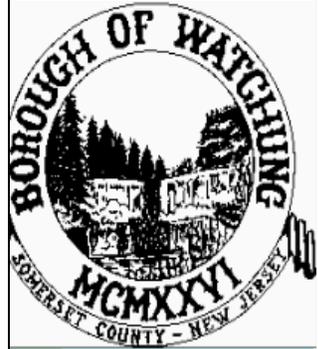


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THE WATCHUNG HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Watchung Historical Committee continues its mission to preserve, protect and record the history of the Borough of Watchung. We had a busy and productive year.

We are continuing to collect and organize weekly newspaper clippings to put in yearly scrapbooks, highlighting the important events.

We continue to photograph current events in the Borough. We also photograph important changes in the landscape, with the intention of publishing a "Then and Now" booklet in the future.

We are responsible for providing information about our veterans for the Memorial Day Service. This past Memorial Day we honored the Scotti brothers, Donald, Lou and Henry. All three men served in our armed forces. We also honored Dr. Lee Ehrenworth. The ceremony was well attended by families and friends of our veterans. Councilman Steve Pote gave a very moving and memorable speech.

We are working on the possibility of honoring Dr. Charles A. Eaton who was a Congressman from Watchung and was one of the original signers of the U.N. Charter and is credited with helping the U.N. get up and running. He may well have been Somerset County's most prominent citizen. We currently have one of our Somerset County Freeholders working on this for us.

We are still working on getting into our new home, "The Texier House." We have visited other historical houses and are getting great ideas. We met with Tom D'Amico from the Somerset County Historic Preservation Committee and Tom Buckingham, an historian from Greenbrook. We were disappointed to learn that we do not qualify for a Historical Grant because the house has been totally changed. They thought we might be able to get a Museum Grant, which we will look into.

We have had one builder give us an estimate on costs and are contacting two additional contractors.

Please contact us if you have any, or know of anyone who has memorabilia concerning the Texier House, or if you know of any of their relatives who may be living in the area. You may contact Barbara Diem at 908-756-5949. We would also welcome any items that you may possess concerning Watchung's history. We are very excited and cannot wait to move into our new home! We will let you know when we will be open to the public.

We also continue to sell the Watchung Book at \$20.00 each and Bill Titus' note cards of local scenes for \$15.00. These can be purchased at Borough Hall or by calling Barbara Diem at 908-756-5949.

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