



The Avalon Home and Land Owners Association

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Joe Angemi likes to do research on pre 20th century projects and is currently working on a project with a Civil War theme. The project currently under investigation involves Henry Sawyer who was born of German immigrant parents in the Lehigh Valley. After a rift with his parents he came to Cape May County where he worked as a carpenter.

When the Civil War started Sawyer joined up and served with New Jersey units. He was wounded three times during the conflict and was held as a prisoner of war for nine months. Despite this he served with distinction throughout the war. After his wife died he returned to New Jersey, came to Avalon and remarried. He lived in the County until his death. Mr. Angemi is researching early settlers on the island. He is also looking into developing a piece on the natural history of the island and how its location, and shape, has been changed over the years.

Also being developed is an interactive computer-based program using many of the large number of photos that are available.