

# TUCKERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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This is the first edition of our new electronic newsletter which will be emailed to subscribers on the first month of each quarter. We hope that you find it informative. If you have friends who you believe would like to receive the newsletter by email, let them know that they can subscribe on our web site at [www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org).

Pete Stemmer, Editor

## OUT OF THE PAST PROJECT

The *Tuckerton Beacon* began publication, in 1889, under the name of the *Coastal Pilot*. A year later it became the *Tuckerton Beacon*. Over the years it has been an invaluable source for historical research in our area. Much of what we know about the old days in the Tuckerton area has come from the pages of *The Beacon*.

Unfortunately, the back issues of *The Beacon* prior to 1916 have been lost and are unavailable for research. Thanks to editors, who decided to print excerpts from the older editions in a weekly column called OUT OF THE PAST, we have a portion of the lost information available to us, today. It is a small portion but, nonetheless, some valuable historical gems have come to light as a result of this column.

One of the research projects that we are working on is the collection of OUT OF THE PAST columns from *The Beacon*. Presently we have scanned and indexed 650 of these columns covering news from 1890 through 1920. They are available, both in print and on computer, for research on Wednesdays at the Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum.

We are pleased to share some of these columns in this and future newsletters and hope that you find them interesting and enjoyable. The earliest clipping that we found is reproduced on page 2.

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Have any history questions about our area? If so, email us at [tuckertonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:tuckertonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com). We would like to feature a "Letters to the Editor" column in future newsletter editions, so let's hear from you!

## APRIL 21st PROGRAM KAREN RILEY "TRIUMPH THROUGH ADVERSITY"

Join us on Saturday, April 21st at the Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum at 2 PM as Karen F. Riley, award-winning author of four books, weaves her inspirational true story of overcoming adversity against the backdrop of courageous folks in the Pine Barrens who overcame the odds to taste success.



## BATTLE OF CHESTNUT NECK PRESENTED

Rev. Norman Goos, Pres. of the Col. Richard Somers SAR Chapter, gave a talk and slide presentation on the Battle at Chestnut Neck at the Giffordtown Museum on Saturday, March 17th. He presented much original research, including accounts of the battle documented by pension records of veterans who participated in the skirmish.



Norman Goos

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## OUT OF THE PAST

(This column is reprinted from the Tuckerton Beacon of Thursday afternoon, August 8, 1890.)

### TWO MEN KILLED BY LIGHTNING

A very sad accident by lightning occurred at West Creek Ocean Co. on Friday afternoon 1st. during the thunder storm at that place; by which two persons were killed and two injured. While Mr. Nelson Shinn a very active and enterprising business man of that village was receiving fish at his fish packing house adjoining the ice house a bolt of lightning struck the building killing him and Mr. Benjamin Kelley instantly, both of whom were in the packing house, and injuring and stunning Benjamin Fithian who stood in the door, and Thos. Parker who was in the ice house. Three other persons were about and out side of the building but were not seriously injured. The funeral of the deceased men was held on Monday afternoon, and was very largely attended. This sudden and sad bereavement has cast a gloom of sorrow in several homes at West Creek. Mr. Shinn will be especially missed both in the community as an active business man and in the M. E. church of which he was a prominent and consistent member.

Mrs. Dr. Miller is in Tuckerton. Miss Ellta Palmer is at home for a short time.

Miss Florence Rockhill has returned to Brooklyn.

Mr. Ketcham, of Brooklyn, is visiting Capt. Benj. Brown.

Job Smith spent Sunday in Beach Haven.

Capt. Edward Bragg spent Sunday with his family.

Dr. Keeler spent Monday at his home in Pemberton.

Miss Bella Pullen has returned to her home in Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Reichart, of New York City, have been visiting Mrs. Walter French for the past week.

Mrs. James F. Hefley and son, of Philadelphia, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Palmer.

Mrs. Geo. Austin with her family has gone to Windsor to visit her parents.

Walter Chatten furnished us some innocent amusement with a Star bicycle on Monday.

Quite a large number of our boys and young men go to New Gretna on Sunday nights.

Owing to the small sail she had on and the wind being so light the Puritan came in fifth.

Miss Linda Aaronson, of Columbus, N. J. is visiting at Mr. S. Aaronson's on Main St.

Any one wishing a nice trip should go to Atlantic City with Capt. W. Andrews, schooner "Gen. J. L. Selfridge."

We are very sorry to miss the presence of Miss Lillie Gifford, she has gone to her home in Millville from where she will go to Bridgeton and take charge of her school.

Mr. Howard Worne, of Philadelphia it is reported intends going down to Little Beach for a few days gunning. We wish him plenty of sport and good luck.

Cashier F. R. Austin is spending a short time at Makefield, Bucks county, Pa. Ralph Maugham is assisting at the bank during Mr. Austin's absence.

A large company met at the Presbyterian parsonage in New Gretna, on Monday Aug. 4th. to greet the pastor enjoyable evening was spent, speeches enjoyabe evening was spent, speeches and conversation enlivened the time.

Miss H. G. Bragg and sister have returned home from their trip south. They visited many places of interest during their stay, and report themselves as much pleased with their trip.

Overseer Pullen has been putting a good substantial trunk under the street in front of J. H. Marshall's, which is a valuable improvement to both Clay and Green streets, as it will take the overflow of water from both of these streets, carrying it into the creek without causing a washout as heretofore.

The yacht race at Beach Haven on Saturday last, was largely attended by our townspeople. (Whether there was anything excitabe or interesting about it we do not know, for we were unable to attend and as yet have heard nothing relating to the race.

The Pohatcong Base Ball Club of Tuckerton played a game of ball with the New Gretna Club, on Saturday last, at the later place in which the Tuckerton Club, came out victorious. Score 20 to 7. The features of game was the superior batting by James Smith and the fine catch made by H. Palmer on second base which was loudly applauded. In the fifth inning it looked as though the New Gretna Club had the game in their hands the score stood 5 to 2 but in the sixth innig the Tuckerton boys rallied and made six runs which put the score 8 to 5, and they kept the lead to the end.

### BEACH HAVEN

Mr. and Mrs. Toy and daughter of Philadelphia, are visiting at Mr. G. S. Butler's.

Rev. Mr. Smith of West Creek, preached to a large congregation in the M. E. Church, on Sunday evening.

Rev. Dr. Graw, Presiding Elder, will preach in the M. E. Church next Sunday morning and evening.

The new club-house at the yacht wharf is completed, and present a very handsome appearance in its new coat of paint.

All the hotels were well filled, and a great number of people spent Sunday here.

The hours of church service at the Episcopal Church are 10:30 A. M. and 5 P. M. At the Methodist 10:30 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 2:30 P. M.

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