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# FROM THE FRONT PORCH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OF MOORESTOWN



## View From the Porch

This is the first newsletter that we have produced since October of last year. While we were forced by Covid-19 to suspend our mansion tours and other activities, our trustees continued to assist members and others answering reference questions, processing new artifacts and accessions, managing the organization's business affairs, and maintaining our Smith-Cadbury headquarters at 12 High Street. In acknowledgement of the hardship the pandemic presented to our members we extended all memberships until June of this year, when we sent out our membership drive communication. We appreciate the positive response that we have received to it so far.

As of the day of the publication of this newsletter, I am happy to report that it is our plan to re-open the Smith-Cadbury Mansion for in-person visits and tours, beginning on Sunday, September 12th. As in the past, we will be open on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 1-3 PM and every Tuesday from 1-4 PM. Any changes that need to be made to this schedule, Covid-related and otherwise, will be posted on our website [www.moorestownhistory.org](http://www.moorestownhistory.org). We ask those planning on visiting the building to please wear a mask in an abundance of caution.

The exhibit committee is busy working on a new exhibit which we plan to debut in conjunction with the re-opening of Smith-Cadbury in September. *Back to School* will trace the history of Moorestown's public and private schools. On display will be items from the Historical Society's extensive collection of photographs, textbooks, furniture and other memorabilia from bygone eras. Visitors will get a glimpse into the life of a student dating back to the early 19th and early 20th centuries.

Also available to exhibit-goers will be our large collection of Moorestown High School yearbooks. Dating back to the earliest yearbook publications, some visitors will be able to look up their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, and get a glimpse of what life was like for them when they were students.

In October we will resume our New Jersey History Speaks lecture series. The first will be in conjunction with our fall membership meeting on October 6th, beginning at 7 p.m. Our speaker will be Moorestown resident Matt Skic, who is a curator at Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia. He will discuss the Museum's exhibit *When Women Lost the Vote*. His presentation will touch on the little-known history of America's first women voters who predated the passage of the 19th amendment. Included in Matt's presentation will be information on early women voters in our area. As we go to print, this is scheduled to be a virtual meeting, the details of which will be found on our website as we get closer to the date. The possibility also exists that the Moorestown Public Library may reopen its meeting rooms, in which case it will be changed to an in-person meeting. If that is the case, that change will be reflected on our website as well.

Some faces have changed on our board since the last newsletter was published. Lynn Brill, who served as recording secretary for 24 years, has stepped down to spend more time with her large family. She could always be counted on to participate in all our programs and fund-raising activities. She was a dedicated member and will be missed very much by all of us.

We also welcomed Moorestown

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### House Tours and Gift Shop Hours:

2nd & 4th Sunday 1-3 PM  
Tuesdays 1-3 PM

### Research Library Hours:

Tuesday 1-4 PM  
Second Sunday of  
each Month 1-3 PM

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**September 2021**

High School junior Spencer Talbot to our board as Student Trustee. Spencer is an enthusiastic student of history and has undertaken an oral history project with local military veterans, that upon completion will reside on our website.

Finally, I would be negligent if I did not acknowledge our outgoing board President Mickey DiCamillo for the outstanding job he did in leading our organization over the last four years. His leadership was on full display for all to see during the last eighteen months as he led us through a very difficult period.

**Lenny Wagner, President** (*Lwagner559@comcast.net*)

## HSM ANNUAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO GRADUATING Moorestown High School Senior *Jane Cohen*



Jane Cohen of West Third Street is this year's recipient of the **Sara Franklin Homer Memorial Scholarship**. The scholarship is awarded each year by the Historical Society of Moorestown in memory of the longtime trustee and volunteer.

The award goes to a Moorestown High School senior, who has excelled in the study of history and who plans on continuing to study the subject in college.

Ms. Cohen will be attending the *College of William and Mary* in the fall and will major in history. Her particular interests that she intends to pursue include public policy, law and physics.



### The Historical Society of Moorestown

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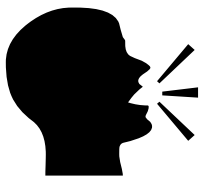
## MOORESTOWN GHOST TOURS

TICKETS AT THE DOOR  
Smith-Cadbury Mansion  
12 High Street  
Moorestown, NJ

*See the CALENDAR on page 7 for DATES and visit  
moorestownhistory.org for the latest NEWS*







## Our New Jersey History Speaks Lecture Series returns...

# When Women Lost the Vote: A Museum of the American Revolution Presentation

OCTOBER 6th @ 7 PM

Annual Meeting & the kickoff of the new season  
of the NJ History Speaks Lecture Series

Millions of American women were granted the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920. But did you know that more than a century earlier, women legally held the right to vote in New Jersey? In a groundbreaking exhibition, the **Museum of the American Revolution** explored the little-known history of the nation's first women voters — and examined the political conflicts that led to their voting rights being stripped away in 1807.

Join us when we host one of the museum's researchers and get an inside look at the Museum's newest exhibition, *When Women Lost the Vote: A Revolutionary Story, 1776-1807*.

Learn the little-known history of the nation's first women voters including women who lived in and around Moorestown. Get a virtual peek at artifacts that tell their stories and bring to life the women who laid the foundation for the suffragists two generations later.

**Mark your calendars for the next  
NJ History Speaks Lecture:  
November 10th @ 7 PM**

*"This is a transcription of a poll list from a state election held at a schoolhouse in Moorestown, Chester Township, in October 1807. This list of voters includes the names of 38 women that cast their ballots just one month before the New Jersey State Legislature passed a bill defining voters as white, male citizens. The closing of the electorate effectively stripped the vote from women and free people of color in New Jersey."*

*A number of voters on this list have yet to be identified. The Museum of the American Revolution is continuing its research, contact them if you know more about any of the voters.*

SOURCE: <https://www.amrevmuseum.org/virtualexhibits/when-women-lost-the-vote-a-revolutionary-story>

The New Jersey History Speaks Lecture Series, hosted by the Historical Society of Moorestown and the Moorestown Public Library continues in 2021.

All lectures that are part of the New Jersey History Speaks series are free and open to the general public — either in person or virtually.

Check the HSM website ([moorestownhistory.org](http://moorestownhistory.org)) for updates.

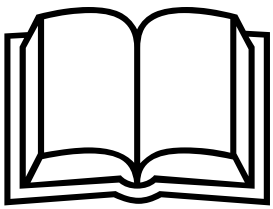
If you plan to attend an event, please contact the Moorestown Public Library at (856) 234- 0333 to register.

Moorestown Elections - 1807  
MOORESTOWN, N. J. 08057

Poll list of Voters at an Election held at the School house in Moorestown for the Township of Chester the 13th & 14th days of 10th mo. 1807 to choose Members for Council General Assembly, Sheriff and Coroners for the County of Burlington.

Joseph Roberts		Elizabeth Meeks	
Isaac Fennimore		Benjamin Bates	
Richard Fennimore		Samuel French	50
Joseph Fennimore		Isaac Dudley Junr	
Isaac Dudley	5	Doct <sup>r</sup> Samuel Coles	
Doct <sup>r</sup> J H Stokes		John Kaighn	
Hugh Cowperthwaite		Samuel Slim	55
John Garwood		John Dudley	55
John Murry		Thomas Campbell	
Sarah Sharp	10	Joshua Borton	
Joseph Brackney		Jeremiah Campbell	
James Hammell		Isaac Conover	
Job Cowperthwaite		Joseph Hayes	
Arthur Quick		Samuel Higbee	60
Joseph Coles	15	Job Chambers	
Jesse Lynch		Robert Ely	
Thomas Page		Henry Dukenimear	
John Griffiee		Sarah Matlack	65
Abraham Gifford		Hannah Coles	
Zephaniah Gifford	20	George Matlack	
George Roberts		John Brock	
Samuel Coles		Oddy Brock	
William Foster		John Davis	70
George Browning		William Johnston	
John Toy	25	Samuel Wilkins	
William Laconey		William Chambers	
John Tyson		Samuel Chambers	
John Wallaine		Joseph Newton	75
Isaac Wallaine		Amy Shepherd	
Thomas Wallain	30	Isaac Kain	
Lawrence Vandergriff		Moses Heustis	
Isaac Hewlings		Joseph French	
Abraham M Kenny		John Miller	80
George Githens		Charles Newton	
Joshua H aines	35	Timothy Moreton	
Mary Bispham		William Wells	
Samuel Bispham		Joseph Wells Junr	85
John Schanck		Thomas Morris	
Abraham Harris		John Vaughan	
George Matlack	40	George Lipsey	
Sampson Tiller		David Vanderveer	
Hugh Hollinshead		Samuel Haines	
Willard Jones		Jemsey Borradaile	90
Samuel Brackney		William Mullen	
Samuel Ward	45	Joseph Williamson	
Ann Ward		Benjamin Scattergood	
Elizabeth Quick		Joseph Burr	





## LIBRARY NEWS

As we slowly return to post-pandemic normal, the HSM library staff is excited to welcome back members and researchers, following CDC and state safety guidelines. During

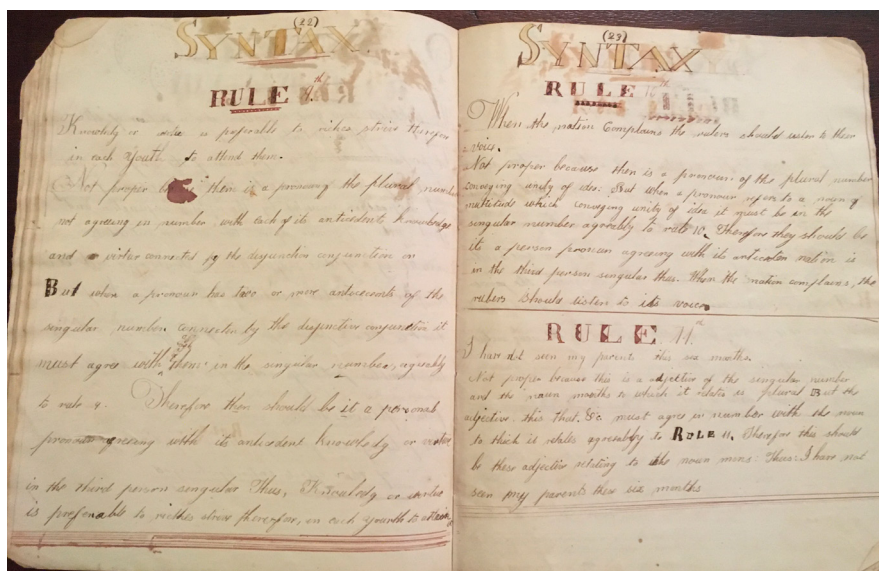
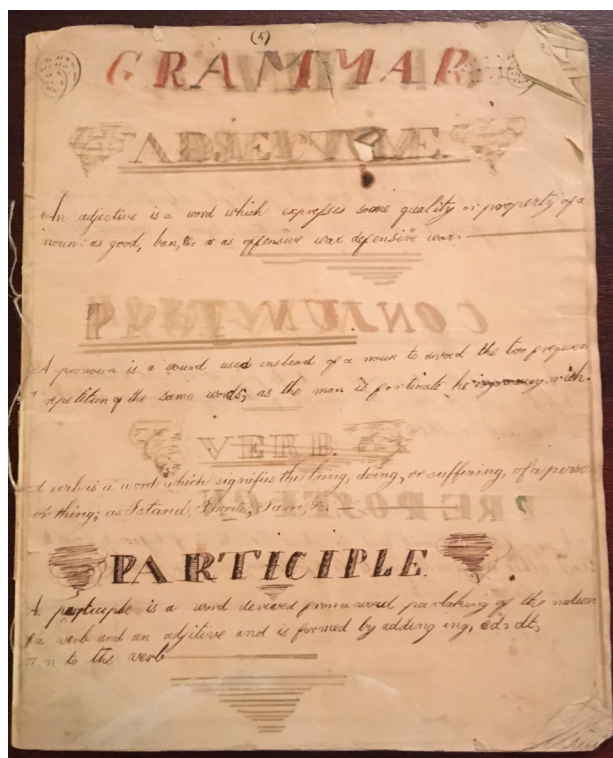
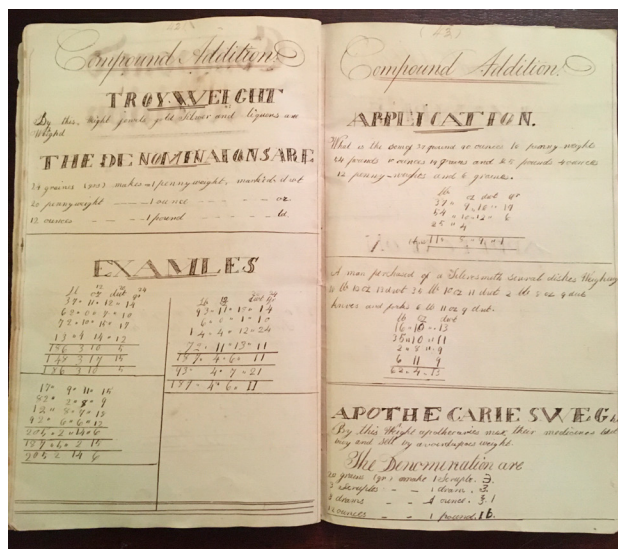
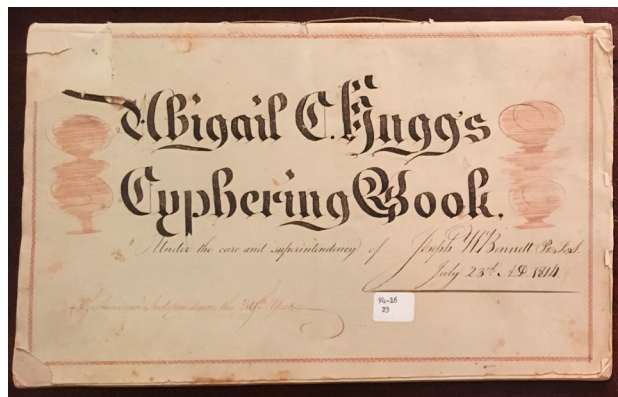
the pandemic we've still been processing new accessions and maintaining our Facebook page with its popular "Forgotten Friday" feature. We've continued to answer researchers' numerous history questions in both email and on Facebook. And research for the plaque program has continued with only slight delays.

This fall the Historical Society will present a "Back to School" exhibit which will feature many items from the library's archives and photo collection. The exhibit will include the handwritten textbooks of several Moorestown students and teachers from the distant past.

**Abigail C. Hugg** was the daughter of Joseph and Deborah Matlack Hugg. She was born in 1799 in Woodbury, NJ and is thought to have lived at the Hugg Family homestead in Mt. Laurel near Elbow Lane Road. She was interred at the Newton Burying Grounds in 1832. Her cyphering book is dated July 23rd, AD 1814, "under the care and superintendancy of Joseph W. Bennett, Pr. F. S." She also had an undated Grammar Book with detailed rules of syntax and definitions of grammatical terms.

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, when paper was scarce and expensive, mathematics students would create their own handwritten textbooks, usually copied from a teacher's cypher book. They were sometimes written with the help of their teacher which might explain the different handwriting styles in the books. The rules, examples and exercises would be useful throughout the life of the student. Often a teacher would use the cyphering book from their childhood in the education of their students.

*Abigail C. Hugg books including her 1814 Cyphering Book*



## BUSINESS CORNER

### BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

Local businesses play an important role when they support the preservation of Moorestown's history. We welcome and thank our business members!

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Your generous support helps to sustain the Society's commitment to preserving Moorestown's heritage for generations to come.

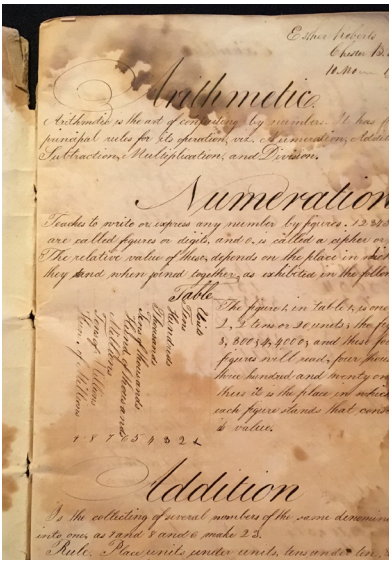
*Again, thank you!*

**New Business memberships are always welcome! We'll feature your company's name on our website and in our award winning quarterly newsletter. For details, visit us at <http://moorestownhistory.org/membership/become-a-business-partner/>**

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**Esther Roberts** was an early Moorestown teacher at the Chester Brick School which was near the intersection of Kings Highway and what is now Route 73 on Schoolhouse Lane. In the book *Moorestown and her Neighbors* by George DeCou, he states, "It was taught for many years



by Esther Roberts, a woman of strong character who was greatly loved by her pupils." She was born in 1778 to John and Phebe Andrews Roberts. Hers is an excellent example of a more advanced American cyphering book, the first page of which is inscribed with her name, her school and the date 10 month --- 1823. She probably used this book in the teaching of mathematics to her students.

**Elizabeth H. Moore** (1838-1862) lived with her parents (Martha and William) and siblings in the house just east of the old town hall. Her sketchbook from 1856 shows the work of an accomplished young artist. She was a student at the Quaker West Grove Boarding School in Chester County, Pennsylvania.



This ad from *The Friend* of fifth month 2, 1846 shows the terms of payment for a boarding student there.

**West-Grove Boarding School.**

The subscriber having engaged the services of an experienced female teacher, proposes opening a school for girls, and small children of both sexes, at his house, on Second-day, the 27th of Fourth month, to be continued during the summer season.

**Terms.**—For boarding, washing, and tuition, per quarter of twelve weeks, \$28.

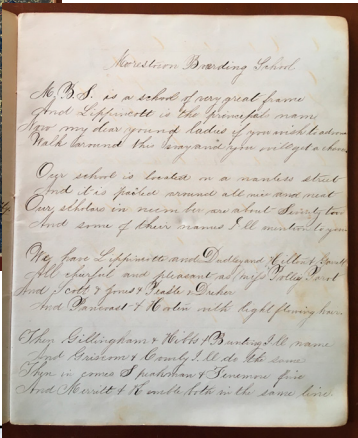
**THOMAS CONARD.**

Post-office address,—West Grove, Chester co.

**Hannah Lippincott** (b. 1853) was a student at Mary Lippincott's Boarding School on the north side of East Main Street near Stanwick during the 1860s. Her father was Levi Lippincott, a Moorestown farmer. Mary Lippincott's husband, Isaac, was her great-great uncle. The Historical Society's archive has several of her school books from her time at the Moorestown Boarding School including autograph books from 1866 and 1869, an English copy book from 1867, and several penmanship workbooks. She continued her education after 1869 at the Bellevue Institute in Langhorne, PA for which we have



two additional copy books. Her copy book from 1867 contains a poem written about her school and classmates. Her penmanship



book shows numerous repetitive exercises writing and rewriting one-line precepts.

3rd term 1869

No. 11.

**Potter & Hammond's**

Analytical and Progressive

System of

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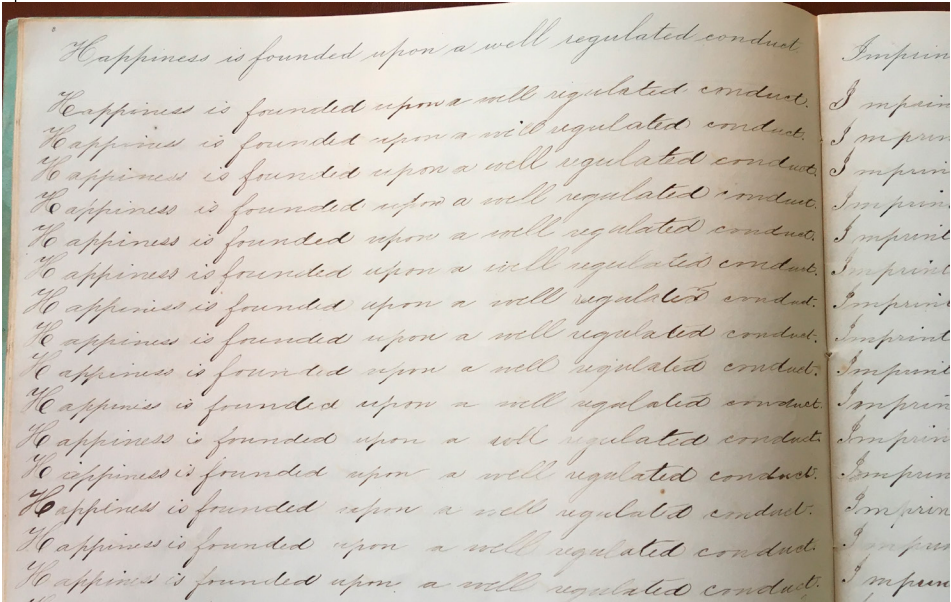
in Twelve Numbers

Name *Hannah Lippincott*

Philadelphia:

PUBLISHED BY H. COWPERTHWAIT & CO.

Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1868, by POTTER & HAMMOND, in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of Rhode Island.



"Happiness is founded upon a well regulated conduct"

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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hello Members!

What an enthusiastic response to our membership drive! So many of you checked the \$50 membership donation level to commemorate the last year as one for the history books! We hear you! If you haven't yet renewed your membership or would like to join us, you can use the remittance form on this page or pay online via PayPal with a link provided on our membership page: <https://moorestownhistory.org/membership/> On that page you'll also find this year's membership letter.

We'd like to acknowledge the extra generous donations of the following members:

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Thank you all so much! With gratitude,

Jill Weiss, Membership Chair [moorestownhistory@comcast.net](mailto:moorestownhistory@comcast.net)

**As we put this issue of the newsletter together** — due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our first since an October 2020 issue where we featured information about how Moorestown dealt with the 1918 pandemic and how to attend our Annual Meeting, NJ History Speaks lectures, and Ghost Tours remotely via Zoom — we are living through a severe spike in COVID-19 cases. After a grim end to 2020 with cases rising exponentially, 2021 started out with a rush to get vaccinated: refreshing web pages to attempt to get an appointment, sharing tips on which pharmacy had openings, comparing which version of the vaccine we had received. By June, the number of new reported cases had sunk to its lowest level since the quarantine lockdowns of last spring and many restrictions were relaxed — it seemed that the end was in sight and many "normal" activities and events could resume. But now the Delta variant has swept across the country and we are back to wearing masks, reading about vaccine booster shots, and re-thinking how close we want to be to other people. Please check our website to see the most current status of any of our programs and events.

Graph of "New Reported Cases" of COVID-19: Feb. 2020 through Aug. 2021



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2021/2022

RENEWAL ☐  
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### BASIC MEMBERSHIP:

☐ Student (\$10) ☐ Individual/Family (\$35)

### DONOR LEVELS:

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☐ Pathway to History (\$100)  
☐ Library Sponsor (\$250)  
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**Are you good at fundraising? If so, we need your help!**

**We are seeking individuals with energy and ideas to help us in our fundraising efforts.**



**Jobs — big and small — that we need help with:**

**Activities/Events:** Helps plan, organize and hold Society events.

**Docents:** Museum and special exhibit guides.

**Exhibits:** Helps create interesting displays.

**Fund Raising:** Helps plan and hold income-generating events.

**Museum:** Helps with maintaining collection.

**Oral History:** Collects oral histories and oversees written work.

**Photography:** Attends events and take digital photos for our archives and publicity.

**Programs:** Helps select programs and speakers, coordinates meetings.

**Publicity/News/Web:** Helps get Society information to the members and public.

If you can help out, call the Society at 856-235-0353



# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 2021

### ONGOING EXHIBIT: Back to School

- 12 Smith-Cadbury **reopens**; tours, gift shop & library, 1-3
- 14 Smith-Cadbury library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 21 Smith-Cadbury library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 26 Smith-Cadbury tours & gift shop, 1-3
- 28 Smith-Cadbury library, gift shop & tours, 1-4

## OCTOBER 2021

### ONGOING EXHIBIT: Back to School

- 5 Smith-Cadbury library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 6 **Annual Meeting**, 7:00 at the Moorestown Library
- 9 *Autumn in Moorestown*, Smith-Cadbury open 10-3
- 10 Smith-Cadbury tours & gift shop, 1-3
- 12 Smith-Cadbury library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 15 **GHOST TOURS** 7:30 PM, starting at Smith-Cadbury
- 16 **GHOST TOURS** 7:30 PM, starting at Smith-Cadbury
- 19 Smith-Cadbury library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 22 **GHOST TOURS** 7:30 PM, starting at Smith-Cadbury
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## NOVEMBER 2021

### ONGOING EXHIBIT: Back to School

- 2 Smith-Cadbury library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 9 Smith-Cadbury library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 10 **NJ History Speaks Lecture Series**, 7:00 PM at the Moorestown Library
- 14 Smith-Cadbury tours & gift shop, 1-3
- 16 Smith-Cadbury library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 23 Smith-Cadbury library, gift shop & tours, 1-4
- 28 Smith-Cadbury closed for holiday weekend.  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 30 Smith-Cadbury library, gift shop & tours, 1-4



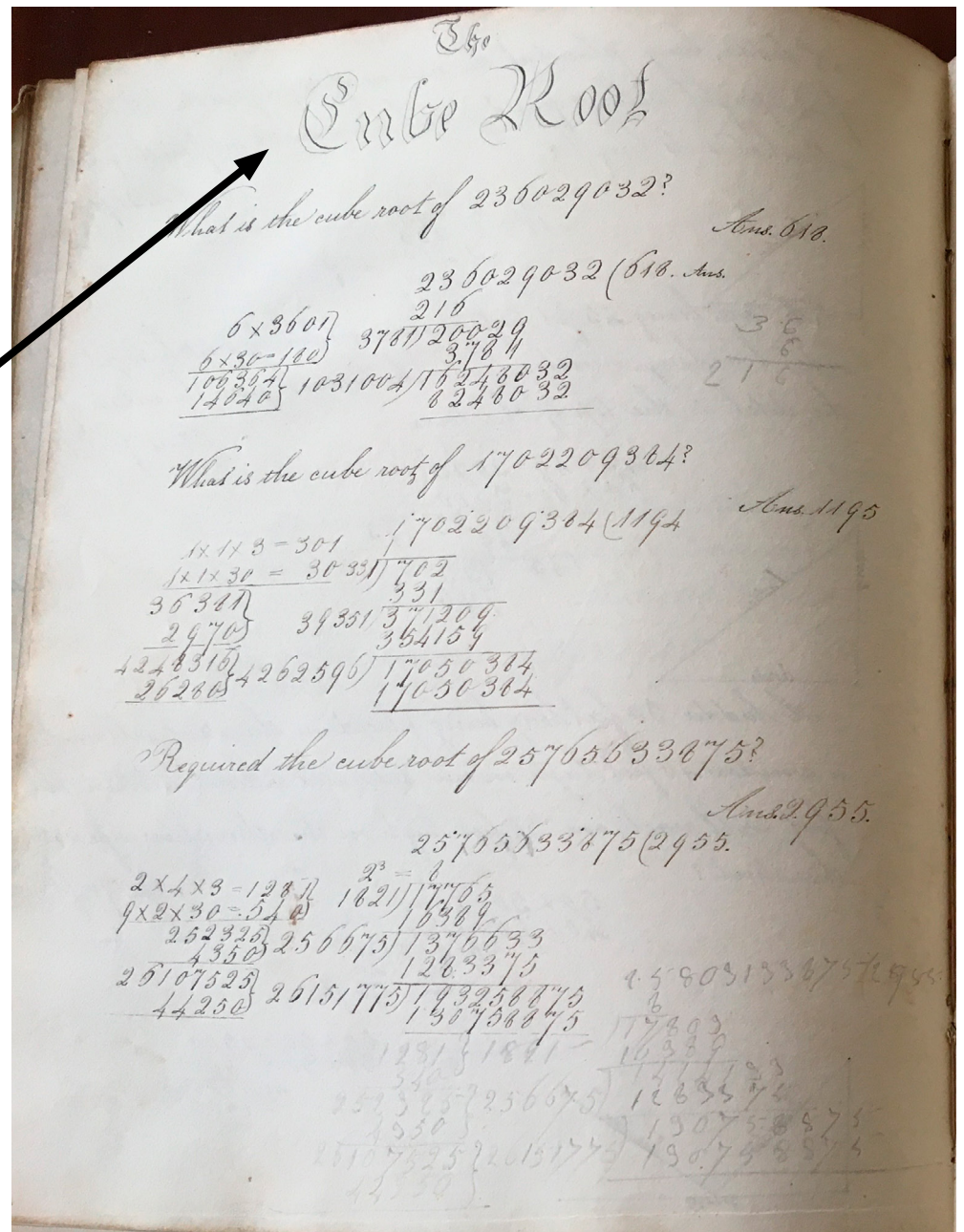
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Another "cyphering book" from the Moore collection is full of advanced math, complex word problems and equations. It might have belonged to Martha or her husband William Moore. It bears no name but written at the top of a page toward the end of the book is the phrase "viewed 3 month 31, 1829." See below for a list of some of the Sections.

— Stephanie Herz

The single rule of three  
Double proportion  
Tare and tret  
Simple interest  
Rebate or discount  
Insurance commission  
    brokerage  
Equation payments  
Reduction, addition,  
    subtraction,  
    multiplication, division  
    of vulgar fractions  
Single and double rules of  
    three in vulgar fractions  
Addition, subtraction,  
    multiplication and  
    division of decimals  
Single and double rules  
    of three in decimals  
Fellowship  
Domestic exchange  
Foreign exchange

Arbitration of exchange  
Involution or the  
    raising of powers  
The square root  
The cube root  
The extraction of the roots  
    of powers in general  
Addition, subtraction  
    and multiplication  
    of duodecimals  
Alligation  
Tonnage of ships  
Single and double positions  
    or the rule of false  
Promiscuous examples  
Arithmetical progression  
    or equidifferent series  
Geometrical progression  
Harmonical progression  
Reduction of correlating  
    decimals





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**SEPTEMBER 2021**

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STUDENT 100 YEARS  
AGO? HOW ABOUT  
200 YEARS AGO?

PLAN TO VISIT  
SMITH-CADBURY THIS  
FALL TO "STUDY"  
SCHOOL ITEMS FROM  
THE HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY'S EXTENSIVE  
COLLECTION OF  
PHOTOGRAPHS,  
TEXTBOOKS,  
FURNITURE, AND  
MOORESTOWN HIGH  
SCHOOL YEARBOOKS.

SEE "LIBRARY  
NEWS" ON PAGE 5  
FOR A PREVIEW!

## OUR NEW SMITH-CADBURY EXHIBIT: BACK TO SCHOOL



**Moorestown High School graduating class of 1918.** This recent acquisition from Deena Cheyne Cook shows the donor's grandmother, Laura Wills, third from the right.

Al LeConey is seated in the middle front. A track star at MHS, he would go on to win the gold medal for the 4 x 100 relay race in the 1924 Olympics.