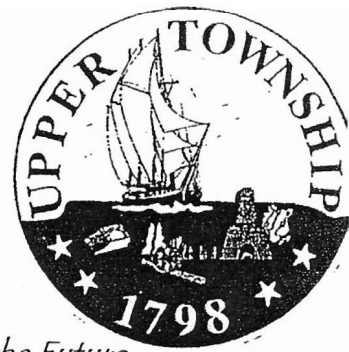


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This corduroy road was visible during last summer's drought. The picture was taken from the gravel road around the impoundments in the Tuckahoe Fish and Wildlife Management Area. In the 1800's the Bailey farm, like most farms, was a long narrow rectangle ranging from farmlands through wet woodlands to the waterways. A dirt road bisected the farm. Before the land was flooded out, this log road connected the dirt road to the salt hay meadows and to the dock from which produce was taken to the boatman's market in Atlantic City.

For more information about corduroy roads and the boatman's' market see Alwina's Articles.



President's Memo

After a really warm and beautiful autumn, the cold of winter is fast approaching. Don Steele informs me that our AppleFest was successful and we owe it in no small way to all the Board who chipped in and pulled off a small miracle (even though the rain didn't help!) "Thank you" goes to all those people involved from set-up to tear-down and all the activities in between: Matt Unsworth, Jerry and Carol Bailey, Dan Clark, Don Steele, Jake Williams, Doug Longenecker, Mike Houdart, Glen, Ian and Colin Stewart, Sonia Forry, Ebbie Unsworth, Olive Pisani, Edith Himmelberger, Avis Read, Ann and Al Snyder, Marj Bixby, Rosemarie Whalen, Steve Martinelli, and Kay Terwilliger to name a few. It took a small village to make this fundraiser a really enjoyable time for family and friends.

We are also continuing the process of the creation of a building to house our speeder car and various train memorabilia at the Train Station. Matt Unsworth and Steve Martinelli have worked with Paul Dietrich to bring this to fruition. Doug Longenecker has worked with Terry Mitchell and the speeder cab housing is ready for delivery. Look for signs of construction starting soon at the Station!

Check out our newly painted Gandy Farmstead too!

Saturdays at the Train Station are very busy during the holidays (Nov. and Dec.) and we really need your help! Please consider giving us a couple of your hours to man the station...a sign-up sheet will be available at our next meeting or you could call Sonia to put you on the schedule.

Our annual Holiday Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14th at L's Restaurant in Corbin City (see attached flyer.) Please plan to attend and share some goodwill and cheer with all of us! Once again we will be making a food donation to our local food kitchen.

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Board members, Stoddard Bixby, Don Steele and Kay Terwilliger for all they have given in both time and service to our society. I welcome our new Board members, Ebbie Unsworth, Carroll Bailey and Marj Bixby and look forward to working with them and the entire Board in the new year. The Historian's position is still open on the Board and we would love one of you to volunteer (if interested, please call me at 628-2902.)

The board also wishes to thank the Township Committee for their support in helping us with our mission to preserve our valuable history for future generations.

As seasons change, let's remember all we have to be grateful for; both the board and I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and a happy and joyful Christmas and New Year!

Sincerely,
Carol Williams



Calendar of Events

November 21 - We will be having an open hearth cooking demonstration from 1 to 3:30 on Sunday afternoon at the Gandy Farmstead...those interested should call Carol Williams at 628-2902...if you plan to cook, please stay to eat!



November 25 - Thanksgiving Day! Don't eat too much!!!

Nov. & Dec -



The Santa Claus Train will be running November 27, and December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, & 19. Help is needed. Contact Sonia Forry.

December 7 - A meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Carol's home at 7pm.

December 14 - Our annual Holiday Dinner will be held at L's Restaurant. See enclosed flier.



December 25 - Merry Christmas!!

January 1 - Happy New Year!!

January - Dues are due in January. Please use the enclosed membership envelope and either mail it or bring it to the Holiday Party.

January & February -

At this time there are no meetings scheduled for January or February.



March 8 -

Traditionally our regular March meeting is a covered dish supper and show and tell.

March -

Also in March we plan to have our annual kindergarten day. The exact date is to be announced.



Installation of new officers



At our last meeting we installed the new officers. Dan Clark was reelected vice president and program chairman. Carroll Bailey has agreed to take the office of treasurer. Maxine Schmidt is continuing as corresponding secretary, and Marj Bixby will do publicity as well as the SHOUT. This year's trustee-at-large will be Ebbie Unsworth. For a complete listing of all the officers and how to communicate with them see the cover page.

RECENT EVENTS

We have had wonderful speakers at our last three regular meetings. Larissa Smith in September told how we are bringing back to South Jersey that most patriotic of birds, the eagle. In October we met at the Clayton Storage Facility where Ralph Clayton showed us his unique collection of outboard motors, antique autos, and mechanical music makers.



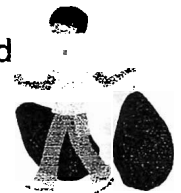
And just a few nights ago, Harry Shourds, in some of his and his grandfather's carvings who is a renowned decoy carver, brought and showed us a film depicting just how it is done. Congratulations Dan on your slate of speakers!!



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Ann Snyder has sent us this note: **GREAT JOB!**

In record time eight members of HPSUT did a great job of cleaning-up the area on Route #9 at Friendship School. The helping hands were: Dan Clark, Jerry Bailey, Doug Longenecker, Olive Pisani, Sonia Forry, Marj Bixby, and Al and Anne Snyder. Many thanks to our volunteers who worked on Saturday, October 23rd to fill a dozen big bags with trash and recyclable items which were picked up by the Township. The Township rewards each non-profit organization who helps on Community Clean-Up Day \$300.00.



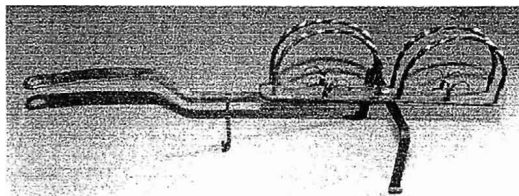
New Items for the Gandy Farmhouse



The Society is grateful for and appreciative of the many donations made by Scott Smith, a very creative and talented man. He is a resident of Goshen, Cape May County, who has volunteered his time. Using his exceptional blacksmithing and wood-working skills he has fabricated items for the Gandy Farmstead.



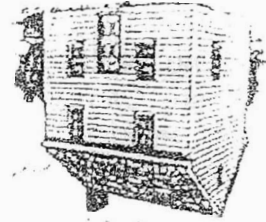
The cooking fireplace in the farmhouse is now better equipped with cooking implements. We now have a very much needed wrought iron long-handled shovel and a wonderful wrought iron toaster. Scott also provided assistance by re-working the bolts for our third rope bed and showing us the proper method for roping it. Then he hand-crafted a bed wrench from oak wood which will be used to tighten the ropes.



The early 19th century bed is now set up on the second floor of the Gandy house.

Thank you, Scott!

The Gandy House - c. 1815



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MEMBERSHIP!

Happy Holidays to All! Hope to see you at the Christmas Dinner on December 14. Remember that 'dues are due' in January. If you want to pay in advance, use the form which is enclosed in the newsletter and either mail it or bring it to the party.

Sincerely,
Edith Himmelberger,
Membership Committee Chairperson

