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Fall Meeting 12 November Features Jim Davidson and his Presentation on Lindbergh

A lifelong resident of Hunterdon County, Jim Davidson has researched Charles Lindbergh and collected memorabilia associated with his "Hero" for years. From his early years of hearing his parents talk about attending a Hauptman "execution party" in Trenton on the night of Richard Bruno Hauptman's execution to actually knowing William Allen, an employee of his grandfather who found the Lindbergh baby, Davidson has been intrigued with "Lucky Lindy's" life.

An obsessive and compulsive collector he has assembled an extremely large and thorough collection spanning Lindbergh's long and illustrious career. Originally more interested in Lindbergh's flying career his collection contains a large selection of memorabilia from his historical flight and aviation career, including dinner programs from Lindbergh's 80 city tour following his flight. He also will show many Flemington trial souvenirs including pennies struck at the time of the trial with the Flemington Courthouse depicted on the reverse. A former history teacher, Davidson will entertain you with Lindbergh stories and fascinate you with his many Lindbergh collectibles.

Join us on the afternoon of 12 November at the Flemington Public Library at 1 Maple Ave. for Mr. Davidson's talk followed by social hour with refreshments.

From Jim Davidson's collection: Captain Charles A. Lindbergh, first New York to Paris nonstop flight, May 20-21, 1927, 3,600 miles — 33 hours, 29 minutes.



Winter Hours for Deats Memorial Library

With the time change to Eastern Standard Time, the Deats Memorial Library will switch to winter hours. Beginning in November the Library will be open Thursdays 1-3 p.m. and other days by appointment. In addition, the second Thursday evening of each month appointments are being offered. Call (908) 782-1091 and make your appointment or, if no one is there to take your call, leave a message with your name and phone number and someone will call you back



2006 Calendar

- 28 October** Camp Echo Hill Reunion 2-5 p.m., Lilac Dr. Clinton
- 12 November** Fall Meeting, 2 p.m. Flemington Public Library at 1 Maple Ave., speaker, Jim Davidson, speaking on Charles Lindbergh and sharing his Lindbergh collection.
- 23 November** Deats Memorial Library closed for Thanksgiving

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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.

Farm and Business Directory of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, 1914, published by Wilmer Atkinson Company, publishers of the Farm Journal, Washington Square, Philadelphia, PA. Donated by James Corcoran, Flemington, NJ.

The following two books donated by the New Jersey Society of Mayflower Descendants, published by General Society of Mayflower Descendants: *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Part One* — John Howland, Volume Twenty-Three, compiled by John Howland, Volume Twenty-Three, compiled by Ann Smith Lainhart and Robert Wakefield, FASG, 2006.

Mayflower Families in Progress: George Soule of the Mayflower and his Descendants in the Fifth and Sixth Generations, compiled by John E. Soule, Col. USA Ret., M.C.E. and Milton E. Terry, PhD; revised by Louise Walsh Throop, M.B.A. First Edition: Part Four, 2005.

Signature quilt, dated, 1849, donated by Mrs. Etta Allegar, Palm Harbor, FL. Discovery is ongoing to identify the signatures on the quilt among which are Henry D. Young of Mount Jefferson, OH, and several others in Grinville/Granville.

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Membership Report

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

Judi A. Baumgarner, Eugene, OR
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Please enroll me as a member of your Society

Annual	\$15.00 per year
Family	\$18.00 per year
Contributing	\$25.00 per year
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Life	\$250.00
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Century Club	\$100.00

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

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We are Expanding and Need Your Help

Your Historical Society desperately needs more space for its massive and rapidly growing collection of materials pertaining to Hunterdon County History. Thanks to the generosity of the borough of Flemington we have recently acquired a property from them that fronts on River Road in Raritan Township. There in the near future, we will build a new, state-of-the-art storage facility. The township has approved our plans and our architect is ready to put the building out for bid. This building will be a two-story structure measuring 40 feet by 60 feet, of total fire proof construction with optimum environmental control for the safety of the stored collection. There will be an attached wing for utilities and work space. The exterior of this masonry building will be appropriate to the area. Our society headquarters, along with our library and its more frequently used resources, will remain at the Doric House on 114 Main Street.

Ever since its founding in 1885, the mission of our society has been to define, collect, preserve and make available, anything to do with Hunterdon history. From the use of borrowed rooms and virtually no space to call its own, the society finally got a room we still use on the second floor of the town library. This was made possible in 1908 by the gift of land to the town by Hiram Deats and money for the building from Dr. William Bartles. For its use our society received the permanent right to use the room over the library. This served until 1969 when we were able to purchase the Doric House,

our current room. Its fireproof basement vaults were ideal for our manuscripts. We have since been flooded with donations of old organizational records, manuscripts, genealogies, and other historical items to the point that we are now just "full up" to the point of total congestion, threatening our ability to use and preserve these materials.

Efforts began in the late 1990s to develop more space. Our proposed purchase of the Reading/Large House was finally negated by conditions beyond our control. Trustees have failed to find consensus on several other options since. Now, we have an opportunity to solve our needs for some time to come with this new facility and its possibilities for even more future expansion. This will not be an inexpensive venture but we have reached the point of there being no reasonable alternative. We must expand and do it now. We will need your help. We must institute a fund drive. Cash money is needed. As a private group, grants for bricks and mortar are hard to come by in the present-day financial climate. We will, of course, seek assistance from outside the society but it is up to us as members to demonstrate that we whole-heartedly believe in this project by raising substantial money up front from within our own ranks. As a 501 (C) (3) organization, any donations to us are tax deductible. Besides cash, we would welcome volunteers to aid with the fund raising, the monitoring of the construction, and the moving of materials once the building is complete. This is your organization and we need your help.



Architect's rendering

Rebel Against Yankee:

Terriberry Brothers of Hunterdon County on Opposing Sides of the Civil War

by David J. Riley



Whitfield G. Terriberry
(1848-1904)

Calvin Terriberry
(1848-1901)

When the Civil War began, many citizens and politicians in New Jersey were opposed to the war and critical of Lincoln. The reasons involved geography (parts of the state are below the Mason-Dixon line) and political and economic issues.¹ Perhaps sympathy toward southern views impelled John Stires Terriberry of Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, to join the Army of the Confederacy in 1862.² These feelings were apparently not shared by John's younger brother, George Washington Terriberry, who joined the Union Army in 1863 as a medical cadet (medical student).³

Brother fighting brother was not unusual among soldiers from Border States. How many rebel soldiers came from above the Mason-Dixon line can only be estimated since the original muster and descriptive rolls for the Confederate Army are incomplete. A random sample of 42 descriptive rolls covering 21 regiments of six southern states showed 86 privates born in northern states.⁴ Perhaps thousands of Yankee-born men served the Confederacy, and two brothers from a free state fighting in opposing armies was not unique. There are no known diaries or letters written by the two Hunterdon brothers that give a window into their feelings about the national struggle.

The immigrant ancestor Hans Stephan Durrenberger, the family name before it was corrupted to Terriberry, was baptized in the church in Mertzweiler, Alsace, in 1711.⁵ He married Anna Clara Dufford in Gunderahoffen, Alsace, in 1736. He, his wife, his brothers Hans Michel and Hans Jacob and father-in-law Phillip Dufford were among the passengers on the *Robert and Alice* that landed in Philadelphia in 1738.⁶ According to Wacker, early German Lutheran settlers of the area of Long (German) Valley, Spruce Run, and Schooley's Mountain probably traveled via the Old York Road from Philadelphia to New Brunswick and then moved along the South Branch of the Raritan River.⁷ The direct line of descent to Nathan, the father of the Civil War brothers, as compiled by Chambers⁸ was *Nathan*,⁵ *Jacob*,⁴ *Philip*,^{2,3} *Stephed*.¹ Nathan (1815-1886), a farmer in Bethlehem Township and later Junction (now Hampton), had the following children, surname *Terriberry*: John Stires (1837-1888), George Washington (1840-1913), Jacob (1843, died young), Stewart (1845-1919), Calvin (1848-1901), Whitfield (1848-1904), William Judson (1851-1923), Andrew Miller (1854-1916), Catherine Stires (1857-1942) and Alfred Martenis (1859-1880).⁹ Their mother was Margaret Stires (1817-1880),¹⁰ a descendant

of Johannes Stires.¹¹ Nathan's second wife was Sarah Elizabeth Tharp (1842 after 1935).

John Stires Terriberry probably resided in New Jersey in 1859 since promissory notes to Abraham Stires, John's maternal grandfather, were written then.¹² According to a muster roll, John enlisted as a private in New Company C, 1st Special Battalion (Rightor's), Louisiana Infantry in New Orleans in July 1862. During the early period of the Civil War, there were few battles, but in May 1863 the 1st Louisiana defended Williamsburg, Virginia, against General George B. McClellan's Union forces during the Peninsula Campaign.¹³ Early in the war, enlistments in the Confederate Army were for one year. John's term of enlistment expired in June 1863, and he was discharged in Richmond, Virginia. In the spring of 1863, the Confederate leaders announced that soldiers whose term of enlistment were about to expire would be held to continued service by conscription. John somehow avoided conscription, returned to civilian life, and in 1866 was employed as a clerk in Galveston, Texas.¹⁴

John married Frances Johnson in Orange County, Texas, in 1868,¹⁵ but by 1880, they were separated. Frances was living in Bell County, Texas, with her mother and son George Hutchings Terriberry (1875 - 1948)¹⁶ while John was employed as a broker in New Orleans.¹⁷ In 1883, John's great aunts, Margaret and Elizabeth Bigler, bequeathed parts of their estates to "... George H. Terriberry son of John Terriberry ... and if the said George Terriberry shall be dead or cannot be found after diligent search ...,"¹⁸ text suggesting that John's whereabouts was not known to his New Jersey relatives. John died in New York in 1888¹⁹ and was buried at the Hampton Baptist Church cemetery.²⁰

George Washington Terriberry commenced the study of medicine in 1863 under the supervision of T. Edgar Hunt, M.D., of Clarksville.²¹ Medical training at that time consisted of attending courses and studying under the guidance of a practitioner such as Dr. Hunt. George was assigned to general hospitals in Georgia and Tennessee during 1864-1865. Following graduation from Bellevue Medical College in 1866, he practiced medicine in Paterson and later managed the New Jersey State Asylum for the Insane at Morristown.²² He married, first, Martha Griffith Stoutenborough (1846-1888) and had two sons, William Stoutenborough Terriberry (1871-1948) and Max Herbert Terriberry (1873-1874) and, second, Fannie Elizabeth Gilson (1859 after 1929) who bore him one son, George Gilson Terriberry (1892-1968). George and Martha were buried in Paterson.²³

The two Terriberry brothers had minimal impact on the war. John saw little action during the war, and George was assigned to hospitals far from the front. The mystery in this story is what motivated young John to leave home and his northern legacy to support a radical cause. Was it a perverse commitment to the southern cause or simply that that enlistment was then the vogue for men living in the South? History sometimes tells us who, what, and where, but often not why.

1. Gillette, William. *Jersey Blue: Civil War Politics in New Jersey, 1854-1865*. [New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1995].

2. Muster roll of John S. Terriberry. Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers who Served in Organizations from the State of Louisiana. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), microfilm publication M320A, roll 97.

3. Medical cadet file of George W. Terabery [sic]. Records Concerning Medical Personnel. Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Adjutant General's Office, Record group 94, entry 581, NARA.

4. Wiley, Bell Irvin. *The Life of Johnny Reb: The Common Soldier of the Confederacy*. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1971], p. 322.

5. Burget, Annette Kunselman. *Ei ts from Northern Alsace to America*. [Camden, Me.: Picton Press, 1992], p. 131.

6. Strassburger, Ralph Beaver. *Pennsylvania German Pioneers: The on. Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia 1727 to 1808*, William John Hinke (ed.). [Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980], vol. 1, p. 212ff.

7. Wacker, Peter O. *The Musconetcong Valley of New Jersey. A Historical Geographv*. [New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1968], p. 48ff.

8. Chambers, Theodore Frelinghuysen. *The Early Germans of New Jersey*. [Baltimore: Genealogy Publishing Co., 1982], p. 526.

9. Family bible record of Nathan Terriberry of Junction, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Transcript in the Bible Record Collection, National Genealogical Society, Arlington, Va.; and N.J. and N.Y. vital records.

10. Headstone, Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, N.J.

11. Justice, Alfred R. *Descendants of Johannes Stires of Hunterdon County, New Jersey and his wife Mary (Hendricks) Stires, 1923*, p. 13. Historical Library of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

12. Will of Abraham Stires, 13 February 1860, 6028J, N.J. Archives, Trenton.

13. Bergeron, Arthur W., Jr. *Guide to Louisiana Confederate Military Units, 1861-1865*. [Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1996], p. 148.

14. Galveston city directories. The first directory for Galveston after the Civil War was published in 1866, and it is possible John was residing in Galveston earlier.

15. Orange County, Tex., marriage records, vol. A, p. 246.

16. 880 U.S. Census, Bell County, Tex., NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1290, p. 72.

17. 1880 U.S. Census, 3m Ward, New Orleans, La., NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 459, p. 479A.

18. Will books 17, p. 428-433, and 14, p. 459-463, Hunterdon County Surrogate's Court, Flemington.

19. *Clinton Democrat*, 19 July 1888, p. 1, col. 4.

20. *Hunterdon County Historical Society Newsletter*, 2001; 37:869ff.

21. T. Edgar Hunt, M.D., Clarksville, N.J., 26 December 1863 letter in medical cadet file in support of George Terriberry's application for military service. Dr. Hunt was the father of Willis Martin Hunt who married George's sister, Katherine Stires Terriberry.

22. *Journal of the Medical Society of New Jersey*, 1913; 10:137.

23. Burial records, Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson, N.J.

Editor's Note: David J. Riley, 282 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1729, who is preparing a compilation of the descendants of Nathan Terriberry, is willing to share this information.

Correction: John Bigler, Revolutionary War Veteran

The article "John Bigler" (*Hunterdon Historical Newsletter*, 1977, 13: 7-8) described one of Hunterdon's last veterans of the Revolutionary War. The statement was made that one of his daughters, Catherine Bigler who married Abraham Stires, had no known children. In his will, however, Abraham Stires directed that "...it is my will that, after the decease of my beloved wife Catharine. . .the monies. . .shall descend to my daughter Margaret, the wife of Nathan Terribery. . ." [Will of Abraham Stires, proved 4 July 1860, 6028J, NJ Archives]. This information is pertinent to the genealogy of Nathan Terribery. (See accompanying article in this issue). [Submitted by David J. Riley, 282 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1729].

2007 Stick-up Calendars

The Society is pleased to enclose with this Newsletter a complementary 2007 stick up calendar to all members as of 21 December 2006. Dues notices for 2007 will be going out sometime in January. If you want to save your Society time and postage you may mail your dues anytime before the end of January. Thank you.

ACQUISITIONS (Continued from page 992)

This large stone Indian grinding bowl was discovered in 2004 on the farm of Tom Hodulik, a mile southwest of Pittstown along County Rte. 615. It was found one foot beneath the foundation of the 1830s farm house there during its demolition to make way for a new home on the site.

Mr. Hodulik donated this to the society in 2006.

The bowl's heavy weight indicates use by a non-nomadic tribe and its coarse working surface would not have yielded a superfine grind.



Route 22 — more construction



The Old Brick Tavern on Route 22 west of Clinton was photographed by Michael Ciavolino before being moved in 1959 to make way for widening of Route 22. Today in its new location, it is the Perryville Inn. The building was raised up on wheels in December 1959 and moved about 1,000 feet. The 24 December 1959 issue of the *Hunterdon County Democrat* printed photographs of the building up on wheels and enroute to the new location.

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 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 13 1/2" 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*, 1825-1834, Volume I, 1835-1844, Volume II, and Volume III, 1845-1854 on CD, 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 for nonmembers, \$15 for members.

The fourth and final CD in the *Hunterdon Gazette* series, Volume IV, 1855-1866, has been released. It contains a bonus, with the permission of Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission the full "Hunterdon Place Names" book updated with information from the *Hunterdon Gazette*. It includes about 100 new entries and about the same number of added information to existing names.

Other New Publications

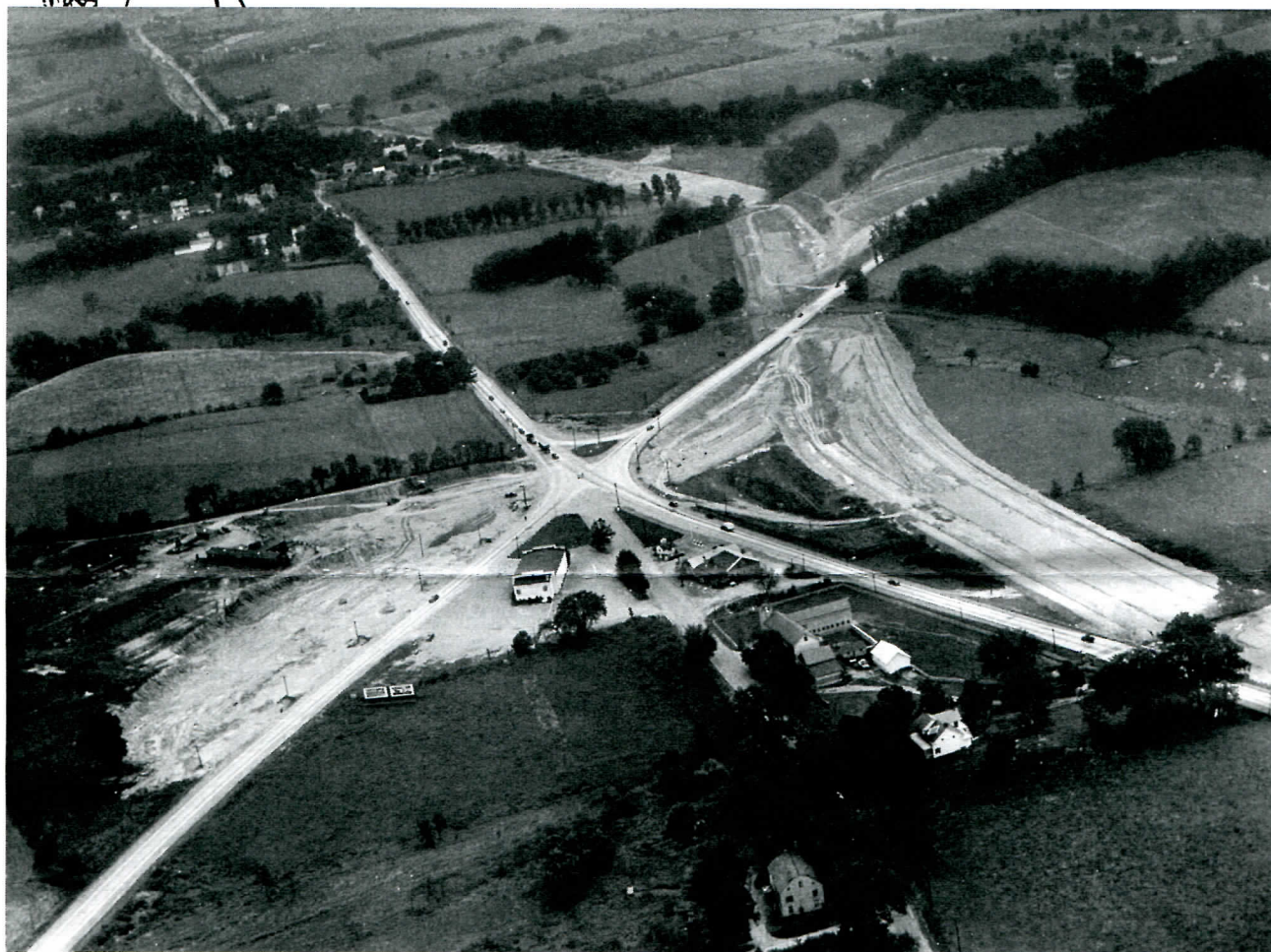
Hunterdon County's Forgotten Lime Industry, by Frank Curcio, published 2006 by Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Soft cover, 132 pages, with illustrations and maps, and end notes and references. Available from the Commission, County Administration Building, Flemington, NJ 08822. \$10.00





Images from the Past

Clinton Annandale By-pass — 1941



Above is the "mystery" photograph in the Society's booth at the 4-H and Agricultural Fair this year and we asked visitors to identify the location and year.

In the center of the photograph is the Clinton Point Theatre, built in 1935 and closed 1988 and replaced with a bank. Taken in May 1941, it shows the Route 22 proposed Clinton-Annandale By-pass which had been roughly graded by local W.P.A. (Work Relief Program) workers. Paving was completed as State Highway monies became available. In August 1940, Route 22 was designated a main strategic military route and tentative plans were made to put strategic roads in shape for military use. Some weak spots in the highway system were bridges not designed to carry the weight of tanks and heavy motorized units. The bridge on Clinton's Main Street over the South Branch of the Raritan River was why the bypass was planned.

The May 18 issue of *The Clinton Democrat* shows an aerial view of the the town of Clinton by Robert Higgins. Several pages later is another view of Clinton Point theatre area with the same line of vehicles traveling west that appear in the "mystery" picture.

In December 1941 war was declared on Germany and Italy and nearly a year later, in November 1942 the newspaper reported that the Clinton by-pass was stalled by war restrictions on materials. No construction progress was reported on the by-pass through 1944. It appeared on a Hunterdon County 1947 road map as "under construction." Ultimately it was completed and it became the west bound lanes of Route 78.

Congratulations to Kevin Brady, Lambertville, who identified the location correctly and dated the photography in the middle 1940s.