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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2002 at 10 a.m.**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND EXHUMATION**  
**BRING A SHOVEL!**

July 22, 2002

Dear PMA Members:

I sincerely thank all of you who have newly joined the PMA as well as those who have renewed their memberships. If you are not on the attached membership list for 2002, you will be removed from our mailing list after today.

We had some excitement at the Jail in May when the Ghostbusters returned with a medium who felt a "presence" in the exercise yard near the back corner closest to the Olde Courthouse. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Ghostbusters, they are a local group who endeavor to detect ghosts. What they do with the ghosts when they find them is unclear. In any event, they think our Jail is loaded with them, and they've been here several times over the past few years with their elaborate orb-detecting equipment. As I understand it, an orb is a ball of energy which indicates the presence of spirits.

You can imagine the pandemonium which broke out when our curator advised the group that an executed convict had been interred in the yard. Of course, the medium had not researched the old newspaper accounts and was *completely* surprised by this information.

The convict was Joseph Clough, who was hanged on July 26, 1833 for the murder of Mary Hamilton. The execution took place before 1200 witnesses on Marne Highway at a location thereafter known as "Clough's Hollow".

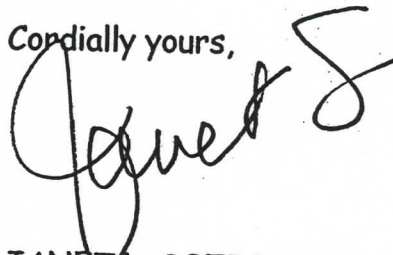
Clough was a 28-year-old stone mason who boarded in Bordentown at the home of the victim's mother. He became enamored of Mary, who refused his attentions. Despondent, he went on a two-day bender in New York City, and upon his return, called Mary to his room, where he proposed marriage. Her response, "Not in your reduced circumstances", sent him into a rage. He grabbed her with one arm around her neck. With the other hand he pulled from his pocket a dagger which he used to stab her into eternity. The jury was out for all of two hours. After swinging in the summer breeze for about 30 minutes, his earthly remains were put into a mahogany box which, for some reason, was then buried in the back yard instead of a cemetery. My guess is that he had no family to bury him, and the Freeholders didn't want to spring for the cost of a plot.

We've scheduled a general membership meeting for Saturday, September 21 at 10 a.m. Weather permitting, we will enjoy our traditional coffee and donuts in the exercise yard on our three new picnic tables, which hopefully will be delivered by then. They cost \$1,500, so they should be real humdingers. Those in attendance will receive a complimentary copy of the *Wesley Warner* book, which should also be printed by that time. We are also again issuing membership cards; those in attendance will receive theirs at the meeting, and I will mail the remainder out along with the fall newsletter.

If we have the time and inclination at the meeting, we might just dig up old Joe, dust him off, prop him up and watch those orbs fly!

Hope to see you on September 21. Until then, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet L. Sozio", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

JANET L. SOZIO  
President

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