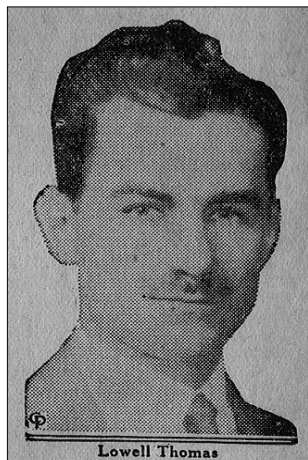




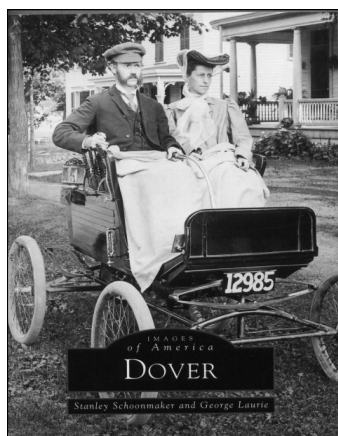
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Stan Wins "Living Treasure" Award

Stan's Dedicated Work In Historical Society Touches All Ages

By Joan Bocchinno

DOVER-I received a call from Sister Johnice to inform me that Stan Schoonmaker has been selected for the "Living Treasure Award." So well deserved! Congratulations to Stan and to all of you who helped with the nomination.

The ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 14 at St. Francis, Denville. When Stan retired in 1994 as a Social Studies teacher, Guidance Counselor, and finally Assistant to the Superintendent of the Dover School System, he did not retire from continuing his work as an organizer, an educator, and a man with the reputation of getting things done. Quietly, and without fanfare and drama, he became involved as a super-active volunteer in his hometown of Dover. Most of his energy and time seemed to gravitate towards his love of the history of Dover and his work with the Dover Area Historical Society.

One of Stan's first activities was to accept the daunting challenge of writing a Dover History Book with

George Laurie. They chose the Arcadia Publishing Co., and followed the established format of pictures with brief, informative text underneath. The book "Images of America - DOVER" was published in 1999, is now in its second printing, and has been pivotal in educating everyone about the importance of Dover, its history and its diversity.

As Vice-President of the Dover Area Historical Society (DAHS), Stan partnered with a core group of members to secure a lease of a house owned by the Presbyterian Church for use as a museum.

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Dover Declares War on N.B.C. Radio Insulted By Comments From Famous Lowell Thomas

DOVER-News flashed around the country that James Nannery, one of the most dangerous criminals in America was back in custody and locked up in Sing Sing Prison in New York.

Thanks to the quick thinking, alert patrolman in Dover, N.J. named Charles E. Ripley, this killer was taken off the streets. *What should have been a happy chapter in Dover's*

history, turns ugly.

Lowell Thomas was a famous and popular NBC news reporter who traveled the world and brought news back into the homes of America. He alone made Laurence of Arabia famous. When Mr. Thomas heard of James Nannery being captured by Dover Patrolman Charles Ripley, he couldn't help saying "live" over-the-air that this criminal

was captured by a "hick" cop in a "hick" town. This set off a fire storm in Dover as the city council immediately drew up a resolution demanding an apology of Mr. Thomas or face boycotts and further criticisms of NBC.

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Stan Schoonmaker Making History In Dover

After years of negotiations and challenges with the Church, the lease was signed for the Dover History Museum House in 2003. As usual, Stan's leadership and wisdom were instrumental in achieving the goal of obtaining a museum.

The real physical work was just starting for the century old three story house in the heart of the Dover Historic District. Renovations were needed from top to bottom before the museum could be open to members and the public. Stan was there, working both in the museum and behind the scenes recruiting volunteers. He alone completely remodeled the first floor kitchen. He has decorated the entire museum house with hundreds of photographs on all three floors. Stan has scanned and archived all of the photographs belonging to the Society that were packed away for over twenty years. He continues to collect, through donations, new photographs that he adds to his vast collection of thousands of images.

When the museum finally opened, Stan began his "programs." As a senior, Stan embraced the new technology, and his slide shows quickly became PowerPoint.

As Chairman of the Outreach Committee, he brings these shows 'on the road' to enthusiastic audiences at senior groups and other historical societies and organizations.

Stan's connection with Dover High School – both as a graduate (Class of 1949), and a retired teacher, makes him the perfect liaison for class reunions. But his most influential work is with the children. Every year, the third graders of Dover will visit the museum. They are mesmerized by the museum house, (especially the view of the downtown from the third floor), all of the framed pictures and the 'neat' artifacts. Stan will do a presentation geared to school children, and of course will tell them the story of Dorothy, the resident friendly ghost, who lived in the house with her family 100 years ago. Often, they will bring their parents back during an Open House. All the adults are fascinated by the high school yearbook collection, many of which were secured by Stan.

Older students also visit the museum, and Stan has partnered with some classes to work on grant projects and other

assignments. Again, Stan takes his programs 'on the road' right to the schools, with age appropriate activities.

Stan's energy seems boundless, as he helps to run two Yard Sales a year at the Dover Flea Market. He is a salesman for the yummy Root Beer Floats at the Yard Sale, and also is the chef who makes the delicious clam chowder and a mystery "horseradish brew" that are sold both at the yard sales and special events. The proceeds from all these events go to the DAHS and are crucial to the upkeep of the museum house.

Stan is also the mayoral appointed Vice Chairman of the Dover Historic Preservation Commission, which meets monthly to hear applications for building permits in Dover's downtown historic district. Even though this commission has only been in existence for a few years, one can see the positive results when driving down Blackwell Street.

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Stan

Stanley Logan Schoonmaker was born on January 24, 1931 in nearby Passaic, New Jersey. After graduating from Dover High School in 1949, he attended Montclair State Teacher's College, and returned to Dover to start his forty year career in the Dover Schools. In 1955 he married Marjorie Moran (DHS class of '52). Also that year he joined the army, and was stationed in Fort Lewis WA. Stan and Margie have two children, Beth and Bill, both of whom are Dover HS grads. Beth has followed her Dad's footsteps and is Assistant Superintendent of the Dover Schools. Bill and his wife Lisa have made Stan the proud grandfather of ten year old twins Matthew Logan and Kaitlyn Elizabeth. Since they also live in Morris

County, Stan can spend lots of quality time with them, and attend many of their activities.

Although most of Stan's volunteer time focuses on the DAHS, he does enjoy other hobbies and interests. He loves to sing and is currently a member of the St. John's Methodist Choir in Wharton. He builds ornamental birdhouses, which he gives to friends. He even made enough birdhouses to give as favors to all the guests at the DAHS Afternoon Tea! In 1996 he was co-founder of the Dover High School Hall of Fame, and presently serves on the selection committee. For all of his works, he was recipient of the Daughter's of the American Revolution (DAR) Award for Outstanding Support to the Community.

For his outstanding community involvement, his quiet leadership by example, his unfailing integrity, his pro-active nature, his contagious enthusiasm, his boundless energy, and his remarkable creativity, we nominate Stan Schoonmaker as a Morris County Living Treasure.

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The Official Lowell Thomas Response

NEW YORK-The Lowell Thomas-Dover, NJ "hick" controversy resounded throughout the nation when NBC commentator Lowell Thomas explained his Dover "hick cop" comments regarding the capture of James Nannery. Mr. Thomas read a poem he quoted from Roy S. Tinney of Chatham: **"When the hard-boiled guys from the big bad town—Come wanterin' out in the sticks— They are not so wise as they cruise around'— In the land of the country hicks.— Who guard their homes in the same old way— That their fathers did in earlier day.— To Dover Town came a 'dangerous' crook— Who'd 'never be taken alive'—And a country cop placed him in jail— Along with his guns, all five.—For the gangsters know hick cops shoot straight—And to reach for a gun is tempting fate."** With that, ended the controversy between Lowell Thomas and the Town of Dover.

Right: Geo. Courthard & Stan Schoonmaker interviewed by NJ State TV.



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Historical Society Proudly Awards Scholarship

By Phyllis Casey

On June 10, 2013, DAHS president Betty Inglis and DAHS Trustee/Scholarship Chairwoman Phyllis Casey presented the second Annual DAHS Scholarship/Award of \$500.00 to Dover High School senior Paola Rivera at the DHS Senior Awards Assembly. Paola will be attending the University of Connecticut in September.

The DAHS Scholarship Committee read six essays that were submitted to them. The essay question was: The Dover area has a rich history, having been founded in 1722. Obviously, many changes have happened since then. Having grown up in the Dover area, how has your life been impacted by the changes you may have seen or experienced? Give specific examples to support your statement. The winning essay follows

Dover, like many other towns, has undergone many demographic and physical changes over the past couple of decades. What distinguishes our community from other towns and the most significant change I have

been impacted by, is the culture. When I saw a change in culture, I don't necessary mean other backgrounds and new people, but rather the culture of the community as a whole.

I joined my varsity soccer team my freshman year. The team had not won a game in over five years. As the new girls on the team, the freshmen (including myself) wanted to change the tradition. Our team was split in half. Most of the upper classmen were satisfied with just going to practice, working out and didn't care about the outcome of the game. The underclassmen were thirsty for a change-just one win.

Our coach, called me over after practice one day and told me "We need others to change the culture. We need to change how others view our school, and most importantly how we view ourselves."

I came into the Dover High oblivious to any stereotype Dover might have had. All I knew was this was my hometown filled with my closest family and friends. As I started going to different towns to play the other teams, I started realizing

the reputation Dover had and my coach's words started to make sense. In earlier times, Dover was known for its canals, its lakes, the railroad, etc. It was sad knowing people no longer saw Dover for all of its trademarks.

Game after game and year after year, our program started to develop. As a team we changed our mentality about our program, about our school, and knew we had to be the first to change our culture. With our new mentality we began winning more games every year. This year was the year that impacted me the most. We beat Villa Walsh (Morris County Champs), for the first time in our program's history.

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Our program gained recognition from countless teachers, faculty members and citizens. We were able to change how the town thought of our program and how other schools thought of us.

Essentially, my story on the soccer team is just a microcosm of what is happening in Dover today. We are starting to gain our reputation back. Our academics are at its all time best, our students are excelling in extra-curricular activities and have had opportunities to travel the world. Our sports teams are gaining recognition from all over the county and much more. My experience is Dover has been like no other. I witnessed change from growing up all the way to my very last year here. Many people say they want to leave their town, but I don't seem to

want to. Dover has given me an opportunity to grow up in a diverse community, filled with amazing and detrimental stories to learn from. It has given me the opportunity to see the world through a different perspective and prepared me for the real world. I am happy to have witnessed such a dramatic change in Dover. I believe this change is most important in going forward as a community and bettering the opportunities for our future generations.

Funds for the scholarship come from our treasury. On June 1st, the Historical Society sponsored a Flapjack Fundraiser, held at Applebee's, Route 46 E., Dover/Rockaway, which realized a profit of \$636.00. Some of the proceeds from

our Annual Tea, other designated DAHS fundraisers, and monetary donations from DAHS members and friends can be used to fund the DAHS Scholarship/Award. If anyone wishes to donate to the DAHS Scholarship/Award Fund, checks payable to DAHS can be mailed to the Dover Area Historical Society, P.O. Box, 609, Dover, NJ 07802-0609. Please note Scholarship/Award Fund on the memo section of the check.

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MEN OF THE DOVER TROLLEY CO. L. to right: Walt Ford, Harry Reeves (Betty Inglis' grandfather), Rube Wardell, Bucky Woodruff, ?, Fred Conrad, Teddy Warren, and (signed by) Walter Watts. (From Everett Lucas collection)

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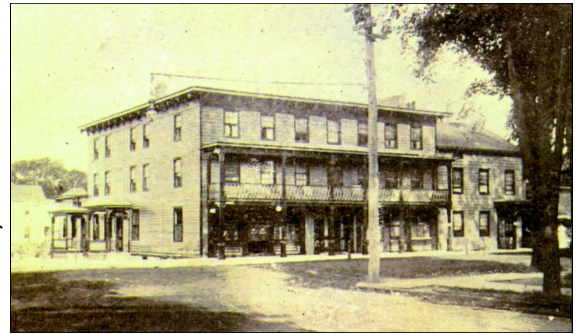
Searing Hotel Continues Its Drug & Alcohol Free Rooming Practices

DOVER-A stagecoach stop along the busy Union Turnpike as early as 1830, this structure housed Dover's third tavern operated by Charles Searing. It was later the North End Hotel, however, it mostly served as a boarding house rather than a hotel. This is one of the earliest commercial buildings in Dover's historic district to have survived in essentially its original form. The dwelling attached to the northeast corner along with the Lindsley House at 87 N Sussex St. may be the two oldest standing buildings in Dover, dating back to 1825, four years earlier than the Stone Academy.

S.J. Searing had attained a high degree of popularity among the hotels of Dover. The house-part of the hotel was used as a dwelling of his father. Mr. Searing altered and remodeled the hotel in 1870 making several changes as it appears today and providing many modern conveniences including gas lighting. Around this time, Mr. Searing donated land and helped construct the Free Methodist Church of Dover that discontinued the rental of pews for Sunday services. At this time, Searing turned his hotel into a temperance hall forbidding alcoholic beverages on its premises.

Today, the Searing Hotel is known as the Milestone House, a pioneer amongst Sober Living Programs. Founded in 2002, the Milestone House offers the opportunity to transform lives in a supportive and friendly environment living drug and alcohol free. A large percentage of residents have completed years of recovery and continued growth while living "real life" as responsible adults.

Their mission states that each resident is "afforded the opportunity..." It is imperative to recognize that recovery is an opportunity not a mandate. The time comes when we must take responsibility for ourselves and our recovery. Our journey involves building a relationship with an inner wisdom and a consciousness within. Life becomes clearer as we drop the old ideas that block us from seeing true from false. (See Milestonehouse.com)



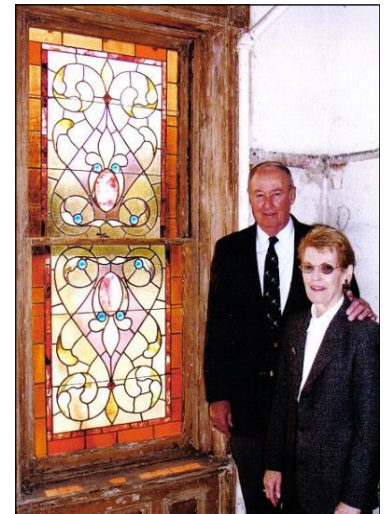
Historic Treasure Sits In Museum House

DOVER-The origin of the beautiful stain glass window in the Dover Museum House is unknown. But what is known is the fact that it was installed at a time when the old Doctor Conduct's house was used as a church annex for Sunday School classes and offices by the First Presbyterian Church of Dover and later became Dover's first Thrift Shop. At the time when the church agreed to lease the house to the Dover Area Historical Society, the stain glass window was in serious decay. The pains of glass were buckling under years of pressure. Some of the lead seams were missing and the entire glass window was about to collapse.

Then came along Jim and Vera Johnson. Jim's first gift to the citizens of Dover was the complete restoration of this beautiful glass window. "Georgia's Stained Glass Works" of Rockaway repaired the window in memory of Jim's parents, Howard C. and Helen Richards Johnson. Helen Richards was the niece of Dover's first mayor George Richards." According to Jim, "this is the first completed project for the interior restoration of the house. This stained glass window will provide enjoyment to the public for many years to come."

Be sure to take a look at this beautiful treasure upon your next visit.

Thank you Jim and Vera for this wonderful gift to the citizens of Dover.



Dover's First Union Bank

DOVER-In 1831, the Morris Canal was completed, and thereby the growth of Dover was assured, with an abundance of water, and a most salubrious climate, Dover had every prospect of becoming, in time, a very important business town. Noticing the lack of any banking system, a prominent business man of New York City, Anson G. Phelps, Sr., took advantages of the situation, establishing in 1832 a new bank, known as the Union Bank of Dover.

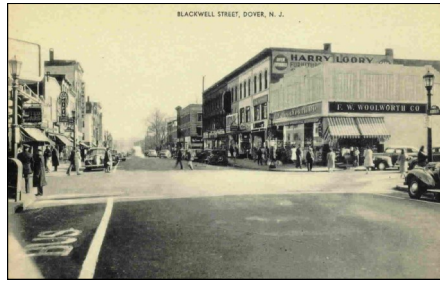
For some years the banking business was carried on in the stone house known as the Park Hotel (Hotel Dover) and later constructed this bank building at the western edge of downtown Dover.

The Union Bank was closed in 1866 and became part of the National Union Bank of Dover. This building became the Elks Lodge.



Photo Shows Historic Dover Changing In Time

One Cornor Reflects Dover's Beginning Up To Modern Times



DOVER-One of Dover's oldest historic corners is that at Blackwell and North Sussex Streets. It is believed Josiah Beman, brother-in-law to General William Wins of the French & Indian War and Revolutionary War fame, established Dover's first tavern here c 1761.

As early as 1808 Jacob Hurd operated a tavern and hotel at this site which in 1859 became the Mansion House Hotel. Abandoned for many years, the

vacant, dilapidated building was purchased on March 2, 1936 and torn down to make way for a new, modern F. W. Woolworth Department store building.

Because of structural defects, the Woolworth's Building had to be torn down in the 1970s to make way for today's modern office complex.

Notice the historic Brick Block Building still stands today as a testament to the solid construction of steel and bricks

that took over Dover's building constructions from the late 1880s to the present day.

OPEN SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Dover History Museum will be open every Sunday in Aug. thanks to a grant from THE MORRIS CO. HERITAGE COMMISSION

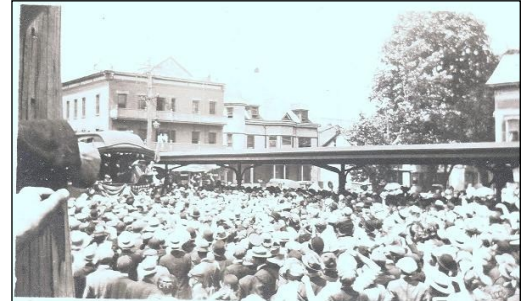


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HISTORIC HAPPENINGS IN DOVER...(An. 1890) Red Hat Ladies visit one of the Dover Area Historical Society's "Afternoon Tea". Mayor of Dover, England visits Dover on dedication of the refurbished "Dover Dogs." The Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation affirms that Mr. Coolidge, as vice president, was a frequent traveler to this part of the world and suggests that this photo of Dover may depict a campaign stop during the 1922 mid-term elections.



Upcoming Events

Sunday * Aug. 4th * 2:00 pm

MUSEUM HOUSE

OPEN HOUSE

"Johnny Carson - WWII Families"

No Charge * Refreshments served

Sunday * Aug. 11th * 2:00 pm

MUSEUM HOUSE

OPEN HOUSE

"Laurel & Hardy Shorts"

No Charge - Refreshments Served!

Sunday * Aug. 18th * 2:00 pm

MUSEUM HOUSE

"Classic Cartoons & TV Features"

No charge - Refreshments served!

Tuesday * Aug. 20th * 7:30 pm

MUSEUM HOUSE

"Dover High - Myrtle Ave. School"

No Charge - Refreshments served.

Sunday * Aug. 25th * 2:00 pm

MUSEUM HOUSE

OPEN HOUSE

"The Honeymooners Episodes"

No Charge - Refreshments Served!

Sunday * Sept. 15th * All day

DOVER FLEA MARKET

"11th Annual Townwide Yard Sale"

Call 973.361.3525 for application

Tues. * Sept. 18th. 25th * 7:30 pm

MUSEUM HOUSE

"More Old Dover Photos"

(No charge * Refreshments served)

Sat. * Sept. 28th * 1:00 & 3:30 pm

MUSEUM HOUSE

"Afternoon Tea - Happy Birthday Dorothy"

Ticket on sale after Aug. 1st.

This is one of Dover's great social events of the year sponsored by "The Ladies of the Society". Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund. Call Phyllis for tickets and information 973.366.4276.

(Programs are subject to change)

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See You In Sept.

GUESS THE YEAR..... By John F. Maguire

*In matters educational we've had a busy year.
 The children's census that was made sustained our side, that's clear.
 The second annex was required – the one on Sussex Street –
 To provide room for all our youth; they made it very neat.*

*An innovation which we trust has surely come to stay
 Has been established in the year- our new Y.M.C.A.*

*The Second M.E. Church has changed title which it bore
 By the pretty name of Grace is known, the second is no more.*

*A tender recollection comes as we recall the loss
 Of one whose worth stood out as bright as gold among the dross.
 For "as a tree falls in the night," so fell our honored friend,
 Bringing to many hearts a pang when came his sudden end,
 Yet of his worth men still will talk, long as this town shall be,
 And honored for the good he did shall be the name Megie.*

*We did not have a fire alarm throughout the year now gone,
 Although the boys were in good shape to go if called upon.*

*The members of Company G have surely done right well,
 Getting along real fast in drill – so their officers tell,
 And when they go to Sea Girt's shore this year to camp a week
 These things will in their favor tell, and for them praises speak.*

*The "old vets" of McDavit Post, though growing old and gray,
 Have kept their union close and strong while months have fled away
 It does us proud to see them thrive, these men of "Sixty-one",
 Their faces bringing to our minds the service they have done.*

*This was the census year, you know – the tenth year when they count
 The people all to ascertain just the exact amount
 Of those who dwell within the land. When they were all put down
 We tried to get the numbers right of those in Dover town.
 We found we had four thousand full and a half a hundred more,
 Almost a thousand is the gain that in ten years we show,
 And we have fully doubled up since twenty years ago.*

*The Lackawanna depot here still rears its ugly form
 A graceless old caboose it is – a spectacle forlorn.
 Please Mr. Sloan, give us your ear; comply with our request,
 And a decent depot give us; we're worthy of the best. (Ans. Pg. 7)*



The Norfolk Southern last year painted up 20 new units to represent all the different railroads that eventually made the NS the railroad it is today. It was a huge undertaking that captured world wide attention in the rail community. One of the engines, No. 1074, was painted up in the beautiful Lackawanna inspired livery - gray, maroon and yellow. The above photo of this engine was taken at Spencer, NC where all 20 Heritage Units were gathered last year in a once in lifetime event. Most of the thousands of railfans that went to Spencer last 4th of July considered it the event of the Century. The unit coming to Dover should be viewed as an equally rare event.

All the heritage units are large mainline units that never stray far from the NS's well maintained mainline, often in coal train service. The organizers of the Boonton Rail Festival asked for the engine to be on display the day of their festival and to the surprise of almost everyone, their request was granted. So, the No. 1074 will be making a trip up the Washington Secondary track to Washington, NJ, then east through Netcong and down to Dover. It is anticipated, although very early in the planning stages, that the unit will overnight in Dover, thus setting up night photo possibilities on Wednesday evening September 18-19, and morning photo possibilities Thursday the 19th at the Dover Station.

After that, the unit will move east and eventually be spotted somehow at Boonton for the weekend, Sept 21-22 festival.

11th ANNUAL TOWNWIDE YARD SALE
Dover Flea Market
SUNDAY * SEPT. 15th * All day