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COUNTY ACCEPTS DONATION OF ELLIS PARKER PORTRAIT

Portrait Expected To Be Displayed In Prison Museum

At the Burlington County Freeholders Meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, officials tentatively, accepted a 41" by 29" portrait of famous Burlington County detective, Ellis Parker, from his grandson, Andrew Sahol. The portrait will be linked to an upcoming County lecture on Ellis Parker scheduled for May 12th.

Sahol has offered to donate a portrait of his grandfather Ellis Parker, to the Burlington County Freeholders through the Division of Parks to display in the Prison Museum beside other items of historical interest to the County. The portrait was painted from an original photo taken of Ellis Parker when he was in his office in the old courthouse.

Ellis Parker lived in Mount Holly and was Chief of Detectives of Burlington County for 40 years. He was known as the greatest detective in America. Out of the 300 crimes he investigated, including difficult to solve murder mysteries, he won convictions in all but twelve of them. In more than half the cases he solved, he received a signed confession from the guilty party. He became famous for his involvement in the Lindbergh kidnapping case.

On May 12, 2011 at 6 pm, Joe Laufer, Burlington County Historian, will give a lecture on Ellis Parker, entitled, "Ellis Howard Parker, first County Chief of Detectives and "Sherlock Holmes of America." Admission is free at the Burlington County Prison-Warden's House, 128 High St., Mt. Holly. For more information on the lecture, please call, 609-265-5858.

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