

MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION



**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015
10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015
NOON TO 5 P.M.**

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Welcome to Monmouth County History

The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Historical Commission welcome you to the Eighth Annual Weekend in Old Monmouth self-guided tour of historic sites. This year the tour includes more than 45 sites organized into four segments:

-  North or Yellow Tour - sites 1 - 13
-  East or Blue Tour - sites 14 - 23
-  South or Green Tour - sites 24 - 33
-  West or Red Tour - sites 34 – 44

Experience indicates that some tour followers attempt to visit as many sites as possible while others opt for a small number, often those close to home. Regarding organization, the tour places some widely separated sites in a semblance of order. Conversely, other sites are located close together. Visitors may see the sites in any order, or no order, or reverse the sequence from the proposed starting points. Three of the sub-tours begin in proximity to county borders, while the fourth, or East, begins in a population center and is readily accessible from the Garden State Parkway. In addition, the Tour Booklet points out a number of opportunities to leave the proscribed order. The suggested routes offer logical, easy-to-follow directions, but those familiar with the local landscape or possessing GPS systems may wish to use alternate roads.

We suggest making a point to visit Site 44A, the Monmouth County Historical Association Museum and Library. The Association has an incomparable, magnificent collection of Monmouth artifacts, extensive research holdings and features informative changing exhibitions on Monmouth County history. While there also visit a Monmouth County owned site, the Battle of Monmouth Monument in front of the Monmouth County Courthouse.

If you have questions, please email the Executive Director, John Fabiano at john.fabiano@co.monmouth.nj.us.

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**Keyport Fire
Museum and
Education Center**
86 Broad Street
Keyport, 07735



The Keyport Fire Museum and Education Center, the only fire museum in Monmouth County, is located in the former Raritan Hose Company No. 2 building that was built in 1900 one block from the present location; it was moved in 1919. After ceasing fire service in 1969, the building was occupied for retail prior to opening as a museum in October 2003. On exhibit are a wide variety of artifacts, documents and pictures relating to fire fighting in Keyport.

The fire department in Keyport was founded as an outgrowth of an 1877 conflagration that destroyed several downtown blocks.

Organization: Keyport Fire Museum and Education Museum

Website: www.keyportfd.org

Email: tdg1cnj@yahoo.com

Contact: Tom Gallo, Board Member, 732-264-1581

Regular Public Hours: Saturday 12 - 3 p.m.;
Sunday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Adjacent lot and street

Phone: 732-739-5362



**Burrowes
Mansion Museum**
94 Main Street
Matawan NJ 07747



The Burrowes Mansion, one of Monmouth County's most important early Georgian buildings, is dated by stylistic evidence to the c.1750 introduction of the Georgian style to Monmouth County when the 2 ½ story main block was begun as a Georgian three bay side-hall plan. Inference suggests that John Burrowes, Sr. (1718-1785) may have acquired the property at the time of his 1749 marriage to Widow Hope Taylor Watson (1721-1792). An earlier date attribution stems from a 1722 property sale, but this house could not be as early as the c.1723 date cited elsewhere. Burrowes was a major grain and produce merchant who was nicknamed the Corn King. His property backed on Matawan Creek, once a waterway that handled oceangoing ships when the town was the Bayshore's major port. In 1778 during the Revolution, loyalists attempted to capture Burrowes' son, John, Jr., a Continental Army captain. He escaped, but his wife was injured and the father was captured, but soon released in a prisoner exchange. The property was designated for John, Jr. in his father's will, but documentary history over the next four decades is vague until the house and 15 acres were sold to Joseph H. and Holmes Van Mater in 1825. Later the mansion was a hotel, a dentist's residence, a tea room and under the ownership of Benjamin F.S. Brown whose family retained the place until its 1974 sale to the Borough of Matawan. The Matawan Historical Society, founded in 1969, furnishes and operates the restored house, one that retains a strong character of its colonial roots.

Website: www.BurrowesMansion.org

Facebook: Burrowes Mansion & Matawan Historical Society

Email: rwmontfort@aol.com

Contact: Robert Montfort, President of Society,
phone 732-742-7735

Regular Hours: 2-4 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from
March - December

Phone: 732-566-5605

ADA Accessible: No

Parking: Street & small lot in rear



Historic Longstreet Farm

44 Longstreet Rd.
Holmdel, NJ 07733



The sights, sounds and smells of rural Monmouth County in the 1890s have been re-created on nine acres at Longstreet Farm in Holmdel Park. Interpreters in period dress show both daily and seasonal agricultural and domestic activities common to agricultural life in the 19th century. You may find them tending animals and crops, preparing foods or using period tools.

In the 1890s, most Holmdel land was in use as productive farms; family farms averaged 80 acres. Holmdel farmers grew a variety of crops and raised animals for local use as well as New York City. The three Longstreet Family farms totaled 475 acres and were among the largest and most prosperous in Holmdel.

Fresh produce such as potatoes, apples, and corn from Longstreet Farm was served on the tables of fashionable Atlantic shore resorts, as well as the homes of the growing railroad suburbs of northern New Jersey. Canning factories as the Brakeley Cannery in Freehold preserved the harvest for months to come and enabled food to be easily shipped over long distances.

Visit Longstreet Farm and meet the animals. Explore the restored house and numerous out buildings. Discover the summer kitchen, carriage house, workshop and Dutch barn. Experience life on a Monmouth County farm as it was in the 1890s.

Parents: Explore children's summer day camp opportunities June 29 – August 14

Website: www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Email: sandy.byard@co.monmouth.nj.us

Contact: Sandy Byard

Organization: Monmouth County Park System

Events: Harvest Home Festival-September 27.

Regular Hours: Farm: daily, year-round, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. except Memorial Day to Labor Day, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Farmhouse: March - December, weekends and holidays noon - 3:30 p.m.

ADA accessible: Limited. Some buildings have ramps. All terrain wheel-chair available upon request.

Parking: Lot on Site

Phone: 732-946-3758



Holmes-Hendrickson House

62 Longstreet Road
Holmdel, NJ 07733



Holmes-Hendrickson House, built circa 1754, reflects a merger of English and Dutch style houses and is a testament to the cultural heritage of its occupants. The exterior façade and interior floor plan incorporate design characteristics inherent in both construction forms. The furnishings further indicate a blending of traditional Dutch ways with the dominant Anglican colonial culture and are representative of a prosperous farm family. Although the house no longer stands on its original site, it is a remarkable document of 18th century vernacular architecture, never having been significantly altered or converted to heat, plumbing or electricity.

Enjoy special demonstrations during Weekend in Old Monmouth:

Saturday, **Spinning**, 12:30 - 5 p.m.

Sunday, **Embroidery in the 18th Century**, 12:30 - 5 p.m.

Events: Wool Days, April 25-26, with Longstreet Farm

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Contact: Dr. Evelyn C. Murphy, Director

Regular Hours: May through September, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m.; other times for groups, by appointment

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Lot on site

Phone: 732-462-1466



Dr. Robert W. Cooke's Medical Office
67 McCampbell Road
Holmdel NJ 07733



This c.1823 Federal-influenced vernacular building is arguably the oldest medical office building in America. Note the fine detail on a simple structure. It consists of reception and examination rooms at grade and a second-story bedroom.

Cooke, who also served as Holmdel's first postmaster, 1830-1849, practiced here from 1823 until his death in 1867. Many of his medical instruments and documents are displayed on loan from the Monmouth County Historical Association and Cooke family. Take particular note of the c.1817 amputation set and a glass leech tube.

Dr. Henry Gansvoort Cooke succeeded his father here for 40 years. In 1986, Wilbur and Edith Trapp donated the building to the Holmdel Historical Society. The building, recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey and entered on the National Register of Historic Places, conveys an atmosphere of Cooke's time, an era when medical treatment was hardly an advanced science. The Holmdel Historical Society offers a modest award to anyone who can document an older separate medical office.

Website: www.holmdelhistory.org/DrCookes.html

Email: gj@gjoynson.com

Contact: George Joynson, President

Organization: Holmdel Historical Society

Regular Hours: By appointment 732-239-0118

ADA accessible: first floor only; no restroom

Parking: On site or adjacent Village School lot.

Phone: 732-239-0118



Joseph Murray Farmhouse
GPS: 345 Oakhill Rd.
Red Bank, NJ 07701



The farmhouse & barn are outstanding examples of Colonial middle class structures. Built C. 1770, they remain on original foundations. Simple plaster walls and brick fireplaces underestimate the sturdiness and charm of the original 5-room house. Joseph Murray, a stonemason from Ireland, and his mother arrived in 1767. Here he met and married Rebecca Morris whose family had lived in Monmouth County for several generations. They had four children, William, James, Joseph and a daughter. With the onset of the Revolutionary War, Joseph joined the local militia and was openly defiant of British rule. He earned the label of "daring, notorious rebel."

The property stayed in the possession of the Murray family until 1861. It was farmed and the house was inhabited until it was purchased in 1973 by Middletown Township at the encouragement of the Poricy Park Citizens Committee to save the land from development. The buildings were restored and Middletown Township and the Poricy Park Conservancy maintain the property.

Website: www.poricypark.org

Email: poricypark@poricypark.org

Contact: Joyce Ferejohn, Director
joycef@poricypark.org

Organization: Poricy Park Conservancy

Events: May 2-3: **Car Show & Tractor Display** opens at 11 a.m. daily on Poricy Park grounds.

Year-round Programs: Exciting historic and nature activities announced on Poricy website and newsletter including: Nature & History Camps, Joseph Murray Day, Tavern Party, Holiday Candlelight Reception, Biennial/Quilt Show- Next in May 2016.

Regular Hours: Varied- Please call Nature Center or refer to website for monthly updates on programs and events.

ADA accessible: House, no; Nature Center, yes

Phone: 732-842-5966



Old First Church (Middletown Baptist)

69 Kings Highway
Middletown, NJ 07748



In 1688, the Baptist Church in New Jersey was founded on this lot. The Greek Revival edifice, the third on the site, was built in 1832 on a 1720 stone foundation. Its tall, narrow steeple fell in an 1890 storm, and was replaced with the present, shorter steeple in 1891. The visit offers costumed tours of the building and cemetery, as well as viewing of church artifacts and the unusual 1915 sanctuary windows.

On the west, the Women's Christian Temperance Union Hall, c. 1894, was sold to the church and moved from Conover St. to this site in 1908. The former Victorian-era church parsonage at 59 Kings Highway (now a private residence), stands nearby.

The large cemetery monument to former Pastor, Rev. Abel Morgan (1713 -1785), bears witness to his prominence during the American Revolutionary period. Morgan boldly led his congregation in support of the new American government, in direct opposition to the British "Enemy." In 1778, the church was taken over by the British following the Battle of Monmouth. Revolutionary War soldiers lie in the cemetery, including patriot Joseph Murray, murdered by Tories in 1780.

Middletown Baptist changed its name to Old First Church following a joint affiliation with the United Church of Christ in 1963. One block to the south via Hartshorne Place is the Middletown September 11 Memorial Gardens. The portraits and quotations on the stones of the 37 deceased help make this among the most moving monuments to that attack.

Website: www.oldfirstchurchnj.org

Email: ofc@oldfirstchurchnj.org

Contact: Elaine Lent, Church Historian, cell: 732-216-6345

Regular Hours: Sundays, Engaging worship at 10:30 a.m.

Special Events: See website

ADA accessible: On upper level, with ramp into sanctuary

Parking: Along church frontage and in adjacent church lot

Phone: 732-671-1905



Marlpit Hall

137 Kings Highway
Middletown, NJ 07748



Marlpit Hall, built circa 1756, was home to the prominent loyalist Taylor family at the time of the Revolution. Edward Taylor endured house arrest for his political position and the family lost much of its fortune and influence. The house was restored, furnished and donated to Monmouth County Historical Association by Margaret Riker Haskell in 1936 when it became the first restored house museum in the region. Mrs. Haskell was one of the most significant collectors of Americana, notably decorative arts, in the United States. Currently it is restored to reflect Mrs. Haskell's colonial revival plan in half of the rooms and to reflect the Taylor's 18th century furnishings in the rest of the house. It is a key property in the National Register of Historic Places, Middletown Village district and is listed on the NJ Women's History Trail in honor of Mrs. Haskell's preservation work.

**Special Activities during Weekend in Old Monmouth:
18th Century Bookbinding – Creating an 18th Century
Pamphlet, beginning at 12:30 each day.**

Events: King George's Birthday Celebration, Saturday, June 6, 1 – 4 p.m.

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Contact: Dr. Evelyn C. Murphy, Director

Regular Hours: May through September, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m.; Other times for groups, by appointment.

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Small lot on site or adjacent Middletown Village School

Phone: 732-462-1466



Taylor-Butler House

127 Kings Highway
Middletown, NJ 07748



Seabrook-Wilson House, Bayshore Waterfront Park

719 Port Monmouth Rd.
Port Monmouth, NJ
07758



Taylor - Butler House was built in 1853 by later generations of Marlpit Hall's Taylor family. The family had been very successful in the China Trade out of New York and when Joseph and Mary Holmes Taylor married in 1849, they decided to move back to Middletown and build a grand house on the family farm. Here they raised their family, Edward, who became a photographer and Mary Holmes Taylor who would be the last family member to live in the house. After her death in 1930 the house stood empty until architect Henry Ludwig Kramer purchased it for his home and office. He restored the house and added indoor plumbing, replacing the two-story outhouse that had extended over the kitchen wing. In the 1950s, George and Helen Butler purchased the property and were known for their community involvement and hospitality. Monmouth County Historical Association purchased the house and 5 acres from Mr. Butler's estate in 1999.

Special Activities during Weekend in Old Monmouth:
Plein Air Painting, beginning at 12:30 p.m. each day.

Events: Special programs of Monmouth County Historical Association scheduled periodically (see website for details). In addition, Taylor-Butler House can be rented for public meetings and public or private events.

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Contact: Dr. Evelyn C. Murphy, Director

Regular Hours: May through September, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. except when closed for events and meetings. Check website for closures. Other times, by appointment. Open throughout the year.

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Small lot on site or adjacent Middletown Village School

Phone: 732-462-1466

The house, begun c.1720 by Daniel or James Seabrook, was expanded through a series of additions. After five generations of Seabrooks, the place became the home of William V. Wilson in 1855 when Wilson, preacher, farmer, and investor in steamboat companies, married into the Seabrook family. A once- isolated farm became part of an expanding village with the arrival of steamboat service and, in 1860, the Raritan & Delaware Bay Railroad, a time when Shoal Harbor was renamed Port Monmouth.

By 1967, after almost 50 years as an inn and tavern, the Township of Middletown purchased the dilapidated landmark to save it from destruction. The Shoal Harbor Marine Museum or the Spy House, occupied the building until a few years prior to the 1998 transfer of the property to the County.

The Monmouth County Park System restored the house in 2009 as the Activity Center of the 227 acre Bayshore Waterfront Park, where it now hosts nature and history programs. Exhibits were installed in 2011 about the ecology of Sandy Hook Bay, the history of the house and its ties to the greater Bayshore community.

Website: www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Email: ghunton@monmouthcountyparks.com

Contact: Gail Hunton

Organization: Monmouth County Park System

Regular Hours: House, April-October, Weekends 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Grounds, year-round during daylight

ADA accessible: Yes

Parking: Lot on site (with a great view of the bay)

Phone: 732-787-3033



Strauss Mansion Museum

27 Prospect Circle
Atlantic Highlands, NJ
07716



Adolph Strauss, a wealthy New York importer and merchant, erected this 21-room Queen Anne style summer cottage in 1893 designed by New York architect Solomon Cohen at the top of the town's Hill District. Here fine houses in Victorian-era styles were built after the area on Sandy Hook Bay was developed for summer recreational-spiritual purposes beginning in 1879. The house, entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012, is the County's only Queen Anne style house open to the public. His place features the irregular surfaces, towers, gables and dormers characteristic of the style.

The house, retained by the Strauss family until 1907, suffered in its later incarnations, including a period as an apartment, until threatened with demolition in 1980. After the Society purchased the house the next year, they undertook a massive, on-going restoration program that enabled its opening as a museum in 1986. Space put to various exhibition purposes includes period rooms, library and exhibits on the town's history. Activities include meetings on the third Wednesday, March-July and September - November, a quarterly newsletter, a plaque program for century homes, student awards and house care mutual assistance through their Older Homes Group.

Website: www.ahhistory.org

Email & Contact: ahhistoricalinfo@gmail.com; Ken Frantz

Organization: Atlantic Highlands Historical Society

Events: *House Tour*, June 6th; *Arts & Crafts & Film One Festival* and *First Ave Street Fair*, July 18 (Rain date, July 20); *Flea Market*, Sept 19th; Raindate Sept. 26th; *Lantern Tour*, Oct. 23rd & 24th (Rain date Oct. 25th)

Regular Hours: April 11 - December 13, Sundays, 1 - 4 p.m.

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Street

Phone: 732 291-1861 (leave message)



All Saints Memorial Church

202 Navesink Avenue,
PO Box 326
Navesink, NJ 07752



The design of All Saints' Memorial Church, also known as the Stone Church, and its major buildings were long attributed to Richard Upjohn, a prominent architect of more than 35 Protestant Episcopal churches including Trinity Church in New York City. Recent research suggests that his son, Richard M. Upjohn, was the principal architect. Both Upjohns are recognized for their contributions to the English Gothic Revival in American architecture, of which the peanut stone All Saints' complex is a prime example.

The Church building was completed in 1864, followed by the Parish House in 1865, the Rectory and Rectory Barn in 1870, and the Carriage Sheds sometime before 1890. The cemetery, designed in English landscape style typical of the mid-19th century rural cemetery movement, features handsome monuments and mausoleums. *Weekend in Old Monmouth* offers a special opportunity to see the well-preserved interior of the Church, including the beautiful stained glass windows, altar, chancel rail and other original details.

Docents will be on-site to answer questions on both Saturday and Sunday. Plan on taking a break from the tour at the Parish House where home-baked treats, tea and other beverages will be available for purchase on Saturday, May 2 from 12 to 4pm.

Website: www.allsaintsnavesink.org

Email: office@allsaintsnavesink.org

Facebook: All Saints' Memorial Church

Contact: The Rev. Debbie Cook, Rector or Mary Baechle, Parish Administrator

Worship: See website

ADA Accessible: No.

Parking: Lot on site.

Phone: 732-291-0214



Twin Lights State Historic Site

Lighthouse Road
Highlands, NJ 07732



In 1862 the National Historic Landmark's square and hexagonal masonry towers replaced original 1828, blue split-stone twin structures. Dual luminaries in the hills distinguished Navesink from the nearby Sandy Hook lighthouse on the shore. Decommissioned in 1949 and acquired by the State of New Jersey for a historic site in 1962, Twin Lights, in addition to its architectural stature, has been the site of numerous lighthouse and scientific firsts. The first Fresnel lens in the United States, an illuminating marvel that expanded light power enormously, was installed in 1841 in the original light station. A later Fresnel lens installed in 1898 cast a beam visible for 22 miles. Scientific landmarks include Guglielmo Marconi's successful wireless telegraph test in 1899, which led to the nation's first commercial wireless telegraph station at Navesink, one capable of sending and receiving messages on a regular basis and early radar experiments.

Website: www.twinlightslighthouse.com

Email: Curator13@gmail.com

Contact: Margaret Carlsen, Historian

Organization: NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection & Friends of Twin Lights, Lighthouse Rd., Highlands, NJ 07732.

Regular Hours: Labor Day to Memorial Day, Wednesday – Sunday 10 am to Noon and 1 pm to 4 pm; Memorial Day to Labor Day, same hours but open seven days a week.

ADA accessible: Yes, Gallery and Auditorium

Parking: Area holds a limited number of cars. Carpooling helps. Summer weekend afternoons are very busy. Please plan accordingly.

Phone: 732-872-1814



Sandy Hook Lighthouse & Fort Hancock

84 Mercer Road
Middletown, NJ 07732



Sandy Hook is a spectacular natural environment that has appealed to visitors for centuries. Its rich history embraces maritime, lifesaving, military, recreational and scientific roles. The Hook's prominence began with the 1764 completion of its lighthouse, the oldest standing and operating lighthouse in the United States. It can be toured daily, 1 - 4:30 p.m. Adjacent is the former keeper's residence, open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Its military history starts as a strategic outpost during the Revolution when occupied by Loyalists. Early military posts reached a zenith with the 1898 opening of Fort Hancock, a coastal defense installation that for much of the 20th century was the most heavily armed fortification on the Atlantic coast, a role that ended with the 1974 deactivation of NIKE missile batteries. The exterior of fort buildings, most in desperate need of preservation, are a second self-guided tour highlight. Present at the Hook's North Beach Area is another reminder of a separate military role, a proving (testing) ground for Army guns and ordnance from 1874 to 1919. Sandy Hook's historical significance was officially recognized in 1982 when the federal government designated the entire Sandy Hook peninsula as "The Fort Hancock and Sandy Hook Proving Ground National Historic Landmark."

The beach and a variety of flora and fauna give the Hook great appeal to environmental and nature-oriented visitors.

Websites: www.nps.gov/gate;
www.sandyhookfoundation.org

Email: tom_hoffman@nps.gov (Park);
betsybarrett@comcast.net (Foundation)

Contact: Tom Hoffman, historian (Park);
Betsy Barrett (Foundation)

Park Address: Gateway National Recreation Area, 26 Hudson Road, Highlands NJ 07732

Events: *Coastal Defenses Days:* May 15-17
Fort Hancock Days: October 23-25, *Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey:* October 17-18

Regular Public Hours: April 1 to October 31: Open 5 a.m. – Close 10 p.m., November 1 to March 31: Open 5 a.m. – Close 8 p.m.

ADA accessible: Only Lighthouse Keeper's Residence

Parking: Lots in Fort and Lighthouse area

Phone: 732-872-5970

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Seabright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club

5 Tennis Court Lane
Rumson, NJ 07760



The Seabright Tennis Club was founded in 1877 and organized the next year by a group of Seabright residents who originally played on their own estates. The original clubhouse was built in 1886 when the membership purchased the grounds for three turf courts and a cricket crease. Renwick, Aspinwall and Russell, a New York firm famous for such landmarks as St. Patrick's Cathedral and The Smithsonian Institution, designed the clubhouse, which employed elements of the Shingle and Tudor Revival styles. The clubhouse underwent extensive renovations in 1923 that included the addition of the upper balcony and an interior redesign. This is the building you see today.

The Seabright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club, one of the oldest tennis clubs in the nation, played a long and prominent role in the development of the sport, notably by sponsorship of the famed Seabright Invitational Tournament from 1884 until 1950. In the early decades of the 20th century the Club was a major stop on the American tennis circuit and drew national and international players.

The clubhouse is decorated with 544 photographs of tennis "greats" of the period leading up to World War II. The photo collection was a gift of Bernon Prentice, club president from 1922-1938. Under the direction of club historian, Mary Lou Strong the photographic collection was restored and digitized by Barbara Bridgers of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The clubhouse retains an aura of the late 19th century, reflects the importance of tradition and the club's proud links with the history of the sport of tennis. The club was entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991 and designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1992.

Website: www.slcc.org

Email: betsyford@comcast.net

Contact: Betsy Ford (Tour), Mary Christman (Clubhouse Manager)

Regular Hours: None

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Small lot on site

Phone: 732-245-4555

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First Presbyterian Church

4 East River Road
Rumson, NJ 07760



This artistic, richly decorated edifice, designed by the well-known architect Thomas Hastings, was built in 1886.

The interior of Hastings' church, originally known as the Oceanic Presbyterian Church to reflect the neighborhood's name, is clad with distinctive scalloped shingles; thirty-four stained glass windows portraying Biblical scenes including four windows by Tiffany Studio of New York.

The exterior has a unique bell tower cupola with a bird house. In 1905, Hastings designed the manse that stands to the west of the corner, while Fellowship Hall, attached to the church, is a modern addition. Hastings also designed the Carriage House at 90 West River Road in the shingle style. First Presbyterian was entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 2009.

Website: www.rumsonpresbyterian.org

Email: directorba1823@gmail.com

Contact: The Rev. John Monroe, Pastor, or Betty Anne Berube, Ad. Asst.

Regular Hours: Office, Monday - Friday 9:30a.m. - 3 p.m.;
Worship: Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Summer 9:15 a.m.

ADA accessible: Yes

Parking: Small lot on site

Phone: 732-842-0429



**Red Bank
Woman's Club**
164 Broad Street
Red Bank NJ 07701



Anthony Reckless built this fine Italianate mansion designed by Chicago architect J.P. Huber and completed in 1874, a time when upper Broad Street was lined with homes of the wealthy on extensive tracts that typically extended west to Maple Avenue. He was a merchant, publisher, utility director and president of the New York and Long Branch Railroad, the key road that helped propel Red Bank's growth. Reckless, who also served in the New Jersey Senate, died here in 1889.

The building remained a residence until the Red Bank Woman's Club, which had incorporated in 1917, purchased the property in 1921. For decades the upper floors provided residential rooms for single woman. Now the entire premises are given over to the group's public service activities. They maintain a strong focus on education, which includes literacy programs and the awarding of college scholarships.

In recent years, the club has dedicated itself to the preservation of the historic building. Thanks to grants from Monmouth County and the NJ Historic Trust, the exterior restoration was completed in 2012.

While not maintaining regular hours for tours, the building, entered on the National Register of Historic Places, is open to the public for the events cited below.

Website: www.womansclubofredbank.org

Email: info@WomansClubOfRedBank.org

Contact: Christina Hardman, Pres., Ellen Davis & Mary Gilligan, Preservation Committee

Events: Monthly meetings, first Thursday, Oct.-May, 7 p.m.; Reckless Steamy Nights Concerts, Last Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Lot rear of building (weekends and after 6 p.m.)

Phone: 732-747-7425



Allen House
400 Sycamore Avenue
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702



Allen House was initially built circa 1710 as a second residence for the Stillwell family of New York. Richard, a wealthy merchant, and his wife Mercy had eight children who were brought up primarily in Shrewsbury. By 1754, after Richard and Mercy had passed away, their heirs sold the property to Josiah Halstead who transformed the home into the Blue Ball Tavern, "the most noted tavern in Shrewsbury." Taverns served as community centers in the 18th century as much as places to drink and eat. The Vestry of Christ Church held meetings there as did the Shrewsbury Library Company and the Monmouth County Circuit Court. In 1779, a Loyalist party raided the tavern where Continental troops were quartered. They killed three and captured nine in what would become known as the Allen House Massacre. Today, the house is furnished to reflect its use as a colonial tavern.

Special demonstrations during Weekend in Old Monmouth: Saturday, *18th Century Dried Flower Arranging and 18th Century Kitchen Gardens*, 12:30 - 5 p.m., Sunday: *18th Century Kitchen Gardens*, 12:30 - 5 p.m.

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association

Contact: Dr. Evelyn C. Murphy, Director

Events: **Tavernfest** (fundraiser), Friday, Oct. 16; **Free Family Day**, Saturday, Oct. 17; **Lantern Tours**, Friday, Dec. 4

Regular Hours: May through September – Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., other times for groups by appointment.

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Lot on site, overflow across Sycamore Street at Borough Hall

Phone: 732-462-1466

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Shrewsbury Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

375 Sycamore Ave.
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702



This year through 2016, Shrewsbury Friends are celebrating the 350th Anniversary of our meeting and the 200th Anniversary of our Meeting House. Friends have met in Shrewsbury since 1685 when a group from Rhode Island and Long Island established the Shrewsbury settlement. Shrewsbury Meeting was New Jersey's first Friends Meeting and is the state's oldest rural religious congregation. The first meeting-house, built in 1672 in today's Little Silver, was visited then by Quaker founder George Fox.

Two meetinghouses have stood on this property, purchased from John Lippincott in 1689. The earlier one was destroyed by fire; this was built 1816 of wood timber construction with its walls filled by salvaged brick from the predecessor. The meetinghouse is two-cell form which affords women and men equal space for meetings and business. Movable wall panels, which separate the two, were closed for business and opened for worship and other functions. This classic Quaker design was established 1768 at Buckingham Meetinghouse, Bucks County, PA.

In 1940, the Historic American Building Survey studied and sketched the little-changed structure. After extensive fire damage to the east room in 1968, it was remodeled to provide a fellowship hall, kitchen and restrooms. The westroom, which is now used for worship, has remained unchanged since it was built.

Contact: Gordon Clark, Gordon4052@gmail.com

Sunday Morning: Friendly Discussion 9:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.

Events: *Pot-luck*. 4th Sunday, Noon; *Four Corners Lantern Tour*. 1st Friday of December

Website: www.shrewsburyquakers.org

Phone: 732-741-4138

ADA Accessible: Wheelchair ramp at rear

Parking: Lot in rear or on Sycamore Ave as permitted

Mailing Address: PO Box 92, Shrewsbury NJ 07702

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Christ Church

380 Sycamore Ave.
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702



Christ Church, the Episcopal Parish in Shrewsbury, organized in 1702, received a charter from the King in 1738 that is on display in the church. The church, in use every Sunday, was built in 1769 to replace the small initial early 1730s structure. Numerous historic items include the 1716 "Vinegar" Bible, a communion service donated by Queen Anne in the early 18th century, an exquisite set of Gothic revival stained glass windows dating to 1867, the historic 1874 Odell tracker organ, a bell cast in France in the 18th century that still tolls the hour, and original canopy pews.

The property on which the church is situated was acquired in 1706 and has been used as a graveyard ever since. The earliest gravestone is dated 1719 and nestles against the northwest corner of the church. Touring of the church and its historic graveyard can be arranged upon request. Call the church office at 732-741-2220.

Major Events: History Day is traditionally held on the Weekend in Old Monmouth Saturday. See a special exhibit of old and rare documents

Lantern Tour, an annual first Friday in December event, is a collaborative effort with all of Shrewsbury's Four Corners historic sites. Our costumed actors tell the story of the church and describe the numerous historic objects in the church.

Website: www.christchurchshrewsbury.org

Email: christchurchshrewsbury@verizon.net

Phone: 732-741-2220

ADA Accessible: Church ramp entrance.

Parking: Access parking lot via driveway on Route 35 north just south of Sycamore Ave. or a driveway on Sycamore Ave. east of Route 35

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**Shrewsbury
Historical
Museum
Municipal
Complex**

419 Sycamore Avenue,
Shrewsbury NJ 07702



This museum, educational and research center built in 1984 by our membership supported organization, contains vast collections of artifacts and library materials. They reflect Shrewsbury’s early colonial settlement, depict its expansion to a major agricultural center and interpret its evolution to a desirable residential community. The museum anchors the southwest of the “Historic Four Corners.” This National Register historic district also embraces the Sycamore Avenue historic houses that gave this fabled street its 19th century nickname, “Millionaires Row.”

Collection Highlights: The library contains over 2,000 titles and holdings of maps, wills and prints; scale models of the Allen House, Christ Church, Presbyterian Church, and the Shrewsbury Post Office; the Hazard and Broadmeadow Collection, which depicts Hazard’s former Sycamore Avenue ketchup factory; Friendship Quilt; period tools and furniture, including spinning wheels, farm chairs and the Chichester Couch; a musket from the Battle of Monmouth; the General Stewart Van Vliet Civil War Collection; period clothing and uniforms; history of our ancestral namesake, Shrewsbury (pronounced Shrowsbury) in Shropshire County, England; George Ford Morris Collection, a noted animal artist; The Shrewsbury Boro School collection includes a bell, desks, yearbooks and photographs; bottle collection and the Genevieve S. Overbaugh Collection of Indian artifacts.

Website: None

Email: donaldburden@verizon.net

Contact: Don Burden, President, 732-747-3635

Organization: Shrewsbury Historical Society

Events: Autumn Garden Party and lecture

Regular Hours: By appointment

ADA accessible: Yes

Parking: Lot on Site

Phone: 732-530-7974

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**Eatontown
Historical
Museum Read
House**

75 Broad Street
Eatontown NJ 07724



The Eatontown Historical Museum was purchased by the Borough of Eatontown in 1978. The basic structure of the original one-room house is believed to be mid-18th Century English architecture. Examples of mortise and tenon frame construction using wooden pegs can be seen in the house, as well as mud and straw used for insulation. A parlor and upstairs bedrooms were added in the 19th century and a kitchen was added in the early 20th century. Tour the dining room, parlor, kitchen, and bedroom of our “house museum”, each furnished with artifacts donated by Eatontown residents.

Farming tools from early Eatontown farms are also on display.

Events: All special events are scheduled for the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:00pm unless otherwise noted.

May: Hands-on Activity – Experience Some Old Time Chores; **October:** Gravestone Art and Symbolism Presentation by Wiseowl Workshops; **November:** Tribute to Veterans and Honor Garden of Flags display; **December:** Christmas Open House preceding the Eatontown Community Tree Lighting.

Eatontown historical programs for students and local organizations are available during the year.

Regular Hours: 1st Sunday of each month, 1 - 4 p.m.

Website: None

Email: EatontownHistoricalMuseum@gmail.com

Phone/Contact: Museum 732-542-4026
(Please leave a message) Phyllis Trask, Chairperson

ADA accessible: No

Parking: A parking lot behind the museum is shared with St. James Episcopal Church. The entrance is on Throckmorton Ave. Additional parking is located across the street behind the Eatontown Community Center.

YELLOW TOUR BEGINS

- 1** **Keyport Fire Museum**
86 Broad Street, Keyport, NJ
Leaving GSP Exit 117, go to Hwy. 36 East turn left on Broad St. via jug handle. Follow Broad to end. Museum faces harbor on American Leg1on Drive. Lot is adjacent to museum. If going west on Hwy. 36 turn right on Broad St.; If driving on Hwy. 35, turn on Broad, either right if traveling north or via jug handle if traveling south.
- 2** **Burrowes Mansion Museum**
94 Main Street, Matawan, NJ
Right turn from lot, proceed .5 mile south on Broad St. to Maple Pl., which is also CR 516, turn right. Follow course of CR 516 which includes short segments on west 4th St. (after .5 mile) and Broadway. Turn right on Maple Pl., which turns into Main St.; go to 1.2 miles to #94.
- 3** **Historic Longstreet Farm**
44 Longstreet Road, Holmdel, NJ
Proceed south (right with the Burrowes Mansion to your back) to Rt. 34, turn left, proceed south 3.8 miles to Roberts Rd. Turn left on Roberts Rd., proceed 0.9 mile to Longstreet Rd., turn left. Farm entrance ahead on left.
- 4** **Holmes-Hendrickson House**
Longstreet & Roberts Roads, Holmdel, NJ
Turn left on leaving the farm. The house is a short distance ahead on the left.
- 5** **Dr. Robert W. Cooke's Medical Office**
67 McCampbell Road, Holmdel, NJ
Left from lot .4 mile to light at Crawford's Corner-Everett Rd.; turn right follow Crawford's Corner-Everett Rd. 3.1 miles to McCampbell Rd., turn right and go .5 mile to #27 on left. The adjacent Village School parking lot is left of Dr. Cooke's.
- 6** **Joseph Murray Farmhouse at Poricy Park**
345 Oak Hill Road, Middletown, NJ
Right from lot to stop sign at Crawford's Corner-Everett Rd. Turn right, go .2 mile to West front St., turn left; go to 1.1 miles to light at Middletown-Lincroft Rd., turn left; go to 2.1 miles to light at Oak Hill Rd., turn right; through parking lot to unpaved driveway downhill to house; park around circle.
- 7** **Old First Church (Middletown Baptist)**
69 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ
Turn left out of the driveway to Oak Hill Rd, go 0.8 miles to second light, turn right on Middletown-Lincroft Road, go 1.5 miles to stop sign; turn right on King Highway go 0.1 mile to church lot on left.
- 8A
8B** **Marlpit Hall & Taylor-Butler House**
137 & 127 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ
Turn right on Kings Highway, go 0.5 mile to lot of Village School adjacent to Marlpit Hall.
- 9** **Seabrook-Wilson House**
719 Port Monmouth Road, Middletown, NJ
Turn right on Kings Hwy. becomes Harmony Rd. after 1 mile; cross Hwy. 35. Go another .8 mile to light at Cherry Tree Farm Rd., turn right; go .7 mile to light at Wilson Ave., turn left on Wilson, go 2 miles to end at Port Monmouth Rd.; turn left, lot is on right.
- 10** **Strauss Mansion Museum**
27 Prospect Circle, Atlantic Highlands, NJ
Return to Wilson Ave., go 1.1 miles to light at Hwy 36, turn left. Go about 3.6 miles to jug-handle at First Ave. for left turn. Cross Hwy 36, go .3 miles to E. Mount Ave., turn right. Go .3 mile to top of hill; mansion is on the right.
- 11** **All Saints Memorial Church**
**202 Navesink Avenue,
Navesink Section, Middletown NJ**
Go downhill .3 mile to First Avenue, turn left; go .3 mile to Hwy. 36, turn left. Go .6 miles, make slight right on Valley Drive (before shopping center); go .6 mile to Navesink Avenue, turn left; Church lot is on the left.

- 12** **Twin Lights Lighthouse**
Lighthouse Road, Highlands, NJ
Turn left from church lot, go .9 mile on Navesink Ave, bearing right on Hwy. 36 (before light). Go 1.3 miles east on Hwy. 36, turning right onto Highland Ave, just before bridge. Go about .1 mile to left turn on Lighthouse Rd., follow up hill to parking lot.
- 13** **Sandy Hook Lighthouse & Fort Hancock**
84 Mercer Road, Middletown, NJ
Proceed downhill to Highland Ave., turn left towards Hwy. 36, merge on to Hwy. 36 East to cross bridge. Turn right to Sandy Hook's Ocean Ave. Go about 4.5 miles. Look for signs for lighthouse and fort parking.

YELLOW TOUR ENDS

BLUE TOUR BEGINS

- 14** **Seabright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club**
5 Tennis Court Lane, Rumson, NJ
The tour begins at the Rumson eastern end of County Route 520 reached from GSP Exit 109 by following signs or from the north via Highway 36 South.
- 15** **First Presbyterian Church**
4 East River Road, Rumson, NJ
Right from Club lot to stop sign; turn left on Hartshorne Lane which becomes Ridge Road, go .8 mile to second blinking light; turn right, go .8 mile to North Park Avenue and entry to church's lot.
- 16** **Red Bank Woman's Club**
164 Broad Street, Red Bank, NJ
Right from N. Park, turn left at traffic light, go .6 mile to Ridge Road, turn right at light; go 3.6 miles to Broad St, Red Bank; turn left: at light; Club is first house on the right; enter driveway.
- 17** **Allen House**
**400 Sycamore Ave.
Shrewsbury, NJ**
- 18** **Friends Meeting House**
**375 Sycamore Ave.
Shrewsbury, NJ**
- 19** **Christ Church**
**380 Sycamore Ave.
Shrewsbury, NJ**
- 20** **Shrewsbury Historical Museum**
Municipal Complex, 419 Sycamore Ave., Shrewsbury, NJ
All four Shrewsbury Right on Broad St. (which becomes Hwy 35 after RR Tracks), 1.6 miles to Shrewsbury's Historic Four Corners, go to lot of any of the four, turn left for 18 & 19, right for 17 & 20.
- 21** **Eatontown Museum**
75 Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ
Go south on Hwy. 35 (turning left if on east side sites or right if at west side of Hwy. 35 sites). Go about 1.4 miles to Lewis Street to cross highway by making turn for Hwy. 71 East, also known as Broad St. Follow signs, turning left to approach intersection; Cross Hwy. 35; go about 0.2 mile. House is on left.
- 22** **Woodrow Wilson Hall - Monmouth University**
400 Cedar Ave., West Long Branch, NJ
Go east on Hwy. 71 (turn left if parked on side of Eatontown Museum) bear right at 1 mile to stay on Hwy. 71, cross Hwy 35 at 1.8 mile, bear slight left at 2.8 miles, turn right on Larchwood Ave at 3.1 miles. Lot 18 is .4 mile on left.
- 23** **Eden Woolley House**
Township of Ocean Historical Museum
703 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ
Turn left from lot, go .5 mile to Park Ave, right on Park .3 mile Monmouth Rd. Left on Monmouth Rd, go 1.1 miles, turn right on Deal Road, go 1.1 miles to museum entrance on right.

BLUE TOUR ENDS

MONMOUTH COUNTY'S ANNUAL
WEEKEND IN OLD MONMOUTH

2015 TOUR MAP



Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 3, Noon to 5 p.m.

34 Tour site name and location
Tour Site color number corresponds with directions on the back of map and the accompanying booklet



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Historical Commission

If there are questions or comments on your tour experience, please contact: John Fabiano, Executive Director
 Monmouth County Historical Commission
 Hall of Records Annex
 Freehold, NJ 07728
 E-mail - john.fabiano@co.monmouth.nj.us

GREEN TOUR BEGINS

- 24 National Guard Militia Museum**
Sea Girt Avenue & Camp Drive, Sea Girt, NJ
If entering Monmouth County from the south, leave Garden State Parkway at Exit 98 to I-195/Route 138 East. Exit at Rt. 35 South, proceeding to Sea Girt Ave. Turn left, following Sea Girt Ave. into Sea Girt. Cross railroad bear right after tracks to gate of the Nat'l Guard Camp. (Driver show photo ID to gate-keeper). If entering on Rt. 70, bear right at CR20, Old Bridge Rd., proceed north to Sea Girt Ave. and turn right. If entering on Rt. 35, bear right on Rt. 71, proceed north to Sea Girt Ave. and turn right.
- 25 Saint Catharine Church**
214 Essex Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ
Leaving gate, turn left on Sea Girt Ave., cross tracks and turn right on Rt. 71. Proceed about 1.6 miles to Warren Ave., turn right, go 2 blocks to Lake Avenue, a ha lf-right. Find street parking in vicinity of the church
- 26 Great Auditorium**
21 Pilgrim Pathway
Ocean Grove, NJ
- 27 Ocean Grove Historical Museum**
50 Pitman Avenue
Ocean Grove, NJ
- 28 Centennial Cottage**
McClintock & Central Avenues, Ocean Grove, NJ
Return to Rt. 71. Turn right on 71; proceed north about 5.5 miles to Main Ave. entrance to Ocean Grove on right just beyond Arts Center former high school. Turn right, following Main to Central Ave., turn left. Find street parking. The Great Auditorium is plainly visible from most streets. The Ocean Grove Museum is one block to the south of the auditorium on Pitman Ave. Centennial Cottage is a half-block to the east and one block to the north of the museum. The searching driver will find a parking place, although not in front of the desired address.
- 29 InfoAge Science Center, Camp Evans**
2201 Marconi Road, Wall, NJ
Leave Main Ave. gate, turning left or south on Rt. 71. Proceed 0.2 mile to Rt. 33, turn right across tracks, turning left on Memorial Dr. (CR40A). Proceed south about 1.5 miles to slight right turn on Belmar Blvd. (CR 18). Follow about 0.4 mile turning right on Marconi Rd. Follow changing course of Marconi Rd. to parking lot.
- 30 Old Wall Historical Society**
1701 New Bedford Road, Wall, NJ
Turn right leaving parking lot, proceeding 0.3 mile on Marconi Rd. to a slight right at Bay Plaza. Follow for 0.5 miles to Belmar Blvd. (CR18), turn right and follow 0.4 mile to New Bedford Rd. Turn left, Old Wall is a short distance on the right
- 31 Historic Village at Allaire**
Allaire State Park, 4265 Atlantic Avenue, Wall, NJ
Leave Old Wall going south on New Bedford Rd., turning right (at jug-handle) for Rt. 138 West (which turns into I-195). Proceed 2.4 miles to Exit 35A merging on Rt. 34 South. Follow 0.4 mile, making slight right on to West 18th Ave. (CR30). Follow 1.3 miles to CR 524 (Atlantic Avenue), turn right. Follow about 0.6 mile. Park entrance is on left.
- 32 MacKenzie House**
427 Lakewood-Farmingdale Road, Howell, NJ
Turn left on Cty. Rt. 524 (Atlantic St), go 1.8 miles to Cty. Rt. 547 South (Lakewood-Farmingdale Rd), turn left. Go about 0.5 miles. Be mindful of I-95 juncture. House is on left just beyond I-195.
- 33 Ardena School Museum**
Old Tavern & Preventorium Roads, Howell, NJ
Carefully turn left from lot, go to light at Old Tavern Rd. (Cty. Rt. 21) turn right, go about 2 miles on winding course of Old Tavern Rd. to intersection of Preventorium Road. School is on northwest corner of intersection.

GREEN TOUR ENDS

RED TOUR BEGINS

- 34 Historic Walnford**
78 Walnford Road, Upper Freehold, NJ
If entering Monmouth County from the west on the NJ Turnpike, Exit 7A for I-95 East to its exit 8 to proceed south (right) on Main St. to Allentown. After crossing bridge at mill, turn left on CR539 (High St.). At Cream Ridge Winery, turn right on Holmes Mill Rd., then right on Walnford Rd., which leads to park entrance. If approaching west on other highways, follow signs to Allentown, seek CR539 off Main St., follow as above. If approaching from the east on I-195, after exiting at Exit 11, turn left on CR43, cross highway, proceed about 0.7 mile to stop sign. Turn right on CR526, proceed to first light, Sharon Station Rd., turn left, proceed about 2 miles. Turn right on CR539North, proceed a short distance, turn left on Holmes Mill Rd. Take first right on Walnford Rd. Follow to park
- 35 Old Yellow Meeting House**
70 Yellow Meeting House Road, Upper Freehold Township, NJ
Leaving Walnford entrance, turn left at stop sign to Holmes Mill Road, go .8 mile to CR539, turn right, then go .5 mile to Sharon Springs Road and turn left; go 1.5 miles to CR526, turn right; go 3.8 miles to Yellow Meeting House Road, turn left. Entrance is .6 mile on left.
- 36 Roosevelt Borough (Jersey Homesteads) Historic District**
2 A School Lane , Roosevelt, NJ
Left from the Meeting House continuing on Yellow Meeting House Rd , go 1.4 miles, turn left on Red Valley Rd, go .9 mile, turn left on CR524, then right after short distance where CR571 separates from 524; go 2.3 miles, turn right on S. Rochdale Av, go .5 mile, take 1st left to Pine Drive, then first left on School Lane to school parking.
- 37 Village Inn**
Two Water Street, Englishtown, NJ
Return to Rochdale Ave, turn left, road is also CR571, go 1.1 miles, turn right at stop sign at T-intersection on to CR1 (Perrineville Rd), go 1.8 miles; turn left at stop sign to Prodelin Way. Go 2.1 miles, then turn right at Hwy33E, go 2.2 miles, take jug-handle past light to CR527Alt; go 2.5 miles, take slight left on High Bridge Rd., then .4 mile to South Main; Inn is .5 mile on left.; turn left for Water St. parking.
- 38 Old Tennent Church**
45 Tennent Road, Tennent, NJ
If on Water, St., turn right on Main, take left at light to CR522 (Freehold-Tennent Rd.), go 1.8 miles to light, turn left on CR3 (Tennent Rd.) Church is ahead on right.
- 39 Monmouth Battlefield State Park**
16 Business Route 33, Manalapan, NJ
Turn left from church, proceed to light, turn left on CR522, go 1.5 miles on a drive that will take you through the battlefield to Wemrock Road; turn right at light, go 1.1 miles to Bus. Rt. 33, turn right. Park entrance is about .2 mile.
- 40 Oakley Farm House**
189B Oakley Drive, Freehold, NJ
Left on Bus Rt. 33 leaving park, right at Wemrock Rd.; go .6 mile to Oakley Rd, turn left. Farm is on the corner.
- 41 Jewish Heritage Museum**
310 Mounts Corner Drive, Freehold, NJ
Turn left at light to continue south on Wemrock Road, Museum driveway is .4 mile on right.
- 42 West Freehold School Museum**
209 Wemrock Road (just north of CR537), Freehold, NJ
Right from driveway. School is about 100 yards on left.
- 43 Covenhoven House**
150 West Main Street, Freehold, NJ
Turn left at light to CR537 (becomes W. Main) Covenhoven is 1.1 miles on right just beyond Rt. 9 exit; or proceed to church lot 2 blocks to the east at light.
- 44A/44B MC Historical Assn. Museum & Battle of Monmouth Monument**
70 Court Street, Freehold, NJ
Turn right on West Main (537), continue .6 mile after light; at 1 West Main turn left to Court St; Museum is .2 mile on left. Alternate: Turn left from W. Main at light at church lot, go 1 block, turn right on Broad St., continue to end, turn left on Court St., Museum is .1 mile on left.

RED TOUR ENDS



Woodrow Wilson Hall

400 Cedar Avenue
West Long Branch NJ
07764



Wilson Hall, completed in 1930 on the site of the former Shadow Lawn mansion, is named for the former governor of New Jersey and president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson. Wilson lived in the original mansion during the summer of 1916 while he conducted his re-election campaign. The earlier structure, built by John A. McCall in 1904, had a number of owners prior to its purchase by F.W. Woolworth president Hubert T. Parson in 1918. The present Italian Renaissance building, influenced by Versailles and designed by the office of Philadelphia architect Horace Trumbauer and primarily the responsibility of its chief designer, Julian Abele, the country's first classically trained African American architect, was completed in 1930 following the destruction by fire of the first Shadow Lawn in 1927. For many decades it held the distinction of the costliest house built in Monmouth County.

After Parson lost the house in the 1930s, the place had varied educational uses prior to the acquisition by Monmouth in 1956. The building serves as the University's administrative headquarters, while also retaining a number of classrooms. Finely restored, the building maintains a high degree of integrity to reflect the era when it represented a past era of splendor. According to the Council of Independent Colleges Historic Architecture Project, the building ranks as one of 20 American palaces financed by tremendous fortunes acquired in the late 19th & early 20th centuries. See the University's Self-Guided Tour booklet to enhance your visit. Wilson Hall, designated a National Historic Landmark in 1985, may look familiar to film viewers as it served as Daddy Warbucks' apartment in the film "Annie."

Website: www.monmouth.edu

Email: *Please visit www.monmouth.edu

Contact: Patricia Swannack

Regular Public Hours: Typically extensive but varies over the school year

ADA accessible: Yes

Parking: Preferably Lot 11A off of Norwood Avenue

Phone: 732-571-3546



Twp. of Ocean Historical Museum

703 Deal Road
Ocean, NJ 07712



The Eden Woolley house origin, a rare Ocean Township 18th century survivor, is the 1½ story east section, which was built by Thomas Woolley on land that had been in the family since John Woolley's 1697 purchase. The house was expanded by its namesake, who in the 1830s built the 2½ story Greek Revival main block. Eden, a farmer and businessman, was active in public life as a surveyor of highways and member of the first township committee at Ocean's 1849 origins. The house, which remained in the family until 1926, was moved in 2005 from the northeast corner of Highway 35 and Deal Road.

The Township of Ocean Historical Museum, organized in 1984, previously operated a museum in the former Oakhurst School. They undertook an extensive preservation/restoration project, then opened their museum at the Eden Woolley house in 2009. Its several exhibits include the Our Town Gallery, which traces Ocean Township's history, The Hearth and Home Gallery on the Woolley family and the West Richmond Gallery's changing local history exhibits that include the township's former communities. In 2009-11, the Eden Woolley House was voted in an Asbury Park Press poll as the Best Museum in Monmouth County.

2015: See the exhibition *"The History of Houses and the Things That Make Them Home"* and *"Remembering the Oakhurst School 1900-1978"*

Website: www.oceanmuseum.org

Email: oceanmuseum@verizon.net

Contact: Paul Edelson

Events: See museum's website

Regular Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. 1 - 4 p.m. and Thursday evening, 7 - 9 p.m.; April through Nov.: 1st and 2nd Sundays, 1 - 4 p.m.

ADA accessible: Yes

Parking: Adjacent lot.

Phone: 732-531-2136



National Guard Militia Museum

Sea Girt Av. & Camp Dr.
PO Box 277
Sea Girt, NJ 08750



The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey (NGMMNJ) in Sea Girt is dedicated to preserving and explaining the military history of New Jersey. For more than 30 years the museum has collected, preserved and displayed artifacts, art and memorabilia with specific historical relevance to the Army and Air National Guard and Naval Militia of New Jersey. The museum presents the role of the New Jersey Militia and National Guard within the context of the larger history of the state, using original and reproduction uniforms, weapons, photographs, artifacts and art from the period of Dutch, Swedish and British colonization through the War for Independence, Civil War and World Wars I and II to the present day, paying particular attention to the diversity of the New Jersey citizen soldier and his or her experience. Also explore the collection of aircraft and military vehicles on the grounds opposite the building.

The NGMMNJ is located in the National Guard Training Center (NGTC) in Sea Girt at Sea Girt Avenue and Camp Drive. Adults need to show driver license or other identification to the NGTC gate guard. Admission is free.

The Museum is also the location of the Veterans Oral History Project, conducting interviews with Veterans from WW II to the present in conjunction with the Library of Congress. For more information, contact Assistant Curator Fowler.

GPS Coordinates: 'N 40.07.337' W 074.02.344

Website: www.nj.gov/military/museum/index.html

Email: jgbilby44@aol.com
vincent.solomeno.mil@mail.mil
carol.r.fowler@us.army.mail

Contact: Capt. Vincent Solomeno, Curator
Joseph G. Bilby, Assistant Curator
Carol Fowler, Assistant Curator

Events: See website

Regular Hours: Daily, year-round, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ADA accessible: Entrance at grade

Parking: On site.

Phone: 732-974-5966



Saint Catharine Church

214 Essex Avenue
Spring Lake, NJ 07762



St. Catharine Church is the finest high-style example of Classical Revival architecture in Monmouth County. It was built of limestone and buff Pompeian brick in 1901 by the wealthy philanthropist Martin Maloney (1847-1929) to honor the memory of his daughter Catharine who died of tuberculosis at age 17. Horace Trumbauer's (1868-1938) design was inspired by Roman renaissance and baroque sources. The cornerstone was laid March 17, 1901 and the church was consecrated on May 25, 1902. Roman artist Professor Gonippo Raggi (1875-1959) decorated the interior with over 27 paintings, both canvasses and frescos which included replicas of the masters and original work. This two-phased work was completed in 1928.

St. Catharine's two-phased restoration project 1994-2006, restored its 1928 appearance and addressed contemporary needs. EverGreene Studios of New York, guided by photographs at the Spring Lake Historical Society, completed the artwork element.

While primarily a house of worship, the approximately 4,000 family community of St. Catharine/St. Margaret Parish is grateful for the Maloney gift and their success in raising the funds to restore the beautiful church. Recognizing the museum stature of this edifice, the parish is pleased to share it with visitors. Please take and feel free to retain the detailed guide available in the church to aid your visit.

Please respect any Church events that may be in progress during a weekend visit. Visitors are invited to worship at the scheduled Masses on Saturday evening at 5 p.m. & Sunday morning at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & noon. Please plan your visit outside the times of scheduled weddings on Saturday at noon, 2 p.m., & 3:45 p.m.

Website: www.stcatharine-stmargaret.com

Email: stcatharine@optonline.net

Contact/Phone: Barbara Harrigan 732-974-1423

ADA Accessible: Ramps at front doors

Parking: Street



The Great Auditorium

21 Pilgrim Pathway
P.O. Box 248
Ocean Grove, NJ
07756



Methodists founded Ocean Grove, one of several camp meeting communities, in the post-Civil War religious revival period. The site was chosen for its elevation and absence of mosquitoes. They held the first prayer meeting here on July 31, 1869.

The various structures that served for open air preaching that were important to the movement included a "Preachers Stand" in a tree grove (1870) and a 75 by 100-foot tree bough-clad roof structure which by 1876 had a 3,000 seat amphitheatre. The massive Great Auditorium, which was designed by Frederick T. Camp of New York and covers nearly six-sevenths of an acre, was built in 1894 over 92 working days. At 225 feet long and 161 feet wide, with a 55-foot high ceiling and a 131-foot east tower, the Great Auditorium is one of the most important structures in Monmouth County and the largest wood frame building in New Jersey. While worship is a key activity, Ocean Grove has been a venue for major figures in the worlds of spirituality, public life and music. Its massive Hope Jones organ, built in 1907 and one of the country's finest instruments, is played for free summer recitals. The entire town is a National Register Historic District.

Website: www.oceangrove.org

Email: information@oceangrove.org

Contact: J. P. Gradone, Executive Director/COO

Organization: The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association

Events: See website. Many spiritual and music events

ADA accessible: Yes

Parking: Park on street. Take access road of choice east to Central Ave, turn north (left) to Surf Ave, turn west (left) to Pilgrim Pathway, turn south (left) to the Auditorium

Phone: 732-775-0035



Ocean Grove Historical Museum

50 Pitman Avenue
PO Box 446
Ocean Grove, NJ
07756



The mission of the Museum of the Historical Society of Ocean Grove is to preserve and record the history of Ocean Grove along with other camp meetings and aspects of the Victorian era. The Museum, purchased in 1997, is adjacent to the Camp Meeting Association office. The focal point of the museum is the 10-foot high, 13.5-foot wide Eastlake bookcase.

Collections include the rare Denzel horse "Silver Star" from the North End, Ocean Grove carousel; 10 large 1905 pictures of the children's summer camp on Ocean Pathway, interior views of the Great Auditorium, and the men's and women's choirs; antique maps from 1870-1897; Ellwood Stokes' Victorian gold chair, an 1890s restored pump organ, along with much Ocean Grove china, glassware, silver spoons and paperweights. The Museum has a large library of Victoriana and Ocean Grove history and extensive holdings of post cards, stereo views and OGCMA reports.

Website: www.oceangrovehistory.org

Email: info@oceangrovehistory.org

Contact: Gail Shaffer

Events: See Society's brochure and website

Regular Hours: May 1 - June 13, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; June 15 - Sept. 26, Monday thru Thursday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Oct. 5 - Dec. 12, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ADA accessible: First Floor only

Parking: Street



Centennial Cottage

McClintock & Central Avenues
Ocean Grove, NJ 07756



Erected in 1884 by the Fell Family, the cottage stood at 47 Cookman Ave. Acquired by Robert Skolds in 1969, it was donated to the Camp Meeting Association, a gift coinciding with Ocean Grove's centennial. Visitors see a glimpse of 19th century Ocean Grove life.

The cottage, moved nine blocks to McClintock and Central Avenue is maintained as a museum house by the Historical Society of Ocean Grove with financial assistance from visitor donations, the Robert E. and Mary S. Skold Centennial Cottage Fund and from the Monmouth County Historical Commission.

Centennial Cottage was termed a "Swiss Chalet" as it was freely adapted from the traditional alpine farm- house. The chalet was one of several building forms associated with the "Stick Style" which was popular from the 1860's to 1890's. The pointed arch on the facade of the cottage is a remnant of the earlier gothic Revival Style from which the Stick Style evolved.

Website: www.oceangrovehistory.org

Email: info@oceangrovehistory.org

Contact: Gail Shaffer

Organization: Historical Society of Ocean Grove

Events: See website

Regular Hours: July-August, Monday- Saturday, 11a.m. - 3 p.m., weather permitting.

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Street

Phone: 732-774-1869



InfoAge Science Center

Camp Evans
2201 Marconi Road
Wall, NJ 07719



Camp Evans, a National Historic Landmark, is the site of the Marconi Belmar High-powered Wireless Station built in 1913-14. The Camp Evans District is under the stewardship of InfoAge Science-History Center and Wall Township. Currently regular attractions at the site are tours of the five original 1914 Marconi Station buildings, five WW II radar development buildings and the Project Diana / TIROS site satellite tracking buildings with the 60 foot TIROS dish. In some of the buildings are exhibits of wireless history, radio, WW II, radar, computers and television. The New Jersey Shipwreck Museum is especially noteworthy. The Center also houses the National Broadcasters Hall of Fame Museum.

Website: www.infoage.org

Email: fred-carl@infoage.org

Contact: Fred Carl, Director

Director Events: See website

Regular Hours: Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

ADA accessible: Ramp access to the 1st floor of the Marconi Hotel. All other buildings are single story. ADA rest room is located in hotel.

Parking: Lot on premises

Phone: 732-280-3000



**Old Wall
Historical Society**
1701 New Bedford
Road
Wall, NJ 07719



The **Allgor/Barkalow Homestead** is a 10 room farmhouse C. 1800. It was the home of James Layton Allgor and Ellen Smith Allgor and their family. Mr. Allgor was postmaster, wreck master and Township committeeman of Wall. He ran the New Bedford General Store from one of the front rooms (1830-1844). It has been restored to the 1830's era with furniture and displays pertaining to Wall. An interesting vintage clothing (1860-1920) collection is a favorite. There are four outbuildings; a summer kitchen, a 3-seater outhouse, a smokehouse, and a pole barn. The homestead also houses the Genealogy Research Library.

The **Blansingburg Schoolhouse Museum** is a one room schoolhouse built in 1855. It was in use from 1856-1935. Moving it to this site in 1999 was quite a project. The tin walls, ceiling, wainscoting and black-board were still intact. It was restored and furnished with old desks (some original), books and memorabilia. It is used twice a week for teaching Wall's 2nd grade students. Girls in their pinafores and boys in suspenders are taken back to the 1800's to do math on chalkboards and read from McGuffey's readers.

Website: None

Email: dehearn5@gmail.com

Events: *Spring Antique Show*, 2nd Saturday in April at Wall High School, *Civil War Encampment*: 1st Sunday in May at our Museums, *Fall Antique Show*: 2nd Saturday in November at Wall High School, *Christmas Open House*: 1st Sunday in December at our Museums

Contact: De Hearn, Museum Director 732-449-7888.
Fran Bruno, Vice-President 732-528-9443

Regular Hours: Open Sundays, 1 - 4 p.m.

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Lot on premises



**The Historic
Village at Allaire**
4263 Atlantic Ave.
Farmingdale, NJ
07727



Voted "Best of the Best" Historic Site in the Asbury Park Press, the early 19th century town will transport you and your family back into history. Meet villagers and learn about their lives in post-colonial New Jersey. Visit tradesmen and learn their trade. Take a step into the largest general store in New Jersey in 1836 or simply browse our period wares. Visit the Bakery and enjoy a cup of coffee and some cookies.

Debate pressing matters with youth on the streets or listen to villagers discuss pressing matters at home. Visit the Allaire home and assist their housekeepers as they keep house and home and present grand tours of the famous dwelling. At every turn a surprise awaits you at Allaire Village, as history becomes alive again before your eyes.

**Return May 23 for "Bog Iron Boys Pitching the Past"
19th Century Baseball re-enactment 10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Website: www.allairevillage.org

Email: info@allairevillage.org

Contact: Abigail Murphy

Organization: Allaire Village, Inc.

Events: See Village's brochure and website

Regular Hours: See Village's brochure and website

ADA accessible: Varies

Parking: Lot on premises



MacKenzie House

427 Lakewood Farmingdale Road. Howell NJ 07731



The core of the MacKenzie House is believed to be a small “settler’s cabin,” a modest structure that was added to over the years. This house is symbolic of the agricultural and milling history of the township. The nearby grist mill once part of this tract was likely built by Obadiah Allen who bought property in this locale in 1767 and retained it until 1809. His successor, James Lloyd was sheriff and a member of family active in political life. The mill passed through numerous owners throughout the 19th century, while more than one likely added to the house. James and Jessie MacKenzie, who acquired the property in 1956, were the last private owners as a MacKenzie donated the house to the township in 1982. The Howell Historical Society undertook a preservation program for the 10 room house, included a research library and added artifacts, all part of their public exhibition and education programs.

Third grade classes in the Howell Township Public School System tour both the MacKenzie House and the Ardena Public School No. 2 as part of their curriculum on local history.

Website: None

Email: SarahAnnB@aol.com

Contact: Ida Donahy Devlin

Organization: Howell Historical Society

Events: Look for Fliers

Regular Hours: Open Saturday mornings

ADA accessible: Not ADA accessible

Parking: A large parking lot is adjacent

Phone: 732-938-2212 (leave message)



Ardena School Museum

Old Tavern Road Howell NJ 07731



The Ardena School Museum is a survivor from and a reminder of the era when the sprawling rural township of Howell had 11 one-room schools. Its standing in the Squankum area followed the post educational travels of the building.

An earlier, smaller Ardena School built on the north side of the present County Route 524 east of Vanderveer Road was replaced in 1855 by this building, which served for instructional purposes until the large, fine Colonial Revival contemporary Ardena School was opened in 1939. When no longer needed as a school, this building was sold and moved to an East Freehold location where it was adaptively used as a woodworker-cabinetmaker’s shop. The Howell Historical Society purchased the building in 1973 and moved it back to Howell, placing it at a location opposite the municipal hall.

The Society has refitted the former school with furnishings and old educational materials that suggest the challenges of learning under the primitive conditions of the one-room school era, such as heat from a stove, an outhouse for a rest room and, prior to electric service, illumination from natural light, oil lamps or candles. A variety of historical displays, including photographs and memorabilia, depict much more of this spread-out school system in Monmouth’s largest municipal territory, a township that still contains reminders of its agrarian past. In brief, nineteenth century education is replicated.

Website: None

Email: SarahAnnB@aol.com

Contact: Ida Donahy Devlin

Organization: Howell Historical Society

Events: Look for Fliers

Regular Hours: Last Sunday of month, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

ADA accessible: No and no rest room

Parking: Lot on Premises

Phone: 732-938-2212 (leave message)



Historic Walnford

62 Walnford Rd.
Upper Freehold Twp.,
NJ 08514



Located in Upper Freehold Township, Historic Walnford is the former mill village once owned by the Waln family. Now the centerpiece of Crosswicks Creek Park, the 36 acre site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Walnford reveals the region's changing economy over three centuries through exhibits, hands-on activities and programs, staff interpretation and guided tours.

The village began in 1734 with the gristmill. A 1772 newspaper advertisement caught the eye of Richard Waln, a prosperous merchant trader and Philadelphia Quaker. He purchased the property, including the gristmill, sawmill, fulling mill, blacksmith and cooper's shops, farm, a two-family home and much more. Naming it Walnford, he moved in with his wife and children in June 1774, upon completion of their elegant home.

The property remained in the family until its 1973 sale to Edward and Joanne Mullen, who after occupying the place as their residence, donated Walnford to the Monmouth County Park System in 1985.

Remaining historic buildings include the 1774 Waln House, the largest pre-Revolutionary home remaining in Monmouth County and Waln's Mill, which following reconstruction after an 1872 fire, represented the peak of stone grinding grist mill design. Restored in 1998, the mill depicts a 19th century industry in operation, grinding corn into meal on weekends from April through November.

Website: www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Email: sarah.bent@co.monmouth.nj.us

Contact: Sarah Bent

Organization: Monmouth County Park System

Events: Walnford Day, May 17 (quarterly program information available on website and like us on Facebook for events, programs and fun historical connections.)

Regular Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Daily

ADA accessible: Sections, including orientation exhibit and restrooms. Ramps provide access to first floor of Waln House and lowest level of Grist Mill.

Parking: Lot on site

Phone: 609-259-6275



Old Yellow Meeting House

70 Yellow Meeting House Road.
Upper Freehold Twp.,
NJ 08514



Tradition states that Baptist worship began on this site c.1720 while this church was built c.1737 which makes it the oldest house of worship structure in Monmouth County. Three nearby Baptist churches are outgrowths of this congregation which relocated to Imlaystown in 1855, when this edifice fell into disuse. The cemetery, which remained active, is an often cited historical part of Upper Freehold Township's history and merits a visit in its own right.

The abandoned, deteriorated building was rescued from destruction by the Friends of the Old Yellow Meeting House, a nonprofit corporation organized for that purpose in 1975, a year when National Register of Historic Place listing was secured. The results of their project have preserved a simple interior that will readily remind the visitor of an ancient house of worship. While no longer used for active worship, at least two services are conducted annually as noted below. The adjacent former rectory is not open on the tour. While visiting, walk around the cemetery for a fine insight into old funerary practice.

Website: www.oymh.org

Email: allntwnufhistsoc@aol.com

Organization: Friends of OYMH, P.O. Box 23, Cream Ridge NJ 08514

Contact: John Fabiano

Regular Public Hours: Grounds, continually during daylight

Events: 100th Anniversary Annual Reunion, July 26 at 2:00 p.m. and Thanksgiving Eve Service

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Grounds on site

Phone: 609-426-4450 (cell)



**Roosevelt
Borough
(Jersey
Homesteads)
Historic District**
2 A School Lane
Roosevelt NJ 08555



Roosevelt was founded as a W.P.A.-sponsored resettlement community, one of over 100 nationwide, that was organized during the Great Depression to serve New York Jewish garment workers. Construction, which began in 1934, was followed in 1936 by the arrival of the first residents. The next year, the 1.93 acre community formed inside Millstone and initially known as Jersey Homesteads, separated from that township and incorporated as a borough; its name was changed in 1945 to honor recently deceased president Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The town, constructed with Bauhaus-influenced buildings designed by Alfred Kastner and Louis Kahn which gave it a uniform appearance, laid out with a plan incorporating interior and exterior greenbelts along "garden city" designs of Ebenezer Howard, were crucial factors in National Register historic designation of the entire town. The population was known from its beginnings for strong community activism and a passion for the arts. Many artists have resided here, most notably Ben Shahn who painted the mural inside the elementary school. His son Jonathan sculpted the head of the president dedicated in 1962 and located in the adjoining park. The address is the school's where the Shahn mural is exhibited.

Attend the Ben Shahn lecture at 2 p.m. each day at the elementary school.

Website: www.web2sons.org (unofficial)

Email: mticktin@aol.com

Contact: Michael L. Ticktin, Borough Historian

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Lot on site

Phone: 609-947-0491 (Ticktin)



Village Inn
Two Water Street
Englishtown, NJ 07726



The oldest part of the Village Inn may date c. 1726 when it was first occupied as a tailor shop. The name and the building's historic stature stems from its longer and better known role as a tavern, an occupancy dating from 1762 during the colonial era when taverns were social centers and legally mandated for the accommodation of travelers.

The building had been known as the Davis Inn for Moses Davis, tavern keeper in the time of the Battle of Monmouth and a member of the local militia. While historians have long-believed that Gen. George Washington used the inn during the Battle of Monmouth and for his court-martial of General Charles Lee, other historians question this and believe more research is needed to establish that the events took place here and not in the other inn then in town. The c.1815 two-story expansion gave the building its present appearance. The Inn was maintained as a tavern until 1978.

Entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972, the Village Inn was threatened with destruction prior to its purchase by the Battleground Historic Society in 1978. The Society, assisted by Borough of Englishtown and Community Development Funds, restored the Inn for interpretation as a colonial tavern.

2014: Exhibit of Englishtown and Tennent

Website: www.thevillageinn.org

Email: hkernast@yahoo.com

Contact: Hans Kernast

Organization: Battleground Historical Society

Events: Monthly meetings 4th Friday, 7:30 p.m. (except summer) Special events and dates see website.

Regular Hours: Every third Sunday 1 - 3 p.m. by appointment; Boy Scout tours and town festivals

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Municipal lots across Main Street or Borough Hall

Phone: 908-907-3523



Old Tennent Church

450 Tennent Road
Tennent, NJ 07763



In 2015, Old Tennent Presbyterian Church celebrates the 323rd anniversary of the 1692 log church built by a small group of Scottish Presbyterians at Free Hill in present Marlboro. The church relocated here to White Hill in 1731 and built a small church on land granted by King George II. William Tennent, Jr., who began his 44-year pastorate in 1733 succeeding his brother John, built the present edifice in 1751, a substantial house of worship that has been host to many famous visiting clergy including George Whitfield, Jonathan Edwards, David Brainerd and Jacobus Frelinghuysen. Note the raised pulpit and box pews.

The building was damaged by shell fragments during the Battle of Monmouth when used as a field shelter for the wounded. Some of the dead from both sides are buried in the church cemetery, which contains a number of notables to Monmouth history and a variety of stones and monuments. (While not a part of the tour, the National Register Old Scots Burying Ground on Gordon's Corner Road, Marlboro, near the site of the church's founding, merits a visit.) Old Tennent adopted its present name in 1920 after being alternately known as Old Scots Church, the Presbyterian Church of Monmouth County, the Presbyterian Church of Freehold and the First Presbyterian Church of the County of Monmouth.

Website: www.oldtennentchurch.org

Email: ot.church@verizon.net

Contact: Leni Hughes, Clerk of Sessions
The office located in Old Scots Hall is open 9 a.m. - noon,
Monday - Friday

Worship: September - June: Church, 11 a.m. July - August:
Old Scots Hall, 9:30 a.m.

ADA Accessible: No. (No restrooms in church)

Parking: Lots south and west of hill; cemetery, sides of
roads; not on roadway to church.

Phone: 732- 446-6299



Monmouth Battlefield State Park

16 Business Route 33
Manalapan, NJ 07726



The Battle of Monmouth, fought June 28, 1778, was one of the largest, longest and most significant battles of the American Revolution. The conflict, which began when Continental forces attacked part of a massive British army removing from Philadelphia to New York via a march across New Jersey, involved over the course of a hot day numerous clashes among parts of the respective armies. While at the end of the day, the fight on the field was essentially a draw, the battle was a major political victory and morale booster because General Washington and his improved forces were able to hold their own against the British. The battle marked the end of the war's formal fighting in the north. See the original of the Leutze painting "Washington at Monmouth" at site 44A.

Much of the battlefield is protected by the nearly 3,000 acre State Park, which through on-going preservation efforts is shaping the landscape to restore the old environment. There are two sites to visit in the Battlefield Park, interpreted by Park Personnel and by the Friends of Monmouth Battlefield. The new (2013) Visitor Center, located on Business Rt. 33 west of Rt. 9, features exhibits, a 10 minute movie and a Gift Shop. There will be a walking tour of the Battlefield at 1:30 p.m. both days (meet at visitor center). There will be a Bird Walk at 8 a.m. on Saturday, also starting at the Visitor Center.

The Historic 1740 Craig House will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from 11a.m. - 4 p.m. It is located about three miles from the Visitors Center, off Rt. 9 North at Schibanoff Road.

Websites: www.monmouthbattlefield.nj.gov (Park)
www.friendsofmonmouth.org (Friends)

Contact: Mark Pitchell, Superintendent

Email: (Friends) dmartin@peddie.org

Events: See website

Regular Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ADA accessible: Visitor Center: Yes; Craig: No.

Parking: Lots at Visitor Center; park in field at Craig

Phone: 732-462-9616 (Park)



Oakley Farm House

189B Oakley Drive
Freehold, NJ 0772



The Walker Combs Hartshorne Farmstead, known as the Oakley Farm for its last owners, reflects three centuries the township's agrarian roots. The site of the regularly-expanded house amidst outbuildings suggests a working farm. The origins appear to be an 8 by 10 foot cabin built at an unknown date, perhaps in the first quarter of the 18th century; the date of its earliest expansion is also unknown.

The first name- sake owner, George Walker, bought the place in 1720; in 1801, his descendents sold to Elijah Combs who farmed 240 acres and likely gave the house its present appearance. The Hartshornes were descendents of Richard, who was among Monmouth's earliest settlers and a major 17th century figure in Middletown. A branch of the family later settled in Freehold. The first of the family here, Richard S. Hartshorne, Sr., who bought the place in 1842, was succeeded in 1873 by his son Acton, an important member of the Monmouth bar who in time leased the farm, and then sold it to Charles Oakley, Jr. in 1911. The Township of Freehold bought a 6 acre property from an Oakley in 1997. While the Oakley Farm House, entered on the National Register in 1990, has a fascinating chain of title, its appeal is the simplicity of the large house set among surviving outbuildings

Website: www.twp.freehold.nj.us
("Around Town" and "Heritage Society")

Email: ftheritagesociety@gmail.com

Contact: Freehold Township Historic Preservation Commission, Cheryl Cook, Manager

Events: Encampment of 4th NJ volunteers, Civil War reenactors, Craft demonstrations including blacksmith, chair caning, butter churning, wool spinning and loom weaving and, on Saturday only, an art show.

Regular Hours: By appointment; grounds, during daylight, year-round. Check website for current events

ADA accessible: Limited to House, first floor and some outbuildings

Parking: On-site and along Oakley Drive

Phone: 732-577-9766



Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County

310 Mounts Corner Dr.
Freehold, NJ 07728



Dedicated to the promotion of public awareness of the County's Jewish heritage for the education and enjoyment of all, the museum fulfills this mission by a variety of exhibitions, cultural programs and publications that celebrate, preserve, explore and illustrate the history and contribution to the Community of Monmouth's Jewish residents.

The museum is located in the second story (over retail at grade) of an early 19th century barn once part of the farm of Levi Solomon. Notable are its post and beam construction, the restored interior water tank and original hay fork. The space was dedicated to historical use by Bernard Hochberg by a long-term lease as part of a land use agreement with the Township of Freehold, while the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County provided initial support. The site has been designated as a local landmark by the Freehold Township Historic Preservation Commission.

This site is only open Sunday, May 3.

Events: See website for a variety of historical and cultural exhibits and events.

Website: www.jhmomc.org

Email: njkj@optonline.net, aberman49@optonline.net

Contact: Jeffrey Wolf and Alice Berman, Co-Presidents

Organization: Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County

Regular Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sunday 11a.m. - 3 p.m.

ADA accessible: Yes

Parking: A few spaces are adjacent to the building; also use shopping center lot.

Phone: 732-252-6990



West Freehold School Museum
209 Wemrock Road
Freehold, NJ 0772



The West Freehold School, earlier known as the West Freehold Seminary and Collegiate Institute, was built in 1847 on a small piece of the Walker-Combs-Hartshorne Farm (later Oakley) when the area was known as the Freehold Corner District. The building which educated what was later numbered District 11, was occupied for instructional use until a 1936 township school consolidation.

Owned by the Township of Freehold, the building is operated for historical interpretation by the Freehold Township Historic Preservation Commission. While the Commission has traced ownership to the late 17th century, this lot was deeded by Rulif R. Schanck, the source of a nickname "the Old Schanck School" to school trustees Samuel Conover, William W. Thompson and John H. Mount June 8, 1847 as recorded in Deed Book E5, page 336.

Freehold Township takes special pride in its educational history as it holds the distinction of owning two former one room schools, the other District 9 named for the Georgia neighborhood. Other 19th century schools with their district number included: East Freehold No.6, Freehold No. 7, Paradise No.8, Siloam No. 10, Thompsons Grove No. 12 and Aumack No. 13. The Freehold Commission's research indicates an enrollment of about 500 towards the end of the 19th century. Since then the district, after the departure of the Borough of Freehold schools, has grown into one of the County's largest.

The Georgia Road School and House (ca. 1862), located at the corner of Jackson Mills and Georgia Roads, will be open during the Weekend in Old Monmouth.

Website: www.twp.freehold.nj.us
("Around Town" and "Heritage Society")

Email: ftheritagesociety@gmail.com

Contact: Cheryl Cook

Events: Fall Festival

Regular Hours: By appointment

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Lot in rear of building

Phone: 732-577-9766



Covenhoven House
150 West Main Street
Freehold, NJ 07728



Covenhoven House, built by a wealthy Dutch farmer, architecturally reflects the emergence of the Georgian style, which is also symbolic socially for the blend of Dutch culture into the prevailing English. A fine state of preservation, distinctive interior finishing and informative interpretive programs of the Association make Covenhoven a compelling visit.

William A. Covenhoven and wife Elizabeth Van Cleef reflected their inherited wealth through the acquisition of land and of an impressive home.

Among the house's interior appointments are finely detailed paneling on major fireplace walls, cupboards with glazed doors and carved shell bonnets and painted woodwork decoration in the master bedroom. The house's long reference as Freehold's outstanding residence has brought it numerous names in historical literature, notably: General Clinton's Headquarters for his occupancy prior to the Battle of Monmouth, the Hankinson and Moreau house for significant later owners.

Special Activities during Weekend in Old Monmouth:

Saturday, **Woodcarving**, 12:30 - 5p.m.

Sunday, **Open Hearth Cooking**, 12:30 - 5 p.m.

Events: Open Hearth - Open House, Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, November 8

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Contact: Dr. Evelyn C. Murphy, Director

Regular Hours: May through September, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Groups, by appointment, open throughout the year for schools and groups.

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Lot on site or at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 West Main Street.

Phone: 732-462-1466



**Monmouth
County Historical
Association**
70 Court St.
Freehold, NJ 07728



Monmouth County Historical Association Headquarters houses its Museum and Library & Archives in a building designed by J. Hallam Conover and built on land donated by member David Vanderveer Perrine. The elegant colonial revival brick structure was loosely based on Mt. Vernon. It opened on October 6, 1931 to a crowd of 300. The library and archives contain extensive holdings of print, documentary, historical and genealogical materials. Museum exhibitions draw from a rich permanent collection augmented by loans.

Currently on display are “Beautiful Childhood: Portraits from the Permanent Collection” as well as the permanent exhibition “The Battle of Monmouth” and the stunning Leutze painting “Washington at Monmouth.” Children enjoy hands-on activities in the Discovery Room to learn about life in historic Monmouth County and pose for a photograph in period clothing from “Picture Yourself.”

Events: Gallery Tours and Children’s Programs scheduled periodically, see website.

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Contact: Dr. Evelyn C. Murphy, Director

Regular Hours: Museum - Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Library and Archives - Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ADA accessible: First Floor

Parking: West side only of Court Street or at court- house directly to the north

Phone: 732-462-1466



**Battle of
Monmouth
Monument**
71 Court St.
Freehold, NJ 07728



The monument is the most visible symbol of the crucial Revolutionary War battle that began near here and took place over a wide local area on June 28, 1778. A major part of the battlefield, tour site no. 39, is a National Historic Landmark. The long campaign to secure a suitable memorial was begun around 1850 when public monuments were not common- place. Its success was attained through local fundraising, contributions by the State of New Jersey and the federal government and the donation of the park property by the Daniel Schanck family. After its cornerstone was laid on the June 28, 1878 centennial of the battle, the monument was dedicated in a major celebration on November 13, 1884.

The statue of Quincy granite atop the 90-foot column was replaced after being struck by lightning in 1894. A bust of the original is mounted adjacent to the Hall of Records Annex two blocks to the south. Noteworthy are the James Edward Kelly sculpted bas reliefs of five Revolutionary scenes surrounding the column’s base and the seals of the thirteen colonies.

Website: None

Email: monmouthhistory@comcast.net

Contact: Randall Gabriellan, County Historian

Regular Public Hours: Continual in a public park location

ADA accessible: No

Parking: West side of Court Street or court parking lot to the north

Phone: 732-580-2068

The Monmouth County Historical Commission

The Monmouth County Historical Commission is the County agency established to promote preservation and an appreciation of the County's history. The Commission's major activities, in addition to the Weekend in Old Monmouth tour, are threefold:

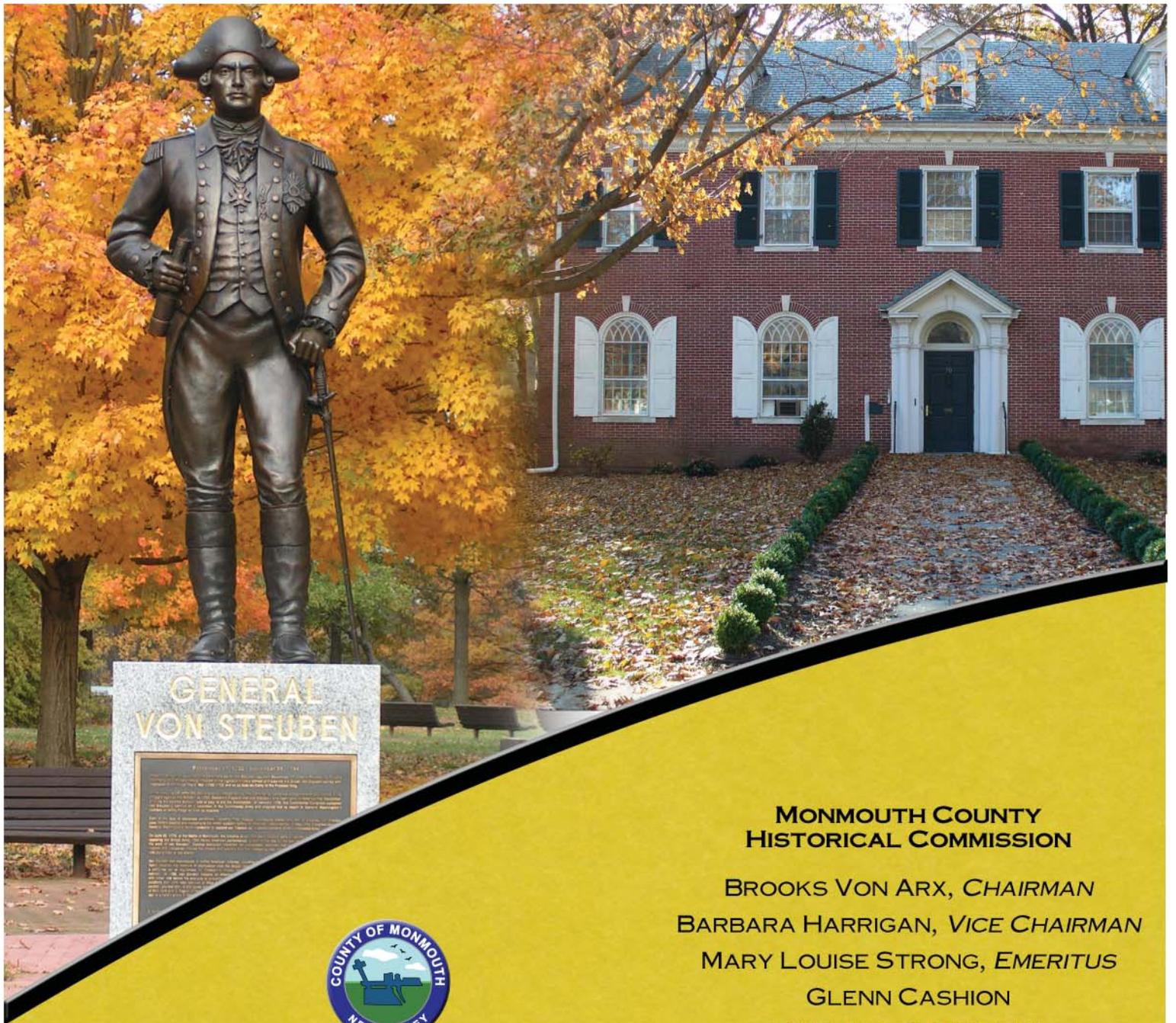
- A Preservation Grant program is offered for historic structures owned by municipalities and non-profit organizations. It is a one-for-one matching program for brick and mortar type projects. Applications for each year's programs are solicited in July for a November 1st deadline.
- A Preservation Awards program recognizes any property owner's achievements in preserving historic structures in Monmouth County. Among eligible applicants are private homeowners, commercial buildings, institutional buildings and others of virtually any type.
- A Fifth Grade Essay Contest permits any fifth grade Monmouth student to write about historic sites in the County that the student has visited or an event/person in family history important to the student.

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The Commission participates in Archives Day, a history fair sponsored by the Monmouth County Clerk and Archives to be held October 11 at the County Library Headquarters on Symmes Road, Manalapan. Visit us there.

The Commission participates in the Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair at Monmouth Battlefield State Park, held May 9. We encourage your visit to this outdoor event where exhibitions and activities of many statewide organizations will give you new appreciation of New Jersey's rich history.

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REVOLUTION. HE TAUGHT THE
CONTINENTAL ARMY HOW TO FIGHT
AS A FIGHTING FORCE, AND HIS
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