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When Death Came Calling, Salem Needed a Hospital

By: Mike Dixon

One-hundred-one years ago a mysterious killer came calling in Salem County about the time World War I was winding down. It started in remote corners of the county, in places such as Fort Mott as a global pandemic, the “so-called Spanish Influenza,” spread throughout New Jersey.

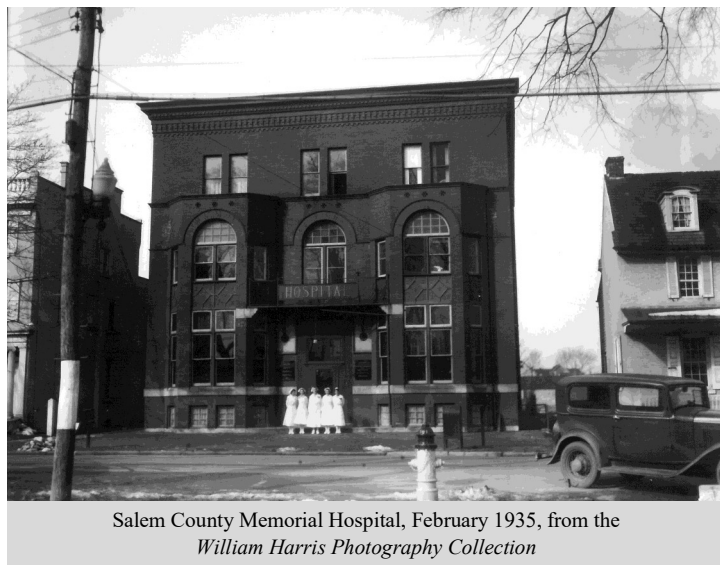
The epidemic hit Fort Mott hard. Of the 210 men stationed there, 98 cases occurred and six soldiers died.¹ Their bodies were shipped home, an escort from the fort—pallbearers, a firing squad, and bugler—accompanying the casket to the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in Salem. At the station the military honor guard fired a volley over the casket and the bugler sounded taps.

Meanwhile countians braced for the battle with the deadly contagion as the *Salem Standard and Jerseyman* warned that this was not an occasion for the public to get panicky. “These are days for calmness and courage. While the disease is distressing and occasionally is followed by fatal complications the great majority of cases quickly recover. The public duty is to restrict the spread of the malady by observance of all the simple rules of health,” the editor noted.

As national newspaper headlines announced the retreat of Kaiser Wilhelm’s Army, local officials acted promptly, closing all places of entertainment, public assembly, churches, and motion pictures houses. Normal life came to a sudden halt.²

The epidemic struck Pennsville “full blast” that October, more than one hundred cases being reported. There was not a family in the Delaware River community that was not stricken and in some instances the entire family was down. Dr. James, the local physician was almost worn out, as he had been attending the sick day and night. As the medical situation worsened, Dr. MacDonald at Fort Mott received permission to admit civilians to the post hospital, causing one newspaper to announce that “Salem County Now Has a Hospital.”³

The deadly outbreak tore through Carney’s Point. There were three deaths in one day on one street, and the federal government sent five doctors and five nurses to help while the company sent ten physicians from Wilmington. Patients were treated at the DuPont hospital, but the number of sick among workers who lived in barracks ran into the hundreds so one of the girl’s dorms was converted into a temporary hospital. There had been so many deaths in Carney’s Point and Penns Grove that it was impossible to obtain accurate numbers, the



Salem County Memorial Hospital, February 1935, from the
William Harris Photography Collection

Penns Grove Record noted.

The DuPont Company was praised for being an “angel of mercy” during the emergency. “The Company . . . established hospitals, furnished food, nurses, medical attention, organized an ambulance service, and delicacies for the sick without reference as to where they lived or were employed. They cared for hundreds of people who had no homes and all were skillfully treated.”⁴

In Elmer, the epidemic played havoc with farm work, some having difficulty attending to live stock, let alone gather crops. One farmer, his wagon loaded with milk cases, was about to take it to market although his temperature was 104 degrees. Only after a physician told him that he might not live to get it to the train station, did he give up and let the milk sour.

A pall dropped on South Jersey as the disease tore a path across the region, people realizing the fatal power of this invisible enemy. At the height of the public health crisis so many people perished undertakers could not keep up. Hearse rolled along township roads and country lanes while a pathetic site took place at Ashcroft’s morgue with fathers, husbands, wives and children weeping for their loved ones.

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**Message From the Administrator**

It has been a wonderful spring here at the Society and we are very excited for the summer ahead. In the past few weeks the Society was open for the 11th Annual Arts in Bloom in Salem County and artist Steven Sharp of Woodstown was on site to display his local watercolor works. A splendid time was had by all in attendance.

In the coming weeks, the Society will be hosting the Paul W. Carleton school for five days of educational programming and in June the Elsinboro school will be visiting us as well. Two new members of the Education Committee, Bill Mecum and new Trustee Martha Hogan-Battisti have joined the team of diligent volunteers who assist us with these programs. A special thanks to you both and the other members of the Education Committee who help put together these lessons; it is through your guidance and assistance that these programs are made possible.

In June our Quarterly meeting will again be hosted here in the Society's courtyard. Executive Vice President, Barbara Dawson and friends will provide a musical program that includes a display of instruments and photographs from the Society's collections. The program will include a brief history of bands in Salem County, information about the instruments and music from different periods. Guests at this event will have the opportunity to indulge in an ice cream social before the performance.

Our curator and the museum committee have also been hard at work on our next exhibit which will showcase rare and unique items from Salem County. The committee plans to display items from the collection that have either never been displayed to the public or have not been on display in recent years. I'd also like to mention that the Society's current exhibit, "Salem County in the First Modern Decade: 1910-1919" remains partially open through the end of May 2019. It features items from the American Red Cross, Fort Mott and local families who served in World War I. If you still have not seen it, please stop in before it closes.

As always, none of these projects and programs would be possible without the support and hard work of our volunteers, Trustees, staff and members such as yourself. I thank you and appreciate all of your efforts.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Guido Jr.
Administrator and Librarian

New Exhibit to Open This Fall!

Our upcoming exhibit, *Hidden Treasures: Unique and Rare Items of Salem County* will open this fall and include items from the Museum's collection that have either never been displayed to the public or have not been on display in recent history. The exhibit committee is hard at work refurbishing both the main changing exhibit room as well as a smaller adjoining room that has not been open to the public for some time. Reclaiming exhibit space throughout the building is an ongoing project—the next room to open following the exhibit will be a new display centered upon the county's history of glassmaking. For now, the additional first floor space will allow us to feature several different themes and tell more stories with the selected objects. The committee is still in the midst of gathering objects. For some sneak peeks of the featured objects, please check our Facebook and Instagram pages. We hope you will join us when the exhibit opens!

Volunteers Needed!

The Museum is always looking for enthusiastic new volunteers. We are especially in need of volunteers who would like to be trained as docents to give tours of our Museum to the public. There are numerous other opportunities as well, including, but not limited to: research, document transcription, building, moving objects, and assisting with producing signage. No prior experience is necessary as long as you have a passion for local history.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 1, 2019

"A Day at the Farm 2019",

Location: Pennsville Township Historical Society,

Time: 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Saturday, June 8, 2019

South Jersey History Fair

Location : 1756 Gabreil Daveis Tavern Museum House Site,

500 3rd Ave. Glendora, NJ 08029

Date: June 8, 2019 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Call for more information (856) 287-0105

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Salem County Historical Society's Quarterly Meeting

Topic: "Music in Salem County"

Location: Salem County Historical Society

Time: 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Salem County Historical Society presents the Annual Luncheon,

Location: The Inn at Salem Country Club in Elsinboro Township

Time: 1:00 P.M.

What's News at Your Society

- ◆ The Society will be participating in the 1st ever South Jersey History Fair in Glendora, New Jersey. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 and will run from 10:00A.M. – 4:00P.M. A number of historic organizations from throughout the region will be in attendance. Please stop by and see us!
- ◆ We will again be hosting our Annual Luncheon at the Inn at Salem Country Club in Elsinboro this September. This year's raffle prize is a trip to Annapolis, Maryland for two! Guests will stay at the Historic Jefferson Suite at the Reynold's Tavern, Annapolis' oldest inn! The package also includes a dinner at the Tavern and one at the Chart House and the option of either a land tour or sailing tour of Historic Annapolis. Raffle tickets will be available in the coming weeks at the Society.
- ◆ Library intern Claire Augustin has finished scanning the glass plate negatives in the Robert Dorrell Photograph Collection. The collection contains over 1,000 images of Alloway and the surrounding area and some of the images date back to the late 19th century. All of the images are now available for viewing in the Society's Research Library.

Additional Annual Appeal Donors 2018

Thank you for your generosity and we invite you to stop by and see for yourself what your donation means to the Salem County Historical Society!

Phil and Anne Britton

Walter B. Wheatley in memory of The Wheatley and Fenton Family

Gary and Linda Wilson

Ron and Diane Wohlrab in memory of Bill Gallo

Elizabeth H. Yerkes

Sunday, June 9th Quarterly Meeting

Location: In the garden at the Salem County Historical Society, 83 Market St. Salem, NJ

Title: "Music in Salem County"

Time: 1:30 P.M. — 3:30 P.M.

Executive VP, Barbara Dawson, and friends will provide a musical program including a display of instruments and photographs in the Salem County Historical Society's collection. The program will include a brief history of bands in Salem County, information about the instruments, and music from different periods.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Salem County Historical Society's Annual Luncheon
Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.**

This year's Annual Luncheon will be held at the Inn at Salem Country Club in Elsinboro Township.

Speaker: Hal Taylor, Illustrator and Author

Topic: "Salem County and the Delaware River"

World's Fair Paris 1900



"Eddie, son of Edward Richardson, residing in Baileytown, sailed for Paris a few days ago. Mr. Richardson is probably the only colored visitor at the World's Fair from this county."

*The Monitor-Register,
Woodstown, NJ,
June 29, 1900*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

16TH JOHN STEWART ROCK MEMORIAL LECTURE



ALVIN Q. CORBETT

**"The Logistics of the
Underground Railroad"**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019
3:00 P.M.

Friends Village
1 Friends Drive
Woodstown, NJ 08098

ALEXANDER'S ANNALS

50 YEARS AGO

Pennsville Progress, Pennsville, NJ
June 1969

- Beware! Junk car street ordinance in Pennsville Township earns a 90 day jail penalty or \$500 fine.
- George Simpkins is preparing the presidential yacht, the *USS Williamsburg*, for its role as a restaurant.
[Scrapped at LaSpezia, Italy, early in March of 2016.]
- First burial in the new Salem County Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery took place May 2, 1969. Mrs. Thomas Mills of Hawks Bridge Road, UPN, was interred there.
- 7 men victims of DuPont explosion at Carneys Point Plant.
- Salem County Memorial Hospital room rates have been increased—Private room with private bath increased from \$49 to \$55 per day.
- Coach Jack Meyers and his Pennsville Eagles baseball team are Tri-County Conference Champs again.
- FOP home, South Broadway, Pennsville, dedicated May 14th.
- George Pappas approves Dave Romansky's track program for kids.

75 YEARS AGO

Penns Grove Record, Pennsgrove, NJ
June 1944

- More than 1,000 people visited the sample house at Churchtown Gardens. Twelve of the 52 homes have been sold. The sample house is completely furnished by Hitchner's Furniture Store.
- Louis F. DiNicola lauded for civic work at testimonial dinner by the Italian American Citizenry.
- Women war workers seek evening shopping hours from the Chamber of Commerce.
- Record crowd of 45,000 jams Riverview Beach Park for the Ninth Annual Picnic of the Chambers Works and Smokeless Powder Plant.
- Y. M. C. A. annual "Learn to Swim" classic, graduates a record of 119.
- Sons of Italy Lodge opens clothing drive for liberated Italy.
- The Millennium arrives as the County is debt free.
- Hams 34¢ per lb.—Acme Markets

100 YEARS AGO

Salem Standard and Jerseyman, Salem, NJ
June 1919

- The Liberty Loan ship *S. S. Salem County* will be launched at Wilmington, Delaware on July 4th.
- Mt. Hope M. E. Church has awarded the contract for a new edifice to Joseph P. Morgan. Old structure is being razed.
- Penns Grove will soon have a Public Library.
- Freeholders will take over the Quinton & Marlboro Turnpike as a county road.
- Miss Josephine Elwell has been elected night nurse when the hospital opens.
- Work on the new standpipe behind the county buildings was started last week by the firm of J. S. Rogers & Son of Philadelphia.
- Roy Shafer, U. S. Navy, home on 30 days leave, received a reception at the home of Orville Watson.

Wistarburg Ware at World's Fair

"Complying with the request of the Commission in charge of the New Jersey Building at the New York World's Fair, the Salem County Historical Society has loaned for display several choice pieces of glassware made at the Wistarburg factory in Alloway Township back in 1742."

Salem Standard and Jerseyman, June 22, 1939

"The President [Walter Hall] reported that he took 12 pieces of Wistarburg glass to the New York World's Fair to be displayed in the New Jersey Building. Much favorable comment has been received and it was well worth the effort."

SCHS Minute Book, September 12, 1939, page 6."

"The Wisterburg [*sic*] Glass has been returned from the New York World's Fair where it had been exhibited in the New Jersey Building and in connection with it many inquiries have been made. Photographs were made for a local paper. Visitors from the Metropolitan [*sic*] Museum called and saw the sugar bowl and said it was a better specimen than they had at the Museum."

Ibid., December 5, 1939, page 7.]

RECORD CROWDS AT COUNTY RESORTS

**Riverview Beach Held a Throng
of 20,000—Extra Boat Required to Move
Men, Women and Children to Philadelphia**

"Memorial Day was an eventful one at the recreation centers in Salem County. Thousands patronized the pleasure grounds. Not all were from the county for cars were noticed from the adjoining counties and states. Traffic to and from the parks was congested at times. The proprietors had all the amusements in operation and gave the best they had for the enjoyment of their guests.

"Naturally the largest crowd was at Riverview Beach, and it was some crowd. Manager Lawrence K. Chrisman estimates that at 7 P. M. there were not less than 20,000 people on the grounds. It was the largest since 1929 and it is believed the record crowd on Memorial Day of that year was broken.

"The Wilson Line boats delivered in excess of 7,000 from Philadelphia and Chester. So heavy was the river travel that an extra boat had to be put on at 11 P. M. to get the men, women and children back to Philadelphia. The parking lot was filled almost like on a duPont picnic day and the streets of Pennsville in the vicinity of the Park held hundreds of machines.

"Amusements at the grounds generally cease at 11 P. M. but it was well after midnight when the lights were dimmed. Every concession was "worked overtime" so to speak. Nearly a thousand persons patronized the beautiful swimming pool and it seemed that not another person could have gotten into the rollerdrome.

"The Coffee Shoppe was not overlooked and the chef was preparing meals from 10 A. M. until the doors had to be closed shortly after 10 P. M.

"It was a great day for Riverview Beach and if one can judge by the crowd the resort is in for a wonderful 1939 season."

Salem Standard and Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, June 1, 1939

New Methodist Church Edifices

—"The colored Methodists are erecting a frame church at Moore's Corner. The building is all enclosed ready for the plasterers."

—"Benjamin F. Darlington has the contract to erect the new church of the Mount Hope congregation on East Broadway. While the building is being constructed services will be held in the Tabernacle."

Salem Standard and Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, September 3, 1919

Genealogically speaking....

Unrecorded Marriages Listed in the “Bridgeton Observer” Newspapers

Researched by William Edward Saunderlin

From time to time over the years, while working on research projects, I often come across something that looks like it may need a closer look. One such project that I was involved in was logging “Marriages,” from newspapers. This information was obtained from the *Bridgeton Observer*, which was published from October 19, 1822 through June 24, 1826. After that date, this newspaper merged with the *Washington Whig* of Bridgeton, so no further list was needed.

After logging the marriages, I wanted to see if there were any unrecorded or that were not in the H. Stanley Craig books of marriages, which were logged from the County Clerk’s Office. I found eight marriages that seemed to be unrecorded for Salem County. I want to publish this list for those genealogists who may be seeking that key bit of information.

In the cases where it lists the marriages were performed in Centreville, that area is Centerton, in Pittsgrove Township, in Salem County, today.

Here are the eight Salem County unrecorded marriages that I found:

1. April 17, 1823— by Rev. John **Clark**—David **Richman** to Miss Ruth **Johnson**—both of Centreville, Salem County, New Jersey.
2. January 22, 1824— by David **DuBois**, Esq.—Joseph **Garrison** to Mrs. Susan **Parks**—both of Centreville, Salem County, New Jersey.
3. August 12, 1824— by Josiah **Sheppard**, Esq.—At the Cohansey Lighthouse, in Greenwich, Cumberland County, New Jersey—Capt. Benjamin **Bassett**, of Salem, N.J. to Miss Ann **Mahama**, of Philadelphia, Pa.
4. September 5, 1824—At L. A. C. Friends Meeting—Joshua **Stretch**, a teacher in Salem, N.J. to Elizabeth **Bradway**, of Salem, New Jersey.
5. October 7, 1824— by Rev. John **Clark**—John W. **Richman** to Miss Mary **Hughes**—both of Centreville, Salem County, New Jersey.
6. October 23, 1824—Adam **Kandle** to Miss Elizabeth **Langley**—both of Centreville.
7. March 18, 1826— by Rev. John **Clark**—Eli **Davis** to Miss Anna Maria **Miller**—both of Centreville.
8. April 5, 1826— by Rev. B. **Hoff**—David **Wright**, of Sharptown, Salem County, to Miss Phebe **Dare**, of Bridgeton, Cumberland County, New Jersey.

Salem County Volunteers Mexican War

“—We believe that seventeen Salem County Volunteers enlisted in the 10th 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**, 11th 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

Man Killed by the Train.

“A strange man was struck by the 10 o’clock train this morning, about a half mile above the old depot, in Claysville. The man was laying on the track and between two open ties, so that the engineer could not stop the train until too late. The body was so mutilated as to be unrecognizable, but from a Catholic prayer book found in his pockets, his name is supposed to be **John P. Kelly**, of Port Sidney, Nebraska.

“A letter addressed to Miss **Rachel Ritzo**, in care of **Mrs. George Acton**, was found on the body. In a small memorandum book was found the address of **Henry J. Scott**, 217 South Street.”

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, June 12, 1894

(continued from cover) Within a half-hour one Sunday six corpses arrived at the morgue and there were 30 bodies waiting to be embalmed. At Gross's Undertaking Parlor, there were six bodies without caskets to bury them in.⁵

In the Eastview Cemetery, it was impossible to have all the graves ready as there was a shortage of gravediggers so Sheriff Mifflin ordered some of the men from the Road Camp to help out. The offer was accepted and a half dozen convicts started digging the graves. People were requested to not visit houses in which the sickness rampaged and all funerals were ordered to be private.

With entire households stricken, weakened families struggled to survive as there was no one to care for the children and the sick. When the "death angle" appeared at the Sheppard family all eight members were down. The Hallenger family, where the young daughter was taken, there was the added misfortune when one of the boys developed appendicitis. He had to be taken to the Bridgeton Hospital for surgery. In many families there was no coal.

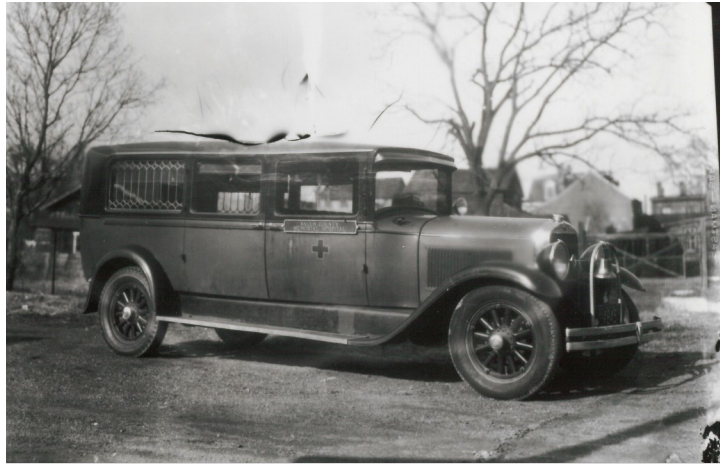
One of the saddest situations was at the farm of Clement Lippincott in Mannington Township, where both Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nixon passed away, leaving a family of six small children. The youngest was about six weeks old and the oldest eight years. Never in the history of the city had there been such a death rate.

Salem City recorded up to 25 deaths as the weeks wore on. At this point hundreds of people were down and the doctors were worked almost beyond endurance. Dr. N. S. Hires, a long-retired caregiver, volunteered his service when it became apparent that practicing physicians had more than they could do. Several doctors fell victim to the malady.⁶

Hoping to control the influenza, while also providing a place to care for the most serious cases, the Red Cross opened a temporary hospital in the Sunday School Room of the First Baptist Church. Placed under the charge of Mrs. W. H. Hazelton, she drew on Fort Mott for cots and homes and businesses for supplies. At the curb stood the Red Cross supply truck, which had been commandeered to do service as an ambulance.⁷

A Penns Grove policeman detailed to the post office door admitted only three people at a time. One hurried man was arrested by the officer as he insisted on going in and when he was searched he did not have a registration card. "He now gets his mail in care of Sheriff Mifflin."⁸

After a few weeks, the epidemic waned and the Board of Health lifted the quarantine while the Red Cross Hospital closed.^{9,10} Life was returning to normal, but the crisis highlighted a long-standing need for a community hospital. In Salem City, the Emergency Hospital in the First Baptist Church had rendered invaluable service. The highest number of patients there at any one time had been twenty-six and these included desperately ill people who could not get proper treatment at home. There had been four deaths in the hospital: Mrs. William T. Mifflin, Mrs. Isabel Davis, Benjamin Lawrence, and



Ambulance, Salem County Memorial Hospital, February 1935, from the William Harris Photography Collection

Norman Gallaher.¹¹

To relieve suffering, the women of the county had rendered a public health service that could not be measured as the Red Cross took charge of caring for those admitted to the institution. Near the end of the crisis, Miss Irene Moore of New York, a registered nurse, and Mrs. Charles R. Lloyd of Princeton were sent by the State Department of Health to the local board of health for duty at the hospital.¹²

Now is the time for a hospital. That is what the *Salem Sunbeam* pointed out as life returned to normal. The suffering and the tragedies which visited the county had demonstrated the need for a well-equipped local institution. "We have been shown that when it is necessary we can provide a hospital and take care of those who would otherwise have suffered much more than they did. The Emergency Hospital was a means of saving life, but how much easier would it have been if this work and how much more could have accomplished, if there was a permanent hospital," the editor asked.¹³

It had been impossible to tell the actual number of deaths in the county, but at Carney's Point and Penns Grove there were more than 30 deaths. The emergency hospital at Carney's Point was taxed to its utmost, and several months ago Judge Waddington made a suggestion along these lines to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, but no action was taken. That we must have a hospital is becoming more apparent every day. And the people are ready for it. No matter what plan is adopted what is needed is a start. The rest will come in good time.¹⁴

As troops returned home from Europe, the movement to establish a hospital grew.¹⁵ Advocates noted the county had been sending 250 to 300 patients to city institutions. "These, with the automobile and other accidents that have been treated by doctors in their homes and office and the dispensary cases that are sure to be an accompaniment of the business of the hospital would guarantee a volume of work to the memorial hospital that will prove the wisdom of establishing that form of memorial to our soldiers and sailors."¹⁶

But the sponsors of the Salem County Memorial Hospital had a "hard road to hoe," according to the *Elmer Times*.

In addition to financing the undertaking, there was “the exceptionally bothering question of location and style of building,” as the organizers considered how to balance the needs of the western and eastern regions.

If placed in Salem it would be of little service to the opposite side of the county as Bridgeton and Vineland Hospitals are much more convenient, and if a patient was to be taken by train it was a quick ride to Camden Hospitals, the paper observed. On account of these barriers of geography, it was hard to raise enough enthusiasm to start the project.¹⁷

Also, rather than being placed in a municipality, it was thought it should be out in the open. The wide awake Chamber of Commerce in Woodstown secured an offer of four acres on the old Woodstown Race Track free, and the Borough pledged \$30,000. This advantage of a central location and admirable surroundings appealed to many. In concluding, the editor noted that it was an advantage to have it in the city because of the ready access to physicians at all times, and also the ability to retain nurses and aides. Besides it would take two years to erect a new building.¹⁸

An option had been procured on the old Ford Hotel in Salem, and William H. Chew, the chairman of the campaign, was forceful in his appeal for this location. He was convinced that any other site would be beyond financial reach. Another argument for Salem City was its manufacturing interests. Also, it was the center of population (if not of territory), especially when considering the river front settlements between there and Penns Grove, as a large majority of all the emergency patients would come from this developed area.

When a meeting was held in Penns Grove, an “animated discussion” about the site in Salem City took place. In view of the fact that the people of Salem had gone so far with the project it was a pity that this matter of local pride and prejudice should interfere with the work, Mr. C. E. Wood replied. “Salem is the logical location for such an institution. The county seat and the hospital is a matter in which all the people of the county should be interested.”

These difficulties were soon worked out and ten months after peace was declared 2,000 people from all parts of the county turned out for the dedication of the fine memorial for heroes.

The Salem County Memorial Hospital was a glorious tribute dedicated to the “memory of those who remained in France and those who returned, the *Salem Sunbeam* reported. The old Ford Hotel was a “stately mansion for the sick and suffering.”

The hospital opened for the reception of patients Monday morning with Miss Jane D. Nicholson, superintendent, and Miss Josephine Elwell and Miss Alma Baker, assistants. It was declared by the physicians who toured the building that few hospitals had ever been opened with such complete furnishings, down to the smallest detail. Mrs. Gilbert Barr of DuPont City was the first patient to enter on Monday. She gave birth to a fine boy at 9:15 on Tuesday morning. Dr. W. H. James of Pennsville was the physician in charge. Also on Monday Frank I. Morrison,

came to be treated for an accidental gun shot wound in the hand and on Tuesday John Riley, while painting a roof in Salem, was badly bruised in a 20-foot fall. Chester H. Spicer and Rev. Hyman were also there for repairs on Tuesday.¹⁹

The deadly pandemic brought a lasting improvement to Salem County. Following the devastation that shattered so many lives, Salem County established a permanent hospital to better prepare the community for future public health emergencies and provide efficient inpatient care for the growing region while dedicating it to the hometown World War I heroes. Salem had been the first to answer the call and the first to establish a memorial that continues to serve the residents of the area today.

Endnotes:

¹ Report of the Surgeon-General of the Army to the Secretary of War, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1919 p., 1280

² “Many Influenza Cases in City . . . No Deaths Reported,” *Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, October 2, 1919, p.1.

³ Ibid

⁴ “DuPont’s Emergency Work,” *Salem Sunbeam*, October 18, 1918.

⁵ “Penns Grove & Carney’s Point,” *Salem Sunbeam*, Oct. 16, 1918, p.1

⁶ “Epidemic Takes Heavy Toll . . . Many Volunteers as Nurses,” *Salem Sunbeam*, October 18, 1918, p.1

⁷ “Influenza Cases Reach Height . . . Will Open Hospital Here,” *Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, October 9, 1918, p.1

⁸ “Penns Grove News,” *Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, October 16, 1918, p.1

⁹ “Quarantine Now Lifted,” *Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, November 13, 1918

¹⁰ “Business as Usual in this City . . . Movies Start Tomorrow,” *Salem Sunbeam*, November 1, 1918, p.1

¹¹ “Influenza Is on the Wane . . . Hospital’s Fine Work,” *Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, October 16, 1918.

¹² Ibid

¹³ “Now for a Hospital,” *Salem Sunbeam*, October, 18, 1918, p.1

¹⁴ Ibid

¹⁵ “First Move for County Hospital,” *Salem Sunbeam*, Dec. 13, 1918, p.1, 6

¹⁶ “Ford’s Hotel to be Hospital,” *Salem Sunbeam*, January 16, 1919, p.1

¹⁷ “Timely Topics: Editorial Opinion on Matters of Moment,” *Elmer Times*, 7 Feb. 1919, p. 1.

¹⁸ Ibid

¹⁹ “Salem’s Fine Memorial, Salem County Was First in War; First in Dedicating a Memorial,” *Penns Grove Record*, September 5, 1919, p.1



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***S. S. Salem County* Launched**

Salem Standard and Jerseyman, Salem, New Jersey, September 3, 1919



“S.S. *Salem County* (Design 1031, Bethlehem variant) photographed by her builder, Bethlehem S. B. Corporation, Wilmington, Delaware, on 10 December 1919, upon completion. The Bethlehem-built ships of Design 1031 had two kingposts with a small mast between them right forward and one regular mast aft of the bridge. (NARA: RG-32-UB).”

<http://www.shipscribe.com/mckellar/pix/1031b.html>

Liberty Loan Ship Christened by Mrs. J. Dale [Letitia C.] Dilworth at Wilmington

“The *Salem County*, the 7,500 ton oil tanker, which the Government had named in honor of the work done in this county for the Fourth Liberty Loan, was successfully launched from the Harlan Plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation at Wilmington, on Saturday afternoon. “Mrs. J. Dale [Letitia C.] Dilworth, of this city, was the sponsor, and she performed her duty admirably. The boat slid off the ways without a hitch and took to the water in fine fashion. Mrs. Dilworth had as her aides Miss Isabel Craven Dilworth and Miss Phyllis Grey Chew. On the launching stand with the christening party were Judge and Mrs. Edward C. Waddington, of Woodstown; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Carpenter, Miss Ann McIlvaine, of Trenton; and Mrs. John P. Neilds, of Wilmington, and Mr. J. Dale Dilworth.

“After the christening the Shipbuilding Company presented Mrs. Dilworth with a handsome gold wrist watch suitably engraved to mark the occasion.

“There was quite a large crowd present and among the number were people from Salem and other parts of the county.

“The vessel, built for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, is 465 feet in length, over all; 51 feet beam, and 20 feet draught. It will be used in the oil trade service. Its dead weight tonnage is 7,500 tons.

“The launching was in charge of William H. Harmon, master carpenter, and Charles Mohrman, master rigger, who supervise all launchings at the Harlan plant. 760,000 rivets were used in the construction of the vessel.

“Mrs. Dilworth used a bottle of Champagne Cider in the christening of the ship.”

[The ship was re-named *Galena* in 1923, *Arizona* in 1929, and was scrapped in 1950.]

FIRST TRACTION STEAM ENGINE FOR SALEM COUNTY JUNE 1886



“—On the arrival of the steam traction engine at this city yesterday an unfortunate accident occurred. In starting from the car where it was unloaded, they lost control of the machine and it went crashing through the brick wall in the rear of the Presbyterian cemetery, demolishing about six feet of the wall.”

National Standard, [Ibid.]

1852.  1885.

The Latest Improvement IN TRACTION ENGINES

The only Engines where the power is practically and successfully applied to the four truck wheels. Exceeds all other Traction Engines in pulling and steering through mud holes, sand, or any soft or uneven ground, or on any road. Is the result accumulated from a third of a century of study and practical experience in the manufacture of

Portable, Agricultural, & Stationary Steam Engines.

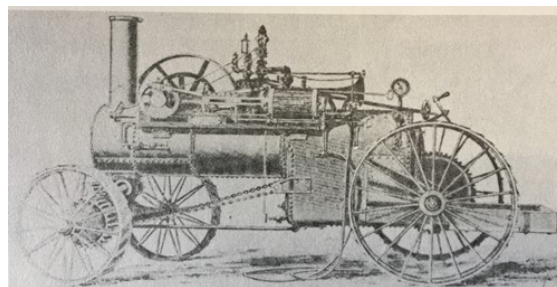
With determined policy to build only the BEST MACHINERY from the BEST MATERIALS, and in the BEST MANNER OF CONSTRUCTION, and with continued improvements, have attained the HIGHEST STANDARD in excellence of workmanship, simplicity of design, and capacity of power.

In addition to our STANDARD ENGINES we now offer the first ROAD ENGINE which has the Traction Power practically and efficiently applied to the four truck wheels, and while so applied to each wheel independently, the forward axle is under full control of the steering apparatus.

Descriptive catalogue will be sent on application.

**WOOD, TABER & MORSE,
Eaton, Madison Co., N. Y.**

Clipping from the May 1886 issue of Scientific American



This illustration is of the 1887 model of the 12 H. P. Wood, Taber & Morse steam traction engine. This model was first built in 1885. An 1888 model can be seen at the Henry Ford Museum at Dearborn, Michigan. *Encyclopedia of American Steam Traction Engines*, Jack Norbeck, 1976.

“On Friday, 25th inst., Mr. Ferdinand Logan, engineer in charge of the celebrated Front Driver Traction Engines, made by Wood, Taber & Morse, of Eaton, New York, and sold by Col. S. [Samuel] C. Harbert, [D. D. S.], formerly of this city, and general agent for the sale of engine[s] made by this widely celebrated firm, left West Chester, Pa., in company with the two Messrs. Cuff, of Pennsville, the enterprising purchasers of one of these tractions, to run it from that point to Pennsville, New Jersey.

“Leaving Westchester at 9 a. m. they proceeded to Chester, Pa. By the time (2 p. m.) they reached there, the rain and hail poured in torrents, the lightning lashed with great brilliance and the thunder roared in terrific peals. At this time they were on the summit of a very high and steep hill, which the engine had steadily climbed without any hesitation, the mud being from sixteen to eighteen inches deep, and firmly established the supremacy of the engine and her power to overcome all difficulties in a manner that no one pair of drivers could accomplish.

“On reaching Chester, they were unable to ship her by steamer to the New Jersey side, the wharf not being sufficient to bear the transfer and in consequence were obliged to lead her on a freight car and ship via Philadelphia to Salem, where she arrived on Tuesday morning.

“At Chester an apparent obstacle met them in leading, as there was no staying there for the purpose. Then it was the skill, and nerve of the engineer and the power of the engine were called into requisition. Mr. Logan had a wagon load of ties brought up and two 3x12 joists, making a crib of the ties and laying the joist on them he propelled the engine up the steep plank by her own traction power and landed her safely on the car, hauling the heavy tender for coal and water by a rope and running the engine the length of the car to do it.

“This feat was witnessed by at least 150 persons, all of whom doubted the ability of the engine to succeed, which she did do in the most satisfactory manner, establishing beyond a doubt the superiority of the Rubicon Traction Four Driver Engine, the only one having all her wheels drivers in the world. The engine moved through our streets yesterday, and attracted considerable attention. It will be used by the Messrs. Cuff, of Lower Penn’s Neck, to run their threshing machine.”

National Standard, Salem, NJ, June 30, 1886

[Most likely the Messrs. Cuff reference is to the Pennsville farmers Jonathan Cuff and his son B. Milner Cuff.

1880 Federal Population Census]

“—The novel manner of visiting the River Shore adopted by the members of the Mount Hope M. E. Church on the occasion of its annual picnic, on Thursday last, attracted considerable attention as they passed through our streets.

“The procession was headed by a carriage drawn by two horses, followed by the Messrs. Cuff’s traction engine, to which was attached four open wagons, gaily trimmed and filled with excursionists.”

National Standard, Salem, NJ, September 1, 1886

SALEM COUNTY FIRSTS

FIRST AUTOMATIC GASOLINE VENDOR NEWEST SERVICE DEVICE

"Henry S. Radcliffe, proprietor of the Mayflower Service Station which adjoins his garage and Hupmobile showroom on Broadway near Quinton St., announces that he will install automatic gasoline dispensers with the trade name, "Coin-O-Mat," in the near future.

"This will be the first station of New Jersey to install the apparatus, which will be another asset to the remarkable progress already made by the Mayflower Station since its erection last January.

"The "Coin-O-Mat" is an instrument which automatically gives an accurate amount of gas when a half dollar is deposited in a slot. Any slug place in the machine is dropped out by an electromagnetic principle.

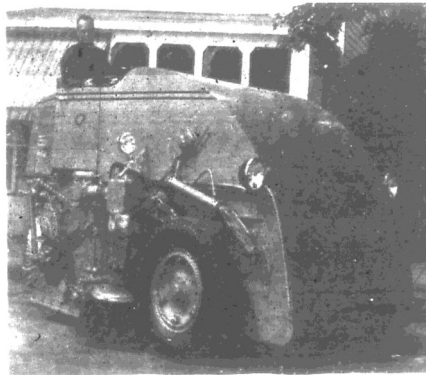
"The new device is adjustable so that if any change is made in the price of gas an increased or decreased volume of gas will be given. It will enable the "stay-out-all-night" motorist to "tank up" at any hour, but he must have a fifty cent piece to deposit in the machine."



Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, May 31, 1929

FOR THE FIRST TIME SALEM CITY STREETS

NOW TO BE
SWEPT DAILY



CITY STREETS
WILL BE CLEAN NOW

"At least Benjamin Hyson, councilman, shown above in the driver's seat, hopes so with acquisition of this new sweeper for the street department. Nightly trips over the main thoroughfares of the city are planned."

Council to Ban
All-Night Parking
In Business Section

"In order that the street cleaners shall not be handicapped and hindered in the operation of the new power-driven street sweeper that has arrived, Common Council, at the meeting on Monday night, started proceedings for the removal of parked cars on certain streets so the greatest efficiency of the machine can be obtained.

"Solicitor William R. Smith was directed to have ready for the session on Monday evening, June 13th, an ordinance requiring that all vehicles be off the following streets from 2 A. M. to 6 A. M. daily: Market Street from Broadway to Grant and Griffith Streets; New Market Street from Broadway to Wesley Street; Broadway from Oak Street to Eakin Street...."

Salem Standard and Jerseyman,
Salem, NJ, May 26 and June 2, 1949

FIRST BAT MITZVAH OHEB SHOLOM SYNAGOGUE



Sketch from the cover of the 1947 dedication booklet of the synagogue, Oheb Shalom, at 234 Johnson Street, Salem, NJ.

"Rena Levitsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Levitsky of Eighth Street, Salem, was feted on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah, May 5, during the regular service at the Oheb Shalom Synagogue, Johnson Street, Salem.

"Rabbi Stanley Math officiated, and Miss Levitsky participated in the Sabbath services.

"Rena also read a portion of the Scrolls in Hebrew, and performed the same ritual as a boy does when he has reached the age of 13.

"This was the first Bat Mitzvah observance for a girl in the Salem congregation of the Synagogue.

"Some 175 relatives and friends attended the services and reception that followed in the Needleman room at the Synagogue.

"Out of town guests were from Philadelphia, Wilmington, Milford and Newark, and Washington, D. C.

"Rena is a seventh grade student at Salem Junior School."

Salem Standard and Jerseyman,
Salem, NJ, May 18, 1961

[Rena Levitsky is married to Paul J. Berson, D. D. S. and lives in the Philadelphia area.

The building is now home to the Soul Saving Center under the leadership of Mikki Kornegay, Pastor.]

Library Acquisitions:

Acton, James, Salem, NJ. Photographs of members of the Harker family and Salem county postcards (2019.004)

Acton, James, Salem, NJ. Six photographs relating to Harker and Acton families. (2019.010)

Correll, Philip G. & Magill, Ronald E., Salem, NJ. Two illustrated children's stories by Gail Blasser Riley and illustrated by Ron LeHew, Salem, NJ artist. (2019.007)

Cumberland County Historical Society, Greenwich, NJ. Three scrapbooks owned by William Summerill. (2019.018)

Houdart, Michael, Ocean View, NJ. Invitation to 1891 class of Salem High School graduation, promissory note 1865, 1905 hand colored map of Salem County and AAA Atlas of New Jersey. (2019.011)

Loane, C. Paul, Mount Holly, NJ. Pamphlets and postcards relating to Salem County history. (2019.002)

Magill, Ronald E., Salem, NJ. Photograph of George Rumsey, Handbill for W.H. Thompson store, Salem, NJ. (2019.006)

Magill, Ronald E., Salem, NJ. Photograph of the 1909 12th New Jersey Regiment, Salem City Band on Carnival Day, October 5, 1909. (2019.008)

Magill, Ronald E., Salem, NJ. Newspaper clippings, rehab plans and drawings relating to Salem City. (2019.009)

Owen, Lawrence B., Pilesgrove, NJ. Pamphlet entitled, "Staff Sergeant Karl R. Loesche, 1919-1942." (2019.003)

Owen, Lawrence B., Pilesgrove, NJ. Pamphlet entitled, "Good Scout Award Dinner," Honoring Roger E. Nathan on May 10, 2001, Items relating to Woodstown Fellowship Club circa 1969-1970 and the Salem Country Club, List of Life Members, Patrons and Sponsors of the Pilesgrove Library Association dated 1978. Official Membership Directories for the Woodstown United Presbyterian Church, Woodstown, NJ October 1969 and February 1987. (2019.014)

Romansky, Thomas, Pennsville, NJ. DVD presentation entitled, "Symphony in C," at the Davidow Theatre at Salem Community College on March 3, 2019. (2019.013)

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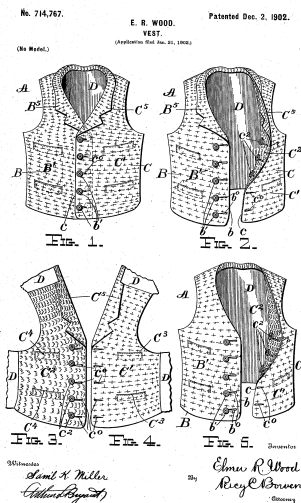
A Salem Novelty

"Mr. Elmer R. Wood, cutter for Carpenter & Mitchell, has just been granted a patent on a reversible vest. The vest is a decided novelty in that it is really two garments in one. In the making of the vest [it] is cut from any cloth the buyer selects and then he may have it lined with fancy silk or other material and by simply reversing it, have two complete vests in one. The idea is an exceedingly clever one and ought to be worth money to Mr. Wood and his associates, Messrs. Carpenter & Mitchell."

Carpenter & Mitchell."

National Standard, Salem, NJ, June 4, 1902

[Mr. Wood describes is his Patent No. 714,767: "...By the herein described construction it will be seen that I provide a reversible vest having a single plain edge, either stitched or bound, one row of buttons and one row of buttonholes in each of the breasts and which when buttoned up with either side out will present the appearance of a single-breasted vest, the same being very simple in construction and easy to manufacture."]



An Old Landmark Disappearing

"Mr. W. P. Finlaw, began this morning, the demolition of the old Mansion House, adjoining this office, on the site of which he will erect a handsome three-story brick structure.

"With the destruction of this building disappears another old landmark of Salem. It was originally the residence of Joseph Clement, one of the early merchants of Salem, who kept a general store in the building now occupied by the "Standard" as a business office.

"The property was afterward purchased by John S. Wood, and by him converted into a hotel, for which it was used for some fifty years, being left to his son, Warren Wood, who kept it as a hotel for a while.

"He was followed by a Mr. Cozzens, and he by a man by the name of Martin, who was the last landlord, the failure of Warren Wood putting the property in the market in the fall of 1873, when it was purchased by Messrs. Joseph R. Lippincott and William P. Finlaw.

"A year ago last spring Mr. Finlaw became the sole owner, and now the old building gives way to a more modern structure, in demand to the growing needs of the business of the city.

"Let the march of improvement continue and there is ample room for other property owners to follow suit.

Salem is in need of nothing so much as an enterprising spirit that shall speedily replace a number of our ancient business places with more modern and commodious structures."

National Standard, Salem, NJ, June 3, 1891

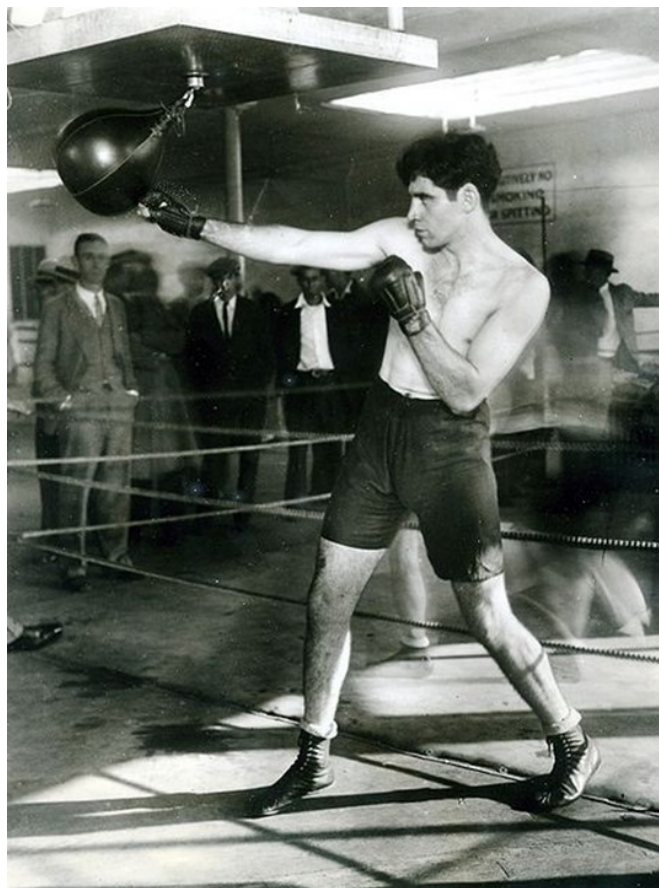
FASTENED FLAG WITH NECKTIE

From the "Sunbeam" Correspondent,

"Woodstown, May 3—The young element of our town have caught the war fever. Children are seen playing with flags. **Howard Harris, Jr.**, has won the greatest distinction along this line and to him belongs the honor of placing a flag at the highest point in town. Howard climbed to the top of the stand pipe, a height over 100 feet and fastened a flag. Upon reaching the top he was not discouraged to find he had lost the heavy cord to fasten the flag to position but substituted his necktie."

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, May 4, 1917

Jack Gross Feature of Opening Bout



To Box In First Open Air Match At Walnut Street Park Thursday—Five Other Interesting Attractions In First of Series—P. Parker Promoter.

"Jack Gross, idol of Salem boxing fans, will be the feature attraction of the first of a series of fights here, starting Thursday night at the Walnut Street ball park. He will meet Carl Carter, of New York, in an eight round windup.

"Carter a six foot right hander, weighing 198 pounds, has defeated Jene Jeanette, Bob Lawson and has fought the illustrious Jim Maloney. He is expected to put on a mean exhibition of pugilistic skill when he enters the ring against the powerful Salem Baker Boy.

"The semi windup attraction will be Hong Kong Drummond, of Salem, vs. Kid Victor, of Woodstown, in a six rounder. Hong Kong and the "Kid" are evenly matched and a blood fight is expected....

"This will be the first time in about two years that any boxing exhibition has been put on in this city and Promoter Parker will continue the bouts as long as he is supported by the fans.

"Tickets for the show are on sale at Essler's Barber Shop and Howell's Cigar Store and will be very reasonable. Seating arrangements are divided into grandstand and general admission, the first bout starting at 8:30 sharp."

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, June 14, 1929

BOXING

Municipal
STADIUM
South Broad St. (Sesqui 'rounds)
PHILADELPHIA

MONDAY NITE, JUNE 17
Here's a Real Fighting Show

Leo Lomski Aberdeen Assassin	vs.	Matt Aggie Philadelphia
Jack Gross SALEM	vs.	Al. Walker FLORIDA
Roy Ace Clark Philadelphia	vs.	Big Boy Peterson Minneapolis
Tom Toner Philadelphia	vs.	Tony Talarico Aberdeen

10 Rds. 10 Rds. 10 Rds.

Good Seats on Sale for Salem County
Patrons at Gross' Bakery, Walnut street.
Salem.

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, June 14, 1929

["Jack Gross, a professional heavy-weight South Jersey boxer known as "the Salem baker boy" who reached the peak of his fame in the 1920s, died suddenly last week at his home in the Clark's Pond section of Fairfield Township, Cumberland County. He was 82.

"Mr. Gross, who was born in Philadelphia and grew up in Salem, was the son of Joseph and Lena Gross, who owned Gross' Bakery on Broadway in the city. The building, now vacant, was last home to the Mark Shoe Store.

Mr. Gross, who attended Salem High School, aspired to be a boxer from his early days. While working at his family's bakery, he punched flour bags to practice for what would be his early-life career in the ring, according to Salem residents who knew Gross at that time.

"While boxing was popular in the Salem and Penns Grove areas in the 1920s, and in the sport, Mr. Gross excelled. Although the early part of his boxing career began in Salem, it was not until he moved to the Bridgeton area that he gained fame in the ring.

"Mr. Gross' boxing career reached its peak in the 1920s. In 1926 in Bridgeton, he knocked out Rod Massabarger in two rounds, had four bouts that year and won them by knockouts and two no decisions.

"In 1929, Mr. Gross had 12 knockouts plus five decision wins, two of which were over "Roly Pol" Ray Neuman and Young Bob Fitzsimmons. In 1928, he knocked out Sully Montgomery, Jack Humbeck and Pietro Corri. He also had a decision over Jack Roper and a draw with Robert Roberti, "The Italian Giant," and a 10-round decision loss to Tommy Loughran.

"Mr. Gross in 1929 had six wins out of six and knocked out Emmet Rocco and Jack Herman. He entered 79 fights from 1926 to 1935, won 70, lost five, had three draws, and was knocked out once.

"Among his contenders Mr. Gross met during his heyday were Primo Carnera, George Godfrey, Ernie Schaff and Tommy Loughran.

"After his boxing career waned, Mr. Gross served as a justice of the peace and magistrate in Bridgeton.

"Mr. Gross was a member of the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame in West Orange, the Bridgeton Hall of Fame and the Congregation Beth Abraham.

"Mr. Gross is survived by his wife, Coretta; one daughter, Diane Falcone of McKee City and one grand-daughter. Burial was in Chevra Kadisha of Alliance Cemetery, Norma."

Today's Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, June 13, 1988]

STAFF OF THE "SALEM OAK"

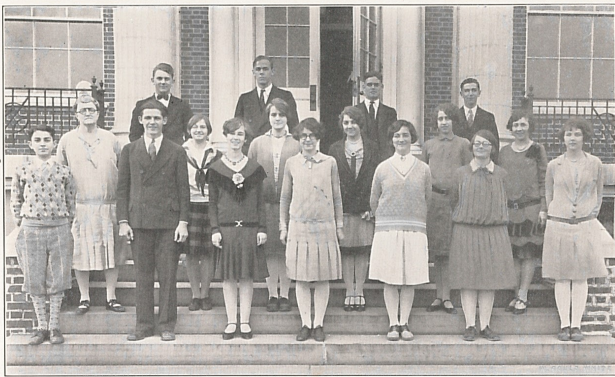
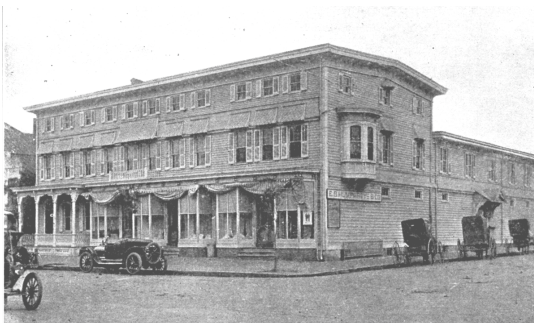


Photo Courtesy "The Lavender and White"

"These students edited and managed during the past term the *Salem Oak*, school publication of Salem High School. They are Harriette Woodward, editor; Jane Lounsbury; Lamar Moffett, business manager; Camilla Moore, special writer; Frances Donnelly, girls' sports editor; William Sheppard, boys' sports reporter; Leonard Klein, alumni reporter; Anna Denisky, exchange editor; Frank Featherer, senior class reporter; Ruth Hires, junior class reporter; Jane Dunham, sophomore class reporter; Viola Wicks and John Hires, freshman class reporter; Newell Acton, joke editor; Ruby Lawter, circulation manager; Laura Lawrence, head typist; Camilla Moore and Daniel Jefferson, assistant typists; Miss Emma L. Garwood, faculty advisor."

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, June 14, 1929

Woodstown Items



Humphreys Store, November 1912

[Today this site, 1 East Avenue, is a gasoline station.]

"—Edward B. Humphreys will put five bulk or bay windows in his store front. Four for the firm and one for Mrs. L. Gilman, milliner. Mr. Humphreys is fully up with the times in making improvements."

"—E. B. Humphreys & Co. have put up awning shades over the bulk windows in front of their large store building, and have excluded the rays of an almost tropical sun. Money judiciously used in improvements is a good and paying investment."

"—E. B. Humphrey & Co. have had some sign painting executed, also neat lettering on their bay window fronts. Their store now presents a fine appearance, which is not excelled by any in the county towns in this or adjoining counties."

National Standard, Salem, NJ
June 7, July 12, & September 13, 1882

"PENN BEACH"

Pennsville Land Deal a Subscription Booster

"The purchase of some 1,300 acres of land in Lower Penns Neck by a large New York and Chicago Realty Company, which has caused considerable speculation during the past few months among Salem County people was at last brought to light on Tuesday with the appearance of a double spread advertisement with front page readers in the *Philadelphia Record* announcing it as "Penn Beach"—the ideal summer resort.

"To be eligible as a lot holder one must first subscribe to the Sunday *Philadelphia Record* for a year. Then for \$67.50—\$10 down \$2.50 monthly—you become an owner in the city folks paradise or haven, including membership in the Penn Beach Yacht Club and an interest in the Penn Beach Park which will be for the exclusive use of land owners. All of the river front property is being reserved for this park.

"Salem County has often been spoken of as the garden spot of South Jersey or as a Garden Paradise, but not until this week has it ever been so vividly depicted and generally broadcast to the public. The description that has brought hundreds of buyers reads in part as follows:

"So near is Penns Beach to the Bay that it owns the tang of the sea. There is also enough suggestion of the greensward and the leafy tree to bring about that happy combination of rural freshness and marine beauty not frequently met with on this side of the Atlantic. Nature and the art of man have never been seen in quite so agreeable partnership."

"Ah! What beauties and adorations of nature that have been in our midst—unnoticed and unappreciated!

"The lots are 20x100 feet and a buyer is expected to take at least five, if he wants to build a garage and house, in order of precedence.

"At that size there are nearly 22 lots to the acre, 6,000 lots are advertised as for sale, that is less than 273 acres. At \$67.50 per lot the valuation is about \$405,000. Yet in the original negotiations about 13.5 acres were included in the transaction, which were bought at approximately \$200,000. Too bad that most of us do not have the foresight and loquaciousness of the realtor, yet if we all did there would be no buyers.

"A force of men, with teams and tractors, have been at work laying out streets and improving the beach and river front which extends from Pennsville to the Government lands near Fort Mott.

"According to the advertising prospectus it is proposed to make "Penn Beach" one of the most enticing resorts within comparatively short traveling distance of Philadelphia and Wilmington.

"Several hundred lots have already been sold during the first week they have been on sale, according to the agents. "Penn Beach," it is said by the promoters is the most favorable location with the best advantages and fewer objectionable features than any that could be found after months of searching.

"The accessibility of the tract by boat, trolley, railroad, autobuses and good roads are one of the great features stressed in the advertising."

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, May 29, 1925

Penns Grove Record, Penns Grove, NJ, May 29, 1925

"The **new bell** of the [Elmer] M. E. Church arrived from Baltimore and was put in position on Friday of last week. The bell weighed 1,500 lbs., 2 feet 8 inches in height, 10 feet 6 inches in circumference. "Elmer Methodist Episcopal Church 1897" was inscribed on one side and the name of the maker on the other."

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, April 27, 1897

Hospital to be Free To the Veterans and Their Families

Drafted into the By-laws of the permanent Hospital organization will be a clause along the following lines: "That free treatment and accommodations will be given to any soldier or sailor, who served in the Armies of the United States, either at home or abroad, or to his wife or children."

Salem Standard and Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, February 5, 1919

NEW SUCTION

"Our firemen tried the power of their new Suction, the "Columbian," on Friday evening. The water was drawn from a cistern, and forced through 877 feet of hose to the engines. It might have been carried twice the distance, had there been a sufficient quantity of hose. The "Union" threw a side stream, and also one from the gallery, in the most desirable manner. The members of the "Reliance" brought their apparatus upon the ground, and lent their efforts in testing the Suction. The citizens of the town certainly owe it to themselves to provide large cisterns, or wells, to ensure a sufficient supply of water, and also to supply the companies with a greatly increased amount of hose."

National Standard, Salem, NJ, May 26, 1852

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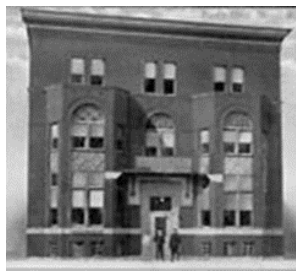


In the newsletter's December 2018 issue, the Photo ID was for the women who were associated with Prince's store in Salem during the year 1957, along with Mr. and Mrs. Prince. Identification to date includes, *Left to right*:

1. Lou Prince 2. Mina Ritchie 3. **Bridgiet List** 4. Rose Prince
5. Patricia Booth 6. **Leona E. (Dubershinky) Pfoor**
7. Fannie Harris 8. Jean English 9. Lillian Allen

We would like to thank contributors; Mary Louise Mangum Balog, Robert Breslin, Dorothy Mahoney Bunting, Joan Halter Davis, John Edwards Davis, Jr., Joan Carl Heil, Lora Hoffman, Suzanne D. Pierce and Kay Sutton Smith.

Ford's New Hotel



"The walls of Ford's new hotel, on Market Street, are up, and some nice work has been done by Councilman Sickler and his men. It is a large and imposing building. The carpenters are now at work on the interior. Seldom have we observed where the surroundings in the erection of a building have been more carefully cleared up than here, a pointer for other builders to note...."

National Standard, Salem, NJ, June 17, 1891

New Fire Apparatus



"— The Liberty Hook and Ladder Company having secured the apparatus of the Weccacoe Company, of Philadelphia, received the same per Steamboat on Monday evening, and paraded our streets, headed by the Salem Band of martial music, **Charles Jess** leader. The apparatus was purchased by the City, and the young men comprising the company are making arrangements for active service, by equipment, &c."

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, June 15, 1866

"From 1,000 to 1,200 persons ride daily in jitneys."

Penns Grove Record, Penns Grove, NJ, July 8, 1919

Membership Report

New Members:

Kim Abbott
Lansdale, PA

William B. Crane
Woodstown, NJ

Bruce Dunn
Salem, NJ

Doris A. Hildebrand
Monroeville, NJ

Martha Hogan-Battisti
Woolwich Township, NJ

Joel Doner and Margot Livingston
Pilesgrove, NJ

William A. Mecum
Pennsville, NJ

Lorraine Pfeffer
Woodstown, NJ

Frank Pratt
Woodstown, NJ

Richard Roash
Rehoboth, DE

Mike Santingo
Vineland, NJ

Ralph H. Thomas
Elmer, NJ

Bob Thompson
Bridgeton, NJ

Deceased Members:

Laura Rose Chard
Alloway, NJ

David F. Hall
Easley, SC

Sidney L. Riley
Salem, NJ

"The new roller skating rink in French's grove formally opened with an instructor from Wilmington in charge. About 150 on the floor, including a select party from Wilmington."

Penns Grove Record, Penns Grove, NJ, May 27, 1885

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