

# Wenonah Historical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting at 6:00 P.M.  
Friday, September 12, 2014  
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Sue & Larry Smith's home, 110 S. Clinton Avenue

## ***September Meet and Greet***

Our September "Meet and Greet" is scheduled for Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM. We will be returning to Sue & Larry Smith's home at 110 S. Clinton Ave. for this annual event. We ask that attendees bring appetizers and desserts, based on the first letter of your last name:

*A though M – please bring an appetizer  
N though Z – please bring a dessert.  
Beverages will be provided.*

This get-together would be an excellent opportunity to introduce our friends and neighbors to the Wenonah Historical Society. Please invite (better yet, bring) at least one prospective member to the Smith's on September 12<sup>th</sup>.



A group site for the Wenonah Historical Society has been created on Facebook. If you are Facebook-inclined, please stop by the site and join at

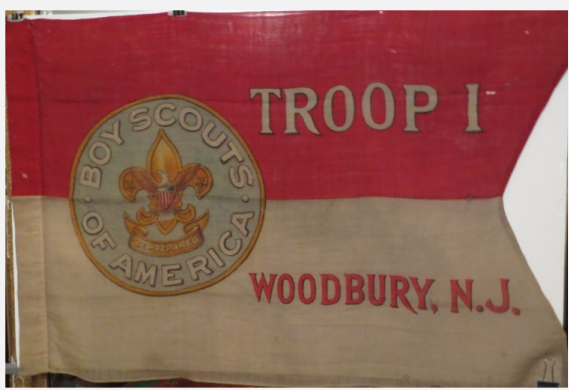
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/708673412545429/>

Ask your friends to do the same. The Facebook group will be a companion site to a website that is being developed to make the contents of the Society's museum available to all, as well as presentations such as the one Jack Sheppard, Sr. and Karen Heller have been making to Wenonah Elementary School on the origin of Wenonah. We'll keep you posted on the progress of the website via the WHS Newsletter.

## 2014 WHS OFFICERS

President	Charles Horan
Vice President	Paul Lader
Secretary	Vicki McCall
Treasurer	Carol Wiltsee
Trustee	Betty MacLeod
Trustee	Louis McCall

Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month  
(except June, July and August)  
at the Train Station Community Center



The Gloucester County Historical Society

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### Be Prepared!

### Scouts of Yesteryear

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have been a tradition in America for over a century.

Visit this remarkable exhibit of scouting artifacts from over the decades. Numerous uniforms, merit badges, equipment, manuals, flags, and accessories from the 1920's forward are on display.

Special evening tours for Scout troops and dens may also be arranged by calling (856) 848-8531.

Now through December 29, 2014

## Wenonah Borough Council a Century Ago

### Excerpts from Wenonah Council Minutes

July 7, 1910—Construction application requested by Rector G. Livingston Bishop for the building of the All Saints Episcopal Church.

May 4, 1911—Application to Council by Mr. Albert Fischer of Wenonah for a Pool and Billiard license for one pool table at his barber shop on West Jersey Avenue. Permission granted.

July 5, 1912—Resolution: Permission granted to the Wenonah Mutual Improvement Association to erect either two or four stone or brick columns at the North West corner of the park. And that a tablet suitably inscribed with the names of the donors of said Park land be placed on one of the columns.

April 3, 1913—Motion that the Gas Lamp Lighter be granted the privilege of riding his bicycle on the sidewalk when on duty. (According to Mrs. Shuman, the Lamp Lighter was usually an "older" local boy. He would ride his bike carrying a long stick with a match on the end. Had to make the same trip again each morning to turn them off.)

April 3, 1913—Motion that the authorities of the Military Academy be granted the privilege of using the Park as a drill ground.

June 4, 1914—Report of the result of a special election held May 26, 1914 to determine if our Library should become a "Free Public Library." Total votes cast 80. In favor 73, against 4, 3 ballots rejected.

From *Information about Wenonah County of Gloucester State of New Jersey from the Minute Books of the Wenonah Borough Commission and the Wenonah Borough Council from 1893 through 1990 compiled by Jack C. Sheppard, Sr., August 1991.*

WENONAH

September 1914

Mrs. John Allen, who recently purchased the Wenonah Ice Cream Parlor, has sold out and will move back to Millville.

The YMCA will give moving pictures hereafter in the YMCA hall every Saturday evening.

A number of our citizens are attending the Chautauqua in Woodbury.

In addition to the YMCA hall being freshly painted and renovated, a large exit door has been cut on the south side both for safety and convenience. This will prove helpful for the people who have to crowd their way out of the other door. This exit will be of great benefit. The ante room on the north side has been filled up by the picture machine with asbestos encasements, making an absolutely fireproof compartment.

Mrs. Mary Mehorter opened her kindergarten on Monday last.

Our tax rate this year is one cent higher than last year—\$2.02.

Mr. James Baylies, one of our grocery men, is erecting two houses on S. Monroe Avenue, which will greatly improve that part of the Avenue. John L. Drummer is the contractor.

Mrs. Mary Hendrickson has sold her farm just outside of our borough and will move into the house now occupied by Jay Charles and family.

The Wenonah Military Academy opened on Tuesday with an attendance of eighty-five, the largest since the Academy started.

The citizens of our borough are showing their interest in the library since it has been made a free public institution, as the number of books distributed show an increase of 90 last month. The building is now being renovated.

Dr. Harry Schisser and wife moved into their new home on Jefferson Avenue on Wednesday.

A large number of our citizens attended the Mantua firemen's carnival at Mantua on Saturday evening.

Contractor and builder Wm. Borg has broken ground for a new house for Harry C. Viereck on S. Lincoln Avenue.

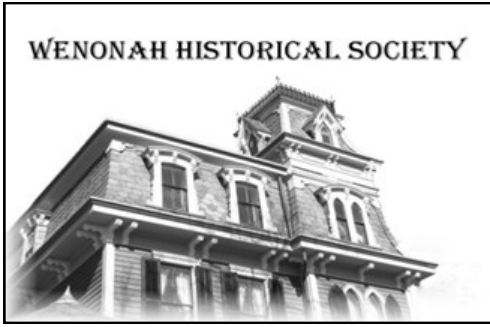
The following members of the Wenonah Board of Registry and Elections have been appointed: William P. Hallman, Howard C. Hendrickson, Joseph S. Eldridge, George L. Dilks.

Mr. Thomas Nelson is rapidly completing a beautiful home for Dr. H. A. Stout, on Clinton Ave., which will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burdsall, Jr., one of our recent bride and grooms.

There will be close to twenty-five students who will attend Woodbury High School from here this year.

A large white light has been installed on the south side of Mantua Avenue railroad crossing which gives people a clear view either direction on a dark night and also prevents tripping over the rails.

Mr. Harry House, the congenial butcher in Child's store, is taking his vacation.



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# WENONAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2014

## Membership Benefits

- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
- MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH INTERESTING PROGRAMS
- ACCESS TO HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND MEMORABILIA
- INFORMATION BY KNOWLEDGEABLE WENONAHIANS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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RECEIVE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: YES OR NO

AMOUNT PAID \$ CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_

DUES: \$15.00 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR

BRING FORM AND PAYMENT TO MEETING, OR MAIL. THANK YOU

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