

MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION



**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016
10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016
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 Ninth Annual Weekend in Old Monmouth self-guided tour of historic sites. This year The 2016 tour includes more than 44 sites organized into four segments:

-  North or Purple Tour - sites 1 - 12
-  East or Blue Tour - sites 13 - 21
-  South or Green Tour - sites 22 - 28
-  West or Orange Tour - sites 29 – 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 42, 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.

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 as follows:

- New this year, a 2017 re-grant program will provide matching funds to smaller history organizations for General Operational Support (GOS). Also, Special Project grants will be available for specific history projects to both historical and non-historical organizations and individuals. These funds are made available by the New Jersey Historical Commission.
- 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.

See us on the web at www.visitmonmouth.com, clicking Departments on the top of the home page, then Historical Commission in the list of departments. More information about the aforementioned programs may be found there.

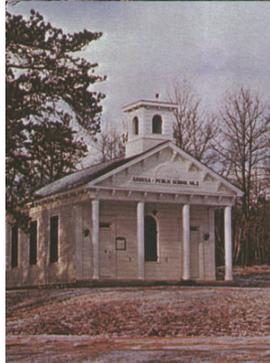
The Commission participates in Archives Day, a history fair sponsored by the Monmouth County Clerk and Archives to be held October 8 at the County Library Headquarters on Symmes Road, Manalapan. Visit us there.

The Commission participates in the Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair at Monmouth Battlefield State Park, held May 14. 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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**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 blocks downtown.

Organization: Keyport Fire Museum and Education Museum

Phone: 732-739-5362

Parking: Adjacent lot and street

ADA accessible: No

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.



**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.

Phone: 732-566-5605

Parking: Street & small lot in rear

ADA Accessible: No

Website: www.BurrowesMansion.org

Email: rwmontfort@aol.com

Facebook: Burrowes Mansion & Matawan Historical Society

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

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



Longstreet Farm (Historic)

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 July 5 - August 19

Phone: 732-946-3758

Parking: Lot on Site

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

Website: www.monmouthcountyparks.com

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

Contact: Sandy Byard

Organization: Monmouth County Park System

Events: Harvest Home Festival - September 25.

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.



Holmes- Hendrickson House

62 Longstreet Road
Holmdel, NJ 07733



Holmes-Hendrickson House, built circa 1754, reflects the adoption of some English features on a basically Dutch house form. It is a testament to the cultural heritage of its occupants. The symmetrical exterior façade and interior floor plan incorporate English design characteristics, while the framing system is strictly out of the Dutch tradition.

The furnishings further indicate a blending of traditional Dutch ways with the dominant English 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 equipped with a heating system, plumbing or electricity.

Special Activities during Weekend in Old Monmouth:
Sunday, *Embroidery in the 18th Century*, 12:30 - 5 p.m.

Tour Change: To switch to Brown or Central Tour, reverse directions to Route 34, turn left on 34, and follow to Colts Neck. At intersection of CR 537, turn right and proceed to Freehold. Turn right on Court Street (at Hall of Records) to reach 70 Court, Site 44 Reverse directions.

Events: Wool Days, last weekend in April, with Longstreet Farm.

Phone: 732-462-1466

Parking: Lot on site

ADA accessible: No

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Contact: Pati Githens, Executive Assistant

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



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 HABS 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.

Phone: 732-239-0118

Parking: On site or adjacent Village School lot.

ADA accessible: first floor only; no restroom

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



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.

Phone: 732-268-7034

ADA accessible: House, no; Nature Center, yes

Website: www.poricypark.org

Email: poricypark@poricypark.org

Contact: Elaine Hinkley, President
Poricy Park Conservancy Board

Organization: Poricy Park Conservancy

Events: April 30 **Car Show & Tractor Display**;
May 14 & 15 **Rebecca Reel Quilt Show**

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

Regular Hours: Various, please call Nature Center or refer to website for monthly updates on programs and events.



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.

Phone: 732-671-1905

Parking: Along church frontage and in adjacent church lot
ADA accessible: Enter through center recessed doors and turn right for ramp into sanctuary.

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



Marlpit Hall

137 Kings Highway
Middletown, NJ 07748



Marlpit Hall, built in part about 1686 but greatly enlarged about 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 in 1936 to Monmouth County Historical Association by Mrs. J. Amory Haskell. It became the first restored house museum in the area. Mrs. Haskell was a very prominent collector of Americana, notably decorative arts. Marlpit Hall 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 Middletown Village Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places, 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:

Embroidery Demonstration, 12:30 – 5:00 pm Saturday

Knitting Demonstration, 12:30 – 5:00 pm Sunday

Phone: 732-462-1466

Parking: Small lot at Taylor-Butler House or adjacent Middletown Village School

ADA accessible: No

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: Pati Githens, Executive Assistant

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



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 about 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 in a restrained Italianate style on the family farm. Here they raised two children: Edward, who became an early local 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 and courtyard.

In 1954, 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:
Quilting Demonstrations, beginning at 12:30 pm 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.

Phone: 732-462-1466

Parking: Small lot on site or adjacent Middletown Village School

ADA accessible: No

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Contact: Pati Githens, Executive Assistant

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

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 tie to the greater Bayshore community.

Phone: 732-787-3033

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

ADA accessible: Yes

Website: www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Email: ghunton@monmouthcountyparks.com

Contact: Gail Hunton

Organization: Monmouth County Park System

Regular Hours: House, April-October, Sundays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and other times by appointment; Grounds, year-round during daylight



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.

Phone: 732-291-1861 (leave message)

Parking: Street

ADA accessible: No

Website: www.ahhistory.org

Email & Contact: ahhistoricalinfo@gmail.com; Lynn Fylak

Organization: Atlantic Highlands Historical Society

Events: *Benefit Tea and Talk* - May 15; *House Tour*, June

11; *Classic Boat Ride* - June 12; *Arts and Craft* - July 16;

Porch Supper - August 17; *Flea Market* - September 17;

Halloween Event - October 21, 22, 28 and 29

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



All Saints Memorial Church

202 Navesink Avenue,
PO Box 326
Navesink, NJ 07752



All Saints' Memorial Church (Episcopal) origins can be traced to 1861 when weeknight services were held at the Riceville (now Navesink) school house by the Rector of Trinity Church, Red Bank. All Saints' was constructed in 1863 as a memorial to Jennette E. Stephens Edgar and other family members of the Stephens, Edgar, and Milnor families.

The Church and its major buildings were designed by Richard M. Upjohn, son of Richard Upjohn, a prominent New York architect of more than 35 Episcopal churches including Trinity Church in New York City and St. John's Church in Boston. Both are recognized for their contributions to the English Gothic Revival in American architecture, All Saints' complex being a prime example. The Church building was completed in 1864, the Parish House in 1865, the Rectory and Barn in 1870, and the Carriage sheds circa 1890, all surrounded by an English landscape style cemetery. All Saints' Memorial Church was placed on the New Jersey State Register of Historic Places in 1973, the National Register in 1974, and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1988.

Weekend in Old Monmouth offers a special opportunity to see the well-preserved interior of the Church, including the beautiful stained glass windows, most of which are original to the building. There are many other original details in the church including the chandeliers which are believed to date to circa 1910 when the church and other parish buildings were electrified.

Visitors may also visit the Parish Hall and walk our picturesque campus.

Docents will be on-site to answer questions on both Saturday and Sunday.

Phone: 732-291-0214

Parking: Lot on site.

ADA Accessible: No.

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, Ministries and Events:

Visit www.allsaintsnavesink.org

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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.

Phone: 732-245-4555

Parking: Small lot on site

ADA accessible: No

Website: www.sltcc.org

Email: betsyford@comcast.net

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

Regular Hours: None

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First Presbyterian Church

4 E. 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.

Phone: 732-842-0429

Parking: Small lot on site

ADA accessible: Yes

Website: www.rumsonpresbyterian.org

Email: ceustace@rumsonpresbyterian.org

Contact: The Rev. John Monroe, Pastor, or Carrie Eustace, Adm. Asst.

Regular Hours: Office, Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Worship: Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Summer 9:15 a.m.

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Parker Homestead

235 Rumson Road,
Little Silver 07739



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Allen House

400 Sycamore Avenue
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702



Joseph Parker, who arrived in the environs from Portsmouth, Rhode Island in 1665, founded a family of major significance in Little Silver and the entire surrounding area. Their and the region's history will be interpreted through the family homestead begun by Joseph's son Peter by 1721 on a tract owned by the Parkers since their arrival and given to the public for that purpose by the eighth generation and last Parker resident, Julia Gertrude, who died in 1995.

Based on intensive study through a historic structures report completed in 2007, the houses exterior was restored between 1999 and 2009. That study revealed that the building was constructed in stages which began with the present center section which was initially one and one-half stories. A one-story addition to the east (right when facing the building) followed c. 1740s which later in that century was expanded to two stories. Lean-tos were added, initially on the east c. early nineteenth century, and then the west, mid-nineteenth century. The house was given its present appearance after the center section was expanded to two stories by Julia's brother Frank in 1906-7.

The initial interior restoration has not only revealed the dwelling as inhabited, but uncovered once-hidden building elements. As restoration is on-going, first-time visitors will be able to view work in progress. The once extensive Parker holdings are largely developed, but a small section is still farmed by a descendant. The property is owned by the Borough of Little Silver and operated by the cited non-profit organization. The Parker Homestead was entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 2011.

Phone: 732-938-2212 (leave message)

Parking: Woman's Club Lot across Rumson Rd. or Sickles Park across Harrison Ave.

ADA accessible: No

Website: www.parkerhomestead-1665.org

Email: keithbwells@gmail.com

Contact: Keith Wells

Organization: Parker Homestead-1665

Events: Check website for special events

Regular Hours: None

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 early use as a 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.

Phone: 732-462-1466

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

ADA accessible: No

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association

Contact: Pati Githens, Executive Assistant

Events: **Independence Day Celebration**, Monday, July 4;

Tavernfest (fundraiser), Friday, Oct. 16; **Fall Open House**, Saturday, Oct. 17; **Lantern Tours**, Friday, Dec. 4

Regular Hours: May through September - Friday,

Saturday, Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m.

Other times by appointment.



**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.

Phone: 732-741-4138

Parking: Lot in rear or on Sycamore Ave as permitted

ADA Accessible: Wheelchair ramp at rear

Website: www.shrewsburyquakers.org

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

Mailing Address: PO Box 92, Shrewsbury NJ 07702



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.

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

Website: www.christchurchshrewsbury.org

Email: christchurchshrewsbury@verizon.net

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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.

Phone: 732-530-7974

Parking: Lot on Site

ADA accessible: Yes

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

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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 our "Step Back in Time Museum" and view the dining room, parlor, kitchen, and bedroom furnished with artifacts donated by Eatontown residents.

Farming tools from early Eatontown farms are also on display.

Organization: Eatontown Historical Committee

Events: All special events are scheduled for the 1st Sunday of the month

2 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

June 5: "Eatontown Historical Museum Children's Day: Hands-On Activities" 1 - 4 p.m.

August 7: Remembering Old Eatontown - Roundtable - Eatontown Community Center 2 - 4 p.m.

October 2: Fort Monmouth Historian, Melissa Ziobro, Talk & Slide Show 2 - 4 p.m.

November 6: Veterans Day Flag Display & program 1 - 4 p.m.

December 4: A Children's Old Time Christmas 1 - 4 p.m. Holiday crafts; carols; stories

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

Phone: Museum 732-542-4026

(Please leave a message) Phyllis Trask, Chairperson

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.

ADA accessible: No

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

Email: EatontownHistorian@gmail.com



**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.

2016: See the exhibition *The History of Clothing* (until 6/16); *Local Stories of the Civil War and Presidents at the Shore* (opening 6/28)

Phone: 732-531-2136

Parking: Adjacent lot.

ADA accessible: Yes

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.



**The Great
Auditorium**
21 Pilgrim Pathway
P.O. Box 248
Ocean Grove, NJ
07756



Founded in 1869, Ocean Grove is a unique, historic and vibrant shore community that is noted for its pristine beaches, abundant Victorian architecture and old-fashioned charm that has drawn visitors for generations. Its strong Christian roots date back to the late 19th Century's "camp meeting" movement, when a group of Methodist ministers, led by William B. Osborn and Ellwood Stokes, formed the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association to develop and operate a summer camp meeting at the Jersey shore. Today, the Camp Meeting Association continues to provide opportunities for spiritual birth, growth and renewal through worship, educational, cultural and recreational programs for all ages in a seaside setting.

At the heart of the community is the Great Auditorium, an historic wooden tabernacle that seats upwards of 6,000 people. Constructed in 1894, the Great Auditorium's acoustics, resulting from its barrel-vaulted wooden ceiling, have been widely acclaimed. Six US Presidents, renowned ministers, international opera stars, distinguished organists, and world-class classical musicians and pop stars have appeared there. Today, the Great Auditorium hosts a robust schedule of religious, choral, classical and pop programs suited to families at affordable prices. The Camp Meeting also offers numerous programs for children, youth and families throughout the summer and many events are free! Surrounding the Auditorium are 114 tents, which are occupied from May to September, as has been the case since 1869. Colorfully decorated, each tent is connected to a shed containing a kitchen and bathroom. They are in such demand that there is a waiting list of some ten years for summer rentals.

Phone: 732-775-0035

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

ADA accessible: Yes

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



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 nearly 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 Ocean Grove's North End carousel, a large 1908 image of the Children's Carnival on Ocean Pathway, interior views of the Great Auditorium, various historic maps of Ocean Grove and Asbury Park, Ellwood Stokes' chair, an 1890s pump organ, early Ocean Grove souvenirs including glassware, silver spoons and paperweights.

The Historical Society also maintains the Centennial Cottage as a house museum. Erected in 1884 by the Fell Family, the cottage stood at 47 Cookman Ave and subsequently moved nine blocks to McClintock Street and Central Avenue. Centennial Cottage is in the Swiss Chalet style, an adaptation of the traditional alpine farm-house. The Swiss Chalet was one of several building styles that often coincided with the Stick Style, also exemplified in Centennial Cottage and was popular from the 1860s to the 1890s. The pointed arch on the south façade is a remnant of the Gothic Revival style, most popular throughout the mid-19th century, from which the Stick Style evolved.

Parking: Street

ADA accessible: First Floor only

Website: www.oceangrovehistory.org

Email: info@oceangrovehistory.org

Contact: Katie Schultheis

Events: See Society's brochure and website

Regular Hours: Museum: May 1 - mid June, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Mid - June - September, Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cottage: July - August, Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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 time of scheduled wedding on Saturday, 2 p.m.

Parking: Street

ADA Accessible: Ramps at front doors

Website: www.stcatharine-stmargaret.com

Email: stcatharine@optonline.net

Contact/Phone: Barbara Harrigan 732-974-1423



National Guard Militia Museum

1 Camp Dr.
(Building 66)
Sea Girt, NJ 08750



InfoAge Science Center

Camp Evans
2201 Marconi Road
Wall, NJ 07719



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). 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

Phone: 732-974-5966

Parking: On site.

ADA accessible: Entrance at grade

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

Email: jgbilby44@aol.com, carol.r.fowler@us.army.mail

Contact: Cpt. Amelia Thatcher, Curator

Joseph G. Bilby, Assistant Curator

Carol Fowler, Assistant Curator

Events: See website

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

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 and the Military Technology Museum of NJ are especially noteworthy. The Center also houses the National Broadcasters Hall of Fame Museum.

Phone: 732-280-3000

Parking: Lot on premises

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.

Website: www.infoage.org

Email: fred-carl@infoage.org

Contact: Fred Carl, Director

Director Events: See website

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



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.

Parking: Lot on premises

ADA accessible: No

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, **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.



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 June 25 for "Bog Iron Boys Pitching the Past" 19th Century Baseball re-enactment 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Parking: Lot on premises

ADA accessible: Varies

Website: www.allairevillage.org

Email: info@allairevillage.org

Contact: Katherine Muller

Organization: Allaire Village, Inc.

Events: See Village's brochure and website

Regular Hours: See Village's brochure and website



Walnford (Historic)

62 Walnford Rd.
Upper Freehold Twp.,
NJ 08514



Located in Upper Freehold Township, Historic Walnford is the former mill village owned by 5 generations of the Waln family. Now the centerpiece of Crosswicks Creek Park, the 36 acre site is listed on the National and State Register of Historic Places. Walnford shares the region's changing economy over three centuries through exhibits, hands-on activities, free programs, staff interpretation and reserved guided tours.

The village began in 1734 with the gristmill. In 1772 Richard Waln, a prosperous Philadelphia Quaker merchant and trader, purchased the property that then included the gristmill, sawmill, fulling mill, blacksmith and cooper's shops, farm, a two-family home and other structures. Naming it Walnford, he moved in with his wife and children in June 1774.

The property remained in the family until its sale to Edward and Joanne Mullen in 1973. The Mullen family resided at Walnford for several years before donating Walnford to the Monmouth County Park System in 1985. The historic buildings open to the public include the Carriage House with 19th century vehicles in place; several outbuildings including an ice house and smoke house; the Waln House, the largest pre-Revolutionary home remaining in Monmouth County and Waln's Mill, constructed after an 1872 fire. The grist mill represented the peak of 19th century stone grinding mill design. Restored in 1998, the mill replicates a 19th century farming industry in operation; demonstrating corn grinding into meal on weekend afternoons from April through November.

Phone: 609-259-6275

Parking: Lot on site

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

Website: www.monmouthcountyparks.com

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

Contact: Sarah Bent, Historic Walnford Supervisor

Organization: Monmouth County Park System

Events: Walnford Day, May 15 (Quarterly event and program information is available on website or by calling park. Like us on Facebook for event info, programs and fun historical connections.)

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



Allentown Presbyterian Church

20 High St.
Allentown, NJ 08501



Presbyterians have probably worshipped in the Allentown area since the late 1600s, but it was 1720 when "The Presbyterian Church in Allentown" called Rev. John Walton and a formal congregation was recognized. At that time, the congregation met in a shared meeting house situated across the pond on Lakeview Drive; the old burial ground is all that remains at that site. In 1744, Robert Imlay and Tobias Polhemus purchased for five shillings a lot on what is now High Street. A new meeting house was built in 1756 and a churchyard established on that site; in 1763 the "Feversham" bell was installed in the cupola to toll the events of the day. By the 1830s the congregation had outgrown the meeting house, and, under the leadership Rev. Dr. Henry Perkins, a new church was planned. In 1837 the former church was torn down and many of the bricks and other materials were saved and used in the construction of the new church. Note bricks with name ROBERT DEBOW dated 1756 on side wall. The cost to build the new church was \$4,500.

In 1858, 15 feet was added to the front of the building and a steeple was erected, which included a town clock, replacing the cupola; of course, a larger steeple needed a larger bell, and the "Feversham" was replaced, but not retired. For years it called students to the adjacent secular Academy for school. There have been other changes to the site since 1858 to accommodate changing times and a growing congregation. The adjacent cemetery is the final resting place of many area residents, most notably, Governor William A. Newell, founder of the U.S. Life Saving Service.

Please note that Church service on Sunday precludes access until after 1 p.m.

Phone: 609-259-7289; during event 609-433-1343

Parking: Lot across street from Church

ADA accessible: Yes

Website: www.allentownpresbyterian.org

Email: clerk@allentownpresbyterian.org

Contact: Nancy Tindall, Clerk of Session



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.

Phone: 732-770-7399 (cell)

Parking: Grounds on site

ADA accessible: No

Website: www.oymh.org

Email: weme86@optonline.net

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

Contact: Wayne Ervin

Regular Public Hours: Grounds, continually during daylight

Events: Annual reunion, last Sunday in July; Thanksgiving eve service



Roosevelt Borough (Jersey Homesteads) Historic District

2 A School Lane
Roosevelt NJ 08555



Roosevelt was founded as a New Deal resettlement community, one of over 100 nationwide. It was organized during the Great Depression as a cooperative community for Jewish garment workers, most of whom came from New York. Construction, which began in 1934, was followed in 1936 by the arrival of the first residents. The 1.93 acre community, known as Jersey Homesteads, formed within Millstone Township as a separate incorporated borough the next year; its name was changed in 1945 to honor recently deceased president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose programs established the town.

The town was designed by architects Alfred Kastner and Louis Kahn in a style similar to the Bauhaus in Germany, giving the housing a uniform appearance. Its plan incorporated interior and exterior greenbelts along "garden city" principles developed in England by Ebenezer Howard. These factors were crucial in the State and 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 that of the school.

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

Phone: 609-947-0491 (Ticktin)

Parking: Lot on site

ADA accessible: No

Website: www.web2sons.org (unofficial)

Email: mticktin@aol.com

Contact: Michael L. Ticktin, Borough Historian



Thomas Baird Homestead
24 Baird Road
Millstone Township, NJ
08535



The Thomas Baird Homestead reflects Millstone Township's agrarian lifestyle in the 1800s. The Baird Home is an excellent example of a Greek Revival farmhouse, built circa 1830 by Thomas Baird who lived there for the rest of his life. The house has a 5 bay center hall plan with twin interior chimneys that retains the original Greek Revival style front door with pilasters, four-light transom and sidelights and a hearth in the kitchen with a beehive bake oven.

The Bairds were early settlers in the township, Thomas' father, Captain David Baird owned about 500 acres. In addition to grain crops, the Bairds were among the first to plant extensive orchards, expanding into a nursery with fruit trees and ornamental trees on a large scale, shipped by train to Maryland & Delaware. Thomas Baird was one of the original founders and first vice-president of the Monmouth County Agricultural Society in 1853, along with Governor Joel Parker.

The Clarksburg Allen Stable Barn and Wagon House were saved from demolition by the "Friends" in 2010, and then raised once again on the Baird site. The barns are timber framed with mortise and tenon joints. The wagon house is now a blacksmith shop and the stable barn is our museum.

Special Activities during Weekend in Old Monmouth:
Saturday & Sunday, **House Tour & Blacksmith Exhibition**
Sunday, **Live Sheep Shearing** 12 - 3 p.m. (weather permitting)

Museum exhibits in barn: Poultry, The Horse
Saturday & Sunday, **Antique Fire Apparatus, courtesy of NJ Fire Museum**

Phone: 609-915-3444

Parking: On site

ADA accessible: Yes, barns and classroom; No, House

Website: www.mtfriendsofhistory.org

Email: mtfriendsofhistory@gmail.com

Contact: Pat Butch

Organization: Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties

Events: Harvest Fest in October, check website for more postings.

Regular Hours: By appointment



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.

Exhibit: "What Is It" display of over 150 household items used in the past

Phone: 908-907-3523

Parking: Municipal lots across Main Street or Borough Hall

ADA accessible: No

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



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 hospital for the wounded. Some of the dead from both sides are buried in the church cemetery, which contains a number of notables in Monmouth history and a variety of tombstones 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.

Phone: 732- 446-6299

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

ADA Accessible: No. (No restrooms in church)

Website: www.oldtennentchurch.org

Email: ot.church@verizon.net

Contact: Rev. Doug Hughes

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.



Craig House at Monmouth Battlefield State Park

Route 9
Schibanoff Lane
Freehold Twp., NJ
07728



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 evacuating Philadelphia for 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 Revolutionary War's formal fighting in the north.

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 staff and 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 pm on Sunday only (meet at Visitor Center). The Historic 1740 Craig House will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4: p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. located about 3 miles from the Visitor Center, off Rt. 9 at Schibanoff Ln.

Phone: 732-462-9616 (Park)

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

ADA accessible: Visitor Center - Yes; Craig House - No

Website: www.monmouthbattlefield.nj.gov (Park)

www.friendsofmonmouth.org (Friends)

Email: (Friends) dmartin@peddie.org

Contact: Mark Pitchell, Superintendent

Organization: Historical Society of Ocean Grove

Events: See website

Regular Hours: Visitor Center is open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift shop is open Sundays 1 - 4 p.m. Craig House is open Sundays 1 - 4 p.m. (April through November)



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 earliest owner was Richard Clark, who purchased the 200 acre property in 1706 for £ 200 sterling and built an 8 by 10 ft. cabin.

The first name- sake owner, George Walker, bought 100 acres in 1720 and the remaining property in 1729. In 1801, his descendants sold to Elijah Combs who farmed 240 acres and likely gave the house its present appearance. The Hartshornes were descendants 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.

Phone: 732-577-9766

Parking: On-site and along Oakley Drive

ADA accessible: Limited to House, first floor and some 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 re-enactors, 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



Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County

310 Mounts Corner Dr.
Freehold, NJ 07728



Celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2016, the Museum is 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 through 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 1.

Phone: 732-252-6990

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

ADA accessible: Yes

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

Website: www.jhmomc.org

Email: info@jhmomc.org, jwolf@jhmomc.org, aberman@jhmomc.org

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.



West Freehold School Museum
209 Wemrock Road
Freehold, NJ 07728



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.

Phone: 732-577-9766
Parking: Lot in rear of building
ADA accessible: No
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



Covenhoven House
150 West Main Street
Freehold, NJ 07728



Covenhoven House, built by a successful Dutch farmer, architecturally reflects the emergence of the Georgian style in Central New Jersey, which is also symbolic socially for the merging of Dutch culture into prevailing English taste.

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 the British officer’s occupancy prior to the Battle of Monmouth, the Hankinson and Moreau house for significant later owners.

Special Activities during Weekend in Old Monmouth:
Woodcarving, 12:30 – 5:00 pm, Saturday
Children’s Games, 12:30 – 5:00 pm, Sunday

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

Phone: 732-462-1466
Parking: Lot on site or at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 West Main Street.
ADA accessible: No
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: Pati Githens, Executive Assistant
Regular Hours: May through September, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m.; other times, by appointment. Open throughout the year for schools and groups.



**St. Peter's
Episcopal Church**
31 Throckmorton St.
Freehold, NJ 07728



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



The first service of our congregation was held on October 10, 1702, at the Quaker Meeting House in Topanemus, near present-day Marlboro and led by the Rev. George Keith, a missionary of the Anglican Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. By 1736 the congregation received its charter from King George II which enabled the purchase of other property. The meeting house was in a state of disrepair. In 1738 the property which we still occupy was purchased at 31 Throckmorton Street in Freehold. The original 35' x 52' building was designed by Robert Smith (1722-1777) of Philadelphia and was built in 1771 by local carpenters. Contrary to legend, timbers were not brought from the former meeting house. During the Battle of Monmouth in 1778 it was an unfinished shell and tradition states that it was used as a hospital during the battle. After the war, the Provincial Army kept it as a storehouse, not returning it to the congregation until the 1790's. This was probably because we were a branch of the Church of England. The interior was completed by 1795. Additions, interior renovations and exterior restoration have happened over the past 245 years. That work has changed the worship space from a meeting house to the ecclesiastical gothic space we have today. St. Peter's is the oldest public building in continuous use in the Borough of Freehold.

The congregation has three worship services each weekend and on church holy days. We participate in our community with outreach such as our community meals, the Feed All God's Children soup kitchen, the Clergy Association's Emergency Housing Program, the Open Door afterschool homework program, the Thrift Shop and our Downtown Concert Series.

Phone: 732-431-8383

Parking: Street or Broad Street Municipal Lot

ADA accessible: Ramp for entry into Church

Website: www.stpetersfreehold.org

Email: buildings@stpetersfreehold.org

Contact: Frances Hurley, Buildings Manager

Events: Concert May 14 at 7:30 pm - Publiquantet (strings)

Regular Hours: Services - Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 8 and 10 a.m.; Office - Weekdays, except Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monmouth County Historical Association Headquarters houses its Museum, Research Library, and 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 printed, documentary, historical and genealogical materials. Museum exhibitions draw from a rich permanent collection augmented by loans.

Currently on display are "Of the Best Materials and Good Workmanship: 19th Century New Jersey Chairmaking," "Beautiful Childhood: Portraits from the Permanent Collection" and "Made Especially for Children," a display of furniture and other items intended for use by infants and youngsters. Permanent displays include "The Battle of Monmouth" and the stunning Leutze painting "Washington Rallying the Troops at Monmouth."

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

Phone: 732-462-1466

Parking: West side only of Court Street or at courthouse directly to the north

ADA accessible: First Floor

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Contact: Pati Githens, Executive Assistant

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



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 commonplace. 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.

Phone: 732-580-2068

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

ADA accessible: No

Website: None

Email: monmouthhistory@comcast.net

Contact: Randall Gabriellan, County Historian

Regular Public Hours: Continual in a public park location



Montrose School House

13 Cedar Drive,
Colts Neck, NJ 07722



Montrose Schoolhouse, circa 1812, is last of the township's six one-room schoolhouses. Situated on the corner of Cedar Drive and Montrose Road, it is the only one that retains its original architectural profile. Three are now private residences and two others are no longer with us. One is not certain when the school was originally built but all sources agree that the structure was built before 1820, maybe 1790 or possibly 1805.

The Montrose Schoolhouse was originally known as the Barrenton School located in "the Barrens" just to the west and moved to its present location. Its name was changed at that time. With the opening of the Atlantic School on Route 537 in 1922 the schoolhouse ceased operation. It remained the property of the Emmans family until 1965 when it was donated to the now defunct Colts Neck Historical Society. There it sat for over three decades opening only once for a historic Colts Neck house tour. In 2003 it was deeded to the Township of Colts Neck for \$1 and restored by the Historic Preservation Committee and volunteers.

Montrose Schoolhouse retains its original pumpkin pine floors, a potbelly wood burning stove and a collection of period school desks. The Montrose Schoolhouse is opened on special occasions.

Phone: 908-692-8546

Parking: Holland Lane (side street)

ADA accessible: No

Website: www.colts-neck.nj/administration/committees/historic-preservation

Email: montcelo@optonline.net

Contact: Patty Eastman

Organization: Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee

Regular Hours: None

PURPLE 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 3rd St., Museum on left just past intersection. If going West on Hwy.36, turn right on Broad St.
- 2 Burrowes Mansion Museum**
94 Main Street, Matawan, NJ
Leaving Fire Museum, 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 Main St, Matawan.
- 3 Longstreet Farm (Historic)**
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**
62 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 Medical Office 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 1.1 miles to light at Middletown-Lincroft Rd., turn left; go to 2.1 miles to light at Oak Hill Rd. to Poricy Park, 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 back to Oak Hill Rd; turn left and go .8 mile to second light, turn right on Middletown-Lincroft Rd, go 1.5 miles to stop sign; turn right on Kings Highway, go 0.1 mile to church lot on left.
- 8 Marlipit 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 Marlipit Hall & Taylor-Butler House.
- 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.
- 11 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 mile to E. Mount Ave., turn right. Go .3 mile to top of hill; mansion is on the right.
- 12 All Saints Memorial Church**
202 Navesink Avenue, Navesink Section, Middletown NJ
Return to E. Mount Ave., go .3 mile to First Ave., turn left; go .3 mile to Hwy. 36, turn left. Go .6 mile, bear right at Valley Drive (before shopping center); go .6 mile to intersection with Monmouth Ave., stay straight briefly to Navesink Ave. on left. Church lot is on the left.

PURPLE TOUR ENDS

BLUE TOUR BEGINS

- 13 Seabright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club**
5 Tennis Court Lane, Rumson, NJ
The tour begins in Rumson at the eastern end of County Route 520 reached from GSP Exit 109 by following signs or from the north via Highway 36 South. From the west, Tennis Court Lane is on the left, before Holy Cross School and Ward Avenue.
- 14 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 at E. River Road; turn right, go .8 mile to North Park Ave. and entry onto E. River Road to church's lot.
- 15 Parker Homestead**
235 Rumson Road, Little Silver, NJ
Right from N. Park Ave. onto E. River Rd., turn left at traffic light onto Bingham Ave. Go 1 mile to Rumson Rd. (CR 520) turn right, go 4 miles to Parker Homestead driveway on right, before Harrison Ave.
- 16 Allen House**
400 Sycamore Ave., Shrewsbury, NJ
Return to Rumson Rd. (CR 520) turn right, go a short distance to Prospect Ave., turn left .3 mile to Willow Dr. on right. Follow Willow Dr. to end and merge with Sycamore Ave near R.R. Station, continue 1 mile to Shrewsbury's Historic Four Corners at intersection of Hwy. 35 and Sycamore Avenue. Go to lot of any four (Sites 17 & 18 before crossing Hwy. 35 – Sites 16 & 19 after crossing Hwy. 35).
- 17 Shrewsbury Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)**
375 Sycamore Ave., Shrewsbury, NJ
- 18 Christ Church**
380 Sycamore Ave., Shrewsbury, NJ
- 19 Shrewsbury Historical Museum**
Municipal Complex, 419 Sycamore Ave., Shrewsbury, NJ
- 20 Eatontown Museum**
75 Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ
Go south on Hwy. 35 (turning left if at 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 museum is on left next to St. James Church.
- 21 Township of Ocean Historical Museum**
Eden Woolley House
703 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ
Go east on Hwy.71 (Broad St.), bear right at 1 mile onto Monmouth Rd. to stay on Hwy.71; cross Hwy.36 at 1.8 miles; bear right at 2.8 miles to continue on Monmouth Rd. at intersection with Cedar Ave.; at 3 miles, turn right onto Deal Rd., go 1.1 miles to Museum entrance on right. Proceed east on Deal Rd. to Hwy. 35 South, if continuing to Green Tour.

BLUE TOUR ENDS

GREEN TOUR BEGINS

Great Auditorium

21 Pilgrim Pathway, Ocean Grove, NJ

The Green Tour begins in Ocean Grove, which is accessible from Hwy. 35 South, via Hwy 33 East (Corlies Ave.) then left onto Hwy 71, to Main St. entrance on right, just past Arts Center (former high school) to Central Ave., turn left to find street parking. The Great Auditorium is plainly visible from most streets.

Ocean Grove Historical Museum

50 Pitman Avenue, Ocean Grove, NJ

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.

Saint Catharine Church

214 Essex Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ

Leaving Ocean Grove, turn left onto Hwy.71 South. Proceed about 5 miles to Warren Ave., turn left, go 2 blocks to W. Lake Avenue and proceed to Essex Ave. Find street parking in vicinity of the church.

National Guard Militia Museum

Sea Girt Avenue & Camp Drive, Sea Girt, NJ

Return to Hwy. 71 South Turn left, proceed 1.4 miles to left onto Sea Girt Ave. into Sea Girt. Cross railroad bear right after tracks to gate of the National Guard Camp (Driver show photo ID to gatekeeper).

InfoAge Science Center, Camp Evans

2201 Marconi Road, Wall, NJ

Leave National Guard Camp and return to Hwy.71 North, (7th Ave.) proceed 3 miles to 16th Ave. in Belmar turn left, after crossing Hwy 35, road becomes Belmar Blvd. (CR18), proceed .3 mile to intersection with Marconi Rd. take right following winding road about 1 mile to parking lot.

Old Wall Historical Society

1701 New Bedford Road, Wall, NJ

Return to Belmar Blvd. (CR18) by Marconi Rd., turn right and follow 0.8 mile to New Bedford Rd. intersection, turn left, Old Wall is a short distance on the right.

Allaire Historic Village

Allaire State Park

265 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 onto West 18th Ave. (CR30). Follow 1.3 miles to CR 524 (Atlantic Avenue), turn right. Follow about 0.6 mile to Park entrance on left.

GREEN TOUR ENDS

ORANGE TOUR BEGINS

Wainford (Historic)

62 Wainford 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 Wainford 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 CR539 North, proceed a short distance, turn left on Holmes Mill Rd. Take first right on Wainford Rd. Follow to park.

Allentown Presbyterian Church

20 High Street, Allentown, NJ

Leaving Wainford 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.

Old Yellow Meeting House

70 Yellow Meeting House Road, Upper Freehold Township, NJ

Leaving Allentown Presbyterian lot, turn right onto High St. to Main St., right through town to CR526 (Waker Ave.), 5.5 miles to Yellow Meetinghouse Rd., turn left, .6 mile to Meeting House on left.

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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/ Stagecoach Rd/Spring Rd, then right after short distance at Rising Sun Tavern Rd. (CR571); go 2.3 miles, turn right on S. Rochdale Ave, go .5 mile, take 1st left to Pine Drive, then first left on School Lane to school parking.

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Baird House

24 Baird Road, Millstone Twp., NJ

Leaving Wainford 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.

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Village Inn

2 Water Street, Englishtown, NJ

Leaving Baird House, turn left onto Baird Rd. to Smithburg Rd. (CR527A), turn left and proceed across Rt.33 to Iron Ore Rd. Turn right at the stop sign to stay on Iron Ore Rd./ CR 527A. Continue on Iron Ore Rd/CR 527A until you reach downtown Englishtown. Village Inn at intersection with Water St.

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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.

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Craig House - Monmouth Battlefield

Route 9 at Schibanoff Lane, Manalapan, NJ

Turn right from Church, proceed to light, turn right onto Craig Road 1.8 mile to Rt. 9 South, turn right .8 mile to Schibanoff Lane exit, turn right. Craig House is at end of road.

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Oakley Farm House

189B Oakley Drive, Freehold, NJ

Before visiting Oakley Farm, you have the option to stop at the Battle of Monmouth's Visitor Center. For Oakley Farm and the Visitor Center, return to Rt. 9 South for approximately 1 mile. Turn right to NJ-33 Business West. Continue for 1.5 miles until the entrance of the State Park. Turn right for the Visitor Center. If you would like to skip the Visitor Center and go directly to Oakley Farm, when you are on NJ-33 Businesses West, turn left at Wemrock Rd.; go .6 mile to Oakley Rd, turn left. Farm is on the corner.

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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 in the shopping center, behind Top Tomato Flower Shop.

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West Freehold School Museum

209 Wemrock Road (just north of CR537), Freehold, NJ

Right from shopping center driveway. School is about 100 yards on left.

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Covenhoven House

150 West Main Street, Freehold, NJ

Continue south on Wemrock Rd., 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.

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St. Peter's Church

31 Throckmorton St., Freehold, NJ

From Covenhoven House, turn right and continue on W. Main St. 0.8 miles to Throckmorton Street, turn left. Church complex is on right. Additional parking is available at Broad St. Municipal lot.

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MC Historical Assn. Museum & Battle of Monmouth Monument

70 Court Street, Freehold, NJ

Continue on Throckmorton St. 0.8 mile to right on Haley St. to Court St. turn right. Museum is on right side of street, where parking is allowed, otherwise park in Court House lot.

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Montrose School House

13 Cedar Drive, Colts Neck, NJ

From M.C.H.A. Museum, continue on Court St. to sharp left on Monument St. to right on Schanck St., then right on Morris St., bear left at point to Spring St. light. Turn left, but stay right onto CR 537 East. Continue 3.5 miles to Montrose Rd. on left; continue to Cedar Dr. at end of road. Parking is available on Holland Lane, on left of Montrose Rd. before Cedar Drive.

ORANGE TOUR ENDS

Site Information

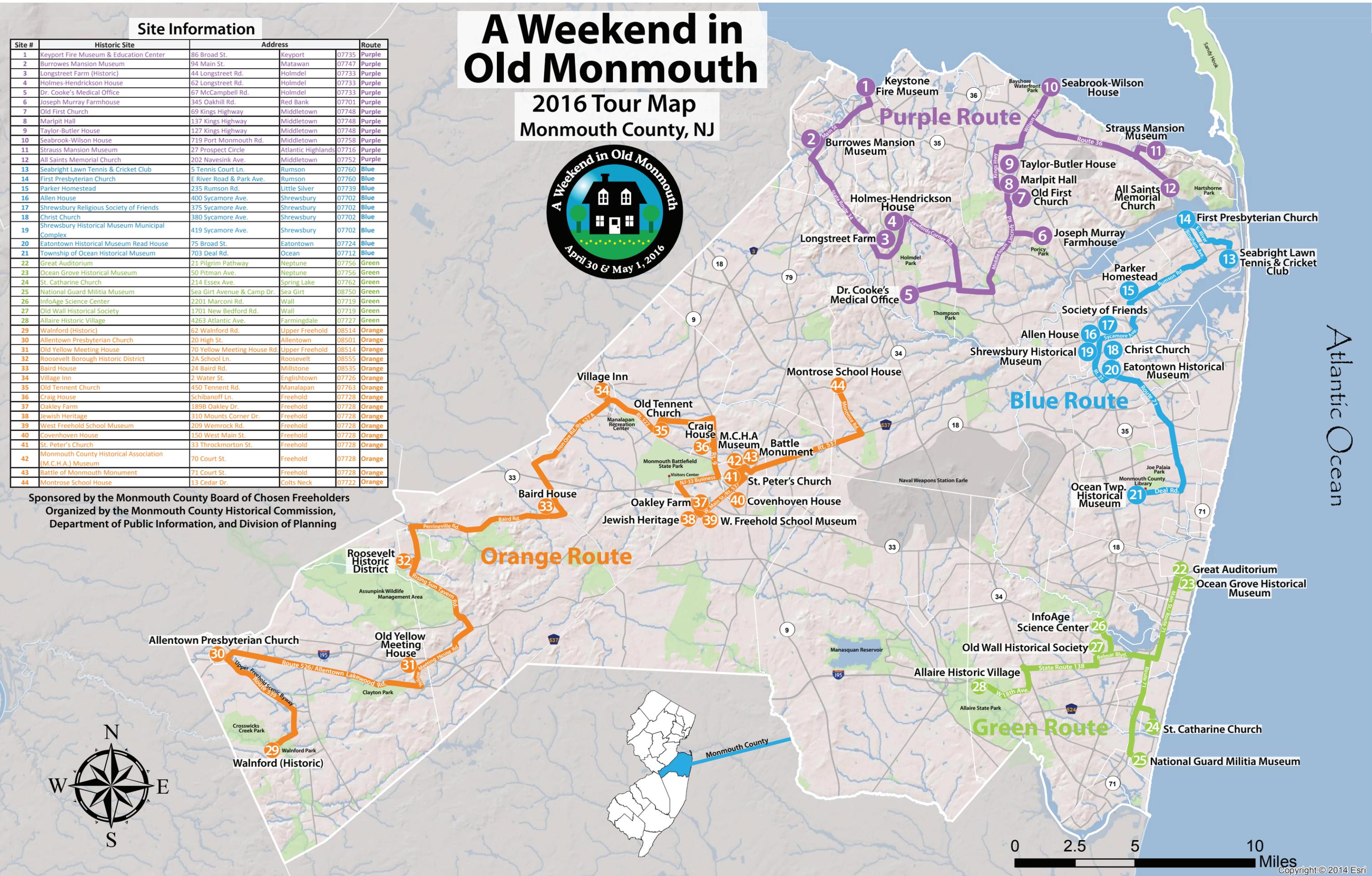
Site #	Historic Site	Address	Route
1	Keystone Fire Museum & Education Center	86 Broad St. Keyport	07735 Purple
2	Burrowes Mansion Museum	94 Main St. Matawan	07747 Purple
3	Longstreet Farm (Historic)	44 Longstreet Rd. Holmdel	07733 Purple
4	Holmes-Hendrickson House	62 Longstreet Rd. Holmdel	07733 Purple
5	Dr. Cooke's Medical Office	67 McCampbell Rd. Holmdel	07733 Purple
6	Joseph Murray Farmhouse	345 Oakhill Rd. Red Bank	07701 Purple
7	Old First Church	69 Kings Highway Middletown	07748 Purple
8	Marlpit Hall	137 Kings Highway Middletown	07748 Purple
9	Taylor-Butler House	127 Kings Highway Middletown	07748 Purple
10	Seabrook-Wilson House	719 Port Monmouth Rd. Middletown	07758 Purple
11	Strauss Mansion Museum	27 Prospect Circle Atlantic Highlands	07716 Purple
12	All Saints Memorial Church	202 Navesink Ave. Middletown	07752 Purple
13	Seabright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club	5 Tennis Court Ln. Rumson	07760 Blue
14	First Presbyterian Church	E River Road & Park Ave. Rumson	07760 Blue
15	Parker Homestead	235 Rumson Rd. Little Silver	07739 Blue
16	Allen House	400 Sycamore Ave. Shrewsbury	07702 Blue
17	Shrewsbury Religious Society of Friends	375 Sycamore Ave. Shrewsbury	07702 Blue
18	Christ Church	380 Sycamore Ave. Shrewsbury	07702 Blue
19	Shrewsbury Historical Museum Municipal Complex	419 Sycamore Ave. Shrewsbury	07702 Blue
20	Eatontown Historical Museum Read House	75 Broad St. Eatontown	07724 Blue
21	Township of Ocean Historical Museum	703 Deal Rd. Ocean	07712 Blue
22	Great Auditorium	21 Pilgrim Pathway Neptune	07756 Green
23	Ocean Grove Historical Museum	50 Pitman Ave. Neptune	07756 Green
24	St. Catharine Church	214 Essex Ave. Spring Lake	07762 Green
25	National Guard Militia Museum	Sea Girt Avenue & Camp Dr. Sea Girt	08750 Green
26	InfoAge Science Center	2201 Marconi Rd. Wall	07719 Green
27	Old Wall Historical Society	1701 New Bedford Rd. Wall	07719 Green
28	Allaire Historic Village	4263 Atlantic Ave. Farmingdale	07727 Green
29	Wainford (Historic)	62 Wainford Rd. Upper Freehold	08514 Orange
30	Allentown Presbyterian Church	20 High St. Allentown	08501 Orange
31	Old Yellow Meeting House	70 Yellow Meeting House Rd. Upper Freehold	08514 Orange
32	Roosevelt Borough Historic District	2A School Ln. Roosevelt	08555 Orange
33	Baird House	24 Baird Rd. Millstone	08535 Orange
34	Village Inn	2 Water St. Englishtown	07726 Orange
35	Old Tennent Church	450 Tennent Rd. Manalapan	07763 Orange
36	Craig House	Schibanoff Ln. Freehold	07728 Orange
37	Oakley Farm	189B Oakley Dr. Freehold	07728 Orange
38	Jewish Heritage	310 Mounts Corner Dr. Freehold	07728 Orange
39	West Freehold School Museum	209 Wemrock Rd. Freehold	07728 Orange
40	Covenhoven House	150 West Main St. Freehold	07728 Orange
41	St. Peter's Church	33 Throckmorton St. Freehold	07728 Orange
42	Monmouth County Historical Association (M.C.H.A.) Museum	70 Court St. Freehold	07728 Orange
43	Battle of Monmouth Monument	71 Court St. Freehold	07728 Orange
44	Montrose School House	13 Cedar Dr. Colts Neck	07722 Orange

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2016 Tour Map
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Atlantic Ocean

Monmouth County historic sites worth visiting at another time . . .

Gateway National Recreation Area - Often referred to as Sandy Hook, this National Park Service location has a spectacular natural environment. The 1,665 acre barrier peninsula has a rich history that embraces maritime, lifesaving, military recreation and scientific roles. The Sandy Hook Lighthouse and the Nike Missile Radar Site are worth a lengthy visit any time of the year. The park is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. April 1 through October 31.

<https://www.nps.gov/gate/planyourvisit/hours.htm>

Twin Lights Historic Site - Situated 200 feet above sea level atop the Navesink Highlands, Twin Lights has stood as a sentinel over the treacherous coastal waters of northern New Jersey since 1828. Although conceived and constructed for shipping safety and national defense, the Twin Lights have a much greater role in American history. A startling number of scientific and cultural firsts have taken place at this location. Hours vary seasonally, so call ahead for site and museum hours. 732-842-1814. <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/historic/twin-lights/twin-lights-general.htm>

Wilson Hall at Monmouth University - The former Shadow Lawn mansion (c. 1929) was the private residence of former F.W. Woolworth Co. president Hubert Templeton Parson. This structure replaces the original one that was destroyed by fire in 1927; President Woodrow Wilson summured at that home in 1916. The University (then known as Monmouth College) acquired the property in 1956. www.monmouth.edu



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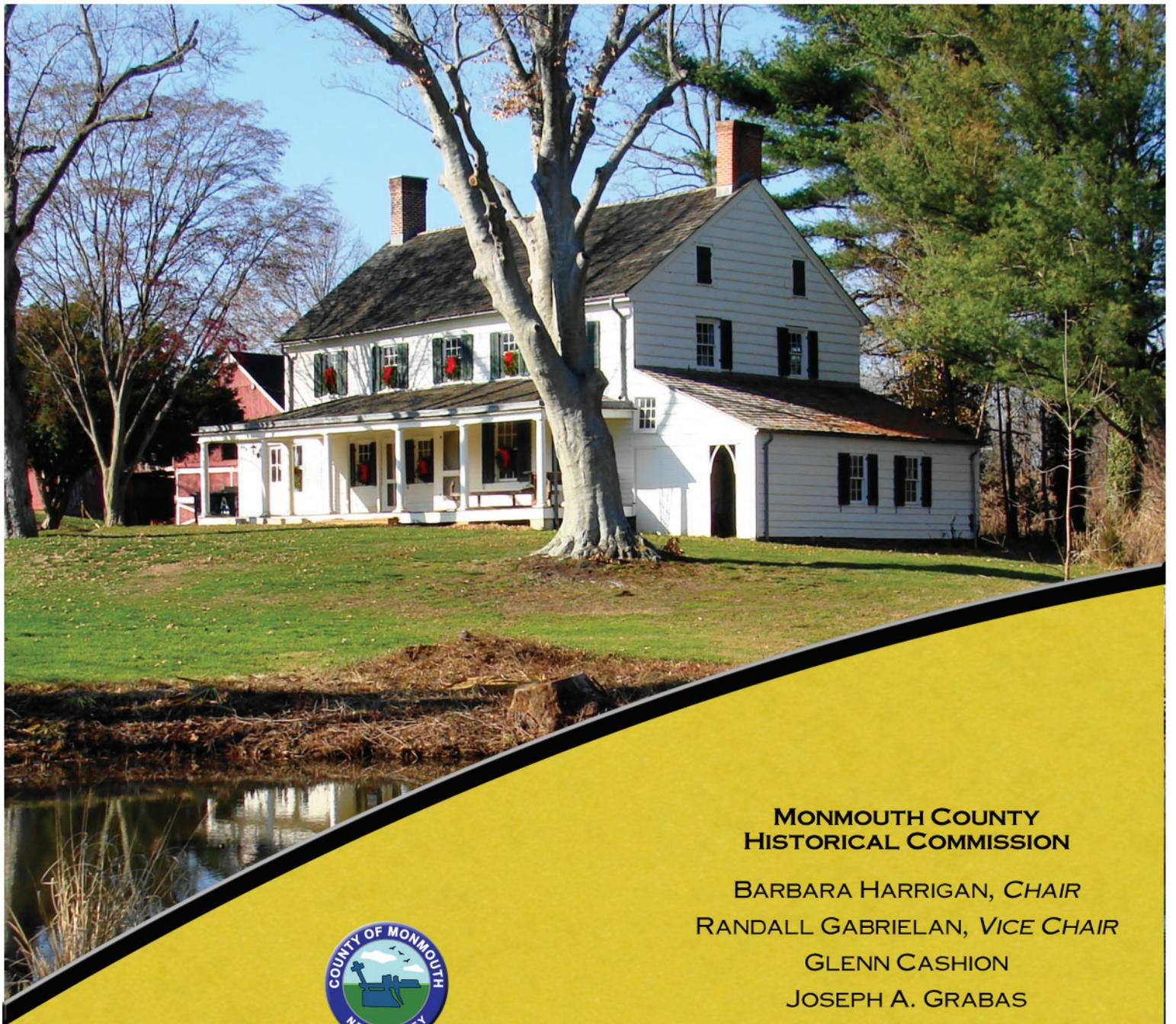
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