

Capture the Past

Imagine what life was like 100 years ago as you try out a butter churn, heft a walking plow, or squeeze into the desk of a one-room schoolhouse.



The Jack Allen Early Country Living Museum captures Burlington County's agricultural roots. Here you can explore a rural farming village as you stroll the Museum's "Main Street" to visit Vincentown's original bank, Medford's first post office or an old-time general store. Come discover how country life was lived in times gone by. It's fun for the whole family!

Opening Spring 2006

Jack Allen Memorial Early
Country Living Museum
224 Landing Street
Vincentown, NJ 08088

Get your hands on history!

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Get your hands on history as you
experience rural life as it was
lived a century ago.



Visit the original 1861 Allen farm
to discover the lifestyles
of rural families between
the Civil War & World War II.

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Jack Allen

Jack Allen was a lifelong farmer, the sixth-generation to work the 1861 family farm. When he retired in 1974 he began a unique collection of antiques. The old dairy barn soon began to fill with antique tractors, washboards, pot-bellied stoves, milking machines and more, a wealth of historic objects rescued from obscurity.

At one time the barn was open to the public and Jack especially loved showing his collection to children. Rising insurance costs forced its closure, but Jack's dream was to one day reopen his museum to share the past with others..

Jack Allen passed away in 2002, leaving a wonderful legacy. His family and friends established a non-profit corporation in his memory to restore the old house and outbuildings and create a public museum.

Work is proceeding to get the museum up and running. The indoor riding ring with its flanking isles of stalls will soon be transformed into a new exhibit building.

You can help make Jack's dream a reality by becoming a member, by volunteering your special talents and by telling others about the museum. Call 609-267-8382 for more information.

The Collection

Today, Jack's collection numbers about 6,000 farm, farm-life and rural village objects from the mid 1800s through the 1930s. The wide scope of the collection conjures up a fascinating glimpse of country life in the past.

From the farm there are baskets for harvesting and shipping, cranberry sorters, hay forks and balers, corn-shellers, sausage stuffers, scales, horse harnesses, cow stanchions and milking equipment, gas pumps and tractors.

From home and hearth come egg beaters, potato slicers, ice-cream dippers, butter churns, washboards and early washing machines.

Children can check out old sleds, bicycles and many toys or take a seat in a classroom like the one their great-grandparents attended.

There's a tinsmith's shop, a blacksmith's shop and a complete country store. The first counter and teller's cage from an 1863 bank is in the collection, next to a wall of boxes from the original Medford post office.

This is only a small portion of what can be seen at the Allen Museum, a real treasure trove that brings the past alive.



Join Us!

Help make Jack's dream a reality

Members receive free admission, a newsletter and discounts at special events.

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