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*Monthly  
Messages*

## Middletown Township Historical Society: August Happenings

This newsletter keeps you updated on the latest events and news of the Middletown Township Historical Society. Also, be sure to follow us on social media for even timelier news and for historical items of interest.

### **Nineteenth Century Photographers of Monmouth County Presented by Gary D. Saretzky Monday, August 17 at 7:00 pm Virtual Event - Registration Required**



Photo by Charles Foxwell, courtesy of Gary Saretzky



Photo by G.W. Rach, courtesy of Randal Gabrielson

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**VIRTUAL EVENT: Monday, August 17, 7:00 pm**

## **"Nineteenth Century Photographers of Monmouth County" presented by Gary D. Saretzky**

The Middletown Township Historical Society hosts Gary D. Saretzky as he presents "Nineteenth Century Photographers of Monmouth County." Of the approximately 3,000 different photographers who were active in New Jersey before 1900, a number lived or worked in Monmouth County. Mr. Saretzky will profile these pioneers and discuss them within the larger context of New Jersey photography in the nineteenth century. These photographers documented the people and places of their times but, in addition, their individual histories provide insight into social conditions of their era. Among the photographers to be discussed are John Roth (Freehold), Gustavus Pach (Long Branch), Edward Taylor (Middletown), and Charles R.D. Foxwell (Red Bank).

Gary D. Saretzky, archivist and photographer, worked as an archivist for more than fifty years at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Educational Testing Service, and the Monmouth County Archives, where he was County Archivist from 1994 until 2019. Saretzky has also taught the history of photography at Mercer County Community College, and served as coordinator of the Public History Internship Program for the Rutgers University History Department. He has published more than 100 articles and reviews on the history of photography, photographic conservation, and other topics.

As always, the event is free to attend, but it does require registration. After you complete the brief [registration form](#), you will receive an email that includes a link to the virtual event. Just click that link on August 17 a few minutes before 7:00 pm, enter the Password that will also be provided within your registration email, and you'll be welcomed into our event! You may be asked to download a Zoom application, if you don't already have it installed. You will watch the presentation on your screen, and can listen either through your device or your phone (instructions will be provided).

**Register for the Free Event**

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### **Last Month's Event Recap**

Our second virtual event featured Kristen T. Hohn presenting "Salvage Archaeology at the Hendrickson Farm in Middletown." Ms. Hohn explained not

only the archaeological survey that she helped to conduct, but also the history of the house and the land it sat on. We look forward to reading the complete study, which we hope will be published soon. Thank you to Ms. Hohn, and also to those who attended.



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## What's New with the Society?

As much of our area has been ramping up from the pandemic lockdown, MTHS has remained active behind the scenes.

- When the Middletown Township Public Library allows groups to meet in their facility again, we hope to resume our monthly in-person events. In the meantime, we hope you take advantage of our virtual offerings!
- For the past couple of months we have asked you to be part of our planned [Middletown Memories](#) video series, but unfortunately due to the current conditions, it might be a little while before we can actually begin conducting the interviews. Still, we'd like to hear from you if you'd like to [participate](#).
- We have applied for a grant to digitize old Middletown school yearbooks, so that they can be searched and viewed on our website. If you are in possession of any yearbooks that you would let us borrow to fill in our gaps, especially ones that are pre-1970, [please let us know](#) the years and schools that you have.
- We are also working on creating an interactive map of the town that shows the history of the housing developments and streets. We'll be

sharing that with you in the near future, and asking for the help of volunteers.

- As always, we remain on the lookout for a permanent place for our archive so that we can properly catalog it and make it available online or for in-person inspection. If anyone knows of potential locations, [we'd love to hear about them](#).

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## Contribute to Our Archive!

Our Society has a collection of items and documents related the history of Middletown and the surrounding area. Do you have anything that you'd like to add? Please don't let a treasure be forgotten or thrown away!

[Contact us](#) and let us know what you would like to donate.

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### Trivia Time

#### *This Month's Question:*

Where was "Lost Beach"? Of those who are familiar, [let us know](#) if that designation was widespread, or known only among those in the local vicinity.

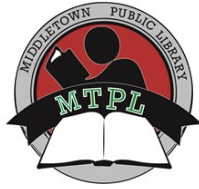
Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

#### *Answer to Last Month's Question:*

The Daniel Hendrickson House on Holland Road was substantially razed about 15 years ago, and a prominent barn was demolished a few years prior.

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