

## OLD TENNETT CHURCH

**448 Tennent Road (near Route 9)  
Manalapan, (732) 446-6299  
www.oldtennentchurch.org**

Located adjacent to the Monmouth Battlefield on Tennent Road, the Old Tennent Presbyterian Church was built in 1751-53 and served as a temporary hospital for the American wounded. Near the church are monuments to soldiers killed during the Battle of Monmouth, including Col. Henry Monckton, the highest ranking British officer to die in the battle. Tradition says that musket balls pierced its walls during the battle. The church is still in use today.

## POINT PLEASANT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

**Point Pleasant Borough Hall  
416 New Jersey Avenue  
Point Pleasant Beach, (732) 892-3091  
www.pointpleasanthistory.com**

The Point Pleasant Historical Society Museum specializes in preserving photographs, maps, and other documents including early records from downtown businesses, meticulously compiled contemporaneous scrapbooks detailing the exploits of local men and women in World War II, and posters of baseball games played, vaudeville shows produced, and summer extravaganzas. Open monthly on the second Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM or by appointment.

## SANDY HOOK:

**GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, SANDY HOOK UNIT**

**SANDY HOOK LIGHTHOUSE**

**FORT HANCOCK HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**SANDY HOOK VISITOR'S CENTER**

**Off Route 36, Sandy Hook, (732) 872-5970  
www.nps.gov/gate**

**Please refer to the listing under "Parks & Recreation Areas."**

## SPRING LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

**Spring Lake Municipal Building  
423 Warren Avenue, Third Floor  
(732) 449-0772  
www.springlakehistoricalsociety.org**

The Main Gallery depicts the entire history of Spring Lake. Videos of special events can be viewed in the conference room. Special arrangements can be made for all history researchers. Open Thurs. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and Sun. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM or by appointment. Elevator available.

## STAFFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY HERITAGE CULTURAL CENTER

**Old Manahawkin Baptist Church,  
corner of Route 9 and North  
Lakeshore Drive, Stafford Township  
www.staffordhistory.org/cultural.html**

The Old Manahawkin Baptist Church is a Gothic Revival Church originally built prior to 1758. The grounds contain a site of a Revolutionary War skirmish in 1781 and a mass burial ground for numerous shipwreck victims. During the Revolutionary War, in the "Skirmish at Manahawken," between Captain Reuben Randolph's Manahawkin Militia and John Bacon's band of "Pine Pirates" or "Refugees,"



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## Vietnam Era Museum and Educational Center in Holmdel.

wounded members of the Manahawkin Militia were treated and cared for in the church. Several veterans of the Revolution are buried in the cemetery surrounding the church. Owned by the Historical Society, the building is widely used as a meeting place and a depository for artifacts as well as for summer concerts and historical tours.

## STRAUSS MANSION MUSEUM

**Atlantic Highlands Historical Society,  
27 Prospect Circle  
Atlantic Highlands, (732) 291-1861  
www.ahhistory.org**

Get a taste of the history of Atlantic Highlands by visiting the town and the Atlantic Highlands Historical Society headquarters at the Strauss Mansion Museum. The museum is open Sundays 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. You can also acquire information about the society's events, membership, and resources for research. Monthly programs at the mansion bring together historically minded individuals with speakers who explore, interpret, and bring to life the past of Atlantic Highlands, the region, and the nation. Programs are held April - December on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

**THE STEPHEN CRANE HOUSE  
508 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park  
(732) 775-5682  
www.thestephencranehouse.org**

Stephen Crane was not quite twelve years old when he moved to Asbury Park in 1883. He attended the Asbury Park Public School for two years and spent every summer of his teenage years gathering news stories in and around Asbury Park for his brother's news service. Before he left Asbury Park in the summer of 1892, he had written his first novel, *Maggie, a Girl of the Streets*, a dozen short stories called *The Sullivan County Tales*, and scores of newspaper articles. After living a bohemian life in New York City, his third novel, *The Red Badge of Courage*, earned him fame, but little fortune. He returned to write about Asbury Park in 1896, when he was a famous writer, commenting on the little city where he started his writing career. The house remained in the Crane family until 1899, and over the years went through several phases, including serving as a summer boarding house. Years of neglect, however, took its toll on the structure, and in 1995, it was slated for demolition. Neighbors Tom and Regina Hayes saved the house from the wrecking ball by purchasing and restoring it to serve as a community resource and small museum.

Since then, the house has been the small venue for hundreds of literary, musical, film, and cultural programs, all dedicated to the memory of Stephen Crane and his very literary and artistic family. Call or check the website for programs and hours.

**THE TAYLOR - BUTLER HOUSE  
127 Kings Highway, Middletown  
(732) 462-1466**

**www.monmouthhistory.org**

After their marriage in 1849, Joseph and Mary Taylor built this grand house on the family homestead in Middletown. Originally known as Orchard Home (and now called the Taylor - Butler House), construction was completed in 1853. The home reflected the wealth and status that the Taylors had achieved. Here they raised their two children, and the house was furnished with family heirlooms and treasures from the Orient imported by Joseph's company. Their daughter, Mary, was the last Taylor to live here, and after her death in 1930, the house stood empty for about ten years until architect Henry Ludwig Kramer purchased it for his home and office. He lovingly restored the house. In the 1950s, George and Helen Butler purchased the property. The Butlers were noted for their community involvement and hospitality. This Victorian mansion does not have regular visiting hours, but is available to rent for events or meetings.

## TOMS RIVER SEAPORT SOCIETY AND MARITIME MUSEUM

**11 Hooper Avenue (East Water Street  
and Hooper Avenue), Toms River  
(732) 349-9209**

**www.tomsriverseaport.org**

The purpose of this museum is to preserve the maritime heritage of New Jersey, particularly of the Barnegat Bay area. Wooden boats, restoration shop, and artifacts of the Barnegat Bay area are on display, including a reference library and Ship Store. Open Tues., Thurs., and Sat. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Admission is free.

## TUCKERTON SEAPORT

**120 West Main Street (Route 9)  
Tuckerton, (609) 296-8868**

**www.TuckertonSeaport.org**

**Please refer to the listings under "Attractions & Activities" and on page 17.**

## WOODROW WILSON HALL, MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

**400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch  
(732) 571-3400**

**www.monmouth.edu/wilson\_hall**

Woodrow Wilson Hall, Monmouth University's administration center, is remarkable for its architectural and historic interest. Located on the site of President Woodrow Wilson's Summer White House, it has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Originally known as Shadow Lawn, the opulent 130-room mansion was built in 1930 as the private residence of F. W. Woolworth Company President, Hubert T. Parson. In the 1980s, it reverted temporarily to its former residential role when it served as Daddy Warbuck's Fifth Avenue mansion for the filming of the John Huston movie, "Annie." The building is open for self-guided tours when the University is in session, Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. ♦