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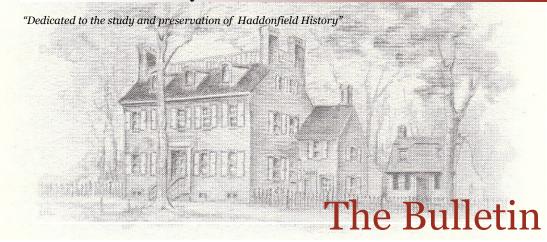
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November 26, 7pm Zoom

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### Historical Society of Haddonfield



### GARY SARETZKY PRESENTS: 19TH-CENTURY CAMDEN PHOTOGRAPHERS, NOVEMBER 13 AT 7 PM

**By Dave Stewart** 

ong before everyone carried a camera in their pocket or purse (which, surprisingly, can actually also function as phone!), photography was largely the

function of professionals. Even today, one can choose to visit a photography studio for a quality portrait, but in the 19th century it was a necessity, and their work created a vital repository of family and historical moments and records.

Teacher, archivist, and historian Gary Saretzky has performed an incredibly valuable service by creating a database of the thousands of 19th century photographers who worked or lived in New Jersey. Among these are 300 or so

based in the city of Camden. These artists, who also plied often plied their trade nearby. including Haddonfield, will be the focus of his virtual presentation on November 13.

Besides providing an essential service and contributing greatly to our understanding of the era, the photographers lived lives that illuminate all aspects of 19th-century life, lives that were often as interesting and memorable as the works they created. The tales gleaned from contemporary sources contain lynchings and murder, child abuse and Chinese brides, disinterred bodies and family feuds. William Fearn had such a strong or email us at info@haddonfieldhistory.org



Image from the Saretzky Digital Collection, www.saretzky.com

Wm. B. Fearn "stronged

falling out with his volatile brother and former partner Frederick that he posted an ad reading: "Go to W.R. Fearn, for Fine Cabinet Photographs at Haddonfield, Main Street,

near Braddock's Drug Store. N.B. This is not F.H. Fearn of Camden. I have no connection with any other gallery." Other stories are of the more prosaic challenges of conducting a photographic business at that time, and the special obstacles if you were one of the few female or African-American practitioners.

Saretzky worked as an archivist for more than 50 years at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Monmouth County Archives and elsewhere. He taught the history of photography at Mercer County Community College for 35 years and served as coordinator of the Public History Internship Program with Rutgers University. He has published

more than 100 articles and reviews on all aspects of photography. In 1972 he took up photography himself, perhaps inspired by his mother's work in the field. His photographic works have been displayed at galleries and public spaces in New Jersey and Philadelphia, with a focus on blues musicians and a current exploration of digital tintypes created with an iPhone. He has presented lectures on the history of photography throughout the state.

Share in this visual and narrative history at a Zoom event Wednesday, November 13 at 7 pm. To register, visit: haddonfieldhistory.org

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ctober was a busy month for the Historical Society. We held our annual Haunted Haddonfield walking tours, which sell out every year. William Meehan began collecting the spooky folklore of Haddonfield decades ago, turning this passion into a two volume book series and the popular walking tour. For over 20 years, Bill led the tour for delighted fans of scary history. Sadly, Bill passed away in 2021, but with the blessing of his family, the Historical Society has been able to

continue his legacy.
Our tour guides,
Craig and Amanda,
come to us from
Haddonfield Players
and Players and
bring Bill Meehan's
stories to life! A big
thank you to
everyone who
volunteered to help
with the tours this
year.

In addition to the November lecture detailed in our cover story, I encourage everyone to consider joining the Historical Society Book Club, happening on zoom on Tuesday, November 26. This month we are reading *The Marquis: Lafayette Reconsidered* by Laura Auricchio. Our book club is an open and casual discussion — join us even if you did not finish the book! (To register, email the HSH office at info@haddonfieldhistory.org.)

We are still actively raising money for a new roof for Greenfield Hall. We received a partial grant from the New Jersey Historical Trust and from Camden County but still need to raise over \$50,000 to complete the project. Please consider making a donation to help us raise our new roof! Look for more information on our website (www.haddonfieldhistory.org).

As we move into the holiday season, consider the Historical Society for your holiday gifts. We have a stunning 1899

bird's eye view map of Haddonfield on sale for \$50, along with our many publications (including *Haunted Haddonfield* volumes 1 and 2). We also have tea towels, note cards featuring Greenfield Hall and Christmas ornaments.

Please mark your calendar for next

year's Candlelight Dinner to be held on Wednesday March 19, 2025, at Tavistock Country Club. More information on the speaker to come soon!

All the best,





### PATRICIA LENNON ARCHIVES CENTER NEWS

This issue, I want to take a quick look at those HSH's web pages dedicated to the Patricia Lennon Archives Center.

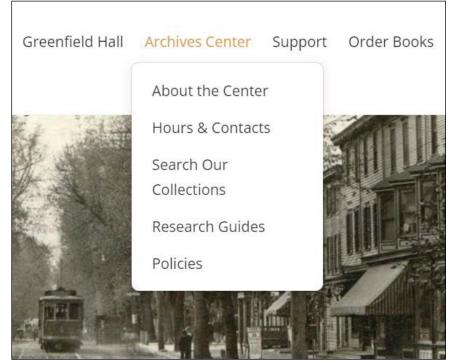
Hover your mouse pointer over the "Archives Center" label in our menu, and a list of the main sections will drop down: "About the Center," "Hours & Contacts," "Search Our Collections," "Research Guides," and "Policies."

The first two sections include fairly basic information about the Archives Center: an overview, opening times and how to contact the archivist, a description of the fundraising campaign for the new center, and—something we are asked a lot—details of how to volunteer at the center. We have quite an active volunteer program at PLAC and we believe we have identified jobs that volunteers will find rewarding. If you are interested in volunteering specifically at the Archives Center, please look at the jobs we have listed there and see if any appeal to you.

Next, we have our pages that allow users to search our collections, before they even set foot in the archives center! For practical reasons, we had to develop several catalogs to span all our collections. These are the catalogs for archival collections (the unique items, papers, and records), pamphlets (booklets with limited print runs) and ephemera (printed items that may not have been intended to be kept—like concert tickets), and published volumes (the kinds of publications you might find in a regular public library). My general recommendation for searching the archival catalog is, unless you know the exact title or accession number of an item, to try your search terms in the field labeled "Abstract/ Description." And when using these catalogs, it is helpful to remember that it can take several attempts to find "just the right" keyword or phrase.

In addition, we also have some indices and listings: collection highlights (some of our treasures), finding aids and indices (more in depth guides to some of our collections that will help you navigate them), and links to the digitized local newspaper collections.

### By David Platt



As a further aid to researchers, we have two dedicated research guides. One is for the resources outside of HSH that researchers might find useful. The second is our recently created guide to African American and Black History in our collections. This guide is based on the considerable efforts of our previous archivist, Dana Dorman, who carefully searched for and identified HSH items relevant to African American and Black history—we collated and organized the items she identified into categories that researchers can easily navigate.

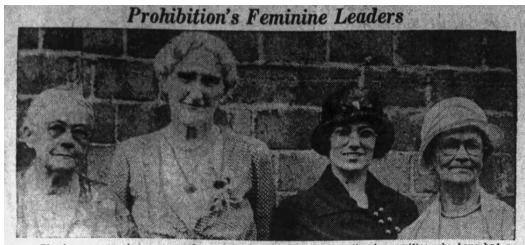
Finally, there is a section dedicated to policies at the Archives Center. Here you will find the official guidelines for: how to do research with us (and how we can help you, if you cannot visit the archives center); copyright and permissions; how to donate items to the archives center; and how we manage our collections.

We have worked hard to make these webpages as useful as possible — but we are always looking for ways to improve them. Please take a look at them and let us know what you think!

# ESTHER ELFRETH – HADDONFIELD'S TITANIC TEMPERANCE CRUSADER AND SUFFRAGIST

By Doug Rauschenberger

sther Elfreth was born in 1861. A descendent of the colonial Elfreth family of Philadelphila, her parents were Quakers, however she leaves the Haddonfield Quaker meeting on good terms, and joins the Presbyterians in 1899, at age 38. She was a charter member of the Haddon Fortnightly but her primary focal organization was the



The four women above are members of the Prohibition party's national committee who have had an active part in the national convention at Indianapolis. They are left to right, Mrs. Charlotte R. Coffin, of Johnstown Fla.; Miss Esther Elfreth, of Haddonfield, N. J., national vice chairman; Mrs. Ruth Kidder, of Barre, Vt., and Dr. M. Len Hutchins, of Los Angeles.

Camden Courier Post, July 9, 1932. Elfreth is the second from the left.

Women's Christian Temperance Union. Almost certainly she was a founding member of the Haddonfield chapter of the WCTU in 1887 and by 1896, perhaps earlier, she was its President. The next year she is elected President of the Camden County WCTU, a position she holds until 1910 when she moves up once again, becoming President of the State WCTU. She holds this office for the next 14 years through 1924.

The WCTU was strongly in favor of women's right to vote. Their thinking -- prohibition was essential for the protection of home and family and if women could vote, most would vote for prohibition. Elfreth, as leader of the very active Haddonfield WCTU, used this platform to work diligently for the suffrage movement.

As far as I can determine, Miss Elfreth never held a paying job. She seems to have lived modestly and I assume, but do not know, that she got by with inherited family money. Interestingly, in both the 1915 state census and the national 1920 census, under the category "occupation," she is listed as the New Jersey WCTU President. It may not have been a paid position, but to her it was a full-time job.

Esther attended all the WCTU national conventions – including Los Angeles in 1905 – quite a trip at that

time. After taking the reins of the State WCTU, she goes into high gear giving hundreds and hundreds of speeches – locally, statewide, and beyond – Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky, and others. She continues speaking extensively the rest of her life. Many newspaper articles noted her superior speaking ability – calling her charming, earnest, informative, "delighting the audience, as she always does" and other accolades.

# JERSEY DRYS NOMINATE WOMAN FOR SENATE Esther Elfreth, Haddonfield, Named at Convention of Prohibition Party

Philadelphia Inquirer, April 10, 1932

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In 1915, a New Jersey referendum to give women the right to vote is defeated, but the suffragists, of course, do not give up, continuing to speak out, meet and agitate. At a joint meeting of the Haddonfield WCTU and the Haddonfield

Suffrage Association, Elfreth exclaims: "Let us here in New Jersey buckle on the armor... as we work for a national constitutional amendment for prohibition [and] work also for the Susan B. Anthony amendment for woman suffrage."

By 1920, both amendments to the Constitution have passed. What's next for Miss Elfreth? She continues her leadership in the WCTU, quickly announcing that although she "deplored the current styles of dress, the literature to be found in public libraries and the poorer class of movies," the next priority would be the prohibition of tobacco.

Elfreth also becomes increasingly active in politics - in the Prohibition Party. She turns her attention to the troubles of prohibition enforcement. Making national news, she suggests that New Jersey should employ female agents to enforce prohibition. Her suggestion does not reach receptive ears. The man in charge of enforcement declares: "I cannot see it. The work here is hard enough for men without bringing women into it. As far as I can see there is nothing that a woman could do here that a man could not do better."

In 1924, Esther is considered as the Vice-Presidential candidate on the Prohibition Party's national ticket. (She is not named, but another woman is.) By 1928, she is Vice Chair of the national Prohibition Party and is their candidate for US Senate in 1930

candidate for US Senate in 1930 and 1932 and for Congress in 1940. As a minor party candidate, she never comes close to being elected.

Prohibition is repealed
December 1933. Although no
doubt devasted by this reversal,
Elfreth never wavers in her belief
that temperance will ultimately
prevail. She continues her
frequent speaking engagements
against alcohol – "this country's
archenemy," – and blames the
strong propaganda from the
alcohol interests and indifferent
lack of enforcement of
prohibition for the political
change.

In her later years, Elfreth received many accolades. She is made honorary President of the New Jersey WCTU in 1936 (possibly earlier) and an honorary member of the Haddon Fortnightly in 1944. She reprises her role as President of the Camden County WCTU sometime in the 1930s. When she retires again from this role in 1941, she laments "Jersey [to be the] Most 'Rum-Ridden' State."

Esther Elfreth never married. She dies at age 83 In 1945. Her obituary noted she was a member of the Historical Society of Haddonfield, in addition to her other associations.



Camden Courier Post, February 14, 1945

### **VOLUNTEER FOR HSH!**

The Historical Society of Haddonfield is planning some exciting events in the months ahead, and we would like you to join us as a volunteer.

Volunteering is a great way to get to know the Historical Society and learn about the history of our town.

We have opportunities for everyone — even if you can only spare an hour. We always need help with our gardens, archives and collections.

We're particularly in need of garden help and support with social media and graphic design.

Email us at with any questions at <a href="mailto:info@haddonfieldhistory.org">info@haddonfieldhistory.org</a> or scan the QR code.

# HISTORY-THEMED TOURS BY HSH: SPOTLIGHT ON HEADSETS

If you have enjoyed one of the history-themed tours HSH frequently hosts around Haddonfield, you probably wore a headset. The backstory of these headsets shines a light on behind-the-scenes work that helps HSH share the richly layered history of Haddonfield with audiences, mindful of accessibility and inclusion. HSH acquired the headsets during the COVID-19 pandemic through a generous Haddonfield Foundation grant. Inspired by thoughts of community service, the Foundation highlighted the good will factor and asked HSH to also loan the headsets to other organizations for their use. And so, volunteers now hand out the headsets every June for walking tours of historic Haddonfield homes during The Skirmish; in October for the Haunted Haddonfield tours through the Baptist Cemetery; and seasonally for a growing list of themed tours such as Haddonfield Suffragettes, Taverns and Temperance, and Women of Haddonfield. Many thanks to all who maintain the headsets from tour to tour and to the Haddonfield Foundation for its generosity and support for the tours! — Deborah Garwood

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP MAINTAIN THE GARDENS OF GREENFIELD HALL

A re you someone who has Master Gardener certificate or a degree in horticulture? Do you belong to the Garden Club, or do you just have an unflagging interest in gardening?

If so, we have an opportunity for you to employ your skills and interest for a lasting tribute of your talents. The Society is looking for volunteers to join in the development and caretaking of the Gardens of Greenfield Hall. You'll not only have the chance to meet likeminded folks, you'll also be contributing a lasting gift to future residents of this great community.

In the words of Francis Bacon – a garden is "...the purest of human pleasures."

Interested? Mark your calendar for Sunday, **November 17 at 9 am** and come out and join us for a discussion of the history of our campus grounds.

You'll see photos of the gardens from the 1920s and the 1940s, and the transformation from 2004-2006 to the present day. Afterwards, you are invited to join us in a bulb planting.

Sign up to be a garden volunteer through the QR code below or emailing the office at <a href="mailto:info@haddonfieldhistory.org">info@haddonfieldhistory.org</a>.

For more information, contact our buildings and grounds chair, Bob Marshall, at rmarshall1514@verizon.net.





# Upcoming Book Club Discussion The Marquis: Lafayette Reconsidered

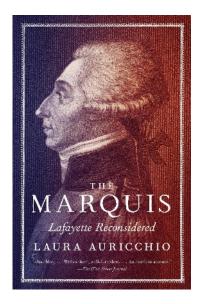
The HSH Book Club will be meeting via Zoom on **November 26, 7 pm** to discuss *The Marquis: Lafayette Reconsidered* by Laura Auricchio. All are welcome to join the discussion, whether or not you have read or completed the book.

This biography, which won the American Library in Paris Book Award, tells the sweeping story of Lafayette's remarkable life.

At age 19, the aristocrat Marquis de Lafayette volunteered to fight alongside troops under George Washington and became the French hero of the American Revolution. A staunch believer in liberty, Lafayette played a crucial role acting as a bridge between the American revolutionaries and the French government, helping secure much needed support and supplies.

Fifty years later in 1824—200 years ago this year— Lafayette returned to the United States in triumph. Celebrated everywhere he went, his visit rekindled the spirit of the American Revolution as a new generation reckoned with the realities of building a new nation.

If you register for the event, you will receive an emails a few days before the event with details for joining the discussion. Email the HSH office at info@haddonfieldhistory.org to register.



### **Membership News**

If you have not paid your dues yet please pay them either by check or online at our website. We are happy to check and see if your dues are up to date.

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### Remember your benefits include:

- \* A subscription to the BULLETIN.
- \* Free admittance to general membership meetings and quarterly lectures.
- \* Free tours of Greenfield Hall and the Don Wallace Tool Gallery.
- \* Discounts on special events, rentals and 10% off Society Publication.

### By Karynna Baresel

- \* Access to the new Patricia Lennon Archive Center, when we are open to public; and
- \* Most importantly, the opportunity to contribute to the preservation and teaching of Haddonfield's rich history, and to the maintenance of the Society's historic buildings, grounds, and collections.

You can submit your membership dues by sending payment in the return envelope, which is provided with your renewal letter or by completing the form below.

You can also pay your membership online through our website www.haddonfieldhistory.org by clicking the "Support" tab and then clicking on the "Become a Member" tab.

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### TAKE THE HADDY SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

The *Hadrosaurus foulkii*, the first nearly complete dinosaur skeleton to be discovered virtually intact anywhere in the world, was unearthed in October, 1858, in a marl pit in Haddonfield, Camden County, by William Parker Foulke, a member of the prestigious Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

Today that discovery is commemorated at the Haddonfield dinosaur discovery site, located in a wooded area at the end of Maple Avenue in Haddonfield. The site includes historic markers, a bench, and an overlook above a deep ravine. It is one stop you can make on the self-guided *Hadrosaurus foulkii* historic trail.

To follow the trail and learn more about Haddy, stop by our office for a copy of the trail map. Or you can download it for free at: www.jacobpeacock.com/publication/hadrosaurus-foulkii-historic-trail/Hadrosaurus-foulkii-Historic-Trail.pdf

The trail was created by Haddonfield Troop 65 Eagle Scout Jacob Peacock in 2010 and updated in September 2018.

### Hadrosaurus foulkii Historic Trail



The Hadrosaurus foulkii Historic Trail tells the story of the revolutionary dinosaur discovery through nine relevant locations in Haddonfield, NJ. The trail visits the homes of prominent paleontologists Edward D. Cope and William F. Foulke, the meeting place of the Haddonfield Natural History Club, the bronze Hadrosaurus sculpture and the farm where the dinosaur was discovered, all within walking distance of the National Historic Landmark.

Flease note that several of the locations visited are private property and should be viewed from the street!

# GREENFIELD HALL AND ITS GARDENS ARE AVAILABLE TO RENT

For your next event keep in mind that the gardens, along with historic Greenfield Hall, are available for rent. Whether it's for your wedding, shower, birthday party, graduation, or even a business luncheon or meeting, we can accommodate your function. We recently updated our Wi-Fi and extended coverage into our gardens.

Greenfield Hall accommodates up to 50 people inside, and 100 people when combining the inside and outside facilities. The house, a mid-19th-century beauty from 1841 has 4 large rooms and a kitchen and two bathrooms. We also have a handicap accessible bathroom in our gardens available for your guests. Please call or email us to inquire about your event. (856) 429-7375 or rentals@haddonfieldhistory.org.

### HISTORIC HADDONFIELD COLORING BOOK FOR SALE

The Historical Society has a new book for sale — just perfect for children and anyone else who enjoys coloring. The coloring book by Haddonfield's Tom Shay, features the town's historical landmarks, including the Hip Roof House, Greenfield Hall, and the Indian King Tavern. Each book is \$8.

To purchase, email info@haddonfieldhistory.org or stop by the Greenfield Hall office Monday, Wednesday or Friday afternoons from 1-4pm.



# COLLECTIONS UPDATE: NEWS ON OUR EXHIBITIONS AND LATEST ADDITIONS

istory is important. Local history offers a jumping off point for the larger world scheme. Do come to Greenfield Hall to view our latest acquisition, a piece of local history: the New Jersey Governor Alfred E. Driscoll commemorative plate (photo below). Governor Driscoll lived at Birdwood on Hopkins Lane here in Haddonfield.



#2024-17 Commemorative 9" diameter plate for Alfred Eastlack Driscoll, Governor of New Jersey 1947-1953. Around the rim are his life accomplishments with their dates. Plate made by "My Guest & Souvenir," and for the Camden County Republican Assoc., Third Annual Dinner at Hotel Walt Whitman, Camden, NJ. October 13, 1953.

### by Dianne Snodgrass

"Typewriter Tidbits Exhibit" which was mounted for five months was so much more than successful. Our Museum Collections Team thanks you for your interest. The typewriters have been put away slowly as volunteer help was available. Three of those manuals weighed over 30 pounds each.

We are now busy with HSH's next exhibit of "Women's Footwear - 275 Years." It will be mounted in January 2025 and stand until May or June of 2025. HSH has over 40 pairs of shoes — a few examples for display are pictured here. Wedding slippers to beach shoes will pique your curiosity. Put this exhibit on your to-do list!



Above: #77-51 high laced shoes, black leather, 17 eyelets, left and right lasts. C. 1900 Donor: Heather Macrae Mundahl.

Below left: #65-127. Silk satin white wedding shoes worn by Julia Bedford Gill at her marriage April 29, 1897. Strap with single button, very low heel, leather soles, left and right lasts. Donor: A. Langdon Gill. Below right: #64-39. Pink leather high button shoes, 12 buttons, scalloped edging, worn by Mrs. John Wood. C 1870. Donor: Marion C. Nicholson Wood (Mrs. Benjamin).





# Don Wallace Tool Cellar Volunteers Needed!

For over 20 years, Don Wallace and his team of volunteers, starting in 1994, worked extremely hard to reinvent the basement of Greenfield Hall into a wonderful space to share our collection of historic tools.

Don, an avid collector, donated over 3,000 historic implements to the collection himself. He also donated his collection of reference material to the Historical Society. Don retired in 2016 due to health concerns and passed away in 2021.

Michael Underwood took over as tool curator for the next 6 years. Mike has now stepped down, and we are currently in the process of looking for new volunteers to help us maintain and show off this extraordinary collection.

Haddonfield's second-grade student visit Greenfield Hall every spring. They always rate the tool cellar as the most interesting and fun part of their tour. We'd like to keep this momentum going! If you have an interest in the history of Haddonfield and have a few hours during the week, please let us know.

Click on the QR code below or email the office at <a href="mailto:info@haddonfieldhistory.org">info@haddonfieldhistory.org</a>









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