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Drawings John Bolt Architect

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President's Update

The December letter always begins with a retrospective and sunny memory of the Ice Cream Social. This year unlike 2015, we did have the dry ice to keep things frozen and a big container of ice cream supplied by Chris Krusas. The Canal Society of New Jersey tour of the Morris Canal Park swelled the numbers. Yellow security tape and orange snow fencing guarded the trenches around the foundations which Drill Construction had exposed for repair. Inside, a brown paper band stretched across the parlor carpet and work was beginning on the second floor. All this activity is being funded by Morris County Historic Preservation Trust with a 20% fund match from Roxbury Open Space. The work is substantially complete and the Education and Exhibit Committee is looking forward to moving everything back.. But, that was summer 2016.

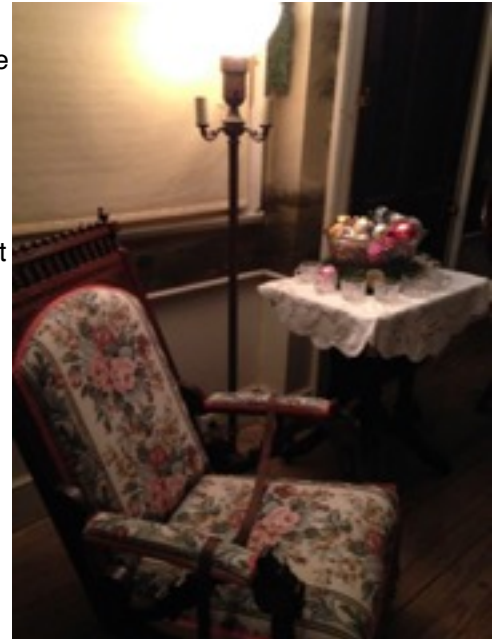
Seven years ago, Bob Morris conceived, designed and created the Drakesville Times, which he edited for twelve issues. After putting together this thirteenth issue of the Times on December 11, he succumbed to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, passing away on December 15. His contribution to Roxbury Historic Trust, Inc. is greatly appreciated (see page 2) and will be missed.

He helped plan and assisted in preparing the General Operating Support re-grant application to Morris County Heritage Commission in early November and was pleased to hear in early December that RHT had been approved. The grant monies will be available in February 2017. One of the funded activities is for a heat and air conditioning unit for the Resource Room, the room where the artifacts and archives are held, and a space that needs to be climate controlled. The items will not move back into the space until after the heat and air unit has been installed in the spring.

The re-grant will also cover 9 months of liability insurance and a professional estimate for the next phase of work at the King Store, to be performed by architect Margaret Hickey of Connolly and Hickey. This will support the next anticipated grant application in March 2017 to Morris County Historic Preservation for work on the King Store (Architect John Bolt).

Meanwhile, new Trustee Brian Morrell submitted a 1772 Foundation grant application with matching funds from Roxbury Open Space in the anticipation of repairing some of the King House windows and all seven exterior doors, which are in poor repair with winter gales howling across the sills.

A retrospective of 2016 would not be complete without mention of the two-day opening for the Pathways of History tour shared with 19 other history organizations over the second weekend in October. This year for the December festivities the King House was particularly resplendent with additional furnishings loaned and donated by Trustee Brian Morrell. The ground floor of the house has moved into a new era of interpretation.



As of writing in January 2017 I remind readers that membership renewals were due on December 31, 2016, and you may be overdue! Having missed a year of general operating support because of changes at the New Jersey Historical Commission, RHT is particularly appreciative of dues and additional donations to support the rebuilding of the front steps at the King Store. This work has been estimated at \$2,200. And, now that the major interior work has been done at the King House, you can expect to be hearing from RHT as it begins to focus on raising funds to restore the James Marland mural in the dining room.

All the best in 2017,

Miriam Morris

RHT Mission

The Roxbury Historic Trust, Inc. provides unique opportunities for discovery of our shared heritage through interpretation of the King Store and King House Museums. Visitors explore the roles of the King and Riggs families in the development of the Morris Canal, the Roxbury community and the region, from the 1820s through the 1930s, a time of tremendous growth and innovation in our nation.

**2017
CALENDAR of EVENTS**

Sunday, April 9, Regular opening from 1 - 4 PM

Sunday, May 14, Regular opening from 1 - 4 PM

Saturday May 20, Vintage Vendor Market from 10 Am-4 PM

Sunday May 21, Celebrate Preservation from 1-4 PM

Sunday, June 11, Regular opening from 1 - 4 PM followed by the **Annual Meeting & program.**

Sunday, July 9, Ice Cream Social noon - 4 PM

Saturday, August 12, Peach Festival/Ledgewood Gala Day 10:00 AM - 3 PM at the Ledgewood Baptist Church

Sunday, August 13, Regular opening from 1 - 4 PM

Saturday, September 9, Suckasunny Day on Main Street, Succasunna: 10 AM - 3 PM

Sunday, September 10, Regular opening 1 - 4 PM

Saturday, October 7, Pathways of History Museum Tour first day, 10 AM - 4 PM

Sunday, October 8, Living History Day and the second day of Pathways of History Noon - 4 PM

Sunday, November 12, Regular opening from 1 - 4 PM, Veterans Day theme including War memorabilia

Friday, December 1, Salt Box Christmas and King House Festivities from 6 - 9 PM

Sunday, December 10, Holiday opening from 1 - 4 PM, event to be announced

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



Dennis Cassidy displays horse shoes, tools and cart at the Pathways tour and Living History Day

Calendar of work/meetings

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. at:

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Bob Morris and RHT

Bob was a charter member of the Trust in June 2000, and a signatory to the lease with Roxbury Township in 2002. He was the first recording secretary, and during these early days he built the louvered shutters in the gables of the main house, reworking the screw eyes to link together so that the new louvres would work exactly as the old ones had. He was also involved with the replacement balusters on the King House landing, staining them to match the originals. He was there at a crucial moment when the parlor medallion was being epoxied in place, and saw it snug into its original spot.

He made RHT think big when it came to the repair of the Store roof. This led to its complete replacement in 2010. That December, thanks to a mention in the Drakesville Times # 1 dues renewal form, RHT received a generous donation from the Venners to replace the wagon scale. Bob threw himself into the research, and found his way into the wagon scale subculture, which culminated in the dedication of the scale in 2012 (see DT # 5).

Bob ran the workshops and wrote the Strategic Plan in 2011, reworking it in December of 2016. He chaired and took on the rewriting of the bylaws in 2012. He



King House 2015 Construction Grant

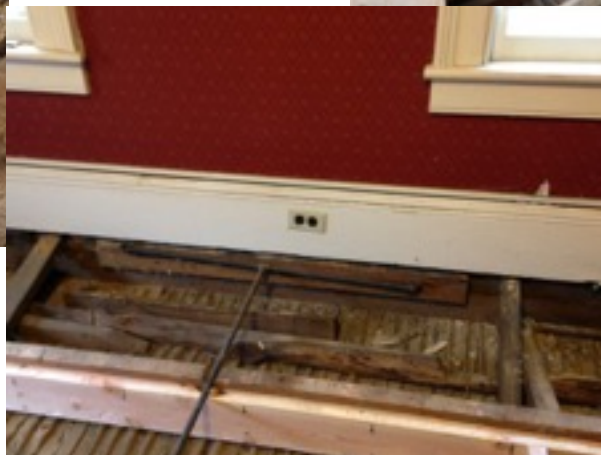
As mentioned on page1, Drill Construction, West Orange, NJ, has repointed the deteriorated King House masonry foundations and reinforced the upstairs floors, funded by a 2015 grant from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust and Roxbury Open Space. This work brings the house into compliance with the building code and opens the way to fuller interpretation of all floors.



Above: unusual brick infill at the meeting of the second floor joists and outside wall



Repointed basement wall with ghost of old doorway



Sistering joists in conference room (above) and office (left) where an old gas pipe T junction under the floor remains a mystery.

also wrote the winning grant for the Phase 1 Archeological study for the site funded by the New Jersey Historical Commission; a division of the Department of State. Bob produced the Drakesville Times, the walking tour brochure, the Drakesville Park brochure, the Buildings and Grounds report and designed the current signs for the park and the buildings, recently donating the latest edition of the sign at the Store. He championed the Spanish version of the walking tour brochure and pursued the relationship with the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania, inviting Chief Bob Redhawk to talk on Living History Day 2011. Bob co-designed the unique *Hidden Faces* exhibit. He

introduced and organized the first *Living History Day: Its all about Iron* in 2012.

On a practical level he took paint samples in the master bedroom, set them in epoxy, and sanded them down so that we could study the layers of paint under a microscope. Bob was on the scene when the basement was flooded to 8" in February of 2008. At the same time the upstairs pipes were leaking onto the dining room ceiling causing it to belly downwards: he stuck it with a screw driver and let the water out. Later he and I jacked up the ceiling on terry cloth padding, and waited months for it to dry. Oh, the relief

when the jacks were removed and the ceiling held.

Beyond the site Bob wrote and administered the grants that put Ledgewood Historic District on the State and National registers of historic places in 2014. He was a member of the Roxbury Township Historic Advisory Committee, taking a leadership role with his incisive understanding of the issues. His talent was not lost in the Morris Canal Greenway working Group. And, on the RHT Board as in all these endeavors Bob guided the participants towards a focused and more professional ideal. RHT stands on his shoulders and his work continues.

MM

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)

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



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