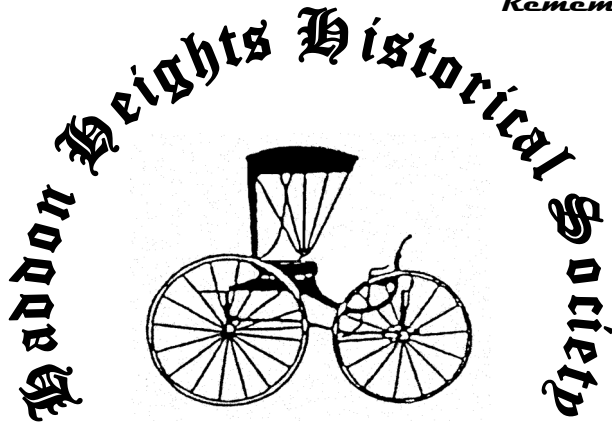


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We meet on the third Monday of January, April, July, and October - at 7:00pm in the Library

HADDON HEIGHTS REMEMBERED: GROWING UP IN THE 1930'S AND 1940'S – Please join us on Monday April 16th at 7pm as we host a panel discussion of Haddon Heights Memories– Growing up in town during the 30's and 40's. Our panel will consist of Lorapearl DeMartini, Charlie Kirkpatrick, and former Mayor Augie Longo. Have you ever wondered how the Great Depression and World War II impacted our community? These folks have “been there and done that...” The evening will offer opportunities for the audience to share their experiences as well. This panel will provide a great primary source of Haddon Heights history from a slice of time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE– Mark Twain is quoted as saying, “Once in the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather in 24 hours.” This has certainly been one of those Springs !!!!! Spring is the time of year when we enjoy the beauties of nature as vegetation begins to appear. The colors of nature are vibrant and beautiful. I have a challenge for our members..... Please try to bring a guest to our meeting on April 16th. We are fortunate in Haddon Heights to have so many people who have lived here for all or most of their lives. They are a wealth of information about our community. Bob Hunter has planned an informative and exciting program for us with a panel of community members. Please come, listen, learn, and ask questions about the wonderful place we call home. I want to thank Bob for organizing and planning this historical and memory-filled program. I look forward to seeing you on April 16 and I hope you will accept my challenge, and bring a friend. I also hope we will finally be able to say, Spring has sprung!!!!!!!!!!!!!!” *Elena Hill*

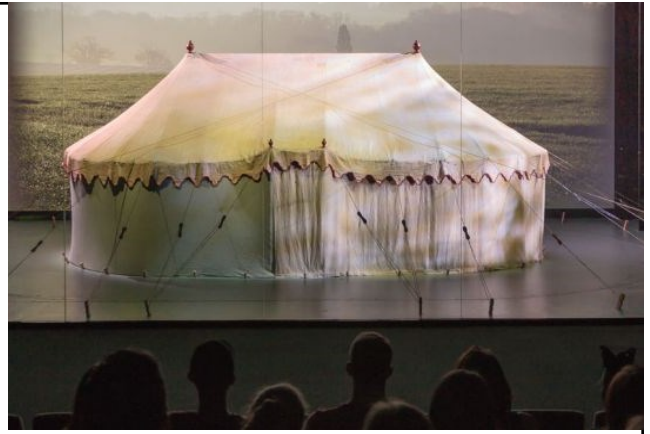
MEMBERSHIP– At the recent Historical Society Board meeting, I was surprised and saddened when I heard the Membership Chairperson read out the number of paid-up memberships to this organization. I know we have many “members” who may have not gotten around to submitting their 2018 dues yet, but the overall number is still very small. As a courtesy, for years, we have continued to mail and e-mail this newsletter to our members with expired memberships. Your Membership “paid through” year is highlighted on the mailing label on page four of this newsletter. We cannot continue for very long in a situation where the membership dues received do not even cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter.

You may be saying to yourself, “Wow...It sounds like Ken may have gotten up on the wrong side of the bed”. That is far from the case here. This bothersome thought came to me as I sat down to put this newsletter together. With this issue, I have been your Editor for twenty-four years! In that time, I have seen the membership numbers dwindle to a new low, by my recollection. Okay, so you have a good reason why you cannot serve on the Board or one of the committees. We get that. But..... there is no reason each of us can't recruit others to join and help rebuild our Historical Society. The one thing I have nightmares about is the newsletter issue when the headline reads: “Historical Society is HISTORY...” Wouldn't that be ironic?

JOIN THE REVOLUTION- PART III-

This is the third installment in a series of articles following how George Washington's Revolutionary War military command tent came to be housed in the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, where it is the focal point of the museum experience. Please read on as we follow the story...

On February 26, 1869, the Washington Evening Express mistakenly reported that the artifacts taken from Arlington House that originally belonged to George Washington were to be handed over to Robert E. Lee instead of his wife. The article set



off a heated debate in the United States House of Representatives. Congressman John Logan, a former Union Army general, called for an inquiry "to ascertain by what right the Secretary of the Interior surrenders these articles so cherished as once the property of the Father of his country to the rebel general-in-chief." The investigation, concluded on March 3, 1869, ruled that the Washington artifacts were "the property of the Father of his country, and as such are the property of the whole people and should not be committed to the custody of any one person, much less a rebel like General Lee."

SACRED RELICS TO AID CHARITY

Gen. R. E. Lee's Daughter Will Sell
Two Tents Used by Washington
to Aid Confederate Home.

WANTS TO RAISE \$10,000

Mrs. Lee had no way to appeal Congress' decision. President Johnson's term in office expired the next day on March 4, 1869. His successor was her husband's one-time foe, Ulysses S. Grant. The Washington relics remained on display at the Patent Office. Mrs. Lee died on November 5, 1873—leaving the fight to regain possession of the Washington tents to her children.

After four decades, the Washington-Custis-Lee relics were finally returned to Mrs. Lee's three surviving children. Miss Mary Custis Lee acted as primary caretaker for these items, many of which remained in storage at the Smithsonian due to her life spent abroad. In 1906, she took the advice of her friend, Mary Johnson Brown Chew (her efforts preserved Independence Hall and her home, Cliveden) advertising the tents for sale.

Mary Custis Lee pitched Washington's tents for sale as a benefit to her charity, the Home for Needy Confederate Women in Richmond, Virginia. Lee had high expectations for which institutions would be good caretakers for Washington's tent, and she felt that Reverend W. Herbert Burk's patriotism, funds, promise of a fireproof case and proximity to Philadelphia and Valley Forge would be a suitable new home for the tent. In a newspaper announcement about the sale, "Sacred Relics to Aid Charity," she stated: "There is no place at which I should rather see at least one of the tents than in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, beside the Liberty Bell and its other historic relics."

In 1907, Episcopal minister Reverend W. Herbert Burk purchased one tent, the smaller marquee or office and headquarters tent for \$5,000 to be the centerpiece of his new Valley Forge Museum of American History, part of his other lifework, Washington Memorial Chapel. After months of back and forth contract negotiations with Lee, who was in Europe, Burk finally took possession of the tent and delivered "this greatest of Washington relics," to Valley Forge on August 19, 1909. The acquisition began a century of collecting – a collection which eventually came under the ownership of the Museum of the American Revolution.

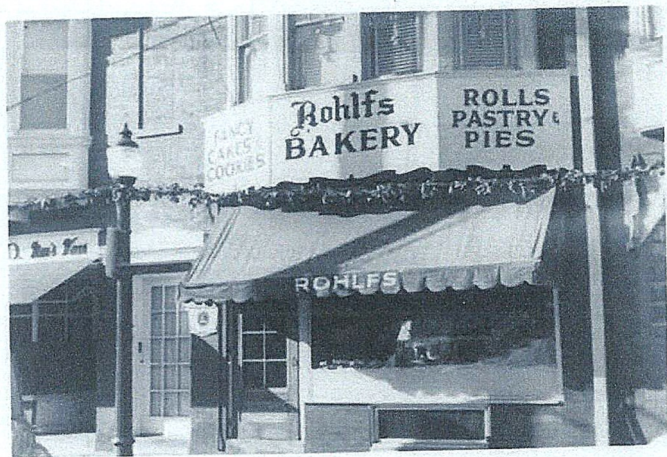
Burk and Lee hoped that the tent would be displayed in a museum in the Philadelphia region to inspire rising generations of Americans to revere the memory of General Washington and the achievements of the nation's founding generation. Today, the tent is seen by hundreds of people every day at its permanent home—the Museum of the American Revolution. *(Text and photos courtesy of the Museum of the American Revolution—*

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The Museum is open daily 10a –5p except for major holidays. The last timed ticket is sold one hour before closing. During the summer, the Museum operates on extended hours. Please check the website for hours and admission information.



ROHLFS BAKERY IN HADDON HEIGHTS HISTORY– This article was written by Fritzie Rohlfs Goodfellow and features reminiscences of Ms. Goodfellow and her sister Inge Gier, who supplied the photo. It came to me courtesy of Bob Hunter. Rohlfs Bakery opened in Haddon Heights on October 20, 1939. It was family operated by Mr. and Mrs. Rohlfs, high school graduate son Claus (who later became a Methodist Minister), daughters Kathe, Fritzie, and Inge. My youngest sister Trudy also worked in the store. Kathe went to the Wilton School in Chicago to learn the art of cake decorating and decorated the most beautiful cakes.



Rohlfs' specialties were Danish pastry, Cinnamon Buns, Dutch Cakes, bread– especially the German Black Bread, Cheese Pie (baked in a rectangular pan lined with pie crust), and cookies by the hundreds at Christmas! Every cookie was baked from a special recipe.

One customer, Edna Sutvan, carried boxes of cookies to her fellow workers at Strawbridge & Clothier in the city. One customer called every Saturday morning to order a Lemon Meringue Pie, always with the statement, “ Don’t forget...” and if there was ever a mix up, it was with the Lemon Meringue Pie.

During the War years, the bakery almost went under. Mr. and Mrs. Rohlfs, who had emigrated in 1933 with four children (Trudy was later born in Somerdale, NJ), were not naturalized citizens, so were considered enemy aliens. Mr. Rohlfs was taken to Trenton on two occasions to be questioned, after which the FBI sent a letter stating that Mr. Rohlfs was a good citizen and no threat to the USA. Things had gotten so bad that Kathe had to drive to Camden to purchase one 100 pound bag of sugar and flour. Later, when there was no car, we made deliveries on a bike.

When business picked up again, we hired a number of high school girls: three Crouthamel sisters from Gloucester, who rode the number 68 bus down Kings Highway. There was also, Janet Boyer, Peggy May, Edith Swank, and Diane Pooley. Dick Sherin worked for a number of years carrying buckets of coal from the basement for the oven. Later, an oil fed oven replaced the old coal oven. Bobby Stetser, who lived on Atlantic Avenue, cleaned the bakery.

After the death of Mr. Rohlfs on August 1, 1961, Kathe did all the baking until the bakery was sold in 1964.

2018 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 like to make a tax deductible donation to Haddon Heights Historical Society, in the amount of \$ _____

Coming Events

April 16, 2018- HHHS General Membership Mtg.
7:00pm in the Haddon Heights Library- Panel Discussion: Growing up in H.H. in the 1930's / 1940's

June 2018- League of Hist. Societies of NJ mtg- Somerset County Hist. Society hosts- Somerset

*Contact Peter Hill for more information about LHSNJ Meetings

MEMBERSHIP DUES- Your *"Paid Through YEAR"* is printed on your Newsletter label. Your dues help us keep history alive. Only paid-up members will continue to receive the HHHS Newsletter!

Provide us your e-mail address, and we will also send you an electronic full color copy of each edition of the newsletter in advance of the mailing.

HEIGHTS NOTE CARDS- The Society has reprinted our popular note cards featuring the four pre-Revolutionary War homes in town. They are available at the Library. Only \$4.00 for a pack of 8.

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The Haddon Heights 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...

Here we are in April of 2018! This is the place, on the back page of the newsletter, where I ask our members to share their reminiscences with me, so I can pay them forward to the rest of our members... Please think back to a time in your life or a significant event that took place in Haddon Heights that made an impression on you, and send those memories to me. Share your history with your family and with our members! Thanks for listening!

Ken Funkhouser, Editor (24 yrs)

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