



**EAST AMWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS**

*THE CENSUS THAT TAKES YOU BACK TO
THE HERITAGES OF THE TOWNSHIP DURING 1870*

This intriguing presentation focuses on who the movers and shakers of East Amwell were nearly 150 years ago! Plus describes what families were like here and what they did to put food on their tables.

Find out as East Amwell Historical Society member John Allen shares the findings of his research using the 1870 Federal Census alongside the 1873 Beers map to create a fascinating snapshot of the township in the late 19th century.

"The Census enumerated 1,802 souls, a total Township population that wasn't surpassed until 1960!" Allen said.

Allen will discuss why this happened, highlighting the risky lives led by many of our predecessors. With 42% of the heads of households in town listing "Famer" as their occupation, and an additional 21% identifying themselves as "farm laborers," East Amwell was clearly a rural, agricultural community.

Both familiar and unfamiliar names – wealthy individuals and not -- are briefly discussed and the positive state of preservation in the Township is highlighted.

Allen earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and a master's from Rutgers University, both in geology. After 34 years as a petroleum geologist, and living on three continents, he retired in 2013. Allen also serves on the board of trustees of the Hunterdon County Historical Society and is a member of East Amwell's Historic Preservation Committee.

**Friday, April 21
7:00 pm**

at:

**East Amwell
Township Hall
Rt 31/202 South
Ringoes NJ 08551**

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another FUN
evening with the
Historical Society!**

**NO RESERVATIONS
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WORK TO RESTORE
THE CLAWSON HOUSE**