



Port Norris

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Be a Part of History Today

The Port Norris Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of our unique village, located in Commercial Township in Cumberland County, NJ.

Current Happenings:

Next meeting: December 9, 2014 • 7 pm @ 1723 Main Street, Port Norris

Come See us at Second Friday by the Bay @ the Bayshore Center at Bivalve on December 12, 2014 • 5:30 - 8:30 pm • Holiday Marketplace BayshoreCenter.org



New on the Website

2014 Legends Dinner photos
historicportnorris.org/legends

Celebrates 2014 "Legends"

Family and friends of the 2014 Legends of Port Norris gathered on Sunday, November 9th to honor men and women who significantly impacted the history of this town in a variety of ways. The recipients this year were: Roy Yates, historical legend and philanthropist.



21st Century legends whose legacies are still warmly remembered were: Edward L. Adams, Sr., Sam and Marie Cobb, and Lt. Wilbert Robbins. It was significant that Lt. Robbins gave his life for our country on D-Day 70 years ago. Attending Veterans were recognized for their service.

Living legends, accompanied by their proud families, were: Sandora Wilkerson King, age 96, has lived in Port Norris most of her life. She raised a fine family, seeing to it that they were properly educated. She was active in her church while housekeeping for several prominent doctors in the area.

Edward Horseman was recognized as a fine craftsman. His woodwork and cabinetry are an integral part of many of the homes in the surrounding towns. Ed served as the Chief of the Port Norris Fire Department. He also was an award winning golfer as well as a musician.

Anna Mae Young worked in the oyster industry and is still shucking oysters. She raised a family, graduated from college and continues to be involved with her church and community.

The Port Norris Historical Society is pleased to host this memorable event annually.



Edward Horseman

Sandora Wilkerson King

Anna Mae Young



New Project: Cookbook We need your Recipes

We are making a cookbook! We are looking for recipes and volunteers. If interested in helping or just have a great recipes to share you can email, facebook, or snail mail. Leave us your email and we will keep you up to date on cookbook meetings.

Email: pnhshistoricportnorris.org

Snail Mail: PO Box 187, Port Norris, NJ 08349

Moment in History: Revolutionary War Battle of Dallas's Landing

Site of the only Revolutionary War conflict known to have taken place in Cumberland County in which blood was spilled. Some time during the last of August 1781, an encounter took place off Dallas's landing between the Tories or Refugees, as they were some times called, and a few New Jersey Militia commanded by Capt. James Riggins.

Once the main landing for what is now Port Norris, then known as Dallas's Landing or Dallas's Ferry. The site is between Robbins Bros. Clam House and the river and has reverted to marshland since the dikes fell into disrepair. It is opposite Menhaden on the east side of the river.

Read more at <http://www.historicportnorris.org/dallasbattle.htm>

Picking of the Month: January 8, 1890

"Uncle" Charles Robbins, to get an early start on his route, the other day, went to the stable lantern and milk kettle in hand and proceeded to milk until he came to the last cow which did not like the idea of being disturbed in her slumbers picked up her feet and aimed them at the lantern upsetting it in the hay, and Uncle Charlie was compelled to dispose of his milk to quench the fire kindled by the naughty cow.

Read More at <http://www.historicportnorris.org/pickings.htm>



Building Update

A new view on Main Street

When you approach Main Street in Port Norris from North Avenue and turn right, you begin to see something different. For 120 years the roof on our building was the tradition steel gray of old tin. Since the end of September, the newly replaced tan metal roof grabs your attention.

A special thank you to Dick Smith for all his hours at our building, painting and cleaning and organizing various projects.

Our gratitude for a matching grant from the 1772 Historic Trust and many generous donations from both individuals and area businesses we now have a beautiful new roof. Thanks to Brighty Taylor and Babbitt Manufacturing , the old roof was removed, necessary repairs were made and the new roof went on. Part of the removal process was documented on the front page of the Daily Journal. The original wood was in surprisingly good shape. A nod to the materials and workmanship of those Civil War Vets in 1890. Still lots to do but the building is now secure.



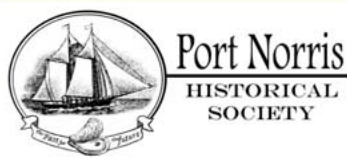
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A Special Gift from Michigan

Last week a Priority Mail package arrived from Ethalinda Blackman. She is a descendant of the Hand Family. We were thrilled to find a beautiful certificate from the "AMERICAN FLAG HOUSE AND BETSY ROSS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION". This certificate was issued to Thomas Hand of Port Norris in 1899. One of the four signatures on the bottom is that of John Quincy Adams.

It seems that the Grand Army of the Republic was a force behind the movement for an American Flag following the Civil War. Most know Betsy Ross as the maker of the first American Flag. Her house was in severe disrepair and in order to get the necessary funds to restore the house, certificates were issued to persons across America who contributed a dime. We can guess that Mr. Hand was a member of the Jacob Shinn Post #6 of the GAR which built the building we are in. He was a rather wealthy man so maybe he contributed more than a dime. Although the monetary value is small, it is invaluable to the Society for it comes back to the place from which it may have originated. Thank you for this special donation.

Membership



We would love to add your name to our growing list of members. Please give some thought to joining the PNHS. Membership fees are for Individual - \$10, Family - \$15, Benefactor - \$50 and over, and Student - \$1 (no voting privileges) and entitles you to discounts on our merchandise. **Would make a great stocking stuffer!** Click here to renew or join, <http://www.historicportnorris.org/membership.htm>. Or mail your check to: Port Norris Historical Society, PO Box 187, Port Norris, NJ 08349. Thank you for your support. Membership is key to applying for grants as well as your dollars help us continue with all of our endeavours.

Items for Sale

OUR COFFEE IS BACK.

See all our items we have for sale by clicking here. <http://www.historicportnorris.org/shopping.htm>

To get yours come and see us at **Second Friday by the Bay on December 12.**



**New Items
Canvas Tote Bags
and Ink Pens!**

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Share your stories with us!

See us on Facebook and our website [historicportnorris.org](http://www.historicportnorris.org)

If you are getting this email from a friend and would like to be added to our list, please [click here](#) and we will add you.

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