

Wenonah Historical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting at 7:30 P.M. on
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Charles Horan

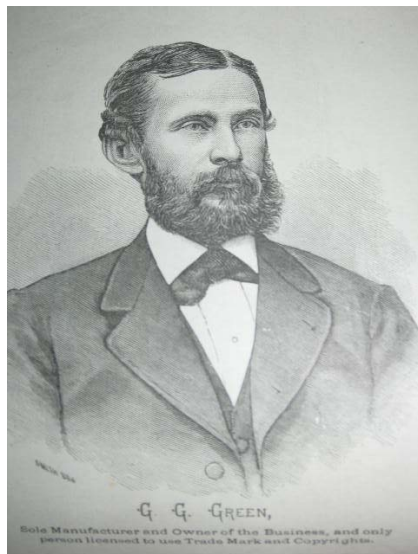
Dear Members,

Greetings to all. I hope everyone is enjoying that Spring Has Sprung (as has the pollen count!!). April 28 th, the last Saturday of April, is the annual Borough-wide yard sale. If you are on the prowl for bargains, keep your eyes open for any Wenonah historic artifacts (4th of July mugs excluded).

We are happy to partner with the Gloucester County Historical Society at our April meeting in mutual efforts and interest in local history. The presentation is titled "Colonel G. G. Green Laboratory Buildings."

One name of a prominent Gloucester County resident that has been in the news quite often lately is that of

George Gill Green, Gloucester County's first multi-millionaire. The city of Woodbury is indeed indebted to the industry and vision of Colonel G. G. Green,



who was known primarily as Woodbury's and the country's patent medicine king from 1872 until his death in 1925. The city's name of Woodbury and the products *August Flower*, *Dr. Boschee's German Syrup* and *Ague Conqueror* were world-renowned.

Phenomenal sales and unprecedented profits realized during Green's first seven years running the company forced him to build a second

structure to replace his 1873 factory. *Green's Laboratories and Offices*, located on Green Street, was completed in 1879 at a cost of \$35,000-\$40,000. In 2001, much of what remained of the factory and laboratory was used in the renovation and additional construction of the Woodbury Mews complex.

The presentation features biographical information about G. G. Green and his family, early pictures and drawings that were used in his sales promotions, the

Green family connection to Pasadena, CA, and an inside look at the factory and laboratory before and after renovations of what is now the Woodbury Mews.

Hope to see you this Friday, April 13th (uh-oh, Friday the 13th) at 7:30 P.M.

UPDATE ON MARJORIE LENTZ

Marjorie is recovering in the nursing care section of Pitman Manor, Room 308. She is conversing with visitors, eating, taking brief walks in the hallway and receiving limited physical therapy. It appears she is back near the level of health she enjoyed before her recent illness and time in the hospital.

The following article was provided by Jack C. Sheppard Sr. The source of the article was the 1909-1910 Catalogue of the Academy, published by Stephen Greene just five years after the Academy opened. Greene was the founder of the Wenonah Military Academy and a successful printer in Philadelphia. His publications contained a great deal of information about the functioning of the Academy, individual cadets, and benefits to parents considering sending their sons to the Academy.

THE WENONAH MILITARY ACADEMY

Facilities for Physical Training

On the south campus is the new drill hall and gymnasium, well equipped with modern apparatus. Adjoining the main buildings is the "Annex," equipped with a pair of excellent bowling alleys, shuffleboards, billiard and pool tables furnishing abundant facilities for recreation and healthful exercises in winter and summer.

Physical culture is of so much importance that in addition to the methodical exercise of the military drill, a generous provision is made for indoor athletic sports and gymnastic training.

A large new gymnasium and drill-hall has been constructed and in addition to the fine campus, a new and spacious enclosed athletic field has been provided, including a quarter-mile cinder-track; with all the facilities for foot-ball, base-ball, track athletics and all the usual field sports.

On the north end is situated the covered pavilion with seating capacity for five hundred spectators.

New Drill Hall and Gymnasium

The new Drill Hall and Gymnasium completed recently is situated on the south campus.

The main room is seventy feet wide, one hundred and twenty feet long and thirty-three feet high, containing eight thousand four hundred square feet of floor space, with a large stage on the west end. It is constructed of concrete blocks with gothic roof.

It is lighted by electricity and gas, heated by steam, perfectly ventilated and fully equipped with gymnastic apparatus.

Few military schools or even colleges can boast of a more spacious, attractive or better equipped drill hall and gymnasium.

It not only serves its legitimate purpose as a place for indoor military work, for daily gymnastic exercises, as a basketball and tennis court, and an indoor baseball diamond, but also is especially serviceable as a lecture room and social hall. Here will be held frequent official functions and informal dances.

Adjoining the Drill Hall is a well-rolled and equipped tennis court.

A competent instructor will supervise and direct all physical exercises.

Military Department

For centuries, the military organization has been recognized as the most effective in controlling men in the enforcement of obedience to lawful authority. The military department of this Academy is one of its most prominent and effective features. The feeling of loyalty to the school is one of the conspicuous traits of our graduates. There is a feeling in the air not only of devotion to the flag but also of devotion to the welfare of the particular group to which one belongs and esprit de corps.

A young man who has made little progress in his studies, who dislikes school and his classmates and teachers, will often come to take an entirely different view of life after he has lived in the atmosphere of a military school. It has been found by experience that to be beneficial and enjoyable, the military system must be enforced with thoroughness in execution of detail. To this end, the Superintendent, a military officer of wide experience and great enthusiasm, who has had special training in his work, assumes command of this department. Under his direction the orders are issued, and the cheerful compliance therewith is evidence that the performance of military duty is a fascinating pleasure rather than an irksome punishment.

From WMA archives. Research by Jack Sheppard Sr 2/12

Frank Eggert's long-term project to memorialize the historic structures of Wenonah was discussed in the January 2011 issue of the Wenonah Historical Society newsletter. Several of the houses have been featured in other newsletter issues. And, many of you have perused through the binders that Frank has compiled of all the structures. Frank has now prepared a listing of the structures, categorized by year, and with the original owner (as shown on the WHS plaque) and the current owner. A sampling of Frank's latest effort to preserve the history of Wenonah follows.

THE HISTORIC STRUCTURES OF WENONAH

Address	Original Owner	Current Owner
1763		
100 S. West Ave.	Moffett, Samuel	Comella, Terrance C.
1800		
111 N. Lincoln Ave.	Stone House Tenant Farm	Howard, John F. & Kathleen C.
406 W. Mantua Ave.	Tenant House for Stone House	Henry Jr, Kenneth S. & Marilyn S.
1850		
109 S. Clinton Ave.	Tatum, William R.	Honabach, Mark F. & Wisely, William J.
1854		
1473 Glassboro Rd.	Chew, Nathaniel	Buongiovanni Jr., Angelo
509 E. Elm St.	Newshafer, George	Constantino, Jay & Stacey

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- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
- MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH INTERESTING PROGRAMS
- ACCESS TO HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND MEMORABILIA
- INFORMATION BY KNOWLEDGEABLE WENONAHANS

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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AMOUNT PAID \$ _____ CHECK _____ CASH _____

BRING FORM AND PAYMENT TO MEETING, OR MAIL. THANK YOU

DUES: \$15.00 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR

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