



Turkey Tracks

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Lindbergh-Summit Connection?

The 1932 kidnapping of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., the eldest son of legendary aviator Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, was one of the most infamous crimes of the 20th century. The 20-month-old toddler was abducted from the Lindbergh home in East Amwell, New Jersey.

At the New Providence Historical Society's October talk, our speaker Mark Falzini will provide the audience with an overview of the 83-year-old case, as well as provide the not-so-well-known connections to neighboring Summit, New Jersey and possibly also to a fascist organization.

Mr. Falzini of the New Jersey State Police Museum, had never had much interest in the Lindbergh case. However, once he became the Archivist at the museum, becoming well-versed on the notorious Lindbergh case was unavoidable.



This event will take place on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 7 PM at the De Corso Community Center at 15 East Fourth Street, New Providence. Refreshments will be served afterward. All are welcome.



President's Letter

As we head into the final stretch of 2015, we have a great deal of activity to look forward to. In addition to monthly Open Houses, we have our fall talk by Mark Falzini on the connection of the Lindbergh kidnapping to our neighboring town, Summit, New Jersey. Mark's talk will be at the De Corso Community Center on October 22nd at 7 PM. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

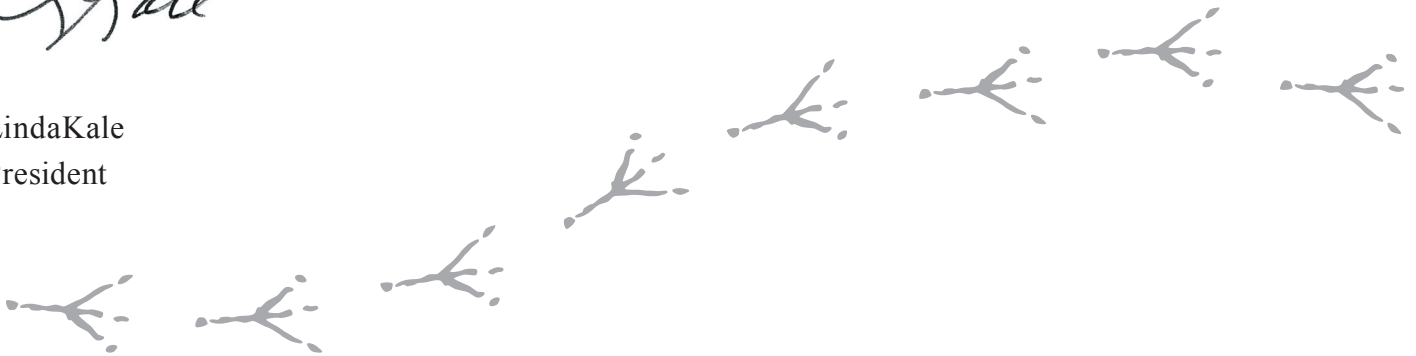
On October 17th and 18th, the Salt Box Museum will once again be participating in Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend.

In August, we had a very nice visit by Carl R. Schultz, descendent of New Providence's own "Mineral Water King," Carl H. Schultz. He was one of many people who come every year to the Mason Room Archives, seeking historical information. More about Carl's visit in this issue of *Turkey Tracks*.

Exciting times are coming. Next year will be the 50th Anniversary of the New Providence Historical Society. Then, 2017 will be the 50th Anniversary of the moving and establishment of the Salt Box Museum. And looking even further ahead to 2020, we have the borough's tri-centennial. To support upcoming activities, we will need volunteers with a variety of skills. We can use writers, docents, maintenance and a host of other skills. Members who desire to be more involved with the Society are invited to come to a trustee's meeting. Or, you can email me at kale.linda@yahoo.com.



LindaKale
President



The Legacy of Carl H. Schultz

Many of the residents of New Providence may not know the name, Carl H. Schultz. However, New Providence would be a very different town without him and his family, who resided here in the 1800s. Carl H. Schultz (1827–1897), a successful businessman, also known as the “Mineral Water King,” was responsible for having the Murray Hill Railroad Station built in its present location and naming the nearby section of town, “Murray Hill.”

Back in August, Carl R. Schultz, the great grandson of the Mineral Water King, and his wife, Janice, visited New Providence looking to research their family history. Their search led them to the Society’s Mason Room Archive at the New Providence Memorial Library, visiting with Rick Anderson and other society members.

Mr. Schultz said of all the archives and societies they had visited in search of their family history, the New Providence Historical Society had provided the most organized and complete information yet. During their days in town, Carl and Janice visited St. Andrew’s Church at 419 South Street, the original Schultz residence. They also stopped by 1 Eggers Court and Faith Lutheran Church, both former sites of Schultz family homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Schultz also graciously donated documents to the Mason Room Archive, which will be made available to any other visitors who wish to see them. Everyone seemed to enjoy the visit.



Janis Schultz, Carl R. Schultz and Rick Anderson examining and comparing old maps of the Schultz family properties and modern New Providence.



Previous Docent Challenge Revealed

Coincidentally, the Docent Challenge set back in March relates to the Schultz property. Pictured to the right is a historic stone marker located on Mountain Avenue. It marked the southwest corner of the Schultz property. The cylindrical stone marker is approximately six feet tall and less than 20 feet from the road. Yes, it’s overgrown, but not invisible.

The Schultz Mineral Water bottle to the left is on exhibit at the Saltbox Museum.



Calendar for Upcoming Historical Society Events

2015

October 15, 2015	Thursday	Trustee's Meeting, 2 PM, Mason Room
October 17, 2015	Saturday	Four Centuries in a Weekend, Open House 10 AM - 5 PM
October 18, 2015	Sunday	Four Centuries in a Weekend, Open House 12 Noon - 5 PM
October 22, 2015	Thursday	Free Talk on Summit's Lindbergh Connection, 7 - 9 PM
November 1, 2015	Sunday	Booth at New Providence Street Fair
November 8, 2015	Sunday	Open House at Salt Box Museum, 1-3 PM
November 19, 2015	Thursday	Trustee's Meeting, (Time: TBA)
December 6, 2015	Sunday	Open House at Salt Box Museum, 1-3 PM
December 17, 2015	Thursday	Trustee's Meeting, (Time: TBA)

2016

January 21, 2016	Thursday	Trustee's Meeting, (Time: TBA)
February 18, 2016	Thursday	Trustee's Meeting, (Time: TBA)
March 6, 2016	Sunday	Open House at Salt Box Museum, 1 -3 PM
March 24, 2016	Thursday	Trustee's Meeting, (Time: TBA)
April 3, 2016	Sunday	Open House at Salt Box Museum, 1 -3 PM



Alan Payne Becomes Our 17th Scholarship Recipient

Alan Payne was the 17th New Providence High School student to be awarded the Historical Society's \$500 scholarship. The scholarship was presented by Society Vice President Rick Anderson back in June, during a ceremony at New Providence High School. This year's scholarship being awarded in the name of the late Sarah Jane Regan, a long time member, volunteer and advocate.

Alan's appreciation for history comes from his family's involvement in the making of American history. His grandfather, Archibald Payne III, served in World War II, as a corporal in the 75th Infantry Division, fighting and being wounded at the Battle of the Bulge, and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Going further back, his ancestor Private James Scott served in the American Revolution. After the war, Scott developed the Sussex Turnpike.

Alan will be attending University of Virginia, majoring in Economics and minoring in Political Science and History. One course he is eager to take is *American Economic History*. The Society wishes Alan well in his future studies.



The Changing Face of New Providence

New Providence continues to evolve...

A new **Investors Bank** building (right) is being constructed on the site of the old Exxon gas station and car wash at 1291 Springfield Avenue at the corner of Passaic Street.

Radio Shack, a long-time tenant in the Village Shopping Center, has closed.

Friendly's Restaurant, which opened in the early 1970s at the then-newly constructed 75 South Street, closed in July. The building is being purchased by the Vardas Brothers, who own the Prestige Diner. Future plans for the site are unknown.



Work has begun on the last condominiums of **Foley Square** (left). This development of townhouses includes portions of South Street, Southgate Road, Foley Place and Westerly Place, all near the Murray Hill Train Station.

In August, a new traffic signal went into operation at the corner of Maple Street and Central Avenue.

In August, work began on creating a new parking lot between the existing one behind the municipal building and Elkwood Avenue.



Farewell to Old Friends

Welcome to Our New Members

Marilyn Jacobs
Judy Croneberger
Elaine & Michael Gennaro
Jane Mason
Tzn-Lin Toner



Sarah Jane Regan (89) passed away on Wednesday, May 27th, 2015. Sarah Jane was an archivist at both the Salt Box Museum and the Mason Room at the New Providence Memorial Library. Sarah Jane will be missed.

George B. Lewis (90) passed away on August 25th. George was born on April 25, 1925 in New Providence. He graduated from Lehigh University and worked as an electrical engineer at Bell Labs/Lucent Technologies, spending many summers in Maine sailing his Hobie Cat on Branch Lake. He had been a frequent volunteer for the Society.



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(One vacancy at this time.)



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March to November
First Sundays, 1-3
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