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George Joynson, Ed Eckert, and Dick Frenkiel to Speak on Inventions During 2017 Archives Week

MANALAPAN, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is announcing that the County Clerk's annual Archives Week seminars kick off on Oct. 11 with two presentations related to the Archives' annual exhibit, this year on inventors and innovators in Monmouth County. The events will take place at the Monmouth County Library HQ in Manalapan.

George Joynson of the Monmouth County Archives staff will begin the day's programs at 10 a.m. with "From Convicts to Colonels: Monmouth County Inventors."

County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon noted, "George's three published books on Monmouth County history, including one on inventors, makes him ideally suited to address this topic."

According to Joynson, "The US Patent Office has issued over 10,000 patents to Monmouth County residents, more than any other county in New Jersey. "This talk takes a look at some of the famous and some not so famous inventions from county residents, and the lives of inventors."

Complimentary refreshments will be available at 9:30 a.m. before the lecture, which will be introduced by County Archivist Gary D. Saretzky.

At 1 p.m., Ed Eckert, Corporate Archivist and Sr. Manager of IIS Intellectual Property Services for Nokia Bell Labs, will entertain with “Nokia Bell Labs: Nine Decades of Inventing the Future.” He will be introduced by County Historian Randall Gabrielan.

Bell Labs, which for decades had a facility in Holmdel, was responsible for some of the technological breakthroughs covered in the Archives’ exhibit. Founded in 1925, Bell Labs pioneered innovations such as the first transistor, the solar cell, communications satellites, cellular telephones, UNIX software, digital cameras, lasers and much more. Research at Bell Labs has garnered them countless technology awards including eight Nobel Prizes, an EMMY, an Oscar and two Grammys. This talk will cover the projects that led to these innovations with specific emphasis on activities in the Monmouth County area, including the cell phone system.

For those seeking to make the entire day an educational experience, the Library is sponsoring another lecture, unrelated to the invention theme, at 3 p.m. on Oct. 11 by Dr. Paul Zigo, Director of the WWII Studies Institute on “The Battle for Guadalcanal, August 1942.” All the presentations are free and no registration is required.

The exhibit, “New Jersey in Focus: Inventors and Innovators in Monmouth County,” will be installed on Oct. 2 in the library. A catalog will be available on Archives and History Day, Oct. 14. That event will feature a lecture by Dr. Paul Israel, Director and General Editor of the Thomas Edison Papers, as well as displays by more than 60 history organizations, awards presentations, a History Game with prizes, and a tour of the Monmouth County Archives, for which a reservation is required.

Archives Week closes with a talk at the library at 7 p.m. on Oct. 19, “Wires and Waves: How We All Got Connected. A Brief History of Modern Communications,” to be presented by Dr. Richard Frenkiel, Senior Advisor, WINLAB, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Rutgers University, and one of the inventors of the cell phone system when he worked at Bell Labs.

For a complete Archives Week program, please visit the Monmouth County Clerk’s Archives Division on the web at www.VisitMonmouth.com/Archives or contact the Monmouth County Archives at 732 - 308 - 3771 or email CountyClerk@co.monmouth.nj.us.

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