

Local Spotlight: Repository Holdings Madison Historical Society

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The Madison Historical Society is located within the Madison Public Library
39 Keep Street in Madison, NJ.

The museum is open on Tuesdays from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm

The Madison Historical Society was founded in 1922. MAGS members Jim Malcolm, Kate Malcolm, Stu Shippey, Doug Simon and Susan Simon are officers of the society. There are one hundred forty-nine individuals in the group. It is a volunteer organization that has given hundreds of hours to the MHS. Visitors are given a warm welcome and help in starting their research. The MHS uses PastPerfect, a museum software program to inventory their material. Over seven thousand acquisitions have been given an accession number so far. This program allows searching by name, place, etc. Kate Malcolm, a twenty-year volunteer with the MHS, is the custodian of the archive.

The expansive collection includes the following: Indexed Family Files, Oral histories, Maps – 1868, 1887, 1889 and 1910 with every name indexed, Binders of old postcards, Indexed records of the Presbyterian Church, the book - *1899 Biographies and Genealogy of Morris County*, Madison High School yearbooks from 1927 to the present, historical books of Madison, of Morris County and of New Jersey, original minute books and photos from the YMCA, scrapbooks of obituaries from 1831 forward, ledger books of a former business, scrapbooks compiled by a former editor of the *Madison Eagle*, a teacher's plan and roll books from the 1930s, info about burials at Hillside Cemetery and St. Vincent Cemetery, binders of photos – volunteers have identified some of the people and DVDs of some of the MHS programs.

The Madison Historical Society has a wonderful user-friendly website <http://www.madisonhistoricalsociety.org> with sections of historic photographs, the newsletter archive, a Civil War Journal, Monuments in the Park, Community Outreach Programs, Did You Know, News & Announcements and Upcoming Events.

The Madison Eagle Newspaper from 1870s to the present has been digitized and cataloged by name and by subject. You can look up your family name and find the articles in the newspaper. These stories might contain birth, marriage and death info. The card catalog, shown below, is in the general area of the library and can be accessed whenever the library is open.



Doug Simon is the editor of the Madison Historical Society Newsletter, which is published four times a year. Each issue has a *Spotlight on History* article.

If you have ancestors who lived or worked in Madison, you should check out the wonderful resources and the very knowledgeable and helpful members of the Madison Historical Society.

If you know of a local repository that we should visit, or one that you wish to cover with us for a future article, please contact the Special Projects Group Committee at maryjosolomon@gmail.com