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Join us at our monthly meetings
Meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Monday of the month in the Shamong Township Municipal building at 105 Willow Grove Road.

Monday, Oct 18, 2010  7:30pm  (to be announced)
Monday, Nov 15, 2010  7:30pm  “Charcoal in the Pines” by Pinelands Historian and Botanist Ted Gordon
Monday, Dec 20, 2010  6:00pm  ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER  For the General Membership

No meetings:  Jan - Feb - July - Aug

Officers:
President .... Joseph J. Reinhart
V President  Marie Kulschinsky
Recording Secretary  Ruth Boice
Treasurer .... Donald D. Catts
Corres. Secretary . Linda Jagiela

Trustees:
Leon King  term 2011
Marie Giberson  term 2011
George Flemming  term 2012
Kathryn Ritter  term 2013
Daniel Tavani  term 2013

ON THE COVER

The cover photograph is Fremont Patterson driving his team of mules to the saw mill. Fremont owned the Patterson Hotel property which was originally the Dellett Hotel, at the corner of Jackson Road and Atsion Road. The hotel/home was demolished in 1975 and a horse farm occupies the property today. The photograph is from a photograph collection donated to the Society by Maryann Kaszuba a member of our “Life Membership Club”.

THE 2010 ELECTION RESULTS
At the annual elections held in May, three officers were re-elected, while two new officers were elected to their first terms.

The 2010-11 officers are:
Joseph Reinhart, President  Marie Kulschinsky, V. President
Don Catts, Treasurer  Ruth Boice, Recording Secretary
Linda Jagiela, Correspondence Secretary

Trustees re-elected were Marie Giberson and Leon King for a one year term and George Flemming for a two year term.

MEET OUR NEW OFFICERS
Vice President Marie Kulschinsky has been a resident of Shamong Township for over 20 years. She and husband Ed raised one son, Edward, who is an attorney in Portland, Maine. Marie, a professional realtor with Prudential Fox and Roach, is also a member of Holy Eucharist Church in Tabernacle, Not Just Gardeners Club of Indian Mills and a retired member of The Indian Mills Homes and School Assoc. and the Indian Mills Boy Scout Troop 47 Committee. With a degree in history from Old Dominion University and her keen interest in local history, Marie will be a valuable contributor on the executive board.

Correspondence Secretary Linda Jagiela grew up in Shamong Township. She attended Indian Mills Elementary School and Shawnee High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree in business and Master of Business Administration from LaSalle University. Linda and husband Philip own “Aries Transportation” in Southampton, PA. She is a freelance writer who is currently working on her first book which is set in Shamong Township. Linda’s writing skills have already proven a valuable asset to the society.

AS A 501(C) (3) NON PROFIT EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION, ALL DONATIONS TO THE INDIAN MILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE
Editor’s Note: Our web site continues to get visitors on a regulator basis. A lot of people are looking for information about Shamong Township’s history or the area in general. Other people are looking for their family roots. The web site http://mysite.verizon.net/vzet2t12/imhs/index can also by reached by clicking on the link from the “Shamong Township” website. I have many great ideas for web site projects but don’t have the time I’d like to dedicate to them. Most projects simply involve the preservation of Township history in digital format. As time allows, I will continue scanning pictures, documents, and our newsletters. Completed items will be added to the web site for everyone to enjoy. Until we have a permanent physical home to display the various photographs and documents, the website can serve as our virtual museum and resource guide for visitors seeking information about the history of Shamong Township.

ATSION MANSION GETS A NEW ROOF

The roof of the Atsion Mansion was not included in the 2008 restoration project. It started leaking and last spring tours were discontinued because of water damage to the interior. This July, a project was advertised to replace the 50 year old roof at an estimated cost of $77,448.00. Bids for project P1061-00 Roof Replacement, Atsion Mansion, Atsion Village, Wharton State Forest, Shamong Township, Burlington County, NJ, were accepted on August 3, 2010 and the project was awarded to Tortorice Contractors on August 19, 2010, at a cost of $97,723.00. Today, with its new roof the mansion is completely restored both inside and out. This is how it must have appeared in 1826 when Iron Master Samuel Richards first built it. Because it was restored to its original state, the building does not have plumbing, electricity, or heat except for fireplaces in the basement, and on the first and second floors. The tour is architectural in nature and reflects the early Greek Revival style that was popular in the early 1800’s. The mansion is currently closed for the season, but it is hoped that it will be open again for tours in the spring.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A warm welcome is extended to the Society’s newest members!

NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
C. Anne Anderson, Phila, PA
Michael Condax, Phila, PA
Joseph “Jay” Robinson, ME

NEW FAMILY MEMBERS
Wm & Janet Bruner, Shamong, NJ
Larry & Barbara Valenzano, Shamong, NJ

NEW LIFE MEMBERS
Philip & Linda Jagiela, Shamong, NJ
Mary Anne & Joe Reinhart, Shamong, NJ
Don Dellett, Neptune, NJ
Pearl Abrams. Shamong, NJ
Janet D Worrell, Hammonton, NJ

MEMORIAL GIFT RECEIVED

In Memory of
CLEMENT “BUCK” MILLER SR.
and son
CLEMENT “BUCKY” MILLER JR
and little
JESICCA MILLER
from wife, mother, & grandmother
NANCY MILLER

Due to a number of inquiries on our website, the next two pages are a collage of photographs of the inside of the Atsion Mansion taken shortly after its 2008 restoration.
My wife’s grandfather was Albert Woolman. He and his brother Levi ran the Saw Mill at Indian Mills on the Willow Grove road. They also ground grain at the mill. I can remember going to the mill with my uncle John Mingin to get corn ground for his stock. I was about seven years old. He let me drive the horse. The John Brainard house was just across the road from the saw mill.

All that was left at that time was a small cellar. The Woolman’s house was destroyed by fire. Elmer Cowperthwaite now owns a house on the same location.

FOLKS THIS IS WHAT IT’S ALL ABOUT
These memoirs and photos donated by Frederick O. (Fred) Miller in memory of his father, Frederick D. (Fritz) Miller, are priceless to local historians and genealogists. The saw mill Fritz talks about was located on the Saw Mill Pond at the site of one of two mills originally owned by the Indians of the Brotherton Indian Reservation (1758); the other mill was up the road on the old Grist Mill Pond, now called Indian Mills Lake. These mills were known as the Indian’s Mills, hence the area today is called “Indian Mills”. Fritz tells us that they also ground grain at the saw mill and sets the date at the time by his age of 7yrs. Therefore, by around 1915 all that was left of the old Benjamin Springer house where John Brainard lived and supervised the Brotherton Indian Reservation was a small cellar hole. Benjamin Springer sold his land to the Indian Commissioners for a reservation. When John Brainard was appointed Indian Commissioner he move into the Springer house. Then some years later the Woolman house (site of the Cowperthwaite house today) was destroyed by fire. And for local genealogist the Woolman, Mingin and Miller families are tied together by this single family member.

In the next newsletter, Fritz talks about the “Dellett Store” in his memoirs. Yes, I said the Dellett Store, not the Dellett Hotel nor Dellett’s Corner.

Need a perfect Holiday Gift?

Historical Afghans reduced from $40 to $25 for the Holiday Season

Our Indian Mills Historical Afghans are 100% cotton, measuring 50 by 70 inches, they are available in four colors; light blue, dark blue, green, and red. Woven in the USA, these beautiful Afghans have eleven (11) historic buildings, depicting the history of Shamong Township. This decorative keepsake is destined to become a family heirloom. Some colors are limited so buy yours soon. The proceeds will be used to help meet the society’s operating expenses. They may be purchased at our general monthly meetings, fundraisers or by calling 609-268-1693 Thank you.
THE INDIAN MILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE INDIAN MILLS STUDENTS PERFECT TOGETHER

STILL FAMILY CEMETERY PROJECT

By Delores Alspach and Karen Clementi, teachers at the Indian Mills Elementary School

What do you say when a member of the Indian Mills Historic Society asks you if you want a project? You say, “Yes!” and then you ask what it would be. That’s exactly what happened to us! In the spring of 2010, Mrs. Janice Woytowich asked us that question.

We attended the Historical Society’s spring meeting where we met many members and saw familiar faces. This was our first meeting and we were ever impressed! What a dedicated and knowledgeable group of people who are working together to preserve the history of Shamong. The amount of volunteers who offered their expertise and labor overwhelmed us.

THE PROJECT - The restoration of the Still Cemetery, an overgrown and abandoned cemetery nestled in the woods off of Stokes Rd. There are no markers or any physical signs to let you know this cemetery exists. Over thirty years ago, while in eighth grade, a young Kenny Woytowich, son of Henry and Janice, cleared and marked this site for a school project. Who would have thought that the information this thirteen year old gathered and put into a report, would later be instrumental in the official documentation of the cemetery?

WORKING TOGETHER - After the Historical Society provides access by clearing and preparing the site, we plan on recreating Kenny’s original work of years ago. Markers will be placed and a white picket fence placed around the actual burial plot. Ms. Moore, our principal, is supportive of the project and already involved. We are very proud to share with our students the fact that a former eighth grade student from Shamong was instrumental in saving this historical site.

From this hands-on experience, the students will learn some history of the area and the value of historical preservation to the community.

STILL CEMETERY PROJECT UNDERWAY

Thanks to the generosity of Richard and Marie Giberson, owners of Giberson Plumbing & Excavating, Inc, “Phase I” of the Still Cemetery project, clearing the site, is off to a good start. In the photo to the left equipment operator Mark Sweet of Giberson Plumbing & Excavating is clearing the briers and brush from the graveyard property. After the brush was cleared from the site Janice and Henry Woytowich went to work cutting up and removing the dead trees and branches that had fallen on the property.
YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME A MEMBER

Make checks payable to: **Indian Mills Historical Society.**

Mail to: **Don Catts 39 Manitoba Trail, Shamong, NJ 08088**

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: ________________________________________________________________

PHONE: (     ) ___________________ E-MAIL: _______________________________________

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________________________________________________________________________

Name of person(s), event, and date of memory/honor

Example; John and Jane Doe, 20th wedding anniversary February 14, 2010

Thank you for your support!

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