



Medford Historical Society circa 1966 Newsletter

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Kirby's Mill, 275 Church Road, PO Box 362, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Cross Keys One-Room Schoolhouse, 55 Mill Street, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Haines-Tomlinson House, 51 Union, Medford, New Jersey 08055

August 2024

Lake Pine Celebrates 100th Anniversary

By Scott Farrell, Lake Pine Social Committee Chair

Lake Pine is a mile-long lake in Medford Township. It is part of the Taunton Branch of the Rancocas Creek. The Taunton Furnace and Forge was built by Charles Read in 1766 and the bog iron that was found in the stream was used to make a variety of products including cannonballs and shot for George Washington's Army during the American Revolution. In the 1850s Charles Collins, Jr. and his nephew Joseph Hinchman converted the Taunton property into bogs and became one of the largest cranberry growers in the state. The land was sold in the early 1920s and divided into the lake communities we know today.

Lake Pine was referred to as Spirit Vale because of the mist rising from the lake in the morning. In 1924, the land was purchased by Taunton Land Development Company and a bathhouse was built to use after swimming, boating and fishing. Lots were advertised starting at \$50 and 5 row boats were given away on June 21 as an incentive. The map and plan for Lake Pine was approved at a Medford Township Committee meeting on September 2, 1924. I believe a few homes were already there and in 1926, Medford Township built a gravel road now known as Taunton Blvd. According to the tax lists, there were about 20 lots sold over the next few years, most of which were used for summer homes. (Continued on page 2)

Satellite Photo of
Lake Pine in 1940



1954
Group
who met
at the
Beach



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TRUSTEES EXPIRES 2027 Edmund Gager, Tom Gerber, John Hines, Douglas Donor, Jeanne Woodord
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EXPIRES 2025 Kelly Maguire, Libby Zimbleman, Dan Gaehring, Michael Gallagher, Peter Perno

On October 4, 1932 the township committee approved the plan for Lake Pine Estates which included 91 lots and 7 streets. On September 7, 1938 the undeveloped land and the lake were deeded to the Lake Pine Development Corp and the Lake Pine Colony Club was incorporated on August 12, 1939. The LPCC is a social club whose purpose is to promote general welfare and prosperity in the community along with maintaining the lake, dam, beaches, clubhouse, and all recreational facilities. In September of 1940 they hosted the first annual Community Day which has become an annual tradition over the Labor Day weekend, now known as Lake Pine Days.

More homes were built in the 40s and 50s and more families became year-round residents. As time went on, sections were added to the footprint into the 90s and many of the original log cabins and cottages still remain. Today, there are approximately 480 homes that have the option to be members of the Lake Pine Colony Club. The community offers a wide variety of social events to accommodate residents of all ages. However, it's still the swimming, boating and fishing along with all the natural beauty and wildlife that makes us call Lake Pine our home, much like it did for the original Lake Piners 100 years ago!



Bill & Marie Neugent House Built in 1935
On Taunton Boulevard



Little Log Cabin Lake Pine. AKA Mrs. Vans Tea Room

Homes are Surprisingly Inexpensive
and delightfully attractive

HERE ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF
BUYING A CABIN AT
Lovely
LAKE PINE

CITY CONVENIENCES. At Lake Pine you can enjoy every city convenience in a peaceful, rustic setting. The purest drinking water, tested and given full approval by the State Board of Health, is piped down from our artesian wells to the cabins. Stores are located in nearby Medford, and deliveries of milk and other necessities arrive the residents. Schools and churches are handy.

READY ACCESSIBILITY. Lake Pine is quickly reached from metropolitan points in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It is less than a half hour's drive from the Delaware Bridge and just across miles from Camden, so fine, well-laid highways open to traffic the year around. There is bus service from nearby Medford to all important points.

HOME SITES TO YOUR TASTE. Cabins are built of cedar logs, subject to our approval of specifications, and completely equipped with all modern conveniences. Individual sites may be selected, or land may be purchased by the acre, as you may desire—subject to careful restrictions and conveying uniform privileges.

OUTDOOR SPORTS. Every land-owner enjoys full Lake rights, including swimming, fishing, rowing, and canoeing. Motor-boating is not allowed. The Lake has been well stocked with fish, and offers great appeal to all fishermen, young and old. There is ample opportunity for hiking along pine-scented trails over miles of virgin land. Nearby riding undertones beckon to lovers of horses. Nothing is more healthful than days of varied activity in the great out-of-doors and nights of rest in the quiet peace of the rolling hills of Burlington County.

EASY PURCHASE PLAN
The F. H. A. financing will make purchasing unusually easy. We are anxious and willing to work with all prospective property holders and we are prepared to finance on very liberal and attractive terms. Cabins start from \$1395, and you can pay while in possession just as you would rent, except that when the terms are met you own your home. Lake Pine homes are met your own home. Lake Pine is exquisite—but inexpensive.

Address All Inquiries To
LAKE PINE DEVELOPMENT CORP.
MEDFORD, N. J.

Lake Pine Advertisement

Presidents Page:

As I begin my tenure, I would like to recognize Rich Bucko and the great work he has done. Rich stepped into the leadership role and has helped the Historical Society immeasurably. Many improvements have been made to the mill and its surroundings. Rich and Mike Gallagher promoted the Historic Society to the Township as the group of individuals who could make the Medford Village dream for the Haines-Tomlinson house a reality. This will become a Historical gem as the oldest residential property in Medford proper. Rich, through his contacts, has been able to secure a large annual donation, earmarked for this historical site.

Rich has always been involved in our events. We have had successful Flea Markets, Country Days, Quilt Shows and Apple Festivals under his guidance. He, in his spare time (not so much I am finding out...) has arranged quality speakers for our general meetings along with his other duties. If you know Rich, he seems to be a pretty quiet individual, but he is always thinking and working for the betterment of the Society. I surely appreciate all his accomplishments and the confidence in me as I take over the reins. If you see Rich please thank him for all he has, and continues to do for us.

It was decided to apply for the New Jersey Historic Trust Grant. Rich supported the effort and thanks to the tireless Kelly Maguire, we completed and submitted it to the State. The grant would cover repairs to the Barn Museum, the Blacksmith shop, an ADA parking area and ramp and the mill and grounds. We had an in-person meeting with NJHT in July at Kirby's Mill. It went as well as can be expected for our first grant attempt in many years. We still have an opportunity here. Updates will follow.

John Hines continues to amaze. A visit to the second floor of the mill is a testament to the work he expends for our museum. There is always new signage, arrangements, and upgrading of existing displays. Additions include: A large local railroad map, a new showcase for Dr. James Still and the latest Native American section. It is clear that he had a vision for the mill and has followed it closely. Think what could be accomplished with more dedicated individuals like John Hines.

Mike Gallagher, Tom Gerber, and their respective families have continued to work at the Haines-Tomlinson house. They have prepared the dwelling to make it presentable for an open house during the Memorial Day parade, a Rotary meeting, and a very successful yard sale during the Medford Wine and Art Show in June. A group of local friends have assisted them for much of the clean up around the home and the initial repairs. They were also recently involved with removing a downed tree from the yard. Medford is that type of town. Behind the scenes they are preparing a game plan for the necessary repairs needed going forward. We all look forward for what is to come.

Kelly is working her "Maguire Magic" once more on this year's Apple Festival, along with countless other duties she completes with aplomb. We have over 120 crafters booked this year, our food vendors are lined up, paperwork with the township is in order and the musicians are tuning up. We think this will be a banner year at the Festival. Kelly we can't thank you enough.

We have an ongoing responsibility to those who created these wonderful artifacts of history. The challenge is to continue to maintain and improve what we have been given. Please consider volunteering or making a financial donation to our worthy cause.

Bill Pflug

Upcoming Medford Historical Society Programs

Thursday, October 3 7:00 p.m.

Medford Friends Meeting, 14 Union Street

Medford's Agriculture, Mill Creek Farm and Medford Cattle Farms

Chad Muckenfuss will share the history of his Mill Creek Farm (1688) and the new venture of Medford Cattle Farms that he shares with Mike Yekenchik of Jennings Farm. If you are curious about what you have heard about a cattle farm in your town, bring your questions and share an enjoyable evening of history, news and refreshments.

Thursday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.

Medford Friends Meeting, 14 Union Street

Authors Dennis McDonald and Zachary Baer Introduce Their New Book

Authors Dennis McDonald and Zachary Baer will introduce their new book: *Medford through the Lens* by Arcadia Publishing. Some of the topics in the new book are the Medford schools, the glass and cranberry industries, and Medford Lakes. The photographs of early 19th century Medford photographer William B. Cooper will be discussed. Enjoy an interactive discussion of our town's early history.

Thursday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Medford Friends Meeting, 14 Union Street

Musician Charlie Zahm Performs

Well-known troubadour Charlie Zahm will join us again to share the songs of the season. His Scottish flair will provide a romantic musical evening with songs heard before and some that will be new to you. This event is free to the public

MEMBER NOTIFICATION - REVISED CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

NOTICE

Revision of the Medford Historical Society

Constitution and Bylaws

will be voted on by the Membership

at the October General Meeting

To see the Bylaws

Our first year at the Haines - Tomlinson House

August 15th marks 1 year since MHS acquired the Haines/Tomlinson House. Over that time, our volunteers and members of the community made a lot of progress towards turning the house into a museum. Accomplishments include repairing the heating system, removing vines and vegetation that were interfering with the structure of the house, rehangng fallen gutters, minor roof repairs, window repair, rescreening windows, some serious cleaning, gardening, and major storm damage cleanup this summer. We also opened the house for tours, at request, by multiple community groups and had the house opened during 3 public Township events including the 2023 Dickens Festival, the 2024 Memorial Day Parade, and the 2024 Art Wine and Music Fest during which we provided tours to hundreds of members of the public. We also held a fundraiser Vintage Yard Sale which raised over \$1000 in just a few hours! We've also made significant progress assessing the home's restoration. We look forward to fundraising and working with our volunteers in year 2.

Everything takes time and effort, and we'd be nowhere without the kind help and support by our MHS members and members of the broader community who have stepped up to help. We also would like to thank All-Jay's Construction, Spott's Hardware, Medford Fire Company, Harriett's, and Quoexin Cranberry Company. Moving forward, we hope to obtain grants to restore and cover the overhead on the Haines/Tomlinson House and MHS's other structures, but we NEED your help (every little bit is meaningful). Please consider making a donation to MHS or offer to volunteer to help us keep Medford's history alive and accessible to all!

We look forward to seeing you at the next Haines/Tomlinson House events on September 21 for an Open House and the 2024 Dickens Festival.

Mike Gallagher



16TH ANNUAL Flea Market at Kirby's Mill

Proceeds benefit the Medford Historical Society



**SAT., SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM RAIN
OR SHINE**

275 Church Rd., Medford, NJ

**Have unwanted items
you want to sell?**

Spaces (approx. 10' x 10')
are available for a donation of \$15

Registration is due no later than 9/4/2024

Bring your own tables. Tents are permitted.

Set up is between 7:00-8:00 am

Food is available for purchase.

All items brought to Kirby's Mill
on 9/14/2024 MUST be removed,
if they are not sold.

Vehicles must be moved to the parking
area after unloading prior to 8:00 am and
will not be permitted again until 1:00 pm.

We are not able to store
or transport large items.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT THAT DAY,
CONTACT CHAIR LIBBY ZIMBLEMAN 609-535-5603 OR LIBBY1555@AOL.COM**



NAME _____ # OF SPACES NEEDED _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

WILL YOU BE BRINGING A TENT? _____

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.MEDFORDHISTORY.ORG

Please include \$15 for each space and mail to/or pay online: PO Box 362, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Medford's **45th** Annual

APPLE Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2024
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM AT THE KIRBY'S MILL
275 Church Road (at Fostertown Road) Medford, NJ

Free Admission • 120+ Handmade Crafters
Live Music • Food • Apple Goods
Free Parking on Fostertown Road

Signature Apple Cider Donuts Made On-Site, Apple Ice Cream,
Medford Historical Society Apple Butter Spread,
Sandwiches - Made on Premises, Hot Dogs, Funnel Cakes,
Apples, Cider, Beverages, Apple Baked Goods
Children's Activities and Crafts, Mill Tour & Demonstration.

For further information email us at contactus@medfordhistory.org

Sponsors wanted! Check Medfordhistory.org for more details.

For Volunteer Opportunities: Check our website & Facebook page closer to the event.

We depend on YOU for this important event.



PARKING FOR APPLE FESTIVAL

DOWN FOSTERTOWN ROAD, JUST BEYOND THE FESTIVAL & AT JERSEY ACRES - CORNER OF CHURCH & EAYESTOWN ROAD

JERSEY ACRES
EST. 2022
MEDFORD, NEW JERSEY

Park View Cemetery
at Kirby's Mill

Membership Application
Donations/Sponsor Levels to Preserve History
Of course if you have already paid, Thank you for your promptness.
Lifetime members may disregard this notice.

Name _____ Telephone _____
Email _____
Address _____

Please make checks payable to the
Medford Historical Society, PO Box 362, Medford, NJ 08055
Membership

_____ Individual/Family Membership - \$40 per year
Members receive a Quarterly Newsletter

Sponsor/Donor Levels

History Partner - \$100

Archival Partner - \$250

Patron - \$500

Lifetime - \$500

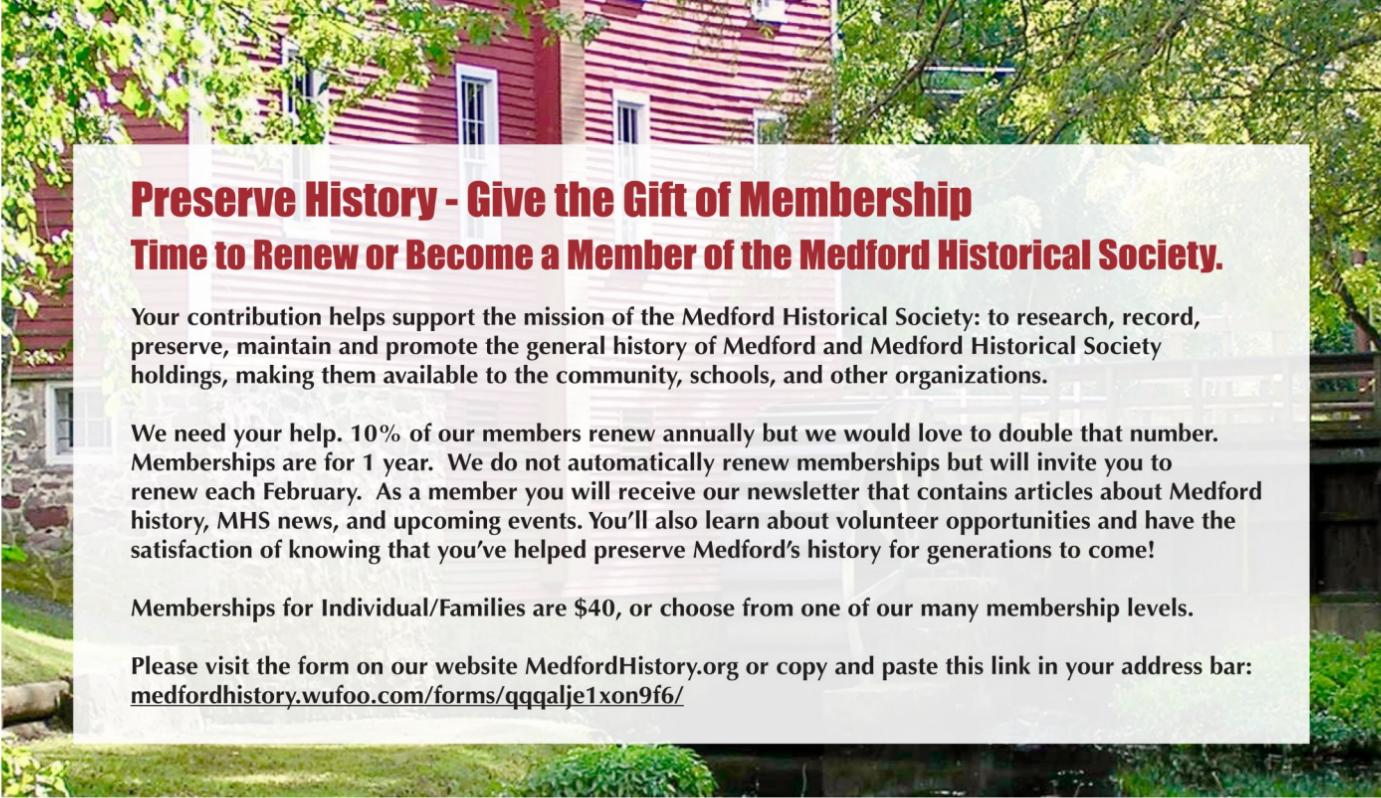
Benefactor - \$1000

Donation of your choice - \$ _____

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These donor levels will be acknowledged on our website
Donor levels will have the option of donating anonymously

The Medford Historical Society is a non-profit corporation in the State of New Jersey and is registered as a charity SIC #5006-04935. Our Federal Tax Exempt Number is 22-1911164. We are exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code dated 12/7/71. Donors may deduct contributions to the Medford Historical Society as provided in Section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to the Medford Historical Society are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under Sections 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the Code.



Preserve History - Give the Gift of Membership
Time to Renew or Become a Member of the Medford Historical Society.

Your contribution helps support the mission of the Medford Historical Society: to research, record, preserve, maintain and promote the general history of Medford and Medford Historical Society holdings, making them available to the community, schools, and other organizations.

We need your help. 10% of our members renew annually but we would love to double that number. Memberships are for 1 year. We do not automatically renew memberships but will invite you to renew each February. As a member you will receive our newsletter that contains articles about Medford history, MHS news, and upcoming events. You'll also learn about volunteer opportunities and have the satisfaction of knowing that you've helped preserve Medford's history for generations to come!

Memberships for Individual/Families are \$40, or choose from one of our many membership levels.

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medfordhistory.wufoo.com/forms/qqqalje1xon9f6/