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From the Holmquist Files...

By Natalie R. Holmquist

Poem for a Young Pianist

A 1924 newspaper article contains an interview with the daughter of Henry Wainwright and Adelaide Brown Wainwright. (The Wainwrights managed the Union House, a popular hotel built by sea captain John Brown on the bank of the Manasquan River.)

The woman interviewed remembers the tall, thin man who in May, 1888, used to walk along the riverbank and sail his hired cat boat on pleasant days. On rainy days he would sit up in bed in his room and write chapters of his book, which the little girl later found out was "The Master of Ballantrae" by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Another little girl in the hotel, the sister of the woman interviewed, used to practice her piano early in the morning around eight o'clock. If Stevenson was bothered by having to listen to scales and arpeggios so early, he never complained. In fact, he wrote a poem which he gave to the budding pianist:

*"Little girls should take and tackle their pianos
Early in the morning, as I like to hear you do:
Stick to early rising, and the various other virtues
Looking out for early folks, will come and stick to you."*

Helen Holmquist, author of The Brielle Story and mother of Richard Holmquist, had a great interest in local history, which inspired her daughter-in-law, Natalie Holmquist, to start collecting newspaper clippings, articles and notations from various sources about the early days in this vicinity.



*Dear Mama,
I haven't got drowned yet. Having a nice
time. Going over to the camp now. Dunham*

This photo of the Union House was copied from a Post Card mailed from Manasquan on August 5, 1911 with a one cent stamp. It was addressed to Mrs. E. B. Laird, 54 Main Street, Haverstraw, N.Y. and was published by The American News Co., New York in Leipzig-Berlin. Note the delightful message, "Dear Mama, I haven't got drowned yet. Having a nice time. Going over to the camp now." It is signed "Dunham".

Submitted by Janice Wurfel

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John Belding, Raymond Shea, David DuPre
Natalie Holmquist and Janice Wurfel.

U.L.H.S Standing Committee Updates:

Historical Osborn Graveyard

By John Belding, Project Coordinator

Were you there!? That is, did you attend the ceremonies marking our second annual observance of Decoration Day here in Brielle? Suzanne Shea was Event Coordinator. The Society sponsored a parade from the Church in Brielle to the Osborn Family Burial Ground. Included were decorated antique autos, kids of all sizes on decorated bicycles and other means of conveyance, two fire trucks and police escort, fore and aft. Prizes were awarded for best-decorated vehicle in various age categories, etc. plus a visit from "The Spirit of '76". At the graveyard ceremony itself, the Rev. Dr. Steve Davis gave the invocation, greetings from our Mayor, and an address by Marion King, past regent of the DAR plus Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the graveyard, who is a direct descendent of Lt. Osborn. In addition we were enlightened with thoughtful observations by Doug Moore who reminded us of the actual somber meaning and purpose of Decoration Day and the place it should occupy in our hearts. Sgt. Bohanan of the New Jersey National Guard placed a wreath on Lt. Osborn's grave and Ts5 Rich Schwarz, also N.J. National Guard, closed the ceremony with the playing of taps. Member Ann Scott served as head judge for the decorated vehicles and Member Gail Herbert supervised refreshments. Planning has already begun on next year's "Third Annual Observance". The Society believes in the validity of this type of exercise especially considering the threats to our freedom that seem to build daily. It is entirely proper to consider our joint heritage and those people who volunteered, yes risking if not some losing their lives, to achieve and protect those freedoms we cherish. Serving our country is a noble effort, which must ever be appreciated and called to our minds.

9-11 Memorial Garden

By E. David DuPre, Project Coordinator

At the Spring meeting of the Union Landing Historical Society's Board of Trustees for the 9/11 Memorial Garden the board decided to postpone until late Spring the replacement of the two postings of the Necrology list and the Proclamation by Mayor Nicol dedicating the Memorial Garden. These two postings were severely damaged by the penetration of rain and the subsequent freezing of residual moisture which occurred during the winter months. With new custom - laminated plaques completed by Ahern Copy Center the replacement project has now been completed.

With the arrival of Spring the Bayberry Garden Club again selected the 9/11 site and the Osborn Burial Ground to be the recipients of their donation of dozens of geraniums. These were in turn planted by members of the Union Landing Historical Society. Gary Pstrak also planted a considerable number of begonias around the Memorial rock and stanchion at the forefront of the site.

In May, Union Landing Historical Society officers and members of Borough Council were present at the awarding of the rank of Eagle Scout to Brielle resident Andrew Mulligan of Troop 156, Howell. Eagle Scout Mulligan, who was accompanied by fellow scouts and the leaders of Troop 156 and the Monmouth County B.S.A., received his award at an evening ceremony conducted at the Curtis House. His mother, Mary Anne, was selected to pin the Eagle Scout medal on her son Andrew. For his Eagle Scout project Andrew elected to make a semi-circular planting of bushes and shrubs at the 9/11 Memorial site between the dedication rock and the flagpole, and to add the placement of concrete benches just beyond the necrology stanchion.

History Book Committee

By Raymond F. Shea, Chairman

The Society's new book, Images of America - Brielle is in the final stages of proofing and almost ready for printing. The Images of America series is published by Arcadia Publishing and is widely available in local retail outlets and larger chain retailers like Barnes & Noble or Borders. Most books in this series are primarily a photo history books with little text besides the captions for the images. My committee and I have formatted this book to include detailed chapter introductions that combine with the photo content to create a well-rounded basic history of Brielle from the early development period of the 1880's to the recent past. The book contains over 175 images of Brielle from the late 1880's all the way through Brielle Day 2006.

We are planning to have the book on sale this Brielle Day, September 8, 2007 and we will be taking advance orders until then. Stop by the Curtis House to buy your copy and have it signed by our cover girl, Janice Wurfel!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who participated in bringing this project to fruition. Though you may have only contributed a single photo or a single fact all of you helped make this book the enjoyable project that it has been!

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CONGRATULATIONS to...

...our Decoration Day Prize recipients: the Mathews Family, the Smith Family, Devon Louvis, Jessica Duerr, Jessie Lembo, Patricia Nolan and Harry Dunn
...Brielle Elementary School Students, Jillian Leigh Buckelew and Nicholas James Kamaris - the 2006/2007 recipients of ULHS \$100 scholarships for excellence in history.

INLET CELEBRATION

Monmouth Country Ranger Station, Fisherman's Cove, Manasquan Open House with local history displays. ULHS members needed to attend: the event kick-off Sunday, July 15th, as well as Sunday August 12th, Tuesday, August 14th and closing event Sunday, August 26th, all 4-8 pm. Annual Manasquan Inlet Boat Parade on August 28th. For more details contact Mr. Belding.

JOIN US AT..

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 8th, 2007**

BRIELLE DAY
Images of America
BRIELLE

History Book pre-order sales pick-up at the Curtis House 10am - 4pm.
Free Gift Wrap. Autograph Session.

Sarsaparilla on sale, too! PRE-ORDER CASES of old fashioned soda \$24/case of 24 bottles - use enclosed form.

U.L.H.S. 2007 CALENDAR

****All are welcome! ULHS' Standing Book Committee Meeting Tuesdays 10am - Borough Historian's Office Dates at the Ranger Station, Manasquan: July 15, Aug 12, Aug 14, Aug 26 - time for all dates 4-8 pm**
August 19, 2007 - Curtis House General Meeting, Brielle Day preparation, 2 pm
August 28, 2007 - Second Annual Manasquan Inlet Lighted Boat Parade, 8 pm
September 8, 2007 - BRIELLE DAY! BOOK RELEASE! Pre-order book pick-up. Free Gift Wrap! Annual Sarsaparilla sale, historic photos, note cards, more! Pick-up pre-ordered cases of old fashioned soda.
September 12, 2007 - Squan Village Historical Society Annual Picnic **see enclosed flyer**
October 13, 2007 - Archives/History Day at the Monmouth Country Library, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan 10am - 3pm. Free & open to all. Plan on attending! Contact Mr. Belding with any questions.
October 21, 2007 - General Membership Meeting and Harvest Home Dinner covered dish social
November 14, 2007 - Joint meeting with the Squan Village Historical Society at the Bailey-Reed House
November 18, 2007 - 2pm Charles Bello's presentation then 3:30 - 5:00pm *Images of America-Brielle* Book Sale open to the public, autograph session, free holiday gift wrap! Makes a great gift!

Your History Question Answered

By John Belding, Borough Historian

Was there another historic burial ground located in Brielle at one time?

Based on a 1938 map by Russell Rankin, there was a graveyard located about 600' SW from Rankin Road on a line drawn at a right angle to Rankin Road at a point 500' SE of School House Road. This would place it close to present day William Drive. This was primarily a Longstreet family burial ground. While in poor condition, it was utterly destroyed in the early 1950s with the construction of houses in that area. Much dirt was excavated from the area, and used for fill for the new Route 35 approach to the Manasquan River bridge. The gravestones that were not totally destroyed were moved to Atlantic View Cemetery where five stones can be found. They may be seen by entering the western most drive, proceed .1 mile, they are off to the left.

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

Have your question answered! E-mail to info@briellehistory.org and watch for your answer in an upcoming U.L.H.S. Newsletter!



RENEW Your Membership or JOIN the Union Landing Historical Society



Yes! I would like to assist the Union Landing Historical Society, Inc., a non-profit educational corporation, with its programs and events by becoming a member. Enclosed is my check to the Union Landing Historical Society, Inc. for \$ _____. Your contribution is tax deductible. Membership includes the ULHS quarterly newsletter.

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	<p>Mail along with your check to:</p> <p>Union Landing Historical Society, Inc.</p> <p>P.O. Box 473 Brielle, NJ 08730</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ULHS is doing a lot of great projects for our community. Please ask your family, friends and neighbors to join today! We need your support to continue and grow our programs!</p>
	<p>Thank You!</p>	