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Fall Meeting 11 November 2007 Veterans' Memories of World War II

World War II by any measurement was unquestionably the most colossal of our World's conflicts. By adding in all services, 16.35 million United States men and women served during that war, 560,000 of them from New Jersey. The youngest of them is today nearly eighty and they are rapidly disappearing from our midst.

Society member Ralph Lomerson of Lebanon Township was drafted into the 103rd Infantry of the Army and served from France across to Bavaria. Ed Zanetti of Flemington was drafted into the Army's 361st Infantry which served in North Africa and Italy. It was, incidentally, the only regimental combat team to so serve in both World Wars. John Glokner grew up in Flemington, was a crewman on the last merchant marine ship to leave Italy at the outbreak of the war and then enlisted in the Navy where he ultimately became a *tail gunner flying off aircraft carriers in the Pacific*. Trustee Les Hoffman was drafted into the 33rd Signal Corps Construction Battalion and served across Europe from France to Austria. The 33rd was then re-assigned in 1945 to the Philippines but arrived after the war ended in the Pacific. Henry Fatton grew up near Three Bridges, joined the Navy and was aboard the carrier USS Lexington when she was sunk by the Japs in the Coral Sea in 1942.

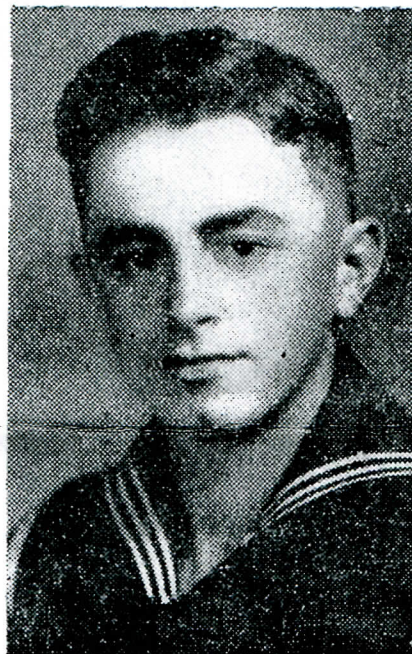
These men will be on hand at the Society's Fall Meeting being held at 2 p.m., 11 November, in the Society's room on the second floor of the town library on the corner of Main Street and Maple Avenue. Those planning to attend and needing elevator service to the second floor may enter the main Library door on Maple Avenue.

These veterans will recount their experiences, show off some of their mementos, and be available for a two-way discussion. The date is ironically the holiday anniversary of that which ended World War I, "the war to end all wars."

Handy 2008 Calendar

For several years past the Society has customarily sent each member a handy small stick-up calendar. That gift will continue for 2008 and the order has been placed. The calendar is enclosed with this Newsletter. Happy New Year!

Home From Battle



Henry S. Fatton, Jr.

2007 Calendar

Oct. 20 All American Pottery & Dinnerware

Show — 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Flemington Elks, Route 31. For info call Bob Perzel [908] 782-9631

Oct. 28 Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum

Route 29, Lambertville. Museum open 1-4 pm. Annual closing day ham supper 4 pm. Entree provided, bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert for six.

RSVP Joyce Larowe (609) 397-3788

Nov. 11 Society Fall Meeting - 2 p.m. Flemington

Public Library, second floor Maple Ave. elevator available. World War II veterans share memories and mementos

Nov. 22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Dec. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

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NOTES AND QUERIES

Address correspondence to Genealogical Committee. One query listing of ten lines free to members, 25 cents per line over ten; non-member rate is 25 cents per line. Remember to enclose a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) with genealogical correspondence if you expect a reply.

FURMAN, HOLCOMBE: Looking for documentation on Samuel Furman [1720. 1787 Hopewell; Mary Holcombe [1730-1787] Lambertville. Chil: Daniel [1753- 1823], William [1757-1826]; Benjamin [1759-1832]; Elizabeth [1761-1827]. ADD: Jerry Forman, 1508 West View Dr., Berkeley, CA e-mail: moosie05@comcast.net

Correction: Ann Schaefer's query from previous issue. Query repeated below with correction being death date of Jacob A. Apgar who died 1896. not 1806. AMERMAN, APGAR, ENGLE/INGLE, ROWE, SCHUYLER, SMITH, STILLWELL: Proof needed that Jacob A. Apgar Jr. [1811-1896] who m. Elizabeth E. Schuyler, is s/o Jacob A. "Adam" Apgar Sr. who m. Elizabeth Rowe, dau/o Philip. Family Bible of Elizabeth S. Schuyler (Mrs. Jacob A. Apgar, Jr.) was willed in 1889 to her grandson William Amerman. Two of her daughters m. Amerman men: Cora and Sadie/ Sarah Apgar. Lineage: Philip Rowe [1776- 1817] m. Mary Smith [1751-1842], Jacob A. "Adam" Apgar [1769-1845] m. Elizabeth S. Schuyler [1818-1869], Margaret Apgar [1856-1931] m. Charles Engle/Ingle [1850-1923], Louella Engle [1881-1946] m. William Stillwell [1872- 1944]. Families of Essex, Hunterdon, Monmouth and Morris Counties, NJ. ADD: A. L. Schaefer, 16 Arrowhead Court, Red Bank, NJ 07701. e- mail:AnnLSchaefer@msn.com

Membership Report

A warm welcome is extended to those members who have recently joined the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

Charles J. Allen, W. Bloomfield, MI
Tizrah Doyle, Greenville, NC
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(Mrs.) Shirley V. Favier
Membership Chair



HOW TO JOIN

Hunterdon County Historical Society
114 Main Street
Flemington, NJ 08822

Please enroll me as a member of your Society

Annual	\$15.00 per year
Family	\$18.00 per year
Contributing	\$25.00 per year
Sustaining	\$50.00 per year
Institutional	\$50 and up per year
Life	\$250.00
Patron	\$1,000.00 or more
Student	\$3.00 per year (18 years of age or less)
Century Club	\$100.00

for which I enclose my remittance in the amount of \$

Name _____

Address

Changing of the Guard

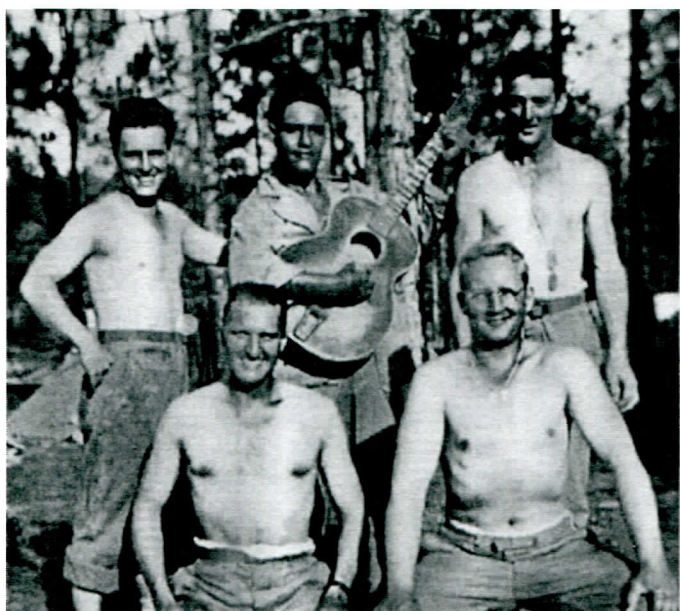
John W. Kuhl

Roxanne Carkhuff, our long-time Administrative Secretary since the early 1980s has retired effective 1 August. She has been far more than her job title would indicate. Her retirement forced trustees to think about that job title and they came up for a better term for it, Administrative Director. Roxanne did just about everything! She reached her golden age this year and wished to have more time for travel and personal pursuits. As one who has been around during that same time, there is no one in our organization who has done more Society work, done it more efficiently, and with more expertise. It is a trite saying but ever so true in this case, "she will be sorely missed." A luncheon was held in Roxanne's honor on 2 October in Flemington with some 20 of the society officials and volunteers with whom she had closely worked. She has volunteered to get out our November newsletter and to come in and assist her replacement to "learn the ropes." Fortunately, Roxanne will remain on the society's Board of Trustees and will continue to work for and with us in that capacity. We all say, "Farewell" and wish her a happy and productive retirement.

Upon learning in mid-summer that Roxanne was retiring, the trustees set out to find a replacement. A set of newspaper ads resulted in some 40 applicants, all of them highly qualified in various aspects of the position. Given the fact that most had the administrative abilities necessary, we concentrated on candidates who had demonstrated experience in historical and genealogical research, in library and archives work, and in the newer areas of computers and outreach programs. After exhaustive interviews we were delighted to settle on Terry McNealy who lives just across the Delaware in Holicong, Bucks County. He has already been a member of the society

and has done considerable research here in our facility. He comes to us with outstanding qualifications from a similar position in the prestigious Spruance Library in Doylestown. For the time being he will continue the hours that Roxanne had been working, two full days one week, three days the next. We will continue to have the library open on Thursday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. Terry began work with us during the last week of September. Please give him whatever assistance and understanding you can as he works into the job. We fully understand that it will take some time for him to gain the necessary understanding and knowledge of the position. We warmly welcome him and look forward to working with him in the future.

Defining Teny's new position has forced us to think more closely about future society needs. It will be crucial that we develop a comprehensive plan as to what (and where) we put into our new storage building. It will be a labor-intensive and time-consuming operation. But more than that, we hope to soon be able to move the society into the computer age, and even into outreach programs. More immediately, we will try to respond to user requests to soon have the library open for additional hours, perhaps on Saturday to allow working people access to our collections. All this and especially the move into our new building will require much volunteer labor of a varied nature from computer expertise to the physical ability to move heavy books and files. All will be equally needed. Please think about volunteering to whatever capacity you may serve. Do not be afraid to contact us.



Les Hoffman, one of the November 11 speakers is pictured in this group of soldiers, back row on the left. Others are not identified.

Young Family Record

The original of the following family record is in the John W. Kuhl collection and was from an envelope addressed to William Young, Main St., Califon, NJ The return address was State of New Jersey, Office of the Adjutant General and postmarked Trenton Bay 1913. The record is printed here to preserve the information and make it available to Young family members and researchers.

Births

William Young Borned December 30th 1845
 Marry [sic] A. Young May 19th 1848, died July 16th 1910
 L. N. Young Borned December 1st 1868
 Samuel Young Borned December 25th 1872
 Arthur Young Borned September 2nd 1876 Saturday
 Annie M. Young Borned August 4th 1885

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Form of Bequest

(This form is recommended for use in making a bequest of real property, in a Will or otherwise, naming your society as beneficiary)

ITEM: I bequeath the sum of \$_____ to the Hunterdon Historical Society, Flemington, NJ.

ITEM: I bequeath to the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Flemington, NJ, without restrictions title to and full possession of historical materials and objects, (real estate, account books, diaries, Family Bibles, documents, papers, photographs, programs, newspapers, clippings, books, records), etc.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Archives Building Contract Awarded

John W. Kuhl, Trustee and Treasurer

The Society is at last in the final stage of our eight year endeavor to create expanded storage for our bulging archives. On 18 September the trustees opened bids from five contractors and accepted the bid of S. Desapio & Sons of the Baptistown area. The bids ranged from nearly one million dollars down to Desapio's low bid of \$789,000. Since the plans for the sewage line had to be altered to suit the State D. E. P. after the bids were put out, there will be an additional cost figure of \$5,000 for extra footage necessary. The total contract dollar cost is a bit higher than we had hoped in this time of the building downturn. But it is the price of living in Hunterdon County which, you may know, has just been listed as having the highest household income in the entire United States for counties with medium population. The Society obtained the land in Raritan Township, wended its way through the township planning board, has already invested large sums in architectural and engineering fees and now just simply can wait no longer for more space. By the time we move in next year, the total cost of the new building will have exceeded one million dollars once we add in the cost of engineers, the architect and the mobile shelving system. This system runs on track laid in the floor while the cement is still wet. We have accepted a bid from TAB Solutions to install the tracks on both floors and to provide a full set of shelving for the first floor. At \$70,687 this is expensive but we would have needed to purchase new shelving anyway and the savings in both space and efficiency will pay dividends in the long run.

This is a huge sum for a private organization such as our own. As you know, we mounted a fund-raising campaign at the end of 2006 and to this date, we have received generous donations from members, patrons, and friends which total nearly \$350,000. But it is not enough! As you also know, John and Sandy Matson of Annandale have offered us a matching donation of \$80,000 if we can raise that amount from private donors between 1 July and 1 December. As of 1 October we have received about half of the qualifying funds necessary. We must take advantage of the Matsons' generosity and come up with the additional \$40,000. We cannot afford to do otherwise if we are to remain financially viable into the future. If you have already made a donation, please consider adding to it if you possibly can. If you have not already made a donation, please do so by 1 December. If you cannot send cash now, we can accept pledges over time that will qualify towards the Matsons' grant. Remember, anything you can send now will get us an equal amount from the Matsons. You must help us now!

Acquisitions

Artifacts, manuscripts, family Bibles, and other material representative of the history of Hunterdon County and the families who resided here are welcome additions to the Historical Society's collections. To the donors of recent acquisitions the Society expresses its appreciation.

The Minerals of Franklin and Sterling Hill, Sussex County, New Jersey Geological Survey professional paper. #10 by Charles Palache, 1937, soft cover, 135 pages with illustrations and index. Donated by Hunterdon County parks Department, Douglas Kiovsky, Flemington, NJ

Bylaws of Whitehouse Fire Company adopted January 11, 1901, two photographs of Hunterdon County Court House during Hauptmann trial, 1935; *Trenton State Gazette*, February 14, 1935, March 6, 1935; Photograph of Rose Lodge, Main Street, Flemington; undated ad for George Melick for Freeholder; War Ration book #3 issued to Jane M. Smith; peanut bag packed for Gaylord Perry, an unsigned letter to "Father" addressed to Benedict Dorsey, Philadelphia, PA; one copy *Rural Hunterdon*; an ad for "Karrow Clothiers since 1935" with photographs of two stores, one at 35 Main Street, Flemington, and the other at 83 West Main Street, Somerville; circa 1880 autograph album; 1948 Manual of County and Municipal Officials; *Some Hunterdon County Place Names* by Hubert G. Schmidt, 1959; Communion Table 1866 resented in 1874 to Cornelia S. Brewer by the Presbyterian Church of Flemington, ribbon badges from Flemington Fire Department, Amwell Valley Fire Company, Locatong Lodge IOOF, 50 Years 1906, Aquetong Fire Company, Lambertville, 1878; a menu from the Union Hotel, Flemington, November 10, 1940 [when dinner was \$1]; *Reading Echo*, December 1913, Christmas, 1916; *Merchants & Farmers Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Hunterdon County, New Jersey*, January 1925; other miscellaneous Hunterdon County ephemera. From the estate of Richard Kitchen [died 2006] and donated by his mother, Mrs. Jane C. Kitchen, Flemington, NJ

Scrapbook from the Lions Club of Greater Lambertville, chartered 1970, operated until 1990s. Donated by George Prince, first President, Cumberland, VA.

Photographs of the employees of Flemington Auction Market, circa 1950; Flemington High School Class of 1928. Donated by John W. Kuhl, Pittstown, NJ.

Family photographs and memorabilia, business records, deeds, sales contracts and other family ephemera from Helen [Van Fleet] Carkhuff and George Carkhuff. Donated by their daughter, Elizabeth Carkhuff Stratton, Surfside Beach, NC.

Philip Marshall's JP Docket

Roxanne K. Carkhuff

Among the recent acquisitions is a small book donated by Mrs. Jane Kitchen on behalf of her late son, Richard. The information therein may be of interest to genealogists and family historians. The first record is transcribed verbatim, to provide readers with a sense of the complete document; thereafter, only the page number, the date, names of the couple and their residences appears here.

On the first page is "Record of Marriages Solomnized by me / Philip Marshall — one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Hunterdon." The inside front cover reads, "Filed July 12th 1836 — Farlee Clerk." On each of the seventeen numbered pages is recorded a marriage Justice Marshall performed, most of which in *Marriage Records of Hunterdon County, New Jersey* compiled by Hiram E. Deats and published in 1917. However, this docket provides, residences and where the marriage occurred, always of interest to family historians.

1) Hunterdon SS I do herby Certify that on the thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred & twenty four at Amwell [*sic*] in Said County, I did marry and join together in the Bonds of Matrimony Mahlon Atkinson and Mary Phillips both of Amwell Township in the Said County and them did pronounce man and wife agreeable to the Laws of the State. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal the Day and Year Above written. Philip Marshall J. P. Certificate taken to John T. Blackwell Clerk of the Court.

2) Hunterdon SS . . . on the fourth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred & twenty five at Amwell I married Hiram Mathews & Eliza Carman both of the Township of Amwell ...

3) Hunterdon SS . . . on the twenty first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, at Lambertville I married Joseph Courtwrite and Eleanor Ankins both of the County of Bucks in the state of Pennsylvania. . .

4) Hunterdon SS . . . on the fourteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven at Lambarts I married George W. Kitchen & Elizabeth Walton both of the county of Bucks in the State of Pennsylvania . . .

5) Hunterdon SS . . . On the twenty second day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven at Lambertville I married John Ratliff and Harriet Sibbert both of the County of Bucks in the state of Pennsylvania . . .

6) Hunterdon SS . . . on the sixth day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven at Lambertville I married Edward Mitchell of the township of Nottingham in the County aforesaid [Hunterdon] and Adaline Glass of the City of New York . . .

7) Hunterdon SS . . . on the 8th day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven at Lambertville I married Samuel Housel and Elizabeth Swallow both of the township of Amwell . . .

8) Hunterdon SS . . . on the 12th day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight at Lambertville I married Joseph Chidester & Elizabeth Conover both of the township of Amwell . . .

9) Hunterdon SS . . . on the eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight at Lambertville I married John Kitchen and Eliza Horn both of the County of Bucks and State of Pennsylvania . . .

10) Hunterdon SS . . . on the thirteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight at Lambertville I married William W. Snook and Margaret Arnwine . . .

11) Hunterdon SS . . . on the fourth day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight at Lambertville I married Henry Lyons and Harriett Libbet both of the County of Bucks . . .

12) Hunterdon SS . . . on the sixth day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine I married Manvill Dayton and Phebe Evritt both of the township of Amwell . . .

13) Hunterdon SS . . . on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty at Lambertville I married Charles McKinney and Elizabeth Lashells both of the county and state aforesaid . . .

14) Hunterdon SS . . . on the 13th day of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty at Lambertville I married Jacob Naylor and Catharine Smith both of the County of Bucks and state of Pennsylvania . . .

15) Hunterdon SS . . . on the 23rd day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty one at the township of Amwell I married Wilson O. Daniel & Eizabeth Raisonier both of the said county and State . . .

16) Hunterdon SS . . . in 2nd day of Sep't one thousand eight hundred and thirty two at the Township of Amwell I married Joel Fresbe of Pa. & Hannah Ann Crooks of Amwell and county . . .

17) Hunterdon SS . . . on the sixth day of Sep't one thousand eight hundred and thirty two at Amwell I married John Garey and Elizabeth Jolly both of the County of Bucks in the state of Penn'a . . .



Give History for Christmas

Give the gift that continues to give! For the historian/genealogist on your Christmas gift list the Historical Society offers some gift suggestions.

For mail requests, order by number and add \$5 for the first book ordered and \$1 for each additional book to cover postage. For #14 or 17 the postage is \$10. For out-of-country checks please add \$5.

1. Beers, Comstock and Cline, 1973 *Atlas of Hunterdon County, New Jersey*. The *Atlas* is 13½" x 16", 77 pages with a hard cover and contains maps of fourteen townships and thirty-two towns existing in Hunterdon County in 1873, printed on acid-free paper. Reprinted 1987 by Hunterdon County Historical Society. \$40.00.

2. D'Autrechy, Phyllis B., *Hunterdon County New Jersey Fisheries 1819-1820*, 44 page soft cover booklet with maps, illustrations, and a full-name subject index, 1993. Gives the historical background on shad fishing and the names and locations of fisheries along the Delaware River within Hunterdon County. \$7.50

3a. *More Records of Old Hunterdon County, Volume I*, compiled by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy, published by Hunterdon County Historical Society, 1998, 276 pages, full-name index, maps, illustrations, hard cover, \$25.00.

3b. *More Records of Old Hunterdon County, Volume II*, compiled by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy. This hardcover volume has 258 pages plus a full-name index and has maps and illustrations. \$25.00

4. Deats, Hiram Edmund, *Hunterdon County New Jersey Militia, 1792*, an alphabetical listing of "free and able-bodied white male citizens between . . . eighteen and forty-five" listed alphabetically by townships, 37 pages, published 1936, reprinted 1994, soft cover. \$12.00

5. Deats, Hiram Edmund, *The Jerseyman: A Quarterly Magazine of Local History*; Volume II, No. 4, 1905, 376+ pages, unbound, with added Table of Contents compiled 1985 by Roxanne K. Carkhuff. \$100.

6. Deats, Hiram Edmund, *Marriage Records of Hunterdon County, New Jersey 1795-1875*, 348 pages, hard cover. Reprint, with additions and corrections, of 1918 edition. \$25.00.

7. "Flemington, New Jersey 1883," a bird's eye view of Flemington showing exterior details of buildings in 1883, black and white lithograph, 20" x 24" suitable for framing. \$10.00.

8. *Hunterdon's Role In The Revolution*, published by Hunterdon County Democrat 22 July 1976 in honor of our nation's Bicentennial Year and the 150th Anniversary of the Hunterdon County Democrat, 88 pages, photographs, illustrations, maps, soft cover, \$3.00

9. Myers, Kenneth V., *The Flemington Fair Story*, 1978, 95 pages, photographs, soft cover. \$5.00.

10. Myers, Kenneth, V., *Old Stones At Oak Summit*, Kingwood Presbyterian churchyard at Oak Summit, 1985, 20 pages, added index, soft cover, \$3.00.

11. Vail, Mary C., *History of Land Titles In The Vicinity of Quakertown, New Jersey*, 1915, 15 pages plus added index 1983 by Marfy Goodspeed. Soft cover, \$5.00.

12. Voorhees, Rev. Oscar M., *East and West Jersey Boundary Line Controversy*, 1906, 21 pages, soft cover. \$6.00.

13. Wittwer, Norman C., *The Faithful and The Bold*, the story of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oldwick, New Jersey, 14 August 1714, 1984, 49 pages, photographs, maps, index, hard cover. \$10.00.

14. Snell, James P., compiler, *History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, New Jersey*. 1881, October 1995 facsimile reprint dedicated to Kenneth V. Myers, late president of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, 800+ pages, maps, illustrations, no index. \$80.00 plus \$10.00 postage.

15. Stout, J. Edward, *Facts and Fantasies of Franklin Township*, 448 pages, maps, photographs, illustrations, October 1995. \$20.00.

16. The weekly newspaper *Hunterdon Gazette*, on four CDs, #1 1825-1834, #2 1835-1834, #3 1845-1854, #4, 1855-1866. The CDs includes digital photographic images of the *Gazette* newspaper pages, and typed and formatted text of the newspaper items containing people's names and events of Hunterdon County, with an overall name and key word index. Price per volume includes shipping and handling — \$20 per CD for nonmembers, \$15 per CD for members. A bonus — #4 contains the text of the book, *Hunterdon Place Names*.

New Publication

17. The Choyce Compendium, compiled and written by Betty Choyce Sheehan, hard bound, 907 pages with indices, photographs and family charts. Price \$85 plus \$10 shipping.

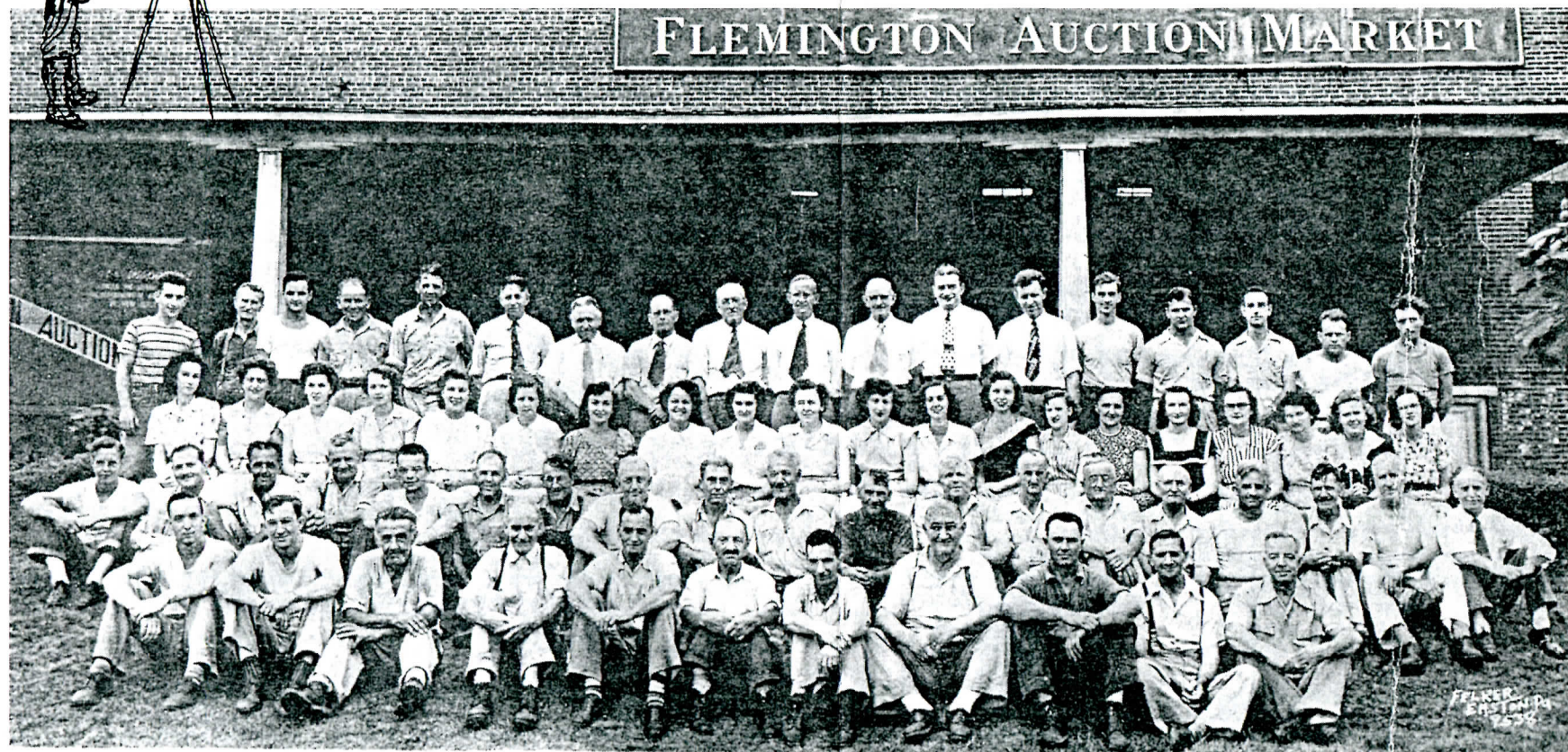
In compiling her publication Betty endeavored to follow three objectives. 1) to preserve her collection of Choyce family material, 2) to generate genealogical interest in the individual Choice/Choyce families, and 3) to unite worldwide Choice/Choyce families through their common heritage.

The Choyces were part of an English migration to Flemington in 1785, along with the Capners, Peter Haward, Isaac Passand, Hugh Exton, John Hall and others. Richard Choyce [1784-1860] and James Choyce [1782-1843] migrated from Leicestershire, England.



Images from the Past

Flemington Auction Market Employees circa 1950



Starting in the back row, designated Row 1: Karl Gerheiser, Elmer Clemens, Tony ____; Johnnie Jacobs, George Hanna, Clayton Stains, Wallace Suydam, Ed Nieff, William Lauderdale, James Weizel, D.C.R. Huff, Izer Fry, Oscar Grossman, Roger Smith, Doug McDonald, Edward Gray, Frank Russo, John Ray. Row 2: Ethel Lyons, Vivian Abel, Bernice Todd, Betty Berkaw, Eva Alles, Margaret Rogers Margaret Papics, Arlene Dilts, Evelyn Holcombe, Anna Alvater, Catherine Turok, Miriam ____, Dottie Wright, Ruth Hoffman, Mrs. Arnold, Matilda Papics, Grace Anderson, Florence Miller, Christina Muller, Nellie Miller. Row 3: Dick ____, Karl Fredericks, Charles Coates, Ed Zielstorff, John Patcher, Horace Smith, Clarence Hummer, Floyd Moore, "Croton" John, Tony Sorbely, William Hanna, Allen Queen, Burroughs Dilts, Romis Fleming, Michael Papics, Erneset Rice, Richard Porter, Clarence Parker. Row 4: Eddy Baldwin, Harold Kitchen, Judd Ewing, Orville Anderson, "Dink" Patterson, Albert Fodi, "Buss" Kister, "Oak" Moore, Harvey Kerr, Earl Rounsaville, Samuel Piell.

The Auction Market was organized in the summer of 1930 as a cooperative egg auction to help farmers market their product. It was located on Park Avenue in the former Empire Cut Glass factory complex. The Auction market was successful and the people pictured here helped to run the business. The last eggs were processed and sold from here in 1976, ending an agricultural era! The Society has a modest Egg Auction collection of artifacts, photographs, etc.

This photograph was a gift from John W. Kuhl and had belonged to Violet K. Kuhl.