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SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH. 1913



Mary Rhine

# INSCRIPTIONS ON BASE OF MONUMENT

In the year of our Lord 1660,  
by permission of  
PETRUS STUYVESANT, Director-General,  
and the Council of New Netherland,  
around this Square, was founded and built  
the Village of BERGEN,  
the first permanent settlement in  
NEW JERSEY.

On January the Thirtieth, 1658,  
the Peninsula between  
the Hudson and Hackensack Rivers,  
south from Weehawken,  
was finally  
purchased from the Indians,  
and granted  
to the inhabitants of BERGEN  
in the year 1661.

On September the Fifth, 1661,  
the first civic government  
in the colony was here established.  
Schout     Tielman Van Vleck  
Schepens { Michel Jansen (Vreeland)  
              Harmanus Smeeman  
              Caspar Stynmets  
Here also were located  
the first organized church  
and the first school in New Jersey.

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## THE MONUMENT

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In planning for the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the village of Bergen in 1660, the erection of a monument on Bergen Square, to commemorate the establishment of the first permanent municipality in the territory now known as New Jersey, was determined upon.

A Permanent Monument Committee, of which Rev. Cornelius Brett was chairman, was appointed. Designs were procured, and that submitted by J. Massey Rhind, of New York City, was selected. It represents Director-General Peter Stuyvesant, then Governor of New Netherland—which included the territory now known as the States of New York, New Jersey and Delaware—in the act of delivering the Charter to the burghers of *Old Bergen*, clad in the costume of the period, standing upon a granite pedestal of appropriate and artistic design.

The features are modelled after a portrait of Peter Stuyvesant, hanging in the City Hall, New York City, and the wooden leg is fashioned after the original in possession of the Stuyvesant Fish family.

The cost of completing and erecting this monument was \$15,000. Of this amount \$10,000 was appropriated by the City of Jersey City, by virtue of an enabling Act passed by the State Legislature in 1911. The balance of cost of monument as well as the total expense attending the Bergen celebration of 1910 was raised by voluntary contributions.

# ORDER OF PARADE

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Grand Marshal

MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH H. BRENSINGER

1st Division

Uniformed Organizations

Marshal

BRIG. GEN. HENRY H. BRINKERHOFF

2nd Division

Public School Pupils

Marshal

HENRY SNYDER, Sc.D.

The procession will move around the line of the Old Bergen Stockade, as follows:

Tuers Avenue to Newkirk Street; west on Newkirk Street to Van Reypen Street; south on Van Reypen Street to Vroom Street; east on Vroom Street to Academy Street; west on Academy Street passing in review before Acting Governor JAMES F. FIELDER.

# ORDER OF CEREMONIES

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MR. JOHN P. LANDRINE, Chairman Monument Committee,  
Presiding

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- 1 Processional. Onward, Christian Soldiers
- 2 Reveille. Public School No. 17 Fife and Drum Corps
- 3 Raising Flag. Detail, Public School No. 11
- 4 Star Spangled Banner by Massed Chorus, Pupils Public  
Schools Nos. 11, 12, 17 and 23
- 5 Salute to the Flag
- 6 Invocation. The Rt. Rev. Edwin S. Lines, D.D., Bishop  
of Newark Diocese
- 7 Introduction of His Excellency, Hon. James F. Fielder,  
Acting Governor of New Jersey.
- 8 Address by the Acting Governor, State of New Jersey, on  
taking the Chair
- 9 Unveiling of Monument, Daniel Van Winkle, President,  
Hudson County Historical Society
- 10 During the Unveiling, Chorus will sing the National Air of  
the Netherlands, led by Mr. Moritz E. Schwarz
- 11 Introduction of J. Massey Rhind, Sculptor
- 12 Presentation of the Monument to the City, Rev. Cornelius  
Brett, D.D., Chaplain of the Society of the Colonial  
Wars of New Jersey
- 13 Acceptance of Monument on behalf of City, Hon. Mark M.  
Fagan, Mayor
- 14 America by Massed Chorus, Public School Pupils
- 15 Benediction. Rev. Roger McGinley, Rector of St. Aeden's  
Parish
- 16 Retreat. Public School No. 17 Fife and Drum Corps
- 17 Lowering the Flag. Detail, Public School No. 11

## HISTORIC STATEMENT

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In the year 1609, Henry Hudson, an English Captain, commanding a Dutch ship, "The Half Moon," and searching for a North Western passage to the Indies, entered our Harbor at Sandy Hook, and sailed up the River which bears his name.

A few years later Dutch adventurers attracted by the reports of unlimited furs began trading with the Indians. In 1613 a few huts were built near the southern point of Manhattan Island and the first vessel launched. This date 300 years ago, is claimed as the beginning of our Western Metropolis. In 1623 the first families settled on Manhattan and Long Island.

On the west shore of the River scattered settlements were made within a few years, but the Indian wars of 1643 and 1655 drove the Pioneers back to Manhattan. It was then ordered by the Council of New Netherland, that no settlement should be allowed west of the River save in concentrated and fortified villages.

In the month of August, 1660, a petition by several residents of New Netherland was presented to the Council, Director-General Peter Stuyvesant being President, praying for permission to carry out the purpose of this decree.

The petition was granted, and during the autumn the village of Bergen was built on the four blocks around the open space now known as Bergen Square. A Palisade for defence surrounded the vilage; a lot was set apart for the school and now forms part of the site of School No. 11. A church lot was selected beyond the Palisades and a Voorleser presiding over church and school was chosen. In 1661 an Inferior Court was elected, and municipal government continued under varying forms, was then instituted.

This was the first permanent Colony within the territory afterward known as New Jersey.



# MONUMENT COMMITTEE

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