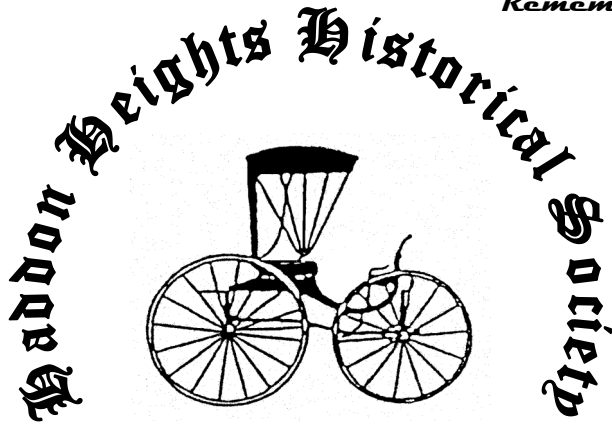


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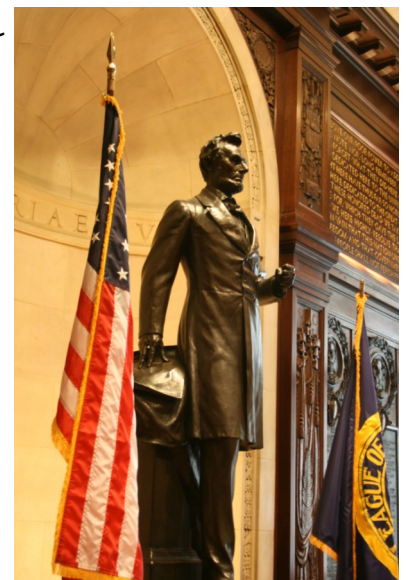
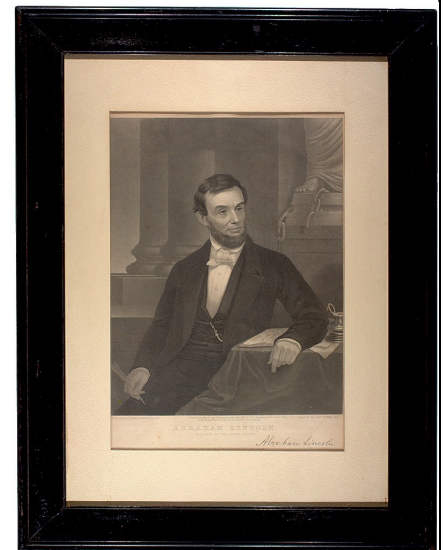
OUR NEXT MEETING: Will be held on **MONDAY** April 19th at 7:00pm in the basement of the Haddon Heights Library (disabled accessible). Jim Mundy, Director of Library and Historical Collections for the Philadelphia Union League will present an illustrated talk on the close association between Abraham Lincoln and the Union League during the Civil War. Jim will cover Lincoln's four visits to Philadelphia, including one visit for the painting of the portrait of the 16th President, by Edward D. Marchant in 1863 (displayed to the right).

Mr. Mundy, a native of Philadelphia and graduate of La Salle University, has been associated with the Union League since 1978. He is currently Vice President of Development of the American Friends of the Attingham Summer School for the Study of English Country Houses and Collections; and serves on the Board of Directors of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association.

As a special note- Peter Hill's father was a third generation member of the Union League. As Historical Society President several years ago, Peter led an outing & luncheon to the League with a tour of its Art & Artifacts courtesy of our friend Jim Mundy. For our April meeting, Peter will bring three inherited books: History of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, 1862-1865 (Civil War Vet great grandfather George H. Hill); The Union League of Philadelphia Celebrates 125 Years; and Gentlemen In Crisis: The First Century of the Union League, 1862-1962.

All are welcome. Admission is free.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- Welcome to Spring !!! (I had been starting to question if it would ever arrive!) and a new season of historical society activities. You have already read about April's exciting program on my favorite president, Abraham Lincoln. In July, we will welcome Ronald Berlin, who will document the renovation of the Woodrow Wilson House. In October, our speaker will be Haddon Heights Arborist Steve Dorsey who will talk about our town's history of tree planting and present the Shade Commission's new publication on Heights' "Walking Arboretum." In January 2011, historian Stanley H. Lipson will speak on this year's Centennial of Boy



Scouting in America, illustrated with some of the 3,500 Boy Scouting postcards from his collection. In April 2011, Marc Mappen of the New Jersey Historical Commission will present a program based on his new book, "There's More to New Jersey Than the Sopranos." The Historical Society will also be participating in this year's "Down by the Station Day" on May 8th, selling merchandise and leading the walking tour.

Last Quarter, I mentioned that Peter Hill and Fred Missimer, our hardworking Program co-chairs, were also planning outings — a tour of the Schuylkill River and a tour of the Pinelands. Now we know more about their plans: the "Secrets of the Schuylkill" tour is tentatively set for Saturday, July 24th while the Pinelands Tour is being arranged for Saturday, October 23rd. Save these dates!

But wait !!! There's more exciting news — the Historical Society Board met on Monday, March 29th, and approved a number of new and continuing initiatives. First, we are moving ahead with three new interpretive signs, thanks to generous donations from the Milton and Dorothy Sarnoff Raymond Foundation and the Brownrigg Charitable Trust. These signs will be similar to those placed on Station Avenue last year in memory of Lynn Laitman. They will highlight the history of (1)the Albertson Memorial Horse Trough, (2)the Haddon Heights Lake and early town history, and (3)the Glover Fulling Mill's historical role in Haddon Heights' development.

Secondly, we are considering future signage for the business district, the four pre-Revolutionary War houses, and markers for Centennial Houses. These markers will be offered for purchase to the owners of the 219 buildings that were standing in 1904 when the town was incorporated. We are ordering a sample plaque from Glading-Hill Memorials, to the design of Robert Petrillo who has the original plaque installed on his centennial home at 216 9th Avenue. Finally, we are restoring our website, www.hhhistorical.org. Our thanks to Marshall Hatfield, who is orchestrating the website's return. Marshall reports that it should be up and running again in about one month. I can hardly wait to check out that great collection of historic Heights' photographs again! Why don't you come out and get involved?

Margaret



2010 DUES ARE DUE ! Annual membership dues, beginning January 1, 2010 were adjusted to \$10 for an individual or \$15 for a family. We have experienced decreased membership revenue and merchandise sales while our expenses have continued to increase. Your newsletter mailing label indicates your "Paid Through" year. If at any point your label says "expired", it is definitely time to renew to prevent that issue being the last newsletter you receive. Current membership: 18 households & 37 individual

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !! Still... The Historical Society is in need of a couple of individuals willing to assist the Board in the following roles: Photographer, Webmaster. We are looking for a photographer (someone with a digital camera) to chronicle our meetings, speakers, and events. We also need a webmaster to manage our new Historical Society website. If you can help us, please contact one of the Board Members.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES...PAST TIMES (Part-II) This is the second installment in our series of articles about the three interpretive historical signs along Station Avenue. The second sign was placed at Station and West Atlantic Avenues, facing the railroad's Passenger Station. This sign tells the crucial role the railroad played in the development of Haddon Heights: The story of the railroad and the community of Haddon Heights began in 1877 with the construction of the Philadelphia and Atlantic City Railroad through the area, which was then part of Center and Haddon Townships. The first tracks were narrow gauge, replaced with standard gauge in 1884. In 1890, Benjamin A. Lippincott was given permission by the railroad to construct a passenger station here on his land, and construction of a freight storage station followed around 1895. While the area was farmland prior to this time, the establishment of commuter railroad lines to Philadelphia and the construction of the passenger station contributed to the development of the area as a suburban town.

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HADDON HEIGHTS AND THE RAILROAD

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DOWN THE GARDEN PATH– The Heights Heritage League will sponsor their bi-annual garden tour “Down the Garden Path”, on Friday June 25th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. The garden tour will consist of seven beautiful local gardens and will take place rain or shine. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the Library. This is a popular event and is always well attended. Come with your family and friends and join us for this delightful walk through neighborhood gardens. For more information, contact Anne McAdams at 856-547-0058.

TOWN SURVEY– Haddon Heights Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is exploring the feasibility of a Town Survey. In 1985, our local Historic District was established the initial comprehensive survey of homes and properties in town. The HPC works to preserve the significant historic and architectural fabric of our community... things that have made our town a great place to live for over 100 years. If you are interested in helping bring this ambitious project to reality, please contact Bob Hunter at the Haddon Heights Library .

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2010 Haddon Heights Historical Society

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ E-Mail _____

Type of Membership: _____ Single- \$10.00 _____ Household- \$15.00

I would also like to make a tax deductible donation to the Haddon Heights Historical Society, in the amount of \$ _____.

NOTE: Annual Membership dues 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:
Haddon Heights Historical Society, P.O. Box 118, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

HOUSE PORTRAITS– We still offer the opportunity to create your own bit of history! What a great way to support your Society, by commissioning a 16" X 20" framed, matted watercolor of the home of your choice! You will pay more for the same original artwork in Haddonfield. We offer them for only \$130. Order forms are available at the Library or by writing to the Historical Society .



Coming Events Calendar

- 7/19– MONDAY 7:00pm– Quarterly H.H. Historical Society Meeting – Library
- 7/24– SATURDAY Outing– Secrets of the Schuylkill
- 10/18– MONDAY 7:00pm– Quarterly H.H. Historical Society Meeting – Library
- 10/23– SATURDAY Pinelands Tour with Russell Juleg

THANKS for listening ... Drop me a line. Let us know your recollections and memories of our town. Share some history ! Ken Funkhouser, Editor

Make sure to include your e-mail address on the renewal membership form so we can send the newsletter and other important information to you electronically.

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