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Drawings John Bolt Architect

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The spring has brought luminous green back to the lawns around the buildings, and we have watched the leaves unfurl from coca brown to dark purple as the copper beech tree comes into its own again for another season.

The King Store is looking particularly fine, because the windows, doors and porch were refurbished last summer by North East Roof Maintenance, with funds from Morris County Historic Preservation and Roxbury Township Open Space, see DT No.11. The picture is now near perfect because mason, Bill Pollard, rebuilt the side steps last November. This was funded by the Trust thanks entirely to RHT members and donors (see list on page 3).

Across the lawn, Trustee Charlie Alpaugh arranged for replacement of the white birch tree by Lakeside Nurseries. Charlie also made temporary steps which make access up to the Store easier, and he contacted Darleen Cornelius of Sew What Custom Covers in Mount Arlington, NJ, who made a new Wagon Scale cover at no cost from vinyl material donated by Bob Morris.

Looking forward, RHT has submitted a 2016 Construction Grant application to Morris County for \$91,517 to fund the window and door repair and architectural woodwork at the King House. The Roxbury Township Council approved a resolution for the 20% funding match of \$22,879 on April 5. If granted the work would be expected to start in 2017. It is rewarding to see the ongoing

rehabilitation of the King buildings as outlined by the 2009 Historic Structures Report and detailed in subsequent architectural planning.\*

New Jersey Historical Commission, a Division of the Department of State, funded a Caucus Archival Project Evaluation Service (CAPES) assessment. Board member, Janet Lordi, prepared the application, and Archivist, Debra Schiff, has submitted her report which we are studying. It will serve as the basis for reorganizing RHT's archival materials once the upper floor reinforcement is complete this October.

In anticipation of construction work starting in July, the volunteers in the Education, Exhibits and Events Committee are packing up the contents of the second floor. Roxbury Rotary members will help move the heavy furniture. Meanwhile, sponsored by Rotary, Doug Schuld, with Matt Oras and Sean Quinlan from Sherwin Williams (who are also donating the materials) are repainting the King House front porch. It will be a pleasure to sit there at the ice cream social on July 10.

For Celebrate Preservation 2016 there is a small display of photos in Exhibit Room 2 (X2), and an insert in this edition of the Drakesville Times, of the 2005 *Roxbury Remembers* detailing Roxbury Rotary's admirable accomplishments in rescuing the King buildings.

Many thanks to our faithful volunteers with special appreciation to Chris Krusas for many hours of work easing doors at the King House and building the electrical panel enclosure in X2 as required by Morris County Historic Preservation (MCHP).

This letter is also a formal notice of the Annual Meeting of the members of Roxbury Historic Trust, Inc. The membership will vote for the new and renewing Trustees. The event kicks off at 4:15 p.m. with a program followed by official business and refreshments. The new Trustee nominees are Chris Krusas and Brian Morrell.

Don't forget the Pathways of History weekend October 8 and 9 when up to twenty Morris County historical sites will be open for you to tour. Also, this is the final season to feast your eyes on retro phones and the archaic working innards of 1965 telephone technology in the exhibit of the fiftieth anniversary of electronic switching in the Bell telephone system.

*Miriam*

\* funded by MCHPT and NJ Historic Trust, work by architectural historian Dennis Bertland & Associates and architects John Bolt and Michael Calafati





## CALENDAR of EVENTS 2016

**Sunday, June 12,** Regular opening from 1 - 4 PM followed by the **Annual Meeting** & program.

**Sunday, July 10,** Ice Cream Social noon - 4 PM

**Saturday, August 6,** Peach Festival/Ledgewood Gala Day 10:00 AM - 3 PM at the Ledgewood Baptist Church

**Sunday, August 14,** Regular opening from 1 - 4 PM

**Saturday, September 10,** Succasunny Day on Main Street, Succasunna: 10 AM - 3 PM

**Sunday, September 11,** Regular opening 1 - 4 PM

**Saturday, October 8,** Pathways of History Museum Tour first day, 10 AM - 4 PM

**Sunday, October 9,** Living History Day and the second day of Pathways of History Noon - 4 PM

**Sunday, November 13,** Regular opening from 1 - 4 PM, Veterans

Day theme including War memorabilia

**Friday, December 2,** Salt Box Christmas and King House Celebration from 6 - 9 PM

**Sunday, December 11,** Holiday opening from 1 - 4 PM, event to be announced

**Monday Dec.12,** Evening get together 5 - 7 PM, to be confirmed

**Thursday, December 31, 2016**  
**Membership renewals due for 2017 !!**

*Board meetings are at the King House on the fourth Mondays at 7:30 p.m. unless posted otherwise. Subject to confirmation, the Steering Group meets at noon on the first, second, third and fifth Mondays, January to December and the Education, Exhibit and Event Committee meets on Fridays at 1 p.m..*

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## Officers and Board of Trustees

Miriam Morris President, Janet Lordi VP, Brian Corsi Treasurer, Charles Alpaugh Assistant Treasurer, Mary Ann Dudak Secretary and Rotary representative, Richard Cramond Roxbury Historical Society representative, Rev. David Holwick, Robert Morris, Barbara Pescow, and Susan Rawlinson - Trustees

## Committees

Buildings and Grounds Charles Alpaugh, Richard Cramond, Chris Krusas, Miriam Morris, Robert Morris; Education and Exhibits Karen Coates, Marillyn Cunningham, Janet Lordi, Miriam Morris, Rosalind Musmanno, Linn O'Hara, Barbara Pescow, Sue Rawlinson, Carol Shay; Collections Janet Lordi, Miriam Morris; Publicity Mary Ann Dudak, Sue Rawlinson, Mottel Balston; Membership M. Morris acting; Steering Committee Mary Ann Dudak, David Holwick, Miriam Morris, Barbara Pescow, Roz Musmanno, Karen Coates and others; Newsletter Committee Bob Morris, Barbara Pescow, Roz Musmanno, Miriam Morris, Maria Sudol, Janet Lordi; Gift Shop Sue Rawlinson; Student Volunteers D. J. Ward, Calli Pappas, Kate Rawlinson, Aasha Arun



1912 Theo. F. King calendar/blotter found in RHT photo archive



Replacement for King site birch tree donated by Lakeside Nursery, Succasunna, NJ





Mill at Waterloo Village, 1908 Olin Vought



Kenvil Sand pit from North, water color by Olin Vought

The watercolor of the Mill at Waterloo Village, painted in 1908, by Olin Vought, was donated by Maria Sudol from her grand mother, Nancy Talmage's, estate. It joins several other Talmage items in the RHT collection and two other Olin Vought landscapes: Kenvil Sand Pit from the North from the Sweeney estate and the untitled landscape below, donated by Marion Murdock of Blue Heron Antiques, Stanhope. NJ.

Olin F. Vought lived from 1870 to 1940 and at the end of his life was rooming with the Meeker sisters\* at 35 North Hillside Avenue, Succasunna. It is understandable that a near neighbor, Dr. Talmage, at 109 Main Street, would own one of his works. Vought was prolific and many local residents owned his watercolors, which he is reputed to have sold door to door.\*\*

\*Olin Vought from Roxbury Township in 1940 Census District 14-106.

\*\*capsule history taken from the book "Morris Canal-A Photographic History", by James Lee who states: 'One photographer, Olin F. Vought (1870-1940), deserves special credit for his expertise with a camera and his affection for the Morris Canal. Over 140 of Vought's glass plate negatives chronicle the Morris Canal between Lock #7 West at New Village and Plane #8 East at Montville. Vought often dated and placed his initials, O.F.V., on his plates; and, you will see these on many photographs in this book. Over fifty-five Vought photographs were used. Credit for the preservation of this valuable resource goes to Miss Harriet Meeker and the [Roxbury Township Historical Society](#). Together they make a strong case for the importance of local care and concern for our great heritage.'



Olin Vought watercolor, untitled

### RHT Member Donor List May 2015-2016

C. Sue Anderson	member
Nicole Barbato	member
Brian G. Boden	new member
John Bolt	member
Richard Cramond	honorary member
Robert and Kathryn DeFillippo	members
Jane Freund	member
Scott B. Fullerton	business member
Jane Marie Naughton	member
Roxbury Women's Club	organization member
George and Maria Sudol	members
Bruce T. and Lillian Venner	life members
Bret G. Wien	member
William G. and Ruthann Wilkins	members

Individual donations totaled over \$3,000 for the past 12 months and are playing an increasingly important role in supporting RHT's operations and programs.





### Porcelain plate made in Austria

Several years ago RHT received a call from Lisa Cater of Holly Springs, North Carolina. She had a porcelain plate depicting a boating scene on Lake Hopatcong, commissioned by T. F. King. It had hung in her mother, May Esther Rarick's house in Netcong for as long as she could remember. Now it was time for the plate to return home. Because Bob and I made regular visits to North Carolina it would be only a matter of time before we would connect. The months stretched on, but finally, over Christmas 2014, we picked up the plate along with other items.



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## MUSEUMS AT DRAKESVILLE

[I wish to renew my membership in or join the Roxbury Historic Trust, Inc.](#) (click for Paypal link)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Dues - \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$25.00, Corporate \$125

I would like to help fund a special project: \_\_\_\_\_ King House Mural Restoration  
(Funding goal: \$15,000)  
\_\_\_\_\_ King House wheel chair ramp

I would like to help the Trust fund continuing restoration \_\_\_\_\_ General Donation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed

Please mail information with payment to: *Roxbury Historic Trust, Inc., 209 Main Street, Ledgewood, NJ 07852*

I would like to volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Skills / interests



# ROXBURY REMEMBERS...

An addendum to the Ledgewood Historic Park Sentinel

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## Contributions of the Roxbury Rotary Club to Historic Preservation

Roxbury Rotary Club first became interested in the Ledgewood Historic Park area in the fall of 1978, when Rotarian Don Schuld presented to the Club the idea of trying to save Morris Canal Inclined Plane 2 East (in Ledgewood). At that time the land belonged to the heirs of Louise King. Representing the Club, George Wien, acting on information given to him by members of the Canal Society of New Jersey, arranged a meeting with the Executive Director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Daryl Caputo. Also present at this meeting were Roxbury Township Mayor G. Russel Diana, Township Manager and Rotarian Robert Badini and Rotarian Don Schuld. As a result of this meeting, the Township of Roxbury found a way to purchase the Inclined Plane property. The Foundation would first buy the property from its owners and then hold it until the Township could obtain Green Acres funds; the Township could then purchase the property at cost plus expenses. This resulted in the Township obtaining 246 acres adjoining Ledgewood Park, as well as the King Store and Homestead properties.

On May 5, 1983 the Roxbury Rotary Club started clearing the Inclined Plane of all overgrowth, rocks, dead wood and other obstacles which had piled up. By 1988 the Plane had been cleared, grass was being mowed regularly, three information signs had been built and installed on the property and the Power House pit had been cleared of debris. By this time George Wien, who had been named Chairman of this restoration project in 1986, began to plan for the reconstruction of the Power House. Architect Kenneth Fox volunteered to make the plans for an accurate reconstruction.

In August of 1989 Rotarian Dan Dyrness, a contractor, while working on the Inclined Plane suggested to George that Rotary undertake the project of saving the King Store. The Club agreed, invested \$2,000 into the project and asked George to address the Township of Roxbury



for permission to work on the Store. Permission was given in early September and work started on September 29. Vegetation was removed from around the building, the porch roof, which had fallen down, was moved to a safe location, the building was swept clean of non-historic material and all windows were covered with Plexiglas. Dan Dyrness contacted a roofer skilled in dealing with slate and the leaking Store roof was repaired. Co-Chairman Lawrence Ashley then suggested that the porch roof be reattached and restored; this began the full-scale rehabilitation project that lasted until January of 2000. The main result was a restoration of the first floor sales portion of the Store, and the establishment of the King Store Museum.

During this time, George had periodically been checking on the adjacent King Homestead at the request of Township Manager Gary Webb, who had given George the key. By January of 2000 the condition had deteriorated so that it was critical that something had to be done or the building would be lost. The Rotary Club was at first hesitant to take on so large a project, but George persisted and they finally agreed to let him approach the Township for permission to work on the building. After several months of negotiations the Rotary received permission in late May 2000, and began funding the project (starting with \$150 in the 1999-2000 budget). For its efforts in the preservation, the Rotary Club was assigned a second floor room of its choice in the Homestead to use as an office.

Realizing that while the Rotary Club would support the rehabilitation of the building, it would not support the running of the museum planned for the first floor, George and Rotarian Alan Rubenstein then began planning for the formation of the Roxbury Historic Trust. This idea had been presented to George some years earlier by Ruthann Seraly, then President of the Roxbury Township Historical Society (which owns and operates the adjacent Silas Riggs Salt Box). Ruthann was also instrumental in helping to get both the King Store and the King Homestead on the National Register of Historic Places and the New Jersey Register of Historic Places in 1994. Richard Cramond, Robert Morris and Margaret Cushing, all officers of the Historical Society, expressed an interest in joining the Trust. An application for incorporation as a non-profit corporation was filed and the Roxbury Historic Trust, Inc. was born.

During June of 2000 Rotarians began repairing screens and windows; this allowed light and air to circulate through the Homestead, inhibiting the growth of mold and mildew and drying out the building. By July, temporary electric service had been extended to the Homestead as well as telephone service. Rotarians Mike Dietz and Robert Badini joined George as Co-Chairmen of this Rotary Restoration Project, and regular work-parties were held. By the fall of 2001 Rotary had provided enough money to have the furnace chimney rebuilt and lined with a stainless steel flue. A year later, funds donated by the Sweney Estate and individual donations allowed the purchase of a new furnace, and heat was restored to the King Homestead. This allowed the Trust to establish an office on the second floor for the computer and storage of records.

Roxbury Rotary's contributions to the Roxbury Historic Trust have exceeded \$13,000 and over 4,000 man-hours of work involving 30 Rotarians working on the King Store and 23 working on the King Homestead as of this date. The most recent Rotary effort was the installation of a new roof on the Spring House directly behind the King Homestead in November of 2004.