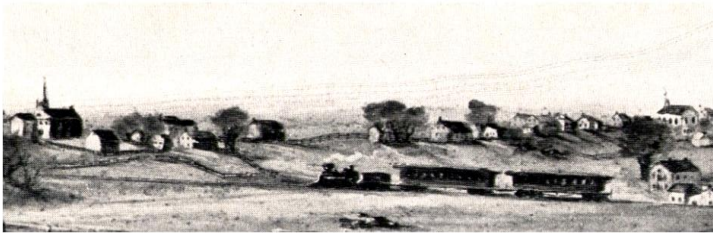


The Madison Historical Society



The Newsletter
April 2011

A Very Disagreeable War: Civil War Journal

April 20, 2011 7:00 PM
Chase Room, Madison Public Library

Jim Malcom, an active member of the Civil War Roundtable, will share with Society members and guests, the story of Hayward Emmell who spent three years in combat during the Civil War serving with the 7th Regiment New Jersey Volunteers. Jim spent untold hours transcribing Emmell's "Civil War Journal" and looks forward to telling us about this amazing record of the young man's life during those terrible years.



If you need transportation to our programs, please call 973-377-0722 Ext, 8 or 973-377-2292. Wheelchairs are also available.

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Message From The President

Susan Simon

This being the last newsletter of the 2010-2011 season, I thought it appropriate to look back over the year and review our many successful programs. I am very pleased with our new website and hope all of you have visited it or will soon. It is constantly being updated so you can access it again and again at: www.madisonhistoricalsociety.org.

The Adopt-A-Picture program is drawing to a close as we only have a few more items that need to be preserved. If you still want to get involved we have some maps that need to be sent to the *Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts* in Philadelphia. We also have a print of George Washington that needs to be reframed. Any amount that you can afford would be appreciated.

We had a very successful Christmas Wreath Sale earning over \$2,400 for the Luke Miller Forge archaeological dig. We also received a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission for \$9,749 which allows us to hire Dr. Ian Burrow from Hunter Research to run the study. Last year one side of the foundation of the forge was located. One terrific feature of this program is that each year for the last four years Madison High School students have taken part in the dig in the Spring working alongside the archaeological professionals.

We continue our outreach program with the schools and community. Cathie Coultas and Margaret Weisgerber visited the 2nd graders with a program at the Torey J. Sabatini Elementary School and will soon do the same at Kings Road School. Cathie and several members of the Board will also be meeting with the Cub Scouts in April.

We have had some terrific programs at the library this year and on April 20th Jim Malcolm will close out the year speaking in the Chase Room of the Madison Public Library. This should be an interesting program about what a young soldier serving with the 7th Regiment New Jersey Volunteers experienced during the Civil War.

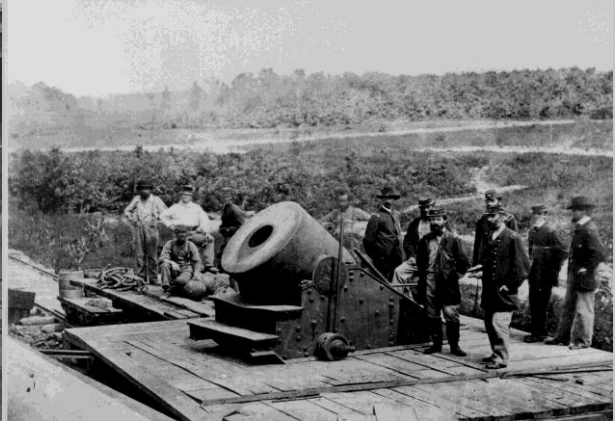
Finally, on May 19th our Annual Dinner program will be held at the Madison Hotel. Jerry Vezza will be speaking on *Jazz, Zen and the Art of Piano Tuning*.

State of the Society

The Madison Historical Society currently has 104 memberships representing 156 people. We would like to welcome new members Mary Collins, Shirley Tengi, and David Ward.

The Terrible Toll of the Civil War

- **Approximately 618,000 Union and Confederate Soldiers died in the war, nearly as many as the combined American death toll in the Revolutionary War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.** (Mike Wright, *What They Didn't Teach You About the Civil War*, Ballantine Books, 2004)
- **More Soldiers died of disease in the civil war than in combat.**(Thomas Turner, *101 Things You Didn't Know About the Civil War*, F & W Media, 2000)
- **During the Battle of Antietam, 12,401 Union men were killed, missing or wounded. This was double the casualties of D-Day, 82 years later. With a total of 23,000 casualties on both sides. Antietam was the bloodiest single day of the Civil War.** (Civil War Fact sheet, PBS, Ken Burns)



Madison and the Civil War

- **Citizens of the Madison/Chatham area made a significant contribution to the union effort. Volunteers served primarily in various units of the 27th New Jersey Volunteers. However, not all families were eager for their sons to enlist. In 1864 the citizens of Chatham Township by a vote of 250 to 10 rejected a measure to raise funds to procure 30 volunteers for the draft. Instead they decided to hire substitutes for their sons with \$500 bonuses.** (Frank J. Esposito, *The Madison Heritage Trail*, The Madison Bicentennial Heritage Committee, 1985, pp. 72-73.)
- **Citizens of the region held significant Abolitionist sentiments and participated in the underground railroad helping runaway slaves from the south reach the northern part of the country as well as Canada.** (Esposito, p. 72)
- **Isaac Gordon, a black citizen of Madison, was instrumental as a guide for Union forces on several important operations in Virginia and North Carolina, serving under Col. Edward E. Potter, of a newly formed African-American regiment. Gordon had been a slave in Washington, D.C., North Carolina and after the war, then General Potter brought Gordon to Madison where he served as Potter's coachman and servant. He died on April 8, 1917 and was buried in Madison's Hillside Cemetery.** (Robert E. MacAvoy and Steven D. Glazer, "Isaac Gordon" in Joseph G. Bilby, ed., *New Jersey Goes to War*, New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association Sesquicentennial Committee, 2009, p.29.)

Society's Annual Dinner to Feature Jerry Vezza

The annual dinner for the Madison Historical Society will take place on May 19, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Madison Hotel. The program will feature Jerry Vezza, Madison's own extraordinary Jazz Pianist and is titled *Jazz, Zen and the Art of Piano Tuning*. Jerry has been active in the NY, NJ metropolitan area for over 30 years having performed in such venues as Gulliver's Trumpets, Cecil's, Shanghai Jazz, The Community Theatre and Jazz Festivals at Drew and Fairleigh Dickinson Universities. He has worked with some of the finest musicians in the region such as Harry Leahey, Frank Vicari, Bob Moses, Peter Herbert, Bob Kindred, Vic Juris, John Eckert, John Swana, Eliot Zigmund, Martin Wind, Gary Mazzaroppi, Bill Goodwin, Rob Paparozzi, John Pizzarelli, and Grover Kemple. His latest release is called *You are There* and features the trio with vocalist Frank Noviello, Tom DiCarlo and Glenn Davis. Zan Stewart, jazz critic for the Star Ledger gave it a three and a half star rating saying that "Vezza sings with his hands."



Events of Interest in the Area

Sunday, April 3, 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. A Taste of Summit at the Grand Summit Hotel. Annual benefit hosted by the Summit Historical Society. More than 18 local restaurants and food purveyors take part in the event.

Friday, April 15, 2011, 10:00 am to 4 pm, and Sunday, April 17, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm) Third Annual Revolutionary Weekend in Morristown, "Over Here and Over There: Morris County's Role in World War II – Preserving the Freedoms Won in the American Revolution"



Acorn Hall, Morris County Historical Society

Saturday, May 21, Annual Antiques and Yard Sale, Acorn Hall. Morris County Historical Society, 69 Morris Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.

Current Exhibits at The New Jersey Historical Society: "The Unexpected Beauty of Vegetable Gardens," "What's Going On? Newark and the Legacy of the Sixties," "Ebb and Flow of New Jersey and Its Rivers." 52 Park Place, Newark, NJ 07102, Phone (973) 596-8500.

Madison Historical Society – Items for Sale

Books:

<u>BOTTLE HILL AND MADISON</u> by William Parkhurst Tuttle	\$30.00
<u>FROM HERE TO HEAVEN</u> by Thomas Sapio	\$14.50
<u>GROWING UP IN THE ROSE CITY</u> by William F. Redmond, II	\$10.00
<u>IMAGES OF AMERICA – MADISON</u> by John T. Cunningham	\$20.00
<u>IMAGES OF AMERICA – CHATHAM TOWNSHIP</u> by John T. Cunningham	\$20.00
<u>MEMORIES ENTWINED WITH ROSES</u> by Ruth Churchill	\$15.00
<u>ST. VINCENT MARTYR PARISH, 200 YEARS OF FAITH</u> by Michael P. Riccards	\$25.00
<u>THE UNCERTAIN REVOLUTION</u> by John T. Cunningham	\$26.95
<u>CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: A GUIDE TO NEW JERSEY'S AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR SITES</u>	\$ 5.00
<u>NEW JERSEY GOES TO WAR: BIOGRAPHIES OF 150 NEW JERSEYANS CAUGHT UP IN THE STRUGGLE OF THE CIVIL WAR</u> edited by Joseph G. Bilby	\$20.00
<u>LINCOLN'S WHITE HOUSE SECRETARY: THE ADVENTUROUS LIFE OF WILLIAM O. STODDARD</u> edited by Harold Holzer	\$39.95

Maps:

1910 ATLAS OF MORRIS COUNTY by A.H. Mueller	Members \$115
MADISON PLATES 3, 4, 5: Approximate size 22" x 31" each	Non members \$125

Miscellaneous:

2010-2011 Pocket Calendar by Madison Historical Society	\$1.00
Postcards of Historic Madison	\$1.00 each or Set of 4 \$3.75
Rose City Tote Bag	\$12.00
Hartley Dodge Memorial Anniversary Note Cards (Pack of 4)	\$ 3.00
Christmas Ornament: Historic Sayre House	\$10.00
Christmas Ornament: Luke Miller House	\$10.00
Madison Historical Society Note Pad with Pen	\$ 2.50
2008, 2009 Madison Photos on Calendar	\$ 5.00

Madison Historical Society DVD's

The War Years, On the Home Front 1940-1955	\$10.00 each
History of Roses in Madison,	
Vietnam Oral History Project (with booklet),	
Italian History in Madison, Black Church History,	
Luke Miller, Forging History,	
Isaac Gordon – Civil War in N.J.	

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