

Views From The Veranda



“Play Ball !!!”

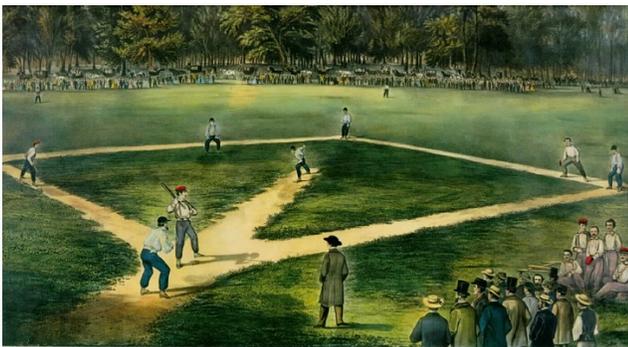
Monday, October 16th, 2017

8pm

82 Union Street~Montclair, NJ

Historian John G. Zinn will present a program on **New Jersey Base Ball**. (two words in the nineteenth century) from the 1850s, its rapid growth during the Civil War era, to the 1880s. The lecture will trace the game's origins in New Jersey and point out prominent early teams and players. It will also touch on the impact of the war on the game's development in New Jersey, how the state's soldiers brought the new game to the battlefield, and how the early game differed from the modern game, especially regarding rules and equipment.

Mr. Zinn is an independent historian with special interest in the history of baseball as well as the Civil War. He is Chairman of the board of the *New Jersey Historical Society* and was the chair of *New Jersey's Committee on the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War*. He is the author of four books including three about the Brooklyn Dodgers as well as numerous essays and articles. He received his BA and MBA from Rutgers University and is a Vietnam Veteran. He lives in Verona, NJ with his wife Carol.



THE AMERICAN NATIONAL GAME OF BASE BALL.
GIVEN BY THE SOCIETY OF THE ELYSIAN FIELDS, HOBOKEN, N.J.

Greetings from the President

Dear Members:

Welcome Back! It was great to see everyone at our first meeting of the year. Before there were stereos or televisions, the Victorians entertained each other in their parlors. Clarissa Anthony Schoch and her accompanist Chick Barnes gave us a rendition of what it would have been like to be a guest at one of these musicales. Starting with Baroque and Romantic music, all the way to songs of the Gay Nineties, she sang, played the flute and even performed a piano duet. She encouraged the audience to sing along to songs such as Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair, Beautiful Dreamer, Oh! Susanna, Grandfather's Clock, A Bicycle Built for Two, and many others. It was a delightful walk down memory lane.

Remember our Fall bus trip to Vassar College and the Clermont Mansion on November 2nd, as well as the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey Fall meeting in Summit on November 4th. Hope you signed up.

Be sure to join us in October when the topic will be Base Ball.

Happy Halloween!

~Jane 

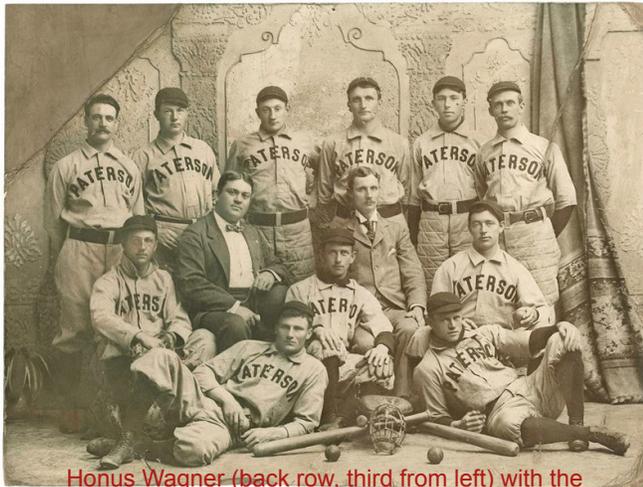
Currier & Ives Print of Early Baseball Game

Legend reads, "The American National Game of Base Ball. Grand match for the championship at the Elysian Fields, Hoboken, N.J."



The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey Fall meeting will be held at the *Calvary Episcopal Church*, hosted by the *Summit Historical Society* on **Saturday, November 4th at 9am**. The church is known for its beautiful stained glass windows, including a magnificent rose window by Louis Comfort Tiffany. Author and preservationist Janet W. Foster will be the keynote speaker. After lunch there will be self-guided tours of the Historic District of Summit, *Reeves-Reed Arboretum*, the *Summit Playhouse* and other locales. Send \$25/person,

which includes registration, continental breakfast, and boxed lunch. Include your name, address, phone, email, affiliation (VSANNJ) and lunch sandwich choice (*turkey & provolone*, or *portobello & roasted pepper* or *Cape Cod chicken salad -no nuts*). Mail your registration to the *Summit Historical Society*, PO Box 464, Summit, NJ 07902-0464 by October 28th. Make checks payable to the society. Visit www.lhsnj.org for complete agenda and contact information. Click on the "Newsletter" tab, then "September" 2017, then go to the end of the newsletter for the event sign-up form.



Honus Wagner (back row, third from left) with the Paterson Silk Weavers, 1896.

Famous American baseball shortstop, **Johannes Peter "Honus" Wagner** (1874-1955) who played 21 seasons in Major League Baseball from 1897 to 1917, was inducted to the *Baseball Hall of Fame* in 1936. He is also the featured player of one of the rarest and most valuable baseball cards in existence.

During his minor league career, Honus Wagner played with the Paterson Silk Weavers for two seasons. A new baseball park had just built in Acquackanock (now Clifton, NJ). Read more about this story in the newsletter archives of the *Passaic County Historical Society*: 2012 vol.12 No.3 Fall. Their website is www.lambertcastleweb.wordpress.com.

Meetings of The Victorian Society in America, Northern New Jersey Chapter are normally held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 8pm at the Montclair Women's Club - 82 Union Street - Montclair, NJ. Meetings are free for members - Non-members \$5 - Yearly membership only \$30! Why not consider joining today or giving a gift membership to a friend? Call Catherine Sullivan at 973-762-6453, or send her your contact info at 9 Vose Avenue Apt 220, South Orange, NJ 07079. If your last name begins with the letters **U, V, W, X, Y & Z**, please bring refreshments to the next meeting. Any questions please contact Christina at 973-744-5916 or at christinapmayer@gmail.com.



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