



Ever want to trace the history of your home? Find out who built it, and when? Who else owned it? Or would you like to know more about the various families in and around Rancocas? Maybe your own family?

Well, perhaps we've got the answer for you.

The Westampton Township Historical Society was created to help bring together those people interested in history, and especially history and preservation of Westampton Township. Understanding the history of our community is basic to our democratic way of life, gives us a better understanding of our state and nation, and promotes a better appreciation of our American heritage.

The Society's major function is to discover and collect any materials which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the area; its exploration, settlement, development, and activities in war and in peace; its progress in population, wealth, education, arts, science, agriculture, manufacturers, trade and transportation. The Society collects printed material, such as histories, genealogies, biographies, descriptions, gazetteers, directories, newspapers, pamphlets, etc.; manuscript materials such as letters, diaries, journals, etc.; museum material such as pictures, photographs, paintings, portraits, furniture, material objects illustrative of life and events of the past and present, etc. The Society provides for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility as far as may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it.

We meet the third Wednesday of every "even" month at the Rancocas Community Center at 7:00 p.m. The meeting months are: February, April, June, August, October and December. At our meetings we offer slide shows, lectures and/or other various programs designed to educate the public on things such as the history of Westampton Township, its people, places and land; how to trace your family history, old house renovations, antiques and many other items of interest. Past events include: Appraisal shows (Ron Shaffer; William Bunche), Garden tours, book reviews, a victorian wedding; Discussion/lectures on: Indians of South Jersey; archaeology in New Jersey; *Dr. Franklin, I presume*; Washington, *The Man Nobody Knew*; Francis Hopkinson, Declaration of Independence signer; maintaining the older home.

While these meetings are open to the public, and you are welcome to join us, we do ask that you consider joining the Westampton Township Historical Society. Our preservation work, as well as coordinating the meetings, takes funds. Your membership helps us to continue our programs and to reach our goals.

YEARLY RATES:

Individual: \$10 Family: \$20



05082010/WTHS

Membership Form (please print clearly)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone (optional): _____

E-Mail Address (primary): _____

Yes! Please notify me of upcoming events.

Enclosed is a check or U.S. money order in the amount of \$_____.

Please make payable to WTHS and mail your completed form and check/m.o. to:

**Westampton Township Historical Society
P.O. Box 132, Rancocas, NJ 08073
(609) 267-2641**