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GIRL SCOUTS FROM TROOP 96291 EARN SILVER AWARDS

Submitted by Abby Hansen

Long Hill Girl Scout Troop 96291 has been together since kindergarten, led by Emily Caputo and Abby Hansen. The girls are now in ninth grade. They recently reached the milestone of earning a Silver Award.

The Silver Award is the second highest award given by the Girl Scouts of America and the highest award given to Girl Scouts at the Cadette level.

Their Silver Award project was focused on the restoration and preservation of trees in Long Hill Township. The girls were inspired by the devastating loss of trees from Superstorm Sandy and subsequent windstorms, and the looming threat of the spotted lantern flies which seek to destroy trees. All of the girls live in Long Hill Township and love what trees give to our community.

Three years ago they decided to start their Silver Award journey. To earn the award, the girls educated community members about trees, presented valuable information and

played games with younger Girl Scouts to teach them about trees, developed a presentation that was viewed at the Long Hill Township Library, and gave away trees at the Watchung Farmers Market. Most significantly, over the course of two years, working alongside the Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission, the troop distributed hundreds of trees at no cost to Long Hill Township residents. Their hope is that many trees were planted and will flourish as a result of their efforts.

On October 8th the troop was recognized by the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey for their hard work and dedication.

The troop members are Macaela Berquist, Maggie Caputo, Madeline Dec, Aspen Elsaesser, Leah Hansen, Abby Melamed, and Amelia Qian-Alves. The troop leaders are Emily Caputo and Abby Hansen. Christina Berquist and Annette von Brandis worked alongside the troop as well as Susan Jeans from the Long Hill Township Shade Tree Commission.



(above, l-r) Maggie Caputo, Leah Hansen, Madeline Dec, and Aspen Elsaesser at the Recognition event.

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The Girl Scouts from Troop 96834 in Long Hill recently made a donation to the Long Hill First Aid Squad in the amount of \$200.

This troop is disbanding, and they wanted to donate their leftover funds to the First Aid Squad.



(above) Sophia Viegas, Chloe Lapetina, Eliza LaPointe, Kyleigh Briggs, Charlee Johnstone, Tessa Veracco, Suzie Rossi, Lena Stohrer, Elsie Turqman, and 1st Lt. Lisa Scanlon. Marley Jablonski, not pictured.

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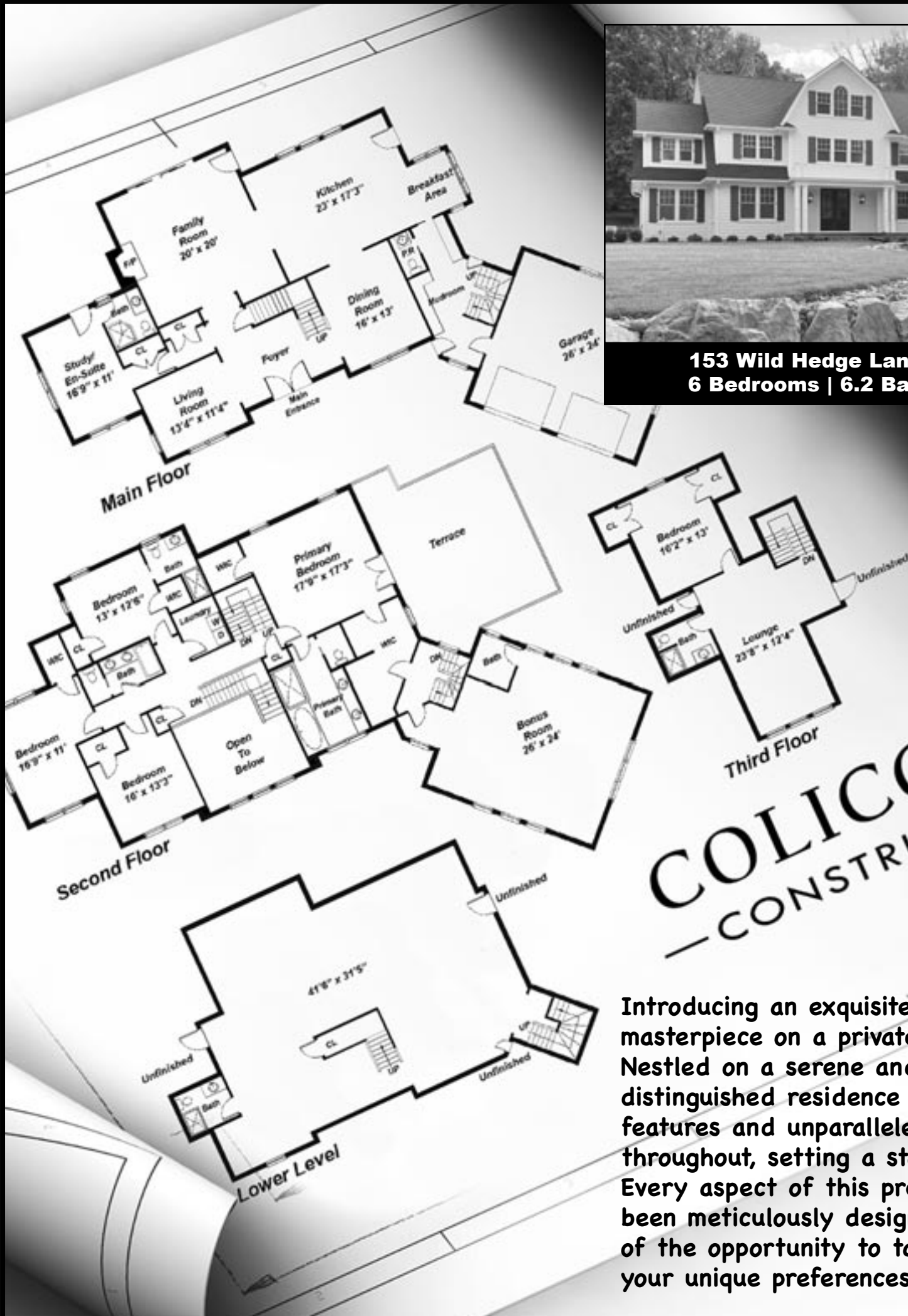


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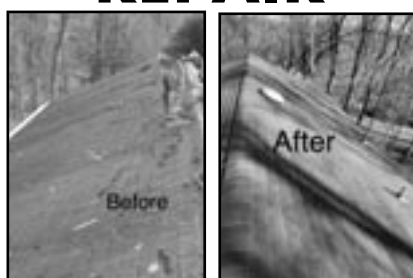


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(above) Arya Reddy received a Congressional Award Silver Medal from Congressman Tom Kean, Jr.

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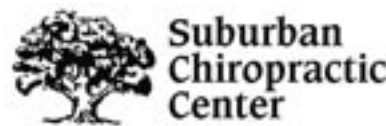
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(above) Long Hill Township Library welcomes Millington native Marie Salthouse as the library's new Head of Patron Services.

spent 11 years working in museums, running educational tours and public programming. She held the roles of Curator of Education and Assistant Director at the Red Mill Museum Village in Clinton, NJ. “There is a natural synergy between libraries and museums,” said Salthouse. “I get the same feeling standing among the stacks of books that I did in museum collections storage. You are the steward of these objects that serve to preserve knowledge and educate, whether an artwork, a historic artifact, or a book.”

As the new Head of Patron Services, Salthouse interacts with people who use the library and performs behind-the-scenes operations to help patrons get the best experience. These include managing the library’s periodicals and subscriptions, maintaining records, and tracking down missing materials. “There is always something new and different happening,” Salthouse said of working at the library. “You never know what a patron will come in asking for—people want to read about and do research on all sorts of fascinating subjects.” Salthouse said that she loves the library’s sense of community and seeing so many familiar faces come through and say hello. She wants patrons to know that the library staff cares and that no inquiry is too strange or obscure. “We’ll try to figure it out!”

ABOUT LHTL

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BRAIN EXPLAINED

My name is Snehi Vijaywargiya, and I am a rising senior at Watchung Hills Regional High School. I have launched a neuroscience YouTube channel, which aims to make STEM more accessible and straightforward. I hope that through this article, more people will discover my channel and gain educational insights from its content. This article link can be found below.

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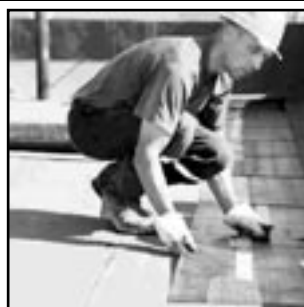
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Club and the Steppin' Out Quartet will be featured guests. Tickets are \$25 and are available at hickorytreechorus.org/tickets or by emailing tickets@hickorytreechorus.org. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Come support local singing while enjoying a musical journey.

The Hickory Tree Chorus, an award-winning chapter of Sweet Adelines International, performs fun-filled popular music, barbershop style. Founded in 1968 in Chatham Township, NJ, HTC currently rehearses in Stirling, NJ. Find more info at hickorytreechorus.org.



(above) Hickory Tree Chorus

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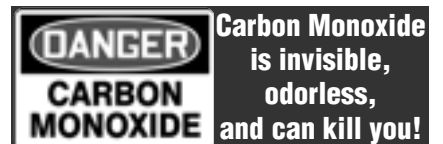
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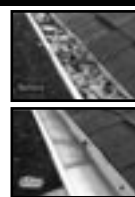
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The night will benefit Bonds of Courage and the Family Readiness Groups of the 1st Squadron 102nd Cavalry Regiment, 44th Brigade Combat Team of the New Jersey Army National Guard.

The Headquarters (the 102nd's Forward Support Company) are the units that are assigned to the Westfield Armory. The soldiers, noncommissioned officers, and officers assigned there perform a variety of duties focused on the command and control, operations, administration, logistics, and communication of the squadron. The squadron also has three line units, A, B and C Troop, that are assigned to armories in Dover, West, Orange, and Hackettstown, respectively. Cavalry units perform a variety of functions that include reconnaissance and security; they have a distinct culture and history that promote adaptability, flexibility and taking initiative. New Jersey's cavalry has a rich tradition of service to our state and nation.



(above) For ticket sales and further information visit www.bondsofcourage.org.

The squadron is preparing to deploy again, this time to Iraq and Syria. They are deploying in 2024 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR), which includes a campaign in both of those countries.

As we prepare for their absence, we hope to

continue and even redouble our fundraising efforts. While Bonds of Courage's mission has been to support all Veterans and service members serving all branches of the military, we now turn our hearts and our effort toward the 102nd Cavalry Squadron. They are our hometown heroes.

Bonds of Courage is an all-volunteer organization that serves to support our troops, veterans, and their families. The Family Readiness Group assists the Commander in maintaining readiness for service members and families by promoting self-sufficiency, resiliency, and stability during peace and war.

Tickets are \$60 per person \$ 0 seniors and veterans. Special military ticket pricing available. Tickets include \$75 in gaming chips for casino, buffet dinner, beer and wine, and music.

Business owners, please join the community and consider a donation of product, service, program ad, or sponsorship to our event.

For ticket sales and further information, visit bondsofcourage.org or contact Christine Bradley 703-407-0203, chrisb@bondsofcourage.org or Danielle Bracco 917-301-8751, danielle@bondsofcourage.org.

NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK - HELP US SAVE VETS!

Michael D. Boll, Director NJVN

Everyday 22 veterans take their own lives, unfortunately this number hasn't changed over the years. Several groups and organizations have worked tirelessly to combat this horrible epidemic. The New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) is one of those groups that strives to help veterans daily to live a better way of life.

NJVN is a mobile outreach team, that aggressively seeks out veterans in need and provides them life changing and saving resources. The NJVN is a 501c3 created in 2017 and has focused its mission by always putting our veterans first. Since the NJVN started thousands of veterans and National Guardsmen have been fed, clothed, and provided with various personal items. Also, we were able to get 30 veterans newer refurbished vehicles through the Recycled Rides program. However, the NJVN most important mission is that we save lives, just in the past first years alone our team has saved over a dozen lives.

Being a network, the NJVN works with other military, veteran, and first responder groups that

share the same mission. We would never have succeeded without having the support and commitment from our partners and sponsors. This is vital for the NJVN to be able to help veterans in need throughout New Jersey.

Most recently, the NJVN has stepped up recreational events and programs such as camping, hiking, movie nights, BBQs, and field trips. We are fortunate to have amazing partners and volunteers that will help transport our veterans to and from the hospitals and shelters. These events allow our veterans to feel like they are part of a unit again and are not forgotten or abandoned.

What makes the NJVN unique is its willingness to try different things and think outside the box. By asking the veterans what they want most, and how we can help them, has really made our program a huge success.

Our next initiative will be the launch of our veteran peer support/ mentoring program the "Uniformed Heroes Project". This initiative is a collaboration between the military-veteran-first responders groups and organizations. Also, it is

backed by legislators and numerous charitable organizations. The NJVN is currently looking for volunteers and groups willing to help us provide our veterans with the best help possible. If you are interested in joining the team, or would like to volunteer, please send us an email at NJVN1775@gmail.com or call directly (973)332-1556.

ABOUT NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK

We are a group of veterans and volunteers dedicated to helping our veterans and their families live better lives. Our mission is to identify veterans and connect them with resources and programs designed to meet their unique set of needs. Help us save Vets! We are always looking for volunteers, with various skills, to join the team. If you are a veteran or family member that's in need of assistance; or are interested in volunteering, would like us to speak at your event, or contribute to our mission, call 973-332-1556 or email njvn1775@gmail.com. To learn more about the team please check out our website njvn.org (accomplishments). Help us save Vets!



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In the 10 years that Imagine has been offering peer support groups for children, youth facilitators have played an important role in the groups for children ages 3-12. Imagine's youth volunteers are high school age and co-facilitate with adult facilitators in support groups for younger kids. Recently, Imagine staff trained twelve young people who devoted a full Sunday to learning the companioning model of facilitation practiced at Imagine. Imagine's youth facilitators are such a valued and essential part of their support group program, and their staff are grateful for the commitment of this new group of youth facilitators and the many others who have been supporting Imagine's kids.

Abigail Preece, Imagine's Program Supervisor ran the training along with their Bilingual Program Manager, Sonia Nuñez. Abigail said this about the new group of youth facilitators: "Imagine's Youth Facilitators are such an inspiring group of people and this training class is no exception. They are an empathic and

enthusiastic group and will do an amazing job being present and supportive to our participants. We are so excited to welcome them to the Imagine community!"

Imagine's youth facilitator training program is held once a year in September. If you are a youth who is interested in participating in the 2024 training, Imagine staff recommend you and a parent or guardian schedule a tour of Imagine's center. Tours can be scheduled by visiting Imagine's website at imagineinj.org.

Imagine is a 501c3 nonprofit that offers free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and guardians of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine also offers grief and loss education and training to the community.

For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imagineinj.org.



(above) Imagine's staff members Paul Muir, and Abigail Preece with youth facilitators Gavin LaConti, Anya Wright, Alexis Zhang, Arissa Xiang, Elsea Reynoso, Haley Motz, Kira Goldman, Noa Goldstein, Benjamin Ooi, Robert Qi, Chloe Katz, and Jagger Cohen

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GETTYSBURG: 160TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE

Morris County

To commemorate the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, Morris County has released an online collection of data and photographs memorializing local soldiers known to have participated in the three days of fury from July 1-July 3, 1863.

The project is a collection of names, service narratives, historical information and photographs compiled by the county Office of Planning and Preservation, and it remains a work-in-progress. This list is the latest chapter in the series of online projects known as the Morris County Veterans Compendium being led by the Office of Planning and Preservation that documents the military service of Morris County residents throughout history.

The Battle of Gettysburg is considered the turning point of the Civil War, forever ending Confederate General Robert E. Lee's plans to invade the north. Victory; however, it came at a high cost: More men were lost at Gettysburg than in any other Civil War battle. As many as 23,000 "Yankees" and 28,000 "Rebels" were killed, wounded, or captured over the course of just three days.

The fiercest combat occurred on July 2, earning the day's nickname: "The Bloody 2nd." Some of the casualties died by drowning as a summer storm caused wounded men laying by the Plum Run Creek to drown as the creek overflowed on July 3.

"Battlefields often sound the siren call to veterans to go back and re-visit the places where life and death met in close contact. Morris County veterans have revisited Normandy, Korea and Vietnam, and they have revisited Gettysburg," stated Jan Williams, Cultural and Historic Resources Specialist for the planning and preservation office.

Heyward Glover "H. G." Emmell, a stretcher bearer with the 7th NJ, returned to Gettysburg in 1881. Enlisted at age 19, H. G. served as a private in the infantry division before transferring to an ambulance corps for fourteen months. Private Emmell died on May 21, 1917, and is buried in the First Presbyterian Cemetery in Morristown.

Morris County men are also known to have attended "The Great Jubilee" in 1913, the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. All honorably discharged soldiers from both the North and South were invited, and an estimated 83,000 old soldiers descended on Gettysburg.

The history shared today of Morris County soldiers known to have participated in the Battle of Gettysburg reflect the fates of many of them: they were killed outright, presumed dead, captured or wounded, or were never seen again and left eternally missing in action. Those who returned home started businesses and families, endeavoring to rebuild a nation.

View the list of Morris County Soldiers who fought at Gettysburg

Some of these local American heroes include:
JACOB S. HOPING OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

The son of Henry and Margaret was born c. 1842. In both the 1850 and 1860 census, Jacob resides in Chatham Township.



(above) Ira "Ide" Cory of Morristown, NJ.

Private Jacob Hopping was attached to Co. K, 7th NJ Inf.

At Gettysburg, he was wounded in a leg on July 2. Private Hopping succumbed to his wounds on July 16, 1863, and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM HENRY MILLER OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Born in March 1840, Mr. Miller was raised in Chatham Township. His childhood home remains standing at 184 Southern Boulevard.

Enlisting in the 83rd NY Infantry, Co. C in Brooklyn, the regiment left for Washington, D.C. on May 27, 1861.

On July 1, 1863, Private Miller is at Gettysburg and participates in the capture of Iverson's Brigade of North Carolina.

Wounded in battle, he loses an arm and is discharged with a disability as a Corporal in October 1863.

In civilian life, Mr. Miller marries Susann Wetton in 1870 and they set up housekeeping in Elizabeth, N.J.

In the 1880 Census his occupation is Custom House Clerk and in the 1900 Census as Examiner Customs House.

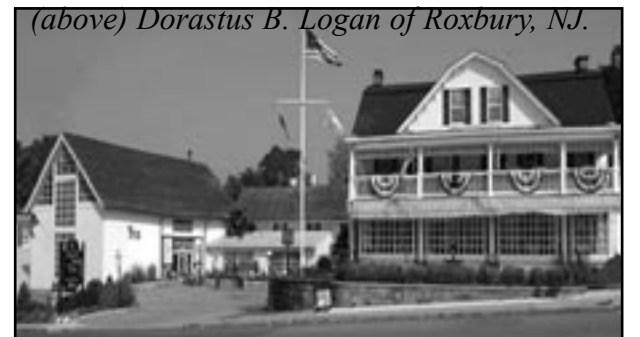
William Henry Miller died in March of 1912, aged 72.

GEORGE S. BEAVERS OF MENDHAM

Private Beavers survived the battles of Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor and Gettysburg, where he was wounded in the foot. Returning to Mendham, Mr. Beavers was the guest speaker Mendham's Decoration Day (Memorial Day) events for many years. Mr. Beavers also owned and operated The Black Horse Inn for 37 years. The business still exists, now operating as The Black Horse Tavern.



(above) Dorastus B. Logan of Roxbury, NJ.



(above) The Black Horse Tavern.

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IRA "IDE" CORY OF MORRISTOWN

Captain Cory participated in and survived many battles during the war, including Gettysburg. After military service, "Ide" turned his attention to public service and was elected sheriff of Morristown in 1887. He died on March 2, 1904 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

The Office of Planning and Preservation has reached out to the public in the past to build webpages memorializing Morris County residents who served in the nation's armed forces at other times. An accounting of Civil War Men Of Color who were affiliated with Morris County was initially launched in 2018, as well as an accounting of the more than 3,000 residents who were part of The Greatest Generation – Morris County in WWII.

Morris County also has dedicated pages to veterans of the Spanish-American War and Philippine War, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

In July 2023, another Veterans Compendium project called "Morris County in the American Revolution," was launched to honor the local patriots whose sacrifices gave us Independence Day.

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