



The Hetfield House

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The DOLLS of MOUNTAINSIDE

In 1895, the Coles Memorial Home for Orphans was founded on the site of Brighton Gardens on what is now Route 22. It was a summer home for the children of the Newark Orphan Asylum and could accommodate 125 children. Among these children was Irene Sterzinger who wrote in a letter dated 1995:

At the end of the school year, we were bused to Mountainside, singing all the way! We biked to the reservation to swim in Lake Surprise on hot days. One day a week, we biked to Westfield to go to the Woolworth's 5¢+10 where we had a difficult time trying to decide what we should buy with the nickel that was given to us to spend. There was an old barn on the property in which the gardener kept his tools and was used for other storage. We ate home-grown vegetables all summer. We enjoyed picnics on the grounds every Saturday night, complete with campfire, marshmallows, and of course, with lots of singing. The children attended Sunday School at the Mountainside Union Chapel (now, the Mountainside Gospel Chapel). We were always invited to join the



A photo dated approximately 1939 showing some of the girls from the Newark Orphan Asylum who spent their summers in Mountainside's Coles Memorial Home. They are admiring their collection of hand-made dolls in a variety of national costumes.

Sunday School for their annual summer picnic and also joined them on excursions, by train, to Ocean Grove and Asbury Park. We wore our Sunday clothes to church and our black bloomers, blue sailor blouses with a black tie and sneakers during the week. We entertained our neighbors and church members with a play or a talent show at the end of summer. Our Executive Director, Miss Anna M. Petersen, has enriched our lives through her love and tender care, and Mountainside played an important role in the lives of all of us. After completing Business School in New York City, I left the "NOA" (Newark Orphans Asylum) and sometime later, I married and we built our house on Bridle Path in Mountainside.
—Irene B. Sterzinger

Mrs. Sterzinger donated a collection of handmade foreign dolls which were made by the "junior-aged" children from the Newark Orphan Asylum. This collection features approximately 21 handmade dolls dressed in different traditional costumes from a variety of nations. The dolls were entered into a 1939 Newark Civic Club competition and won 3rd prize in the Junior Crafts category. The dolls are now on display at the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House.

From the CHAIRMAN'S INKWELL



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

COOKIE & HOT COCOA SALE AT MOUNTAINSIDE TREE LIGHTING: On Saturday, December 1, beginning at 4:00 pm, stroll on over to Mountainside Borough Hall for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting. While you're there, stop by the Rescue Squad building for some hot cocoa and home-baked cookies and treats. Every year, the volunteers from the Mountainside Historic Restoration Committee are there to offer some warmth and sweetness to a brisk and festive evening. Once there,

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“ MISSION STATEMENT

The Mountainside Restoration Committee and the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee were established to preserve the Borough's links to the past. The premier venue is the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, our circa 1760 building, preserved by these two committees whose volunteers share membership. We strive to focus attention on our heritage through tours, newsletters, videos and many events during the year. Our mission includes maintaining the Hetfield House property in perpetuity.



The costumed dolls as they now appear on display at the Hetfield House. The dolls were made by residents of Mountainside's Coles Memorial Home in 1939.

CHAIRMAN'S INKWELL

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you will enjoy holiday songs sung by the Mountainside Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts as our magnificent Rt. 22 tree is lit for the season.

BRICK FUNDRAISER: To purchase bricks for the next dedication, please pick up a flyer at the Mountainside Library, Borough Hall or go to www.mountainsidehistory.org. The next brick dedication will take place on Veterans' Day in November of 2013. These bricks make up the path leading to the front door of the Hetfield House. The MHPC began this walkway to raise funds to write and publish an updated history book of our Borough's history from 1945 to present. Now that the book has been published, the Committee will continue to sell bricks to raise funds for the upkeep of the Hetfield House.

The most recent history of Mountainside: *A History of Mountainside – 1945-2007 – It Was Only Yesterday* by Connie McNamara is available for purchase at \$19.99 in the Mountainside Library. The original *History of Mountainside* by Jean Hesketh-Hershey covers the history until 1945 (copies are available for \$10 each, call 789-9420).

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

New this year are Holiday Cards featuring the Hetfield House decorated for the Gingerbread Open House. Two styles are available. They are packaged in packs of six cards/envelopes for \$10 per pack. They can be purchased during any Open House event or by calling 789-9420.

HETFIELD HOUSE IS AVAILABLE FOR USE: The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House is available for use by community groups for meetings or tours. It is also available for rent to individuals or organizations for other events. For information on availability, please contact Lenore Toner at 233-7260.

The ARTHUR J. BRAHM Historic Preservation Scholarship Award



Historic Preservation Committee Chairman, Scott Daniels, presents the 2012 Arthur J. Brahm Historic Preservation Scholarship Award to Lucas Vitollo

At the eighth grade Graduation Ceremony for Deerfield School, held on Thursday, June 22, Scott Daniels, Chairman of the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee presented the Annual Arthur J. Brahm Historic Preservation Scholarship Award. This award is presented to the graduating eighth grader who demonstrated excellence in a written essay depicting some aspect of Mountainside's history. The 2012 award was presented to Lucas Vitollo for his essay on Mountainside's Volunteer Fire Department. Contest entries are on display at the Hetfield House for all to read.

HOUSE UPGRADES: During the past year, thanks to donor dollars and grants from Union County, the Hetfield House has received the following upgrades and spruce-ups: An entire upgrade of the electrical system including rewiring, modern outlets, historic fixtures and new service panel. The addition of many new historic items, furniture, artwork and exhibits. A revamping of the upstairs "Museum Room" with new paint, new displays and a great new look.

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

Scott Daniels - Chairman, Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee

VOLUNTEERS needed

The Hetfield House is a successful historic house, thanks to our wonderful volunteers who are a vital part of our organization. Volunteers keep the house maintained and allow us to provide so many wonderful events and services to our community. Areas where we could use some help include: Archives, Membership, Events, Exhibits, Fundraising, Housekeeping and Gardening. As an added benefit to our students, ages 13-18, volunteering at the Hetfield House provides the opportunity to fulfill community service requirements. No experience necessary! Please contact Sandra VanderMeer at hetfieldhouse1@yahoo.com or call 789-9420 and leave a message which will be promptly returned.

In MEMORIAM

It is with much sadness that we note the passing of Eleanor "Ellie" Pfeifer on October 25, 2012. Ellie was born in Mountainside in 1926 and lived here all her life. She was employed at Children's Specialized Hospital for 45 years and served on the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee since it began in 1986 - most recently as the Committee's Secretary. She was a true Mountainer and she will be missed.

Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee

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Hetfield House Special Events Committee:
Mary Faella and MaryJo Stearns.

Jeffrey Wass, *Borough Council Liaison*

The members and officers of this committee are also the members of the Mountainside Restoration Committee, Inc. which was formed to acquire and expend funds for the preservation of the Hetfield House and other historical purposes.

SUCCESSFUL EVENTS held at Hetfield House

GINGERBREAD OPEN HOUSE: A wonderful Gingerbread Open House was held on Sunday, December 11, 2011. Don't miss this year's Gingerbread Open House on Sunday, December 9, 2012 from 1:00-4:00 pm when hundreds of people visit the house to enjoy music, crafts, delicious holiday treats, hot cider, a beautiful display of our community's talents at Gingerbread Creations, and Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Scheduled performers include the Deerfield School Woodwinds Ensemble at 1:00 pm, the Deerfield Middle School Guitar Ensemble at 1:30 pm and the Deerfield Middle School Chorus at 2:00 pm.

A special Gingerbread Open House will take place for Mountainside's Senior Citizens on Saturday, December 8 from 2:00-4:00 pm.

TEA & STRINGS: On Sunday, May 6, the Hetfield House was the site of a wonderful event entitled "Tea & Strings." Dozens of visitors enjoyed a civilized afternoon of beautiful string music with hot and cold tea and delicious home-baked sweets. Please mark your calendars and join us Sunday, May 5, 2013 for the next Tea & Strings.

HISTORY'S WHEELS CAR SHOW: Residents cruised down in their historic hot rods and other antique classics for the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee's third annual "History's Wheels" Car Show held on Sunday, April 15, 2012. Beautiful classics proudly parked in the commuter lot adjacent to the Hetfield House. In the end, the spectators voted and the winner was Jay Taback and his 1978 Rolls Royce.



Pictured with his first place trophy is Jay Taback (right) with his 1978 Rolls Royce. Presenting the trophy is Don Jeka (left), event organizer, of the Mountainside Historic Restoration Committee during "History's Wheels" car show held in April.

Can we save the original CHILDREN'S COUNTRY HOME?



This is #2 New Providence Road as it looked when it was the Children's Country Home near the turn of the 20th century. Built in 1818, the building is slated for sale and, hopefully, can be moved for historic preservation.



All ready for the Gingerbread Open House, the Hetfield House is decorated for the event to be held on Sunday, December 9 from 1:00-4:00 pm.

GINGERBREAD CREATIONS Display

The Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee is holding the sixth Annual Gingerbread Open House on Sunday, December 9 from 1:00-4:00 pm. Held at the Historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, the open house will feature lots of holiday activities. During this open house, we will feature the Gingerbread talents of our friends and neighbors. If you have a Gingerbread Creation you would like to share during our Gingerbread Open House, please bring it to the Hetfield House (located on Constitution Plaza near the Mountainside Library) on Saturday, December 8 between 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Your creation will be displayed for all to see and admire. (Creations may be picked up between 4:00-4:30 pm on Sunday, December 9). For further information or to make alternate arrangements for drop-off or pick-up, please call 789-9420.



The original Children's Country Home was the house on the corner of New Providence Road and Mountain Avenue (now the site of Patterson Interiors and formerly Barrett & Crane Realtors). The home originally housed eight "underprivileged" children during the summer before it became a year-round home for "handicapped" children in 1897. Over the years, this home evolved and eventually merged with what is now, Children's Specialized Hospital.

Recently, the house has been under contract for sale. The current owner has agreed to donate the house structure for Mountainside's historic preservation; but, it must be moved to another location. If you are interested in helping to save this very historic structure, please contact Scott Daniels (232-9282).

DRAWING WINNERS announced

Each year, the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee holds a Spring fundraising drive for the upkeep of the Hetfield House. This year, the funds are earmarked for a re-grading of the landscape to prevent water from leaking into the basement. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser – the Hetfield House really does need your support! A drawing was held on May 6 from names submitted during the fundraiser. Following are the winners:

1st place: Charles Kiley - "Pamper, Taste and Refresh" Gift Certificates (\$250)

2nd place: Elizabeth Hahn - "Tastes of Downtown" Gift Certificates (\$225)

3rd place: Rosemary and George Stummer - "Route 22 Dining Spree" Gift Certificates (\$140)

4th Place: Cindy Hannan - "Tasty Treats" Gift Certificates (\$80)

5th Place: Robert Fairchild - "Supermarket Sampler" Gift Certificates (\$75)

Congratulations winners and thank you all for your support!

**Gingerbread
Open House**
The Hetfield House
Constitution Plaza,
Mountainside
Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Join us for Kids' Crafts, Refreshments, Live Music, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, Community Gingerbread Display and much more!

Performances by the Deerfield Woodwinds (1:00); the Deerfield Guitar Ensemble (1:30) & the Deerfield Middle School Choir (2:00)

Suggested Donation: \$3 per person
Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the needy.

Enrich the Holiday Season with a visit to an authentically-decorated, centuries-old home. Come visit and feel the warmth of the holidays as they once were.

Bring your cameras for photos with Mr. & Mrs. Claus!

Sponsored by the Mountainside Historic Restoration Committee
For Information, Contact: (908)789-9420; or go to www.mountainsidehistory.org

Become a MEMBER of the HETFIELD HOUSE!

Membership is available in a variety of categories. Benefits include:

- Free admission to Hetfield House events (when a fee is charged)
- Free one hour genealogy session
- Yearly Newsletter
- 10% discount in the Gift Shop

Membership categories

- Individual - \$30/yr Students & Seniors - \$20/yr
- Family - \$50/yr Lifetime - \$500/individual or couple

Please enclose check made out to the "Mountainside Restoration Committee" and mail to Sandy Vander Meer, 1033 Ledgewood Road, Mountainside, NJ 07092 (also contact Sandy if you would like to be a Hetfield House volunteer!) A membership card will be mailed to you.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Your dollars make it possible for floors and windows to be restored, rooms to be painted and the endless upkeep of maintaining a historic house. Donations are tax deductible and are always welcome in any amount.

- \$35.00 \$50.00 \$75.00 Volunteer Other _____

Many companies match donations made by their employees. Please check with your employer to learn if your gift qualifies for a match.

Bequest – Remembering the Hetfield House as you plan for the future will help ensure that this historical site remains a vital and living part of our shared history in Mountainside for generations to come.

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