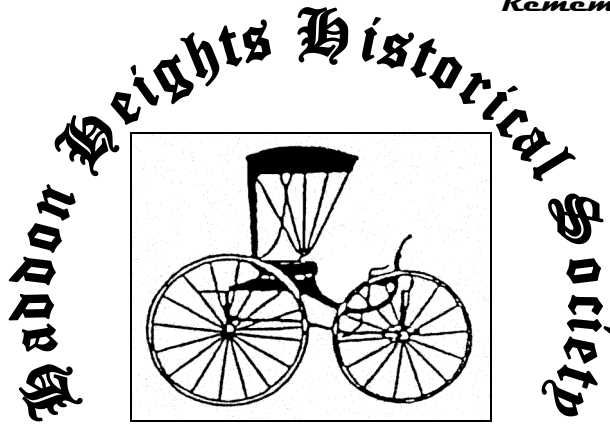


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We meet on the third MONDAY of January, April, July, and October - at 7:00pm

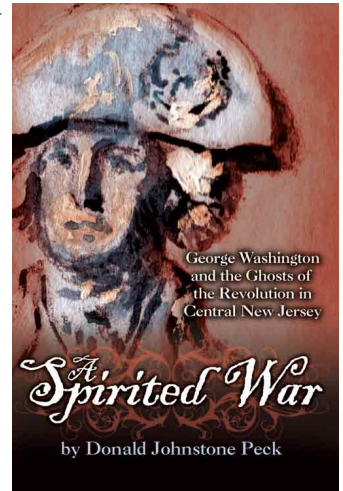
**OUR NEXT MEETING:** Monday evening October 21st at 7:00pm in the Haddon Heights Public Library.

Do you believe in ghosts? *A SPIRITED WAR* is an engaging story of two friends: Author/Historian Donald Peck and renowned Psychic Jane Doherty and their intriguing journey exploring the unique history and culture of Central New Jersey as the Crossroads of the American Revolution. Donald Peck will present fresh analysis of events that took place in the area, an in-depth tour of these Midland sites, explanations of the personalities involved and exciting stories that will afford us an entirely new perspective on the vestiges of the past around us. HAPPY HALLOWEEN!! Haddon Heights Public Library, 608 Station Ave The Library has full handicap access.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-** As I sit down at my computer to type this message to our members, I realize that the weather is hotter now than it was in August. How I wish that I was at the beach or the pool!!!!!!!!!!!!!! "Thank You" to Joan Rossler for organizing the Haddon Heights Historical Society display at the Fall Festival and to Anne McAdams for all of her help.

Margaret Westfield continues to develop the Interpretive Signs we are fortunate to install throughout Haddon Heights thanks to the continued generous support from the Laitman Foundation. Anne McAdams is diligent in her efforts to secure the proper permissions to erect each sign.

Peter Hill has planned a "ghostly" program for our October Meeting. Donald Peck will be relating stories from his book about George Washington and the ghosts of the Revolution in central NJ from his book. Peter has also planned a Civil War tour and luncheon at The Union League of Philadelphia in November. There is more information about these two wonderful events in the Newsletter. I look forward to seeing you on October 21. Maybe we might even have a few Revolutionary ghosts join us!!!!!! Please consider bringing a friend. *Elena*



**RESCHEDULED HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL OUTING-** Please join us as we continue our education on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, at the historic Union League of Philadelphia, on Saturday November 2nd for a tour and luncheon (*for the first 30 paid sign-ups*). We will meet at Broad & Sansom Streets (140 South Broad St., Phila. PA 19102) in front of the League, at 12 noon. Our guide is Jim Mundy, Director of Education and Programming Foundations of the UL. A lunch will be served in the Café Meredith followed by a grand tour of the League's collection of Civil War historic art & artifacts. The tour will end at the new Sir John Templeton Heritage Center which is a "hands on" museum done at your own speed. The PATCO weekend schedule lists westbound trains on Saturday at 11:21 and 11:36 from Haddonfield station to 12-13<sup>th</sup> Locust. In order to sign-up, please bring your check for \$25, to our meeting on October 21st. Please note that this trip & tour is partially subsidized by the Society (donation to Abraham Lincoln Foundation) and is limited by the League to 30 people only. All participants NEED TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE. Men must wear collared shirt with jacket (tie not required).

## Haddon Heights Rail History Highlights West Jersey Chapter, National Railway Historical Society

1877: Construction of the narrow gage Philadelphia & Atlantic City Railroad is completed. The first train from Camden to Atlantic City thru Haddon Heights is operated on July 9, 1877.

1883: The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad (P&R) acquires control of the Philadelphia & Atlantic City Railroad (P&AC) at a foreclosure sale. P&R installs standard gauge rails on the P&AC line in 1884.

1889: Philadelphia & Reading forms the Atlantic City Railroad, a subsidiary which absorbs the Philadelphia & Atlantic City effective April 1st. A second main track is laid to create a double track railroad between Camden—Atlantic City.



1890: The Haddon Heights passenger station is constructed at Station Ave.

1903: Public Service acquires the Camden & Suburban Railway Company and completes construction of the trolley line to Haddon Heights. Regular trolley service between Camden and Haddon Heights begins on July 14th.

1906: The Haddon Heights freight station is constructed, replacing an earlier structure. Most of the foodstuffs, hardware, farm implements, and etc. for local consumption, arrived in town on the railroad and were dispatched to the local stores either via the freight station or a track leading to the Frederick Fries Co.

1907: The extension of the trolley line from Haddon Heights to Clementon is completed. Regular service between Camden and Clementon begins on May 30th.

1922: The Atlantic City Railroad installs a third main track on its main line between Haddon Heights and Magnolia, a distance of 2.6 miles, to allow faster scheduling of express passenger trains to the shore. The NO tower is constructed just south of Green Street to control train movements thru Haddon Heights.

1927-1931: A new concrete overpass is constructed at Kings Highway, replacing an older structure. Also during this period, the pedestrian overpass at Green Street and the pedestrian underpass at Garden Street are constructed.

1933-1934: Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines is formed thru the consolidated of Pennsylvania Railroad and Reading Railroad subsidiaries operating in Southern New Jersey. The railroads took this action to remain viable in the face of declining business brought on by the Great Depression. The NO tower is closed and both the tower and third main track thru Haddon Heights are dismantled.

1935: Regular service on the Public Service trolley line is discontinued on September 1st due to declining ridership as a result of the Great Depression and development of public highways. An infrequent franchise car is operated until 1937 to retain the franchise to operate the line. The line is permanently taken out of service and effectively abandoned in 1937. Note: The substation originally constructed to service the trolley line still stands on East Atlantic Avenue and continues in operation by Public Service.

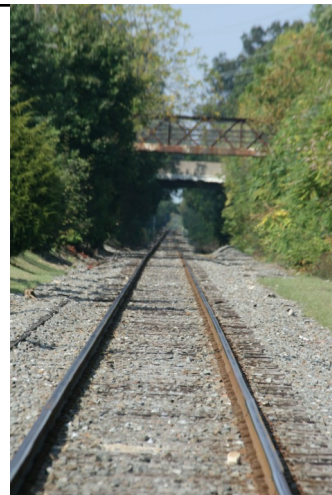
1953: The Pennsylvania Reading Seashore Line Clementon Branch (renamed former ACRR Main Line) is reduced from double track to single main track thru Haddon Heights effective November 24.

1965: The final regularly scheduled passenger trains to serve Haddon Heights, Nos. 609 and 610, operating between Camden and Clementon, are discontinued by PRSL on July 16. The Haddon Heights station agency remains open to service the local freight traffic.

1976: Consolidated Rail Corporation is created by Congress to absorb the rail assets of seven bankrupt northeastern railroads and the PRSL. The railroad thus formed is known as Conrail; the use of all previous railroad names in the system is discontinued.

1980: The Haddon Heights passenger station is closed as a freight agency. Subsequently, the Communications and Signals Department of Conrail moves into the building. During the 1980's, the former freight station is sold and still exists as a private business.

2006: The Communications and Signals Department relocated from the Haddon Heights passenger Station to Woodbury. The Delaware and Susquehanna Model Railroad Club leases the station from Conrail for its headquarters and embarks on an aggressive restoration program. Their efforts are keeping the 120 plus year old landmark a vital part of life along Station Ave.



**This short history of rail transportation in Haddon Heights was provided by the West Jersey Chapter, National Railway Historical Society. The Chapter meets at the Haddon Heights Municipal Building, 625 Station Avenue, at 7:30 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of January, February, March, April, September, October, and November. The May meeting is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday due to the Memorial Day holiday. The public is most cordially invited to attend Chapter meetings which always include a program on a rail transportation subject. For more information, please visit their website at [www.westjersey-nrhs.org](http://www.westjersey-nrhs.org).**

**H.H HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST N.J.LEAGUE: SPRING 2014-** We need volunteers to help represent the Haddon Heights Historical Society on March 8, 2014 as we host the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey state-wide Spring Meeting. We last hosted this group 10 years ago, to help celebrate our town's centennial year. In 2014, we will be celebrating the 350th anniversary of New Jersey ! Now... That's a big deal.

We are looking for Society members to help plan and organize this event, which will include a luncheon, historical presentations, self-guided town tours, and other events. If you are interested in participating in the planning or helping out on the day of the event, please call the committee chairperson, Anne McAdams, at 856-547-0058. Last time out, we did Haddon Heights Proud! I would like to see us top that in 2014.

**NOMINATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR BOARD POSITIONS BEING SOUGHT-** The October meeting is our "annual reorganization" meeting and election of officers. If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone for an expiring position, please let us know during the business portion of the October meeting!

**JANUARY 2014 MEETING TOPIC-** The 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis (U2 DEFCON 2): American Legion Post #38 Commander Brian Fitzgerald of Mount Laurel will deliver a power-point presentation answering your questions. What we know now that we did not know then. It has been over 50 years since the world held its collective breath as the USSR and the USA stood toe-to-toe 90 miles off our coast.

**DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR 2014-** See [membership application below!!!](#)

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## **2014 Membership Application / Renewal- Haddon Heights Historical Society**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Single- \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Household- \$15.00

I would also like to make a tax deductible donation to the Haddon Heights Historical Society, in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I am interested in getting involved with: ☐ Publicity ☐ Newsletter ☐ Web site ☐ Programs ☐ Marketing

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## COMING EVENTS

10/21/13 7:00pm- Library: HHHS General Mtg.-  
George Washington and the Ghosts of New Jersey!

11/2/13 Haddon Heights Hist. Soc. Fall Trip to  
the Union League in Philadelphia (see details)

12/16/13 7:00pm- Library: HHHS Board Meeting

January 2014 Meeting Topic- October 1962 Cuban  
Missile Crisis- What we know that we didn't, then

SPRING- 2014 -League of Historical Societies of  
NJ Spring Meeting in Haddon Heights !!! March  
8th. 2014 is the 350th anniversary of NJ.-Please  
join our planning committee.

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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER- Your Dues "Paid  
Through" YEAR date is printed on your newsletter  
label. Please make sure you are up to date. Don't  
risk being dropped from our mailing list!!!

*Just a reminder...The Historical Society is a  
501(c)3 organization. Please keep us in mind  
as you plan your charitable donations. Make  
us part of Your Legacy...*

THANKS for listening... If you come across old photos of Haddon Heights, or old stories of historic interest, please contact me. You never know who you will run into... Several years ago, we received old photos of our house in the mail with no explanation...Through another Society Board member, I just met the lady who sent those photos and whose grandmother bought my house when new. Lois Cuthbert lived in the home as a child, up to the mid 1940's... I look forward to more chats with Lois about my house. Share YOUR stories!  
Ken Funkhouser, Editor

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