



# The North Jersey Historian

Newsletter of the North Jersey History & Genealogy Center  
of the Morristown & Morris Township Library

## Department News

It was an interesting summer in the archives: gas prices kept some traveling researchers away, but brought in more locals home on 'staycations.' A few people even took the opportunity to organize their books and family papers, which resulted in some great donations to our collections.

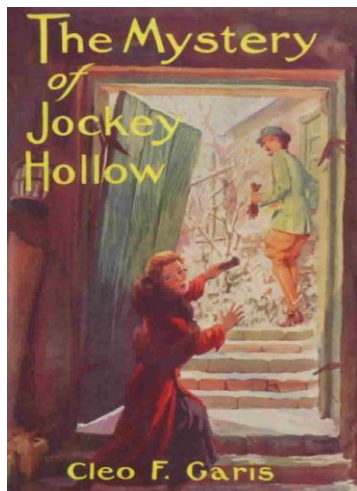
Charles Moore, a history teacher at Bayley Ellard for many years, presented us with his research material on the history and architecture of *Parland House*, the estate which became the Bayley Ellard High School.

Anne Meany, Director of the Bernards Township Library, donated several boxes of documentation on the formation of the *Great Swamp*. This information will greatly enhance material already in our collection on the Jersey Jetport Action Association, which successfully blocked construction of a jetport and led to the preservation of the Great Swamp.

And the Friends of the Morristown & Morris Township Library recently donated several books by New Jersey authors Lilian and Cleo Garis. The Garis family lived in Newark and East Orange from the 1890s through the 1960s.

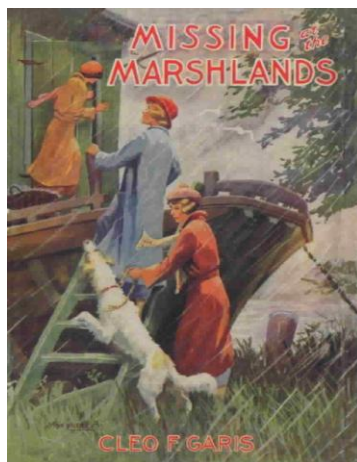
Lilian C. (McNamara) Garis (1874–1954) was the first woman reporter in New Jersey working for the *Newark Evening News* from 1895-1900.

She was a champion of women's rights, supporting voting rights for women, campaigning for seating behind the counters of every store in Newark so female clerks could rest between customers, and she was the founder of the movement to create play grounds for children in Newark.



Lilian wrote under her own name as well as the pen names Laura Lee Hope and Margaret Rose, and is remembered for her *Judy Jordan* series, *Nancy Brandon* series, and many titles in the *Bobbsey Twins* series.

Lilian's daughter, Cleo F. Garis (1905-1998), wrote, among other books, the *Arden Blake Series*, which includes *The Mystery of Jockey Hollow* and *Missing at the Marshlands*. Although these books are not about Morristown's Jockey Hollow or the Great Swamp, we know these places inspired Cleo.



Lilian's husband (Cleo's father), Howard Garis (1873-1962) was also a prolific writer. Under the pen name Victor Appleton, he wrote many memorable stories, including the *Uncle Wiggily* and *Tom Swift* series.

This extraordinary literary family wrote over one thousand books and ranks among the most influential children's authors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

*Christine Jochem,  
Department Head*

**Calendar of Events**

Compiled by *Marilyn Stearns*

6/1 – 10/31 - *Antonio Petrucelli – His Life and Art. Art.* “Tony” Petrucelli was a resident of Mount Tabor (1938-1994) and a prolific artist. This large collection of work includes textile designs, covers for *Fortune*, *New York*, and *Collier's* magazines, personal Christmas cards, as well as other seldom-seen illustrations by one of America's finest illustrators of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Call 973-586-1564 for information.

9/7 - Garden State Postcard Club Meeting – Member's Consignment Auction will be held at the Long Hill Senior Citizen Center, 769 Valley Road, Gillette. 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

9/11 – Vintage Postcard Collections, old advertising memorabilia and other local historical items are on display, from local aficionados and Chester Historical Society members in the Larison Room, Chester Library. Open to the public free, including refreshments. Call 908-879-2761 for more details.

9/13 & 14 – *Hike to the Huts.* Meet at the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center for a 2¼ mile guided hike to the Soldier Huts. 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. For more information call 973-543-4030.

9/15 – APS Circuit Books & Member Bourse, Jockey Hollow Stamp Club at 8:00 p.m. in the conference room at the back of the cafeteria (1<sup>st</sup> floor), Rehabilitation Institute of Morristown Memorial Hospital, 95 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Morristown.

9/18 – *African-American Life during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.* Dr. Lillie Edwards, Director of Pan-African Studies and Professor of History at Drew University, will discuss the changing social culture for African-Americans during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This lecture is offered in conjunction with the exhibition, *Black Cinema: the Vintage Years*, on view through November 23, 2008; the fee is \$5. Morris Museum. 6:30 p.m. Registration is required; space is limited. Call 973-971-3720.

9/20 – *Sterling Iron District Tour.* Join leaders Joe Macasek and Bierce Riley for a walk to the Sterling Furnace and some of the nearby mine sites. This is a program of Historic Speedwell, 10:00 a.m., \$3.00 per person. Pre-registration is required. Call 973-285-6542 for location and details.

9/19 & 20 – Grand Re-Opening of the Factory Building at Historic Speedwell (site of the first telegraph demonstration by Samuel F.B. Morse and Alfred Vail in 1838), includes: Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> – Gala Annual Fundraiser, at 5:30 p.m., \$75.00 and Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> – historically authentic telegraphers demonstrating telegraph practices as Morse and Vail did nearly 200 years ago, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., 973-285-6550.

9/20 – “Industrial History along the Black River” with Chester Historian Len Taylor. See the remains of the Kay Estate, including a swimming pavilion and the Hacklebarney Mines. Meet at Cooper Gristmill in Chester Township. Come prepared for the 3.6 mile hike, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., 908-879-5463.

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9/27 – *Genealogy Day.* A full day of talks on Computer Genealogy includes Larry Fermi, professional genealogist; Ruth Lufkin, research librarian; and Lisa Kerr Ilowite, experienced genealogical researcher. Morris Area Genealogy Society and the North Jersey History and Genealogy Center sponsor this event at the Chatham United Methodist Church. Registration forms are available in the History Center.

9/27 – *A Day in Old Mount Tabor 15<sup>th</sup> Annual House Tour.* 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., rain or shine, \$20 per person. For more information call 973-586-1564 or check [www.mounttabornj.org](http://www.mounttabornj.org)

9/27 - *Dorothy's Tea Party.* Dorothy lived in the Dr. Condit House over 100 years ago, and many believe still does. This event is sponsored by the Dover Area Historical Society, 1:00p.m. and 3:00 p.m., \$10 per person. Call Joan at 973-361-3279 or Brenda at 973-361-2073 for reservations and information.

9/27 – “Self-guided Tour of Morris Plains.” The tour will start at 9 a.m. at Bretton Woods with refreshments and introduction by Dan Myers. Tickets are available at the Morris Plains Museum on Saturdays, the Community Center Monday – Thursday, and the Borough Annex. Call 973-683-1089 for more information.

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## *The Archivist's Journal*

Every year, as summer comes to a close, I find that I usually process more collections than at any other time. And, no surprises, I feel this is true for this summer as well. While some of the collections listed below may have been mentioned in the previous newsletter, I am happy to say that I have finished processing them entirely, and they will be joining their brothers and sisters on the archives shelves soon. We have two new sets of family papers, and though not large in volume, each collection offers a fascinating look at Morristown and northern New Jersey at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The other collections include land titles, Veterans' Memorial Association documents, World War I enlistment records for Morristown, and a small collection of Revolutionary War significance.

### **Recently processed collections:**

(To access the finding aids go to the library website <http://jfpl.org> ; scroll down and click on the North Jersey History & Genealogy Center. Choose Archival & Manuscript Collections, and click on a topic and then a specific name, or click on the Complete List of Finding Aids.)

#### **H 929 MSS Hotchkin**

The **Hotchkin Sisters Papers** vividly portray a family of women musicians travelling up and down the eastern seaboard, performing in some of the most important cities of the time. This same collection also contains information on one of Morristown's earliest women business owners, M. Louise (Clift) Green. Mrs. Green was a professional photographer here in Morristown, whose name appears in the *1911 Morristown Business Directory* under Photographers.

#### **H 929 MSS Owen**

The **Owen Family Papers** is an important, and wonderful, collection from the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. It is exceptional in that it contains correspondence, documents, personal ephemera and some original poetry by a soldier of the Civil War. It also offers two different depictions of the kinds of life possible for young, educated, upper-middle class women of that era.

#### **HM6 MSS**

The **Morristown, New Jersey Property Deeds and Land Titles: 14 Franklin Street Records** contains deeds, mortgages, title searches and agreements

pertaining to the ownership, 1850-1943. The house is listed on the Morris County Historic Sites Survey/New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory, 1988/1989.

#### **HM2 MSS Dover Dov**

The **Dover Memorial Association Records** contains Memorial Day Programs and *Rolls of Honor* from the towns of Randolph, Dover and Rockaway from 1921-1995. The collections also house Treasurer's reports, correspondence, newspaper clippings and a file on the history of the association.

#### **HM6 MSS Morr WWI**

The **World War I Enlistment Records for Morristown and Morris Township** is a small collection of original records (the size of index cards) from the Morris County Registrar's Office containing the names of the men, and one woman, who enlisted for military service during World War I. It is interesting to note that three of the registrants have historical Morristown family names: Pitney, VanderPool and Pierson.

#### **HM2 MSS Rock Fae**

The **Faesch Genealogy and Correspondence Collection** is fascinating in that it contains correspondence and genealogical information concerning John Jacob Faesch, an influential ironmaster and businessman of Morris County during the Revolutionary War. Having come to America in 1764 from Basel, Switzerland, J. J. Faesch quickly established himself as a man of stature in the state of New Jersey by managing, then eventually owning, several successful mining companies. His Mount Hope Furnace, in Rockaway NJ, produced large quantities of cannon, shot and iron utensils for the Revolutionary Army. He entertained George Washington at his home at least once, gave the general a tour of his forge and furnace, and eventually used Hessian P.O.W. labor to perform such arduous furnace tasks as chopping wood for the fires. A list of correspondents and letter topics is included in the finding aid.

The *New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Yearbooks* is a 3 box collection of yearbooks from the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century detailing the involvement of New Jersey women's groups in the national federation. These books will be available as soon as they are cataloged.

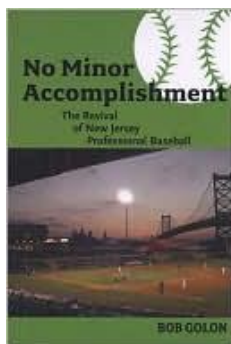
Mary McMabon Dawson,  
Archivist

New Acquisitions

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McKnight, Lee. *History of the Ennis House at 31 Hamilton Road, Morristown, NJ*, 2008.  
This narrative history of the Morristown house and property contains photographs, maps, genealogical, and other pertinent information from newspapers.

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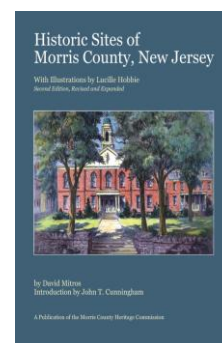
Golon, Bob. *No Minor Accomplishment: The Revival of New Jersey Professional Baseball*. Rivergate Books, 2008.

A history of minor league baseball in the state includes interviews with team owners and employees as well as fans and industry executives. Business, marketing and the relationship between teams and the communities in which they are located are all examined.

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David Mitros with illustrations by Lucille Hobbie. *Historic Sites of Morris County, New Jersey*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, revised and expanded. Morris County Heritage Commission, 2007.

An illustrated guide to over 100 historic sites, landmarks and buildings throughout the county is organized by municipality; state and national register status are provided.



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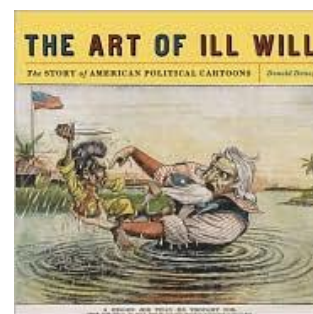
Pomada, Elizabeth and Michael Larsen. *America's Painted Ladies: The Ultimate Celebration of Our Victorians*. Viking Studio Books, 1992.

Hundreds of color photos of exterior and interior shots of the famous Victorian house design from all over the United States are covered along with historical and architectural information on all the houses profiled.

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Dewey, Donald. *The Art of Ill Will: The Story of American Political Cartoons*. New York University Press, 2007.

This is a history of the American political cartoon from the colonial period until modern times. With unlimited access to the Granger Collection of political cartoonists, Dewey surveys the artists and the times they profile serving as an acerbic and humorous history of the nation.



Jim Collins,  
Librarian - Cataloging

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10/4 – *Harvest Tea* at Acorn Hall, spotlighting ingredients grown and produced in New Jersey. A short program about the tradition and etiquette of tea will be presented, along with a full tea service, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members. Reservations are required; call 973-267-3465.

10/5 - Garden State Postcard Club Meeting is at the Long Hill Senior Citizen Center, 769 Valley Road, Gillette. 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

10/7 – *Focus on Naturalization*. Scott Jobson, Archives Technician at the National Archives and Records Administration in New York City, will describe the resources of this Regional Archives, with a focus on their naturalization holdings. This meeting of the Morris Area Genealogy Society is at the Morris County Library, 30 East Hanover Avenue, Whippany. Refreshments served at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 6:45 p.m.

10/9 – *Historic Haunts*. Gordon Ward, author and educator, will present spooky tales, a program by the Chester Historical Society. Open to the public, refreshments. Free at the Chester Library. 7:00 p.m. Call 908-879-2761 for more details.

10/15 – *The Gibson Girl Friday meets the Victorian Lady*. Barbara Meyer Darlin presents the lives and fashions of a turn-of-the-twentieth century society day and a working class “typewriter,” as those who first operated the typing machines were called. This is a New Jersey Council for the Humanities and the Boonton Historical Society program at 7:00 p.m., Boonton Senior Center, 126 North Main Street. Call 973-402-8840 for details.

10/26 – Laura Schenone, author of *A Thousand Years Over a Hot Stove* and *The Lost Ravioli Recipes of Hoboken*, will discuss her exploration of history through food and family at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum at 2:00 p.m. Free. Call Morris County Historical Society, 973-267-3465, for details.

11/1 – *The Morris Canal at Lake Hopatcong* is a program presented by the Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum

at The Arlington, 450 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington NJ, 6:00 p.m. Call 973-398-2616 for details.

11/2 - Garden State Postcard Club Meeting, Long Hill Senior Citizen Center, 769 Valley Road, Gillette. 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

11/4 - Morris Area Genealogy Society meeting. Topic to be announced. Morris County Library, 30 East Hanover Ave., Whippany. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 6:45 p.m.

11/9 – *Looking Back at the WAVES: A Chronicle of 90,000 Navy Women of World War I* is a presentation by Nancy Lynch Castellano at the Morristown and Morris Township Library, 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments. Call 973-538-6161 for details.

11/9 – “The Jersey Tomato,” an historical food program by Judith Krall-Russo, food historian at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 2:00 p.m. Free. Call Morris County Historical Society, for info, call 973-267-3465.

11/20 – *Ben Franklin Visits Boonton*. Historian Jack Sherry will speak first-hand as Mr. Franklin, on his life and times, especially on his scientific exploits, including Franklin’s experiments with electricity in this program presented by the Boonton Historical Society, 7:00 p.m. Senior Center. Call 973-402-8840 for more details.

12/7 - Garden State Postcard Club Meeting, Long Hill Senior Citizen Center, 769 Valley Road, Gillette. 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

12/10 – *Colonial and Victorian Christmas Customs*. Judith Krall-Russo, a food historian, will discuss the similarities and differences between a Colonial Christmas and a Victorian celebration. Morris Museum, free with museum admission. 12:30 p.m. Registration required – space is limited. Call 973-971-3720.

12/12 – Holiday Open House at the Boonton Historical Society Museum. Refreshments and entertainment are included. 7:00 p.m. Call 973-402-8840 for details.

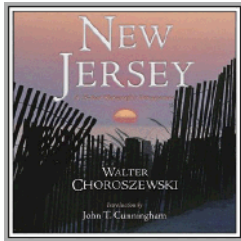
### Shop at the Library

Throughout the year the History Center sells a variety of books, calendars and postcards on state and local history. Profits from the sale of these items support the library.

Postcards of Morristown by Pam Hasegawa.....50¢/each



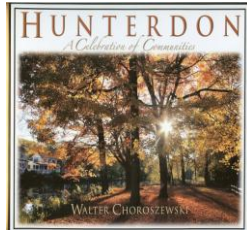
*The Evergreen Cemetery: A Walk into the Past*, by Kemper W. Chambers.....\$20.00



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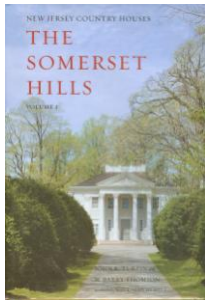
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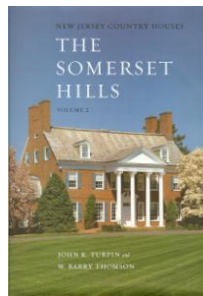


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*The Somerset Hills: New Jersey Country Houses*  
Volume I



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