Historic Union County

Where New Jersey History Began

Activity Book

Crane-Phillips House Museum, Cranford

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Union County
We’re Connected to You!
Union County History
Word Search

Find and circle these names and words from Union County history.

LITTELL-LORD  TRANSPORTER  BLUME  SCOTT
LOCOMOTIVE  LASER  HURSTON  WASHINGTON
TESLA  TELESCOPE  WEST  NEWCOMBE
BOLAND  HALSEY  MITCHELL  HAMILTON
HUGHES  RIZZUTO  EDISON

Solution is at the back of this book.
Jonathan Dayton and William Livingston look over the U.S. Constitution after they sign their names to this important historical document.
Reeves-Reed Arboretum
Summit
Oswald J. Nitschke House
Kenilworth
Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, and Woodrow Wilson would each serve as President of the United States. In 1912, all three men ran for President, and each made campaign stops in Union County. Woodrow Wilson won the election that year.
Shortly after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke in Springfield.
Four Centuries Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters.

1) ______________________________ NALSGTNO HUGSEH
   Famous “Harlem Renaissance” author who lived in Westfield in the 1930s

2) ______________________________ RMELY ETPRSE
   Actress born in Summit

3) ______________________________ ILOCAN SAELT
   Famous inventor whose factory supplied electricity to Rahway

4) ______________________________ WLDCALLL ESGANORPA
   Home to famous Revolutionary War couple

5) ______________________________ CIYPMLO NTCDLOEHA
   Plainfield resident Milt Campbell won a Gold medal in this event

6) ______________________________ AMRBAAH KCRLA
   One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence

7) ______________________________ RAZO LENA NTOHRSU
   A novelist, short story writer and anthropologist who also lived in Westfield

8) ______________________________ OWOBODX LHLA
   Historic home that George Washington visited before his 1st inauguration, located in Elizabeth

9) ______________________________ RCOLA ELJBOIKSWAZ
   First recipient of the Wade Trophy, awarded to the best women’s collegiate basketball player

10) ______________________________ NTHWUCGA IAVRSOTENER
    Union County’s nature preserve

11) ______________________________ KPCHYIS
    A popular form of healing using plants and herbs, practiced by Dr. William Robinson

12) ______________________________ HLIP IZRTOZU
    Baseball Hall of Famer and former Hillside resident

Answers are at the back of this book.
Merchants & Drovers Tavern
Rahway

Colonial children’s game

Solution to the maze is at the back of this book.
Matthias W. Baldwin, inventor of steam locomotives, was born in Elizabethport in 1795.

In the 1930s, author Langston Hughes lived in Westfield and wrote his first novel there.
Dr. Virginia Apgar developed a test for evaluating the health of newborn babies. She was from Westfield.
Drake House Museum
Plainfield
Zora Neale Hurston, an author during the Harlem Renaissance, lived and wrote in Westfield briefly.

Littell-Lord Farmstead
Berkeley Heights
Word Search Solution

Maze Solution

Word Scramble Answers

1. Langston Hughes
2. Meryl Streep
3. Nicola Tesla
4. Caldwell Parsonage
5. Olympic Decathlon
6. Abraham Clark
7. Zora Neale Hurston
8. Boxwood Hall
9. Carol Blazejowski
10. Watchung Reservation
11. Physick
12. Phil Rizzuto
Historic Fanwood Train Station Museum
Fanwood

Boxwood Hall
State Historic Site
Elizabeth
Explore Local History

Held annually on the third weekend in October, “Four Centuries in a Weekend” is a county-wide event showcasing historic sites in Union County. More than thirty sites are open to the public, featuring tours, exhibits and special events — all free of charge.

For more information about Four Centuries, Union County’s History Card Collection, and National Parks Crossroads of the American Revolution NHA stamps, visit www.ucnj.org/4C