

The Bergen County Historical Society Celebrates

Harvest Homecoming

**PUMPKIN
PICKING
- FREE**

Make a Corn Husk Doll

in the Meadow
& by Demarest House

To first 75 children

Come home to history



STEUBEN HOUSE: Antique Books for Sale • Tours & Exhibit including “New Bridge in American Revolution Maps”

CAMPBELL-CHRISTIE HOUSE TAVERN: New Bridge Cider Donuts & Refreshments Available • Gift Shop

WESTERVELT-THOMAS BARN: Tombstone Exhibit: Photos & Rubbings w/ Museum Guide • Brass Rubbing Take-Away • Large Interactive Map showing obstacles Washington faced

CAMPBELL-CHRISTIE HOUSE GARDEN: Gate open to tour.

DEMAREST HOUSE: Open for Tours. See the bed George Washington slept in
- a family tradition handed down with bed.

JERSEY DUTCH OUTKITCHEN: Open Hearth Cooking

Adults: \$10, Students: \$7, BCHS Members Free

Your donation is fully-tax deductible to the extent allowed by law

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Bergen County,
Where America Begins

Historic New Bridge Landing

VISITING HISTORIC NEW BRIDGE LANDING

New Bridge served as a battleground, fort, encampment ground, military headquarters, and intelligence-gathering post in every year of the American Revolution. The Steuben House, c. 1752 and a state-historic site, is the only extant building from the 1776 Retreat through Bergen County — Thomas Paine wrote about George Washington leading the troops across the New Bridge in the narrow escape "Retreat to Victory". For 2 weeks in 1780, the Steuben House was Washington's HQ and it has been the Bergen County Historical Society's HQ since 1939. HNBL is open for events by BCBS, the grounds are open dawn to dusk.

BCBS is the largest landowner at HNBL and the largest historical society in New Jersey. We rely on donations and membership. Our collections were begun in 1902 when the organization was founded. They represent the largest collection of artifacts and documents reflecting the history of Bergen County.

DIRECTIONS to HNBL - 1201 Main Street, River Edge, NJ. Nearest crossroads, Hackensack Avenue & Kinderkamack Rd. Historic New Bridge Landing is located on the west bank of the Hackensack River on Main Street, River Edge, NJ. Nearby streets are marked with brown Historic New Bridge Landing signs. HNBL is only 7 miles west from the George Washington Bridge and New York City. The houses are connected by an ADA gravel walking path and are accessible to wheel chairs. The Demarest House Museum (No. 5 on map) is not accessible to wheel chairs, there are 2 steps.

By Car: From Exit 161 on the Garden State Parkway North or Rt. 17, take exit for **Route 4 East** and travel about 2 miles, take the exit for **Hackensack Ave. North / River Edge** and proceed north on Hackensack Ave through 2 traffic lights and bear right onto the jughandle to Main St., River Edge. Parking is on left by the HNBL Blue Sign ("P" on map). Historic buildings are located on along north side of Main St. and east of Hackensack Ave.

From S. Washington Ave / Teaneck Rd, take New Bridge Road West. After crossing the Hackensack River, New Bridge Landing is located on the left side of the road. You may want to make the next right & go around the block to enter from Main Street.

By Train: Take the Pascack Valley line (NJ Transit) to "New Bridge Landing at River Edge" train stop. Walk across the tracks to Hackensack Avenue. Walk one block north to traffic light. At the light walk cross Hackensack Avenue, traveling east on Main Street.

Historic New Bridge Landing, 1201-1209 Main Street River Edge, NJ 07661. 201-343-9492. Mobile App tour available, www.bergencountyhistory.org/mobile/hnbl_tour.html. Visit our website for more information - www.BergenCountyHistory.org. We stock the 2 info kiosks with site brochures & event calendar which are also available on our website for printout.

Historic New Bridge Landing Battleground in the American Revolution



Who was Steuben?

Baron von Steuben offered his services "as a Volunteer" to the American Congress in December 1777. He is best remembered for organizing & training the Continental troops at Valley Forge. He was commissioned Inspector-General, May 5, 1778.

Baron Von Steuben:
b. 1730 Magdeburg, Germany
d. 1794 Oneida County, NY

1-1/2 Blocks: New Bridge Landing Train Station on the Pascack Valley Line

INFO KIOSK

PARKING

Jughandle

HACKENSACK AVE

NONLINEAR

RIVER EDGE

STAGE COACH ROUTE

MAIN STREET

HACKENSACK RIVER

COLE'S BROOK

Tantaqua's Brook

HACKENSACK

DATE TO 1955

THIS ROAD & BRIDGE

Land donated by BCBS for 1955 County bridge

BCBS donated 1/2 acre to NJ for Steuben House area

BCBS Land

BCBS Land

BCBS Land

STATE Land - One Acre

INFO KIOSK

1776 RETREAT ROUTE

THE MEADOW

10

11

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9

NEW MILFORD

TEANECK

SPOTTED HERE: 6 EAGLES ONE DAY

11 EGRETS ROOSTING IN WILLOW TREES ANOTHER DAY

BRETT PARK

TIDAL RIVER TO NEWARK BAY

REMAINS OF THE SLOOP KATE LAWRENCE See at low tide

FRENCH CREEK

BRIDGE THAT SAVED A NATION

c. 1745 - c. 1889

WALKING TOUR

MANY BIRDS & CRITTERS MAY BE SEEN AT NEW BRIDGE BRING BINOCULARS — SEE WEBSITE FOR LIST

Dogs must be kept on a leash to protect wildlife.

WESTERVELT-THOMAS BARN c. 1889

STEUBEN HOUSE c. 1752 Exhibits & Lectures

DEMAREST HOUSE MUSEUM c. 1794 Exhibits

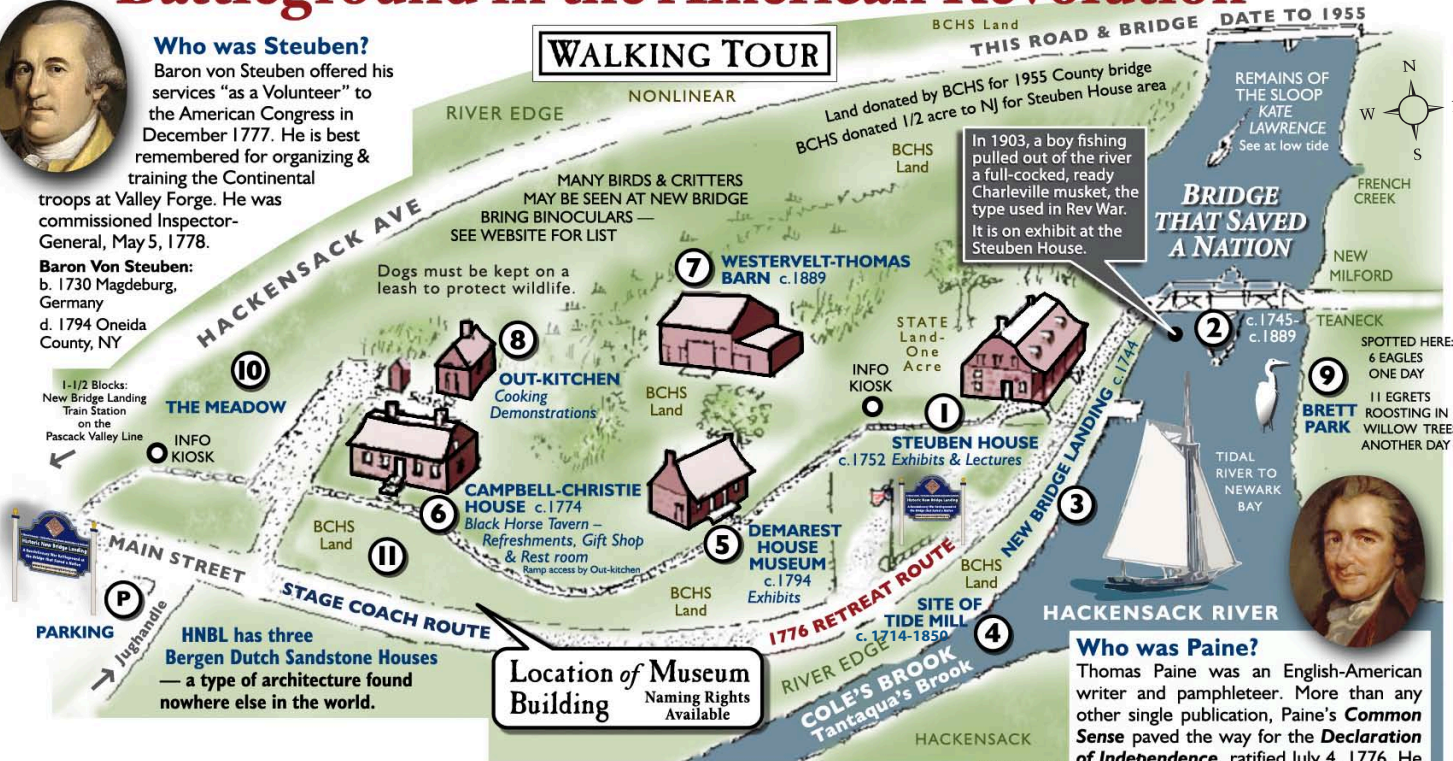
CAMPBELL-CHRISTIE HOUSE c. 1774 Black Horse Tavern - Refreshments, Gift Shop & Rest room Ramp access by Out-kitchen

OUT-KITCHEN Cooking Demonstrations

Location of Museum Building Naming Rights Available

HNBL has three Bergen Dutch Sandstone Houses — a type of architecture found nowhere else in the world.

Map based on one drawn by Clara Thell. Updated by G. Powell.



Home of the Bergen County Historical Society since 1939. The Steuben House is the only extant house that Steuben owned.

HNBL is only open for special events by BCBS, sign up for email blasts at contactBCBS@bergencountyhistory.org
The Bergen County Historical Society is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) volunteer organization, and was founded in 1902.

Who was Paine?
Thomas Paine was an English-American writer and pamphleteer. More than any other single publication, Paine's *Common Sense* paved the way for the *Declaration of Independence*, ratified July 4, 1776. He noted New Bridge in *The American Crisis*.
"Our first object was to secure the bridge over the Hackensack, which laid up the river between the enemy and us..."