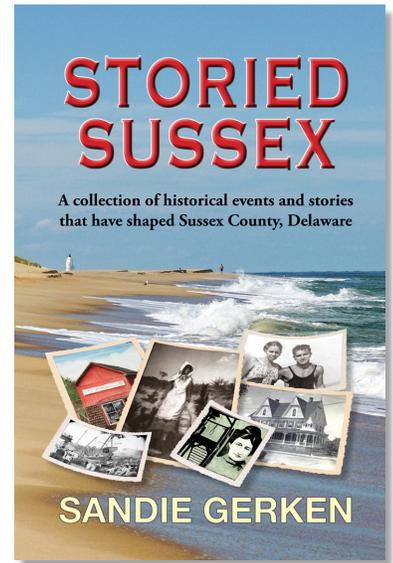


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A collection of historical events and stories that have shaped Sussex County, Delaware

by Sandie Gerken



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## Author Bio

Sandie Gerken is a Dagsboro native. Growing up in Sussex County, she learned the local lore from her parents while riding the back roads in search of graves of ancestors. As a result, she has had a lifelong love of history and a passion for genealogy. Now retired, she devotes her time to genealogy research, painting watercolors, and soccer for kids with special needs. As part of fundraising for the Clayton Theatre's conversion to digital projection in 2013, Sandie wrote the book, Memories of the Clayton Theatre. She gives tours of historic Prince George's Chapel by appointment & speaks to local groups about local history. She began exploring her writing skills for *High Tide News* over four years ago.

Sandie's genealogy skills have given her a fresh angle for her meticulous research. Searching records for a distinctive human aspect or flavor is what she calls her "secret sauce". Sandie thinks it is important for us to learn about the past, busy as we are today with our technological world. Her greatest hope for her book is that: "my articles encourage people to 'read more about it'. I hope readers will be inspired to search just a bit further to learn more about these Sussex stories or to become excited to research their own storied pasts."

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