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## Upper Twp. Historical Society June 8<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting Paul Mulligan – Train Car Restoration @ Tuckahoe Junction

The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT) virtual membership program for Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7 pm will feature a program by Paul Mulligan on his extensive Train Car Restoration project at Tuckahoe Junction.

Please mark your calendar for June 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Zoom Link Registration > <http://bit.ly/History08JunTrainTalk> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Paul's program will be about the renovation / restoration he and his team have worked on over the past two years with the PRR "Mineral Spring" passenger car at the Cape May Seashore Lines, next to the Tuckahoe Train Station. He will also discuss developments with the PRR P70 coaches and the CNJ "Tempel."

Paul is a graduate of New Jersey Institute of Technology and is retired from a career at Merck & Co as a process engineer and a facilities manager.



Paul Mulligan with his restored "Mineral Springs" passenger car in Tuckahoe.

Paul is an avid history and railroad buff, and has been active in his community.

He is a resident of West Cape May where he has served as chair of the West Cape May Planning and Zoning Board for eight years.

Previously, he had been a resident of Rahway, NJ where he was the City's representative to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board to the Free-

holders (Commissioners). He served on that Board as Chair for three years.

He was a board member of the Rahway Center Partnership and served as Chair for two years.

Paul was member of the board of Downtown New Jersey.

Growing up in Rahway, Paul has had life  
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Strawberry Sales Event - Spanning Saturday, May 29 and two additional "Rain Date" days, the HPSUT completed a successful fundraiser. (See photo on pages 2-3.)

### Bus Trip to Historic Hudson Valley, NY Set for Oct. 23 - 24

The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp. (HPSUT), in conjunction with Pary and Bruce Tell, will host a two-day bus trip, Oct. 23 - 24, 2021 to historical sites along the Hudson Valley.

The bus and hotel are confirmed, however, our itinerary stops at the

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Gandy Farmstead information sign installed. See details and photos on page 3.

**Your HPSUT Membership Is Needed - See Coupon on Page 5 - Or Online Payment**

# HPSUT 2021 Memorial Day Weekend Strawberry Sale Event



# Tradition of Re-Usable Shopping Bags for Historical Society Events

Strawberry Sale customers receive fresh donated shopping bags from area businesses and the Upper Twp. Business Association



## Bus Trip to Hudson Valley

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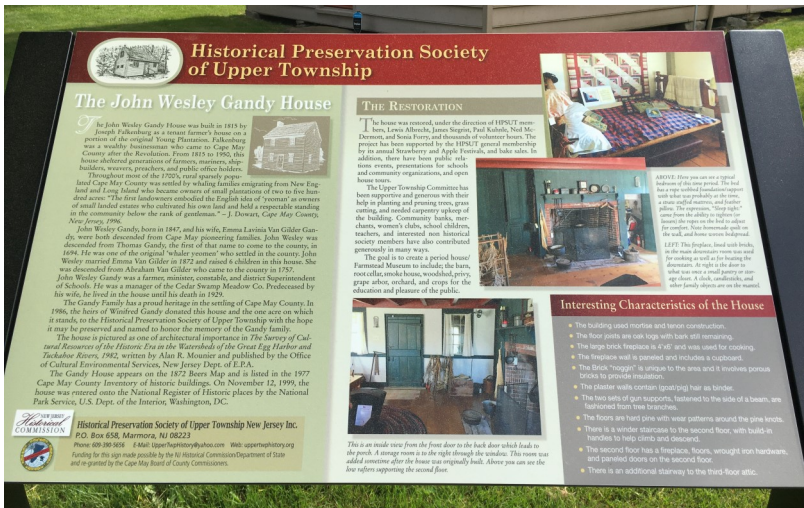
State of New York Historic sites are not confirmed yet.

Pary will be checking back with them in June when they'll be able to give me a confirmation (or not).

Just in case we can't go to all the sites we had planned, she has a backup itinerary, so no matter what, we'll still be going on a trip in October.

In the meantime, keep your calendars marked for that Fall weekend.

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



**Gandy Farmstead Sign:** The newly created Gandy House sign has been installed by the Upper Township Public Works Dept. of Upper Twp. Text and photos cover the early history of the Gandy House, dated from 1815 and also the restoration process that was completed in the late 1980's. The support for the sign project was obtained from the New Jersey Historical Commission grant funding, administered by the Cape May County Culture and Heritage Commission. ##



## Passing of Members

The passing of two Upper Township residents with strong ties to the HPSUT and other local historical interest is noted.

**Robert Garrett** died May 28, 2021. His obituary is linked here > <http://bit.ly/GarrettObituaryGodfrey>

Conductor Bob Garrett on the CMSL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucr5KuiBA24>

**Hap Folger** died May 7, 2021. His obituary is linked > <http://bit.ly/FolgerObituaryLangley> ##

## Historian's Column

# Video Series to Feature Society's Historic Sites in Upper Township

**Robert Holden, Historian**

Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp.

Greetings fellow HPSUT members!

The Gandy House sign has been created, fabricated and installed by the Township Public Works Dept. If you haven't seen our signs, please stop by and check them out. The first was installed at the train station last year.

June promises to be a busy month; we started with the Strawberry sale at the Gandy House on Memorial Day weekend.

Sometime in June, there will be a video done about The Gandy House, the script is done, and the video will be narrated by 'yours truly'.

The videographer/film maker will be Jim Talone, whom some of you may recall produced the film we saw on one of our pandemic Zoom Meetings, titled, *Went Agunning on the Meadow*, as well as *From the Marsh*, and *Hard Times*, just to name a few.

He is currently the President of the Stone Harbor Historical Museum, and has recorded over 4 dozen of their short history videos, viewable via their website. This "first" film about the Gandy House will eventually be available for viewing on our website, Facebook, and YouTube. We will let you know when that is available.

Not much has been happening since we are not able to hold face to face HPSUT Board meetings but that will end soon!

We have a new storage cabinet for the HPSUT office as well as (eventually new shelving for the upstairs bunk room. (Without a museum, we have increasingly limited storage space!)

We haven't received many new donations since our last issue, but I must tell you that Paul Mulligan, who you have, no doubt, seen working for such a long time restoring the PA RR cars by the train station, (By the way, Paul's personal car is titled, *Mineral Springs*) asked his broth-

er-in-law to build a model of the train station. Doug Longenecker had purchased this model, but sadly did not live to build it as he wished. Paul's brother-in-law took on the task and did a marvelous job! (see attached) Mike Horan and I will be presented with the finished model on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. For those interested, it will be in the train station waiting room display case. (See Page 6)

Grace Garrity continues to be a wealth of information, and she has donated copies of two very interesting photos of Petersburg. (see below)

Local realtor, Paul Rixon came to me with a puzzle I certainly could not solve.

He currently owns (and lives in) Scott Johnson's old house. He explained to me that he discovered a brick foundation buried in his front yard and did I happen to know what might have been there?

Going to Grace and Tom is like having your own personal GOOGLE and Grace knew immediately that the foundation was once the funeral home owned by one Washington Van Gilder. In fact, the casket maker was close by, right next door to the old Redman's Lodge. (still standing; now a private home)

Those photos were copied and given to Mr. Rixon.

Also, recently Bill Eisele brought to my attention the fact that the Petersburg Methodist Church has purchased the old Harriet Folger House on the corner of the Petersburg/Ocean City Road (Route 610), and found a few interesting items inside.

First of all, there is a large drawing of the township by Joyce Van Vorst which was used for our early history book of the township.

Then there are several small ephemeral pieces such as two Beatles trading cards, a Japanese made sewing pin set, a picture postcard, and a mouse chewed Hardy Boys book from 1940.

In addition, there are dozens of empty frames because Harriet was an artist (in addition to being a postal service delivery person for many years.)

No hidden gold or something that could be evaluated on the Antiques Roadshow, but then, anything readable found in an old house is interesting.

I'd be remiss not to point out that one of our keenest supporters has passed away. (May 28-2021). We all remember Bob Garrett, but perhaps few know what a dedicated student of history he was!

In the winter of 2019 Bob was packing up to move

his office from the old bank building in downtown Ocean City, and he called me to come over. (I learned long ago that calls from Bob have always bore fruit!)

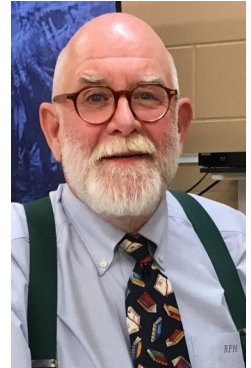
He gave the HPSUT a framed drawing/chart of the lots that were for sale in Tuckahoe around

the turn of the century. The ad for the sale of these lots is in my book, on page 94. It is beautifully framed. The gift was conditional, but I knew Bob meant us to have it permanently. It is upstairs in our office waiting for the day when we are able to have an Upper Township Museum to display it properly!

Soon there will be a plaque on display at the Tuckahoe train station for our dedicated Stationmaster and HPSUT Board Member, Doug Longenecker who passed away last July. Doug was a passionate historian about military history, trains, and all things transportation related. We spoke often about military history, President Eisenhower (whom we both loved reading about) the Phillies, and most of all, cars! I/we miss him very much!

Thank you for your continued support of the HPSUT!

Please spread the word - WE NEED A MUSEUM! ##



**Robert Holden**



Dick Voss House (left) and Petersburg School on Old Tuckahoe Road



Route 610 to Ocean City via Tuckahoe Road

# Citizen's Group Strives to Keep Their Marshallville Bridge Connection

Residents in the Marshallville National Historic District are advocating for the needed funding to repair or replace the current Marshallville bridge over Mill Creek. The bridge and roadway are maintained by the County of Cape May.

The neighborhood group is in contact with Cape May County and Upper Township officials to gain support for a footbridge, wide enough to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic (and possibly fishing) as a reasonable solution.

The HPSUT has been monitoring the situation for several years.

The Marshallville residents are advocating the following objectives:

- First and foremost, traffic safety: Keep our kids off of Route 49! Of primary importance, providing safe transit to walkers and bicyclists the length of Marshallville Road without forcing them onto Route 49. This is especially concerning for our children's safety.
- Provide a safe recreational fishing spot for our kids and families.
- Sustain the long standing and historic neighborhood along Marshallville Road
- Preserve the unity of the Marshallville National Historic District
- Restoring exercise and recreational opportunities by keeping the street fully connected ##



Marshallville Bridge @ Mill Creek.

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## HPSUT Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_



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Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT)

### Membership Category

- |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| ___ Individual @ \$15.00/ea.         | ___ Student@ \$5.00/ea                    |
| ___ Couple (Both under 65) \$25.00   | ___ Sr. Couple (Both 65 or older) \$20.00 |
| ___ Business or Organization \$75.00 | ___ Society Donations Always Welcome      |

**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:

Carroll Bailey, PO Box 507, Tuckahoe, NJ 08250

**Web:** [www.UpperTwpHistory.org](http://www.UpperTwpHistory.org) | **Facebook:** [www.Facebook.com/UpperTwpHistory](http://www.Facebook.com/UpperTwpHistory)  
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**Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township**

**Your Application**

# Historical Society June Zoom Meeting On Train Restoration @ Tuckahoe Junction

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-long interest in trains and is a passenger rail advocate. His favorite railroads were the Central Railroad of New Jersey and the Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the June 8<sup>th</sup> Zoom Link Registration >  
<http://bit.ly/History08JunTrainTalk>

The Historical Society's most recent SHOUT newsletter is on the HPSUT website. ##



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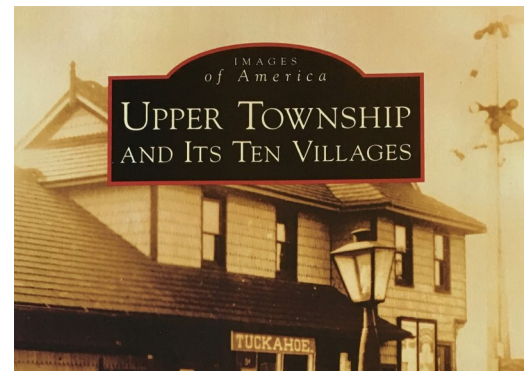
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Tuckahoe Station Scale Model



### Upper Twp. History Book For Sale

The Upper Township and Its Ten Villages book is available by mail for \$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.

Credit card payment can also be made on the HPSUT website with PayPal.

Web: [www.UpperTwpHistory.org](http://www.UpperTwpHistory.org) ##

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The Gandy House - c. 1815

Address Correction Requested