

Local Spotlight: Repository Holdings Dover Area Historical Society

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The Dover Area Historical Society is located at 55 W. Blackwell Street in Dover, NJ

The museum is open by appointment.

Website: www.dovernjhistory.org

Monthly meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday night 7:00 – 8:30

The DAHS is a treasure trove of photos and memorabilia from Dover, the Iron Mines, and the Morris Canal. Also it has a wonderful website which includes two pages of links –Local, Regional, County, State, National and other. The links will take you to historical and preservation websites. Some collections of the DAHS are online – ex. Orchard Street Cemetery, Eric Bulfinch's Visual Tour of Dover, Platt's Dover History 1914. There are a number of DVDs about Dover and also the Iron Mines that have been created by a member of the DAHS; they are available for \$5 each.

At the museum a very popular collection for all ages is the extensive set of Dover High School Yearbooks from 1915 - present. There are also some photos of the graduating classes of Dover H.S. and grammar school 1910-1955 .The museum also has historical playbills from the theatres in town and some old paper copies of the Iron Age newspaper.

The Dover Area Historical Society's meetings are held in the museum, in the refurbished home of Dr. and Mrs. Condit and Family. There are many artifacts in each of the rooms in the three-floor home. Each room has many historical photos covering the walls. Each photo is identified. The society will make a copy of a photo for a reasonable fee. But currently the collection of photos has not yet been scanned or indexed.

The Dover Public Library has a New Jersey History Room. Members of the Dover H.S. History Club have recorded oral histories of memories of growing up in Dover.

The Iron Era newspaper, published in Dover, NJ, contains a wealth of information about residents of Dover and the surrounding areas of Morris County. On the Rockaway Township Library site some issues of the Iron Era are available online at the link provided and allow one to hunt for names since the papers have been digitized (no library card is needed). <https://www.rtlibrary.org/historicnewspaper.html/>

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