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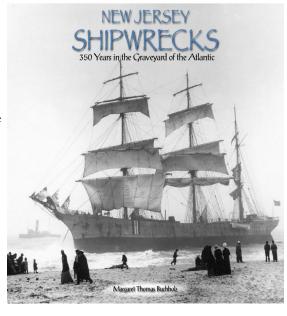
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2008 We meet on the third MONDAY of January, April, July, and October - at 7:30pm

OUR NEXT MEETING: Will be held on MONDAY July 21st at the Haddon Heights Library- Lower Level.

"AHOY MATEYS" At our July General Membership meeting the Haddon Heights Historical Society will present as its featured quarterly speaker. Margaret T. Buchholz, author of New Jersey Shipwrecks – 350 Years in the Graveyard of the Atlantic. Ms Buchholz will take us on a voyage through the treacherous shoals and inlets along the NJ coast, where many ships and untold crew have met an untimely end. Also, she will relate how early rescuers braved the seas, rowing small boats and using only simple buoys and rope to help wreck victims, a civic response that evolved into the U.S. Coast Guard. Come Time Travel with Us! All are welcome. Admission is free... Bring a friend!

<u>PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE</u> While we are still glowing from the Haddon Heights Independence Day celebration, I would like to express my thanks to those members who helped to keep the Historical Society an active participant in the 4th of July Parade. Our plan this year was to connect personally with as many people as possible during the parade.



To do that required at least three members willing to distribute a flyer which both profiled our speaker for July, and offered another chance to build community awareness of our merchandise items for sale. Fortunately, Judy Buecker and Elena Hill agreed to join me in representing the Society. Our presence in the parade was announced by Ken Funkhouser driving his 1929 Ford Model A "Florence", decorated with 26 American flags and our new Society sign; quickly and economically produced by Auto Art & Sign in Runnemede. Ken's daughter Kristin and her Search and Rescue dog Xanya graced the rumble seat. Kristin's husband Chris rode with his father Mark Zimmerman and other family members in their 1930 Ford Model A sedan. Additionally, we were joined by Kathy May, her son Tim and his friend Avery, along with Paula Graham. They formed the HHHS kazoo band, humming along with the drum and bugle corps just behind them. Final thanks to Board Member Fred Missimer who provided the flyers for us to distribute! As an aside– Ken and his Ford represented the Historical Society by "Driving History" and our new sign in four parades! He went on from HH, to parade in Barrington, Haddonfield, and Westmont– spreading the name our Historical Society throughout the area.

Folks, my request to you now is to consider participating in next year's parade. Part of the problem in getting

participants in our town parade is the large number (47) of non-profit groups and the small number of volunteer members, many of whom are involved with multiple groups. If you have the multiple group problem, perhaps you will consider rotating your talents among your group commitments and join us in the parade next year? While we are on the topic, participation as a Board member of the Society is relatively painless and those positions come up for consideration every year in October. A proposed open slate is put together for our July meeting, and nominations from the floor are welcome and encouraged. Please see page 4 for a list of current Board members and Assistants to the Board for 2008. To be considered, please contact Bob Hunter or Peter Hill on the nominating committee, through the Library at 856-547-7132.

Due to a complete lack of response, I repeat my April request to our members - We are still looking for a few volunteers with a computer and a little bit of time, willing to type up a list of the senior class members from the Haddon Heights High School yearbooks over the years. Once completed, this project will be added to our ever-growing historical database. In another very interesting project, we could also use a few "researchers" willing to track down the nits and nats of past Heights businesses that have been identified in our database.

One last mention on a sad note... At our October 2007 meeting, we enjoyed listening to football reminiscences of former Heights Legends of the Fall, accompanied by the legendary icon of South Jersey sports – Doug Frambes. After a short illness, we sadly report to you that Doug passed away in May, shortly after our last meeting. He will be missed by all he ever came into contact with, personally and professionally.

Remember...without you, we're history! Best regards, Marshall Hatfield e-mail: mhatfield01@comcast.net





HISTORICAL SOCIETY Profile Flashback...(Part-I)

The following profile was featured

in this publication's January 1978 edition. That's right, 1978–30 years ago. I have heard the name <u>Clemens Titzck</u> many times in the twenty years I have lived in Haddon Heights. Founding Father, businessman, Bank President, etc. I was pleased to discover this biography amongst the documents I inherited more than a decade ago when I took over as editor. I can't vouch for its accuracy, but it sure is interesting reading! Please follow along as I reprint for you a biography of Mr. Clemens Titzck from 1900-1920: Born 2/20/1870 in Rio de Janeiro Brazil, Parents were Carl Ferdinand Titzck and Sarah Johanna Tollens of Czech, German, and Holland Dutch ancestry. He attended school in Brazil until he was 8 years old, when the family moved to Hamburg, Germany, where he attended school until he was 16. He then studied in a preparatory school in LeHavre France. He was a coffee connoisseur and an importer of coffee and ivory from Johannesburg Africa. The family had several homes in addition to the main residence in Hamburg. On his 21st birthday in 1891, Clemens Titzck came to the United States with various introductions and letters of credit. He obtained a po-

Ation in Philadelphia with a wool concern, as a foreign liaison because of his knowledge of German, French, English, Spanish and Portuguese. He later advanced to the title of Company Secretary and retired from that business in 1904. He met and married Anne Weidner of Philadelphia in 1895. They were married by a Pastor Vollmer in the Lutheran Church.

While passing through Haddon Heights during the summers of 1898—1900, Mr. and Mrs. Titzck were attracted to the town and on October 20, 1900, the family of five- including three children (Clemens Jr., Anita, and Lillian) came to Hamilton's on W. Atlantic and Green Streets. They soon contracted for a new house to be built at 22 Eighth Ave, and moved into it on March 1st, 1901. they soon made many new friends, including those interested in building the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Titzck was elected the Secretary for the church chapel on Seventh avenue, to the rear of where the Municipal Building now stands. He and another Trustee obtained a substantial gift from Henry D. Moore of Haddonfield. He was the "Snuff King" of New Jersey, with a factory in Helmetta, NJ. In 1908, Mr. Moore presided at the laying of the cornerstone for the new church at Seventh and Green Streets.

Mr. Titzck soon became interested in civic affairs. He became Vice President of the first Fire Company, an Artisan, a Charter Member of the Haddon Heights Masonic organization, and treasurer of the Haddon Heights Building and Loan Association, now the Haddon savings Assoc. On a meeting night, he with his Great Dane dog and a companion, used to bring home the bank deposits to count on the dining room table. No police escort was needed in those days.

With friends Frank B. Jess, Harold Rogers, Benjamin Crookes, Reuben Dobbs, Edward Deibert, and others, he founded the First National Bank, and was elected President. William Nash was the first Cashier. Titzck built a bank building on Station Ave. The Masons met on the second floor. The building is now a restaurant (1978).

After resigning his position with the Philadelphia wool business in 1904, the year Haddon Heights became a Borough, he and Willet Lippincott, son of Benjamin Lippincott-founder of the town, formed the Haddon Heights Real Estate Company. Their partners were Frank B. Jess-Solicitor, Harold Rogers-Secretary, and Charles Bunting- Treasurer. They acquires several parcels of ground east of the railroad and dug streets from White Horse Pike up to and including Third Ave. The laid sidewalks, planted trees, and built about four dozen homes and stores. Titzck was President, and his contracts with small builders began when he built several homes on Eighth Ave between Green St. And Kings Highway.

Now like the old-time movie serials, you will just have to wait for the next installment of this action packed adventure biography... coming soon to a Historical Society Newsletter near you !!!!!!!!!!!!!

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MEMBERSHIP	APPLICATION	RENEWAL 2008	Haddon Heights	Historical Society
Name				
Phone (H)	(W)	E-Mai	il	
Type of Membership: _	Single (\$8.00)	Household (\$12	2.00)	

NOTE: Year 2008 Annual Membership dues are only \$8.00 (single), and \$12.00 (household), and are due at this time. Please bring this completed form and payment to the next Historical Society Meeting. If you prefer to mail in your dues, please send to:

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Coming Events Calendar

7/21/08- Mon. 7:30pm- HHHS General Meeting at the Library 7/28/08- Mon. 11:00am- "Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia" Presentation recognizing Haddon Heights- Independence Visitor Center 6th & Market St. Phila, Pa. 9/22/08-9/28/08- Greenwich, NJ- Historical events and Artisan's Faire 856-455-4055 9/29/08- Mon. 7:00pm- HHHS Board Meeting at the Library 10/4/08- Sat. 10:00am-4:00pm- HHHS Booth at Fall Festival along Station Ave. 10/5/08- Sun. 1:00pm-4:00pm- HHHS Antique Discovery Day at the Library 10/11/08- Sat. 2:00pm- Heritage League Rev. War Walking Tour- at Cannons 10/20/08- Mon. 7:30pm- HHHS General Meeting at the Library 11/4/08- Tues. National Election day 12/29/08- Mon. 7:00pm- HHHS Board Meeting at the Library

<u>History Facts</u>- Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, five were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Let us remember that Freedom is never Free...

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THANKS for listening ... Drop me a line. Share some history! Ken Funkhouser, Editor

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