

HHHS PasTimes

Howell Heritage and Historical Society – Newsletter – February 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Since the weather made it necessary to cancel the January meeting, the **Installation of HHHS Officers** will take place at the February meeting, before the regularly scheduled program –

“The Lower Squankum Mill”



PLEASE NOTE THAT HHHS IS PARTICIPATING, AGAIN THIS YEAR, IN AN

Old Monmouth Candies Fundraiser.

PLEASE LET US HELP YOU FILL YOUR EASTER BASKETS !

AN ORDER FORM AND DIRECTIONS CAN BE FOUND LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

Now that HHHS has full responsibility for the Mackenzie Museum and the Old Ardena Schoolhouse, we are evaluating the needs at both buildings and getting bids. The Society will be having discussions, so that we can prioritize how to best proceed to meet our needs. As of this writing, there is not sufficient information to give you, but the Board will be meeting next week to make a list of needs. At the February meeting, we'll begin discussing as a group to prioritize.

Please come out and share your thoughts!



Bob



CALENDAR FOR 2022

THE PROGRAMS SCHEDULE IS COMPLETE AND YOU CAN SEE THERE IS A WIDE VARIETY OF OFFERINGS. WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!

4TH FRIDAY ~ PROGRAM 7 P.M. ~ BUSINESS MEETING 8 P.M.
WE SERVE REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIALIZE AT EVERY MEETING.

JANUARY PROGRAM: GET-TO KNOW EACH OTHER ACTIVITY AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
Jan. 28th REFRESHMENTS: LYNN BARRALL **MEETING CANCELLED FOR SNOW**

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: BOB NOVAK – SQUANKUM MILL
Feb. 25th REFRESHMENTS: LYNN BARRALL

MARCH PROGRAM: DON AND ELLEN MCGIRR – HARRY'S HOUSE
Mar. 25th REFRESHMENTS: DON AND ELLEN MCGIRR

APRIL PROGRAM: LEIGH SHAFFER, BILL SHAFFER – HISTORY OF TRAINS IN HOWELL
Apr. 22nd REFRESHMENTS: BILL SHAFFER, LEIGH SHAFFER, LILY KEANEY

MAY PROGRAM: CELEBRATE 3RD YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HHHS INCORPORATION
May 27th REFRESHMENTS: ANN MALSBURY AND CATHY MCKEE

MAY 15TH SPECIAL EVENT: JUDE MEEHAN AND CATHERINE SCHWIER WILL GIVE US A TOUR OF
SEA GIRT LIGHTHOUSE AND PROVIDE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
4:30 PM AT SEA GIRT LIGHTHOUSE, 9 N. OCEAN AVE., SEA GIRT, NJ

MAY SPECIAL ACTIVITY: FARMINGDALE-HOWELL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

JUNE PROGRAM: T. J. FALLON, VICE PRESIDENT'S GRAVES
June 24th REFRESHMENTS:

JULY PROGRAM: T.J. FALLON, DECLARATION AND CONSTITUTION
July 22nd REFRESHMENTS:

AUGUST PROGRAM: VIRGINIA KRZYZANOWSKI, BASKETS – FORM AND FUNCTION
Aug. 26th REFRESHMENTS: VIRGINIA KRZYZANOWSKI AND ELLEN MCGIRR

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: SHOW AND TELL – SHARE MEMORABILIA AND STORIES
Sept. 23rd REFRESHMENTS: LARRY LASTRA AND RON ALESSI

OCTOBER PROGRAM: JUDE MEEHAN AND CATHERINE SCHWIER – MILITARY HISTORY
Oct. 28th REFRESHMENTS: JUDE MEEHAN AND CATHERINE SCHWIER

NOVEMBER – NO MEETING

DECEMBER – NO MEETING

Photographing Lincoln's Ghost

06.21.18 | SAM BLUMSTEIN, in BackStory



Peter Manseau, an award-winning author, and curator of American Religious History at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, specializes in spiritualism. He told us the story of William Mumler in the episode's "That's the Spirit" segment. In 1861 Mumler, an amateur photographer, found what looked to be a ghost in one of his photographs. Mumler soon became one of the first spiritual photographers.

Mumler experienced great success in the Boston-area until residents started to recognize the spirits from his photographs around town and very much alive. Mumler then relocated to New York City briefly where he was actually arrested and tried. Although he was prosecuted for fraud, he was found not guilty and continued to attract customers seeking solace – especially those who'd lost family in the Civil War. Among his many clients was First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln.

To learn more about the significance of spiritual photography, BackStory talked with scholar Peter Manseau.

Peter, what is your favorite image?

My favorite image that William Mumler took is probably his best known, and this would be the spirit photograph that Mumler took of Mary Todd Lincoln in 1872.

Mary Lincoln was, as many people know, a spiritualist, in part because of the losses she suffered throughout the 1860's. First, her son Willie died while the Lincolns still lived in the White House, then, of course, the assassination of the president. Mary Todd Lincoln turned to spiritualists as a way of connecting with loved ones she had lost. So in 1872 when she was visiting Boston, Mumler's reputation continued amongst spiritualists, and she visited him.

What happened during her visit?

According to the story, she visited him in disguise, wearing a black veil, using a fake name. But when she walked into the Mumler's studio, the Mumlers claimed to see the spirit of Abraham Lincoln follow her in. So when she posed for this photograph and they took the picture and gave her the image, they were not surprised to see the very recognizable form of Abraham Lincoln standing behind her, seeming to console her.

When Mary Todd Lincoln visited Mumler, she had full knowledge of his prosecution in 1869. However, she still firmly believed in the validity of his photographs. She believed in this image throughout the rest of her days, and it's a fascinating image because, on one level it's the image of a woman who is struggling with her sanity. Because she believes in this image, she believes that she was able to communicate with her dead son, and with her dead husband, throughout the rest of her life.

How else might we see this image?

So, seen one way it is simply that – a photograph with her deceased husband. Seen another way it is the image of a portrait of the entire nation's struggle with the grief of the Civil War and struggle with the haunting loss of [President Lincoln]. But the most meaningful and poignant way to see this image is simply as an image of solace. As something that this woman, in her moment of mourning and grief, desperately needed; something that Mumler was able to give her as solace.

HOWELL HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Monthly Treasurer's Report
For month ending January 31,
2022

Balance as of December 31, 2021	Operating	Improvements	Total
	\$2,260.45	\$9,060.02	\$11,320.47

INCOME

Date GRANT

MEMBERSHIP

Jan. 15 Doris Czarnecki \$20.00

Jan. 13 Eric & Margaret Winkelman \$30.00

AMAZONSMILE
DONATIONS
SALES

INCOME TOTAL	Operating	Improvements	Total
	\$50.00		
combined total	\$2,310.45	\$9,060.02	\$11,370.47

EXPENSES

Date MACKENZIE MUSEUM

Jan. 1 JCP&L \$14.77

Jan. 5 verizon \$40.42

ARDENA SCHOOLHOUSE

Jan. 28 JCP&L \$10.06

CHUBB Insurance
Jude's Crew

EXPENSES TOTAL	Operating	Improvements	Total
	\$65.25	\$0.00	\$65.25

Balance as of January 31, 2022	Operating	Improvements	Total
	\$2,245.20	\$9,060.02	\$11,305.22

designated for foundation/porch	\$5,800.00
designated for chimney	\$233.63
designated for Wreaths Across America	\$165.00
designated total	\$6,198.63

Garden State Community Bank - Games of Chance Account - \$100.00

Old Monmouth Candies

#1

 Coconut Cream Eggs
 Dark Chocolate
 10 oz gift box
\$10.00

#2

 Peanut Butter Eggs
 Milk Chocolate
 10 oz gift box
\$10.00

#3

 Non-Pareils
 Dark Chocolate
 7 oz cello bag
\$7.00

#4

 Milk Chocolate
 Foiled Eggs
 7 oz cello bag
\$10.00

#5

 Easter Jellies
 Assorted Fruit Flavors
 10 oz cello bag
\$6.00

#6

 Pectin Jelly Beans
 Made With Real Fruit!
 10 oz cello bag
\$7.00

#7

 Chocolate Covered
 Marshmallow Bunnies
 4 oz gift box
\$7.00

#8

 Chocolate Covered
 Oreo Cookies
 5 oz gift box
\$8.00

#9

 Chocolate Covered
 Pretzels
 8 count gift box
\$10.00

#10

 3.75 oz Molded
 Chocolate Cross
 4 1/4 inches tall
\$7.50

#11 Milk **#12** White **#13** Dark

 6 oz Sitting
 Chocolate Bunny
 5 3/4 inches tall
\$10.00

#14

 15 oz Sitting
 Chocolate Bunny
 8 3/4 inches tall
\$22.00

#15

 Old Monmouth
 Peanut Brittle
\$6.00

#17

 Assorted Chocolates
 7 oz Gift Box
 With Map
\$16.00

Our Guaranteed Peanut-Free Chocolate Bars
\$2.00 each

 B1 B2 B3 B4 B5

#16

 Old Monmouth
 Cashew Brittle
\$6.00

Easter Sunday April 17th

Payment must be submitted with the order. (Cash, or check made out to HHHS. Mail orders to: PO Box 444, Farmingdale, NJ 07727. Orders must be received by the Feb. 25th HHHS meeting.

APRIL 30, 1789

President Washington's Inauguration

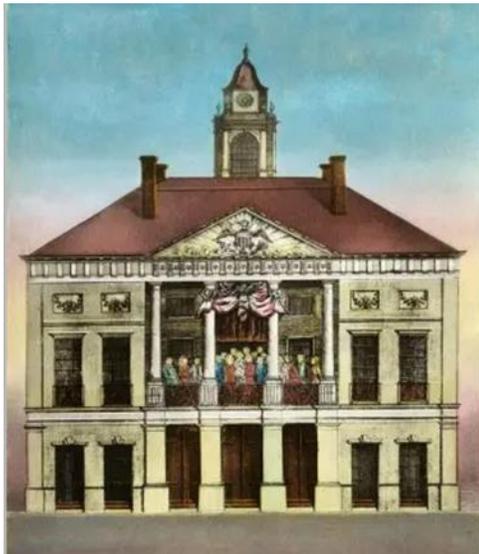
George Washington's inauguration ceremony in New York City was a grand historical event, attended by hundreds.

[Timeline of the Inauguration of President Washington](#) · [George Washington's Mount Vernon](#)

At Sunrise: A Military salute was fired at nearby Fort George

9 AM: Throughout New York City, church bells rang for a half hour.

Who Was There? Among the hundreds of citizens anxiously awaiting the ceremony at Federal Hall were both houses of Congress, American officials and New York state notables, and diplomats from France and Spain. The oath was administered by the Chancellor of the state of New York, Robert Livingston on the gallery balcony outside the Senate Chamber so "that the greatest number of the people of the United States, and without distinction, may be witnesses to the solemnity".



12:30 PM: A military escort arrived at Franklin House to conduct the president-elect to Federal Hall. The full ceremonial procession includes Grand Marshal Colonel Morgan Lewis and a military contingent of 500 men, including a troop of horse, artillery, two companies of Grenadiers, a company of light infantry, and a company of Scottish Highlanders in traditional garb. Washington himself traveled in a state coach with his two aides, escorted by the Senate Committee, Committee of the House, Chancellor Robert Livingston, the French and Spanish ministers, and a multitude of ordinary citizens.

1 PM: The procession arrived at Federal Hall 30 minutes later. The military units were drawn up on two sides to provide avenue for the president-elect and his party. Washington proceeded to the Senate chamber where the two houses of Congress awaited their new head of state and were formally welcomed by John Adams, his vice president.

2 PM: Adams informed the president-elect that both houses were ready to attend him to take the oath of office. Washington was escorted to the outer balcony in front of the Senate chamber, overlooking Broad Street. The balcony was bedecked with a canopy and curtains of red and white. Robert Livingston, Chancellor of New York, administered the oath. Samuel Otis, Secretary of the Senate, held the ceremonial Bible, which was a Masonic Bible acquired at the last minute from St. John's Lodge. Washington took the oath with his hand on the Bible, and kissed the Bible after taking the oath. From the portico overlooking Wall and Broad Streets, Livingston turned to the teeming streets below and shouted, "Long live George Washington, President of the United States!" The new president bowed to the crowd, and then retired to the Senate chamber where he would deliver his inaugural address.



1st Inaugural Address: After taking the oath of office on the portico before a cheering crowd, George Washington proceeded into the Senate chamber to deliver his First Inaugural Address. According to assembled members of Congress, President Washington was visibly nervous, spoke in a surprisingly quiet voice, and maintained a serious, modest demeanor.



Mid-Afternoon: The inaugural party proceeded to St. Paul's Chapel in New York. The Episcopal Bishop of New York led the celebration of Divine Service.

Dinner Alone at the Presidential Mansion: After the church service, President Washington, in a carriage, was "escorted to his residence," at Franklin House where he dined alone.

Evening: The skies of New York were filled with fireworks that evening. Boston merchant, John May reported that the fireworks "on the bowling green" were "well executed" and "greeted with tumultuous applause." President Washington, with his aides David Humphreys and Tobias Lear, watched the show from the homes of Chancellor Livingston and General Henry Knox.

10 PM: A tired Washington wanted to go home. He got into his carriage and, along with his entourage, departs the proceedings to retire to his residence at Franklin House – but they didn't make it very far. There were so many people out that the new president and escorts eventually had to leave the carriage and were forced to walk home instead!

[Federal Hall National Memorial: NYC's Forgotten Attraction – The Wall Street Experience](#)

FAST FORWARD 232 Years:

The building standing today on the exact same site as the original Federal Hall was originally built as the U. S Customs House for the Port of New York, opened in 1842, The building's purpose changed a few times and in 1955, the inside was transformed to be a museum dedicated to the first president and the beginnings of our country. The bronze statue of George Washington on the building steps stands at the exact spot where George Washington stood while taking the oath of office.

St. Paul's Chapel, built in 1766 was not only where George Washington worshipped, it was the tallest building in New York when it was finished. In 1776, a great fire sparked by the Revolutionary War burned through the city and destroyed almost half of the buildings. St. Paul's survived with the help of a bucket brigade who poured water all over the burning church. After September 11th attacks, it was a miracle that St. Paul's hadn't suffered any physical damage, not even a broken window. The building sat directly across the street from the World Trade Center yet survived unscathed. The church gave credit to a giant sycamore for saving it from damage. Only the church organ suffered damage but was quickly refurbished. The church provided round-the-clock relief ministry to Ground Zero rescue and recovery workers. For almost a year, hundreds of volunteers served meals, made beds and talked with firefighters, construction workers, and police officers. An outdoor grill was fired up to serve the hungry. Every day, food, clothes and other supplies were donated. St. Paul's was a sanctuary for the exhausted and weary rescue workers.

If you visit St. Paul's today, you'll see memorial banners still on display. The roots of the sycamore tree that saved the church are preserved in a bronze memorial in the church graveyard.

George Washington's pew is still there, preserved under an 18th century oil painting of the Great Seal of the United States.

A little aside of interest – Abner Thorp, Revolutionary War soldier buried in the Abner Thorp Cemetery on the Peskin Road side of Howell Reservoir – His headstone reads ABNER THORP, US ARMY, REVOLUTIONARY WAR, FEB 22, 1731-DEC 4, 1812

"A PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY"

YARD SALE – APRIL, 1-2



“You take all this stuff back where you found it, right now!”

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT HHHS HAVE A YARD SALE THIS SPRING AT AN ALTERNATE LOCATION WHERE THERE IS MORE PARKING AND BETTER ACCESS FOR BUYERS.

IT HAS ALSO BEEN SUGGESTED THAT PEOPLE WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF PAYING FOR THEIR OWN SPACE IN ORDER TO SELL THEIR OWN ITEMS.

HHHS WOULD ACCEPT ITEMS TO BE SOLD, HOWEVER, IF THEY ARE NOT SOLD THE ORIGINAL OWNER WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THEIR ITEMS BACK.

THERE MIGHT BE AN OPTION FOR HHHS TO ACCEPT ANY DONATIONS AS LONG AS WE HAVE AN ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD PICK UP ANY REMAINING ITEMS AND TAKE THEM AWAY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING WHERE WE WILL BE DISCUSSING HOW TO PROCEED WITH THIS POTENTIAL FUND RAISER.



**Howell Heritage and
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Now collecting 2022 Dues!**

2022 Membership/ Donation Form

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Amount: \$_____ donation

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Email _____

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