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**Annual Report of the  
Vineland  
Historical and Antiquarian Society**

**For the Year Ending October 13, 1914**

**MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:**

The most important event in the history of the Society during the past year was the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of its organization.

This occurred on Tuesday afternoon, January Sixth, 1914 when a public reception was held in the rooms of the Society which was attended by a large number of residents of Vineland and friends from out of town.

In connection with this event a loan Exhibition had been arranged, which, in addition to the Society's various collections attracted much attention.

Some two hundred or more persons availed themselves of this opportunity to visit the Society's pleasant rooms and see the attractive display, offer their congratulations and partake of the generous hospitality.

The second part of the Fiftieth Anniversary consisted of speeches and addresses, commemorative of

the Society's first half century, interspersed with an attractive musical programme.

This was held on Wednesday evening, January 14, 1914, the assembly hall being well filled with members and friends. A full account of the evenings proceedings will be found appended to this report.

The Society has held regular monthly meetings as usual during the season; a glance at the topics presented will show their historical character with the names of the speakers; they are as follows:

October 14, 1913

Annual Meeting

Election of Officers, business, etc.

November 12, 1913

Charles E. Sheppard, of Bridgeton, N. J.

"Discovery and Early Settlement of Cumberland County"

December, 18, 1913

Joseph A. Conwell

"Vineland's Shade Trees"

January 6, 1914

Fiftieth Anniversary 1864—1914

Public Reception and Loan Exhibition

January 14, 1914

Commemoration of Fiftieth Anniversary

Addresses by

Rev. William M. Gilbert

Frank D. Andrews

Joseph A. Conwell

Judge Royal P. Tuller

Musical Programme

Under leadership of William Kennedy, Jr.

February 14, 1914

J. Alan Schley

President Lincoln's Superiority, Whence Came It?



March 11, 1914

Charles H. Andrews of Newburyport, Mass.  
"Salem Witchcraft"

April 8, 1914

Mrs. Emma L. Andrews of Newburyport, Mass.  
"Our Country's Flag"

As has been the custom of the Society, the Anniversary of the founding of Vineland, August Eighth, was duly observed. In response to a general invitation a goodly number of our citizens, and strangers sojourning in the place, visited the Historical Building, some remaining the greater part of the afternoon. The general expression on the part of the visitors was that of interest and appreciation in viewing the exhibits and enjoying the hospitality tendered them.

In the Landis Memorial Room were additional attractions, among them an antique inlaid cabinet upward of three hundred years old. This interesting piece of furniture was obtained by Mr. Landis at Innsbruck, in Tyrol, during one of his European visits. At his death in 1900 it became the property of his sister, Miss Landis, and was by her presented to the Society. She also gave four valuable paintings, the work of the Venetian painter, Bassano, 1510--1590, two paintings by another artist, and two large engravings.

Another important acquisition, the gift of Mrs. H. P. Sayford, is a life sized oil painting of Fernando Cortez, the conqueror of Mexico. These were some of the new features of the Exhibit not before seen by most of the visitors of the afternoon. In addition a special exhibit, loaned for the occasion by Rev. Henry H. Thomas, was

a fine collection of shells.

A number of photographs of early settlers and later residents have been arranged in frames and placed in the exhibition gallery. The importance of collecting these pictures while it is possible is a feature of the Society's work that should meet with a ready response from all old residents. Among the more prominent Vinelanders whose pictures we have lately acquired, may be mentioned an oil painting of Miss Estelle Tompson, one of Vineland's talented women, who some years ago, removed to California. Crayon portraits of Dr. Aaron Andrew, of Henry Still and Solon S. Gould, photographs of Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Arnold, Captain Skillman, Captain Beaton Smith, A. F. Gutterson and others.

Several interesting early views and upward of fifty later pictures of Vineland residences and public buildings have also been added to our collection.

A fine selection of Indian arrow points found in Vineland and vicinity from the collection of Harry H. Perkins, a former resident, is an appreciated gift.

Two samplers, dated respectively 1797 and 1818, are recent additions to our collection of these interesting mementos of the past.

One of the first issued five dollar notes of the Vineland National Bank, signed by D. B. Maxham, President and C. H. Anderson, Cashier, is a unique and valuable gift from Mrs. M. E. M. Anderson.

Hon. J. Thompson Baker, M. C. has supplied the library with a number of useful government documents both bound and unbound. Dr. Waldo F. Sawyer has contributed a number of medical works and legislative

documents. The total number of bound volumes on our shelves is 9,108.

For the past two years no member of the Society has died, this year, however, we are called upon to record the death of a life member of long standing, a man occupying an important position as editor and proprietor of Vineland's principal daily newspaper, the EVENING JOURNAL, having held that position the past thirty-seven years.

<p>BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LADD Born Appleton, Michigan, May 4, 1855 Died Vineland, New Jersey, December 18, 1913</p>
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Our membership increases but slowly, few persons appear to care for the past with its wealth of historical treasures; the present only appeals to them, however as the town grows older, we shall look for a greater interest in Vineland's past. With this hopeful view we are storing here the memorials of other days for their use and benefit, and their appreciation shall be our reward.

We are glad to welcome the new residents of our town who find their way into the building and shall be pleased to have such as are interested in the movement for which we stand, join the Society. The various phases of historical work in which a society may engage, is necessarily limited by the number and ability of those so engaged and the means to successfully carry it on.

While this Society has been restricted by these limitations, it has accomplished through its members