



August 2018

Hi {FIRST_NAME|friend of the Historical Society},

The Great War (1914-1918)



On Sunday, November 11, 2018 we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ended. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France, and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation, or exposure.

American losses in the war were modest compared to those of other belligerents, with 116,516 deaths and approximately 320,000 sick and wounded of the 4.7 million men who served. The USA lost more personnel to disease (63,114) than to combat (53,402), largely due to the influenza epidemic of 1918.

America's involvement and contribution in this world conflict cannot be overlooked nor forgotten. Please help the Historical Society to "inventory" the war memorials/plaques that honor Lower Merion's and Narberth's veterans who served in the Great War. Here are a few that we know of: *The Merion (War) Tribute House* (at 625 Hazelhurst Avenue, Merion), *The Levering Mill Tribute House* (at the intersection of Levering Mill Road and Bala Avenue), the *Bala Cynwyd War Memorial* (at the intersection of Conshohocken State Road and Bala Avenue), the *Memorial Plaque* (in the vestibule of St. Matthias Roman Catholic Church in Bala Cynwyd), and the *Narberth War Memorial* (at the intersection of North Wynnewood Avenue and Windsor Avenue).



We're sure that there are many more tributes dedicated to those who served our community and we would like to know where they are...please email us at lmhistory@comcast.net and let us know where they are located.

The Great War: Lower Merion's Centennial Celebration

The *Merion Community Association* is hosting a township wide celebration and remembrance marking the end of the Great War. Come join us on Sunday, November 11th 2018 for 100th Anniversary of *Armistice Day* (today celebrated as Veterans Day) at the [*Merion \(War\) Tribute House*](#) located at 625 Hazelhurst Avenue in Merion. It will be an open house family friendly celebration from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. This free event is open to the general public. More details to follow.

P.S. Sunday, November 11th is a "bye week" for the *Philadelphia Eagles*, so there is no excuse not to attend this celebration.

A Historic Preservation Success Story

At the July 18th Lower Merion Board of Commissioners Meeting, the Township

Commissioners held a public hearing and unanimously passed an ordinance to add and to amend the following properties and objects to the *Historic Preservation Inventory*.

St. Charles Borromeo Complex, Wynnewood - to a Class 1

Ashbridge Complex, Rosemont - to a Class 1

The Barnes Foundation, Merion - to a Class 1

Erdman Hall, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr - to a Class 1

Merion Train Station Complex, Merion - to a Class 1

Wynnewood Train Station/Sheds, Wynnewood - to a Class 1

Historic Milestones Collection, Township Wide - to a Class 1

Har Hasetim Jewish Memorial Cemetery, Gladwyne - to a Class 2

Merion Road Signs Collection, Merion - to a Class 2

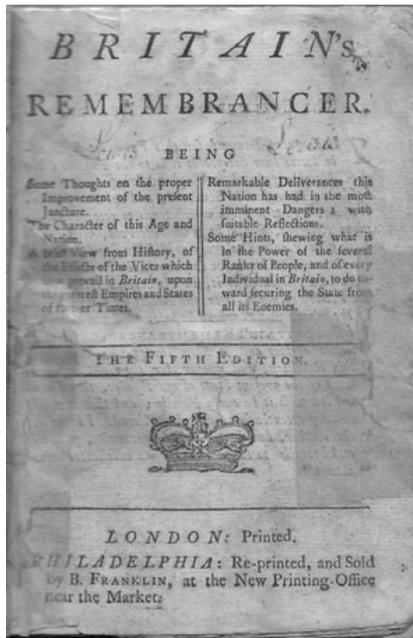
This achievement represents more than 4 years of team effort and lobbying to make this happen. It took the combined effort of *The Historical Commission*, *The Historical Architectural Review Board* (HARB), *The Lower Merion Conservancy* and *The Lower Merion Historical Society*. We also need to thank the Township Commissioners and Township Staff for their involvement.

We still have more work to do...stay tuned.

Treasures From Our Archive Room



This is the third of a series of articles that highlight some of the rare and more interesting items in our archive collection. The Historical Society's primary asset is our library collection that comprises more than 38,000 items. Part of our collection is housed in the Archive Room; these are the rare and extraordinary items that need special care and attention. We're proud of our heritage and are fortunate to have so many *primary source materials* that relate to Lower Merion and Narberth. We would like to share with you one of these items from our Archive Room.



In 1747 Benjamin Franklin printed twenty-two items at his New Printing-Office near what is now Market Street in Philadelphia. Three were government printings, two were private printings, and seventeen were ventures at his own risk. One of these ventures was James Burgh's 5th Edition of "Britain's Remembrancer."



This 47-page pamphlet was warning England against "luxury and irreligion." Burgh predicted that these "characteristic Vices of the Age" would bring Great Britain to the same melancholy end as Rome. Manners, he repeated in this political discussion on the eve of the American Revolution, were more important than laws in determining a people's fate. When commerce had led to luxury, and luxury to bribery and dissipation, the best of lawgivers could not long preserve freedom.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 10th – 200th Anniversary Banquet of the *The Lower Merion Society for the Detection and Prosecution of Horse Thieves and the Recovery of Stolen Horses* at [Evviva Restaurant](#) located at 1236 Montgomery Ave, Narberth.

You are invited to join in our 200th dinner with our famous menu which has been carried forward since 1818. This will be a memorable event for those who have attended in the past and for newcomers. Price and time information will follow soon.
"Confusion to All Horse Thieves"

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