

# Township of Aberdeen



ONE ABERDEEN SQUARE, ABERDEEN, N.J. 07747

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This booklet is the product of the Aberdeen Township Historical Commission and contains the Chronological History of the Township of Aberdeen from 1609 to present.

Also included is a Chronological History of Public Education in the Township, along with listings of Officials who have served.

The History is put in this order so that any information received can be added in the appropriate time period.

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## ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY

- 1609**  
September 5, 1609 - H. Hudson & crew land on South shore of Sandy Hook Bay.
- 1650**  
August 5, 1650 - Dutch purchase lands on South side of bay from Indians.
- 1663**  
December 6-10, 1663 - Dutch voyage to "Newesing" to purchase lands from Indians.
- 1664**  
March 12, 1663-4 - Charles II grants lands in America to his brother, James, Duke of York.  
June 24, 1664 - Nova Caesarea or New Jersey granted to John, Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret.  
August 27, 1664 - Gov. P. Stuyvesant surrenders to Col. Richard Niccols.
- 1665**  
April 8, 1665 - Niccols grants Navesink patent, not knowing the Duke had previously granted to Berkeley and Carteret. Middletown and Shrewsbury were established. This grant would be controversial for many years.
- 1673**  
July 30, 1673 - Dutch reconquest. N.J. becomes "Achter Coll", within New Netherland. Rule by Council of War.
- 1674**  
February 9, 1673-4 - Peace treaty concluded between Dutch and English.  
June 26, 1674 - Grant to Duke of York reestablished by Charles II.  
July 29, 1674 - Berkeley sells his share to John Fenwick. this eventually leads to division of N.J. to East & West.  
November 10, 1674 - Dutch Gov. Antony Colve relinquishes power to E. Andros.

## ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)

- 1675**  
July 10, 1675 - Southern & Southwestern boundary of Middletown established. Aberdeen not included.  
November 13, 1675 - "Two Towns of Nevysink" created as a county.
- 1676**  
July 1, 1676 - Quintipartite Agreement divides N.J. into East & West.
- 1677**  
June 12, 1677 - Sir George Carteret grants 36 acres on Mohingson Creek to Jonathan Holmes. This is the first English land grant known in Aberdeen.
- 1678**  
December 5, 1678 - Will of Sir George bequeaths East N.J. to 6 trustees.
- 1682**  
February 1-2, 1682 - 6 Trustees convey East N.J. to 12 proprietors, headed by W. Penn. Later in year, these 12 convey their interest to 12 more, a total of 24 proprietors.  
September 16, 1682 - Robert Barclay appointed Gov.; Thomas Rudyard; deputy.
- 1683**  
March 7, 1682-3 - Monmouth County incorporated.  
March 14, 1682-3 - Duke of York confirms purchase by deed to 24 proprietors.  
July 27, 1683 - Gawen Lawrie replaces Rudyard as Dep. Gov.  
November 23, 1683 - Charles II confirms right of Government.  
1683 - John Reid & George Scot promote Scottish settlement.
- 1685**  
February 28, 1684-5 - 1038 acres granted to T. Rudyard, surveyor gen.  
April 20, 1685 - 1000 acres granted to William Dockwra.  
July 3, 1685 - Order sent to Deputy Gov. regarding the laying out of land. Rule No. 7 addressed the questionable activity of G. Lawrie & T. Rudyard in taking up land. (See above item).  
November 5, 1685 - Rudyard sells his land to Samuel Winder.

## ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)

### 1686

June 4, 1686 -

Lord Neill Campbell replaces Lawrie as Deputy Gov.

June 17, 1686 -

S. Winder sells his land to Capt. Andrew Bowne.

July 26, 1686 -

500 acre patent to Gershom Bowne.

September 13, 1686 -

400 acres granted to Stephen & Thomas Warne.

November 10, 1686 -

Campbell leaves office.

### 1687

March 2, 1687 -

King's Highway laid out from middletown to Amboy, other roads. (C Deeds 1).

### 1688

May 12, 1688 -

500 acres granted to Lydia, widow of John Bowne.

June 2, 1688 -

500 acres granted to Thomas Hart.

August 1688 -

Gov. Edward Andros takes over.

### 1689

### 1690

May 24, 1690 -

Patent confirmed to Dr. John Johnston in the right of his late father-in-law, George Scott.

August 10, 1690 -

Indian deed (C deed 163) to L. Bowne for above tract, from Ilosechote, Tapchalaway & Talinguanecan, sachems of Mecaponects.

October 3, 1690 -

Death of Gov. Barclay.

### 1691

### 1692

First propriety division of land. (10,000 acres).

### 1693

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### 1695

November 30, 1695 -

1000 Acres Patented to Thomas Warne. N/S Mat. Cr.

### 1696

### 1697

### 1698

Second proprietary division of land (5,000 acres).

### 1699

May 10, 1699 -

60 acres granted to John Johnstone in the right of Jas Johnson.

### 1700

### 1701

March 22, 1700-01

Steven & Thomas Warne sell 1/2 pf Warne's Neck to Andrew Burnet. Also a tract to William Samuel & 29 others.

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)

June 7, 1701 - Patent to J. Johnstone & others.  
1702 Third proprietary division of land (2,500  
acres).  
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March 21, 1705-06 - Highway laid out Middletown to the County  
Line (Church St.).  
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July 15, 1709 - Deed from Wickala, Indian Sagamore to  
Thomas Boells & Rip Van Dan, executors of  
Thomas Hart, deceased. See grant to T.  
Hart, June 2, 1688. (E deeds 161).  
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1740 Fourth proprietary division of land  
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ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)

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December 30, 1768 - Van Brakle Rd. laid out. A roads 113.

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July 4, 1776 - Declaration of Independence, Philadelphia, PA.

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ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)

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May 17, 1793 -

Road laid out (Atlantic Ave., etc.) B  
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September 2, 1819 -

Lower Main St. laid out-C Roads 170.

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December 8, 1821 -

Line Rd. laid out-C Roads 126.

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ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)

1834

March 4, 1834 - Cliffwood Ave. laid out D roads 65  
November 17, 1834 - Gerard Ave. laid out D roads 85

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February 25, 1836 - Monmouth & Middlesex Agriculture RR &  
Transp. Co Incorporated, PL 1836, page  
158.

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June 3, 1847 - Lloyd Rd., Reids Hill Rd. laid out.  
Raritan Township Incorporated.

1848

March 2, 1848 - Freehold & Keyport RR Incorporated, PL  
1848, pg. 138.

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February 15, 1850 - Eleanor Croes tract subdivided.  
February 20, 1850 - Monmouth County Plank Rd. Co.  
Incorporated, P.L. 1850, pg. 107

1851

March 5, 1851 - Monmouth County Plank Rd. Co. authorized  
to construct a railroad, P.L. 1851, pg.  
170.

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January 3, 1854 - Matawan Ave. laid out. E Roads 278

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February 23, 1857 - Matawan Township chartered, P.L. 1857,  
Chap. 16  
October 5, 1857 - Cross Rd. laid out.

1858

February 1, 1858 - Matawan & Keyport Bridge Co.  
incorporated, P.L. 1858, Chap. 4

March 11, 1858 - Act for collecting delinquent taxes, P.L.  
1858, Chap. 116



**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)**

**1859**

March 16, 1859 - Inhabitants authorized to vote by ballot at Township Meetings, P.L. 1859, Chap. 147.

May 13, 1859 - Lloyd Rd. laid out south of Reid's Hill Road.

December 26, 1859 - Holmes Estate divided into lots.

**1860**

**1861**

**1862**

February 28, 1862 - Holmdel & Middletown point Tpk. Co. incorporated, P.L. 1862, Chap. 56.

March 11, 1862 - Matawan & Holmdel Tpk. Co. incorporated, P.L. 1863, Chap. 109.

**1863**

March 6, 1863 - Act for payment of 9-Months Volunteers, PL 1863, Chap. 109.

March 30, 1863 - Middlesex & Monmouth Turnpike Co. incorporated, PL 1863, Chap. 130.

**1864**

**1865**

March 2, 1865 - Act regarding Civil War volunteers from Twp., PL 1865, Chap. 142.

March 30, 1865 - Monmouth & Middlesex RR incorporated, PL 1865, Chap. 359.

**1866**

March 28, 1866 - Act for maintenance of Main St., PL 1866, Chap. 341

June 26, 1866 - Matawan Towpath Co. incorporated, PL 1866, Chap. 360.

**1867**

April 5, 1867 - Monmouth County Agricultural RR incorporated, PL 1867, Chap. 324.

April 11, 1867 - Livestock prohibited to run at large in Twp., PL 1867, Chap. 456

**1868**

March 4, 1868 - Middlesex & Monmouth Tpk. Co. incorporated, PL 1868, Chap. 101.

April 8, 1868 - New York & Long Branch RR incorporated, PL 1868, Chap. 379.

**1869**

**1870**

May 25, 1870 - Fountain & Horner tract subdivided.

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)

- 1871  
November 15, 1871 - "Town House Lot", 4 acres in Raritan Twp., purchased jointly with Holmdel & Raritan from John W. & Elizabeth L. Murphy for \$500. (233 DEEDS 500)
- 1872  
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April 3, 1873 - Act to enable the Twp. to build a lockup, PL 1873, Chap. 463.
- 1876  
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March 12, 1880 - Constable's term extended to 3 years, PL 1880, Chap. 195.
- 1881  
December 14, 1881 - Meeting of citizens of Matawan Village to discuss incorporation of boro.
- 1882  
March 17, 1882 - Spelling changed from Matavan to Matawan, PL 1882, Chap. 106.
- 1883  
February 24, 1883 - Last year "Colored School" appears in annual School Financial Report.  
March 20, 1883 - Referendum to form Borough defeated, 93-79.  
March 23, 1883 - Township Committee terms extended to three years, staggered, per PL 1883, Chap. 151.
- 1884  
1885  
March 10, 1885 - Resolved, each road district hereafter to elect its own overseer, per act of 1884.  
March 17, 1885 - Referendum to form Borough approved, 144-133.
- 1886  
February Court Term - Commissioners of Matawan v. Horner  
May 29, 1886 - First election for commissioners of "Matawan Fire District."
- 1887  
1888  
March 22, 1888 - "To meet at the Town-House with Holmdel & Raritan."
- 1889  
February 18, 1889 - Town-House ordered sold.  
April 19, 1889 - Decided against a Township Hall.

## ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)

### 1890

- February 13, 1890 - Resolved to thank JOURNAL publisher David A. Bell.
- March 22, 1890 - Resolved to thank former Committeeman Garrett Hendrickson.
- April 9, 1890 - Report submitted approving sale of Town-House.
- August 6, 1890 - Health ordinance passed.
- November 12, 1890 - To gravel Holmdel Turnpike.

### 1891

- February 7, 1891 - Work on New Road approved.  
John E. Kuhns tract, W. Keyport, Subdivided.

### 1892

- May 14, 1892 - Chairman Ryer appointed as committee of one to confer with borough to fix Atlantic Avenue. Deeds & surveys for new road ordered spread upon the minutes.
- September 15, 1892 - Town-House lot sold to Daniel I. Stillwell for \$550. (506 deeds 261)
- September 17, 1892 - Township Committee discusses cholera precautions.
- November 19, 1892 - Board of Health passes poudrette ordinance.

### 1893

- March 10, 1893 - Tax Assessor's term extended to three years, PL 1893, Chap. 91.

### 1894

- April 21, 1894 - Fire District Boundary to be Borough Boundary.
- May 19, 1894 - Resl'n. - Dog owners have 30 days to obtain licenses.
- June 16, 1894 - Township divided into 2 election districts. Main St. to be boundary.

### 1895

- February 12, 1895 - Term of Commissioners of Appeals extended to three years by PL 1895, Chap 9.
- March 19, 1895 - First Consolidated Board of Education elected. Broad St. School site chosen.
- March 23, 1895 - Constable William Winterton resigns; Richard P. van Brakle appointed.
- August 10, 1895 - Freeholders give notice that Township is to take over maintenance of Freehold & Keyport Turnpike.
- November 1895 - November Term NJ Sup. Ct. (58 NJL 29 Vroom 491) finds Boro Commission Act "of questionable constitutionality."

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)**

**1896**

April 21, 1896 - Borough Commission Act repealed, Borough to be reincorporated under PL 1878, and separated from Township by PL 1896, Chap. 198. Fire District into Borough.  
May 2, 1896 - Borough reorganizes as separate municipality.

**1897**

February 4, 1897 - Division of appropriations between Borough and Township.  
March 18, 1897 - Salaries of Township officials reduced.  
June 24, 1897 - Harry Churchman appointed Special Collector.  
July 22, 1897 - J. Don Conover appointed Special Collector.  
December 23, 1897 - Resolution approved authorizing electric power on Matawan & Keyport Street RR.

**1898**

**1899**

May 18, 1899 - Constable Churchman notified to prevent Sunday ball-playing.  
June 29, 1899 - Electric Light Ordinance approved.

**1900**

February 15, 1900 - Collector Stewart resigns effective on qualification of his successor.

**1901**

September 10, 1901 - William C. Lamberson Estate divided.

**1902**

November 20, 1902 - Resolution approved to have road from borough line to Keyport macadamized. (Lower Main St.)

**1903**

February 12, 1903 - Jersey Central Traction Co. gets franchise to cross roads at Cliffwood.  
March 10, 1903 - Referendum approved for Twp. Hall, 34-2. Joint Library with Borough approved by referendum, 24-3.  
November 24, 1903 - Lot purchased for Twp. Hall. (724 deeds 104)

**1904**

January 24, 1904 - Deed for Twp. Hall lot received from County Clerk.

**1905**

**1906**

April 14, 1906 - Commissioners of Appeal abolished by PL 1906, Chap. 120, Sect. 13.

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)**

**1907**

- October 31, 1907 - Voting Machine to be used in General Election.
- December 18, 1907 - Jersey Central Traction Co. requests privilege to bridge 22' cut at County Rd.

**1908**

- April 4, 1908 - Investigation into Township financial affairs begun.
- April 30, 1908 - Tax Collector J. Don Conover, 51, commits suicide. Investigation postponed.
- June 8, 1908 - Michael E. Haley appointed tax Collector.
- August 20, 1908 - 1907 books found \$554.52 short. Bill ordered to Levi S. Simmons, administrator of Conover estate.
- December 30, 1908 - Expense of investigation in \$396.45. Township to receive \$124 from Conover estate.

**1909**

- October 28, 1909 - Collector Conover's total shortage was \$6287.05.

**1910**

- April 1910 - Rose Farm subdivided.
- October 19, 1910 - Collector Haley struck & killed by NY & LB RR train in work-related accident.
- October 19, 1910 - George F. Keller appointed Tax Collector.
- December 29, 1910 - Township settles with 7 of J. Don Conover's 10 bondsmen. Three do not accept Township's offer.
- 1910 - Lakeview Gardens subdivided.

**1911**

- August 5, 1911 - Switch & Siding being built from NY & LB RR to Lenox Brick Co.

**1912**

- March 27, 1912 - Overseer of the Poor to be appointed for a five year term, per PL 1912, Chap. 174.
- April 29, 1912 - Raritan Brick Co. subdivides its property as "Matawan Part."

**1913**

- January 4, 1913 - Alvin N. Lambertson appointed Chief of Police.
- April 5, 1913 - Constables request Township build a lockup. Denied by Twp. Committee. Bill for \$9 from borough for answering fire calls denied by Twp. Committee.

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)**

October 4, 1913 - Twp. Committee decides to straighten Mill Rd.  
October 15, 1913 - Chief A. N. Lambertson arrested in boro for being drunk and disorderly.  
November 1, 1913 - Pasquale Sarabuchello appointed Marshal. Thomas Nagle ordered to return equipment.

**1914**

April 1, 1914 - Mill Rd. ordinance passed. \$10 donated to Monmouth Memorial Hospital.  
May 6, 1914 - Harry B. Hulsart's bid of \$378.05 for Mill Rd. awarded. Committeeman Lewis H. Stemler to supervise work at no cost to the Township.  
July 1, 1914 - Mill Rd. accepted.  
August 5, 1914 - Keyport Heights subdivision approved by Twp. Committee.

**1915**

February 11, 1915 - George Cross subdivision [presented. Action deferred-not signed by surveyor.  
July 18, 1915 - Article on condition of Monmouth & Middlesex Tpk. Jitney service begins between Matawan & Keyport "last week."  
August 12, 1915 - Tax Map accepted.

**1916**

January 1, 1916 - Thomas J. Sinnett re-elected Chairman.  
January 5, 1916 - Chairman Sinnett resigns chair in dispute over appointment of road overseers. Walter D. Brown takes over as Chairman.  
April 26, 1916 - Freeholders award contract to pave Keyport-Amboy Rd. with amiesite.

**1917**

**1918**

December 8, 1918 - Oak Shades Fire Co. organized by Thomas E. Kearney and others.

**1919**

**1920**

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March 11, 1922 - Constables to be appointed per PL 1922, Chap. 151.  
July 14, 1922 - Concrete starts "more than two weeks ago" on Matawan-Keyport Rd., by M. Irving Demarest.

**1923**

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**1927**

1927 - Cliffwood Volunteer Fire Co. organized.

## ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)

### 1928

June 7, 1928 - Contract awarded to Dominick Fusco to redecorate Township Hall.

### 1929

January 4, 1929 - Cliffwood Beach residents request a free public beach. Cliff along North Shore Concourse (now Marshall Concourse) being washed away. Clerk to contact Rep. Harold Giles Hoffman (R-3rd).

January 11, 1929 - "Taxpayer" writes to Editor re: Regular Police Officer. Borough Mayor C.E. Heuser suggests division of Township.

January 17, 1929 - Meeting held on annexing lands to borough.

July 5, 1929 - Work begins "last week" on Route 34.

July 20, 1929 - Route 35 opens (afternoon).

### 1930

January 17, 1930 - Keyport Chamber of Commerce suggest annexing Oak Shades to Keyport.

February 28, 1930 - Legislation introduced to enlarge Matawan Borough.

May 6, 1930 - Referendum on annexation defeated.

### 1931

February 5, 1931 - Joseph F.S. Fitzpatrick retained by Twp. to fight annexation.

May 12, 1931 - Referendum on annexation approved 46-29.

November 13, 1931 - Community Assisting Welfare Association formed.

### 1932

February 2, 1932 - Fire in Township Hall.

March 18, 1932 - Annexation of Freneau to Matawan Borough discussed.

July 20, 1932 - Chief of Police Patrick A. Hagan dies.

November 8, 1932 - Miss Elsie Gates (R), first woman to run for the governing body, is defeated.

### 1933

May 26, 1933 - Referendum on annexation of eastern portion of Freneau section approved, 66-51.

September 29, 1933 - Nine Freneau residents want southern end of Freneau returned to Township.

### 1934

May 3, 1934 - First meeting in rebuilt Township Hall.

TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)

1935

January 1, 1935 - Full-time Police Department begun. Road Dep't. to go from five part-time supervisors to two full time supervisors.  
January 3, 1935 - Cliffwood Drive closed due to erosion.  
March 7, 1935 - Dog-catcher appointed. 940 out of 2200 are on relief.  
December 5, 1935 - Resolution passed opposing further annexation of Township lands to Borough.  
December 23, 1935 - Petitions from Atlantic Ave. residents received by Matawan Borough.

1936

January 1, 1936 - Dr. Thomas F. Powers appointed Chief of Police.  
January 17, 1936 - Water extension contract awarded to A. Stanley Mundy & Co., inc. for Oak Shades & Cliffwood. PWA project.

1937

June 2, 1937 - Term of Tax Collector increased to four years per PL 1937, Chap. 142.

1938

June 16, 1938 - Term of Tax Assessor increased to 4 years, to commence on July 1, per PL 1938, Chap. 386.

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1948

November 4, 1948 - Planning Board established by Ordinance.

1949

January 20, 1949 - Municipal Court established by Ordinance.

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1951

November 8, 1951 - Sewerage Authority established by Ordinance.

1952

February 1952 - Fire Districts 1 & 2 established by Ordinance.

1953

February 1953 - Fire District 1 abolished by Ordinance.



**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)**

1954

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1959

December 3, 1959 - Harbor Commission established by Ordinance.

1960

March 7, 1960 - Harbor Commission abolished by Ordinance.  
November 21, 1960 - Zoning Ordinance approved. Zoning Board of Adjustment established.

1961

January 16, 1961 - Industrial Commission established by Ordinance.

May 1, 1961 - Recreation Commission established by Ordinance.

1962

February 1962 - Fire District 1 re-established by Ordinance.

1963

November 5, 1963 - Charles W. Dryden (I) becomes first governing body member of African descent.

1964

1965

November 2, 1965 - Mrs. Marilyn Brenner (D) becomes first woman elected to governing body.

1966

January 1, 1966 - First Council takes office under Optional Municipal Charter Law.

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January 1, 1974 - Philip N. Gumbs (D) becomes first Mayor of African descent.

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January 1, 1976 - Edward E. Kaufman (D) becomes first Jewish Mayor.

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP CHRONOLOGY (Cont.)

1977

November 8, 1977 -

Referendum approved changing name of township to Aberdeen Township.

1978

1979

January 1, 1979 -

Mrs. Wilma Greenspan (D) becomes first woman Mayor.

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1987

November 3, 1987 -

Referendum providing for separately elected Mayor approved. Referendum providing for the election of the Township Council by wards defeated.

1988

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1990

January 1, 1990 -

David J. Lipman takes office as the township's first directly elected Mayor.

1991

1992

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1994

MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

GORDON DENNIS WHITE	MARCH 10, 1857 to MARCH 9, 1858
JOHN W. SUYDAM	MARCH 10, 1857 to MARCH 9, 1858
LEWIS H. COE	MARCH 10, 1857 to MARCH 8, 1859
THEODORE FOUNTAIN	MARCH 9, 1857 to MARCH 13, 1860
THEODORE LABERSON	MARCH 9, 1858 to MARCH 8, 1859
DUDLEY P. BAILEY	MARCH 8, 1859 to MARCH 11, 1862
JOSEPH MAGGS	MARCH 8, 1859 to MARCH 13, 1860
SIDNEY BRAY	MARCH 13, 1860 to MARCH 14, 1865
DANIEL STILLWELL	MARCH 13, 1860 to MARCH 14, 1865
GARRETT S. SMOCK	MARCH 11, 1862 to MARCH 8, 1864
WILLIAM H. HUGHES	MARCH 8, 1864 to MARCH 10, 1868
JOSEPH ROSE	MARCH 14, 1865 to MARCH 13, 1866
DANIEL B. STRONG	MARCH 14, 1865 to MARCH 9, 1869
JACOB B. WOOLLEY	MARCH 13, 1866 to MARCH 9, 1869
BENJAMIN GRIGGS	MARCH 10, 1868 to MARCH 8, 1870
GEORGE W. BELL	MARCH 9, 1869 to MARCH 8, 1870
HENDRICK WYCKOFF	MARCH 9, 1869 to MARCH 14, 1876
ESRZ A. DUNN	MARCH 8, 1870 to MARCH 10, 1874
GARRETT A. ROBERTS	MARCH 8, 1870 to MARCH 10, 1874
JAMES LAMBERTSON	MARCH 10, 1874 to MARCH 14, 1876
ABRAM THOMPSON	MARCH 10, 1874 to MARCH 9, 1875
GARRETT A. ROBERTS	MARCH 9, 1870 to MARCH 11, 1879
WILLIAM D. BAILEY	MARCH 14, 1876 to MARCH 12, 1878
EZRA A. DUNN	MARCH 14, 1877 to MARCH 11, 1879
PETER V. HYER	MARCH 13, 1877 to MARCH 11, 1879
THOMAS W. THORNE	MARCH 13, 1877 to MARCH 12, 1878
SIDNEY WALLING	MARCH 12, 1878 to MARCH 11, 1879
RICHARD WORRELL	MARCH 12, 1878 to MARCH 8, 1881
THOMAS W. THORNE	MARCH 11, 1879 to MARCH 7, 1882
GARRETT HENDRICKSON	MARCH 11, 1879 to MARCH 11, 1890
PETER V. HYER	MARCH 8, 1881 to MARCH 11, 1884
JOSEPH W. FELTER	MARCH 7, 1882 to MARCH 11, 1884
JOHN C. CONOVER	MARCH 11, 1884 to MARCH 13, 1888
JOHN F. LISK (R)	MARCH 11, 1884 to MARCH 8, 1892
WILLIAM A. CLOSE (R)	MARCH 13, 1888 to NOV. 13, 1889 RES
THOMAS L. PETERSON (D)	DEC. 5, 1889 to MARCH 10, 1891
CHARLES E. CLOSE (D)	MARCH 11, 1890 to MARCH 14, 1893
EDWARD FARRY (D)	MARCH 10, 1891 to MARCH 13, 1894
DAVID G. RYER (R)	MARCH 8, 1892 to MARCH 12, 1895
ISSAAC T. RUE (R)	MARCH 14, 1893 to MARCH 10, 1896
JOHN E. KUHNS, JR. (D)	MARCH 13, 1894 to MARCH 10, 1903
PATRICK J. DEVLIN (D)	MARCH 12, 1895 to MARCH 9, 1897*
FREDERICK SCHOKOCK, JR (D)	MARCH 10, 1896 to MARCH 9, 1897*
TEN EYCK CONOVER (D)	MARCH 8, 1897 to DEC. 31, 1908
ALONZO ROSE (D)	MARCH 9, 1897 to MARCH 8, 1898
JOHN H. FALLON (D)	MARCH 8, 1898 to MARCH 12, 1901
MICHAEL HALLERAN (D)	MARCH 12, 1901 to DEC. 31, 1910
LEWIS H. STEMLER (R)	MARCH 10, 1903 to DEC. 31, 1933
JOHND. IVINS (D)	JAN. 1, 1909 to DEC. 31, 1914
JACOB MEINER (D)	JAN. 1, 1911 to DEC. 31, 1913
WALTER D. BROWN (D)	JAN. 1, 1914 to DEC. 31, 1916

THOMAS J. SINNETT (D)	JAN.	1, 1915 to JUNE	6, 1922 RES
PAUL R. DOLAN (D)	JAN.	1, 1917 to DEC.	31, 1922
JAMES A. POWERS (D)	AUG.	3, 1922 to APR.	2, 1931 RES
WILLIAM C. PENDEL (D)	JAN.	1, 1923 to DEC.	31, 1931
WILLIAM HYER, SR. (D)	APR.	2, 1931 to DEC	31, 1935
PAUL R. DOLAN (D)	JAN.	1, 1932 to JUNE	25, 1945 DIED
JOHN J. MARZ, JR. (D)	JAN.	1, 1934 to DEC.	31, 1960
JOSEPH D. KEARNS (D)	JAN.	1, 1936 to DEC.	31, 1946
JOSEPH McQUARRIE (D)	JULY	10, 1945 to DEC.	31, 1946
STEPHEN J. KALIETA (D)	JAN.	1, 1947 to DEC.	31, 1959
WILLIAM J. REGAN (R)	JAN.	1, 1947 to DEC.	31, 1949
SALVATORE F. VENA (D)	JAN.	1, 1950 to DEC.	31, 1958
PETER J. WATERS (R)	JAN.	1, 1959 to DEC.	31, 1961
SIGMUND V. KOWALSKI (R)	JAN.	1, 1960 to DEC.	31, 1962
MYNDERT J. BONNEMA (R)	JAN.	1, 1961 to JULY	1, 1961 RES
RUDOLPH GRIMM (R)	AUG.	14, 1961 to DEC.	31, 1961
(APPOINTED)			
JOHN J. MARZ JR. (D)	JAN.	1, 1962 to DEC.	31, 1963
(UNEXP. TERM)			
NORMAN E. WOOD (D)	JAN.	1, 1962 to DEC.	31, 1963
HENRY E. TRAPHAGEN (D)	JAN.	1, 1962 to DEC.	31, 1963
DANIEL H. DOWNEY (D)	JAN.	1, 1962 to DEC.	31, 1965
GILBERT H. HICKMAN (D)	JAN.	1, 1963 to DEC.	31, 1965
JAY KRIVITZKY (I)	JAN.	1, 1964 to DEC.	31, 1965
CHARLES W. DRYDEN (I)	JAN.	1, 1964 to DEC.	31, 1965

TOWNSHIP OF MATAWAN

Three-Member Township Committee - up until year 1962

Five-Member Township Committee - from year 1963 through 1965

\*Seven-Member Township Council - from January 1, 1966 to date

\*At General Election held November 3, 1964, Council-Manager Plan E of the Optional Municipal Charter Law was adopted; provides for seven councilmen elected at large and a manager.

Three pages were removed from this document. The pages contain information about the Councilmen At Large of the Township of Matawan (names, street addresses, and dates served). The missing pages can be viewed in the original document at the Matawan Aberdeen Public Library.

April 10, 2019

## TAX COLLECTORS

THOMAS I. BEDLE	3/10/1857 - 3/09/1858
WILLIAM S. HORNER	3/09/1858 - 3/13/1860
DAVID H. WYCKOFF	3/13/1860 - 3/12/1861
CALEB T. BAILEY	3/12/1861 - 3/08/1864
GEORGE W. BLOODGOOD	3/08/1864 - 3/14/1865
DANIEL S. STILLWELL	3/14/1865 - 3/13/1866
CALEB S. BAILEY	3/13/1866 - 3/12/1867
WILLIAM H. HUGHES	6/15/1867 - 3/09/1869
DAVID C. MEALIO	3/09/1869 - 3/08/1870
JAMES H. HORNER	3/08/1870 - 3/09/1897
	COLLECTOR
ARTHUR F. STEWART	3/09/1897 - 3/11/1900
J. DON CONOVER	3/11/1900 - 4/25/1908 DIED
MICHAEL E. HALEY	6/08/1908 - 10/08/1910 DIED
GEORGE F. KELLER	10/15/1910 - 10/01/1910 RES
JAMES A. POWERS	10/01/1943 - 1/04/1945 RES
CHARLES J. KELLY	1/04/1945 - 7/03/1958 RES
JASPER JOHNSON	7/03/1958 - 9/08/1958 RES
PAULINE K. BEHR	9/08/1958 - 12/31/1991 RETI
ROBERT W. DAETSCH	1/01/1992 - 12/31/1994
LAURIE K. HAMMARSTROM	1/01/1995 -

## TOWNSHIP CLERKS

BENJAMIN GRIGGS	3/10/1857 - 3/08/1859
DAVID H. WYCKOFF	3/08/1859 - 3/13/1860
CHARLES W. FOUNTAIN	3/13/1860 - 3/14/1864
WILLIAM A. DUNLOP	3/14/1864 - 3/09/1869
CALEB T. BAILEY	3/10/1874 - 10/1876 RES
WILLIAM A. DUNLOP	10/02/1876 - 2/1878
HENDRICK WYCKOFF	2/19/1878 - 3/12/1878
MICHAEL T. FOLEY	3/12/1878 - 9/08/1879 DIED
MARTIN T. BISSELL	9/18/1879 - 3/08/1887
WILLIAM A. RODGERS	3/08/1887 - 3/09/1897
JOHN P. LLYOD	3/09/1897 - 3/11/1897
(BECAME MATAWAN BORO. CLERK.)	
WILLIAM B. DOLAN	3/11/1900 - 3/10 1903
DANIEL W. MARTIN	3/10/1903 - 1/01/1919 RETIR
STEPHEN J. SULLIVAN	1/01/1919 - 2/01/1923 RES
RUTH P. (SULLIVAN) MILLS	2/01/1923 - 7/09/1935 DIED
JAMES A. POWERS	7/09/1935 - 1/01/1936
RAYMOND F. WARNOCK	1/01/1936 - 4/02/1937 RES
JAMES WARNOCK, JR.	4/02/1937 - 1/01/1938
ROSE KOSTAK WENZEL	1/01/1938 - 3/01/1973 RETIR
CONSTANCE PETRILLO	3/01/1973 - 7/01/1991 RETIR
ANN T. BARKER	7/01/1991 -



OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, NOW WELFARE DIRECTOR

THOMAS I. BEDLE	3/10/1857 - 3/09/1858
RYNEER SUYDAM	3/09/1858 - 3/12/1861
JACOB I. BROWN	3/12/1861 - 3/10/1868
RICHARD WORRELL	3/10/1868 - 3/12/1872
WILLIAM W. HATSHORNE	3/12/1872 - 3/08/1881
WILLIAM BOGART	3/08/1881 - 3/13/1883
DAVID E. CLOSE	3/13/1883 - 3/10/1891
ARTHUR H. HARRIS	3/10/1891 - 3/14/1893
JESSE S. SICKELS	3/14/1896 - 3/07/1897
WILLIAM H. COWARD	3/09/1897 - 3/10/1903
AUGUSTUS HEUSER	3/10/1903 - 1/01/1932
THOMAS J. SINNETT	1/01/1932 - 2/02/1933 RES
J. EDGAR WILKINSON	2/02/1933 - 1/01/1935 RES
THOMAS P. REGAN	1/01/1935 - 1/02/1936
WILLIAM HYER, SR.	1/02/1936 - 4/06/1955 DIED
MARY A. HYER	4/13/1955 - 7/10/1960
ELIZABETH MANISCALCO	7/10/1960 - 7/15/1960 RES
MADELINE T. WRIGHT	7/22/1960 -

ROAD OVERSEERS (ELECTED ON AT LARGE  
TOWNSHIP BALLOT TO MAINTAIN SPECIFIC  
ROAD DISTRICTS)

DIST. NO. 1

JACOB CONK	3/03/1860 - 3/08/1864
HENDRICK VAN CLEAF	3/08/1864 - 3/14/1865
RICHARD AUMACK	3/14/1865 - 3/13/1866
JACOB CONK	3/13/1866 - 3/08/1870
HENRY STILLWELL	3/08/1870 - 3/12/1872
JACOB CONK	3/12/1872 - 3/11/1879
JOHN CHRISTIAN STEMLER	3/11/1879 - 3/13/1883
JACOB CONK	3/13/1883 - 3/09/1886

DIST. NO. 2

JOHN E. KUHN	3/13/1860 - 3/12/1861
ABRAHAM JOHNSON	3/12/1861 - 3/08/1864
WILLIAM CARHART	3/08/1864 - 3/14/1865
TESEAH WALKER	3/14/1865 - 3/13/1866
ABRAHAM JOHNSON	3/13/1866 - 3/09/1869
HENDRICK VAN CLEAF	3/09/1869 - 3/08/1870
WATSON STILLWAGON	3/08/1870 - 3/14/1871
EDWARD MULCAHY	3/14/1871 - 3/10/1874
JAMES BROWN	3/10/1874 - 3/14/1876
EDWARD MULCAHY	3/14/1876 - 3/13/1877
WILLIAM LAMBERTSON	3/13/1877 - 3/12/1878
FURMAN GASTON	3/12/1878 - 3/13/1883
WILLIAM LAMBERTSON	3/13/1883 - 3/11/1884
M.E. BARKER	3/11/1884 - 3/09/1886

DIST. NO. 3

JOSEPH IMLAY	3/13/1860 - 3/08/1864
TESEAH WALKER	3/08/1864 - 3/14/1865
WILLIAM A. CARHART	3/14/1865 - 3/13/1866
JACOB J. VAN PELT	3/13/1866 - 3/10/1868
WILLIAM BURNHAM	3/10/1868 - 3/08/1870
DENISE J. SCHANCK	3/08/1870 - 3/14/1876
ISAAC B. WALLING	3/14/1876 - 3/13/1877
WILLIAM H. CONOVER	3/13/1877 - 3/08/1881
MICHAEL DOLAN	3/08/1881 - 3/11/1884
HENRY MORRELL	3/11/1884 - 3/10/1885
MICHAEL DOLAN	3/10/1885 - 3/09/1886

DIST. NO. 4

RICHARD WORRELL	3/13/1877 - 3/12/1878
JAMES KELLEY	3/12/1878 - 3/13/1883
THOMAS SMYTH	3/13/1883 - 3/10/1885
JAMES LARKIN	3/10/1885 - 3/09/1866

ROAD OVERSEERS ( ELECTED BY ROAD DISTRICTS  
REFEREMDUM MARCH 10, 1885)

DIST. NO. 1

ROBERT P. HARRIS	3/11/1886 to 3/14/1889
JOHN CHRISTIAN STEMLER	3/14/1889 to 3/08/1892

DIST. NO. 2

MARTIN NOONAN	3/11/1886 to 3/10/1887
CHRISTOPHER WINTERS	3/10/1887 to 3/15/1888
W. GASTON	3/15/1888 to 3/14/1889
WATSON L. STILLWAGGON	3/14/1889 to 3/12/1891
JOHN E. KUHNS, JR.	3/12/1891 to 3/08/1892

DIST. NO. 3

WILLIAM L. ROBERTS	3/11/1886 to 3/15/1888
WILLIAM BURNHAM	3/14/1889 to 3/08/1892

DIST. NO. 4

AUSTIN CASLER	3/11/1886 to 3/15/1888
TEN EYCK CONOVER	3/15/1888 to 3/14/1889
JOSEPH BLACK	3/14/1889 to 3/13/1890
WILLIAM IMLAY	3/13/1890 to 3/12/1891

ROAD OVERSEERS (APPOINTED BY TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE TO SUPERVISE DISTRICTS.)

DIST. NO. 1

JOHN P. HEYER	3/11/1892 - 3/17/1899
JOHN S. WOOLLEY	3/17/1899 - 3/16/1904
WALTER D. BROWN	3/16/1904 - 12/31/1913
AARON WARNE	1/01/1914 - 12/31/1915
WALTER D. BROWN, JR.	1/01/1916 - 12/31/1921
THOMAS J. KELLY	1/01/1922 - 12/31/1922
HARRY D. BOYCE	1/01/1923 - 12/31/1924
WALTER D. BROWN	1/01/1925 - 12/31/1925
LEWIS HEYER	1/01/1926 - 12/31/1929
THOMAS J. KELLY	1/01/1930 - 12/31/1934

DIST. NO. 2

WILLIAM BURNHAM	3/11/1892 - 3/31/1901
JOHN B. BRADY	3/31/1901 - 3/21/1903
THOMAS J. BRADY, JR.	3/21/1903 - 12/31/1910
ELMER A. LAMBERTSON	1/01/1211 - 12/31/1914
THOMAS J. BRADY, JR.	1/01/1915 - 12/31/1917
JAMES P. WARNOCK	1/01/1918 - 12/31/1924
ELMER A. LAMBERTSON	1/01/1925 - 12/31/1929
THOMAS F. KANE	1/01/1930 - 12/31/1934

DIST. NO. 3

JOHN E. KUNNS, JR.	3/11/1892 - 3/17/1894
CHRISTOPHER WINTERS	3/17/1894 - 3/17/1899
WILLIAM H, COWARD	3/17/1899 - 3/21/1903
FREDERICK F. HEUSER	3/21/1903 - 12/31/1906
WILLIAM H. COWARD	1/01/1907 - 3/03/1909 RES
HARVEY STILLWAGGON	3/03/1909 - 12/31/1916
JOHN D. IVINS	1/01/1917 - 12/21/1919
CHARLES KORTENHAUS	1/01/1920 - 12/31/1921
WILLIAM C. LAMBERSTON	1/01/1922 - 12/31/1929
HARVEY STILLWAGGON	1/01/1930 - 12/31/1933
WILLIAM C. LAMBERSTON	1/01/1934 - 12/31/1934

DIST. NO. 4

JOHN MULHALL	3/11/1892 - 7/30/1907 DIED
AUGUSTUS HEUSER	8/21/1907 - 12/31/1915
WILLIAM H. COWARD	1/01/1916 - 12/31/1916
EDWARD MEINZER	1/01/1917 - 12/31/1919
AUGUSTUS HEUSER	1/01/1922 - 12/31/1922
THOMAS F. KANE	1/01/1923 - 12/31/1931

NOTE: DISTRICT 4 WAS CONSOLIDATED WITH DISTRICTS NO. 2 ON  
JAN.1, 1932.

DIST. NO. 5 ESTABLISHED 1900

JOHN P. HEYER  
JAMES WILLIAM LYLE

3/23/1900 - 12/31/1915  
0/01/1916 - 12/31/1934

### CHIEFS OF POLICE

ALVIN N. LAMBERTSON	1/04/1913 - 1/01/1915
PATRICK A. HAGAN	1/01/1920 - 1/05/1922
THOMAS G. WELSTEAD	1/05/1922 - 1/01/1923
PATRICK A. HAGAN	1/01/1923 - 7/20/1932
LEWIS H. STEMLER	9/02/1933 - 1/31/1934
THOMAS F. POWERS, DDS	1/01/1936 - 12/17/1942
THOMAS J. SINNETT	12/17/1942 - 4/04/1946
THOMAS F. POWERS, DDS	4/04/1946 - 3/20/1947
ADOPLH MENZEL	4/03/1947 - 4/02/1961
J. EDGAR WILKINSON (BADGE RET)	4/03/1961 - 6/11/1964
RALPH E. WALLACE	6/16/1964 - 6/30/1987
JOHN B. MCGINTY	7/01/1987 - 12/31/1991
BRIAN G. DOUGHERTY	1/01/1992 - PRESENT

## SURVEYORS OF THE HIGHWAYS

JOHN W. HOLMES	3/10/1857 - 3/10/1863
TUNI'S HUBBARD	3/10/1857 - 3/09/1858
MICHAEL CONOVER	3/09/1858 - 3/08/1859
J. GREENWOOD	3/08/1859 - 3/13/1860
EDWARD BLACK	3/13/1860 - 3/08/1864
WILLIAM L. ROBERTS	3/10/1863 - 3/12/1872
JOHN W. HOLMES	3/08/1864 - 3/12/1872
WILLIAM D. BAILEY	3/12/1872 - 3/10/1874
LYSANDER CADY	3/12/1872 - 3/12/1878
WILLIAM L. ROBERTS	3/10/1874 - 3/08/1881
ALFRED E. LETTS	3/12/1878 - 3/08/1887
GILBERT WAGNER	3/08/1881 - 3/09/1886
WILLIAM BURNHAM	3/08/1887 - 3/08/1898
CHARLES E. CLARK	3/08/1887 - 3/10/1891
TENEYCK CONOVER	3/10/1891 - 3/09/1897
JAMES KELLEY	3/09/1897 - 1/01/1907
AUGUSTUS HEUSER	3/08/1898 - 3/11/1900
JOHN D. IVINS	3/26/1900 - 3/11/1902
WATSON L. STILLWAGON	3/11/1902 - 1/01/1906
THOMSAS J. BRADY	1/01/1906 - 1/01/1907

### COMMISSIONERS OF APPEALS

JOHN E. WOODS	3/10/1857 - 3/09/1858
MICHAEL CONOVER	3/10/1857 - 3/08/1859
DAVID H. WYCKOFF	3/10/1857 - 3/08/1858
L.J. BALL	3/09/1858 - 3/08/1859
AARON H. HOPKINS	3/09/1858 - 3/08/1859
LEWIS H. COE	3/08/1859 - 3/12/1861
GEORGE LIPPINCOTT	3/08/1859 - 3/13/1860
ALEXANDER P. VAN PELT	3/08/1859 - 3/13/1860
ASHER B. CLARK	3/13/1860 - 3/12/1861
JAMES H. HORNOR	3/13/1860 - 3/10/1863
PETER LAMBERTSON	3/12/1861 - 3/11/1862
JOHN J. THOMPSON	3/12/1861 - 3/11/1862
ABRAHAM COTTRELL	3/11/1862 - 3/14/1865
JOSIAH VAN SCHOICK	3/11/1862 - 3/09/1897
AARON LONGSTREET	3/10/1863 - 3/08/1870
DAVID H. WYCKOFF	3/14/1865 - 3/08/1870
JAMES KELLEY	3/08/1870 - 3/14/1871
WILLIAM L. ROBERTS	3/08/1870 - 3/14/1871
WILLIAM W. DISBROW, SR.	3/14/1871 - 3/14/1876
GARRETT S. SMOCK	3/14/1871 - 3/14/1875
LAWRENCE CARTAN	3/09/1875 - 3/09/1897
JAMES LAMBERTSON	3/14/1871 - 3/09/1897
J. DON CONOVER	3/09/1897 - 3/08/1898
ROBERT P. HARRIS	3/09/1897 - 4/14/1906
JOHN P. HYER	3/09/1897 - 4/14/1906
JOHN MULHALL	3/08/1898 - 4/14/1906



TAX ASSESSORS

EDWARD BLACK	3/10/1857 - 3/13/1860
JOHN W. SUYDAM	3/13/1860 - 3/12/1861
JACOB VAN BRAKLE	3/12/1861 - 3/10/1863
JAMES H. HORNER	3/10/1863 - 3/08/1870
BENJAMIN GRIGGS	3/08/1870 - 3/12/1872
DAVID H. WYCKOFF	3/12/1872 - 3/11/1873
BENJAMIN GRIGGS	3/11/1873 - 4/17/1887 DIED
PETER V. HYER	5/09/1887 - 5/13/1887 DECL
RICHARD BEDLE	5/13/1887 - 3/12/1889
DAVID C. MEALIO	3/12/1889 - 3/10/1891
FRANK C. BEDLE	3/10/1891 - 3/13/1894
CHARLES A. GERAN	3/13/1894 - 3/09/1897
CHRISTOPHER WINTER	3/09/1897 - 12/31/1906
RICHARD HEUSER	1/01/1901 - 12/31/1915
CHARLES A. NEIDLINGER	1/01/1916 - 6/30/1922
GEORGE M. DUNCAN	7/01/1922 - 6/20/1931
JAMES A. POWERS	7/01/1931 - 9/06/1934 RES
WILLIAM H. COLLINS	9/06/1934 - 6/30/1938
THOMAS H. RYAN, SR.	7/01/1938 - 1/07/1946 DIED
WILLIAM H. COLLINS	1/25/1946 - 1/01/1947 RES
JOHN B. KENNER	1/01/1947 - 2/01/1967 RES
ALLEN V. TRAUBEN	2/01/1967 - 4/12/1983 RES
FRANK C. NELSON	6/20/1983 - 6/30/1995 RETIR
ANN T. BARKER	7/01/1995

# ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHRONOLOGY

## EDUCATION

### SECTION I

**The establishment of schools for the purpose of educating children.**

NOTE: Area of Matawan and Matawan Township was known as MATAVAN.

The following facts were gathered from newspaper articles and records in the State Capital Building located in Trenton.

Highlights of the earliest records indicate:

**1858** Charles Webster was known as the Town Superintendent. He reported the increased diligence and efficiency of teachers in imparting instruction to pupils. He visited schools regularly, and impressed the minds of pupils with the fact that love tends directly to generate love of parents, teachers, ministers and magistrates. The results of his visits to schools brought about prompt attendance, order and diligence in studies.

**1864** Alex. II Harris was Town Superintendent. Schools were now designated by numbers.

District No. 1 had a school year of only nine months. Enrollment was 111. Average daily attendance was 20.

District No. 2 was opened all year round. Enrollment was 149. Average daily attendance was 74. Tuition over and above the public money was \$1.00. The male teacher's salary was \$250.00.

District No. 3 was opened all year round. Enrollment was 131. Average daily attendance was 54.

District No. 4 had two schools. One was opened all year and the other for 6 months. One of the schools had pupils preparing for college. The Enrollment was 155 with an average daily attendance of 88. Tuition was \$3.00, and it accepted children from other districts and the township. A teacher's salary was \$400.

District No. 5 was a section on the border of another township formerly belonging to Matavan. Enrollment was 53 with an average daily attendance of 24. Tuition was \$1.00.

District No. 6 had an enrollment of 12 children.

Matawan Township had a total of 628 children attending schools at this time, with only approximately one-half attending on a daily basis.

Superintendent Harris reported that the irregularity of attendance pertained not so much to the schools in the village as to the surrounding country districts, where, in very many instances, the parents seemed to think more of the trifling gains resulting from the labor of the child, than of the child's invaluable benefits of education. In a few instances, it may have been a necessity, but generally it was the result of a want of proper appreciation of the importance and value of education. The Superintendent believed that nothing but a law that would compel parents to send their children to school, would secure the children of an education.

- 1865** Superintendent Harris reported that there were too frequent changes of teachers in the districts, which was causing confusion. He noted the need for money and good officers in order for the public school system to succeed. There was also a need for competent teachers and competent officers.
- 1867** George W. Bell was the Town Superintendent.  
Licensing of teachers began.  
Public money was now being used to pay some school bills.
- 1879** School District No. 40 -- Mount Pleasant.  
A public meeting was held to decide whether to spend the sum of \$400 to continue the school beyond the limit of the State Appropriation.  
RESULTS: 33 votes were cast for spending the \$400  
35 votes were cast for no money to be spent  
1 vote was cast for spending only \$200

## ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHRONOLOGY

### EDUCATION

#### SECTION II -- Board of Education Minutes

The following information was gathered from the Minutes of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District's Board of Education Meetings.. The earliest set of records found housed in the school district begin with **May 13, 1897**. The Board Secretary who recorded the minutes by pen, was G.B. Sheppard .

The notes listed below are highlights of matters that the Board members dealt with at their meetings. The list indicates the dates of the meetings and the pages these exact matters or happenings were recorded on. The pages for reference were photocopied and attached herewith for easier access , thereby keeping the original book (which is quite frayed) intact..

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAGE #</u>	<u>HIGHLIGHTED MATTERS OF THE TIME</u>
May 13, 1897	3	Increasing salary of one teacher by \$5.00 and decreasing \$5.00 of another teacher.
July 2, 1897	4	Motion carried that no child living out of the school district would be admitted unless the tuition was paid in advance.
August 4, 1897	6	Howard Lloyd was engaged at a salary of \$30 per month.
Nov. 5, 1897	10	Motion to ascertain the cost of a new dictionary prior to its purchase.
Nov. 5, 1897	11	Motion to ascertain the cost of a microscope and weights and measures.
January 7, 1898	15	First found records of school bills that were approved for payment by the Finance Committee.

March 29, 1898	19	First handicapped child sent to Out-of-District School.
April 1, 1898	20	First list of Standing Committees. Purchase of lawn mower for the Janitor with some grass seed and some brooms.
October 6, 1898	27	Purchase of two water coolers/ cups. Two unmanageable students dismissed from school.
Nov. 3, 1899	28	Work nearly completed on water closets.
January 27, 1899	34	First workshop for teachers.
February 2, 1899	35	Citizens from Cliffwood area complained about the poor road condition. The bad weather during the winter months prevented children from attending school. They asked the Board to seek appropriation at the coming election for transportation of the children.
February 2, 1899	35	First record of a school budget meeting.
February 16, 1899	37	Motion to give children perfect marks even though the blizzard kept them at home for a week.
March 21, 1899	39	Election results of three board members and the statistical voting results.
March 24, 1899	41	First list of Board Standing Committees, appointed by the Board President.
April 6, 1899	42	Reported enrollment of 369; average daily attendance was only <u>42</u> , but kindergarten had an attendance of about 60.
April 6, 1899	43	First records indicating a lack of harmony between the teachers and the Principal.
April 20, 1899	44	Meeting in which grievances were brought out against the Principal, who had been correcting teachers in the presence of their class students.
May 4, 1899	46	Notices regarding Special Election for the referendum.

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March 21, 1901	83	Children needed a physician's certificate to come back to school.
March 21, 1901	83	Board of Health requested to prepare Cliffwood School for reopening.
April 4, 1901	85	First record of a Truant Officer.
April 9, 1901	86	Report from township physician that 80% of students were immune from scarlet fever, and teacher was also well after two weeks.
April	87	After fumigating and disinfecting the school building, including books, the students could return to school.
January 16, 1902	95	Board's refusal to pay tuition for two students whose parents requested that they attend the Keport Schools.
March 6, 1902	98	Teachers notified to mark scholars present on the day of the blizzard of February 17.
April 10, 1902	101	Teacher to be paid for the time out sick, but substitutes were to be paid by her.
April 10, 1902	101	Clerk asked for a new minute book and ledger, and it was granted.
April 26, 1902	102	Teachers' salaries increased approximately by \$18.00.
June 7, 1902	105	Suggestions received from teachers with regard to improving their rooms.
August 9, 1902	106	Walls repaired and room coated with "plastico", and if proved satisfactory to have the whole building done.

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| May 9, 1903     | 120 | The Board was requested to visit school to see what was being done, and thereby be governed accordingly to agree to teacher raises.  |
| May 21, 1903    | 121 | Establishment of a Commercial Course.  |
| May 21, 1903    | 122 | Teachers' salaries increased \$2.00 per month.   |
| May 21, 1903    | 122 | Motion was moved for reconsideration of the raise and the question was left to a Board committee.  |
| July 8, 1903    | 123 | Teachers' salaries recorded for school year ending June 30, 1904.  |
| August 13, 1903 | 124 | The purchase of three typewriters for the Commercial Course.   |
| Sept. 5, 1903   | 127 | Boy student caught vandalizing. Law Judge requested by Board to lecture the boy with warnings regarding his conduct.   |
| Sept. 5, 1903   | 127 | Board approved a charge of \$1.00 per quarter be charged for typing and the same amount for stenography.   |
| Nov. 7, 1903    | 128 | New school law implemented that divided the township into two school districts. It became necessary to name four persons to be appointed by the County Superintendent to act with the five members of the old board who were residents of the Borough. Names (as listed) were sent to the County Superintendent. |
| Nov. 14, 1903   | 129 | Board meeting was held on a Saturday night. The County Superintendent was to be notified that the board had organized and were ready to be given a date on which to vote for consolidation. Board also decided to meet again on the following Saturday night.  |

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May 4, 1899	47	Committee formed for closing exercises.
June 4, 1899	48	Due to heat wave, School Board held their meeting on the school building entrance steps.
Sept. 4, 1899	51	Enrollment was 352
March 27, 1900	59	Rutgers College placed Matawan on its list as an acceptable school district.
April 5, 1900	62	Communication read from Cliffwood residents requesting a new school.
April 5, 1900	63	Purchase of encyclopedia.
May 3, 1900	65	Committee of Cliffwood parents formed for the purpose of getting a new school.
June 7, 1900	66/67	Responsibilities. of janitor prior to opening of new school term, and if not completed it would be at the janitors expense.
August 15, 1900	70	Communication to State Superintendent for plans for a two room/ two story school house.
August 29, 1900	71	Motion for an election to build the new school in Cliffwood.
Sept. 15, 1900	73	Notice of Election to purchase lot and to furnish and equip the school built -- \$3,500.
October 3, 1900	74	Defeat of election for building the new school.
Nov. 20, 1900	76	Purchase of couch and smelling salts. Deduct \$12 from Mr. Miller's salary and add \$9 to Miss Mourse, and \$3 to Miss McConachy.
Nov. 30, 1900	77	Bus transportation bid was accepted as \$75 per month for children in Cliffwood .
February 14, 1901	80	82 Scarlet Fever epidemic at Cliffwood. The township physician noted it would not be safe to open the school for at least six weeks.
March 21, 1901		



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| Sept. 4, 1902    | 107 | New York Furniture Company Representative made a presentation to the board on the good points of the desk he brought as a sample.   |
| Nov. 6, 1902     | 108 | Request for bids on transporting children to and from school only during months of December, January, February and March, and also on stormy days, until April 15.  |
| Nov. 22, 1902    | 110 | Prof. Miller's presentation to establish a High School course.  |
| January 29, 1903 | 112 | Motion to demand money which was due from the Borough.  |
| January 29, 1930 | 113 | Group of residents from Cliffwood reported on inefficient and objectionable services by the transportation services. Children were waiting in cold weather. Children were walking up hills, accident on Church and Main Streets, etc. The contract was declared void. |
| January 29, 1930 | 114 | Schools closed on February 12 and 13, Thursday and Friday, rather than closing again for George Washington's Day on the 22nd.   |
| March 4, 1903    | 115 | Communication from County Superintendent stating that the Board had the right to raise money by taxation to provide for completing education of pupils in high schools of other districts where the home schools are not above the grammar department.                |
| March 4, 1903    | 115 | Janitor was instructed to procure a bag of high grade fertilizer for the grass.   |
| March 17, 1903   | 116 | Howard Lloyd becomes a member of the Board.   |
| March 21, 1903   | 117 | Regular Board meetings to be held on the 2nd Saturday evening of each month.  |
| April 11, 1903   | 119 | Suggestion to hire a women to do some extra cleaning in school building.  |
| April 11, 1903   | 119 | Prof. Miller completed High School Course writing and had it ready for the printer.   |

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| Nov. 21, 1903     | 131 | Secretary notified to inform the County Superintendent that the Board was ready to consolidate.  |
| Nov. 28, 1903     | 133 | Election for the consolidation was to be held in the Graded School upstairs on the evening of December 14 from the hours of 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM.  |
| January 9, 1904   | 135 | F.H.Lloyd selected to serve on the consolidated board.   |
| January 19, 1904  | 136 | Members of the Borough Board of Education met in the office of one of its members for the purpose of selecting four of its members to serve on the consolidated district board.  |
| February 27, 1904 | 137 | List of Board of Education candidates . The vote for appropriation was to be held at a later date.   |
| March 5, 1904     | 138 | Resolution--Appreciation of Prof. Miller   |
| March 5, 1904     | 140 | Results of Election--28 ballots cast. One of which was a double ballot--therefore, rejected. List of the new Board of Education and length of their terms.   |
| March 19, 1904    | 141 | Decision to have Board Meetings on the last Saturday of each month.<br><br>Janitor reported that someone had entered the cellar on two occasions and had taken coal. He was instructed to cover cellar windows with heavy wires and to place locks on doors. |
| April 12, 1904    | 143 | Election on Appropriation--13 votes cast--all in favor.  |

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| April 30, 1904 | 144 | A teacher who claimed she had been give more work outside of her regular teaching time, wished to not renew her contract under the same conditions.  |
| May 14, 1904   | 145 | List of new contracts for teachers returning for the new school year, and list of those who resigned.<br><br>Baseball team requested permission to use one of the cloak rooms for change of clothing on the game days. Board granted the request as the janitor would be on hand to take charge. |
| May 28, 1904   | 146 | Uncollected taxes from the township.   |
| June 25, 1904  | 148 | Teacher of Commercial course notified Board she would only return if she received an increase in salary.   |

This indenture made the twentieth day of  
September in the eighth year of the reign of our  
Sovereign Lady Anne over Great Britain, France,  
and Ireland Queen ~~et~~ Anno Domini one thousand  
seven hundred and nine between William Bonne  
of the Township Middletown in the County of Monmouth  
and Province of New Jersey, Yeoman, Son, and Heir  
to Gershom Bonne deceased of the one part and  
Matthias Van Brackel of the same place <sup>(2)</sup> of the  
other part; Witness that he paid William Bonne for  
and in consideration, of the sum of sixty five pounds  
current money of New York to him already in hand  
paid by the said Matthias Van Brackel the accept.  
whereof to the said William Bonne, both hereby  
acknowledge and himself therewith fully satisfied  
and contented and thereof and of and from every  
part and parcel thereof both fully clearly and  
absolutely acquit & exonerate and discharge him,  
the said Matthias Van Brackel his Heirs Executors  
Administrators and Assignes and every of them forever.  
By these present granted bargained sold  
& conveyed and confirmed and by these present both  
fully clearly and absolutely grant bargain all  
& convey release and consign unto him, the said  
Matthias Van Brackel his Heirs and Assignes ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~his~~  
~~every of them~~ tract of land situate lying and  
being in the Township of Middletown aforesaid containing

twenty eight acres be the same more less (being part of a tract of land formerly belonging to the before mentioned Goshorn Boone (deceased) granted and conveyed to him by patent from the now bearing date the twenty sixth day of July Anno Domini one thousand six hundred Eighty and Eight thereunto being had may more at large appear) Beginning at the North West corner of the said William Boone's pattern at a white Oak Tree by Middletown path, marked in the front sides and thence South and by East fourteen chains and a half to a Chestnut Tree marked on the front sides and thence East and by North to the South, East by East being the said patent Fifty - Seven chains to a stake planted in the said Line and thence Eighteen chains and a half to the three mile Tree standing on the South side of Middletown Path, and thence Forty - five chains and a half West & by South as the said Path, Run to the first mentioned Tree. Bounded South by Thomas Hart:

East by the said William Boone, North by William Hart's horse, West in part by the Path. Together with all and in every manner of Houses Buildings, Orchards Fences Fences pastures, Meadows Woods Trees Waters Brooks Springs Ponds pools wells Easement Profits Commodities Liberties Tinkings Fowlings Hawkings Hunting privileges Advantages Emoluments Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any manner of ways thereto appertaining. And also all the Estate Rights Title Interest

possession, property claim and demand whatsoever of  
him, the said William Bonne, as well ~~to~~ in Law  
as in Equity if ever unto the said tract of Land and  
granted and Bargained premises with the appurtenances,  
as fully and amply to all Intents Contractions and  
purposes whatsoever the same with other lands  
and Grants conveyed .... to the above mentioned ... and  
thereunto being had may ..... large appear

To have and to hold the same tract of Land  
granted and Bargained with their and heirs of their  
Rights members and appurtenances unto him the said  
Matthais Verbrackel his Heirs and Assignes forever  
to the only proper use benefit and pleasure of him,  
the said Matthais Verbrackel his Heirs and Assignes  
forever, And the said William Bonne both for  
himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators  
Covenant promise grant and agree to and with  
the said Matthais Verbrackel his Heirs and Assignes  
By these present that at the time of the sealing  
and delivery hereof he the said William Bonne  
hath in himself good Right full power and  
absolute Power Lawful Authority to grant  
Bargain sell and confirm the said tract of Land  
and granted and Bargained Premises with the  
appurtenances to him and at all times hereafter  
unto him the said Matthais Verbrackel his Heirs

his heirs and assigns forever in manner  
aforesaid. And that the same ~~is~~ now is free  
and from time to time and at all times  
hereafter shall remain free and clear to  
him, the said Matthias Urbrackel, his heirs  
and assigns forever from all and any manner  
of former and other gifts grants Bargains Sales  
Leases Mortgages and from all other troubles  
charges and Encumbrances whatsoever had made  
committed done or suffered done by him the  
said William Bonne or his father the said  
Dushan Bonne or any other Person or persons  
whatsoever by from or under either of them, so  
as to alter change charge defeat determine or make  
void (void, & think) the same. The Chief or quit-Rent  
which shall from hereforward grow due and payable  
for the said tract of Land to the proprietors of the  
aforesaid Province, only excepted and In Witness  
whereof the said William Bonne as also Bridget his  
wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day  
and year above written.

Signed sealed and Delivered in  
the presence of  
Abadiah Bonne

Wm Lawrence Junior

that William Bonne acknowledges  
this document to be his Wm Bonne  
act and before me

John Roid

Bridget Bonne

Entered in the Public Records of the County of Monmouth  
in Liber E in Page 178 & 179

By me Samuel Dem... Clerk

# Case Indenture

Under the Twentieth day of September in the Eighth year of the Reign of  
 Queen, &c. Anno Domini One thousand Seven Hundred and Nine  
 between William Bonne of the Township of Middletown, in the County of Monmouth, and Province of New Jersey, Yeoman, (son and Heir  
 of the late William Bonne deceased) of the one part; and Matthias Verbrucken of the same Place, Lord Mayor of the other part.  
 That the said William Bonne, for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty five pounds current Money  
 paid by him, the said Matthias Verbrucken the Receipt whereof is the said William Bonne, doth hereby acknowledge and himselfe therewith fully satisfied  
 and contented and thereof as of and from every part and parcel thereof doth fully clearly and absolutely acquit Exonerate and discharge,  
 him, the said Matthias Verbrucken his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assignes and every of them, forever. By these presents  
 Granted Bargained Sold exchanged Enfeoffed and confirmed And Brought presents doth, fully clearly and absolutely Grant Bargain, Sell Release  
 Enfeoffe Release and confirm unto him, the said Matthias Verbrucken his Heirs and Assignes forever, a certain Tract of Land Situate lying and  
 being in the bounds of Middletown aforesaid containing Twenty Eight Acres be the same more or less (being part of a Tract of Land formerly belong-  
 ing to the beforementioned William Bonne deceased) Granted and confirmed to him, by Patent from the Proprietors bearing date the Twentieth day  
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 Heirs Executors and Administrators covenant promise Grant and agree, to and with the said Matthias Verbrucken his Heirs and Assignes, By  
 these presents that at the time of the Sealing and delivery hereof, the said William Bonne hath in himselfe good Right full Power and Absolute  
 Authority to Grant Bargain, Sell and confirm, the said Tract of Land and Granted and Bargained Premises with the appurtenances,  
 unto him, the said Matthias Verbrucken his Heirs and Assignes forever in manner aforesaid, And that  
 to him, and at all times hereafter shall remain, free and clear to him, the said Matthias Verbrucken his Heirs and Assignes forever from all and  
 manner of former and other Gifts Grants Bargains Sales Leases Mortgages and from all other Troubles Charges and Incumbrances whatsoever  
 had made committed done or suffered to be done, by him, the said William Bonne, (or his Father the said William Bonne) or any other Person, or  
 Person whatsoever by from or under either of them, so as to alter Change charge defeat Determine or make void the same, (The Chief or Just-  
 which shall from henceforth grow due and payable for the said Tract of Land to the Proprietors of the aforesaid Province, only Excepted and reserved)  
 In Witness whereof he the said William Bonne as says Bridget his Wife have hereunto set their hands  
 and Sealed and Delivered in the presence of  
 the presence of

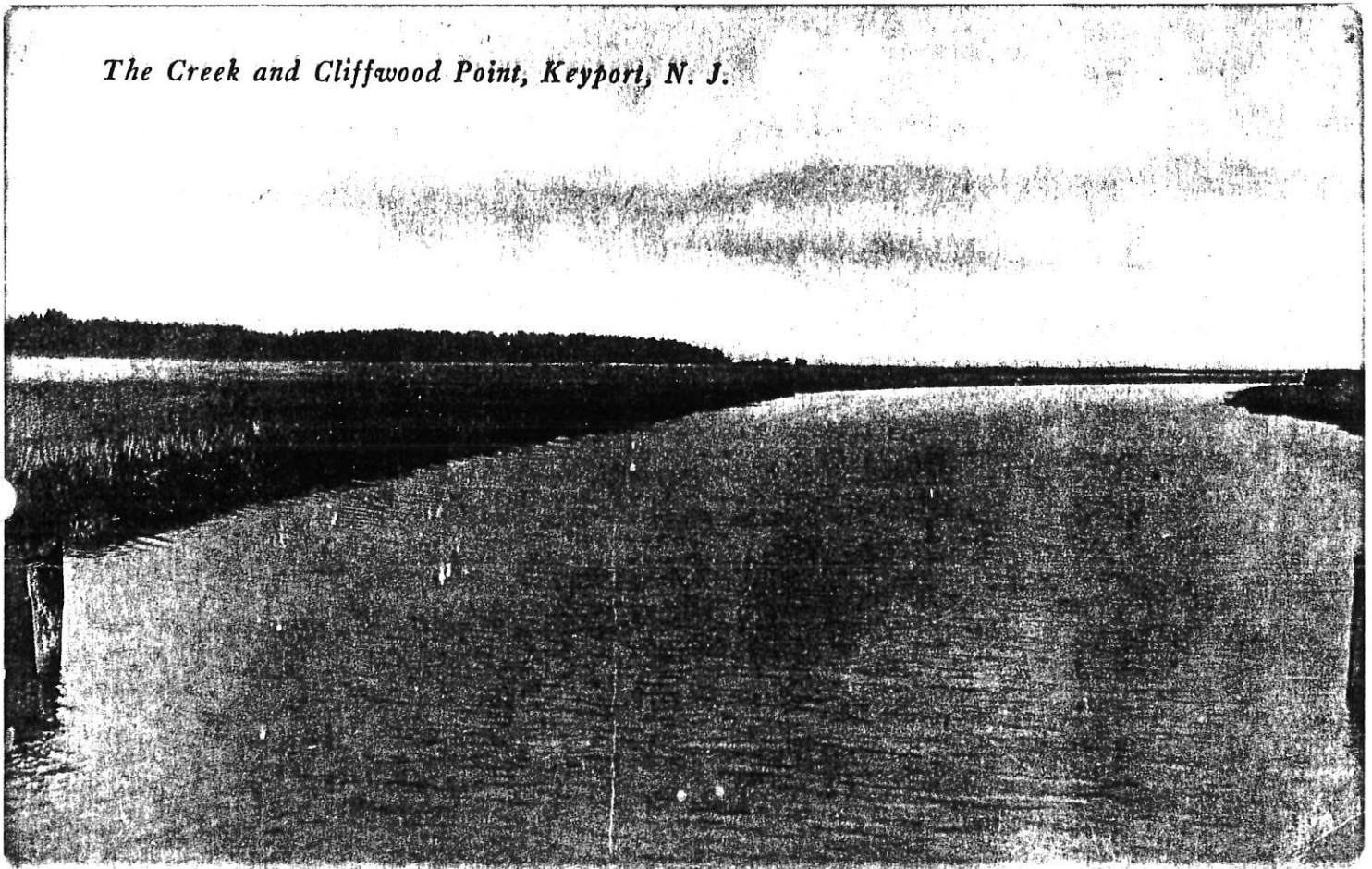
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Witness my hand and Seal this 20th day of September 1698  
 W<sup>m</sup> Bonne  
 John Reid

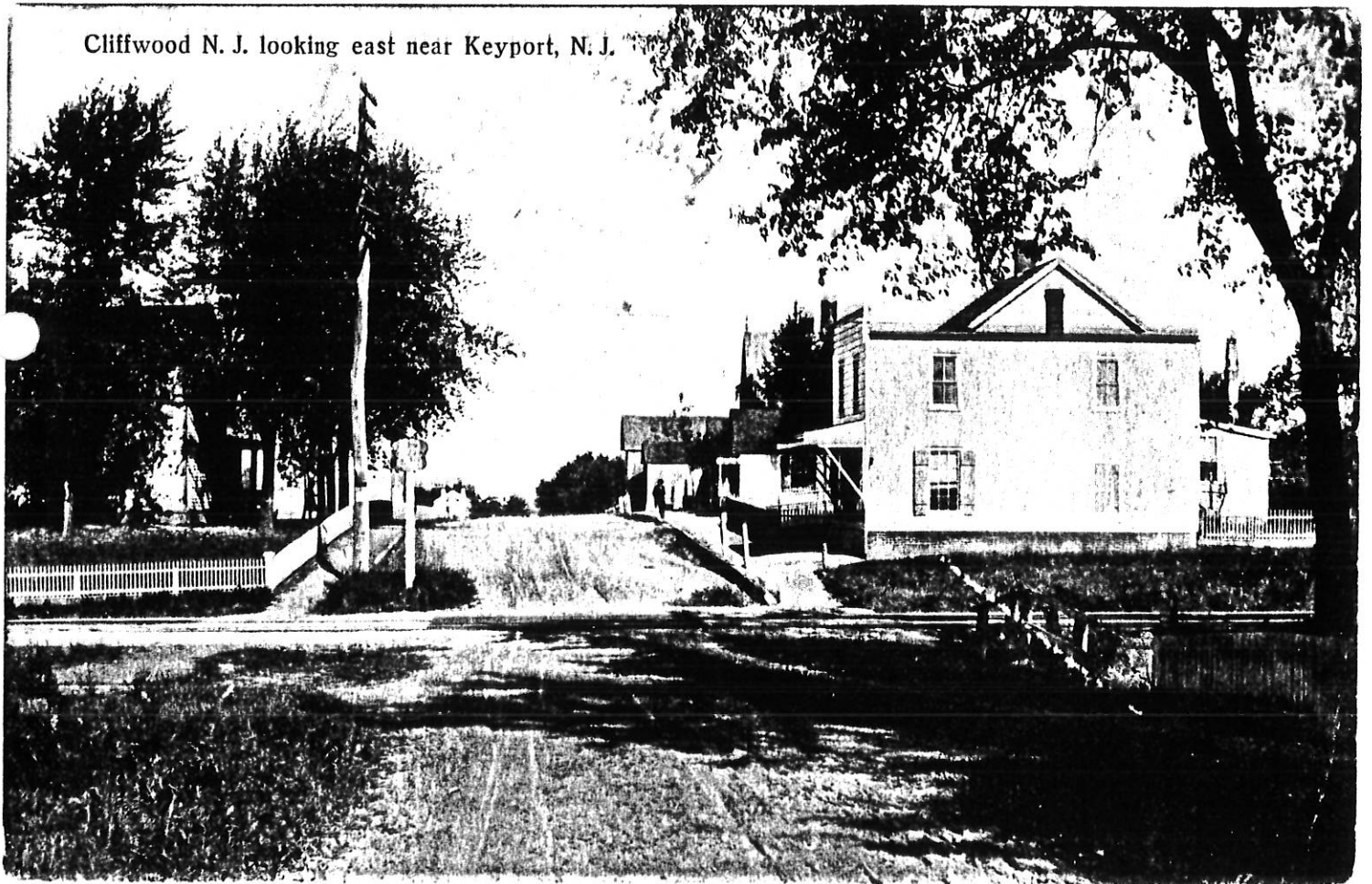
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*The Creek and Cliffwood Point, Keyport, N. J.*

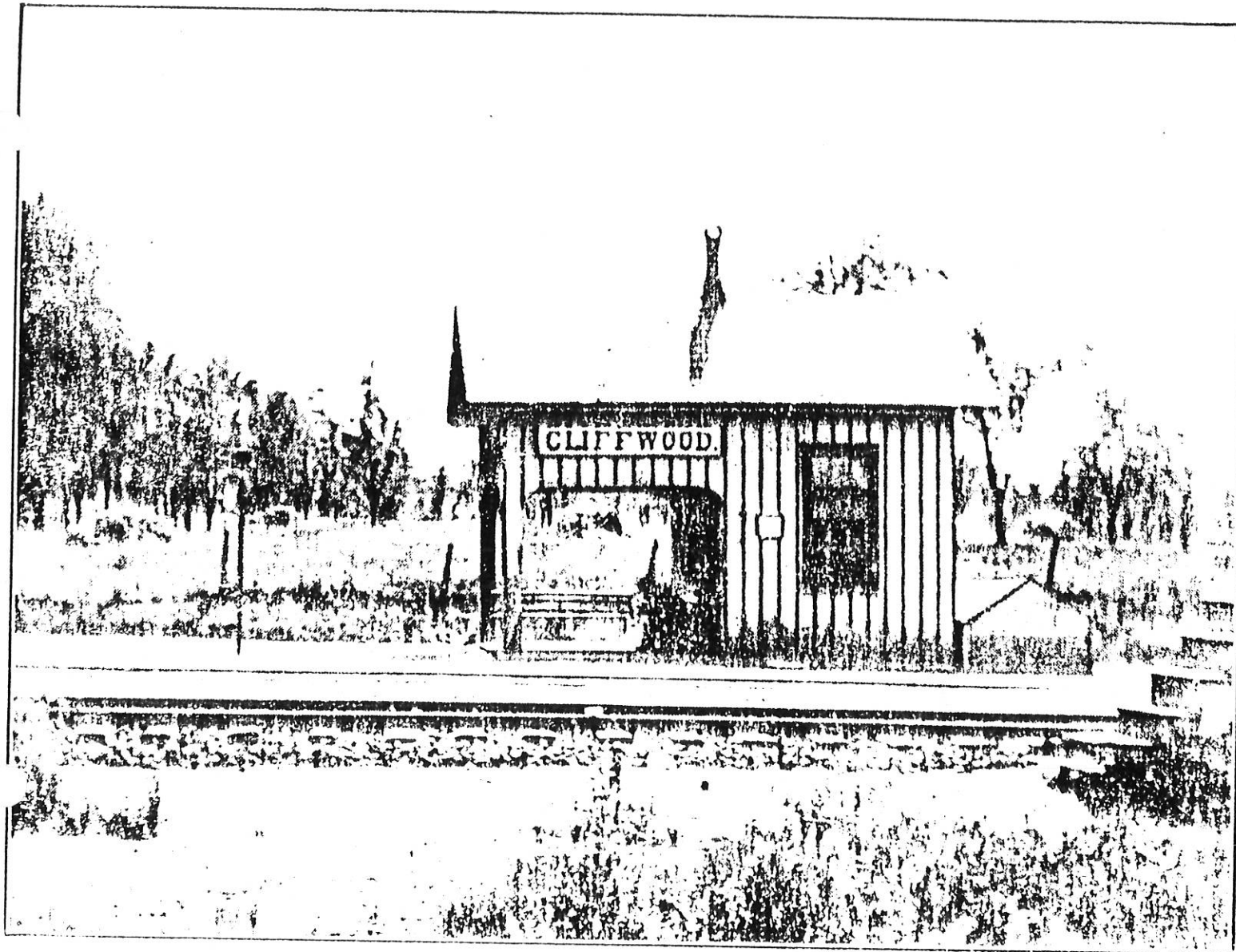


Cliffwood N. J. looking east near Keyport, N. J.

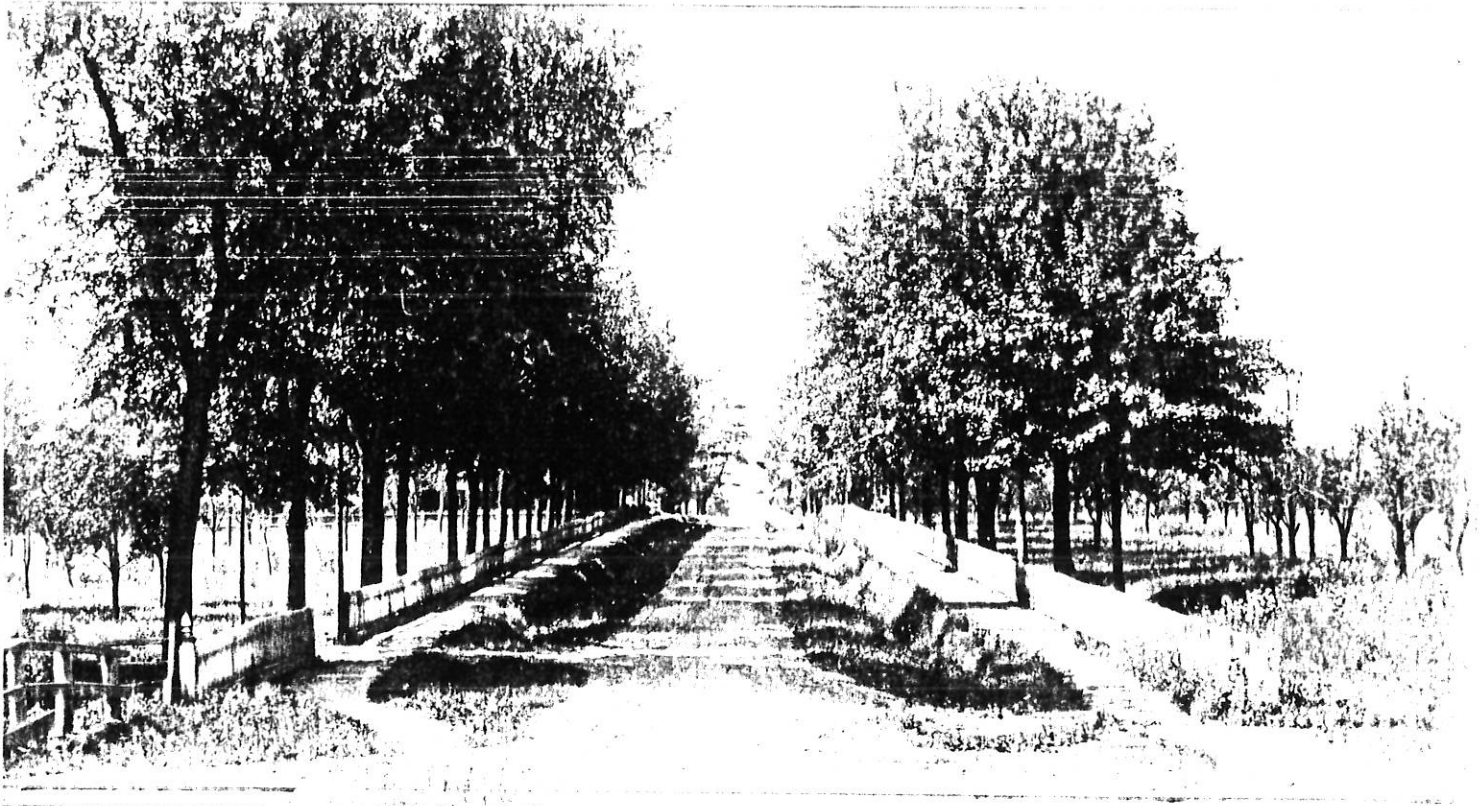




BEACH SPORTS AT "SPORTLAND" CLIFFWOOD BEACH, N. J.



NEW YORK & LONG BRANCH R. R. STATION, CLIFFWOOD, N. J.



Main Street Cliffwood looking west near Keyport N. J.

BRICKYARDS IN ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP  
FKA MATAWAN TOWNSHIP  
AS REMEMBERED BY PAULINE K BEAR

The Brickyard I remember most was operating in the Nineteen Twenties and was named Craigen's Brickyard located on Lenox Road near where the Public Works Dept. Of the township is now located. My father worked there and when they were "burning kiln" I would have to bring his dinner pail to him as he would have to watch the fire all night. When they were "burning kiln" that meant they were baking the bricks, using soft coal in open fires. Later on a more modern fuel was used.

There was a railway siding that connected with the main railroad. There were brick apartments on the Brickyard grounds where some of the workers and their families lived.

From hearing stories from my family there was a Brickyard called the Pennsylvania Brickyard located where the River Gardens section is now. This was before Craigen's Brickyard where my grandfather worked and was killed by a cave in a clay bank. The Pennsylvania Brickyard was located on Matawan Creek and bricks were transported by Barges up to New York State.

The brick house where the Superintendent lived is on Matawan Ave near the Parkway and is occupied by members of the Savitsky family. There was also a siding to the main railroad line. The smoke stack stood for a long time after the Brickyard closed.

There was another Brickyard in Middlesex County where my father also worked near Highway 35 called Avery's Brickyard. This was in the years 1916 and 1917 and was near the area where the Pirate Ship of Cliffwood Beach was last located before it burned down.

My mother worked in the house for Mr. & Mrs. Avery. She was a widow with a small child coming from New York.

My father was a widower with eight children. They eventually married and had my sister and I, and we became one large family.

There was another Brickyard in Middlesex County, the last one to operate in this area. It was called Osehwalds. I went to school with the daughters, Helen and Gertrude as they lived on Main St. In Matawan. Before closing Osehwalds was sold to the Gentile family.

This area was known for it's clay and soil and therefore the Brickyards, Tile and Pottery factories were popular industries and brought a lot of people to the area to work.