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*Monthly
Messages*

Middletown Township Historical Society: October, 2021 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.

*PENELOPE STOUT: THE LIFE & TIMES OF THE
MOTHER OF MIDDLETOWN*

PRESENTED BY
JEANNE VLOYANETES, M.L.S., M.A.

MONDAY OCT 18 AT 7 PM
FREE VIRTUAL EVENT - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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Online Presentation - Monday, October 18 at 7:00 pm:

Penelope Stout: The Life & Times of the "Mother of Middletown"

Presented by Jeanne Vloyanetes

The remarkable tale of Penelope Stout is well-known -- shipwrecked on Sandy Hook in the 17th Century, she was attacked, left for dead, and then nursed back to health by Native Americans. After restarting her life in New Amsterdam, she was later part of the first wave of Europeans that settled in Middletown. Her family prospered, and she lived until the age of 110, spawning thousands of descendants across the country. But how much of this story is verifiable? Jeanne Vloyanetes, professor of history at Brookdale Community College, will discuss what we know about Penelope's life, and how much of it may be conjecture.

Jeanne Vloyanetes has been at Brookdale Community College since 1983, first as a reference librarian and now as a member of the History faculty. In addition to local history, her eclectic research has included the Long Walls of Classical Athens, the ancient origins of the Olympics, and the Woodstock Music and Art Festival of 1969.

This will be an online-only event. Please [register for the event](#) and you will be emailed with the link to join via Zoom.

Register for the FREE Event!



Do You Have Any Middletown Yearbooks?

The Society has been scanning the early student publications and yearbooks of Middletown Township (Leonardo) High School, dating from as early as 1918. Eventually, we plan to make these available on our website for all to enjoy. However, our collection does have some gaps. If you have volumes you would like to donate, [please let us know](#). Right now, we are specifically looking for high school yearbooks or other school publications that are pre-1970, but we would gratefully accept books from any year for any Middletown school. Let us know what you have, and we will let you know if we are missing it!

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The Middletown Township Historical Society gets the bulk of its revenue from member contributions, so your support is vitally important. Your contributions make our initiatives possible, and are also essential for paying our administrative costs. Those who become new members in October through December will also receive membership for 2022, with no additional contribution required.

Individuals may [join or renew online](#) or via our [print form](#). Do you represent a business? Consider becoming one of our [Community Sponsors](#).

If you have already joined or renewed for 2021, thank you!

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Event Recap: William Leeds & Captain Kidd: Pious Men of God or Treacherous Pirates?

Last month the Middletown Township Historical Society hosted professor and author Rick Burton. His presentation separated the fact from the fiction about the connection between these two men. We thank Mr. Burton for his time, and also those who attended.

If you would like to watch a recording of the presentation, please visit our [YouTube channel](#). To read the article it was based on, visit the [Monmouth Timeline](#).

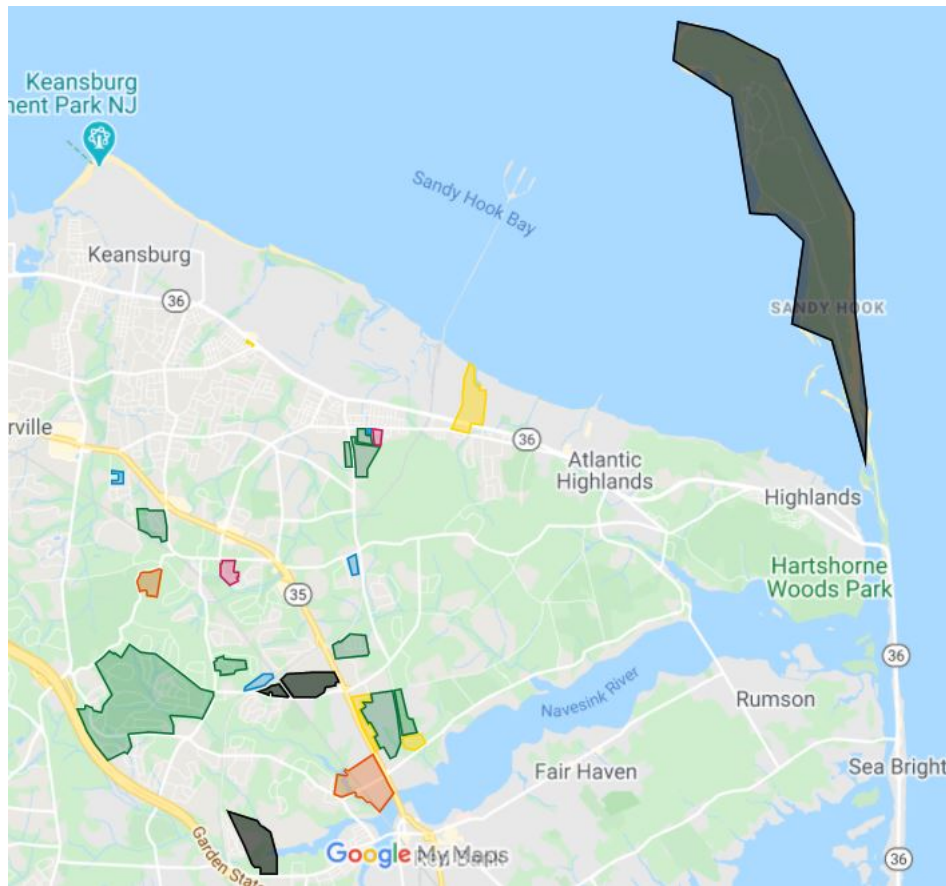
[Watch the Presentation](#)

MTHS Contributes to Middletown's WTC Memorial Gardens

Our Society has purchased a brick to be laid in the walkway that leads to Middletown's World Trade Center Memorial Gardens, The contribution will help fund the purchase of a fountain to be installed at the end of the walkway.



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Middletown Land Development Map

If you are curious about when/why/how your housing development or local park was constructed, take a look at our [interactive map](#)! Just click on a shaded area to read the history and see the images. The entries are color-coded so you can see when the various pieces of land were developed. Please note that the map is best viewed on computer or tablet.

Given Middletown's size, this map is a work in progress, so check back in the future if you don't yet see an entry for the land you are interested in. Our goal is to fill the entire map. If you'd like to contribute any entries, [please let us know](#).

[Land Development Map](#)

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!
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Trivia Time

This Month's Question:



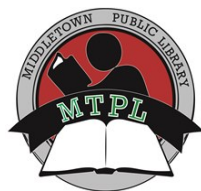
Can you name the different Middletown structures that have been known as "The White House"?

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

Answer to Last Month's Question:

In 1921, Charles W. Morrisey and Samuel D. Walker built a 77' by 36' office on Highway 35 in the form of a pirate ship, meant to draw attention to and promote their nearby real estate development in Cliffwood Beach. The office was later relocated to promote other nearby developments. The firm also drew attention to nearby Treasure Lake. Sold to Paul Cahill in 1959, the office was moved again a short distance over the county border to a spot in Old Bridge where it was destroyed by fire on May 13, 1993. Read more in quizmaster Randall Gabrielan's forthcoming book, "Lost Monmouth."

In Addition to Our Members, Thank You to the Following for their Assistance and Support:



Thanks for reading! The Middletown Township Historical Society will be in touch again soon! If you know others who would be interested in receiving communications from us, please forward this email and ask them to [join this list!](#)



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