

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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### The Suffrage Army Marches in Salem

By Mike Dixon

Winning the right to vote alongside male counterparts didn't come easy for New Jersey women. The 1776 New Jersey Constitution had enfranchised men and women who were worth fifty pounds. But, this brief period of inclusivity came to an end in 1807 when the Assembly passed a law limiting suffrage to white males taxpayers (Lewis, 2011). Consequently, by the 1840s the ladies had started petitioning lawmakers, demanding the restoration of their former right (Turner, 1916).

Statewide and local activism grew in harmony with the national movement, after the Civil War. As determined activists pressured lawmakers in Trenton, the Assembly granted limited privileges to women in 1897, allowing them to vote in some local school elections. So as New Jerseyans continued crusading to gain the broader franchise, Elmer and Pittsgrove Townships held historic votes, ladies going to the polls six years before ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment created a universal franchise.

The question that faced Pittsgrove taxpayers was whether the school district should spend \$14,500 to buy land and erect a four room, brick schoolhouse. At this election on April 28, 1914, at the Pole Tavern School, the proposition was defeated by a significant majority. All but 40 of the 230 voters opposed the outlay (*Penns Grove Record*, May 1, 1914). A month earlier Elmer's ladies cast more than half of the 257 ballots in favor of a \$20,000 appropriation for enlarging and remodeling the Main Street school. "There was considerable local interest in the special election, especially because of the activity of the women," *The Woodstown Monitor-Register* observed (March 20, 1914.)

During this period Equal Suffrage Leagues remained active across the county. In Woodstown, the group offered prizes for the best essay on "Why Women Should Vote". The first prize was \$5. The judges were Mayor Enoch S. Fogg, Supervising Principal Shimer, Benjamin Patterson, and Mrs. Mary E. Borton, the president of the League (*Penns Grove Record*, April 5, 1914).

By 1913, suffragists in nine states had won battles, while in other places they were slowly converting indecisive politicians. Spurred on by these successes, New Jersey suffragists managed to get a statewide referendum on the ballot, putting the decision in the hands of men at a special election on October 19, 1915.

As the summer of 1915 slipped peacefully by, campaigning for and against the amendment grew intense, the suffrage army marching across the Garden State. That July, Salem County became the center of attention as the activists stepped sprightly into the area. In Woodstown, members of the Equal Suffrage Association in gaily decorated automobiles arrived, seeking to find converts.

poll List of the Election in the Township of Upper Penns Neck in the County of Salem and State of New Jersey held at the House of Phillip Souder Innkeeper this 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Days of October 1801

Names	Names	Names
Abraham Farrah	John Holloway Jr	Jonathan Simkins
Hugh Caldwell	William Cooper	Solomon Foyde
William Biddle	Catherine Magill	Joseph Lloyd
William Smith	Francis Sawyer	Andrew Whoman
Alexander Louie	Daniel Higa	Nathan Howard
Richard Wilson	Adam Cole	William Mitchell
Joseph Wright	Joshua Hatchel	John Kieck
Jacob Janson	William Lawrence	Jacob Hatcher
Samuel Simpson	William Bayley	John Ross
William Peterson	Jonathan Hopman	Stephen Magill
Phillip Souder	Samuel Jorgeson	Isabel Simkins
Joseph Burden	Mary Clarke	John Humphries
Jacob Wright	Deen Simkins	Daniel Mason
Phillip Canadian	Conrad Wileck	Calb Conson
James Rose	John Bernier	Bible Peterson
John Swin	Samuel Swin	William Biddle
	Stephen Humphries	Dolbo Lloyd
	Joseph Moulton Jr	Martin Ratto
	William Curry	
	Michael Edle	
	Joseph Moulton	

In 1801 women voted in New Jersey as depicted above on a poll list in an election in the Township of Upper Penns Neck, Salem County, held at the house of Phillip Souder, Innkeeper, on the 13th and 14th of October 1801.

The women voters on this page are Catherine Magill, Mary Clarke, Christianna Holton, Charrity Peterson and Sarah King.

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A few weeks later in Woodstown, the Reverend William Tatlack spoke about the justness of women voting, and Mrs. Laura G. Cannon of California addressed the need of a lady's influence to get good laws passed for better sanitation and better conditions for working women. The principal speaker, Mrs. Jennie C. Laws Hardy of Michigan, told about the success of equal suffrage in Australia, her native country (*Penns Grove Record*, 1915).

With a rallying cry of "votes for women," Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, and Mrs. Cannon were on a two-day tour around the county (*The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Oct. 5, 1915). Masterfully piloting their automobile, the "Adelaide Victory," along country roads there were "no delays or mishaps" as they visited "every town and almost every country store." Mrs. Aldona L. Dickeson of Woodstown, Chairman of the Salem County Equal Suffrage League, accompanied them on the journey. Everywhere men assured the party they would vote favorably. Daretown was out in full force to greet the tour, and Friesburg gave a hearty greeting.

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## Message From the President

This has certainly been a spring to remember! It seemed as if it would never arrive but it has and now we are enjoying warm weather and blue skies. Our gardens are in bloom and our Bath House, the newest addition to the gardens, is undergoing a restoration to the structure and plantings surrounding it. Many thanks to our Buildings and Grounds Committee, led by Bob Schmid, our Garden Committee, led by Sue Harker, and our Museum Committee, led by Erv Parker, for the time and talents they and their volunteer committees have devoted.

Since I last spoke with you we have had some changes to our staff at the Society. Andrew Coldren, our Administrator/Curator for six years, has left the Society to become Director of the McCowan Memorial Library in Pitman. On behalf of the Board, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Andrew for his years of service to the Society. We wish Andrew success as he begins a new chapter in his life. Stepping up to the plate (well we are in baseball season!) is Rich Guido, our Administrator/Librarian. Rich has been with the Society nearly as long as Andrew. Rich has taken over the Administrator role with his usual enthusiasm and has accomplished it so seamlessly we have not missed a beat. All the while retaining his role as Librarian with the skill and dedication we so appreciate. We are truly fortunate to have Rich with us.

A new member of our staff, but not a new face at the Society, is Amanda L. Pierce as Administrative Assistant. Amanda has been an intern with us for three years, spending many hours in our library and working closely with Rich. Amanda's degree from Rutgers University in Art History, with a double minor in Museum Studies and Fine Arts, makes her a natural choice for the position. She has been a valued member of our volunteer intern team, working on many projects in the Museum and the Library, and now we are so pleased to welcome her as a member of the SCHS staff. I am very confident in these two experienced and knowledgeable people, together they are a great team. Please stop by to say hello, you will find the same high quality service and support you have enjoyed all these years.

An important member of any historical society team is the Curator. A person who has the ability to properly administer the museum responsibilities of the Society, who will mount informative and interesting exhibits, who will present workshops and community talks, and who will love the Society as we all do. The Search committee is actively looking for the right person to round out the SCHS team. I hope you had a chance to go on our Open House in Fenwick's Colony spring tour this past May. It was a glorious day! I feel so fortunate to live in Salem County where we can experience America's history firsthand. Our thanks to Bonny Beth Elwell, Barbara Dawson, Blanca Martinez, Rich and Amanda for the many hours devoted to the tour. Your hard work certainly paid off.

Till next time, thank you for your support of the Society,

Barbara Smith Duffy, President

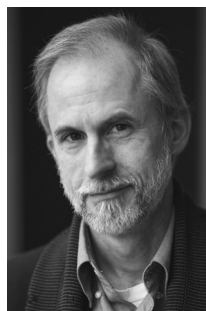
## Calendar of Events

- ◆ **Sunday, June 10, 2018**  
Quarterly Meeting in the Salem County Historical Society's courtyard and gardens, Salem, NJ  
Time: 1:30PM
- ◆ **Saturday, June 23, 2018**  
Cumberland County Historical Society presents, "Herb Day in Colonial Times" Time: 1:00PM-4:00PM
- ◆ **Sunday, September 9, 2018**  
Historical Society of Penns Grove, Carney's Point and Oldmans presents Quarterly Meeting and Open House  
Time: 12:30PM—3:00PM
- ◆ **Sunday, September 16, 2018**  
Annual Luncheon 1:00PM at the Inn at the Salem Country Club in Elsinboro. Speaker and Topic: To be announced.
- ◆ **Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30, 2018**  
Cumberland County Historical Society presents 47th Annual Artisans' Faire and Marketplace  
Time: Saturday, 10:00AM—5:00PM and Sunday 10:00AM—4:00PM
- ◆ **Sunday, October 21, 2018**  
15th John Stewart Rock Memorial Lecture at Friends' Village in Woodstown, NJ Time: 3:00PM  
Speaker: James Rupert Topic: "Burnt Crosses: Salem and America in 1967"

### What's News at Your Society

- ◆ The Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Historical Society will host speaker Douglas Wright of the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, at the History Roundtable on Tuesday, June 5th. Mr. Wright will speak about the process of having a home listed as a historic site on both the State and National Registers.
- ◆ The Society hosted a Victorian Rose Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> with two seatings at 11:00AM and 2:00PM. Guests enjoyed a Victorian table setting with homemade desserts, tea, and tea sandwiches. Jessica Litt, owner of the House of Tea in Philadelphia presented a special presentation on the history of Tea and its customs. The event was well received and a number of people were in attendance.
- ◆ The Historical Society is in the midst of its spring school group tours. We have been contacted by a number of schools for educational programs throughout May and June including the P.W. Carleton School from Penns Grove who will visit the Society the week of May 21<sup>st</sup> and also Elsinboro Township School who will visit on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ The Society will be hosting its next Quarterly Meeting here in our courtyard gardens in Salem. The event will take place on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 1:30PM.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 15<sup>TH</sup> JOHN STEWART ROCK MEMORIAL LECTURE



**JAMES RUPERT**  
"Burnt Crosses: Salem and America in 1967"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018  
3:00 P.M.

Friends Village  
1 Friends Drive  
Woodstown, NJ 08098

### Democratic Women of South Jersey To Meet in Four-County Convention at Luncheon in Bridgeton

"The Democratic women of South Jersey will gather in Bridgeton on Wednesday, September 23, to attend a four county convention, the first meeting of its kind ever to be held in that part of the state.

"The luncheon that will be held in the ball-room of the hotel at 1:30 o'clock promises to be of interest to public spirited women, no matter with which party they are affiliated...."

*Salem Sunbeam*, Salem, NJ,  
September 18, 1925

### Many Thanks to the patrons of our House Tour this year!

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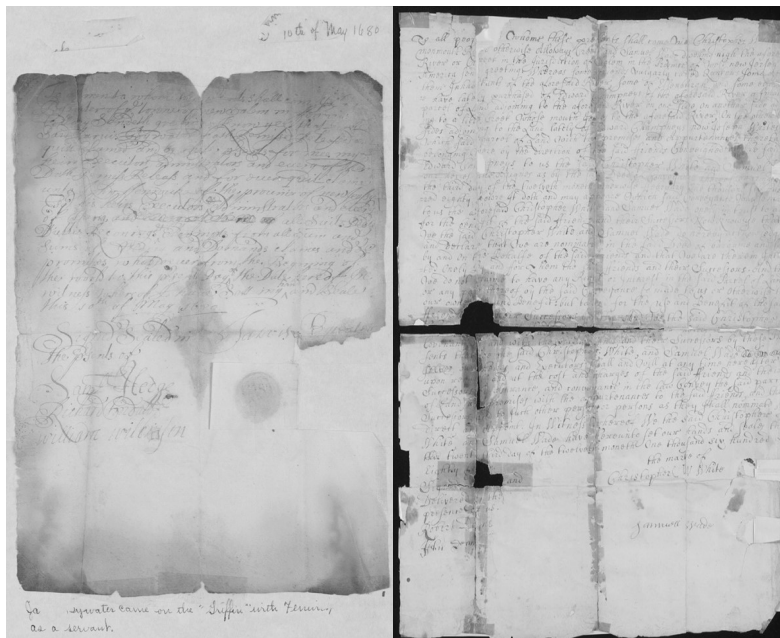
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**Shirley Corsey**, Pilesgrove-Woodstown Historical Society  
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## Library Conservation Update

In our last newsletter we mentioned the Library Committee's work to continue repair and conservation efforts for important items in our collection, including some notable deeds. We have received estimates for work on several pieces from the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia, and will proceed immediately with two: the deed (1684—far right photo) for the Alloway Friends Meeting House and Fenwick's deed (1680—near left photo) to his servant Jarvis Bywater, who accompanied him on the Griffin. The total expense for these two items will be approximately \$5,500. Another notable item, a 18th century copy of a deed between William Penn and John Fenwick will hopefully be conserved in 2019. This item will cost approximately \$3,000. While we will use money from our used book sale to partially fund these efforts, we welcome any donations towards these efforts. If you would like to donate specifically for one item, for example, repair and conservation of the Alloway Friends Meeting deed, we will acknowledge your specific donation, or you may make a general donation towards our conservation efforts. Please contact Rich Guido, Administrator and Librarian, for further information.



### Museum Acquisitions:

- Acton, Jim**, Salem, NJ. Thermometer advertising the Salem National Bank and Trust Company. (2018.016)  
**Estate of Brooks, Shirley**, (in memory of Charles J. Pedersen) Woodstown, NJ. Charles J. Pedersen Nobel Prize in Chemistry and diploma. (2018.014)  
**Cerami, Mary L.**, Salem, NJ. Painting entitled, "The Salem Oak Welcomes Spring 2015," by Mary L. Cerami. (2018.015)  
**Kellmyer, Diane**, (in memory of Mary Driver Kellmyer) Union City, NJ. Victrola phonograph, records, sewing box and mending kit with two booties. (2018.001)

### Library Acquisitions:

- Anderson, Kurt**, Carneys Point, NJ. Salem County Cookbook: Tercentenary Edition, 1664-1964. (2018.008)  
**Boone, Carl**, Pennsville, NJ. Pamphlet entitled, "Voters of Upper Penns Neck Township Salem County, NJ 1801-1871," compiled by George W. Cable and accompanying genealogical data relating to the Boone family. (2017.076)  
**Duffy, Leonard**, Hinesburg, VT. Books entitled, "The Indians of New Jersey," by M.R. Harrington and "Noteworthy Trees of New Jersey," by The Department of Conservation and Development. (2017.069)  
**Elwell, Bonny Beth**, Monroeville, NJ. Book entitled, "Salem County New Jersey Bible Records: Volume 2," compiled by the Genealogical Society of Salem County, Inc. New Jersey. (2018.005)  
**Harker, Curtis**, Salem, NJ. CD entitled, "Hancock House 1975 Restoration." (2018.019)  
**Kellmyer, Diane**, (in memory of Mary Driver Kellmyer) Union City, NJ. Pamphlet entitled, "Know Your State: New Jersey," (2018.001)  
**Magill, Ronald**, Salem, NJ. Records from the Fork of Salem Creek Meadow Bank Company, 1817-1912 and associated paperwork. (2017.077)  
**Magill, Ronald**, Salem, NJ. Alloway Baptist Church Cemetery Records, 1830-1895. (2018.007)  
**Owen, Lawrence B.**, Pilesgrove, NJ. Two pamphlets entitled, "Woodstown Lampposts and The Garden of Learning," and "Pipe Organs at St. John's Episcopal Church." (2017.075)  
**Owen, Lawrence B.**, Pilesgrove, NJ. Pamphlet entitled, "Woodstown Business Guide, 2003." (2018.004)  
**Pierce, Amanda L.**, Woodstown, NJ. Book entitled, "Selected Poems of Charles J. Pedersen." (2018.023)  
**Romansky, Thomas**, Pennsville, NJ. Eight CDs containing presentations done for the Genealogical Society of Salem County and other local historical organizations in 2016 and 2017. (2018.003)  
**Tindall, Robert C.**, The Villages, FL. Photographs and pamphlets relating to Salem and Cumberland County historic buildings. (2018.009)  
**Wright, Ruth Anne**, Salem, NJ. Photographs of individuals at Salem County Historical Society and its interior. (2017.074)

(to be continued...)



## W. P. A. JR. HOUSEKEEPING AIDES



Back row, left to right: Lillian Lewandosky, Helen Cheesman, Marie Moran, Ruth Fleming, Mary Berry, Mary Garrison, Bertha Pierce, Annie Leuby, Bertha Bland and Alice Anderson.  
Front row, left to right: Mary Steveson, Melvina Gandy, Anna Riley, Sara Garrison, Edith Eastlack, Jeanette Meyers, Agnes Robinson.

### Household Project Aids Many Homes

"The lame, the sick, the needy and the unfortunate members of 20 homes throughout Salem County are receiving care and attention, which would otherwise be denied them, through a housekeeping aid program under a W. P. A. project.

"Twenty women, themselves eligible for relief are doing yeoman work in bringing health and comfort into the dwellings of many residents where sickness prevents the parent from taking care of themselves and giving their children the attention they should have.

"Mrs. **Sara C. Griffin** (former Lower Penns Neck Township Clerk) is Supervisor of the County Project. She and **Elva McAllister** of Penns Grove, operate the office in Upper Penns Neck Township Hall from which the 20 aides are assigned to various parts of the County.

"The women ranging in age from 20-62 go into the neediest homes.

"One finds the husband working at a relief post, his wife too ill to leave her bed, a child or two in school and other children being taken care of by a youngster hardly older than themselves.

"Another learns that the husband is entirely without funds, that the wife has just given birth to another baby and that the food is almost entirely used up in the poorly furnished home. A great change occurs in the household within a day or so after the arrival of the aide.

"Mrs. Griffin attempts to have the aides assigned to clients near their own homes in order that transportation costs may be kept to a minimum.

"The project, which was sponsored by the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholds in May, 1928 for six months, having proven its worth, was extended until February of this year. In February it was re-sponsored for another year.

"Aides working on the project have their bi-weekly meeting with Miss **Anna M. Shay**, of Camden, Field Inspector, and Mrs. **Alice Embree**, a graduate nurse, is also instructing them in the care of the sick."

*Penns Grove Record*, Penns Grove, NJ, June 8, 1939

## First Salem Soldier Killed. John James Sheridan Lost His Life on Battle Field of France.

"The first boy from Salem County engaged in the Great War to lose his life was **John James Sheridan**, of Lower Penn's Neck Township. His death occurred about the first week in July while in action with the troops in France.

"Young Sheridan was a native of New Jersey and when a small boy was taken by the family of **John Hope**. He reached the age of twenty-one years some time last year and in September was sent with some of the drafted men to Camp Dix. He, with some other Salem fellows, was among a number to volunteer to go overseas.

"Word of Sheridan's death was received by the Hope family last week and was reported to **Rev. Thomas Hennessey**, pastor of St. Mary's Church, last week, and he announced it from the altar of the church last Sunday morning at all the Masses.

"Sheridan, who was also known as Hope, was the adopted son of John Hope, a well-known farmer living near Fort Mott. He was born in Jersey City and becoming an orphan at an early age, was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Hope and raised as their own child. He realized all their hopes by growing up to be a fine young man of high character and was a faithful son to his foster parents. Up to the time of going into the army he assisted Mr. Hope on the farm. He was 21 years old when the first registration was made, and he went away on September 21, 1917, with the first big quota that left Salem..."

"Quite a large number of people gathered in St. Mary's Catholic Church at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, to participate in the Requiem Mass celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Hennessey, for Private John Sheridan, whose body lies somewhere in France in one of the many little plots that are so rapidly filling with all that is mortal of the heroes of the war. Among those present were the members of the family in which the soldier boy had been reared and by whom he was so much loved."

*Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, July 17, 1918

*Salem Sunbeam*, Salem, NJ, July 19, 1918

### Salem County Volunteers Mexican War

"—We believe that seventeen Salem County Volunteers enlisted in the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment before it sailed for Mexico. That Regiment has now returned, and if the survivors have not already reached their homes, they may be expected in a short time. Ought not some arrangements be made to give them a cordial reception?—Poor fellows, they have had a hard time of it and deserve well of their country.

As far as ascertained, the following Vols. from this County are victims of that late war.

—**John Miller**, U. S. Dragons, shot at Monterey.

—**Charles Randolph**, 11<sup>th</sup> Reg't, died on the Rio Grande.

—**John Humphreys**, "Mountain Howitzers," shot at Contreras.

—**John I. Winters**, N. J. Battalion, died at Jadapa."

*National Standard*, Salem, NJ, August 16, 1848

## **"And they who bettered life on earth by new-found mastery"**

By Ervin S. Parker Jr.

A recently acquired object on permanent display at the Society's Museum is uncommon, distinctive and inspirational—not just for what it is, but for the man it represents.

The object is flat and round, approximately 2.5 inches in diameter. The artwork includes a portrait of the benefactor on one side while the reverse side represents Nature in the form of a goddess resembling Isis, emerging from the clouds and holding in her arms a cornucopia. The veil which covers her cold and austere face is held up by the Genius of Science. The inscription reads: "*Inventas vitam iuvat excoluisse per artes*"—loosely translated "and they who bettered life on earth by their newly found mastery" (Word for word: inventions enhance life which is beautified through art.) Engraved on the plate below the figures is the name of the laureate. This object was designed by Erik Lindberg and is accompanied with a handwritten diploma written in Swedish calligraphy. The diploma folder includes an original painting by Sven Ljungberg.

The object is the 1987 Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences Nobel Prize for Chemistry awarded to long time Salem resident, the late Charles J. Pedersen, and bestowed upon him by His Royal Majesty the King of Sweden. The Nobel Prize was awarded jointly to Donald J. Cram, Jean-Marie Lehn and our Mr. Pedersen "for their development and use of molecules with structure-specific interactions of high selectivity". When introducing Salem's Charles J. Pedersen to the world in December 1987, Professor Salo Gronowitz of the Royal Academy of Sciences began with, "Your Majesties, your Royal Highnesses, Ladies and Gentlemen, ....A prerequisite for all life processes is that molecules recognize each other and bind to each other in order to be able to react." He went on to summarize Mr. Pedersen's breakthroughs in Chemistry to understand (and cause in a lab) the molecular activity "which chemical evolution has taken millions of years to develop."

Over the years since he received this prestigious and world recognized award, much has been written of Mr. Pedersen. When reviewing the writings in our Society archives, one quickly notices a consistent message that came through in his public appearances and private interviews —his love of Salem and his optimism and vision of the potential he saw in our local community.

Perhaps no writing better captured the spirit of Mr. Pedersen and how he affected our community than the column by Salem County artist and resident the late Ron Lehew. His column was published in the *Today's Sunbeam*, November 5, 1989, shortly following Mr. Pedersen's passing. We have reproduced it here as a tribute to Mr. Charles J. Pedersen.

Charles J. Pedersen's Nobel Prize was bequeathed to the Society by his daughter, the late Shirley E. Brooks, in accordance with Mr. Pedersen's wishes in his own last will and testament the medal shall be delivered to the SALEM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY to hold and permanently display to the honor of the people of Salem County."

Today's Sunbeam, Salem, N.J., Sunday, November 5, 1989 A-3

# The county today

## A loving farewell to one of Salem City's great men

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

Please forgive me if I embarrass you by writing today's column as a farewell letter to your memory. All that I am hoping to accomplish with this column would be for naught if I failed to record and take note of your life and your passing.

We thank you with all our hearts for the pride and honor you brought to this community and this county, and to all of us at a time when we really needed a shot in the arm. You really did it!

I shall always remember that day while on a typical errand about town, I passed by the courthouse and Market Street was filled with news teams and television and radio vans.

What a wonderful profusion of hoopla and excitement! A Nobel Prize had come to Salem. Salem, the last place anyone would have ever thought would raise up a winner on that grand a scale or magnitude.

And finally Salem got to meet its prominent, newsworthy citizen and your first appearance really won over our hearts!

Television has conditioned us to expect celebrities to be demigods that smile great flashy smiles, possess gorgeous builds, wear trendy clothes and usually have some sordid history.

forever in Salem, New Jersey.

Thank you for the hope and belief in dreams that your life can and will and should set by its example for all the rest of us who dwell here.

We are so grateful that when fame's light fell on our town, we could hold you up with pride to its glow. You were the epitome of a real and true gentleman. How very fortunate, how so very fitting, how so very privileged we were that you were a part of us all.

You were what is most assuredly a contrast in terms, a scientist with the soul of a poet and a painter. Only in rare instances are those two gifts present or allowed to exist together.

Hermann Hesse (Nobel Prize recipient for literature in 1946) refers to thinkers and artists as creatures of reason and creatures of the soul. One sees the sun, the other the moon and the stars. A wonderful testament to your sense of creativity is that you dwelled in both worlds so very comfortably and were so expressive in each.

Being an artist allows me to be privy to your poetic, sensitive nature and that is what I feel makes you all that much more so very special for being our prize winner, our hero, our very own "one of us" here in Salem.

Our winner, Mr. Pedersen, was

the best of all worlds and all things, a Renaissance man in the truest sense.

Every one to whom you ever opened yourself and your life speak of your simplicity, your gentleness and your sensitivity to all those around you. Your actions and poetry reflected the great love you had towards your wife and family.

Every one of your friends has been totally charmed and delighted and honored to have been a part of your life, or rather that you were a part of theirs.

Perhaps that is the best and ultimate prize, the memories and love that we leave in the hearts of those that are left behind. I think you know that your Nobel Prize did not gain you any deeper love or affection from your friends than that which you already had. What that award elicited from those friends was a wonderful, gleeful, happy, delighted thrill that Charlie really did it!

How happy and content everyone is that you had some time to see and enjoy the impact of your prize on not only the world of science and chemistry, but on your own chosen hometown of Salem.

Thank you for the motivation and inspiration you gave to Johnny Campbell and all the factors that created Stand Up For Salem. In this

spirit of rebirth for Salem, I was asked to do this column, and I am very thankful for that also.

In the glow and glory of it all you had the graciousness and concern to say that you hoped the limelight would only help to accentuate the goodness, the beauty, and the worth of Salem.

Mr. Pedersen, it took a long time for a lot of us to discover you in our midst. That, in itself, should teach us the lesson that we need to look around for all those other folk in our towns that perhaps will never be revealed by a Nobel Prize but are there nonetheless, as caring and concerned as you for the world around them.

I was allowed the privilege of meeting you and to later return with my wife and son. I wanted so much for my young son to meet you and always to remember he had met a Nobel laureate and to have held your prize. We all left your home dutifully impressed with your scrapbooks and your reminiscences of your trip to Stockholm and the ceremony.

At home we talked about you from the standpoint of your graciousness and demeanor.

My wife spoke of your sweetness, and your love for your garden, and your concern that the honor and

glory fall on Salem and away from you.

My son had a wonderful experience to share with a seventh grade science class of a kind and gentle man who seemed to enjoy our visit very much.

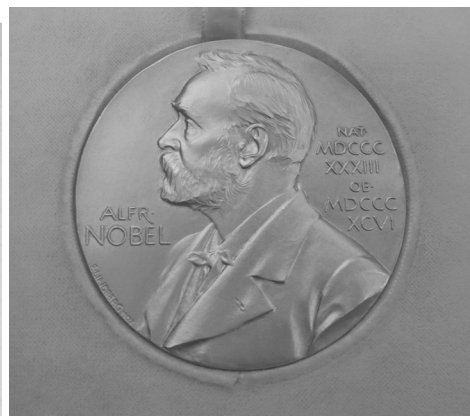
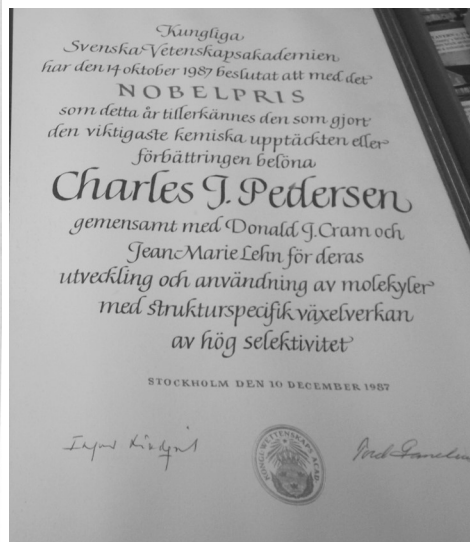
I know of your wish that your gravestone should contain only your wife's name and your name and the loving epitaph, "They found each other." A gentle, caring phrase that speaks volumes of a love now reunited.

This town and its people, for a little while, got to share in your glory and light and we too "found each other." We will never again return to that quite what we were before that wonderful autumn day two years ago and this is good and well and as it should be.

You left us as serenely and peacefully and poetically as you dwell among us all these years, and we thank God for this blessing for you. Thank you for having touched our live, our hearts, and our hopes.

Peace be unto you,  
Ron LeHew, artist

Ron LeHew is a Salem County artist and resident. His column appears every other Sunday.



(continued from the cover)

people coming out in various conveyances to attend the meeting (*Woodstown Monitor-Register*, October 8, 1915). At the Salem Courthouse, on a Tuesday in October, Mrs. Robert Irving of Haddonfield made a convincing speech, capably handling questions fired at her. That was followed on Friday by a speech by Mrs. Cannon, who had been here twice, winning the hearts of Salem people and converts to the cause, the *Salem Sunbeam* remarked (1915).

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, National President of the Woman's Suffrage Party, arrived in Salem on the evening train from Pittsburgh. She was driven through the principal streets by several automobiles accompanied by many local members of the Salem County Suffrage League. Afterwards, she was taken to the home of Mrs. Robert Clarke Berry, who entertained Dr. Shaw during her stay in Salem. While she was here, she delivered an impressive address on granting the franchise to women in New Jersey. It was an appreciative audience that taxed the capacity of the historic courthouse on a Tuesday in September. When she referred to men in laugh-provoking words that pleased a large number of ladies present, she received heart applause.

"You object that politics are so dirty, 'keep the women out of it,'" she said. "When our houses, clothes, or children are dirty, do you send the women away? It is the first time I have ever heard of women being kept out of anything because it is dirty. Women have cleansed the world since the beginning of time. Give them the ballot and they will clean up politics. . . . Wherever women have had the ballot they have brought in laws safeguarding workers in dangerous occupations, they have worked to shorten the hours of labor not only of women but the man as well," she continued (*Salem Sunbeam*, September 10, 1915).

The churches of New Jersey observed Sunday, October 17, 1915, as Woman Suffrage Day, the *Elmer Times* reported. "Societies standing for reform and the betterment of mankind have lined up for woman suffrage, while all the viscious forces, such as the liquor traffic, white slavers, gamblers, and exploiters of youth and virtues are arrayed against the measure," The *Elmer Times* added. At the Elmer M. E. Church that Sunday evening, Rev. George T. Billman spoke on Woman Suffrage as a moral issue, and the Equal Suffrage League of Elmer, Daretown, and Monroeville attended, (*Elmer Times*, October 15, 1915). The *Elmer* editor also remarked that the "*Times* stood for full democracy and give the cause of suffrage full support, keeping its columns open to the advocates of woman suffrage (October 22, 1915).

As the election day neared, questions centered on whether October 19<sup>th</sup>, was a holiday, so Governor Fielder sought an opinion from Assistant Attorney General Theodore Backes. The Attorney General's Office ruled that a special election to consider constitutional amendments was not a general election so since it wasn't a holiday the saloons weren't required to close. "The decision will be very displeasing to the suffragist because they are being bitterly opposed by the liquor men, and there will be a fear that wide open saloons on this date may mitigate against a victory for the suffrage cause." (*Sunbeam*, October 1, 1915) The week before the election some county papers assessed the situation. The women in favor of equal suffrage have stirred up the

county from end to end, and they gave very favorable reports of the outlook, the *Woodstown Monitor-Register* wrote.

However, the antis, chiefly located in Salem City, were confident the amendment would fail locally and in the state. One of the enthusiastic antis declared that his side had canvassed Elsinboro, Quinton, Lower Creek, and Alloway and only found two women who wanted to vote, while the men said they didn't believe in women voting (*Woodstown Monitor-Register*, October 8, 1915).

The Salem County *Standard and Jerseyman* reminded voters that this was a critical question so "every man should make it his business to vote yes or no on the subject." The editor said the paper had not taken any side of the controversy believing it was the proper course to allow the voters to express themselves upon this subject without any outside influence other than that put forth by the friends or opponents of the propositions (*Salem Standard and Jerseyman*, October 13, 1915.)

To make sure there were no dirty tricks, the New Jersey Woman Suffrage Association conducted schools for poll watchers and workers across the state. Several were held in the county, one taking place on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Borough Hall in Woodstown.

The men of New Jersey decided not to grant women the right to vote by a big majority across the state on October 19, 1915. In Salem County, the women lost by 395 votes (1626 to 1231). Of the twenty precincts in the county those favoring suffrage were: Alloway, Upper Penn's Neck, Oldmans, Upper Pittsgrove's 1<sup>st</sup> district, Upper Pittsgrove's 2<sup>nd</sup> district, Old Pittsgrove, Penns Grove north, and Penns Grove south. In Salem City, the majority against the amendment was 290 (*Salem Standard and Jerseyman*, October 22, 1915). "New Jersey was the first state in the Union to have female suffrage and will be the last one to re-adopt it, because the liquor and other interest fear the vote of women, remarked the *Penns Grove Record* (October 22, 1915).

After its defeat, state law didn't permit the amendment to be reintroduced into the Legislature for five years. Since it had to be submitted to two successive legislatures for approval this meant that an amendment was at least seven years off. But women in the Garden State didn't have to wait seven years. In 1919, Congress passed the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which declared no citizen could be denied the right to vote on the basis of sex. The New Jersey Legislature ratified the amendment in February 1920, making the state the 29<sup>th</sup> to do so.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment became part of the Constitution on August 26, 1920. Thus, the presidential election of 1920 marked the first time the women of Salem County "had the experience of standing up alongside their men folks and voicing their sentiments as to who shall be the president of the United States," the *Salem Sunbeam* observed.



Anna Howard Shaw (1847 - 1919)



Registration showed that there was nearly a doubling of the number of voters (*Sunbeam*, September 24, 1920). In Pennsville, Mrs. Anna E. Casperwood had the distinction of casting the first vote in the ballot box, and Mrs. Caroline C. Kennedy the second vote (*Sunbeam*, November 6, 1920.).

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### Women to Form County GOP Group

"Women will meet at the Woodstown Borough Hall at 8 p. m. Tuesday to form a Salem County Republican Women's Federation, it was reported today. Three hundred invitations have been sent....All women who are interested in participating in Republican affairs have been invited to attend. Refreshments will be served by the women of the Lower Penns Neck Republican Women's Club."

*Salem Standard and Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, June 22, 1961

### County's First Seaplane Base Opened This Year at Pennsville

"Pioneering as a base for seaplanes in Salem County, the Riverview Beach Plane Base was opened at Pennsville by **Albert Peacock** on May 22 of this year. This is one of six seaplane bases in New Jersey.

"An outstanding feature is a school for pilots, maintained in addition to operation of planes for passenger rides and chartered trips. Both men and women are accepted as students, ranging in age from 16 up. Many of them are ex-G.I.'s, and it was necessary to have the base approved by the School Civil Aeronautics Administration, the State Board of Education, and the Veterans Administration before courses were begun.

"Veterans' records are maintained as though they were in service, and books are open to government inspection, since the U. S. government pays for courses for ex-Service men and women under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

"Three dual control seaplanes are used for training students. Flying lessons are given by **Thomas Stables**, an Army pilot, chief instructor, and **Joseph Garrison**, Navy pilot. Classroom studies include theory of flight in aircraft operation, navigation, meteorology, and civil air regulations.

"Courses lead to the following ratings, private pilot, commercial pilot, and instructor. A basic ground course is also offered.

"Among local men who have now been awarded pilots' licenses on completing the course at the base are **Lawrence K. Chrisman**, manager of Riverview Beach Park; **Gilbert Waddington**, also of Pennsville; and **John Ayres** and **James Douglas**, both of Salem. Flight tests for several other students were scheduled yesterday."

*Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, August 28, 1947

[Louise Sacchi (1913-1997) was the seaplane rating-manager and chief pilot of the seaplane base at Pennsville, N. J. *The 99 News*; November 1971, Vol. 14; No. 32, p. 10.

Sacchi, as the first international woman ferry pilot, piloted planes across the Pacific and Atlantic oceans over 340 times, more than any other non-airline pilot. On June 28, 1971, she set a speed record by flying a single-engine land plane from New York to London in 17 hours and 10 minutes. She won numerous awards in her career, which spanned over 40 years, and was the first woman to win the prestigious Godfrey L. Cabot Award for distinguished service to aviation.]

### FIRST WOMEN TO SERVE ON FEDERAL PETIT JURY

"Mrs. David H. **Fogg** and Mrs. Charles W. **Lounsbury**, of Salem, have the distinction of being among the first women to serve on a Federal Petit Jury, which is now in session in Camden. Raymond E. **Walton**, of Salem, is also on the panel. This is the first time that women have been called."

*Salem Standard and Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, January 6, 1938

### FIRST WOMAN JUROR TO BE HELD ALL NIGHT

"Mrs. **Emma H. Johnson**, of Lower Penn's Neck Township has the distinction of being the first woman juror in New Jersey and probably in the whole country to have been locked up with a jury for nearly 24 hours and spending the night in deliberation."

*Salem Sunbeam*, Salem, NJ, January 7, 1921

## ALEXANDER'S ANNALS

### 50 YEARS AGO

*Salem Sunbeam*, Salem NJ

June 1968

- Last Urban Renewal contract awarded in Salem City.
- Elsie Smith Glaspey presents organ recital on recently rebuilt organ at St. John's Episcopal Church to Salem Music Club.
- Lee Ware taken on by Minnesota Twins and is training in Florida.
- Two Salem County men are the first to be penalized under the new state law against cross burnings.
- The second Delaware Memorial Bridge will be dedicated and opened for traffic September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Route I-295 slated to open by Thanksgiving.
- Contents of cornerstone box examined from the now demolished Salem YMCA built in 1894.
- Miracle Whip—Quart Jar—48¢—Food Fair.

### 75 YEARS AGO

*Penns Grove Record*, Penns Grove, NJ

June 1943

- Three Peak brothers in Uncle Sam's Service—Leo, Harry, Jr. and Thomas Peak.
- DuPont annual picnic cancelled due to clamp down on pleasure driving and gas rationing reduction.
- Kamp Karney opens with capacity enrollment—102 boys.
- Salem County Road Camp at Yorktown ended by Freeholders.
- ReHi graduation exercises continue despite Air Raid alert of black-out during the services.
- 38<sup>th</sup> Draft Call includes fifteen ReHi grads.
- Davis Bottling Works, Salem, appointed to bottle and distribute Hires Root Beer—5¢.
- Buy War Bonds.

### 100 YEARS AGO

*Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ

June 1918

- 2,500 persons witnessed the first boxing match in the new arena of the Penns Grove Athletic Association on East Main Street.
- Oil tanker *Pratt* torpedoed by German submarine managed to stay afloat and was able to come up the river assisted by a tug.
- All German alien females, age 14 and older, must register says Mayor Grier.
- Fifty colored men leave on the noon train tomorrow for Camp Dix to enter the service of the country.
- Lower Neck votes "Wet". First township in the county to vote against prohibition.
- The Haskell Organ Company is completing the pipe organ in St. Paul's M. E. Church, Penns Grove.
- U. S. must cut use of wheat by one-half. Ration per person is 1 ½ pounds of wheat products weekly.
- Warden George Brown of the county jail has secured a Victrola to entertain the inmates and requests citizens to donate records.

### TOWN CLOCK TOWER

"The frame work of what is to be a handsome Tower, was erected on the new Baptist Church of Salem, last week. It is to contain the Town Clock, *provided* sufficient funds can be raised to purchase one."

*National Standard*, Salem, NJ, May 12, 1846

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"—This building noticed by us some time since as about to be erected by the Roman Catholic denomination of this place, as a place of worship, is so nearly completed, that it is expected to dedicate it on Sunday next. The church has been erected through the exertions of the pastor, Rev. James McDermott, and in every respect, is one of the handsomest churches in town.

"We are indebted to Mr. Ballinger, the architect, for the following dimension:—Extreme length, 90 feet; breadth, 31 feet; height of side walls, 17 feet; stone work of tower, 47 feet high by twelve feet square; the spire to be 40 feet high. The building is erected in Gothic style. The tower is mounted by stone turrets, and is highly ornamented. The walls are built of white stone, handsomely dressed, selected expressly with great care from the celebrated quarry of Mr. Geo. G. Leiper, in Delaware county, Pa. The roof is of slate, and the sides and front of the building are surrounded at intervals by buttresses.

"The work throughout reflects great credit upon Mr. Ballinger, who has thus won for himself a reputation as a builder, second to few in the State; and it also established the fact that it was entirely unnecessary to go elsewhere to employ a man without reputation to erect our public buildings, while such a man as Mr. B. is to be found in the community."

*The National Standard*, Salem, NJ, June 16, 1852

"The new Catholic Church of this town was dedicated on Sunday last. The steamers "Miantonomi" and "Cohansey" brought a large numbers of persons from Philadelphia to witness the ceremonies."

*Ibid.*, June 16, 1852

## ELECTRIC PLANT WILL RUN DAY AND NIGHT Furnishing Constant Power for Motors, Lights and Fans

"The Salem Electric Company announces in another column that on and after June first next that their electric light plant in this city will be run continuously instead of at night only as heretofore.

"This means that their customers can have the benefit of light in the early mornings and late afternoons and also that it will enable merchants and everyone to use their electric fans throughout the hot summer days.

"It also makes possible the constant use of motors for power in merchantile or manufacturing plants, a long felt want in this city.

"Meters will shortly be installed on the premises of the customers now using the lights and all changes needed to give the best service will be made at once."

*The Salem Sunbeam*, Salem, NJ, May 4, 1906

## Genealogically Speaking.....

**Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ**  
May 19, 1943

"In impressive ceremonies Sunday afternoon in the yard of the Lincoln Club on East Broadway, 110 colored men and women now in the armed services were honored when a service flag and honor roll were dedicated in a program planned by the Colored Citizens' Club of Salem.

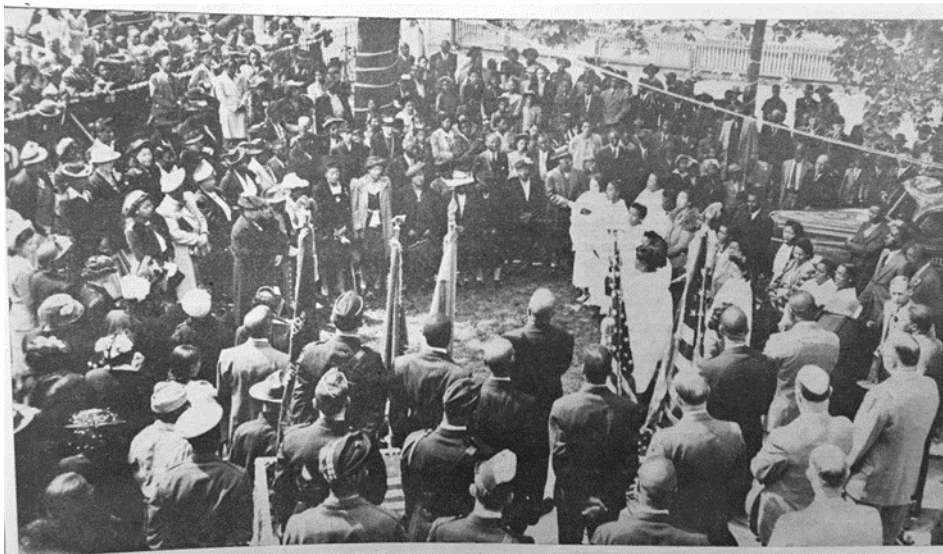
"Principal speaker was Albert Wilson, principal of the South Woodstown School, whose talk on "Americanism" was in keeping with "I Am An American Day." Other speakers included Judge S. Rusling Leap, State Senator John M. Summerill, Mayor Walter P. Bacon and County Solicitor William Smith.

"Members of the Harry P. Morrison Post, American Legion, and the Corporal Joseph C. Toulson Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as representatives of colored legionnaire and veterans' posts in Salem and Penns Grove assisted in the ceremonies. Charles M. Williams acted as

master of ceremonies during the dedication of the flag and honor roll, which were presented by the Colored Citizens' Club. The flag was presented by Ralph Dunn and the honor roll by James D. Rice."

This list of colored men honored at the affair follows:

R. Hawthorne	I. N. Ingalls, Jr.	J. Daniel	H. Matthews	N. Cuff	W. Veal
B. Henry	L. Clayton	D. R. Quisdom	A. Jinks	A. Matthews	M. Green
G. Cline	N. Thomas	A. Byrd	W. Myers	R. Corsey	M. Bantum (WAAC)
E. Collins	A. Hawkins	L. H. Johnson	P. Welson	C. Black	W. Gibson
H. Green	J. Carney	H. Douglass	P. Coakley	E. Matthews	S. Burch
W. Accoo	W. C. Harmon	C. Green	N. Wilson	J. Logan	W. Jenkins
E. Truitt	N. Dunn	F. Treadwell	D. Spencer	G. W. Rhea	C. E. Owens
A. Trusty	A. Mack	G. R. Corbin	G. Anderson	C. Robinson	S. W. Moore
J. Daniels	H. Bonne	P. Teal	H. McClendon	H. Harris	F. T. Barksdale
W. Dickerson	C. A. Henry	E. Doran	A. L. Gibson	B. Lewis	J. B. Gay
R. Noke	H. Cline	E. L. Moore	A. Hawkins	A. Turner	A. Purnell
L. Gross	W. Wallace	J. Green	F. Gibson	I. Atwell	H. Wright
E. Moore	F. Hersey	N. Wilkins	R. K. Doran	C. Kilson	C. C. Line
V. Christiansen	E. Ross	G. Henry	G. Thomas	S. Kilson	A. M. Dunn
C. Corbin, Jr.	D. Crisden	B. Wilkinson	S. Nichols	T. Thomas	A. C. Thomas
J. Hollingsworth	O. Williams	E. Justice	M. O. Thomas	J. H. Nichols	R. Wilson
J. Holman	E. Meadows	J. Atwell	B. Polk	A. Polk	
S. D. White	H. Banks	C. Forman	H. Reddin	B. Henry	
H. B. Johnson	J. Maiden	E. Powell	O. Smith	M. Wright	



"Part of the audience in the yard of the Lincoln Club on East Broadway Sunday afternoon when the Colored Citizen's Club of Salem dedicated a service flag and honor roll to the 110 men and women from this city serving in the armed forces."

"Included in the list is a Gold Star for Clarence Corbin, Jr., son of Clarence Corbin, of Yorke Street and the late Daisy Corbin, who was reported missing at sea a year ago by the Navy Department. Also included is a WAAC, M. Bantum."

—jhb

"Elwood Nokes, president of the Club, wishes to thank the many persons who contributed to the financial campaign making the purchase of the flag and honor roll possible. Nokes, with Ralph Dunn and Charles Jackson, secretary and treasurer respectively, are the organizers of the club.

"Other members are Charles M. Williams, Horace Anderson, James D. Rice, James Hurt and Carl Nichols. Six women were added to the membership. They are Mrs. Louise Giles, Mrs. Rovilla Giles, Mrs. Sadie Dunn, Mrs. Pauline Cuff, Mrs. Viola Cline and Mrs. Rebecca Hawkins.

"Rev. J. S. Brown and the new pastor of the Mt. Hope Methodist Church, Rev. Elzy, will take part in the program.

"Music for the occasion as well as amplification of the ceremonies will be furnished through the courtesy of Mr. Russell Morton."

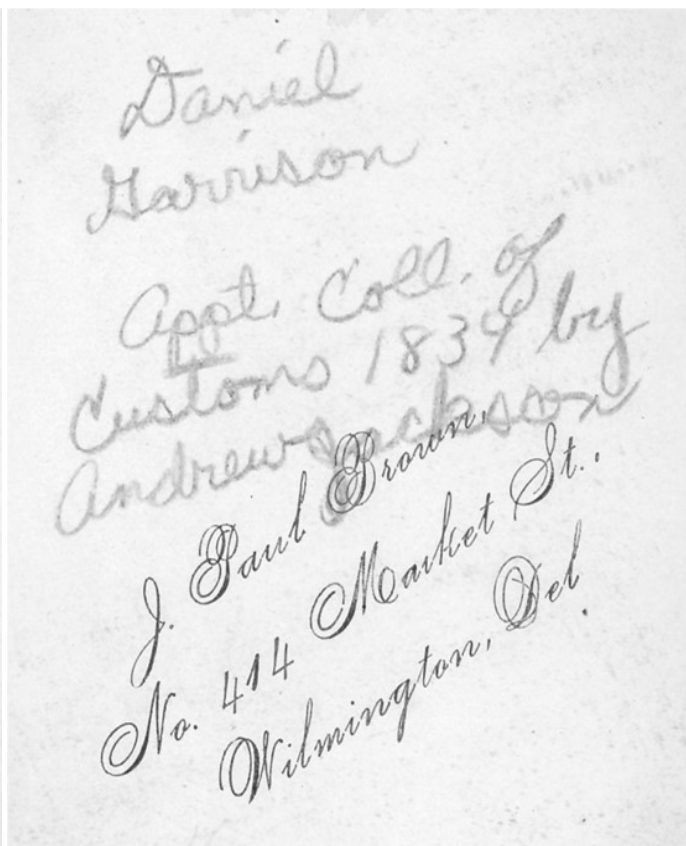
Ibid., May 12, 1943

## INTERPRETING PHOTOGRAPHS

### OBSERVATION OVERLOOK REVISITED



**Congressman Daniel Garrison**



NEGATIVES PRESERVED. DUPLICATES MAY BE  
OBTAINED AT ANY TIME.

In the previous *Quarterly Newsletter*, March 2018, the comprehensive cover article by Bruce Bendler was “Daniel Garrison—Salem County Congressman”. A framed image of a Daniel Garrison had been found at the Pennsville Township Historical Society and on the reverse was written that it was a copy from the Salem County Historical Society. Voila! Sure enough. Above are the front and reverse scanned images of that original cabinet card at the Society (000.710.0831).

This photograph was not used in Bendler’s article because Congressman Daniel Garrison had died in 1851 and the photographer, J. Paul Brown, did not open his photography business in Wilmington, Delaware until 1879. Therefore, the assumption was this could not be Congressman Daniel Garrison, he was deceased in 1879?

But hold on a minute! We all know what assume spells! So, who is that man in this photograph that is labeled “Daniel Garrison Appt. Coll. of Customs 1834 by Andrew Jackson”?

Thanks to society members Penny and Ollie Dalbow, reasoning has conquered assumption. Ollie is a Garrison descendant and together they indicated that a photograph, of the Congressman’s son, Daniel J. Garrison, who lived in the home at the headquarters of the Pennsville Township Historical Society, was also located there in that society’s archives.

In studying this dual perplexity, Ollie and Penny researched the photographs and pinpointed that the clothing in the photograph of the Congressman, above, was definitely of the 1840’s period before the Congressman had died.

With further observation of the photographer’s marketing phrase on the reverse at the bottom, “NEGATIVES PRESERVED. DUPLICATES MAY BE OBTAINED AT ANY TIME.”, it was determined that an earlier photograph of the Congressman had been taken over to the photographer J. Paul Brown in Wilmington and that at least one cabinet card duplicate was made.



## RESPONSE FOR "PHOTO ID PLEASE!" COLORED WOMEN'S CLUB OF SALEM



**1<sup>st</sup> row l-r:** Omega Mason, Ms. Lilly Walls, Viola Cline, Ceola Nokes, Jenny Fielder or Susan Henry, Oteria Kelsic Nokes (Great Aunt of Sharon Kelsic Kellum), ?Sarah Hawthorne, Frances Veasey, ?, Addie Warrick, Ada Jones.

**2<sup>nd</sup> row l-r:** Alva McClendon, ?, Ruth Johnson, ?, Jane Nokes, ?, Hazel Hicks Kelsic (Mother of Sharon Kelsic Kellum), ?, ?, Pauline Tucker.

The date of this "cotillion", most likely held at the Salem YMCA, has not been determined.

Thank you to Sharon Kelsic Kellum for her research in identifying the women in the photograph above and to others who were involved: Patricia Allen, Anne Henry, Audrey Pettijohn, Odessa Nokes, and Alice Kelsic Reid. *From the Collection, 000.711.1190*

"On March 3, 1911, at the home of Mrs. Rebecca Wilmer, Miss Lydia Gardner, addressed a group of women. She told them that the purpose for which they had assembled was to improve themselves in literature and sociability. After due consideration in October of 1911, an organization was formed to be known as the Colored Women's Club of Salem. After the local club was started, the New Jersey State Federation began in 1922, and through the efforts of Mrs. Susan Henry, the local club became federated....Under the State organization a five-point program was followed: housing, health, education, employment, and legislation....The mottoes of the club are: 'Work to Serve the Hour' and 'Lift As We Climb'."

*Luncheon Program, July 10, 1993*

### HEINZ ERECTS DORMITORY FOR 250 WOMEN Help Shortage Forces Local Plant to Bring in Workers

"A new modern dormitory is being erected on Front Street to house 250 women being brought here to meet the acute labor shortage, officials of the local H. J. Heinz Company plant revealed yesterday.

"Faced with the responsibility of processing what promised to be a big tomato crop, the Salem factory of the H. J. Heinz Company is taking steps to see that it will be accomplished in face of an inadequate labor supply", the announcement said.

#### Need Local Help

"In addition, hundreds of local people are needed to pack the big tomato crop. "This crop will play an important part in winning the war through the "Food for Victory" program", officials declared.

The announcement urged all local people who can help out in this program to register with the local plant at once. "Thus we may be able to judge how much labor must come from the distant points." An appeal is especially made to housewives to register in order that this year's crop may be processed.

#### "Comfortable Quarters"

"The dormitory will provide comfortable quarters with 1 ½ inch insulating gypsum roofing board covering with roofing material. Sides are of insulating board covered with asbestos. The interior will be finished with gypsum board," the announcement revealed.

"There will be two reception rooms with a matron in charge. Sanitary facilities are of the best with provisions for showers, laundry tubs and ironing boards.

#### Complete Screening

"Windows will be equipped with blinds and complete screening will be installed for doors and windows.

"The brick building at the bridge is being converted into a cafeteria with the installation of modern equipment so that 250 people can be seated at one time."

*Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, July 7, 1943*

**Donald Lee Pierce**  
1929—2018



The Society was saddened to learn of the passing of our *Trustee Emeritus* and life member, Donald Pierce on May 8, 2018, in Ocala, Florida. Donald has the distinction of being the first African American president of the Salem County Historical Society, 2004 to 2006.

Raised in Salem, he was a 1948 graduate of Salem High School where he became the first African American to perform with the school's Caps and Bells Theatre and also earned the distinction for becoming the first African American Cheerleader. In the high school's 1948 *Fenwick Papers*, it is stated, "Donald's greatest ambition is to become a very good math teacher."

Donald matriculated to and graduated from Lincoln University where he studied math, returning to Salem High School where he taught mathematics before transferring to teach at the prestigious George School and the West Chester Joint High School in Pennsylvania. He then took a professorship at Lincoln University where he spent thirty-eight years on the faculty teaching mathematics and then fifteen years as University Registrar.

Close to his family, Donald returned to Salem after retirement to care for his ailing sister and quickly became involved as a volunteer in the contemporary and historical fabric that depicts Salem County.

One of his accomplishments includes compiling and editing a book of poems by Esther "Hetty" Saunders, a free African American woman living in Salem County in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

At our Society he was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2002 and served as newsletter editor through 2003. In addition to Society responsibilities, Mr. Pierce served on the Boards of the Health and Wellness Foundation and the Salem Community College. He was treasurer of the Salem Free Library; president of the Salem County United Way; president of The Salem Rotary Club and Salem County Historian, 2004-2013; and, a Steward of Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. Church.

As the 2006 "Distinguished Citizen of the Year" of the Salem County Chamber of Commerce, it was remarked, "Our Citizen's quiet and thoughtful compassion stimulates others to stop and think in ways that open doors to others. He has hurdled over barriers of prejudice and loss, landing on his feet and leading the way."

## In Memoriam

**Reverend Donald R. Ball,**  
Deepwater, NJ

**Dorothy Davis Fisher**

Woodstown, NJ

**Elizabeth Wilson Mitchem**

Pennsville, NJ

**Donald Lee Pierce**

Salem, NJ

**Merwin Donald Richman, Sr.**

Salem, NJ

**Jane D. Sickler**

Bridgeton, NJ

**Helen F. Thomas**

Salem, NJ

**Michael S. Warner**

Woodstown, NJ

**Dorothy Davis Fisher**  
1941—2018



It is with regret that the Society received news of the passing of Dottie on March 4, 2018. A lifetime member and volunteer for over thirty-five years, Dottie served the Society in many capacities involving both the museum and library. Both she and her husband, George Baxter Fisher, have left positive indelible attributes that permanently benefit the Society.

## **NEW SYNAGOGUE OPENS IN SALEM**

Congregation of Ohaeb Sholem  
Dedicates New Place of Worship  
on Church Street

## **RABBIS AND MAYOR PRESENT**

"The new Jewish Synagogue of the Congregation Ohaeb Sholem of Salem, on Church Street, rebuilt and remodeled from the old Red Men's Lodge home, was dedicated last Sunday with appropriate exercises.

"Rabbi Simon of Vineland opened the ceremony with a blessing and address, and was followed by the Rev. Samuel Jones, rabbi of Ohaeb Sholem, this city, and Rabbi Schauchter of Philadelphia, who made appropriate addresses.

"An address was also made by Mayor F. Newlin Acton, who commended the congregation for acquiring its own place of worship and for the improvements to the edifice, the efforts being made by the local leaders for the advancement of the race. He also stressed the importance of religious liberty as one of the great American principles.

"Solomon Aaron and Cantor Moses, of Carmel, brought greetings and congratulations from Jews throughout Salem County to the Salem congregation.

"Further exercises were carried out by the synagogue committee, which has also been instrumental in the establishment of the new place of worship, as follows: Benjamin Levitsky, Jacob Marks, Sol Weinstein, Morris Goldstein, Bernard Stevens and Lewis Fenster.

"Besides the main auditorium on the second floor the new synagogue has rooms on the first floor for the Hebrew school conducted by Solomon Berlin and for the Ladies' Auxiliary and Ladies' Aid Society.

"For several years the Jews of Salem have worshipped in a room on the second floor of a store on West Broadway, but the growing numbers of the congregation and a revived interest has made a more commodious place necessary.

"The congregation and committee are to be commended for their enterprise and this step to encourage better citizenship."

*Salem Sunbeam*, Salem, NJ, September 18, 1925

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