

History Resources



Dear Friends:

Atlantic County, New Jersey enjoys a rich and colorful history. I am delighted to share with you an informative guide to a host of resources that are dedicated to the collection, preservation and access to our historical treasures. Whether your interests are the history of a location's name, an architectural gem or a local legend, I encourage you to discover our unique heritage.

The guide features organizations, historical societies, museums and libraries located in Atlantic County. Because many of these are maintained by very caring and dedicated volunteers, their hours of operation may be somewhat irregular. I recommend that you contact them by phone or e-mail prior to a visit.

I hope this guide will lead you through a path of learning with an appreciation of our history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis Levinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Dennis Levinson
County Executive*


ABSECON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1422, Absecon, NJ 08201-1422

Museum Address: Howlett Hall, 100 New Jersey Avenue, Absecon, NJ 08201

Phone: (609) 569-9000 **Email:** abseconhistory@comcast.net **Facebook:** "Historic Absecon"

Website: www.abseconplanner.com/History


Historical materials related to people and places in Absecon are archived or on display in Howlett Hall. For special events follow on Facebook at "Historic Absecon." **Hours:** Open Sat., 11 am - 2 pm; also by appointment. 

ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE & LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER'S MUSEUM

Address: 31 S. Rhode Island Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone: (609) 449-1360 **Email:** jean@abseconlighthouse.org

Website: www.abseconlighthouse.org **twitter** @abseconlight


Rising 171 feet with 228 steps, it is NJ's tallest and the nation's 3rd tallest lighthouse. First lit in 1857, the original first-order Fresnel lens is still in place at the top. Keeper's Cottage museum has exhibits and gift shop. Free parking and two-acre lawn for picnics. Fresnel lens exhibit and live video feed from the top for those not able to climb. Educational programs and special events offered. Admission to climb; group rates available. **Hours:** Sept.-June: Thurs.-Mon., 11 am- 4 pm; Summer: July & August: Daily 10 am -5 pm with Thursdays until 8pm. Closed-major holidays. 

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN NJ

Address: Arts Garage, 2200 Fairmount Ave., Atlantic City, NJ 08401 **Phone:** (609) 350-6662

Address: Dr. Martin Luther King Center, 661 Jackson Rd, P.O. Box 39, Newtonville, NJ 08346


Phone: (609) 704-5495 **Email:** rhunter@aahmsnj.org **Website:** www.aahmsnj.org

With permanent exhibits in two locations the museum holds an extensive collection of art, advertising graphics and household and decorative items, that illustrate black culture in a historical context, decade-by-decade, from Aunt Jemima to Tiger Woods, including items from the civil rights movement and African American portrayal in advertising, plus changing exhibits of artists of African American heritage. A Traveling Museum is available for schools and organizations. Call ahead for group tours of the Museum. **Hours:** Atlantic City ~ Wed.-Sun. 10 am -6 pm; Newtonville ~ Tues.-Fri. 10 am -3 pm, Sat. by appt. only. Free parking in Newtonville. 

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DIGITAL HISTORY PROJECTS

Address: ACCC Spangler Library, 5100 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Phone: (609) 343-4951 **Website:** www.atlantic.edu/library/digitalProjects.htm


Available online are historically important rare & unique books, photos & articles have been digitized to both preserve and increase access for the following three topics: Amato: a former WW I munitions factory and town; Atlantic City Speedway: a 1920s wooden raceway billed as the fastest in the world; Atlantic City Answers Call to War: the City's service as an Army/Navy training center in WW2. 

ATLANTIC CITY HERITAGE COLLECTIONS AT THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Address: 1 North Tennessee Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone: (609) 345-2269 x3062 **Email:** reflib@acfpl.org

Website: www.acfpl.org/ac-history-menu/atlantic-city-heritage-collections


Books, reports, periodicals, photographs, postcards, oral histories, scrapbooks and memorabilia from Atlantic City. Resources include both published and unpublished material. Microfilm materials include "The Press of Atlantic City" from 1895 to the present, city directories from 1872-1982, census records for Atlantic County, and maps of the City and Absecon Island. Other collection strengths include Miss America Pageant year-books and photographs, Atlantic City High School yearbooks, casinos and gaming information, and tourism in Atlantic City. Finding aids, subject guides and indexes are available for the archival collections, including for postcards and photographs. **Hours:** Wed. 2 pm - 4:30 pm, Thurs. 9:30 am - 12 noon & 2 pm - 4:30 pm. Other times by appt. Free. Call for parking information. 

ATLANTIC CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM A BRANCH OF THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Address: Garden Pier (So. New Jersey Ave. & Boardwalk) Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Phone: (609) 347-5839 **Email:** reflib@acfpl.org **Twitter:** @AtlCtyMuseum

Website: www.atlanticcityexperience.org

Dedicated to Atlantic City history, the Museum pays tribute to Atlantic City's past and multicultural heritage through exhibits. Items on exhibit include rolling chairs, a Mr. Peanut costume, and souvenirs from the old hotels. A rotating exhibit area changes several times a year. **Hours:** Sat.-Wed., 10 am -5 pm. Programs are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2 pm. Free. Call for parking information. 


ATLANTIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 301, Somers Point, NJ 08244

Museum Address: 907 Shore Road, Somers Point, NJ 08244

Phone: (609) 927-5218 **Email:** ACHSINFO@comcast.net

Website: www.atlanticcountyhistoricalsocietynj.org

The library card catalog offers over 85,000 references to books, newspapers, family bibles, photos, genealogy, maps and documents. The museum brings history to life through exhibits of household items and decorative arts, fine arts, weaponry and toys. Equipment and tools from early maritime and shipbuilding industries are highlighted. The Society publishes a quarterly newsletter and annual research year-book, presents special public programs, and maintains the Risley Homestead. **Hours:** Wed.- Sat. 10 am - 3:30 pm. Free parking behind the Society. 

ATLANTIC COUNTY HISTORY ROUNDTABLE

Contact: Sally Hastings **Phone:** 609-927-8002 **Email:** sallyhastings2@aol.com


Organizations and individuals interested in Atlantic County history meet three times a year to network and exchange information at a roundtable usually held at Somers Point Historical Society, 745 Shore Road, Somers Point, NJ. The times alternate between 3 pm and 7 pm. Call or email to receive meeting reminders.

ATLANTIC COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM, NEW JERSEY COLLECTION

Address: 40 Farragut Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Phone: (609) 625-2776, Ext. 6310 **Email:** askref@aclsys.org

Website: www.atlanticlibrary.org/historical_resources


The collection includes books, magazines, historical pamphlets, newspaper clipping files, & South Jersey Federal (1830-1930) & state (1885, 1895, 1905, 1915) census microfilm reels. A digitized collection of Atlantic County historical records is available online and includes 10 newspapers from 1860-1923, wills, guardianships and minutes from Orphans Court 1837-1920 (County Surrogate's Office) indexed by last name, immigration records indexed by last name and local Civil War "mustered out" records. **Hours:** Mon., Fri. & Sat. 9 am - 5 pm and Tues, Wed. & Thurs. 9 am - 8 pm. Free parking. 

ATLANTIC COUNTY VETERANS MUSEUM

Address: Estell Manor County Park, 109 Rte. 50, Estell Manor NJ 08319

Mailing address: P.O. Box 194, Northfield NJ 08225 **Phone:** (609) 625-2776, Ext. 6314

Email: cmasonpurdie@aclsys.org **Website:** www.aclink.org/vetsmuseum

Atlantic County government, with the assistance of a committee of veterans and historians, is actively building a collection of artifacts and materials from all eras and theaters of military service and particularly items used by persons with a direct link to Atlantic County. The Daniel Estell House c. 1832 is under renovation to house the museum. "Like" on Facebook for updates and information on grand opening. 


BOARDWALK HALL PIPE ORGANS RESTORATION PROJECT

Address: Boardwalk Hall, 2301 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Mailing Address: 2314 Pacific Ave., Atlantic City NJ 08401 Attn: HORC

Email: sball@global-spectrum.com **Phone:** 609-515-5857

Website: www.boardwalkhall.com/arena-information/pipe-organs

Built between 1929 and 1932, the main auditorium organ is the largest musical instrument on earth. More powerful than a dozen orchestras, it can both whisper and thunder into the 5.5 million cubic feet of air space in the main arena, even in its current 25% state of functionality. Free 1/2 hour concerts Mon.-Fri. at 12:00 noon, May-Oct. are followed by a free 1/2 hour tour of the instrument and restoration project. An in-depth (2 hour) "Behind the Scenes" tour is provided every Wed. at 10AM throughout the year and concludes with the noon concert. It features sections of the organ and building normally closed to the public and gives a highly technical look at the 10 year, \$16 million restoration effort led by the Historic Organ Restoration Committee to return both organs in Boardwalk Hall to fully functional--a state not realized since the great hurricane of 1944. No reservations are necessary for either tour or concerts. 


BRIGANTINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 833, Brigantine, NJ 08203

Museum Address: 3607 Brigantine Blvd., Brigantine, NJ 08203

Phone: (609) 266-9339 **Email:** historicbrig@aol.com

Website: www.brigantinebeachnj.com/history_museum.html

Exhibits include a large collection of photographs from the 19th and early 20th centuries, ship models and shipwrecks and many other artifacts from Brigantine history. Annual special exhibits and art shows. **Hours:** Summer: Daily 11 am - 2 pm. September & Spring: weekends only. Limited free parking. 

BUENA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 114, Buena, NJ 08310 **Phone:** (856) 692-5227

Email: BuenaHistorical@gmail.com **Website:** www.buenahistoricalsociety.com


Genealogical records, maps, census records, photographs, artifacts, early books, deeds, church records, cemetery records representing the history of Buena Vista Township and Buena Borough form the society's collection. Currently searching for a museum site. Monthly meetings held on 3rd Wednesday at Buena Vista Township Hall and include presentations. 

CHICKEN BONE BEACH HISTORICAL FOUNDATION INC.

Address: 1721 McKinley Avenue, Atlantic City NJ 08401

Phone: (609) 841-6897 **Phone 2:** (609) 441-9064

Email: chickenbonebeach@juno.com **Website:** www.chickenbonebeach.org

The organization was developed to highlight Atlantic City's musical heritage. Its name is derived from the Missouri Avenue beach where African Americans through the early 1950s were socially restricted. The beach became affectionately nicknamed "Chicken Bone Beach" as thousands of vacationing families flocked to the shore with their chicken laden picnic hampers. The organization's collection specializes in African American musicians and entertainers who performed in Atlantic City. The Foundation presents free summer jazz concerts on the Atlantic City Boardwalk on Thursday nights featuring musicians of national and international repute. It also co-sponsors a summer Jazz Camp for young musicians and has plans to develop a museum. 

CORBIN CITY HISTORIC SOCIETY

Mailing address: c/o City Clerk, Municipal Hall, 316 Route 50, Corbin City, NJ 08270


Phone: (609) 628-2673 (City Clerk), **fax:** 628-3017 **Website:** www.ci.corbincity.nj.us/main/history.asp

Collected documents & artifacts such as tax, school and weekly grocery records from the 1920s, 30s, 40s and 50s form a picture of who resided here and how they lived. Also original tax and assessment records and images of homes and businesses, some still here, some long gone. **Meetings:** 1st Thurs. of each month, 7 pm, Corbin City Municipal Hall, with guest speakers. The public is welcome.

EGG HARBOR CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & ROUNDHOUSE MUSEUM

Address: 533 London Avenue, Egg Harbor, NJ 08215


Phone: (609) 965-9073, 965-4677 **Website:** www.ehchs.org

The roundhouse building, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was part of the Dr. Smith's Neutral Waters Health Resort ca.1905. Exhibit handicapped accessible and admission free. Exhibits include memorabilia, artifacts, and photographs of local industries, civic organizations, churches, and inhabitants of this community established by German immigrants. German was the primary language spoken here until after WW1. City tax records 1862-1932, US census records 1860-1930 (computerized), local family genealogies, and photographic files. **Hours:** Wed. & Sat. 1 pm - 4 pm; also by appt. 

ESTELL MANOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY & RISLEY SCHOOL

Mailing Address: 134 Cape May Avenue, P.O. Box 72, Estell Manor, NJ 08319

Phone: (609) 476-2884 **Email:** csp066@aol.com; dgbassetti@aol.com


The Risley School, located at the corner of Cape May and Cumberland Aves, has been rehabilitated into a small museum, library and community meeting room. On exhibit are artifacts, photographs and memorabilia. Produces a quarterly newsletter. Call for hours. Free parking. 

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Address: 300 East Jimmie Leeds Road, (The John Gross Bldg.), Galloway, NJ 08205

Mailing address: 366 E. Upland Ave., Galloway, NJ 08205 **Website:** www.gallowayhistory.org

Phone: (609) 652-3700 x204 **Email:** gallowayhistory@gmail.com **Facebook:** "Historic Galloway"


Collection includes historical maps & photographs with limited genealogical records. Maintains an ongoing display of materials. **Hours:** 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 11 am - 2 pm or by appointment. See Facebook for events. 

GREATER EGG HARBOUR TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Address: 6647 West Jersey Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, NJ, 08234

Phone: (609)813-2002 **Email:** GEHTHSMuseum@aol.com

Website: www.gehthsmuseum.org


The museum presents a wide variety of special programs and speakers. Its collection includes displays of local artifacts, documents and photos. A research library is also being established  for genealogy and local history. **Hours:** Sat. & Sun., 1 pm - 3 pm or by appointment. Free parking.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HAMMONTON

Address: 333 Vine St., Hammonton, NJ 08037

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 876, Hammonton NJ 08037 **Phone:** (609) 270-7652


Email: info@historicalsocietyofhammonton.org **Website:** www.historicalsofhammonton.org

Photographs and artifacts representing the history of Hammonton are on display. The Society's activities include: newsletters, public tours for school children, and a tribute to Joseph Wilson, former historian and newspaper editor. **Hours:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays & Saturdays 10 am -1pm; Programs are held the 1st Thursday, 8 PM  Club, 100 sports Drive, Hammonton NJ; Groups and private tours by appointment. Free parking.

JOHN HENRY "POP" LLOYD COMMITTEE

Mailing Address: c/o 1014 Maple Avenue, Linwood, NJ 08221

Phone: (609) 513-2783 **Email:** MEveret@aol.com **Website:** www.popsballyard.org

Its mission is to preserve and promote the historical legacy of Baseball Hall of Fame player John Henry Lloyd, all those who played Negro League baseball, and the culture in which it was played. Presents annual Pop Lloyd Humanitarian Award for distinguished service to youth and a scholarship to deserving high school students in honor of Negro League pitching great and life-long resident of Pleasantville, NJ, Maxwell Manning. The committee's collection of Negro Leagues artifacts and materials  given to be housed in the special collections of Stockton University's Bjork Library in Pomona, NJ.

LINWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Address: 16 Poplar Avenue, Linwood, NJ 08221 **Phone:** (609) 927-8293

Email: admin@linwoodnj.org **Website:** www.linwoodnj.org

Located in Leedsville School, an 1873 one-room schoolhouse listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Many original school details remain. The collection includes information & photos of 19th & 20th century local businesses, places & people with extensive collection of municipal records; also indexed census records, family histories, Belhaven School graduation photos and quarterly Society newsletters. 1944 building annex features pictures and items from 20th century neighborhood stores and the Linwood Police Depart. which had its headquarters in this building from 1944 to 1965. **Hours:** Tues. 10 am -12 Noon, or when the "OPEN" flag is out flying or call to make an appointment. Free parking.

LINWOOD MARITIME MUSEUM

Address: At the Linwood Library, 301 Davis Ave., Linwood, NJ 08221

Phone: (609) 927-8293 **Website:** www.linwoodnj.org/Museums/maritime1.html

Features tools used by local baymen and shipwrights. Displayed are ship models by local artisan Tom Adams, including barkentines, a whaling ship and liberty ship. Also displayed is a classic South Jersey garvey made by Mark Sutton in Linwood in the 1930s. New hours to be posted soon. You can also call to make an appointment to tour the museum.

LONGPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Address: 2301 Atlantic Avenue, Longport, NJ 08403 **Phone:** (609) 822-3770


Email: LHSinfo2@yahoo.com **Website:** www.longporthistoricalsociety.org

Housed in a c.1939 Coast Guard Station listed on the National Register of Historic Places with multiple rooms of exhibits featuring pictures and artifacts unique to the history of Longport and the Jersey shore, including the footboard of a bed supposedly handcrafted for Abraham Lincoln, actual jail cells used in the 1950s, and Amelia Earhart at the beach. **Winter** (Oct., Nov., April, and May) **hours:** Mondays: 10 am -12 noon. **Summer Hours:** Saturday: 9 am - 12 noon. Free parking.

LUCY THE ELEPHANT

Address: 9200 Atlantic Avenue, Margate, NJ 08402 (Atlantic & Decatur Aves.)


Phone: (609) 823-6473 **Email:** info@lucytheelephant.org **Website:** www.lucytheelephant.org

A Victorian architectural folly built by a real estate developer in the 1880s, Lucy the Elephant is a National Historic Landmark. Guided tours of the unique six-story elephant-shaped structure are available and include numerous exhibits with admission fee. Gift shop, refreshment pavilion. Open 11 am - 4 pm, Sat. & Sun. thru the year, call or check website for weekday and extended Summer hours. 

MARGATE LIBRARY/HISTORICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE INC.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3001, Margate NJ 08402 **Email:** margatehistory@outlook.com

Phone: (609) 822-4700 (Margate Library)

The future home of the Margate Library and Historical Society Alliance Museum will be on the first floor of Margate's historic City Hall building at 1 South Washington Avenue which is currently undergoing post-Hurricane Sandy renovations during 2015. The collection has been stored in a climate-controlled environment and will be back on display when the new museum is installed in City Hall. 

MULLICA TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mailing Address: PO Box 317, Elwood, NJ 08217

Phone: (609) 561-0064, Ext. 114 **Email:** kjohnson@mullicatownship.org

A new society in the process of organizing and developing. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Hilda Frame School, 3410 Nesco Road, Nesco, 08037

NEW KUBAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mailing Address: 521 Weymouth Road, Buena, NJ 08310

Museum Address: 228 Don Road, Buena NJ 08310 **Phone:** (856) 697-2255


Email: nkewa@comcast.net **Website:** www.buenavistatownship.org/new_kuban.htm

Displaced from their homeland in southern Russia and Black Sea area after World War II, many Cossacks found their way to the US and NJ. Buena Vista Twp. is home to a community settled in 1953 and named for the Kuban region of the North Caucasus in Russia. Its community center holds a large collection of artifacts and paintings of Cossack history and culture. **Hours:** By appointment only.

NORTHFIELD CULTURAL COMMITTEE & THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mailing Address: c/o City Hall, 1600 Shore Road, Northfield, NJ 08225

Phone: (609) 641-4607 **Website:** www.cityofnorthfield.org

The Cultural Committee was formed in 1972 and helped to establish the Northfield Museum and preserve the Casto House. It also presents concerts and other programs. The Historical Society was founded in 1997 to support the museum and Casto House. The society publishes a newsletter 3 times a year. 


NORTHFIELD MUSEUM & CASTO HOUSE

Mailing Address: c/o City Hall, 1600 Shore Road, Northfield, NJ 08225

Museum Address: Birch Grove Park, 1700 Burton Avenue, Northfield, NJ 08225


Phone: (609) 383-1505, (609) 641-4607: for appointments

Website: www.cityofnorthfield.org/main/castohouse.asp

Northfield photographs and memorabilia, including school history, sports and organizations are on exhibit. Limited genealogical records available. Exhibits include Webb's Model Museum. **Hours:** Open Sun. & Wed. 1 pm - 3 pm, and by appointment. Free parking. 

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT @ STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

Mailing Address: Div. of Arts & Humanities, Stockton University, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205 **Phone:** (609) 652-4505 **Email:** Tom.Papademetriou@stockton.edu

Oral history archives relating to the history and culture of southern New Jersey. Archived materials include: The African American Experience in Atlantic City and The History of the Edwin Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. The NJ Greek-American Archive and Oral History Project is an ongoing program. 

RISLEY HOMESTEAD HOUSE MUSEUM

Museum Address: 8 Virginia Avenue, Northfield, NJ 08225


Mailing Address: P.O. Box 301, Somers Point, NJ 08244 **Phone:** (609) 927-5218

Website: www.atlanticheritagecenternj.org/Main/RisleyHomestead-AtlanticHeritageCenterofNewJersey.asp

Built circa 1790, the farmhouse was the two-room home for many generations of oystermen. It was expanded in the 20th century, but the early ceilings, wood paneling, cupboards, fireplace, a window and an enclosed stairway were carefully preserved. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. **Hours:** Risley Homestead is open for free guided tours, Sat. and Sun., April thru November, except on holidays.

SARA & SAM SCHOFFER HOLOCAUST RESOURCE CENTER

Address: Richard Stockton University of NJ, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205 **Phone:** (609) 652-4699 **Email:** gail.rosenthal@stockton.edu **Website:** www.stockton.edu

Railroad tracks from Poland provide a dramatic canopy entrance to an extensive repository of printed and audio-visual material about the Holocaust and other genocides. Artifacts are also on exhibit. The center is free and open to the public. A 10 minute documentary "Rails of the Holocaust: A Journey to Stockton University" is available for viewing. Workshops, exhibits and seminars for students, educators and public are presented on a regular basis. Scholarships, grants, internships, a visiting professor endowment and study tours are offered. Lesson plans to fulfill Holocaust and Genocide NJ curriculum are available for grades K-12. Activities: Annual Holocaust Awareness Program, Kristallnacht Lecture, Yom HaShoah Service, undergraduate and graduate Holocaust & Genocide Studies. **Hours:** Mon.- Thurs., 8:30 am - 6 pm, Fri. 8:30 am - 5 pm. Closed Friday during the summer. Call to schedule a tour. 

SOMERS MANSION HOUSE MUSEUM

Address: 1000 Shore Road, Somers Point, NJ 08244

Phone: (609) 927-2212 **Email:** Bellesupt@comcast.net

Website: www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/historic


The oldest house standing in Atlantic County, Somers Mansion was built around 1725 by Richard Somers, the son of an early settler. The three-story brick dwelling, contains 18th-century furnishings, some original, and interesting architectural details and a textile collection of locally fashioned quilts, coverlets and samplers. Maintained and operated by NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection, Parks & Forestry. **Hours:** June, July & August: Saturdays: 10 am -1 pm and also in July & Aug: Tuesday evening 7pm - 9pm

SOMERS POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 517, Somers Point, NJ 08244

Museum Address: 745 Shore Road, Somers Point, NJ 08244 **Phone:** (609) 927-2900


Email: sphs55@yahoo.com **Website:** www.somerspointhistory.org

Over 5000 vintage & current pictures of Somers Point, 150+ scrapbooks from 1941 to the present; historical artifacts. Monthly programs & special events are listed in local newspapers. Call for hours. 

SOUTH JERSEY CULTURE & HISTORY CENTER @ STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

Address: ARHU, Stockton University, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205

Phone: (609) 652-4419 **Email:** Thomas.Kinsella@stockton.edu **Website:** blogs.stockton.edu/sjchc/


The South Jersey Culture & History Center is an ongoing effort that encourages the Stockton and wider community to engage in South Jersey's rich cultural heritage through exhibitions, documentary films, publications, and community events such as lectures and symposia. Free parking. 

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Address: Bjork Library, Stockton University, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205

Phone: (609) 652-4532, opt. 1 **Email:** Louise.tillstrom@stockton.edu


Website: <http://library.stockton.edu>

Special collections relate to all aspects of Stockton and the general history, culture and environmental aspects of southern New Jersey. The Digital Collections repository provides open access to Stockton's publications and historical documents, unique and specialized collections and the intellectual and artistic work of the Stockton community. Major collection areas include: Local History: Books, serials, pamphlets and manuscripts about the history of Stockton, Atlantic City and County, the state of New Jersey and the Philadelphia area; American History: Biographical, political and regional histories from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware; Authors Affiliated with Stockton; Early Printing and Local Authors: Works published in southern New Jersey or written by local authors. Open to the public, the Archives Reading Room is located in the E-Wing library on the lower level. **Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8 am- 4 pm. No nights, and no weekends. Closed weekends, holidays and also Fridays from May 1st - Sept. 1st. Appointments are not necessary, but if you call ahead, we can begin gathering reference materials. Free parking. 

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Address: 49 Mill Street, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Phone: (609)909-0272 **Email:** history@hamiltonhistorical.com **Website:** www.hamiltonhistorical.com

Housed in an original one room schoolhouse, it features an extensive collection of artifacts and ephemera, along with quarterly displays on the history of different areas in the Township. Society has produced a video "Mays Landing, 1941." **Hours:** Thurs. 6 pm - 9 pm and Sat. 10 am - 2 pm Free parking. 

TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Address: P.O. Box 23, Dorothy, NJ 08317 **Phone:** (609) 909-5265

Email: weymouth_twp_hist_soc@comcast.net **Website:** www.weymouthhistory.org

The society seeks to preserve and rehabilitate the 1918 Post Office building listed on the NJ Register of Historic Places, one of the remaining buildings associated with the Belcoville, a town developed around a munitions factory built by the Bethlehem Loading Company to supply World War One efforts.

VENTNOR CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & HISTORY MUSEUM

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2668, Ventnor, NJ 08406

Museum Address: 6500 Atlantic Avenue. Ventnor, New Jersey 08406

Phone: (609) 487-2226 **Email:** billadvena@aol.com

Website: www.ventnorcity.org/historicalsociety.asp

Artifacts, photographs & ephemera of Ventnor City and seashore history, including natural history. Quarterly changing exhibits on special themes and public programs. **Hours:** Call for hours. Limited free parking.

VETERANS' ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Address: 907 Shore Road, Somers Point, NJ 08244 **Phone:** (609) 927-5218

Email: ACHSinfo@comcast.net, vhp907@gmail.com **Website:** www.atlanticcountyhistoricalsocietynj.org

The Atlantic County Historical Society has partnered with the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project. As a collecting partner, the ACHS seeks first hand accounts of U.S. Veterans and civilians who participated in our country's wars. As a participant in this national preservation effort, the ACHS Veterans History Project follows all guidelines of the Library of Congress. Training in the conduct of an oral history interview is provided to volunteer interviewers. Archival copies of all interviews and materials are maintained at the Library of Congress, and at the Atlantic County Historical Society on Shore Road in Somers Point. Free parking behind the Historical Society.

WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Address: 45 South Jersey Avenue, Dorothy, NJ 08317

Phone: (609) 476-2633 **Email:** weymouth_township@verizon.net

Website: www.weymouthnj.org/museum.html

On exhibit are a replica of a general store, the interior of a turn-of-the-century home, and displays on railroads, Lenape Indians, the Civil War, and the World Wars I & II. Call for hours. Free parking.

NOTES:

Many of these resources are volunteer driven and times and schedules often go through seasonal changes. Calling ahead to check for hours of operation is the best practice.

 Symbol indicates that the organization has a Facebook page.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE INFORMATION CURRENT.

Please email all updates and any corrections for the History Resources to Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs:
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Find us on Facebook: [atlanticcultureheritage](https://www.facebook.com/atlanticcultureheritage)

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