

# Newsletter

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## GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT BARBARA CAPELLI

Hello All,

We have a super presentation this next meeting at the Train Station thanks to Vicki McCall with "The Victorian Lady".

And just to keep it in the "family" Lou McCall is sponsoring the presentation for April about the Farr Family in relation to his home and the town of Wenonah. Both March and April presentations are a real treat! Bring your friends!!

Let's hope spring is close to arriving and don't forget to also support the Women's Club and the Women's Fire Auxiliary by attending the Wine and Cheese Event on Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## WHS MUSEUM MUSINGS

This would seem to be a good time to explain to the membership just exactly what our Museum is, what it is not, and ask for some help.

Volunteer "archivist" Julia Ream and I have spent a great many Saturday mornings in the museum space on the second floor of our former train station identifying, photographing, cataloging and storing the historic objects we have received thus far.

By far the largest part of the collection are the Wenonah Military Academy artifacts received from the Gloucester County Historical Society when they decided they no longer could spare the space for the material.

Due to the severe limitations of access to the upstairs space and the obvious fire safety concerns we cannot permit unlimited public access to the stored materials. At this time our thinking is to create a "virtual" museum whereby materials can be accessed via computerized means.

I photograph the materials prior to Julia entering the pictures and other pertinent information into the museum software program called

### WHS OFFICERS 2009

President	Barbara Capelli
Vice Pres.	Pending Election
Secretary	Vicki McCall
Treasurer	Carol Wiltsee
Trustee	Betty MacLeod
Trustee	Louis McCall

Meetings are held the second Friday of each month at the Community Center (Train Station) except June, July and August

"PastPerfect". Once in the computer the information can be distributed and shown by means of CD's and emails or projected as Power Point programs.

At this time most of the larger items of the Military Academy collection have been entered and stored. The smaller items such as school activity and sports photographs and brochures used to attract students remain to be stored after the names; pictures, etc. are entered in some fashion making retrieval possible. It is a tricky and time consuming process that is just a lot more than Julia and I want to handle alone. Can you sense the word "volunteers" coming?

If you did, you were right. We do need help if the museum is to be completed within an acceptable time frame (my lifetime for example).

The work is not very difficult, just tedious and time consuming. Some computer skills are needed but you don't have to be an expert. What is necessary is commitment of a small amount of time on a fairly frequent basis. Say 2 or 3 hours a week. We could also use the loan of a flatbed scanner that can handle a little larger than letter and legal size.

Should you have the time and the inclination please let us know.

Jack Sheppard Sr.

## MARCH MEETING PROGRAM *"Unlacing the Victorian Woman"*

Join the Wenonah Historical Society on March 12, 2010 at 8:00 pm at the Train Station Community Center for a delightful living history program. Presenter Barbara Meyer Darlin combines her talents as a historian, seamstress, designer, and performer to bring us "Unlacing the Victorian Woman". Her live performance delights audiences revealing a day in the life of a Victorian lady, complete with on stage costume changes. Audience participation is welcome! Daily routines, customs, and social etiquette are also discussed. This program is perfect for National Women's History month. We hope to see you there! The program is complimentary but seating is limited so please RSVP to Vicki McCall at vmccallpc@comcast.net or phone at (856)-304-8823.

There were nearly a hundred people assembled in the M.E. Church last night to welcome their new pastor, Rev. Mr. Cobb and family. The evening was exceedingly pleasant with music, and the sociability of the people made the new pastor feel as if he were among friends. After partaking of ice cream and cake the people left, all wishing the new "Dominie" and his family a pleasant happy year.

Both our stores have fine stocks of garden seeds etc on hand for early spring planting.

Our people who have been residing out of town during the winter months are returning to their residences here. (Wenonah was still considered a summer resort, by many, at this late period. They resided in Camden and Philadelphia in the winter.)

It is said there was a lively time at the annual school meeting held at Noblitt's Hall last night. There were five candidates. The appropriation of \$2,300 to operate the school for a the year, which has been asked for the past few years, was endorsed.

R. H. Clark has erected a new grape arbor at his home in "Browntown" and expects to erect a new shed when the weather settles. (Browntown was the first block on West Willow Street.)

The grounds of the Inn are being put in shape for the coming season. (The Inn was the Wenonah Inn, east of the Borough Park.)

Turner and McCormick's store was a pleasing sight on Saturday filled with a fine line of fresh southern fruit.

Constable Drummer captured two suspicious characters loitering about town about 12:30 last night, and locked them up until morning. They made the excuse that they were looking for a friend.

After months of agitation enough interest in the Fire Company has been aroused to form such an organization, which was effected last night. A number of representative citizens meet and after weighing the matter well, elected councilman W. B. Oat, President; Lewis Buzby, Secretary and Treasurer; T. W. Savage, Chief, and Joseph Truncer, foreman.

What is everybody's business is nobodies business and for years all have been fireman and though we have been very free from disastrous fires, the lack of organization, so that each one would know his place and fill it in the least possible time, would have been seriously felt had a conflagration broken out. Now all will lend their assistance as before but there will be someone in authority to direct and use the brain and muscle of our stalwarts to the best advantage.

The decision of the Democrats to put a ticket in the field this spring has put the Republicans on the anxious bench as to who the nominees will be. No one seems to know until Saturday night, when the citizen's caucus will be held.

That our borough is a healthy place is proven by the fact that nearly all our doctors are dentists. The death rate is hardly mentionable and there is very little sickness. The population is increasing all the time.

Officer Drummer was not so successful in capturing the last man he went after. In company with officer Dopson and Deputy Savage, he started after John Tilden at Jericho wanted for resisting an officer in Woodbury about a year ago. The two officers entered the house but Tilden's father denied that his son was in the house. One started up the stairs and the other, it is said, looked in the room where the son was hiding but did not see him, when Savage called out "there he goes" and heard some one drop from the window. A hot chase ensued in which the officers shot at the fleeing darky nine times but he waded through a large pond, nearly to his waist, and escaped while they were groping around.

Bachelors and old maids, those very necessary adjuncts to all properly managed towns, as they always know the theory of bringing up children and other duties are remarkable for their scarcity in our borough. We have, though, some comely widows and the prettiest young girls in the State - this is a fact strongly attested by the young men thereabouts.

The borough's nomination election will be held Saturday at the land office, tomorrow evening to name a Mayor for two years, two members of council for three years, one commissioner of appeal for three years, a pound keeper and Justice of the Peace.

L. F. Feitner, a clerk for Job Scott, is nursing a gathering on his finger from a large splinter in it.

The most unique form of entertainment provided for our people for some time was a "Stocking Social" held at the residence of Mrs. Cookson last evening. It was in charge of one of the Missionary Committees of the Presbyterian Church and was most successful. The Orchestra and Mandolin Club furnished entertainment for a while and refreshments took up the remainder of the evening. Each person who attended was supplied with a small silk hose into, which was placed two pennies for each size of stockings worn. The receipts amounted to about \$22.50. The inference is very small hosiery worn.

Source: Woodbury Daily Times – via Milt Webb

OBITUARY  
J. FRANK SHULL  
1843 - 1910

August 8, 1910

Passed away at Rangeley Lake, Maine wither he had gone for his health, at 6: p.m. last Monday the 8th inst. Mr. Shull had not been in good health for some months, being afflicted with a dropsical affection. He was accompanied by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McCahan and arrived at Rangeley at noon on the 7th. He stood the journey well and seemed to improve. Monday a.m. a change took place and his daughter, Mrs. H. G. Peddle, at home, was summoned by wire. At Jersey City a telegram announcing his death met them. The body reached Wenonah Wednesday morning and the funeral will be held from his late home on Friday, the 12th inst., at 2:30 p.m. Interment in Wenonah cemetery.

Mr. Shull was born in Deerfield, Cumberland County July 25, 1843. His elementary education was acquired in the district schools. Later he was a student at Eastman's Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York, after which he became a traveling salesman for a tobacco firm. Later he was

employed as a salesman for Jacoby Wirebock & Co. He traveled for twelve years more for this enterprise finally being admitted to the firm.

Soon after the death of Mr. Jacoby the new firm of Shull, Wirebock & Co. was organized. In 1892 Mr. Shull became the sole owner of the business which he conducted on a much broader plan than heretofore.



In 1875 he built the beautiful modern house at Wenonah in which he has resided with his family ever since.

Mr. Shull has been vice-president of the First National Bank, Glassboro ever since its organization. He was a member of the Baptist Church and for many years an influential Deacon in the First Baptist Church of this city, and a trustee of the South Jersey Institute at Bridgeton, a Baptist institution.

Fraternally he was a member of the Ionic Lodge, Siloam Chapter and Cyrene Commandary, all of Camden, N.J. and Guarantee Lodge, A.O.U.W of this city.

On Nov. 8, 1867 Mr. Shull married Miss Amelia Burdsall of Kentucky, who with two daughters, Mrs. H. G. Peddle of Wenonah, and Mrs. W. J. McCahan, Jr., of Philadelphia survive him.



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# WENONAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2010

### Membership Benefits

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

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

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RECEIVE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: YES OR NO

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

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

WHS PO BOX 32, WENONAH, NJ 08090

DUES: \$15.00 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR

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