

# Monmouth County Historical Commission



**Saturday, May 4, 2019 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 5, 2019 - 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 Twelfth Annual Weekend in Old Monmouth self-guided tour of historic sites. This year, the tour includes more than 50 sites organized into four segments:

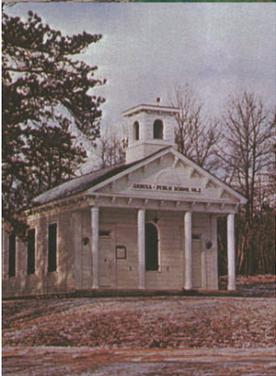
-  Bayshore or Purple Tour - sites 1 - 14
-  Two Rivers or Blue Tour - sites 15 - 26
-  Seashore or Green Tour - sites 27 - 36
-  Western or Orange Tour - sites 37 - 50

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 tours begin in proximity to county borders, while Two Rivers begins in a population center that is readily accessible from the Garden State Parkway. 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 48, the Monmouth County Historical Association Museum and Library. The Association has an incomparable collection of Monmouth artifacts, extensive research holdings and features informative changing exhibitions on Monmouth County history. While there, also visit 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](mailto:john.fabiano@co.monmouth.nj.us).

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## Keyport Historical Society

34 Main Street  
Keyport, NJ 07735



This charming 1836 Victorian cottage opened as the new home of the Keyport Historical Society Museum in 2017—5 years to the day that their beloved Steamboat Dock Museum on the waterfront and most of its contents were destroyed by Superstorm Sandy. A variety of entertaining exhibits pertaining to the rich history of Keyport are available for viewing, some featuring Steamboats and Ship Building, and Oystering. New exhibits for this year feature a late 1800's parlor room and a vintage classroom, where visitors can interact with a variety of materials from our archives that examine life in Keyport schools through the decades.

The cottage is one of the oldest homes in Keyport and its past reads like a Who's Who of Monmouth County History. The property was purchased by Isaac Lippincott, a Freehold resident active in the Monmouth County Bible Society, during the sale of lots from the Kearney Estate in 1829. Lydia Bedle Burrowes bought the lot for \$50 in 1835 and built this home the following year. Lydia passed the home to her son James Madison Burrowes in 1838. When his wife passed away in 1882, the home was deeded to their two daughters, Elizabeth M. Bedle & Sarah B. Lyster. Elizabeth lived there until her death in 1918, when the home was inherited by her 3 daughters. Anna Bedle, Isabelle Bedle & Elizabeth Hyer sold the house in 1920 to Stephen & Dorothy Arnold. Stephen passed away in the 1970's, but Dorothy lived in the house until the mid-90's and maintained life rights even after she deeded to the property to Bill & Carole Cerase. After Dorothy's death, the Cerases restored the cottage and opened it as Tea Room & Antiques Shop.

The Keyport Historical Society purchased the home from the Cerases with a Sandy Resiliency Grant from the NJEDA in 2015 and has been hard at work ever since turning a 180+ year old gem into a museum. The Society continues to rebuild its collection of artifacts through generous donations and loans from current and former Keyport residents. Additionally, the Society is digitizing a large percentage of its paper archives and creating a space for people to search and access the collections in a new and interesting way.

**Website:** [Keyporthistoricalsociety.com](http://Keyporthistoricalsociety.com)

**Email:** [keyporthistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:keyporthistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** Keyport Historical Society

**Contact:** Jessica Aumack, President 848-218-0588

**Events:** Victorian Tea in October; Holiday House Tour, Dec. 14, 2018 from 2-7 p.m.

Check website for monthly programs and other events.

**Regular Hours:** Saturdays 1-4 p.m. from April through October. Check website for further schedule.

**ADA Accessible:** Yes

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** On Main Street



## Keyport Fire Museum and Education Center

86 Broad Street  
Keyport, 07735



The Keyport Fire Museum and Education Center is the first and currently the only fire museum in Monmouth County. The museum building is the former Raritan Hose Company No. 2 firehouse. It was built in 1900 one block from the present location in a low area that eventually required it be moved. Prior to the entire building being moved in 1919, men and horses had to pull the fire wagon up a steep hill, slowing the response time. When Raritan Hose Co. #2 moved in 1969 into a new building elsewhere, the current museum building was leased as a store. Thanks to a state and county grant the building and property were donated to the Borough. Volunteer firefighters, residents and businesses joined forces to rehabilitate the structure, which opened as a museum in October 2003. On exhibit are a wide variety of artifacts, documents and pictures relating to fire fighting in Keyport. Featured are an original pull station bell and alarm and a fireman that slides down an original brass pole from the second floor.

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

There is no admission charge

**Organization:** Keyport Fire Museum and Education Center

**Website:** [www.keyportfd.org](http://www.keyportfd.org)

**Email:** [tdg1cnj@yahoo.com](mailto:tdg1cnj@yahoo.com)

**Contact:** Tom Gallo, Board Member, 732-739-5362

**Hours:** March through December Saturday 12 - 4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Special tours by appointment

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Adjacent lot and street

**Phone:** 732-739-5362



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



**SITE WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO  
ONGOING CONSTRUCTION**

The Burrowes Mansion, one of Monmouth County's most important early Georgian buildings, is dated by stylistic evidence to the c.1750 introduction of the Georgian style to Monmouth County when the 2 ½ story main block was begun as a Georgian three bay side-hall plan. Inference suggests that John Burrowes, Sr. (1718-1785) may have acquired the property at the time of his 1749 marriage to Widow Hope Taylor Watson (1721-1792). An earlier date attribution stems from a 1722 property sale, but this house could not be as early as the c.1723 date cited elsewhere. Burrowes was a major grain and produce merchant who was nicknamed the Corn King. His property backed on Matawan Creek, once a waterway that handled oceangoing ships when the town was the Bayshore's major port.

In 1778 during the Revolution, loyalists attempted to capture Burrowes' son, John, Jr., a Continental Army captain. He escaped, but his wife was injured and the father was captured, but soon released in a prisoner exchange. The property was designated for John, Jr. in his father's will, but documentary history over the next four decades is vague until the house and 15 acres were sold to Joseph H. and Holmes Van Mater in 1825. Later the mansion was a hotel, a dentist's residence, a tea room and under the ownership of Benjamin F.S. Brown whose family retained the place until its 1974 sale to the Borough of Matawan. The Matawan Historical Society, founded in 1969, furnishes and operates the restored house, one that retains a strong character of its colonial roots.

**Website:** [www.BurrowesMansion.org](http://www.BurrowesMansion.org)

**Facebook:** Burrowes Mansion & Matawan Historical Society

**Email:** [MatawanKurtis@gmail.com](mailto:MatawanKurtis@gmail.com)

**Contact:** Kurtis Roinestad, Society President 732-403-9838

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

**ADA accessible:** No

**Parking:** Street & small lot in rear

**Phone:** 732-566-5605



**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 1 – August 1

**Website:** [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com)

**Email:** [philip.andras@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:philip.andras@co.monmouth.nj.us)

**Contact:** Phil Andras

**Organization:** Monmouth County Park System

**Events:** Potato Harvest-August 17-18: Noon-2 p.m.;

Harvest Home Festival-September 29: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Regular Hours:** Farm: daily, year-round, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. except Memorial Day to Labor Day, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Farmhouse:** March - December, weekends and holidays  
Noon - 3:30 p.m.

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

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Lot on Site

**Phone:** 732-946-3758



### 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 example of 18th century vernacular architecture, never having been significantly altered or equipped with a heating system, plumbing, or electricity.

Holmes-Hendrickson House is on the New Jersey and National and Registers of Historic Places.

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

**Organization:** Monmouth County Historical Association

**Website:** [www.monmouthhistory.org](http://www.monmouthhistory.org)

**Email:** [pgithens@monmouthhistory.org](mailto:pgithens@monmouthhistory.org)

**Contact:** Pati Githens, Outreach Manager

**Regular Hours:** May through September; Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m. on the third weekend of the month.

Other times by appointment

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** No

**Parking:** Lot on site

**Phone:** 732-462-1466



### Dr. Robert W. Cooke's Medical Office

67 McCampbell Road  
Holmdel NJ 07733



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

Cooke, who also served as Holmdel's first postmaster, 1830-1849, practiced here from 1823 until his death in 1867. Many of his medical instruments and documents displayed are 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 would love to hear from anyone who can document an older freestanding medical office.

**Website:** [www.holmdelhistory.org/DrCookes.html](http://www.holmdelhistory.org/DrCookes.html)

**Email:** [holmdelhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:holmdelhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

**Contact:** Peter Manieri @ 732-768-7583 or Rhonda Beck @ 732-685-4450

**Organization:** Holmdel Historical Society

**Regular Hours:** By appointment

**ADA accessible:** first floor only; no restroom

**Parking:** On site or adjacent Village School lot.

**Phone:** 732-768-7583 or 732-685-4450



**Joseph Murray  
Farmhouse**  
345 Oakhill Rd. (GPS)  
Red Bank, NJ 07701



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

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

**Website:** [www.poricipark.org](http://www.poricipark.org)

**Email:** [poricipark@poricipark.org](mailto:poricipark@poricipark.org)

**Contact:** Elaine Hinckley, President  
Poricy Park Conservancy Board

**Organization:** Poricy Park Conservancy

**Special Events:** 5th Annual Antique Car Show on May 4,  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain date May 5

**Year-round Programs:** All School Education programs, Fossil Hunts and Scout Programs are conducted by the Middletown Township Recreation Department. Murray Farmhouse and Barn education programs must be scheduled by Recreation Dept. [www.middletownnj.org/155/Recreation](http://www.middletownnj.org/155/Recreation)

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

**ADA accessible:** Farmhouse, No; Nature Center, Yes

**Public Restroom:** Nature Center, Yes

**Phone:** 732-268-7034



**Old First Church  
(Middletown  
Baptist)**  
69 Kings Highway  
Middletown, NJ 07748



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

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

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

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

**Website:** [www.oldfirstchurchnj.org](http://www.oldfirstchurchnj.org)

**Email:** [ofc@oldfirstchurchnj.org](mailto:ofc@oldfirstchurchnj.org)

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

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

**Special Events:** See website

**ADA accessible:** Enter through center recessed doors and turn right for ramp into sanctuary.

**Parking:** Along church frontage and in adjacent church lot

**Phone:** 732-671-1905



**Marlpit Hall**  
137 Kings Highway  
Middletown, NJ 07748



Marlpit Hall, built 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. Marlpit Hall remained in Taylor family ownership until 1930. 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 presently serves as a showcase for the Association's 18th century furniture collection. The old kitchen is furnished as a "keeping room" might have appeared about 1710 or 1720. Other rooms contain exceptional examples of Chippendale furniture made in Monmouth County, New York, and Pennsylvania. Many items from the Taylor family are also on display. Marlpit Hall, a key property in the Middletown Village Historic District, has been placed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. It is listed on the NJ Women's History Trail in honor of Mrs. Haskell's preservation work.

- Events:** See web site for upcoming events
- Organization:** Monmouth County Historical Association
- Website:** [www.monmouthhistory.org](http://www.monmouthhistory.org)
- Email:** [pgithens@monmouthhistory.org](mailto:pgithens@monmouthhistory.org)
- Contact:** Pati Githens, Outreach Manager
- Regular Hours:** May through September, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m. on the fourth weekend of the month. Other times by appointment.
- ADA accessible:** Partially
- Public Restroom:** Yes
- Parking:** Small lot at Taylor-Butler House or adjacent Middletown Village School
- Phone:** 732-462-1466



**Taylor-Butler House**  
127 Kings Highway  
Middletown, NJ 07748



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.

Taylor-Butler House, a key property in the Middletown Village Historic District, has been placed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

- Events:** See website for upcoming events
- Special programs of Monmouth County Historical Association are scheduled periodically (see website for details). In addition, Taylor-Butler House can be rented for public meetings and public or private events.**
- Website:** [www.monmouthhistory.org](http://www.monmouthhistory.org)
- Email:** [pgithens@monmouthhistory.org](mailto:pgithens@monmouthhistory.org)
- Contact:** Pati Githens, Outreach Manager
- Organization:** Monmouth County Historical Association
- Regular Hours:** May through September, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m on the fourth weekend of the month; except when closed for events and meetings. Other times, by appointment only
- ADA accessible:** No
- Public Restroom:** Yes
- Parking:** Small lot on site or adjacent Middletown Village School
- Phone:** 732-462-1466

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### **Seabrook-Wilson House, Bayshore Waterfront Park**

719 Port Monmouth Rd.  
Port Monmouth, NJ  
07758



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. With the arrival of steamboat service and, in 1860, the Raritan & Delaware Bay Railroad, 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. Inside the house, visitors can enjoy exhibits about the ecology of Sandy Hook Bay, the history of the house and its tie to the greater Bayshore community.

**Website:** [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com)

**Email:** [ghunton@monmouthcountyparks.com](mailto:ghunton@monmouthcountyparks.com)

**Contact:** Gail Hunton

**Organization:** Monmouth County Park System

**Regular Hours:** House, April-October, Sundays 1 - 4 p.m. and other times by appointment; Grounds, year-round during daylight

**ADA accessible:** Yes

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Lot on site (with a great view of the bay and a restored beach)

**Phone:** 732-787-3033

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### **Strauss Mansion Museum**

27 Prospect Circle  
Atlantic Highlands, NJ  
07716



**Come visit the Strauss Mansion during its 125th quasiquicentennial anniversary year!**

Adolph Strauss, a wealthy Jewish 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, an area of fine houses in Victorian-era styles which were built after the area on Sandy Hook Bay was developed for summer recreational and spiritual purposes beginning in 1879.

The Strauss Mansion, entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012, is the County's only Queen Anne style house open to the public. It features the irregular surfaces, towers, gables and dormer characteristic of the style. Owned by the Strauss family only until 1907, the mansion suffered in its later incarnations, eventually housing several apartments, until threatened with demolition in 1980. The Atlantic Highlands Historical Society purchased the house the next year, undertook a massive on-going restoration program that enabled its opening as a museum in 1986. Today it includes period rooms, a library, and exhibits on the town's history.

The Mansion is open on weekends from Noon - 4:00 p.m. The Society holds its meetings here on the third Wednesday of each month from March to December, typically with guest speakers; hosts an evening "Music at the Mansion" series on the last Thursday of each month; offers an architectural walking tour twice a month in the summer and fall; and meets here to set out on its twice-annual "Jersey Journeys" field trips to other historic sites. The Strauss Mansion is available for private events.

**Website:** [www.ahhistory.org](http://www.ahhistory.org)

**Email:** [ahhistoricalinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ahhistoricalinfo@gmail.com)

**Contact:** Lynn Fylak, President

**Organization:** Atlantic Highlands Historical Society

**Regular Hours:** April 6 - December 15, Saturdays and Sundays, Noon - 4 p.m.

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Street

**Phone:** 732 291-1861 (leave message)



**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.

**Website:** [www.allsaintsnavesink.org](http://www.allsaintsnavesink.org)  
**Email:** [office@allsaintsnavesink.org](mailto:office@allsaintsnavesink.org)  
**Facebook:** All Saints' Memorial Church  
**Contact:** Rev. Debbie Cook, Rector or Mary Baechle, Parish Administrator  
**Worship, Ministries and Events:** Visit [www.allsaintsnavesink.org](http://www.allsaintsnavesink.org)  
**ADA accessible:** No  
**Public Restroom:** Yes  
**Parking:** Lot on site  
**Phone:** 732-291-0214



**Twin Lights Museum**  
2 Light House Road  
Highlands, NJ 07732



The Twin Lights Museum, located at the Twin Lights National Landmark, has mounted four new gallery exhibits in 2018–19. The exhibits highlight the Culture & History of Highlands and Highland Beach; Local Waters (including the first public display of the Hayden Lifesaving Collection); Twin Lights Technology (including Marconi's wireless experiments); and Lighthouse Life (including the original printing of the Pledge of Allegiance). Also on display are the Granville Perkins painting that was used for the famous print in Picturesque America, and the largest surviving scientific artifact from the 1893 Colombian Exposition in Chicago, an enormous Fresnel lens. The lens had previously been located in the South Tower and then spent 30 years at the Boston Museum of Science before its "homecoming" in the late-1970s.

The new exhibits opened on April 25, 2018—the 125th anniversary of the first reading of the Pledge of Allegiance as our national oath of loyalty, during an 1893 ceremony at the lighthouse. The event was one of many "firsts" at the Twin Lights. The country's first Fresnel lens went into service here in the 1840s. In 1899, Guglielmo Marconi made the first commercial wireless broadcast from the lighthouse. And in 1935, the Army unveiled its "Mystery Ray" (aka radar) at the Twin Lights. Also on the site is the very first US Lifesaving Service station, which dates back to the 1840s. The structure was originally located on Sandy Hook.

New for 2019 is a collection of artifacts that transport visitors back to 1828, the year the original twin beacons were erected atop the Navesink highlands. The exhibit includes a video presentation on the presidential election of 1828—the first gloves-off "mudslinging" campaign in American history.

**Website:** [TwinLightsLighthouse.com](http://TwinLightsLighthouse.com)  
**Email:** [twinlightshistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:twinlightshistoricalsociety@gmail.com)  
**Organization/Facebook:** [Facebook.com/TwinLightsHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/TwinLightsHistoricalSociety)  
**Contact:** Joanne Sutton  
**Regular Hours:** 7 Days a week-10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**ADA accessible:** Yes  
**Public Restroom:** Yes  
**Parking:** Lot at top of Lighthouse Rd.  
**Phone:** (732) 872-1814



## Seabright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club

5 Tennis Court Lane  
Rumson, NJ 07760



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

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

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

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

**Website:** [www.slcc.org](http://www.slcc.org)

**Email:** [betsyford@comcast.net](mailto:betsyford@comcast.net)

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

**Regular Hours:** None

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Small lot on site

**Phone:** 732-245-4555



## 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.

**Website:** [www.rumsonpresbyterian.org](http://www.rumsonpresbyterian.org)

**Email:** [ceustace@rumsonpresbyterian.org](mailto:ceustace@rumsonpresbyterian.org)

**Contact:** The Rev. John Monroe, Pastor, or Steve Buchanan, Adm. Asst.

**Regular Hours:** Office, Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.;

**Worship:** Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Summer 9:15 a.m.

**ADA accessible:** Yes

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Small lot on site

**Phone:** 732-842-0429



**Parker Homestead**  
235 Rumson Road,  
Little Silver 07739



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.

**Events:** Check website for special events

**Organization:** Parker Homestead-1665

**Website:** [www.parkerhomestead-1665.org](http://www.parkerhomestead-1665.org)

**Email:** [keithbwells@gmail.com](mailto:keithbwells@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 908-489-2503

**Contact:** Keith Wells

**Regular Hours:** None

**ADA Accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** Yes, in Sickles Park nearby

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



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



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

The building remained a residence until the Red Bank Woman's Club, which was incorporated in 1917, purchased the property in 1921. For decades the upper floors provided residential rooms for single woman. Now the entire premises are given over to the group's public service activities. They maintain a strong focus on education, which includes literacy programs and awarding scholarships. In recent years, the club has dedicated itself to the preservation of the historic building. Thanks to grants from Monmouth County and the NJ Historic Trust, the exterior restoration was completed in 2012.

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

**Website:** [www.womansclubofredbank.org](http://www.womansclubofredbank.org)

**Email:** [info@WomansClubOfRedBank.org](mailto:info@WomansClubOfRedBank.org)

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

**Events:** Reckless Steamy Nights Concerts, last Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** Yes

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

**Phone:** 732-747-7425



## T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center

94 Drs. James Parker Blvd.  
Red Bank, NJ 07701



The T. Thomas Fortune House (now Cultural Center) was built by John R. Bergen and was constructed in stages. It was determined in a 2017 dendrochronological study that the foundation of the home dates back to 1774, while other timber rendered dates consistent with the mid-19th century. Originally, the home was a two-story L-shaped building with a living room, dining room, kitchen, and rear storage room on the first floor and three bedrooms on the second floor and an unfinished attic. A 20th century addition was added by James Vaccarelli, in 1917, who bought the property shortly after the Fortune Family moved from the home in 1911.

The Second-Empire Victorian style home features a French Mansard roof. It was designated a National Historic Landmark during the country's Bi-Centennial in 1976, because of the contribution and personhood of the African American journalist, T. Thomas Fortune, who was born a slave in Marianna, Florida. However, his rise as an editor and newspaper publisher, civil rights activist, and political organizer led him to be called, "the bridge to the modern-day Civil Rights Movement." Fortune used his platform as the editor of the New York Age newspaper to speak truth to power as it pertained to the social and political rights of African American people.

The home has been repurposed as the T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center, and fuses history, social justice, art and technology together to amplify the story of T. Thomas Fortune's life, in the exhibit room named after him. The Ida B. Wells Parlor Gallery is a showcase for original art, by local artists and beyond. Upstairs, is the "Carrie Smiley Fortune Research Library." Fortune's wife, Carrie, was an activist, and it is documented that she was a founding member of the Urban League, along with other social and political organizations. "The Drs. James Parker Community Room" is a salute to father and son, whom as African American doctors served the Greater Red Bank Community for decades. This room is an open space reserved for lectures, discussions, book signings and other activities.

**Events:** See Cultural Centers Calendar of Events on website

**Organization:** T. Thomas Fortune Foundation

**Website:** [www.tthomasfortuneculturalcenter.org](http://www.tthomasfortuneculturalcenter.org)

**Email:** [info@tthomasfortunefoundation.org](mailto:info@tthomasfortunefoundation.org)

**Contact:** Gilda Rogers

**Phone:** 732-383-5483

**Regular Hours:** TBD. The Cultural Center does not officially open until May 23

**ADA accessible:** Yes

**Public Restroom:** Yes(2)

**Parking:** Lot space and street parking



## Allen House

Blue Ball Tavern  
400 Sycamore Avenue  
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702



Allen House was initially built circa 1710 as a second residence for the Stillwell family of New York. Richard, a wealthy merchant, and his wife Mercy had eight children who were brought up primarily in Shrewsbury. By 1754, after Richard and Mercy had passed away, their heirs sold the property to Josiah Halstead who transformed the home into the Blue Ball Tavern, "the most noted tavern in Shrewsbury." Taverns served as community centers in the 18th century as much as places to drink and eat. The Vestry of Christ Church held meetings there as did the Shrewsbury Library Company and the Monmouth County Circuit Court.

Located at Shrewsbury's Historic Four Corners, the house is currently furnished to reflect its early use as a tavern. Allen House is on the New Jersey and National and Registers of Historic Places.

**Events:** Independence Day Celebration, Thursday, July 4; Lantern Tours, Friday, Dec. 6. See web site for more information.

**Organization:** Monmouth County Historical Association

**Website:** [www.monmouthhistory.org](http://www.monmouthhistory.org)

**Email:** [pgithens@monmouthhistory.org](mailto:pgithens@monmouthhistory.org)

**Contact:** Pati Githens, Outreach Manager

**Phone:** 732-462-1466

**Regular Hours:** May through September; Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m on the first weekend of the month. Other times by appointment

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** Yes

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



**Shrewsbury  
Friends Meeting**  
375 Sycamore Ave.  
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702



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 meetinghouse, 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.

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 92, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

**Contact:** Alan Brenner, alanbbr@me.com

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

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

**Website:** www.shrewsburyquakers.org

**Phone:** 732-741-4138

**ADA accessible:** Wheelchair ramp at rear

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Lot in rear or on Sycamore Ave as permitted



**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 1717 "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.

2019 represents the 250th anniversary of the church building and the 300th anniversary of the graveyard.

**Major Events:** History Day traditionally held on the Weekend in Old Monmouth Saturday (May 4). (See a special exhibit of old and rare documents); Memorial Day Sunday (May 26), a reading of all the names of veterans in graveyard; and Sunday preceding Independence Day (June 30) service with actors portraying individuals interred in graveyard

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

**Website:** www.christchurchshrewsbury.org

**Email:** christchurchshrewsbury@verizon.net

**Phone:** 732-741-2220

**ADA accessible:** Church ramp entrance

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**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



## Shrewsbury Historical Museum

Municipal Complex  
419 Sycamore Ave.  
Shrewsbury NJ 07702



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

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

**Website:** None

**Email:** donaldburden@verizon.net

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

**Organization:** Shrewsbury Historical Society

**Events:** Autumn Garden Party and lecture

**Regular Hours:** By appointment

**ADA accessible:** Yes

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Lot on Site

**Phone:** 732-530-7974



## Crawford House

750 Tinton Avenue  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724



The Crawford house was the home of four generations of the Crawford family, who ran their family abattoir (slaughterhouse) and butcher shop on the property from 1865 to the mid-1960's. John H. and Rebecca Crawford established a wholesale butchering business, and raised 8 children in the house. In 1897, John H. retired, leaving his two sons, John C. and Albert B. in charge of the firm of Crawford Brothers, and sold the house to John C. and Ella W. Crawford, his wife. John C. Crawford also ran the general store (now the adjacent Portofino Restaurant), delivering groceries by horse and wagon to the surrounding farms. John C. and Ella's son Allen E. Crawford took ownership of the house and business in 1924. Allen and his wife Ruth continued the butchering business, and also acted as tax collectors for the town. Ruth Crawford assisted her husband, who was tax collector, for 20 years, and then acted as tax collector herself for another 25 years, retiring in 1973. During most of that time the tax office was in the Crawford home. Ruth's daughter Ann succeeded her in the position until the mid-1980's.

The house passed out of the family after Ruth's death in 1987. It is currently owned by the Borough of Tinton Falls and has been renovated for public use. The house is one of only a few remaining early nineteenth century houses in Monmouth County that has a 1 ½ story, heavy timber Dutch frame. The house utilizes a Dutch framing system that was prevalent in 18th century Monmouth County, yet the timbers are sawn rather than hand-hewn. It is a late surviving example of Dutch building traditions in Monmouth County. The property is also the site of a slave burial ground that dates back to Lewis Morris's 17th century ironworks.

**Events:** Seasonal farm stand, Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, selling fresh produce from our community garden

Follow us on Facebook for special events (Friends of the Crawford House) and Twitter @CrawfordHouseTF

**Organization:** Friends of the Crawford House

**Email:** crawfordhousefriends@gmail.com

**Contact:** Stacey Slowinski

**Regular Hours:** None

**ADA accessible:** Yes

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Available on-site



**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 House 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:**

**October 17:** Adult Halloween Open House – View museum Halloween decorations while enjoying refreshments 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**October 18:** Haunted Museum Tours 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**November 3:** Tribute to Veterans - Honor Garden of Flags 1 - 4 p.m.

**December 1:** An Old Time Christmas 1 - 4 p.m.

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

**Phone:** Museum 732-542-4026, 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:** EatontownHistoricalMuseum@gmail.com



**Twp. of Ocean  
Historical  
Museum**

703 Deal Road  
Ocean, NJ 07712



The Museum occupies the Eden Woolley House, an 18th century architectural gem and 250+ year repository of our regional history. It was saved from destruction in 2005 and moved 1,100 feet east to its present location in Joe Palaia Park. It is restored and open to the public to tell the story of coastal Monmouth County.

The oldest part of the house dates to 1747, the year that Thomas Woolley, Jr. constructed a small, timber-frame structure in the Dutch American style. Its Greek Revival extension was added in 1830 by its namesake, Eden Woolley, a farmer, businessman, and surveyor who was elected to the township’s first governing body after Ocean split from Shrewsbury in 1849. The property remained in the Woolley family until 1926.

The Museum houses three galleries. The Our Town Gallery tells the story of Ocean Township, which once included most of coastal Monmouth County. The Hearth and Home Gallery illustrates the evolution of domestic life from the 18th century. The Richmond Gallery offers changing exhibits on historical topics of general appeal—with a local twist.

**2019 Exhibits:** “Wet as the Atlantic Ocean: Prohibition in NJ” (through June 13); “Votes for Women: Suffrage in NJ” (opening June 23); “Deal Test Site: 100 Years of History” (through November)

**Organization:** Township of Ocean Historical Museum

**Website:** www.oceanmuseum.org

**Email:** oceanmuseum@yahoo.com

**Contact:** Paul Edelson

**Events:** See oceanmuseum.org

**Regular Hours:** Tues., Wed., Thurs. 1-4 p.m.; Thurs. evenings 7-9 p.m. (Apr. through Nov.); 1st and 2nd Sun., 1-4 p.m.

**ADA accessible:** Yes

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Adjacent lot

**Phone:** 732-531-2136

## PURPLE TOUR BEGINS

- 1 **Keyport Historical Society - 34 Main Street, Keyport NJ**  
Leaving GSP Exit 117, take Hwy. 36 East to Main St. via right turn at Broad St. and right turn at jug handle onto Main St. Follow Main St. about 1 mile to Historical Society on left. If going west on Hwy. 36, turn right onto Main St.
- 2 **Keyport Fire Museum - 86 Broad Street, Keyport, NJ**  
Leaving Historical Society continue on Main St. to W. Front St., turn right one block to right on Broad St. to Fire Museum on right.
- 3 **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 mile to 94 Main St, Matawan.
- 4 **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 mile to Roberts Rd. Turn left on Roberts Rd.; proceed 0.9 mile to Longstreet Rd., turn left. Farm entrance ahead on left.
- 5 **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.
- 6 **Dr. Robert W. Cooke's Medical Office - 67 McCampbell Road, Holmdel, NJ**  
Left from lot .4 mile to light at Crawfords Corner-Everett Rd.; turn right follow Crawfords Corner Rd. 1.6 mile to Middletown Rd., follow 1.8 mile to McCampbell Rd., turn left to Village School parking lot, Dr. Cooke's Medical Office is adjacent to the parking lot.
- 7 **Joseph Murray Farmhouse at Poricy Park - 345 Oak Hill Road, Middletown, NJ**  
Right from lot to stop sign at Crawfords Corner-Everett Rd. Turn right, go .2 mile to West Front St., turn left; go 1.1 mile to light at Middletown-Lincroft Rd., turn left; go to 2.1 mile to light at Oak Hill Rd. to Poricy Park, turn right; through parking lot to unpaved driveway downhill to house; park around circle.
- 8 **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 mile to stop sign; turn right on Kings Highway, go 0.1 mile to church lot on left.
- 9 **Marlpit Hall & Taylor-Butler House - 137 & 127 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ**  
Turn right on Kings Highway, go 0.5 mile to lot of Village School adjacent to Marlpit Hall & Taylor-Butler House.
- 10 **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 mile 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 mile to light at Hwy. 36, turn left. Go about 3.6 mile 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.
- 13 **Twin Lights Museum - Light House Road, Middletown, NJ**  
Proceed northeast on Navesink Ave. 1.0 mile to Hwy. 36, turn right for 1.0 mile to Miller St., turn right, then next left onto Highland Ave., proceed .3 mile to right onto Light House Rd. to Twin Lights at top of hill. *To continue to Blue Tour, return to Highland Ave., turn right .1 mile to Portland Ave, turn left, then bear right onto Hwy. 36 South (Navesink Ave.). Proceed 2.4 mile on Ocean Ave.(Seabright) to right onto Shrewsbury Bridge , then proceed on Rumson Ave. approximately .5 mile to Tennis Court Lane on right.*

## PURPLE TOUR ENDS

## BLUE TOUR BEGINS

- 15 **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.

- 16 **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.
- 17 **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.
- 18 **Red Bank Woman's Club - 164 Broad Street, Red Bank**  
Return to Rumson Rd. from Harrison Ave., turn right and proceed .6 mile to Harding Rd. (Hwy. 34), turn left and proceed .8 mile to Broad St., turn left, Woman's Club is on right of street with parking lots behind site.
- 19 **T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center - 94 Dr. James Parker Blvd., Red Bank NJ**  
From Red Bank Woman's Club rear parking lot, head north and turn right onto Reckless Place to Broad St. (Rt.35), turn right and proceed .2 mile to Irving Place, turn left onto Maple Ave. Proceed .1 mile and turn right onto Dr. James Parker Blvd., destination .2 mile on right.
- 20 **Allen House - 400 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ**  
Leaving the Cultural Center continue west on Dr. James Parker Blvd. one block to left onto Bridge St. proceed .2 mile to Newman Springs Rd. (CR520), turn left and proceed .5 mile to Broad St. (Hwy.35), turn right and proceed .7 mile to intersection with Sycamore Ave. Go to lot on any four (Sites 20 & 23 turn right on Sycamore Ave. from Hwy.35 - Sites 21 & 23 turn left from Hwy.35).
- 21 **Friends Meeting House (Quakers) - 375 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ**
- 22 **Christ Church - 380 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ**
- 23 **Shrewsbury Historical Museum Municipal Complex - 419 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ**
- 24 **Crawford House - 750 Tinton Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ**  
From Shrewsbury Historic Four Corners, proceed southwest on Sycamore Ave. approximately 2.5 mile to Tinton Ave., turn right onto Tinton Ave. (Rt. 537 W) and proceed .4 mile to Luther Memorial Church, turn left into parking lot for U-turn to return to Crawford House, which will be approximately .3 mile on right.
- 25 **Eatontown Historical Museum Read House - 75 Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ**  
From Crawford House, turn right and continue on Tinton Ave. (Rt. 537 E) using two left lanes to turn left and continue on Tinton Ave. approximately 2.4 mi. to Maxwell Ave., turn right and follow around bend where Maxwell Ave. becomes Lewis St., follow to right turn to access Hwy. 71 (Broad St.) and cross Hwy. 35. House museum is on left next to St. James Church.
- 26 **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 mile; 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 mile to Museum entrance on right. *To continue to Green Tour, exist parking lot turning right on Deal Rd., then take first left turn, Logan Rd. and follow approximately 1.0 mile to Grassmere Rd., turn left and proceed 1.2 mile to traffic circle, continue on Main St south (Hwy.71) .5 mile to Fourth Ave, turn left and proceed 2 blocks , Crane House is just past Emory St. on right*

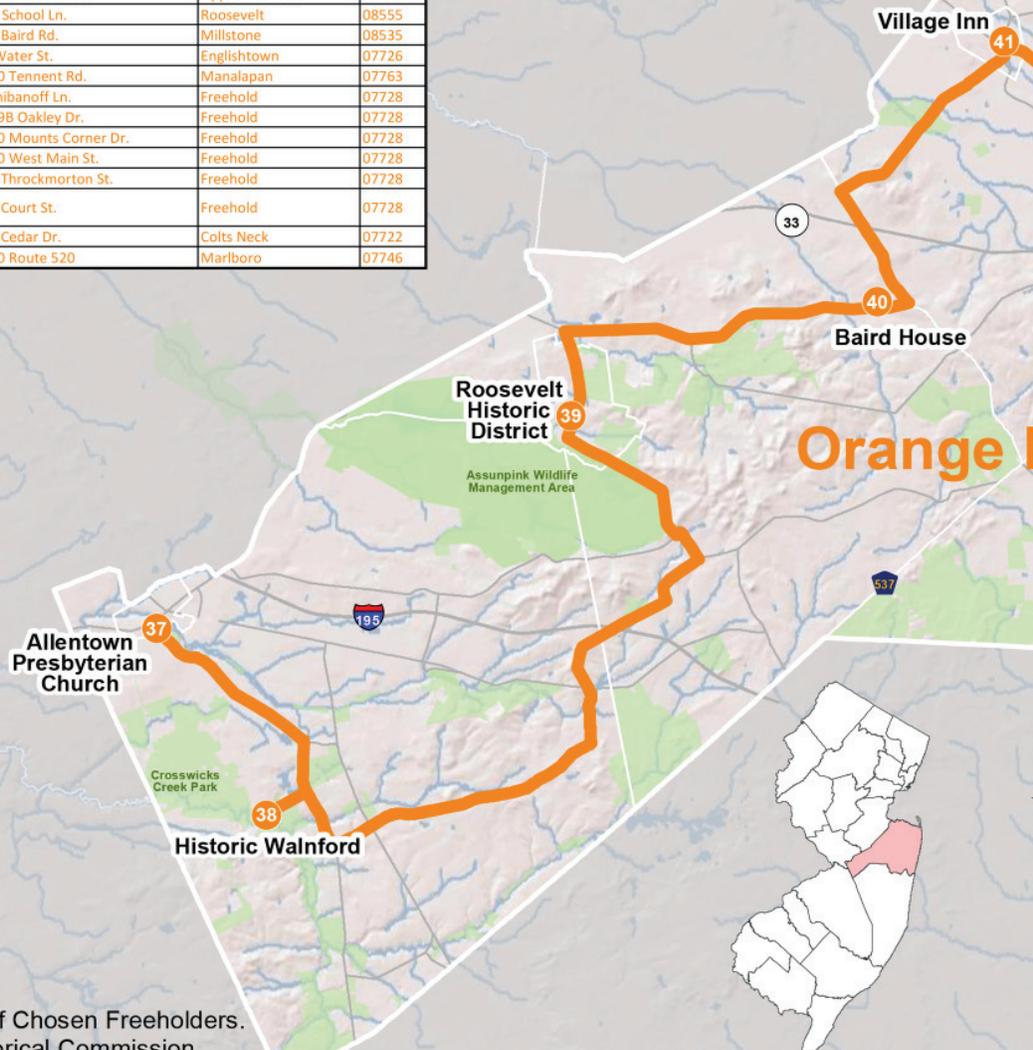
## BLUE TOUR ENDS

## GREEN TOUR BEGINS

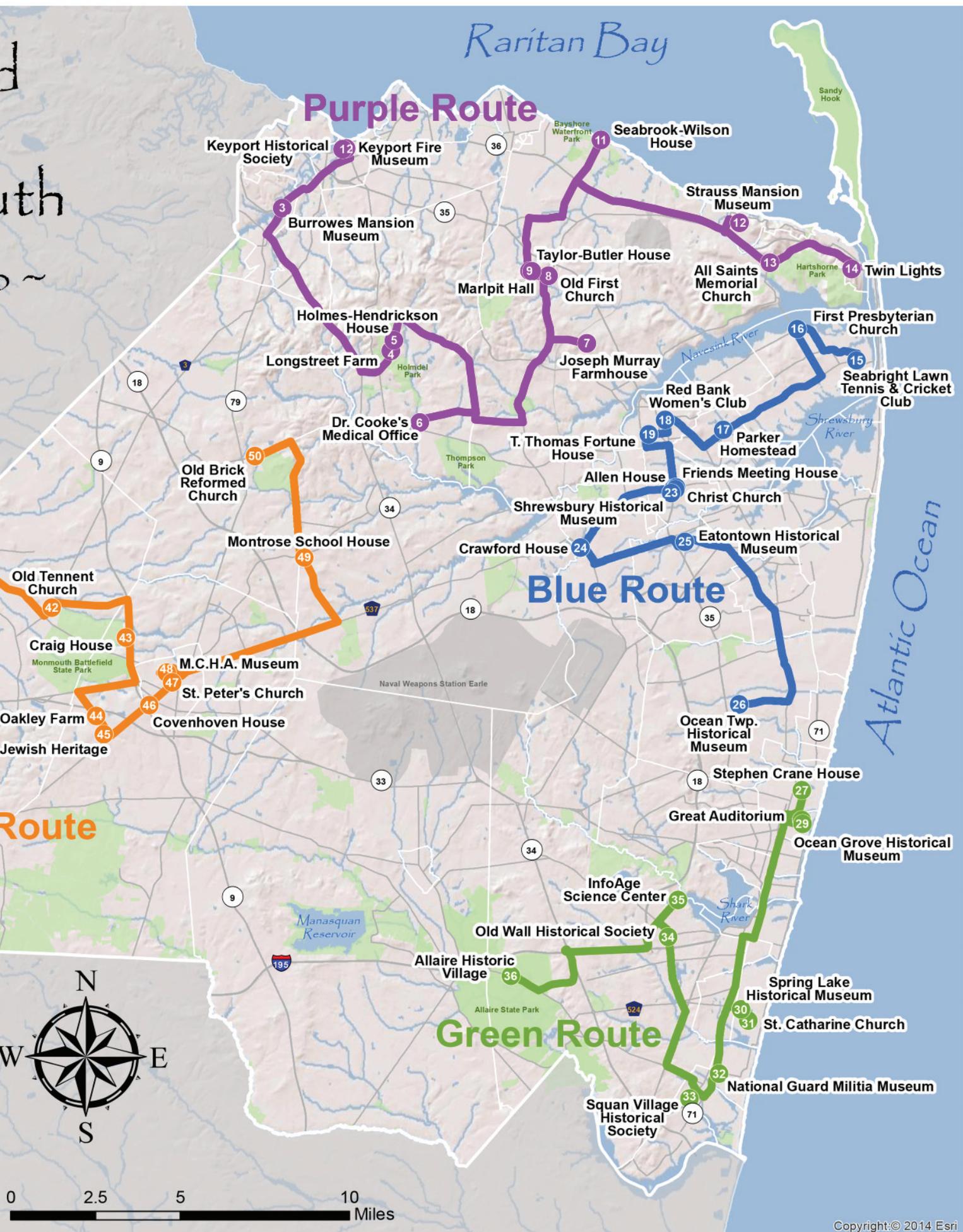
- 27 **Stephen Crane House - 508 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ**  
The Green Tour begins in Asbury Park, which is accessible from Hwy. 35 via Asbury Ave., proceed 1.3 mile to Main St. (Hwy. 71) turn left and follow to Fourth Ave., turn right and proceed 2 blocks, Crane House is just past Emory St. on right.
- 28 **Great Auditorium - 21 Pilgrim Pathway, Neptune, NJ**  
From Crane House, return to Main St. (Hwy 71), turn left and proceed .8 mile to Ocean Grove entrance on left ,proceed .4 mile on Main Ave. to Central Ave., turn left for .3 mile to Surf Ave., then left onto Pilgrim Pathway to find street parking. The Great Auditorium is plainly visible from most streets.

# A Weekend in Old Monmouth ~ 2019 Tour Map

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1	Keyport Historical Society	34 Main St.	Keyport	07735
2	Keyport Fire Museum & Education Center	86 Broad St.	Keyport	07735
3	Burrowes Mansion Museum	94 Main St.	Matawan	07747
4	Longstreet Farm (Historic)	44 Longstreet Rd.	Holmdel	07733
5	Holmes-Hendrickson House	62 Longstreet Rd.	Holmdel	07733
6	Dr. Cooke's Medical Office	67 McCampbell Rd.	Holmdel	07733
7	Joseph Murray Farmhouse	345 Oakhill Rd.	Red Bank	07701
8	Old First Church	69 Kings Highway	Middletown	07748
9	Marlpit Hall	137 Kings Highway	Middletown	07748
10	Taylor-Butler House	127 Kings Highway	Middletown	07748
11	Seabrook-Wilson House	719 Port Monmouth Rd.	Middletown	07758
12	Strauss Mansion Museum	27 Prospect Circle	Atlantic Highlands	07716
13	All Saints Memorial Church	202 Navesink Ave.	Middletown	07752
14	Twin Lights	Lighthouse Road	Highlands	07732
15	Seabright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club	5 Tennis Court Ln.	Rumson	07760
16	First Presbyterian Church	E River Road & Park Ave.	Rumson	07760
17	Parker Homestead	235 Rumson Rd.	Little Silver	07739
18	Red Bank Woman's Club	164 Broad Street	Red Bank	07701
19	T. Thomas Fortune House	94 Dr. James Parker Blvd.	Red Bank	07701
20	Allen House	400 Sycamore Ave.	Shrewsbury	07702
21	Friends Meeting House	375 Sycamore Ave.	Shrewsbury	07702
22	Christ Church	380 Sycamore Ave.	Shrewsbury	07702
23	Shrewsbury Historical Museum Municipal Complex	419 Sycamore Ave.	Shrewsbury	07702
24	Crawford House	750 Tinton Avenue	Tinton Falls	07724
25	Eatontown Historical Museum Read House	75 Broad St.	Eatontown	07724
26	Township of Ocean Historical Museum	703 Deal Rd.	Ocean	07712
27	Stephen Crane House	508 Fourth Avenue	Asbury Park	07712
28	Great Auditorium	21 Pilgrim Pathway	Neptune	07756
29	Ocean Grove Historical Museum	50 Pitman Ave.	Neptune	07756
30	Spring Lake Historical Society Museum	423 Warren Avenue	Spring Lake	07762
31	St. Catharine Church	214 Essex Ave.	Spring Lake	07762
32	National Guard Militia Museum	Sea Girt Ave. & Camp Dr.	Sea Girt	08750
33	Squan Village Historical Society	105 South St.	Manasquan	08736
34	Old Wall Historical Society	1701 New Bedford Rd.	Wall	07719
35	InfoAge Science Center	2201 Marconi Rd.	Wall	07719
36	Allaire Historic Village	4263 Atlantic Ave.	Farmingdale	07727
37	Allentown Presbyterian Church	20 High St.	Allentown	08501
38	Wainford (Historic)	62 Wainford Rd.	Upper Freehold	08514
39	Roosevelt Borough Historic District	2A School Ln.	Roosevelt	08555
40	Baird House	24 Baird Rd.	Millstone	08535
41	Village Inn	2 Water St.	Englishtown	07726
42	Old Tennent Church	450 Tennent Rd.	Manalapan	07763
43	Craig House	Schibanoff Ln.	Freehold	07728
44	Oakley Farm	189B Oakley Dr.	Freehold	07728
45	Jewish Heritage	310 Mounts Corner Dr.	Freehold	07728
46	Covenhoven House	150 West Main St.	Freehold	07728
47	Saint Peter's Church	33 Throckmorton St.	Freehold	07728
48	Monmouth County Historical Association (M.C.H.A.) Museum	70 Court St.	Freehold	07728
49	Montrose School House	13 Cedar Dr.	Colts Neck	07722
50	Old Brick Reformed Church	490 Route 520	Marlboro	07746



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## GREEN TOUR CONTINUED

- 29 Ocean Grove Historical Museum - 50 Pitman avenue, Neptune, 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.
- 30 Spring Lake Historical Society Museum - 423 Warren Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ**  
Return to Main St. (Hwy.71) and turn left, proceed south .2 mile and bear right onto Corlies Ave. (Hwy.33) briefly, then left onto Memorial Dr., follow 1.2 mile to merge with Hwy. 35 South, follow 2.5 mile to Warren Ave., turn left onto Warren Ave., 3 blocks to 5th Ave. intersection, turn right to parking lot on left behind Municipal Building. Museum is inside Municipal Building.
- 31 Saint Catharine Church - 214 Essex Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ**  
Existing Spring Lake Municipal Building parking lot, turn left onto 5th Ave., follow 3 blocks to Essex Ave., turn left and follow 2 blocks to Church. Parking is permitted along Essex Ave. and W. Lake Ave.
- 32 National Guard Militia Museum - Sea Girt Avenue & Camp Drive, Sea Girt, NJ**  
Return to Hwy. 71 South, turn left, proceed 1.4 mile 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).
- 33 Squan Village Historical Society – 105 South St., Manasquan NJ**  
Leave National Guard Camp and return to Hwy.71 South (7th Ave.) turn left and proceed .7 mile to Main St., turn right and proceed .2 mile to South St., turn left the Bailey-Reed House will be on the right.
- 34 Old Wall Historical Society - 1701 New Bedford Road, Wall, NJ**  
Leaving Squan Village Historical Society return to Main St. and turn left, proceed .3 mile to intersection with Atlantic Ave. (CR524), turn left and proceed .4 mile to traffic circle, take 2nd exit and proceed north on Rt.35 1.3 mile to Allaire Rd., turn left and proceed .2 mile to right onto New Bedford Rd., follow 1.8 mile to Allgor/Barcalow Homestead on left.
- 35 InfoAge Science Center - 2201 Marconi Road, Wall, NJ**  
From Old Wall Historical Society turn left onto New Bedford Rd. and bear right to take left-hand turn onto Belmar Blvd. proceed .3 mile to Monmouth Blvd., turn right and proceed .7 mile to Marconi Rd., turn right and follow to Camp Evans on right.
- 36 Allaire Historic Village - 4263 Atlantic Avenue, Farmingdale, NJ**  
From InfoAge Science Center return to Monmouth Blvd. from Marconi Rd. and proceed .7 mile to Belmar Blvd., turn left and follow .3 mile to slight right onto New Bedford Rd., proceed .3 mile to slight right onto Rt.138W and follow 2.2 mile to exit 35A to merge onto Rt.34S, proceed .4 mile to right onto W.18th Ave., follow 1.3 mile to Atlantic Ave. (CR524) turn right and follow .7 mile to Allaire State Park entrance on left.  
*To continue to Orange, leaving Allaire State Park turn left onto Atlantic Ave. (CR525) and proceed 1.2 mile and turn left onto Lake-wood-Farmingdale Rd. for .4 mile to right lane to take I-195W to Exit 8 bear left and proceed on CR539S to Allentown, approximately 1 mile. Continue to left turn onto High St., after bridge over millpond. Allentown Presbyterian Church will be on left.*

## GREEN TOUR ENDS ORANGE TOUR BEGINS

- 37 Allentown Presbyterian Church – 20 High St., Allentown NJ**  
If entering from the west follow I-195 East to Exit 8 and proceed south (right) onto Main St. to Allentown. After crossing bridge at millpond, turn left on CR539S (High St.) to Church and Cemetery on left. If approaching from the east on I-195 West, exit at Exit 11, turn left on CR539S, cross highway, and proceed as above across millpond to High St.
- 38 Walnford (Historic) - 62 Walnford Road, Upper Freehold, NJ**  
If entering Monmouth County from the west on the NJ Turnpike, Exit 7A for I-195 East to 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 onto Walnford Rd., which leads to park entrance. If approaching west on other highways, follow signs to Allentown, seek CR539 off Main St., follow as above. If approaching from the east on I-195, after exiting at Exit 11, turn left on CR43, cross highway, proceed about 0.7 mile to stop sign. Turn right on CR526, proceed to first light, Sharon Station Rd. turn left, proceed about 2 miles. Turn right on CR539 North,

- proceed a short distance, turn left on Holmes Mill Rd. Take first right on Walnford Rd. Follow to park.
- 39 Roosevelt Borough (Jersey Homesteads) Historic District - 2 A School Lane, Roosevelt, NJ**  
Leaving Walnford parking lot, turn left on Walnford Rd. to right onto Holmes Mill Rd., follow 1 mile to left onto Burlington Path Rd. (CR27). Continue 4 miles to left turn onto Red Valley Rd., cross CR526 (carefully) and continue 2.5 miles on Yellow Meeting House Rd., past Meeting House to left onto Red Valley Rd. extension, follow 1 mile, turn left and merge onto CR524/Stagecoach Rd., follow .6 mile around bend to quick right onto Rising Sun Tavern Rd. (CR571); go 2.3 miles, turn right on S. Rochdale Ave., go .5 mile, take 1st left to Pine Dr., then first left on School Lane to school parking lot.
- 40 Baird House - 24 Baird Road, Millstone Twp., NJ**  
Return to Rochdale Ave., turn left to Perrineville Rd. approximately 1 mile, turn right and proceed 4.5 miles on Perrineville/Baird Rd. to Baird House driveway on left.
- 41 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.
- 42 Old Tennent Church - 450 Tennent Road, Manalapan, 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.
- 43 Craig House - Monmouth Battlefield, - Route 9 at Schibanoff Lane, Freehold Township, 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.
- 44 Oakley Farm - 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 mile 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.
- 45 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.
- 46 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 mile on right just beyond Rt. 9 exit; or proceed to church lot 2 blocks to the east at light.
- 47 St. Peter's Church – 33 Throckmorton St., Freehold NJ**  
From Covenhoven, turn right and continue .8 mile on W. Main St. (CR537) to left onto Throckmorton St., Church will be on immediately on right. Proceed one block to right turn onto Broad St. where parking lot can be accessed on right side.
- 48 Monmouth County Historical Assoc. - 70 Court St., Freehold, NJ**  
From Covenhoven House, turn right and continue (.8 mile) on W. Main St. to left onto Throckmorton St. (.8 mile) to right onto Haley St., follow to right onto Court St. Museum in on right side of street, where parking is allowed.
- 49 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.
- 50 Old Brick Reformed Church – 490 Route 520, Marlboro NJ**  
From intersection of Montrose Rd. and Cedar Dr. continue .1 mile west on Cedar Dr., cross Dutch Neck Rd. and take slight right onto Boundary Rd., follow 2.7 mile to left onto Newman Springs Rd. (CR520) follow .9 mile to Church and Cemetery on right. Parking lot can be accessed from Marlboro State Hospital Rd. along right side of Cemetery.

## ORANGE TOUR ENDS



## Stephen Crane House

508 Fourth Ave.  
Asbury Park, NJ  
07712



Believed to one of the oldest still-standing residences in Asbury Park, “The Stephen Crane House” (Arbutus Cottage) is recognized as the only existing home connected to the American storyteller, poet and journalist Stephen Crane (1871-1900). Best known for his classic novel “The Red Badge of Courage,” young Crane moved here in 1883 with his widowed mother Mary Helen Peck Crane, a member of a prominent Methodist family, a writer-lecturer, women’s rights advocate, a president of the local Women’s Christian Temperance Union. The aspiring author would write his first short story here at the cottage, where he lived full-time from age of eleven through graduation from high school. He would return each summer season through 1892, to work as a professional correspondent for his brother’s news service, and would come to set several of his stories in and around the Jersey Shore community.

Built circa 1878 and modified numerous times throughout the years, the cottage was constructed on property purchased from Asbury Park founder James A. Bradley. Mrs. Crane was the fourth owner and would remain in the family through 1899. The house would go on to be a summer rental, single-family home, a professional office, a seasonal inn and boarding house known as “The Florence,” then a derelict property that was rescued in 1995.

Rechristened “The Stephen Crane House” in 1996, the house under private ownership was open to the public as a small museum and venue for arts and cultural events. In 2015, the Crane House was entered into the National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Places, and, in 2016, was donated to the Asbury Park Historical Society, who would make it their headquarters. Having continued the process of rehabilitating the historic structure, the Society regularly opens the house for public tours, meetings, lectures, and presentations of a literary or cultural nature.

**Organization:** Asbury Park Historical Society

**Web site:** [www.aphistoricalociety.org](http://www.aphistoricalociety.org)

**Contacts:** Susan Rosenberg, Secretary ([susanrosenberg10@gmail.com](mailto:susanrosenberg10@gmail.com)); Francis Dalessandro, Curator ([dalessandrofrancis@gmail.com](mailto:dalessandrofrancis@gmail.com)); Tom Chesek, Writer-in-residence ([tchesek@optimum.net](mailto:tchesek@optimum.net))

**Regular hours:** Sundays, Noon - 2 p.m. and by appointment

**Parking:** Street

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Phone:** 732-361-0189



## 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, a 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. There is such a demand that the waiting list is several years for a tent.

**Website:** [www.oceangrove.org](http://www.oceangrove.org)

**Email:** [information@oceangrove.org](mailto:information@oceangrove.org)

**Contact:** Jamie Jackson, Executive Director/COO

**Organization:** Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association

**Events:** See website. Many spiritual and music events

**ADA accessible:** Yes

**Public Restroom:** Yes

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

**Phone:** 732-775-0035



## Ocean Grove Historical Museum

50 Pitman Ave  
PO Box 446  
Ocean Grove, NJ  
07756



The Historical Society of Ocean Grove has as its number one priority to help strengthen and further develop existing New Jersey history operations and programs. Since 1969 the Historical Society has pledged to preserve, document and encourage community interest in the history of Ocean Grove as well as sustain the heritage and honor of Ocean Grove being entered as a historic district in the National Register of Historic Districts (1976) and the New Jersey State Register of Historic (1975) sites. It is designated in the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail, the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail, the Monmouth County Historical Trail, and the Methodist Heritage Trail. A permanent exhibit highlighting the history of Ocean Grove is a major feature of the museum. In addition, there are featured exhibits each year highlighting interesting aspects of the past.

Today, Ocean Grove is a leading example of a late 19th century planned community and contains over 1,000 Victorian homes, as well as many other important architectural styles. The New York Times called Ocean Grove a "museum of Victorian architecture." It is admired for its diversity, its sense of community, its religious commitment, and summer programs of music and the arts.

### **Centennial Cottage** - McClintock Street and Central Avenue

Centennial Cottage serves as the Historical Society of Ocean Grove's living history museum. The Cottage is a "Swiss Chalet," a popular architectural style in the 19th century. Erected in 1884 the cottage originally stood at 47 Cookman Avenue. It was acquired by Robert and Mary Skold in 1969 and donated to the Camp Meeting Association to be maintained as a house museum by the Historical Society. Its purchase honored the 100th anniversary of the founding of Ocean Grove.

Visitors to the Cottage gain an understanding of life in a 19th Century Camp Meeting and seaside resort community. The cottage is furnished with 19th century pieces based on photographs of similar Ocean Grove cottages from the 1880s and 1890s. The children's bedroom and kitchen are of particular interest to those who visit.

**Organization:** Historical Society of Ocean Grove

**Website:** [www.oceangrovehistory.org](http://www.oceangrovehistory.org)

**Email:** [info@oceangrovehistory.org](mailto:info@oceangrovehistory.org)

**Contact:** Deadra Hubbard

**Events:** Visit [oceangrovehistory.org](http://oceangrovehistory.org) to view details and additional information about a wide variety of events.

These include Architectural Tours, Women's History Walking Tours, Historic Walking Tours

**Regular Hours:** Museum: April 5-June 16, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., June 18-September 28, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., October 5-December 21, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Cottage: June 21 - August 31, Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Parking:** Street

**ADA accessible:** Museum, Yes first floor only; Cottage, No

**Public Restroom:** No at Museum & Cottage, but municipal facility located nearby



## Spring Lake Historical Society Museum

423 Warren Ave.,  
2nd Floor  
Spring Lake, NJ 07762



Over 140 years ago, Spring Lake was part of Wall Township and the area around the lake was known as the Forman Osborn Farm. The lake was called "Fresh Creek Pond" and was used as a water resource by the Osborn's. This crystal clear lake caught the imagination of Dr. Alfonso A. Willits, a clergyman from Philadelphia visiting Ocean Grove. He envisioned the beautiful lake and the broad white sand beaches as an exclusive seaside resort. He convinced Philadelphia businessmen to invest in starting a resort and on April 29, 1875, the Forman's sold their farm to the Spring Lake Improvement Company for \$82,000. At the same time period, other investors also began developing nearby farms. Interest in creating a resort at Spring Lake coincided with the extension of the railroad through the area. Altogether, four resorts were established: Spring Lake Beach; Villa Park; Brighton/North Brighton; Como. Two of them incorporated in 1892, and by the early 1900's they would all merge to be known as Spring Lake.

The Classic Revival building that houses the Museum was built as a public school in 1897. The school and the town grew rapidly and by 1922, the building was overcrowded and a new school was built on Tuttle Avenue. Many beautiful decorative elements in the interior of the Museum are not relics from the building's academic past, but a result from the extensively remodeled interior in 1923 by the Masons as a Masonic Lodge. In 1943 the building was purchased by the Borough of Spring Lake for use as its Municipal Building.

In 1979 the Spring Lake Historical Society was granted the 2nd floor space to use as a Museum. The Museum has two galleries. The Changing Gallery serves as a showcase for rotating exhibits on Spring Lake history. The adjacent room is the Main Gallery exhibiting the permanent collection of artifacts and text where one can experience the chronological history of Spring Lake from the Lenni Lenape to the present.

**Website:** [www.springlakehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.springlakehistoricalsociety.org)

**Email:** [slhs703@optimum.net](mailto:slhs703@optimum.net) or [info@springlakehistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@springlakehistoricalsociety.org)

**Contact:** Barbara Kolarsick-Harrigan, Nancy Smith

**Phone:** 732-449-0772

**Regular Hours:** June – August, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–Noon; Other Months, Thursdays 10 a.m. to Noon, Sundays 1:30–3:30 p.m. or by appointment; Closed: mid-December through mid- March.

**ADA accessible:** Elevator

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Street & Small Lot

**Latest Exhibit:** "Department of Public Works"



## 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.**

**Website:** [www.stcatharine-stmargaret.com](http://www.stcatharine-stmargaret.com)

**Email:** [stcatharine@optonline.net](mailto:stcatharine@optonline.net)

**Contact/Phone:** Barbara Harrigan 732-974-1423

**ADA accessible:** Ramps at front doors

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Street



## National Guard Militia Museum

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



The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey (NGMMNJ) in Sea Girt is dedicated to preserving and explaining the military history of New Jersey. For almost 40 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 and experiences of New Jersey citizen soldiers and his or her experience. The most recent special exhibit, "Front Line of the Home Front," focused on New Jersey's experience in World War I, in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the conflict. The exhibit covered activity on both the home front and overseas. It will be followed by a special exhibit on the 50th Armored Division, New Jersey's primary National Guard unit from 1946 to the 1990s.

The NGMMNJ is located in the National Guard Training Center (NGTC) in Sea Girt at Sea Girt Avenue and Camp Drive. Adults need to show a driver's 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 Carol Fowler.

**GPS Coordinates:** 'N 40.07.337' W 074.02.344

**Website:** [www.nj.gov/military/museum/index.html](http://www.nj.gov/military/museum/index.html)

**Facebook:** National Guard Militia Museum of New-Jersey

**Email:** [jgbilby44@aol.com](mailto:jgbilby44@aol.com); [carol.r.fowler@us.army.mail](mailto:carol.r.fowler@us.army.mail)

**Contact:** Chief Warrant Officer Guy Remigr, Curator Joseph G. Bilby, Assistant Curator, Carol Fowler, Assistant Curator

**Events:** See website and Facebook Page

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

**ADA accessible:** Entrance at grade

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** On-site

**Phone:** 732-974-5966



**Squan Village  
Historical Society**  
105 South St.  
Manasquan, NJ 08736



The Bailey-Reed House was originally a one room farmhouse built by John and Ann Bailey in the late 1700s. Over the years it has been enlarged to the 10 room home you see today. Four of the rooms feature furniture and fixtures appropriate to different periods of the home. These include a circa 1850 Parlor and Bedroom, a circa 1900 Dining Room and the original circa 1790s one-room section of the home. Additionally there are displays of local interest including a model of a fish pound.

The Squan Village Historical Society purchased the home from Sarah Reed in 1997. After extensive repair work, it was opened to the public as the Bailey-Reed House Museum.

On the rear of the property is the Carriage House/Barn. It is partially constructed from the spars from the local shipwreck "The Thistle".

There is also a unique four-seater outhouse with curtained window and crescent moon.

**Website:** [squanvillagehistoricalsociety.org](http://squanvillagehistoricalsociety.org)

**Email:** [squanh@verizon.net](mailto:squanh@verizon.net)

**Contact:** Richard Bonelli

**Organization:** Squan Village Historical Society

**Regular Hours:** Monday and Thursday from 1:30 - 4PM. The second Sunday of the month excluding January and February the museum is open from 1 - 4 PM.

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** Yes



**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.

The Morris-Allgor-Kittell Wheelwright Shop across the road from the Museums was built 1840 and is one of the few remaining brick commercial buildings in Monmouth County. Restoration of this site continues with support from the Monmouth County Historical Commission. The first floor only will be available for viewing during the Tour.

**Website:** [www.oldwallhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.oldwallhistoricalsociety.org)

**Email:** [dehearn5@gmail.com](mailto:dehearn5@gmail.com)

**Events:** See website for information on scheduled events

**Contact:** De Hearn, Museum Director 732-681-3806

**Regular Hours:** Open Sunday's, 1 - 4 p.m.

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Lot on premises



**InfoAge Science Center**  
**Camp Evans**  
 2201 Marconi Road  
 Wall, NJ 07719



The InfoAge Science History Learning Center is located on the campus of Camp Evans, a former top secret US Army military installation. Since 2006, InfoAge has been developed as a group of museums that educate children and families in the technologies we use today, some of which were developed at Camp Evans. The site was declared a National Historic Landmark for its contributions to the Allied victory in World War II, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is New Jersey's World War II Living Memorial.

Established in 1914 as the Marconi Belmar Transatlantic Wireless Station, Camp Evans opened worldwide wireless communications in World War I. During the Second World War, the site played a key role in the Allied victory through the development of radar. In 1946, Camp Evans pioneered space communications and was a cold war technology base as well as a nucleonics research laboratory and a nuclear weapons testing monitoring site. Camp Evans was the birthplace of satellite-based hurricane tracking and a precursor of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). It also played a key role in space exploration and the development of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). It was decommissioned as a military base in 1998 and, after environmental remediation was completed, the site was leased to InfoAge by Wall Township in 2006. At that point, InfoAge began the transformation of the site into a 37-acre science learning center.

InfoAge's mission is to "preserve, educate and honor scientific innovation to inspire new generations of thinkers, dreamers and visionaries." We want to preserve and honor America's scientific and technological history while inspiring young people and encouraging their interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); our vision is to have our parking lots full of yellow school buses.

Our museums include:

- The New Jersey Shipwreck Museum
- The Radio and Television Technology Museum
- The New Jersey Military Technology Museum
- The Vintage Computer Museum
- The Electronic Warfare Museum
- The Garden State Central Model Railroad Museum
- The Veteran Wireless Operators Association Memorial
- The InfoAge Space Exploration Center (ISEC)
- Computer Deconstruction Laboratory
- WWI Centennial Exhibit
- WWII Battle Diorama Museum

**Website:** [www.infoage.org](http://www.infoage.org)  
**Email:** [mruane@infoage.org](mailto:mruane@infoage.org)  
**Contact:** Mike Ruane, Chief Executive Officer  
**Events:** See website  
**Regular Hours:** Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.  
**ADA accessible:** All museums  
**Public Restroom:** Yes  
**Parking:** Lot on premises  
**Phone:** 732-280-3000



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



Located in the heart of the Jersey Shore, within Allaire State Park, this early 19th century factory town will transport you and your family back into history. Meet villagers and learn about their lives in post-colonial New Jersey during our nation's first industrial revolution. Visit the tradesmen in their craft shops, and learn about what it was like to live in the 1830s by visiting the site's historic homes. Take a step into the largest general store in New Jersey since 1836 and browse our period wares for sale. Visit the Bakery and enjoy a cool drink and tasty treats. Visit the Allaire residence and tour the famous dwelling with their housekeeper, Mrs. Dickinson. The Enameling Building houses The Arthur Brisbane Continuing Education Center and hosts various exhibits, dioramas, and a Museum Gift Shop. We also offer a full year of special events that include historical re-enactments, flea markets, holiday lantern tours, children's educational programs, craft markets, weddings in the historic chapel and more! A surprise awaits you at every turn when you visit The Historic Village at Allaire; a place where history comes alive!

**Return June 1st and 2nd for our Civil War Encampment, Skirmish, and Evening Lantern Tour**

**Website:** [www.allairevillage.org](http://www.allairevillage.org)  
**Email:** [info@allairevillage.org](mailto:info@allairevillage.org)  
**Contact:** Bonnie Brown – 732-919-3500 ext.12  
**Events:** Go to [Allairevillage.org](http://Allairevillage.org) (under the Events tab)  
 Visit us on Instagram at [AllaireVillageInc](https://www.instagram.com/AllaireVillageInc) and Facebook at: The Historic Village at Allaire  
**Regular Hours:** Visit our website at [www.allairevillage.org](http://www.allairevillage.org) for seasonal hours.  
**ADA accessible:** Varies  
**Public Restroom:** Yes  
**Parking:** Lot on premises



## Allentown Presbyterian Church

20 High Street  
Allentown, NJ 08501



Presbyterians have probably worshipped in the Allentown area since the late 1600s, but it was 1720 when Rev. John Walton settled in at “the Presbyterian Church in Allentown” 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 of 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 were 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 1:00 pm.**

**Website:** [www.allentownpresbyterian.org](http://www.allentownpresbyterian.org)

**Email:** [clerk@allentownpresbyterian.org](mailto:clerk@allentownpresbyterian.org)

**Contact:** Nancy Tindall, Clerk of Session

**ADA accessible:** Yes

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Lot across street from Church

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



## Historic Walnford

62 Walnford Rd.  
Cream Ridge, 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 shows a vital 19th century farming industry in operation, demonstrating corn grinding into meal on weekend afternoons from April through November.

**Website:** [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com)

**Email:** [sarah.bent@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:sarah.bent@co.monmouth.nj.us)

**Contact:** Sarah Bent, Historic Walnford Supervisor

**Organization:** Monmouth County Park System

**Events:** Walnford Day, May 19, 2019: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

(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

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

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Lot on site

**Phone:** 609-259-6275



**Roosevelt  
Borough (Jersey  
Homesteads)  
Historic District**  
2A 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 square-mile 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.

**Events:** Ben Shahn lecture at 2 p.m. each day at the elementary school

**Website:** [www.web2sons.org](http://www.web2sons.org) (unofficial)

**Email:** [mticktin@aol.com](mailto:mticktin@aol.com)

**Contact:** Michael L. Ticktin, Borough Historian

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** Yes, in Elementary School

**Parking:** Lot on site

**Phone:** 609-947-0491



**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 four 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.

In 2010, the “Friends” saved the ca. 1800s, Clarksburg Allen Hay Barn and Wagon House, from demolition when the barns were scheduled to be taken down and hauled off to the landfill to make way for affordable housing. The New Jersey Barn Company sketched and labeled all the parts as they disassembled the beams for storage. The historic structures were raised again on the Baird Homestead site in 2013-15. 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. This historic journey will be documented and celebrated here today... a piece of our heritage remains for future generations to see and enjoy.

**Special Activities during Weekend in Old Monmouth:**

**Both Saturday & Sunday:** Pictorial story, The ‘Razing’ of the Clarksburg Allen Barn and Carriage House and the ‘Raising’ of the Structures at the Baird Homestead; and a Self guided House Tour

**Sunday Only:** 4-H will facilitate Live Sheep—Shearing 1 - 3:00 p.m. and a Colonial Craft Demonstration

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

**Organization:** Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties

**Website:** [www.mtfriendsofhistory.org](http://www.mtfriendsofhistory.org)

**Email:** [mtfriendsofhistory@gmail.com](mailto:mtfriendsofhistory@gmail.com)

**Contact:** Pat Butch, Robin Bruins

**Regular Hours:** Monthly open house schedule posted on website

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

**Public Restroom:** Yes, plus a picnic area

**Parking:** On-site

**Phone:** 609-915-3444, 609-290-8229



**Village Inn**  
Two Water Street  
Englishtown, NJ 07726



The oldest part of the building dates circa 1726 when it was first occupied by Robert Newel who ran a tailor shop. The building's historic status stems from its longer role as a tavern. The building was converted into a tavern in 1766 by Moses Davis. In 1668, the provincial government mandated every town to have a tavern (public house) for the accommodation of travelers. During the Battle of Monmouth, the tavern was owned by Daniel Herbert. A circa 1815 addition gave the building its present appearance. In 1923, Grace Hazel (Fleming) Applegate inherited the building and named the building, "The Village Inn." The building was in continual use by the public until 1965. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. In 1978 when the building was threatened with demolition, the Battleground Historical Society purchased and restored the building. The building was opened to the public in 1993 and serves as our headquarters and museum.

**Exhibit:** Local History

**Website:** [www.thevillageinn.org](http://www.thevillageinn.org)

**Email:** [hkernast@yahoo.com](mailto:hkernast@yahoo.com)

**Contact:** Hans Kernast

**Organization:** Battleground Historical Society

**Events:** Monthly meetings 4th Friday, 7:30 p.m. (except summer) For special events see website.

**Regular Hours:** Every third Sunday of the month 1:00-3:00 p.m. Group Tours by appointment

**ADA accessible:** First floor only

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Backyard

**Phone:** 908-907-3523



**Old Tennent Presbyterian Church**  
450 Tennent Road  
Tennent, NJ 07763



In 2017, Old Tennent Presbyterian Church celebrated the 325th 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 Oak Hill in 1731 and built a small church on land granted by King George II to Walter Ker, our first Elder, who subsequently sold a 1 acre parcel to the church for the grand total of 1 shilling. William Tennent, Jr., who began his 44-year pastorate in 1733 succeeding his brother John, grew the church membership larger than ever expected in such a short time. They decided to expand the sanctuary by redesigning the structure and adding a gallery (balcony) to double the seating capacity. That remodeled building was completed 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 may have been damaged by shell fragments and musket balls 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 1859 after being alternately known as Old Scots Church, the Presbyterian Church of Monmouth County, the Presbyterian Church of Freehold and the First Presbyterian Church of the County of Monmouth.

**Website:** [www.oldtennent.org](http://www.oldtennent.org)

**Email:** [ot.church@verizon.net](mailto: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.

**ADA Accessible:** No.

**Public Restroom:** No

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

**Phone:** 732-446-6299



### Craig House at Monmouth Battlefield State Park

Route 9 North at 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:

#### Monmouth Battlefield:

The Visitor Center, located at 20 State Route 33, west of Rt. 9, features exhibits, a 10-minute movie and a Gift Shop. There will be a walking tour of the Battlefield at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday only (meet at Visitor Center). The Historic 1740 Craig House will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., located about 3 miles from the Visitor Center, off Rt. 9 North at Schibanoff Lane.

**Websites:** [www.monmouthbattlefield.nj.gov](http://www.monmouthbattlefield.nj.gov) (Park)  
[www.friendsofmonmouth.org](http://www.friendsofmonmouth.org) (Friends)

**Contact:** Michael Timpanaro, Park Historian

**Organization:** Friends of Monmouth Battlefield

**Email:** (Friends) [dmartin@peddie.org](mailto:dmartin@peddie.org)

**Events:** See websites

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

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

**Public Restroom:** Visitor Center-Yes; Craig House-No

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

**Phone:** 732-462-9616 (Park)



### Oakley Farm House

189B Oakley Drive  
Freehold Twp., NJ 07728



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.

The West Freehold School at 209 Wemrock Rd. will also be open for tours during A Weekend in Old Monmouth. Earlier known as the West Freehold Seminary and Collegiate Institute, was built in 1847 on a small piece of the Walker-Combs-Hartshorne Farm. The Georgia Road Schoolhouse at corner of Jackson Mill and Georgia Rds., another early school house owned by Freehold Township, may be open, but tours will not be available.

**Website:** [www.twp.freehold.nj.us](http://www.twp.freehold.nj.us) ("Around Town" and "Heritage Society")

**Email:** [ftheritagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:ftheritagesociety@gmail.com)

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

**Events:** Open House and Barn Sale, May 4 & 5; musical programs at Pavilion both days; Christmas at Camp" Civil War reenactors, December 7

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

**ADA accessible:** Limited to House, first floor

**Public Restroom:** Farmhouse, Yes

**Parking:** On-site and along Oakley Drive

**Phone:** 732-577-9766



## Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County

310 Mounts Corner Dr.  
Freehold, NJ 07728



**This site will not be open Saturday, May 4, but will be open on Sunday, May 5, 2019.**

The Museum invites visitors to explore its exciting Permanent Exhibit, "Three Centuries of Growth & Change: A History of the Jews in Monmouth County." This story of immigration and settlement, while focused on the County's Jewish population, is a microcosm of America's history from colonial times to the present. This extensive exhibit serves as the core of the Museum's mission. Families with children can explore the Youth Zone - an activity center for children ages 7-13 which guides them through a targeted display, and activities including puzzles, a scavenger hunt, and artwork to help them learn about Monmouth County's Jewish history. In addition, the Museum has a current exhibit, "Let's Dish: Family Histories through Dinnerware" introducing several local families's stories related to the acquisition and use of special china pieces. There is also an opportunity for families to contribute their family's genealogy to a community database. Your Story is Here! Come Visit!

The Museum is dedicated to the promotion of public awareness of the County's Jewish heritage for the education and enjoyment of all, and fulfills this mission through a variety of exhibitions, cultural programs and publications that celebrate, preserve, explore and illustrate the history and contributions of Monmouth's Jewish residents to the community.

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, descendent of Jonas Solomon, one of the County's first Jewish residents. Notable are its post and beam construction, the restored interior water tank dated 1875, 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.

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

**Website:** [www.jhmomc.org](http://www.jhmomc.org)

**Email:** [info@jhmomc.org](mailto:info@jhmomc.org)

**Contact:** Alice Berman, President

**Organization:** Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County

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

**ADA accessible:** Yes

**Public Restroom:** Yes

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

**Phone:** 732-252-6990



## 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. Covenhoven House is on the New Jersey and National and Registers of Historic Places.

**Events:** Open Hearth - Open House. See web site for more information and dates.

**Organization:** Monmouth County Historical Association

**Website:** [www.monmouthhistory.org](http://www.monmouthhistory.org)

**Email:** [info@monmouthhistory.org](mailto:info@monmouthhistory.org)

**Contact:** Pati Githens, Outreach Manager

**Events:** Open Hearth-Open House Programs in Spring and Fall

**Phone:** 732-462-1466

**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

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** Yes

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



**St. Peter's  
Episcopal Church**  
33 Throckmorton 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. Previously, the Rev. Mr. Keith had been Surveyor-General of the Province of East Jersey. He marked the boundary between East and West Jersey in 1686, which was called the Keith Line. The line still exists, having influenced municipal boundaries, and roughly marking cultural boundaries between areas of New Jersey. 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 as appropriate on church holy days. Our community outreach involves our Community Suppers, Feed All God's Children soup kitchen, the Clergy Association's Emergency Housing & Advocacy Program, the Open Door afterschool homework program, the Thrift Shop, Downtown Concert Series, and numerous music recitals for local music studios.

**Events:** Concert May 18 at 7:30 p.m. – Akshara Music Ensemble.

**Website:** [www.stpetersfreehold.org](http://www.stpetersfreehold.org)

**Email:** [buildings@stpetersfreehold.org](mailto:buildings@stpetersfreehold.org)

**Contact:** Robin Stewart, Parish Administrator or Anne Delgado, Director of Communications

**Phone:** 732-431-8383

**Hours:** Services - Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 8 and 10 a.m.; Office – Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**ADA accessible:** Ramp for entry into Church

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** Street or Broad Street Municipal Lot



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



Monmouth County Historical Association Headquarters houses its Museum, Archives, and Research Library 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 "Hartshorne: Eight Generations and Their Highlands Estate Called Portland", "Curator's Choice: Paintings from the Permanent Collection", and "That Memorable Sabbath Day—The Battle of Monmouth in Drawings, Paintings and Prints." Permanently on display is the stunning Leutze painting "Washington Rallying the Troops at Monmouth."

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

**Website:** [www.monmouthhistory.org](http://www.monmouthhistory.org)

**Email:** [info@monmouthhistory.org](mailto:info@monmouthhistory.org)

**Contact:** Pati Githens, Executive Director

**Phone:** 732-462-1466

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

**ADA accessible:** First Floor

**Public Restroom:** Yes

**Parking:** West side only of Court Street, very small lot behind building, or at Court House directly to the north

The **Battle of Monmouth Monument** across Court St. was dedicated on the June 28, 1878 centennial of the battle, the monument was dedicated in a major celebration on November 13, 1884. The statue of Columbia Triumphant 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.



## Montrose Schoolhouse

Montrose Rd. &  
Cedar Dr.  
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 Colts Neck Township Committee under the strict guidance of then Mayor Lillian Burry and the Historical Preservation Committee. The 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. It is the focal point of Colts Neck's Country Christmas celebration.

**Organization:** Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee

**Website:** <http://www.colts-neck.nj.us/administration/committees/historic-preservation>

**Facebook:** Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee

**Email:** [cltnrealty@aol.com](mailto:cltnrealty@aol.com), [montcelo@optonline.net](mailto:montcelo@optonline.net)

**Contact:** Lillian Burry, Patty Eastman

**Regular Hours:** None

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** No

**Parking:** Holland Lane (side street)

**Phone:** 908-692-8546 or 732-462-6888



## Old Brick Reformed Church

490 Route 520  
Marlboro, NJ 07746



Old Brick Reformed Church, originally known as "The First Reformed Church of Freehold" was founded in 1699. During its history it has occupied three buildings as houses of worship. The first, called "Gabat House," was in what is now the village of Marlboro. The second, erected in 1732, was on the present site. This structure was taken down in 1826 to make room for the present structure.

In 1869, the Chapel was erected in the Marlboro village and continued in use until 1969, when it was sold to the Monmouth Christian Church to help provide for Volharder Hall. This church, the first Reformed Church in Monmouth County, has been the mother church to several other churches, notably the Reformed Church of Freehold, and the Colts Neck Reformed Church. Over the years the Church's Pastors have lived in several different homes: (1714-1830) a farm on what is Rt. 520, between Rt. 79 and Church; (1830 -1870) a farm on School Road West; (1870-1947) a house on the East side of Main St. (the 3rd up from Buck Lane); (1947-1956) a house on the West side of Main St., and 1956 to the present house on Hobart Ave.

**Website:** [www.oldbrickchurch.org](http://www.oldbrickchurch.org)

**Email:** [secretary@oldbrickchurch.org](mailto:secretary@oldbrickchurch.org)

**Contact:** Pastor George Kaden

**Worship:** Sunday 9:30 a.m.

**Facebook:** Old Brick Reformed Church

**ADA accessible:** No

**Public Restroom:** No

**Phone:** 732 946-8860 (office)

# *Take Weekend in Old Monmouth with you!*

A virtual tour has been created to present all 50 tour locations in an interactive format that combines some of the information, photos and map in this booklet into a paperless online location. Each tour site is now a “story point” on an interactive map using state-of-the-art technology.

You can visit several points on the virtual tour to learn about a tour route; clicking-on an individual location will reveal more about a specific historic site.

You can click in order through the tour narrative, or you can browse the tour by interacting with the map or the mini-photo carousel. The tour is accessible on your computer, tablet, or smart phone.

Special thanks to the Monmouth County Division of Planning staff who used Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology to generate the virtual tour for the 2019 Weekend in Old Monmouth.

Planning and personalizing your Weekend in Old Monmouth is now easier than ever. Use the virtual tour by logging onto this *website*: <http://bit.ly/2019WOM> or scan this QR code:



## **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>

**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 summered at that home in 1916. The University (then known as Monmouth College) acquired the property in 1956. [www.monmouth.edu](http://www.monmouth.edu)

## **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:

- Initiated in 2017, a re-grant program provides matching funds to smaller history organizations for General Operational Support (GOS). Also, Special Project grants are available for specific history projects to both historical and non-historical organizations. 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 grant program for bricks 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 County student to write about a historic site 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](http://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 Saturday, October 12, 2019 at the County Library Headquarters on Symmes Road, Manalapan. Visit us there.

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