

Middletown Township Historical Society: August, 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.



**Cedar View Cemetery:
How Community Partnership Revealed
an Historic Lincroft Burial Ground**
Presented by Joelle Zabotka, Ph.D., LCSW, LCADC

Monday, August 16 at 7:00 pm
Free Virtual Event - Registration Required

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Online Presentation - Monday, August 16 at 7:00 pm:

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The land for Cedar View Cemetery, located in the Lincroft section of Middletown, was sold to 14 black men in 1850 "to be used as a burying ground." The wooded cemetery is now the final resting place for a number of locals, including Civil War veterans. Learn about the history of this cemetery, and how the community came together to restore it within the last decade.

Joelle Zobotka is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at Monmouth University, where her research focuses on biological mothers' experiences with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, parenting, and clinical topics in Social Work. She is also the author of a number of scholarly articles and presentations.

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!



From Our Archive:

A Video Tour Through Belford in the 1980s

In the early to mid-1980s Middletown Township Historical Society members

Catherine and Jack Lentz recorded an [informal driving tour](#) from Kings Highway, through New Monmouth, and into Belford. Mrs. Lentz (1927-2006), was a guidance counselor and executive director of the Middletown Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Lentz (1929-2013), a lifelong Middletown resident, was the founder and longstanding owner of Lentz Auto Body located in Campbell's Junction. Both were very active in community affairs.

We are pleased to present to you this look back into our history, and are thankful to the Lentzes for having the foresight to create and donate this recording so many years ago.

[Watch the Video](#)



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

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Event Recap: Beyond Penelope - Twenty Sandy Hook Headline-Makers

The Middletown Township Historical Society hosted author Mark Stewart as he counted down twenty people you may not have known who were associated with Sandy Hook. We thank him for sharing it with us, and also to all those who attended.

If you would like to watch a recording of the presentation, please visit our [YouTube channel](#).

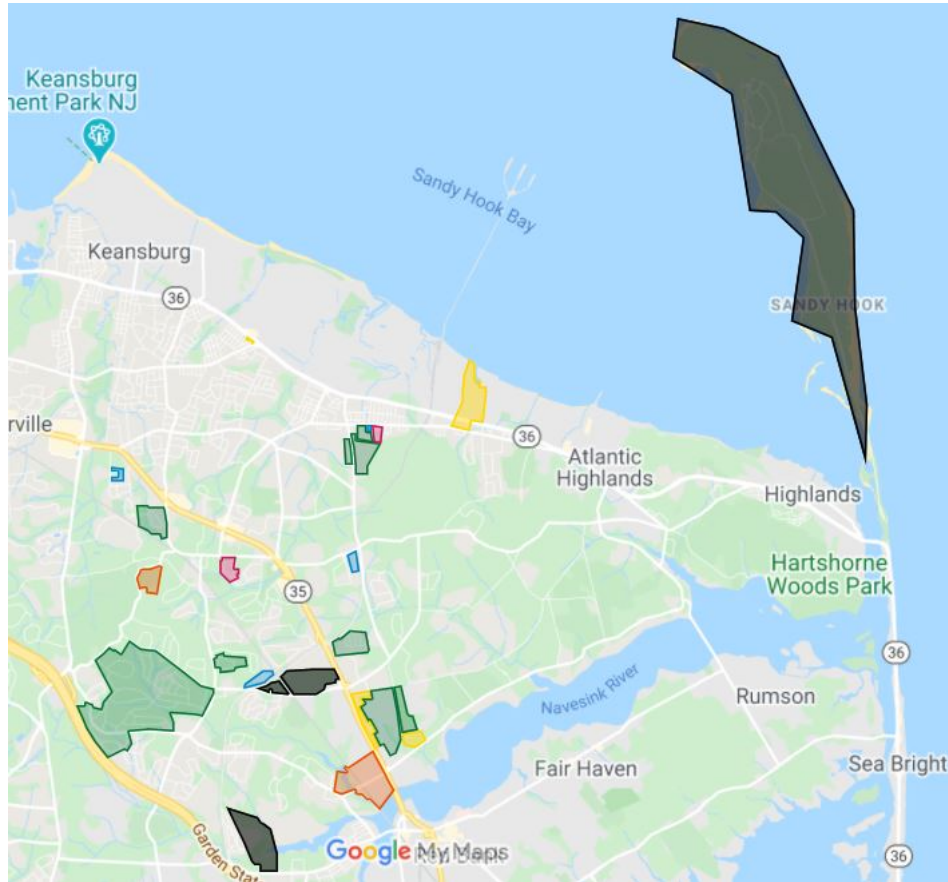
Mark's list:

1. Henry Clinton • 1730–1795
 2. James Moody • 1744–1809
 3. Titus Cornelius • 1753–1780
 4. John Percival • 1779–186
 5. Matthew C. Perry • 1794–1858
 6. Robert E. Lee • 1807–1870
 7. Winfield Scott Hancock • 1824–1886
 8. A.G. Sinclair • 1826–1906
 9. Albert Myer • 1828–1880
 10. Dan Gillespie • 1842—1911
 11. and 12. George W.W. Houghton 1850–1891 • Frederick Stuart Church • 1842–1924
 13. Ferdinand Fish • 1851–1926
 14. Trevonian Patterson • 1859–1945
 15. Tom Mix • 1880–1940
 16. George Gould • 1881–1944
 17. Nell Kenny • 1887–????
 18. Morris Goodkind • 1888–1968
 19. Nancy Carroll • 1903–1965
 20. Elizabeth Evans • 1912–1993
- BONUS John Williams Gunnison 1812–1853

A Call for Graphic & Video Artists!

We could use some assistance with creating graphics and also with video creation or editing. If you have the interest and skills, [please let us know!](#)

MTHS is run by volunteers, and if you'd like to become more involved as a trustee, chairperson of a committee, or as a lending hand on anything else, please let us know. We are working on a few different projects and could always use help from those willing to dedicate some time and talent. [Contact us here.](#)



Middletown Land Development Map

UPDATE: River Plaza added!

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

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Trivia Time

This Month's Question:

Why and when did the following get together in Middletown: Earl Moody, the Rev. Andrew VanDyke, James Stout, Pamela Morehouse, and the Jersey Cyclones?

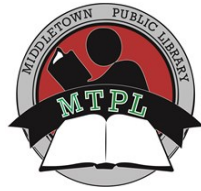
Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

Answer to Last Month's Question:

In 1966 Carl Coppolino, an anesthesiologist, was indicted in Freehold for the July 30, 1963 death of Col. William E. Farber, the husband of his lover Marjorie Farber, a nurse eighteen years Coppolino's senior. His death initially was not thought to have resulted from foul play. On July 25, 1966 he was indicted in Florida for the August 28, 1965 death of his wife, Dr. Carmela Coppolino. The Freehold trial became sensationalized by the press and national news magazines. In Freehold, Coppolino was found not guilty, a verdict some claim resulted from

prosecutorial ineffectiveness. He was convicted in Florida and sentenced to a long prison term, though he served only 12 years. Their deaths resulted from the presence of a deadly drug that had legitimate surgical use. Get the lawyer's account in Section V of F. Lee Bailey's book, *The Defense Never Rests*. The Farbers and Coppolinos lived at 50 and 35 Wallace Road, respectively.

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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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