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revolutionized the ability to offer the complete collection of the historical society's photo library, in the form of DVDs, now available to anyone upon request. Now for the first time, individuals can own these photographs and view them at their own convenience.

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with power outages for days and downed trees and power lines all over town.

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Jean Darling, a role that should have gone to a Dover girl?  
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## What Will Become of Dover's Famous Painting? Historic Painting On A Five Year Loan to Metropolitan Art Museum

DOVER-One of Dover's historic treasures that has hung in the Dover Public Library for over 60 years may be in danger of losing Dover as its home, forever. The 1863 painting by Emanuel Leutze, "Indians Attacking the Wagon Train" was donated to Dover

by the Derry family in memory of their mother Mrs. William E. Derry on June 3, 1943. The painting is historically significant because the same artist painted the famous (cont. on page 3)



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# Fire Dept's Huge Gift to the Historical Society

## Cablevision Channel 12 News Carries the Story Across the State

DOVER—Organized in 1874, the Dover Volunteer Fire Department has collected over the years literally thousands of photographs of everything from fires, emergency rescues and disasters to the hundreds of parades, fire apparatus demonstrations, celebrations and picnics, along with a case load of newspaper clippings, maps, documents and memorabilia. All these belongings were tucked away in boxes and crates for decades at the Fire Department's Garage, utilized for the storage of antique apparatus and equipment, located near the Town Garage on North Sussex Street.

In February 2012, current Dover Fire Chief Richard Mattison and members of the fire department decided to give the Dover Area Historical Society an opportunity to search through these boxes and crates and decide what is historically significant to the citizens of the Dover area and what items, for the first time should see

the light-of-day with a public display.

According to George Laurie, museum curator, "considering the amount of memorabilia being offered to the society, this project may take months before completed."

So far, members of the historical society have uncovered some early photographs of Dover's early firefighters from the late 1800s along with thousands of photographs of the various steamers and fire engines the department owned over the years. Also found were pictures of the early hand drawn hose & latter trucks along with the steamer-engines that were pulled through the streets of Dover and nearby towns by teams of horses, such as Mae and Blossom.

Also uncovered so far were hundreds of newspaper clippings over the years reporting on Dover's numer-



**Pictured l to r: Roger Flartey, Helen Pennella, Bob Bahrs, Bill Woodhull and Vishal Parmar**

ous fires, such as the Park Union Lumber Yard fire in 1954 which is considered one of the largest fires in Dover's history. Also clippings' ranging from disasters such as the explosions at Picatinny Arsenal and nearby Hercules Powder Depot to emergency rescue efforts like the grandstand collapse at the Dover Speedway injuring dozens of spectators.

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## Leutze Painting (cont. from pg. 1)

"Washington Crossing the Delaware" in 1851 and the 1862 painting "Westward the Course of Empire Takes Its Way" painted on the great stairway of the House of Representatives in the U.S. Capitol.

How the Derry family of Dover gained possession of this painting is unknown, but it was loaned to the library six years prior to it being donated. Dr. William E. Derry was a prominent physician in Dover with his office and home at 52 W. Blackwell Street in "Doctor's Row." across

the street from Dover History Museum House.

According to research done by Marilyn Patterson, Dr. Derry was born in July of 1856, his wife Olivia born in June of 1869 and they had three daughters, Edna, Sarah and Mildred.

According to Library Director Robert Tambini, the painting was insured for \$300,000 based on the appraised value in the 1980s, however, a recent appraisal by a Morristown firm appraised the value of the painting at \$2.5 million. With this revelation, the insurance on the painting would have to be dramatically increased and the

security at the library to house the painting would have to be carefully studied.

In the meantime, the Library Board of Trustees decided to loan the painting to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York for a five-year term so that it might be made available to the millions of patrons that pass through the museum each year.

Barbara Weinberg, curator of American Paintings and Sculpture at the Metropolitan said Dover's painting will be grouped with other artworks of similar subjects from the same era.

What will become of the painting after five years? That remains to be seen. In the meantime there is now a replica of the painting at the Dover Public Library hanging where the original once stood.

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday \* April 17th \* 7:30 pm**

**MUSEUM HOUSE**

**"Bon Ton Movie Night"**

**Christmas In July**

**Starring Dick Powell & Ellen Drew**  
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**No charge & Refreshments served.**

**Tuesday \* May 15th \* 7:30 pm**

**MUSEUM HOUSE**

**"Then and Now Game Show"**

View old photographs of the Dover area and guess the scene as it looks today. Game show winner will be awarded a nice

**"Fruit Basket"**

**No charge & Refreshments served.**

**Sun. \* June 10th \* All day**

**DOVER FLEA MARKET**

**"Townwide Yardsale and Root Beer Social"**

A \$30 donation to the historical society buys you a spot in the Dover Flea Market for the whole day. One of the most successful yard sales in the area. Call 973-361-3525 for app.

**Sun. \* June 19th \* 7:30 pm**

**MUSEUM HOUSE**

**"Happenings in Dover in the 30s, 40s, & 50s"**

Photographs, newspaper clippings, scrapbook items and other stuff collected by the Ericson

Family will be highlighted and displayed on the large screen. Bring a friend!

**No charge—Refreshments served**

**Sat. \* Sept. 29th \* 1 & 3:30 pm**

**MUSEUM HOUSE**

**"Afternoon Tea in the Parks"**

Enjoy a pleasant afternoon of tea and goodies as each room in the museum is dedicated to one of Dover's beautiful parks: Hurd Park, Overlook Park, JFK/Commons Park, Waterworks Park and Hooley Park.

**\$15 donation**

**(Proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund)**

**Bring a friend!**

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Morris Canal Program on 1/17/12	\$76
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Kathleen Kalena, Dover	\$20
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon, Morris Plains	\$12
Dover Rotary Club	\$1,000
Donald Chafetz, El Cajon, CA	\$10
Dorothy O'Leary, Hanover, PA	\$120
Kay Walker, Succasunna	\$30
Disasters of Dover (1st program)	\$166
Disasters of Dover (2nd program)	\$90
Robert Tiefenbacher, Lafayette - <u>"In Memory of Roger Aree"</u>	\$100
Dover Woman's Club	\$100
Rebekah Lodge	\$50

# The Rise and Fall of the Historic Morris Canal

## Dover Played an Important Role In Its Early Success

DOVER-There was a time when Morris Canal boatmen and their families could afford to purchase small farms or sizable houses. Some canal boatmen were able to save sizable amounts of money that when the railroad began carrying most of the trade, they went to canals in other states and purchased boats of their own. In NJ they could only lease a boat for a season and take a percentage of the income since all the boats were owned by the Morris Canal Company. On the Erie canal for instance, boats were privately owned, that's why they were kept in better condition and they were built to carry lighter loads such as grain, fruit, flower and other clean goods rather than iron ore and coal. The cabins and kitchens on these boats were neat and comfortable and the wife of the captain and her children were clean and wore men's clothing.

There was a time when boatmen

lived in a comfortable way on their boats not only carrying full cargoes of coal down from Port Delaware to Jersey City, but also carried cargoes back such as brick, lime, lumber, groceries, therefore having profits made on round trips. During the winter months, the canal was shut down and the men either worked in or owned saloons or stores in towns. In all, the canalers who were industrious and economical did not have much to complain about.

In 1848, the railroad finally made its way to Dover. A few years later it was extended to Hackettstown. With the rapid growth of the railroads, by the 1870s & 1880s, it began to take much of the shipping away from the canal. Even though there were full loads of coal coming from Port Delaware to Jersey City, very few boats returned with a load of any sort.



Because of the falling off of business, some of the boatmen and their families lived in their boats during the winter months and found some kind of employment to support their families until the canal reopened in the spring.

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### Morris Canal

Those unfortunate canalers who could not be guaranteed a shipment, often found it hard to get credit to purchase groceries.

The construction of the Morris Canal was commenced in July 1825 and was completed from the Delaware River to Newark in August of 1831. It was later extended to Jersey City in 1836. The original design of the canal allowed for boats of 25 tons, which was small by the standards of the day. By 1860, the canal had been progressively enlarged to allow for boats of 70 tons. Traffic reached a peak in 1866, when the canal carried

889,220 tons of freight (equivalent to nearly 13,000 boat loads).

In 1871, the canal was leased by the Lehigh Valley RR, primarily to give that railroad the use of the valuable terminal properties at Phillipsburg and Jersey City. By 1871, however, the canal was already on the decline, and the Lehigh Valley RR never realized a profit from the operation of the canal.

By the early 20th century, commercial traffic on the canal had become negligible. In 1922 the state of New Jersey took control of the canal and formally abandoned it in 1924; between 1924 and 1929, it was largely dismantled.



Some signs of the canal are still visible in Dover. The path of Bassett Highway (as seen above) was built directly over the canal. JFK Park was the canal's large basin. And a section of Route 46 through east Dover was also constructed directly on top of the canal.

## Dover Historical Society Group Offers A Scholarship

DOVER-For a number of months, the Dover Historical Society had been discussing ways to reach out to Dover area youth to become more involved with our activities. Stan Schoonmaker's "Outreach Program" has already been reaching out to area schools with programs for students and several field trips to the museum by classrooms from second grade all the way to high school students.

Members wanted to do a little more.

A suggestion was made to establish a scholarship/award to a Dover High School graduating senior. It was decided the first scholarship would be \$500 given to a senior living in Dover, Mine Hill or Victory Gardens who plans to attend an accredited 2 or 4 year college. Also the



winner would receive a signed copy of the Dover history book "*Images of America - Dover*".

It was decided the scholarship award would be funded partly from the annual afternoon tea event, along with other fund raising events and generous donations from members, supporters and friends of the society. Application forms are available at the Dover High School or on-line at: [doverhistoricalsociety.com](http://doverhistoricalsociety.com).

## The Dover Police Chief That Refused To Step Down

### 1898 Chief Bowlby Refused To Leave After Being Ousted By The City Council

DOVER-On Feb. 14, 1898 the City Council, acting on the advice of the Police Committee, voted three to one to oust Police Chief Bowlby from office. After a long and careful investigation of the doings and behavior of the Chief, the Committee recommended he be removed from office for the following reasons: (1) Willful neglect to obey the orders of the City Council after refusing to expunge from the police docket, certain derogatory and libelous entries concerning a fellow officer, (2) Neglecting to patrol any part of the city, (3) Spending most of his time sitting in police headquarters, (4) Using nearly a whole day taking a prisoner to Morristown and returning, and (5) Disrespect of the Police Committee, to a night-watchman and other officers.

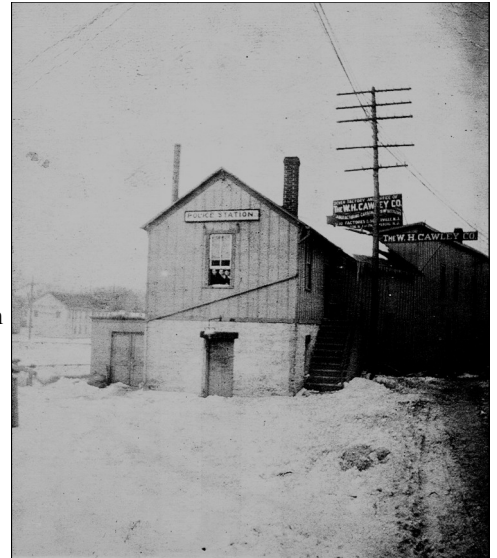
According to the report, "therefore, we, the Committee on Police are satisfied that the present incumbent should

be removed for the welfare and benefit of Dover."

Meanwhile, Councilman Stumpf, didn't agree, "I don't see why you should find so much fault with Chief Bowlby. He has always done his duty and yet, you are all the time harassing him."

The next day, Chief Bowlby wrote the following: "I feel compelled to notify you whereas the term of my appointment has not expired and as I have not been removed from office by any legal proceedings, I therefore hereby notify you that I absolutely decline to consider myself removed from office. Yours truly, C.W. Bowlby, Chief of Police.

At a town meeting on March 14, 1898, the following resolution was approved, "Whereas, Charles W. Bowlby, who has exercised the office of Chief of Police after being removed from office and



*Dover's first Police Station located in the rear of the same building as the Benson Thomson Agency on North Morris Street*

## Police Chief

failed within 10 days to deliver to the Police Committee books, papers, vouchers and property of every kind in his possession belonging to Dover has forfeited and becomes liable to pay the city a sum of \$500."

Meanwhile, Mr. Bowlby continued to operate as if he were still the Chief, patrolling the streets, making arrests and carrying on duties of Chief.

At a town meeting on April 11, 1898 two police reports were read in public, one from former Chief Bowlby and the second from Officer McElroy who was

acting Chief until a replacement could be found. After the reports, nothing more was said.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1898 former Marshal James Hagan was appointed the new Chief of Police for Dover.

The following resolution was read and passed, "Whereas a vacancy has existed in the office of Chief of Police for Dover, the name of James Hagan is nominated to be the Chief of Police."

Meanwhile, an editorial in the Dover's Iron Era newspaper quotes a town ordinance, "The Chief of Police shall have the power "with written consent of the Mayor" to appoint special officers to serve upon special occasions when the regular

force may be deemed inadequate." Mayor Pierson refused to sign such appointments feeling the former Chief Bowlby's removal from office had been illegal. Meanwhile, the New York Tribune, piped in and stated, "The Mayor was right about Bowlby. Perhaps there are in existence, statutes that permitted the council to remove him, but if so they should be declared unconstitutional. Higher than any mere statutory enactment is the unwritten law that no governing body shall do injury to the interests committed to its care, and it is a sorrowful fact that in firing Bowlby, the Council did great damage to Dover's reputation."

What happened next? Read all about it in the next edition of Ye Old Tye News.

## Fire Dept. (cont. from pg. 3)

Everyone loves a parade and the Dover Fire Department had their fair share of parades since its founding in 1874 continuing up to the present day; hundreds of photographs of parades in Dover, Boonton, Morristown, Rockaway and Randolph along with apparatus demonstrations showing the public the latest technologies in fighting fires.

Uncovered so far were hundreds of documents detailing the various fire apparatus owned by the department over the years, lists of those who served as fire

chief, the men who drove the apparatus to and from fires and a list of volunteer firefighters over the years.

Laurie said that this was a great opportunity for the historical society to dig deep into the roots of the fire department's history which has existed for the past 138 years. The society hopes to seek a grant to help fund the documenting of these records and the cost of establishing an exhibit at the Dover History Museum House and also possibly at the Dover Free Public Library.



*Volunteer Fire Dept. circa late 1800s. One of thousands of photographs donated to the Historical Society.*



## Dover Resident R. F. Oram Establishes Wharton Moves To Dover in 1848 and Becomes Large Property Owner

DOVER-Robert F. Oram, one of Dover's most prominent citizens and one of the wealthiest men in Morris County, was responsible for the development of Wharton circa 1849. According to the Iron Era Newspaper (3/24/1899) Mr. Oram was born in Cornwall England in 1824. Up until the age of 13, he attended a private school and soon was placed in charge of an engine in his father's business. In 1845, he came to America arriving in New York City after a voyage of 45-days. He joined his brother Thomas in Pottsville, PA and became engaged in mining and the shipping of coal from Philadelphia.

In 1848, he and his brother came to Dover and began operating the Swedes Mine in East Dover. The mine was originally the property of Col. Jackson of Rockaway. In 1848, the Mt Pleasant Mine was purchased by the same owners of Swedes and Mr. Oram was placed in charge of its

operations.

In 1858, Mr. Oram purchased from Fuller, Lord & Co. all the land on which Wharton would some day exist. In 1859, he built four dwelling houses and with John Hance, built a store building. The location would soon be known as Port Oram. A stock company was organized under the name of Oram, Hance & Co. and John Hill and William Lathrop of Boonton became partners. Mr Oram still managed the many mining interests of Fuller, Lord and Co. until 1881 when he resigned. In 1892, he dissolved the firms of Oram, Hance & Co. and started the firm of R. F. Oram & Co. Soon Mr. Oram became a very large property owner, one of the original stockholders in the National Union Bank of Dover and a stockholder in the Newark Bank and the First National Bank of Morristown.

Mr. Oram and his wife Hannah occupied the Oram Homestead on Salem Street, near the Salem Street Bridge. Robert F. Oram passed away after a long illness on March 21, 1899 and news of his death, which was sudden and unexpected came as a painful shock to his many friends in the Dover area. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Halloway of the Presbyterian Church and interment at the Orchard Street Cemetery. Oram's wife Hanna passed away in 1896 and he was survived by four children, Mrs. Charles Peirce, Thomas W. and Robert F. Jr. all of Dover and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Scranton, PA.

*Dear DAHS: I am looking for info. on the Matthews family that lived in Wharton in the late 1800s & early 1900s. There was some info. about the family living in Irondale. Family buried at St. Mary's Cemetery. Does anyone have any info.? Thank you, Ellen Hankard - W. Hartford, CT eflh@comcast.net*

## Robert Oram's Town Becomes Wharton, NJ in 1909 Founder of U-Penn's "Wharton School" Holds Interests in the Town

WHARTON-In 1901, mine baron and entrepreneur Joseph Wharton actively acquired and managed a large and diverse business empire including the iron smelting plant in Wharton. Wharton was born in Philadelphia in 1826 to an old wealthy Quaker family. He entered into business in the manufacturing of zinc and nickel and gradually bought controlling interest in the Bethlehem Iron Works. Joseph Wharton passed away on Jan. 11,

1909 and left behind, not only a huge business empire but a legacy as well; founder of the Wharton School of Business at the University of Penn., co-founded Bethlehem Steel, one of the founders of Swarthmore College and owned land in N.J. Pine Barons which later became Wharton State Park. Wharton successfully lobbied for the use of nickel in the U.S. coinage and was a close colleague of such great leaders as Thomas Edison and Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Wharton was a personal friend and consultant with several presidents. Joseph Wharton was buried in Philadelphia. The town of Port Oram was named after him in 1902.



### News Happening Around Us

**Spring Cleaning** – It's time to spruce up the History Museum House. Volunteers are invited to bring rakes, yard waste bags, etc. to help clean around the house. Sat. Apr. 14th - 9 am.

**Downtown Dover Flea Market** opens for another season on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**New awning** for the front entrance to the museum house should be installed. Should give a whole new look to welcome members & supporters.

**Technology equipment** - Thanks to the generous donation of the Rotary Club, the historical society has a new projector, screen and color scanner. Photos can now be ordered at the museum and copied on the spot. For more information log on: [www.doverhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.doverhistoricalsociety.com)

### **Afternoon Tea In The Park**

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# Dover Girl To Star In "Our Gang Comedy" Selected From Over 400 Contestants To Win The Role

DOVER-According to a 1928 newspaper article from Rockaway, little Miss Marjorie Jennings, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings of Crystal Street in Dover, and granddaughter of Port Jennings was on the threshold of a "movie" career in Hollywood. The little tot with her mass of blonde curls and pink and white complexion was chosen from among 400 other children to play the role of "Jean Darling" the vamp in an "Our Gang" comedy to be shown in Newark and metropolitan theaters later in the year.

The selection was made by Hal Roach, motion picture director and owner of Hal Roach Studios in Hollywood and New York. Marjorie was to begin work immediately on location at Palisades Park.

The little tot from Dover had appeared in scores of beauty contests in

Newark and Essex County and had taken a number of prizes in baby parades held in Dover, Asbury Park and other places. She had never appeared before the movie camera, however, Mr. Roach who made the selection, said she had poise and intelligence far beyond her years and would respond readily to direction.

It was indicated in the paper that Miss Marjorie would then be selected to go to Hollywood upon the completion of the present picture and put under contract for \$100 a week. Her carfare and that of her parents would be paid to and from the Pacific coast.

Whatever happened to Little Margie? Upon further investigation it was discovered that the part of Jean Darling eventually went to a Dorothy Jean LeVake. She took on the part in the comedy series and eventually legally took

on the name as her own. Jean Darling would appear in 46 silent episodes of Our Gang Comedies and 6 talkies during her contract with Hal Roach. She continued to appear in films after leaving the gang including an appearance in Laurel & Hardy's "Babes in Toyland" and as the young Jane in "Jane Eyre" in 1934. In the 1940s she became a Broadway star and her career hit a real high when she landed the role of Carrie Pipperidge in the original production of "Carousel" in 1945, where she appeared in 850 consecutive performances.

What happened to Marjorie Jennings? We do know that she won the 1941 Miss Teenage Contest in Atlantic City, but nothing else. Did you know the Jennings's family of Dover? Let us know. Contact us at:

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# Historical Society Wins Rotary Club Grant

## Funds To Be Used To Upgrade The Society's Media Center & Outreach

DOVER-The Dover Rotary Club was pleased to announce that it had received a \$1,000 grant to improve and update media equipment for public presentations.

January 24, 2012. To Mr. John Wilson, District Foundation Chair, Morristown, NJ. Dear John: Enclosed herein please find a District Simplified Grant Application for the Dover Rotary Club. We propose to assist the Dover Area Historical Society in purchasing media equipment (projector and screen) to present their various programs to community members, clubs, societies and school children.

They are already very active in outreach programs and developing specific programs of interest on Dover area history. When the Museum first saw a permanent home on Blackwell Street it solicited local service organizations to "adopt a room." The Dover Rotary Club improved the front

family room as a Club project.

Many school groups and senior citizen groups attend the Museum both for meetings and for historical programming. Sincerely, David C. Pennella, President Dover Rotary Club.

February 7, 2012. Dear Dave. We are pleased to announce the Dover Rotary Club has been awarded a District Simplified Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to "adopt a room" at the Dover Area Historical Society by upgrading media equipment for public presentations. Many thanks for your participation in the Rotary Foundation Program and we wish you continued success in assisting our communities, both locally and globally. With warm regards, Michael Rabasca, Foundation Grants Committee Chair.

*Applications for the June 10th Townwide Yard-sale are now online at: [doverhistoricalsociety.com](http://doverhistoricalsociety.com)*



*The Epson PowerLite 1750 and the Epson Liteweight Movie Screen are now part of the Dover historical society's growing media center.*

## Dover Fire Department Donates Thousands of Photos



*Photograph of Mae & Blossom. The Steam Engine is still in the possession of the Fire Dept.*

Members of the Dover Volunteer Fire Dept. recently offered to the historical society, thousands of photographs from their vast archival collection.

Kurt Siegelin, Anchor for News 12 New Jersey ran a story on this. Check it out on our website: [www.doverhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.doverhistoricalsociety.com)

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*Photograph taken in front of the old Dover Fire House circa late 1940s. From the Fire Dept.'s photo collection.*

## Barn Sale at the Inglis' Homestead

DOVER-The Dover Senior Center Committee will hold a sale in the Inglis' Barn in back of 328 Richards Avenue. The sale will be held on May 18th and 19th from 9 am to 4 pm.

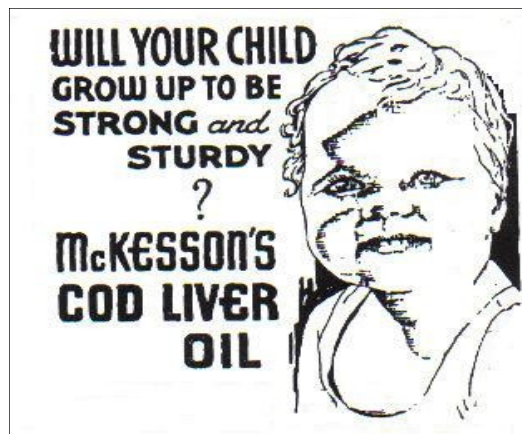
If you would like to become involved with this group come to the Dover History Museum House on the second Thursday of every month from 2 to 4 pm.

If you wish to donate clothing or household items please come to the barn between 10 am and 12 noon on any Monday in April. Should these times be inconvenient, please call 973-366-0629 to arrange for a drop off time.

***The most requested download on our website is Charles Platt's 1914 "Dover History". This has been found to be a great source of information for researching Dover's early history. Also, Platt's 1922 "Dover Dates" is available on-line.***



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#### **More letters to Mr. Schoonmaker from 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at East Dover Elementary School:**

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, Thank you for telling us about Dover. I learned that the Baker Theater held plays and then was a movie theater. I was impressed when you told me that people rode horses. *Thank you, Joanna*

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, Thank you for coming to our school. I couldn't believe when you told me that a trolley hit a canal boat. I don't understand is that a boat is on water and a trolley is on a track. *Thank you, Danny*

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, Wow! Finding out that there was a racetrack where Shop Rite is and that the Baker Theater had plays and movies. I am interested in finding out what kids did for fun. *Thank you, Gabriel*

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, Thank you for coming to East Dover. It was cool that there was a drive-in theater. We also learned that Hope House was a school, but I forgot what was the Hope House? *Thank you, Tatiana*

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, I appreciate you coming to our school. You are very nice. I felt fantastic. My favorite was when you told us about the canal. Had fun at the presentation. *Thank you, Joseph*

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, Thanks for coming to our school. It was fun looking at pictures when you were a little boy and all the pictures of long ago. *Thank you, Kevin*