

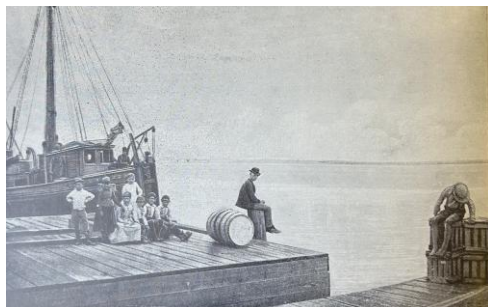


Hamilton Historical Society Newsletter

April 2025

2025 EVENTS:

Upcoming



MUSEUM OPEN

SATURDAYS, 9-12

ALSO BY APPT: CALL

609-909-0272

MAY 7TH, 10:00AM

COFFEE & HISTORY AT THE
MUSEUM, TOPIC:

LAKE LENAPE DAM

JOIN US FOR COFFEE!

THIS IS A NEW MONTHLY
GET TOGETHER AT THE
MUSEUM HELD 1ST
WEDNESDAY OF EVERY
MONTH. TELL A FRIEND.

MAY 28TH, WEDNESDAY,

SPEAKER PRESENTATION:

EARLY SHIPBUILDING

SPEAKER: MARK ALLEN,
CAPE MAY MAC

7:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL AT
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
MAIN ST. MAYS LANDING

FREE TO ALL AND
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
PROVIDED.

JUST WHO IS GEORGE MAY?

The volunteers are busy planning and researching Captain May Day. What is that you ask? The day was proclaimed by the Township Committee of the Twp. Of Hamilton, County of Atlantic to be the "first Saturday in May shall from this day forward be designated as Captain May Day". Quite an honor for one of the founding citizens but little seems to be known about him. Our researchers are preparing notes and will present the findings on May 3rd, 10:00am, with an open house and Mark Demitroff sharing the facts of Captain May.

The following are brief excerpts from "Early History of 'the landing' 1710-1860" by Alfred L. Scull, Sr.

1696: James Steelman elected "Overseer of ye Highways" was ordered to lay out a road from Egg Harbor towards the direction of Gloucester.

1737-1742: Edmund Illiff's arrival in Great Egg Harbour, was the founder of "Illiff Town".

1760: George May arrived between 1758-1760. May built his home near the end of the present County Park.

1778: The town was still referred to as "the Landing", inferring George or John May's "Vessel Landing" or "Shingle Landing".

August 1778: first time Tomas Leaming and Thomas Sinniklson offered for sale at "Mays Landing" rice and indigo.

These are just some of the facts and history we will expand upon at the Open House at the museum on May 3rd at 10:00 am. Please join us and hear what Mark Demitroff and others have uncovered.

written by: Donna Roome-Schieder & Cathie Skinner

Added facts:

The present town of Mays Landing, NJ was formerly a part of Gloucester County which was formed 1686. "Old Gloucester" was the first county in American to be formed by its residents.

A chain of events relating to the founding of a settlement, formerly known as "the Landing" located on the Great Egg Harbor River, formerly known as the "Basse River".

In The Spotlight: Accessions In April, thank you for a gift of 1936 Township of Hamilton Script by J. Margadonna