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Temperance Crusaders Gave Fountain to Salem City

By Mike Dixon

Two years ago, I spent a fine summer day in South Jersey, becoming familiar with Salem City while contemplating research strategies for investigating the community's recent past. My interest focused on seeking out narratives associated with transformations of this city in the post-World War II decades with concentration on identifying archived materials and interview sources.

It was the first time I had walked the streets of this intriguing place and it was a productive, enjoyable day. I talked to helpful officials, paged through aging newspapers, and dug into old bound volumes of public records while visiting the Registrar of Wills, Clerk of the Court, Sheriff, District Attorney and Historical Society.

These are all methods honed over decades of rummaging around small towns, seeking to understand the distinctive sense of place that gives a community its rich, deep, and varied heritage. However, history isn't confined to the archives so part of my orientation involved strolling around the old Quaker community, visually sorting out the landscape of the past.

While exploring the remarkably built and natural environment, the close-at-hand markers of yesteryear intrigued me. Broad streets lined with historic homes, which the WPA Writers Guide remarked "would stir the envy in a Williamsburg reconstruction," and so much more caught my attention in a community that was brimming with history.

Then I made a discovery—a water fountain across from the old courthouse in Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Park. Chiseled into the uniquely designed stone were the words, "Let him that is thirsty come. W.C.T.U. 1901." Probably hundreds of strollers pass this relic off Market Street every day, paying scant attention to it. Perhaps one or two pause to contemplate the unique artifact, a survivor of the passage of generations, and its



The 1896 water fountain of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union rests at its third Salem City location in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park across from the Old Courthouse on Market Street.
(Photograph, Mike Dixon.)

inscription.

But I wondered about the 115-year-old-monument in the center of the bustling courthouse town and what it symbolized. Who put it there, what was its story, and what did its sponsors want us to remember? To delve into those questions, I returned to the Historical Society in a few weeks for a second visit as I was becoming Salem County curious. There I discovered a wonderfully resourced organization, staffed by helpful professionals and dedicated volunteers. This amazing team promptly oriented me to a strong group of resources for my little investigation so I was off digging for evidentiary traces of the past.

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Message from the President

It is a pleasure to greet you as President of the Salem County Historical Society once again. Trudy O'Hare has ended a very productive term allowing me the opportunity to come into the office with nothing but great things ahead. One of her accomplishments, undertaken along with Dave Culver and the Museum Committee, was the purchase of the new Annex building on 5th Street in Salem. The new building will serve the Society's mission well as storage for our fine collections. Trudy, thank you for all you have accomplished during your Presidency and well done!

I'd also like to extend thanks to Carl Nittinger, who left our board this year, for all of his time and dedication to the Society. Filling Carl's vacated seat as Trustee is Armando Martinez. You may remember that Armando served as Vice President of Buildings and Grounds just prior to Craig Schneeman's appointment. Armando and his wife, Blanca, own the Dickinson House in Alloway and together are strong proponents of preservation and quality restoration. With approaching retirement, Armando and Blanca are planning to make Salem County their full time home. I am delighted at the prospect of seeing more of the Martinez family at the Society. Please join me in welcoming Armando to the Board the next time you see him.

I would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of the other Officers and Trustees, to share with you our sincere appreciation for the very generous bequest of \$25,000 made by Marion Finlaw. Marion was a true friend of the Salem County Historical Society, not only in her interests here during her life time, but also in helping to ensure our efforts are supported for many years to come. As with the settling of some estates, it was a few years before her gift came to the Society. Her legacy was deposited into our endowment accounts and the principal will remain secure. Marion's generosity serves as an encouragement to others to keep the Society in mind when planning your estate just as she did. She was a wonderful example to others.

The year ahead holds great opportunity for all to spend some volunteer time at the Society. Whether your interest is in the library or the museum we have a project for you to take part in. Please get in touch with Andrew or Rich to talk about how your talents can best be put into service at your Historical Society. I look forward to seeing you there!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Smith Duffy'.

Barbara Smith Duffy, President

Calendar of Events

- ◆ **Saturday, June 4, 2016**
Farm Day hosted by Pennsville Township Historical Society in Pennsville, NJ 11:00AM-3:00PM
Rain date: Sunday, June 5th 1:00PM-4:00PM
- ◆ **Sunday, June 12, 2016**
Quarterly Meeting 1:30PM Friends Village in Woodstown, NJ
Speaker: John Burlage Topic: Early Salem County Railroads
- ◆ **Saturday, August 13, 2016**
Market Street Day in Salem, NJ 10:00AM-4:00PM
- ◆ **Sunday, September 18, 2016**
Annual Luncheon at Centerton Country Club in Pittsgrove Township, NJ 1:15PM Refreshments 2:00PM
Program presented by the Delaware Cornet Band
- ◆ **Saturday & Sunday, September 24 and 25, 2016**
45th Annual Greenwich Artisan's Faire in Greenwich, NJ
Saturday 10:00AM-5:00PM Sunday 10:00AM-4:00PM
- ◆ **Sunday, October 16, 2016**
13th John S. Rock Memorial Lecture 3:00PM at Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church, Salem, NJ

Society News

School trips have begun again at the Society. On March 30th, Lower Alloways Creek Township Elementary school enjoyed the programs at the Historical Society. In May, several groups from the P.W. Carleton School visited us. So far, about 200 school students have come for programs at the Society.

The Society has been awarded a grant from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the creation of an educational program based on the experience of Salem County in the Revolution. The grant will allow us to purchase period clothing, uniforms and equipment in order to present stories of the British occupation of our area in 1778 to students all around the region. The Society would like to thank the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for their generous support as well as the Oak Tree Chapter for sponsoring our application.

The Society has also received a grant from the Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission for funds to conserve the Sarah Hancock Sinnickson dress. The dress was picked up by conservator Polly Willman on March 21st, and we hope the work will be done and the dress returned soon.

The Society hosted the Spring Open House Tour, on Saturday, May 7th. The event, one of the most important that we do, was a great

success. We hope that many of our

members were able to see some of the historic homes and places of worship in our area.

The Society hosted a special art exhibit for Arts in Bloom that ran from May 13th through May 27th. The exhibit featured works by Molly Carpenter, Deb Dimarco, Victoria Duffy, Gail Scudero, Deborah Smith, Sheldon Strober and Mary Waddington.

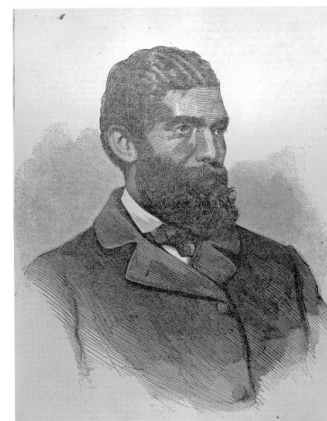
The Society will host its next Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, June 12th, at 1:30PM at the Friend's Village in Woodstown. The speaker will be John Burlage, and he will be speaking on early Salem County railroads.

The Society's current exhibit, "How to Make It in Salem County: Stories of Creativity, Craftsmanship, and Industry" remains open through the beginning of 2017. It features the Nobel Prize of Charles Pedersen, Salem County glass, samplers, pattern bricks, quilts, original local art, and much more. If you have not seen it, please stop by and visit us.

In April, the Society purchased a new scanner capable of creating digital images of glass plate negatives. The Society has well over a thousand glass plate negatives in our archives that have been until now unavailable to researchers and publishers. Using this scanner, the Society will begin a long term project to scan all of our glass plate negatives into digital images that will be available to the public.

MARK THE CALENDAR

13TH JOHN STEWART ROCK MEMORIAL LECTURE



ELENA R. FLYNN, ESQ.

"From Freedom to Citizenship"

ELENA R. FLYNN, ESQ.

Superior Court of New Jersey,
Vicinage XV

Advisory Committee on Minority
Concerns

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016
3:00 P.M.

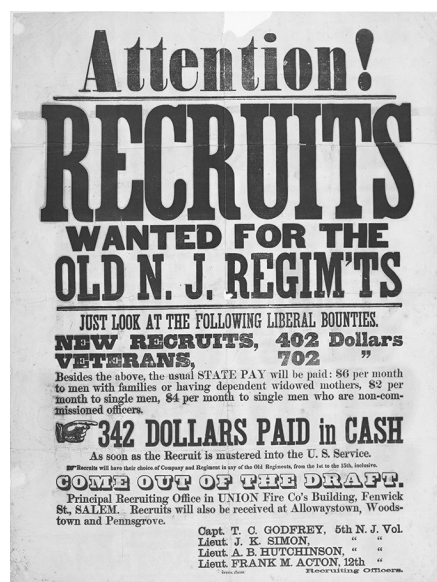
MT. PISGAH A.M.E. CHURCH
15 Yorke Street
Salem, New Jersey

To Get a Library

The Claysville Public School will soon have a library, thanks to the energy of Principal W. C. Anderson, who last week had a graphophone entertainment in the school, which netted about \$18.

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, December 14, 1900

CIVIL WAR BROADSIDE PURCHASED



The Society is pleased to announce the purchase of this historic Civil War recruiting broadside from Salem County dating from 1863 to 1864.

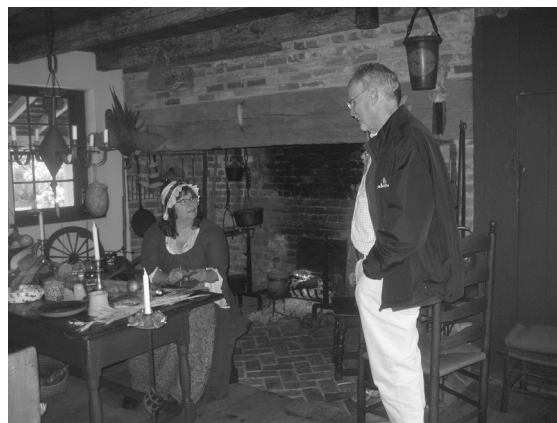
The broadside was purchased from the Swann Auction Gallery in New York with a combination of Society book sale funds and private donations.

This collaborative effort allows the Society to continue our mission, to collect, preserve and assist in interpreting Salem County's history.

The Society would like to thank Joseph J. Felcone for his assistance in facilitating this purchase along with members, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Acton, Jr., Dr. & Mrs. J. Harlan Buzby, Barbara Dawson, Messrs. Philip Correll & Ronald E. Magill, Ellen Morrissey, Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence B. Owen, and Mr. & Mrs. B. Harold Smick, Jr.

2016 Open House in Fenwick's Colony Tour

The 2016 Open House Tour was a great success this year, thanks to the efforts and contributions of the home owners, the volunteers, the patrons, the advertizers, the committee, and all the others who made the event possible! Held on Saturday, May 7th, over 300 visitors enjoyed touring old houses and historic sites throughout Salem County, regardless of the wet weather. Twenty sites were open for the tour, including many 18th century patterned brick houses, a few log cabins, several houses of worship, and other Colonial era sites.



Lou Anne Booz discusses open hearth cooking with visitor Bob Widdifield at the William Nicholson House.

The theme of this year's tour was southern Salem County, with sites in Elsinboro, Salem, Mannington, Lower Alloways Creek, Alloway, Upper Pittsgrove, and Pittsgrove. The David Davis House in Upper Pittsgrove was the feature home of the tour, open again after almost 20 years. Two new sites in Pittsgrove that were open on the tour for the first time this year were the Centerton Inn and the synagogue on Gershal Avenue. Also returning to the tour were the Dickinson House and the Philip Fries House, in addition to many old favorites.

Several sites had special exhibits for the day, including Walt Leslie's display of Wistarburgh glass at the Alloway Museum, a Revolutionary War encampment at the Nicholson House, a 275th Anniversary display at the Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church, and a Quaker wedding reenactment at the Lower Alloways Creek Meeting House. Every site had historic items to showcase, providing a wealth of fascinating sights for both local and out-of-state visitors. It was a delight to see plentiful crowds of happy guests enjoying the precious history Salem County has to offer!

The 2016 Salem County Historical Society Open House Tour Committee:

Bonny Beth Elwell
Sue Harker
Curt Harker
Barbara Smith Duffy

Diane Wohlrab
Andrew Coldren
Rich Guido
Suzanne Cooke

A special thankyou to our House Tour Patrons and our Site and Homeowners

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Donald Asay
Marjorie A. Bill
Hon. G. Thomas Bowen
Sue & Bob Breslin
Shirley and Robert Brooks
Joan Miller Brown
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Centerton Inn
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The Hancock House
Sue and Curt Harker
Gary and Shirley Hitchner
Howard Jaffe
Lower Alloways Creek Meeting House
Armando and Blanca Martinez
Old Pittsgrove Baptist Church
Old Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church
Old Salem County Courthouse
Nancy and Jim Parker
Janis Spegal
Swedish Log Cabin
Merry and Bob Woodruff

Genealogically Speaking....

Marriage Notices Unrecorded in the Salem County Clerk's Office

Observer, Salem, NJ, January 5, 1799

"On Wednesday the 2d inst. by the Rev. Dr. Skillman, Mr. Andrew Vannerman, to Miss D. Gibbons, both of the township of Lower Penn's Neck."

Salem Messenger, Salem, NJ, June 29, 1833

"On the 22 inst. by William Peterson Esq., Jonathan Hogate to Susanna Ewings, all of Elsinborough."

Freeman's Banner, Salem, NJ, December 22, 1835

"On the 15th inst. by the Rev. R. E. Morrison, Mr. William Tuft to Miss Ruth N. Hinchman, both of Salem County."

Freeman's Banner, Salem, NJ, July 6, 1836

"On the 25th June last by H. A. Springer, Esq., Mr. Miles Pedrick, to Miss Mary Ann Stanton, both of U. P. Neck, Salem County."

Freeman's Banner, Salem, NJ, July 20, 1836

"On the 13th instant by the Rev. Mr. Miller, Mr. Joseph C. Sheppard of Salem, to Miss Elizabeth M., daughter of Mr. Justice Bonham of Cumberland County."

Freeman's Banner, Salem, NJ, August 31, 1836

"On the 17th inst., by the Rev. Wm. Williams, Mr. James G. Ford to Miss Martha K. Oxenbaker, both of Fork Mills, Salem County, N. J."

Freeman's Banner, Salem, NJ, September 27, 1836

"On the 15th inst. by the Rev. John Boqua, Mr. James Flanagan to Miss Rachel Wells, both of Upper Penns Neck."

"On the 17th inst. by the same, Mr. William Allen, to Miss Elizabeth Staunton, both of U. P. Neck."

Freeman's Banner, Salem, NJ, November 8, 1836

"On the 29th ult. by the Rev. John Boqua, Mr. Josiah Harrous to Miss Sarah Ann Johnson—both of Upper Penns Neck. A Harrow for a husband! What a taste for roughness."

Freemans' Banner, Salem, NJ, January 11, 1837

"On the 29th ult. by the Rev. John Boqua, Mr. Jonathan Bond to Miss Elizabeth Kelty, both of Upper Penns Neck."

POST OFFICE WILL REGISTER ALIENS

Post Office officials in Salem, Woodstown and Penns Grove are preparing for the difficult job of finger-printing and registering all aliens in the county. Registration will begin on Tuesday, August 27th, and will continue until December 26th in accordance with directions issue by Congress.

Monitor-Register, Woodstown, NJ, August 15, 1940

ALEXANDER'S ANNALS

50 YEARS AGO

Monitor-Register, Woodstown, NJ

June 1966

- Bertie Eichmann elected president of hospital's Auxiliary.
- DuPont planning to clean up river.
- Freeholder Board Cut to 7 by Assembly Okay.
- William Gallo receives first communion.
- New Jersey minimum wage to go to \$1.50 by 1969.
- Riverview Amusement Park—any ride 10¢ after 6:00pm on Wednesday.
- Free chest x-rays today—Salem TB Association.
- Cottage Cheese—1 lb.—25¢—Food Fair.

75 YEARS AGO

Penns Grove Record, Penns Grove, NJ

September 1941

- Throng of 20,000 attends annual DuPont picnic frolic at Riverview Park.
- Dr. William E. James has opened his dental office in the Poland Building.
- 2nd Five Minute Blackout Test Made in UPN.
- County's Census Is Officially Set at 42,274 for 1940.
- Federal Housing Authority's 104 family units near completion in the Del-a-Vue section of UPN.
- George Agnew Chamberlain's new novel "Stand Thou Still" is appearing serially in "Blue Book".
- 80 Attend Lutheran Church of Penns Grove 2nd Annual Fellowship Dinner at the Fraternal Building.
- Prunes—2 lb. cello bag—13¢—Acme Markets.

100 YEARS AGO

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ

September 1916

- Electric lights for Quinton when the line is extended from Salem City.
- New restaurant to accommodate 500 men opened by duPont Company on Shell Road at the entrance to Plant No. 2. To be used by foreign employees.
- Philadelphia Society of Friends to hold a public Peace Meeting in front of the Court House at 4 o'clock.
- The Italian steamship *Boulogna* is anchored at Deep Water Point, being loaded with a cargo of explosives.
- E. I. duPont Company has donated \$5,000 towards the erection of a new edifice for the Church of Our Merciful Saviour.
- Salem Amusement Park—the Paul Hillis Manhattan Players—15¢ and 25¢.
- New town site being developed on the Salem Road opposite the Gate to the duPont Deep Water Plant.
- 5th annual visit of the Chautauqua to Salem was a big success to young and old!

A colored W.C.T.U. has been organized in Salem, through the instrumentality of Mrs. Benj. Patterson, President of the first Union organized in that city.

The Monitor, Woodstown, NJ, February 20, 1885

—J. Nelson Currie is said to have grown a strawberry in his garden which measured five inches in circumference.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, June 3, 1890

Woodstown—A stone arch is to be erected at the entrance of Lawnside Cemetery, with cement gutter and curbing on both fronts which will be terraced.

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, April 7, 1916

(continued from cover)

Here is how my little inquiry unfolded. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union [W.C.T.U.] urged its network of local unions to erect drinking fountains in 1874 so "men could get a drink of water without entering saloons and staying for stronger drinks" (W.C.T.U. website). Designed to do more than quench thirst, it was hoped they would serve as a substitute for the temptation to visit dark saloons or seek out stronger drink. Around this time in Salem County the sentiment against the liquor trade was growing as people worked to close saloons. A chapter was organized in the county seat in February 1884, when "a little band" of twenty-four ladies met at the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church [W.C.T.U. history].

The municipality had a number of barrooms and saloons, at this time. In 1886, for example, the city granted licenses, under protest, to J. G. Garwood, C. C. Ford of the Nelson House and Schaefer's Hotel, which was later known as Johnson's Hotel. Licenses to sell liquor by the quart were granted to Reeves Stretch, Peter Prendergast, and Daniel Brown. Also in 1886, licenses to sell malt liquor were granted to J. P. Robinson, the Kirkwood House and Thomas A. Newkirk.

The Union annually "agitated" against new and old licenses and they regularly canvassed for voters and women opposed to the liquor business. This vigorous crusading finally caused the City Council to exercise the power of its corporate charter in 1887, which provided complete local control over the retail liquor business. Promptly at noon on the 25th of March, hotels and saloons in the municipality closed their bars and stopped selling intoxicating beverages, the *Salem Sunbeam* observed.

New jug taverns or quart places located conveniently near the city line bustled with trade, during this brief dry spell. Some of the popular watering places included the "Whistlin' Buoy," just across from the Penn's Neck Bridge, Reeves Stretch's place on the Hancock's Bridge road, Oakwood Beach, Sam McLoughlin's and Wilks Willet's place in Claysville [*Salem Sunbeam*, April 12, 1933]. And there were rumors about floating barrooms.

When a new Common Council organized following the election of 1888, the officials ended the drought [*Sunbeam*]. But the strong group of united women continued the crusade against the evils of drink. By 1894, the chapter discussed the need for a public pump near Market Street to provide drinking water. The members met with Mayor Acton, hoping the City would allow the Union to at least attach a cup and chain to a public pump.

As time passed, the Women became more interested in a dedicated fountain, and a committee of Mary J. Pancoast, Mary E. Lawrence, Letitia Fogg and President Sarah J. Wagg were directed to provide stewardship on this important matter. The *Salem Sunbeam* observed that the temperance group seemed to be applying the practical illustration of "I was thirsty and ye gave me drink."

The time had arrived for the city to have a convenient refreshment for thirsty individuals, a published history

noted, [*First Quarter Century of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union*, Salem, New Jersey, 1909]. It was supposed that many would like to share in the expense to "smarten up this city and take pride in doing here what other citizens had accomplished in adjacent towns," the history noted. However, this met with only "slender results" so the W.C.T.U. developed a new money-making approach, rummage sales. The first one was held on April 24, 1901, and there was a hunt for rummage in general and gifts of merchants and families added fresh stock to the ongoing event.

As cash came in, the ladies examined models and perfected plans for the erection of the town's "own source of public drinking water." Anne W. Maylin reminded the eager ladies that one was also needed for horses, the *Sunbeam* reported. The decision was made in favor of a stone fountain and the offer of the Foster Bros. was accepted. It included everything except the plumbing for \$135, less a \$3 gift of the marble firm for the inscription.

The stone column was put in place in front of the Surrogate's Office on September 9, 1901. A triple plated silver cup with a strong unbreakable chain was added as the gift of Thomas Hilliard, Sr. "The cup was handsomely inscribed "W.C.T.U." However, it was stolen inside of nine months for which "theft a liberal dose of Jersey Justice" was hinted as applicable.

In October 1901, the Union appeared at a council meeting to officially present "to the city the beautiful drinking Fountain now in placement on the pavement in front of the county building." Mayor Gwynne accepted the gift, "saying that the city would prize it not merely for its intrinsic worth and its utility, but also for the beautiful spirit, which promoted it." He had no doubt that for "many years thirsty wayfarers would bless the members of the W.C.T.U. for their thoughtfulness." The city accepted it gratefully and would guard it carefully, not the least of their duty, and they would have plenty of water and good water," the *Sunbeam* reported on October 4, 1901.

As the nation edged slowly toward totally outlawing alcohol, the local W.C.T.U. had made its mark (a cup of free cold water at all hours) with a permanent monument as the ladies continued to wage war on spirits. This fountain helped conquer thirst, perhaps competing with the saloons. Sometime not too long before December 21, 1978, it was moved "to Salem's new little park on Market Street," the *Sunbeam* reported.

Thus my little mystery, a venture into yesteryear, was solved. It wasn't just any water fountain. It was one of thousands erected across the nation by the Woman's

But now I was hooked, Salem County curious, if you will. During my brief visits I had become intrigued with the multifaceted history that was all around me in the county, as well as how the past and present intersect. There were surviving traces of earlier times wherever I turned—grand cemeteries, public spaces, old houses and buildings, churches, and monuments—and these survivors of the passage of centuries all stimulated my inquisitiveness.

Christian Temperance Union as the group that had Prohibition passed sought to encourage people to drink water instead of alcohol. Salem had an active union.

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Along the way, I had learned where to turn for the best help for unlocking the secrets of time. The Salem County Historical Society has an enormous treasure trove of photographs, newspapers, manuscripts, books, and ephemera. This vibrant organization is doing a wonderful job of fulfilling its mission, serving as the heritage keepers in this South Jersey county while helpfully sharing the area's stories with inquisitive types. It is the place to learn more about the past, the culture and the people.

So if you are Salem County curious—for whatever reason your interest is sparked—be sure to visit the Society. There a group of dedicated volunteers will help you mine through a comprehensive collection of sources for nuggets of information as you piece together your puzzle. Since that time two years ago, I have been back many times working on my broader investigation, but now that I am curious, all sorts of things are constantly distracting me.

Mike Dixon is a historian and writer whose research and teaching focuses on community studies and social history.

For nearly four decades, he has worked to encourage public interest and participation in the preservation of the past while creating understanding between earlier eras and the present. Addressing his area of scholarship, he has appeared on the *Today Show*, the *National Geographic Channel* and in prestigious magazines. Mike enjoys seeking out stories that create a distinctive sense of place. Along the way he finds rich, deep, and varied stories about the past in fascinating small towns.

He holds graduate degrees in history and the behavioral sciences from St. Joseph's University and Washington College and is an adjunct professor at Wilmington University. He is a visiting scholar for the Delaware Humanities Forum and a member of the speakers' bureau for the Maryland Humanities Council.

Fined for Using Profane Language

Samuel Crew, a glassblower, Oscar Sanderlin and Henry Williams, members of 42d Company, Coast Artillery, stationed at Ft. Mott, did not know that the officials of the city had decreed against swearing upon our streets and in public places and were arrested Saturday evening by Officer Hendrickson. Mayor Gwynne gave them a hearing and fined each \$8.45.

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, May 20, 1904

SALEM COUNTY'S ELECTRIC FARM

**Quinton Stock Farm, Home of
Mrs. and Mrs. Roy C. Patrick,
One of Six Chosen in New Jersey**

A Model Place

Salem County is to have a "model electric farm," one of a very few chosen in the State of New Jersey.

Six farms for demonstrating the effectiveness of electricity in reducing drudgery and increasing efficiency have been designated by W. C. Krueger, Extension Specialist in Rural Electrification and the honor of having one of these "model farms" has come to Roy C. Patrick, owner and operator of the Quinton Stock Farm, on the Salem-Quinton road.

Every electric appliance that affords efficiency has been installed and will be placed on the Patrick farm and each will be equipped with a separate meter so it will be possible to accurately determine each month what the cost of operation has been.

The home, grounds and outbuildings are lighted by electricity and an electric pumping system is used to furnish water for domestic purposes, for collecting milk and for watering the stock. There is also a milking machine and separator machine for grinding feed, shelling corn and also cutting fodder. The new system for cooling milk is known as the Brunswick-Kroeschell.

In the home Mrs. Patrick has many appliances that will be envied by most housewives. There is an electric stove. Easy washer, refrigerator and even the radio is operated by electric current. Of course there is a vacuum cleaner, iron, toaster, etc.

The full benefits of electricity on a farm are so great that it would be hard to enumerate in so short a space. It is rapidly taking the place of man power and horse power and has proven that far more work can be accomplished.

What a revolution there has been in the life of those of the rural communities. What would the "old time" farmers say if they were to be living today?

Salem Standard and Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, July 25, 1928

A New Book

Mrs. William P. Finlaw has presented the *South Jerseyman* with two books written by the late **Anne W. Maylin**, one published in 1847 entitled *Lays of Many Hours*, and the other entitled *Here a Little, and There a Little*, just issued from the press of Porter & Coates, of Philadelphia. The last named book is made up of sketches prepared by the author, who left a request that they be published in book form after her death. In addition to a number of entertaining selections, the work contains a preface written by Miss Hannah Hall, of this city, a warm friend of the late Miss Maylin.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, May 13, 1890

LADIES' SALOON

The undersigned having purchased of C. M. Bisbing the Ladies' Saloon, on Fenwick Street, adjoining S. D. Githan's Dry Goods store, is prepared to accommodate the ladies with Oysters, Coffee, Tea, Cakes, and all refreshments in their line. Ladies from the county will find this Saloon a great accommodation. **ANNA W. ELDER**

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, February 3, 1865

Library Acquisitions:

DeCinque, Patricia (in memory of Helen Pettit Thompson), Salem, NJ. Materials relating to the Summerill, Pettit, Stanger, Smith, Cann, Taylor and Kidd families including books, photographs, genealogies, postcards and newspaper clippings. (2015.071)

Delussa, Elizabeth Smashey (in memory of Issac C. Smashey and John M. Smashey), Bridgeton, NJ. Scrapbook entitled, "Records of the Episcopal Church of Salem, New Jersey from 1832 to 1858, James Smashey, President of the Board of Trustees." (2015.067)

Kurtz, Joan Bramble (in memory of Mary and Harry Bramble), Ocean City, NJ. Family tree of the Turner family and a photo album containing photographs related to the Turner family. (2015.062)

Kurtz, Joan Bramble (in memory of Harriet and Sherman Bramble), Ocean City, NJ. Various items including a 1930 Salem High School Pennant, a Wistarburg Lily, Salem Meeting House plate and Thomas Harkins glass bottle from Mary & Harry Bramble. (2015.073)

Murschell, Dale, Springfield, WV. Bixby Trading Card from S.M. Bixby & Co., New York. (2016.004)

Skinner, William, Mullica Hill, NJ. Seven publications by William Skinner relating to both Salem and Gloucester County during the Civil War. (2015.066)

Van Doren, Louis Clifford (in memory of Beatrice Maul Miller Van Doren), Vineland, NJ. Sanborn maps depicting various portions of Salem County including Penns Grove, January 1921, Quinton, Alloway, Pennsville, Fort Elfsborg, Hancock's Bridge, Claysville, Penns Grove, December 1927 and Salem, January 1930. (2015.065)

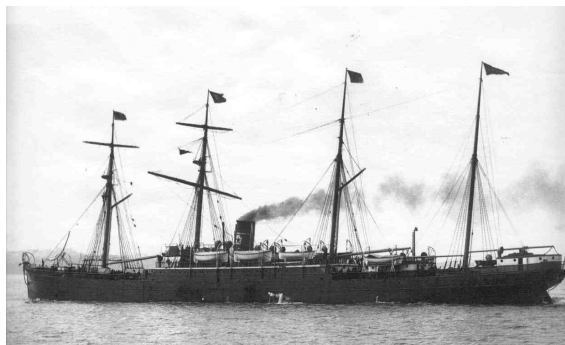
Wise, Jesse, Galloway, NJ. Ledgers relating to Thomas and James McCallister, circa 1818-1865. (2015.070)

—A floating, speak-easy on a naptha launch named *Uno* with a government license anchors off Penn's Grove over each week-end and thirsty patrons go out in small boats to quench their thirst.
Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, June 16, 1916

A Large Shipment

The largest shipment of canned tomatoes ever made from this country was by Starr & Bro., of this city, on Saturday. On that day the American liner "Lord Gough" sailed from Philadelphia with 2,000 cases of their "Centennial Brand" of tomatoes, consigned to London parties.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, June 3, 1890



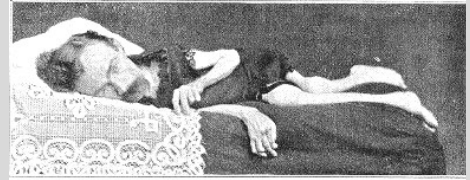
SS Lord Gough (Courtesy National Maritime Museum)

Pennsgrove Pointers

A wharf, 400 feet long, is to be constructed by the Delaware River Railroad Co., so as to be able to land freight cars from their floats at any stage of the tide.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, May 13, 1890

The Ossified Man



W. T. Sapp, will be on exhibition for a short time only at No. 147 E. Broadway. He is one of the greatest living curiosities of this age. A man who has laid 25 years in one position, never moving only when moved. Weighs 40 pounds, 35 years of age, with circulation, sense of feeling and digestion perfect. Come and see and converse with the lightest, smallest and most jolly man alive, and learn how to be happy under any circumstance. Admission 5¢

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, July 29, 1890

["**W. T. Sapp** (William Thomas Sapp) was born in Lebanon, Kentucky, in 1854, and had a normal early childhood. By age seven, though, a significant stiffening of the joints had begun to appear in his legs and arms. By age ten, Sapp was completely immobilized aside from his left forearm, left hand, and jaw. He was still able to feed himself and write, but needed to be attended to in order to move about and care for himself in other ways. The disuse of his muscles led to a complete atrophy of the tissue (leading to a weight of only 40 lbs at adulthood), and the cost of his care led to his family displaying him as a sideshow freak.

However, unlike the majority of historical "freakish" persons, W. T. Sapp was cared for by a loving caretaker (a member of his church as a child) and family, and was very intelligent, referred to as an "encyclopedia in a baby carriage". His successful career as a "circus freak" was not at the cost of his personal dignity and fulfillment, according to his own hand. He lived for over 45 years, and became one of the most renowned medical anomalies in the Western hemisphere and Western Europe.]

BATHING.

The subscriber takes this opportunity of informing his friends and the public that he has taken the

Bathing Establishment

recently erected by John Sinnickson, Esq., situated on the Bay Shore, in the township of Elsinboro' and only three miles from Salem, where he will keep on hand a variety of **ICE CREAMS**, and other Refreshments.

As the Bath Houses have been enlarged and improved, good accommodation may be expected.

Terms—And one taking a bath will be charged the low sum of 6½ cents, with the privilege of taking it out in refreshments at the house.

Good order is particularly requested.

CHARLES H. WARE.

June 9, 1845.—1f

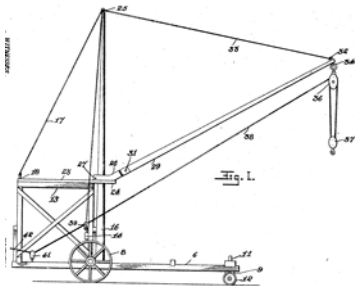
Freeman's Banner, Salem, NJ, June 1845

LOCAL INVENTOR

Bill Carmody of Mannington is shown above with one of his lifting and transferring devices for which he obtained a patent on Thursday of last week as notified by the United States Patent Office.

The young inventor has been at work for some months past upon this invention which is a time saving and labor saving device to all handlers of heavy loads, manufacturers as well as farmers.

PATENT
WILLIAM S. CARMODY, SALEM NJ
LIFTING AND TRANSFERRING DEVICE
1,805,653
MAY 19, 1931



This device which Carmody invented will lift, pull, unload and slide back to its original place with the same amount of energy necessary to put it into motion.

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, May 27, 1931

The steamer *Thomas Clyde* will make her first excursion to Cape May on Wednesday, July 13th.
National Standard, Salem, NJ, July 6, 1931

First Chrysler Six in Town

The first Chrysler Six sedan to come to Salem arrived last week, the owner being H. Rupert Macturk, General Manager of the Congoleum Company.

Salem Standard and Jerseyman, Salem, NJ March 19, 1924

Mexican Bean Beetle Arrives

A new and very destructive beetle, the Mexican Bean Beetle, has made its appearance in Salem County. Up until two weeks ago this beetle was not known in New Jersey, but it suddenly appeared in Cape May County. This week the larvae and beetle were found in the Norma section of Salem County.

The adult beetle is about one quarter of an inch long, yellow in color and has sixteen black spots on its wings, eight on each side. The larvae are a trifle longer, yellow in color and covered with short branched spines. The larvae eat on the underside of the leaf causing a skeletonized surface to appear on top. The adult beetle eats wherever he can.

According to Dr. Headlee, entomologist, this beetle has four different broods during the season. Each female lays between five and six hundred eggs so it can easily be seen that if they once get started the bean, both lima and string, will be wiped out.

Look over your bean patch and see if you can find any of the beetles or the larvae. You cannot mistake the characteristic skeletonized surface denoting the feeding larvae nor the sixteen spotted yellow beetle.

If there are only a few in your patch pull the plant up and destroy by burning. If there are many use the following dust: 1 part calcium arsenate to 9 parts lime, or 1 part magnesium arsenate to 4 parts hydrated lime. The latter remedy is to be preferred because the calcium arsenate is liable to burn the plants when applied improperly. Dust the under surface with this material to destroy the larvae.

Salem Standard-Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, July 25, 1928

Burglar Alarms

Last week electric burglar alarms were placed in the residence of Mrs. Priscilla Sheppard, on West Broadway, adjoining the Friends' meeting house. To-day workmen will connect the safe, doors and windows of Wheeler & Sons' jewelry store with the same kind of burglar alarms. These alarms, patented by a Camden man, are said to be very complete.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, July 29, 1884

Large Shipment of Ice Arrived

**Two Schooners from Boothbay, Maine,
Arrived on Sunday Evening With Ice for
John Q. Davis.**

"John Q. Davis received from Boothbay, Maine, on the schooners, *Leora M. Thurlow* and *Mary E. Olys* on Sunday evening about 650 tons of ice, which is now being stored in the ice houses on Grant Street.

"The log books of the steamers, which are now tied up at Boon's wharf, give a record of one of the prettiest long distance sailing races ever witnessed along the Atlantic coast. Both schooners left Boothbay, Maine, March 23 and were favored with good weather nearly all of the five hundred mile course to the Delaware Breakwater.

"The vessels were within hailing distance several times in mid-ocean. Every inch of canvass was stretched by both boats in an effort to reach the Delaware in advance, but remarkable as it may seem the boats reached Delaware Bay at about the same time and anchored at the mouth of Salem Creek Saturday night. Sunday night they were towed by the *City of Salem* to Boon's wharf."

Salem Standard & Jerseyman,
Salem, New Jersey, April 11, 1906

[John Q. Davis (1833-1912) maintained ice houses on both sides of Grant Street that he supplied with ice from a nearby pond he created. The pond was fed by three artesian wells.

In 1863 after ten years in the carriage trade business, he began dealing in milk and the manufacturing of ice cream. In 1864 he was the first to begin delivering milk on the streets of Salem, New Jersey by wagon.

On February 20, 1866, Davis received a patent, No. 52,691, for a milk can cooled by ice contained within a portable, cylindrical insert, to facilitate hot weather shipments. He was the first to ship milk in cans by railroad from Salem, New Jersey to Philadelphia; and, in southern New Jersey, the first to deliver ice cream in boxes and to use paraffin lined shipping cartons.]

John Q. Davis is erecting a two-story dwelling house on his lot on Grant Street, Joseph Collins is the contractor.

National Standard, Salem, NJ, October 15, 1884

Large Shipment of Ice-Cream

Salem county ice-cream has long since made for itself a name, and wherever the lovers of this delicious article are found there are sounded the praises of Salem County's product.

Messrs. Bruna & Co., and John Q. Davis, on the Fourth shipped from this city over 5,000 quarts of ice-cream, a large part of which found its way to the different watering places, where these manufacturers have a large trade. They make a good article, which always commands ready sale.

National Standard, Salem, NJ, July 6, 1881

The Bicycle

The bicycle, as a means of travel, has steadily grown in favor in the last few years, and seems destined to hold its own.

The **first machine** of the modern pattern owned in Salem County of which we have any record, was taken to Salem in March, 1880, by C. O. Haight, then ticket agent at Glassboro railroad station. **Clarence V. Bitter**, seeing the machine, said to his father that he believed he could ride it. Mr. Bitter jokingly told his son that if he would ride it he would buy it for him.



The challenge was accepted in good earnest, and repairing to a suitable place, after a little instruction from Mr. Haight, Bitter mounted the wheel, and rode in triumph past his father's store. The latter was as good as his word and counted out the cash, and Haight went home without his wheel.

Joseph Wiley, of Salem, procured a wheel a few weeks later, and in the fall **E. R. Lewis**, then teaching at Auburn, obtained a mount, and now there are thirty or more in active and satisfactory use in the County, for purposes of business or pleasure, or both combined.

Very little complaint is now heard against the wheels on the score of frightening horses, and the prejudice against them is fast dying out, as their practical utility is every day being demonstrated.

The Monitor, Woodstown, NJ, April 3, 1885

[Courtesy to Noel Kemm for contributions.]

ENIGMA

I'm seen in the moon, but not in the sun;
I'm put in a pistol, but not in a gun;
I'm found in a fork, but not in a knife;
I belong to the parson, but not his wife;
I go with the rogue, but not with the thief;
I'm seen in a book, but not in a leaf;
I stay in a town, but not in a street;
I go with your toes, but not with your feet.

National Standard, Salem, NJ,
October 21, 1845 [Solution in this issue.]

A Salem "Boy's" Invention

"**Clarence V. Bitter**, of this city, has received notice from the Patent Office that his application for a **patent** for a noiseless friction clutch has been granted.

This clutch is designed to take the place of the old pall and ratchet, but more especially intended for bicycles, sewing machines, pulleys, watches, &c.

The principle can be successfully applied to the smallest watch or the largest engine. Mr. Bitter has been working ten months on the idea, and he has perfected it so well that the best machinists in the country refer to it as "a brand new idea." The invention has been practically tested on a bicycle, and it worked satisfactorily."

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, June 24, 1884

["Salem, New Jersey has a new club. Clarence V. Bitter, President and Captain; H. T. Allen, Secretary."

Outing and Wheeling, Vol. 4, April 1884]

[Clarence Vansant Bitter (1861-1943) was born in Salem, New Jersey and died in Dennis, Massachusetts.]

Invention—Mr. Benjamin C. Currie, glassblower, of this city, has invented a device for burglar alarms, which he has had patented. We have seen this "little joker," and believe it is all that the inventor claims for it.

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, July 19, 1898.

[Benjamin C. Currie (1834-1910) lived at 119 Griffith Street, Salem, New Jersey in 1900. He died January 1, 1910, and was interred in the cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church, Salem, New Jersey]

Ye Printer Indulges in Ice Cream &c.

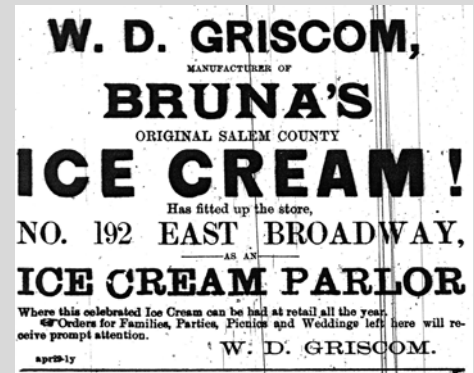
Upon invitation of W. D. Griscom, the ice cream manufacturer, the typos of the *South Jerseyman*, *Sunbeam* and *Standard* office visited his handsome ice cream parlor last evening, where they did full justice to Bruna's Original Salem County ice cream and other refreshments. The "boys" fully appreciated Mr. Griscom's hospitality, and certainly showed it by their efforts to reduce his stock of ice cream.

The parlor is most handsomely fitted up in every detail; the crystal chandelier for gas and electric light, combined, is a beauty; a splendid marble soda-water fountain, for dispensing this cooling beverage occupies a conspicuous place, while tropical plants in profusion, enhance the beauty of the saloon.

A splendid carpet covers the floor and the paper on the walls—in fact everything connected with the establishment is in the highest style of art. The office is located in the parlor and orders can now be left there.

Mr. Griscom deserves success for his enterprise in furnishing our citizens with such a handsome place to resort to and indulge in the cooling delicacies furnished there.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, May 6, 1890



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WANTED—Information concerning the family history and parentage of **Joel Sharp** supposed to be from Salem Co., N. J. He was born Aug. 13th, 1779. He was married to **Rebecca Tyrrel**, Dec. 17th, 1801. Emigrated to Ohio with Aaron Stratton from Great Egg Harbor in 1806. Anyone able to give the desired information will be paid for the trouble. Address, H. M. Sharp, Salem, Ohio.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, January 21, 1896

—The **shooting of fire crackers** on our streets on the Fourth is forbidden.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, July 1, 1890

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[Mary, a life time member, was a consistent library volunteer cataloguing scores of the society's manuscripts through the years. She became a proficient and valuable decipherer of eighteenth century penmanship.]

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Please help in the identification of the persons in this group photograph. This basketball team is sponsored by the Congoleum Company that came to Salem in February 1923. This photo was taken in the YMCA gymnasium for the 1924-1925 basketball season.

—Edward and Andrew Cuff caught a mammoth loggerhead on Saturday that weighed 21 lbs. It took the whole strength of both to remove the monster from his resting place in the mud.
The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, February 25, 1890

—The women of Salem can be as effective as “an army with banners” when they unite and decide to do any one thing.
And don’t you forget it.— *Salem Sunbeam*, Salem, NJ, July 22, 1898

Quinton Band

Wheeler & Son, of this city, had on exhibition in their window last week, a full set of handsome band instruments that had been ordered by the newly organized Quinton band. The new band will comprise eighteen pieces.
—The instruments for the new band arrived here on Friday evening. They will go right into learning under Prof. Glaspey. We are making arrangements for the grand Fourth of July demonstration.
The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, May 6, 1890

“I am the letter ‘O’”

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