

## WHS OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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## MEETINGS & EVENTS

We will be starting 2021 meetings virtually. Our first meeting will be February 12 at 7:30 pm. You will be able to link at <https://meet.jit.si/WenonahHistoricalSociety>

Look for information in an email before the meeting or on our Facebook site. There will be a presentation, *Silent Sentinels*, by Karen Heller about the suffragists and their fight to win the vote for women.

Join the Gloucester County Historical Society

Thursday, February 25, 2021 @ 7:00pm

For a Zoom Presentation by Professor James Scythes

### ***Another Victim Has Been Sacrificed to the Fugitive Slave Law: The Trial and Attempted Rescue of Moses Horner***

*James Scythes is an Assistant Professor of History at West Chester University and is the current president of the Gloucester County Historical Society.*

For a reservation, email to [gchspresident1903@gmail.com](mailto:gchspresident1903@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

## **OFFICERS and TRUSTEES MESSAGE**

Welcome to 2021! As we look forward to a year where we can hopefully meet again in person, we wish you all a Healthy New Year. The historic events that have unfolded during 2020 will be forever etched in our minds. Please know that we are here for you and thinking of all of you.

We are starting 2021 with a renewed energy for fulfilling our mission of preserving our town's history and educating the public. We hope you will take a look at a new project we have implemented, "A Town Is Born." We will be partnering with the Wenonah Library using the Storyboards as a means of showcasing this town's unique history. Be sure to check it out in February!

Thanks to Larry Smith for keeping our Facebook site a resource for so many interesting finds and artifacts and updates.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and check on your neighbors. We take pride in our community.



## The Wenonah Historical Society

### *Our Beginning*

In 1982, Jane Ramsay, Marjorie Lentz, Jack and Jean Ehlers and others went to the Borough Council for permission to create an archives committee. Out of this committee, the Wenonah Historical Society was formed. The first meeting of the Wenonah Historical Society was held on September 10, 1982.

### *Mission Statement of WHS:*

- To acquire and preserve historic documents, records, artifacts and memorabilia of the Borough of Wenonah.
- To locate and acquire a suitable place for the storage and display of such materials.
- To encourage the protection and preservation of historical landmarks and points of interest within the Borough of Wenonah.
- To encourage historical and genealogical research, and publication of its results.
- To encourage interest in history generally, and in Wenonah history in particular, among the youth of Wenonah.
- To make all information and acquisitions of the Society available to the public.

### *Accomplishments & Benefits of Membership:*

- Historical museum virtual viewing
- Historic house plaques/memorial plaques
- Historical Display Wenonah School
- *History of Wenonah Presentation* available
- Merchandise available (Flags, totes, books)
- Cemetery Historical Walks
- Annual Porch Party
- Annual Christmas Party

*Each month we will feature one of our volunteer groups. It is with great pride that all of our volunteers work in so many ways to preserve and enhance the many benefits of our beautiful town.*



### AROUND THE TOWN

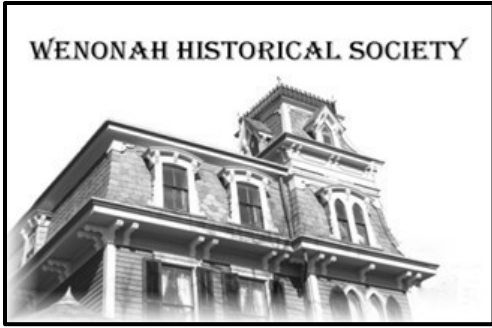
*In December 2020, we joined with the Woman's Club in decorating our beloved train station and had music provided by local musician Margie MacWilliams, with masks and Covid considerations.*

## Wenonah a Century Ago

Excerpts from the *Woodbury Constitution*, February 1921

Courtesy of the Gloucester County Historical Society

- The Valentine Dance, the third of a series given by the Arthur HOLETON Post of the American Legion, on Saturday evening, in the Academy Drill Hall, was a great success financially as well as socially. There were about 350 guests from far and near who enjoyed dancing to the wonderful music rendered by the Wysocka Orchestra, of Camden, until midnight at which time the Atlantic City flyer was stopped to take a large number of the pleasure seekers to their various home towns. The decorations were unusually fine, much credit being due to the valuable assistance of Miss Phyllis Wood and the committee in charge. The orchestra was seated inside a heart outlined with rails covered with red crepe paper surrounded by a series of hearts, all of which were lighted with electric lights and candles, presenting a very unique effect, and comments of praise were heard on all sides. The committee in charge of the dance certainly knows how to arrange these affairs as each one has been more enjoyable than the previous one. The Legion wishes to thank Miss Wood and also the Ladies' Auxiliary who lent their assistance in the matter of refreshments so creditably as well as any others who helped in any way to make the occasion a success.
- A meeting was held in the fire house on Thursday evening to reorganize the auxiliary to our fire company. An election of officers was held with the following result: President, Mrs. John Drummer; Vice President, Mrs. Alex. Ralston; Secretary, Mrs. Bea Leap; Treasurer, Mrs. George Greenig, Jr.; collectors, Mrs. C. Mattson, chairman, Mrs. Geo. Krayner, Mrs. John Ford and Mrs. Geo. Parks. After the election it was decided to have four collectors to call at every house in town to solicit the name of every woman in membership. Even though unable to attend the monthly meetings, every one should be identified with the organization as their dues will help the cause. Every one expects the firemen to respond willingly if need should arise in their homes so all should be ready to do all in their power to help make our fire company one of the best in every particular. The auxiliary will meet on the first Monday night in the month starting on March seventh. It was decided to hold a cake and bread sale in the near future.
- Mr. Edw. Geeher, Mrs. R.A. Sargent and Mr. Stephen Warren were elected for three terms and Major Snyder for one year on the public school Board at the elections held in the school house Tuesday evening. The \$9050 appropriation was passed.
- The Wenonah Masonic Club held a reorganization smoker in the fire house on Friday evening. Talent from Philadelphia provided a fine entertainment and the fifty members present spent a most enjoyable evening.
- The Military Academy mid-year dance was one of the largest in the history of the school. The drill hall was tastefully decorated with the national colors and together with the beautiful gowns of the guests, who came from far and near, made a beautiful scene to look upon. Kammerer's Orchestra of Philadelphia rendered the delightful music which added much to the pleasure of the occasion. The drills given by the cadets were fine, showing the careful training given by efficient instructors. Altogether the evening was a long to be remembered affair.



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# WENONAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## Membership Benefits

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH INTERESTING PROGRAMS

ACCESS TO HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND MEMORABILIA

INFORMATION BY KNOWLEDGEABLE WENONAHIANS

BRING FORM AND PAYMENT TO MEETING, OR MAIL.

WHS PO Box 32, WENONAH, NJ 08090

DUES: \$15.00 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: YES OR NO

AMOUNT PAID \$ CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_

Any information you would like to see presented in future programs or newsletters?  
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