

# Wenonah Historical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

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## Notes on Admiral Mark Lambert Bristol

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Admiral Mark Lambert Bristol

*Mark* Lambert Bristol, son of Mark L. and Rachel Elizabeth Bristol, was born on April 17, 1868 in Glassboro, NJ. He was one of four children: brothers Charles and John (John died at age three) and a sister, Julia Ann. The family was buried in the Glassboro Methodist Episcopal Cemetery. Bristol was educated in both private and public schools. On May 19, 1883, at age 15, he received an appointment to the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD from Hon. T.M. Ferrell. He graduated from the Academy in the class of 1887 and began a long and distinguished naval career.

He served on the battleship Texas where he saw action during the Spanish American War at Guantanamo Bay and Santiago, Cuba. Following the war, he served as aide to the Commander-in-Chief of the North Atlantic Fleet from 1901 to 1903. He commanded the Naval Torpedo Station in Newport, RI, from 1908 until 1911, where he was considered a top ordnance specialist. He later commanded vessels in the Navy's Asiatic fleet. After his promotion to the rank of Captain, Bristol, as Director of Naval Aeronautics, established the Aviation Station in Pensacola, FL, where he attempted to integrate the field of aviation into the battleship. He was also responsible for the installation of a catapult to launch airplanes from the deck of the USS North Carolina.

In 1917, Bristol attended the Naval War College. He was credited for developing most of the modern gunnery used during World War I. At the beginning of World War I, he again was in charge of the USS North Carolina followed by command of the battleship Oklahoma, based in Ireland. At that time, he was promoted to Rear Admiral. Shortly before the Armistice in November 1918, he began his command of the US Naval base at Plymouth, England. Following the war, he took charge of a small naval detachment in the eastern Mediterranean area, particularly Turkey. The purpose of the detachment was to protect American interests in the area. He was a trusted ally of the Turks and eventually was appointed US High Commissioner to Turkey, a post in which he served for eight years. He helped to found the American Hospital in Istanbul and a nursing school, "Admiral Bristol Nursing School."

In 1927, Bristol received his final promotion to the rank of Admiral. He was placed in charge of the Asiatic Fleet. His final assignment was as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the General Board in Washington, DC from 1930 until 1932. At the time of his retirement, he had served 49 years in the US Navy. His decorations included the Spanish campaign medal, distinguished service metal and the Order of St. Stanislaus, a decoration bestowed by the former Russian government.

He married Helen Beverly Moore, an Alabama debutante, later in life at about age 40. In 1930, their residence was 1631 Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, DC.

Mark Lambert Bristol died May 13, 1939. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, who died and was laid to rest with him, on December 15, 1945. His namesake ship, the USS Bristol, was commissioned on March 17, 1945, saw duty during World War II and was decommissioned August 23, 1969.

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**Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month  
(except June, July and August)  
at the Train Station Community Center**

### Holdings of the Gloucester County Historical Society Library

Interested in genealogy or history for the South Jersey and Philadelphia areas? The GCHS library is the official repository of the original Gloucester County Document Collection which includes the early court records, property records and many other documents. In addition, the following collections are available to researchers:

*US and New Jersey State Census*

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*Maps and Surveys*

*Photographs of People, Places and Events*

*Family Files and Genealogies*

*Vital Statistics*

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*Colonial and Gloucester County Deeds*

*Local Daily & Weekly Newspapers*

*Town and County Histories*

The Library is open Tuesday evenings, 6-9:30pm; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10am-4pm; last Sunday of each month, 2-5pm; and the first Saturday of each month (Oct. thru May only), 10am-4pm. The Library staff will be glad to orient new patrons and recommend library resources. Annual memberships are available. The daily fee for non-members is \$5.00. For additional information, please call (856) 845-4771.



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by Charles Horan*

As our 2014 - 2015 season draws to a close, I want to thank Barbara Price for single-handedly producing this insightful newsletter each month. Her generosity allowed past editor Larry Smith to take on, along with Bob Thomas, the task of creating and maintaining the WHS Facebook page and web site. These, along with our monthly presentations, are both big factors in the great success the WHS has enjoyed this past year.

We will celebrate this success at our annual WHS Picnic to be held this coming Friday at **6:00 PM** (note time) at our beautiful Train Station / Community Center. Many thanks to those members who will be bringing appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Also, kudos to those who provided light refreshments at our monthly meetings throughout the season. We will have hoagie trays and salads from our recently expanded neighbors, Hawk's Corner Deli.

Finally, I thank the WHS executive officers for their service and dedication. Vice President: Paul Lader, Secretary: Vicki McCall, Treasurer: Carol Witsee, Trustees: Lou McCall and Scott Barnes

Looking forward to seeing everyone this Friday evening at 6.

*Charlie Horan, President WHS*



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## WENONAH

### A Century Ago

Mr. William Cattell has purchased a 1915 Ford touring car.

State Treasurer Edward Grosscup and wife are sight seeing in California.

Saturday, May 8th, has been proclaimed by the Mayor, C. Fowler Cline, as "Wenonah's Annual Clean-Up Day."

Charles Keebler has opened a drug store at Atlantic City.

Rev. William Fisher and wife of Ocean City spent the weekend at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Wright. He occupied the Methodist pulpit on Sunday evening when he delivered a stirring temperance sermon.

The Wenonah YMCA team accompanied by a big delegation of local rooters, paid a visit to Sewell on Saturday afternoon to participate in the formal opening of the series of games for the championship of the Gloucester YMCA. Score 6 to 1 in favor of Wenonah.

The Bordentown Military Institute baseball team was defeated by Wenonah Military Academy by the score of 9 to 1 Saturday.

Mr. Louis Van Meter, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Van Meter, graduated recently from the Episcopal Academy in Philadelphia with the highest honors that can be conferred on one of its students. At the commencement he delivered a beautiful oration worthy of the highest commendation.

Mrs. William Spurger, a returned missionary from Africa, who has been staying at the home of Mrs. Anna Schock, has gone to Dakota where she will spend the summer.

New residents of the borough this week are Mr. and

Mrs. A.H. Doak and Mr. and Mrs. H. Weiserth formerly of West Philadelphia. Each week brings new residents from the city who are anxious to locate in our beautiful borough.

Mrs. Bernice Bernard was one of the youngest participants in the Women's Rights parade in Philadelphia Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Little have returned from their honeymoon through the New England states and are residing with Mrs. Little's mother, Mrs. Kipper.

Mr. and Mrs. George Frederick and children have taken a bungalow at Seaside Park for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hatch (nee Bertha Leddam) are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on Friday.

Alarm bells have been installed by the railroad at Willow St. grade crossing.

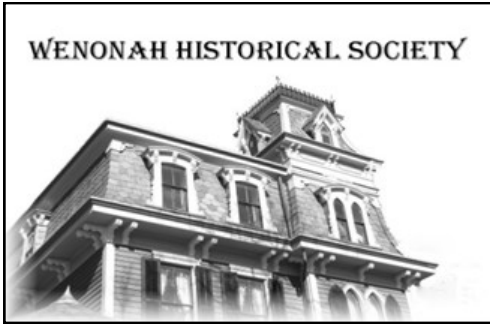
Prof. Peter Bender and mother moved from here to Germantown on Wednesday.

Mr. Herman Batty recently purchased a farm near Sewell Station and moved there on Monday.

Mr. Dallas Cann and family have moved from Philadelphia to their summer home on S. Jefferson Ave.

Quite a little excitement was caused by the ringing of the fire bell on Friday evening. The apparatus was soon gotten out only to find that some person rang the bell for a prank. The only persons seen around the bell were three women whose identity is not known. The fine for sending in a false alarm is \$50.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farr entertained the Wenonah Community Chorus at their home on Thursday evening. A very pleasant evening was spent in musical selections.



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

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