

# THISTLE



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## ANNUAL MEETING

*June 11, 1992*

*Millburn Library - 8 p.m.*

### "Architectural Highlights of the Walking Tours"

*presented by Sandy Brown, architectural historian*

Renowned local architectural historian and preservation consultant, Sandy Brown, will be the featured speaker at the Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society's annual meeting in June. Mrs. Brown has worked in Millburn for many years and was the architectural consultant for the society's book *Sticks, Shingles, and Stones* which is a study of the history and architecture of Stewart Hartshorn's "ideal community at Short Hills, New Jersey" 1878-1937.

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**"Architectural Highlights", cont'd...**



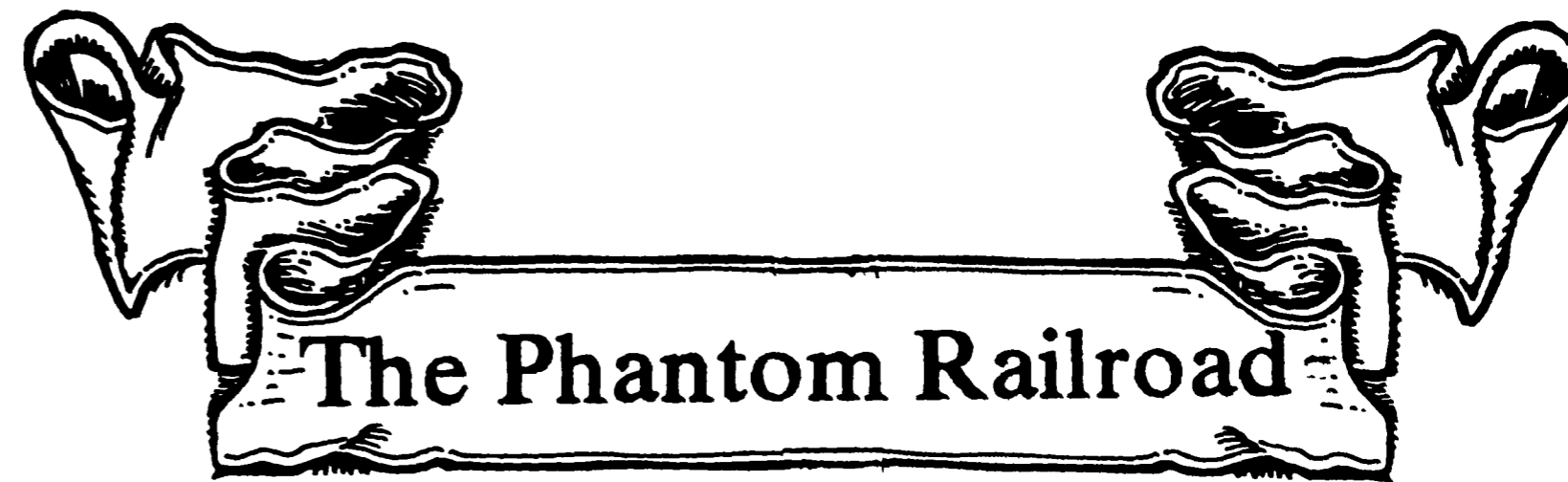
*12 Taylor Street - Neighborhood House*

Mrs. Brown has studied American architecture and decorative arts for the past 45 years and has been teaching and lecturing to enthusiastic audiences for the past 20. In 1985 she studied English architecture and preservation at Christ Church College, Oxford University.

She has been a member of the Board of Advisors to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C., representing New Jersey and is currently teaching a course in American architecture at the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School and one in decorative arts at the Summit Area Community School.

Mrs. Brown often works with architects, city planners and other government and private groups when expertise in preservation of historic structures is needed. She recently worked on Morris County's architectural inventory, and has served as a consultant to the New Jersey Historical Society, the Morris County Park Commission, the Union County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the Smithsonian Institution and New Jersey Public Television, among others.

Please plan on joining us for this very popular speaker and very special program!



Study a turn-of-the-century map of Millburn Township and you'll likely notice a corridor through the heart of Old Short Hills identified as the "old railway line". More dramatic than lines on maps, perhaps, are the visible remnants of the railroad at various locations in the township. For example, a short distance north of Glen Avenue, on Brookside Drive, stands a substantial stone bridge abutment, all that remains of a bridge built to carry trains over the road and adjacent branch of the Rahway River. Elsewhere, such as alongside Old Short Hills Road and Hobart Gap Road, one can observe deep cuts through which track was to have run. In other places, portions of graded embankments may be seen.

Life-long Short Hills resident and amateur rail historian Fred Heide notes that the railroad was named the New Jersey West Line. Intended to compete with the Morris and Essex Railroad, predecessor of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad and original operator of the present-day railway through Millburn Township, the New Jersey West Line was never completed. Mr. Heide notes that a segment running west from Summit to Bernardsville was built, however, and subsequently became the Gladstone branch of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western (and New Jersey Transit today). Had track ever been laid on the planned segment extending from Summit to Millburn and further east, Short Hills might have become a quite different place. As it is, the phantom railroad serves as a reminder of the vital role rail transportation played in the commerce of a fast-growing region and nation and the fierce competition to build new lines that existed in earlier times.

# The Good Old Days

## TOWN TALK

NOW THAT THE SUMMER TRAFFIC ON THE DELAY, LINGER AND WAIT IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE SCENES AS HERE ILLUSTRATED WILL BE OF DAILY OCCURRENCE.



# Annual Report of The Township Committee of Milburn, N.J. For The Year Ending January 31, 1907

The following items are reproduced from the annual report of the Township Committee of "Milburn, N.J." for the year ending Jan. 31, 1907.

### ASSETS AND RESOURCES OF TOWNSHIP.

Poor Farm and Personal Property (Nominal).....	\$1,500.00
Township Building, etc. ....	1,500.00
Fire Apparatus .....	1,000.00
Cash in the hands of Treasurer.....	21,029.71
Unpaid Taxes, 1906.....	\$5,935.81
"    "    1905.....	790.36
"    "    1904.....	419.24
"    "    1903.....	442.07
"    "    1902.....	368.47
"    "    1901.....	240.79
"    "    1900.....	108.34
"    "    1899.....	147.17
"    "    1898.....	110.00
"    "    1897.....	40.28
"    "    1896.....	28.42
"    "    1895.....	21.50
"    "    1894.....	14.79
"    "    1892.....	22.39
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	8,689.63
Property bought for taxes .....	746.64
Wyoming Primary.....	
School Property.....	
High School.....	
Grammar School.....	Nominal .....
Oak Ridge School.....	52,000.00
Old Short Hills Primary.....	
Joint Sewer .....	98,296.20
Township Sewer .....	64,539.79
Short Hills Sewer .....	16,722.08
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	\$266,024.05

From the June 4, 1892 edition of Town Talk, a Newark, NJ newspaper



**SUPPORT OF POOR.**

Isaac DeGroot .....	\$402.00
Mrs. James Henderson .....	279.00
George S. Campbell .....	19.95
W. W. and W. E. McCollum .....	15.87
Millburn Electric Co. ....	32.52
Mrs. Wm. Spencer .....	14.00
Dr. W. Campbell, professional services .....	40.50
C. J. Douglas .....	6.00
Dr. D. E. English .....	10.00
H. Polansky .....	4.00
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	\$823.84

**STREET LIGHTING.**

Millburn Electric Co. ....	\$4,075.68
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**TOWNSHIP SEWER.**

F. W. Woodruff, Superintendent .....	\$240.60
A. K. Gowanlock .....	43.78
D. Denice .....	6.00
J. H. Schmidt, Jr. (express) .....	2.50
Stewart Hartshorn .....	150.00
Peter Derschug .....	9.00
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	\$451.88

**JOINT TRUNK SEWER.**

William Rollinson (sewer assessment) .....	\$1,200.00
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**HYDRANTS.**

Stewart Hartshorn .....	\$180.00
Commonwealth Water Co. ....	875.55
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	\$1,055.55

**FIREMEN'S SALARIES.**

F. Livingston (Chief).....	\$22.50	John Lonergan, Jr. ....	17.50
J. M. Ayres .....	17.50	Clifford Willis .....	17.50
John Ward .....	17.50	W. R. Whittingham .....	17.50
Thos. Marshall .....	17.50	Chas. Wittkop .....	17.50
R. S. Oliver .....	17.50	F. Schmidt .....	17.50
R. N. Tichenor .....	17.50	Joseph Rimback .....	17.50
W. H. Barnard .....	17.50	A. H. Baldwin .....	17.50
F. M. Marshall .....	17.50	C. W. Cox .....	17.50
Wm. Spencer .....	17.50	T. F. Daniels .....	17.50
F. S. Bailey .....	17.50	B. Dearing .....	17.50
G. W. Reeve .....	17.50	C. A. Dearing .....	17.50
Thos. Hayse .....	17.50	G. W. Eager .....	17.50
Thos. Douglas .....	17.50	G. P. Payson .....	17.50
R. Marshall .....	17.50	M. R. Schenck .....	17.50
J. B. Mayer .....	17.50	F. W. Tepper .....	17.50
F. Warner .....	17.50	J. D. Williamson .....	17.50
J. T. Partington .....	17.50	C. L. Barker .....	17.50
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			\$600.00



**POLICE.**

R. S. Oliver .....	\$303.00
Thomas Hurley .....	617.00
John Whalen .....	25.00
William G. Palmer .....	612.00
S. P. Brown, revolvers, handcuffs .....	14.00
Charles Wittkop, meals .....	3.35
A. K. Gowanlock, hacks .....	10.50
C. R. Reeve .....	3.00

**RECEIPTS FOR SEWER CONNECTIONS.**

Elizabeth Kellogg .....	\$10.00	Mrs. W. C. Whittingham...	10.00
American Insurance Co. ...	10.00	Mrs. H. M. Isaacs .....	10.00
Stewart Hartshorn .....	30.00	Isaiah Smith .....	10.00
Charles T. Corby .....	10.00	Clara E. Pollard .....	10.00
F. A. Wright .....	10.00	H. M. Reeve .....	10.00
Clara O. Barclay .....	10.00	Katherine M. W. Noble....	10.00
A. H. Baldwin .....	10.00	Erdman Cain .....	10.00
W. C. Chaffee .....	10.00	C. W. L. Roche .....	10.00
Second National Bank of Orange .....	10.00	Ella F. Blood .....	10.00
Lloyd H. Nelson .....	10.00	Security Realty Co. ....	10.00
J. W. Dow .....	10.00	D., L. & W. Railroad .....	10.00
Catherine A. Simpson .....	10.00	Short Hills Land Co. ....	20.00
Alice L. Simpson .....	30.00	L. L. Sturges .....	10.00
Elizabeth Whittingham ...	10.00	Eliza A. Wright .....	10.00
Ed. J. Tidaback .....	10.00	William Hill .....	10.00
		G. C. Kobbe .....	10.00
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			\$360.00

**PEDDLERS' LICENSES.**

Louis Romano .....	\$10.00
Paragon Oil Company .....	10.00
Frank Lexa .....	10.00
Charles Makes .....	10.00
Charles Fink .....	10.00
Frank Decker .....	10.00
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	\$60.00

**HACK LICENSES.**

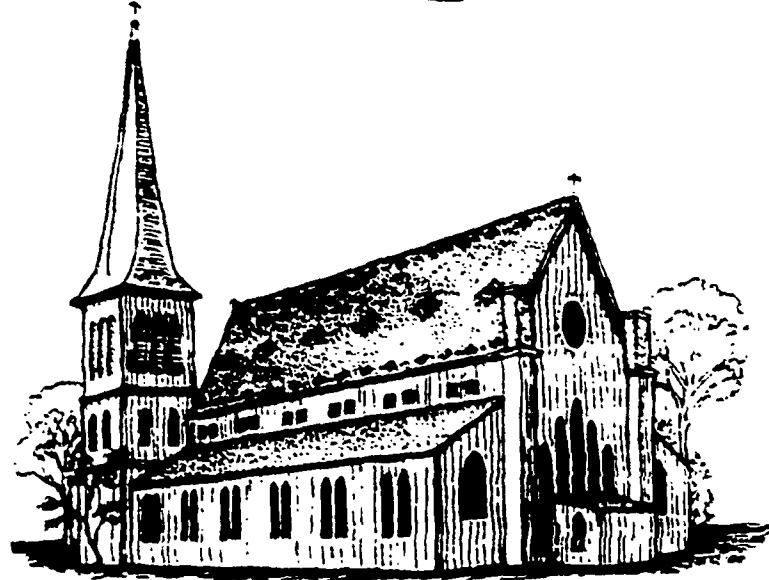
W. R. Andrew .....	\$2.00
Alex. Johnson .....	2.00
John Storey .....	2.00
Con. O'Donnel .....	2.00
Jacob Polansky .....	2.00
Thomas Lamb .....	3.00
W. Shelton .....	2.00
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	\$15.00

**INVENTORY AT POOR FARM.**

Hay, \$75; Corn Stalks, 91; 1 Horse, \$50; 1 Cow, \$40; 1 Heifer, \$15; Cutter, \$10; 4 Pigs, Wagon, Sled, Harness, Harrow, Corn Sheller, 1 Two-Horse Plow, 1 One-Horse Plow, Tools, Wagon Bed, Hay Bed, 6 Cords Wood, 50 Bean Poles, 1 Stack Bedding, 45 Loads Manure, 1 Dirt Body, 2 Stoves, 5 or 6 Beds and Bedding, Blankets, Pillows, Mattresses, Etc., Cooking Utensils; Hospital Furniture, Etc., Etc.



# Millburn Center Walking Tour



*St. Stephen's Church*

*Walk at your leisure and enjoy the wonderful architectural heritage of Millburn Center. This unique publication includes easy to follow maps, illustrations and historical information. \$1.00*

**Set of 4 Walking Tours Available for \$4.00 at:**

Hartshorn Arboretum	324 Forest Drive South, Short Hills
Millburn Public Library	200 Glen Avenue, Millburn
The Station Stop	36 Chatham Road, Short Hills
Beverly Books	327 Millburn Avenue, Millburn



## Can You HELP Us?

The Historical Society always needs help with history! You can discover how fascinating and how much fun it is to relive the history of Millburn-Short Hills by talking to residents and former residents who remember Stewart and Cora Hartshorn, or through the many pictures of the town as it used to be.

If you would like to help, please return the form below to:  
**Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society, PO Box 243, Short Hills, NJ 07078** and indicate in which of the following activities you are interested:

- *Archives* (assisting in indexing archival materials)
- *Item Indexing* (reading and indexing back issues of *The Item*)
- *Oral History* (interviewing long-time or famous residents)
- *Photo Inventory*
- *Slide Shows* (presenting the four Society slide shows to schools, etc.)

or

Do you have a collection of historical items? Would you be willing to speak about your collection at a Society meeting?

I would like to participate in the following activities:

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Archives \_\_\_\_\_ Item Indxg \_\_\_\_\_ Photos  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Oral History \_\_\_\_\_ Slide Shw \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_ Thistle

I have a collection of \_\_\_\_\_  
 which I'd be willing to display and/or speak about.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## **Is Your Membership History?**

**This is the time of year when we solicit renewal of membership for our upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1st. Your dues support our programs and the ongoing and special projects of the society. Among these projects are our exceptional walking tours of the township, the Thistle, archive acquisitions and photo collections and ongoing projects such as the slide shows and Item indexing.**

**We urge you to join our society and thereby support our efforts to increase the awareness of the history of our community. For your convenience, a membership envelope is enclosed and for members who are interested in participating in the work of our organization, please return the survey tear-off with your renewal.**

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