## Freehold Township Heritage Society

The mission of the Freehold Township Heritage Society is to preserve, protect and promote the history and physical remnants of our past.

Established in 2001 as a non-official body to assist with the projects designated by the Freehold Township Historic Preservation Commission to:

- · Promote public awareness
- Raise funds for on-going projects to maintain and repair the historical sites within Freehold Township
- Provide volunteers for public programs
  - Educational school programs
  - Secure artifacts from the public for display in our historical sites
  - Work cooperatively with official and voluntary agencies
  - · Fundraising for on-going projects

Through its pursuit of these objectives, the Association enriches the quality of life in Monmouth County by preserving and passing on knowledge of its diverse heritage for future generations.

Freehold's history dates back to the earliest days of Colonial times with its vast amount of farming and was the largest farming district in New Jersey for many years. By 1966, Monmouth County ranked first in the state for soybean and grain production; first in white potato production; second in growing wheat and second in apple production as well as second in cabbage and sweet corn. Most of this was farmed in Freehold Township.

The Oakley farmstead started as a cabin in 1686 and grew to a farmhouse with 23 outbuildings on 86.6 acres. The farmstead, the West Freehold School and the Georgia Road Schoolhouse are all cared for by the Freehold Township Heritage Society with donations from our visitors.

As a member of Freehold Township Heritage Society (Heritage Society), you support the organization's mission of education and preservation. The Heritage Society strives to make its resources available to the widest possible audience, thereby enriching knowledge of our shared past.

All monies are used for the repairs and maintenance of historical sites in Freehold Township. Funds may also be used for educational programs offered at one of the historical sites to schools, private groups & the general public.

To make a donation, send or drop off your check (cash if in person) to:

Freehold Township Heritage Society 189b Wemrock Road Freehold, NJ 07728

Donation amount \$
Made by:
Address
Check here to be added to our membership list
To receive emails about events and happenings, provide your email address