

Kramer Hall Hosts Digitization Day to Preserve the Past as Part of Hammonton History Project

Digitization Day to be Held April 2, Part of Hammonton's 150th Celebration

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Galloway, NJ –Stockton University will host a Digitization Day on **Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** at the Kramer Hall instructional site, located at 30 Front St. in Hammonton, as a part of the town's 150th Anniversary Celebration. The event is part of the Hammonton History Project, created in partnership with the Town of Hammonton and the Hammonton Sesquicentennial Committee.

The community is invited to bring historical photographs, postcards, documents and artifacts related to the Town of Hammonton to Kramer Hall to be digitized. The items will be scanned, photographed and immediately returned to the owner with a digital copy on a USB drive. If an item is too large to carry, contact Christina Birchler at 609-626-3840 or via email at Christina.Birchler@stockton.edu.

The community's contributions are critical so that local treasures are included in this digital record of Hammonton history for all residents – past, present, and future! The project will continue to expand as new material becomes available.

Digitization Day will also include lectures by Gabe Donio, owner and founder of the Hammonton Gazette, and historian Paul Schopp, assistant director of the South Jersey Culture and History Center, which is housed at Stockton. Guests will be able to share oral histories related to their item, or memory from the Town of Hammonton, which will be captured digitally.

The Hammonton History Project, utilizing the power and reach of the internet and the latest in digital technology, provides a window into the Town of Hammonton's history and progress since its incorporation in 1866.

Visitors can access historic images, videos and documents related to Hammonton through the Richard E. Bjork Library's Digital Collections at Stockton University. -more-

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Thousands of images from the Hammonton Historical Society, Stockton University and individual community members have already been digitized and catalogued in order to display aspects of the rich culture and history found in Hammonton. Images catalogued include churches, schools, streets, parades, farms, modes of transportation, parks, businesses, industries and people.

For more information on Sesquicentennial events, activities and classes at Kramer Hall, visit Stockton.edu/Hammonton.

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