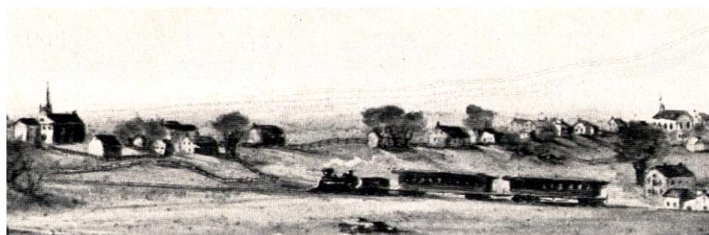


# *The Madison Historical Society*



*The September 2010  
Newsletter*

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## **Luke Miller Dig Subject of First Program September 22nd**

The opening program this Fall for the Madison Historical Society is a presentation by Dr. Ian C. Burrow on his findings during this June's dig at the Luke Miller forge in Madison. Dr. Burrow is the Vice President and Principal Archaeologist for Hunter Research, Inc. in Trenton, N.J. The evening will also celebrate Luke Miller's birthday which is September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday September 22 7:00 PM  
Chase Room, Madison Public Library**

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



### *More on the dig....*

The Luke Miller House (also referred to as Miller's Station) is considered the oldest existing home in Madison. It was built between 1730 and 1750, by Luke Miller's grandfather, Andrew Miller. The Miller home was frequently used as a hospitality center for officers in the Continental Army. General George Washington stayed there. The Forge on the property was no doubt used to service the officers' horses.

The Madison Historical Society has received two grants in the last three years from the New Jersey Historical Commission for an archaeological study of the forge on the Miller property. One of the unique aspects of this effort has been the involvement of a number of students from the Madison High School History Department.

For more extensive information on the Luke Miller property and the dig visit: <http://lukemillerhouse.com>



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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Susan Simon**

Welcome to our new season. We have some exciting things happening; a new website about to come on line, our adopt-a-picture project, the wreath sale in December and the ongoing archaeological study at the Luke Miller Site. Our first program on September 22<sup>nd</sup> has to do with the archaeological study and what was found there in June. Dr. Ian Burrow will be speaking.

As the article on page 4 of this newsletter indicates, we are all very excited about the new website that is still under construction. It will have a section for news and announcements, a list of calendar events, historical pictures and facts about Madison, a list of items for sale, special projects and in the future the quarterly Newsletter.

We are also pursuing a space in the Hartley Dodge Memorial Building to display some of the historical artifacts important to the history and people of Madison. Currently we have several pieces of furniture, clocks, a spinning wheel and other items stacked on top of filing cabinets in our space at the Madison Public Library. In addition we have been offered two pieces of furniture that belonged to early settlers of Madison. We also have a few pieces that are on loan to the Schuyler-Hamilton House in Morristown. We feel it is important for the people of Madison to be able to see and enjoy the rich history of the area and we are doing everything possible to secure a space to celebrate our history.

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## ***Congratulations!***



Congratulations to Kate Malcolm. Kate was recently named as a Trustee for the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. The League is a non-profit corporation of the State of New Jersey with the objective, "... to promote and further the improvement, interpretation, and preservation of our historical heritage in New Jersey."

The League is the largest grass-roots association in New Jersey history with some 260 member organizations which represent more than fifty thousand members.

## THE MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER: BIG SUCCESS

On May 20<sup>th</sup> 2010, over eighty members and friends of the Madison Historical Society gathered at the Madison Hotel for the Society's annual dinner. The featured speaker of the night was Dr. Perry Leavell speaking on "Abraham Lincoln and Local Environment."

This year's recipient of the Lloyd Smith Award was Melissa Iskandar. The award is annually presented to an outstanding high school student in the field of history and carries a scholarship award.



Melissa Iskandar, Lloyd  
Smith Award Winner

Historical Society President Susan Simon informed the dinner guests that a former Society Lloyd Smith Award winner, John Turvey (2008) has had his research on Isaac Gordon published in a new book, *New Jersey Goes to War: Biographies of 150 New*

*Jerseyans Caught Up in the Struggle of the Civil War* edited by Joseph G. Bilby.

Another highlight of the dinner was a display created by high school students, Tara Duffy and Curtis Hubbard, on William O. Stoddard, Third Secretary to Abraham Lincoln.



Professor Perry Leavell



Susan Simon, Society President

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### In Memory of Alice Perlaw, Lifetime Member of Madison Historical Society

Alice Perlaw, longtime member and tireless supporter of the Madison Historical Society, passed away on July 12, 2010 at the age of 95. It would be difficult to count the number of people she touched in her lifetime, from soldiers, students, educators, and friends and family. Everyone who passed through the walls of Madison High School were sure their class was her favorite but my class knew it was really the class of 1955. She always remembered all of our names any time we met her and when our children came through Madison High School, she remembered them as well. My Mother and Father-in-Law even knew her in Madison as a practice teacher before she graduated from the College of St. Elizabeth in 1931. She left Madison with a wonderful legacy of support and caring in so many different ways and for so many years.

There was another side of Alice Perlaw that few of us as student ever knew. She spent hours volunteering her time helping so many, from dancing with our troops at Ft. Dix, helping Vets at Lyons Hospital, teaching Sunday School at the Madison Presbyterian Church, serving on the Madison Library Board of Trustees, and lifetime member of the Madison Historical Society. What a giving person and a wonderful role model for all of us. Yes, Alice Perlaw, we will all miss you.

Cathie Coultas  
MHS Class of 1955

## REGIONAL EVENTS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

**Boonton Historical Society, 10/02/10 Tour of Greenwood Cemetery featuring "Soup to Die For"** Join us for our annual cemetery tour, this year featuring noteworthy townsfolk resting in Greenwood Cemetery. Finish the tour at the Museum with some warm homemade soup served in Boontonware bowls. Price of the soup includes the bowl!!

**Boonton Historical Society, 12/10/10 Holiday Open House Museum 7:00PM**

Celebrate the holiday season with us at the museum. Refreshments and entertainment. We look forward to having you join us as we end another year of activities and look forward to 2011.

**Morris County Historical Society, 10/25/10 Harvest Tea, 2:30-4:30 PM**

At Acorn Hall. Enjoy a three course, sit down tea served amid the splendor of Acorn Hall. Seating is limited, reservations are required. \$25 for MCHS members, \$30 for non-members. Please reserve by Thursday, September 23.

**Morris County Historical Society, 11/17/10 Victorian Fashion Plate Workshop.** At the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. During the Victorian era, women would take fashion plates out of magazines and "dress" the figures using scraps of fabric, lace, ribbon and other trims. Participants in the workshop will "dress" a reproduction image in this same manner. A fun workshop for anyone who has dreamed of being a fashion designer! Ages 12+.



**Summit Historical Society, 11/16-17/10 Four Centuries in a Weekend.** Sponsored by The Union County Cultural Heritage Commission. Tour historic buildings throughout Union County, including Summit's Carter House and the Summit Playhouse. The Carter House will be open 10/16 from 10-5 and Sunday 10/17 from 12-5.

**Macculloch Hall Historical Museum, Morristown, 10/24/2010 1810 Tartan Day Macculloch Hall Bicentennial Celebration.** A variety of events with Scottish accents, including brunch and Scottish themed concert. For information call (973) 538-2404.

### *New Website in Final Testing Stage*

Society officers and board members are excited about the prospect of a brand new website for the Madison Historical Society that should be online in the next few weeks. The new site will feature a variety of links including: About the Society, Membership, Calendar of Upcoming Events, a listing of Board and Trustees, Gift Shop, Adopt a Picture Program, Related Links, Directions, and Contacts. A special feature of the site will be a rotating display of historical photographs. Announcements to the Society membership and the general public will be forthcoming when the site is up and running.



## *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

### ***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	\$ 2.50
Postcards of Historic Madison of 4 for \$4.75	\$1.25 each or Set
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	\$ 3.50
2008, 2009 Madison Photos on Calendar	\$ 5.00

<b><i>Madison Historical Society DVD's</i></b> each	\$10.00
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The War Years, On the Home Front 1940-1955  
 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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# PRESERVATION OF MADISON PICTURES AND DOCUMENTS CONTINUES

Last year, the Madison Historical Society undertook a major program to help preserve its collection of valuable pictures and documents. Many of these items had been framed from fifty to one hundred years ago and were in desperate need of work including the use of UV protected glass, acid free backing board, acid free matting or spacers, and rabbit sealed framing with aluminum barrier frame sealing tape. The program was titled the "Adopt A Picture Or Document Campaign" and got off to a spectacular start. Thus far five prints and documents have been preserved with modern techniques. These include the following:

- Three photos showing the magnificent home of Mrs. J.M. Young on the estate known as "Ingleside. **Adopted by Sylvia and David Luber.**
- A petition dated 1840 requesting the construction of a boarding house in Madison and signed by many of the original settlers in Madison. **Adopted by Susan and Doug Simon, and Melda Pike.**
- A print of the well-known Charles Wilson Peal portrait of General George Washington with General Marquis de Lafayette and Lt. Col Tench Tilghman. **Adopted by Mary Anna Holden.**
- An original cartoon depicting Prohibition in Madison that appeared in the Madison Eagle in 1933. **Adopted by Dorothy Pietrowski.**
- Portrait of the first Mayor, J.P. Albright, and Council of the Borough of Madison. **Adopted by Loretta Carey.**

In addition to those adopting specific documents and pictures, the following individuals have made financial contributions to the preservation campaign:

**Zig Kaminski**  
**Dan Seidel**  
**Larry Taber**

The following are additional items that need preservation work and if you would like to adopt one of these items or just make a general contribution to the effort, please contact Susan L. Simon at 973-822-2377 or the Society at 973-377-0722 x 8.



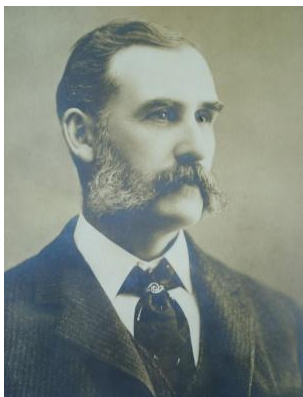
Photo of the Dedication of the Hartley Dodge Memorial Building, May 30, 1935. Pictured: Geraldine Dodge, Arch Deacon Victor W. Mori, Judge Albert H. Holland, Mayor Alan H. Brown, Senator W. Warren Barbour. Needs new mat, UV glass, rag backing and a rabbit seal of the frame. \$125.00



The Drew University Epworth League, 1927. Founded in 1889 in Cleveland, Ohio, the Epworth League is a young adult association of the [United Methodist Church](#). Needs new mat, UV glass, rag backing, and seal rabbit. \$220.



A copy of the Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington originally in the possession of the Callmeyer family of Madison, descendants of the children who greeted Lafayette when he visited the borough in 1825. The print needs new glass, spacer, backing board, seal rabbit, treatment for mold and de-acidifying. Cost: \$448.50



A portrait of Mayor William F. Redmond of Madison from 1908 to 1909. Mayor Redmond served only one term. He was an avid horse breeder on his estate located on the southwest corner of Woodland Road and Loantaka Way. The picture was found in the Burrough's barn and needs glass, backing board, a new mat and the rabbit sealed. Cost: \$77.50.

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## Current and New Members of the Historical Society

The Madison Historical Society currently has 80 members accounting for 114 people. The Society would like to welcome three new members: Sarah Chapman, Linda Connors, and Ross Pensa.

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## Looking to the Future: Dates to Remember

October 20, 2010 "Why Did Hamilton Cross the River" with Richard Schwartz, Department of History, Livingston High School.  
 December 4, 2010 Annual Christmas Wreath Sale  
 May 19, 2011 Madison Historical Society Annual Dinner



# The Madison Historical Society

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