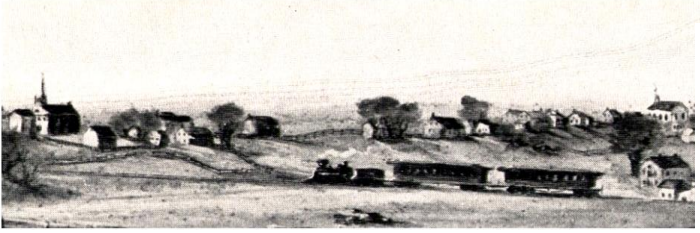


The Madison Historical Society



The September 2013

Newsletter

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The Madison Historical Society's First Fall Program of 2013

The Presbyterian Church of Madison, 266 Years of Christian Witness



Mr. Robert Garman
September 17, 2013
7:00 PM
Chase Room
Madison Public Library

The Presbyterian Church of Madison is the oldest continuously functioning organization in Madison. The Church's growth and struggles mirror the town's evolution from rude frontier settlement to settled small town to gilded age retreat to suburban center of the tumultuous 20th Century.

And in October.....

Four Presbyterian Leaders of Madison

Led by Robert Garman

October 29, 2013 7:00 PM

Chase Room, Madison Public Library

(For more on Mr. Garman, see page 2)

Message from the President Linda Connors

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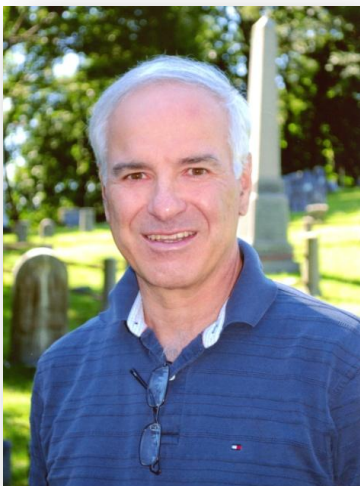
Doug Simon

Welcome to a new program year for the Madison Historical Society. We begin the year with some changes among the board members. After completing two successful terms as president, Susan Simon is now a trustee of the society replacing Chris Fillimon whose term was completed. Chris will continue to direct our oral history project. We welcome Laurie Hagerich as recording secretary and Linda Connors serves as president.

Our fall programs will provide insights into Madison's early history as seen through the focus of the Madison Presbyterian Church. Beginning with the early pastors, members of the church have maintained a tradition of documenting life in Bottle Hill and Madison and these records are essential to the study of Madison's history. In conjunction with our programs, the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts is offering Saturday tours of historic Hillside Cemetery where many Madison notables are buried. Bob Garman, Presbyterian Church Historian, will present the programs and conduct the tours. Details are in this issue of the newsletter. We encourage all our members to come to the programs and especially to bring along your friends and neighbors. Madison has a unique history quite unlike that of our neighboring towns and this is a history that deserves to be more widely known.

Stop by and say hello at our booth on Waverly Place on Bottle Hill Day. We would love to discuss Madison history, answer questions, and talk about the Society's work. Reproductions of historic photographs and maps of Madison and books on Madison history will also be available

More on our Fall speaker...



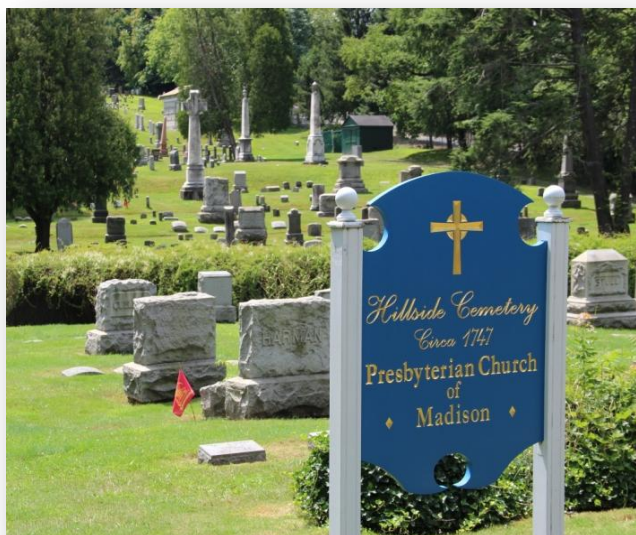
Robert Garman is a 36 year member, Deacon, and Elder of the Presbyterian Church of Madison. He currently serves as the President of its Board of Trustees and also administers the church's Hillside/Bottle Hill Cemetery on Main Street. He was the project manager for five historic preservation grants that documented and stabilized Webb Memorial Chapel, a key contributing structure in the Madison Downtown Commercial Historic District. As the current church historian, he has been reassembling the church's unique collection of artifacts dating from 1748. A graduate of Dartmouth College and of the MIT Sloan School of Management, Mr. Garman served for 5 years as a project engineer for the US Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program and later worked for Exxon Mobil for 25 years in a variety of business development, planning, financial and information systems positions.

History From The Dumpster!

This past year, Kay Leary, Madison's Historian and a trustee of the Madison Historical Society, received a communication from Gary Bush of European Auto Repair of Morristown. A lot of trash materials are routinely placed in the company dumpsters. But one day something caught Gary's eye and it turned out to be five old ledgers from the Green and Pierson Lumber Company of Madison dating from 1889 to 1917. Gary immediately rescued the ledgers, and contacted Madison officials and the ledgers eventually found their way to the society. This was a particularly valuable find since a fire seriously damaged and partially destroyed data from the 1890 Census. The ledgers provide valuable data of the period for genealogical purposes.



Tours of Hillside Cemetery



Robert Garman, the principle speaker for the Society's two fall programs, is also leading three tours of Madison's Hillside Cemetery under the auspices of the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts. These tours are highly recommended and will take place at 2:00 pm on the following dates:

- September 14 "Famous Figures of Madison"
- September 21 "Madison and the Civil War"
- October 12 "Revolutionary Madison"

Please Call the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts for information, reservations and cost. 973-377-2982 ext. 13

Historical Society Accessions for 2012/13

The Madison Historical Society received nearly 70 items for its collection of documents and artifacts from Fall 2012 through summer 2013. The following is a complete list of those items and if known, who donated them to the society. In some cases gifts are made anonymously. The society is very grateful for all the contributions made. The Society also appreciates the efforts of Kate Malcolm, the Society's Custodian, and Judith Jahnke, both of whom work tirelessly cataloging onto the computer every item donated to the Society. This is an extremely arduous but vital task involving the assignment of accession numbers, providing detailed descriptions of the items and finally, finding appropriate and secure storage for each item. The Society thanks them both for their valuable service.

<u>Item(s)</u>	<u>Donator</u>
A carriage robe from the estate of James A. Webb	Mr. Austin Mitscher
Madison High School Alembic 2012 – In Our Words	
Letter from Mrs. William Carter (Ruth B. Carter)	
Addressed to Friends of Madison Shade Trees	Judith Mullins
Magazine: The Illustrated America, July 2 1892	Zigmund Kaminski
Calendar Madison 2012, Town Planner, Your Community Calendar	
Playbill: A Minstrel Show given by the Chatham Glee Club for the Benefit of Oak Leaf Lodge No. 235, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Feb. 15, 1905	
Postcard: Friends of Florham	
Madison Calendar 2009, 2011, 2012	
Morris & Essex Railroad – Information transcribed from Anna Belle Coultas' notes on the railroad, compiled by June Coultas	Robert Coultas
Madison Fire Signals	
Two printing engraving plates for the Borough of Madison letterhead and envelopes	John J. Dunne
Gruber's Bakery Ruler and 1980 Rose City Festival Pin	David Siegried
Print of four framed sketches of homes – 2 Madison and 2 in Afton (Florham Park)	Ron Waksman
Two pair of spectacles worn by James S. Gardener, made in 1920s when Superintendent for the Webb Estate	Anne Mitscher
1918 postcard with photo of the Fountain and Viaduct and Green Glass Pitcher – labeled souvenir of Madison	Dan Seidel
Booklet YMCA 1900 Entertainments	
Newspaper, The Time (London) Saturday June 17, 1876, pp. 7-10. found in box returned from storage with Mrs. MB Powell on 10/25/76.	
Items found in box returned by NB Powell via Pres. EH Hewson 1976	
Newspaper clipping, Madison Eagle, June 23, 1955 containing poem description of Bottle Hill in 1839 and separately typed copy of the same poem	

The Journal of the American Irish Historical Society, Program: The VFW Minstrels, Lackawana RR dining car 1959	Kate Malcolm Robert Coultas
DVD of Bill Chemerka's War of 1812 program, 9/20/12	
Nine photos from 1950-53 book of poems by Mac Stimac. Sent by Patricia Basalone via John R. Massarano. Gift in Memory of John and Florence Lynch. Patricia Basalone's maiden name was Lynch. John and Florence were her parents	Patricia Basalone
Magnet: St. Vincent Martyr Parish. Sketch of church and Listing of parish information and service times.	
Book of Stirring Times, The Lives of New Jersey's First Civil War Surgeons	Valerie M. Josephson
Marriage certificate between Edward D. Oakes and Margaret Sabella Earles on July 5, 1885 in Madison, NJ by J.A. Ferguson	
Madison High School diploma (Commercial) of Walter Franklin Bartow, June 18, 1926	
Digital images of scrapbook, 72 individual pages largely consisting of newspaper clippings, event programs, and personal photographs. In addition, digital images of two joint resolutions of the New Jersey State Legislature 1887 framed Robinson map of Chatham Township from Atlas of Morris County	Sebastion (Sam) Cerciello Allen Gibson
The Madison, N.J. State and National Civic and Commercial Historic District Walking Tour – 2 copies	
Postcard "Scene Around Madison, NJ	Daniel Seidel
Book, "The American Spelling Book Containing the Rudiments of the English Language for the Use of Schools in the United States," by Noah Webster, Esq., 1824	Dorothy Pietrowski
Photo, R.H. Williams Sr. Estate, Madison, NJ	
Newspaper Clipping, Newark Sunday Call, May 29 1921. Mrs. Geraldine R. Dodge presenting fire truck to Madison. Three photos: Ceremony, Dodge & Gruver, and wetdown demonstration.	
Two DVDs, Historical Society program, on Bell Labs by Jon Gertner, March 19, 2013	Robert Coultas
Booklet – Arther W. Rushmore and the Golden Hind Press Magazine: Perfect Home Magazine, Madison Community Magazine, March 1959 issue	Barbara Nevins
Newspapers, Madison Eagle 3/21/1991 and 4/9/1992. Pages detailing Madison budget 1991 and 1992	
Madison Academy Diploma for Roger Augustus Davis 1/14/1912	

Events of Interest in the Area

Parent and Me Hearth Cooking, Montclair Historical Society. September 22, 2013, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM. Discover what it was like to prepare food over an open hearth using traditional techniques and tools. A great experience for parents and children grades 2 and up. 1.5 hours. Israel Crane House, 108 Orange Road, Montclair. \$25/pair. Advanced registration is required. Call 973-744-1796 or send note to mail@montclairhistorical.org



Guided Walking Tour of Lambertville, Lambertville Historical Society, Sun. October 6, 2013, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm, Take in the history, architecture, and scenery of Lambertville. Meet at the James Wilson Marshall House Museum, 60 Bridge Street, Lambertville. Tours are free.

Four Centuries in a Weekend. The Union County Cultural Heritage Commission. October 19-20, 2013. Tour historic buildings throughout Union Country, including Summit's Carter House and the Summit Playhouse. Also, The Carter House will be open 10/13 and 10/14 from 12 noon – 5:00 pm. For more information contact The Summit Historical Society, 908-277-1747.

An Invitation to Join

The Madison Historical Society is always seeking new members. Membership includes the Society's newsletter published four times a year, notification of and admittance to all Society programs, and an invitation to purchase tickets for the society's annual dinner. If you or any of your family or friends are not members, consider filling out and returning the membership application form (below) with the appropriate check made out to: **The Madison Historical Society, P.O. Box 148, Madison, 07940**

www.madisonhistoricalsociety.com

Membership Form

Please circle membership category

CORPORATE.....\$250	Name(s) _____
BENEFACTOR.....\$100	_____
SUSTAINING.....\$75	Address _____
FAMILY\$40	Telephone _____
INDIVIDUAL.....\$25	Email _____
STUDENT (Under 21).....\$5	

MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY – ITEMS FOR SALE

Books:

<u>CIVIL WAR JOURNAL OF PRIVATE HEYWARD EMMELL</u> , edited by Jim Malcolm		\$55.00
<u>GERALDINE Rockefeller Dodge</u> by Barbara J. Minick	Hardcover	\$20.00
	Paper	\$10.00
<u>HIDDEN NEW JERSEY</u> by Linda J. Barth, Illustrations by Hazel Mitchell	Hardcover	\$17.95
	Paper	\$ 8.95
<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:

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
	(2 for	\$15.00)
Madison Historical Society Note Pad with Pen		\$ 2.50
2008, 2009, 2012 Madison Photos on Calendar		\$ 1.00

Madison Historical Society DVD's \$10.00 each

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

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