## Wenonah Historical Society

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## Newsletter

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## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ROCCO DOTO

Dear Members.

Hello everyone. The October 10th meeting should be an exciting one. The South Jersey Ghost Research group will be providing a presentation on the results of their study of the Train Depot over the last year. It should be a lot of fun.

We also will be having a fun presentation at our November 14th meeting. Our speaker will be Margaret Westfield of Westfield Architects & Preservation Consultants, located in Haddon Heights.

Her slide presentation will be on the restoration of the National Landmark "Lucy The Elephant", which is in Margate New Jersey and was built in 1881. Margarets' company was responsible for this project and has been showcased on television and in Preservation magazines.

Once again I would like to reiterate that we did receive great news from Borough Council and that is the promise of the upper rooms in the Train Depot for us to establish our much overdue Wenonah Museum. We will need lots of volunteers to help with all aspects of this project.

Anyone having Wenonah Historical items and would like to donate them to The Wenonah Historical Society, should contact one of the Officers.

Great news for our fundraiser, we have now added "Princess Wenonah" garden size flags to our collection. I hope that all of our members will purchase one for your yard.

#### WHS OFFICERS 2003

President: Rocco Doto
Vice Pres. Jack Sheppard Sr.
Secretary Eileen Caraker
Treasurer Carol Wiltsee
Corr. Sec. Betty MacLeod
Trustee Vicki McCall

Trustee VI

Meetings second Friday of the month at the Wenonah Community Center except June, July and August

Lastly, I would like all of you to take notice of the continuing deterioration of the Train Station. We have been promised renovations that include a new roof and the unreasonable amount of time that it is taking, is only doing more harm to our Landmark Building. I urge you to ask your Mayor and Borough Council to use the \$350,000 grant that Wenonah received in 2001, for

the purpose that the funds were originally requested for. (I have the January 31st, 2001 Times article in my file and would be glad to provide you with a copy.)

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the October and November meetings.

## COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

The new Borough Hall is now occupied.

Borough employees have moved from the old Borough Hall on Cherry Street to the new building.

Clerk/Administrator Dawn Human has moved from the Community Center offices leaving only court clerk Jo Dominy in that building. It is understood the court will not make the move until January of 2004.

Also according to Dawn Human bids for the Community Center roof replacement are currently being solicited and should the costs be within the amount allocated, the roofing could be completed yet this year.



SJGR is a professional research group with years of experience investigating ghosts and hauntings in the New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and the NYC area.

SJGR is a group of investigators that can trace its roots back to 1955. We conduct ghost research, discreet investigations and promote the learning and understanding of ghosts and other psychic phenomenon. We use the latest scientific methods and tools as well as psychic investigators in our research. SJGR members come from all walks of life and many have years of experience dealing with ghosts and hauntings.

SJGR routinely investigates hauntings and conducts field research to gain more knowledge of the phenomenon. SJGR also assists owners of haunted properties <u>free of charge</u>. We are all serious about the pursuit of knowledge and assisting those in need of help.

<u>Featured in:</u> The New York Times, The Courier Post, Trenton Times, Burlington County Times, South Philly Review, Idiot's Guide to Ghosts and Hauntings, Pottstown Mercury, Phillyburbs.com, Garden State Ghosts

<u>Featured on:</u> MSNBC Investigates, Comcast Newsmakers, Eyewitness News, Action News, KYW1060, CN8, WWOR Channel 9, RTL German TV, Westwood 1 radio network.

We conduct seminars and lectures to help educate the public about ghosts and our research. Most of these events benefit local historical societies or community groups. We have conducted events at The Franklin Mint, Gabreil Daveis Tavern, General Wayne Inn, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Camden County Historical Society, Wenonah Historical Society, Woodbury Kiwanis, Moorestown Rotary Club and many others.

SJGR is an incorporated 501(c)(3) Non Profit, Tax Exempt Organization funded solely by it's members, outside grants and donations. All donations are tax deductible.

### SJGR's Mission:

Our goal is to gather and collate data that will lead to the better understanding of ghosts and hauntings. In the process of pursuing the goal, we also wish to aid any individuals having problems dealing with or understanding a situation. We hope to do this by educating them as to the true nature of their situation and giving them the information and understanding to create a livable resolution for the person and the spirit. We will also assist people who cannot live with their situations.

For more information about SJGR including information, photos, videos and recordings from some of our cases, please visit our website at: http://www.sigr.org

Contact us at:

Voicemail: 1(877) 478-3168

Email: help@sjgr.org

SJGR services range from discreet investigations for homeowners and business owners to scientific research in public places and historic sites. Here are just a few of the places we have investigated:

The Winward House, Cape May, NJ
Rowan University Dorm, Glassboro, NJ
The Cranbury Inn, Cranbury NJ
Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Burlington County Jail, Mt Holly, NJ
Columbus Inne, Columbus, NJ
Gabreil Daveis Tavern, Glendora, NJ
The Logan Inn, New Hope, PA
Fort Mott, Salem, NJ
Eastern State Penitentiary, Phila, PA
Old Swedes Church, Philadelphia PA
Gloucester County Courthouse
The Ritz Theater, Oaklyn, NJ
Gibbstown Ambulance Corps
East Greenwich Twp Municipal Hall

For a consultation or questions, contact us at **help@sjgr.org** All our services are free.





Research, Assistance and Understanding

The cottage prayer meetings in the six homes, Thursday night, were attended by 91 people and still there's room for more, so come out tomorrow night to the nearest meeting. It is an interesting fact to note that there has been a total number of 349 people in the four night's meetings. Surely a blessing must follow.

The Union Choir for the United Church Campaign will meet for rehearsal Tuesday evening at 8:10 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church. Great results are hoped for from the big choir Mr. Stevenson is organizing with the help from each church.

Camden, NJ Oct.18,1917

Gentlemen:-

The Mayor of the Borough of Wenonah appointed the Trustees of the Free Library a committee to collect subscriptions for the War Library Fund. We have forwarded to the treasurer \$186.00, the result of the efforts of the committee. As the allotment for the Borough was \$35.00, the citizens of Wenonah can feel gratification for the liberal response.

Edward L.Farr

Two hundred ladies are wanted tonight to attend the union service in the Methodist Episcopal Church when the women's organizations of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches will attend together, the Presbyterian ladies on the west side and the Methodist ladies on the east side of the church. (It was never recorded who was responsible for the seating arrangement or why it was necessary to keep the women separated)

FOR SALE -25 pairs of mated Belgian Homers from thoroughbred imported stock. To be sold at once for \$1.20 per pair. W.J.Parks So. Monroe Avenue, Wenonah

FOR RENT- House with modern improvements, with store suitable for drug store, having ice cream cabinet and soda fountain installed. Apply Jesse English, Wenonah ( 3 East Mantua Avenue, now Mary Kaye)

#### Gasoline 22 cents a gallon

Having installed a new Standard Motor Gasoline Pump, I will sell gasoline Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 22 cents a gallon.

Walter Wentzell, Wenonah

(Walter Wentzell had a store for many years where Wayne Post was later located . He was the father of Jane Bowker, Frances Sweeney and Dr. Earl Wentzell)

Wenonah Garage

**Used Cars** 

1 Oakland Touring, like new1 Buick Roadster1 Allen Touring, like new\$40

George E.Fredrick

Wenonah

(George was the father of Charlie and Ed)

Lieutenant Colonel Samuel G. Bernard, formerly of Wenonah was yesterday elected Colonel of the Second Regiment of Field Artillery of New Jersey.

Miss Eleanor Stout was home from Swarthmore College for the weekend. (many years later her sons Bob and Wilson's Company, the M.M. Sundt Construction Company moved the London Bridge to Arizona among many other engineering feats)

Red Cross Note

Shipment was made today of seven cases to France containing 3,749 articles for hospital use.

The change of time on the W.J.& S.S.R.R. which went into effect yesterday makes less trains to-Atlantic City. Instead of running every hour they only go every other hour. The morning trains to the seashore resort are 7.26, 9.11, and 11.26

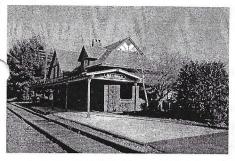
P.M. trains 1.26, 3.05, 5.05, 8.05 and 11.26 (Woodbury times, for Wenonah add five minutes)

Borough Council meeting

The mayor and Borough Council were authorized to sign a contract between the borough and the Electric Company of New Jersey for electric service at the firehouse for lighting and for use in connection with the new fire siren.

Dr. Stout reported that he had purchased a steel tower for the new fire siren and that the same would be delivered in a few days and erected at a cost not to exceed \$100. The fire company furnished written consent to the placing of the tower on their property.

Woodbury Daily Times, Woodbury, New Jersey October 1917 from the files of Milton H. Webb



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# WENONAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2003

#### **Membership Benefits**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAILED TO YOUR HOME
MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH INFORMATIVE PROGRAMS
ACCESS TO HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND MEMORABILIA
NETWORK OF KNOWLEDGEABLE HISTORIANS
HISTORICAL FIELD TRIPS

NAME:				
ADDRESS:				
PHONE:				
EMAIL ADDRES				
AMOUNT PAID \$		CHECK_	Cash	

DUES: \$15.00 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR

BRING FORM AND PAYMENT TO MEETING, OR MAIL. THANK YOU WHS PO BOX 32, WENONAH, NJ 08090