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

SMILE AND SAY "CHEESE"!... NEW JERSEY PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE 19TH CENTURY-



Our next General Membership meeting will be held on Monday October 16th at 7:00pm in the Haddon Heights Library. Our presenter will be Mr. Gary D. Saretzky, archivist, educator, and photographer. Mr. Saretzky is Archivist of Monmouth County (1994-) and was Coordinator, Internship Programs, Rutgers-New Brunswick History Department (1994-2016). He taught the history of photography course at Mercer County Community College from 1977 to 2012 and has been researching 19th century New Jersey photographers for more than thirty years. He has published more than 100 articles, reviews, and exhibition catalogs on conservation of library materials, history of photography, and New Jersey history. He lectures regularly through the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities and under other auspices.

This presentation features several notable examples of New Jersey's Civil War Era photographers. The Civil War boosted the photographic trade in New Jersey. As both soldiers and families demanded more images of loved ones, numerous new photo galleries opened to meet the need. Some New Jersey photographers

operated elsewhere during the war, including in the South. Other photographers active at the war front settled in the state after the war. And some New Jersey soldiers returned home and only then began photography careers. Please join us to hear the fascinating history of photography in 19th Century New Jersey.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- As we transition from summer to winter we enjoy the beautiful season of autumn. Night arrives earlier, dawn of day appears later, and the trees adorn us with their beautiful fall colors. The temperature is supposed to drop!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Each season brings glorious changes. It is with regret that our Society Board accepts the resignation notice of Art Ritter as our Treasurer. Art has been a long-standing board member who will be missed. Art, thank you for your dedication, loyalty, and service to our organization. We must now transition and find a new treasurer. Art has agreed to work with us and train the new treasurer. I am asking our members to please consider filing this position in the Historical Society. I know you are out there... We are an enthusiastic and vibrant group. I know you would enjoy working with us.

In other news, I wanted to give you plenty of notice. The board decided to cancel the January meeting for 2018. We have been met with very bad January weather in the past and we decided to eliminate the January meeting for this

coming year on a trial basis. I look forward to seeing you at the October 16th meeting. Gary Sar-
estzky will be discussing 19th Century New Jersey Photographers. I will see you at the Library! *Elena*

ROYALTY IN OUR MIDST— If you have lived in Haddon Heights for any amount of time, you have seen him and quite possibly even struck up a conversation with him. It may have been in the Library, at John's Friendly Market, or possibly at the Legacy Diner... Recently, our current President, Elena Hill and past President Margaret Westfield (along with Margaret's daughter Marina), sat down with our Royal Resident, to hear a bit about his life. The article below is Margaret's account of the interview:

At the July 2017 Historical Society meeting, President Elena Hill was surprised to receive a collection of materials from a local resident with Royal blood – Count Charles R. Hodges. Born in Philadelphia in 1925, Count Charles has been a resident of Haddon Heights for the past 65 years. A friend from General Electric (where he worked) introduced the Count to our Borough, where he has occupied the same apartment for over 6 decades. Often seen at John's Friendly Market or along Station Avenue, the Count is never without his trademark boutonniere.



Count Charles has traveled on 91 trips to foreign soil, and met the Queen eight times. His title comes from his mother's side of the family. His grandmother, Mary Raggio of the Royal Family of Spain, married Emanuel Guano, an Italian Count. After immigrating to America, the couple owned a spaghetti factory in South Philly and raised three girls. On his paternal side, the Count's grandfather, William Hodges, patented the first French Fryer in America with great financial success.

Count Charles grew up in North Philadelphia with 2 sisters and 2 brothers and a large household staff. On a nightly basis, dinner was served to both family and visitors throughout his childhood. Two bachelor doctors were family friends and regular dinner guests. They entertained the family with stories of their medical cases, instilling in young Charles a love of medicine and a propensity for accurate diagnoses. He has been credited with accurately predicting that the cure for thrombosis (abnormal clotting in a blood vessel) would be rat poison, since the poison causes death in rats by hemorrhaging. The same active ingredient is now used to thin the blood of humans. (So that's why my dad's dosage of warfarin was so carefully monitored!)



Despite that fairytale childhood, his father's extravagant spending and early death left his family penniless. After graduating with a scholarship from La Salle College High School in 1944, the Count eventually got a position in General Electric's mail room. Subsequently he worked for the American Cancer Society, serving each company for over 15 years. It was at G.E. that the Count met his dear friend Glenn who is a frequent dinner companion to this day. Look for them at the Legacy Diner every Thursday.

Now long retired, the Count enjoys a busy social calendar. He also writes fanciful stories of his adventures, and regales friends and visitors with stories of his past. An optimist by nature, Count Charles loves making people happy. You can learn more about our famous neighbor by visiting the His-

torical Society's collections in the library where his papers are now on file. Our thanks are extended to the Count for sharing his life story with the Haddon Heights Historical Society!

PLEASE NOTE: THE REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY 2018 WILL NOT BE HELD-

Because of the ever present threat of inclement weather in January, the Historical Society Board of Trustees has decided to skip our usual January meeting for 2018. An additional factor is that the Martin Luther King holiday generally conflicts with our meeting date. The Library is closed, necessitating a change of dates. This is anticipated to be a one year only schedule change. We will review member input about this schedule change. We apologize for any inconvenience this decision may cause our members.

JOIN THE REVOLUTION!- This past April, the Museum of the American Revolution, opened its doors in the cradle of liberty- Philadelphia, PA. Among hundreds of artifacts on display, the museum is now home to one of George Washington's military command tents, called Marquees. The amazing story of the tent's history is told through an elaborate production and theatrical reveal, to awe-struck museum patrons. This is a brief introduction to a multi-part article about a nearly unbelievable case of saving pieces of history:

"February 10, 1869

Mr. President: Encouraged by your kind attention to a former application and prompted by my friend, Captain May, I now venture to request that you will direct all the articles taken from Arlington and deposited in the Patent Office to be restored. They are relics from Mount Vernon, bequeathed to me by my father, and consequently of great value and interest to his family. Very Respectfully,
Mary Custis Lee"



When the Civil War ended in April 1865, a new battle began for Mary Anna Randolph Custis Lee. Her husband, General Robert E. Lee's, surrender at Appomattox Court House marked the start of Mrs. Lee's fight to have her property returned to her by the federal government. This included not only her home in Arlington but also the Washington family relics (including General Washington's Revolutionary War marquees and other field equipment) that had been confiscated by the federal government during the war.

Stay tuned in upcoming issues of the newsletter for the rest of the story!

(Text and photos courtesy of the Museum of the American Revolution- reprinted with permission)

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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

10/16/17- HH Historical Society Gen. Membership Meeting- Library: 19th Century NJ Photographers

Fall 2017- League of Historical Societies of NJ mtg- Summit Historical Society hosts- Union County

Winter 2018- League of Hist. Societies of NJ mtg- Ocean County Hist. Society hosts- Ocean County

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

*Contact Peter Hill for more information about LHSNJ Meetings

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

HEIGHTS BOOK- The Society's book "Haddon Heights-The Ideal Suburb" is available at the Library. Only \$20.00

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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...

Another year is nearly in the history books. We recently had a family member who passed away after many years in a skilled nursing facility. My wife and I went to the nursing home to box up the belongings because the immediate family lives a distance away. As we carefully gathered her belongings, it was the old family photographs that drew my attention. This was HER history, and now it will be passed on to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Please share your stories while you can! Ken Funkhouser, Editor (23

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