

from



the Hetfield & Levi Cory houses

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FAMILY ARTIFACTS donated for HETFIELD HOUSE



Barbara Peterson with oil painting (unknown artist) of her four times great grandmother Abigail Hetfield circa 1848.

On December 13, 2014, the Mountainside Restoration Committee dedicated a collection of newly-acquired items once owned by the Hetfield family. These items came to the Committee as a donation from Barbara Peterson, daughter of the late Harry & Betty Peterson as part of the estate of her mother, Betty (Beekman) Peterson.

Barbara Peterson, is the four times great granddaughter of Morris Hetfield and Abigail (Clark) Hetfield. Morris was a



Actual personal items of Abigail Hetfield including eyeglasses, bible and small box which are pictured in the painting.

cousin of Deacon Andrew Hefield who built Mountainside's Hetfield House. Morris and Andrew served together in the Revolutionary War under Captain Craig's company.

Among the items donated to the Committee, and now on display in the Hetfield House, is an oil portrait of Abigail (Clark) Hetfield painted in 1848 when Abigail was 89 years old. In the portrait, Abigail holds several items including a bible, eyeglasses and a small box. These

three items were also donated along with the painting, so the display includes not only the painting, but three items that are actually in the painting!

Many other items were given to the Committee by Barbara including Leonori landscape paintings. Barbara is also a second time great granddaughter of the artist, R. G. L. Leonori of the Hudson River School of Artists. Several pieces of furniture which were originally in the Hetfield house on Pearl Street in Elizabeth were also donated.

The Committee is thankful to Harry & Betty Peterson for the loving care they took to preserve these items and to Barbara for her generosity in donating them to the Mountainside Restoration Committee so they can once-again adorn a Hetfield home.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Mountainside Restoration Committee (aka the Mountainside Historic Committee) was established to preserve the Borough's links to the past. The premier venues are the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House (circa 1760) and the Levi Cory House (circa 1810), both restored and continually maintained by this Committee. We strive to focus attention on our heritage through tours, newsletters, videos and many events during the year. Our mission includes maintaining the Hetfield House and Levi Cory House properties in perpetuity.

From the CHAIRMAN'S INKWELL



Following are some of the many activities and announcements from the Mountainside Restoration Committee during the year. You are encouraged to take advantage of any of these programs and help support Historic Preservation in Mountainside.

BRICK FUNDRAISER: To purchase bricks for the next dedication, please pick up a flyer at the Mountainside Library, Borough Hall or go to [www](http://www.mountainsidehistory.org).
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LEVI CORY HOUSE Update

Since the Levi Cory House was moved in November of 2013, the Committee has been hard at work raising funds to continue the restoration. In the past year, the house was lowered on to the newly-built foundation and crawl space. The Committee wishes to thank the Walter Heckel & Sons Company, the Paraic Monaghan Construction Company and Charles Contracting for their help and generosity in making this happen.

Thanks also to a grant from the 1772
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CHAIRMAN'S INKWELL

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mountainsidehistory.org. The next brick dedication will take place on Veterans' Day in November of 2015. These bricks make up the path leading to the front door of the Hetfield House and will be expanded to the Levi Cory House. The Committee will continue to sell bricks to raise funds for the upkeep of the Hetfield House and restoration of the Levi Cory House.

HISTORY OF MOUNTAINSIDE BOOKS: The most recent history of Mountainside: *A History of Mountainside – 1945-2007 – It Was Only Yesterday* by Connie McNamara is available for purchase at \$19.99 in the Mountainside Library. The original *History of Mountainside* by Jean Hesketh-Hershey covers the history until 1945 (copies are available for \$20 each, call 789-9420).

PUT A PLAQUE IN THE LEVI CORY HOUSE: Individuals, groups and businesses can show their support of the Levi Cory House move and restoration by "putting a plaque in" the Levi Cory House. Permanent brass plaques will be placed inside the Levi Cory House and will remain there for the life of the house. These plaques will indicate your sponsorship of the architectural features contained within the house such as doors, windows,

fireplaces, stairways, or entire rooms! You can show your support with a sponsorship, a dedication, an honor or a memorial. Your plaque will be a forever reminder that you helped save and restore this historic house.

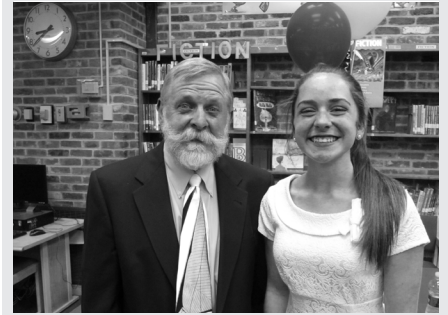
HETFIELD HOUSE NOTECARDS: Classic ivory-colored, folded note cards are available for sale in sets of twelve with envelopes. They feature the Harry Devlin sketch of the Hetfield House on the front with a brief history on the back. The inside is blank. Anyone interested in purchasing these cards can do so at Borough Hall or stop by the Hetfield House during any open house or event. They are being sold for \$7.00 per set and make a great gift.

HETFIELD HOUSE IS AVAILABLE FOR USE: The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House is available for use by community groups for meetings or tours. It is also available for rent to individuals or organizations for other events. For information on availability, please contact Diane Ruggiero at 233-8813.

For further information on the above-mentioned activities of the Mountainside Restoration Committee and updates on the Hetfield House & Levi Cory House happenings, please call 789-9420 or visit www.mountainsidehistory.org.

Scott Daniels - Chairman, Mountainside Restoration Committee

The ARTHUR J. BRAHM Scholarship Award



Mountainside Restoration Committee Chairman, Scott Daniels, is pictured with the 2014 Arthur J. Brahm Historic Preservation Scholarship Award recipient, Veronica Vitollo.

At the eighth grade Graduation Ceremony for Deerfield School, held on Friday, June 20, 2014, Scott Daniels, Chairman of the Mountainside Restoration Committee, presented the Annual Arthur J. Brahm Historic Preservation Scholarship Award. This award is presented to the graduating eighth grader who demonstrates excellence in a written essay depicting Mountainside pride and history. The 2014 award was presented to Veronica Vitollo. Contest entries are on display at the Hetfield House for all to read. Scholarship criteria announcements for the 2015 Award are available through the Deerfield School Guidance office.

RAFFLE WINNERS announced

Each year, the Mountainside Restoration Committee holds a Spring fundraising drive for some needed project in the Hetfield or Levi Cory House. In 2014, the funds were earmarked and used for the Levi Cory House move. The raffle drawing was held on May 4. Following are the winners:

1st place: Rosemary Graziano won one week 2-bedroom villa lodging in Florida

2nd place: Rosemary Stummer won a weekend trip to NYC including admission to the new 9/11 museum

3rd place: Karen Patterson won an Apple iPad

Congratulations winners and thank you all for your support! Please support this year's spring fundraising drive by donating and for chance to win great prizes. See letter on page 4.

2015 Historic Restoration Committee CALENDAR

April 18, 2015: Artisan Show & Sale - Please stop by the Hetfield House between 1-4 pm to view local artisans who will be showing and selling their art to help raise funds for the Mountainside Historic Committee. Artworks include paintings, photographs, pottery, jewelry, and plantscapes. Local artists interested in participating should contact us at (908)789-9420.

April 30-May 3, 2015: Annual Geranium & Spring Plant Sale – Hetfield House, 9 am-4 pm

May 3, 2015: My Doll & Tea - All are invited to attend the annual tea event at the Hetfield House to be held on Sunday, May 3 from 1-4 pm. This year's event, entitled "My Doll & Tea" will celebrate the magic of dolls and the custom of afternoon tea. Guests, young and old, are invited to bring their own dolls to enhance the mood. Reservations are required for each of two seatings. Visit www.mountainsidehistory.org for further information.

June 15, 2015 – The Mountainside Restoration Committee's second Biennial Golf Outing to benefit the maintenance and restoration of the Hetfield and Levi Cory Houses will be held at Echo Lake Country Club. Visit www.mountainsidehistory.org, or call (908)789-9420 for a registration brochure or to become a sponsor.

September 17-20, 2015 – Fall Mum & Plant Sale at the Hetfield House

September 19, 2015 – Garage Sale at the Hetfield House

October 17-18, 2015 – Four Centuries in a Weekend Open House.

November 11, 2015 – Veterans' Open House

December 5, 2015 – Cookie & Hot Cocoa sale at Boro Annual Tree Lighting - 4:30pm

December 12-13, 2015 – Gingerbread Open House weekend (1-4pm)

EAGLE SCOUT Sign



Jeffrey Whyte (center) stands with members of the Mountainside Restoration Committee, next to the sign he erected for his Eagle Scout project.

Mountainside resident, Jeffrey Whyte, of Berkeley Heights Boy Scout Troop 368 has completed his Eagle Scout project by coordinating and completing the installation of a sign on New Providence Road. Jeffrey raised the funds, worked with the Mountainside Restoration Committee, the County of Union, Art D'Mensions sign company and Mazilli Landscaping to erect this beautiful sign. The sign identifies the location of the Hetfield & Levi Cory houses and the Mountainside Public Library at Constitution Plaza. Many of Jeffrey's friends, fellow scouts and family members also assisted in working to clear the land, landscape, and build the sign's planter box area.

Thanks to an additional grant from The Watts Mountainside Community Foundation, the sign will soon feature lights to illuminate it at night.

VOLUNTEERS needed

The Hetfield House is a successful historic house, thanks to our wonderful volunteers who are a vital part of our organization. Volunteers keep the house maintained and allow us to provide so many wonderful events and services to our community. Areas where we could use some help include: Archives, Education, Research, Publicity & Marketing, Events, Exhibits, Fundraising, Grant-writing, Clerical, Housekeeping and Gardening. As an added benefit to our students, ages 13-18, volunteering at the Hetfield House provides the opportunity to fulfill community service requirements. Please contact us at hetfieldhouse1@yahoo.com or call 789-9420 and leave a message which will be promptly returned. A volunteer application can also be downloaded at www.mountainsidehistory.org

The YEAR in REVIEW

MY DOLL & TEA: On Sunday, May 4, 2014, the Hetfield House was the site of a wonderful event featuring tea, dolls and a doll expert. Dozens of visitors, young and old, enjoyed a civilized afternoon of sipping tea with their favorite dolls while enjoying the collection of doll collector and expert, Jonathan Green.

SPRING & FALL PLANT SALES: Sales of beautiful Spring plants were held in May and a Fall mum plant sale was held in September.

MOUNTAINSIDE GARDENS TOUR: On Saturday, June 7, 2014, six of Mountainside's finest private gardens were on display for the public to tour with lunch served at the Publick House. The event was such a success that another tour will be planned for 2016. Mountainside residents who would like to feature their gardens on the 2016 tour are encouraged to call us at (908)789-9420.

LEVI CORY Update

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Foundation, the two chimneys have been replaced and the roof will soon be replaced. Next on the "list of things to do" are to construct steps to the front door, removal of the bow window which was not original to the house, and construction to erect a "side" porch which was original to the house. The goal of the Committee is to return the house as it originally appeared in a photo from the early 1900's.

Further down the road, the house will need to be connected to utilities such as electric, water and sewer so that it can be opened to the public as a museum for Childrens' interests.



Photo of the Levi Cory House as it looked after the turn of the 20th Century. The Committee aims to restore the house to this look.

GARAGE LAWN SALE: On Saturday, September 20, the Hetfield House lawn was taken over with garage sale items during the Newcomer's Club town-wide garage sale. Proceeds of the sale benefited the Mountainside Historic Committee.

FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND CELEBRATING THE 350th BIRTHDAY OF NEW JERSEY: During the weekend of October 18-19, 2014, the Hetfield House was abuzz with activity while hundreds of people from all over Union County visited and enjoyed the presentation and collection of Thomas Edison memorabilia from Charlie Hummel.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: On Saturday, December 6, the Hetfield House was the site of a Holiday Boutique. Many shoppers enjoyed the unique holiday items and curiosities offered.

GINGERBREAD OPEN HOUSE: Gingerbread Open Houses were held on Saturday & Sunday, December 13 & 14, 2014. Adults were invited on Saturday afternoon to dedicate the Peterson donations and for Holiday Cheer. Sunday's open house hosted families and many visited the house to enjoy music, crafts, delicious holiday treats, hot cider and Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Performers included the Deerfield School Middle School music students and the Children's Choir from Our Lady of Lourdes Church. On Sunday, the drawing was held for the winner of the furnished and decorated Victorian Dollhouse which went to Kathy Krajcik.

MOVE & GROOVE FOR HISTORY: On March 8, 2015, dozens of ladies participated in an energetic fund raiser dancing for fitness. After the dancing, led by instructor Theresa Belford, participants took chances on tricky tray raffle prizes and enjoyed treats provided by Mazzella's of Mountainside.

Mountainside Restoration Committee

Scott Daniels, *Chairman*
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Carol Clark, *Treasurer*
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Deanna Andre, *Borough Council Liaison*



MOUNTAINSIDE RESTORATION COMMITTEE, INC.

1385 US Highway 22, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092



April, 2015

To Mountainside Residents & Friends:

Since the historic move of the 200 year old Levi Cory House, in November of 2013 to Constitution Plaza, much work has been done to situate and restore the house. Each completed project brings the house one step closer to opening to the public as a museum for Children's interests and boutique. Funding and time are the only thing keeping the house from being fully restored and ready to open.

We are making this annual appeal asking for donations toward helping the Mountainside Restoration Committee raise funds to continue the restoration of the circa 1810 Levi Cory house. Specifically, the bow window in front of the house needs to be removed. This window was added in the late 1900s when the house was used as a commercial office. It was not original to the house. Once this window is removed, we can proceed with siding the house to its original state. Your donation of \$20 or more will help us remove this window. You will also be entered into a drawing to win one of the following prizes:

First Prize: *VIZIO E500I-B1 50" 1080p 120Hz Full-Array LED Smart HDTV—valued at \$599.99*

Second Prize: *Dine-Around-Town: Restaurant Certificates for...*

Basilico, Mosaico, The Publick House and Spanish Tavern—valued at \$240

Third Prize: *Supermarket Sampler: Certificates for ShopRite, Stop'n Shop & Kings —valued at \$75*

Please return the enclosed yellow stub for the drawing, filled in with your name, address, phone number and email address along with your optional suggested donation of \$20 or more using the pre-addressed envelope. Checks can be made payable to the "Mountainside Restoration Committee, Inc." and **should be returned no later than April 30, 2015** with your completed yellow stub to Carol Clark, 308 Summit Rd, Mountainside, NJ 07092. The **drawing will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at 2:00 pm** at the Hetfield House located on Constitution Plaza adjacent to the Library (winners do not need to be present).

In addition, we invite everyone to the Hetfield House on Sunday, May 3rd from 1:00-4:00pm for the drawing (2pm) and to attend "My Doll & Tea" – an afternoon enjoying collections of Dolls and the custom of afternoon tea. Reservations suggested. We hope you can join us and thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

The Mountainside Restoration Committee