

Saddle Brook Historical Society News

The Saddle Brook Historical Society is enthusiastically looking forward to the completion of two projects. The first is the establishment of a museum in the new section of our library. Displays will depict our township's history and will include vintage farm equipment, Indian artifacts and many other interesting items from our township's distant past. Donations of vintage photographs, which can be copied and returned, as well as pre-1950 objects such as oil lamps, old tools, farm equipment and household belongings would be helpful. Contact the library at (201) 843-3287.

The society's second project will be the publication of our township history, *Saddle Brook: A Portrait of Our Past*. The book will fill the need for an interesting, comprehensive history of the 2.7 square miles that is now our hometown. Saddle Brook is one of the oldest municipalities in Bergen County. It is the last remnant of Saddle River Township which included parts of Ridgewood and Glen Rock to the north and Garfield to the west. It's fascinating history has seen the various geological periods, glaciers as recently as 20,000 years ago, Lenni Lenape Indians, an extensive colonial era and the Revolutionary War. Readers will experience the township's growth from an agricultural community to our present suburb. First-hand accounts from people who farmed the land and raised their families as far back as the 1920's are included. Hopefully, the books will soon be available at local locations.

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