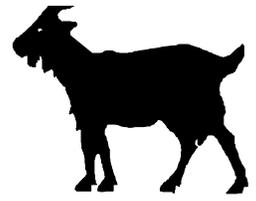


Nannygoats



The following story and accompanying photographs were recently submitted to the Society by former resident George M. Muha. After learning about and reading several past editions of *Nannygoats*, Mr. Muha surmised that the following information may be of interest to our readers, and we at the Society certainly agree!

Tending a Grave Site

by George M. Muha



The author's grandfather beside the headstones in the Hillside Memorial Cemetery, 1939.

At the foot of Lincoln Avenue in Metuchen, New Jersey, barely a block from past Muha homes on Walnut Street, is the Hillside Memorial Cemetery. In the northwest corner of this cemetery, in the section formerly known as the "Hungarian Section," are two headstones marking the final resting places of a brother and sister – Erma Szalaje and Janos Janos Szalaji (the slight difference in surname spelling is not significant).

As far as is known, these two are not in any way related to my Muha family. Yet four pictures of my family members posing beside these headstones, taken over a period of some sixteen years, are found among those in my family's picture album. Over the years I had often wondered about these pictures but it was only recently that I discovered their significance.

George Muha grew up in Metuchen and graduated from Metuchen High School with the Class of 1949, and except for time away at college and in the military service, he spent his first twenty-six years here. Several years ago he completed a documented family history which was complemented by an extensive series of photographs taken by his father, Michael G. Muha, a professional photographer. Included in his father's collection were four photographs taken between the years 1923 and 1939 of Muha family members standing next to a pair of headstones in the Hillside Cemetery on Lincoln Avenue in Metuchen. As the names on the headstones were not of any family members, Mr. Muha's interest was piqued and he was eventually able to piece together and document a tragedy that befell an early 20th century Bonhamtown family.

Although I appear in one of the pictures, I was much too young to recall any details. My Aunt, Jane Muha Stutski, who also appears in these pictures, reconstructed part of the tale based on her own personal recollections as well as on past conversations with now deceased family members. A search of newspaper and archive records provided the remainder of the tale.

From 1918 to 1920, the flu pandemic was rampant in

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LOCAL HISTORY DAY

by Walter R. Stochel, Jr.

Transportation was the theme of the 2009 Metuchen-Edison Local History Day held on February 8, 2009 at the Metuchen Public Library.

As usual, many residents who attended looked through our various albums of old house photographs, but also enjoyed the many items from our collection relating to the transportation history of this area that were specially displayed, including maps of old roads and streets, photographs of the different railroad stations throughout the area, trolleys, a piece of rail from AMTRAK, and old horseshoes. The Lincoln Highway Association (LHA) was also in attendance and presented a display on the Lincoln Highway which runs through Metuchen via Middlesex Avenue/Route 27.

The highlight of the Local History Day was the donation of a watercolor painting of the Metuchen Train Station done by Jack Fry in 1949. This beautiful painting was donated by his daughter, Beverly Quinn, and is a great addition to our local history collection.

A navigator for TWA and other airlines, Jack Fry was also accomplished artist who painted many scenes he observed while on layovers during his overseas flights. Although born in Michigan, he lived in California where he studied art at the Los Angeles City College, the



Beverly Quinn beside her father's watercolor of the Metuchen Train Station.

Arts Center, and the University of California. During World War II he went to navigation school, which eventually led to his airline career.

In 1946 while riding the train with his wife, Ruth, they looked out at Metuchen, and decided to live here. They first lived in Redfield Village, and later moved to the Washington Park and then Nixon Park sections of Edison. After retiring, Mr. Fry moved to Florida, where he continued to paint and enter art shows, selling many of his paintings. Mr. Fry passed away in April, 1980.

Passing of Society Members...

The Society regretfully announces the passing of two of its valued long-time members in recent months, Muriel B. Harris and Roger A. Johnson.

Mrs. Harris, an artist, teacher, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, was born in 1912 in New York City, and died on February 5, 2009. She taught at Drew University, Lycoming College, and Centenary Methodist Church. She was known for her compassion and efforts to express, through her art and actions, outrage at social injustice, corruption, gun violence, and climate change.

Mr. Johnson, was born in Orange, New Jersey, in 1932 and died April 8, 2009. After attending Princeton with a naval scholarship, he was commissioned for three years' active duty. He later made his career as a marketing and advertising executive, and served on the Board of Education, the Metuchen-Edison Racial Relations Council, and in local Democratic politics. He also invented several board games, was an award-winning amateur theater actor, and was known for his collection of WWII "dime store" soldiers and toys.

Update on the Short Hills Battlefield Grant

by Walter R. Stochel, Jr.

The Metuchen-Edison Historical Society has received a \$31,000 grant from the National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program to do a National Register nomination for the Short Hills Battlefield in Northern Edison. This is the first Federal grant and the largest grant ever received by the Society. Also this is the first time the Society is nominating a site for the National Register of Historic Places. We will have more details about the project in the fall 2009 newsletter.

Busy Spring For the Society

by Tyreen A. Reuter

The Metuchen-Edison Historical Society has been very busy this past Spring, both with offering programs and participating in history events. Some of these activities include:

- Co-sponsoring a program with the Friends of the Metuchen Public Library in April, where Dr. Richard Veit spoke about the numerous Native American artifacts held in the Grimstead Room and educated the attendees about the early population of this area of New Jersey.
- Staffing a booth at the Borough of Metuchen's Historic Preservation Committee's *Celebrate Metuchen* event on May 17, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church. Well over 100 attendees learned more about architectural history, "old house" preservation methods, and what the Grimstead Room Archives have to offer.



- Leading a *Walking Tour of Metuchen Architecture* which aimed at helping participants identify the various prominent architectural styles that can be found locally. Glorious weather and excellent guidance from the Society's President, Walter R. Stochel, Jr., and Recording Secretary, Kevin Hale, made the tour a great success (see photograph above). The tour was held in May in honor of National Historic Preservation Month. We hope to have a self-guided version of the tour program ready for distribution in the Fall.
- Hosting Rich Puerzer at the Old Franklin School (see photograph at left) for a presentation about his research into Metuchen's baseball history. The presentation, held in June, was taped by MeTV, so his collection of information and images can be enjoyed by those who couldn't attend the presentation.

Sporting History

By Steve Reuter

Marvin Webster, an ex-NBA player who spent six seasons with the NY Knicks, was a Metuchen resident for several years. He earned his nickname, the "Human Eraser," for his shot-blocking ability while at Morgan State University. After starting his professional career with the Denver Nuggets of the ABA, he helped the Seattle SuperSonics reach the 1978 NBA finals and later went on to play for both the Knicks and Milwaukee Bucks. Local residents may recall this 7'1" center as a quiet man who worked out at the local Y.M.C.A., but who was more than willing to talk about his basketball career. He passed away on April 4, 2009, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 56.



OLD NEWS IS GOOD NEWS!

The Woodbridge Public Library has digitized a series of local newspapers and made them available to the public and searchable on their website at <http://archive.woodbridgelibrary.org/Archive/>.

Not only can you brush up on past local events, but you browse through the advertisements of yesteryear, like that from the Economy Meat Market (at right) from the January 5, 1923 edition of the *Woodbridge Independent*.

While only those articles from before 1923 are currently viewable on their website due to copyright issues, the entire archive can be accessed at the library. Below is a list of the newspapers included in the digital archive.

- Carteret Press* - 1925 to 1965
- Fords Beacon* - 1936 to 1961
- Independent Leader* - 1940 to 1965
- Leader Press* - 1967 to 1970
- The Independent Hour* - 1876 to 1877
- The Weekly Register* - 1898 to 1902
- The Woodbridge Leader* - 1927 to 1928
- The Woodbridge News* - 1899 to 1902
- Woodbridge Independent* - 1919 to 1938
- Woodbridge Leader* - 1926 to 1939

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FRESH HAM	FRESH PORK
half or whole, lb. 25c	SHOULDERS, lb. 17c
SMOKED HAMS—	GENUINE SPRING
half or whole, lb. 23c	LEG OF LAMB, lb. 35c
PRIME CHUCKROAST	ROASTING CHICKEN,
lb. Native Beef... 18c	lb. _____ 35c
FOWL—	FRESH PORK LOINS
fresh killed... 35c	lb. _____ 25c

Got Local History?

The Society's Grimstead Room Archives, containing thousands of local history images and documents, are located in the basement of the Metuchen Public Library and guided access to the collections is available from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following upcoming Saturdays in 2009: September 12, October 10, November 7, and December 5. For more information, contact Walter Stochel at 732-906-0529 or wstochel@earthlink.net. If you are planning to visit the archive on these days, let us know in advance what you are looking for so we can make sure we have it in our files!

Memories from the Mailbox...

Former resident Carl Paffendorf recently shared with the Society a paper he had written about the "Indian Knowledge of J.L. Grimstead" and several photographs he had taken of Mr. Grimstead and his artifact collection. As Mr. Paffendorf wrote, "Thank you for recently sending me the copy of Nannygoats. Reading through it reminded me that I had the opportunity to interview and photograph Mr. Grimstead for a school report in September 1974."

In the introduction to the paper, Mr. Paffendorf explains that he originally set out to write about the story of a Native American ghost who reportedly rode around the fields of an old house in the area. However, after being referred on to a "J.L. Grimstead" by local historians and members of the Society, he was so impressed by Mr. Grimstead's knowledge of local Native Americans that he decided to change the paper's focus.

Shown here are some of the many photographs Mr. Paffendorf shot and included in his report. A full copy of the text and all of the photographs are on file in the Society's Grimstead Room.



Above: Mr. Grimstead seated in his office, surrounded with files and artifacts.

Left: Some of his hundreds of stone artifacts, in this case arrowheads and what may be pestles.

Below: Possibly a mortar, for scale note the foot in the upper right hand corner



As you may already know, photographer and local historian J. Lloyd Grimstead took more than 2,800 photographs of the Metuchen-Edison area, mostly during the 1930s, which make up 80 percent of the Historical Society's photographic collection. The Society's archives are kept in the Grimstead Room, so named in his honor, and the name of the newsletter, "Nannygoats," is taken from the title of his collection of articles, reminiscences, letters, anecdotes (or as he alliteratively referred to them, "nannygoats") compiled.



Tending a Grave Site, continued

the northeastern United States and seemingly struck hard in Metuchen in the Fall and Winter months. Another of my aunts, Alice Muha Galli, a youngster at the time, recalled having a clear overview of the Hillside Cemetery from an attic window in the family home a block away on Walnut Street. Alice recalled "...there were almost daily arrival of wagons with coffins which were unloaded and piled one on top of another. The ground was so hard they had to wait until Spring to bury the dead."

The two whose headstones are pictured in my family's album had died in the flu pandemic. I culled further details of a family tragedy from federal and New Jersey immigration, census, church, birth, marriage, and death records.

The family - father Janos, wife Razalija (nee Banaji), and daughter Erma - arrived in the United States in March, 1912 from Austria-Hungary. They eventually settled in the Bonhamtown area near where, at that time, my grandfather was the proprietor of a saloon. Presumably the Szalaji and Muha families became acquainted and a close friendship resulted.

Records show that the first wife, Razalija, died in 1917 and that Janos then remarried, to Anna Reper, and had a son by this second marriage, Janos Jr., born in late 1919.



But two days before the birth of this son, the daughter, Erma, died. And five months after his birth, Janos Jr. also died. Thus in the period of three years, Janos Sr. had lost his first wife and both of his children. Little wonder that stricken with grief, Janos and his second wife abruptly decided to return to Hungary in 1920.

From my own recollection, I knew that my grandfather, George Muha, had volunteered to maintain the graves; proper care of family graves was a strong Magyar (Hungarian) tradition. And so he did, right up to a few years before his own passing in 1967 when his example of friendship and dedication ended.



My father, Michael G. Muha, a professional photographer, periodically took pictures of the graves which he then sent to the Szalaji family in Hungary. This explains the presence of the Szalaji headstone pictures in the Muha Family album. The collection ends in 1939 with the outbreak of World War II. Presumably mail to Hungary, which entered the war on the Axis side, was not possible thereafter.

My grandparents and six other of my family members are buried in the Muha plots barely fifty yards from the Szalaji headstones in the Hillside Cemetery. Not forgotten is my grandfather's example: my brother, Michael J. Muha, still makes bi-monthly visits to Metuchen to tend to all of the family gravesites.



Above Left: The author, as a child, at the headstones, 1932.

Left: The author's grandfather, George Muha, and his daughter, Jane, at the Szalaji gravesite. The year on the car's license plate is 1923. One of the Muha family houses can be seen in the background at far left.

Above: The author's grandmother, Helen Muha and her daughter Jane at the headstones, 1935.

Right Above and Below: Current photographs of the Szalaji headstones. See right for translations of the inscriptions.



Translations of the Magyar (Hungarian) inscriptions on the stones shown at right:

HERE IS RESTING
ERMA SZALAJE
BORN 1900
DIED OCTOBER 26, 1919
MOURNED BY HER DEAR PARENTS
JANAS SZALAJI
AND WIFE
RAZALIJA BANAJI
PEACE ON HER ASHES

HERE IS RESTING
JANOS SZALAJI
BORN 1919 OCT 28
DIED 1920 APR 5
PEACE ON HIS REMAINS

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Do you have an interesting story, fact, or image that you think would make a good addition to a future issue of *Nannygoats*? If so, please contact the Editor... If your submission is published, we'll send you a complimentary copy of the 1888 "Crumbs of Comfort" history and cookbook! The submission deadline for the Summer 2009 issue is September 4, 2009.

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Class of 1931's *History of Metuchen*

The following text is continued from the Metuchen High School's Class of 1931's *History of Metuchen*, which is being reprinted in *Nannygoats* serially (beginning with Volume 5, Issue 2, Summer 2007). Please note that there are several known factual and

grammatical errors, but the document is reproduced exactly as originally written. The accompanying images have been added by the editor.

(Continued from volume 7, Issue 1, Winter/Spring 2009)

Professor [T.W.] Hunt's work at Princeton brought out his strong qualities. He was a fine, sympathetic leader and a good organizer. Throughout his life he was prominent in college affairs, and always a student found a friend in him.

Besides his work at Princeton, Professor Hunt found time to publish a number of books. Most of them dealt with literature, and related subjects. Among them are "English Literary Miscellany," issued in two series, and "Timely Topics," which dealt with current (1921) problems.

Professor Hunt died in 1930, ending a long and full life. His close connection with Metuchen was shown shortly after the provisions of his will became known. Among his bequests were two of \$15,000 each, one to the Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, and the other to the Metuchen Library.

Dr. Ezra M. Hunt, brother of Professor Hunt, is also a noteworthy figure in Metuchen history, although his prominence was actually more local than otherwise. He occupies an important niche, however, for it was he who wrote "Metuchen and Her History," the most comprehensive and thorough history yet written about our town. The essay serves as a fine index of Metuchen history up to 1870, the date of its publication. Dr. Hunt also wrote a history of Metuchen churches, and two medical treatises, "Alcohol as a Food and Medicine," 1877, and "A Physician's Counsels to his Professional Brethren," 1859. Dr. Hunt carried on his regular practices as a physician, and he is well remembered by many of the older inhabitants of the town.

The representative of the Hunt family today in Metuchen, is Dr. A.C. Hunt. Dr. Hunt is the son of Dr. Ezra M. Hunt, and like his father is a physician. He has been president of the Board of Health of New Jersey.

Theodore B. Hunt, the brilliant son of Dr. A.C. Hunt, claims a great deal of distinction, although he is yet a young man. He is assistant Professor of English at Lafayette College, and teaches the same subject, the English Language, that his great uncle taught at Princeton. Professor Hunt holds an M.A. Degree and has studied in Paris at the Sorbonne.



One of Dalton Stevens' works of art.

This survey of the Hunt family shows how, through each generation, H.W. Hunt has bequeathed a strong, active brain to each of his descendants. The fact that nearly all of them have turned to the profession is of great interest.

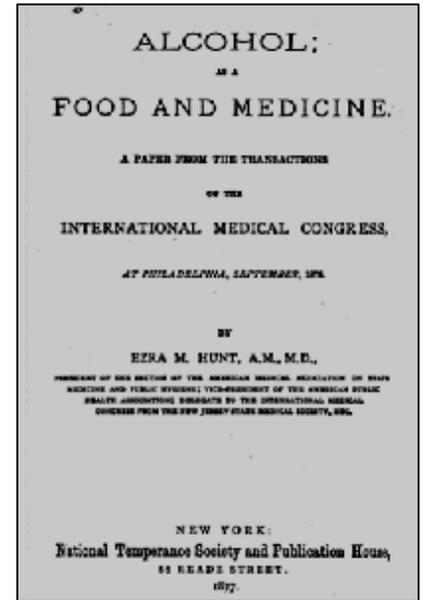
And so ends the group of literary notables. They form one of the finest traditions of the community and much of their work, personalities, and character have had influence upon our town. Metuchen may well feel proud of them.

The next few men, although they cannot be classed as literary, nevertheless fall somewhat into the group just ended in that they are closely connected with magazine work. These are the Stevens brothers, well known artists, and Frank Ballou, a cartoonist.

The Stevens brothers W.D. and Dalton, live in the house on Chestnut Avenue in which Henry Alden made his home for so many years. From Metuchen they commute daily to New York, where they illustrate (at their studio) for *Cosmopolitan*, and other leading periodicals of that type. Mr. W.D. Stevens, who is listed in "Who's Who," has studied art in Chicago and Paris.

And finally, closing this group, is Frank Ballou, a well known cartoonist many for the humorous magazines *Puck*, and *Judge*. Mr. Ballou lived on Center Street.

With Frank Ballou the last vestige of the literary greats ends, and the next few prominent men fall into another category, the Law.



Cover page from Dr. Ezra Hunt's 1874 Alcohol as a Food and Medicine.

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Class of 1931's History of Metuchen, continued from page 8.

Standing out among his contemporaries in this field is the figure of René Coudert, a famous international lawyer, who has had a brilliant career at the bar. Mr. Coudert, who was born in New York City in 1871, and who lived in Metuchen many years ago, holds A.B, M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University. He is the author of a book "Certainty and Justice." Of interest to note is the fact that his father, Frederic René Coudert, was also a famous international lawyer.

Two other men, ex-governors, who came into the public eye, but who never achieved the fame that Frederic René Coudert, did are Charles S. Whitman, and George S. Silzer.

Charles S. Whitman never actually lived in Metuchen, but he is well known here, due to his frequent visits to his family. His father, the Reverend John Whitman, was a retired pastor. Reverend Whitman lived near the present Y.M.C.A. and every Saturday afternoon played chess with Henry Alden.

Ex-governor Whitman was born in Connecticut, and he attended Amherst College where he graduated in 1890 with an A.B. degree. Four years later he obtained an LL.B. degree at New York University, and he holds several other honorary degrees from various colleges. He engaged in law work in New York and took part in political life, and in 1915 he was elected Governor of the State of New York. His term as governor lasted through 1918 and in 1919 he resumed his law practice. [editor's note: NY Governor Whitman was the "grandfather-in-law" of former NJ Governor Christine Todd Whitman.]

George S. Silzer's career runs very much like that of ex-governor Whitman's. Born two years later than Mr. Whitman, in 1870, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, he married Henrietta T. Waite of Metuchen, and came here to live. For a number of years he was active in state politics and in 1923 he became governor of New Jersey, his term lasting until 1926. Following that, for two years he was Chairman of the Port of New York Authority.

Finally there is Manning Freeman, who, though never becoming prominent politically, nevertheless played an important part in politics in this section of the state. Mr. Freeman was a Democratic boss of Middlesex County.

Distinguished in the scientific world today is Gustav Lindenthal, one of the "101 Scientists," and a famous bridge builder. Born in Austria, he was educated at colleges there, and came to America in 1874. He is particularly noted for his work as a bridge building, but he is also connected with other phases of engineering, having supervised the building of tunnels under the Hudson River. He

built the Hellgate steel arch bridge over the East River, and is the author of a plan for a proposed \$100,000,000 bridge over the Hudson River, which has received a great deal of attention. Mr. Lindenthal has had many distinguished honors showered upon him for his work. *Continued on the following page*



Above: Governor Charles S. Whitman



Left: Governor George S. Silzer

Right: Gustav Lindenthal

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Another noted man in the ranks of engineering was William W. Crehore, a civil engineer. Mr. Crehore, who lived in Metuchen a number of years ago, was [sic] graduated from Yale University. He started practicing engineering in 1890 and in 1906 became president of the Typewriting Telegraph Company. He has written one book of a technical nature and a number of engineering articles for magazines.

Metuchen was at one time the home of a well-known actress, Miss Kate Claxton, whose career was full of high spots. Miss Claxton is chiefly remembered for her creation of the part of Louise in "The Two Orphans," which she played more than four thousand times. She is also remembered for her performance in "Frou Frou," "Called Back," "The Double Marriage," "Pauvrette," and Ogarita in "The Sea of Ice."

Edward R. E. Wilson was another prominent resident of Metuchen many years ago. He was a bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church but had been forced to retire because of failing health.

John L. Sullivan, at one time heavyweight boxing champion of the world, once lived in Metuchen. The famous Boston fighter's name is almost a household word among prize fight fans.

And below are listed those persons now in Metuchen who are prominent in their various fields.

Edward Ardolin, noted sculptor
Mrs. Anita L. Bloomfield, recently appointed jury commissioner
Miss Julia T. Bogert, librarian
Mrs. John M. Conner, antiquarian
Mr. Chas. L. Corbin, town benefactor and donor of Woodwild Park (deceased)
Mr. Lewis Compton, freeholder-director of the Board of Freeholders
Mr. Frederick Clarkson, who gave the impetus to the movement to modernize and physically improve the town
Mr. A. DiLorenzo, noted sculptor

Mr. Frank F. Dole, noted dog fancier and kennel editor of the *New York Tribune*

Mr. C.W. Fairweather, architect



Above: Kate Claxton
Below: John L. Sullivan



Mr. Carl Galloway, Superintendent of Schools, and an honorary member of the N.E.A.

Mr. F. Gallagher, State Senator, New York

Mr. Abel Hansen, Ceramist

Mr. Hanson, secretary of Governor Larson

Mr. C.F. Heartman, collector and dealer in rare books

Mr. Douglas Hicks, County Prosecutor

Dr. J.G. Mason, prominent nominee and candidate on the Prohibition ticket

Dr. C.C. Mook, Associate Director of Vertebrate Paleontology at the Museum of Natural History

Mr. R.H. Minton, ceramist

Aylin Pierson, Architect

Mr. F.M.P. Pearse, prominent lawyer and formerly secretary to Ex-Governor Silzer

Mrs. F.M.P. Pearse, garden expert whose articles appear in leading garden magazines

Mr. J.K. Powell, real estate agent and president of N.J. Realtor's Association

Mrs. C.A. Prickett, chairman of mosquito committee for the State Federation of Women's Clubs

Mr. Philip T. Ruegger, President of the Oil Association of N.J. and President of the Lorraine Oil Company

Mr. F.G. Sinclair, officer of the Bank of the United States

Mr. Elmo Spoerl, Principal of the High School

Mr. Fred Whitaker, ceramist

Mr. Walter R. William, purchasing agent for Woolworth's 5&10

Miss Underwood, illustrator

Mr. C.B. Veight, Vice-President of New Brunswick Trust Company

Rev. Fred Zimmerman, President of the N.J. Classis of Dutch Reformed Church

Thus ends the chapter on "Prominent People." Future issues of *Nannygoats* will continue reprinting the Class of 1931's *History of Metuchen*, including the next chapter, entitled *A Little Local Color*, and the successive chapters.

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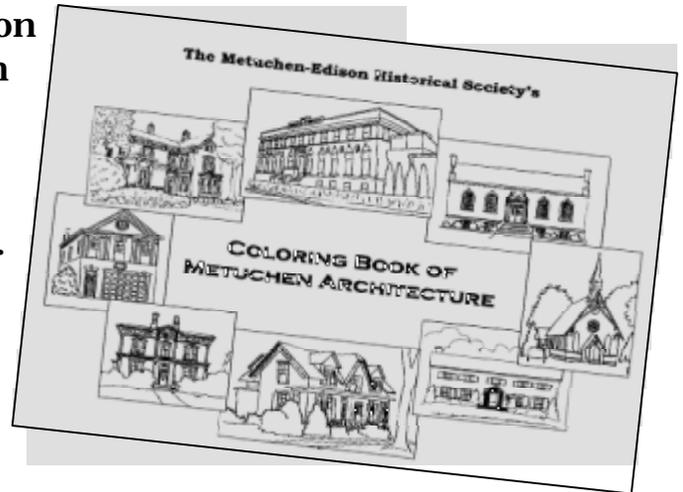
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METUCHEN COUNTRY FAIR

OCTOBER 3, 2009

Don't forget to visit the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society's booth at the Metuchen Country Fair, which will take place along Main Street in Metuchen on Saturday, October 3, 2009 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with rain dates of the following two Saturdays).

We will have interesting new historical displays, a variety of Society merchandise for sale, the Fall issue of *Nannygoats* hot off the presses, and - *new this year* - a coloring book for the kids! See you all at the Fair!



The Society's new Coloring Book of Metuchen Architecture will be available for sale at the Fair.



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We continue to add new historical information to our website on a regular basis. This Spring, we posted information on the "History of the Telephone in Metuchen," "Gustav Lindenthal," and "How the Clara Barton Neighborhood Got It's Name." So check out our website at www.metuchen-edisonhistsoc.org to see our new additions and learn more about us and our area.