



Howell Heritage

The Newsletter of The Howell Historical Society March, 2010

Howell Historical Society
March Meeting
Friday, March 26, 8:00 pm
Howell Township
Municipal Offices Meeting Room

Refreshments will be served.

Bring your friends and family!

The snow, the snow, the lovely white snow — and the promise thereof — “did in” the February meeting. It looks like the weather has the spring idea now so plan on joining us on March 26 for the March meeting.

Message from the president...

Happy Springtime fellow historians. The long winter of snow and cold is slowly melting away. The

crocuses are up and the snowdrops smiling at the warm sun. We are thinking about collectively purchasing flats of annuals and have a little tea at the museum. We will be discussing this at the next meeting. If you are interested, please come to the meeting or contact Lynn or Elaine about ordering.

The school tours will be starting soon. Try to make it over to the museum whenever you can.

Elaine

TRIVIA TIME —

Q. Who was Rose Will Monroe?

For the sake of accuracy and completeness, items of news and interest **MUST** be submitted to **Howell Heritage** in writing. Please make sure that any names used are complete (first and last) and spelled correctly.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

HH staff

Lucretia Miller Van Note

Howell Native and

Westward Bound Pioneer

Lucretia Miller, the daughter of Joseph Miller and Louisa Gant, was born June 1, 1800 in Howell, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Lucretia Miller married James Van Note, another Howell resident. As noted in the Monmouth County Archives records, they were married on April 10, 1819 by Justice of the Peace, Z. Clayton, in the home of J. West, Jr. From this union, Lucretia and James issued a total of seven children. The children were, in order of birth, Brazilla, Nelson, Deborah, Jacob, Orpha, John M. and Mary A. During the early part of their marriage, James worked at the Washington Furnace in Lakewood. He also worked as a teamster and contractor at the various canals and docks in New Jersey. During the year of 1839, Lucretia, James, and their family left New Jersey and headed westward. Records show that the family was in Indiana during 1845. The Van Note family left Indiana during the fall of 1848. They headed to Pike County, Illinois where other Miller and Tilton relatives were living. Unfortunately, James Van Note died in Illinois shortly after their arrival. After her husband's death, Lucretia, and her children decided to join some of the Miller and Tilton family members, as they headed towards their ultimate goal of Iowa.

Lucretia's misfortune continued when her son Jacob drowned in the Mississippi River as he and other men barged their belongings across the flooded river (records state that the Family Bible was lost during this accident). Lucretia Van Note was listed in the 1850 Census records. She was living in the Pike County, Iowa household of her brother, Gilbert Miller.

Editorially Speaking:

School tours start in April and continue into June. If you are available and have a desire to "teach" for a little while why not try leading one of the tours — help is needed at the Old Ardena #2 Schoolhouse and at the MacKenzie Museum.

Help the Howell Historical Society and have some fun at the same time.

We will provide you with a script and give you training and encouragement.

Try it — you just might like it!

Records show that Lucretia married two more times before her death. She married her second husband, William Reynolds on October 8, 1854 in Linn County, Iowa. She married her third husband, Payne Harding, December 1, 1859 in Linn County, Iowa. Lucretia, her husband Payne Harding, and his son, Samuel Harding, are found in the 1860 Census, living in Franklin Center Township, Decatur County, Iowa. Lucretia died in Iowa sometime after the aforementioned 1860 Census was taken.

One can only think about the hardships and the heartbreak that Lucretia (Miller) Van Note had to endure as she and her family headed west. It must have been difficult for her as she bid a final farewell to her parents, other New Jersey relatives, and friends. As a matter of fact, Lucretia basically lost touch with her parents as indicated in her father's Final Pension Payment Voucher records (Lucretia Van Note, wife of James Van Note who reside "somewhere in the Western States"). That is a clear indication that Lucretia had lost direct contact with her New Jersey family members. Why would these pioneers leave New Jersey? We can only speculate. Perhaps the promise of Federal Land Grants and the promise of wide open space attracted the thousands of families westward. No matter why these people chose to head west, our wonderful country is what it is today because of their pioneering spirit!

Tim Clayton

Sources

- Ocean County Historical Society
- Iowa Census Records
- Allaire Village Records
- Ancestry.com
- Monmouth County Archives

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Women's History Month March 2010

During my lifetime, I have witnessed the changing attitudes of many men, and a few women, regarding the issue of women and their equality with men. During this relatively short period of time, I've observed behavioral and attitude changes that span all the way from "a woman's place is in the home", to "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II, and up to today's legal standard of "equal pay for equal work". Much to the credit of my wife, my daughter, and a female boss, I have to admit that my own personal attitude and behavior have evolved favorably towards women over the years. I have one more personal observation — women in today's world have higher expectations for themselves.

For this article, I am listing some of the women that have excelled in today's world. To begin, we do not need to look any further than our own organization, the Howell Historical Society. Ida Devlin, Pauline Smith, Evelyn Barrow and Lynne Gillette are trustees. Our president is Elaine Taylor, our vice president is Paulette Bradow, our treasurer is Evelyn Lynne Gillette, our secretary is Sandra Solly, and our recording secretary is Tara Dolan. On the federal level in government, famous women include Laura Bush, Michele Obama, Hillary Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, Sarah Palin, and two of the Supreme Court Justices, Ruth Baden Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor. Successful business women include Mary Kay Ash (Mary K Products), Estee Lauder (cosmetics executive), Helena Rubinstein (cosmetics, philanthropist), Debbie Fields (Mrs. Fields Cookies), and Katherine Graham (former owner & publisher of the "Washington Post" and "Newsweek"). Of course, I would be remiss if I did not list Grandma Moses, in the world of art. In the world of etiquette, we must list Emily Post and Amy Vanderbilt. Some of the most recognized female sports stars include Bonnie Blair (most decorated US woman in Olympic history), Chris Evert Lloyd (tennis player), Florence Griffith Joyner (world record holding runner), Billie Jean King (tennis player and

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Evelyn Barrow
John Armata
Lynne Gillette, Alternate

promoter of "Equal Pay for Women"), Nancy Lopez (hall of fame golfer), and Wilma Rudolph (Olympic multi gold metal winner). In the world of entertainment, some of the famous women include Lauren Bacall, Joan Baez, Pearl Bailey, Carol Burnett, Bette Davis, Doris Day, Phyllis Diller, Goldie Hawn, Loretta Lynn, Shirley McLaine, Bette Midler, Linda Ronstadt, Barbra Streisand, Tina Turner, Raquel Welch and Oprah Winfrey (one of the world's richest woman). The 2009 National Women's History Project honored women in the environmental movement. They are Rachel Carson, Julia Hill, Jane Goodall and Alice Waters. Without question, women have "knocked down" the barriers that they have faced!

Tim Clayton

Sources

- Famous Women- creativequotations.com
- Howell Historical Society Nov/Dec Newsletter

Allaire Village Happenings

19th Century Bee Hive Oven Baking Sunday, April 18th;

On Sunday, April 18th, between 1 and 4PM, The Historic Village at Allaire will be holding a demonstration of the Bee Hive Oven and the techniques used for baking in our 19th century village.

Discover the bakery of the 1830s Howell Works and the role it played in sustaining an entire community. Come join the workers as they prepare the dough, slide it into the oven, and smell the aroma of freshly baked bread.

Admission for this event is free.

"Sherlock Holmes and the Speckled Band";

Friday and Saturday, April 23rd and 24th Allaire Village is presenting a dramatic production of "Sherlock Holmes and the Speckled Band", written by Arthur Conan Doyle. The performance takes place in the Allaire Village Chapel on Friday, April 23rd and Saturday April 24th at 7:30pm. In an exciting performance, Neil Hartley brings to life the tale of Sherlock Holmes, within the candle lit Allaire Village Chapel. You will be transported back to a time before television, radio, CDs, and electricity. The seating is limited to 100 for each performance so advanced purchase is recommended. Tickets are \$15 at 732-919-3500.

Early 19th Century Spring Festival,

Saturday, April 24th; Spring, the season of renewal, plants and flowers come to life, the grass and trees turn green, and people come out of their homes after a long winter. Come and celebrate

Spring at the Historic Allaire Village. Admission is free and the event begins at 12:00 noon and ends at 4:00pm. A food vendor is on site and a shaded picnic area is available where you may relax and "soak-up" the day of family fun. Rain date is Sunday, April 25th.

ROUND AND ABOUT HOWELL TOWNSHIP

MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ROOM

The Headquarters location of the Monmouth County Library established the Monmouth County Historical Room in 1998 to serve the needs of its patronage by collecting and preserving written materials documenting and illuminating many aspects of life in New Jersey with emphasis on Monmouth County.

The Monmouth County Historical Room collection contains a variety of materials about state, county and local history including books, magazines, directories, scrapbooks and various other materials. More than 1400 items comprise the collection. Patrons can research current and historical information pertaining to Monmouth County and New Jersey including businesses, institutions, buildings, agriculture, economics, government documents, biographical and genealogical information and much more. The room also contains a case exhibit arranged by Monmouth County Archives featuring documents of interest pertaining to the history of New Jersey.

Materials found in the Monmouth County Room are identified in the WebCat Catalog with the location NJ-Room. Materials are primarily non-circulating reference works, which may be used only in the library. Housed in a secure room at Headquarters, the collection may be accessed with the assistance of the reference librarian staff. Librarians are also available to assist patrons with locating information.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

is actively seeking donations of 20th-century artifacts used, worn, purchased and/or made in Monmouth County. They are particularly interested in household and kitchen equipment, men's, women's, and children's clothing and personal accessories, furniture, technology items such as early radios, televisions, telephones, office equipment, and items related to 20th-century Monmouth County businesses and retail stores.

For further information on the Association's collections, or to speak with the Museum Curator

regarding a donation of objects to the collection, please contact Bernadette M. Rogoff at 732-462-1466, ext. 13.

The Met Live in HD - Hamlet

Mar. 27, 1:00pm; approx. running time is 3 hours 45 minutes; the works of Shakespeare have inspired more operatic adaptations than any other writer; Simon Keenlyside and Natalie Dessay bring their extraordinary acting skills to two of Shakespeare's most unforgettable characters in this new production of Ambrose Thomas's Hamlet; for the role of Ophelia, the French composer created an extended mad scene that is among the greatest in opera; Pollak Theatre, 400 Cedar Ave., West Long Branch; tickets are \$22; call 732-263-6889; www.monmouth.edu

Monmouth Symphony Orchestra

Mar. 28, 3:00pm; featuring Nicholas Gatto, English Horn and Lucian Rinando, Conductor; selections will be Overture to Mignon (Thomas); Concertino for English Horn; Two Horns, and Strings in A-Flat Major, Op.34 (Wolf-Ferrari); Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major, Op.55 ("Eroica") (Beethoven)

8th Annual Garden State Film Festival

Mar. 25-28; the festival features film competition for independent filmmakers, open talent casting call, panel discussions, children's workshops, and opening and closing ceremonies; Paramount Theatre, Boardwalk, Asbury Park; for information call 877-908-7050; www.gsff.org

Colm Toibin - Author

Mar. 25, 4:30pm; he was born in Ireland and is the author of six novels; he will speak as part of Monmouth University's Visiting Writers Series; Wilson Hall Auditorium, Monmouth Univ., 400 Cedar Ave., West Long Branch; 732-571-3512; www.monmouth.edu/arts

West Point's Glee Club

Mar. 26, 7:30pm; first organized in 1903 the Cadet Glee Club is now a 70-voice mixed chorus whose members serve as musical ambassadors for West Point and rank among our nation's most prestigious college choirs; First Presbyterian Church of Freehold, 18 West Main St., Freehold; call 908-415-6731

Growing Up in the 1960s

Feb. 23-Aug. 31; A flash back in time; the exhibit is a collection of over 50 toys from the 1960s-70s from The Doll and Toy Museum in NYC located in Brooklyn, NY; the exhibit will be on display through the end of August; Memorial and Vietnam Veterans

Era Educ3500; www.njvvmf.org

Celtic Crossroads

Apr. 3, 8:00pm; A fresh new show from Ireland, they take Irish music to an entirely new level, doing for Irish music what Riverdance did for Irish dance; seven world-class musicians on over twenty instruments play inventive arrangements and bass-driven grooves, steering Irish acoustic music into surprising new territory; Count Basie Theatre, 99 Monmouth St., Red Bank; tickets \$39.50, \$29.50, \$19.50; call 732-842-9000;

www.countbasietheatre.org

The Met Live in HD - Hamlet (encore presentation)

Apr. 9, 7:00pm; approx. running time is 3 hours 45 minutes; Simon Keenlyside and Natalie Dessay bring their extraordinary acting skills to two of Shakespeare's most unforgettable characters; Pollak Theatre, 400 Cedar Ave., West Long Branch; tickets are \$22; call 732-263-6889; www.monmouth.edu

Civil War Encampment

Apr. 10-11; Historical Allaire Village within Allaire State Park, Rt. 524/4265 Atlantic Ave., Wall; call 732-919-3500 for information;

www.allairevillage.org

Suzanne Vega - Singer

Apr. 10, 8:00pm; she sings in a distinctive, clear vibrato-less voice that has been described as "a cool, dry sandpaper-brushed near-whisper"; Pollak Theatre at Monmouth Univ., 400 Cedar Ave., West Long Branch; tickets \$40; call 732-263-6889;

www.monmouth.edu

SeaStreak Mets Package

Apr. 10; NY Mets vs. Washington Nationals; packages include upper tier reserved stadium ticket and vessel transportation; Conner's Landing, 2 First Ave., Atlantic Highlands; \$95 ticket package, \$70 boat only; call 1-800-BOATRIDE

In the Mood: A 1940s Musical Revue

Apr. 11, 3:00pm; with a big band orchestra, singers and dancers, this 1940 musical brings back the music that moved a nation's spirit during wartime; Pollak Theatre, 400 Cedar Ave., West Long Branch; tickets \$40, \$32; call 732-263-6889;

www.monmouth.edu

Phyllis Chen - Pianist

Apr. 14, 10:00am: her artistic pursuits take her in numerous directions as a toy pianist, pianist, composer and performance artist; since discovering the toy piano she has become a trailblazer, performing original multimedia compositions using

toy pianos, electronics and video and works by prominent 20th century composers such as John Cage and Julia Wolfe; Algonquinn Arts, 173 Main St., Manasquan; tickets \$7; call 732-528-9211; www.algonquinarts.com

Yankee Tavern - Play

Apr. 15-May 23; Thurs-Fri 8:00pm; Sat. 3:00pm and 8:00pm; Sun. 2:00pm; in this comic-thriller, a young graduate student finds himself caught in a web of intrigue as he grapples with questions about his impending marriage, his late father's unbalanced best friend, and a mysterious stranger; New Jersey Repertory Company, Lumia Theatre, 179 Broadway, Long Branch; tickets adults \$40, students \$36, seniors \$35; call 732-229-3166; www.njrep.org

Lakewood BlueClaws Fireworks

Apr. 16 and every Friday; fireworks display after each home game Friday nights during the season; Lakewood BlueClaws stadium, 2 Stadium Way, Lakewood; call 732-901-7000;

www.web.minorleaguebaseball.com

Totally Mozart

Apr. 16, 7:30pm; this concert presented by the Monmouth Univ. Music and Theatre Arts Dept. will feature period orchestra and 120 voices singing a variety of Mozart's works; Pollak Theatre, 400 Cedar Ave., West Long Branch; tickets \$30, \$22; call 732-263-6889; www.monmouth.edu

Bermuda Avenue Triangle

Apr. 17-30; written by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna and performed by the Monmouth Players; Navesink Library Theatre, corner of Sears and Monmouth Ave., Middletown; tickets \$15, \$12; call 732-291-9211 for performance times;

www.monmouthplayers.org

SeaStreak Yankees Package

Apr. 17; NY Yankees vs Texas Rangers; packages include upper tier reserved stadium ticket and vessel transportation; Conner's Landing, 2 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands; ticket package \$95, boat only \$70; call 1-800-BOATRIDE;

www.seastreakyankeespackage.com

RunAPalooza II

Apr. 17; 14th annual Jersey shore relay marathon; USATF certified A.P. half marathon; two mile walk for Special Olympics; REGISTRATION IS OPEN; Asbury Park; for information call 732-681-9464;

www.jerseyshorerelay.org

Lakewood BlueClaws 5K

Apr. 18, fun run 10:00am, 5K 10:30am; 5K race and

one mile kids fun run at FirstEnergy Park; entry in the race also includes general admission to the BlueClaws game later in the afternoon; FirstEnergy Park, 2 Stadium Way, Lakewood; call 732-901-7000 ext. 163

Joe Bonamassa - Singer

Apr. 21, 8:00pm; singer, songwriter and blues guitarist, his ability to connect with an audience is transformational, and The Ballad Of John Henry, his 9th release, brings that energy to his recorded music; Count Basie Theatre, 99 Monmouth St., Red Bank; tickets \$47.50, \$32.50, \$25, \$15; call 732-842-9000; www.countbasietheatre.org

Lunasa - Quintet

Apr. 23, 8:00pm; Ireland's all-star quintet, steers Irish acoustic music into surprising new territory with inventive arrangements and bass-driven grooves; Pollak Theatre, 400 Cedar Ave., West Long Branch; tickets \$38, \$30; call 732-263-6889; www.monmouth.edu

My Fair Lady - Concert Version

Apr. 24, 8:00pm; the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, with voices from Algonquin Arts resident chorus, Allegro! Algonquin Arts, 173 Main St., Manasquan; tickets \$38, \$36; call 732-528-9211; www.algonquinarts.com

Spring Arts and Crafts Festival

Apr. 24 (rain date Apr. 25) 10:00am-5:00pm; a full day of fun and shopping; 80 crafters, lots of fun and food; face painting, Artsy the clown and much more; Squan Plaza, Manasquan; call 732-223-8303; www.manasquanchamber.org

SeaStreak Mets Package

Apr. 24; NY Mets v. Atlanta Braves; packages include upper tier reserved stadium ticket and vessel transportation; Conner's Landing, 2 First Ave., Atlantic Highlands; \$95 ticket package, \$70 boat only; call 1-800-BOATRIDE; www.SeaStreakmetspackage.com

March for Babies

Apr. 25, REGISTRATION 10:30am, START 11:30am; March for Babies is the oldest charitable walking event in the United States; Ocean Pathway and Ocean Ave., Ocean Grove; call 609-655-7400 ext. 1204; www.marchforbabies.com

New Jersey Marathon Weekend

Apr. 30-May 2; a 2-loop course through the diverse neighborhoods and business districts of our host city, Long Branch and neighboring Monmouth Beach; this family weekend includes not only a full, USAT&F-certified 26.2-mile marathon, but the popular Long Branch Half Marathon, the NJM 4-or-3-Person Marathon Relay, fun events on Saturday for all ages and abilities, as well as a health and fitness expo and a great post-race Victory Party; call 732-578-1771; www.njmarathon.org

Bobby Collins - comedian

Apr. 30, 8:00pm; an American Comedy Award nominee for Stand-Up Comic of the Year and winner for Best Male Stand-up, his comedic style blends the physical comedy of Jerry Lewis with the good looks of Dean Martin; Count Basie Theatre, 99 Monmouth St., Red Bank; tickets \$39.50, \$29.50, \$19.50; call 732-842-9000; www.countbasietheatre.org

HOWELL PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Father and Daughter Luau Dinner and Dance

Apr. 23, 6:00pm-9:00pm; make RESERVATIONS ASAP as this event sells out quickly; the evening will consist of a full dinner buffet, a color photo taken by a professional photographer, music for dancing and lots of fun; if you wish to be seated with friends, all reservations must be made under one name and all money for each couple must be sent in at the same time; no mail-in reservations will be accepted; you must register at the Recreation Dept. the dinner and dance will be held at the Our House Tavern Restaurant, 420 Adelpia Rd., Farmingdale; the fee is \$31 per person; reservations taken only with payment and is based on first come, first served basis; call 732-938-4500 ext. 2501

Howell Parks and Recreation Dept. Sponsors the NJ Safe Boating Course

May 8, 9:00am-5:00pm; the course will be given at the Echo Lake Pavilion, 1225 Maxim Southard Rd. for adults ages 16 and up; the fee is \$55; limited spaces available, RESERVATIONS are required; boating education in New Jersey is mandatory; all persons who wish to operate a power vessel must possess a Boating Safety Certificate; all operators of personal watercraft must be at least 16 years of age and have this certificate; the NJ Safe Boating Certificate must be on your person while you are on tidal waters in New Jersey; for more information call 732-938-4500 ext 2501

A. Rose Will Monroe was the woman most closely associated with "Rosie the Riveter", the U.S. female factory worker during WWII.

HOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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I would like to enroll/renew (circle one) as a member in the category checked:

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Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Return this form with your check to: Lynne Gillette, PO Box 694, Farmingdale NJ 07727

The success of our museum, schoolhouse, library, and grounds depends upon the help of many willing hands. We need YOUR help. Please check the list below and indicate how you might us:

Officer Herb Gardens Gift shop help Photography Publicity

Library Calligraphy Newsletter Computer skills

Accessioning gifts

Crafts Housekeeping Genealogy work Carpentry & signs

Other Interests (please specify) _____

Membership is on an annual basis and may be tax deductible