part of social history. Consider the value and interest of a paper Mrs. Budd found recently in an unlabeled envelope: a list of the pew-holders in the "new" Presbyterian Church, showing the lay-out of the church, the scale of prices for different pews according to location -- a social phenomenon worth noting.
14. Would a corporation such as Public Service or the Erie-Lackawanna have old records? . . . Very probably, in their own library.
15. When must manuscripts be finished? . . . The Steering Committee has requested outlines by March first so it can look them over for coverage and minimum duplication. The final copy should be ready by May 15. Details of number of copies and way of presentation will be outlined in a later Bulletin.
16. Will there be a newspaper appeal for items buried or overlooked in attics? . . . Yes; everyone should be on the look-out for unpublished materials. Be particularly on the look-out for items from the Civil War era; it is difficult to locate and would contribute to an assessment of the effects on the community. Similarly World War I material would be most helpful.
17. In how many places should there be a repository for all the complete individual reports? . . . Chatham Historical Society, Chatham Library, New Jersey Historical Society at least; the Steering Committee is making inquiries about other libraries which might be interested in having the complete file.
18. Who will own the individual manuscripts? . . . Ownership can rest with the writer who would also be free to publish his document. The Historical Society, ~~as the~~ custodian of the public memory, will make the materials available to interested people.

History is a story we can get others to tell us -- it is one man's opinion, his sifting of all available facts. Recognize that things are to be understood in their own context and in their own time . . . look for the humorous elements . . . and have fun working!



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Bulletin no. 5 2 pgs
April 15, 1963

To all contributors to the Tercentenary History of Chatham:

1. The committee was gratified by the many replies on or about March first which indicated that contributors had their projects well in hand. These reports may now be reclaimed at Mrs. Budd's.
2. Recent developments indicate that the deadline for manuscripts must be extended to June first, although earlier delivery will be appreciated.
3. The following source material is now available:
 - a. The Chatham Press, from its beginning in 1897. Through the kindness of Mr. Adolph Bohrmann, the Chatham Library, a committee of the Woman's Club, and many friends working under the direction of Mrs. Gleason, the Chatham Press has now been microfilmed. There is a microfilm reader at the Library where you may now locate material back to 1897.
 - b. A complete file of the Chatham Courier is available at the Library.
 - c. Mrs. Frank Bowden has searched certain early issues of the Madison Eagle and made notations by categories of items which will be of interest to individual contributors. This material is now at Mrs. Budd's.
 - d. Mrs. William C. Lindemann is doing research at the Madison Library in the earliest issues of the Madison Eagle, which carried Chatham news before there was a local paper. Her notes may also be seen at Mrs. Budd's.
 - e. Miss Margaret Belcher is doing similar work at the Summit Library. The Summit paper had its Chatham reporter prior to the establishment of the Press.
 - f. Dr. George C. Southworth and Mrs. Gleason are continuing their research in sources prior to 1880, and are arranging for the microfilming of pertinent letters and papers which are being loaned for the purpose or are already in the possession of the Historical Society.
 - g. Many of the documents, pictures, maps, etc. in the Historical Society's collections are being classified according to subjects assigned to contributors. As soon as the material relevant to each subject is ready, the contributor will be notified to come to Mrs. Budd's home to look over all materials so far assembled, except those already in the History room of the Library.
 - h. Mrs. Budd's own library, which contains many published works on New Jersey history and people, may be consulted by appointment at her home.

4. Concerning your manuscript:

- a. Two copies only will be needed: one for the Library and one for Mr. Cunningham.
- b. Number the pages so they may be used for reference.
- c. Type double-space on good quality paper (8-1/2x11) that will last through the years.
- d. Title Page should include author's name and names of assistants.
- e. Bibliography -- this is IMPORTANT. Be sure to list all printed sources consulted, with the name of author and date and place of publication; also the full name of individuals who have helped with information.
- f. Resource sheet -- on a separate sheet, make a listing of all pictures, folders, programs, maps, clippings, manuscripts, etc. that pertain to your subject. Make a note of their location, whether in the files of the Historical Society or elsewhere.
- g. Submit manuscript in the blue folder, fastening the pages loosely with paper clips; they will be uniformly fastened later.
- h. Include your own brief autobiography, with snapshots of yourself and of your home if possible.

5. Additions and corrections to Bulletins no. 2 and 3:

- ✓ Archaeology -- Mrs. Merritt Budd - 2390
- Barbers - Joseph R. Tyrone - 9837
- ✓ Civil War - Maj. Herbert M. Dawley - 4622
- ✓ Clothing - Mrs. William Ward - 5550
- ✓ Congregational Church - ~~Dr. F. H. Lum III - 2430~~
- ~~Campaigns other than Red Cross~~ - Mrs. Philip H. Wells - 5682
- Dolls - Mrs. William T. Browne - 9221
- ✓ Farmerettes, World War I - Mrs. Helen Miller
- ✓ Fish and Game Club - William B. Wilson - 7653
- ✓ Friends of the Library - Henry E. Sharpe - 0735
- ✓ Geology - Miss Jeanne McHugh - 9260
- ✓ Gift Shops - Mrs. Robert Harned - 2345
- ✓ Morris County, Relations with - ~~Peter Thomas - 3743~~ James Powers
- ✓ Music - Mrs. G. William Lauterwasser - 7329
- Prohibition and Temperance - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brandegee - 9637
- ✓ Radio and Television - Philip Lum - 2427
- ✓ Railroads - Clinton R. Dodd - 9395
- ~~Stanley and Mills - Frank Goss - 9238~~
- ✓ Telephone and Telegraph - Mr. & Mrs. William S. Weeks - 2411

6. As Mr. Cunningham has said, "Even if it should so happen that the final book is never written, this group of Chatham people will have made a notable contribution to their community -- however, it WILL be written."

Thank-you to you all.

-- Others assisting in various capacities:

Mrs. G. V. Lum	Mr. Howard Baldwin
Mrs. Helen Miller	Mr. James Powers
Mrs. Ethel Sturgis	Mr. William B. Wilson



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Bulletin #6

January 27, 1965

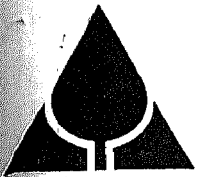
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TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS TO VOL. II OF THE HISTORY OF CHATHAM

Greetings:

Bulletin No. 5 of this project was dated April 15, 1963. It is now time to bring you up to date.

1. Much work has been done since Bulletin No. 5
 - a. By individual contributors
 - b. By Mr. John T. Cunningham. He has read all material so far submitted and made voluminous notes.
2. Because the project expanded beyond our original conception, we found that a 1964 date of publication was impossible.
3. We now anticipate publication in early 1966. Our main concern is to produce a volume of real worth--of which we can all be proud.
4. We would like to have all manuscripts up-dated to include events of 1964. There should be mention of new projects, current officers of organizations, etc. WE ARE HOPING THAT THIS REQUEST, HEREWITH STATED, WILL BE A SUFFICIENT STIMULUS SO THAT THIS NEW INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO ME (in duplicate and on the regulation paper) BY APRIL 1st. We have done so much "re-requesting" and "reminding" during the past year that we would now like to give our attention to the final stages of the book.
5. Since the departure of Mrs. Sidney Gleason in the summer of 1963 the arduous position of volunteer Secretary of this committee has been capably filled by Mrs. Frank Bowden. She has contributed hours of



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dedicated service. If you have questions and are unable to reach me, I suggest that you confer with Mrs. Bowden (ME 5-0669) or the vice-chairman of the committee, Miss Margaret Keisler (ME 5-2385).

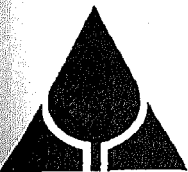
6. As the project progressed more assistants were needed. We now have two Assistant Secretaries, Mrs. R. C. Thuebel and Mrs. Helen Miller. In addition, there is the Work Shop Club, consisting of Mrs. George V. Lum, Miss Katherine Wolfe and Mrs. Ethel Sturgis. These ladies have all given hours of service. To our regret, Mrs. Sturgis has moved from Chatham, but I am pleased to report that some additional volunteers are promised for the future, among them Mrs. F. W. Engelman.

7. We are indebted to the Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church for the mimeographing of the Bulletins.

Thank you to all of you for your cooperation. Many of your manuscripts are far beyond our anticipations. For myself, I hereby report that although the magnitude of the undertaking is considerable and keeps expanding, it has not yet completely "snowed under."

Yours with optimism,

Edna Van Sickle Budd



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FINAL BULLETIN OF PROJECT FISHAWACK

2 pages

NO. 7 - FEBRUARY 11, 1968.

In a publication this size, there were sure to be some imperfect books. Be sure to inspect each copy, also suggest that the client does the same. To date we have found four:-

- a. 2 with torn pages
- b. 1 with chapter one missing
- c. 1 with end pages upside down
- d. 1 with cover design placed at an angle.

Each client should sign his card with date received.

Offer a plastic bag to each customer. The base of supply for these in the Richard Lum Bank - hereinafter referred to as the R.L. Bank. Return unused bags to Bank.

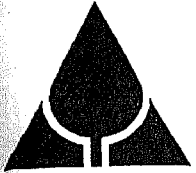
All financial transactions should be handled at the Bank. This Bank sells -

- a. Non-autographed books
- b. Mailing bags (called jiffy bags) 10 cts. ea.
- c. Will allow use of stapler without charge.

We are not required to charge sales tax. A few people have included this in their check. If they request a refund, refer them (with card) to the Lum Bank.

A few persons who included 35 cts. for mailing may now find it convenient to pick up their books. Refer them (with cards) to Bank for refund.

Prepaid orders that are not picked up today may be picked



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up at my house, 28 Elmwood Ave., all next week through Sunday, February 18th. Hours 10-12; 4-6 and 7-8. On February 19th, we start local delivery.

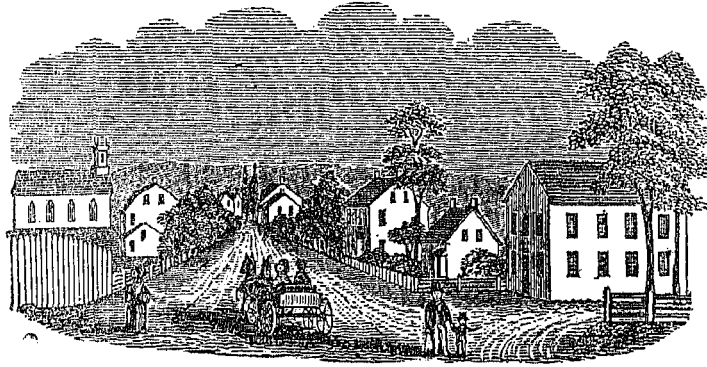
Autographed copies of regular edition will be on sale beginning February 12th, at the Library, Coleman's, Columbia Cleaners, Pattersons and 28 Elmwood Ave. No DeLuxe copies available.

The original Art will remain at the Library two weeks.

Articles on display in glass cases will also remain two weeks.

THANK YOU EVERYBODY. YOU HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL AND WE DID HAVE FUN!

E.V.S.B.



MAIN STREET, CHATHAM, 1845

The Chatham Historical Society

My dear

It was probably inevitable that a project involving more than 200 persons would encounter delay. With regret, we announce that delay has occurred in the publication of CHATHAM: At the Crossing of the Fishawack.

Some of the contributors were not ready with their material at the time Mr. Cunningham had allocated to our project. Now we must await his professional time. This will be several months later than April '66.

We are deeply appreciative of your advance order. It is only because of such support that we have dared this undertaking.

We believe that the publication will be a noteworthy one. Various ideas that have developed during the interim will make it more valuable than originally planned.

Sincerely yours,

The Committee

Edna Van Sickle Budd, *Chairman*

Item 12
Resource Material

1. The collections on display in the Municipal Building have attracted much interest.
2. Pictures, Maps, Documents, etc.
This material housed in the New Jersey Room at the Library and at the homes of Miss Margaret Keisler and Mrs. Merritt Budd were in almost constant use as residents delved into the past.
3. Members of the Society, particularly the elders, were a continual source of information. A few individuals reported being consulted on as many as twenty different subjects.
4. The Society receives many written requests for historical information. These come not only from New Jersey but from many other states. Many of these queries are answered by Miss Keisler. There are also many telephone inquiries to Miss Keisler and Mrs. M.L. Budd.

Item 13.
Historic Sites Survey

In November 1959, Mrs. Merritt L. Budd of the Chatham Historical Society was asked to represent the southern part of Morris County on the County committee appointed by the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development to undertake an Historic Sites Evaluation Survey. She was assigned to the territory of Madison, Chatham Township and Chatham Borough. Members of the local Society assisted in gathering data, pictures, etc., about locations in the Borough. The Society helped finance the photographs. Copies of these carefully documented reports are located in the

Chatham Public Library, the Chatham Township Library and the Madison Library. These copies are in addition to the copies filed in the Morris County Library and the two copies that were required to be forwarded to the State.

Item 14.
Historic Markers

List of houses attached.

As the representative on the Morris County committee for Evaluation of Historic Sites and Structures, Mrs. Merritt Budd was an advisor concerning the installation by the State of two Historic Markers in Chatham Borough and one Marker in Chatham Township. The markers in the Borough are located at #26 and #55 Main Street and read as follows:-

At #26 Main Street

CHATHAM
Settled by John
and Daniel Day, named
for the Earl of Chatham
William Pitt, Washington
often visited troops here.
1664 - 1964

At #55 Main Street

NEW JERSEY JOURNAL
Founded on this site by
Shepard Kollock, 1779
Moved to Elizabeth, 1783
the oldest continuing
Newspaper in New Jersey
1664 - 1964

On Treadwell Avenue, Chatham
Township

BOISAUBIN HOUSE
Built in 1790's by a French
emigre, on a campsite
of the Continental Army.
Later, a "station" on the
"underground railroad".
1664 1964

The Society is grateful to Edna VanSickle Budd
for collecting and compiling the
material in this report.
Edward W. Martin - Pres.

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

The following sites and structures in Chatham Borough and Chatham Township were documented in the Historic Sites Survey.

The numbers refer to locations on a specially prepared County Map.

14. Utility Laundry - 11 Main St.
15. Wm. Day Tavern House - 16 Main St.
16. Shepard Kollock Printing Press - 55 Main St.
17. Morrell House - 63 Main St.
18. Wm. Day Homestead - 70 Main St.
- 19 - Wm. Pitt Tavern - 96 Main St.
20. First Presbyterian Manse - 186 Main St.
21. Site of Fairview House - (now Public Library) 214 Main St.
22. Stephen Day House - 68 Elmwood Ave.
23. Tuttle House - 479 Main St.
24. Muchmore House (Diebolt) 84 Kings Rd.
25. Bonnell Homestead - 36 Watchung Ave.
26. "Fieldstone" - 18 Edgehill Ave.
27. - Genung House - 564 Main St.
28. Hatton House - 589 Main St.
29. Bower House - 427 Main St.
30. Ben Lyons House - 121 hillside Ave.

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY (contd)

Chatham Township

- 30-A. Little Red School House (Mount Vernon School)
School District #78 - S. Boulevard cor. Fairmount Ave.
- 31. Seward Jackson House - 184 Southern Blvd.
- 32. S. Phillips Steen House - 788 River Rd
- 33. Site of Race Track - Nee Ave. and Overlook Dr.
- 34. Boisaubin House - Broadwell Ave.
- 35. Gabriel Johnson House (Guion Fountain) 808 Fairmount Av.
- 36. Green Village Methodist Church

Detailed information concerning these structures and sites may be found in the Chatham Public Library and the Chatham Township High School Library.

WORK SHEET

New Jersey Historical Sites Evaluation (NJHSE)

This sheet—to be filled out in triplicate—is designed for making notes from which a final inventory form may be typed. If the site is not a building, use as much of the sheet as is appropriate, and the remaining space for other details if needed. PLEASE FOLLOW "INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING WORK SHEET."

1. COUNTY	MUNICIPALITY		STREET NO. OR ROAD		
2. NAME					
3. NUMBER ON COUNTY MAP					
4. A. ORIGINAL OWNER		PRESENT OWNER			
B. PERIOD OR DATE		C. STYLE			
D. ARCHITECT		BUILDER			
E. ORIGINAL USE		PRESENT USE			
F. CONSTRUCTION	G. NUMBER OF STORIES		ACREAGE		
H. NOTABLE FEATURES (CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET)					
5. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE & DESCRIPTION (CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET)					
6. PHYSICAL CONDITION	IN DANGER	FAIR CONDITION	REPAIRED	RESTORED	ALTERED
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INTERIOR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. POSSIBLE USE					
8. NEIGHBORHOOD	ZONED		CLASS	CONDITION	
9. AVAILABLE FILES	MEASURED DRAWINGS		OLD PHOTOS	NEW PHOTOS	FIELD REPORTS
	RESEARCH PAPERS		OTHER		
10. REFERENCES					
11. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	FEE, IF ANY		CONTROL BY		
12. NAME & OCCUPATION OF RECORDER					
13. SIGNATURE OF ARCHITECT					
14. DATE OF THIS RECORD					

LESTER L. MCDOWELL
12 EDGEHILL AVENUE
CHATHAM, N. J. 07928

15 March, 1965

Dear Toot:

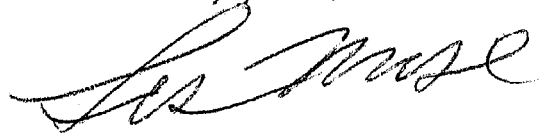
Yesterday, Edna Budd delivered to me the very outstanding Report of the Chatham Historical Society, in connection with New Jersey's Tercentenary Year. The report is excellent, and does great credit to you and the other officers and trustees, and members of the Society who have done so very much to make successful Chatham's participation in New Jersey's Tercentenary observances.

Most of us were aware that the Historical Society was participating in a number of projects. Few of us, however, fully realized the breadth and the depth of this participation. The Report indicates the many and diverse projects and activities. But even the Report, complete though it is; fails, I am sure, to measure the full participation of the many individuals who led and assisted.

The Historical Society certainly took its proper place in the van of Chatham's many organizations, and set the place for our community in doing things of lasting value.

Please extend my thanks to all concerned, and especially to Mrs. Edna Van Sickle Budd, for preparing the Report and for her innumerable contributions to our community.

Cordially yours,



Lester L. McDowell, Chairman
New Jersey Tercentenary Commission of Chatham
Borough

Mr. Edouard W. Martin
234 Fairmount Avenue
Chatham, N. J. 07928

cc: Mrs. Edna Van S. Budd

Hotels

HOTELS, RESTAURANTS & BOARDING HOUSES

Mrs. EDWIN A. ROBINSON

The growth and development of the town of Chatham, changing means of transportation, and the ebbing and flowing fortunes of its assorted taverns, hotels, restaurants and boarding houses are inextricably intertwined, and have had great influence one upon another. The first hotel, built in 1755 and soon followed by another, served farmers from central New Jersey, who found themselves close to Day 's B ridge at the end of one day's journey. By making an early start next morning they could deliver their produce to Newark or Elizabeth Town and return in the afternoon. Thus they would spend the second night in Chatham also, returning home on the third day. This was so common a practice that the Rev. Joseph Ogden reported seeing as many as 40 conestoga wagons coming over the hill from Madison in one steady line. The yards of the several hotels were all wont to be full of such wagons, as well as loads of charcoal, and cattle were bedded down in the fields east of the river. In 1790 a stage coach was running also, from "Wm. Parrott's Hotel" in Chatham to Paulus Hook, Jersey City. Around 1860, for a period of years, Chatham was a kind of terminus for the western coal traffic - a distribution point, in effect. Crews would come in with the coal trains, spend the night in Chatham, and return to Pennsylvania on the empty cars next day. Their carousing around town became so disturbing to the peace that Mr. George Shepard Page led a movement which succeeded in closing all hotels and saloons in the town, thus putting an end to an era which had lasted well over 100 years.

The next period was the "Resort Era", which apparently began about 1880, and lasted roughly until around 1910 to 1915. Although the temperance movement was going strong during the entire time, hotels began to function again; at some date the writer was unable to ascertain one hotel received a license (liquor), and in May, 1900 a second was granted. An editorial in the "Chatham News", first issue (and only issue, as far as is known), Jan. 15, 1891, said: "Chatham is prosperous.....has fine churches, good schools, excellent hotels and boarding houses to accomodate the many summer guests whb seek its salubrious, health-giving air..." The first issue of the Chatham Press, March 13, 1897, in an editorial asking support for a local newspaper, said: "Chatham has a population of 1250, doubled since 1890,can count ..three grocers, two druggists, two hardware stores, two butchers, seven wholesale florists, three hotels, ..."etc.

The accomodations ranged from the red plush elegance of the Fairview House to the spare bedroom in a private house which took in a couple of summer boarders. The railroad provided convenient transportation, so that city families came for the summer and "Father" commuted. An unidentified newspaper of the period saw fit to print this little gem:

"These summer boarders are sure hard to please."

"What's the matter now?"

"They're kicking because I ain't got no field of shredded wheat to show 'em!"

The summer hotels began to fade with the coming of the motor car, as it became easier to go farther afield. The end of World War I and the coming of prohibition brought the demise of the remaining hotels, with the notable exception of the only building which was a part of the previous era: - Crowell's Tavern, more recently Reilly's Hotel (to have several other names subsequently), which still stands, empty and not serving the public in one way or another for the first time in over 150 years. (Details hereinafter.) The influence of the hotels on the town continued, however, for people who had come first as summer guests were building houses and becoming permanent residents. The boarding houses had a longer life, since they had a year-round function. They were home to many of Chatham's teachers for many years, and a few, noted for good food and gracious surroundings, long served the function of the then non-existent "good" restaurant, where, for instance, a family might enjoy a Sunday dinner. The boarding houses, like the hotels, were the first acquaintance with Chatham of numerous families who later became residents.

The third period of influence might be dubbed the "Restaurant Era", and runs from the 1930's to the present. "The William Pitt" opened in 1933, and by the second half of the decade was attaining no little fame. Many present residents (the writer included) first became interested in Chatham as a place to live after a visit or two to "The Pitt". As traffic on Route 24 increased with the years, much of it traffic bound to and from the lake country to the west, especially in the summer and on week-ends, potential sources of a snack or a meal proliferated, until no the hungry traveler can find almost any kind of nourishment he desires in Chatham. Let him not bring a specialized thirst along, however, for while he can have a cocktail before his dinner at The Pitt, he cannot enjoy a glass

of beer with his sandwich unless he sneaks around the corner to Caulfield's Bar and Grill, or goes far out of his way, out River Road to Flynn's Tavern. Since neither place is advertised anywhere he could not possibly know they exist. (It is quite possible that many local residents don't know it either.) It should probably be noted here that the idle old Crowell's Tavern, more recently "The Chatham", still has a liquor license held for it.

SPECIFICS

"First Era" - from the end of the Revolution to about 1870.

Timothy Day's Tavern - The Tavern most referred to in accounts of Chatham in the Revolution, it stood north of the Morris Turnpike, east of the river, near the intersection of River Road (the Road to Turkey), probably just slightly east of the Liberty Pole. Littlejohn's map in Philhower (Page 27) shows it somewhat farther east than it probably stood. The tavern was taken over by Timothy Day's son Israel in 1792, and maintained by him until it was sold in 1808 jointly to Samuel and John C. Crane. The will of Samuel in 1812 mentions his half part of the tavern house. (Israel Day's ledger is in the possession of the Historical Society. The ledger continues for his private business after the sale of the tavern.) It must have been close to 1812 that the tavern was bought by Samuel Condit, who owned and ran it, probably until his death in 1860. He is stated in Vanderpoel as being the last owner of this tavern, and the Condit Genealogy states that he "...during the greater part of his life owned and conducted a hotel." The building itself stood until about 1930.

Samuel Lee -

"...kept a hotel west of Condit's tavern," (Philhower, Pg. 36.) This is the statement in its entirety. However,

Littlejohn's map of the Revolutionary Era shows a tavern west of Timothy Day's, but marked "Col. Seeley". This is an error, as explained below under "Sylvanus Seeley", and this tavern was probably Samuel Lee's. Littlejohn's 1845 map shows two hotels, marked "Skelenger" and "Sam Condit", but their positions are reversed. It is to be assumed that Samuel Lee sold to Skelenger, but as to the date, or how long it survived, I found no information.

Sylvanus Seeley - during the Revolution owned a hotel on the southwest corner of Main St. and Long Hill Road (Fairmount Ave.) This he presumably sold to one Israel Lum, who is mentioned by Philhower as having been its proprietor in 1808. The building in that location is shown on later maps (Littlejohn, 1845, "Squire Lum"; Morris County Atlas, 1868, "Residence, B.P. Lum".) It is this location and presumably the same building which later became Mrs. Harvey Kelley's boarding house, known as "The Old Homestead." (Mrs. Kelley was of the Lum family and could have inherited the house.)

Seeley, in 1785, acquired by foreclosure of a mortgage 20 acres south of Main St., previously owned by Matthias Woodruff, and is said to have operated a tavern thereon in a building beside the highway about 500 ft. west of the river. This he sold to Capt. Wm. Day in 1796. Philhower says "Squire Spencer's hotel and store combined was located west of the river and south of Main St. nearly opposite Crowell's tavern." This was almost undoubtedly the Seeley, later Day,

tavern, taken over by Spencer about 1809, since Wm. Day at that time became involved across the street. (See below under Crowell's Tavern.) Littlejohn's 1845 map shows "Charles Spencer's store" farther to the west, but no hotel, so it is to be assumed that Spencer's hotel had gone out of business before that date.

Crowell's Tavern -has by far the longest and best documented history of any such establishment in Chatham, spanning as it does almost the entire period from the Revolution to the present. The exact date of its erection is unknown. Gardner, in his "Historical Discourse" relating to the Presbyterian Church, states that the Inn was erected in 1800. However, the first mention of it in the County records says that in 1809 "Wm. Day and his wife, Nancy, conveyed to David Crowell.." this piece of property, being a building and 4 acres of land, for a consideration of \$5,125. The next mention is the conveyance of said property by Nathaniel (son of David) Crowell to Wm. Taylor and Dennis Osborne in 1873. Changing hands again in 1888, it was owned from then until 1924 by Christopher Reilly. It had 12 bedrooms and catered to transients at the beginning of the period, but by 1912 its advertisement in the "Official Directory - Borough of Chatham" stated that it had a phone connection, was one block from the trolley, and took boarders by week or month. By 1924 prohibition had overtaken us, and the whole pattern of life was changing. A Frank Fiedler bought the old inn in 1924 but whatever use he put it to must have been unsuccessful.

ful, for in 1926 it was sold again, and started a whole new life. Fred (Fritz) Herse bought it, being attracted particularly by its handsome mahogany bar, which had come originally from a large New York ice cream parlor. The ice cream was forgotten, however, for the old tavern in its new incarnation was a "speakeasy", with closed gates to its yard, which one must first get through to enter the house itself. It was gay, and naughty, and must have been a most painful thorn in the flesh of those staunch prohibitionists who had managed to dry up Chatham even before the Volstead Act went into effect. With the end of prohibition it was a restaurant and tavern again, though of a most undistinguished sort. (The writer moved to Chatham in 1937, and has no recollection of ever seeing anyone enter or leave, although there was always a car or two in the lot.) In 1956 Philip Lax bought the property, redecorated it in such a manner as to attempt to preserve (or restore) its post-colonial atmosphere, and re-opened it as a restaurant in 1958. Everyone was delighted to see the old landmark take a new lease on life. One incident in preparing it for its new life was an appeal to the Borough for permission to enlarge the parking lot - the old hotel yard, which had been lined on one or two sides with carriage sheds. The authorities felt it a poor precedent to encourage the enlargement of parking facilities along Main St. - this same plot which had been a parking lot ever since the days when it was filled every night by conestoga wagons on the way to and from market! In 1960 ownership passed to the

Jehen Holding Co., and soon discontinued operations. As of summer, 1963, it stands unused, its fate uncertain.

Addendum: The above sequence of ownership is as set forth in the records in Morristown. However, Philhower says "About 1865 this tavern was kept for several years by a George Philhower". This could have been while it was still owned by Nathaniel Crowell. Also, the map of Chatham, 1868, Morris County Atlas, shows a building in that location marked "Passaic Hotel. G. Kent". This is the only reference found to either name. In his "Recollections", published in the Newsletter of the Historical Society in March, 1957, Samuel E. Tyson says: "A mand by the name of Chris Riley (Reilly) ran the hotel down Main St. across from the Utility Laundry. Before that it was run by John Harrison". This name appears nowhere else. Since Mr. Tyson was born in 1880, it seems probable that this particular recollection was in error.

"The Resort Era" - from the late nineteenth century to World War I.

As has been noted above, during this period, and particularly between 1890 and 1910, summer visitors by the hundreds poured into Chatham each year. The three hotels referred to in the Press editorial of 1897 certainly included the Fairview House, Christopher Reilly's Chatham Hotel, and Kearney's Hotel, which was across the river, east of Reilly's. A second hotel east of the river is also recalled by old residents. (It is possible that one of the two was the old tavern identified as "Skelenger Hotel" on the 1845 map. This is pure conjecture.) Also, since Reilly's was known as the East End Hotel, by some odd logic one of the two east of the river was referred to as the West End Hotel. Owen Kearney sold his hotel business in January, 1901 to a Westfield man, and rented the building and fixtures. (Presumably to the ~~same~~ man.) "It is stated that \$2,000 was the purchase price, with a monthly rental of \$60.00." In 1900 Aaron Banta built a hotel called "The Chatham Inn" on the corner of Main St. and Brooklake Road. Old residents say that it did not last very long, and was torn down when the power line went through the property. In December of that year (1900) Mrs. Banta died in New York, where the family had gone for the winter. Over a 5-year period, the above is all that could be gleaned from the Chatham Press about hotels other than the Fairview. As will be seen in the detailed account below, it was THE hotel. What went on in the others was apparently of no interest to the readers of the Press - or perhaps to its editor. It is life at the Fairview, therefore which can be reported in some detail.

Boarding houses were numerous, but as in the case of hotels, only certain ones were reported upon in the Press with any regularity. Mrs. Harvey Kelley's "Old Homestead" was by far the most important, judged by this criterion.

"Fairmount"

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The Fairview House - About 1884 one William Martin, whose residence was an elegant mansion on the west side of Fairmount Ave. (then Long Hill Road) on the top of the hill, built a hotel on the north side of Main St. on properly previously occupied by the house of a widow, V. Field(s), between Passaic Ave. and St. Paul's Church, and christened it with the same name as that of his hilltop home - "Fairview". It was a summer hotel for guests seeking a resort, quite different from its predecessors, which were called into being by the need to feed and house travellers - originally farmers going to market, as has been noted above. The Fairview, with its upper and lower porches, on which "...a formidable rocking chair fleet rode at anchor during the summer months.", (Wm. S. Hunt), with its guests from the City, some of them arriving in their own carriages, was to set the social tone of Chatham for a number of years.

* See v.5 p.180-
1870 is date given
of building of
Fairview

The first mention of the Fairview in print, locally at least, appears in The Chatham News, Jan. 15, 1891. It announced a "Hop" to be given by the Young Men's Social Club, which would indicate that at that time there was some activity at the Fairview in the winter; another item in the same issue said that a Mr. Severance of the Park House in Summit "has made a bid for the Fairview House, the lease to which expires in March". Mr. Martin apparently leased the Fairview House to individuals who managed it. John H. Staats who was the manager at least as early as 1896, was granted a license (liquor) for the Fairview on May 26, 1900. His son-in-law, John E. Beerbower, took over from him in 1901 and except for a two year period about 1914, when it was leased to a Mr. Foster, remained until the hotel was finally closed. Mr. Beerbower's daughter, Violet B. Bailey, says her father was the proprietor. However, a little booklet calling itself "Official Directory - Borough of Chatham - 1912" lists the "Fairview Hotel, H.E. Hayes Prop." In 1910 the Board of Health found it necessary, in reference

to the "Fairview cesspool nuisance", to write to "Mr. Hadley, notifying him to clean out the lower cesspool". In spite of this confusion it seems certain that Mr. Beerbower was in charge when the hotel closed permanently. After 1897, when the Chatham Press began publication, the Fairview figures largely in its news of the summer season, but was apparently closed to the public during the winter. During the winter of 1900, at least, it was in the hands of a caretaker, for on April 7, the Press reported that "J.W. Abbott and family, who have had charge of the Fairview House during the winter, decamped very quietly during the midnight hours of Friday last. They are now residing at... Brooklyn". No further details are given. Mr. Staats was still in charge in Nov. 1901, for an open letter to him appeared in the Press, signed Dunn & Co., by De Hart of Madison, extolling the superiority of lead and zinc paint over lead and oil, and pointing out the desirability of painting hotels. The response to this not-so-gentle hint (and advertisement) was not reported.

The capacity of the Fairview has been reported as over 200, and as not over 150. The guests came from near and far, as attested to by the Press, July 3, 1897, as follows: "Guests at the Fairview House this week are from Troy, N.Y., Philadelphia, Asbury Park, Kingston, Pa., New York City, Brooklyn, Plainfield, Newark, Jersey City, Rutherford, Dover." However many guests there were at peak occupancy, they had a very gay time. Marseene Budd kept the Fairview livery stable. Here were stabled the horses of well-heeled guests, but here also could be hired the horses one could ride for a jaunt into the woods, or the three-seater which might be used for a family ride in the country of a Sunday, or the carriage, with horse and driver, which four ladies might hire for \$2.00 for an afternoon. They would start at 1:00 P.M., drive

through the country to Morristown where they enjoyed ice cream at Day's, return by another route, and be home by 4:30 or so. If the horse and driver were from Charley Kelley's livery stable, they were sure to arrive home promptly, for the driver also drove the hack which met the train from the city. (One such driver was Harold C. Allen, mentioned at greater length below.) One of the diversions for juvenile guests was going for a ride with Mr. Budd. What kind of horse-drawn conveyance was used, how many youngsters were involved, or what the destination was is not reported.

Boats and canoes could be rented from Parrott's Pond, behind the mill (now part of the Utility Laundry); a lawn tennis court was laid out on the Fairview grounds; there was bowling in the "Annex." (I also find reference to the "Pavilion". In 1891 Scott Mrs./Siddons gave a program of readings at "The Casino". It is possible these were all one and the same, or that the Casino had no connection with the Fairview whatever.) The local experts were wont to challenge the Fairview guests to bowling matches, always lost by the Fairviewers.

In addition to the above-mentioned forms of recreation, and the more passive activity of riding rocking chairs, the real affairs were Saturday night "Hops", and the euchre parties. The "H ops" were for the hotel guests, (except for an occasional subscription one), but Mrs. Bailey says "...many local people were often invited by the guests or management." Although euchre parties were usually for hotel guests, there were occasionally benefit parties for which tickets were sold and the proceeds given to charity. On August 4, 1900, 84 persons were present on 25¢ tickets, which by some marvelous arithmetic produced \$28.25 for the New York Herald Free Ice Fund, "...further augmented by donations to \$40.80". No wonder the euchre parties were well attended; the list of prizes on one such occasion read as follows: gold brooch with pearl

center, gold thimble, cut glass bowl, cut glass whiskey flask, (a little heavy for the hip, surely ?), silver-mounted shaving brush. A "Children's Entertainment and Cakewalk" held in the Ball Room (as were all these affairs.) one evening the same summer netted \$10.00 for the Fresh Air Fund. Even the Drama was available, for an announcement on one occasion read: "The Marion Dramatic Co. will give a rendering of the play 'Drifted Apart' in the Ball Room (of the Fairview House)...this company is very strongly recommended." Tickets were available for 25¢ at the Pharmacy.

And so went life at the Fairview. There was a problem with ~~the~~ every one summer; another, there was a small fire, etc. For the management, of course, things were not so placid, for there was housekeeping to be done. The dining room at the Fairview, incidentally, was open only to the hotel guests and their friends. For a number of years a man by the name of Clifford B. Harrison, originally from Caldwell, loomed large in the provisioning of the Fairview. He ran a butcher shop on Main St., and during the summer supplied produce as well as meat to the hotel kitchen. This involved taking a wagon to Newark at night and returning by 8:00 A.M. Hobart's hill was a formidable obstacle to a heavily loaded wagon. The solution was to be met "...between the 2nd and 3rd bridges on Valley Road.." ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ by a boy with an extra horse (or two, if the load were to be particularly large), to assist in the pull over the hill. For all of at least one summer this was Harold C. Allen (now of Ocean Grove), then barely 11 years old, who would get up at 3:30 A.M. and start out riding the extra horse, returning in time for school (in the early weeks before school closed.) He developed quite a reputation for being able to sleep without falling off the horse; he says that it was sheer desperation which made him hold on so tight even asleep - it was

too long a walk back if he lost the horse. The ice consumed by the Fairview was supplied by the same Mr. Harrison, who cut it in the winter from Parrott's Mill pond, and was assisted in storing it by the same boy on a horse.

In the early years of the century, a popular form of recreation was coaching parties, or "Tally-Hoes". One such party, whose host was Alfred Gwynn Vanderbilt, stopped for a change of horses at the Fairview. Their arrival was well-heralded, for the horses and their grooms were sent out ^{to} the Fairview stables several days ahead of time. ~~XXXX~~ (The enclosed photographs were taken by Violet Beerbower Bailey .)

When Thomas Edison made some of his first movies, the old Minton mansion (which later became "The Brook", a restaurant, just west of Canoe Brook Country Club), and the woods and fields around it were used as a setting. During the filming some of the participants made their headquarters at the Fairview. Among them was Clara Kimball Young, an early movie star.

By the beginning of World War I, the old place had passed its prime, and almost outlived its usefulness. Its most flourishing activity was the bar, now open to the public, and located in a separate building. (I am not sure, but believe that this was in the "Annex" referred to above.) When the U.S. entered the war, the Fairview Dining Room was turned over to the Chatham Red Cross, which maintained its headquarters and workrooms there, and it was a beehive of activity once again. In March 1918, on a night of high winds and low temperatures, at 2:00 in the morning, the bar was afire, and the alarm was turned in by a neighbor. The roof of the hotel proper caught, but was extinguished, and by 6 A.M. the fire was out, but the bar was destroyed. A temporary bar was set up in the "...Old Billiard Room, where it formerly was."

On April 6th the Press announced that on and after Monday April 15

Red Cross workrooms would be at the Club House (Fish and Game Club) instead of the Fairview. (No reason was given.) On May 25, by a vote of 210 to 180, Chatham voted to go "dry", under a newly voted New Jersey local option law, and the Press noted that both hotels would have to close for business in 30 days. This would indicate that the chief business in both was the sale of liquor rather than lodging. And so it was over. Soon the war was, too, and in 1920 the plan was proposed for a memorial in the form of a park and library on the site of the Fairview - at that time still standing. For some reason that even he doesn't remember, Lawrence Day and his wife took title to the property when it was purchased, and made it over to the Borough, the building then being demolished. Sic transit gloria mundi.

Resort Era - Boarding Houses

Boarding Houses, as has been noted, were numerous and popular. How many there were at any one time - or in succession - there is no way of knowing, for the only record is a chance mention in a newspaper of the time. Otherwise the only source of information is the memory of still living citizens, or the reverse - that is, the fact that no one seems to remember anything about certain ones. There are also a few ladies who started taking boarders for unhappy reasons, or who had very unhappy experiences in their brief excursion into the business, who feel that since they made no very great dent in the life of the town they would rather forget the whole thing, and emphatically do not want to be included in the record for posterity. One can only yield to their wishes, and count them among the many whose names one does not even know.

There were boarding houses on the smallest, most intimate scale, where a couple of boarders were taken and became virtually members of the family, and there were those carried on as a business requiring the full-time attention of at least one member of the family. A quarter of a mile south of the Stanley Post Office, there was a boarding house run by James Bissell, where Tom Scott remembered spending the summer of 1884. It was later

known as Van's. On Sept. 1, 1900 the summer guests at Sheldon's boarding house were honored with a squash pie and watermelon party. There were songs and games, and favors for everyone, and they all left feeling sure that Chatham was just the niciest place to spend the summer. In June of 1900, Hohn Gould was equipping his house with city water and a complete set of modern plumbing fixtures, with an eye to renting it to someone who "...will run it as a first-class blarding house." On November 3rd, "John Boss and family have moved into the Gould house." Did they run a boarding house? There is no way of telling. A Mrs. Tossberg ran a very nice boarding house across Main St. from the Fairview. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Strong lived there for a time, and he wrote a poem about it. It was very nicely run, the cooking was good, and Mrs. Tossberg later became the second Mrs. Tom Scott. (Whether or not there was any cause and effect relationship here I don't pretend to know.) For a time ~~immediately~~ after World War I Mrs. Henry Gould took boarders in her home at the northwest corner of Fairmount Ave. and Orchard Road (the house ~~recently~~ torn down by the Stanley Congregational Church). However, the Boarding Houses which were Chatham institutions in their day were Snook's, and Mrs. Kelley's Old Homestead.

The Snookery - "Professor" J.L. Snook was at one time ^{a teacher in} ~~Superintendent of~~ the Chatham schools. Just when he started running the boarding house the writer was not able to ascertain. In March of 1901 he made a "...substantial addition to his residence.", which was at the southeast corner of Edgehill Ave. and Charles Place. At the height of its popularity it was quite a large establishment, with a main house which contained rooms for sleeping as well as the dining room, at ^{two} ~~least one~~ "annex" built for the sole purpose of supplying summer bedrooms, and a tennis court. The annex was not used in the winter (it was probably not heated), winter guests being mostly school teachers and all housed in the main building. (Which of its residents dubbed it the "Snookery" is of course unrecorded, but it was thus affectionately known even long after it ceased to function.) It was the first Mrs. Snook who assisted in running the boarding house, which was still going strong in 1910. Mrs. Snook apparently died sometime there_after, and by 1920 or thereabouts Mr. Snook

See
Addendum

(Opp.) * Alonzo Slack and his wife Minnie were butlers and
cook for some years (c. 1907-1915) for the Ralph E. Lucas
on Orchard and Chandler Roads.

"The Restaurant Era - From the 1930's to the present. As a preface to this era, it should be noted that Chatham once had a restaurant which practically none of the current residents ever heard of. One Alonzo Slack, Chatham's only - or almost only - negro inhabitant at the time, had been a Pullman chef, and at the instigation (and with the assistance) of some local business men, he set up a small restaurant on south Passaic Ave. in the approximate present location of the Hollywood Hairdressers. The food was magnificent, one of its patrons recalls, and lunch time became an event for the same local business men aforementioned. The specialities were a creole sauce, and a mayonnaise which very nearly went into commercial production. The enterprise began about 1920, when there was no other restaurant in town. Mr. Slack, however, was an emotional gentleman, given to frequent altercations with women - or perhaps just one woman - and his business lasted no more than two years, to the great regret of his noon-day hungry backers.

In addition to the presently visible eateries, a number of others flourished briefly prior to what we have defined as the Restaurant Era. The house on the southwest corner of Main St. and Hillside Ave. (since moved one lot i onto Hillside) was a tea room at one time (1920-ish); Violet Beerbower and her friend, Jane Bauer ran a tea room ~~at one time~~ briefly, in what I would guess to be Mrs. Tossberg's house; Grace Hamblin ran a tea room in her house at the northeast corner of Elmwood and Main St. This was an establishment with a real air and style about it. At other times the house accomodated an antique shop, and the building itself was an architectural gem which had been the "Mrs. Day's mansion", in which Lafayette was entertained on his farewell visit to the northwest United States. The old Nelson Kelley house on the/corner of Main St. and Passaic Ave. was a restaurant for a time before it was torn down to make way for the business building which currently occupies that site. Current and visible are:

The Chatham Diner - 221 Main St. This started as a lunch wagon in the '30's, drawn up XK alongside Marenghi's hardware store. It has known 10 or 12 owners in the intervening years and almost as many remodellings, now being a sturdy permanent building, complete with air conditioning. Its present owner: A.G. Tunnero, since 1961, serves mostly transients such as truck drivers, an average of 450/day in winter, summer less.

The Main Mast - In the late 1920's Carl Henrich opened a soda shop on the north side of Main St, one door removed from the hardware store. Being the eldest son of the Fire Chief, he was nicknamed "Chief" in high school, and passed the name on to his business. "Chief's" was the only place in town for a dish of ice cream or a cup of coffee for several years. In 1952 John Smozanek bought the business, and re-named it. His stock-in-trade remains much the same: Coffee, sandwiches, hamburgers, ice cream, etc.

The Sweet Shop - In the spring of 1935 a Mr. Schenck opened an ice cream and sandwich emporium on the south side of Main St. and when the new building was put up beside the bank moved into it. It has been owned since then both by a Mrs. Dawson and by Art Gentile, a native of Chatham, who is its present proprietor-manager. He serves breakfast and lunch to both local people and transients, specializes in home made pies in the winter, and his soda fountain is headquarters for the high school crowd after school.

The Fountain - About 1943 a W. Cooper opened a Dolly Madison Ice Cream shop on the south side of Main St., a couple of doors east of Passaic Ave. He sold bulk ice cream as well as fountain preparations, and coffee and sandwiches. The Fountain became its name at sometime during a succession of owners which included J. Hennessey, R. Wright, and the present owner, Ed Spencer, who says he bought the business here because Chatham is "...a large ice cream consuming town per capita." He is particularly proud of his coffee.

Mother's Pantry - Early 1952 saw a famous corner brought to new life as a town landmark and source of good eating. The southwest corner of Fairmount Ave. and Main St., described above as the original site of Mrs. Kelley's "Old Homestead", and for years occupied by a filling station, lately fallen into disrepair, saw the construction of a restaurant to be known as

Mother's Pantry. Serving hot and cold meals as well as quick snacks, it became famous for its pies, baked on the premises, and soon the air on the bank corner became almost constantly redolent of burnt sugar, from pies running over in the oven - just like mother's. The Pantry's owners have been Felix Chagaris, James Fafoutis and Peter Athens, and at present James Fafoutis is the sole owner and manager. He went into business here he says because it is a "...quaint, homey type town."

Chuck's Corner - In June 1958, on the northwest corner of Main St. and Passaic Ave., where the Nelson Kelley homestead once stood, John T. Pappas opened a Pizza and hamburger restaurant. Taken over in December of 1959 by Charles A. Gunby, Jr., it became Chuck's Corner. In 1963 the business was moved to the opposite corner (southeast) of the same intersection, into more spacious quarters, where he serves complete dinners and Italian specialties, as well as sandwiches and snacks. Recently the air has been tantalizing with the aroma of broiling hamburgers on this corner, to complement that of the pies at the other end of the block. Big, efficient modern fans must serve a dual purpose: ventilation, yes, but also a kind of nose-alerting advertising.

Town and Country - This is a sandwich shop in the Acme market center, opened in 1960 by Robert H. Bowman, taken over in 1961 by Frederick Whitehead, and in 1963 by Gloria Pennica.

Flynn's Tavern - at 34 River Road was certified by the Board of Health in March, 1962, for the serving of food. Prior to that time it had done business for years as Rillo's Tavern. (Close to twenty years ago, the writer's children, becoming thirsty on a bicycle ride, walked into Rillo's seeking to buy soda pop, and were laughingly served glasses of water before they discovered that they were not the usual clientele.)

FAIRVIEW HOUSE

RATES.

BOARD, per Day.....	\$3.00
BREAKFAST.....	.75
LUNCH.....	.50
DINNER.....	1.00
TEA.....	.50

Special Rates by the Week.

RULES.

HOURS FOR MEALS.

BREAKFAST,	From 6.30 to 8.30 o'clock.
LUNCH,	" 1 to 2 "
DINNER,	" 6.30 to 7.30 "

SUNDAY.

BREAKFAST,	From 8 to 9.30 o'clock.
DINNER,	1.30 o'clock.
TEA,	6 to 7 "

Wines ordered at office for table. Meals sent to rooms extra.

NURSES' AND CHILDREN'S MEALS.

BREAKFAST,	7 o'clock.
DINNER,	12 "
TEA,	5.30 "

Guests having friends at Meals, must give notice at the office.

Children occupying seats at public table will be charged full board.

Servants not allowed in the Halls after 10 o'clock, P. M.

Children not allowed to play in Parlor or Billiard Room.

Billiard Room for Guests at 10 cents per game.

Servants not allowed in Parlor.

Carriages ordered at any hour, with or without drivers.

Telegrams sent at all hours.

All Daily Papers ordered at the office.

All Letters in care of Fairview House will be found at the office on the arrival of Mails.

Any inattention of Servants, guests will please give notice at the office.

ALL BILLS PAYABLE WEEKLY.

Fire Buckets will be found in all the Halls. They must not be used, except in case of Fire.

The William Pitt

This fine restaurant, which has become synonymous with Chatham to many of its out-of-town clients, and a precious local asset to its in-town clients, opened on February 22, 1933. The Gibson family started it in a house formerly belonging to the Misses Phoebe and Lydia Crane, at 94 Main Street. The Misses Gibson have given it their personal attention from the outset, and the growth in business has necessitated expansion of facilities many times. In October, 1957, a liquor license was granted, so that cocktails and wines might add to the enjoyment of those who wished it. Good, home-cooked style food, served cheerfully and efficiently by waiters, some of whom have been part of the operation since its inception, are its hallmark, carefully maintained through expansion and overflowing business.

Addendum - From 1887 to 1890 Jacob Snook was a teacher at the Passaic School in Chatham at a stipend of \$75.00 per month. At least as late as 1904 he was the teacher (and janitor and principal) of the Mt. Vernon School (The Little Red School House) at \$600 per year. His first boarders were winter residents who came from neighboring communities (Millington, for example) to spend the school year so that their children might attend school in Chatham. The boarding house, which had two additions at least (he at one time owned three houses on Edgehill Ave.), and the first reference to the establishment as "The Snookery" was in the Press in 1904. The first Mrs. Snook was Olive F. Konkle, married in 1887, and Mr. Snook eventually came into ownership of her family home on Elmwood Avenue.

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES

Mrs. Edwin A. Robinson

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Mr. Harry Allen

Miss Margaret Keisler

Mrs. Violet Beerbower Bailey

Mrs. Merritt L. Budd

Mr. Thomas Tyrone

The owners of the various currently operating eating establishments mentioned.

MRS. EDWIN A ROBINSON

Née Mary Louise Bartlett, in Denver, Colorado, 1912

Graduated from East Denver High School and the University of Denver, 1932

Married in 1933. Lived in Kingsport, Tennessee until moving to Elizabeth, N. J. in February, 1936. Came to Chatham in February, 1937; lived on Charles Place for two and a half years before moving to Fairmount Avenue.

Three children:

Jane Robinson Stevens, born 1934

George Bartlett Robinson, born 1937

Thomas Blayney Robinson, born 1949

Most successful civic chore: helping to found United Campaign Fund in 1945

Long-term interests: International relations and Girl Scouting



Mrs. Edwin A. Robinson
105 Fairmount Avenue

(The house in the picture is #99)

THE WILLIAM PITT
By Alice and Janice Gibson

The William Pitt was founded February 22, 1933 by Mr. & Mrs. George R. Gibson, Sr. The name "William Pitt" (taken from William Pitt, The Earl of Chatham) was suggested by a Chatham "old-timer", Mrs. Benjamin Benedict, at that time President of the Chatham ^{Women's Club} ~~Historical Society~~.

The original dining-room, over 200 years old, was a home with fireplaces and wide pine flooring. The atmosphere has been kept with antique chairs and tables, welsh cupboards, colonial lamps and early Americana in both dining-rooms. The halls are decorated with old maps, of great interest to people from all over the country.

Two years after opening, the back dining-room was added, the kitchen enlarged and the upstairs banquet room finished. The latter serves as a meeting room for the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, as well as many other organization groups and private parties. The last addition was the Garden Room. It has glass top tables and wrought iron furniture and a wall mural, painted by one of our hostesses, depicting a summer garden scene.

During the ensuing years the William Pitt has acquired adjacent properties and converted them into apartments, shops and a few offices. The object was to preserve the colonial atmosphere of the area and all architectural changes have been made with this in mind.

The William Pitt has entertained many notable personages, including writers, U. S. Congressmen and actors, but is particularly proud that the children and grandchildren of the first guests are now local patrons. Several generations have used the antique

high chairs.

During World War II many of the employees entered the armed forces or defense plants. Some of the defense workers helped evenings and on Sundays. Many of these employees have been with the William Pitt since the opening year and have received their gold watches for loyal service over twenty-five years.

During the days of gas rationing a bicycle rack was placed on the lawn for the local folks who used that means of transportation. Some young people even came on horses.

Over the years the William Pitt has served millions of guests and has had all manner of parties. One of the most interesting one was a local one reminiscent of olden days, the ladies and gentlemen wearing costumes from the chests in the attic and arriving on tandem bicycles.

ADDENDUM:

1966 saw two important changes in Chatham's restaurant roster:

The Gibson family gave up the William Pitt after 33 years of operation. Caulfield's Bar disappeared in the complete renovation of the building by the Pattersons. When the remodeling was finished, its premises were occupied by a so-called "watering place" known as "Charley's Aunt". Far from being just a bar (which it has), "Charley's" soon established a reputation for delicious and generously proportioned sandwiches, and became THE place to have lunch.

The complete story of both the above as reported by the local newspapers is attached.

Ice Business

ICE BUSINESS

The preservation of food was always of prime concern to home makers. In early America, stone walled and floored cellars, with hanging shelves covered with cheese-cloth were standard equipment. In the heat of summer milk and butter were placed in containers in "the old oaken bucket" and lowered in the well.

When the tin or zinc-lined oak ice-box was invented, ice was needed. This was placed in an upper container, the food in a section below. The water ran off through pipes that were sometimes arranged so that they drained outdoors. Otherwise, there was the monotonous daily chore of emptying the ice-box pan.

Stephen S. Muchmore was one of the first "ice-men" in Chatham. He and his family lived at what is now 7 S. Passaic Avenue. He owned the building and conducted a butcher shop and pool room there before he entered the ice business. At first it was a one story building. He added the apartment above.

Gordon N. Muchmore, son of Stephen S. recalls that his father obtained ice from ponds on the farm of his brother John J. Muchmore. This property is on the right of Route 24 - across from the entrance to Canoe Brook Country Club. Stephen S. would first go with his horse and ice saw marker and mark the sizes of the ice cakes to be cut. He would then hire four or five "ice cutters" to come with long (6 foot) saws and other specialized equipment. The ice was stored in unpainted wooden "ice houses". Salt hay, brought from Newark was placed between the layers of ice. In some parts of the

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country sawdust was used instead of hay.

Teams brought big loads to the Chatham store. It was delivered to customers by a one horse and wagon conveyance, three or four times weekly depending on the weather. Cakes of ice 2 ft. X 18", weighing 50 - 100 pounds were cut to size for the individual ice-box. There was a step at the rear of the wagon where the ice man could stand while cutting.

At one time Stephen Muchmore operated three wagons. Occasionally, in prolonged hot weather, there might be an ice shortage with ice rationed to families with sickness or babies. Gordon chuckles over the number of "babies" that would suddenly appear. During the ice shortage, ice came sometimes by box car from lake Hopateong and the Poconos.

Mr. Muchmore sometimes went as far as Linden and Plainfield to get loads of ice.

When artificial ice came on the market the ice-cutting business collapsed. There were a few persons who preferred the natural ice because there was a scum on the artificial ice. This caused the draw-off pipes to clog and the job of cleaning them was not easy. The first artificial ice was made in Millburn. The Muchmores would go there to get ice. Later there were ice-plants in Summit and Morristown.

Mr. Dwight Budd recalls that his father, Frank M. of Passaic Avenue (then called Budd Lane) in order to have sufficient ice for his retail milk business, built an ice house 12' by 15' and 6' by 8' in the ground with stone

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walls. It was built up 4' - 5' above ground like a pyramid and had a thatched roof of low-meadow hay - layers of that same poor quality hay were put between the layers of ice. He obtained ice from the pond on Parsonage Hill Road - near the corner where Kennedy Parkway now passes. He also went as far as Silver Lake on Blue Mill Road. He would bring down enough for a week or so.

He experimented with building a pond on his own property across the road from where Sun Valley Swim Club is now located. It was a failure because the musk rats burrowed underneath and it would not hold water. There were times around the turn of the century when they were able to cut ice on the Passaic River.

Lewis C. Green Jr.

Lewis C. Green the 1st, ran the farm at what is now the Averett estate or Dixiedale when George S. Page was the owner.

His son, Lewis C. Green Jr. was one of Chatham's "ice men" in the artificial ice era. He and his wife, the former Etta Smith, daughter of William and Joanna Smith of Livingston, lived on Maple Street (now Cherry Lane). They had three sons, Lewis C. the 3rd, Vernon and Edward B.

We have talked with the two older sons who have early memories of going to John Dorans (another ice dealer who lived on Washington Avenue) and getting 5 cents worth of ice in order to make ice cream.

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They also recall caring for their father's horses, feeding, cleaning and watering them. The barn was some distance from the house and had no water supply - so the boys carried water to them in a wash boiler on an express wagon. It was a happy day for the boys when trucks replaced horses.

Lewis C. Green Jr., worked for the Summit-Madison Ice Co. located in Summit. They had an ice storage building in Chatham in what is now the parking area to the rear of Gallery 9. In 1925-26, Casco bought out the Summit-Madison Ice Co.

On April 1, 1929 Lewis Green Jr., started in business for himself - with his three sons, then in their early twenties. He had a ready-made crew. He started with three trucks, two of them Model A Fords, the other a Model T. They gradually expanded to eleven trucks. There was an "ice dock" and garage at 15 Ogden Street (built in the 30's). The larger trucks brought ice from the Summit plant. It was reloaded at the "ice dock" - also sold to those who stopped by. By this time the problem of "scum" on artificial ice had been solved.

There were customers in Chatham and Chatham Township, Madison, Florham Park, Green Village and New Vernon.

When electric refrigerators came into use the business began to slow down. The sons recall that a customer would greet them at the kitchen door. "Mr. Green, we have bad news for you" and they did not have to guess the rest. "We have a new electric ice-box."

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World War II changed the picture. Refrigerators were not being made and the ice business again flourished. When the war was over and manufacturing resumed, the ice business again slowed down and was terminated about 1950.

Other ice dealers of the early 1900's were Jim Mahoney located on River Road at the end of Willow Street. He had two sons who helped.

John and Ellis Baldwin lived near the Stanley Post Office.

John Doran lived on Washington Avenue.

From Vanderpoel's History of Chatham: (page 210)

In October 1885 William Phipps found a Revolutionary sword while deepening the pond on the Vanderpoel estate property (across Route 24 from Altman's). The pond was being deepened to facilitate the harvesting of ice.

Autobiological Sketch of Gordon N. Muchmore

Son of Stephen S. Muchmore and Anne Elizabeth Beers from Connecticut.

Paternal grandparents - Elias Tucker Muchmore who married
Phoebe Norcross

Born in Chatham - attended Chatham schools.

Stephen S. Muchmore and wife had five children

Eli- deceased

Gordon Norcross

Helen - married - first Alfred Edwards

" second - Stephen Simony

Theodore

Frances - married Arthur Jacobus

Harry married Gertrude Pierce
W.C.

Improvement Association

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CIVIC IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATIONS
By Edna Van Sickie Budd

Of prime importance to the citizens of Chatham through the years has been the privilege afforded in the United States of America to form Clubs, Associations, Committees, etc., at will. Many small groups of like-minded persons have met, organized and carried out specific enterprises.

We surmise that one of the first instances of the use of this privilege was in November 1773 when the citizens met to change the name of the town from "On Passaic River" to Chatham.

In more recent years the first Association of which we have definite record, formed for the express betterment of the whole community was the "Village Improvement Society". Notices of "The Annual Meeting" of this Society to be held April 26, 1892, signed by William Ogden, President, is in the possession of the Chatham Historical Society. Evidently the Society had been in existence some years earlier.

During the next few years there must have been a lapse of interest for the Historical Society also has among its treasures another printed leaflet recording "The First Year's Work of the Chatham Improvement Society". Note that the names of these organizations differ slightly - this second one adds the word Chatham.

The leaflet is dated July 15, 1897. This quotation appears at the mast-head. "From Love of Home Springs Civic Pride".

The report lists Mrs. Frederick Lum, president (wife of first Mayor) - Mrs. William T. Hunt, secretary, and Russell Hinman, treasurer. Dues were one dollar per year and everyone was urged to join.

The chief interest for the year was the improvement of Reasoner Park - Benefits had been held as follows:-

Parlor Concert of Mrs. F.H. Lum September 5, 1896	\$87.00
Bassett Entertainment at Club House October 1896	31.70
The Wheelmen's Festival June 15, 1897	61.15
Concert under the management of Miss Lum (later Mrs. Robert Ludington) June 25, 1897	81.50

A total of \$1,508.88 was expended on improvements.

The Park committee in this report had not only given assistance in designing the Park, but had developed certain sections at personal expense and labor.

An editorial in the Chatham Press of August 22, 1941 gives this further history concerning Reasoner Park. At one time a ditch ran through the area, much debris had collected and it was flagrantly unsightly. Negotiations with Mr. Andrew Reasoner, then Superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, led to his interest in the improvement to the extent of supplying necessary fill. This was brought to a nearby siding and donations of team work and labor for spreading, grading and seeding progressed. Local florists laid out flower beds.

The lighting of the Village streets was another project of this Association. Later this "improvement" was taken over by the Village itself.

A "Citizens Committee" with Mr. L. S. Page, chairman and Mr. Charles H. Hunter, secretary issued a flier September 27, 1912 concerning a method for eliminating grade crossings of the railroad. There was included a printed report of the consulting engineer.

Controversy concerning elevation of the tracks versus depression raged long and hard as newspaper accounts reveal. The residents of the

Hillside Avenue area, those most closely affected by the outcome, advocated depression. They formed the Hillside Civic Association. Records indicate that they met as a social group as well as to discuss municipal affairs.

It is interesting that, having gathered initially to combat a common "enemy", they developed into a recreation entity.

On April 19, 1919 a Mayor's executive committee submitted a plan for the purchase by private donation of acreage along Main Street as a Memorial to the soldiers of World War I. This resulted in what is now known as Memorial Park.

The property was unimproved until another civic minded group "organized".

The Memorial Park Improvement Committee issued a letter October 15, 1926 outlining plans for the improvement of this acreage. Plans for a bronze Memorial, an Athletic Field with running track, baseball and football fields, dressing rooms and shower bath facilities, enlargement of the grand stand and playground equipment for youngsters were proposed. Solicitation of funds in the amount of \$10,000 were announced.

The proponents of these improvements themselves gathered from time to time, felled trees, cut brush, etc., giving of their time and labor somewhat as had been done in the 1890's for Reasoner Park, by a former generation of public spirited citizens.

Sometime around 1918 or 1919 a skating club was formed. Donations were requested to build a skating shelter on the Budd Farm property along the freshet down Budd Lane (now Passaic Avenue). This area had been for years the delight of skaters from miles around when the meadow lands flooded and froze. It is recalled that Messrs. Rufus Keisler, Scott Hallett and Harry Stopford, ardent members of the

out-door enthusiasts known as the Minnisink Indians, were the instigators of this project. The shelter was enjoyed by young and old over a period of years.

About 1923 another Civic Association emerged. These were persons indignant because of the fumes from a Dye Works establishment on Summit Avenue. The fumes were acrid and permeated to adjoining and more distant areas depending on the direction and velocity of the wind. Approximately one hundred members paid one dollar dues and circulated petitions to the Borough officials. The names of Pihlman, See and MacCrea are recalled as active in this organization.

The Dye Works moved from Chatham. In May 1930

In May 1930 another Chatham Civic Association issued a flier. This "non partisan" organization asked for suggestions concerning tax reduction, garbage removal by the Borough, retention of the water supply, district representation on the Council, etc., etc. This resulted in much controversy and some new faces on the Borough Council but the group dissolved within a few years.

Approximately 1932 the Chatham Manor Association was formed by the residents of the area now bounded by Main Street, Coleman Avenue, Jackson Avenue and Van Doren Avenue. The roads on this tract which had been developed by the Harmon Corporation had not been installed in accordance with Borough specifications, so had not been accepted by the Borough. They had deteriorated badly.

The residents, as an Association, appealed to the town authorities. As a result, they were required through individual assessments to put the roads in such condition as was required by town ordinance, whereupon the Borough agreed to accept said roads and assume their maintenance.

In this instance again, as in previous group organizations through the years, this Association developed into a social group with tennis games, cook outs, etc.

In 1942 another group of residents felt compelled to organize still another Chatham Civic Association [we wonder if they realized how many such groups had preceded them]. A house to house canvas for membership was conducted - twenty five cents per individual or fifty cents per family. The first annual report dated March 23, 1943 reviews the years activities of the 624 members.

A questionnaire had been published in the Chatham Press on which residents were asked to list problems needing study. The report lists the following as having been given attention; zoning, mosquito control, sewage disposal, storm sewers, quarantine enforcement, summer recreation. The Association worked primarily through committees, endeavored to ascertain public opinion on the various topics and presented their findings to the Borough Council.

This writer understands from conversations with several members of the 1943 Executive Board that this Civic Association is no longer operative.

It seems that with the growing population, the Borough Council and Board of Education have both accepted a policy of appointing a Citizen's committee to investigate and study various aspects of community life and report back to them. In this way, the vast reservoir of ability among the residents, their knowledge and experiences in a variety of fields is made available to both elected governing bodies.

Special "improvements" are now usually undertaken by organized groups as may be noted in the reports of the various committees. A specific illustration is the creation of a new park along the river, labor and funds being supplied by the Kiwanis Club - a fine community spirit continues to reign.

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 Mackie and Edouard W Martin whose father
 was killed by a train at the Fairmount Avenue
 grade crossing. His death led to the eventual
 elevation of the tracks.

NOTE: Autobiographical sketch and pictures of Mrs. Budd
 are filed under Archeology.

ADDENDA TO IMPROVEMENT SOCIETIES

A news item from the Chatham Courier of January 17, 1946
 has come to our attention. The Chatham Civic Association was
 at that time preparing for its annual meeting in March. It
 was announced that the taking of a poll concerning the re-
 instatement of football in the local high school had been
 proposed by the Association and its offer accepted by the
 Board of Education. The Board of Education has now decided
 to gather this information itself.

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THE INDEX

The index is simple but comprehensive as it includes the major topics as well as the names of the persons who were most prominent in the affairs of Chatham. Mr. Cunningham felt that a topical index would serve the interests of the reader without going into depth.

Ruth C. Bowden

Insurance

INSURANCE

Philip L.S.Lum

Insurance, like so many other activities, was at first handled on a do-it-yourself community basis. Thus, if a man's home was damaged or destroyed by fire, neighbors would provide shelter til they could all get together and hold a rebuilding bee to repair or replace the home. This spreading of the burden of a loss over the whole community reduced a catastrophe to proportions which could be born and survived. This worked fine as long as most men in a community had skills or a craft which allowed them to contribute their share, but as men developed specilized occupations, it became necessary for them to contribute money rather than the direct food, shelter or labor and insurance companies came into being to collect each mans contribution and hold the total in reserve agains future loses. At first these companies were oftern on a local basis serving just a few towns or a single county or two and in rural areas these small companies may still be found.

There seems to have been no local company in Chatham, so as soon as the place developed beyond the community self-help basis, residents started to buy their insurance protection from the larger places nearby. By the last quarter of the last century, Newark began to develop as a center for the insurance business, which it still is, and many of the employees of the Newark companies made their homes in Chatham. Thus Prudential started in Newark as a local operation in 1875 and in the next few years was doing business out into the suburbs, including Chatham, all the business being handled from Newark til 1957 when they built a district office in Chatham to take care of much of their North Jersey business. During the past fifty years there have been an average of probably fifty or more Chatham residents working at Pru in Newark and perhaps as many more in the several other companies down there.

The first general insurance business in Chatham was also taken care of by agents or brokers who had offices in Newark or elsewhere. For example, the late Edward H. Lum had his insurance agency in Newark starting about 1890 and in the earlier period ~~xxxx~~ the bulk of his business was down there and Chatham accounts were sort of a sideline but as Chatham grew the balance of business changed. He combined insurance with real estate business, just as most general agents do still. As the Chatham Area has grown, the number of insurance agents here has grown til there are now more than a dozen listed in the classified directory and most major companies or groups are represented.

Aside from the steady increase in number of agents brought about by the growth of the area, the only change in the insurance situation in recent years has been the move away from the cities, which has brought several district, regional or branch offices to Shatham or to nearby areas.

PHILIP L.S.LUM, P.O.Box 43., Chatham, New Jersey

April 17th, 1963.

Dear

As you perhaps know, the Chatham Historical Society is sponsoring a Tercentenary History of Chatham and it is desired that some record of the Insurance business and Insurance Firms be included. The project is to take the form of a hundred or more separate write-ups of various activities and phases of Chatham life, to be assembled and filed in the Library and in addition, material will be selected from all the different subjects to be combined into an informal history book for publication.

This letter is to invite any contribution of written material you can make for the Insurance end of this project. It would be desirable to have the date of your start in the writing of insurance and dates and records of any or all predecessors of your agency or concern. It is hoped that we can have dates, names of those identified with the business, any early records of interest and anecdotes and any relevant pictures.

Since I have been asked to assemble and correlate all the material pertaining to the Insurance field, I will appreciate it very much if you will send me whatever you have along the line indicated. I'll also appreciate any general data about the early days of the insurance business in Chatham. It appears that there is very little solid information as to who was writing insurance in Chatham more than 70 or 75 years ago, in fact, any real data on the business prior to 1900 would be helpful.

I'll be pleased to have anything you can send in line with the above.

Very truly yours,

Philip L.S.Lum

P.O.Box 43

36 Pine St. ME-5-2427

INCORPORATED 1860

Home Life Insurance Company of New York

FRED G. KIRTLAND, C.L.U. MANAGER
159 MAIN STREET
CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY

MERCURY 5-9600

June 13, 1963

Mr. Philip L.S. Lum
P.O. Box 43
Chatham, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Lum:

With reference to your letter regarding information on insurance activities in Chatham; I submit the enclosed which provides an up to date report on my Company's past efforts and present concepts.

My agency is one of three situated in the state of New Jersey. The other two being located in East Orange and Fairlawn. Our agency was established in April, 1960, and we presently have a staff of eleven life underwriters and three secretaries.

Unfortunately, I cannot add any material to the past history of the insurance business in Chatham,

Sincerely,


Fred G. Kirtland, CLU
Manager

Note from Book Committee: Mr. Kirtland included a four-page section from Insurance, April 27, 1963, a national news weekly. This will be found in the Historical Society files.



The Prudential

INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
CHATHAM DISTRICT OFFICE

HENRY A. BEDELL
MANAGER

320 MAIN STREET
CHATHAM, N. J.

TELEPHONE: ME. 5-7100-1

July 1, 1963

Mr. Philip Lum
P.O. Box 43
36 Pine St.
Chatham, N. J.

Dear Mr. Lum:

We are enclosing some generalized historical references, which we hope will prove of some value to you, although this material may not be as precise as you would like it to be.

If we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Bedell
Manager

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The Prudential was founded in Newark in 1875 and with it Weekly Premium Life Insurance was launched in America. At first this was strictly a local business but not for long. In the next few years, the company's business quickly spread into the towns and communities surrounding Newark and among these was, of course, Chatham.

For many years Prudential policyholders in Chatham were serviced by representatives operating out of Newark. As the Company continued to grow, both in this area and in the U. S. and Canada, district sales offices were established where needed, and Chatham was serviced by offices located in Union and Summit.

However, in 1957 it was decided that Chatham was a logical place in which to establish a district sales office and on October 10 of that year this was done under the able leadership of Mr. Henry A. Bedell. From the standpoint of sales the Chatham District ranks third out of about 600 district offices operated by The Prudential in the U. S. and Canada.

The Chatham District office occupies a modern building at 320 Main Street, and 39 Prudential sales and service representatives make their headquarters there. The office clerical staff numbers 10 persons. The territory administered from this office includes substantial portions of Union, Essex and Morris Counties. In this area live approximately 32,000 Prudential policyholders and they are protected by well over \$136 million of Prudential insurance.



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The **HOME** *Insurance Company*
New York, N.Y.

NELSON E. DOERR
414 Main Street, P. O. Box 405 - Chatham, New Jersey
Tel: ME 5-9540

July 12, 1963

Mr. Philip L. S. Lum
P.O. 43
Chatham, N. J.

Dear Mr. Lum:

I must apologize for the delay in replying to your letter dated April 17, which I received on June 15.

I wish it were possible for me to add to the information you have concerning insurance Chatham in the "Good Old Days". Unfortunately, my experience with insurance in Chatham, dates only from June 1960. For that reason, I have absolutely no knowledge about who wrote insurance or how it was written, prior to a very recent date.

I wish I could be more helpful.

Cordially,


NELSON E. DOERR

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INSURANCE FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

G. Kimball Coleman with offices at 258 Main Street, Chatham, N. J.

started in the Real Estate and Insurance business in 1922.

My first office was with the Chatham Realty and Development Company at #5 S. Passaic Avenue, Chatham. I later moved to the old Terrill house at the corner of Main Street and Fairmount Avenue where the library was formerly located. When this was torn down to make way for the Chatham Trust Co. building I moved to #10 South Passaic Avenue. Later I moved to 262 Main Street and finally in 1930 I moved to my present location at 258 Main Street.

In my early days in the insurance business most of the business was done by persons who worked in Newark or New York and wrote insurance on the side and sold to their friends and neighbors.

Over the years I have purchased several insurance agencies, some of them are listed below:

Floyd Auble Agency, Ethel Bross Agency formerly owned by Edna Dickinson, Abe Mendelson Agency, Philip Lum Agency formerly owned by Edward H. Lum and the Canfield Agency.

Some of the early agencies were the Hadley Agency, Wm. B. Brokaw, Harold Beerbower, Beh Agency, Edna Dickinson, Edward H. Lum and later Ed Canfield, John Pier Munn, Geo. McKelvey, George Cornish, Verne Drew, Fred Kemp, Edison Charles, Arthur Rohleder, Geo. Magley.

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4	Doerr	Nelson E.	414 Main St.
5	Verne	Dres L.	300 Main St.
6	Faller	Paul E.	6 Woodlawn Dr.
7	Home Life Ins. Co.		159 Main St.
8	Magley	Geo E.	2 Main St.
9	McKelvey	Geo H. Jr.	331 Main St.
10	Northern Brokerage Corp.		749 Fairmount Ave.
11	Prudential Ins. Co.		320 Main St.
12	Bohlander	Arthur F.	407 Main St.
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Autobiography of Philip Livingston Swinnerton Lum

Born June 17, 1903 at 9 Orchard Road, Chatham, N. J., the oldest child of Ralph Emerson and Sylvia Swinnerton Lum. A bit less than two years later my brother, Ralph, Jr., was born and we moved into the house across the street. Then another five years later, sister, Mary DePeyster was born and we moved to 16 Chandler Road which was my home until I had one of my own.

Started school in the school house down Budd Lane, Passaic Avenue; spent one year in Kelly's Hall and then went through grades to 7th at the Fairmount Avenue school before going to Pawling School where I graduated in 1922. Spent a couple of years at Lehigh and left to go to work for the Newark Evening news for about 5 years, then about the same length of time with the Fidelity Union Title and Mortgage Guarantee Co., which ended with the depression about 1929-30.

Meantime, in September 1926, I married E. Dorothy Hunter, who had been born on Hillside Avenue, Chatham but had moved to Summit as a child and had graduated from Kent Place School. We had three daughters, Diana Hunter, Sylvia Livingston and Susan Chandler. Diana graduated from Endicott Junior College and went on to Drew where she met and married Bob Cunningham, a younger brother of the John Cunningham who is editing the book for which this write-up is requested. They live in Arlington, Texas where Bob does Y. M. C. A. and youth leadership training work. Sylvia married Peter Q. Felix; they live in Florham Park, have three boys and a girl and Peter

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designs and procures the special shelving and counters used in libraries, county halls of records and suchlike public buildings. Sylvia graduated with a major in math from Skidmore. Susan graduated from Holyoke with a major in biology, did her Masters at N. Y. U. in Marine Biology and married Dr. Carl S. Hammen who teaches biology at the University of Rhode Island. They have a son.

During the thirties, I used my Fidelity experience to carry on a property management and insurance business while I was getting started with an engineering development laboratory. This concern grew slowly until the beginning of World War II when it started to grow so fast it got out of hand and as I was personally responsible for much of the situation which I could no longer control, I was glad to sell out my interest and go to work with Bell Labs where I still am.

Over the years I've enjoyed several hobbies, particularly the collecting of rocks and minerals and their cutting, that is lapidary work, and most recently, the raising in a small home made greenhouse, of many orchid plants.

In the early thirties we built the brick house at 54 Fairview Avenue in the Boro where our girls grew up and at the beginning of the 60's we built our present house at 36 Pine St., in the township.





Home of Philip L. S. Lum
54 Fairview Avenue

Investment Clubs

MANOR INVESTMENT CLUB

In the Fall of 1957, a remark -- "Why don't we start an Investment Club?" -- was casually passed at a supper party. Rather than let the momentary enthusiasm fade out, it was decided to meet two evenings later for further discussions.

At that time, Jim Collins and Jack Hildebrand -- both of John Street -- and Ed Hazeltine of Rowan Road prepared a list of approximately twenty five men who might have an interest in such an undertaking.

It was established that volatile people, amateurish "soap box orators" should be excluded, that people with large personal stock holdings -- although their knowledge would be most helpful -- probably would not maintain the proper level of interest with a group of neophyte investors.

There followed a group of almost weekly meetings to establish interest, a purpose, procedure, and a list of prospective members. All who might have an interest were invited and about 70% of those initially considered decided that the idea was sound, that they wished to participate.

Accordingly, the Manor Investment Club held its first meeting in May of 1958. This meeting was a trial run, no contributions were made and various drafts of by-laws were submitted. Officers were elected with Jim Collins as President, Jack Hildebrand as Vice President, Earl Wagner as Secretary, and Donald as Treasurer. As most members were from the manor section of Chatham, we accordingly took the name of Manor Investment Club.

The Club had -- and has -- three purposes: 1) educational, in terms of investment, 2) financial, in terms of prudent investments and earning money, and 3) social, in terms of good fellowship.

There is no question that the club has been successful in every aspect.

We are all more knowledgeable of financial affairs, better equipped to handle our own financial situations.

Each month three men are assigned stocks -- normally those listed on the New York stock exchange -- either within a given industry (such as steel, food chains, pharmaceutical, etc.) or three separate industries. At the meeting, a thorough report is made by these men as to the earnings prospects of a company, an industry and their recommendation as to purchase is offered. Each man within the club is permanently assigned the responsibility for a stock we have previously purchased -- he must advise us as to the desirability of continued ownership.

The membership as a group then determines whether or not economic conditions warrant the purchase of any stock at this meeting. If they feel we should buy, we then consider the stocks reported on at the meeting, additional purchases of stocks currently in the portfolio.

A twenty dollar contribution is made at each meeting regardless of whether or not we have decided to add to our holdings at the particular meeting.

We have learned of warrants, take over situations, stocks for income vs. short term growth, price earnings ratios, and many other facets of the market.

Although we have purchased many stocks that immediately depreciated, we have also made many intelligent purchases and have seen many of our purchases double in value.

As of today, the \$1500 that a charter member has contributed in monthly contributions over the years is worth approximately \$1800. Dividends are reinvested, financial statement is furnished each year so that a man knows his dividend income, capital gains or losses for use in preparation of his own income tax. It is to be noted that a percent of the \$1500 went towards brokerage expenses and other costs so that the net investment of each member is considerably less.

Aside from any financial gains made through investments in the club, many members have profitably made individual investments based on information presented at the meetings.

Socially, we have all met interesting people -- membership consists of lawyers, accountants, teachers, manufacturing personnel, advertising and sales people -- and many new friendships have been made. Each Fall there is an annual cook-out with our wives which furthers our social relations.

We have had several problems: 1) an undue amount of time was formerly spent on details of operations and by-laws, 2) quality of members' reports varies dependent on their interest and level of attendance, and 3) turnover of members.

About half of the original members remain. Although each time we have a resignation, we endeavor to establish its cause, we have never been able to arrive at clearcut reasons. Some resignations were the result of heavy travel schedules, of people moving from Chatham, but others were probably the result of boredom, of disappointment when too much time was spent on operational matters rather than on discussion of investments.

Each resignation has been followed by the election of a new member so that our membership remains at a level of about twenty men.

Most investment clubs have a very short life -- about one year.

We are now in our seventh year with attendance good, quality of members high, investments successful and rewarding.

The Manor Investment Club will continue to grow and prosper, will continue to be a worthwhile Chatham organization.

James B. Collins

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
JAMES B. COLLINS

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January 1967

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Collins moved to 6 John Street in Chatham during the near hurricane of 1950 following their marriage earlier in the year in South Bend, Indiana, Mrs. Collins' hometown.

Although Mr. Collins was a native of Orange, N. J. and a resident with his family there since birth in 1920, he was relatively unfamiliar with Chatham. As friends and acquaintances from the Oranges moved to Chatham following World War II, in which he served as a Lt. in the Navy in the Pacific, Mr. Collins "discovered" Chatham and was greatly attracted to it. (His older brother John had previously moved to Chatham following his earlier marriage to Mrs. Collins' sister, Betty Ann, also of South Bend, and still resides at 159 Hillside Ave.)

In 1952 Mr. and Mrs. Collins purchased a small home at 21 John Street which they extended extensively in 1958 with the addition of four rooms.

The two highlights in the Collins family were the arrivals of Patricia Ann in 1954 and Kathleen Ann in 1958, both now attending Chatham Public Schools.

Mr. Collins was active in the Chatham Players several years ago, was editor of Chatham Fish and Game Club newspaper and a member of its dance committee, and in 1958 the originator of the Manor Investment Club, serving as its first president. Currently he is serving as president of the Chatham Red Cross-United Campaign Fund.

Mrs. Collins has been active with the Red Cross and has participated in many public services functions through the Junior League of Morristown.

Since golf is the main hobby of the Collins', they belong not only to the Fish and Game Club, but also to the Baltusrol Golf Club.

Mr. Collins has been with the Curtis Publishing Company for the past fifteen years, first as a member of the advertising staff of Holiday magazine and most recently as product sales manager for the Saturday Evening Post.

He is a graduate of Orange High School, The Peddie School in Hightstown, and the University of Michigan(1942). Mrs. Collins is a 1947 graduate of Northwestern University.



The Duchamp Corp. Linden Lane, Chatham, N.J.

Incorporated on March 5, 1957 by 13 men of diverse professional and business backgrounds, the Duchamp Corp., was an outgrowth of a unanimous yearning to learn more about the intricacies of the stock market. Although the by-laws provided its Board of Directors with great investment latitude, they have concentrated their search for knowledge and monetary rewards in the area of securities.

With an original total capitalization of \$1,300., the charter members were hard put to find growth potential with an attainable price tag. Many disappointments and few happy moments characterized the corporation's struggling beginning. Today, ten years later, with a healthy group of securities valued in excess of \$60,000, the Board has become much more sophisticated and investment conscious.

Working committees, representing various industries, report on both current and profitable future acquisitions. Despite the fact that the Board gathers but once a month, the individual member responsible for a particular stock may dispose of the holdings during the interim period after consultation with a corporate officer.

At one point in time, the social benefits far outweighed the security of investments for Duchamp members. Now that its growth is projected at the \$100,000 mark for 1970, many of its current 14 member Board look back with nostalgia at the meetings of the past when you often heard "Let's buy stamps."

BRUCE ELLIOT ROSS

Present Address: 75 Chandler Rd., Chatham

Parentage: Charles S. and Grace (Burns) Ross

Birthplace: Scranton, Pennsylvania

Education: A.B. Pennsylvania State University '47

Married to: Nancy Wind, dtr. of Richard and Ann (Weis) Wind

Children: Bruce Elliot, Jr. 9-30-54

Hilary Lynn 12-16-55

Jay Duncan 10-30-57

Jessica Lee 11-16-62

Business: Sr. Vice President, Fisher-Stevens Inc., Clifton, N.J.

Memberships: Canoe Brook C.C.

Minisink

Many organizations related to pharmaceuticals and allied professions.

Hobbies: owner of several farms in Uniondale, Pa.

part owner of two restaurants in California

Director of American Walking Horse Association

traveling, skiing

Mr. Bruce Ross and family



THE DUCHAMP CORP. by Samuel D. Howarth

Originally formed 1956-58 (exact date may be available from Matthew Forrest). Nucleus from DuChamp Place, perhaps 4 or 5 members, all male. Started by a group of friends who thought such a club would be fun and enlightening, with respect to matters of investment.

Membership has drawn from both Borough and Township with about 25 members at peak. When some members moved away they wanted to retain association so provision was made for non-resident members. Meetings are held at members' homes once a month. Dues are \$20.00 per month with penalty for tardiness. There is a certain amount of turnover; a member who resigns can withdraw his share (special arrangements). There is at least one social event each year, sometimes two, where wives are included. An annual "Garden Party" is held, also a dinner at Christmas time.

Many friendships have been made. Original investment has been increased by about one-third. Benefits are the forced savings, the interest generated in investments and the knowledge gained from others and the pleasant associations.

The DuChamp Corp. is actually a New Jersey Corporation. At times an eager publicity man has arranged for news about directors and officers being elected. Mr. Howarth received congratulations from a business acquaintance at a bank in the city and he did not know that the high-sounding name The DuChamp Corporation was merely an investment club. It is composed mostly of commuters but some local business and professional men are also members.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: SAMUEL DIXON HOWARTH

I was born on June 5, 1919 in East Orange and moved to Chatham when I was 10 months old. (It seems ironical that my parents, who had lived in Chatham during the teens, went back to East Orange for my birth which means, of course, that I am not a native).

My father was Boyd Jefferson Howarth, who was active in Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, The Fish and Game Club, The Chatham Community Players, local baseball, and the Town Council.

My mother's maiden name was Grace Roberts Dixon, who was born and raised in Newark, as was my dad. She too was active in community affairs in her early years.

From the standpoint of time, most of my education was at the Chatham Public Schools. However, I did go to boarding school in Maryland and graduated from St. James School in the Class of 1937. I left Brothers College of Drew University after 2 years to start work at William Dixon Incorporated, a jewelers tool business founded by my grandfather and bearing his name.

Within 2 years I was drafted into the Army prior to World War II, serving in the Coast Artillery in both the Pacific and European theaters for approximately 5 years, attaining the rank of Captain.

On January 22, 1944 I was married in Lexington, Massachusetts to Louise Abbott Whipple. Her family's forebears are recorded in the Salem and Ipswich areas as far back as the sixteen hundreds. After World War II we took up residence in Chatham, where we have been living since. Our oldest daughter, Sandra Dixon Howarth, after attending Wellesley for 2 years, was graduated from Barnard College in June, 1972. She was married on June 5, 1971 to Edward George Gregory of Boonton. Our next daughter, Joan Whipple Howarth, who was graduated in May, 1972 from Smith College was married on December 11, 1971 to Charles Belknap III of Guilford, Connecticut. Our youngest daughter, Hilary Lane Howarth, is attending The College of Wooster in Ohio. All of our children attended the local public schools and graduated from Chatham High School.

I am a member of the Chatham Fish & Game Protective Association, The Chatham Community Players (past Treasurer and Member of the Board), the Chatham Historical Society (past President and Member of the Board), and the Unitarian Church in Summit (past Finance Chairman and Trustee). I served as President of the United Campaign Fund and was a member of its board for many years. I am a Director of the Duchamp Corporation (Investment Club) and have held all offices and am currently the Secretary. One of my great interests at present is the American Field Service which conducts an exchange student program. With my wife I have shared the Presidency of the Chatham Borough Committee and the Bus Stop Chairmanship, as well as many other functions. At present,

I am an AFS Expansion Representative working out of its New York Headquarters.

Among my interests and hobbies are bike riding, tennis, automobilia, painting, making homemade Christmas cards and operating a small mail order business named Jenny Gapp that was formed with our children, the name being derived from generation gap, since it was our intention to turn the generation gap into something worthwhile.

I have continued with the Dixon Company; however, it was sold in 1964 to the Grobet File Company of America and subsequently moved to Carlstadt. At present I am a Vice President of William Dixon Company as well as the parent company, Grobet File Corp.



Samuel Dixon Howarth



167 Fairmount Ave.

L. I. F. E. Investment Club
(Ladies Investing for Education Investment Club)

L. I. F. E. Investment Club was born in Chatham on February 13, 1962 and formally christened on February 27. The majority of the original membership was comprised of seven Chathamites. The rest of the total of fifteen came from Morristown, Madison, Summit and Short Hills.

The inspiration for the birth of the club came from two of the founding members who had attended Chatham's Adult Education Course in Investments. Mr. Alan Cameron, who taught the course, became our advisor. With his help we launched our program of monthly investment.

Each month we study a new field, and after comparing reports from members assigned to representative stocks, we make a selection. We have studied and invested in sixteen different fields.

During the course of our growth from February 1962 to August 1964 the size and make-up of our membership has altered. Active membership in an Investment Club requires more time than some of us were geared to give. Then, too, it became apparent that a membership of ten worked more efficiently than one of fifteen. Chatham can no longer claim a majority.

Our portfolio today includes 13 different stocks in the following fields: Oil, Rubber, Drugs, Cosmetics, Chemicals, Data Processing, Paper, and Transportation.

We are endeavoring to live up to our name, L. I. F. E. -- Ladies Investing For Education.

Mrs. Robert R. Krumm

L.I.F.E. INVESTMENT CLUB

POSTSCRIPT

The very success of the L.I.F.E. Investment Club caused its demise. One of our members moved to Ohio. Prospective "buyers" of her share found it too expensive, and so we were obliged to liquidate. We all feel, however, that it was a "noble experiment."

Janet L. Krumm

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