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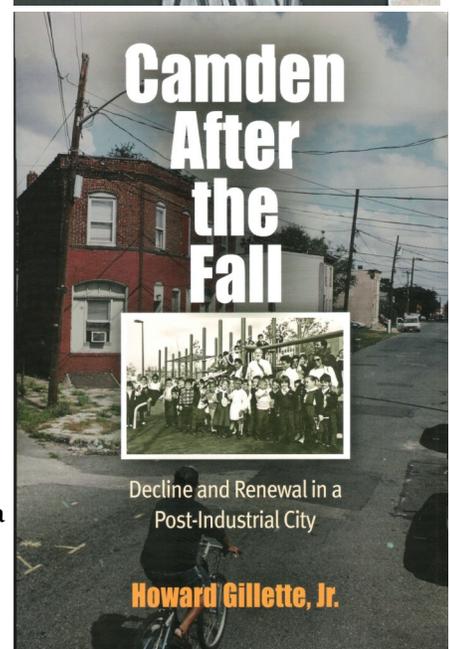
2008 We meet on the third MONDAY of January, April, July, and October - at 7:30pm

OUR NEXT MEETING: Will be held on MONDAY October 20th at the Haddon Heights Library- Lower Level. All are welcome. Admission is free... Bring a friend!

CAMDEN AFTER THE FALL- Howard Gillette, a history professor at Rutgers University- Camden Campus, will provide an analysis of the social and economic forces at work that led to Camden's decline, as well as those that promise to reverse that decline. Professor Gillette specializes in modern U.S. history, with a special interest in urban and regional development. His latest book, Camden After the Fall: Decline and Renewal in a Post-Industrial City, was recently published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. Previously he taught at George Washington University and the University of Pennsylvania. He received his B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American Studies From Yale University.

Professor Gillette is Director of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities, a research and advocacy organization for bringing new intellectual and monetary resources to cultural practice in the humanities as it relates to the Mid-Atlantic states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. His work in public history has included a role as a founder and first director of the Center for Washington Area Studies at the George Washington University and as editor of Washington History, the journal of the Historical Society of Washington, D.C. He currently serves on the editorial boards of the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography and the Journal of Planning History. He is a past president of the Society for American City and Regional Planning History and a former board member of the Historical Society of Washington and the Camden County Historical Society. He is the author, among other works, of Between Justice and Beauty: Race, Planning, and the Failure of Urban Policy in Washington, D.C. (Johns Hopkins University Press). Please plan to join us for this analysis of the fall of a once booming city.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- Wow! It feels like this year has zipped by us at a pretty fast pace. We all have been touched in one way or another by events that have occurred throughout the world, our country, and our little town. By the time you read this newsletter, the political and financial environments will still be heating up or winding down, depending on how you look at it. Before we get too



caught up in current events, I'd like to take the time to thank all the members of your Board and Assistants to the Board for the time they have spent this year on the management of your Society.

I am impressed how Ken Funkhouser puts together your quarterly newsletter, since many of his news contributors tend to wait to the last minute to get their material to him. It's also nice to see his leadership skills as spokesman for the Trustees in their annual "audit of the books" process, in our spirited Board meeting conversations, and leading our annual Independence Day celebration contingent with "Florence," his 1929 Model A Ford. I also appreciate the time and effort Joan Rossler and Elena Hill have selflessly given in organizing our merchandise items at the Library and ensuring a strong participation in the Fall Festival. If you ever wonder how our organization is mentioned and acknowledged in the local papers, it is through the efforts of Fred Missimer. Additionally, both Fred and Peter Hill are responsible for searching and securing our quarterly speakers, which is more involved than you may realize.

Even though Wall Street is in chaos, Art Ritter still manages to cut (and sometimes hand-deliver in small town style) our checks, and keeps our financial records in order (without a golden parachute). Behind the scenes, Jan Ewing works on keeping the membership list, mailing labels, and our email distribution list current. Cheryl Selah and Jack Witzig contribute event photography whenever possible, as well as maintaining the Historical Society website- a window into our organization which is open to anyone around the world. Ginny Appleby performs her Trustee duties and is always the first one to cheerlead and selling items and promoting events we sponsor. Judy Buecker keeps our official meeting notes as Secretary; and Rose Fitzgerald and Anne McAdams provide legislative focus and research on key projects, linking your society to other organizations and town government.

One such project, recently approved by your Board, is the Historic Sign Project. The objectives are to establish landmark signage documenting the development of Haddon Heights for residents and visitors, support the DOT-funded Station Avenue Rehabilitation project, and to support the recent designation of Haddon Heights as one of eleven initial "Classic" Towns by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Committee. Your Society has agreed to fund the installed cost of approximately \$3,000 for three signs, designed through the efforts of Penonni Associates and Westfield Architects & Preservation Consultants.



HADDON HEIGHTS AND THE WHITE HORSE PIKE
HHS Avenue in the original street grid of Haddon Heights is commonly known as the White Horse Pike. In 1890, this road was laid out from Camden to Egg Harbor along a line through Berlin (then called Long-Corridor) and the future thoroughfare of Haddon Heights. By the late nineteenth century, the Philadelphia and Delaware City Railway had been laid in the west of White Horse Pike, and local land owners, led by Benjamin A. Lippitt, saw an opportunity for development.
In 1899, a passenger station was built along the railroad tracks at what is now Station Avenue, and the community named Haddon Heights Pike for its proximity to Haddonfield and its high elevation began to develop. A small shopping area near the railroad tracks, early buildings included a general store, a meat market, shoemaker, bank, a post office, and a news hall. The first houses were constructed along the White Horse Pike and on the land surrounding the railroad station.
Beginning at Kings Highway and moving down the Pike towards Barrington, these houses - now mostly rehabilitated for office use - reflect the development of architectural styles during the early twentieth century including Queen Anne, Tudor Revival, Colonial Revival, Vernacular American Four Square, and Craftsman Bungalow. In 1961, Haddon Heights was incorporated as a separate borough, and continued to develop further from the center of town, with the population reaching almost 10,000 residents by 1980.



Photos by the Historic Western Atlantic Railroad Society

Additionally, during this summer I had the opportunity to discuss a Haddon Heights High School Garnet and Gold Society volunteer service project with Erica Seaverns, a Junior at HHHS. Erica needed to complete at least three more hours (of her total of five hours) of unpaid community service before the school year began in September. She agreed to help with the typing of HHHS Senior information as we build our yearbook database, and after six hours, completed the 1916 and 1926 yearbooks. Thanks, Erica!

Finally, as part of our effort to support the designation of Haddon Heights as a "Classic" Town, I would like to suggest that each of you consider using Society Note Cards featuring our Four pre-Revolutionary Haddon Heights Homes in your personal correspondence until our supply has been depleted. See Joan Rossler to purchase 12-pack cards at the significantly discounted price of only \$3.00. And if you haven't purchased your copy of The Ideal Suburb, copies are available at the Library for only \$24.95.



Remember...without you, we're history!
Best regards, *Marshall Hatfield*
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The Ideal Suburb
Haddon Heights Remembered

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY Profile Flashback...(Part-II)- Clemens Titzck (reprinted from the HHHS Newsletter January 1978) The Philadelphia Record and the Evening Bulletin ran large ads recommending Haddon Heights as a place for homes, health and happiness. Haddon Heights Real Estate Company Secretary Charles Bunting stated that Mr. Titzck had vowed "To put Haddon Heights on the map !" there was a boom in town from 1904 to 1917. When World War I broke out, a bad slump in real estate followed for three years. During this time, Mr. Titzck became sole owner of the company, overexpanded, and regrettably used up his capital to make up the slack.

In addition to his real estate losses, some of his Avalon, NJ bonds were worthless, because the lots had washed into the ocean. A bad business connection in Philadelphia caused him to lose an uninsured cargo from Japan. This was the final straw. Giving up all his holdings except the home at 18 8th Avenue, this residence was also sold and the family moved to Merrick Avenue in Collingswood, NJ.

Mr. Titzck went back to Charles Webb & Company Wool Importers, in Philadelphia, where he secured a modest income because of his knowledge of foreign languages and his ability to code and decode cable messages to foreign countries. He died at age 79 years and is buried in Harleigh Cemetery in Camden.

Clemens Titzck was a man of vision, an optimist, and a fine gentleman. He was superstitious about the number 13, because he had thirteen letters in his name, thirteen letters in Haddon Heights, and most of his good contracts were consummated on the 13th. When his son William Albert passed away on the 13th, early in the 20th century, the man's good fortune began to change. Later, his second son was killed on the Philadelphia-Camden Bridge in an auto accident. The family had six children; 3 boys and 3 girls.

BOOK ABOUT H.H. RESIDENT- Note that the new book CLAIM OF PRIVILEGE written by Pulitzer prize winning author Barry Siegel concerning the events around a mysterious plane crash and the deaths of Haddon Heights resident Al Palya and several of his RCA co-workers was released on June 1, 2008. The US Government's legal responses since 1943 have led to the current Executive Privilege controversy. This book is available in the H.H. Library.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2009- Each year during the Fall Meeting, we conduct our election of officers and Board members. Once again the nominating committee has had an overwhelming response (read as None) of members stepping forward interested in helping to guide and manage this society. Solely based on their extreme generosity of time and an interest in not letting this organization wither and fail, all current Board members and Assistants to the Board have agreed to remain in office for another year. I am sure we won't be as lucky next year !!!!!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2009 Haddon Heights Historical Society

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ E-Mail _____

Type of Membership: _____ Single (\$8.00) _____ Household (\$12.00)

NOTE: Year 2009 Annual Membership dues are only \$8.00 (single), and \$12.00 (household), and are due at this time. Please bring this completed form and payment to the next Historical Society Meeting. If you prefer to mail in your dues, please send to:

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Coming Events Calendar

10/20/08- Mon. 7:30pm- HHHS General Meeting at the Library
10/26/08- Sun 12:30pm-History's Mysteries Camden Co. Hist. Society 1900 Park Blvd Camden. \$20 for non-members
11/4/08- Tues. National Election day- Make History and vote early
11/9/08- Sun. 1:00pm- City Tavern chef Walter Staib demonstrates 18th Cent. Cooking.-Pomona Hall CCHist. Soc. \$50
11/16/08- Sun. 5:30pm- Barrington Hist. Society Meeting covered dish buffet.contact B.H. S for details
11/22/08- 8:00am- Trenton Marriot- 25th Annual NJ History Conference. \$40fee incl. breakfast, lunch and speakers like our own Margaret Westfield
12/7/08- 1:00pm- Camden Co. Hist. Society Open Hearth Holiday Brunch \$60. Contact C.C.H.S. for details
12/15/08- Mon. 7:00pm- HHHS Board Meeting at Stanfill Towers

FYI- The Haddon Heights Historical Society group won a Third Place Award for our patriotic appearance in the July Fourth Parade in town. Maybe you will join is next year??????????????

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THANKS for listening ... Drop me a line. Share some history ! Ken Funkhouser, Editor

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