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JAMES STOY SCHOOL

BRIARWOOD AVENUE
HADDONFIELD, NEW JERSEY 08033

February 14, 1991

Dear Mr. Reeve,

Thank you so much for your letter. The Student Council is always excited to hear from you.

The play committee has begun to work on the play about James Stoy. They wondered if you might know the answers to a few more questions about him:

1. Did James Stoy ever marry? ^{no} If so, did he ever have children? ^{no}

2. What was his middle name? ^{none}

3. What school did James Stoy attend? ^{Town School}

4. Do you know any more about his illness? Did he work on his father's farm only after his illness? What work did he do before he got sick? ^{James Stoy was around 13 years old when he got sick. Died 1838 about 30 years old.}

5. You said that John Stoy drove the stage coach between Haddonfield and Camden. Do you know the dates that he did this? Did he deliver mail or passengers?

^{The stage coach called Camden to Haddonfield express. People took it to Camden and returned, and passengers made for Haddonfield.}

Thank you so much for taking the time to answer our questions, Mr. Reeve. The Student Council would love to meet and talk to you. Would it be possible for a few of the members to stop over at 2:30 on either February 22, 23, or 24? Please let us know which day is most convenient for you.

Thank you again, Mr. Reeve.

I will be glad to see you on Feb 24 2:30

Sincerely,

*Christine P. [unclear]
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(Miss) Judith L. [unclear]
Student Council

Calle Carro 14
San Germán, Puerto Rico 00753
April 27, 1971

Dear Jim,

Your letter was forwarded to me today. I am in Puerto Rico at present but will be back in Westmont next month. I can not answer some of your questions but I can give you the names of some people in Westmont who should be able to do so.

I was the second principal at Stoy School so do not have information on its naming and opening. I do know that Mr. Stoy was an early settler in the town. Mrs. Harry Springer, 13 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Westmont, could tell about Mr. Stoy. Also Miss Gladys Hillman, whose street address I do not know, gathered quite a bit of material about Westmont when there was some talk of starting a Historical Society branch. She would have information on Mr. Stoy. My husband gave a number of photographs to the Westmont Library. They had been taken by his father during the early days of Westmont. Mrs. Conway Bennett of Reeve Ave. organized these pictures and she could tell you about them. The date of the addition to Stoy School should be on record in the High School and I had heard that the plaque you mentioned had been taken to the High School. I suppose that you have already contacted Miss Turner who was also a principal at Stoy. She would probably know about these things.

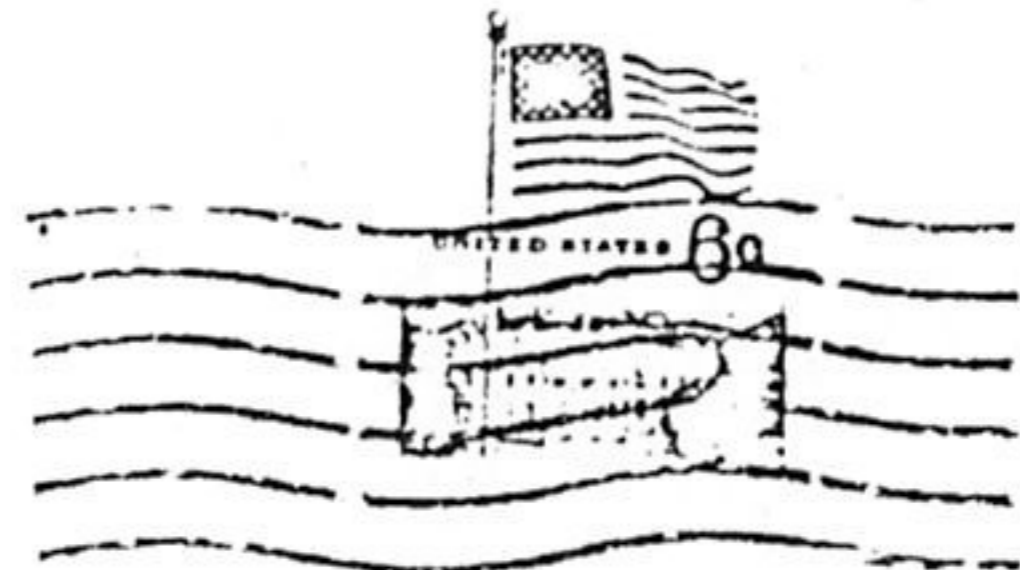
I hope that you are able to gather enough information to continue with your project. When I get home I will see if I can find any material which you might like to have and, if so, I will see that you get it.

Best wishes for a successful project.

Sincerely,

Mabel H. Gamble

Mrs. M. Gamble
Calle Carro 14
San Germán, Puerto Rico
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Jim Lindner
Sec'y, James Stoy Student Council
Stoy School
Brimwood Ave., Madisonfield, N. J.
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THE SUBURBAN

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1971

Who Was Stoy? Students Ask

"Who was James Stoy?" is the question of the newly-formed Student Council of the James Stoy Elementary School on Briarwood avenue in Haddon Township, who are presently trying to collect information on the man for whom their school was named.

In this attempt, Scott Breyer, Nancy Gladulich, Jim Lindner, Jill Meyers, and John Rose went to the home of Esterbrook Reeve in Haddonfield last month. Reeve was a cousin of James Stoy.

From the meeting the students learned that James Stoy was born in 1846 and died in 1888. They were also shown pictures of the Stoy School (the old building) which were taken in 1923.

The students are still looking for information.

Haddonfield N.J.

Jan 12 - 1971

James Stoy School
Brialwood ave. Westmont
Haddon Township

Miss Judith L. Sayre
Student Council member
James Stoy School

Dear Miss Sayre,

In reference to James Stoy
He was born about 1849? and died about
1890?, this could be verified from the register
& vital statistics of New Jersey Township 1842 and
1850 of Haddon Township.

James Stoy was the elder of the Stoy children
and helped his father John Stoy.
John Stoy 1st lived in a cottage, at the Haddonfield
Camden Turnpike on the lot at the corner of
Stoy ave. (now Franklin Jackson), John Stoy drove the
Haddonfield-Camden stage. The farm was the
property of Joseph Stoy and John Stoy moved
in after his father died.

Joseph Stoy's children were: John Stoy, ^{Aron Stoy} His children
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and by John Stoy, second wife Annie Miller Stoy.

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ship that was in the turnpike at Brialwood

Haddonfield N.J

Miss Will Mayers

Dec-11-1940

Fourth Grade, Rev. James Stoy School

Dear Miss Mayers:

In reference to the James Stoy School

First - The Crystal Lake and property was owned by Joseph Stoy the father of John Stoy and James Stoy was one of the sons of John Stoy his Brother. Howard Stoy was a brother and moved to Oregon about 1890, Franklin Stoy was Mayor of Atlantic City for about 20 years. Walter Stoy Born about 1858 and died 1952. James Stoy was Born 1849 and died about 1890 and worked on his father farm. He had a nervous breakdown about 1882 and was kept at the Farm House in Westmont and Stoy are along Crystal now standing. His grand father had a plaster mill at the east end of the Lake and a grain mill at the West end of the Lake at Crystal Lake are latter a James J. Flynn erected a saw mill and ran the mill with the water from Crystal Lake then named Flynn Pond. John Stoy was head of the School Board when I went to school from 1886 to 1894 and on. Graduated in 1900. He had only grades up to the A class. Now the 1st or sophomore class now. I was Born Aug 7 1881 and before I moved to Haddonfield was the oldest living continuous resident and I miss Westmont. When I was Born Westmont was called Ronald Town. Haddon Township in 1884 it was named Glenwood and 1885. Melrose for a week or so and at a meeting it was changed to Westmont. I joined the Westmont Fair Co in 1902 and am the last of the original charter members. Maybe I have written to much. You write for your

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Transcription of letter (author was Esterbrook Reeve, b. 7 Aug 1881, d. Oct 1980, Haddonfield – based on SSDI and 1930 census information):

Haddonfield NJ

Dec 11th 1970

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Fourth Grade Rep James Stoy School

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Herbert W. Stoy
123 Massachusetts Ave.
Cherry Hill N.J. 08002

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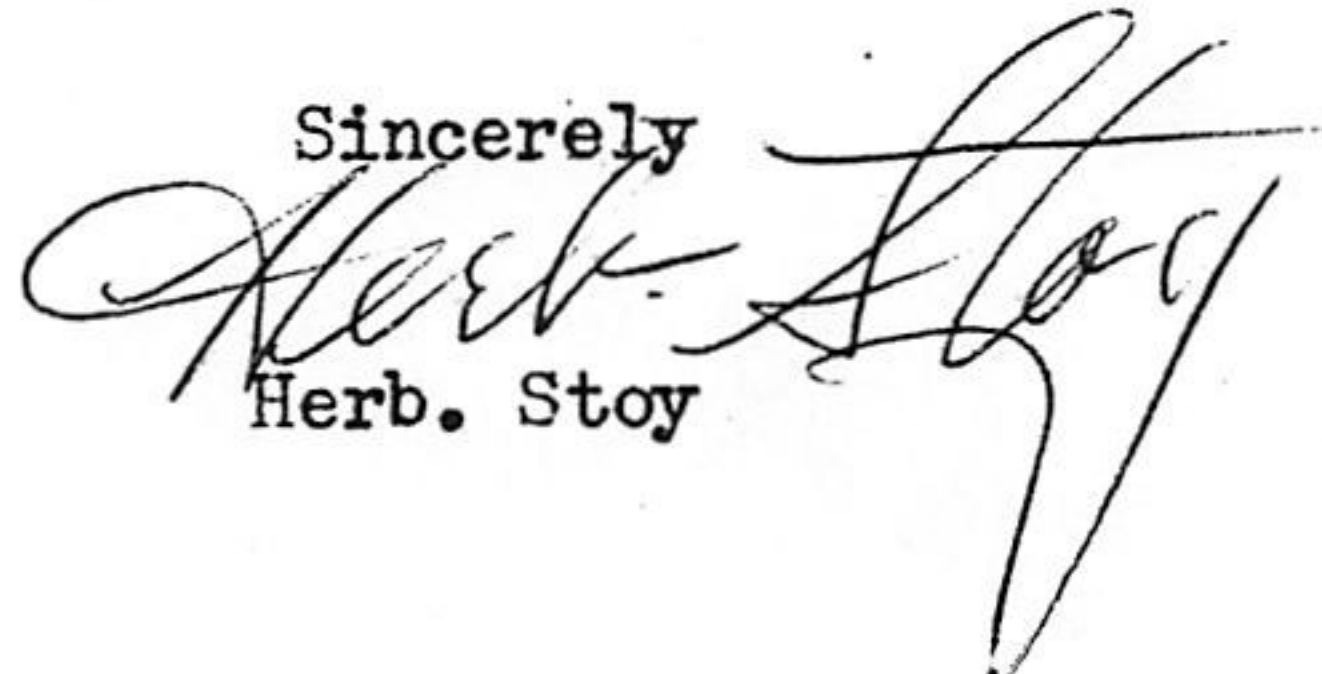
Enclosed are the copys that you requested and I have access to a copy machine so there is no need for money. Sorry that I have taken so long to get back to you.

My wife and I enjoyed our visit to Stoy school and wish to thank you for your kind invitation.

My sister has been going through some old family pictures and gave me some of the old farm house and family. We think one of the pictures may be of great grandfather and also some pictures that were sent from Oregon. If any of these may help in your research let us know and we can arrange for you to see them.

Thank you for sharing your many hours of research with us and if we can help in any other way please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely


Herb. Stoy