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Cross keys One-Room Schoolhouse, 55 Mill Street, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Cross Keys One-Room Schoolhouse OPEN HOUSE by Pat Alvino

The Cross Keys One-Room Schoolhouse will be open this summer on the second Sunday of July, August and September from 1:00-3:00 pm. The public is invited to tour the schoolhouse and meet docents and schoolmarms who will be happy to answer any questions they may have. Visitors will be invited to try their hand at writing with a quill pen while the children master hoop rolling.

The schoolhouse is located on Mill Street at the entrance to Memorial Middle School.

“Westward Ho: Back to School We Go!”

The 2022 CSAA Conference on one-room schoolhouses will be held this year at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado from June 17-22.

Preservationists, professors and teachers, museum curators, genealogists, librarians, re-enactors, historical society members, schoolhouse owners, and other enthusiasts gather for “all things schoolhouse.” Scholarly presentations and workshops on schoolhouse history and preservation cover an unlimited range of topics geared to ensuring the future of our educational heritage.

The Country School Association of America (CSAA) is a national non-profit organization dedicated to preserving memories and scholarship of country schools, which once formed the backbone of American public education.

Medford Historical Society Officers 2021 - 2022 Fiscal Year

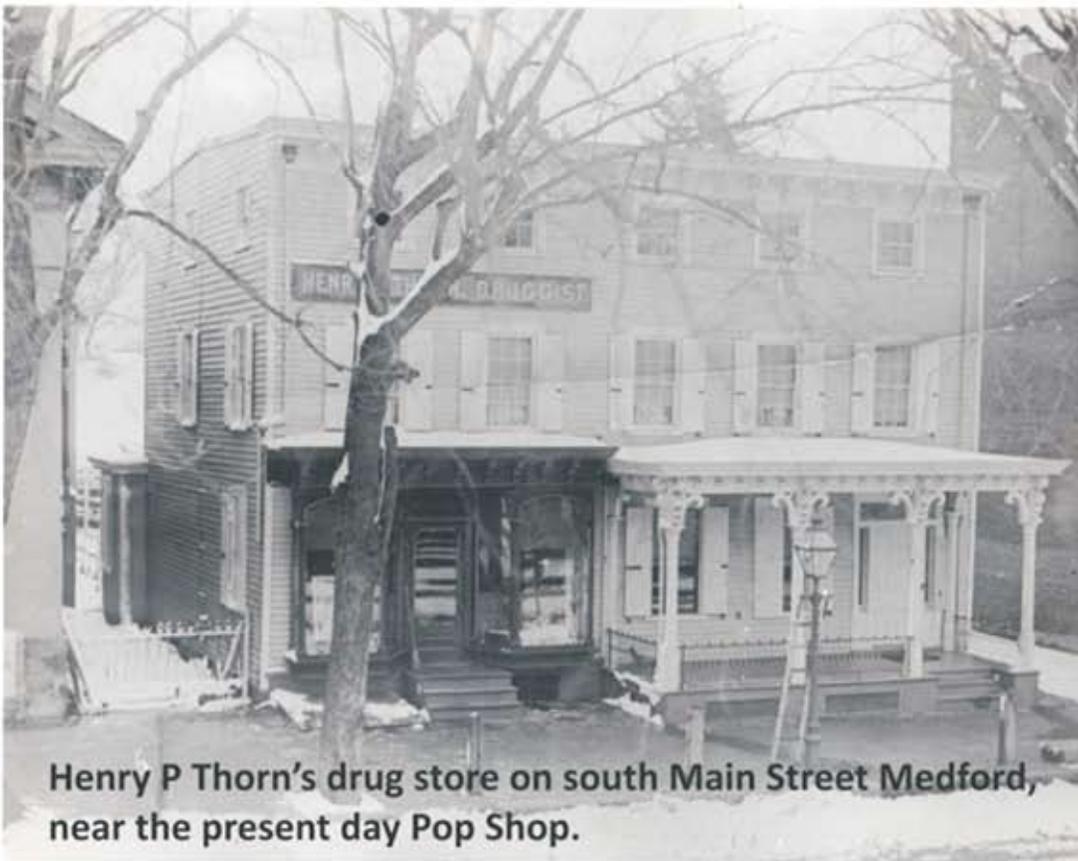
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Historical Spotlight on Medford Citizens Henry P. Thorn, Pharmacist, Community Leader

by Kyle Mason

Henry Prickett Thorn was a druggist who owned a pharmacy on south Main Street in Medford. A biography of Mr. Thorn from the April 1931 Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association reads in part

“Some twenty-five miles south of Trenton and about eighteen miles east of Camden, in Burlington County, New Jersey, there lies the pretty little town of Medford, a shopping center for a large farming territory which surrounds it on all sides. In this little town of about two thousand people, there is a single pharmacy, sufficiently old-fashioned to be recognizable as a place where drugs and medicines are dispensed, and sufficiently modern to provide the many services which our most modern apothecary shops are expected to render in this machine age. Since 1870, Henry P. Thorn has been a daily, active participant in the life of this pharmacy, and since 1875 he has been its proud owner. More than sixty years in the “drug business” is a good enough record for anyone, but to have spent all these years in the same location speaks volumes for the man who can claim this record.”



Born in 1853 in Medford, NJ, Henry was the son of William Hutchins Thorn and Margaret Winters Prickett. In 1863 his father William was listed as a shoemaker living & working in Medford.

Henry was educated at the Friend's school in Medford and in the private school of M.H.Allen. He apprenticed with Isaac W Stokes.

Isaac opened his pharmacy in Medford in 1849, possibly in the same location on Main Street that he would sell to Henry P. Thorn in 1875. That location appears to be current day 5 south Main Street in Medford and is now home to Grazing Affair, a store featuring



HENRY P. THORN

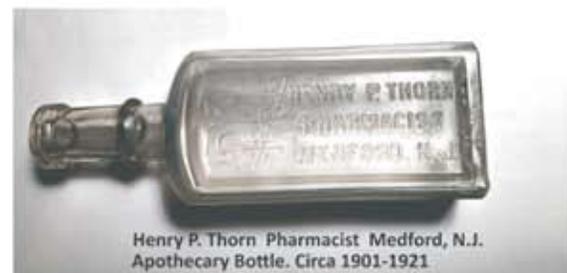
“grazing boards” which are large or small boards or platters primarily featuring cured meats, cheeses, and crackers. Check out their website www.grazingaffair.com.

Back to our subject Henry Thorn. According to his 1931 biography, he commuted daily from Medford to Philadelphia to attend pharmacy school, graduating in 1875. One wonders how Mr. Thorn was able to make such a commute in the days before motor cars. Perhaps he took advantage of the recently completed rail line between Medford and Philadelphia. After finishing his studies, he married Clara T Branin in 1880, with whom he had two children.

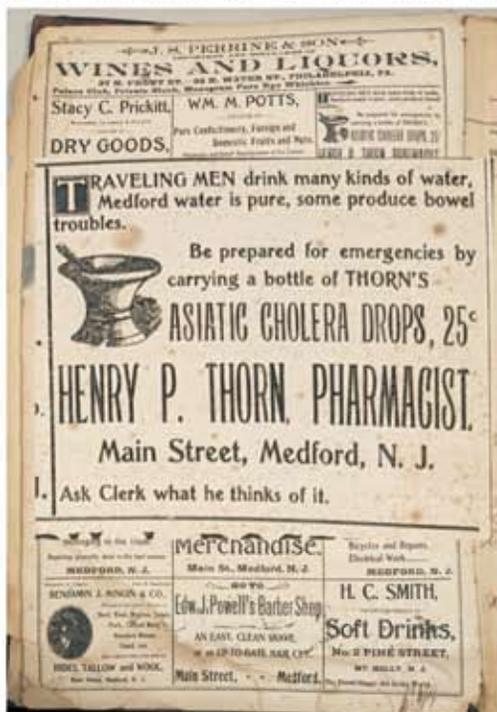
In addition to his career as a pharmacist and business owner, Henry was a director at the YMCA of Medford, President of the Burlington County Bank of Medford, member of the Burlington County Board of Taxation and a

member of the Republican State Committee from Burlington County. He was also a cranberry grower and a director of the Growers Cranberry Company of New Jersey. He passed away in 1931 and is buried in Park View Cemetery in Medford.

Shown below is an advertisement from an 1899 guest register from the Medford Hotel, which is now known as Braddock’s Tavern.



Henry P. Thorn Pharmacist Medford, N.J. Apothecary Bottle. Circa 1901-1921



The register, which is part of the Medford Historical Society collection, contains advertisements for local businesses, including Mr. Thorn’s.

Thorn’s prescription bottles from the same time period also served as a form of advertising. Having been in business for nearly 50 years, Mr. Thorn dispensed countless prescriptions and accompanying prescription bottles with many surviving today. Pictured above is one of the bottles from the author’s collection. Examples can also be found at the Kirby’s Mill museum at the Medford Historical Society.

Veteran Grave Marker Cleanup

by Richard Bucko



Former Shawnee teacher and member of the Medford Historical Society, Michael Panarella and daughter Rina Cardenas (Cranberry Pines Teacher), along with granddaughters, restored veterans gravestones at the Stratton Burial Grounds on Route 541 and Himmelein Road. Names that were restored were on the headstones of five veterans. Four markers are from the Civil War, one from the Spanish American War. Although there are about 350 graves in that cemetery, only 5 veterans headstones are visible.

The original site was a pauper's cemetery that was established when Medford was part of Evesham Twp. The unmarked graves have small stones with numbers that are recorded at the Odd Fellows burial site. A Veterans Organization paid for the markers for the Veterans.



The Medford Historical Society welcomes the opportunity to support other endeavors to preserve Medford History. Perhaps you, or your family, would like to suggest and work on such a project. MHS may be able to assist your effort.

Medford - VFW Post 7677 History

by Richard Bucko

In July of 1946 a group of veterans, who had served in WW II, chartered Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7677. The first Post Commander was Harry Parker. The Post met in the Main Street Fire House (circa 1923) in a building that is now used as retail stores. The Auxiliary was chartered in 1947. Membership meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Auxiliary meetings are held on the first Monday of each month.

The current Post at 317 Church Road was built in 1960 and was soon expanded. It sits several hundred yards east of Kirby's Mill and the canteen is in constant daily use today. Popular dinners are often served on Thursday evenings and a 100 seat hall is available for rental to the community for activities such as receptions, birthdays, quilting, etc. The current Post Commander is Mark Preston and Post Quartermaster is Patrick Kavanagh.



Ground Breaking for VFW # 7677, 1960

L to R: Dorothy unknown, Medford's Mayor Pritchett, Sam Ellis, Martin Ellis

The mission of the national VFW is to "Foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities and to advocate on behalf of all veterans". The Medford Post's area of operations covers Medford Township, Medford Lakes, Lumberton Township, Southampton Township, Tabernacle Township, and Shamong Township. More information and membership can be found at: <https://vfw7677.org>

The Medford Historical Society Quilt Show at Kirby's Mill

Saturday and Sunday June 4th & 5th 2022
10 am - 4 pm



A large collection and display of handmade quilts by members of the
Historical Society and other quilters.

Free Admission

FREE parking is available off Fostertown Road
For further information, Contact Libby – 609-535-5603.

2022 SUMMER AND FALL EVENTS

Milling Days

2nd Saturdays in June, July, August,

September, October & November

Milling demonstrations 1-4pm



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Flea Market

Saturday, September 17th 8am – 1pm

Kirby's Mill, 275 Church Road, Medford

Contact Kelly Maguire 609-654-0972

or email at contactus@medfordhistory.org

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FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 8, 9am – 4pm

Kirby's Mill, 275 Church Road

120+ hand-made crafters, cider donuts, baked goods,

Food, live music, apple ice cream



Membership Application for 2022

Donations/Sponsor Levels to Preserve History.

Of course if you have already paid, Thank You for your promptness.
Lifetime Membership may also disregard this notice.

Name _____ Telephone _____

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Please make checks payable to the
Medford Historical Society, PO Box 362, Medford, NJ 08055

MEMBERSHIP

_____ Individual/Family Membership - \$20 per year
Members receive a Quarterly Newsletter

SPONSOR/DONOR LEVELS

History Partner - \$100
Archival Partner - \$250
Patron - \$500
Benefactor - \$1000
Donation of your choice - \$_____

Donors are supporting the mission of the Medford Historical Society to research, record, preserve, maintain and promote the general history of Medford an Medford Historical Society holdings, making them available to the community, schools, and other organizations.

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Donor levels will have the option of donating anonymously

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