

NEWSLETTER

RUTHERFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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March Events



This year’s “**Nonprofit Small Business Connection Expo**”, presented by the Rutherford Chamber of Commerce and hosted by the Rutherford Congregational United Church of Christ, took place on Tuesday, March 5th and was a huge success. RHPS Chairman, Ed Gajda, was in attendance along with the Meadowlands Museum and 8 other nonprofits organizations and 8 businesses. This event was quite beneficial for the RHPS as it provided an excellent opportunity to network and build stronger relationships with other non-profit organizations and businesses who share the common goal of bettering the Rutherford Community. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce, the Rutherford Congregation United Church of Christ and to all of the event Sponsors!



Left - Catherine O’Keefe
RIAA Board Member

Center - Samantha Hiller
RIAA Parade Adjutant

Right - Michelle Korosy
RIAA Parade Adjutant



Elisa Rosa
RHPS Board Member

Ed Gajda
RHPS Chairman

Rutherford’s 7th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade hosted by the Rutherford Irish American Association took place on Sunday, March 3rd. The RHPS felt honored to participate in such a cheerful celebration. The event was very well attended and sunny Park Avenue was lined with a very festive and energetic crowd! A special shout out goes to RHPS Executive Committee Member, Michelle Korosy, who is also a member of the Rutherford Irish American Association, and served as Parade Adjutant playing an instrumental role in the event’s success. Thank you to the Rutherford Irish American Association for making the parade a memorable and joyful experience for everyone involved!

New Historic Location Series!

Where better to begin our new historic location series than at our Member of the Year location...

Mason's Cellar

In conjunction with **Rutherford Historic Preservation Society** and the **Meadowlands Museum**, the **Rutherford Chamber** Presents...

Member Locations "Then & Now"

32 AMES AVE

32 Ames Ave is the home of the Rutherford Chamber's Member of the Year "Mason Cellar"

This outstanding family run business has hit the ground running and has proven to be a fine addition to the Rutherford business community and are the proud present day sturats of this historic Rutherford building.

DID YOU KNOW?

The original owner(s) of 32 and 34 Ames Avenue (Block 76, lot 10) was the Sanford Motor Car Company, owned by Edward D. Sanford and his wife, Mary J. Sanford. They resided at 138 Wood Street, Rutherford. Sanford Motor Car Co. was a Dodge and Plymouth Dealership, of both cars and trucks. They conducted repairs as well as sales. Edward D. Sanford also operated under the name Rutherford Garage in the late 1920's. Other occupants of the property were US Telegraph and Sam Pratto. (courtesy Rod Leith-Historian) The Sanford Motor Car Company was also a dealer of Hupmobiles.

The Hupmobile was an automobile built from 1909 through 1939 by the Hupp Motor Car Company of Detroit. The prototype was developed in 1908. Bobby Hupp co-founded Hupp Motor Car Company, with Charles Hastings, formerly of Oldsmobile.

Stay Tuned for Part 2 of 32 Ames Avenues long history that came before Mason Cellar.

Get a closer look at this historic location by shopping at Mason Cellar.



The Sanford Motor Car Company

(circa 1920's)



(photo courtesy of the Meadowlands Museum)

Ramadan began on Sunday March 10 2024 and ends Tuesday April 9, 2024 !



MEET ALEXANDER R. WEBB – (November 9, 1846 – October 1, 1916) – A resident of Rutherford from 1898 until his death in 1916, Alexander Webb, who resided at 149 Chestnut Street as of 1909, was an American writer, publisher, and

the United’s States Consul to the Philippines. He converted to Islam in 1889 and is considered by historians to be the earliest prominent Old Stock American Muslim Convert.

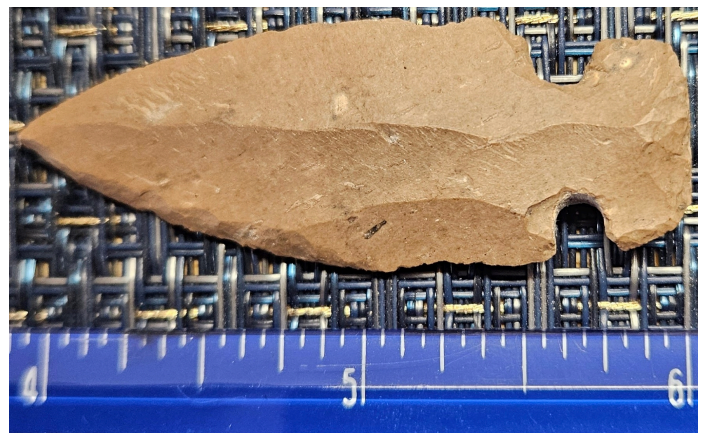
In 1893, Alexander was the sole person representing Islam at the first Parliament of the World's Religions. His daughters, Mary Caroline and Nala D (both teachers), son Russell Lorenzo, and brother Herbert Nelson have all been Rutherford residents at one time or another. Webb received his early education at the Home School in Glendale, Massachusetts and later attended Claverack College, an advanced high school near Hudson, New York. He became editor of the Unionville Republican, Unionville, Missouri. His prowess as a journalist was soon apparent and Alexander was offered the city editorship of the St. Joseph Gazette in St. Joseph, Missouri. Alexander then became associate editor of the Missouri Morning Journal and later the Assistant City Editor of the Missouri Republican in St. Louis, Missouri. In September 1887, while working for the Missouri Republican, he was appointed by President Cleveland to be Consular Representative to the Philippines at the U.S. office at Manila.

(Courtesy, Rod Leith - Historian, Advisor to the RHPS)

What a surprise to the Hurlburt’s who reside at 57 West Newell Avenue when they started a home renovation! They discovered these rare artifacts, circa 1900, inside the wall of their home.



1899 New York newspaper



National Historic Preservation Month - May 2024

1ST ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE
Saturday, May 4th - 9am to 4pm



HOSTED BY:
**THE RUTHERFORD
 HISTORIC
 PRESERVATION
 SOCIETY**

LOCATION: 491 RIVERSIDE AVENUE,
 RUTHERFORD (THE RICHARD KING
 HISTORIC HOME)

A portion of the
 proceeds to benefit the
 restoration of the
 Meadowlands Museum
 located at 91 Crane Ave
 in Rutherford.

**Complimentary Tour of the
 Richard King Home at 1PM**

**Please help us raise funds by donating
 items for us to sell!**
*(Home décor, Housewares, Toys, Games, Artwork, Small
 Furniture, Lamps, Jewelry, Handbags, Accessories, etc.)*
 COLLECTION DAYS - FRIDAY APRIL 1ST THRU SUNDAY APRIL
 15TH
 DROP OFF LOCATION:
 491 RIVERSIDE AVE
 RUTHERFORD, NJ

The RHPHS is a non-profit organization established in 2022. Our
 purpose is to encourage the historic preservation of Rutherford, New
 Jersey's rich history.

Website - rutherfordhps.org

For additional information on the importance of historic preservation, please see this article posted by Preservation Virginia at:



<https://preservationvirginia.org/why-preservation-what-are-the-benefits/>

The RHPHS, along with the Meadowlands Museum, fully supports the inclusion of the Murray-Hodge Post as part of the Black Heritage Trail!

CAST YOUR NOMINATIONS NOW!

May is National Historic Preservation Month! As the RHPHS prepares to honor 3 new Rutherford homes for their stewardship and service in support of preserving a home of architectural and historic significance to the Rutherford Community, we invite you to also submit your nominations (a maximum of 3 homes) by emailing them to us at rutherfordhps@gmail.com.

A home is privileged to win this award only once so please see the prior winners from previous/recent years:

2023 winning houses

- 154 Fairview Ave.
- 352 Park Ave.
- 131 Sylvan Ave.

2019 winning houses

- 45 Sylvan Ave.
- 51 East Gouverneur Ave.
- 69 West Passaic Ave.

2022 winning houses

- 266 Santiago Ave.
- 124 Orient Way
- 137 West Passaic Ave.

2018 winning houses

- 456 Montross Ave.
- 237 Ridge Road
- 249 Ridge Road

2021 winning houses

- 185 Ridge Road
- 46 Ridge Road
- 219 Ridge Road

2017 winning houses

- 119 Wheaton Place.
- 67 Home Ave.
- 136 East Pierrepont Ave.

2020 winning houses

- 440 Stuyvesant Ave.
- 153 West Newell Ave.
- 46 The Terrace Ave.



Rutherford Historic Preservation Society

New Jersey Historical Commission,

March 7th, 2024

The Rutherford Historic Preservation Society is in support of including the Murray-Hodge American Legion Post 453 of Rutherford New Jersey (58 Meadow Road, Rutherford, NJ 07070) as part of the New Jersey Black Heritage Trail project, and for the placement of a trail marker at that location. The Lodge was built in 1947, and since then has served to remember the contributions of Rutherford's African-American veterans, and to honor their service. Our Society would greatly appreciate the recognition of the Murray-Hodge Post by including them as part of the Black Heritage Trail.

Sincerely,

Ed Gajda - Chairman
Rutherford Historic Preservation Society



Do you have a historic or vintage photo that Captures the essence of Rutherford through the years? If yes, we would like to include it in the RHPS, Q2 2024 Newsletter!

Whether it is a snapshot of a beloved local Landmark, a memorable community event or a Vintage photo of a heartwarming moment with Friends and family, we want to see them all!

This is how you can share your historic photo with us:

1. Scan or take a clear photo of your historic image.
2. Email the rutherfordrhps@gmail.com with the subject line "Q2 2024 Newsletter Photo Submission".
3. Please include your name and a brief description or story behind the photo to make it even more special.

Please note: Submission Deadline is Friday, June 14th and thank you for preserving Rutherford's History with us!



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Officers and Members

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Rod Leith

We like to welcome our new member
Sara Henderson

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