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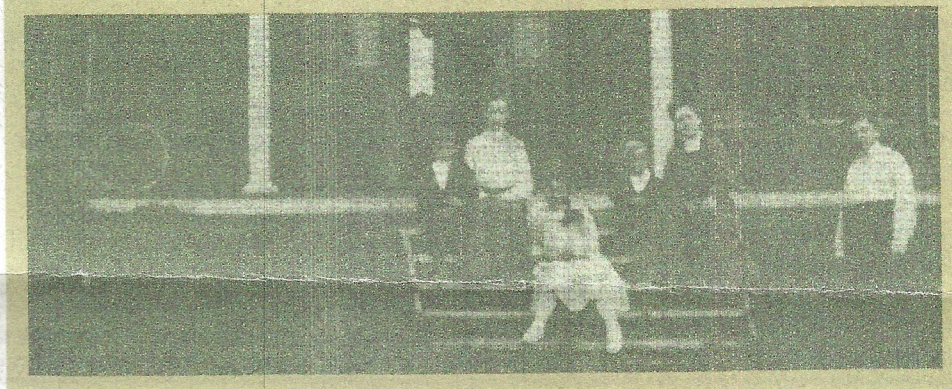
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Brielle's First History Book by Richard P. Holmquist

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Holmquist for their enlightening newsletter contributions over the past 5 years!



Helen D. Holmquist, author of *The Brielle Story*, as a girl. This photo was taken at her family's summer home on the corner of Green and Ocean Avenues. The house, built in 1898, burned down circa 1909. The Brielle Anchorage is now at this location. The people in the photo, left to right, are: Paul Dennett, Elizabeth Dennett, Helen Dennett (Holmquist), Richard Dennett, Emilie Rathbun, and the Rev. Arthur Clark Dennett.

Collection: Richard and Natalie Holmquist

The first book devoted to Brielle history, "The Brielle Story," was the work of Helen D. Holmquist. The book was the result of exhaustive research over a considerable period of time.

Mrs. Holmquist was a great granddaughter of Captain James Henry Green, an early Brielle landowner, for whom Green Avenue, Brielle, was named. Her father, Rev. Arthur Clark Dennett, built a home at Green and Ocean Avenues on the waterfront. It burned down about 1909.

It was always her desire to return to live in her beloved Brielle. Finally, she and her husband, August S. Holmquist, built a summer house in the early 1930's at Green and Manasquan Avenues. In 1945, they were able to acquire the former home of well known artist Charles Freeman at 504 Green Avenue, formerly known as the Three Cedars Tea House, only two doors from her childhood home.

Mrs. Holmquist was a charter member of the Union Landing Historical Society and the Church in Brielle. She played the piano in early church services in the Brielle School auditorium before the new church building was finished.

In later years Mrs. Holmquist continued to be active in local and church affairs. She passed away in 1980.

Her daughter-in-law, Natalie R. Holmquist, has continued in her footsteps with her research and writings.

Mother would be pleased!

Society News

by Ray Shea

The Union Landing Historical Society traditionally awards a \$100 scholarship to the Brielle Elementary School 8th grader with the highest average in Social Studies. This year we are changing the award to be an essay contest open to all Brielle residents who will be graduating 8th grade this June. In addition to BES graduating 8th graders, this scholarship opportunity will now be open to all Brielle 8th grade residents who attend other public schools, private schools, and students who are home schooled.

A second change to the scholarship is that an essay will be required for entry. The question to be answered for this year's essay is, how did Union Landing

Historical Society get it's name and why? A one page, 12-point Times New Roman, double spaced essay mailed to ULHS, PO Box 473, Brielle, NJ 08730 is due for delivery on or before May 14th, 2011. The winner will be notified on or about May 25th and will be recognized at our May 29th, 6th Annual Decoration Day program.

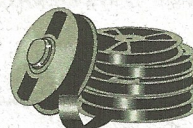
We need help from our Society members! We need two volunteers to be the judges of the essay. Names will be removed and the entries will be coded, they will be given to the two judges, and one winner will be selected based on the essay's historical accuracy and creativity. Please contact Ray or John if you are interested in helping out!

Available now in our Booklet Series....
The Union Saltworks, by the Holmquists
\$3.00/donation

Upcoming....
**Walking Tour of ULHS Plaques, Osborn Family Graveyard,
Southern Monmouth County 9/11 Memorial, and
MAPS - the 2010 Brielle Day Exhibit**

New! ULHS' eBay identity is "briellehistory". Our books, note cards, and postcard reprints will be available for sale and shipment on eBay starting very soon! We also have had other items donated to the society with the intention to be sold for direct benefit to the society. This is a wonderful way to raise money for our organization. If you have any items you would like sold on ebay with 100% profits being donated to ULHS, contact John or Ray.

MOVIE TIME - FRIDAY, FEB 27TH, 4PM AT THE CURTIS HOUSE



**THANKS TO THE DONATION
OF THE SAUER FAMILY, WE'LL
BE WATCHING NOSTALGIC MEMORIES
OF BRIELLE ON FILM. NO CHARGE. POPCORN PROVIDED!**

YOUR HISTORY QUESTION ANSWERED

U.L.H.S. CALENDAR

Your History Question Answered Have your question answered! E-mail to info@briellehistory.org and watch for your answer in an upcoming U.L.H.S. Newsletter!
by John Belding, Borough Historian

Q I understand that among early eateries in Brielle was a Stein's Diner and a Della's Diner. Were they one and the same? Were they (or it) located where the Mariner's Cove Diner is now located?

A They were not the same and not even near present-day Mariner's Cove. Stines (note spelling) Coffee Shop operated by W. Pierson (Bill) Stines was located on the NW corner of Ashley Avenue and Higgins Avenue, across from present day Bogan's Bait & Tackle, from the 1940s to the 1970s. He originally operated the Brielle Chip Shop from this location. Della's Diner was located in the present day parking lot of Simko's restaurant, 1920s, 30s and 40s. It had the appearance of an old fashioned diner or "dog wagon". The Mariner's Cove Diner had operated under several names in the past including Brielle Diner, Teddy's Brielle Diner and Spring Meadow Diner.

Borough Historian's "It Was Only Yesterday" collection of historical vignettes:
<http://www.briellehistory.org/archive.htm>

February 27th at 4pm - Movie Time at the Curtis House

March 6th at 1:30pm - "Mystery History Trip", we'll be meeting at the Curtis House then traveling approximately 16 miles to tour a historic site and learn about one of our neighboring towns

April 16th at 2pm - 2-4 pm, 12th Annual Antiques Road Show, Curtis House

May 29th at 2pm, Holly Hill Drive, Osborn Family Graveyard - 6th Annual Decoration Day Program, War of 1812

June 14th at 8:30am - 4th Annual Flag Day Ceremony "I Pledge", 9/11 Memorial, followed by Dutch Treat breakfast

Details forthcoming for these annual events...

September- Brielle Day Sarsaparilla Sale, 9-11 Memorial program, SVHS Covered Dish Barn Dinner

October - Archives Day, Fall Dinner

Keep up-to-date: <http://www.briellehistory.org>

MORE events are in the planning stage! Add your name to our email distribution list, email: info@briellehistory.org

Historical Osborn Graveyard

By John E. Belding, Project Coordinator

All the headstones in the Osborn Family Burial Ground bear the name "Osborn" with five exceptions. In the far corner are the remains of James T. Goble who died in 1863 at age of 56. Interred next to him are the remains of his wife Jane Chadwick Goble who died in 1847 at age of 34. Nearby is the grave of Elias Burdge who died in 1852 at age eleven. These folks were related to Lt. Osborn's wife Elizabeth. The remains or gravestones of the other two exceptions are no longer even there! They were previously buried in two of the seven unmarked graves discovered by U.S. Radar in 2002. One was Elizabeth (Lizzie) Borden, who died November 9, 1871 of diphtheria. She was the first wife of John Borden, and daughter of John and Charlotte Osborn,. Next to her grave was that of Charlotte (Lottie) Borden daughter of Elizabeth and John Borden who died February 27, 1872 of "congestive lungs". Both mother and daughter were disinterred on November 4, 1902 and reinterred in the Borden Mausoleum at Greenwood Cemetery. We are not aware of the disposition of their gravestones, assuming their graves had been so marked.

9-11 Memorial Garden

By E. David DuPre, Project Coordinator

"The 12 Days of Christmas"? Looks like we're going to change that to "The 60 Days of Christmas" since it is now more than 60 days since the Christmas decorations were put up at the 9/11 site. The Christmas snow storm, estimated to be about 31 inches, covered just about everything but the thirteen arborvitae and the necrology stanchion, even the memorial rock! Now, in February, we are still unable to remove the decorations because the electric wiring is frozen to the ground beneath all the snow that still remains. Gary Pstrak did manage to pull the plug for the tree lights but the spotlights are still working since they have a permanent installation. If the situation continues, we may even observe "The 90 Days of Christmas"!

After searching for more than five years for a bell to be rung during the 9/11 memorial ceremony, we finally found one right here locally at the Allenwood Store. We are now in the process of trying to buy a stanchion on which to mount it or having one fabricated locally.

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Mr. Holmquist, Mr. Belding, Mr. DuPre & Mr. Shea

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