



TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE

Newsletter

175th Special Anniversary Edition

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2019 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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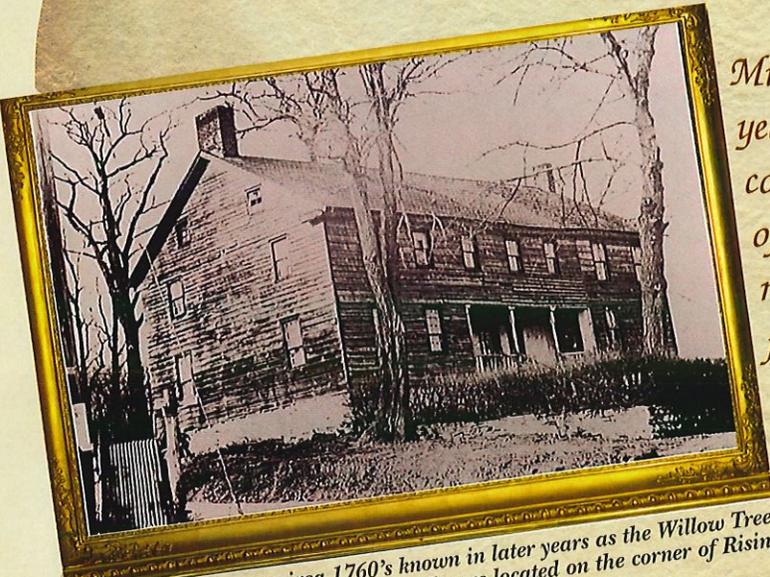
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“Let’s celebrate Millstone Township’s 175 year anniversary” starting with a “Paper Trail” at Millstone Day September 22nd

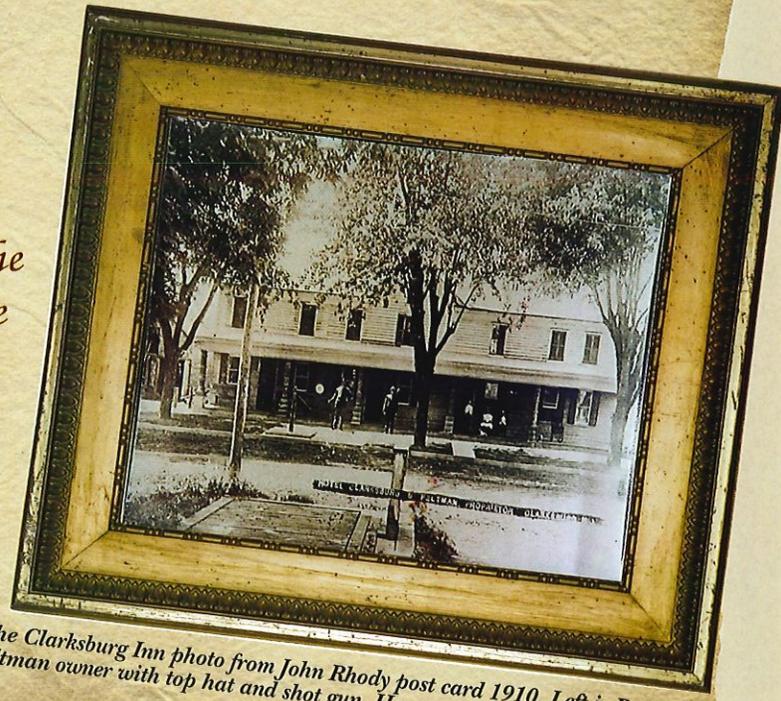


The Rising Sun Tavern circa 1760's known in later years as the Willow Tree. It was our first business establishment. It was located on the corner of Rising Sun and Stagecoach Rd. Building was removed in 1948.

Millstone Township is celebrating its 175 year anniversary this year! We would like to commemorate that milestone by leaving a part of Millstone as we know it today for our future residents with a paper trail or a “Time Capsule”. So join in the fun, leaving a part of your legacy behind to be rediscovered again 75 years from now!

The capsule will be buried in the new park at the grand opening ceremonies next year. The capsule will be opened in 2094! The residents then will be celebrating Millstone’s 250-year milestone! Let’s be part of the celebration by introducing ourselves, sharing our stories and pictures.

“The residents of today”!



The Clarksburg Inn photo from John Rhody post card 1910. Left is Barney Feltman owner with top hat and shot gun. He was also a constable in town.

Excerpt from the act of the
SIXTY-EIGHT GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Millstone Incorporation:

SEC.1. Be it enacted by the council and general assembly of this state and its is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that all that part of the township of Upper Freehold in the county of Monmouth, and of the township of Monroe, in the county of Middlesex, lying within the boundaries and descriptions following, to wit:-Beginning in the middle of the Mount Holly Road near Ashers Smith's Tavern and wherer the road to Preston's factory strikes the same, in the Township of Freehold; hence running along the middle of the road leading from the said Smith's Tavern, to Hannah Clayton's Inn to where the public roads cross near the said Inn: thence following the middle of the public road northerly to a point opposite the dwelling house of William Osborn; thence north twenty-nine degrees west, to the County line between Monmouth and Middlesex; hence westerly in a direct line through the township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, to the bridge over the Millstone Brook, on the public road, near Daniel D. Reed's dwelling house, hence down the middle of the said Millstone Brook, until it reaches the County line between Mercer and Middlesex at or near the head of Peter Wikoff's mill pond; thence southerly, following the said county line to the Monmouth county line; thence southwesterly following the said Monmouth County line to the bridge over the Assanpink Brook easterly, till it strikes the bridge on the land of Joseph I. Ely, son of Isaac Ely, dec'd in the middle of the new road leading from Hightstown to Britton's Tavern, sometimes called the Stone Tavern; thence southerly in a direct line to a point in the public road one rod west of said Britton's Tavern, thence running as the needle now points south six degrees and thirty minutes east, over Sugar-loaf Hill, to the Ivanhoe or north branch of Laharway Creek; hence up the middle of said Ivanhoe to its head, at a spring near the late residence of Elisha Karr, deceased; thence northeasterly along the middle of the said Mount Holly road, to the place of beginning, shall be, and hereby is set off from the said townships of Upper Freehold and Freehold, in the County of Monmouth and Monroe in the County of Middlesex, and made a separate township to be called and known by the name of the "Township of Millstone" and that all of that part of the said township of Monroe, and the County of Middlesex which lies within the above mentioned boundaries, shall be and the same is hereby attached to and made a part of the County of Monmouth, and shall be subject to all the laws which the County of Monmouth now is or may be subject to and it said line shall hereafter be the boundary lines between this said County of Monmouth and County of Middlesex.

SEC.3 And be it enacted that the inhabitants of the said township of Millstone hereby created shall hold their first annual town-meeting at the Inn of Ezekiel Davison in the village of Perrineville, in the said township of Millstone, on the day appointed by law of holding the annual town meeting in the other townships in the county of Monmouth.

SEC.7 and be it enacted, that the act shall take effect and go into operation immediately after the passage thereof.



Union Hotel established in 1821. It was once located on Windsor Road-Perrineville and Prodelin Way. It was where our first township meeting took place. Lost to fire in 1975.

Passed February 28, 1844 (original document wording)

"PAPER TRAIL" TIME CAPSULE CELEBRATION

What is a time capsule? It is anything that encapsulates time. Our capsule will be a 30 gallon stainless steel drum that was donated by our neighbor, William Guttridge, Jr. It will preserve our town and citizens' history in document form.

The first capsule was created for the 1939 New York World's Fair. How interesting is that!!

We want this to be a great success. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- The drum will be in the Municipal Building located at 470 Stagecoach Road from September 23rd until December 31st. Your documents can be dropped into the capsule anytime during this time period. Write about what interest you; the town, your family, genealogy information, etc. It's about US! Your privacy will be the utmost importance. The Township Historian will be in charge of this project and privacy will be our top concern.

- Letters to the future are best printed or written with pencil on acid free paper. Do not use pens or markers. Today's black printer ink is designed to last 100 + years.

- Good quality paper, however, is a must. Quality paper would be acid free containing at least 25% cotton, 100% is best! Examples would be résumé paper or printer paper that states acid free. Store your document also in acid free envelopes.

For your convenience the Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties will be giving away paper and envelopes at Millstone Day on September 22.

- Pictures PLEASE! If possible, black and white is best. Make sure you mark them in pencil, not pen ink, with the dates, names and locations of the photo. Let's not be a mystery to our future audience. Drop them into an acid free envelope.

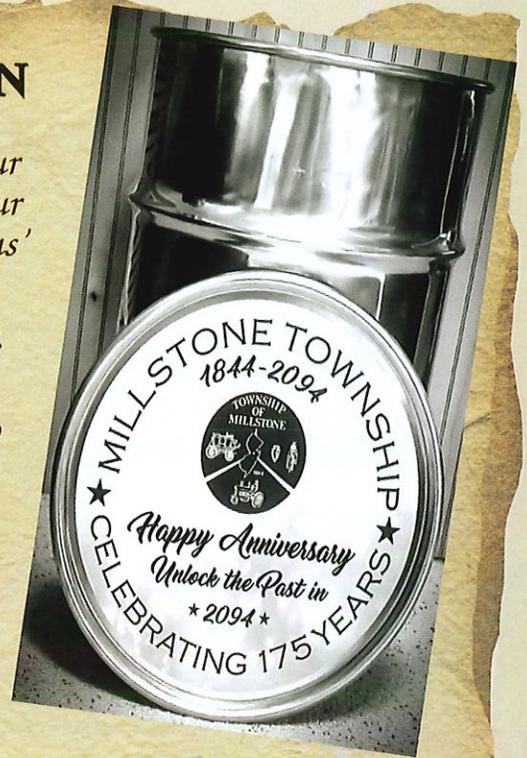
- Newspaper articles, best to copy them. No staples, rubber bands, paper clips, wool, hair.

- Limiting donations to paper only. Don't forget to drop a business card into the drum.

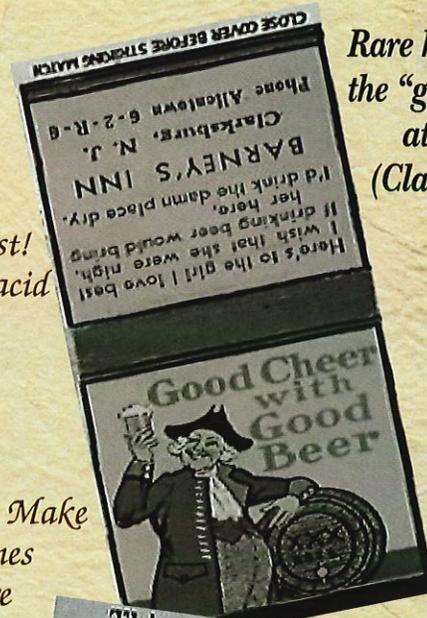
- It goes without saying, but no fire arms, weapons of any sort, liquid, food, clothing, batteries. Paper only!!

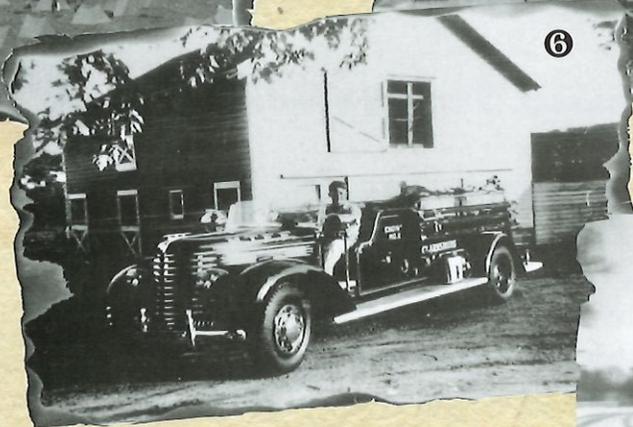
QUESTIONS: When in doubt please call Doreen Polhemus 609-578-8966 or email save-history@optonline.net

Would you like to join in the fun, but can't get to the Municipal Building. Let us know, someone will be happy to make a house call. You may also mail in your donations, just mark it "Time Capsule" to Millstone Township Municipal Building, 470 Stagecoach Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08510.



Rare keepsake from the "good old days" at Barneys. (Clarksburg Inn)





1. 16th M Camp Clarksburg NJ 5-11-1923. We have no information. Can anyone help?
2. Picture taken at 475 Stagecoach Rd. A working farm family heading to the fields. Haviland family 1915.
3. Haviland Homestead circa 1917 on Stagecoach Rd. Clarksburg.
4. Sporting a model T Ford, Pete Nurko and the boys hunting on the farm. Picture 1938.
5. Built in 1845 as a general store, later became the Grange or Redman's Hall on Stagecoach Rd. across from the location of the Inn. It was next to a lace factory that was destroyed by a lightning fire in 1972.
6. George Ruther showing the Fire companies "first" a brand new 1941 Engine #2 Diamond Rio. The cost for this beauty was \$3,662.00. Pictured in front of the Clarksburg Inn's barn. Photo courtesy of Millstone Township Fire Co.
7. Perrineville Lake. Circa 1910. Possible location for David Perrine's first Grist Mill, and later Saw Mill. During the 1940's and 50's it was a hot spot for vacationers. Cottages lined the area, and some remain today. The big building was the Tolland Bar and snack shack near the water's edge. Picture 1940's.
8. Kreutners General Store, once located across from the Clarksburg Inn on Stagecoach Rd. Photo 1942.

ABOUT MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP

Millstone Township is located in the southwestern section of Monmouth County, New Jersey. The residents still enjoy the beautiful landscape our town's forefathers enjoyed centuries ago. Our first residents were the Lenni-Lenape Indians. Later, the Europeans came to clear land for homesteads, which in turn became our farmlands. Our town is named after the Millstone River that originates in the Township. The river was first named by the Lenni-Lenape Indians as the Mattawong and was later renamed. Seven waterways originate in this area: Millstone River, Rocky Brook, Ivanhoe Brook, Manalapan Brook, Assunpink Creek, Toms River and Doctors Creek.

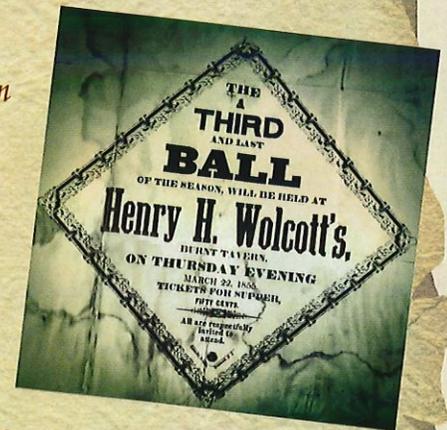


July, 1940

Many acts of the legislature took place to carve out our boundaries as we know them today. Millstone Township was formed from surrounding borders from Freehold, Monroe and Upper Freehold Township. The municipality was formed and incorporated by an act of legislation on February 28, 1844. It contains a grand total of 23,700 acres, 37.36 miles of rolling countryside located in the heart of New Jersey. It is in the middle of Monroe Township in Middlesex County; Manalapan Township, Freehold Township, Upper Freehold Township and Roosevelt Borough in Monmouth County; Jackson Township in Ocean County and East Windsor in Mercer County. Because of our location and boundaries, we once had eight different postal codes!

The Township, in its infancy, was comprised of many historic villages. To list a few: Carr's Tavern, Holmeson, Smithburg, Sweetman, Bergen Mills, Bairdsville, Stone Tavern, Clarksburg and Perrineville. The last two remain today as a witness of our past. Clarksburg was said to have been settled in the pre-revolutionary era by an English Tanner named Clark. John Perrine purchased a large tract of land north of Clarksburg which became known as Perrineville.

Our Township is rich in history. During the American Revolutionary War, our Township held a secret post for the Continental Army. It was called Signal Beacon Number 21. That was made possible because our landscape once contained many high hills. General George Washington used the Rising Sun Tavern as an outpost during the war. The British General Sir Henry Clinton made his headquarters here also. The Tavern was our first place of business dating back to around 1760. It accommodated such travelers as Benjamin Franklin and Joseph Bonaparte. Unfortunately, the building was lost many years ago. It was located on the corner of Route 524 Stagecoach Rd and Rising Sun Tavern Rd.



Governor Joel Parker was born in Millstone. President Theodore Roosevelt enjoyed our countryside surroundings so much, he had a presidential retreat here. Our surrounding roads contain stories and folklore filled with riches from our past. One such road is called Paint Island Spring. It was named early in the 1800's for its now long forgotten spring. At one time, it was used by the Native Americans for the attractive colors it produced. Later, doctors prescribed its waters for medicinal purposes. It was once so visited that it became a park for all to enjoy.

Our Township boards and commissions take an active role in keeping safe the principles from what makes Millstone unique among our neighbors. We work hard to keep an equal balance between our farmland and developments. We do our best to save the old along with the new and to keep our countryside green and our waters free from pollution. We call ourselves an "environmentally concerned community", a standard we hold high. We also hold high standards in our school system and it shows in the fine students and grades they earn. It's no wonder this area is a very desirable place to raise a family. Whether it's preserving the land or the past, we strive to protect the precious gift we call home.

Doreen Polhemus, Township Historian

1. July 1940 Conover family bring in hay for the winter months.
2. This poster may very well be the last item from the Burnt Tavern once located in the Charleston Springs part of town.
3. The Perrineville General Store was located on the corner of Millstone Rd. and Sweetmans Route 1.

Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties is a 501c3 non-profit organization created in 2012 and dedicated to the furthering of public interest in conservation, preservation, knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the history of Millstone Township and Monmouth County. It provides its community and other constituent groups with educational activities, exhibitions, hands-on programs and provide access for research of the history of the Township as well as identifying objects and property significant to our history.

Volunteers are needed.
www.savinghistorywithfriends.org



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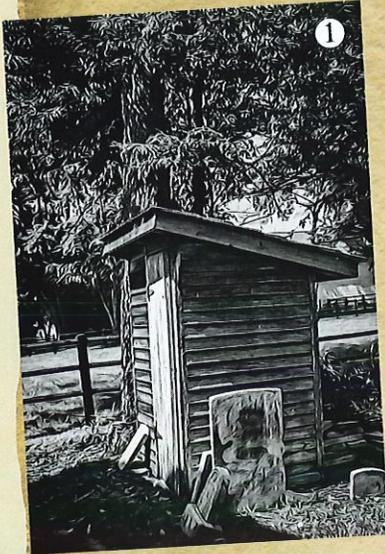


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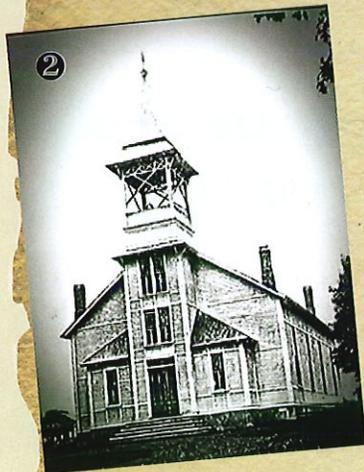
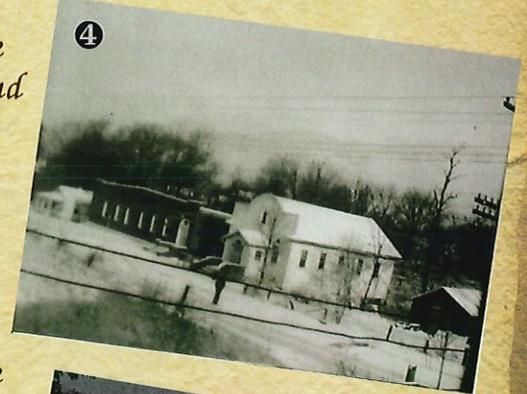
1. *The Community Center at 463 Stagecoach Rd. was the location of the second Fire House in 1941. The truck is sporting an alternate means of transportation.*
2. *Follow the signs to the Baird Homestead, 24 Baird Rd.*
3. *By gone days.*
4. *Thomas Baird Homestead built 1830. The Baird family were prominent early settlers in the Township owning property in Millstone Township for almost 300 years.*
5. *The Clarksburg School House, located at 510 Stagecoach Rd., built 1850. The town outgrew the one room house and built a new one in 1926, which is now our Municipal Building located at 470 Stagecoach Rd. Picture 1942.*

Letter from the Towns Historian



Millstone Township is celebrating 175 years of history! A lot of people have lived, worked and played here, created the beautiful township we call home. We hope you enjoy the glimpse of history shared in this newsletter.

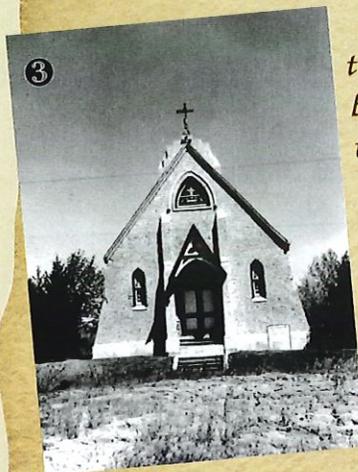
When this day is over, it's HISTORY. We live it, reflect on it, cherish it, collect it, and mourn with it. It connects us all. Some times in our busy day-to-day, we take the past for granted. Please stop for a moment and think, if no one took the time to save history, how different our lives and landscape would be. How many times have I heard, "Why didn't someone do something about it!" Why can't that someone be YOU?



The Historic Preservation Commission, as well as the Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties, need your help. We can't save our past with just a few. IT TAKES A VILLAGE! Please visit www.savinghistorywithfriends.org or you can email mtfriendsofhistory@gmail.com or save-history@optonline.net.



Speaking of saving history, please join in the fun of the Paper Trail or "TIME CAPSULE". Document your life experiences in the town. Don't forget pictures and your hopes and dreams for the future "Millstonians". The capsule will be opened in 2094, celebrating Millstone Township's 250th year! Hope to see you there!!



We enjoy sharing memories and photos of the past. We're very sorry if we left a picture or information out from your neck of the Township. That's because we don't have it! Please share your history with us.

Doreen Polhemus
Township Historian
save-history@optonline.net

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory". Dr. Seuss

1. This beauty is located at the Clarksburg Cultural Center, for memories only Please!
2. United Presbyterian Church of Millstone, dates their roots back to the late 1700's in this area. The structure that stands today was built in 1884, after a fire destroyed the original structure that same year. 211 Millstone Rd.
3. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, built in 1879. Originally located at the corners of Stillhouse and Sweetmans Rds. It was taken down in 2009.
4. The first Hebrew Farmers Association of Perrineville built in 1926. Today it's known as the Perrineville Jewish Community Center.
5. Clarksburg Methodist Church, built in 1844. It is now called Clarksburg Cultural Center located on 512 Stagecoach Rd.

MILLSTONE DAY

spend time with friends and meet new neighbors!



September 22, 2019

7 Yellow Meeting House Road

SOME OF THIS YEAR'S FESTIVITIES:

- Swimming, paddle boats, tennis, mini-golf, music, arts & crafts
- Food vendors, Elks Beer Garden
- Vendors and group displays throughout the camp
- Inflatable area (fee applies)



Millstone Township Recreation

online registration available www.millstonerec.org

When you visit a historic site or hold in your hand an old tool, have you ever imaged what it might have been like to live in that era, even for a few minutes? When standing under an ancient tree, do you wonder what tales it could tell, if it could?

Those wishing a receipt by mail will please enclose a stamped envelope.

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP TAX BLANK FOR 1898.

Mr. Junio Conover

Your Taxes for the year 1898 are as follows:

Number	of Tax	of Tax	County Tax	State Tax	County Tax	State Tax	Total
Dogs	1						
Poll	126						
Number of acres of Land	3500						
Value of real estate	500						
Value of personal property	3000						
Deductions for debts	1000	1000.00					
Taxable balance			6.16	2.77	4.18	15.17	
				1700.00		1729	

RECEIVED PAYMENT

J. S. Smith
Collector.

The Rate of Taxation on \$1,000 is \$13.16

Noted for County Expenses \$3.16
 " School " 2.77
 " Bonds " 2.23
 " Poor " 1.10
 " Ways, means etc. 4.90

Rated for Board of Education & 50.

The Collector will by at the following places to receive by mail, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. At the hotel of Charles F. Daxson, on Tuesday, November 19th, 1898. At the hotel of Wm. H. Hutton, Clark'sburg, on Tuesday, November 19th, 1898. At the hotel of Charles F. Daxson, on Tuesday, November 19th, 1898. At the hotel of Wm. H. Hutton, Clark'sburg, on Tuesday, November 19th, 1898.

Time and its history connect every generation. It is hard to imagine what 75 years from now will look like. On the flip side, Millstonians of that day will want to know about the days long gone. Please let's give them a glimpse of our lives with your thoughts on paper. Image how thrilled they will be, opening up our Time Capsule for the first time. An era will unfold for them. Be a part of history.

JUST IMAGE!

Stop by the Friends of Millstone Historic Registered Properties table for your paper and envelopes to get you started on your journey through time.

A tax bill for 1898. Notice the Dog Tax and Poll Tax. The School Tax was still high. Still I bet we all would take this bill today!