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Gary Saretzky 2006 Swartzburg award recipient

Remarks by Elsaly Palmisano at the annual conference of the New Jersey Library Association April 26, 2006, Ocean Place Resort and Spa, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Since 2003 the History and Preservation Section of the New Jersey Library Association has bestowed the Susan G. Swartzburg Preservation Award to honor the memory of a librarian whose leadership in New Jersey inspired and influenced many others in our profession, particularly in the areas of preservation of library materials, archives, and the book arts.

Susan's untimely death in 1996 left a void in our State. She dedicated her life to books and to those who love them. Susan wrote the definitive book on library preservation and was the Preservation Librarian at Rutgers University for many years. She was nationally and internationally known for her work in the field. She taught numerous workshops at Rutgers, started the Preservation Certificate Program, was extremely active in NJLA, MARAC, ALA, and founded the Princeton Preservation Group.



This year's recipient, Gary Saretzky, has also been a dynamic force on the preservation scene and credits Ms. Swartzburg with having a profound influence on his career. As a long-time member of NJLA and President of the Preservation Section in 1986 and 1987, Gary has worked long and hard to further the cause of preservation of library materials and our historical records through programs such as the Archives and History Day at the Monmouth County

Library which, for over ten years, has entertained and educated the citizens of New Jersey by presenting workshops, historical programs, and a venue for exhibits by local, county, and State-wise historical organizations.

Gary has been the Monmouth County Archivist for over ten years and coordinates the Public History internship program for Rutgers University's History Department. Formerly, he was the Archivist for the Educational Testing Service in Princeton for twenty-three years.

Author of more than a hundred articles and book reviews in the fields of photographic history, conservation and preservation, he has curated many exhibitions and is active in a number of professional organizations. He is President of the Princeton Preservation Group, was the Chair of the New Jersey Caucus of MARAC, was the first Chair of New Jersey Region V Library Corporative Preservation Committee 1988-1990 and a member of the New Jersey State Historical Records Advisory Board. He has also coordinated countless training workshops for librarians and archivists throughout New Jersey in preservation and disaster planning.

As a fellow recipient of this award in 2003, it is my pleasure to present the History and Preservation Section Susan G. Swartzburg 2006 Preservation Award to my friend and long-time colleague Gary Saretzky.

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Exploring our Cultural Heritage: MARAC Fall Conference

Greetings to all practitioners of archival activity and friends of historical preservation! We are proud to announce that the Mid-Atlantic Archivist community is coming back to the Garden State this fall, from October 26-28. The Westin Governor Morris Hotel in the heart of Morristown, New Jersey will serve as the site for our annual autumn archival-fest. The various planning committees are currently at work with the preparation particulars in anticipation of the big event.

MARAC meetings are very popular with our members, attracting about one-third of the professionals from archival and manuscript institutions throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. These meetings present an ideal opportunity for vendors to exhibit and discuss their products and services that relate to the acquisition, preservation, arrangement and description, bibliographic control, and use of all types of historical research materials. MARAC members represent a broad range of institutions, from major federal and state government agencies, to university archives, historical societies, librarians, and museums.

More updates will be forthcoming, but if you need further information on MARAC or the conference in the meantime, please feel free to contact Dale Patterson (973) 408-3195 dpatterson@gcah.org or Alan Delozier (973) 275-2378 delozial@shu.edu.

There is also information available on the MARAC website:
<http://www.lib.umd.edu/MARAC/>

23rd Annual New Jersey History Conference

We invite you to participate in the start of a tradition – the first annual *New Jersey Forum*. The Forum will explore New Jersey from many different perspectives and disciplines. You don't have to be a scholar or specialist – the conference is open to the public and is designed to be an informative and enjoyable day of learning for all! The keynote speaker is Dr. Mark Lender, professor of history at Kean University and well known writer. Panel sessions cover intriguing topics about New Jersey's past. The presenters include recognized experts, graduate students, and independent scholars. There is an emphasis on new scholarship and first-time presenters. Among the institutions represented are Rutgers, Seton Hall, the Archeological Society of NJ, Colonial Williamsburg, the Alice Paul Institute, and Monmouth University. The event also includes exhibits from dozens of New Jersey history organizations, plus an awards lunch.

The conference takes place on Saturday, November 18 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Marriott Hotel in Trenton NJ. Information and registration forms are available on the Historical Commission website:

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/history/njforumbrochure.pdf>

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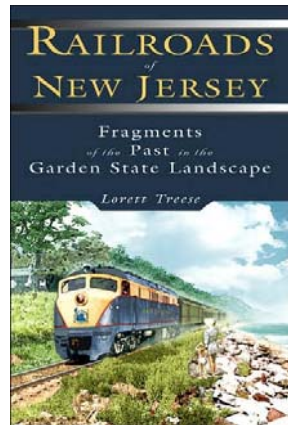
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Read any good books lately?

By James Collins
Morristown and Morris Township Library

Railroads of New Jersey: Fragments of the Past in the Garden State Landscape. Treese, Lorett. Stackpole Books, 2006.

Dividing New Jersey into regions, Lorett Treese explores the history of railroads in the state and examines their history and impact on the areas they traversed. She examines the people and events crucial to the railroad industry's development in the state and the stations, bridges, viaducts and other structures that came into existence because of the railroads. The state's varied railroad historical societies and rail trails that have been created from abandoned track are also discussed. Treese says in the preface to this volume that it is not intended as a complete history of railroad transportation in New Jersey but rather a combination of history and travel guide highlighting a state with a rich heritage of railroad history.



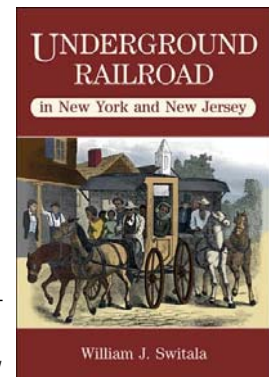
Ten on a Toboggan and other Tales: Chatham, New Jersey. Edited by Lynn Keffer, Jacqua-Lyne Pindak and Augusta Scattergood. luniverse, 2006.

A collection of oral histories documenting the history of the community of Chatham, New Jersey. The Chatham Historical Society recorded dozens of interviews with residents over the past twenty years and eighteen were cho-

sen for this collection. The conversations and recollections presented here document over 100 years of Chatham community history. Memories range from stories of ancestors from the mid-nineteenth century up to a current young adult resident of Chatham. Pivotal events in town history from the Three Towns Pageant (which in 1926 celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of the U. S.) to the Candlelight Walk commemorating the September 11, 2001 attacks are recounted.

Underground Railroad in New Jersey and New York. Switala, William J. Stackpole Books, 2006.

During the decades preceding the Civil War hundreds of individuals both black and white helped escaped slaves on journeys northwards towards Canada and freedom. This system was known as the Underground Railroad and William Switala's book examines the escape systems that existed in New York and New Jersey. Switala states that his is the first modern comprehensive survey focusing on New Jersey and New York and covering the entirety of their networks. The book includes detailed maps and information about the contemporary roads that exist on the old routes and uses Census data for demographic information. Additionally the book explores the effects of geography and transportation and the roles of religious groups on the Railroad.



Plainfield On the Move exhibit opens in October

By Joe Da Rold

Transportation in all its modes is the topic of Plainfield Public Library's 2006 local history grant project from the New Jersey Historical Commission. In researching for her proposal, Local History Librarian Jessica Myers already knew there was an unending line of researchers interested in depots and railroads, but she was amazed to find that so many other aspects of New Jersey's transportation history ran through Plainfield: automobile and airplane manufacturers, speed records, etc. She also discovered that many experts and hobbyists on antique cars, buses, motorcycles, fire engines, electric trains and trolleys lived nearby and were eager to participate in programs being planned by the library.

The exhibit, entitled "Plainfield On the Move," will open on Saturday, October 21st. Included will be long-forgotten images newly developed from the library's collection of nitrate negatives. Collectors are lending artifacts, and GOS staff are culling anecdotal stories about local transportation from 100 years of Police Log reports owned by the library.

In addition to the main exhibit, an online exhibit will emerge from the library's extensive digital database of postcards, photographs and maps. Check the library's website <http://www.plfdpl.info> in early October for more news on the exhibits and special programs.

11th Annual Archives Day Celebration

The Monmouth County Archives is planning the 11th annual Archives and History Day celebration at the Monmouth County Library, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, on Saturday, October 14, 2006, to mark Archives Week.

Archives and History Day is a free public event that encourages awareness of our documentary heritage and New Jersey's history; serves as an opportunity for institutions to publicize their collections and programs; promotes the value of the archives and archivists to society; supports professional archival practices and standards; and affords an opportunity for networking among representatives of history-related organizations in the state.

More than 70 not-for-profit history-related organizations will exhibit and 300-400 attendees are expected. Historian Charles McSorley will give two lectures on Mathew Brady, Civil War-era photographer. A special month-long

exhibition on the Civil War, focusing on Monmouth County, also will be on view. Other events include a seminar on the CAPES archival consulting service conducted by CAPES Coordinator Elsalyn Palmisano; videos; and a tour of the Monmouth County Archives. Awards, including the Jane Clayton Award, the Roger McDonough Award, and the MARAC NJ Caucus Service Award, will be presented.

If you need a registration packet for an organization, contact Shelagh Reilly, sreilly@co.monmouth.nj.us or 732-308-3771. For other Archives Week questions, contact Gary Saretzky, gsaretzk@co.monmouth.nj.us or 732-308-3772.

Note: On October 11, we will host workshops on book repair and reference services in county archives. Please contact Shelagh Reilly for registration information.

SHRAB Workshops

Preserving Family Pictures and Papers

Instructors: Janet Riemer, Preservation Archivist
Joanne Nestor, Principal Photographer, New Jersey State Archives

This workshop will cover a brief history of photographic processes (with examples), the importance of storage, environment and care, handling and storage methods for prints and negatives.

Tuesday, October 10, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
State Archives, 225 West State Street, Trenton, NJ

Managing Archival Collection

Instructors: Joseph R. Klett, Chief, New Jersey State Archives
Ellen Callahan, Collections Manager, New Jersey State Archives

This workshop will present an overview on collection management practices and will provide guidelines in areas ranging from the development of a collection policy to arrangement/description alternatives and implementing basic preservation measures during archival processing

Thursday, October 12, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Gloucester County Historical Society, 17 Hunter Street, Woodbury, NJ

Grants, CAPES, and Fundraising

Instructors: Sara Cureton, Grants Assistant, New Jersey Historical Commission
Mary Murrin, Director, Grants

Program, New Jersey Historical Commission
Karl Niederer, Director, New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management
Ben Primer, Associate University Librarian, Rare Books and Special Collections

This session will provide information on both the general operating support grant program and funding for projects, as well as the Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service or CAPES. Included in the presentation will be tips for preparing successful applications and ample time for audience questions.

Monday, November 6, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
State Archives, 225 West State Street, Trenton, NJ

Discover a Whole New World: Researching in Religious Archives

Instructors: L. Dale Patterson, Archivist, United Methodist Church Archives; Margery N. Sly, Deputy Director, Presbyterian Historical Society; Dr. Jennifer Woodruff Tait, Methodist Librarian

The topics to be presented in this workshop are genealogy, social issues in religious archives, unexpected material, and ecumenical material (material not just related to a specific denomination or religion).

Friday, November 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Burlington County Historical Society, Burlington, NJ

For more information, please go to:

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/darm/links/shrabworkshops.html>