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*To Steve and Mark
with best wishes
from
Richard Nixon*

A Vice Presidential Visit

This autographed photo of then Vice-President Richard M. Nixon's yacht was presented to Brielle Inn manager Phil Levine in the mid 1950's. Nixon was an avid yachtsman and visited the Brielle Inn on the occasion of his youngest daughter Julie's birthday. Levine arranged a birthday party for Julie and Nixon presented the photo as a token of his appreciation. The Brielle Inn was located on the site of the present day Brielle Landings condominiums on Ashley Avenue. The land based restaurant had closed by the early 1960's and was replaced by the Cranford ferry boat, which was towed to the adjacent marina and converted to a restaurant in 1962.

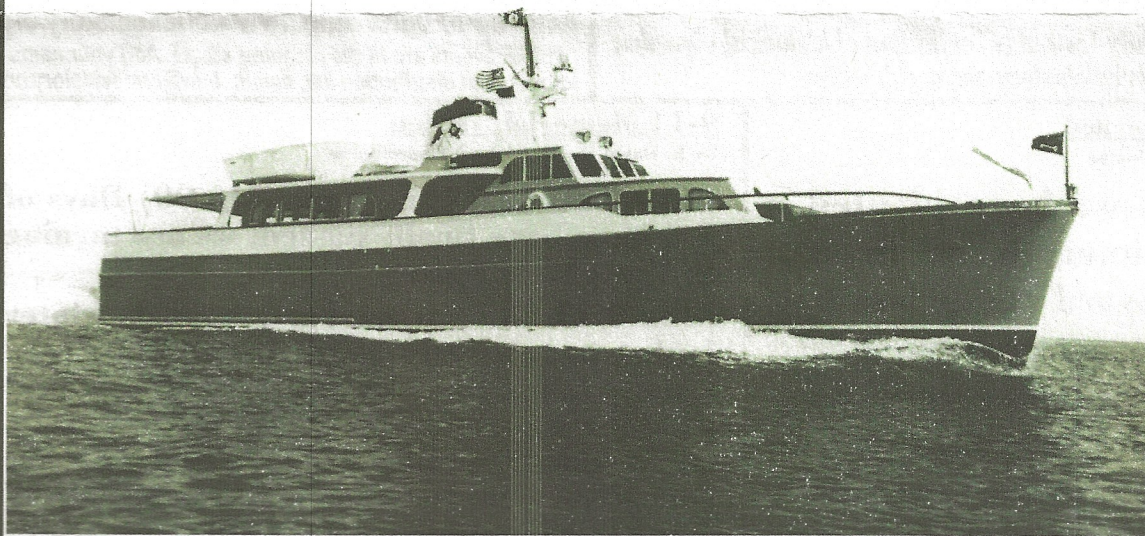


Photo and information courtesy Mr. Dennis Berube

Society News

by Ray Shea

We are very lucky to have countless ways to explore New Jersey's rich history. Here are three ways that ULHS members can explore NJ History for free!

This year the annual NJ History Fair was held at Allaire State Park and featured dozens of outdoor exhibits by local historical societies, parks, historic sites and historical re-enactor groups. Many of the historical societies that exhibited have museums and regularly scheduled programs open to the public that are often free and only a short drive away. The outdoor venue allows re-enactors the opportunity to put on a great display and really gives attendees a true experience of what life was like for the soldiers, farmers and craftsmen of the past.

Mark your calendar! This year Archives Day will be held Saturday, October 15th at the Main Branch of the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. Here, mostly Central and Southern NJ historical societies and related groups gather and exhibit tabletop displays of their organizations' sites and activities. It is an opportunity to network with one another. A series of seminars about NJ history are featured at this unique event and awards are presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to preserving NJ history.

The Union Landing Historical Society also belongs to the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. Their focus is to connect our state's historical societies. One of their functions is to promote the happenings of our state's societies by emailing a newsletter a couple of times a week with listings of all of the great things to do in NJ. If you would like ULHS to forward this information to you, kindly send us an email with your request and email address and we'll be very happy to do so!

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

We have been invited by the Squan Village
Historical Society to their meeting on June 8th,
2011 at 7:30pm in the Bailey-Reed House Barn.
The speaker will be Dan Lieb, President of the New
Jersey Historical Divers Association. The program
will focus on the 130' three mast schooner, the
"John K. Shaw".

6TH ANNUAL STAR SPANGLED DECORATION DAY PROGRAM

Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend

May 29th at 2 pm

*Osborn Family Graveyard
Holly Hill Drive, Brielle*



YOUR HISTORY QUESTION ANSWERED

U.L.H.S. CALENDAR

Your History Question Answered

by John Belding, Borough Historian

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

Q What is the history of Dolbey's swimwear and was it a long time business here in Brielle? When was it founded and by whom?

A As the name may suggest, Dolbey's was founded by the Dolbey family in 1925. Each summer they would erect a very large tent in the area that is now Simko's parking lot which then was a field along the side of Bridge Avenue. They advertised "Sweaters and Bathing suits from Maker to Wearer". The business was taken over by Miss Sarah E. Dolbey in 1945. She continued to operate it until 1965. She died in August 1983. In the later 1930s they erected a permanent building across the street. That building still stands, having housed a number of retail operations since the swimwear business. If you have ever noted the rather unusual shape of the roof line, it was purposely constructed that way in order to resemble a tent.

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

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

June 8th, 2011 at 7:30pm, Bailey-Reed House Barn (see other side for details)

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

November - Program **December** - Holiday Breakfast

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

You will recall we have planted a number of specimen trees in and around the graveyard these last half dozen years. They are growing nicely. The expansion of shade from deep rooted trees will encourage the growth of myrtle ground cover we have planted. We now have another tree enhancement program about to begin thanks to the efforts of our Society President. The grove of mostly Locust and Wild Cherry trees down the hill from the burial site has grown "ragged" and many trees need to come down. Some threaten to topple on the graveyard, and indeed one did fall on our fence during the last severe storm. We wish to preserve and encourage the Holly trees a number of which are in and among those others and are much less of a threat to be blown over. Look for progress in that area soon.

9-11 Memorial Garden

By E. David DuPre, Project Coordinator

Now that the 12 (recounted to 90) Days of Christmas have finally passed, we are turning our thoughts to Spring.

The 9/11 site has emerged from its winter blanket in relatively good shape. The only casualty being the necrology list which blew out of the stanchion a couple of days after the storm. The driver of one of only a few vehicles using Riverview Drive at the time witnessed what was happening and was able to retrieve the list from the roadway where it came to rest before getting run over by traffic. He delivered it unscathed to my residence only a few doors up the street where it remained until last weekend. (The adhesive can only be applied safely if the temperature does not drop into the 50s for a couple of nights in a row in order to secure proper bonding.)

In the meantime Gary Pstrak, Fire Company Chaplain, has done a couple of flower plantings at the site and the Rimmele family has again placed its floral plantings on the pedestal directly in front of the necrology stanchion.

Once again, we are indebted to Bob Imgrund of the Shade Tree Commission and the Boy Scouts of Troop 63 Brielle for supplying and planting the new tree at the 9/11 site.

Thanks to this issue's contributors: Mr. Belding, Mr. DuPre & Mr. Shea and a special thanks to Mr. Berube of the Ocean County Coin Club <http://www.oocoinclub.org/> for sharing history with us!

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