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Tuesday, April 28 11 am A Backstage Glance at Books – History Authors Talk about the Process

Popular history titles have proliferated in recent years, as publishers such as Arcadia, the History Press, Schiffer, and others have expanded the market. Three NJ authors will discuss the creation of books from the concept to the shelf, including their experiences working with a variety of publishers, tips on time management and the creative process, and the importance of libraries as resource and repository.

Presenters: Randall Gabrielan, Executive Director, Monmouth County Historical Commission; Joseph Bilby, Assistant Curator, National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey; Bob Golon, Princeton Theological Seminary; *Moderator*: John Beekman, Jersey City Free Public Library

Tuesday, April 28 1:30 pm Surviving a Genealogy Reference Interview

Genealogists can be a challenge for reference librarians. They can pin you down with lengthy stories of their great-granduncle's Civil War service, befuddle you with arcane questions about probate records, and jam your printers with census records. But genealogy reference work can also be very rewarding for both librarians and patrons. Learn the basic tools and strategies for helping family historians.

Presenters: Jack Simpson, Curator of Local and Family History, the Newberry Library, Chicago; *Moderator*: Jenny Lichtenwalner, Scotch Plains Public Library. Cosponsored with Reference Section.

Wednesday, April 29 11:30 Histories that Rock! Award-Winning Titles in New Jersey Studies

Want the best bang for your collection development buck? The NJ Studies Academic Alliance is here to help! Come hear the 2008 Book Award winners discuss their works, which combine excellent research on timely topics to create compelling reading. Subjects discussed will include a look at how school funding has shaped students and state politicians alike from "Abbott" to the present, the development of Newark's Beth Israel Hospital and the private hospital movement in America, and a visual history of the lime industry in colonial NJ as discovered by a man and his dog.

Presenters: Deborah Yaffe, author of *Other of People's Children*, Alan M. Kraut & Deborah Kraut, authors of *Covenant of Care: Newark Beth Israel and the Jewish Hospital in America*, Frank Curcio, author of *Hunterdon County's Forgotten Lime Industry, Moderator*: Chad Leinaweaver, Newark Public Library

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Congrats to...

HP Section President **Bob Golon** has accepted a position as a project archivist at the Princeton Theological Seminary. His first day there was on March 2nd.

News from the North Jersey History Center at Morristown and Morris Township Library

by Mary McMahon Dawson Morristown and Morris Township Library

Recent collections processed at the North Jersey History Center, 2008:

Zonta Club of the Morristown Area Records, 1956-2006 [bulk 1990-2000]:

HM1 MSS Zonta Rec, 2.5 linear feet in 5 MSS boxes. The Zonta Club of the Morristown Area is a Morristown based professional service organization. Historically, the majority of the members are female, though men have been invited to become members in recent years. Their records include: by-laws, meeting minutes, treasurer reports and president's files, committee information, reports, District III information, newsletters, programs and events, also awards and grants. The collection contains numerous documents highlighting the service projects of the chapter. Also included in the collection are Membership records and yearbooks. These files have been restricted.

Morristown, New Jersey Property Deeds and Land Titles: 14 Franklin Street, 1850-1943:

HM6 Morr Rec, .50 linear feet in 1 MSS box. This collection contains documents pertaining to the ownership of the house at 14 Franklin Street, Morristown, New Jersey. The house is listed on the Morris County Historic Sites Survey/New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory, 1988/1989. The types of documents found in this collection include: deeds, mortgages, title searches and agreements. Some historical information can be found at the end of the collection, as well as the will of Charles D.M. Cole, owner of the 14 Franklin Street property until June 1943.

Business Ephemera and Artifacts Collection, circa 1816-2008; not dated:

HM512 Bus Eph, 3 linear feet in 2 manuscript boxes and 5 artifact boxes

This material is intended to enhance or supplement research regarding Morris County, New Jersey, and in particular, Morristown, New Jersey. The Business Ephemera and Artifacts Collection primarily covers the 19th and early 20th centuries, but includes some material to the present. Items contained in this collection include business cards, invoices, business correspondence, Mass cards, hardware, bottles, admission tickets and toys. Subsequent material will be added to the collection as it becomes available.

Collections in Process: I continue to work on the Morristown School District Records, 1851-. I am fixing myself a deadline of March 31, 2009 to be completely finished with all aspects of processing – including having a finding aid online and available to the public. At the moment, I have described more than 75% of the container list and can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I'm hoping that future researchers find this collection as fascinating and insightful as I have found it to be.

Upcoming H/P meetings

June 5, 2009. Atlantic City Public Library,

Meeting and a tour / presentation regarding the Alfred M. Heston Collection and Casino Oral History project. Potential joint meeting with the NJLA Reference Section

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Joint HP Section/MARAC meeting at USGA Museum

By Mary McMahon Dawson Morristown and Morris Township Library

A joint MARAC/NJH&P Section meeting was held at the United States Golf Association museum in Far Hills on January 30. Our site host, the assistant director of the museum, introduced us to the museum's collections, the library/ reading room and closed stack area. He also introduced us to their informative and interactive (and impressive) website. One of the website images, a copy of a photograph from 1900, shows women golfers from the Morris County Golf Club, the first all women's golf club in the United States.

When I got back to work the following week I was curious to discover what we owned regarding this pioneering group of women. We happen to own a few items, but of most interest to me was the early historical information that is unique to our collection. It turns out we own a scrapbook dating from about 1894-1900. The scrapbook, whose pages have been encapsulated, contain a copy of the first constitution, newspaper clippings, letters, pictures, tearsheets and other printed material concerning the club. Examples of the correspondence in the scrapbook include an undated, handwritten letter to Miss Nina Howland, 1st President of the Morris County Golf Club, from Robert Cox, 34 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, Scotland. The sender acknowledges receipt of the letter of gratitude for the championship golf trophy Miss Howland had sent him on the 21 December. Mr. Cox also expresses his gratitude

"to learn that my efforts to spread the joys of golf are so heartily seconded by your club, and that the hearts of your members feel so warmly towards Scotland that they have adopted the thistle as their emblem.....RobCox".

A second letter, from 1875, and written by John M Chapman to Nina Howland, mentions Mr. Havermeyer (the United States Golf Association's first president) and how the Cox Trophy will be to the women's golf championship *"as the Havermeyer Cup represents the championship for men"*.

After a little more cursory research I came across a PDF document published by Michigan State University Libraries' Turfgrass Information Center (MSU Libraries are in a partnership with the United States Golf Association). The file is actually an article from the *USGA Journal*, of September 1950. For me, the information in the PDF document ties together the contents of the letters we own with the history of women's golf in the United States. A portion of the articles reads:

"Mr. Cox's Cup

Miss Griscom made her debut in the second Championship at the Morris County Golf Club in New Jersey in 1896, which was the first for the cup presented by Robert Cox of Gorgie, Edinburgh, Scotland. The cup was a major attraction. The NEW YORK TIMES exhausted its superlatives in describing it: "Probably the most elaborate and handsomest trophy that has ever been offered as a prize in any contest ever held in this country will be the beautiful, thousand-dollar silver cup recently given by Mr. Robert Cox of Scotland to the United States Golf Association for the Women's Championship of America. "The deed of gift, which was accepted by the United States Golf Association with the trophy at its annual meeting February 8, 1896, is as follows: " 'I, Robert Cox, of Gorgie, Edinburgh, Scotland, by these presents, and for the encouragement of the ancient and royal game of golf, do make over and convey (0 the United States Golf Association. In perpetuity, a trophy for the Women's Amateur Championship of the United States, to be played for under the rules of the association governing such championship and subject only to the condition that the first competition shall be held at the Morris County Golf Club, and the trophy is to remain in the custody of the club of which the winner is a member until won by the member of another club. Witness my hand and the seal of S1. Andrews at Edinburgh on this 20th day of January, 1896. Robert Cox Witness, John M. Chapman."

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H/P President's Message

On January 30th, the Section held a joint meeting with the MARAC New Jersey Caucus at the United States Golf Association Museum in Far Hills. The meeting attracted over twenty attendees from both organizations, and enabled us to reacquaint ourselves with old friends while also making some new ones. A sincere thanks goes out to USGA Museum Assistant Director David Normoyle for opening the facility to our organizations and for providing us with the insider's tour.

One comment I kept hearing during the tour was how the USGA Museum is such a "hidden jewel" within close proximity of many of us in New Jersey. This should serve as a reminder of how many truly remarkable historical organizations and museums we have in our state, and how groups like the History and Preservation Section and MARAC need to continuously spread the word to the New Jersey Library and historical communities.

Another such "jewel" is the Atlantic City Free Public Library, home of the Alfred M. Heston Collection, which focuses on the cultural, economic, social and historical development of Atlantic City. The next meeting of the History and Preservation Section will be at the Atlantic City Free Public Library on Friday, June 12th, and we hope to see many of our members there, as well as at the NJLA 2009 Conference in Long Branch from April 27th through April 29th.

Bob Golon

Upcoming exhibit: Feast Your Eyes: The Unexpected Beauty of Vegetable Gardens

Coming to the New Jersey Historical Society on April 24, 2008, Feast Your Eyes: The Unexpected Beauty of Vegetable Gardens traces the visual appeal of vegetable gardens across centuries and cultures.



Come learn the role that vegetable gardening has played in shaping the history, culture and economy of New Jersey, and discover why New Jersey is known as the Garden State.

"Feast Your Eyes: The Unexpected Beauty of Vegetable Gardens" was developed by the Smithsonian Institution Horticulture Services Division in collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service(SITES). The companion exhibition was developed by The New Jersey Historical Society in collaboration with the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Funding for this exhibition was provided in part by the Smithsonian Institution, MetLife Foundation, Whole Foods Market, and NJAES.

This month in New Jersey history

March 1, 1683 - 1st counties in New Jersey established: Bergen, Essex, Monmouth, Middlesex

March 9, 1801 - 1st New Jersey toll road, Morris Turnpike, chartered from Elizabethtown to Milford, PA

March 19, 1933 - author Philip Roth born in Newark

March 27, 1924 - singer Sarah Vaughan born in Newark