
Point Pleasant Historical Society
History Term Paper

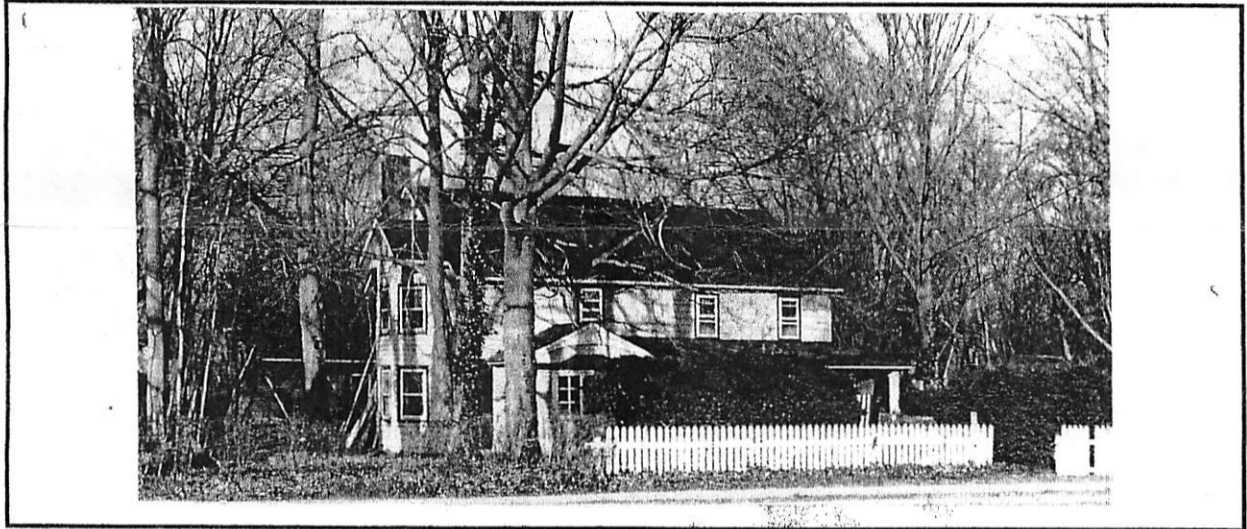


Box 1273 Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

October, 2018

Our October 8th Meeting will begin at 7:30PM

Our Guest Speaker is *James Molloy*, director of the *New Jersey Museum of Boating in Lovelandtown, Point Pleasant*. He will give us a "virtual tour" of the museum and speak of the subjects featured there: local boat-building, Coast Guard, Morro Castle, etc.



The Morris Homestead 1768

On May 19, 1920 residents of what was known as West Point Pleasant voted to secede from Brick and become a new municipality. In 2020 our town will be celebrating the 100 year anniversary. In our town we have many homes that date back long before this. One such home is nestled in the tall trees, bushes and surrounded by flower gardens.

The home was built by a sea captain on a dirt wagon path known as Codfish Lane. It was later called Sea Captains Road, Fleming Row and Road to the Ocean; shortened later to Ocean Road.

The home is still in the Captains family today. It was out of the family for a short period of time in the late 1800's and was owned by a Vaudeville family; Harry, Eva, Carrie and Walter Webber. It was soon brought back into the Morris Family along with many photos and artifacts from The Webber Vaudeville Co.

The construction of the home is much different than the homes of today. The framing of the home is made up of large hand cut timbers with Mortise and tenon joints drilled and pegged with wooden pegs called "treenails". In between all of these timbers on the outside walls is red brick insulation. The ceiling downstairs is also the wide plank flooring upstairs supported by exposed beams. All of this sets on a fieldstone foundation. With a cellar under the dining room only.

Originally the kitchen and bath room were separate buildings set away from the main house. Later they were attached to the house along with indoor plumbing.

A large red brick fireplace takes up one wall of the spacious living room. There are many windows but few closets. The two front doors and two back doors are Dutch style which was the way of allowing the air to circulate and to keep the animals out.

Also on the parcel of land is a two and one half story barn with huge hand hewn timbers again all notched and pegged with "treenails".

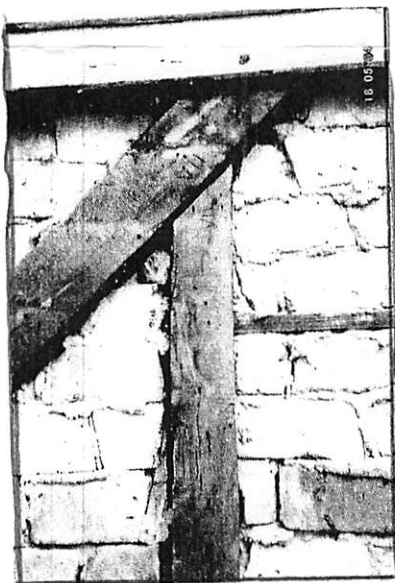
In the early 1900's the house was used as a gift shop/lending library. It was called "The Orchards Gift Shop" because of the large number of apple trees on the east side and the pear trees on the west side.

If loved and cared for the old farm house will stand long after the houses of today are gone.

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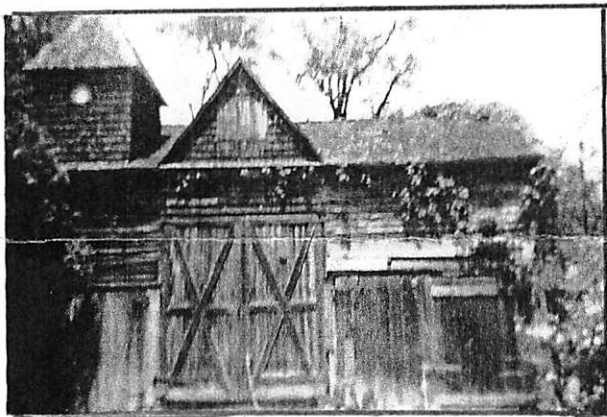
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Inside of wall with
 large timber framing
 & red brick insulation



Red brick fireplace
 in living room



Barn with clock tower

Did You Know.....

OCEAN COUNTY EMBLEM: June 20, 1867.
 Point Pleasant: The inhabitants of this pleasant school district are building a new school house, 20 x 34 feet with 13" studs, and a portico 6 feet wide. The building committee are Wm. Curtis, John E. Clayton and Sidney Forman. This is intended to be a fine building, and it will be.

THE COURIER: JAN. 5, 1870. A railroad meeting was held at Point Pleasant on Thursday evening last. The proposition is to build a railroad from lower Squankum through The Howell Works to Osborn's Island, then fork, one branch to Squan Village and one branch to Point Pleasant. The New Jersey Southern Railroad has offered to build the railroad if Point Pleasant will subscribe \$30,000, which will be done.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN...



Erik Larsen writes in the Asbury Park Press's "Jersey Roots" about New Jersey's own "Game of Thrones". It was published in the Press's September 3, 2017 issue. Interestingly the focal point of the story was about a floating nightclub docked where Ken's Landing is presently. The year was 1934. A newspaper broke the story about gambling on the boat. According to Larsen "the docked Club Royale was raided.....by constables with countywide authority. When the lawmen boarded the boat, sweeping aside four guards....." And to find out what happened next you will have to find that issue of the Press.

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