

The Historical Preservation Society
of Upper Township NJ Inc.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Become a member... Join our growing membership of people of all ages who share an interest in preserving the past for future generations.

Membership benefits include:

- S.H.O.U.T., our quarterly newsletter
- Invitations to all Society-sponsored programs including lectures, receptions, historical trips, and the annual meeting
- 10% discount on Society merchandise

- Individual \$15.00 Student \$5.00
- Senior Couple (both 65+) \$20.00
- Husband and Wife \$25.00
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Your total tax deductible donation \$ _____

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H.P.S.U.T. and remit with this form to:

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The Society is a non-profit organization supported by dues, donations and Society-sponsored fundraisers. Requests gratefully accepted. Annual membership expires on December 31st of each year. Membership dues are deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Friendship School

Circa 1830



Friendship School was given to the Upper Township Bicentennial Committee in 1976 by William Wells, grandson of Enoch Clouting. Dismantled fragments of the building were moved from the Clouting property in Palermo to its present site on Upper Township owned land. Curtis Corson Sr. & his wife, Betty, chaired the project.

In 1980, the reconstruction was taken on by volunteer members and friends of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township. The school was dedicated on September 10, 1983.

The first official record of the school to be found is dated May 30, 1831. It is believed to have been in use until about 1865, when it was replaced by a larger building.

Also to be seen at Friendship School is the Seaville School privy, c. 1900, donated to the Historical Preservation Society by the family of former Upper Township Mayor Frank A. Kruk, and a coal and storage shed, c. 1900, formerly located on the grounds of the Palermo Elementary School, and donated to the Friendship School complex by Mr. and Mrs. Wes Nickerson.

J.W. Gandy Farmstead

Circa 1815

John Wesley Gandy, born in 1847, and his wife, Emma Lavinia Van Gilder, were both descendants from Cape May County pioneering families.

The house was built in 1815 by Joseph Falkinburge, as a tenant farmer house. From 1815 to 1950, this house sheltered, and the land supported generations of farmers, mariners, shipbuilders, weavers, preachers & public office holders.

John Wesley Gandy was a farmer, minister, constable and district superintendent of schools and was a manager of the Cedar Swamp Meadow Company.

The Gandy Family has a proud heritage in the settling of Cape May County, and in 1996, the heirs of Winifred Gandy donated the house, and one acre of land on which it stands to the Society that it may be preserved and named to honor the memory of The Gandy Family.

The Society has created a period house farmstead museum which includes a barn, root cellar, smoke house, woodshed, privy, ice house, well sweep, grape arbor and orchards. The Gandy House is listed on both the NJ State and the National Register of Historic Places.

