

# Squan Village Historical Society

~~ Bailey-Reed House Museum ~~

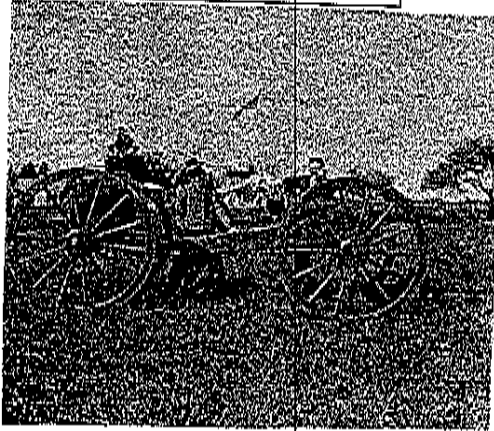
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1898



## The National Guard Beginning

The National Guard of today descended from the Militias of the 13 original colonies. In New Jersey it began in 1664 when self-government was given to the General Assembly by Gov. Philip Carteret. It was formed for safety and defense of Jersey and every male from ages 16 to 60 had to serve.

In 1755 Jersey raised 5 companies called the Jersey Blues and first fought in the French & Indian War. During the Civil War 79,348 Jersey men formed into 38 Regiments! In 1868 the Legislature passed an act creating the New Jersey National Guard putting all Militia Groups under one command. The members of the National Guard have served in all the wars and continue to serve to this day in foreign lands as well as in local disasters such as Storm Sandy!

What an amazing history of service & bravery!

## **The National Guard of the United States**

is a reserve military force, composed of National Guard military members or units of each state and the territories of Guam, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico as well as the District of Columbia.

## ~~Calendar of Events~~

Nov. 8

**Sunday Monthly Opening**

Nov. 11

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

Speaker – MHS Student

Patricia Mckiever

Program – “Technology

Through the Centuries”

Bring your Devices

and your Questions!

Nov. 28

**Christmas Victorian Tea**

Dec. 2

**Christmas Victorian Tea**

Reservations are filled for both

Dec. 9

Christmas Program–MHS

**Choral Group with**

**Holiday Music**

Leader – Lee Weisert

An annual holiday event!

Dec. 13

**Sunday Museum Opening**

Decorated for Christmas

Jan. 2016

No Regular Monthly Program

Jan. 10

**Sunday Monthly Opening**

Feb. 7

No Regular Monthly Program

Feb. 14

**Sunday Monthly Opening**

Sunday Museum Openings – 1 to 4 pm

Regular Monthly Meetings

7:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Open every Monday & Thursday

between 1:30 and 4 pm.

~~President's Desk~~

What is it about Manasquan that we love? Our bustling little boro still holds on to that small town feel, yet we continue to grow.

This resort town seems to be bursting at the seams during the summer months. Not just the beach, but also our sidewalk sales, art shows, the programs at the Algonquin Theater, the flea markets in the Plaza, Big Sea Day, the Fireman's Fair.....We support our businesses, our local schools, and of course, our Warrior football team with pre-game parades down Main Street.

Tradition...and Manasquan Pride.

We strive to hold onto the past as we step into the future. At the Squan Village Historical Society Museum, we want people to remember where we came from, who got us there, and how our town grew into the wonderful place we call our home. It makes no difference if you're a clam digger or a transplant. Through your membership and volunteering, we are able to provide young and old with a glimpse into the past that reflects who we are.

Who are we?

We are Manasquan!

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

**Kathleen Bloetjes**

~~Museum Chairman's~~

Because the Squan Village Historical Society is a non-profit self-supporting organization, we are totally responsible for supporting and maintaining the Bailey-Reed House Museum as well as continuing in our efforts to preserve and disseminate historical reference material. In order to fill this obligation we have to run fund raising events. Our Victorian Teas, June Flea Market and reestablished Yard Sale in conjunction with our annual fund drive mailing as well as donations throughout the year help us in this endeavor. We thank each and every one of you who continue to support us in any way to help us maintain Manasquan's Museum.

You play an important role in the preservation of the history of Squan.

Molly Keenan, MHS student, recently donated a copy of her research completed on our local Lenni Lenape Indians. She has presented a program at one of our Society meetings as well as for other local historical groups. Through research and by contacting the existing Delaware Tribe, she has documented the correct meaning of "Manasquan!" Interpretation: "Place to gather reed and grass." Good work, Molly.

As in the past, Brielle Historian John Belding and the Union Landing Historical members were invited to our Annual Picnic. Also, as in the past, John has kindly presented our members with a piece of our local history. This year he gave us a framed original map from 1889 depicting both Manasquan and Brielle. Thank you friend and neighbor.

**Barbara Reynolds**

In spite of rain in surrounding towns, Squan remained slightly windy but dry for our recent annual Picnic held inside and outside of our 1813 Barn. With a wonderful selection of delicious food and good friends and conversation the evening was a success! Thank you to the workers, cooks, bakers and clean up helpers.

**Janice Lavance, Picnic Chairman**

<b>Membership Renewal or Application 2016</b>	
Name _____	
Address _____	
Phone _____	
Special Interests _____	
Able to participate as active member _____	
_____ Renewal/Individual <b>\$15.00</b>	
_____ New Member/Individual <b>\$15.00</b>	
_____ Life Membership/Individual <b>\$100</b>	
Mail a check to: Membership Chairman Squan Village Historical Society 105 South St., Manasquan, NJ 08736	



~Recipe from Grandma's Kitchen~

Baked Beef and Barley

Chop one medium onion and sauté in a little oil. Then brown nicely 1 ½ pounds stew beef that has been cubed. Put onion and beef into a three quart ungreased casserole with the following:

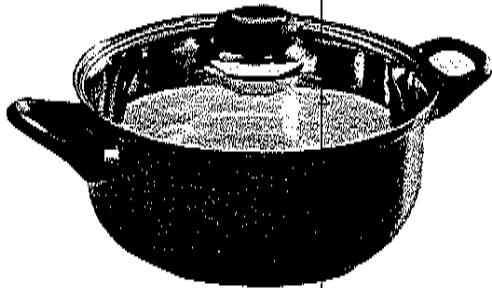
- 5 cups of good beef stock
- ½ tsp. of dried thyme and marjoram
- 1 tsp. of chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 cup pearl barley

Stir until mixed  
Cover and bake 1 ½ hours. Serve with chopped fresh parsley on top.

A Delicious Meal!

Just about the same time in the late 1800s when the NJNG was being formed here in Squan, Beef sold at 5 cents a pound and Barley at 45 cents a pound. A time which was the beginning of packaging grain and meat for shipping in special Railroad Cars.

All recipes printed in the Newsletters are from the same time period as the main subject of each publication.



**Newsletter Sources:** 350 Years of NJ History, Newark Herald (9-1991), Karl Eggiman (1941), Coast Democrat (7-1904), Post Cards, SVHS Archives, US Navy (Dept. of Defense), Internet, Encyclopedia of NJ, NJNG Museum

**New Life Member**

Jean Wolfe

**New Members**

James Pearce

Mona & Jeff Gerard

**Membership Chairman – Betty Anderson**

~Acquisitions~

Genealogy & picture (Rev. Alfred M. Freer), Info. Osbornville Church, Fenton Ware (4 pieces, Milk glass and rose)

Janet Havens Siegfried

Pitcher (Columbia), Bowl (Warwick-1893)

Peter Campanelli

Log Carrier (folding), Stuffing Spoon

Ron Brady

Jordan Family Genealogy including pictures

Marvin Gibbons

Steinbach-Kresge Co. Booklet "Indians of Manasquan" (Research & Program)

Molly Keenan

Straight Razor, "History of a Place called Squankum"

Wally Patterson

Newspaper clipping copy (Morro Castle)

Judy & Ralph Shinn

Pictures of Squan Beach (1940s & 1970s)

Ann Clapp

Throw (Blue-White, New Jersey)

Dawn & Richard Bonelli

Framed Map of Manasquan & Brielle (Monmouth County Atlas – 1889 – original)

Badges (2 – First Night)

John Belding

Union Landing Historical Society

Two wooden signs (Osborn Lodge & Vacancy)

Jean Johnson, FL.

Wooden Coffee Grinder

Kathy Bloetjes

MHS Alumni Directories (3), MHS Year

Books (1941,42, 43, 44)

Tom Keiderling

Listing as of October 1, 2015

**New Jersey Army National Guard**

**Features and Benefits**

NJ State colleges tuition free, additional income, GI Bill, Student Loan Repayment, Low cost Dental & Medical Insurance, Free Hunting & Fishing Licenses, Technical Training, Commissary Privileges, Private Beach Facilities, Retirement Benefits, Federal Credit Union, Community Service.

**Honor, Integrity, Loyalty, Selfless**

**Service, Respect & Personal Courage.**

### \*\*\* National Guard\*\*\*

#### Beginning of Our Local National Guard

By Karl Eggiman - 1941

*"The Bailey farm on which the National Guard first trained, was between Watson's Creek and Main St., east of the NY & Long Branch Railroad. Officers occupied the farmhouse, which many years ago was destroyed by fire. The property now is occupied by numerous attractive homes."*

*"For many years, Charles Height operated the Bailey farm, and served as caretaker of the camp grounds after the National Guard began training there. Later, when the state camp was moved to Sea Girt, Height's eldest son, George Height, became caretaker."*

#### The Sea Side 1884

*"Governor Abbott, General Mott, General Perrine and other officials have from among the many attractive places settled upon Manasquan as the place for the encampment of the NJ State Guards. This we freely accept as a compliment to Manasquan and acknowledge and welcome these officials and state soldiers as a new and attractive feature. The camp will be located on Main St., on the lands of Capt. William H. Bailey and Mr. Osborn Curtis."*

*"Upon the farm will be erected about 1,200 tents, together with quarters for cooking for the quartering and subsistence of 1,500 men. During the encampment there will be daily drills by companies, regiments and brigades, guard mounts, dress parades, etc. The entire force will be under military discipline throughout the encampment."*

*"The quartermaster general has also rented the property adjoining the encampment from the heirs of Capt. Jackson, and running to the sea, where he will erect a*

*rifle range for the daily practice of the National Guard in rifle shooting at 200...to 500 yards distance."*

#### The Sea Side 1885

*"The camp grounds at Sea Girt that were so much discussed in the Legislature last winter have been rented. It is proposed to rent the grounds this year and purchase them next winter."*

The following year the camp was  
Established in Sea Girt.



1891



1916

\*\*\*National Guard\*\*\*

The Coast Democrat - July 1904

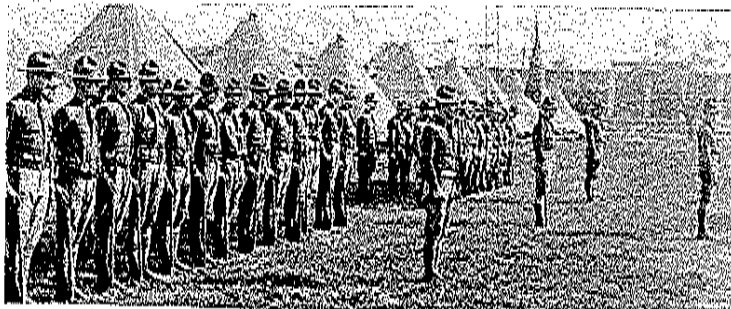
**Sea Girt Camp Not A Picnic**

**Orders Issued by General Gillmore Said to be Unusually Strict.**

The week's encampment of the National Guard at Sea Girt is not to be a picnic this year. This is indicated by a preliminary order just issued by General Gillmore, through Assistant Adjutant General Gilkyson. The order deals with regulating of guard duty during the encampment.

The guard to serve Saturday, July 9, and Saturday, July 16, will be detailed previous to the departure of the organization from their home stations. This guard will be employed on the trains to preserve order and prevent the soldiers from riding on the car platforms.

The order providing for the guard to preserve order on the trains is made to prevent a recurrence of the incident of several years ago, when some of the soldiers discharged their guns while the train was passing through Rahway, causing a runaway (horse) in which a man was seriously injured.



1930

\*\*\*National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey\*\*\*

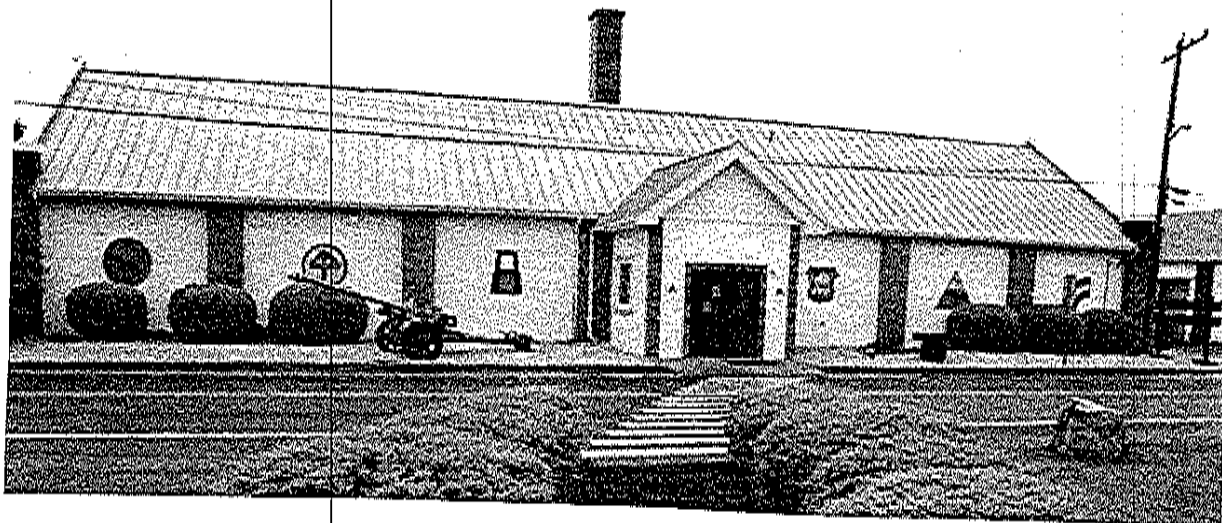
**GENERAL ADMISSION IS FREE**



**MUSEUM HOURS**

**Main Museum**

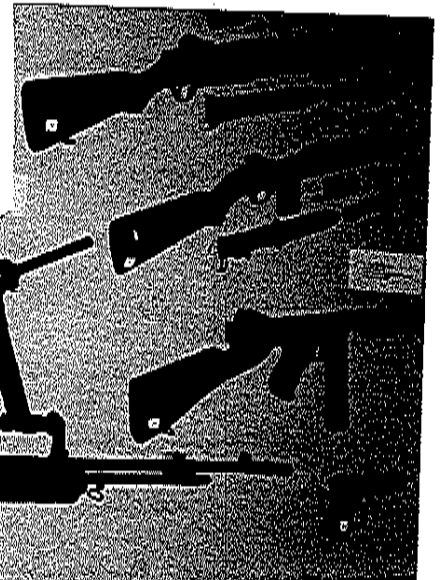
National Guard Training Center  
Sea Girt Avenue & Camp Drive  
Sea Girt, NJ 08750  
(732) 974-5966  
Seven Days a Week  
10:00AM - 3:00PM  
Closed on State Holidays



\*\*\*The National Guard Militia Museum\*\*\*

The National Guard Militia Museum in Sea Girt has slowly been making strides in recuperating from the destruction incurred from Super Storm Sandy. Over five feet of water turned glass cases over and the damage was devastating. The archives have since been dried, stabilized and cleaned. However, I recently visited the building and found that most of the displays have not as yet been restored and the Jeeps and other vehicles have been shipped over to Camp Evans. The men and women who have worked so hard over the many years in both preserving and displaying our military history as well as serving our country should be honored for their duty and dedication. We hope they will be back to pre-Sandy condition in the near future.

We thank you and we salute you!



All above photos were taken prior to Sandy and hopefully will be again displayed in the near future.

## The National Guard Storm Sandy

Several months after Storm Sandy created the devastation to our area and we were still out of our home, I wrote the following thank you letter to the Editor of the Coast Star:

### BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE

Thank you. Thank you to the many members of our family, to old friends, and to new friends, who have made our existence bearable after Storm Sandy and losing our home. It is now an empty shell but with time and work it will be our home again.

One day we were again going to 315 First Avenue to work and there on the flag pole was waving a new American Flag. This is really special to us because in all the devastation it was a ray of light and hope. My father, Carl Holmgren, flew a flag every day that he spent in this cottage from 1952. We have done the same since 1985. The kind people turned out to be National Guard Soldiers who had been protecting the area. They raised an American Flag on any flag pole that had a rope and then they stood back and saluted it and passed on to the next house. So in all the debris and

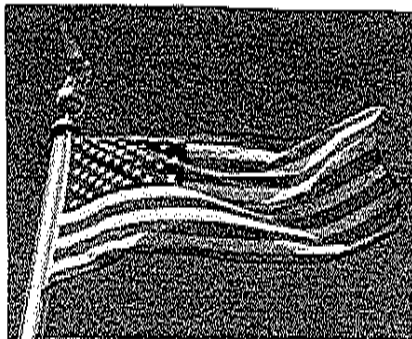
devastation that was caused by 80 mile an hour winds, the flag flies. And we are going to take one day at a time and eventually reside in the home again. Be thankful for what you have...not just possessions but family, friends, and loved ones. We are,

BARBARA AND BILL REYNOLDS  
First Avenue, Manasquan

Article from National Guard Militia  
Museum Newsletter – Fall 1999

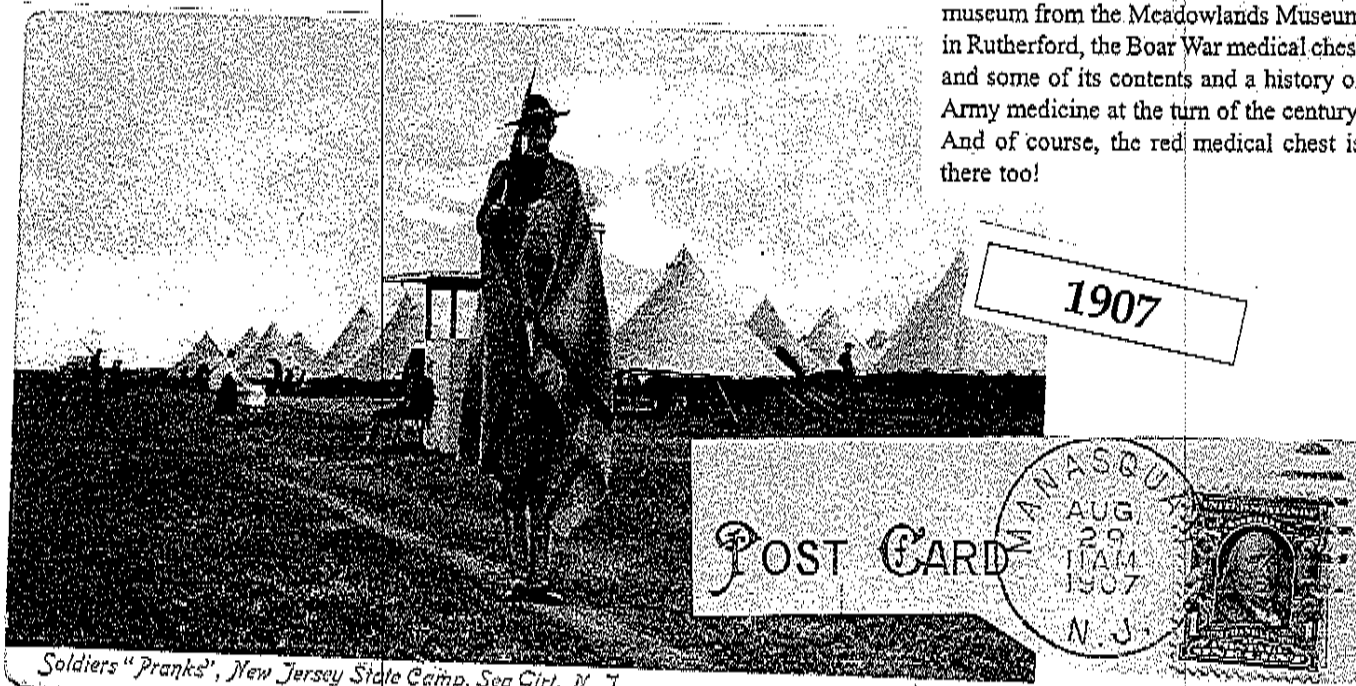
## Manasquan Medical Chest Yields a Treasure

When the Squan Village Historical Society lost their building to a fire a few years ago, a new site was needed. An old home on South Street in Manasquan was found for their new home. It was the residence of the Reed family, an old established family of Manasquan. While cleaning out the barn and attic the members found several items that were military in nature and called our museum. One of the items was a red medical chest belonging to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry, Roseville Avenue, Newark, New Jersey!



The contents of the chest resulted in the Turn of the Century Army Medicine exhibit now on display at the museum. Among the contents of the chest was a one pound box of cotton made by Johnson and Johnson dated to pre 1910; a bar of Ivory soap dated to between 1907 and 1917, based on a description of the wrapper; a veterinary kit made by Parke Davis dated to 1917. There were several types of unopened bandages, vials of iodine, catgut, and rubber gloves.

Other items in the exhibit include a World War I nurse in a uniform loaned to the museum from the Meadowlands Museum in Rutherford, the Boar War medical chest and some of its contents and a history of Army medicine at the turn of the century. And of course, the red medical chest is there too!



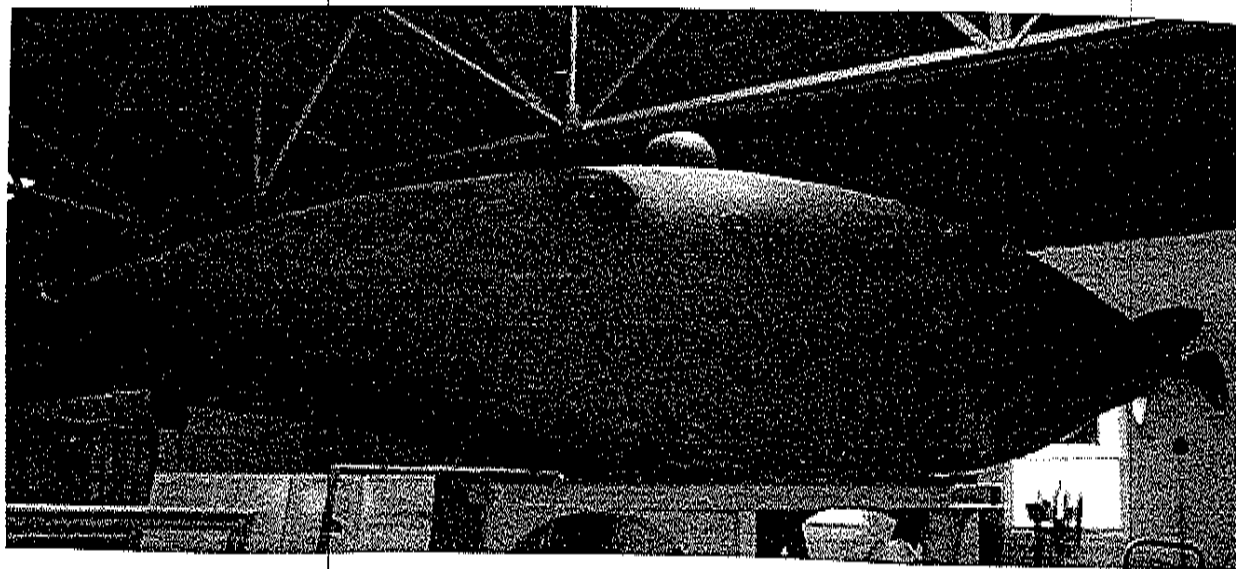
Soldiers "Pranks", New Jersey State Camp, Sea Girt, N. J.

### The Intelligent Whale

Included in the Museum is "The Intelligent Whale" which was an experimental submarine built in New Jersey during the American Civil War. It is nearly 30' long with a wooden door and weighs in at 46 tons! It was supposed to allow the sailor to exit the door with a mine to attach to an enemy vessel. It would have been man powered by 6 to 13 men and was supposed to have a submerged endurance time of 10 hours. Four of the men would turn the cranks attached to the four-blade propeller achieving a speed of four knots. The submarine was made of ½' thick boiler iron and built by American Submarine Company.

There were many successful unofficial trials in the late 1860s after the War, but when the Navy officials came to observe the tests in 1872, the area around the hatch took on water and the tide pushed the submarine under a derrick preventing it from surfacing. The crew was saved, however, the Navy classified it as a failure. It was displayed in the Washington Navy Yard until coming to the Sea Girt Museum in 1999. Steps have been built beneath the Whale so that you can look at the inside!

An amazing and interesting display for all the visitors of the National Guard Militia Museum of NJ in Sea Girt.



### Squan Village Historical Society

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