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View From the Porch

Who could anticipate, that after almost two years of meticulous planning, that we would have two such glorious days to celebrate America's 250th birthday and Moorestown's role in the American Revolution? After anonymous donors told us they would like to bring a hand-stitched replica of George Washington's Revolutionary War field tent—also known as the First Oval Office Project—to Moorestown, our vision began to come into focus.

Beginning under the leadership of Lenny Wagner, then President of the Historical Society, the Moorestown 250 initiative came to life, bringing together local organizations including the Rotary Club of Moorestown, Perkins Center for the Arts, the American Legion, and Saving Historic Moorestown. The M250 committee evolved over the years and each member of the committee brought great ideas. Bit by bit the pieces of the puzzle came together as contracts were signed, sponsors identified, insurances obtained. A major grant from the Burlington County Commissioners along with generous sponsorships by local businesses and organizations gave us the funding to move ahead. The Museum of the American Revolution, who manages their First Oval Office Project as an interactive education and outreach program, agreed to give us a date on the most glorious Saturday in the month of May.

In addition, we were able to engage Justin Cherry, the official bread maker and culinary historian from Washington's Mt. Vernon (who set up his oven the day before the event and started baking at 3 AM) and renowned silhouette artist Lauren Muney, who cut profiles. The Sea Dogs, the First Volunteer Battalion of New Jersey, George and Martha

Washington, Betsy Ross and Ben Franklin and the Golden Eagle Band also descended on Locust Street Park to entertain and inform almost 2,000 visitors on May 16th.

The Township of Moorestown, from our Mayor, Quinton Law, Town Council (especially Councilwoman Sue Mammarella), the Department of Public Safety, the Fire Department, and Recreation Department, all pitched in to make this happen. Students from Moorestown High School's History Club under the leadership of Lorenzo Eagles volunteered countless hours. Students from the Upper Elementary School under the leadership of Glenn Furman submitted over 60 entries to a History Poster Contest. And many thanks to the residents of Locust Street Park neighborhood for welcoming us!

All this took place the day after "George Washington" arrived on his horse, held court at Percheron Park, and then enjoyed a police escort up the old King's Highway to Van Meter Hall for a fundraiser cocktail party where we enjoyed the first President's beer specially brewed by Double Nickel Brewing Company from Washington's own handwritten recipe and his other favorite, Madeira wine (donated by Moore Brothers Wine Company).

The Members of the Historical Society, Moorestown 250 Committee, and Saving Historic Moorestown all worked together like a fine symphony to create this magnum opus. In the words of our board member, Gary Ell, "This was the finest day Moorestown has seen in 250 years!"

Linda Vizi, President

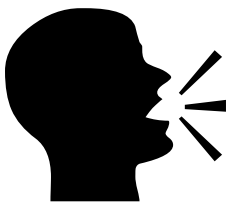
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NEW JERSEY HISTORY SPEAKS LECTURE SERIES

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.

In calling themselves the “Lenape,” the people were referring to themselves in their own language as the “common people,” the ordinary mortals of the land...

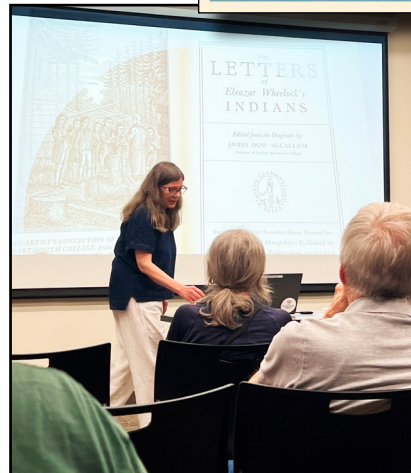
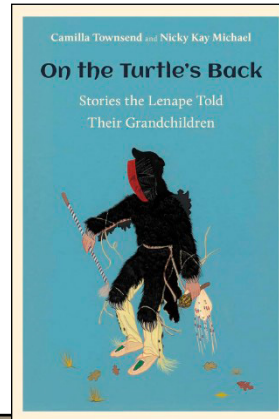
The Historical Society of Moorestown wrapped up its 2025-2026 NJ History Speaks Lecture Series on Tuesday, May 19th. The speaker was Dr. Camilla Townsend who is the Board of Governors Distinguished Professor of History at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. She is the author of eight books and has published widely on Indigenous history and language in the Americas. She spoke on her most recent book entitled “On the Turtles Back: Stories the Lenape Told Their Grandchildren”.

Her book, co-written with Lenape tribe member, Dr. Nicky Kay Michael, is a collection of Lenape folklore. Compiled by anthropologist M.R. Harrington over a century ago, but never published until now, in it the Lenape share their cherished tales about the world’s creation, epic heroes, and ordinary human foibles.

The Lenape tribe, also known as the Delaware Nation (a European term), lived for centuries in New Jersey until all of the tribes were driven west, eventually as far west as Oklahoma, by English settlers.

“[the stories] ... bring to life a world in which humans, in their limited wisdom, struggle with each other as well as with the elements of nature, but in which they also often choose to do the right thing.”

[An excerpt from *On the Turtles Back: Stories the Lenape Told Their Grandchildren*]



New Jersey History Speaks Series at the Moorestown Public Library: Dr. Camilla Townsend gave a presentation about her book “On the Turtle’s Back” (cover, shown above) and “the voices of a people forced to leave their homes, but who refused to leave their souls behind...” [Photo: HSM]

WE HAD AN OUTSTANDING 2025/2026 Season for our NJ History Speaks Lecture Series. Many thanks to our knowledgeable and interesting speakers and to all those that came out to listen! A brief review of our speakers and topics:

- **OCTOBER 5, 2025** HSM President Linda Vizi: Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles and Quaker Silhouettes
- **NOVEMBER 12, 2025** Janet Adair: Moorestown's Shadowed Past: Slavery and the Fight for Freedom
- **DECEMBER 12, 2025** Director of Red Bank Battlefield Park Dr. Jen Janofsky: The Battle of Red Bank and Red Bank Archaeology Project
- **FEBRUARY 18, 2026** Acclaimed actor, historian, and recognized Smithsonian performer Dr. Daisy Century: An Evening with Harriet Tubman
- **MARCH 17, 2026** Rich Wagner, author of “Philadelphia Beer: A Heady History of Brewing in The Cradle of Liberty”: Early Taverns and the Drinks They Served
- **APRIL 30, 2026** HSM Trustee Elizabeth J. Rosenthal author of: “The Master of Drums: Gene Krupa and the Music He Gave the World”
- **MAY 19, 2026** Dr. Camilla Townsend, Board of Governors Distinguished Professor of History at Rutgers University author of: On The Turtles Back: Stories The Lenape Told Their Grandchildren

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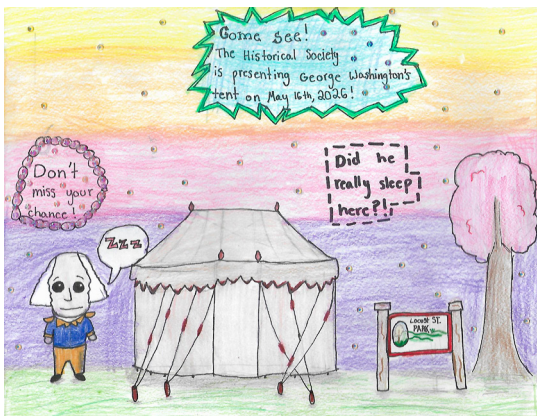
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- “George Washington Really Did Sleep Here” – a Poster Contest
- Students at Moorestown’s Upper Elementary School submitted over 60 works of art to our first ever poster contest. We reached out to Glenn Furman, history teacher, to coordinate this and engage the students in the celebration of America’s 250th birthday and the town’s celebration in conjunction with the Museum of the American Revolution. Lenny Wagner and Linda Vizi visited the school in March and gave a presentation about the First Oval Office Project. The theme of the contest was “George Washington Really Did Sleep Here.”



1st Place: Vaishnavi Vaddadi (5th grade)



2nd Place: Annie Costa Rebelo (5th grade)



3rd Place: Aria Beach (6th grade)

Honorable Mention:

Victoria Herring (5th grade), Mia Thompson (5th grade), Alysa Rivlin (5th grade), Alex Shapell & Maddie Jarnell (6th grade), Evelyn May Ortiz (4th grade)

RECIPES FROM THE 1770s: Shrewsbury Cakes, Gingerbread Nuts, Pickled Onions, Rice Cups, Jumbals

The Historical Society of Moorestown is delighted to have the opportunity to reprint the 1770 *Recipe Book of Polly Burling Smith* transcribed by Sue Huesken and Mercy Ingraham. Research indicates that Polly Burling resided for three years at the Smith-Cadbury Mansion from shortly after her marriage to Joseph (Josey) Smith until her death in 1773. These recipes feed our imagination as we think of life then in Moorestown and the meals that would have been served in this gracious home.

Sue and Mercy have adapted the recipes so that we can taste Polly’s fare. There are recipes (i.e., “receipts”) for Shrewsbury cakes, gingerbread nuts, pickled onions, rice cups, cheesecakes, potato puddings, jumbals (like sugar cookies) and more delights. We have tried a few and they are delicious (if you are feeling adventurous, try the calves’ feet jelly!)

As part of our March 22nd Sunday children’s program, visitors made the dough at Smith-Cadbury and brought it home to bake. The vanilla, which we often use in baking, was replaced with rose water casting a fragrant aroma throughout the house.

The book is available for purchase at our gift shop.

POLLY BURLING

Mary “Polly” Burling was born in 1753; the first of three sisters born to affluent parents, Samuel and Jane Burling. By the end of the 1750s the girls were orphans being raised in Burlington, NJ by their grandparents and cousins.

In 1770, Polly married Joseph Smith who was the son of Samuel Smith, one of the first owners of the Smith-Cadbury Mansion. Polly’s sister Hannah married Richard Smith (Joseph’s brother), the next owner of Smith-Cadbury. It’s thought that Polly and Joseph lived briefly at Smith-Cadbury before Richard Smith inherited the property from his father.

Polly began recording her recipes in a “Book of Receipts”. But she died shortly thereafter, in 1773, leaving as her legacy a slim booklet with only a third of the pages inscribed with recipes.



THE FIRST FEMALE BANK PRESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES

Born in South Jersey, Mary Roebling (above) inherited shares of the Trenton Trust Company from her husband, Siegfried Roebling, after he passed away due to a stroke.

At the age of 31, Mary took a seat on the board. Six years later, she was unanimously selected to be the President.

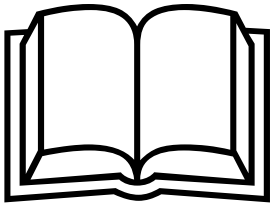
She also founded the first female-owned bank, Woman’s Bank of Denver, was the first female governor of the American Stock Exchange, and the first female member of the Union League.

To decorate her office, Mary Roebling commissioned a textile mill in Trenton to design fabric depicting Gilbert Stuart’s unfinished portrait of George Washington. When heirs of the mill owner found a remnant of this fabric, they advertised it online. Julie Maravich, long-time board member of the Historical Society of Moorestown and founder of Saving Historic Moorestown traveled through a snowstorm to buy it.

Ten sections were given to members of a New Jersey quilt guild and the Needle and Gun Club, to create wall hangings using this fabric. Their creations were part of the auction at our May 15th fund-raiser. —Linda Vizi



ABOVE: One of the quilted wall hangings made using the specially-commissioned fabric of George Washington (center panel); the other panels “spoof” the “George Washington Slept Here” theme. Made by Karen Dever and Janet Cohen. [PHOTO of Mary Roebling: <https://www.burlingtoncountynj.gov/1960/Noteworthy-Burlington-County-Women>; Photo of Wall Hanging: HSM]



LIBRARY NEWS

As we wrap up another year of providing research assistance, processing new acquisitions, maintaining the library and archives, and cataloging the historical society's extensive collection, I'd like to recognize the contributions of our dedicated volunteers whose expertise is vital to the furthering of the Historical Society's mission. Without the fantastic "Tuesday crew," we could not get it all done! Many thanks to Nancy Chumney, Ruth Hagan, Grace Mansilla, Liz Rosenthal, David Sullivan, Jill Weiss, and our awesome student volunteers Tarah Sailam and James Zender.

—Stephanie Herz

Dedicated Volunteers Bring History to Life for Third-Graders

Every spring, the Moorestown 3rd grade public school curriculum focuses on local history. The Historical Society conducts guided tours of the Smith-Cadbury mansion with each of the 3rd grade classes from each of the three elementary schools in town.

This year, **12 third grade classes with nearly 300 students will have toured the mansion**, guided by our inspiring and enthusiastic school tour docents. We recognize, with great appreciation, Bill and Eileen Archer, Nancy Chumney, Grace Mansilla, Linda Vizi, and Lenny Wagner.

Thank you for bringing history to life for the next generation!



Third-graders learning about their town's history from Lenny Wagner [Photo: HSM]

A Question for Our Readers:

We recently had an inquiry from a Fire Captain and Historian in Madison, NJ. The members of the Fire Department were led to believe that their former firehouse bell is in a church somewhere in Moorestown. It was sold in 1936 to a gentlemen in Moorestown for a church. It was manufactured by McShane, a bell company known for its particularly full, rich tone.

We found an article in a history of the First Baptist Church of Moorestown in our library stating that a McShane bell was procured and was dedicated to former parishioner Mary Pierson Brinton who had left a legacy to the church when she passed away in 1937. The bell and tower were dedicated to her in a ceremony in 1938.

Unfortunately, according to a spokesman for the church, the bell has moved on and it's believed that it was donated to another church but no one knows which one. Would any of our wonderful local history sleuths know anything about where the bell might have ended up? Please contact us with clues at moorestownhistory@comcast.net

Tower in Memory of Mary Pierson Brinton



BELL GIVEN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN MEMORY OF MARY PIERSON BRINTON

The first picture (at the bottom) shows the bell as it was brought to the church, standing on timbers. The men are: center, Joseph Pierson (brother of Mary Pierson Brinton), left, Roy Conrow; right, Albert Ellis. In the second picture, upper left, is Edward Bunning, the rigger from Medford (in white cap and suit), and his assistant, adjusting the chains and ropes, preparatory to hoisting the bell; and the third picture (upper right) the bell raised about one-third the way up to the tower.

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To mark the Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and Founding of the United States of America, “George Washington” and a replica of his Field Tent decamped in Moorestown

(the wording in the Declaration was approved 250 years ago by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia in July 1776)



George Washington (as portrayed by John Koopman, above) rode past Smith-Cadbury Mansion on his way to Percheron Park at the corner of High and Main Streets and then made his way down to Van Meter Hall (formerly The Greenleaf; oldest portion built in 1820; below, left is behind the building; below, right is the front) where Washington’s beer recipe – as brewed by Double Nickel Brewing Co. – and other spirits and appetizers were served at our May 15th fund-raiser.



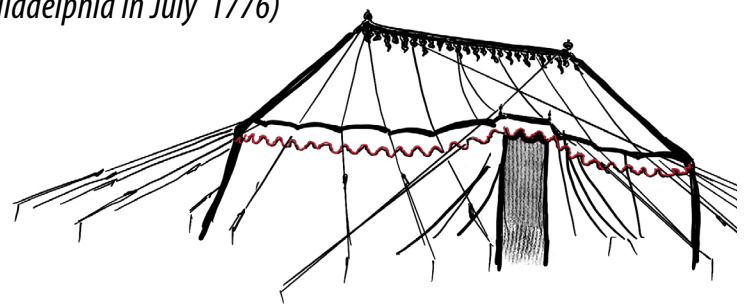
Percheron Park: Washington’s horse poses with the bronze of Edward Harris’ Percheron horse *Diligence*



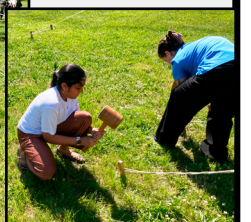
Above, left and right: “Edward Harris” (former resident of Smith-Cadbury Mansion and Van Meter Hall) and cardboard “George Washington” await the celebration at Van Meter Hall (view is out the front door to Main Street) [All Photos: HSM]



Above: A bottle of “George Washington Special Reserve” (medium sweet) Madeira was part of the auction



On Saturday May 16th, a replica of George Washington’s Oval Office tent (part of a program from Philadelphia’s Museum of the American Revolution where one of Washington’s original tents is on view) was erected at Locust Street Park. Below: Boy Scouts and young historians help with tent set up.



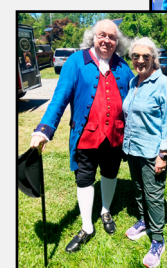
Above: A steady line of visitors waiting to get into the tent. Left: George Washington as portrayed by Curt Radabaugh.



Right: Young “Militia members” work on their skills Below, right: Ann Langerhans, Lynne Brill, and Lenny Wagner pose with “Benjamin Franklin”



Above and left: Historic baker Justin Cherry at his oven and his freshly-baked bread!



[All Photos: HSM]

250th Anniversary

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hello Members!

On behalf of our Trustees, thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. We're fortunate to have friends like you supporting the Historical Society! We also want to thank our generous business sponsors: The BAYADA Way Institute, Keating Law Firm, LLC, Powers Kirn, LLC, Silver Lake Studio, GCF Organizing, McCullough CPA, New Akira Restaurant, and Tait Co/Tait Roofing. We truly appreciate you!

If you're traveling this summer, be sure to take advantage of your complimentary membership in the Time Travelers program. Time Travelers is a reciprocal membership network of more than 400 historical museums, sites, and societies in over 45 states. Established by the Missouri Historical Society in 1998, the program allows members of participating organizations to enjoy benefits at historical institutions across the country, including free admission, gift shop discounts, and other special privileges. To view a list of participating institutions, visit: <https://timetravelers.mohistory.org/>

The address label on this newsletter serves as your membership card. As a reminder, a full-color PDF version of this newsletter is available on our website. We invite you to take a look! <https://moorestownhistory.org/newsletter/>

A warm welcome to our newest members:

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We are enormously grateful to all of you!

Jill Weiss, Membership Chairperson
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SEPT 19th at Yancy Adams Park

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Presented by: The Historical Society of Moorestown, The AME Church, and the Better Together Task Force



September 19, 2026
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The Block Party brings our stories together. Together, we are building a model for belonging anchored in wisdom of our Moorestown collective memories. Join the Annual block party, with vendors and family activities. There will be Elder interviews, intergenerational storytelling, and other Historical Society archives. The 2026 celebration anchors Moorestown's 250th anniversary narrative nationally.

Sign up at remembranceus.org/westend-rememberers/

BEHIND-THE-SCENES: Bear, who portrayed GW's horse, is prepped for his arrival at Percheron Park



Dina Mattia Van Dyken and Erica Van Dyken assisted with grooming Bear for his arrival onto Main Street [Photos: HSM]

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An Excerpt from President Geo. Washington's 1796 Farewell Address:

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[SOURCE: <https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/historic-document-library>]

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Gift shop open during all open hours or visit our website at moorestownhistory.org/shop/ for a selection of our most popular items.

EXHIBITS: *Heads Up – Hats from the HSM Textile Collection*
and *Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles & Quaker Silhouettes*

JULY 2026

- 2 Dusty Road to Revolution! Double Nickely Brewery, 5:30 PM
- 4 Public Reading & Signing of the Declaration of Independence on Main Street, 11:45 AM
- 7 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
- 14 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
- 21 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
- 28 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4

AUGUST 2026

- 4 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
- 11 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
- 18 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
- 25 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4

SEPTEMBER 2026

- 1 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
- 8 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
- 11 NJ History Speaks Lecture: 25th Anniversary of 9/11: the FBI's forensic response at Staten Island with Retired Supervisory Special Agent Richard Marx at Moorestown Library, 7 PM

(September continued)

- 13 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-3
- 15 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
- 19 2026 British & Hessian Retreat Fun Run on Main Street, 9 AM
- 19 WECC Block Party at Yancy Adams Park, 2-5 PM
- 22 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4
- 26 Paranormal Event with New Jersey Paranormal at Smith-Cadbury, 7-11 PM
- 27 Smith-Cadbury Tours, 1-3
- 29 Smith-Cadbury Library & tours, 1-4



THE JERSEYS

West Jersey / East Jersey

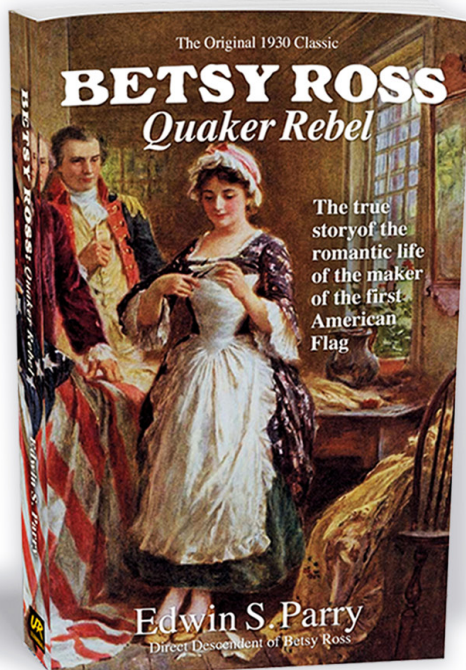
Until 1702 there was no “New Jersey” — there was West Jersey (whose capital was Burlington) and East Jersey (its capital was Perth Amboy). A diagonal dividing line ran from Little Egg Harbor on the Atlantic Ocean in the south, northwest to the Delaware River (the exact location of the boundary line was contested). Moorestown was originally part of West Jersey’s *London Tenth* (which included the city of Burlington). [SOURCE: Using the Records of the East and West Jersey Proprietors; by Joseph R. Klett; <https://www.nj.gov/state/archives/search.html>; 2014]

In April 1702, the East and West Jersey proprietors surrendered their governance rights to Queen Anne of Great Britain and *New Jersey* became a single royal colony. “The proprietors were under numerous pressures, including charges that the colonies were ungovernable, factionalized, and defiant against imperial rule.” [SOURCE: <https://philadelphiaencyclopedia.org/essays/west-new-jersey/>] Even so, for many years after, deeds, surveys, and other records continued to refer to the provinces of *East Jersey* and *West Jersey*.

Because of this split, it was common to talk of “the Jerseys,” even after the provinces were united in 1702. [Maxine] Lurie [co-editor of the *Encyclopedia of New Jersey*] suspects it was “easier to refer to the ‘Jerseys’ and people from ‘Jersey’ than to say ‘East New Jersey’ and ‘West New Jersey.’” The historical record bears this out: 18th-century documents are peppered with mentions of “the Jerseys,” and colonial accounts from 1735 and 1746 refer simply to “the province of Jersey.” [SOURCE: <https://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/29/magazine/29onlanguage.html>]

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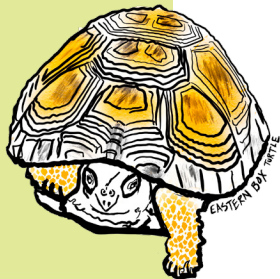


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LIFE IN “THE JERSIES” IN 1776

An excerpt from *History of the Rise, Progress and Termination of the American Revolution. Biographical, Political and Moral Observations* by Mrs. Mercy Warren of Plymouth, Mass (published in 1805) describing life in “the Jersies” during Washington’s retreat from New York in 1776:

“General Washington was also obliged often in his retreat through the Jersies, to press for provisions, forage, and clothing, in a manner new to the inhabitants of America; who, as their misfortunes seemed to thicken, grew more remiss for a time, in voluntary aids to the army. Their grain was seized and threshed out for the use of the troops, their blankets, provisions, &c, forcibly taken from their houses, with a promise of payment in paper bills, when the exigencies of the country should permit: but it always appeared to the people the act of some subordinate officers, rather than the order of the commander in chief. Thus was his popularity kept up; and thus were the inhabitants of the Jersies plundered by each party; while many of them disaffected to both, were uncertain on which side to declare.” [1776, p331]

[SOURCE: Book: Mercy Otis Warren, *History of the Rise, Progress, and Termination of the American Revolution*. 1805. Princeton University Library Digital Collection. <https://catalog.princeton.edu/catalog/9925288843506421>; Note that the image of the newspaper clipping at left with the sketch of Mercy Warren was pasted inside the cover of the digitized book; the entire book is available for viewing at the link, above]

Mercy Otis Warren’s work “remains important as a primary source to understand the political and philosophical driving forces of the American Revolutionary War. In addition, she provided a key perspective on women’s roles within political discourse of that time period. She wrote and published overtly political material in a time period in which women had little access to the public sphere of politics. She centered women in her narratives and encouraged them to be political actors, within their families and through their pens, for the betterment of their new nation.”

[SOURCE: <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/mercy-otis-warren>]

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

MERCY WARREN, WHO TOLD IN GRAPHIC
STYLE OF THE MARCH OF BURGOYNE
AND HIS HESSIANS, FROM WATER-
TOWN TO BOSTON.



MERCY WARREN.

Born at Barnstable, Mass, Sept 25, 1728.
Died at Plymouth, Mass, Oct 19, 1814.

Mercy Warren is one of the bright
figures in our colonial history, to whom
we owe much in the way of literature,
and in connection with famous persons
of her day.

Her father was Col James Otis of
Barnstable, and the trend of her edu-
cation led her to become interested in
history. Her teacher was the minister at
Barnstable, Rev. Jonathan Russell—a

She knew George Washington and
described him as “... I think one of
the most amiable and accomplished
gentlemen, both in person, mind,
and manners, that I have met with.”

[SOURCE: <https://www.revolutionary-war.net/mercy-otis-warren/>]