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Miss Korn Krisp Doll, An Example of Early Recycling



Miss Korn Krisp doll circa 1917. Society Museum Collections, 000.1100.052. Donated by Estate of Hulda King Hewitt. On exhibit in *The Farmer Feeds Them All: Reflections of Salem County Farm Life*

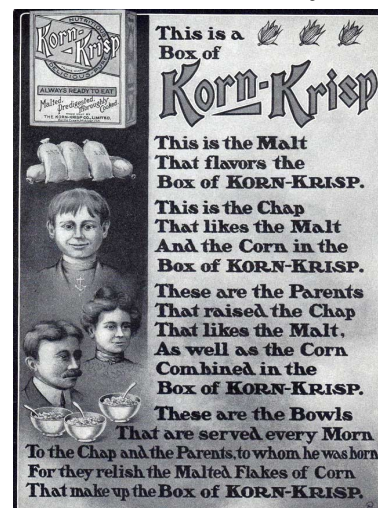


Original pattern for Miss Korn Krisp doll

Feed sack dolls became popular in the early 1800's when heavy canvas bags were used as packaging. The thrifty farm wife quickly discovered that this cotton bag was a great source of

utilitarian fabric to be used for dish cloths, diapers, nightgowns and dolls. Manufacturers decided to take advantage of this and started offering sacks in various prints and solid colors as a marketing ploy to create loyalty. Magazines and pattern companies began to take notice of feed sack popularity and published patterns to take advantage of the feed sack prints. Directions were given for using the strings from feed sacks in knitting and crocheting. A 1942 estimate showed that three million women and children of all income levels were wearing print feed sack garments.

Korn Krisp was a popular cereal at the turn of the century



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Salem County Historical Society is to seek, document, preserve, interpret and perpetuate Salem County's heritage, and to enhance the awareness and appreciation of that heritage, through its research, collections, functions, exhibits, educational programs and publications, for the benefit of future generations and for the betterment of the community.

From the President

For more than 125 years the Salem County Historical Society has benefitted from the generosity of its members, sponsors, patrons and benefactors, and as your Board of Trustees, we recognize our duty to maintain proper financial management in order to pursue the mission of the Society and secure its future. The current economic environment and the complexities of today's financial world present the Society with many opportunities, challenges and risks that require proper attention.

Over the past few months the Society's Treasurer, Trudy O'Hare has been working with Administrator/Curator, Sarah Hagarty and our bookkeeper, Wanda Hofbauer, to put in place a mechanism that will ensure ongoing segregation and control of Society funds. The progress that they have made to date already represents a significant improvement in the financial management of the daily practices of our organization.

In addition, the Society's Endowment Committee (established earlier this year) has been developing an *Endowment and Funds Management Policy* for board consideration and approval. This is being done to ensure that the Society's current and future financial assets and the revenues received from various sources are properly secured for their intended purposes and for the long-term financial stability of the Society. These assets and revenues include the society's current endowment portfolio, investment income and gains, grants, designated gifts, deaccession proceeds, current revenue from dues, admissions, fund-raising, and so on.

The *Endowment and Funds Management Policy* will initially include the following:

- Segregation and control of assets consistent with revenue source and defined purpose
- Defining and controlling segregated asset categories
- Statements of objectives of the various asset categories
- A Charter for the Finance Committee

In addition, relating specifically to endowment and designated assets, the Policy will clarify:

- Objectives
- Controls and Authorizations
- Payout Policy
- Investment Policy and Asset Allocation guidelines and procedures

Over the years the Society has been a diligent custodian of its assets. Current standards of financial management and our fiduciary responsibilities require that we clarify, improve and formalize our financial management policies and practices on an ongoing basis. We believe that these improvements will be welcomed by our members, sponsors, grantors, and future benefactors.

As always, we welcome suggestions from our membership as we continue to refine our financial practices.

Please join us at the Annual Dinner this year and talk firsthand with Brian Duffy, Dave Culver, Trudy O'Hare or Ron Magill, just a few members of the Endowment Committee who will be in attendance. Capture the opportunity to share your ideas and offer your support.

Barbara Smith Duffy

Membership Report

A warm welcome to the Society's new members!

Individuals

Bob Crowe, Bridgeton, NJ
Robert Schuyler, Philadelphia, PA
Mark Meinke, Arlington, VA
Thomas Hunter, Salem, NJ
Lake Obiagele, Kansas City, MO
Patricia Irwin, Coconut Creek, FL
Deloria Stranahan, Pennsville, NJ

Family

Stephen & Sharon Foltz, Macon, MO

In Memoriam

John M. Bowen Sr.
Earl Maiden Sr.
John H. Trout
John Anthony Wyshinski

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The Society is grateful for the support of our corporate and business members. For more information about our “Partnership with History,” program, call 856-935-5004 or visit www.salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com

Society News

- SCHS has received general operating support in the amount of \$32,122 from the New Jersey Historical Commission. We are grateful for their continued support of our work.
- SCHS has received \$1,500 from the United Way of Salem County to support its *Family Saturdays at the Society* programs. Please check our calendar of events for program topics and dates.
- Our exhibit at Johnson Hall is now open! The Society has partnered with Salem County and The Salem County Chamber of Commerce in the Robert Gibbon Johnson House, known as Johnson Hall. Society collections now decorate one of the home's bedrooms, highlighting its Federal styling. Tours can be arranged at the Historical Society or Johnson Hall Tuesday-Saturday between 12 and 3PM.
- We have made new additions to our Book Store including *A History of Salem County, New Jersey: Tomatoes and TNT* by Charles Harrison. Please stop by the Society at 4:30 PM on Saturday, September 17 for a lecture and book signing with the author.
- Check out our **Facebook** page for updates on Society events. <http://www.facebook.com/salemcountyhistoricalsociety>
- If you would like to receive our e-news blast please contact the Society with your email address. This monthly update is full of interesting information related to SCHS.
- Annual dinner tickets are now on sale at the Society! Purchase tickets today for \$40 or consider becoming a dinner patron for \$60. Raffle tickets for this year's gift basket, *A Salem County Sojourn: A Gift Basket of Fine Dining, Entertainment and Accommodations* are on sale for \$2 at the Society.
- We are proud to host five interns this summer! Our current interns are working with our museum collections and our latest oral history collection. The Society has diverse internship and volunteer opportunities to fit any interest. Please contact us for more information.

Calendar of Events

Special Exhibit through 2012 *The Farmer Feeds Them All*:

Reflections of Salem County Farm Life

Salem County Historical Society

Tuesday through Saturday, 12 noon to 4PM

(Open and free to the public)

Saturday, September 10 — (rain date September 11)

11 AM Pennsville Septemberfest

Look for our float!

Sunday, September 11

Wistar Presentation by Jim Friant has been cancelled

Saturday, September 17 — 4:30 PM

Book Signing

Salem County Historical Society

Charles “Chick” Harrison will be signing copies and speaking about writing his new book, *A History of Salem County New Jersey Tomatoes and TNT*.

(Open and free to the public)

Friday, September 23 — 5:30 PM

Annual Dinner

Salem County Sportsmen’s Club, Carney’s Point

Guest speaker: New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Douglas Fisher. Raffle - “A Salem County Sojourn” - A gift basket of overnight accommodations, fine dining & entertainment.

Raffle tickets are \$2 at the Society. This exciting evening is open to the public. Please call the Society for more information. Buffet dinner, \$40 per person.

Friday, October 7 — 6:30 PM

The Big Read Movie Screening

Salem County Historical Society

In support of the United Way’s Big Read, we will be screening Edgar Allen Poe’s *The Raven* in the Society’s courtyard.

(Open and free to the public)

Sunday, October 16 — 3 PM

8th John S. Rock Memorial Lecture

Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church, 15 Yorke St. Salem

Presented by Professor Emma J. Lapsansky-Werner

John Rock, Benjamin Coates, and the Debate over Liberia

(Open and free to the public)

Saturday, October 22 — 9:00-11:30 AM

Family Saturdays at the Society

Salem County Historical Society

In the spirit of the season, explore Salem County Folklore through the songs and stories of Smithsonian Institution Folkways Records Artist Jim Albertson. Make your own pumpkin decorations.

(\$5 non member, members free). Reservations are strongly recommended.

Friday, October 28 — Dusk

Salem City Ghost Tour

Various locations, Salem

Stop by the Society to learn about Victorian funeral traditions and spooky folklore.

Saturday, October 29 — 7-9 PM

Alloway Halloween Parade

Look for our float!

Saturday, November 12 — 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Family Saturdays at the Society:

Salem County Historical Society

Where did our clothing come from before malls and department stores? What was it like to make your own clothes? Explore the Society’s 18th Century Keeping Room and try your hand at wool working with the Third Fibre Artists Guild (\$5 non member, members free)

Reservations are strongly recommended.

Saturday, December 3 — 1:00 - 6:00 PM

24th Annual Yuletide Tour of homes in Historic Salem, NJ

For additional information call 856-339-0400 or email royalport@verizon.net

Holiday Closings: September 6, November 25, December 24

ALEXANDER’S ANNALS

50 YEARS AGO

The Monitor-Register, September 1961

- Bomb Shelters— Ft. Mott for one and nearby James Mecum builds another.
- Men eligible for Social Security payments at age 62.
- Tomato yields break all records.
- Longest nitrogen pipeline in U.S. supplies Chambers Works.
- Food Fair—Lebanon Bologna—69¢ lb., Grapes—2 lbs. 23¢.

75 YEARS AGO

Elmer Times, September 1936

- Elmer Women’s Orchestra enjoyed outing to Atlantic City.
- Dare Family holds 14th reunion.
- Potato prices jump to \$1.80 per 100 pounds.
- Elmer 5-10-15¢ Store opens next week.
- Like Good Oysters—Lakeside Inn—Elmer.

100 YEARS AGO

Salem Standard and Jerseyman, September 1911

- Visiting Nurse Association will begin in Salem next week.
- Electric motor installed at First Baptist, Salem, to pump large pipe organ.
- Auto Stage services start this week to Bridgeton by Walter Jordan.
- 12th Regiment Band—Open air concert Friday—veranda Green’s Hotel.
- Peaches are high—\$1.75 per basket.



Annual Dinner



The Salem County Historical Society will hold its Annual Dinner Friday evening, September 23rd, at the Salem County Sportsmen's Club, Carney's Point, NJ. Our dinner program will focus on the county's agricultural heritage in support of our current exhibit, *The Farmer Feeds Them All: Reflections of Salem County Farm Life*. This year's dinner promises to be another lively evening with a presentation by New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture, Douglas Fisher. Our new venue offers an enjoyable evening in a scenic and relaxed atmosphere.

In addition, our silent and Chinese auctions and raffle will feature unique items with a Salem County flavor. Our raffle item this year is "A Salem County Sojourn" basket filled with gift certificates and goodies from local restaurants, entertainment venues and accommodations at Barrett's House Plantation Bed & Breakfast. Administrator/ Curator Sarah Hagarty said, "This year's raffle highlights the county's diverse businesses and culture. The gift certificates are a great way to explore the county or revisit your favorite places. They offer something for every interest."

Social hour will begin at 5:30 PM. Our dinner program will begin at 6:30 PM. The dinner is a key fundraiser that supports the Society's general operating budget and enables us to continue our mission to document and preserve Salem County's rich history for future generations. For more information on tickets, sponsorships or donating silent auction items, please contact the Society's Administrative Assistant, Lindsay Thivierge at (856) 935-5004 or adminassist@salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com.

The dinner is open to the public, please invite your family and friends. Contact the Society to purchase tickets for \$40 per person. Please consider becoming a Dinner Patron for \$60 per person.



David Griscom raking Hay.
Photo courtesy of Ruth Griscom

ANNUAL DINNER RAFFLE ITEM

"A Salem County Sojourn"



A basket containing gift certificates for overnight accommodations, fine dining and entertainment valued at \$1,500

Tickets are \$2 each and may be purchased at the Society

Gift certificates include:

A couples massage by the Woodstown Massage Boutique
2 nights stay at Barrett's Plantation House Bed & Breakfast
2 tickets to the Salem Yuletide Tour and Woodstown by Candlelight
Lunch and dinner accommodations including the Creekside Inn,
Salem City Café and DiPaulos Italian Ristorante
Wine tasting at Auburn Road Vineyard & Winery
Entertainment at Appel Farm

MARK THE CALENDAR

8TH JOHN S. ROCK MEMORIAL LECTURE



Professor

Emma J.

Lapsansky-Werner

ANNOUNCED AS PRESENTER

Emeritus Professor of History
and
Curator of the Quaker Collection at
Haverford College

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011
3:00 PM**

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

SUMMER CAMP 2011

The Salem County Historical Society hosted its annual summer camp the week of July 11-15. This year, ten campers spent the week with Society staff and volunteers experiencing the county's history. Each year the camp is a highlight of the Society's community outreach programs. "In part, the mission of the Society is to perpetuate Salem County's heritage for the benefit of future generations" stated Society President Barbara Smith Duffy, "what better way to bring the experience of past generations to the young people than through a week of historically based stories and hands-on activities."

This year's camp complemented the Society's newest exhibition, *The Farmer Feeds Them All: Reflections of Salem County Farm Life*. Following this theme, campers experienced the county's rich agricultural heritage and community. The week's activities were diverse and engaging. From climbing a John Deere Harvester to picking tomatoes and making salsa and hand crafting an animal mask, campers learned about the ways that agriculture touches their lives.

The week featured three field trips to the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) Cooperative Extension, the Salem County Farmers Market, the Salem Visitor's Center, Coomb's Farm and Pole Tavern Equipment Sales in Elmer. On Monday, 4-H agent Annette Devitt engaged campers in activities about nutrition including making salsa from freshly picked vegetables. Campers also met 2010 Salem County Fair Queen Rebecca Goforth who presented about 4-H while showing her chinchillas and rabbits. Campers spent Thursday at Salem's Farmer's Market where Nicholas Culver talked about life as a young Salem County farmer. Campers then visited the Salem Visitor's Center where they learned about the city's past.



Harvesting Potatoes at Coomb's Farm

On Friday, campers traveled to the Coomb's family farm where they learned about the life of a potato. Armed with shovels, campers spent time in the farm's fields digging potatoes which they later decorated into "Potato People." Camper also spent time at Pole Tavern Equipment Sales where they learned about modern farming equipment. The week concluded with a graduation ceremony held at Salem's restored Old Court House. In front of an audience of proud family members and friends, each camper received a medallion and a membership to the Society. This year's camp was a great success and the Society looks forward to the next year of family and educational activities. Contact the Society at (856) 935-5004 or info@salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com to join our email list for upcoming events. Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of our unique family programs.

The Society thanks all of the participating staff and volunteers, especially members of its volunteer Education Committee and Administrative Assistant Lindsay Thivierge who truly made this year's camp a great success. Administrator/Curator Sarah Hagarty expressed the Society's gratitude, "I am proud to work with the staff and Committee on all of our family and educational programs. They are extremely innovative, energetic and dedicated. I could not ask for a better group of people to work with. Our programs are successful because of their hard work."



Campers are all smiles during graduation

This year's camp was made possible in part by support from Bravo Pizza, Mrs. Gretchen Buzby, Coomb's Farm and Barnyard, Beverly Carr Bradway, Mrs. Mary Lou Chollis, Nicholas Culver, Annette Devitt, Tabitha Dilks, Miss Victoria Duffy, Mrs. Dana Gayner, Rebecca Goforth, Katherine Heverin, The J Boys, Mr. and Mrs. James Kates, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gill Lippincott, Mr. Bud Magill, Ellen Morrissey, New Jersey Historical Commission, Dennis and Trudy O'Hare, Pole Tavern Equipment Sales, Carol Reese, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Salem County, Salem City Visitor's Center, County of Salem, Salem County Historical Society's Board of Trustees, Salem Family Success Center, Salem Mainstreet, Dr. William K. Stoms, Mr. Frank Stubbins, Today's Sunbeam, Lindsay Thivierge, Dr. James Turk, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wolhrab.



*Learning about
heirloom Tomatoes
with the Rutgers
Master Gardeners*



*Above: Campers
explore a John
Deere harvester*

*Right: Making fresh
Salsa at the Rutgers
Extension*



SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

This school year, the Society hosted more than 800 local students and teachers. The majority of our weekday mornings from May through June were filled with students, grades 3-6.

This year's programs were enhanced with new programming related to the current special exhibit, *The Farmer Feeds Them All: Reflections of Salem County Farm Life*. Students experienced lessons about growing up on a Salem County farm, the Lenni-Lenape, the Society's keeping room and homespun textiles, Market Street's architecture and History's Mysteries based in the Society's barn collections. Students spent their afternoons at the PSEG Energy and Environmental Resource Center.

Through a partnership with PSEG and the support of individual donors, the Society was able to offer free programming and subsidized busing to school groups. These programs were also made possible through the generosity and dedication of the Society's Education Committee.



*Education Chair Diane Wohlrab teaches students about
the Society's Keeping Room*



*Volunteer Katherine Heverin teaches students about the Society's
collections during History's Mysteries*

PSEG Energy & Environmental Resource Center



PSEG introduces the Energy & Environmental Resource Center or EERC, an exciting new learning center focused on building a greater understanding of energy, environmental challenges and strategies for balancing energy demand with environmental stewardship.

Call (856) 339-EERC (3372)
For more information
Tours arranged by appointment



This year's subsidized busing was provided by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks, Dr. William K. Stoms and PSEG. Their generosity made it possible for school groups to experience the Society's and the Energy and Environmental Resource Center's educational programs at no cost. We appreciate your support of the county's youth!

MARL SAVED THE DAY! By J. Harlan Buzby

Marl? There are differing definitions of this early agricultural fertilizer used locally in the first part of the 19th century. Containing clay, calcium carbonate or limestone, decomposing shells and fossils, the material usually appeared as sand with a green or blue-gray color.

The author Joseph Sickler summed up its early value: "On the soberer side of life in the county of these early [19th century] years, it is interesting to note that immediately after the great western emigration, which reached its peak in 1803, marl was discovered in soil deposits of Salem County and by proper use saved the day for the local husbandmen, checked the western movement and quite definitely established Salem as one of the leading agricultural counties of the state."ⁱ

"The importance of this discovery saved Salem County from rapid depopulation and more than that, laid the groundwork for its future prosperity. Farmers took heart now, mixed the marl with the worn-out soil, and reaped for the first time in years a substantial recompense for their crops."

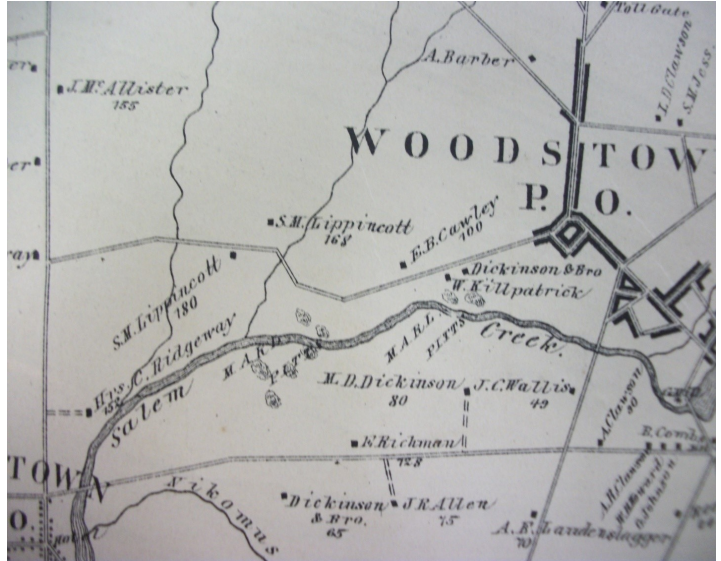
In Salem County marl was first regularly dug and put upon the market by Jonathan Wiley of Woodstown in 1826. Reports of its use and benefits resulted in its general use. Many pits were opened on various owner's land such as John Dickinson, Henry Allen, and John Wallace. In Mannington there were pits of Atkinson, Prior, Pettit, Slaep and Bassett. Some marl was dug in Upper Penn's Neck near Sculltown.

Thousands of tons of marl had been carted to various townships in the county by the middle part of the 19th century, but not without peril. Being dug by hand laborers, there were many accidents such as: "On Wednesday last, Otto Myers, a German, while engaged in a marl pit near Jericho, was killed by the caving in of the bank. He was about 25 years of age."ⁱⁱⁱ

In 1871, a Woodstown correspondent reported to the Salem newspaper: "A frightful accident occurred near this place on Tuesday afternoon of last week, by which two men lost their lives, and several others narrowly escaped from death. The fatal occurrence took place at the marl beds on the farm occupied by James Abbott, where a gang of workmen were engaged in digging out a rod of marl and at a late hour, while busily employed, an embankment, fifteen feet high suddenly fell in, covering up James Fitzgerald and John Conklin and partially burying several others in its overwhelming descent."ⁱⁱⁱⁱ

"We then went to the Bridgeton Fair where 3,000 people paid the ten cents admission in "shin plaster" (paper currency of small denominations which was issued by the Government in the post-war period). The

Dredging machinery for the digging was subsequently introduced in 1876, at the Dickinson marl pits outside of Woodstown.



1876 map depicting the Dickinson & Bros. marl pits on Marlton Road in Pilesgrove Township next to the Salem Creek. In 1835, it was reported that a bone forty feet in length was dug out from this area, "but unfortunately was broken into pieces, and carried away by the workmen and visitors as something strange...."^{iv}

Marl was also dug not without curiosity. It was late in the afternoon of August 27, 1869, that men were digging in the marl pit in the Joseph R. Hackett farm, when some large bones were discovered. Digging further a large portion of a huge mastodon skeleton was uncovered. It was found about six to ten feet beneath the surface. The total weight of the bones recovered weighed 400 pounds, the under jaw alone weighting 120 pounds. The eye sockets were seven inches in diameter and ribs four feet long.

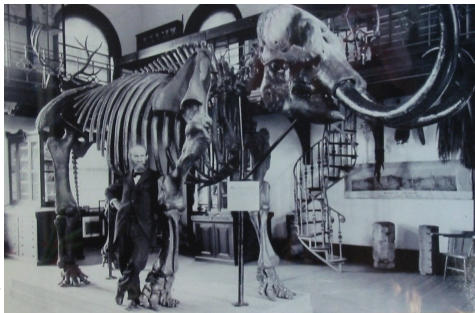
People from miles around went to the Hackett farm to view the skeleton of the strange monster. It received such wide publicity that Mr. Hackett put the bones into boxes and toted them about the country exhibiting them at Fairs and other public place. Ten cents admission was charged and Mr. Hackett is believed to have realized over a thousand dollars from such exhibitions.

In 1931, Mr. Samuel Hackett, son of Joseph R. Hackett, at his residence on East Broadway, Salem, recalled with a vivid memory the discovery of the skeleton and the exhibition which followed. Then a young man of 23 years, Mr. Hackett recalls "standing at the doorway of the exhibition tent to take tickets as the crowds gathered for the first public exhibition on Keasbey's land at East View Cemetery where a tent was erected.

exhibition went as far as Vineland, Baltimore and Delaware City and much curiosity was aroused over the strange bones which had been found right here in Salem County".^v

These exhibitions took place through-out the fall and winter of 1869-70. Later the State Geologist, George H. Cook, of Rutgers University, inquired about the skeleton and negotiations started which resulted in the mastodon being purchased by the state for \$300, in 1860, and finally mounted, in 1896, in the Geological Hall at the university through the efforts of the Hon. Henry W. Bookstaver, LL.D., Rutgers University Class of 1859.

The digging was Salem with the of marl farms of



marl industry revived in County opening pits on the Clifford

Curator William Valiant with the Mannington mastodon in 1900.
Courtesy of the Geological Museum

A. Reeves at Pittsgrove and that of Mayhew Sparks in Mannington in April 1931.

In carrying out their experimental work with marl, both of these farmers were using it on different crops such as potatoes, tomatoes, hay, corn, wheat and other crops. These men were not making any claims for marl, but just curious to learn if marl was any benefit to agriculture today as it had been as an all crop fertilizer sixty years ago. There were, however, hundreds of interested farmers in these marls tests, hoping this long forgotten product may be a solution for bumper crops like long ago.

In getting to the marl deposits, which were covered with a layer of five to twelve feet of topsoil known as an overburden, a large steam shovel was employed. The overburden was lifted off and thrown in a huge heap to one side. When the marl deposits were reached, they were lifted out in the same manner and piled ready to be easily loaded on wagons, trucks or spreaders.^{vi}

Eventually, the cheaper commercially prepared fertilizer products reduced the Salem County marl industry to a memory.



Marl pits on the Mayhew Sparks farm, Mannington, Salem County, New Jersey in 1931. *From the Collection*



The Salem County mastodon as it appears today at Rutgers Geology Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick. Free and Open to the Public. *Photo Courtesy of Joe Reynolds*

ⁱ Sickler, Joseph S., *The History of Salem County New Jersey*. (Salem, New Jersey: Salem Sunbeam Publishing Co., 1937), 195.

ⁱⁱ *National Standard*, Salem, NJ, June 16, 1852.

ⁱⁱⁱ *National Standard*, Salem, NJ, September 6, 1871.

^{iv} Everts & Stewart, *Combination Atlas Map of Salem & Gloucester Counties*. (Philadelphia: 1876).

Freeman's Banner, Salem, NJ. June 10, 1835.

^v *Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, May 28, 1931.

^{vi} *Ibid*, May 14, 1931.

***The Farmer Feeds Them All* floats through Salem County!**

This July the Society premiered its latest community outreach project, an 18 foot float! The float has been featured in the Woodstown July 4th parade and will appear in both Septemberfest and the Alloway Halloween parade.

Society Treasurer Trudy K.



Nick Culver and Haley Hunt in the Woodstown 4th of July Parade



O'Hare and her husband Dennis are responsible for the float's design and construction with materials donated by Smick Lumber. Society President Barbara Duffy and her daughter Victoria worked with the O'Hares to create the stunning float.

A special thanks to our float sponsors: Franklin Bank, Marlboro Farm Market, Royal Port Antiques, Vassallo Farms and WaWa Inc. Thank you to Suzanne and Michael Cooke, Nicholas Culver, Barbara and Victoria Duffy, Haley Hunt and Trudy and Dennis O'Hare for their participation in creating and manning the float!



Above and Left: Dennis O'Hare, Victoria Duffy and Barbara Duffy constructing the float.



Our summer camper's posing on the float!
Left to right: Sarah Hagarty, Nyasia Forrest, Jordan Demby, Mason Hunt, Haley Hunt, Jared Demby, David Krishna and Nick Ham.



Thank You

Our programs and services cannot happen without the generous support from our volunteers. We thank you all for your time and continued support!

Ricardo Ben-Safed

Craig Maue

J. Harlan Buzby

Tom Miller

Gretchen Buzby

Ellen Morrissey

Mary Lou Chollis

Dennis O'Hare

David Culver

Trudy O'Hare

Tabitha Dilks

Lawrence B. Owen

Barbara Duffy

Jim Paras

Brian Duffy

Donald L. Pierce

Victoria Duffy

Frank Powell

Bill Gallo

Bill Saunderlin

Dana Gayner

Craig Schneeman

Wayne Gotwals

Maggie Vaughan

Katherine Heverin

Diane Wohlrab

Noel Kemm

Ruthanne Wright

Bud Magill

Ron Magill

The Gloucester County Master Gardeners

Mary Cummings

Melinda Doyle

Ted Demko

Maureen Fitzgerald

Charlotte Harrison

Diane Mickel

Vic Thomas

Margaret & Tom VanLier

The Society is proud to partner with local colleges and universities in its internship programs. To learn more about our opportunities contact Sarah Hagarty at admincurator@salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com

Summer & Fall 2011 Interns:

Victoria Bowa, Tabitha Dilks, Tiffany Gipson,

Mandi Magnuson-Hung and Danielle Polonczyk

Museum Acquisitions

Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Howard K. Jr., Salem, NJ. Milkcan from Tillbury Farms and wooden milking stool. (2011.029)

Ewen, Robert M., Salem, NJ. Three Original sculptures by Debbie Waddington Smith. (2011.046)

Hassler, Kenneth W., Salem, NJ. Six silver spoons by Charles Rumsey. (2011.028)

Newell, Mary, Ontario, Canada. Portraits of Reverend James and Elizabeth Newell. (2011.021)

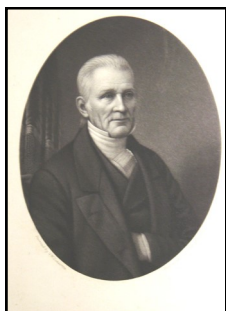
Owen, Larry, Salem, NJ. Jaw harp, stove lid lifter, two pairs of children's shoes and a buttonhook belonging to Maxwell W. Buzby Jr. (2011.026)

Pierce, Deborah, Florida. Scythe used by Harry Loatman. (2011.047)

Wright, Ruthanne, City National Bank of Salem metal bank circa 1892. (2011.027)

Federal Period Room Displayed in Johnson Hall

The Society has partnered with Salem County and The Salem County Chamber of Commerce to furnish a bedroom in the Robert Gibbon Johnson House, known as Johnson Hall. Society collections now decorate one of the home's bedrooms, highlighting its Federal styling. Tours can be arranged at the Historical Society or Johnson Hall Tuesday-Saturday between 12 and 3 PM.



Robert Gibbon Johnson was born in Salem on July 23, 1771. Robert Gibbon Johnson studied law at Princeton and graduated in 1790 but never practiced. His family owned vast tracts of farmland, so he turned his attention to farming for the next 50 years. After moving to Salem from Mannington, he initially lived in his mother's ancestral home, the Grant House, which is now the home of the Society. In 1806, he built his mansion house, New Johnson Hall. This impressive brick house utilized the latest styles of the federal period and must have been the finest house in Salem County at the time. The chip carved details and classical mantels on the second floor are particularly important.

Collections Spotlight:

During our museum collection inventory, staff and interns are rediscovering the Society's treasures. We would like to include you in this process, so, as we proceed, we will feature interesting artifacts about which we have questions. If you have any ideas about this quarter's artifact please email info@salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com.

What we know: Porcelain piece, blue willow pattern. The piece is flat and has a number of patterned holes with a larger central hole. The pieces are marked with catalog numbers CH240 and 377.

What we would like your help with: What type of piece is this? What are the purposes of the holes? What is it's age?



Left: top of porcelain piece



Right: bottom of porcelain piece

The Newell’s Journey Home

This May, two portraits of prominent Salem residents, Reverend James Newell and his wife, Elizabeth made their way back to Salem. After a 60 year stay in Canada, the c. 1850 portraits are now part of the Historical Society’s fine art collection thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Mary Newell, the Newell family and Craig Maue. In January 2011, Maue received a telephone call from Mary Newell regarding the paintings. Her late husband, James Newell, was a Salem resident and she wanted to return his ancestors’ portraits to the area. Maue suggested the Historical Society as their permanent home.



Maue volunteered to transport the paintings from their current home in Ontario on his way home from a conference in Corning, NY. On May 3rd Maue arrived at the Newell’s home in Waterdown, Ontario, a 19th century village on the outskirts of Burlington. After spending time with the family, Maue began his trip back to Salem. The Newell portraits arrived in town on May 6th where Maue and Sarah Hagarty uncraated the treasures.

Reverend James Newell (1785-1862) and Elizabeth Newell (1787-1867) were prominent Salem residents. A Methodist minister, Reverend Newell is entombed at Walnut Street Cemetery in Salem. The portraits originally resided in the

Newell farmhouse (no longer standing) which stood at the corner of Route 45 and Newell Road in Mannington. Special thanks to Mrs. Mary Newell and Craig Maue for coordinating and facilitating this project. Thank you to Pastor Walt Killen, Mrs. Saurermilch, Janet Sheridan and Reverend Emerson Woodward for their research assistance. Thank you to Craig Schneeman for constructing custom crates to transport the paintings. The Society’s Museum Committee was also instrumental in this acquisition.

We welcome the portraits of James and Elizabeth Newell home to Salem County. This generous donation is a fine addition to the Society’s noted collection of paintings and portraits. The Newell portraits are on display in the Society’s *A Legacy for Salem County* exhibit.

<p>An Old Man Gone—We insert under the appropriate head in to-day’s paper the death of Caleb Atkinson, in the 100th year of his age, father of Champion Atkinson, of Mannington township. Mr. Atkinson was a brick-layer by profession, and assisted in building the Friends’ Meeting House, in this place, in 1772. He also built many of the oldest brick edifices now standing in our town. There are now several buildings in Camden which he erected during the Revolutionary War.</p> <p><i>National Standard</i>, Salem, New Jersey, October 26, 1853</p>	<p>—The old academy building is being raised to the height of three stories, and scholars of a high grade are to be admitted from all parts of the county. Miss Pauline Waddington has been engaged to take entire charge of the school, and we prophesy that under her excellent tutorship this high school will be a success and the pride of our county.</p> <p><i>National Standard</i>, Salem, N. J., August 8, 1873.</p>
	<p>Attention !</p> <p>The Woodstown Rifle Company, Commanded by J. R. Clawson, will meet at the Inn of Malachi Knisel in Sharptown, on Saturday the 17th of September, inst. at 10 o’clock A.M. Completely equipped for military duty.</p> <p>By order of said Captain.</p> <p>Sept. 7th, 1825.</p> <p><i>The Messenger</i>, Salem, N.J., September 7, 1825</p>

Genealogically speaking.....

Discover Old List of Names

Salem Sunbeam, July 26, 1944

"The names of 75 patriots of Salem County who petitioned the New Jersey Legislature to ratify the Constitution of the United States recently were located by Walter Hall, president of the Salem County Historical Society, on a record in the State Library at Trenton.

The group petitioned the Legislature immediately following the adjournment of the Constitutional Convention Independence Hall, Philadelphia, PA, on September 17, 1787. Mr. Hall had been searching for their names for a number of years. The list follows:

[This original list of signatures has had several transcriptions over the years and all but four names have once again been reviewed and re-transcribed.]

"James James	William Cox	John Gosling
? W. Wm. Thee, M.D.	Francis Parvin	Joseph Atkinson
William Wallace	Benjamin Dubois	Oliver Brooks
John Leonard	Jonathan Barber	Joseph Stonebanks
Abel Silver	Moses Richman	Louis Smith
Thomas James	James Atkinson	Samuel Pedrick
Samuel Sharp	Peter Culin	Enoch Ballinger
Thomas Carney	Samuel Jess	William Dickeson
Josiah Bassett	Andrew Watson	Isaac Barber, Jun.
David Davis	Frederick Tendelsbeck	? Elisha Read
Robert Paterson	William Elwell	Benjamin Robinson
Corls Austin, Jr.	John Sullivan	Job Weeks
George Morrison	Bateman Lloyd	Henry Barber
John Simmons	Robert Moore	Mark Nicholson
Thomas Sharp	William Tussey	Samuel Garrison
? William Getteys	David Wyley	John Pimm
Samuel Silver	Nathan Wright	David Paullin
Thomas Sparks, Jr.	Joseph Pimm	Samuel Wetherill
Jacob Lloyd	Joseph Pimm, Jr.	John W. Peak
James Risley	Samuel Burden	Elisha Waters
Isaac Garrison	Jonas Keen	Moses Wood
James Shinn	Christian Hover	James Webb
Hugh Haines	? Samuel Lynn Cats	James Varnon/Vernon
Cornelius Austin	Peter DuBois	William Harvey
David Austin	David Colson	John Maxwell"

Library Acquisitions

Acton, James N. Jr., Salem, NJ. Images of Acton family & associates. Photo of Quaker marriage certificate of James Mason Woodnutt & Margaret Carpenter of Mannington 1776. (2011.022) 1888 receipt for Acton & Brother, Fire Insurance Agents, Civil Engineering, Surveying & Real Estate, cabinet card photo of Salem High School Class of 1902, cabinet card photo of costumed children in play, photos of Salem High School Class of 1920 at 60th reunion & Warren T. Sparks image of children. (2011.023)

Acton, Jonathan W. II, Towson, MD. William & Elizabeth Goodwin Bible. (2011.036)

Barnes, Tamara, West Hollywood, CA. Oral Histories of African-American Schools & Churches in Salem County, NJ. Compiled by Tamara Barnes, 2010. This project was assisted by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State. Document & 5 DVD's. (2011.037)

Ben-Safed, Ricardo, Philadelphia, PA. Postcards of Salem County Historical Society, Green's Hotel, Broadway, Salem National Banking Company & Market Street.

Boon, Robert, Pennsville, NJ. Program for Second Annual Charity Ball for the Benefit of Salem County Memorial Hospital held on 2/20/1925 at the Company I Armory, National Guard of New Jersey.

Buzby, Dr. J. Harlan, Pennsville, NJ. Cabinet card image of baby. L.D. Compton photographer, 152 W. Broadway, Salem, NJ. Written on the back in pencil is Jessie Robinson. Courtesy of Robert E. Hicks, Sewell, NJ (2011.024)

Cizzon, Peggy, Lake Forest, IL. Office Oaths of Raymond J. Conter, Beulah R. Wright, Emma R. Irelan, Charles H. Stinson, Amanda B. Conter for Pennsville. William M. Bright (wife Hannah R. Wright married 1869) papers (c1894) including lease, insurance, mortgage, deeds, receipts, bonds, checks, Brotherhood of the Union Constitution and NJ Lodge No. 1, I.O.O.F. dues notices. Bond Thomas Bright to Furman Lloyd 7/27/1865, Mortgage Thomas Bright & wife to Ann Waddington 1857. Two Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church items, Christmas card with photo of teacher & receipt for painting interior of church 1921. Indenture James T. Baker & Mary Emma Baker, both unmarried to John S. Baker & Elizabeth, & Joseph L. Baker and Emma J. his wife to Martha L. Casperson. 4/22/1899-Indenture James T. Baker & Mary Emma Baker, both unmarried, to Charles H. Collins. 10/28/1893-Paperwork involving the career and pension of Sgt. Enos J. Conter, husband of Amanda B. Conter, daughter of William M. Bright. c1907.-NJ Supreme Court notice finding no lien against John H. Davis or Edward D. Lanning. (2011.025) Wedding pictures, memory book, letters, autograph album, certificates for Enos J. Conter & Amanda Bright. (2011.039)

Coyne, Dr. Stephen, Sioux City, IA. Master of donor's work, "A Key to John Fenwick's Daybook." (2011.034)

Historical Society of Penns Grove, Carneys Point & Oldmans Township via Donna Federanko Stout, President. Two photo albums c 1940 with snap shots of Oakwood Beach in Elsinboro. (2011.030)

Krause, Edmund "Ted" Jr., Plymouth Meeting, PA. Items relating to Kathryn Schneider & Edmund Krause. (2011.041)

Mayhew, Harry S., Millersburg, PA. Revision of Mayhew Family CD by donor.

Newell, Mary, Ontario, Canada. In Memory of James Newell, great-great grandson of Rev. James Newell: Digital copy of the will of Rev. James Newell & photograph of James Newell, husband of donor (Library). Stereoscope and stereoscop cards (Education).

O'Hare, Trudy, Salem, NJ. Postcards of Sea Grove Hotel & Salem Race Track. (2011.042)

Peterson, Karen, Salem, NJ. Daily Journal of David Bowen Jr. from 1829-1856. (2011.043)

Pierce, Ralph M., Bridgeton, NJ. Items related to Cuff Cemetery Association. (2011.031) Class Record & Accounts of Quinton AME Sunday School 1889-1906, Mordecia Pierce Work Records 1860-1863, 1866-1869. (2011.045)

Wright, Ruthanne, Salem, NJ. Salem High School diploma awarded 1919 to Eleanor Alice Harris. Learning slate (Education). (2011.033)

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Due to the popularity of our microfilm collection, we are in need of an additional microfilm reader/printer. The total cost of the equipment is \$3,400. To date we have raised \$200 toward its purchase. Your generous donation would be extremely helpful in assisting the Society with fulfilling its mission.

Donations can be mailed to the Society at 83 Market Street, Salem, NJ 08079. Please indicate that the donation is toward the microfilm reader/printer.

Electric Lights for Salem

Mr. Simpson, representing the American Electric Light Company, addressed City Council on Friday evening on the subject of lighting the streets of Salem by electricity.

Mr. Simpson, in behalf of the Company, offered to light the streets of Salem better than now lighted, from sunset to midnight, every night in the year, for \$1,900 per year; or from sunset to sunrise for \$2,500 per year.

It now costs the city \$1,900 per year to light the streets from sunset to 11 p. m. The Company further agrees to give good bond that the lights will be satisfactory.

Mr. Simpson further stated that the plant was to be the property of the American Electric Light Company, and the only guarantee wanted from the city was to contract for lighting the streets for three years.

The city's contracts with the Salem Gas-Light Company and the Pennsylvania Globe and Gas-Light Company do not expire until next March, but if the proposition of Mr. Simpson is accepted, the American Electric Light Company will at once commence to put in its plant, &c., and light the streets free of charge until the expiration of the city's present contracts.

The American Company, if their offer is accepted, will light the streets by arc lights, and furnish incandescent lights for residences, stores, &c.

It is said that members of Council look with favor upon the scheme, and will consider the proposition at their next meeting.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, November 15, 1887

Our Canning Factories

—Work for the season is now over at our canning factories. Dickinson & Lippincott of this place gave employment to about 120 persons—70 of them women. During the height of the business they put up 15,000 cans daily, and some days received as high as 50 tons of tomatoes from our farmers.

Wallace & Lippincott of our borough also did a large canning business, closing their season last Wednesday. They have given employment to from 80 to 100 persons, and the season's work will foot up to about 215,000 cans of tomatoes.

The goods of both our Woodstown canneries have stood so well in the markets that already several car loads have been sold and shipped.

Charles W. Miller at his Miller's Grove canning works, put up this season about 80,000 cans of tomatoes, and employed from 25 to 30 women and 10 to 15 men. Weekly wages averaged near \$300. Last Thursday night, at his residence, friend Miller gave an elegant and substantial supper to all his employees, and the occasion was much enjoyed.

At Sharptown, the canning factory of H. B. Richman and Luke Smith this season gave employment to nearly 50 persons. About 100,000 cans were filled. A very good record for the first season.

Woodstown Register, Woodstown, NJ, October 9, 1883

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For more information on how your business can become members of the Society, please call 856-935-5004

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To one pint of milk add a quarter of a pound of raw sugar, and two ounces of ground pepper; simmer the same together for eight or ten minutes, and place it about in shallow vessels; the flies attack it greedily and in a few minutes they will be suffocated. By this method, you may keep every part of your house, even your kitchen, clear of flies all summer, without the danger that may attend the use of poison.

Salem Messenger, Salem, NJ, June 21, 1826

The new Baptist Church at Pedricktown, in this county, under the charge of Rev. Mr. Fleshman, was dedicated to Divine Worship on Sunday last, Rev. Mr. Murphy of this city preaching the dedication sermon. This church is chiefly of Germans, and sermons are statedly preached in both the English and German languages.

National Standard, Salem, N.J., September 21, 1859



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