

The North Jersey Historian

Newsletter of the North Jersey History & Genealogy Center
of the Morristown & Morris Township Library

Department News



Nearly-New Staff Member

This time last year, we welcomed Carolyn Dorsey to the North Jersey History & Genealogy Center. Carolyn had started the Library Studies program at Rutgers University and was working in our department on Saturdays. With the recent transition of long-time staff member James Collins to Cataloging & Technical Services, we are pleased to announce that Carolyn is now working full time in our department.

After testing a number of software programs, Carolyn has begun the monumental job of scanning and digitizing images from our photo, postcard, fine art, and manuscript collections. A few select items are already available on our web site, under *Digital Image Collections*, but there is much more to come, so

bookmark our page, and check back often to view the latest additions.

HERITAGEQUEST – NOT GONE AND NOT FORGOTTEN

Although the New Jersey State Library dropped its state-wide subscription to the genealogy database, *HeritageQuest*, we still provide a subscription for our researchers. Everyone may use this program in the library, but if you are a Morristown and Morris Township library card holder you may also access this database from home.

HeritageQuest includes over 26,000 fully searchable out-of-print books; federal census schedules from 1790-1930; Revolutionary War pension and land bounty applications; the Freedman's Bank records from 1865-1874 with important Civil War era information on African American ancestors; the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) of genealogy and local history magazines, journals and newsletters published since 1800; and the U.S. Serials Set of almost 500,000 pages of memorials, petitions and private relief actions made to Congress since 1789.



Valentine Exhibit

Staff member Carolyn Dorsey has also created an exhibit of vintage valentines from our family collections. These paper "confections," from the late 1800s to the early 1900s, are located in the exhibit case on the first floor of the library next to the elevator.

Christine Jochem
Department Head

Calendar of Events

Compiled by *Cynthia Muszala*

Through 2010 – *Lenape: Tools and Daily Living*. Visitors are invited to learn about the indigenous Indians who lived on the land now known as New Jersey. Among the displays of their tools and artifacts will be a dugout canoe, as well as historic and contemporary Lenape clothing. Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, 9 Main Street, Madison. Call 973-377-2982 or see www.metc.org

3/2 – *Digital D.A.R.* Fifth-generation Daughters of the American Revolution member Karen Stroever will show how to get the most out of the D.A.R. Library through the internet, present the indexed Genealogical Records Collection, and introduce the resources of the library in Washington D.C. The kinds of proofs required of prospective member and how to obtain them will be explained. Morris Area Genealogy Society, Morris County Library, 30 East Hanover Avenue, Whippany. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 6:45 p.m. Call 973-538-3473 or visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njmags

3/3 -- *Practical Tips for the Care of Historical Documents*. A free workshop sponsored jointly by the Morris County Heritage Commission and the Washington Township Historical Society, at 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Morris County Cultural Center, 300 Mendham Road, Route 24. Registration is required. Please call 908-876-9696 or see www.wthsnj.org

3/5 – *Behind Closed Doors: Health, Hygiene and Sexuality Among the Victorians*. Morris County Historical Society director Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika will present a slide program based on the popular 2007 exhibit. Part of the MCHS [Community Speakers Program](#). 2:00 p.m. at the Pequannock Township Library, 477 Newark Pompton Turnpike. Free. Snow date is March 12. Call 973-835-7460 or see www.pequannocklibrary.org

3/7, 3/28/, 5/2 – *Garden State Postcard Club*. Meeting is at the Long Hill Senior Citizen Center, 769 Valley Road, Gillette. 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

3/7 – *William Gibbons and Cornelius Vanderbilt*. T.J. Stiles, author of *The First Tycoon*, a biography of Cornelius Vanderbilt, will speak on the intersection in history of Gibbons and Vanderbilt. A wine reception will follow the talk. The book will be available for

purchase, and there will be a book signing by the author. A silent auction will complete this fundraising event. Tickets are \$35. Reservations may be made by calling 973-805-8855 or see

www.friendsofmeadhall.org

3/13 – *St. Patrick's Day Parade*. Come to see the largest family oriented St. Patrick's Day parade in New Jersey. The parade will start at noon at the corner of South Street and James Street, Morristown. 973-993-9788 www.paradeday.com

3/15 – *Luke Miller Day*, Celebrate Madison's local Colonial hero, Luke Miller, and learn more about this famous man and his time period. Enjoy a continuous all day viewing of the DVD, *Luke Miller: Forging History*. 11:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, 9 Main Street, Madison. Admission is by donation. Call 973-377-2982 x10 or see www.metc.org

3/27- *Pysanky Workshop* Learn the ancient art of Ukrainian egg decorating called Pysanky with Odarka Stockert and Marie Salthouse. Participants will get a hands-on experience using the unique techniques needed to create these colorful masterpieces. Open to ages 6 and up. Pre-registration is required by March 20. Admission is \$15 for Members and \$20 for non-members (includes all supplies). 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, 9 Main Street, Madison. Call 973-377-2982 or see www.metc.org

4/8 – *Totally Tea: An 18th Century Tea Experience*. This is a costumed presentation of tea lore, history, songs, poetry and demonstration. The Bethel in Mt. Tabor. For information call 973-586-1564 or www.mounttabornj.org

4/10 - 4/11 – *The Fabrics of our Lives* Exhibit. Take a guided textiles tour of the Vail House, see a presentation on historic fashions, and learn from visiting artisans how different textiles are made. noon – 4:00 p.m. Historic Speedwell. Call 973-285-6550 or see www.morrisparks.net

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Thank You to Our 2009 Donors

We are grateful to the many individuals and organizations that made donations to the North Jersey History & Genealogy Center in 2009. Through your gifts of books, documents, photographs, etc., as well as financial support, you have contributed to making the North Jersey History & Genealogy Center one of the finest research collections in New Jersey.

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Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club	Al Zimmerman

New Acquisitions

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Wefing, John B. *The Life and Times of Richard J. Hughes: The Politics of Civility* Rutgers University Press 2009

This biography focuses on the accomplishments of this influential Governor between 1962 and 1970. Hughes was responsible for the creation of the Hackensack Meadowlands commission, the formation of the county college system, establishment of anti-pollution laws, and he played an important role during the New Jersey riots. Known for his ability to work with members of both political parties, he played a significant role in the shaping of New Jersey.

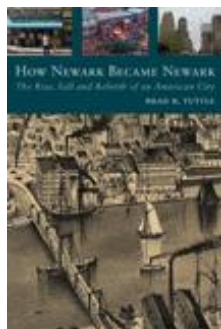


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Reeves, James J. *History of the Twenty Fourth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.*

New Jersey Civil War Regimental 1888. Regimental histories are valuable research sources that offer a unique perspective for the study of the Civil War. They provide details on the organization and achievements of a particular unit, often focusing on wartime activities.

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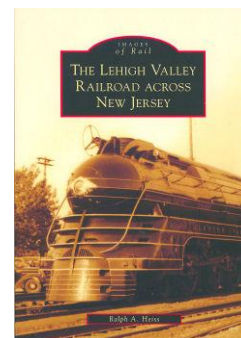
Tuttle, Brad R. *How Newark Became Newark: The Rise, Fall, and Rebirth of an American City* Rutgers University Press 2009

This narrative of Newark's historical roots to the present is a well researched and engaging account of Newark's colorful and complicated history.

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Heiss, Ralph A. *The Lehigh Valley Railroad Across New Jersey.* Arcadia Press 2009.

This book is part of Arcadia Publishing's "Rail Images" series. It uses historic photographs and brief captions to describe the evolution of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.



Carolyn Dorsey

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4/16 – *The Heritage Gala*. Save the date for the First Heritage Gala honoring author and historian, John T. Cunningham. The event will be held at The Westin Governor Morris. For additional information, please call 973-631-5151 or visit www.morristourism.org

4/16 & 4/18 – *Life After George: Morristown After the Revolution*. Take a look at Morristown's rich post-Revolutionary history. This exhibit chronicles Morristown-area history through the early twentieth century. Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Acorn Hall, 68 Morris Avenue. Call 973-267-3465 or see www.acornhall.org

4/16 - 4/18 -- *Revolutionary Times Weekend*. Participate in a variety of activities, which will celebrate the area's contributions to the American Revolution, throughout the park and nearby towns. Highlights include an encampment at Jockey Hollow on Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Call 973-539-2016 x210 or see www.nps.gov

4/21 – *Boonton Architecture*. Local architect, Lawrence Korinder talks about the evolution and development of architectural styles in Boonton, 7:00 p.m., Boonton Senior Center. Call 973-402-8840 or visit www.boonton.org

4/25 – *Yesterday's Game*. Learn to play 18th century games such as quoits, fox & geese, and nine men morris. Wick House, Jockey Hollow, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact: 973-539-2016 x210 or visit www.nps.gov

5/1, 5/2 – *Antique Show* presented by the Associated Antique Dealers of New Jersey, a non-profit professional organization. Appraisals (on Sunday from noon to 3:00 pm.) and glass repair on premises. Admission \$7.00. Mennen Sports Arena. Call 973-887-7994 or visit www.aadnj.org

5/2 – *The Lenape or Delaware Indians*. Learn about the Lenape Indians' way of life in New Jersey. The slide-illustrated lecture will examine folklore, prehistoric artifacts, traditional clothing, arts and crafts, musical instruments and weapons. Pre-registration is recommended; free. Museum of Early Trades & Crafts, 2:00 p.m., Madison. Call 973-377-2982 x14 or see www.metc.org

5/4 – *Genealogical Resources at the Newark Public Library*. Librarian James Lewis will present "Genealogical Holdings at the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center at the Newark Public Library." Mr. Lewis will also highlight the genealogical holdings at the New Jersey Historical Society, where he previously served as a librarian. Morris Area Genealogy Society. Morris County Library, 30 East Hanover Avenue, Whippany. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 6:45 p.m. Call 973-538-3473 or visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njmags

5/16 – *Be Our Guest Day*. In celebration of National Tourism Week, Morris County's museums, historic sites, and cultural attractions are opening their doors and waiving their usual admission fees. Free transportation will be available between. Acorn Hall, the Morris Museum, Washington's Headquarters, Schuyler-Hamilton House, Macculloch Hall Historical Museum, Fosterfields Living Historical Farm, Historic Speedwell, and Craftsman Farms. Guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry. noon – 5:00 p.m. For a list of the food pantry's most urgent needs visit <http://www.mcifp.org/> For more information contact the Morris County Tourism Bureau at 973-631-5151 or see www.morristourism.org

5/22 – *Third Annual Yard Sale*. The Third Annual Yard Sale will be held on the front lawn of Acorn Hall. Vintage clothing, books, and other items will be featured, as well as gently used modern items. NO EARLY BIRDS! 9:30 a.m. – 2:00p.m. Acorn Hall, 68 Morris Ave., call 973-267-3465 or see www.acornhall.org

Are Women People?

Father, what is a Legislature?
 A representative body elected by the
 people of the state.
 Are women people?
 No, my son, criminals, lunatics and
 women are not people.
 Do legislators legislate for nothing?
 Oh, no; they are paid a salary.
 By whom?
 By the people.
 Are women people?
 Of course, my son, just as much as
 men are.

Alice Duer Miller,
 popular novelist, playwright and poet
 from *Are Women People? A Book of Rhymes for
 Suffrage Times*

Among her many literary feats, Morristown resident Alice Duer Miller wrote a weekly column in the **New York Tribune**. She used it to lend her witty and satiric voice to the cause of women's suffrage. Her columns poked holes in gender stereotypes and deftly exposed the prevailing double standard that kept women from the polls. The Nineteenth Amendment, giving all women the right to vote, passed in 1920. To learn more about the talented, broad-minded Alice Duer Miller and her connection to Morristown, ask a History Center staff member for the Miller family vertical file.

Cheryl Turkington
 Assistant Archivist



League of Women Voters Celebrates Milestone Birthday

In 1920, after a 72-year struggle, and when passage of the 19th amendment appeared to be imminent, members of the National

American Woman Suffrage Association met to form the League of Women Voters. Carrie Chapman Catt first proposed the creation of a League to "finish the fight" and to work to end all discrimination against women. While initially concerned with the status and rights of women, the League of Women Voters gradually expanded its interests to include issues affecting the whole community. Today, the League works to effect change on a variety of issues including health care, climate change, election and campaign finance reforms, land use and education.

<http://www.lwv.org>



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