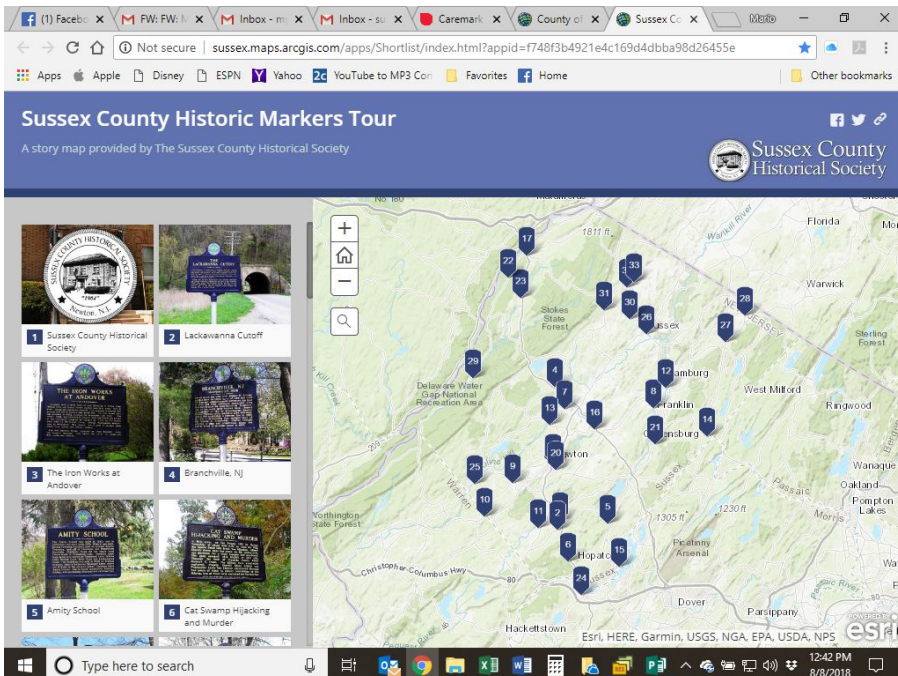


Message From The President

Hello to all members. I hope that all is well. Well I competed in the rib eating contest at the Franklin-Sussex Auto mall on June 15th. You may remember that I entered last year also. Like last year, I didn't win, but I did raise \$100 for the SWHS so it was a good day. We had our annual meeting on Saturday May 4 at Cornerstone Playhouse. Unfortunately there wasn't a very good turnout so we had to hold our elections via e-mail. It was voted that the existing Board of Directors remain in place for the next three years. Thank you very much. We are going to go to a bi-annual newsletter. It will be Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter. Included in this newsletter is an application for Sussex County History Day. If you have a nonprofit and would like to have a table there, please fill it out and e-mail it to me. Otherwise please come down and join us there. Don't forget that I am always reachable at swhistoric@gmail.com If you have any questions or comments.

We will be at Sussex County History Day and Old Newton Burial Grounds Tour Saturday September 21 from 11AM—4PM. Rain date Sunday September 22.



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Benjamin Hough



Benjamin Hough—Civil War Memorial

Benjamin Hough

Who was Benjamin Hough? Born in 1843 to Alva and Arminda Hough on their Colesville Farmstead, he was a blacksmith by trade. But let's take a step back and start from the beginning. His ancestor, John Hough (probably his great grandfather) arrived here in 1740. He enlisted to serve in the Revolutionary War in Morristown. He served under George Washington. When the war was over, he decided to purchase a farm in Colesville, in Wantage Township in 1790. His son John served in the war of 1812. Benjamin enlisted in the Civil War in 1862 and was mustered into service on August 25th and would serve under Colonel Samuel Fowler, Company H, Fifteenth Regiment of the New Jersey Volunteers until September 1, 1863, when he was transferred to Company K. He fought in battles at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Funktown, Gettysburg, The Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House. He was injured at the Battle of Gettysburg by a bullet piercing his arm. Alas he gave his life at Spotsylvania Court House on May 12, 1864. His last letter home was dated April 17, 1864, less than a month before his death. Benjamin Hough is a local hero and is buried in the long abandoned Colesville Cemetery. SWHS member Martin Little and I tried to brave a path to it in early June to no avail. The way in was just too overgrown to navigate. We will attempt again in the Fall. I did not want Benjamin Hough to be forgotten about. He is one of our local Sussex-Wantage war heroes. Special thanks to Jennie Sweetman whose undated news clip was used for some of the information in this article.



6th Corps, 1st Division.

Station
Camp near Brandy
Jan the 18 1864

Dear mother

I received a letter from you
the other night dated the 10 &
Also one last night dated Dec 27
Marked on the envelope
not at newbern n.c it had
been way down there I thought
it queer that I did not get
a letter before I got my boy
But now I understand the
difficulty now you spoke
about ~~John~~ John acermann
I have not seen or heard
tell of him since we were
at werenton you spoke
about getting my likeness
taken in your letter that

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St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church—Sussex Borough—1900

St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

This picture taken in 1900 is of the original St. Monica's Church in Sussex. In the year 1880, the Rev. Samuel Corrigan, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Newton, endeavoring to provide for the spiritual needs of the Catholics scattered in the eastern section of Sussex County, decided to build a church in Deckertown. A famous convert who lived in the section, Major General Hugh Judson Kilpatrick, who had attained renown in the Civil War, aided him in this project.

On May 4, 1881, the cornerstone of the new Church of St. Monica was blessed and installed by Archbishop Michael Corrigan of New York, the brother of Father Corrigan. The first Mass in the new Church was said in the late summer of 1881. Before this, Mass had been celebrated occasionally at the home of John Dorien on East Main Street.

Archbishop Michael Augustine Corrigan named the Church "St. Monica" after the mother of his own patron Saint. He gave, on the occasion of the cornerstone laying, a chalice that is currently on display at the Church.

Mass continued to be said monthly from Newton until 1900, when the Pastor of Franklin took charge of Sussex. The original church structure was destroyed by a windstorm in 1888 but was quickly rebuilt.

On Low Sunday, April 21, 1952, ground was broken for a new Church, the old one having become inadequate to take care of the growing parish. The last Mass celebrated in the old St. Monica's Church was on April 28, 1952 at 7:00 AM by the Pastor, Rev. Christian D. Haag. The Church was dismantled and razed shortly thereafter. The current St. Monica's church still serves the area.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

SUSSEX COUNTY HISTORY DAY

Sponsored by the Sussex County Historical Society

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21, 2019

(RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, SEPT. 22)

FEATURING:

**FALL CEMETERY TOUR OF THE OLD NEWTON BURIAL
GROUND**



CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT BY THE 27TH REGIMENT

THE LONG HILL STRING BAND

LOCAL HISTORICAL GROUP DISPLAYS

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: MARIO POGGI AT 973-864-7852
OR WENDY WYMAN AT 973-383-0015**

**Follow us on Facebook at Sussex County Historical Society and Sussex County
History Alliance for updates.**

SUSSEX COUNTY HISTORY DAY and **Old Newton Burial Ground Tour**

At the Sussex County Historical Society Event Field behind 79 Main Street in Newton
Saturday September 21, 2019
(Rain date Sunday September 22, 2019)
11:00am – 4:00pm
Vendor Information

Each vendor space is limited to ten foot by ten foot area. Vendor spaces for Non-Profit and Civic Organizations are free. All other vendor spaces are \$20.00 each. We suggest that all vendors have a giveaway or prizes for the visitors if possible. This is not required but people seem to really like this.

Participants should supply their own:

Tent (Optional)

Table (or we can provide an 8-foot table upon request. Non-Profits only, limited availability)

Chairs (or we can provide two folding chairs upon request. Non-Profits only, limited availability)

There is no electric available. We would rather not have any generators being used to keep the serenity of the cemetery and area.

Vendors should start arriving at 8:30AM to set up and should be completed by 11:00am. All vehicles must be off the grass and parked by 11:00am. There is plenty of parking available on site at the old McGuire parking lot.

No alcoholic beverages will be sold or served.

Please complete and return the Vendor Form on or before August 1, 2019. The sooner the better to reserve your spot as space is limited and especially if you want us to provide you with a table and/or chairs, which are extremely limited.

Please send your completed application (and check for \$20.00 made out to the Sussex County Historical Society if applicable) to:

Sussex County Historical Society
P.O. Box 913
Newton, NJ 07860
Attn: Mario Poggi

Non-profits and Civic Organizations may e-mail your completed Vendor Application (Because no fee is required) to:

sussexhistorynj@gmail.com

If you have any questions, contact Mario Poggi at 973 864-7852 or e-mail me at sussexhistorynj@gmail.com.

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Business or Commercial vendors selling a product, please include check in the amount of \$20.00 made payable to the Sussex County Historical Society.

Name of Business or Group:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

Name of Contact Person:

Contact Phone Number:

Item or Items to be Sold or Presented:

Giveaway, game or prize: (Optional)

Do you want us to provide you with an 8-foot table? Y N (Non-Profits Only)
Do you want us to provide you with 2 folding chairs? Y N (Non-Profits Only)

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WANTAGE TOWNSHIP, N.J.

WANTAGE TOWNSHIP

NAMED FOR AN ENGLISH TOWN.
SETTLED BY YANKEES, DUTCH,
GERMANS AND FRENCH.
PETER DECKER, A HOLLANDER,
LOCATED HERE IN 1740.

History – Community – Family – Tradition



Rural Wantage, where it was said that there were "more cows than people".
(Adapted from a famous Louis Larsen painting of the Sam Vandruff Farm.)

This glimpse into Wantage's history highlights some special features. Included are: Native American campsites – an extinct volcano – a border war, and a "beaver" war – a famous race horse – a famous general – college – a seminary – museums – forts – even a zoo!

OUR VERDANT VALLEY — STILL THE GARDEN IN THE GARDEN STATE

Rev. Kanouse's eloquent historical sermon in 1844 helps us envision Wantage's past: "its Verdant Valley... may be said to flow with milk and honey – the enterprising colonists made the wilderness to bud and blossom like the rose. Scarcely is there to be seen a richer or more picturesque landscape – the immense valley bestudded with cottages, hamlets and villages embossed in fields waving in the rising harvest."

Have you gotten your Historic Wantage Map yet? This is a great resource showing the many historic locations in Wantage Township. A lot of people put in a lot of work to put this together. You can get yours for only a \$5.00 donation to the Friends of the Sussex-Wantage Library, who sponsored this project. You can get your copy by stopping by and seeing our friend Stephen Denman at his great store, Respectrum Books on the corner of Rt.23 and Spring Street in Sussex Borough or you can mail a check for \$5.00 for each map requested, made out to the Friends of the Sussex-Wantage Library, plus \$1.50 postage for the first map, \$1.00 for each additional map. Mail to: Barbara Young, 209 Rose Morrow Road, Sussex, NJ 07461. You can call Barbara at 973 875-7864 if you have any questions. It should be noted that the SWHS does not receive any financial compensation from the sales of this map.



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2019 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

CURRENTLY MEMBERSHIP TO THE SUSSEX-WANTAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS \$10.00 (PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO SUSSEX-WANTAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE OR APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.SWHISTORIC.ORG TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD USING PAYPAL)

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

TELEPHONE NUMBER_____

E-MAIL ADDRESS_____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US_____

WHAT IS/WAS YOUR OCCUPATION_____

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES_____

WHAT INTERESTS YOU MOST ABOUT HISTORY_____

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE OUR MEETINGS TO INCLUDE_____

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO BE A VOLUNTEER ON ONE OF OUR PROJECTS - Y N