

*New Jersey State Archives eNews*  
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Greetings from the New Jersey State Archives! It gives me great pleasure to transmit to you this inaugural issue of our electronic newsletter. Yes, we have been delayed a bit in starting up the publication, but I am glad to report that this is thanks to so many other exciting developments this spring and summer, which you'll hear about as you read further.

We hope to issue *eNews* every two or three months. As we send out issues, don't be surprised if the format and columns change. This is a brand new venture for us and the newsletter will certainly evolve as we receive feedback on what you find useful and what you want to hear more about on a regular basis.

Thank you for signing up for *eNews*! Newsletter producer Veronica Calder and I look forward to hearing from you at [archives.news@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:archives.news@sos.state.nj.us). Please feel free to send us stories of your research activities, queries and successes. We hope to share these as a regular feature of the newsletter in the future. Also, please feel free to forward the newsletter to friends and colleagues, who can add their names to the mailing list by sending us a message at the e-mail address above.

With best regards, and wishing you much success in your research,

*Joseph R. Klett*  
Chief of Archives

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## **Events and Outreach**

### ***Proprietors & Adventurers***

The rare New Jersey documentary treasures purchased at Christie's in June will be publicly unveiled at Morven Museum & Garden in Princeton on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at 11:30 a.m. Acting Governor Richard J. Codey and Secretary of State Regena L. Thomas will host the opening of "Proprietors & Adventurers: A Rediscovery of Colonial New Jersey," an exciting exhibition featuring the original manuscripts, maps and books. Dr. Richard P. McCormick, professor emeritus of history at Rutgers University will be the featured speaker. The event will be open to the public.

After the opening on September 27, the documents will remain on view in facsimile form at Morven through the end of October. In November, an expanded display will be opened in the State Archives' exhibit gallery in the Department of State Building, 225 West State Street.

The State Archives purchased eleven lots of unique or extremely rare New Jerseyana from the Jay T. Snider Collection auctioned in New York City on June 21. The collection features records of Robert Barclay, proprietary governor of East New Jersey from 1682 to 1690, which were in private hands for more than three centuries. Acting Governor Codey authorized \$656,760 from the New Jersey Public Records Preservation Fund for the acquisition of the documents.

For more information on the acquisition and event, visit:

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/adventurers.html>

For directions to Morven Museum & Garden, visit:

<http://www.historicmorven.org/directions.html>

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## ***Fall Workshops***

Karl J. Niederer, division director and State Historical Records Coordinator, announced the State Historical Records Advisory Board's six workshops this fall on using and caring for archival collections. The series is cosponsored by the New Jersey Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference and the Genealogical Society of New Jersey.

The initial workshop was held earlier this week, on 9/20, at the State Archives. Chief of Archives Joseph R. Klett and Collection Manager Ellen R. Callahan led the half-day session on “Managing Archival Collections.” They covered topics ranging from developing a collecting policy, appraisal of potential donations and storage environment, to cataloging and description, website presentation of collection guides, and instructing users in the proper handling of original materials.

Space is available for the remaining workshops, as follows:

10/5	<b>“Preserving Photographs”</b> instructed by Janet T. Riemer, Preservation Archivist, and Joanne Nestor, Principal Photographer at New Jersey State Archives. 2:00 p.m., New Jersey State Archives, Trenton, NJ.
10/10	<b>“Using Church Archives”</b> instructed by Peter Wosh, Director, Archives Management Program, New York University. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Beck Room, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.
10/19	<b>“Microclimates and Enclosures”</b> instructed by Timothy Corlis, Head of Preservation, Special Collections & University Archives, Rutgers University. 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Pane Room, Alexander Library, College Avenue Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
10/31	<b>“Learning to Drive: Preparing Your Institution and Its Collections for the New Jersey Digital Highway”</b> instructed by Daniel Noonan, Supervisor of Electronic Records Management, NJ Division of Archives & Records Management. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, State Records Storage Center, West Trenton, NJ.
11/10	<b>“County Archives: Reference Services”</b> instructed by County Archivist Gary Saretzky and Reference Specialist Mary Ann Kiernan, Monmouth County Archives. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Monmouth County Library Headquarters, Manalapan, NJ.

For more information, visit <http://www.njarchives.org/links/shrabworkshops.html> and/or contact Barbara Pepe, 609-777-3598, [barbara.pepe@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:barbara.pepe@sos.state.nj.us)

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## ***Archives in Print and Media***

The following major articles, productions and exhibitions have recently featured materials from the State Archives:

“1870 US Census Mortality Schedules: Essex County” by Janet T. Riemer and Sean A. Curry. <i>Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey</i> , 80:62-68 [and prior installments], May 2005.
“New Jersey Supreme Court Cases, 1704-1760” by Thomas B. Wilson. <i>Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey</i> , 80:73-80 [and prior installments], May 2005.

“New Jersey’s Civil War Orphans, 1865-1871” by Joseph R. Klett. <i>Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey</i> , 80:81-88 [and prior installments], May 2005.
“Celebrating the Legacy of Kenney Hospital, Newark, New Jersey.” Exhibition presented by the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee in partnership with New Salem Baptist Church, 14 May 2005. Featured images from the WPA Ethnological Survey photograph collection.
<i>Madhouse: A Tragic Tale of Megalomania and Modern Medicine</i> by Andrew Scull (Yale University Press, May 2005). In-depth look at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital and its former superintendent, Dr. Henry Cotton, using photographic images and other materials from the State Archives.
Numerous newspaper articles about the recent acquisition of colonial documents, maps and imprints, June-September 2005. See <a href="#">Proprietors and Adventurers</a> above.
Exhibition on the history of the Middlesex County courts using images from the 1947 Constitutional Convention, Middlesex County records, and WPA photographs, to be opened 29 September 2005.

For further information about photographic reproduction of materials from the State Archives, consult our *Guide to Reproduction and Research Services, Policies and Fees* at <http://www.njarchives.org/links/reproduction.html> and/or contact Principal Photographer Joanne Nestor at [archives.publications@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:archives.publications@sos.state.nj.us).

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## ***Road Shows***

The State Archives staff regularly present lectures to local historical and genealogical groups, including the lectures developed for the 2003 and 2004 “Exploring Your Jersey Roots” series. Staff archivists Veronica L. Calder, Bette M. Epstein, Joseph R. Klett and Catherine Stearns Medich have presented lectures around the state during recent months. Upcoming presentations include:

10/1	<b>“Genealogical Resources at the New Jersey State Archives”</b> to be presented by Catherine Stearns Medich at Clark Public Library, Clark, NJ, 1:30 p.m.
10/13	<b>“Using the Records of the East and West Jersey Proprietors”</b> to be presented by Joseph R. Klett at the Genealogical Society of the West Fields, Westfield Memorial Library, Westfield, NJ, 11:30 a.m.
10/29	<b>“Whose Secret Is It Anyway? An Archivist’s Perspective”</b> to be presented by Joseph R. Klett at the “Crossing the Boundaries” regional conference in Suffern, NY, cosponsored by New York Genealogical and Biographical Society and genealogical/historical societies of Bergen, Passaic, Rockland and Orange counties.
12/3	<b>“Using the Records of the East and West Jersey Proprietors”</b> to be presented by Joseph R. Klett at the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Jersey at the Nassau Club, Princeton, NJ.

For a list of possible lectures by State Archives staff, please contact us at [archives.reference@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:archives.reference@sos.state.nj.us) and/or consult the following website pages:

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/jersey-roots.html>

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/jersey-roots2.html>

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### ***Archives Day in Monmouth County***

As part of National Archives Week, the Monmouth County Archives will host its tenth annual Archives Day celebration on 10/15 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, NY. The day-long celebration will feature table displays by more than 70 history organizations, including the State Archives. Dr. Alex Magoun will give the keynote address on “The RCA Origins of Everyday Things.” Elsalyn Palmisano of the New Jersey Caucus, Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, will conduct a presentation on the benefits of the CAPES consulting program for historical societies and libraries with archival collections. Several events are planned at the County Library Headquarters for earlier in the week, including:

10/11	Screening of the film “ <b>National Treasure</b> ”
10/12	“ <b>Care and Identification of 19th Century Photographs</b> ” workshop by Elizabeth Shepard and Gary Saretzky
10/12	“ <b>Teaching the Modern Civil Rights Struggle</b> ” teachers’ workshop for grades 4 to 12 by Giles Wright of the New Jersey Historical Commission

For more information about the Archives Week events contact Gary Saretzky at 732-308-3772 or [gsaretzk@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:gsaretzk@co.monmouth.nj.us).

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### ***Historical Commission Annual Conference***

The New Jersey Historical Commission will celebrate the 85th anniversary of Women’s Suffrage at its 21st Annual Conference, to be held at the Trenton War Memorial on Saturday, November 19th. The event will feature lectures by Ann Gordon of Rutgers University and Delight Dodyk of the Women’s Project of New Jersey, as well as afternoon panel discussions on Women’s History. The State Archives will have an information table at the event. For more information about the program, visit: <http://www.state.nj.us/state/history/index.html>.

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## Website News

### *Supreme Court Database*

We are excited to officially unveil the first database to be posted to the State Archives' website, providing online searching of the index to Supreme Court Cases, 1704-1844. The new search engine provides access to over 70,000 case references. Since the Supreme Court was originally not just an appeals court, this vast record series is extremely valuable for genealogical research in the colonial and early-statehood periods. The present search engine allows basic queries using several data fields. More complex searching will be possible as we refine the search engine and complete further data entry (adding the county, year and case type).

Special acknowledgement goes to archivists Veronica Calder and Vivian Thiele for their concerted efforts to post the database to our site. Search the file at <http://www.njarchives.org/links/supremedb.html>.

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### *New Guide Postings*

We have posted hundreds of guides to collections to our website this year. The catalog query pages listed below are among those for which a large number of the available finding aids are now online:

**Non-Governmental Records - Personal and Family Papers (A - G)**

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/webcat/queries/pfamily1.html>

**Non-Governmental Records - Personal and Family Papers (H - P)**

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/webcat/queries/pfamily2.html>

**Non-Governmental Records - Personal and Family Papers (R - Z)**

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/webcat/queries/pfamily3.html>

**Department of the Treasury – Taxation Records (including railroad and canal taxation)**

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/webcat/queries/setreas3.html>

**Legislature - Colonial and Revolutionary War Periods**

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/webcat/queries/slcoloni.html>

**Secretary of State - Corporate Filings**

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/webcat/queries/sestat03.html>

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## ***Imaged Collections***

Earlier this month, images from two additional photographic collections were added to the State Archives' website:

**Early Houses of Burlington County** (110 views of historic houses photographed by Nathaniel R. Ewan, 1932-1949)

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/guides/pewan001.html>

**Photographs of Monuments** (19 views of New Jersey military monuments, in- and out-of-state, 1888-1908)

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/guides/sdea0012.html>

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## **Collections News**

### ***Save America's Treasures Project***

In July 2005, the State Archives sent its first shipment of Revolutionary War documents to the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia, thus commencing the largest paper conservation project funded to date by the federal *Save America's Treasures (SAT)* program. New Jersey played a central role in the struggle for American independence, with over 296 military engagements in the state during the period 1775-1782. As our nation celebrates the 225th anniversary of the war, the State Archives has made conservation of related manuscript sources its highest preservation priority.

The *SAT* project entails treatment of over 5,200 leaves of manuscripts ranging from militia records, eyewitness battle accounts and inventories of property damage caused by British and American troops, to court books documenting treason cases, Loyalist papers, and legislative petitions. The manuscripts to be treated represent about 6% of the Archives' war-related holdings.

The State Archives' proposal was among the highest scoring out of nearly four hundred applications received by the National Parks Services/NEH in 2003, making preservation of these materials the *SAT* document conservation program's national priority. Nearly half of the total project budget of \$694,000 will be funded through the New Jersey Public Records Preservation Fund established by the legislature in 2003. Chief of Archives Joseph R. Klett and Collection Manager Ellen R. Callahan will manage the project.

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## ***Recent Accessions***

The recent acquisitions listed below are especially noteworthy for their potential research value. For more information about possible donations or records transfers to the State Archives, contact Collection Manager Ellen R. Callahan at [archives.collections@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:archives.collections@sos.state.nj.us) and/or consult our *Collecting Policy* at <http://www.njarchives.org/links/collecting-policy.html>.

*For genealogy and military history:*

2005.008	Manumission of Nancy/Ann by Lewis W. R. Phillips, Hunterdon Co., 1829.
2005.009	Ridgeway family Quaker family marriage certificates, 1718-1768; original Burlington County deeds, 1688-1718; and account of drowning at Sandy Hook, 1789.
2005.017	Leases of Thomas Mayhew of Pilesgrove, Salem Co., to Samuel Rose of Mannington and John Gosling, 1761.
2005.018	Final Report: Potter's Field Disinterment/Reinterment, Secaucus Interchange Project, 2005. This report documents individual burials at Potter's Field, one of three locations used by Hudson County's former institutional complex at Snake Hill (now Laurel Hill). A listing of those buried is available in the State Archives' Microfilm Reading Room.
2005.024	Order book of Co. I., 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, 1861-1862.
2005.030	Record book of Robert Barclay, proprietary governor of East New Jersey (1682-90), and five seventeenth-century maps of New Jersey. See <a href="#">Proprietors and Adventurers</a> above.
2005.035	Records of the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home, Menlo Park, NJ, ca. 1866-1929. Include admissions (to 1898), accounts and statistical reports. Note that the admission records are incomplete and may be subject to statutory confidentiality.

*For cultural resources studies:*

2005.001	Historic American Building Survey (HABS) report on Hendrickson Family Farmstead, Hopewell and Ewing Twps., Mercer Co., 2000. Includes 71 photographs and 10 measured drawings.
2005.002	HABS report on Radio Transmitter Building, Wayne Twp., Passaic Co., 1995.
2005.003	Cultural Resources Investigation: Remediation of Fort James Corp., Riegelsville Mill Site, Hopatcong Twp., Warren Co., and Holland Twp., Hunterdon Co., 1999.
2005.004	Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) documentation on Route 1, 9 and 46 viaduct. Includes 19 photographs and 8 copies of drawings prepared prior to bridge replacement project.
2005.005	HAER documentation on the Scott Road Bridge, Franklin Bor., Sussex Co., prepared prior to bridge replacement project.
2005.006	Documentation for the demolition of the Morris County Old Jail, Morristown, 2003. Includes a narrative history of the Old Jail, 47 B&W photographs and 10 drawings.



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## Bookstore News

### *New Titles at BooksNJ*

*BooksNJ: The Capital Bookstore* is a joint venture of the State Archives and New Jersey Historical Commission, in management partnership with the Genealogical Society of New Jersey. Located on the first floor of 225 West State Street, the store features a wide selection of New Jersey history and genealogy publications from over eighty publishers. Visit the store during its regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 11:00-3:00 (except State holidays) or check out the website at <http://www.booksnj.com>. Credit card orders by telephone can be placed at 609-943-4444.

Bookstore sales manager Beth Lawrence-Gill notes the following new titles of special interest:

Clifford, Karen. <i>The Complete Beginner's Guide to Genealogy, the Internet and Your Genealogy Computer Program.</i>
Cox, Arthur J. and Malim, Thomas. <i>Ferracute: The history of an American Enterprise.</i>
Cunningham, John T. <i>Newark.</i>
Goodspeed, Diane. <i>Family-Friendly Biking in New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania.</i>
Gottfried, Bradley M. <i>Kearny's Own: The History of the 1<sup>st</sup> New Jersey Brigade in the Civil War.</i>
Hans, Jim. <i>100 Hoboken Firsts.</i>
Hopper, Maria Jean Pratt. <i>The Hopper Family Genealogy: Descendants of Andries Willemszen Hoppe(n) of New Amsterdam, 1651-1658.</i>
Macken, Lynda Lee. <i>Ghosts of the Garden State, Volume III.</i>
Pike, Helen-Chantal. <i>Asbury Park's Glory Days.</i>
Mitnick, Barbara J., ed. <i>New Jersey in the American Revolution.</i> See <a href="#">Book Signing</a> below.
Scarinci, Donald. <i>David Brearley and the Making of the United States Constitution.</i>
White, Wendel A. <i>Small Towns, Black Lives.</i>

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## ***Book Signing***

On Thursday, October 13th, BooksNJ will host a signing event for the recently published compilation *New Jersey in the American Revolution* (Rutgers University Press, 2005). Editor Barbara Mitnick and contributors Richard Hunter, Mark Lender and Thomas Fleming will be available in the store to sign copies from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Come early while supplies of this beautiful, hard-cover publication last.

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## ***Arcadia Press Sale***

This fall, all Arcadia Press local photographic histories in stock will be on sale at 25% off. For a listing of available titles, consult the bookstores online catalog at the web address above.

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