

“East Amwell and the American Civil War”



The East Amwell Historical Society

Presents:

John Allen, local historian and EAHS Board Member

March 9 at 7 PM

**At the East Amwell Municipal Building,
Rt 202/31 South, Ringoes NJ 08551**

~ Small donation requested at the door ~

The Civil War ended in May 1865 with the surrender of the last significant Confederate field Army. Thus ended the four-year long “National Nightmare”.

However, its influence did not end with that final surrender. It affected the daily life of both soldiers and civilians during the conflict and its direct effects lingered in the Nation (and in East Amwell Township) as long as a veteran’s memory survived, *well* into the 20th Century. Our last “direct” memory of fighting for the Union died with Jacob Dalrymple when he passed away in 1932. But its indirect effects linger with us to this day.

This presentation highlights the contributions of the Home Front as well as those of the veterans who served the Union cause in the Volunteer Army:

- ... what they did,
- ... where they lived following the War,
- ... and how they suffered post-1865.

In an attempt to explain why “we see what we see” in our cemeteries - both National and Local - it is important to understand the evolution of the Federal Government’s policy in dealing with war casualties. A short synopsis of policy evolution will be included. Some of the final resting places in the Township are highlighted.

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