



Hamilton Historical Society

Newsletter

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2025 CALENDAR

ALL MEETINGS AT 7:30 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

WED., JAN 22 SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING

WED, MARCH 26
SPEAKER, DOUG CERVI
HOLOCAUST AND OUR AREA

TUES-THURS, APRIL 29,30
AND MAY 1 HESS 3RD
GRADE BUS TRIP TO
MUSEUM IN AFTERNOON

WED, MAY 28

MEETING SPEAKER TO BE DETERMINED

WED., JULY 23

REVOLUTIONARY
WOMEN: WOMEN'S
EXPERIENCE DURING THE
REVOLUTIONARY WAR
WITH JULIA ROSE
VIOLENTE 7:30 PM

SAT, SEPT. 20 ART IN THE
PARK, WAR MEMORIAL
PARK 9-3

WED, SEPT. 24 FOR A
GREAT VACATION-GO BY
TRAIN!::RAILROADS,
TOURISM AND
COMMUTERS AT THE
JERSEY SHORE DR. BILL
ELWELL, MONMOUTH
UNIVERSITY 7:30 PM

REST OF YEAR TO BE
CONTINUED

One of the phone calls we received over the last month at the museum was a question did we have a file or photos of the Homestead at 44 Main Street, Mays Landing? The building was a hotel and boarding house at one time but now has several small businesses including a hair salon, and housed the Bra Boudoir (since moved). We are happy to report that we did have a file and photos.

The Homestead in its history had several names and was known as the Coleman Mansion, Madison House, Central Hotel and Jackson House at various times over the years. The Coleman Mansion started operation near the turn of the century as a hotel.

George Jackson, a brickyard owner, bought this hotel about 1903 and renamed it the Jackson House.

It was an important landmark in town, and the hotel operated for many years and undoubtedly accommodated some of the people who came to Mays Landing for the business of the court.

Through the efforts of the Hamilton Township Historic Preservation Committee the building was saved and continues to exist over a 100 years later.

FAST FACTS: Southern New Jersey accents

Not quite as well-known, the South Jersey accent features a long "o" that turns words such as "home" into something like "heh-oom." The South Jersey accent closely mimics the voices you'd hear in Philadelphia, which is just across the Delaware River. In this accent, words sometimes run together resulting in questions such as "Did you eat?" becoming "jeet?" For example, look no further than Kate Winslet's pinpoint dialect in "Mare of Easttown." (from Backstage Magazine on how to do a New Jersey accent April 23, 2024)

The Coleman Mansion house (the Homestead) as it looks today. (Photo from Wikipedia)

