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## Bus Trip to Hudson Valley Historical Sites Hosted by HPSUT

The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. (HPSUT), in conjunction with Pary and Bruce Tell, will host a two-day bus trip, in April 2020 to historical sites along the Hudson Valley.

The schedule includes:

• **Saturday, April 25th:** A visit to the Revolutionary War Headquarters of Generals Henry Knox and Horatio Gates on the west side of the Hudson River with a guided tour of the site and then have lunch in the picnic area. Our second stop will be the New Windsor Cantonment, a Continental Army encampment, where we'll have a tour of the army's quarters with a special guide. The next stop will be Washington's Headquarters at Newburgh, NJ, with a special program on

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Paul Mulligan, standing, representing the Cape May Seashore Lines (CMSL), briefed the February 25, 2020 HPSUT Board on plans for the train displays at the upcoming Tuckahoe Transportation Heritage Festival, to be held Saturday, April 25th, 2020. Board members, from left, Doug Longenecker, Mike Horan, Carol Williams, Barbara Horan and Linda Leonard. - Photo by Board member Ralph Cooper.

## Annual Tuckahoe Transportation Heritage Festival Set for April 25, 2020

The 3rd annual Tuckahoe Transportation Heritage (TTH) Festival will be held Saturday, April 25, 2020, 10 am til 4 pm at the Tuckahoe Train Station, Mill Rd. & Railroad Ave., Tuckahoe, NJ 08270.

The TTH Festival is a partnership event with the Historical Preservation

Society of Upper Township (HPSUT) and the Cape May Seashore Lines Railroad

(CMSL).

The organizing committee for the 2020 TTH Festival includes Mike Horan and Doug Longenecker with the HPSUT and Paul Mulligan with the CMSL.

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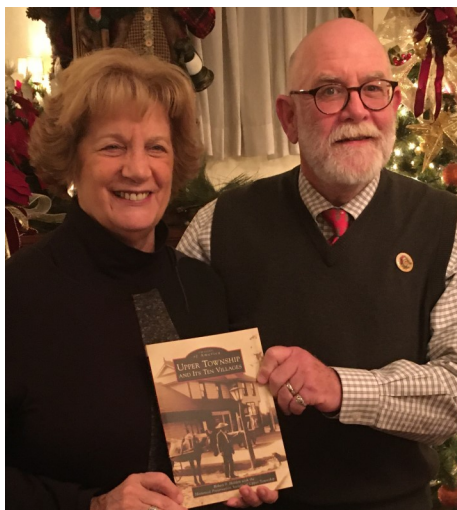
## HPSUT Monthly Program

### Topics Announced for 2020

Upcoming monthly programs have been announced for the 2020 season of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT)

**April 14:** Book - Prohibition in Cape May County, Wetter than the Atlantic. Local historian and author, Raymond Rebmann, Curator of the Dennis-

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Robert Holden, HPSUT Historian and author of the new book "Upper Township and Its Ten Villages", with Carol Williams, HPSUT Board President.

## Society Potluck Dinner

### Show and Share Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>

Join with members and friends of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township for our annual covered dish – "Potluck" Dinner on Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2020, 6 pm, at the First United Methodist Church, Route 49, Tuckahoe.

This first meeting for the Society's 2020 program year will include a special presentation by Lori Carlin, Partnership

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**"Upper Township & Its Ten Villages" Book Released - See Page 3**

# Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. Christmas Dinner



The 41st Annual Historical Society Christmas Dinner held Dec. 17, 2019 at the Tuckahoe Inn, Beesley's Point. Photo Gallery > <http://bit.ly/HPSUT2019ChristmasParty>

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## Upper Township & Its Ten Villages Book Showcases Community History

“Upper Township and Its Ten Villages” written by Historian Robert F. Holden, produced by Arcadia Publishing Company, and released this month, is now available in a growing list of locations, according to a press release from The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT).

The retail price is \$23.99 (no tax) with profits from the sale of the book going to the HPSUT and the Upper Twp Museum project.

The author Robert Holden donated his time and expenses toward this book project and is taking no profits from the sale of the books.

A major portion of the publication costs for the book was underwritten by a generous contribution from Grace and Tom Garrity.

Holden collected well over 300 photos and postcards of old Upper Township. Many were 100 years old or more!

The book will contain a selection of 197 photos. There is a chapter for each Village with a two-page introduction. Some Villages like Greenfield have only 4 pictures total, and Seaville has 36. Tuckahoe Village will have 56 photos in the publication.

Holden has established a series of book signings, presentations and sales locations for promotion of the book.

April 11 – **Tuckahoe Vintage Goods** - Part of the 2nd Saturday events - Book Signing – 10 am.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – **CMC Library Upper Cape Branch Speakers Series** – Presentation and Book Signing/Sale

April 25<sup>th</sup> – **Tuckahoe Transportation Festival** – Tuckahoe Train Station - 10-4

April - Date and time TBD – **SunRose Words and Music** – Book Signing

A growing list of retailers and restaurants that have committed to displaying the book for sale includes:

Village Pharmacy  
Marmora Hardware

Acme Market – Seaville

The Bailey Grind

Sun Rose Words and Music- Ocean City (starts in Spring)

Tuckahoe Cheesecake Factory

Dino’s Diner

Upper Sandwiches, Palermo

*The Everly* (by the RR Station)

Tuckahoe Vintage Goods

Island Shore Chinese

Seaville Dry Cleaners

Route 50 Trading Post

Seaville Friends Meeting (Friendship Hall - Sundays only)

TD Bank – Marmora Branch

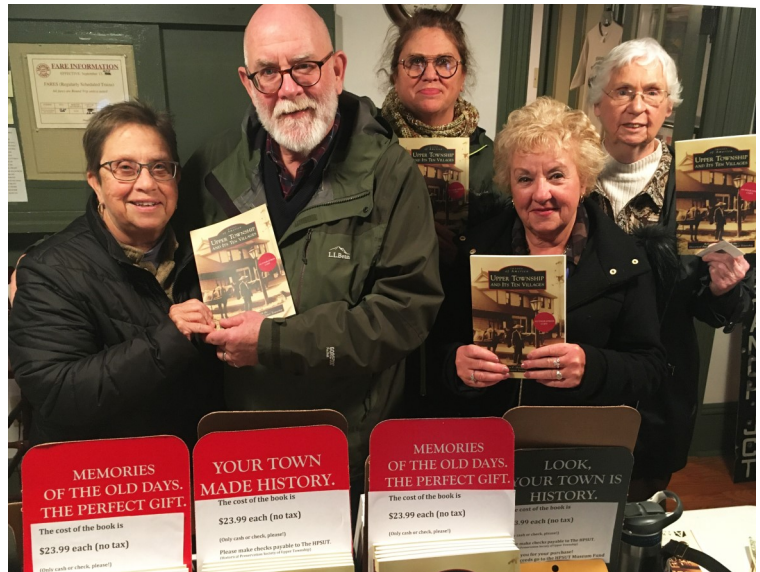
Thomas Heist Insurance – Marmora

Foglio’s Flooring Center

Riverbend Baskets

Antiques Marketplace

The Upper Township and Its Ten Villages book is also available by mail for at \$23.99 (no tax) with a \$5.00 fee for shipping and handling. Make your check or money order payable to the HPSUT, P.O. Box 658, Marmora, NJ 08223-0658.##



Book Sales Underway – Supporters of the new book “Upper Township and Its Ten Villages” written by Historian Robert F. Holden, were on hand at the Tuckahoe Train Station in early February to receive their autographed copies. Pictured, from left, Joan Migliaccio Wood, Holden, Cindy Griffin, Carol Collins, and Joan Rinck.

## Tuckahoe Transportation Heritage Festival

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### Festival Highlights:

**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2020;  
10 am – 4 pm

**Location:** [Tuckahoe Train Station and grounds](#), Mill Rd & Railroad Ave., Tuckahoe, NJ 08270.  
(For GPS enter: 31 Mill Rd., Woodbine, NJ)

### Key Elements of Festival:

**Excursion Train:** Coach seats will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Train rides will last approximately 30 minutes - starting at 10:30am. Last departure at 3:30 pm. (Schedule may be adjusted to meet demand.)

**Display Trains:** A Pennsylvania heritage train will be setup consisting of; two P70 coaches, #1706 and #1704; and the PRR 7099 MINERAL SPRING, a 1927 Pullman Parlor. This train will be open to the public. **New this year, the Blue Comet observation car, the TEMPEL, will be open to the public.**

**Station:** Open and staffed by HPSUT volunteers.

**Transportation Displays:** Visiting historic vehicles/equipment will be in the parking of the station.

### The Station Park: Three “G”

gauge garden railways, **one steam operated** and tables from historic and community groups.

**Scouts** will have an opportunity to earn their Railroad merit badge at this event.

**Wristbands will be sold** for \$10 per adult; \$5 per children. Wristbands are for access to ride the Excursion Train, Speeder Car (Motor Car train) and tour the display Trains. Proceeds from the sale of wristbands will benefit the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township and preservation of the Blue Comet observation car the TEMPEL.

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### Festival Partnership:

[Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp.](#) (HPSUT) >

[www.uppertwphistory.org](http://www.uppertwphistory.org)

Cape May Seashore Lines Railroad (CMSL) >

[www.capemayseashorelines.org](http://www.capemayseashorelines.org) ##

## Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township NJ

### 2020 Calendar of Events

January 28 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station *(No Society Programs - Jan. & Feb.)*

February 25 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station

March 10 – Covered Dish Supper at the Methodist Church in Tuckahoe

**March (TBD) – Kindergarten Day at the Friendship School**

March 31 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station

April 14 – Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

**April 25-26 - Bus Trip Hudson Valley Historical Sites**

**April 25 – Heritage Transportation Festival at Tuckahoe Train Station**

April 28 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station

May 12 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

**May 23 – Strawberry Festival at the Gandy Farmstead (Memorial Day Weekend)**

May 26 – Board of Trustees at the Train Station

June 9 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

Monthly Membership Meetings / Programs held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7 pm  
Upper Cape Branch Library

June 30 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

July 28 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station *(No Society Programs - July & Aug.)*

August 25 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

September 8 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

September 29 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

**October 10 – AppleFest at the Gandy Farmstead (Columbus Day Weekend)**

October 13 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

October 27 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

November 10 - Regular Meeting at the Library in Petersburg

November 24 - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

December 8 - Christmas Party - Location to be determined

December TBD - Board of Trustees at the Train Station

Our Timeline: 2020 marks the 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township.

Regular Trustee Board Meetings the last Tuesday of the month @ 4 pm  
Tuckahoe Train Station

## President's Column

# A Happy Spring Message

Carol Williams, *President,*

*Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp.*

Florida's Treasure Coast has been as cool as New Jersey's Cape May coast has been warm, this winter season. With these upside-down temperatures, Jake and I could have stayed home; but then, we would not have these great semi-tans to start the summer. Oh but, we certainly will be looking forward once again to seeing our family, our historical society friends and our garden's ever-blooming forsythia and daffodils.

I was fortunate to have several long-distance live board meetings via electronic media with the help of Mike Horan at the beginning of the year. This proved to be important for the planning and implementation of our HPSUT goals and objectives for this

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Martha Washington.

• **Sunday, April 26th:** A visit to the spectacular Olana, home of famous Hudson River artist, Frederick Church. His mansion is an architectural masterpiece which overlooks the Hudson, with sweeping views as well as beautiful gardens. Tour of both the house (guided) and the gardens (on your own.) The final stop will be Clermont Mansion, home of the New York Livingston family. There will be lunch first, with a video on the history of the Livingston family, followed by a tour of the mansion. Clermont was one of the "America's Treasurers" that Bob Villa restored years ago as part of his "This Old House" series.

The price of the trip will be \$245 per person (with an additional \$55 if you're rooming alone) and includes the bus, all meals (except for breakfast Saturday and dinner on the way home Sunday), the hotel, and admission to all sites.

Bus service will have departure points from Cape May Court House and Seaville, same as last year.

To be added to the list to receive more information please contact Pary Tell at email > [parytell@gmail.com](mailto:parytell@gmail.com) or phone 609-886-8577. Her mailing address is 397 Corson Lane, Cape May NJ 08204.

The HPSUT website is [www.uppertwphistory.org](http://www.uppertwphistory.org) See links for trip registration form and details on site tours. ##

coming year.

In 2019, we applied for a County Culture and Heritage grant. Soon, you will get to enjoy some new signage at the Tuckahoe Train Station detailing some of its' history and also a publication detailing the memoir of one of our county's beloved historian, Somers Corson. Thanks, in no small part, go to Robert Holden (signage) and Barbara Horan (signage and memoir) and Lynn Dress (memoir).

As you see in our newsletter, we really have a full plate and can use everybody's help! We really need your continued support to accomplish our programming objectives this year. Linda Leonard, Carroll Bailey and I would love to hear from you if you might be able to volunteer an hour or two at one of our community events: The Strawberry Festival, The Heritage Train Festival, The Applefest or one of our gen-

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ville Township Museum and History Center, reveals how Cape May County turned from a sleepy beach community to a smuggler's paradise in the 1920s.

**May 12:** Book - "Tidal Wave : The Great Appalachian Storm of 1950 and Its Impact on New Jersey Shore Towns" by Drew Tomlin, author, and Rachel Dolhanczyk, Curator of the Museum at Bayshore Center at Bivalve. This best-known "secret" occurrence, in the Bayshore area of nearby Cumberland County, resulted in 15 deaths and 2,500 people being displaced.

**June 9:** Film - "Went a-gunning on the Meadow" by filmmaker Jim Talone. The History of decoy hunting and decoy making in Cape May County is presented with vintage photos woven with Talone's own still shots and video footage. Narration is by decoy maker and local historian, J. P. Hand. Jim Talone and J.P. Hand will be on hand for a discussion period following the film.

There is no charge for HPSUT monthly programs, however, please RSVP with the Society's **Eventbrite page** > <https://UpperTwpHistory.eventbrite.com>

HPSUT monthly membership programs are held the second Tuesday of the month, at the Upper Cape Branch Library, 2050 Tuckahoe Rd., Petersburg. There will be social time and refreshments at 7 pm, followed by short business meeting, and the program at 7:30 pm. ##

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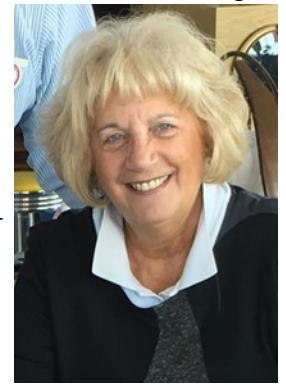
We are in the process of acquiring space for a township museum...what an endeavor!

Knocked down once but still in the race...you will be hearing more about this as we continue to work toward this goal.

Make sure to pick up a copy of our newest publication by Robert Holden about our township's history before they are sold out! I am buoyed by my board and our membership's enthusiasm for our planned activities and scheduled speakers.

We all need to encourage our neighbors, family and friends to become active members of the Society and enjoy the fellowship we share for the preservation of our communities' heritage and, more importantly, the friendships we have made.

Happy Spring,  
Carol ##



### Potluck Dinner / Census Count

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Specialist for Atlantic and Cape May Counties with US Census Bureau. She will cover the importance of this year's Census and the local impact being made by the Complete Count Committees here in Upper Twp. and also at the Cape May County level.

This Potluck Dinner gathering of Historical Society members and guests is always a popular event for our community.

The Board of Trustees will provide the meat dishes and we hope that everyone else attending will bring a vegetable, bread or dessert.

There is no charge for this dinner / program, however, please RSVP with the Society's Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> Eventbrite page > <https://UpperTwpHistory.eventbrite.com>

The usual "Show and Share" presentations will be held following the dinner. Members and guests are welcome to bring in items and tell the stories about their family artifact.

For additional information, please contact Carroll Bailey, 628-2425, [carroll-baileyupper@outlook.com](mailto:carroll-baileyupper@outlook.com)

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Members of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township continued the Christmas tradition of decorating the Shoemaker Holly Tree. For many years it has been an Upper Township community event to decorate the famous Shoemaker Holly Tree during the Christmas season. The first decorations were displayed, pictured from left, by: **Hal Skinner, Ralph Cooper, and Mike Houdart** of the Historical Society. - Photo by Hal Skinner

## Margie Stein Obituary

Marjorie Ann (Margie) Stein, 85, peacefully passed away at Autumn Lake Healthcare Center in Oceanview on February 28, 2020.

Margie was born in Camden, lived in Pennsauken and graduated from Merchantville High School. She was a teller for Merchantville Bank, First Fidelity Bank, and, in the summers while staying in Strathmere, she worked at the Sea Isle Bank. Margie also worked as a teacher's aide in the Pennsauken school system and retired from the Better Business Bureau in the late 1990s.

Margie was an active member of her high school reunion committee for many years and a member of the Merchantville Eastern Star for 60 years. She was also a member and Sunday school teacher at Grace Episcopal Church in Merchantville and became an active member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Ocean City upon moving to Strathmere, then to South Seaville in 2005.

She was an active member of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. and served on the hospitality committee for monthly program meeting held at the Upper Cape Branch Library.

Margie enjoyed sewing and she loved cooking, especially large family Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas cookies, and her famous current bread, as well as preparing a memorable spread of refreshments and tea sandwiches for a variety of occasions.

Margie is survived by her daughter Sue Slotterback (Jerry), son Hugh (Patty), granddaughter CariAnne Slotterback, grandcat and couch buddy Monty, grandson-in-law George Henry II (Mary Ellen), great-grandchildren George Henry III (Stephanie) and Felicia Henry, and great-great grandchildren George Henry IV, Lucian, and Reilly Ann. She is also survived by cousins Barry Toms (Kay) and Donna Walter Banner (Richard). Margie was preceded in death by her parents Joe and Peg Cox.

Her Funeral Service was held on Thursday March 5, 2020 at The Godfrey Funeral Home of Palermo, 644 South Shore Road, Palermo, 08223. Burial followed in Arlington Park Cemetery, Pennsauken, NJ.

Memorials may be given to Autumn Lake Healthcare Center at Oceanview, 2721 Route 9, Oceanview, NJ 08230, or Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 2998 Bay Ave, Ocean City, NJ. 08226

For condolences to the family, visit <https://godfreyfuneralhome.com/>

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**Ralph Cooper, HPSUT Bd. Member / Publicity Chair**

## Museum Committee Report

By **Robert F. Holden**, Chairperson,  
HPSUT Museum Committee

There is really nothing new to report since our last issue. We are still waiting for Engineer Paul Dietrich and the Township Committee to decide on a piece of property in the township which can be used for a proposed Historical Museum.

We expect to hear something in mid to late March.

Paul has proposed that the piece of property be sufficient in size to house a museum the same size of the old High school on Mount Pleasant Ave.

In this way, if designed properly, the interior architectural renderings done by our architect, Chris Menchin, can be used exactly in the new building.

We will keep the membership posted and we hope to have a more full report by our April issue.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Bob Holden ##



Historian Robert Holden, left, delivered an insightful program on his book, "Upper Township and Its Ten Villages" for the Rotary Club of Ocean City-Upper Township on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020. In appreciation, James Chadwick, Rotary Club President, presented Bob with a certificate commemorating that 200 more children will be immunized in his name as part of the Club and Rotary International's continued commitment to eradicate Polio from Planet Earth. > [www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/ending-polio](http://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/ending-polio)

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## Visit to UT Elementary School on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

A second visit to the fourth grades at the U.T. Elementary School was arranged and scheduled by our historian Bob Holden.

The fourth-grade teachers (all seven!) arranged the visit into four student groups and Mr. Holden showed the students the photos from his new book, Upper Township and Its Ten Villages in the art room of the building. Each of the four sessions lasted for about 45 minutes.

The students were amazed at the changes that have taken place throughout the township over 75-100 years. They loved seeing pictures of buildings that are still here, but used for other purposes, and they had lots of questions.

For example, the students all know *Kirk's Pizza* in Marmora, but were shocked it had once been an ice cream

shop, photography studio, and gas station; all in one!

A new 1953 photo of their school, after it was first built, amazed them. It started out housing grades 1-6.

They were very enthused about the variety of village school class photos, many of which dated back to the turn of the century. The Beesley's Point School, Petersburg School, and the Palermo School were all especially interesting to the students.

At the end of the visit, Mr. Holden presented a copy of the new book to Mrs. Cocuzza, and one of her students for the benefit of the fourth grades.

There will be one more scheduled visit to the fourth grades sometime in May, as part of the Historical Preservation Society's ongoing plan to help educate our students in local New Jersey history. ##



Thanks to a generous donation by Historical Society member Jim Bancroft, three wreaths are displayed at the HPSUT properties for this holiday season. Pictured is the front door of the Gandy Farmstead house in the Village of Greenfield. - Photo by HPSUT Historian Bob Holden

**Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township**  
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Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT)

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**Payments Accepted online via PayPal**

[www.UpperTwpHistory.org/membership.htm](http://www.UpperTwpHistory.org/membership.htm)

or

**Make your check payable to HPSUT**

Remit with this completed form to Society Treasurer:

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**Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township**  
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Rail trail in marshland east of Palermo in February 2020. The Ocean City Branch was completed in 1897 and service was inaugurated from Ocean City Junction to Ocean City. According to railroad records at the Tuckahoe Train Station, the Ocean

City Branch passenger service was discontinued on August 13th, 1981 and the Branch was subsequently abandoned south of Palermo.

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Upper Sandwiches Promotes Township History Book - Michele and Dave Rahn of Upper Sandwiches show the new book – “Upper Township and Its 10 Villages” - published this month by HPSUT Historian and author Robert Holden. The book is for sale at \$23.99 with proceeds going to the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. and the UT Museum Project. Numerous businesses in Upper Twp. have agreed to be sales / distribution locations for the publication.

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The Gandy House - c. 1815