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TALK TO ADDRESS GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND AND CAMP NORDLAND

SPARTA - The Sussex County Historical Society and the Sussex County History Alliance will be jointly sponsoring a lecture by Sussex County Historian, Wayne T. McCabe. He will be presenting a program on the history of Camp Nordland at the Sparta Township Ambulance Squad building on Thursday, October 30, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.



These young girls appear in their official German-American Bund uniform and stand in formation at Camp Nordland in 1938. (Photo from the collection of Wayne T. McCabe)

Founded by the German American Bund in 1937 ostensibly as a summer camp for children, the camp doctrine stressed the German language, the German cultural traditions, the German people's contributions to the United States, as well as Adolf Hitler's efforts to bring Germany to the status of a world power. Over time, the camp's activities broadened to include large pro-German rallies with as many as 10,000 people in attendance.

The lecture will also cover a joint meeting of the Bund with the New Jersey Ku Klux Klan in 1940 and the fallout within the Klan as a result of that meeting. Due to public outcry at the camp's pro-Nazi leanings, Sussex County Sheriff Denton Quick with a group of deputies finally closed the camp in July 1941.

McCabe's story about the camp's history and impact on Sussex County will be illustrated with numerous photographs he has acquired for a book he is writing about the camp. In addition to his roll as Sussex County Historian, Wayne T. McCabe is a New Jersey Professional Planner, President and Trustee for the Sussex County Historical Society and an author. He is a partner in McCabe & McCabe, LLC. Among Mr. McCabe's many publications are his "Penny a View" vintage postcard albums that illustrate many of our local communities during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

McCabe's latest book, *Newton Celebrates*, was published as a part of the celebration of the Town of Newton's 150th Anniversary and illustrates the numerous parades and public

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Friday: 9 am-2 pm;
 2nd Saturday of the month:
 10 am-2 pm; or by appointment

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Society is to promote public knowledge and interest in the history of Sussex County, New Jersey, and surrounding areas, by compiling, publishing and disseminating information; collecting, preserving and studying historical, genealogical and archaeological records, documents, papers and artifacts; maintaining a museum for public exhibits; promoting the preservation and protection of buildings, cemeteries and other sites of historic interest; and cooperating with other organizations of similar interest.

Welcome - New Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Type</u>
Adler-Farnach, Diane	Manlius	NY	Individual
Alby, Penny	Vancouver	WA	Individual
Babcock, James	Richmond Hill	NY	Individual
Bevans, Bruce	Atascadero	CA	Individual
Blanchard, Margaret	Newton	NJ	Individual
Brearley, Donald	Chicago	IL	Individual
Chandler, Robin	Sussex	NJ	Individual
Coleman, Richard	Kinston	NH	Individual
Cook, Barbara	Newton	NJ	Individual
Dodd, Roberta	Bloomsbury	NJ	Individual
Dunn, Wahneta	Sussex	NJ	Individual
Faherty, Gail	Vernon	CT	Individual
Gesner, Mike & Janet	Washington	NJ	Family
Giles, John	Succasunna	NJ	Individual
Giordano, Kristofor	Brooklyn	NY	HS/College
Groeger, Warren	Clifton	NJ	Individual
Haines, Kim	Saint Johns	FL	Individual
Harford, Robert	Wantage	NJ	Individual
Hearon, Jennifer	Vernon	NJ	HS/College
Henderson, William	Huguenot	NY	Individual
Holder, Lisa	Newton	NJ	Individual
Ifill, Judy	Abington	PA	Individual
Knaap, Andrew	Newton	NJ	Individual
Lawruk, Barbara	Lake Suzy	FL	Individual
Ley, Brenda	Hamburg	NJ	Individual
Poggi, Mario	Sussex	NJ	Individual
Pollison, Warren	Branchville	NJ	Individual
Raggi, Daniel	Wantage	NJ	HS/College
Roberts, Christine	Newtown	PA	Individual
Roe, Jon	Vernon	CT	Individual
Sebree, Marcia	Oakley	IL	Individual
Smith, Gerald	York	PA	Individual
Sovinee, Betty Ann	Yardley	PA	Individual
Stauffer, Jessica	Stockholm	NJ	Individual
Teeter, Richard	Orlando	FL	Individual
Thompson, Betty	Brooklyn	NY	Individual
Tindall, Paula	Yuma	AZ	Individual
Turi-Smith, Deborah	Freehold	NJ	Individual
Vannatta, William	Branchburg	NJ	Individual
Webb, Wilbert	Sophia	NC	Individual
Wirths, Joanne	Newton	NJ	Individual

Board of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is held every month on the third Monday. Upcoming meeting dates are:
 Monday, Oct 20 at 7:00 pm
 Monday, Nov 17 at 7:00 pm
 Monday, Dec 15 at 7:00 pm

SCHS Member are Welcome to Attend Trustee Meetings

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events that took place between 1900 and 1925, including a public address in the county park by Teddy Roosevelt when he ran for President again in 1912. Mr. McCabe has lived in Newton for more than forty years.

The Sussex County Historical Society's mission is to foster and promote an interest in all aspects of the history of our county. The History Alliance, established in 2013, was formed to help provide local historical societies with information that will help enhance their efforts to promote the history of their respective communities.

Ed Fritsch, President of the Sparta Township Historical Society and Chairman of the County History Alliance will be hosting the talk.

The Sparta Township Ambulance Squad building is located at 14 Sparta Avenue in the center of Sparta. The program is open to the public. A fee of \$5.00 will be charged for non-members of the Sussex County Historical Society. For more information, visit www.sussexcountyhistory.org, or e-mail Ed Fritsch at: encfritsch@juno.com.

SUSSEX COUNTY HISTORY ALLIANCE

Sussex County has a number of organizations that are dedicated to the promotion and preservation of local history. The Sussex County Historical Society has identified a need for these groups work together, have their various programs and projects coordinated, and exchange ideas and information that will be beneficial to all.

The Sussex County History Alliance was formed in 2013 as a committee of the SCHS with the goal of networking these groups. The objectives of the History Alliance include: improving communication between these local organizations; working cooperatively to promote awareness of Sussex County history and preservation activities; providing speakers to help improve the operation and organization of these numerous groups, visiting each other's venues; and finally promoting history education and tourism in Sussex County.

Ed Fritsch, President of the Sparta Historical Society and a Trustee of the Sussex County Historical Society, was selected to serve as the Chairman of the History Alliance.

This Alliance group has held meetings at a variety of venues, including the Sussex County Historical Society Hill Memorial museum, the Friar Mountain Model Train Museum, Lusscroft Farm and the Mabee House on Route 15, operated by the Lafayette Center for Preservation.

The History Alliance has been able to share an awareness of each other's events through a variety of electronic formats including blast email to the groups and individuals, the Sussex County Facebook page and the Sussex County Historical Society's web page. Additionally, the History Alliance has sponsored numerous speakers who have addressed a wide variety of issues that are important to the successful operation of a local historical society.

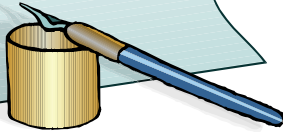
Additional information about the History Alliance can be obtained by contacting Ed Fritsch at (973) 729-0644 or email encfritsch@juno.com.

WARREN VAN ATTA VS EDWARD S. DECKER

(FILE N27-309) COMPLAINT FILED 4/17/1891

Genealogical Information
from
Chancery Court Cases

By
Richard M. Stevens



George Ayers had a 134 A. farm on Mount Benevolence and Tannery Roads, about 1 1/2 miles north of Swartswood. In 1858 he sold it for \$4350 to Joseph S. Smith (V4-378). In 1858 he mortgaged it for \$2000 to Sarah E. Coursen of New York City. In 1862 he executed an additional mortgage on the farm to George Ayers for another \$2000. Joseph Smith paid back all but \$400 of the second mortgage. Then in March 1865 he sold the farm to Edward S. Decker for \$4016, subject to the two mortgages (H5-447). In 1865 Edward sold a 4.59 A. parcel on the S side of Tannery Road, at the east edge of the farm, to James S. Conklin for \$229. This piece was split into two

lots, each sold a couple times, and in 1879 both purchased for \$240 by Phebe, the wife of Bethuel Jervis. In the meantime Edward S. Decker had given a third mortgage of the remaining 130 A. to Martha Hendershot.

The first mortgage was assigned first to Isaac Savacool, then to his widow Ann, who held it for 14 years. The second mortgage was assigned twice, and then held by Matthew J. Williams for 24 years, until his death in 1889. Martha Hendershot died intestate, followed soon by her husband John, so ownership of the third mortgage passed to her children. On 2/4/1891 Ann Savacool assigned the first mortgage to Warren Van Atta. Two months later he brought this action to foreclose. There was no opposition. The holders of the second and third mortgages were named as defendants. They apparently recognized that the property was not worth enough to satisfy the first mortgage, so they did not appear to verify how much was due. None of the purchasers of the 4.59 A. tract had obtained a release from the first mortgage. The court decreed that it should be sold separately, only if the main tract did not bring enough to satisfy the first mortgage. On 9/9/1891 the Sheriff sold all 134 A. to Warren VanAtta for \$650.

Genealogy:

1. MARTHA HENDERSHOT: married to John(2); children: Margaret A.(3), Jacob B.(4), Mary L.(5), Frances A.(6), George D.(7), Rose E.(8), Joseph A.(9); deceased 4/22/1888.
2. JOHN HENDERSHOT: married to Martha(1); deceased 3/17/1891.
3. MARGARET A. HENDERSHOT: daughter of Martha Hendershot; living in Sussex Co. in 1891.
4. JACOB B. HENDERSHOT: son of Martha Hendershot; living in Sussex Co. in 1891.
5. MARY L. VAN STONE: daughter of Martha Hendershot; wife of Samuel B. VanStone; living in New Jersey in 1891.
6. FRANCES A. MCDANOLDS: daughter of Martha Hendershot; wife of James S. McDanolds; living in Sussex Co. in 1891.
7. GEORGE D. HENDERSHOT: son of Martha Hendershot; living in Sussex Co. in 1891.
8. ROSE E. HENDERSHOT: daughter of Martha Hendershot; living in Sussex Co. in 1891.
9. JOSEPH A. HENDERSHOT: son of Martha Hendershot; living in Sussex Co. in 1891.

Calendar of Local Events

Field Trips to Sussex County Historical & Archaeological Sites

All are welcome. Rain or Shine! Wear sturdy shoes. We will be hiking through woods, tall grasses, and scrambling up steep hillsides.

We will meet outside room E-129 at 9:45 a.m. and leave at 10:00 a.m. via carpool and will return to campus by 12:00-12:30 p.m.

October 24th: Westbrook-Bell House, Sandyston Twp.
November 21st: Paulins Kill Trail Caves, Lafayette Twp.

Questions? Contact Dr. Balzano at 973-300-2177 or abalzano@sussex.edu

Walpack Historical Society Hike Sun. Nov. 2nd 2014

On Sunday, November 2nd 2014 the Walpack Historical Society will present a 1.5 mile hike along the Old Mine Road, unpaved section. Hikers will meet at the Rosenkrans Museum on Main Street, Walpack Center, within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Sussex County, NJ at 11:00 a.m. and carpool to the start of the hike.

Commentary by Myra Snook, historian, will include information about the sites visited: Fort Carmer, the Birchenough farm, the Dodd farmhouse, Cy Harker's farm, and the Dorothy Hill house. Fort Carmer is shown on the map drawn by Jonathan Hampton in 1758 and was used for defense of the frontier during the French & Indian War.

This event is **free** and **open to the public**.

For more information call [\(973\) 948-4903](tel:9739484903)

Italian Dinner and History of the Andover Ironworks

Andover Historical Society
Saturday, Oct 18, 2014 5:00pm

Kevin Wright, historian and author, will be discussing his recent book "A History of the Andover Ironworks, Come Penny, Go Pound". Space is limited make sure you get your ticket in advance. Tickets purchased in advance \$15.00

Email: historyandovernj@aol.com Phone: 973-786-7833

Calendar of Local Events Continued

Sparta Historical Society

The Sparta Historical Society is in the process of restoring the old Van Kirk Homestead and will open several rooms of the house on December 7th from 1:00 pm -4:00 pm. The public is welcome to view the home which will be decorated for the holiday. The Homestead is located at 350 Main Street, Sparta, NJ. Attendees should use the Sparta Middle School Driveway to visit the building.

The Society will host two talks at the Sparta Ambulance Building (14 Sparta Ave. Sparta). First, on November 13th at 7:30 a panel of veterans will discuss their service experiences. Second, on January 15th at 7:30 pm, Brian O'Neil will provide a program centered around the Sullivan Club that was located on the Lake Mohawk Boardwalk.

Vernon Township Historical Society Dinner *and* Auction

Held at St. Francis de Sales Church

November 1, 2014 at 6 p.m.

\$35 per person



All You Can Eat Beefsteak

by the *Brownstone*

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Beverages, and Dessert

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MEMBERSHIP DUES, PLEASE SEND**

A CHECK TO:

P.O. BOX 913, NEWTON, NJ 07860

OR

PAY ONLINE AT:

www.sussexcountyhistory.org/

Membership Application is on the next page. The Sussex County Historical Society needs your support to continue moving forward with the maintenance and needed improvements to the Hill Museum and for new educational programming and community outreach.

THANK YOU

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Application Dues for 2015

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Below are the categories of membership:

- Individual membership - \$20.00
- High School/College membership - \$15.00
- Senior Citizen (over 60) membership - \$15.00
- Family membership - \$30.00
- Life Membership - \$500.00
- Business membership - \$100.00
- Historical Societies from Sussex County - Free
- Historical Organizations outside Sussex County - \$20.00

Please make your membership check payable to the **Sussex County Historical Society**. Your membership category may be shown on the address label. If you want to change your category, indicate above. Dues and contributions to the society are deductible within the limits of the Federal Income Tax Law.

Renewal

New member

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Check number: _____ Check Amount: \$ _____

SUBMISSIONS WELCOME

Do you or your organization
have a story or historical tidbit to share?

Do you have an idea for an article you
would like to write for the Old Sussex
Almanack?

If so, please contact the Old Sussex
Almanack Editor at 973-383-6010

Or Email: Attention: Editor
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SCHS COMMITTEES

SCHS members are encouraged to get active in the Society. There is such a variety of opportunities that one is sure to capture your interest.

Come on out and volunteer on one or more of our committees -
Nominating; Finance; Programs and Special Events;
Building and Grounds: (includes the Old Newton Cemetery);
Museum; Library & Genealogy;
Membership and Development (includes communications, publicity, technology and website).

If you are interested or want more information, email us at sussexcountyhs@gmail.com,

Call 973-383-6010 and leave a message or drop by and visit.

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