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# PASSAIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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IN MEMORIAM

HESTER MacDONALD CAPPIO

1903 - 1970

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Mrs. Alfred Cappio, wife of the president of our Society. Born and raised in Wayne, Hester lived out her life in the family home on Valley Road. A retired Paterson public school physical education teacher, she was quite active with our Society and the Garden State and Metropolitan Postcard Collector's Clubs.

In lieu of flowers, the Cappio and MacDonald families had requested that donations be made to the Cancer Society or the Passaic County Historical Society....several such contributions have been received by the Society and a 'Hester Cappio Fund' has been established....a recent visitor to our Museum was Mrs. Eileen Knapp of Lansing, Michigan....Mrs. Knapp was enthralled with our Bertha Koempel Spoon Collection and has given us ideas for attracting others to see this collection....Mayor 'Pat' Kramer has appointed President Al Cappio, Dr. Stanton Hammond and Jerry Nathans to the Passaic Falls Restoration Committee.... Phase I has begun and soon there will be a pedestrian foot bridge across the chasm over the Falls as in days of yore....the upper areas around the stadium are being cleaned and landscaped....old, treasured wrought iron fencing has been donated from various sources to help enhance the area and to preserve it where more people may see and admire it.... begun as a college thesis by Mr. John Young, this National Historic Site has become a major preservation undertaking....Mary Ellen Kramer, wife of the mayor, has been a driving and guiding force in this project....the results of Mary Ellen's and John Young's efforts combined with those of Mrs. Tippie Krugman, Chairman of the Mayor's Cultural Committee, are beginning to show results....visitors to the Museum total over 13000 thus far this year including some from 33 foreign countries, as far away as southeast Asia and South America....recent acquisitions to the Museum include a fragment from a dress worn by Queen Victoria on the 50th anniversary of her reign....the fabric, loomed in the Dexter & Lambert Mills is interwoven with gold thread and was given by Mrs. Rickenberg of Ridgewood....Mrs. Rickenberg also presented 3 books of poems by William Rauchfuss.... a letter dated 1791 from a Mr. Ryerson to Mr. Burhans, along with a beaded change purse initialed 'JTB' (c.1840) were donated by Miss Eleanor Thorp....a book of poems "Morning in Spring", inscribed by Louis Ginsberg, has been presented by him to the Society.... anyone having old photos, documents, books, clippings and other sundry items, which they value but may no longer wish to keep, the Society would be pleased to receive such items.... as much information about each item as can be provided for retention in our files should accompany the items....thus when the need arises to publish such material, we shall have it on hand....the Society is also in a position to photocopy material which members might feel we should preserve....rare and unusual items should be duplicated in the event that an original is misplaced or accidentally destroyed....

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Alfred Cappio, *President*  
 Helen Malcolm, *Treasurer*  
 Jerome Nathans, *Secretary*  
 Edward M. Graf, *Curator*

Membership categories  
 General, \$4.00 annually  
 Sustaining, \$10.00 annually  
 Contributing, \$25.00 annually  
 Special Student, \$2.00 annually

MUSEUM HOURS:  
 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
 1 - 4:45 P. M.  
 Saturday and Sunday  
 11 A. M. - 4:45 P. M.  
 Admission is free at all times.

*NEW MEMBERS*

The Society welcomes the following who have recently become Members:

Sustaining

Mrs. F.B. Case, Ridgewood, N.J.  
 Mr. Henry A. Newbold, Paterson, N.J.  
 Mrs. George H. Stickney, Jr., Ramsey, N.J.  
 Mr. George H. Stickney, Jr., Ramsey, N.J.

General

Miss Helen Acheson, Whiting, N.J.  
 Mr. Phil Brussel, Passaic, N.J.  
 Mr. Robert R. Goller, East Paterson, N.J.