



## “USO at The Depot”

“The Glassboro Historical Society held its annual fundraiser, “USO at the Depot” in July- check out the photos!

How much do you know about the USO and World War II? From the uniforms to the snack bars, a lot has changed for the USO since WW2, but some things have stayed the same. Read on to learn more about the USO during WW2.

### 1. USO clubs were everywhere.

Several estimates put the number at roughly 3,000 USO clubs worldwide during World War II. Some were run out of established or newly constructed buildings. Others were run out of homes, barns, museums, railroad sleeping cars and churches. Today, the USO has about 160 locations worldwide.

### 2. Pugilists welcome.

Some USO locations had boxing rings and punching bags, as the sport was far more popular than it is today.

### 3. Smokes, but not booze.

USO snack bars sold cigarettes to troops, but didn't sell liquor. Today, alcohol and tobacco are forbidden, but all snacks at USO locations are free to troops and their families.

### 4. Celebrity waiters.

Stars of the stage and screen weren't just entertainers back in the 1940s. They'd also bring you coffee and a donut. At New York City's famed USO Stage Door Canteen, troops could meet the stars of the day, watch them perform and even be waited on by them. At the USO Hollywood Canteen, some stars worked shifts in the anonymity of the kitchen.

### 5. Keeping uniforms spiffy.

Some World War II-era USO centers offered a button-sewing service.

### 6. The woman in charge.

In keeping with the era's gender roles, many USO clubs had the position of senior hostess. An esteemed woman from the local community, the senior hostess coordinated the junior hostesses and large-scale activities at USO clubs.

### 7. No slacks allowed.

Junior hostesses were arguably the most famous feature of stateside USOs during the World War II era. These young women catered to and danced with troops, among other upkeep duties. They also had a fairly formal dress code — no slacks allowed — compared to today's volunteers.

### 8. \$33 Million.

That's roughly how much money was raised by the USO from its inception in 1941 through the end of World War II in 1945. Thomas Dewey and Prescott Bush spearheaded the fundraising campaign. Factoring in inflation, that's the equivalent of \$433.7 million today.

### 9. USO tours in WW2 were dangerous.

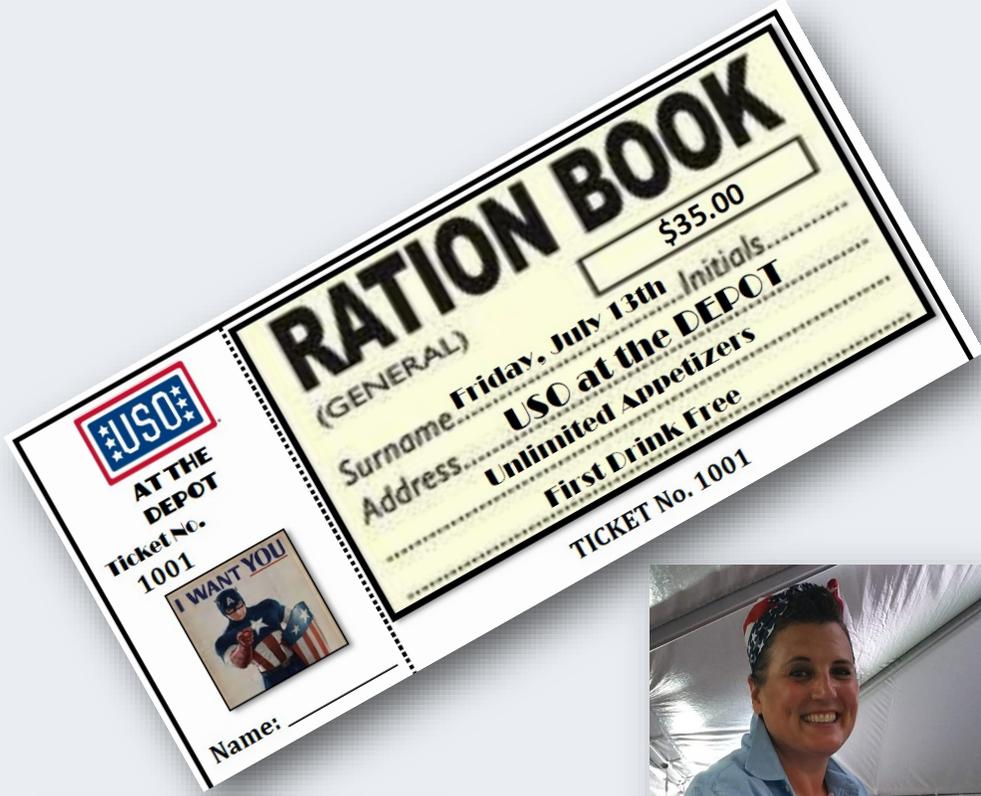
Thirty-seven USO entertainers died during World War II. The most famous entertainer who didn't make it back was legendary big band leader and then-Army Major Glenn Miller, whose plane disappeared over the English Channel on the way to France.

### 10. The world's largest producer of banana splits?

The USO's Honolulu center became famous for making banana splits for troops during World War II. According to the book, *Always Home: 50 Years of the USO*, the center went through nearly a ton of bananas and 250 gallons of ice cream a day at the height of its operation.

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## UPCOMING DATES

December Holiday Open House & Pics with Santa  
Fri. 14th, 21st

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# Start a new family tradition!

## Historic West Jersey Depot Museum

### Holiday Open House Events

Fridays in December - 14th & 21st

6:00 pm till 8:00 pm

354 Oakwood Ave. Glassboro, NJ

- \* Working model train displays
- \* Train station memorabilia
- \* Festive holiday decorations



Free parking is available in the station lot and on Oakwood Avenue.  
All permit parking restrictions on Oakwood Avenue will be lifted during events at the station.

For more information please contact  
Daniele Spence at 609-381-5990 or  
Rich Drobil at 856-298-0298.

**Pets Welcome**



Professional photos with Santa will be available for purchase by Teresart Photography



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\* We respect our members' privacy, and do not give out their e-mail addresses.  
Members are blind CC'd event announcements and other correspondence, and can opt out at any time.

Please indicate level of membership:

- Individual .....\$25
- Family.....\$50
- Student .....\$20
- Senior (62+) .....\$20
- Organization/Group.....\$75
- Business (25 employees or less).....\$250
- Corporate.....\$500
- Corporate Partner .....\$1000
- Individual Lifetime Membership .....\$500

Your membership provides access to all exhibits and events at the Historic West Jersey Depot Museum and Welcome Center, a copy of our quarterly e-newsletter and discounted pricing for special events. All memberships provide the availability to rent the museum for your own private affair or meeting (restrictions apply).

Please make checks payable to “Glassboro Historical Society, Inc.”

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Thank you for helping us preserve the History of Glassboro!

We held our 4th annual Civil War History Day at the depot in October  
Make sure you join us next year!



# Civil War History Day

Sunday, October 28, 2018

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

at

Glassboro Historic West Jersey Depot



# Visit the Heritage Glass Museum

Join Us!

We are open the evening of **December 7th** for the wonderful Christmas tree lighting ceremony: “Boro In Lights”

The 12 days of Christmas bottles will be on display over the holidays.

**Come check us out!!**



Detail of Durand Glass cranberry plate



Paul Stankard, detail of paperweight



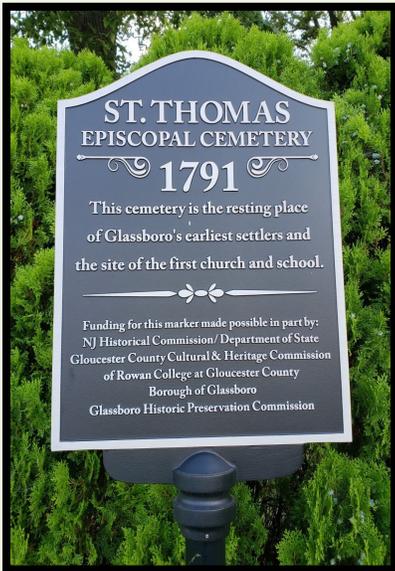
Clevenger Daisy Mold with Pitcher



# Historic Marker Dedication Old St Thomas Cemetery

## Resting place of Glassboro's Founding Families

The old burying ground holds the remains of the early Stangers, the founders of Glassboro and their families. It is believed to be the site of the first St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The cemetery is the resting place of Glassboro's early settlers.



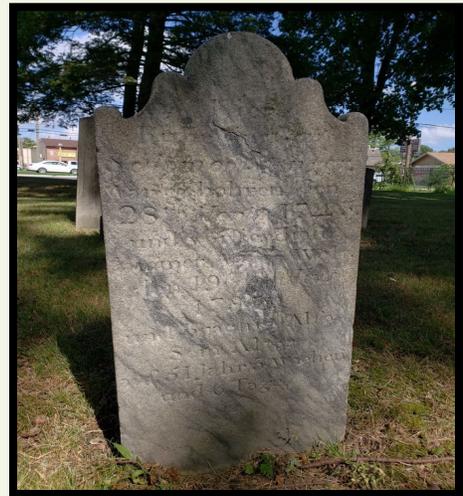
### OLD BURIAL GROUND GRAVE MARKINGS

BODINE, Joel	1819
COHARY, Thomas	1831
DOWN, Mary	1857
PEDRICK, Alfred	1927
HEWITT, Samuel	1873
LUTZ, Daniel	1838
LUTZ, MaryAnn	1839
LUTZ, Daniel	1858
LUTZ, John	1817
LUTZ, Sarah	1950
FEDRICK, Alfred	1903
SHAFFAR, John	can't read
STANGER, Solomon	1794
STANGER, Catherine	1800
STANGER, Jacob	1823
STANGER, Elizabeth	1856
STANGER, William	1836
STANGER, Frederick	1831
STANGER, Darity	can't read
STANGER, Philip	1813
STANGER, Mary	182_
STANGER, Abby	1845
STANGER, Frederick	1831
STANGER, John W.	1813



## One gravestone is inscribed in German for Solomon Stanger (1743-1794).

Hier Ruhet in Gott  
Solomon Stanger  
war gebohren den 28 Mertz, 1743  
Jammer Veslies Welt  
Den 19 ten Julius 1794  
und brochte als Sim Alter  
auf 51 Jahr 3 Waehen  
und 6 Tage



### First Religious Services in Glassboro

The Stangers, prior to coming to their new home at what is now the community of Glassboro, they had been working for Richard Wistar, the owner of the Wistarburg Glass Works, at Lower Alloway Township, in Salem County.

This family of Stangers were an industrial, intelligent and very religious group. When they left the Wistar Works and came to Gloucester County, the distance and bad roads prevented them from traveling to church in Friesburg, so they applied for a visit from the nearby Swedish Church's pastor, Dr. Nicholas Collin. Dr. Collin would visit once a month to have religious services. German divine service was first held and then English (services) for all kinds of people who appeared. Several children were baptized by Dr. Collin.

- Notes from Dr. Nicholas Collin's Diary

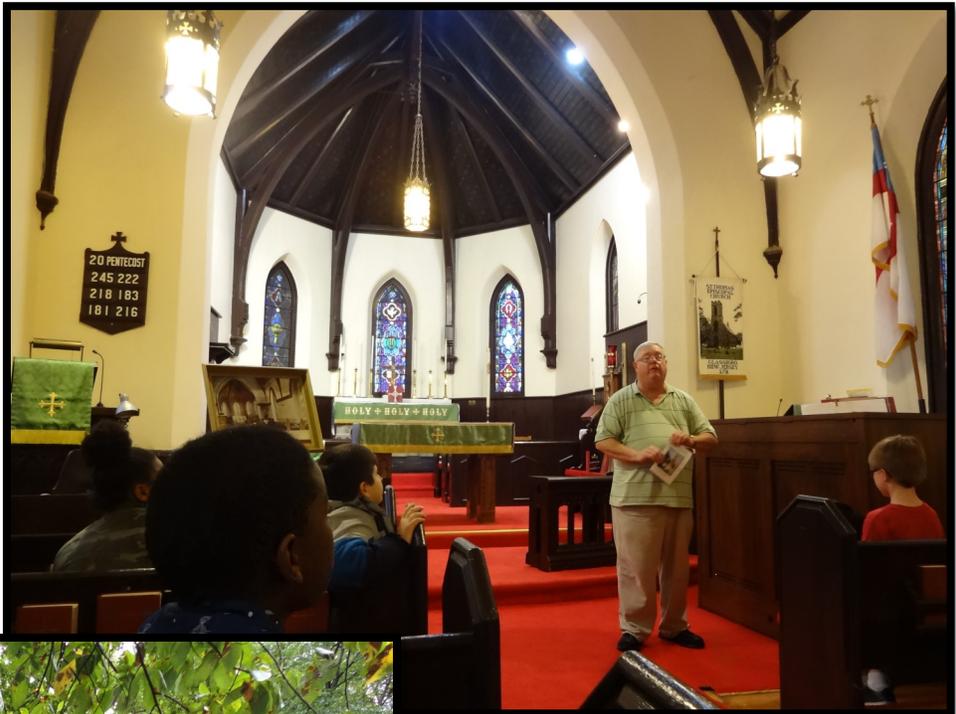


### A Collaborative Effort of the Glassboro Historic Preservation Commission and St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

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# School Days

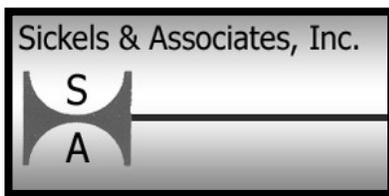
Fifth grade students from Thomas E. Bowe School visited the Train Station, St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, and the Founders' Cemetery to learn about the rich history of their hometown. Mr. Rich Drobil and Mr. Jerry Taylor were on hand to share their knowledge and love of Glassboro history.



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