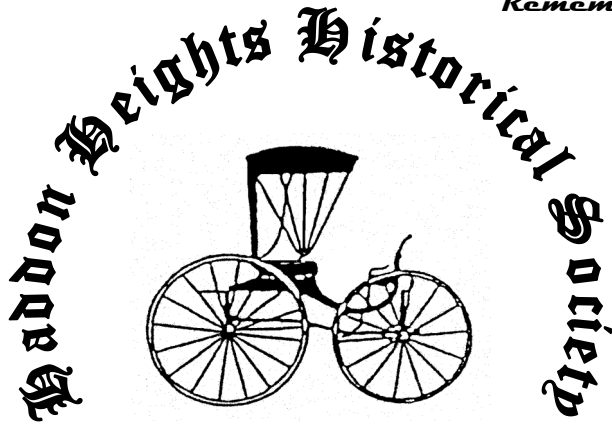


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We meet on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October

OUR NEXT MEETING – Our next meeting will be Tuesday January 17th at 7:30pm downstairs in the Library. Our topic will be “Genealogy– When You Think You Haven’t Got a Clue”. Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak (yes that is her real name) will bring her unique and cutting edge perspective on research into family histories, to open our 2006 series of informative sessions. Megan has been an avid genealogist since the sixth grade and is skilled in many aspects of family history research. She was selected as the lead researcher for the PBS award-winning *Ancestors* series and has consulted on many other television programs.



Megan has worked with the U.S. Army’s Repatriation project since 2000. This program is using DNA samples from the relatives of servicemen killed or MIA in Korea, WW II, and Viet Nam to match against the remains that are now being repatriated. She has supported this and over 60 other genealogical initiatives through her “Honoring Our Ancestors” grants program.

Her credits include authoring four books on the subject: Honoring Our Ancestors , In Search of Our Ancestors , They Came to America , and Trace Your Roots With DNA. Formerly an international marketing consultant, she has traveled to more than 70 countries and holds a BSFS in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, MBA in International Business from George Washington University and MAS in Information Technology from Johns Hopkins University. We are truly fortunate to have Megan join us for this very special evening . Please bring a friend!!!!!!!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2006– At the October meeting of the Historical Society, our membership elected Officers for 2006. You can view the results of this annual rite in the “Officers & Contacts” box later in the newsletter. Additionally, you will see a vacancy– still to be filled...I am asking for a members to step forward and volunteer to serve as Recording Secretary, Membership Coordinator, and Publicity/communications Coordinator.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER- I know that at least a couple of our members are hooked up with e-mail. The volume of “hits” on our Society Website give us some indication of that. I mentioned in the last newsletter the possible availability in the near future of electronic distribution of the newsletter to those members who would prefer to receive the newsletter in that format. The absence of any responses whatsoever was a surprise to me. We want to accumulate a directory of e-mail addresses for our members. Please e-mail JACK@HHHISTORICAL.ORG. Add your address to our roster so we can get important and timely information or changes out to our members via e-mail.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT— 2006 annual dues are still only \$8.00 and include the quarterly newsletter. You can complete the membership application on page 3, and send it along with a check to our P.O. Box, or you can bring the form and money to the membership meeting. Why not bring a friend, son, daughter, niece, or spouse to our next meeting on January 17th?

RIDE THE RAIL / WALK THE TRAIL...REPORT— Thanks to Marshall Hatfield and Kay & John Fisher for this report (ed.) On Saturday morning, October 22nd, the weather was misty with possible showers throughout the day. We didn't have alternative dates set aside, so we decided to forge ahead regardless of the weather. Trip members included Elena and Peter Hill, Kay and John Fisher (Haddon Twp. Historical Society friends), Kathy and Don Witzig, Jan Ewing and Marshall Hatfield. This was the first trip for most of us, on the Riverline light rail line connecting Camden to Trenton. Surprisingly, the train was quite full! When we arrived in Bordentown we met our guide, Mae Silver. She led us to the bronze statue (see photo) of Thomas Paine. This is one of only five statues of Paine, the author of *Common Sense*, whose stirring words helped to convince the colonials to revolt against the British.

As we walked from the statue through the streets of Bordentown, Mae described many interesting tales about Paine and his contemporaries, Francis Hopkinson & Colonel Kirkbride. She referred to them as “disavowed” Quakers because they proposed taking up arms to achieve their political objectives. Mae pointed out the unique architecture of the historic homes, and the con-



nections those original residents had to local commerce and politics, as we made our way along Farnsworth Street.

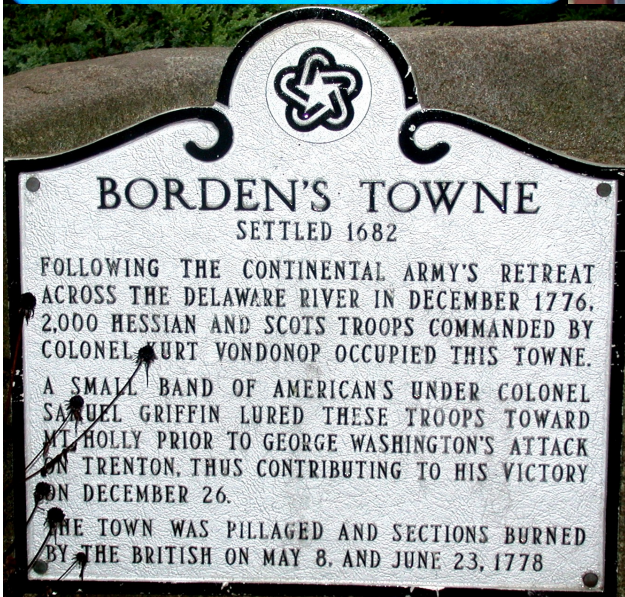
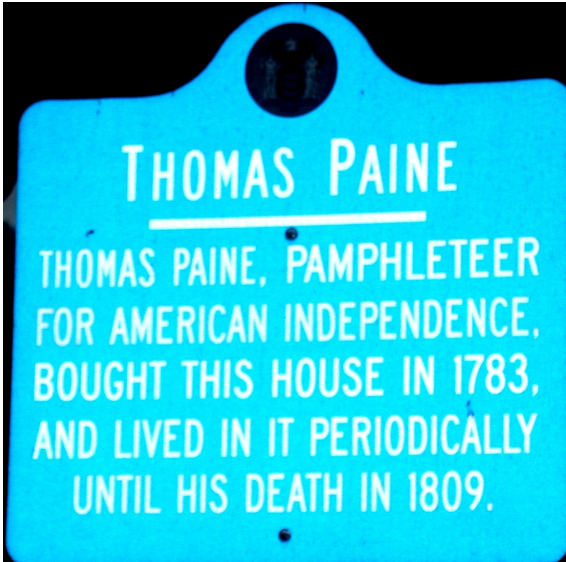
One of the houses was the original Borden house (see photo— left). It was rebuilt after the British burned it, as a deterrent to the revolution-minded colonists. It was said that Mrs. Borden sat outside on a chair and watched her house burn to the ground, after proclaiming to the British officer in charge, “This is one of the happiest days of my life. It means the British are losing the war!” Mae commented that this may have been the original display



of the “Jersey Girl” attitude. We moved on to the Bordentown Historical Society, in the old Quaker Meeting House, and then a quick trip through the local cemetery.

We also stopped by Clara Barton's one room schoolhouse. It appeared we would only be able to see it through the windows. While we were peeking in, the local militia stopped and questioned our intents. For a while we thought our names might show up in the *Retrospect's* police reports. You see, Bordentown has been a little suspicious of non-resident groups ever since the British “house-warmings” and the May 1778

sinking of 22 ships in Crosswicks Creek, where it meets the Delaware River. Fortunately, the caretaker of the schoolhouse came to our rescue, as she lives across the street. She actually gave us the key and said just return it to her house when we were done! We finished up our day at Jester's, a local eating establishment with good food, good service and a good time had by all. Join us for our next Historical Society outing!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL Haddon Heights Historical Society

Name _____

Address _____

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

NOTE: Year 2006 Annual Membership dues are only \$8.00, 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

April 18th- Spring Membership Meeting
May 2006- Local History Scholar Award
July 4th- July 4th Parade
July 18th- Summer Membership Mtg.
October 2006- Fall Festival Booth/Sales
October 2006- Heirloom Discovery Day
October 17th- Fall Membership Meeting

Ongoing Projects Needing Volunteers

Haddon Heights Remembered- Jodi Clark-
Revision/Update & Printing

H.H Town & Business Directories- Marshall
Hatfield- Data entry, verifying & collating

Arcadia Press Town History Photo Book-
Bob Hunter & Ken Funkhouser- Prepare
historic photos and captions for publication

Historical Society Board/Contacts

<u>President</u> -	Marshall Hatfield
<u>Vice-President</u> -	Peter Hill
<u>Treasurer</u> -	Jodi Clark
<u>Recording Sec.</u> -	(VACANT)
<u>Newsletter Ed.</u> -	Ken Funkhouser
<u>Web Master</u> -	Jack Witzig
<u>Past Pres./Librarian</u> -	Bob Hunter
<u>Trustees</u> -	Virginia Appleby
	Ken Funkhouser
	Jack Witzig

Board Members can be contacted through:

Web Site- E-mail us at: jack@hhhistorical.org

Mail correspondence- P.O. Box 118
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DID YOU KNOW WE ARE A NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION? Please consider the Haddon Heights Historical Society when making the difficult decisions regarding where to send charitable donations or memorial gifts. In fact, it was one such memorial gift that served as part of the initial funding for the Haddon Heights Local History Scholar Award- to be given later this year by the H.H. Historical Society. Thanks!

HOUSE PORTRAITS- Create your own piece of history and a future family heirloom painting of your home, with these double-matted, framed watercolor house portraits at the very reasonable price of \$130. A portion of the price for these 16"X20" custom paintings benefits the Historical Society. Help continue this great fund-raiser. "Picture" your historic home or the home of someone you love!

THANKS for listening ... I hope you like the new format! Drop me a line and share a little history.
Ken Funkhouser, Editor

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