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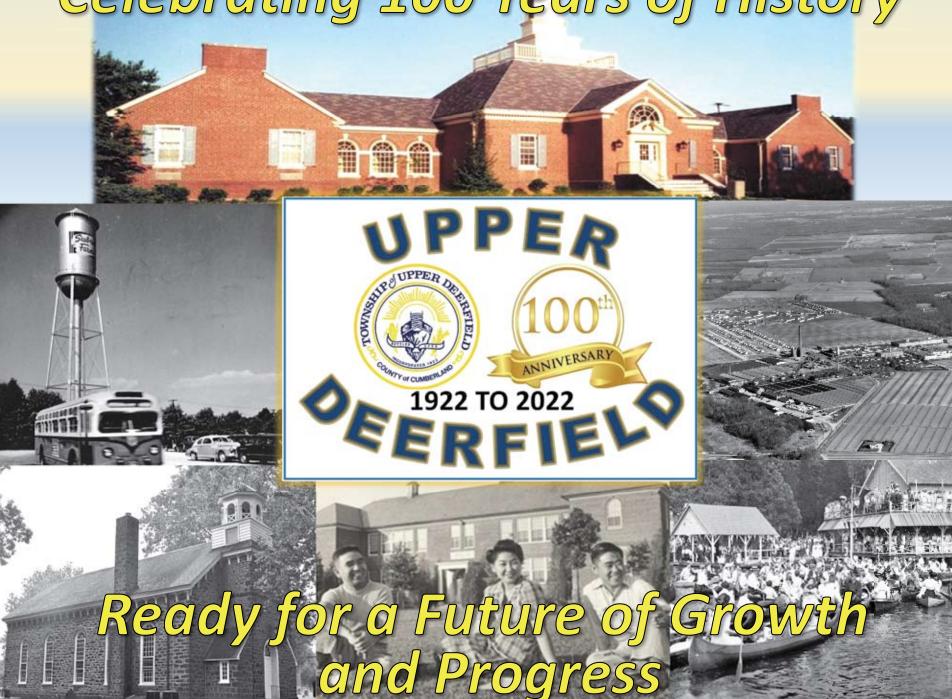
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Celebrating 100 Years of History



The Incorporation of Upper Deerfield Township

The 1922 New Jersey Legislature passed CHAPTER 19 – "An Act to Incorporate the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland", which act was approved February 23, 1922, and another act amendatory thereof approved March 15, 1922.

CHAPTER 19.

BE IT £NACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

- 1. The inhabitants of that portion of the Township of Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, contained within the limits hereinafter set forth are hereby constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate in fact and in law by the name of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the county of Cumberland, and shall be governed by the general laws of this State relating to townships.
- 2. The territorial limits of said township shall be all that portion of Deerfield Township bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point north of Husted Station at the intersection of the east line of the right of way of the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad and the boundary line of the counties of Cumberland and Salem; thence along the east line of said right of way southwestwardly a distance of five and three-quarter miles, more or less, until said line intersects the northerly boundary line of the City of Bridgeton; thence westwardly, along the boundary line of the City of Bridgeton, to the center of Cohansey Creek; thence northerly, up the center thereof, to the boundary line of the County of Salem; thence along said boundary line northeastwardly and south eastwardly to the place of beginning.

The provisions of the act required a referendum vote to be accepted by a majority vote of the qualified voters residing in the described territory at a special election to be held within sixty days from the passage of this act between the hours of 6 am and 7 pm.

On April 3, 1922, the referendum vote was held, and the result of the election was 254 votes in favor of adopting the act, 65 votes in opposition and 7 votes were rejected.



Photo of the voting boxes used at the April 3, 1922 election A special primary election for nominations for several offices was held on Wednesday May 31, 1922 from 7 am to 9 pm.

The following individuals were nominated for various official positions:

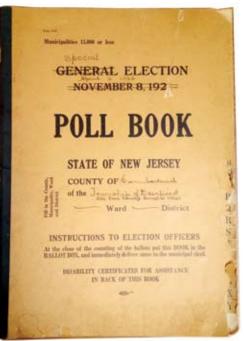
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George L. Tomlinson
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Assessor
Elijah R. Parvin

According to Alan Palmer's, "This Place Called Home" the individuals above were elected to office at an election held on June 14, 1922. At the first Township Committee meeting held on June 19, 1922, the Committee selected Warren Oley to serve as Chairman of the Committee, Albert R. McAllister to serve as Solicitor and George L. Tomlinson to serve as Treasurer.

At a joint meeting of the Township Committees of Deerfield and Upper Deerfield on July 3, 1922, the committees began the process to review the division of property and indebtedness of the respective Townships. The total ratables for the entire Township for the year 1922 was \$2,054,000. The Accountant for the Joint Committees at a meeting on July 6th, submitted a statement of the assets and liabilities, and schedule of ratables that determined that Deerfield Township would be entitled to approximately 34% of the net assets and Upper Deerfield Township would be entitled to approximately 65% of the assets.

At a special meeting of the Township Committee on November 21,

1925, a group of residents from the western section of Deerfield Township were desirous of transferring a portion of their Township to Upper Deerfield Township. The group presented a formal petition with more than 60% of the voters from this portion of Deerfield Township requesting Upper Deerfield Township accept this area. On February 15, 1926, the transfer of territory to Upper Deerfield Township was completed and the geographic boundaries of the Township as known today were completed.



Polling Place Book – List of voters for the April 3, 1922 election

Township Committee Invites You To The Celebration

It is my honor to serve as Mayor of our community as Upper Deerfield Township proudly celebrates its one hundredth anniversary as a municipality in Cumberland County, New Jersey. On behalf of my fellow Township Committeemen, Township employees, the Historical and 100th Anniversary Committee, Seabrook Educational Cultural Center, and other community volunteers, I invite you to join our centennial celebration on April 23, 2022, Noon – 9 PM, on the grounds of our municipal building.



Left-right: Committeeman Bruce Peterson, Committeeman Tom Speranza, Mayor Jim Crilley, Committeeman Scott Smith, Township Attorney Rocco Tedesco, and Deputy Mayor John Daddario.

We are celebrating a legacy of building a strong municipality built on a foundation of excellence in education, agriculture, commerce, government, and com-

munity. This legacy began in 1921 with a petition to the State Legislature to allow a portion of what was Deerfield Township to be formed into a new municipality called Upper Deerfield. In 1922, the voters of what was to become Upper Deerfield, voted overwhelmingly to create the new mu-

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Our history of progress over 100 years is one of which we should all be proud. We have achieved extraordinary success as a community by working together and doing so with the good of the entire community in mind. In that same spirit of cooperation, we believe Upper Deerfield is poised to continue to grow and prosper into its second century.

Respectfully,

James & Crilley

Mayor James Crilley



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Thank You to Upper Deerfield Historical & 100th Anniversary Committee

Historical Committee

nicipality.

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Early Schools That Served Upper Deerfield

The Township's history from the publication, "This Place Called Home" by F. Alan Palmer, published by the Upper Deerfield Township Committee in 1985 provides information of the schools as well as the establishment of the Township, the people, villages, government, agriculture and religion.

The location of the schools sheds light on where and when communities had a need for a schoolhouse. Most schools were near churches. Black and white photos are from "This Place Called Home".

According to Palmer's Publication these were the schools that served areas to be known as Upper Deerfield Township prior to the incorporation of the Township:

Center Road School. The location was described as the triangle at Beal's Mill Road and Friesburg Road, and Center Road aka Canhouse Road. The school was a 22' by 26' frame building constructed in 1823 at an estimated cost of \$200.00. Pupils were transferred to Union School in 1903 and the Center School was closed. Does Not Exist Today.

Deerfield Union School. Located north of the Presbyterian Church on Old Deerfield Pike, on the east side of the road. The school was built in 1866 at a cost of \$1,200.00

consisting of one large room. The school was attended by grades 1 to 6 until 1945. Afterwards, it was converted into a residence and used as a craft shop of the Joyce family. Does Not Exist Today.

Deerfield Union School



School District #3 - Friendship

Friendship School. Located on Centerton Road. The one-room school was built in 1861, housed grades 1 to 8 with one teacher for all grades. Friendship school was closed when the students transferred to the consolidated school in Seabrook. Destroyed by fire in the 1950's.

Woodruff School of 1872. Located on Landis Avenue, west of the Woodruff United Methodist Church. The school was a oneroom building 21' by 35' that could accommodate up to 48 students. The building known as the Woodruff School was built in 1886 and has been restored into a residence by the Woodruff family.





School District #5 - Jackson

Jackson School. Located on the east side of Route 77, just south of Grier's Lane. The original school was built in 1847 and was replaced in 1876 with a new structure at a cost of \$1,200.00. Within the past several years it was demolished following a fire. The site is marked today by a small cinderblock gabled-roof building which was close to the rear of the school.



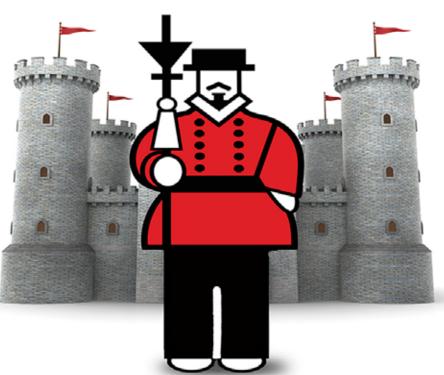
Cohansey School

Cohansey School or Button Mill School.

May also have been referred to as Silver Lake School. Located on the southwest corner of Old Deerfield Pike and Love Lane on the Turner farm property. The 20' x 26' school was built in 1861 at a cost of \$200.00. The school was closed in 1925. when the students were transferred to the consolidated school in Seabrook.

See more schools on page 7

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Early Schools That Served Upper Deerfield



District School #8 - Northville

Northville School. Located on the northeast corner of Old Burlington Road where it crossed Weber Road. The school was built in 1871 and was closed in 1921 with the students being transferred to Friendship School. It was moved a short distance and remodeled into a residence.



The Loder School

Loder School, Located on Lebanon Road near the intersection of Route 553. The one-room school was built in 1835 and was considered to be one of the smallest and oldest buildings. School was closed in 1937 and the students were transferred to the consolidated school in Seabrook.

Seabrook Schools at Farm Center.

Located along Parsonage Road west of the cold storage warehouse, four houses were converted for use as schoolrooms for the children living in the Seabrook area.



Seabrook School 1925

Seabrook/Moore School. On April 28, 1922 the Upper Deerfield Board of Education held its first meeting. The County Superintendent of Schools urged the Board to proceed with the construction of a new eight-room school at a cost of \$65,000 plus \$400 to furnish each of the rooms. The Board passed a resolution to construct the school at a cost not to exceed \$75,000. This school is now known as the Elizabeth Moore School.

The original intent was to house grades six, seven and eight. However, when it was completed in 1923, the four small schools in rented houses at the Farm Center were closed and a plan was developed to phase out the remaining schools with outdoor plumbing and antiquated facilities. Silver Lake School was closed in 1925; Friendship in 1931; Woodruff in 1935; Loder in 1937; and Union School in 1945. Additional classrooms were added to Seabrook School permitting all the children from kindergarten to eighth grade to attend one school.

C.F. Seabrook School. Additional class-rooms were needed even after adding on to the Moore School in 1948 and 1955. In 1956, a new school north of the original school opened to accommodate the ever-increasing number of students. The new school was known as the C.F. Seabrook School while the first school was given the name of Elizabeth Moore School in honor of the administrator.



Seabrook/Moore School with new wings

Woodruff School. In 1976, the new school was constructed and accommodate grades six, seven and eight.

Bridgeton High School – Students went to high school in Bridgeton. During the older days, the original high school in Bridgeton was Bank Street School. A new high school was built at the corner of Broad Street and West Avenue which is known as Broad Street School. In 1952, the current Bridgeton High School opened on West Avenue.

Cumberland Regional High School.

The school was built as a joint venture among seven municipalities under the regional concept. In September of 1977, Cumberland Regional opened and the municipalities of Deerfield, Fairfield, Greenwich, Hopewell, Shiloh, Stow Creek and Upper Deerfield sent their ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students to the new school.



Woodruff School of 1872 Today

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Upper Deerfield Municipal Building History

As early as the mid-1950's, discussion began about the need to construct a modern, fireproof and complete Township facility. The Township purchased a 6.8 acre-parcel of ground on the corner of Hoover Drive and State Highway 77 from Seabrook Farms. Plans were drawn by George Von Uffel, of the firm Von Uffel, Russo and Von Uffel from Haddonfield, New Jersey to construct a Municipal Building and an Ambulance and Rescue Squad Building. The first Township Committee meeting was held on December 30, 1968 in the new building.

On October 26, 1969, a dedication program for the two buildings was held. Municipal Judge Steven Kleiner served as the Master of Ceremonies. Invocation was provided by Reverend Watanabe of the Seabrook Buddhist Church. Presentation of flags were made by T.

Carl Hemple from Farmers & Merchants Bank and Vernon Ichisaka from the Japanese American Citizens League. The flag raising ceremony was conducted by Cub Scout Pack 47. A prayer of dedication was given by Reverend Clayton Fairo of the Deerfield Presbyterian Church. Mayor Anthony J. Petrunis accepted the buildings on behalf of the community noting that "Upper Deerfield is a growing Township and the envy of many other municipalities in the county."

J. Alan Woodruff, President of the Upper Deerfield Board of Education was the guest speaker. According to newspaper articles in the Bridgeton Evening News, Mr. Woodruff recognized the contributions of the Township Committee in the planning for these buildings, naming Frank Wallace, Raymond Simpkins, the late William Garton, Anthony Petrunis and George Woodruff. J. Alan Woodruff went on to say

that "one of the most unusual aspects of these buildings is that the township is not indebted for them now. The cost of the two buildings was \$300,000 and was paid for from Township surplus funds."

The benediction was provided by Reverend Joel Duncan of Woodruff Methodist Church. In concluding the ceremonies, everyone in attendance was invited to tour the new buildings.

At a later date, the Township bought land for a municipal recreational area, that was adjacent to the Municipal Building from Land Holders, Inc. The municipal complex today, consists of over 100 acres.

Google Earth Map photo showing the Upper Deerfield Complex -over 100 acres, consisting of the Municipal Building, Ambulance Building, Senior Center and the Recreational facilities.





Visitors attend the dedication of the new Municipal **Building on** October 26, 1969.



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Early Churches In Upper Deerfield

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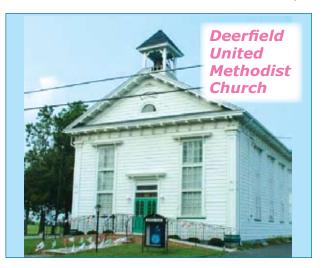
According to Palmer's publication these were the churches that served the area to be known as Upper Deerfield Township prior to and after the incorporation of the Township:

OLDER CHURCHES...

Deerfield Presbyterian Church Founded in 1737, the present building was constructed in 1771. In May 1771, a tract of land, triangular in shape and containing approximately one-third of an acre, was purchased where the new meeting house was even then in the process of being built. A Chapel was built in 1878 and a Parsonage was built in 1884. The Church had renovations completed in 1858, 1907 and 1947. The church is located on Old Deerfield Pike.

Deerfield United Methodist Church

had its beginnings at the Woodruff Methodist Church in 1867 and engaged the Reverend at Woodruff to conduct services in Cobb's Hall in Deerfield, north of the Deerfield Presbyterian Church. The current church on Route 77 was constructed in 1868 on an acre of ground and the church was renovated in 1959. In 1979, a



church school and social hall was constructed. The cemetery is on the south side of the church.

Friendship United Methodist Church Initially associated with the Old NJ Methodist Protestant Conference, was formed in 1832 and met in the Friendship schoolhouse which originated in 1809. In 1847, trustees were elected to superintend the building of a church on a three-acre parcel adjacent to the schoolhouse. The

cemetery today is mainly south of the church.



Friendship United Methodist Church

Woodruff United Methodist Church

Located in the triangle formed by Finley Road, Woodruff Road and Landis Avenue. Formerly known as the Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, it began in the home of Preston Stratton in 1804. A schoolhouse was built in 1807 on a road leading into Centerton Road and served as the first meetinghouse. The church was built in 1824 when Lewis Woodruff donated the land and lumber. In 1869 it was decided to build a new church and the old church was sold to school district. In 1891 the name of the church was changed from Pleasant Grove to Woodruff Methodist Episcopal Church. The cemetery is behind the church.



Woodruff United Methodist Church

Churches established later include:

Seabrook Christian Church was established in 1944 as inter-denominational by Japanese Americans who had arrived at Seabrook to seek employment and gathered at the Community House building which stands today on Route 77, north of the Upper Deerfield Municipal Building and south of the Township Schools.

Seabrook Buddhist Church/Temple

first formed a sect in the winter of 1945. Initially activities took place in a building funded by the Federal Public Housing Authority as a Child Care Center. A new building was completed in 1969 on the north side of Northville Road. The temple welcomes many visitors throughout the year at its services and their sponsored events included the Obon Festival that is held every July on their grounds.



Seabrook Buddhist Church/Temple

See more Churches on page 13





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Early Churches In Upper Deerfield

Estonian Lutheran Church The Estonian community that settled in Seabrook found an unused Lutheran Church on Old Burlington Road in Northville which they purchased. Considerable repairs were required and performed by members of the congregation. From the beginning there was an agreement with the German Lutheran congregation to share the church. The church was jointly occupied with each group meeting separately. The cemetery surrounds the structure.



Estonian Lutheran Church

Seventh Day Adventist Church Congregation moved from a smaller church in Bridgeton to their new larger church located on West Park Drive and Old Deerfield Pike in 1960.



Seventh Day Adventist Church

German Full Gospel Affiliated with the German District of Assemblies of God. The church is located on Holly Avenue, off Big Oak Road and was established in 1965.



German Full Gospel Church 1965

Bethel Baptist Church The church is located at the corner of Old Deerfield Pike and Love Lane. Formed as the Bethel Baptist Fellowship they met at Berachah Baptist Church in Bridgeton, cafeteria at Seabrook Farms and Bridgeton Christian School until their church was built in 1966.



Bethel Baptist Church - 1965

Community Free Will Baptist Church
The church was formed in 1970 at the corner of

Route 77 and Route 540, in what was known as Cobb's Hall. The building was taken down in 2020.

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

The church was built in 1977, with labor from the congregation on land that was donated. The church is located on Husted Station-Woodruff Road.

Hope Free Will Baptist Church
The congregation had previously met for ten

years in the old schoolhouse on Parvins Mill Road in Willow Grove before purchasing land in Upper Deerfield in 1974. The church is located on Silver Lake Road and was dedicated in 1978.



Hope Free Will Baptist Church 1978

Laurel Heights Chapel. A local group of Christian and Missionary Alliance purchased a five-acre parcel of land on Laurel Heights Drive in Upper Deerfield. In 1979, a parsonage and temporary chapel were dedicated.

First Wesleyan Church The church began in Bridgeton and needed to relocate for additional space and parking. The congregation purchased land at the Medical Center on Old Deerfield Pike and Laurel Heights Drive and in 1980, the first service was held in Upper Deerfield.





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Natural Disasters in Upper Deerfield ... Rain, The Sunday Twister & The Flood of Fifty

Excessive Rain Causes Dam Breaches in 2011 - On August 14, 2011, two weeks prior to Hurricane Irene hitting the area with nearly a foot of rain, another storm deposited almost a foot of rainfall causing Seeley Lake to crest at 10.61 feet, nearly 5 feet above the estimated flood stage before the dam gave way allowing the lake to empty out, according to the US Geological Survey. The dam breach at the lake reportedly exacerbated already treacherous conditions throughout the Cohansey River watershed. This same storm also caused the dam at Sunset Lake downstream of Seeley Lake to give way, also emptying this lake.

The F2 Tornado of 1975 - At 6:09 AM on July 13, 1975, a call was received by the Upper Deerfield Township Police Department from

George Williamson of Second Street in Seabrook Route 77, that the rain and wind was blowing beyond belief and objects were flying past his windows. The F2 Tornado damage measured 1.5 miles in length and covered approximately 77 yards in width.

Damage to the Harold Ott Farm (photo) off of Northville Road included, the leveled remnant of a 20 x 80-foot outbuilding, and the splintered remnant of two 20 x 100-foot outbuildings demolished by the tornado which ripped through the area. The buildings behind the Seabrook School North were also in the direct diagonal path of the twister. A piano was lifted out of the north end of Seabrook School and was never located. The basement of the Municipal Building was used as classroom space during the reconstruction of the school.





Twister: (top) School in the Basement of the Municipal Building

Twister: (far left) Ott Farm

Twister: (left) North end of Seabrook

School (Credit: Garrison Collection)



50 Flood- Seabrook Community House Library Providing Clothing

The Flood of Fifty - In November, once again prompted charity work in Upper Deerfield Township when the Seabrook Farms Community Center served as a primary location for relief work for the flood victims. The Red Cross, Seabrook Farms and many volunteers pooled resources ranging from the washing of diapers and dishes to shelter, keeping families from southern Cumberland County together, many being migrant workers from other enterprises south of Seabrook. (Credit: SECC Collection, NJ Digital Highway)

Township Committee Over The Past 100 Years ...

TWP. COMMITTEE

Albert T. Hannan

pper Deerfield Township is governed under the Township form of New Jersey municipal government, the second-most commonly used form of government in the state. From 1922 to 1965, the governing body was comprised of a three-member committee. Beginning in 1966, the Committee moved to a five-member Township Committee. The members are elected directly by the voters to serve three-year terms of office on a staggered basis, with either one or two seats coming up for election each year as part of the November general election. At the annual reorganization meeting, the Township Committee selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another as Deputy Mayor.



YEAR TWP. MAYOR 1922 Warren W. Oley 1923 Warren W. Oley 1924 Warren W. Oley 1925 Warren W. Oley 1926 Warren W. Oley 1927 Warren W. Oley 1928 Albert T. Hannan 1929 Albert T. Hannan 1930 Albert T. Hannan 1931 Albert T. Hannan 1932 Albert T. Hannan 1933 Albert T. Hannan 1934 Albert T. Hannan 1935 Albert T. Hannan 1936 Albert T. Hannan 1937 Albert T. Hannan 1938 Albert T. Hannan 1939 Albert T. Hannan 1940 George P. Harris 1941 George P. Harris 1942 George P. Harris 1943 George P. Harris 1944 George P. Harris 1945 Samuel P. Sigafoo Samuel P. Sigafoo 1946 1947 Samuel P. Sigafoo Samuel P. Sigafoo 1948 1949 Samuel P. Sigafoo Samuel P. Sigafoo 1950 1951 Samuel P. Sigafoo Samuel P. Sigafoo 1952 Samuel P. Sigafoo 1953 1954 Samuel P. Sigafoo Samuel P. Sigafoo 1955 Samuel P. Sigafoo 1956 1957 George J. Woodruff George J. Woodruff 1958 George J. Woodruff 1959 1960 George J. Woodruff 1961 George J. Woodruff 1962 George J. Woodruff George J. Woodruff 1963 1964 George J. Woodruff George J. Woodruff 1965 George J. Woodruff 1966 George J. Woodruff 1967 1968 George J. Woodruff 1969 Anthony J. Pertrunis 1970 Anthony J. Petrunis 1971 John A. Melchiorre 1972 Frank F. Wallace 1973 John A. Melchiorre 1974 Joseph T. Raymond 1975 Joseph T. Raymond 1976 Robert C. Wolf 1977 Joseph T. Raymond 1978 John T. O'Neill 1979 Joseph T. Raymond 1980 William F. Sray 1981 William F. Sray 1982 Clarence C. Chiari 1983 Clarence C. Chiari 1984 William F. Sray 1985 E. Judson Turner 1986 Carl W. Kirstein 1987 **Gregory Facemyer** 1988 E. Judson Turner 1989 Bruce Peterson

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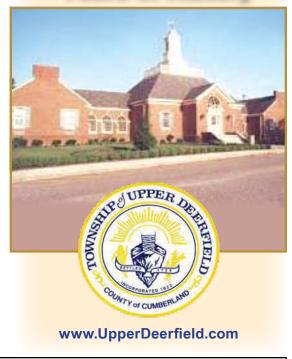
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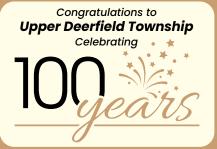
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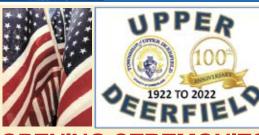




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Time Capsule





Upper Deerfield ACE and Seabrook Minyo Dancers





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Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape **Tribal Dancers**







Give & Take Circus & Free Cycle BMX Bike Show

Time	Costume Characters Roam the Event
2:00 - 2:45	Mickey & Minnie Mouse
2:45 - 3:15	Elsa & Ana (Frozen)
3:15 - 4:00	Cookie Monster & Elmo
4:00 - 5:00	Buzz & Woody
4:15 - 5:00	Rapunzel & Belle
5:00 - 6:00	Darth Vader & Chewbacca
6:00 - 7:00	Marshall & Dora

Ticketed Children's Fun Inflatable Amusements, **Pony Rides & Hayrides**

1-8 PM

Wristband for Day: \$20 per child

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Millennium Falcon Tiki Island Playland Vertical Rush Adrenaline Rush Trackless Train

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Gaga Pit

Tractor-Pulled Hayride

Pony Rides



Time	Full Schedule of Ever
12:00 - 12:45	Opening Ceremony - Welcome, Time
12:00 - 8:00	Arts, Crafts, Business, Community Dis
12:50 - 1:10	Hoh Daiko Drummers
1:00 - 1:40	Jim Mitchell Band - country/rock
1:00 - 2:00	Centerton Nursery Bus Tour
1:00 - 8:00	Inflatables Fun for Children
1:00 - 8:00	Seabrook Cultural History
1:00 - 2:00	Township History Bus Tour
1:00 - 2:00	Children's History -Adaria Armstrong
1:10 - 1:30	Seabrook Minyo Dancers
1:30 - 2:00	Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Dancer
1:55 - 2:35	Jim Mitchell Band - country/rock
2:00 - 2:30	BMX Freestyle Connection
2:00 - 7:00	Costume Characters
2:00 - 2:45	Costume Characters - Mickey & Minni
2:30 - 3:30	Upper Deerfield School ACE
2:45 - 3:15	Costume Characters - Elsa & Ana (Fro
2:50 - 3:30	Jim Mitchell Band - country/rock
3:00 - 4:00	Township History Bus Tour
3:00 - 4:00	Adult History Program - Schools, Place
3:15 - 4:00	Costume Characters - Cookie Monster
3:30 - 4:30	Give & Take Circus
4:00 - 4:30	BMX Freestyle Connection
4:00 - 4:40	Borderline - Classic & Southern Rock
4:00 - 5:00	Costume Characters - Buzz & Woody
4:15 - 5:00	Costume Characters - Rapunzel & Bell
4:30 - 5:30	Mainstage - youth performers - Broad
4:55 - 5:35	Borderline - Classic & Southern Rock
5:00 - 6:00	Costume Characters - Darth Vader & 0
5:30 - 6:00	BMX Freestyle Connection
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6:00 - 7:00	Give & Take Circus
6:00 - 7:00	Costume Characters - Marshall & Dora
7:00 - 7:40	Jack Neff Band - classic rock and roll
7:55 - 8:35	Jack Neff Band - classic rock and roll
8:35	Fireworks
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Food & Activities 12-8 PM
Arts & Crafts
Business & Community Displays
Petting Zoo
Food Court
Meatball Sandwich
Cheese Steak
Sausage Sandwich
Hot Dogs
Funnel Cake
Hamburgers
Rib-Eye Sandwich
Chicken Tenders
Fries
Slushies
Smoothies

Live Music on Music Stage		
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Jim Mitchell and The Repeat Offenders



Whether blazing through guitar and steel guitar solos on original country/rock songs or bringing it home on a traditional country ballet, they can flat get it!

The band is currently recording a new EP.

Led by outlaw country singer Jim Mitchell, The Repeat Offenders are one of the top country/rock bands in the Mid-Atlantic Region and have been for years. The Repeat Offenders are...Jim Mitchell on vocals and rhythm guitar, Jack Stanton on pedal steel

guitar, Ray Roller on lead guitar, Tony Soica on bass guitar

and Steve Champbell on drums.

Borderline - Borderline was formed in summer 2018 in Shiloh by Carman Daddario, bass guitarist. This classic and southern rock band mixes in country and R&B. Musicians and vocalist include Al Brown, Gary Barbeck, Brenda Randazzo, Tony Randazzo, and Bunky and Travis Burlingame.

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Free Bus Tours From Rear Municipal
Building Entrance

FIREWORKS AT 8:30 PM

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1:00 - 2:00	Centerton Nursery
2:00 - 3:00	Twp. History Tour
3:00 - 4:00	Twp. History Tour
4:00 - 5:00	Twp. History Tour

Free Township History Programs for Children and Adults

In the Municipal Building		
1:00 - 8:00	Visit the Seabrook Cultural & Education Museum	
1:00 - 2:00	Children's History by Adaria Armstrong, Bridgeton Youth Service Director	
3:00 - 4:00	Adult History Program—Memories of Schools & Places of Worship	

Jack Neff Band - The Jack Neff Band has been playing classic rock and roll in South Jersey for over 40 years. Three of the members, Jack Neff (bass guitar and vocals) Layne Ball (lead guitar and vocals), and Frank Chinnici (drums and vocals) have been playing together since they were teenagers.



Township History Inside the Municipal Hall

1 PM - Children's History Program: Growing up in Upper Deerfield - Adaria Armstrong, Youth Services Director, Bridgeton Library, will talk about growing up as a child in Upper Deerfield from different perspectives and she will do a craft.

3 PM - Adult History Program: Memories of the Schools and Places of Worship in Upper Deerfield; SECC power point presentation of these historic sites, followed by panel and audience discussion. Bring your old church and school photos to be scanned by Seabrook Education & Cultural Center.

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The Creation of Upper Deerfield

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Township.

Deerfield Board

Cumberland County was created by the division of Salem County in 1748. Deerfield Township became one of the 6 original townships in Cumberland County and consisted of what is known today as Deerfield Township, the City of Bridgeton and Upper Deerfield Township. Bridgeton Township was created in 1845 and was subdivided off from Deerfield Township. At this time, there was an imbalance of population in Deerfield Township with a majority of the population living on the western side of the Township.

There appears to be conflicting stories as to why the area known as Upper Deerfield split from Deerfield Township. According to "This Place Called Home", one reason was that some of the property owners, of which C. F. Seabrook held a considerable amount of land, felt they were carrying an inequitable amount of the burden of taxation. In order to rectify this burden, the property owners petitioned for the separation from Deerfield. Since the largest amount of Deerfield residents lived in the area to be known as Upper Deerfield, it was anticipated that the vote to separate would pass at the referendum. In 1931, the theory seemed to be substantiated as Upper Deerfield Township had the lowest tax rate in the county and Deerfield Township had the highest.

Another potential reason for the separation was the educational facilities. On May 24, 1921, there was a voter referendum on whether to construct an eight-room

schoolhouse at a cost of \$67,500. The referendum did not pass. Prior to the vote there was a special 4-page issue of "the Seabrooker", a publication for the workers of Seabrook Farms, endorsing the passing of the expenditure of funds to build the new school.

Editorials in "the Seabrooker" consisted of the following: Harvey Garrison, principal of Rosenhayn School wrote that "For the good of the students, I believe the sooner that all parts of the Township get together and work for the common good, the higher Deerfield Township will stand in Education". Herbert Morse from the NJ Department of Public Instruction corresponded to the Township Board of Education that finds that the northern section of the township "needs at least an eight-room school building built". He added that he knew the Board was "trying to secure the cooperation of the people you are elected to represent in seeing that the school laws of New Jersey are satisfactorily and efficiently carried out."

County Superintendent of schools, J. J. Unger wrote that the "school situation in Deerfield Township has reached the critical stage and if the eight-room school building referendum fails at least one hundred children will be without school facilities." He noted that the Northville school has been condemned and the Friendship building burnt down, the Garton Road school is dilapidated and Woodruff School falls short of state re-

quirements. Passage would mean that "Deerfield Township would take its place among the many districts of the state where good consolidated schools are maintained to promote the best interests of the children."

C.F. Seabrook wrote in "the Seabrooker": "Those who would object to the progressive and greatly needed improvement, on the ground that it will "cost money", should keep the following all-important facts in mind: The State of Education has made it plain that if the Township fails to

endorse the proposed proposition for an adequate new school, there will be no state funds assigned for any Deerfield Schools. In other words, it will cost us more for decentralized inadequate schools, without state aid than it will for the splendid modern school now proposed with State Aid. If State Aid has helped us with our roads, why not take advantage of it with our schools? Are we going to stay where we are without school facilities for the children now to be provided for and no plans for the future? Or are we going to rise up and meet the present opportunity, which will not occur again, to be a splendid school, ideally located, and built largely by State funds. It's up to you."

The Daily Pioneer Editorial concluded that "Certainly prejudice, politics, or personal feelings should all be eliminated with the sole object of giving the Township the best school facilities possible and providing those facilities promptly." The Evening News Editorial stated that

"this new development will not cost the taxpayer as much as the present inadequate facilities. The old decentralized system of schools was good enough in its day, but times have changed, and we must change with them."

With the school referendum defeated in May 1921, it appears that this was a major issue in the separation from Deerfield Township. Once the referendum to create Upper Deerfield Township was approved on April 3, 1922. The Upper Deerfield Board of Education held its first meeting on April 28, 1922, less than four weeks after the vote to become Upper Deerfield Township. County Superintendent of Schools urged the Board to proceed with the construction of a new eight-room school at a cost of \$65,000 plus \$400 to furnish each of the rooms. The Board passed a resolution to construct the school at a cost not to exceed \$75,000. This school was

initially known as the Seabrook School but today is now known as the Elizabeth Moore School. (seen at right)



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The Upper Deerfield Ambulance Association was chartered in March of 1957. The purpose of the Ambulance Association as given in its Charter which states it is to be "a voluntary, non-profit organization dedicated to the relief of suffering humanity and cooperation with authorities in case of disaster or natural emergency". The first ambulance was purchased from the Woodstown Ambulance Association. Two years later this vehicle was replaced with one obtained from the Freehold Ambulance Association. Originally the ambulances were dispatched through Chiari's store during the day and by night from the home of Owen and Florence Garrison. Today the Ambulance Association has four ambulances servicing over 2,000 calls a year. The squad is paid weekdays from 6 am to 6 pm and on weekends. Volunteers staff the evening hours on weekdays.

Upper Deerfield Fire Company #1 was the first formal volunteer fire company in Upper Deerfield and was formed in January 1930 with 34 members. The Township Committee appropriated \$5,000 in the budget to purchase a fire truck, but the fire company would have to provide the fire hall and any other equipment according to Alan Palmer. Ground was donated and a fire hall was constructed. By the end of 1931, the membership had grown to 81 members.

Seabrook Farms had their own fire department in the 1920's. Eventually in 1946, the Seabrook Voluntary Fire Company was incorporated, because fire insurance rates would be cheaper at Seabrook Farms Company if the volunteer fire company would be incorporated under New Jersey laws. The fire company took ownership of a 1946 GMC High Pressure Truck with a 500-gallon tank. The company, in 1946, consisted of 18 associate members and 54 active members.

With development occurring in the southern portion of the Township, in October of 1970, Upper Deerfield Fire Company #3 was incorporated. The Company utilized three bays of one of A.J. Petrunis's shops on Rosenhayn Avenue until their building on Cornwell Drive was con-

structed and operational in 1976. The Company started with a 1949 International 500 gallon pumper followed by a 1954 Dodge tank truck that held 2,200 gallons.

The Township began a part-time police force in January 1969, according to Township Committee minutes, working cooperatively with the NJ State Police. Additional part-time police officers were added to the department until 1986, when the local Police Department was disbanded. The NJ State Police continues to provide protection and service for the residents and businesses.



Upper Deerfield Ambulance Association, Inc. was formed to promote ambulance service in that community. A volunteer non-profit organization provides this service 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Standing Benjamin Mixner, John Anderson, James Jones, Robert Miller; Front Harry Hoffman, Joseph Franco and Al Channels (1957 BEN)





Early Ambulances shown above



Members of Upper Deerfield Township Police Department with new uniforms. Pictured are Harry Hoffman, Ed Table, Fred Ware, Owen Garrison, William Chiari, John Johnson, John Garton, Joseph Raymond, Clarence Chiari, George Williamson, Joseph Burgman, Wayne Daly, Frank Wallace, John Melchiorre.

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Tumbling Dam Amusement Park History

Sunset Lake was once the home of Tumbling Dam Amusement Park, situated at the southeast corner of Sunset Lake. In the 1890s the Tumbling Dam Amusement Park was constructed on the north edge of Bridgeton (which became part of Upper Deerfield Township in 1922) on Sunset Lake.

The Park started out as a boat rental and pavilion area for picnics during the Victorian era. In 1893, the Lower Pavilion was constructed on the east shore of the lake; on the north, a boathouse was erected. The launches ADELE and CATHERINE carried visitors from the lower raceway of the dam to the park. By 1894 access to the park improved with the construction of a trolley line directly to the site.

To please the increasing number of visitors, by 1895 Tumbling Dam installed a toboggan waterslide. Five years later it advertised the Razzle Dazzle, a circular man-powered swing, placed near the Lower Pavilion. In 1913, the park's popularity attracted celebrities such as Annie Oakley in a Wild West show, and one of the Wright Brothers for a demonstration flight.

Tumbling Dam Park's popularity can also be attributed to its permanent attractions. By 1915 these attractions were installed: the pavilion, boat house, bowling alley, bathhouses, open-air theater, enclosed merrygo-round, airship swing, baseball stadium and field, and a confectionery that doubled as the trolley stop.

In 1928, Leon Cassidy and Marvin Rempfer created a ride especially for the park. The inventors took a motor and frame from an old scooter (bumping) car and redesigned it to follow a track that twisted and turned



like a pretzel. The car traveled through the dark room making sudden turns, where scary scenes awaited. Because of the path followed by the cars, it was called the Pretzel Ride.

The Park was damaged during the Flood of 1934 but was repaired, Despite the success of new rides, visitation to Tumbling Dam Park dropped off after World War II and the subsequent rise of automobile ownership and the mobility offered. The park fell into disrepair in the 1950s. By 1954, park use was limited to sunbathing. By the end of the 50's, the property had been sold to developers who built houses on it.

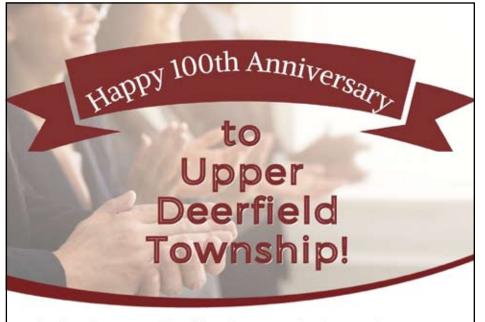
(Story from the South Jersey Explorer August 2014)



Springboard at Tumbling Dam Park.
The springboard was for amusement as well
as used for diving competitions.



Canoe and Boat Rentals were popular at Tumbling Dam Amusement Park.



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Seabrook Farms History Began In 1893



Planting Seeds

Fertilizing crops

Seabrook Farms began in 1893, when Arthur P. Seabrook purchased the 57- acre Minch farm in what is now Upper Deerfield Township. Arthur's son Charles Franklin Seabrook, better known as "C.F." experimented by installing perforated iron pipes over a bed of celery plants for irrigation at the age of 14. It was a success and Seabrook Farms began using this method on a large-scale operation. C.F. purchased the business from his father in 1911-12 and the operation was incorporated in 1913. Seabrook expanded his father's business of growing and selling fresh vegetables by buying out surrounding plots of land. By the beginning of World War I in 1917, the farm had expanded to 3,000 acres. By 1921, there was 3,400 acres of farmland, with 250 acres devoted to overhead irrigation, and 500 employees.

The farm went into receivership and was renamed Del-Bay Farms in 1924. However, C.F bought back ownership as well as a local cannery business in 1929. In the 1930s, the company expanded to include the production of canned and frozen vegetables. The frozen food venture led to a partnership with Clarence Birdseye. By the 1940s, Seabrook Farms was one of the largest farm and food businesses in the United States. At its height, Seabrook Farms was producing agriculture from over 54,000 acres of land across three states and employing over 4,000 workers.

Seabrook Farms became the supplier of frozen food for General Foods Corporation under their

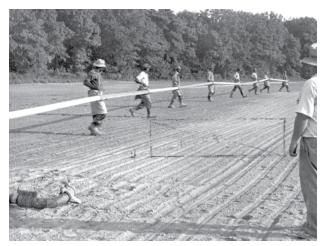
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Seabrook Farms Quality Control Lab.
Pictured here are Lily Yoshida, Irida
Mattiola, Isaac Johnson, and May Ikeda.



Packing Line



Portable sprinklers being carried out to the fields by migrant and Jamaican workers. The earliest portable irrigation system in the country was installed by C.F. Seabrook. (Seabrook Farms)



Harvesting spinach



Seabrook Farms' climatology lab



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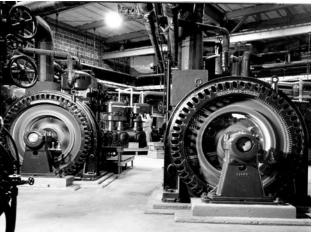
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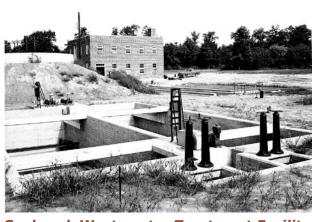
Birdseye brand, and under this name began supplying food for national and international markets. Seabrook Farms had previously filled labor shortages with people of diverse backgrounds from the United States, including Italian immigrants and southern African Americans. During the Second World War, Seabrook worked with the War Relocation Authority to employ Japanese Americans released from internment camps. These laborers helped fill government orders of food to feed the troops overseas. After one year, over 1,000 Japanese Americans had relocated to south New Jersey to work for Seabrook. By 1947, Seabrook Farms employed over 2,500 Japanese Americans. Other employees included émigrés from Russia and German prisoners of war.

In 1955, "LIFE magazine" called Seabrook Farms the "Biggest Vegetable Factory on Earth". Seabrook farms was sold to Seeman Brothers in 1959. The company ceased operating under the name Seabrook Farms in 1963, when the name was changed to Seabrook Foods.

When Spring Mills, Inc. dismissed the last ninety-seven workers and closed the doors in 1982, all that remained were the warehouses, office and masonry buildings. After the Spring Mills ownership donated the property to the Township, the township auctioned the property with James Seabrook, grandson of C.F. Seabrook, acquiring the large white cold storage operation and Clement Pappas successfully bidding on the old brick processing plant. When James Seabrook needed a new processing plant he built it and it exists as Seabrook Brothers and Son.



Pictured is one of the many tractor trailers owned by Seabrook under the name Cumberland Auto & Truck Co. It was an early version of the refrigerated tractor trailers used for frozen food delivery.



Seabrook Wastewater Treatment Facility



Cumberland Warehouse Corp. at Seabrook Farms.



New pickup truck at Seabrook Farms.



Peas arriving by plane at Seabrook Farms from neighboring states



Deepwell pump that supplied water to either the Seabrook Farms plant itself or Seabrook Village. The Seabrook Farms water tower in the background

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Upper Deerfield Community: A Melting Pot

n the postwar era of the early 1900's, an influx of new Americans began to take place in Upper Deerfield as employees of Seabrook Farms.

The following snapshots from "This Place Called Home" show how the groups came and why they came.

The Italians

Prior to the time before Deerfield Township was divided, there were few Italians living year-round. The Italians who worked at Seabrook Farms were hard working, who came to America to find a better life. They welcomed the farming tasks that many considered backbreaking. However, the White Anglo Saxon Protestants went out of their way to make the strangers aware that they were not welcomed. Despite the difficulties they initially experienced, they were and are an influential and highly respected group.



600 Japanese families migrated to Upper Deerfield between 1944 and 1946. The Seabrook Minyo Dancers have made appearances throughout the east coast.

The Dutch

The U.S. Government enacted a federal plant quarantine in 1919 due to an infection of diseases with plants in America. This embargo created a dilemma to many nurserymen in Holland who had relied on the lucrative American market. Peter Koster received a special permit from the Federal Horticultural Board and brought with him crates of roses, rhododendrons and azaleas to a thirty-acre farm he purchased. There was need for nurserymen who were trained in plant propagation which was an unknown skill in America. Mr. Koster offered employment to men from Boskoop, Holland, where he was from, and various families settled in Upper Deerfield to work at the nursery. Many of these Dutch settlers eventually established their own nurseries.



Nurserymen from Holland find new employment in Upper Deerfield.

The Jamaicans

Seabrook Farms was able to secure the services of a large number of workers from Jamaica under the Lend-Lease program with Great Britain during World War II. The first group arrived in 1943. The islanders joined the local migrant workers, many who came from the southern states. There were also a few workers who came from the islands of Barbados, St. Kitts and St. Lucia. There are still several hundred individuals living in Cumberland County.

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The first group of Jamaicans arrived in 1943 under the Lend-Lease program during WWII.

The Japanese

Two months after Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt signed two executive orders that required 120,000 persons of Japanese descent to be incarcerated in 15 temporary detention camps in remote areas of four western states. From 1944 through 1946, the Japanese were permitted to leave the internment camps if they had job assurances and clearance to relocate from the Eastern Defense Command. In April 1944, Mr. Seabrook invited the Relocation Com-

mission of the Jerome Camp in Arkansas to send workers. Representatives checked on the work and housing and filed a favorable report. As a result, six hundred families involving more than 2,500 individuals came from the ten relocation centers between 1944 and 1946 requiring them to work at Seabrook for at

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The Japanese

least six months before seeking other employment. Most workers continued in their jobs after their six-month contract expired. Once World War II ended and the government restrictions ended, some returned to the west coast hoping to salvage some of their former property.

A few of the Japanese activities have brought national and regional recognition to the Seabrook community. The Seabrook Minyo Dancers have made appearances throughout the east coast including the inauguration of President Jimmy Carter, Longwood Gardens, National Cherry Blossom Festival and Smithsonian Institute. The Seabrook Chapter of the Japanese American Citizen's League was established June 18, 1946. The JACL promotes the understanding and friendship that an individual of Japanese ancestry has the same needs, ambitions, joys and sorrows as anyone else. The Hoh Daiko Drummers of Seabrook, was established on February 23, 1991 under the auspices of the Seabrook Buddhist Temple. Performing in the nation's capital, Kimmel Center and University of Penn and many more national appearances, they have brought the traditional folk art to life.

The Estonians

Although the war ended in 1945, Estonians living in displaced persons camps, still had the Russians occupying their homeland and had nowhere to go. Through the efforts of the Estonian Relief Committee. the Estonians in Germany received job and housing opportunities from C.F. Seabrook. Upon arrival in Seabrook, the Estonians were unpre-

pared for the type of housing they were given, and it became a traumatic experience. They were immediately given employment, and as time passed adapted to their new environment. The Estonian people were known for their love of music and established a concert choir. The Estonian Choir performed in many of the major cities along the east coast as well as making a tour of Canada. Another group

created a dance troupe who performed the country dances of Estonia. To keep the ethnic pride and educate new generations an organization known as "The Estonian Association" was founded.



The Estonian people were known for their love of music and established a concert choir.

The Polish Americans

Many of the Polish people came in 1951, from the displaced persons camps of Germany. During the early days of World War II, they were prisoners of war or political prisoners were forced to work in factories or on farms. They were brought to America through the National Catholic Welfare Committee who received assurances from C.F. Seabrook as their sponsor. The people of Seabrook organized a chapter of the Polish National Alliance and received their charter in May of 1952 known as the "Freedom Lodge 3106."

The German Americans

The Germans who came to Upper Deerfield in 1952 at the invitation of C.F. Seabrook, were individuals who shared a common German ancestry had lived in other countries. Under pressure from the war and the Soviets absorbing their homelands during the war, many of them were living in the displaced persons camps of West Germany. Shortly after arriving in Seabrook, a number of the German families purchased wooded land along Big Oak Road to construct their homes. Their homes were built similar to an old time barn raising where friends and neighbors would help one another.



The Hoh Daiko Drummers of Seabrook, was established in 1991 under the auspices of the Seabrook Buddhist Temple.

100th Anniversary Tour: Public Sites &

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TOLL HOUSE

Date: c1853-2001. 89 Old Deerfield Pike GIS: 39.45286470933363, -75.22856145786777

Two story, built c1853, taken down in 2001 after it was hit by a vehicle and after it had been placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. Built to house the gatekeeper who collected the tolls on the Bridgeton-Deerfield Pike, with the exception of Sunday and funeral travel. The structure was two bays wide. Most windows were boarded up in 1980. The building had two levels on each floor, the west end being approximately two-feet lower than the front half, gable shed roof with one interior brick chimney on the south side. There was a full basement. The entry was from

TUMBLING DAM PARK at Sunset Lake Site Date: 1890's - 1950's. East side Sunset Lake

GIS: 39.44992067159468, -75.2357929180655

Tumbling Dam Park was established in 1890's and was operating into the 1950's when trolley service and the automobile had a big impact on how and where people sought recreation.

HUSTED STATION DEPOT (original location) Date: 1860. 281 Deerfield-Husted Station Rd., Rte. 540 **GIS:** 39.525693101015285, -75.18896541125717

Husted Train Station Depot was moved to its present location, east of the railroad crossing from the north side of Deerfield-Husted Station Road. Built in 1860 it was an important site for the economy of the area, for the mail, travel and freight. (Palmer p 92)

JOSIAH SEELEY HOUSE

Date: Built 1779-1785

Finley Station Road and Seeley Deerfield Road

GIS: 39.48792268485124, -75.25556874701006

Named for the local miller, Josiah Seeley, son of Ephraim Seelev who may have erected part of the structure. After 1931, owner Alden Smith make changes and additions followed by occupant Donald McAllister. Later conversions were made by present owners. The house had also been the residence of John M. "Jack" Seabrook, Sr. of Seabrook Farms and listed by Historic American Buildings Survey made in 1934-36. (Palmer p 84 -85)

KOSTER HOUSE

Date: Built 1830. 95 Polk Lane

GIS: 39.51644713647193, -75.22723456039255

This house became the residence of Peter Koster after he moved his nursery from Holland to become a partner with the Seabrook enterprise in a venture known as Koster & Co. Following the termination of this agreement, the nursery was operated by a series of managers, more recently known as Brock's which has been sold. (Palmer, p 107)

GELSTON FARM HOUSE

Date: Built 1810-1820 (Brick), Frame wing built later Address 24 Old Burlington Road

GIS:39.490869866020525, -75.20822332715606

The house is significant as brick was little used in the townhips. The House was owned by C.F. Seabrook Company and is an example of one of over 60 farm houses remodeled by the company for tenant occupation. (Palmer, p 80)

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DAN NICHOLS HOUSE

Date: c1790. 302 Centeron Road, West side GIS: 39.490022300761744. -75.19039843351563

North of Big Oak Road, this farmhouse was built in two stages like most farm houses in Cumberland and Salem Counties. The house is one of the few remaining homes in UDT that empoys mortise, tenon and trunnel as well as dovetail notiching and Roman numerals on attic rafters and some floor boards. (Palmer p 79)

ANSINK HOUSE

Date: Built 1845. north of Tices Lane, west of 77 GIS: 39.54737645982291, -75.24480391406856

This elegant Farm dwelling sat at the northern part of the township was located near the Coombs and Johnson Farm Companies, not far from Route 77. Destroyed by fire. (Palmer p 89 - 90)

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JACKSON SCHOOL SITE

Date: On 1876 atlas. Dismantled after a fire c2019 Route 77, 1654

GIS: 39.53952915563432, -75.23813229121615

Jackson School/District 5 site was located at what is now 1654 Route 77, north of Johnson Farms and south of Grier's Lane. A cinderblock building marks the rear of the school. Within the past few years the former school, later a residence, was removed following a fire. The school that has been taken down replaced, in 1876, an earlier one built in 1847. A one room school, this last structure had had 120' of blackboard surface. (Palmer, p 163-164)

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL SITE

Date: On 1876 atlas. Gone after 1923

Route 640, Friesburg Road

GIS: 39.52695957601428, -75.25673820467108

Center School/District 1 site on a triangle, Friesburg Road, Route 640. A 22' x 26 frame building only painted on the exterior had been erected 1823 and was probably the oldest school building still in use by the township when the pupils were transferred to Union School in Deerfield in 1903 and Center School was closed. (Palmer, P 156)

DEERFIELD UNION SCHOOL SITE

Date: On 1876 atlas. Demolished 2014 Route 630, Deerfield

GIS: 39.514807434866945, -75.23609615564769

Deerfield Union/District 2 site is located on east side of Deerfield Pike and just north of the Presbyterian Church was attended by grades 1-6 until 1945 when an addition was opened at Seabrook School. It was closed and later used as a residence and craft shop by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Joyce. This building was at least the third building to occupy the site. Students came to this three-room school from areas previously served by Center Road School, Northville School, Jackson School and old Deerfield School. Demolished May 12, 2014 (Palmer pp 156-160)

SEABROOK FARM CENTER SCHOOL

Private residence and sites

Date: Operating in the 1920's. 84 Foster Road GIS: 39.49627267783429, -75.22602508007782

Farm Center Schools, used after the created of Seabrook Farms, and before the creation of Upper Deerfield Township from Deerfield Township, included this double house for grades 1-4. Close by this structure and the water tower, in a house on Parsonage Road were grades 5-6, and in a building near the electrical transformer were grades 7-8. Beginners were taught in what became the Seabrook Post Office and First Aid Station. All four of these were initially Seabrook Housing. After the creation of the township kindergarden buildings were located behind current Elizabeth Moore School.

COHANSEY/SILVER LAKE/BUTTON MILL

Private Property

Date: On 1876 atlas. Closed 1925

Route 606, 238 -240 Old Deerfield Pike

GIS: 39.47065846078838, -75.23083565805953

SW corner of Love Lane and Old Deerfield Pike. The Button Mill School is north of Turner Farm property #236 Route 606/Old Deerfield Pike. District 6: The old school located in the "Silver Lake area" on the south west corner of Love Lane and Old Deerfield Pike. on the Turner farm property. It is sometimes called Button Mill School as it is also on a corner of Button Mill Road. Palmer called it Cohansey School/District 6 and the building occupies the same spot shown on the 1876 atlas. In 1872 Cumberland County stated that Cohansey School measured 20 x 26' and had been built in 1861. A teacher, Jennie Carmen recalled teaching at the school near Silver Lake as late as 1908. Palmer states that the Cohansey School was closed in 1925. The building that exists today, on private property, may be a reconstruction. There was a Silver Lake School operating when C. F. Seabrook was pushing for his new consolidated school (which is the current Elizabeth Moore School) in the Pioneer Newspaper and his company publications. (Palmer p 164-165)

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL - Private residence

Date: On 1876 atlas. Closed 1921. Used as a private residence

Route 729, 39 Weber Road

GIS: 39.511592. -75.204025

Northville School/District 8 was closed in 1921 when students transferred to Friendship School. The school was vacant for a few years then moved south from Northville Road to it's current location on Weber Road. Route 729. and is used as a private residence. Many reunions were organized by former students and held at the Northville Church. (Palmer p165-166)

FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL SITE

Date: On 1876 atlas. A church existed 1809. Closed 1931. Route 553, 247 Centerton Road

GIS: 39.4841189069323. -75.1936694603936

Friendship School/District 3 was north of the Friendship Church, partly on where the parking lot is today. Prior to the erection of the church a Methodist class met at Friendship school 1809. This last brick school closed 1931. (Palmer p

WOODRUFF SCHOOL - Private residence Date: Closed 1935. Built 1886 to replace older school. An

older school existed 1807 used by Methodist class.

Route 56, 251 Landis Avenue

GIS: 39.46808293390987, -75.18827011314502

Woodruff School/District 4 was moved to its current location from near Woodruff Church and is a private residence. It has closed in 1935. It was built in 1886 to replace older school. An older school existed 1807 used by Meth-

LODER SCHOOL SITE - Private residence

Date: Closed 1937. On undated Seabrook Farms map published by Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center Bulletin, post 1960

Route 654, Lebanon Road

GIS: 39.443008. -75.179080

Loder School was on the north side of Lebanon Road. west of Indian Fields Branch and closed 1937. It was moved to 99 Lebanon Road and Route 553/Woodruff Road and is a private residence. It appears at its original location on an undated Seabrook Farms map published by Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center Bulletin, post 1960. (Palmer p 166-167)

ELIZABETH F. MOORE SCHOOL

formerly Seabrook School - Operating

Date: Construction completed 1923. Route 77, 1361 GIS: 39.50251421200486. -75.21800503536011

Elizabeth Moore School, then called Seabrook School, was the consolidated school that Charles F. Seabrook pushed for, Construction was completed 1923, (Palmer p.

CHARLES F. SEABROOK SCHOOL

- Operating

Date: Opened 1956. Route 77, 1373

GIS: 39.50306094596004, -75.21865031225164 Charles F. Seabrook School opened in 1956

CUMBERLAND REGIONAL HIGH

SCHOOL - Operating

Date: Opened 1974. UDT attended 1977. Physically located in UDT is not a township school

90 Silver Lake Road

GIS: 39.475294277867285. -75.21954948240058

Cumberland Regional High School opened in 1974. UDT attended 1977. Physically located in UDT is not a township school. (Palmer p 171-172)

WOODRUFF MIDDLE SCHOOL - Operating

Date: Opened 1976. Route 77, 1373 GIS:39.50378244022831, -75.21930961487608

Woodruff Middle School opened 1976. (Palmer p 170)

\$ CHURCHES

■ **DEERFIELD METHODIST** - Active

Date: Started 1867 and finished 1868.

Route 77, 1557

GIS: 39.52668349057504. -75.23579125397569

Deerfield Methodist Church building was started 1867 and finished 1868. They previously met in homes, and 1807 in Woodruff School, then conducted services in Cobbs Hall which was removed from the north west intersection of Route 77 and 540 in 2019. An active church the cemetery is adjacent and south of church. (Palmer pp 141-

■ DEERFIELD PRESBYTERIAN - Active

Date: 1732 met in a log school. 1737 erected a log stucture

Deerfield Village, 530 North Parsonage Road **GIS**:39.511821692457374, -75.23691108738056

Deerfield Presbyterian Church, located in the heart of Upper Deerfield Township is Deerfield itself, where religion began and continues with the Presbyterian Church. (A published history, The Presbyterian Parish of Deerfield Street 1737-1971 by F. Alan Palmer.) Once Methodistism reached the area in 1803, there was in Deerfield a real harmony between Presbyterian and Methodist worshipers. Today, the historic homes north of the church can be studied on the 1876 atlas. In Palmer's 1985 publication, This Place Called Home, an illustrated history of Upper Deerfield Township published by the UDT Township Committee covers the history of this congregation and structure. In short, by 1732 meetings were held in a log school. In 1737 a log structure was erected. In 1771, the church was constructed of this current Jersey sandstone, which was enlarged in 1858 and later renovated several times.

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■ NEW HOPEFUL BAPTIST CHURCH SITE

Date: Mid 20th Century

Silver Lake Road in Orchard Center Migrant Housing for Seabrook Farms

GIS: 39.4769759238428, -75.21855399700713

The New Hopeful Baptist Church existed in the mid 20th Century, outfitted in a residential tar building at Orchard Center, by a community of African Americans who worked for the Seabrook Farms, located across the road from the current Cumberland Regional High School on Silver Lake Road, west of the NJ Railroad. These residences were Pemberton buildings 16' x 16'. The village was removed after 1972 and appears on a topographical map of that year. (Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center)

SEABROOK BUDDHIST CHURCH / TEMPLE - Active

Date: 1969 erected Northville Road after meeting in Hoover Village building, Federal Public Housing Atuthority. Organized winter 1945.

9 Northville Road

GIS: 39.50737569101381, -75.22097199902707

Seabrook Buddhist Church first formed as a sect in the winter of 1945 following the coming of Japanese Americans to Seabrook Farms. Initially activities took place in a building funded by the Federal Public Housing Authority as a Child Care Center in Hoover Village, north of the UDT Municipal Building. A new building was completed in 1969 on the north side of Northville Road. The Obon Festival is held on the grounds annually. (Palmer pp 144-146)

NORTHVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH - Active Date: 1860

128 Old Burlington Road

GIS: 39.50517528664221, -75.20359109060043

Lutherans from Friesburg established a small chapel in 1860 at Northville on the Old Burlington Road. Occassional services were held until the Estonians and Germans of Seabrook Farms began to share a chapel nearly 100 years later. Renovations to the chapel, and established cemetery which has grown behind and one both sides of the structure, followed. (Palmer pp 146-149)

■ SEABROOK CHRISTIAN CHURCH SITE Date: 1944

Route 77, 1343, Former Seabrook Community Center GIS: 39.500115426007724, -75.21718320497587

Seabrook Christian Church was established in 1944 as inter-denominational by Japanese Americans who had arrived at Seabrook to seek employment and gathered at the Community House building (site) which stands today on Route 77, north of the UDT Municipal Building and south of the UDT Schools. (Palmer pp 143-144 and Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center Collections)

FRIENDSHIP METHODIST - Active

Date:1847

247 Centeron Road

GIS: 39.48358313713237, -75.19410553628775

Friendship Methodist Church Trustees, in 1847 decided to build a church next to the Friendship School which it had been using for meetings since 1832. The cemetery used by the church is now on three sides of the Church. (Palmer pp 140-141)

WOODRUFF METHODIST - Active

Date: 1804 meeting in homes, 1807 meeting in a school, 1824 first church built, 1869 new church built, 1891 name changed from Pleasant Grove to Woodruff.

Landis Avenue/ 4 East Finley

GIS: 39.46923548644237, -75.18704613905493

Woodruff Methodist, formerly known and shown, on the 1876 atlas, as the Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, began as a class, meeting in a home in 1804. A school house was built c1807 and served as the first church meetinghouse. The first church was built in 1824. In 1869 it was decided to build a new church. In 1891 the name of the church was changed from Pleasant Grove to Woodruff Methodist Episcopal Church. (Palmer pp 139-140)

The live bus tour and self-quided virtual tour,

created by SECC for the Upper Deer-field Township's 100th Anniversary, includes 30 destinations which are 13 schools within what became Upper Deerfield Township from Deerfield Township on April 3, 1922, as well as nine places of worship and eight other sites (both public structures and private homes).

Working with Alan Palmer's *This Place Called Home*, published by the UDT Historic Commission in 1985, and surveys created by UDT Historic Commission in 1980, and with the UDT Open Space and Recreation Plan 2007, as well as the earlier 2004 Business Directory of UDT, also published by the Commission, it is clear that UDT has many places worth visiting beyond its current commercial centers and the neighborhoods created after 1922, some of which are no longer in existence.

The tour that is offered today focuses primarily on the public places, the schools, churches, structures having to do with how people traveled and

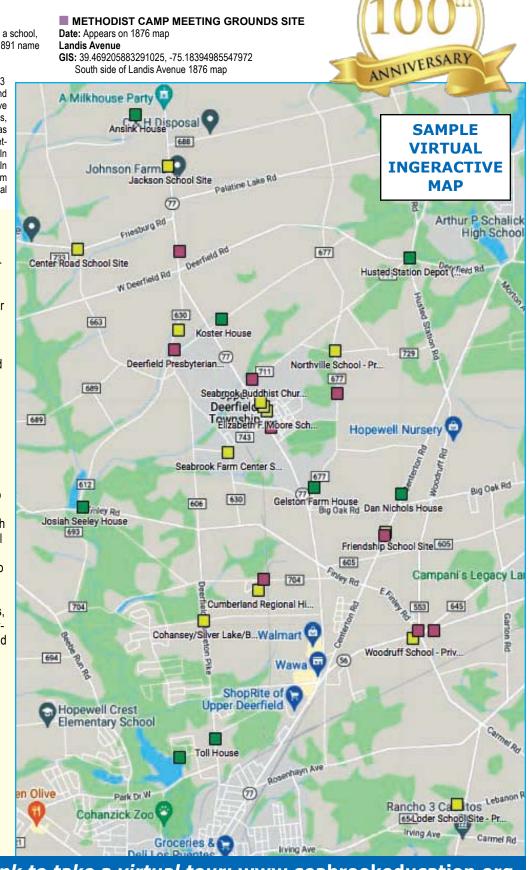
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