



# The Tewksbury Historical Society

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## 2020 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY AND LECTURE BY BRIAN ARMSTRONG ON PROHIBITION & NEW JERSEY: 1919-1933

**Sunday, March 15, 2020 @ 1 pm – Society Headquarters  
60 Water Street - Mountainville**

### **Prohibition and New Jersey, 1919-1933.**

Come hear Brian Armstrong lecture about how Prohibition came to be passed, the problems with enforcement, and how it ultimately was repealed. The unforeseen consequences of the “noble experiment” such as increasing the size of government and the development of organized crime will also be discussed. The repeal of Prohibition in 1933 was the only time in US history when an amendment to the US Constitution (18<sup>th</sup>) was removed by another amendment (21<sup>st</sup>).



Brian Armstrong is an independent historian, researcher and author who frequently lectures throughout the state on local history. He was born in Flemington New Jersey and grew up in Stanton, New Jersey. Armstrong received a bachelor’s degree in History and Political Science from American University in Washington, D.C. He was President of the South River Historical & Preservation Society for ten years and is now the Vice-President, Central Region, for the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey.

In 2015, Armstrong co-wrote the Arcadia Book, South River, with Stephanie Bartz and Nan Whitehead. On August 19, 2019, his book, The Franklin Park Tragedy. A Forgotten Story of Racial Injustice in New Jersey,” was published by The History Press. Armstrong frequently writes articles for the Bar Harbor Historical Society in Bar Harbor, Maine where his mother’s

family lived for several hundred years. He is currently working on a book about the resort town for release in 2021.

Mr. Armstrong lectures throughout the state on historical topics such as Women's Suffrage and the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, Prohibition, World War I, the Spanish Influenza, and political history. He is a collector of US Presidential election memorabilia and is a member of American Political Items Collectors (APIC).

In the event of inclement weather (snow or ice) the meeting will be cancelled. Check the Society's website at [www.tewksburyhistory.net](http://www.tewksburyhistory.net) or call 908-832-6734 for more information or to check for any cancellation.