

Discover Burlington County History

2017 History Passport Program

Burlington County is rich in history and culture. Our diverse history spans from the Native Americans to the Revolutionary War, agriculture and the cranberry and blueberry industry, women's rights, transportation, industry and innovation.

This summer we invite you to share in and explore our history, right here in Burlington County!

The Passport features 20 sites, all unique but equally important. When visiting be sure to get your passport stamped.

We hope that you enjoy learning more about history and culture in your neighborhood!

For more information on the Passport Program contact Burlington County Division of Parks at 609-265-5828 or email Parks@co.burlington.nj.us.

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The Burlington County History Passport is sponsored by the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders



CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The museum is housed in a brick building, c. 1855, Originally constructed as an Orthodox Friends

Meeting House. The building now serves as the Chesterfield Township Historical Society Museum with a diverse collection, including redware pottery, Brick's mincemeat memorabilia, and many of township related holdings. The historic site is located in the midst of the Crosswicks Village National Register Historic District. Check website for program schedule.

Address: 530 Ward Avenue, Crosswicks 08515 **Phone:** 609-298-3700

Web: www.chesterfieldtwphistoricalsoc.com

Hours of Operation: 2:00PM-4:00PM, 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month (May-September)



WHITE HILL MANSION

White Hill Mansion was built in the 18th century. The original wing of the house was built in 1723 by Robert Field. The house sits on the banks of the

Delaware River surrounded on three sides by Bordentown. From 1723 until 1922 many families called White Hill home, including doctors, inventors and politicians. In 1923, the mansion opened as a restaurant and remained until it closed in 1992. During the Revolutionary War, Hessian troops were encamped in White Hill's apple orchard when Washington Crossed the Delaware River on Christmas Day 1776.

Address: 217 4th Street, Fieldsboro 08505 **Phone:** 856-603-9421

Web: www.whitehillmansion.com

Hours of Operation: 1:00PM-4:00PM, last Sunday of each month



ATSION VILLAGE

The Atsion Mansion was built in 1826 as a summer home for Samuel Richards. After Richards died in 1842, the property was passed down through his heirs, and finally sold to Maurice Raleigh. The Raleigh family was the last to use the mansion as a residence. When Joseph Wharton purchased the property in 1892, he used the mansion for packing and storage for his cranberry production. Today the mansion appears as it was back in 1826.

Address: 744 Route 206, Shamong 08088

Phone: 609-268-0444

Web: www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/wharton.html

Hours of Operation: Saturday, May-September



BATSTO VILLAGE

Batsto Village is the site of a former bog iron and glass making industrial center. Currently, it reflects the agricultural and commercial enterprises that existed at the site in the late 19th c.

Address: 4110 Nesco Road, Hammonton 08037

Phone: 609-561-0024

Web: www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/wharton.html

Hours of Operation: 9:00AM-4:00PM daily



BURLINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The campus of the Burlington County Historical Society is made up of the birthplace of James Fenimore Cooper, birthplace of Captain James Lawrence, and the Corson Poley Center (Delia Biddle Pugh Research Library and museum galleries). Residents and visitors curious about Burlington County's past are invited to come and explore. History isn't boring here!

Address: 457 High Street, Burlington 08016 **Phone:** 609-386-4773

Web: www.burlingtoncountyhistoricalsociety.org

Hours of Operation: Library: 1:00PM-5:00PM, Wednesday-Thursday

Museum & Historic Houses: 10:00AM-5:00PM, Tuesday-Saturday



THE SHIPMAN MANSION

The Shipman Mansion is a Second Empire style home built c. 1869 on the banks of the Delaware River by Paul and Alice Shipman. It is listed on the New Jersey and Federal Registry of Historic Places. Many of its original architectural details are preserved including the fireplaces, three-story stairwell, and ceiling medallions. The mansion also houses a collection of antique canoes and artifacts from the early history of the Red Dragon Canoe Club founded in 1887.

Address: 221 Edgewater Avenue, Edgewater Park 08010

Phone: 856-986-7969

Web: www.shipmanmansion.org

Hours of Operation: 10:00AM-2:00PM, 1st Saturday of each month



FRIENDSHIP SCHOOLHOUSE

This one-room schoolhouse was not original to Tabernacle. It was rescued by the Tabernacle Historical Society in 1985 from the Sandy Ridge area at a town called Friendship. There was an original Friendship School on Powell Place Road, near the Girl Scout Camp Inawendiwin. The present day school was brought to Tabernacle to replace the original school and in honor of the children who lived at the blueberry camp in Friendship and later lived in the Tabernacle/Chatsworth area.

Address: 180 Carranza Road, Tabernacle 08088 **Phone:** 609-268-1255

Web: www.townshipoftabernacle-nj.gov

Hours of Operation: 11:00AM-2:00PM, 1st Saturday of each month (May-September)



WOODLAND TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Located in the White Horse Inn, exhibits include locale artifacts including cranberry and blueberry agriculture, Central New Jersey Railroad specific to the Blue Comet, local talent, education and distinguished families of the past. While visiting, take a walking tour to learn the history of Chatsworth, the Capital of the Pines.

Address: 3980 Main Street, Chatsworth 08019 **Phone:** 609-726-1053

Web: www.chatsworthnjhistory.org

Hours of Operation: 11:00AM-2:00PM, 3rd Wednesday of each month



RIVERFRONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY and BEVERLY LIBRARY ANNEX

This recently opened museum, located in Beverly, features memorabilia from the townships of Beverly, Delanco, and Edgewater Park. There is also a research area open to the public. The Beverly Library is a member library of the Burlington County Library System.

Address: 433 Cooper Street, Beverly 08010

Hours of Operation: 12:00PM-3:00PM, 1st Saturday of each month

Annex Hours of Operation: 6:00PM-9:00PM, Tuesday & Friday;
11:00AM-2:00PM, Wednesday; 12:00PM-3:00PM, Saturday



DELANCO VILLAGE DISPLAY

The Delanco Historic Preservation Advisory Board and Friends of Delanco History offer rotating exhibits, programs, and printed materials on the history of the village of Delanco in the atrium and auditorium of the municipal complex. Pick up additional information, including self-guided walking tours of different areas of town.

Address: 770 Coopertown Road, Delanco 08075

Phone: 856-461-0561 (Township Office), 609-760-7746 (HPAB Officer)

Web: www.delancotownship.com/content/5298/6472/6474/default.aspx

Hours of Operation: 9:00AM-4:00PM, Monday-Friday
7:00PM-9:00PM, Monday nights (except 4th Monday)



WHITESBOG HISTORIC VILLAGE

In the early 1900's, Whitesbog was the largest cranberry farm in New Jersey, and its founder, Joseph J. White, was a nationally recognized leader in the cranberry industry. Whitesbog is also where the highbush blueberry was first successfully cultivated. Today, the village includes restored cottages, farm buildings, General Store, gardens and the surrounding 3,000 acres of cranberry bogs, blueberry fields, reservoirs, sugar sand roads, and Pine Barrens forests.

Address: 120 N. Whites Bogs Road, Browns Mills 08015

Phone: 609-893-4646

Web: www.whitesbog.org

Hours of Operation: Self-Guided tours daily

General Store: 10:00AM-4:00PM Saturday and Sunday



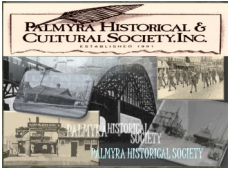
AIR VICTORY MUSEUM

Collection of aircraft and artifacts used to tell the story of how education and engineering has kept us on the cutting edge of aerospace technology and exploration.

Address: 68 Stacy Haines Road, Lumberton 0804 **Phone:** 609-267-4488

Web: www.airvictorymuseum.com

Hours of Operation: 9:30AM-4:00PM, Wednesday-Sunday
(April-December)



PALMYRA HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SOCIETY

Display cases are maintained by the historical society and available for viewing in the Palmyra Borough Town Hall. These displays explore the rich history of the Palmyra area.

Address: 20 W. Broad Street, Palmyra 08065 **Phone:** 856-829-6100

Web: www.palmyrahistory.com

Hours of Operation: 8:30AM-4:30PM, Monday-Friday



ALICE PAUL INSTITUTE

The Alice Paul Institute celebrates and honors the life and work of Alice Stokes Paul, the American suffragist who led the final fight to gain the right to vote for women. Enjoy a tour of "Paulsdale," Alice Paul's family home and a National Historic Landmark. The exhibit "Alice Paul: In Pursuit of Ordinary Equality" tells the story of Paul's life and work for equality, and Paulsdale's present-day use as a women's history center and leadership institute for women and girls. Admission is \$5 per person.

Address: 128 Hooten Road, Mount Laurel 08054 **Phone:** 856-231-1885

Web: www.alicepaul.org

Hours of Operation: 12:00-4:00PM, Tuesday-Friday, self-guided tours
2nd Saturday of each month (March-November) guided tours



HISTORIC SMITHVILLE MANSION

The Smithville Mansion, an 1840's Greek Revival home, was the home of industrialist, inventor, and congressman, Hezekiah B. Smith and his wife, Agnes Gilkerson Smith.

Today the Friends of the Mansion at Smithville offer guided tours of the mansion.

Address: 803 Smithville Road, Eastampton 08060 **Phone:** 609-261-5882

Web: www.smithvillemansion.org

Hours of Operation: 1:00PM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM Sunday & Thursday (May-October)



SMITHVILLE VILLAGE VISITOR CENTER

Stop in the Visitor Center, located in one of the oldest buildings on the property, to learn about Smithville Village, including worker's homes, factory complex, mechanic's hall and conservatory. Guided tours are available every third Saturday. Self-guided tour booklets available daily.

Address: 803 Smithville Road, Eastampton 08060 **Phone:** 609-265-5959

Web: www.co.burlington.nj.us/Parks

Hours of Operation: 12:30PM-4:00PM, Tuesday-Sunday



FARMER'S HALL

Built in 1866 by local farmers as a meeting hall and used as the Mount Laurel town hall until 1970, Farmer's Hall is currently headquarters for the Mount Laurel

Historical Society. The first floor houses exhibits representing local history.

Address: Moorestown-Mount Laurel Road & Hainesport-Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel 08054 **Phone:** 856-235-2334

Web: www.mountlaurelhistoricalsociety.com

Hours of Operation: 1:00PM-4:00PM, 2nd Sunday of each month (June-August)



JOHN INSKEEP HOUSE

Maintained by the Evesham Historical Society, the John Inskip House is an example of an 18th century Evesham farm house, altered and enlarged in the 19th century,

probably in two phases. It is fully furnished and includes collections of Native American artifacts, 18th century cooking and farming implements and 19th century clothing. Also on site are a four-seater privy and the old Marlton butcher shop.

Address: 10 Madison Court, Marlton 08053 **Phone:** 856-783-0687

Hours of Operation: 10:00AM-2:00PM, 3rd Saturday of each month



UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MUSEUM

Located in one of the restored Worker's Homes in Smithville Village, the exhibit offers visitors a visual presentation of the Underground Railroad experience in

America, with emphasis on New Jersey and Burlington County where the Underground Railroad flourished before the Civil War.

Address: 803 Smithville Road, Eastampton 08060 **Phone:** 609-265-5858

Web: <http://www.ugrrmbc.org/>

Hours of Operation: 10:00AM-4:00PM, Friday-Saturday;
12:00PM-4:00PM, Sunday



SMITHVILLE WORKER'S HOUSE

Built between 1866 and 1870, this house was a typical worker's house at Smithville. The workers rented homes H.B. Smith for \$8 a month. Today, you can see how people lived and worked at the H.B. Smith Industrial Village. The worker's house is also home to year-round rotating art exhibits.

Address: 803 Smithville Road, Eastampton 08060 **Phone:** 609-265-5858

Web: <http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/960/Workers-House-and-Gallery>

Hours of Operation: 10:00AM-4:00PM, Thursday-Saturday;
12:00PM-4:00PM, Sunday



KIRBY'S MILL

Completed in 1778, the grist mill remained in operation until 1961. At the time, it was the last operating commercial mill in New Jersey. The site is now listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and consists of a museum with store, Milliner's Shop, Print Shop, and Carpenter Shop.

Address: 275 Church Road, Medford 08055 **Phone:** 609-654-5382

Website: www.medfordhistory.org

Hours of Operation: July-August



HISTORIC BURLINGTON COUNTY

The Burlington County Prison Museum is a National Historic Landmark located in historic Mount Holly.

Designed by Robert Mills, one of America's first native-born and trained architects, the Burlington County Prison was completed in 1811. One of Robert Mills' first designs as an independent architect, the interior vaulted ceilings of poured concrete and brick and stone construction made the building virtually fireproof. In fact, it was so well constructed that it remained in constant use until 1965.

Address: 128 High Street, Mount Holly 08060 **Phone:** 609-265-5476

Web: www.prisonmuseum.net

Hours of Operation: 10:00AM-4:00PM Thursday-Saturday;
12:00PM-4:00PM, Sunday



ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

A private school known as a helping school attended by students who needed more help than the public school could offer. The most well-known schoolmaster was Billy K. Haines, a Civil War veteran. The schoolhouse originally stood on the Allen Oil Co. property on N. Main Street. The Allen's donated and moved the building to its present location. The school was reconditioned and furnished by Southampton Historical Society members and dedicated to the Southampton school children in 1984.

Address: Race Street & Saw Mill Park, Southampton 08088

Phone: 609-859-3763

Hours of Operation: 9:00AM-12:00PM, 1st Saturday of each month (April-October)



PEACHFIELD PLANTATION

Peachfield is the headquarters of the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of New Jersey. It is a Colonial Revival stone farmhouse originally built in the 1700's and rebuilt after a fire in 1928. The first Sunday of each month features a performance related to a Colonial era historical figure. The third Sunday focuses on one of their many collections and offers tours of the house.

Address: 180 Burrs Road, Westampton 08060 **Phone:** 609-267-6996

Web: www.colonialdamesnj.org

Hours of Operation: 2:00PM-4:00PM, 1st Sunday of each month (September-June); 12:00PM-3:00PM, 3rd Sunday of each month (August-May)