

The Knox-Porter Resolution



Somerset County's

Weekend Journey through the *Past*

KNOX? PORTER? RESOLUTION?

The Knox Porter Resolution officially ended America's involvement in World War I. It was named after two people:

Philander C. Knox,
a Senator from
Pennsylvania, and...



Stephen G. Porter,
also from Pennsylvania.
He was a Congressman in the
US House of Representatives.

Knox introduced the bill in the Senate, and Porter introduced it in the House of Representatives.

EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY... OR DOES IT?

You can't tell from this photo, but about 30 people were in the room with the President when he signed the Resolution including reporters, Secret Service agents, the acting Governor of New Jersey, and Frelinghuysen's children and housekeepers!



Somerset County's annual Weekend Journey Through The Past is an initiative of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission in collaboration with many county-wide local historical organizations and commissions, and other county organizations.

IT HAPPENED IN SOMERVILLE...

★ On July 1, 1921, President Harding arrived in Somerset County with his wife, some Senators and members of the House of Representatives.

The President was on vacation for the 4th of July weekend at Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen's country house in Somerville (The house burned down in 1947.).



★ President Harding was playing golf at the Somerset Hills Country Club when he heard that he must return to the Frelinghuysen home to sign the Knox Porter Resolution. He signed it—then left for another round of golf, this time at the Raritan Valley Country Club.

PUTTING PRESIDENTS

Golf has always been a popular sport in Somerset County, and with US Presidents. Woodrow Wilson played at least 1,000 rounds of golf during his eight years in office—that's about one game every three days!



Thanks to news reporters, we know what President Harding was wearing when he had to stop his golf game to sign the Knox Porter Resolution: "a Palm Beach suit, white shoes, white socks with black

clocks, a white shirt buttoned by removable gold studs and a green and red bow tie"—THE outfit for golfers in the 1920s!



Find out more about golf at the USGA Museum in Liberty Corner (You can see the golf club astronaut Alan Shepard swung on the moon!).