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FROM THE FRONT PORCH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF MOORESTOWN



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View From the Porch

History was in full swing this fall in Moorestown. In cooperation with *Saving Historical Moorestown*, activities started at quick speed on September 27th when Annie McCormick from Channel 6 Action News sounded the start of the Hessian Fun Run. Over 100 participants, some in their finest feathers, trotted down King's Highway to "return" all those provisions purloined by Hessian troops almost 250 years ago! Potatoes, carrots, coins, wood and (rubber) chickens were dropped off at Witness Houses along the route. The morning run finished at the oval of Moorestown Friends School which began educating our children 240 years ago.

Within an hour of the final rubber chicken being returned to the Smith-Cadbury Mansion, the Historic House Tour of Witness houses began. Local houses that were standing during the American Revolution were toured by over 300 visitors. In addition, the Cowperthwaite House at the corner of Lenola and Kings Highway was transformed into a Museum-for-a-Day with exhibits pertaining to Moorestown at the time of the Revolution. Matt Skic, Director of Collections and Exhibitions at Philadelphia's *Museum of the American Revolution* spent the day there talking about the patterned brick architecture of homes in South Jersey. Both the Moorestown and Mount Laurel Meeting houses were also part of the tour, as well as a 5-story wooden barn behind the Heulings house on Bridgeboro Road.

In October, history was conjured up through the spirit of the Living History & Ghost Tours. Over three weekends, sold-out crowds walked the streets of Moorestown and enjoyed visits from historical figures like the Reverend Thomas Ustick (preaching from the original front porch of Smith-

Cadbury), Peggy Shippen, John Woolman, and Suffragists, to name a few. A special performance by the Historical Interpreter Dr. Daisy Century enthralled listeners with stories of Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth (see page 3 for some photos).

On Halloween night Smith-Cadbury hosted a special Open House where families enjoyed spirits and surprises at the decorated house. Many of the 3rd graders who took the annual school tour last spring brought their parents to see the house!

None of these events could have happened without the hard work and dedication of volunteers and sponsors. Our volunteers were not just the Board of Trustees who put in countless hours throughout the year, but also so many people from Moorestown and neighboring communities that gave up their weekends to make all of these events happen. Not only do we enrich the community by remembering and sharing our history, we also create a bridge of friendship. People came as far away as Ohio to attend the Witness House tour and from far and wide to see the Living History & Ghost Tours.

We send a big "thank you" to all of you who supported us at these incredible events. They would not happen without you.

We have planned so much for the upcoming year. We hope that you will attend and spread the word. It is going to be a great celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and the history of Moorestown!

*Linda Vizi, President
(moorestownhistory@comcast.net)*



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**NEW JERSEY HISTORY
SPEAKS LECTURE SERIES**

The New Jersey History Speaks Lecture Series, hosted by the Historical Society of Moorestown and the Moorestown Public Library continues in 2025/2026. All lectures that are part of the New Jersey History Speaks series are free and open to the general public.

If you plan to attend one or all of the events, please contact the Moorestown Public Library at (856) 234-0333 or sign up on the library's Events page at <https://events.moorestownlibrary.org/> to register.

Those who are not registered will be admitted to the event as space allows.

Dr. Jen Janofsky's talk about the Battle of Red Bank and the Red Bank Archaeology Project is rescheduled for Wednesday, December 3rd at the Moorestown Library (7:00 PM).

On November 5th Historical Society President Linda Vizi, and past President Lenny Wagner, presented "Revolutionary Tales of Moorestown".

It included stories of how the Marquis de Lafayette spent the night at the Smith-Cadbury Mansion in 1777, Moorestown's connection to Benedict Arnold, and Moorestonians who fought in the American Revolution.

On November 12th Janet Adair spoke about local stories of bondage and resistance.

How enslaved people lived and labored in our community, about enslaved children and adults who were held in bondage here, their wealthy enslavers, and the residents who rose up against the abomination. Stories were told of the free Black men, women, and children stolen off the streets and the Moorestown Committee of the Abolition Society of Burlington County that fought for their return, petitioning the courts and speaking out against the injustice. While the Society worked in daylight, the Underground Railroad worked quietly in the dark, sheltering and aiding those seeking freedom.



Meet Our Volunteers

Tarah Sailam is a junior at Moorestown High School. She started volunteering with the Historical Society in May of 2025. "I was drawn to volunteering because I had taken a deeper interest in history, especially the history of Colonial America. Moorestown has an incredible amount of history, and the Historical Society is the perfect place to learn about it." Tarah also serves as a Student Trustee and acts as a liaison between the board and the students at the high school.

James Zender is a junior at Moorestown High School and a regular member of the Tuesday afternoon team that works on projects at Smith-Cadbury. He also serves as a Student Trustee, acting as a liaison between the board and the students at the high school. His interest in history is what prompted him to volunteer at the Historical Society. James said, "The books that I have accessioned have allowed me to get a glimpse of the culture of Moorestown and what has mattered most to its people throughout time." His other interests are reading, running, rowing.

David Sullivan joined the volunteer team at Smith-Cadbury after retiring as the Assistant Managing Editor of

the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. David came on board during planning for the Malcolm Wells exhibit: "early-to mid-20th century architecture is a big personal interest, so I was able to help with setting up exhibits." He's worked to reorganize the society's filing system and holdings of artworks, and did the scanning and collation of documents related to the West End Center Oral History Project. He is also on the Moorestown 250 Committee working to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. David and his wife Betsy Anderson have lived in Moorestown since 1986.

Grace Mansilla is the latest addition to our Tuesday volunteer team. After retiring from a long and successful career in nursing education, Grace was searching for a volunteer opportunity that would allow her to connect with others who share her love of history. In a statement for the newsletter, Grace said "Being surrounded by art, history, artifacts, and knowledge that the members of the Historical Society of Moorestown have and being with those who commit countless hours to the preservation of local history has been very rewarding." Grace has helped with a variety of tasks in the library and participated in the Ghost Tours.

[Photos: Tarah Sailam, James Zender, David Sullivan, Grace Mansilla]

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The 2025 Living History & Ghost Tours were a great success! Our Trustee Gary Ell, took his vision to the streets of Moorestown in a most dramatic way. Always updating the script and characters to fit the evening, it was a tremendous effort that sold out each tour.

We could not have done this without the dedication of so many volunteers. At left is a list of those great folks that brought the ghost tours to life! Some were actors, some set designers, some helped with refreshments, some even got us across the streets safely. Every role was vital to making this a memorable evening! Thank you! We hope your spirits will rise again next fall!

—Linda Vizi

People traveled from far & wide to walk our streets and hear our stories, including:

- Great Britain & Canada
- Nine states & Washington DC (the farthest state was Texas)
- 35 towns in New Jersey
- and, of course, some of our Philadelphia neighbors from across the river!



A Great Tour Ride!

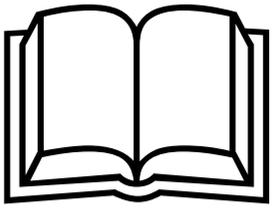
For many years we have tried to make the Smith-Cadbury Mansion more handicap-accessible. Because of the location and age of the house, we have had a difficult time adapting the property, but are always looking for ways to share our programs with everyone. During the Ghost Tours this year, we made adaptations to accommodate a request from The Farmstead, a senior-living facility in Medford. Instead of the residents walking the Tour, they went through town on their bus, and the tour came to them! The smiles on their faces let us know it was a success!

[All Photos on this page: HSM]



This year, Smith-Cadbury was open to Trick-or-Treaters on Halloween!





LIBRARY NEWS

The library has been a hive of activity with many projects this fall. In addition to providing support for the many HSM events that were presented this fall, we are starting on a room-by-room inventory of our house museum. We've been updating our database to make sure that every book, object, photo and archival item in our collection can be easily located. We welcomed a new chairperson of the Acquisitions Department – thank you Nancy Chumney for taking on this new and vital responsibility. Our high school interns put together another amazing mini-exhibit featuring a unique assortment of hats from the HSM textile collection. We also welcomed new library volunteer, Grace Mansilla.

— Stephanie Herz



MANY OF THE FARMHOUSES IN NORMANDY HAVE MUCH OF THIS GENIAL AIR
Or with its domestic wing it might be classed as a traditional minor manor of the English Midlands

The Interesting History of Moorestown Homes: “The Beeches”

As you nervously approach the challenging intersection of Tom Brown and New Albany Roads you may not get a chance to look at the sprawling property known as “The Beeches” on the southwest corner. Designed in 1913 by prolific local architect, J. Fletcher Street, the house was described in the 1915 *American Country Houses of Today* as “resembling somewhat the traditional minor manors of the hospitable Midlands or the farmhouses of Normandy.”

It was built for William J. McCahan, Jr., son of 19th century Philadelphia sugar magnate, William J. McCahan, who started his company in 1872. By 1893, W. J. McCahan & Co. had expanded its facilities to handle every step of sugar refining except for cultivation, which was managed through a partnership with the Cuban Francisco Sugar Co. The company’s wholesale grocery division was merged into the sugar business, creating a fully integrated enterprise. Operating from the Delaware River piers, the company grew from 40 to 400 employees and became one of the largest sugar manufacturers in the east. The plant was located on Columbus Blvd. near Tasker St. where a Walmart Supercenter is now located.

After the 1918 death of the founder of the company, the family sold the business to Czarnikow-Rionda, Inc, and it became the W. J. McCahan Sugar Refining and Molasses Co. In 1944 the business was sold to the American Sugar Refining Co. (known for their Domino and Florida Crystals sugar brands) and the name was changed to the Philadelphia Refining Co. William J. McCahan, Jr. continued as the president of the company until his death in 1932.

McCahan’s wife Rena lived part of the year at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia and maintained the mansion as her summer residence until her death in 1959. Then, the property was sold in 1960 to Rear Admiral Brooks J. Harral and his wife, Sara who lived there until 1994.

During World War II, Harral commanded the submarine U.S.S. Ray (SS-271). During his time aboard the Ray, he was awarded multiple honors for his service.

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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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The commendation for his first Silver Star read as follows:

"The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Commander Brooks Jared Harral (NSN: 0-71306), United States Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. RAY (SS-271), on the FIRST War Patrol of that submarine in enemy-controlled waters, from 13 November to 6 December 1943. Thoroughly capable of his task and with courageous disregard of danger, Commander Harral expertly maneuvered his vessel despite severe enemy gunfire and depth charge attacks and, directing his ship's fire with calm skill and aggressiveness, destroyed two valuable Japanese ships. Throughout this hazardous patrol he consistently exercised sound judgment and undaunted determination, striking the enemy at every tactical opportunity and saving his ship from serious damage. Commander Harral's valiant leadership and the loyal devotion to duty of his crew were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."



An excerpt from the book *Service Etiquette*:

"... Good manners also mean kindness to others, respect for the other person's feelings, an acknowledgement of right and wrong, an awareness of someone—anyone—whom you meet in a hallway, on the street, or at a party. Good manners means the consideration you grant someone as a person—not because he is important or of high rank, but because he is a human being."

The second:

"The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting a Gold Star in lieu of a Second Award of the Silver Star to Commander Brooks Jared Harral (NSN: 0-71306), United States Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. RAY (SS-271), on the SECOND War Patrol of that submarine in enemy-controlled waters, from 11 December 1943 to 12 January 1944. Exercising splendid initiative, sound judgment and expert tactical ability, Commander Harral repeatedly penetrated hazardous waters in a determined search for Japanese shipping and, striking swiftly with tremendous force upon contact with the enemy, succeeded in sinking two hostile vessels totaling approximately 18,000 tons and in seriously damaging another. Consistently bold and aggressive in the face of strong enemy countermeasures, Commander Harral brought the RAY back to port undamaged and, by his staunch courage, superb professional skill and zealous devotion to duty, rendered valiant service during the early, critical state of World War II. His unfaltering leadership under difficult and dangerous combat conditions upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

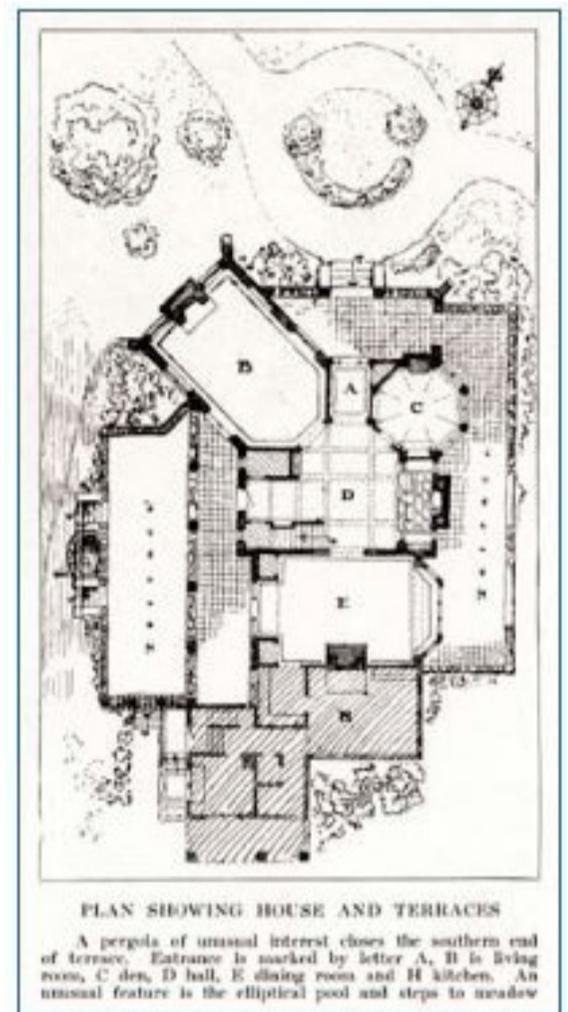
And for the Navy Cross:

"The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Navy Cross to Commander Brooks Jared Harral (NSN: 0-71306), United States Navy, for extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession as Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. RAY (SS-271), on the FOURTH War Patrol of that submarine during the period 23 April 1944 to 14 June 1944, in enemy controlled waters. Commander Harral courageously and skillfully maneuvered his vessel into position from which to strike the enemy, and in the face of heavy countermeasures by enemy surface vessels and aircraft; he aggressively attacked, sinking six enemy ships totaling 42,500 tons. In addition, he successfully accomplished an important reconnaissance mission securing valuable information on enemy force. Commander Harral handled his ship expertly to avoid enemy countermeasures and brought her safely to port without damage to ship or injury to crew. By his brave actions and conduct, perseverance, and complete devotion to duty, Commander Harral reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

After his submarine command he served on the staff of the Commander of Submarines, Seventh Fleet, spending the entire war overseas. He headed the Naval Academy's English, History, and Government Department, 1954-56. A previous contributor to *Proceedings* and member of the USNI Board of Control, Admiral Harral co-authored the first three editions of *Service Etiquette*.

The house has had several residents since then and we commend them all for caring for this historic Moorestown treasure.

—Stephanie Herz



From the Top: Rear Admiral Brooks J. Harral and an excerpt from the book on *Service Etiquette* that he co-authored for the Navy; McCahan Residence blueprint from *American Country Houses of Today* (1915); McCahan Sugar Refining Company factory in Philadelphia.

[Sources: Reference for company info and photo of factory <https://friendsofmountmoriahcemetery.org/>

Photos of house and plan from *American Country Houses of Today*, 1915 from Internet Archive.

Source for Harral info and photo from <https://valor.militarytimes.com/recipient/recipient-20497/>]

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Hello Members!

This month we'll be mailing to our members who supported us this past year at the \$100 level, a matted print of Swede Run Barn by local photographer Jan Daniels who photographed the early 19th century barn to help fund its restoration. The barn and the fields surrounding it on Westfield Road are beautiful every time of year and I recommend a walk along its trails!

A reminder that a colorful PDF of this newsletter is available at our website at moorestownhistory.org/newsletter/; go take a look!

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Michelle Arnold • Thomas Bader • Joan Bernstein • Kristen Crossley • David Erney • Anne Matlack • Lisa Petriello • Mary Robare • Erin Spinello • Mannerly Traditions •

We look forward to seeing you at our Holiday Party on Friday December 12th!!

Jill Weiss, Membership Chairperson
moorestownhistory@comcast.net



Our long-time board member John Watson is stepping down. Over the years John researched and wrote many interesting articles for this newsletter — including his Before & After series which examined a specific location with both historic and contemporary photos. He also used his talents to restore old photos using digital techniques. Thank you John!

Above, example of John's Before & After series: historic photo looking west towards Church Street with West Moorestown's 'New' Station to the right of the original; and same view in 1995. [Photos: Jim Laessle; from a story published in our June 2015 Newsletter]

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2025/2026 [S25]

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- Student (\$10)
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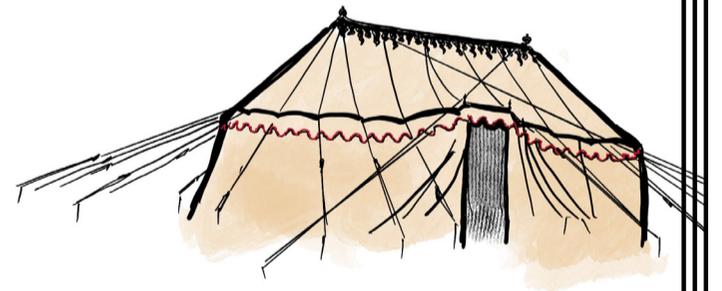
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Moorestown is hosting a replica of George Washington's Field Tent in 2026 as part of the town's celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.



"Eager to get on campaign, Washington acquired his first set of headquarters tents made of strong linen in the spring of 1776. In a letter to Colonel Joseph Reed, he wrote, 'I cannot take the field without equipage, and after I have once got into a tent, I shall not soon quit it.'"

[Source: from an article by Amanda Isaac, Mount Vernon's curator of Fine and Decorative Arts: <https://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/revolutionary-war/wartime-kit>]

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our Gift Shop during all Smith-Cadbury open hours or moorestownhistory.org (for a selection of our most popular items)

DECEMBER 2025

- EXHIBIT: Heads Up -- Hats from the HSM Textile Collection**
- 2 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
 - 3 NJ History Speaks Lecture at Moorestown Library, 7 PM: Jen Janofsky speaks about *The Battle of Red Bank* and the *Red Bank Archaeology Project*
 - 9 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
 - 12 **Smith Cadbury Holiday Party**, 5-8
 - 14 Smith-Cadbury 2nd Sunday tours & research library, 1-3
 - 16 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
 - 23 Smith-Cadbury 4th Sunday tours, 1-3
 - 24 **Closed for holiday break until January 6, 2026. Happy Holidays!**

JANUARY 2026

- EXHIBIT: Heads Up -- Hats from the HSM Textile Collection**
- 6 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
 - 11 Smith-Cadbury 2nd Sunday tours & research library, 1-3
 - 13 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
 - 20 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
 - 24 **British Invasion: An Evening with Britain's Best NJ**, a Beatles cover band at Moorestown High School, 7 PM
 - 25 Smith-Cadbury 4th Sunday tours, 1-3
 - 27 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4

FEBRUARY 2026

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 - 10 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
 - 17 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
 - 18 **NJ History Speaks Lecture** at Moorestown Library, 7 PM: "An Evening With Harriet Tubman" by Dr. Daisy Century
 - 22 Smith-Cadbury 4th Sunday tours, 1-3
 - 24 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4



The British are Coming! (Again!)

Join us January 24th for a "British Invasion" History Fundraiser with a Beatles cover band! Check our website for details.

ACQUISITIONS

Thanks to everyone who thinks of the Historical Society when they are sorting through their own memorabilia or items their parents might have saved. We are always interested in items from Moorestown for our collections: early pictures of the house where you grew up, the uniform your father wore in band at MHS, vintage programs commemorating events in town... the list goes on!

Mary Elma Roberts Scrapbook - A leather-bound scrapbook etched with the initials "MER" arrived in the mail from Surprise, Arizona. Nancy and Gary Ash "surprised" us with a 1941 hand-tooled bound leather book containing letters from MHS classes and faculty, honoring then-Principal Mary E. Roberts. Gary is Mary Roberts' first cousin, twice removed.

3-Volume History of the Lippincott Family - A gift from Bruce Lippincott, the volumes trace 7 generations of the descendants of Richard and Abigail Lippincott, the progenitors of the Lippincott family in NJ.

Benjamin Eisenstat Print - A framed print of the 1929 panoramic view of Moorestown Main Street west of Chester Avenue donated by Michele Sheppard.

Meadowview Farms Brochure - On occasion, as in this case, a donation is just dropped off at our door. Meadowview Farms, a 400-acre horse breeding farm, straddled the border between Moorestown and Cinnaminson (by New Albany and Parry Roads and the Pompeston Creek). The 1949 brochure (see cover below) features pictures and racing resumes of stud horses.

— Nancy Chumney

Recent Donations to our Collections:

Matlack's Dairy Bar Menu - For years, we have hoped for a copy of the menu from this iconic Moorestown restaurant. Sue Powers donated the menu that brings back memories for so many... and sets mouths watering! (see some of the menu items – and prices! – at right)

American Revolutionary War Toy Soldiers - Milt McFalls has given us a collection of toy soldier miniatures that he purchased as a boy. They are currently on display at Smith-Cadbury as part of our 250th Anniversary celebration of the American Revolution.

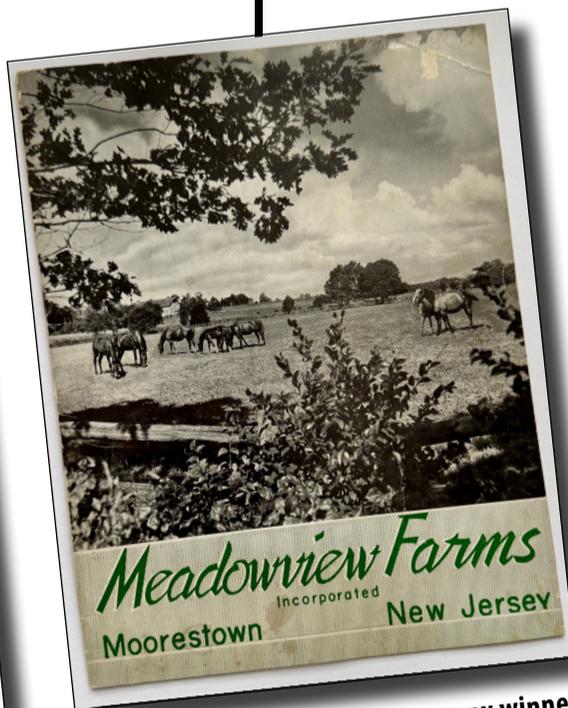
SUNDAES	
Pure Honey	.75
Chocolate	.70
Creme De Menthe	.75
Hot Fudge	.75
Dusty Road	.70
Butterscotch	.75
Pineapple	.75
Black Raspberry	.75
Crushed Cherry	.80
Chocolate Marshmallow	.80
Strawberry	.90
Chocolate Nut	.80
Hot Fudge Nut	.75
Chocolate Marshmallow Peanut	.75
Fruit Salad	.60
Maple Walnut	.90
Children's Sundae (any flavor above)	.90
Banana Canoe	1.25
Banana Boat	

MILK SHAKES	
Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry	
Cherry, Coffee	.35
Small	.55
Regular	
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ICE CREAM SODAS	
Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry	
Cherry, Coffee	.45
Regular	.70
Giant	.35
Pie or Cake	.55
Pie or Cake a la Mode	

ICE CREAM	
Plates	.30 - .55 - .75 - .95
Cones	.25 - .45

HAND PACKED ICE CREAM	
1/2 Pints	.45
Pints	.75
Quarts	1.40
Half Gallons	2.80



In case you were wondering... "Were any winners of the Kentucky Derby ever bred in New Jersey? Yes, two. Regret, who won the race in 1915 and is the only filly to do so, was bred by Harry Payne Whitney at his Brookdale Farm in Red Bank. Cavalcade, the 1934 victor, was bred by F. Wallis Armstrong at his Meadowview Farms in Moorestown." [SOURCE: New York Times, October 15, 1979, Section C, Page 12]



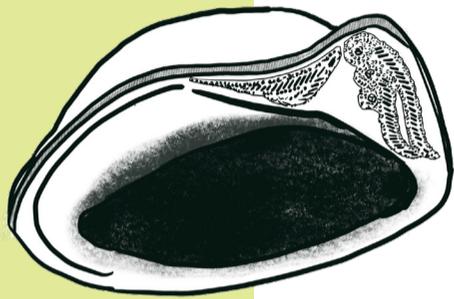
TOP Photos: Over 100 participants joined our September 27th Fun Run — a reverse scavenger hunt that re-imagined a day in June of 1778 when British and Hessian soldiers swept through Moorestown on their march out of Philadelphia. Proceeds from the event benefited the Historical Society of Moorestown, Saving Historic Moorestown, and Moorestown 250. Moorestown native Annie McCormick, a reporter for 6ABC, served as our emcee.

BOTTOM Photos: The circa 1742 Cowperthwaite House was staged as a museum for the Historic House tour that also took place on September 27th. An expert on NJ's Pattern Brick architecture, Matt Skic, was there to share his knowledge and answer questions.

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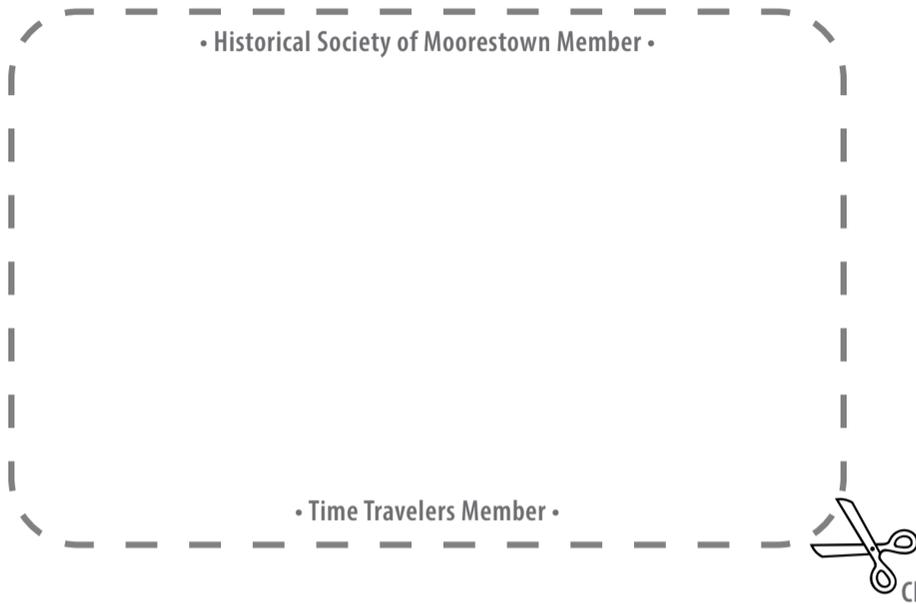
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Emma Sieber hat with beaded decoration on Exhibit at Smith-Cadbury

DECEMBER 2025



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HEADS UP!

Items from the Society's hat collection are on exhibit at Smith-Cadbury.

Three of the women's hats were made by a Camden milliner named Emma Sieber. She likely made the hats from her home at 539 Cooper Street, and later from the Hotel Plaza. The hats are quintessential examples of the detailed craftsmanship and exquisite decoration a typical 1950s hat would feature.



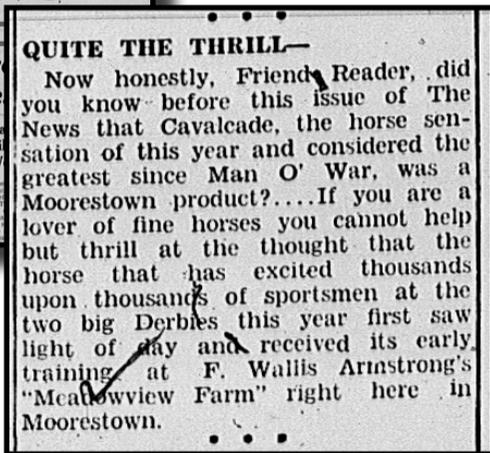
[Above: Sketch of a label in one of Emma Sieber's hats]



The Moorestown Library has rolled out a new page on their website dedicated to local history which includes material provided by the Historical Society. A key element of the page is a digitized, searchable, version of archived Moorestown Chronicle newspapers dating back to the 1930s. The Moorestown Public Library Online Archive was funded in part by a grant from the New Jersey State Library's REV 250: Examining the Semiquincentennial through a Jersey Lens initiative.

In addition to the old newspapers, there are digital collections of old photographs that show the changes in the town from the 1880s through the 1970s.

TITLES INCLUDED IN THE DIGITIZED, SEARCHABLE SITE:
The News Chronicle (1946-1991) ♦ The Moorestown News (1932-1946) ♦ The News Chronicle Suburban (1976-1981) ♦ Moorestown Republican (1895-1910) ♦ Moorestown Daily Herald (1909-1909) ♦



Digitized story about the Kentucky Derby winning horse "Cavalcade"; see page 7 for more. [Source: The Moorestown News, June 6, 1934 via the Moorestown Library local history page]

You can access town directories of both residential and business listings that range from 1893 to 1996. The site also provides a step-by-step guide to researching family history. Last, but not least, you can access some of the digitized transcripts from the Historical Society's oral history collection.

To access the new Local History Page go to the "Using Your Library" tab on the library website or to this link: <https://localhistory.moorestownlibrary.org/>

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