



## Hunterdon County Historical Society

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Hunterdon County Celebrates 300 Years Throughout 2014

*Walking Tours, Reenactments, Lectures, Concerts, Historical Performances, Exhibitions, etc.*

For entire calendar go to:  
[www.hunterdon300th.org](http://www.hunterdon300th.org)

#### November 2 - Presentation

Homeowners share stories about their home renovations.

Lambertville, 2 PM

[www.lambertvillehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.lambertvillehistoricalsociety.org)

#### November 28 - December 7

*Festival of Trees Fundraiser*

The Red Mill, Clinton

[www.theredmill.org](http://www.theredmill.org)

#### November 29 - Walking Tour

Historic Milford Borough

Milford, 1:30 PM

#### December 6 - Bus Tour

Stanton Holly Trail

*Holidays in Historic Hunterdon*

[www.stantonhollytrail.com](http://www.stantonhollytrail.com)

### SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#### November 16 - Society Fall Meeting

Flemington Presbyterian Church

see lead article, this page

#### December 7, 13, 14 - Tours

Doric House Holiday Open House

1 - 4 PM

#### Library Hours

Open 12 - 4 PM every Thursday  
and 10 - 4 PM these Saturdays:

November 8, 22

December 13, 27

January 10, 24

February 14, 28

## NOVEMBER 16 MEETING FEATURES EVOLUTION FROM HORSES TO ENGINES

The Society's fall meeting on Sunday, November 16, 2014, features Tricia Haertlein, an avid equestrian and carriage driver from Lebanon, NJ, who will give an illustrated talk, *Carts to Cars*, a look at the transition from horse to mechanized power. We'll meet at the Flemington Presbyterian Church, 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ, at 2:00 pm and have refreshments after the talk.

For much of our history horses were our partners in building our farms and cities. Tricia Haertlein asks and answers questions like: What was it like in the late 1800s and early 1900s as we switched from horsepower to horse-powered engines? What did horses do for us in the city and on the farm? Why did switching seem like a good idea? If engines were better, why were horses still delivering milk through World War II?

A resident of Hunterdon since 1985, she has worked for Janssen Pharmaceutical for over 20 years. Also a history buff, she developed her talk for a local museum's transportation day and has been expanding it to cover more information as her research reveals it.

She is a member of local, regional, state and national horse and driving organizations and has served on the board of many of these groups. Currently the President of both the Hunterdon County Horse & Pony Association and the Gladstone Equestrian Association, she also is a member of the NJ Horse Council, Carriage Association of America, and American Driving Society. For the ADS, she edited a book, *Carriage Driving Games*, a collection of games from around the country.



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**Beautification of The Doric House**

By the end of October, the 1845 Doric House will be aglow with fresh paint in the two-story foyer, parlor and dining room, all made possible by a \$15,300 grant from the Hunterdon County Historic Preservation Trust Fund. Painters Grant Dutka and Katy Von Webern won the project and began work at the end of September.

Preparing the plaster walls for painting became a great part of the job since many cracks in the plaster required repairs. The interior of the house was last painted in 1970. Work required great skill, using three colors of paint and gilding in each room on multiple moldings and pilasters. The cast plaster floral medallion above the parlor chandelier was particularly challenging.

At the same time, a \$10,000 grant from The Astle-Alpaugh Family Foundation, matched with funds from the Society, made it possible for Right-Way Carpentry and Construction of Ringoes to renovate a former 1940s kitchen and bath on the second floor into an exhibition area with overhead LED track lighting. Velcro-backed artifacts will affix to special exhibition fabric on the walls.

Exhibitions will remain on view for six months, changing in January and July, although the first exhibition will be open to visitors during the holiday open houses in December. The first exhibit, planned by Textile Curators Judy Grow and Lynn Burtis, will feature textiles and costumes from the Society's collection. The second exhibition, designed by Manuscript Curator Donald Cornelius, will display historical maps.

**Acquisitions**

Materials representative of the history of Hunterdon County and the families who resided here are welcome additions to the Society's collections. Large collections may not be available for research until they have been processed. To the donors of recent acquisitions, the Society expresses its sincere appreciation.

- Bromell, Edward - *Kerr's Guaranteed Baby Chicks*, 1922.
- Feldman, Jacqueline & Michael - Assortment of men's and women's Victorian clothing; Viewmaster and box of slides.
- Garcia, Charlotte Wertz - In Memory of Della Parker Wertz, quilt, 1890-1920, 70" x 70," log cabin, barn raising with split center squares, made by great grandmother of the donor.
- Jones, Audrey - In Memory of George "Bucky" Jones, 18 pen & ink drawings of homes and buildings in Flemington older than 100 years, drawn by the donor.
- Jones, Lora - White cotton lace dress with high neck, ca. 1910.
- King, Dr. Larry - Deed dated 1890 from Sarah E. Snook and her husband to Melissa W. Wanamaker of a lot in Lambertville recorded in Book 225, page 687 of the Hunterdon County Book of Deeds; mortgage dated 1890 from Melissa Wanamaker to Martha Higgins recorded in Book 69, page 274 of the Hunterdon County Book of Deeds.
- Koblish, Martha Andrews - In memory of Alice Mathews Andrews, 1927 calendar distributed by E. C. White of Frenchtown, owners of Lehigh Cement; Oak Grove Commemorative Ceremony Booklet, Franklin Township, 1973; *Sunshine and Happy Days* nursery rhymes booklet distributed by J. M. Bellis & Son, Pharmaceutical Preparations, Flemington.
- Krisanda, Mark - Scrapbook of correspondence, newspaper clippings, booklets and ephemera belonging to and created by J. A. Schaeffer, an engineer of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Flemington.
- Lieberman, JoAnn - In Memory of Alice Potter Ellenson, photo album "Ancestors of Helen Coffin," with genealogical information for some photographs.
- Tamburello, Kim - In Memory of Frank and Rosalie Kuntz, trunk belonging to Frank and Rosalie Kuntz that accompanied them during their 1914 immigration through Ellis Island.

**SOCIETY SEEKS NEW ADMINISTRATOR**

The Executive Director for the past year, Linda Hahola, resigned her position September 4 to pursue her archival interests elsewhere. The Society is currently seeking resumes from qualified candidates for the position of Library/Museum Administrator. Visit the Society website at [www.hunterdonhistory.org](http://www.hunterdonhistory.org) for complete job description and details. The deadline to apply is November 15.

The face you will see in the Research Library now is Cindy Knight, who began her association with the Society as a volunteer at the end of last year. She has now stepped in to keep the library operational while a new administrator is identified. Cindy was Senior Librarian in the reference department of the Hunterdon County Library in Flemington for ten years, providing general and in-depth reference services. One of only three librarians there working with eBooks and audio books, she also is experienced in electronic databases. She moved to Hunterdon County from Indianapolis where she was an Assistant Librarian at the University Library of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. She is also a non-fiction book reviewer. Since 2007, she has reviewed more than 30 science and technology books for *Library Journal*.



Cindy Knight



**WINNER OF THE REPRODUCTION QUILT** matching two 1843 quilts in the collections of our Society and the Lambertville Historical Society is Ann Marie Linnen of Clinton Township, who teaches school in Hampton. She bought her winning ticket from a fellow teacher, Ellen Sidbury, who got several books from Trustee Lora Jones. From the moment she bought her tickets, Ann Marie believed she would win and marked the drawing date on her calendar. The closer the date came, the more confident she became – and she was right! The framed square signature quilt is machine-pieced and hand-quilted with 66 blocks, 54 of them with the signatures of county residents in fade and water-resistant archival ink. The quilt raffle earned \$2,100, which will fund archival storage boxes, acid-free tissue and a photo display rack.

**RESEARCH REQUESTS**

**\$25 per 2 hours of research**  
Go to [www.hunterdonhistory.org/research-policy](http://www.hunterdonhistory.org/research-policy)  
for forms and more info

**Membership Report**

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

Reported by Mary Ellen Soldavin, Membership Chair

- June and Frank Curtis, San Carlos, CA
- Jeanne Danes, Edison, NJ
- Verner Hawk, Rancho Cucamongo, CA
- Jon Kornacki, Wallingford, CT
- Neil Simpson, Frenchtown, NJ

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**ATTENTION MEMBERS**

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We will email the newsletter in a PDF format to you before the printed version even reaches the post office! And best of all, all photos will be in **FULL COLOR**.

**VOLUNTEER CORNER**

Thanks to all those who volunteered at the Hunterdon County Historical Society booth at the Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fair in August. Sharing our county's history and heritage with others is always enjoyable and rewarding.

**DOCENTS NEEDED:** The Hunterdon County Historical Society is looking for volunteer docents for the Doric House. We need help at the holiday open houses, once a month during visiting hours, and other events. No experience is needed. Training will be provided in the history of the house and how to engage your visitors in the stories of the past times in Hunterdon history. If you have a few hours a week and an interest in history please contact us with your name and email/phone number at [info@hunterdonhistory.org](mailto:info@hunterdonhistory.org).

## THE TROUT CEMETERY

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While ago, I wrote about the families that lived in the vicinity of old Buchanan's Tavern, at the intersection of Routes 523 and 579. [See link in original web article.]

The Buchanan family ran taverns here from 1774 to the 1840s. It was thought that some of those Buchanans were buried in a little cemetery off in the woods - at least it used to be off in the woods until the land surrounding it was developed in the 1990s. Carla Cielo took me to see it and I was pretty disappointed. There were three nice marble stones standing there in a small yard surrounded by a stone wall, but the stones were so worn down that the inscriptions were illegible to me.

Along come Bob and Leslie Leith, graveyard aficionados extraordinaire.<sup>1</sup> They have mastered the art of lighting the stones so that the inscriptions become legible in photographs, and that's just what they did with the so-called Buchanan cemetery. Lo and behold - it was not the Buchanans, but the Trout family that was buried there, which makes sense since the Trouts owned the land where the cemetery is located, just south of the Buchanan farm.



Gravestone of George Trout, photographed by Bob and Leslie Leith

This solves the riddle (for me) of why Buchanans would be buried on Trout property - they weren't.<sup>2</sup>

Here is the information Bob and Leslie found on the three stones:

In memory of  
George Trout  
who departed this life  
August 30th 1809  
Aged 79 years

Johanna Trout  
who departed this life  
March 16, 1825  
In the 89th year of her life

John Trout  
who departed this life  
March 9, 1808  
Aged 28 years 8 months and 6 days

It is thought that George Trout, born on October 30, 1729, came from Germantown, PA, and was the son of Hans Georg Traut Sr.<sup>3</sup> In 1733 a group of German Baptists, also known as Dunkards, established a church for themselves in Amwell Township. Among that first congregation were the Trauts - Johann, Jeremias, Balser and Madalena.<sup>4</sup> Could Hans George Traut Sr. have been the "John Traut" who was a practicing Dunkard?

George Trout first appears in Amwell Township as a young man in 1748 when he was working as a saddletree maker for Henry Landis in Ringoes. I had to look up "saddletree" on Wikipedia, not being a horse person myself, and learned it is the underlying structure of the saddle that keeps the rider's weight from putting too much pressure on the horse's spine. Saddletrees were nothing new; they were first used by the Romans.

On October 30, 1757, George Trout married Johanna Lequear (1737-1825), daughter of Garrardus Lequear and Anne Cortelyou. She was baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church in New Brunswick on February 19, 1738. Shortly afterwards, the Lequears, a French Huguenot family, settled in Ringoes, which is where Johanna Lequear met George Trout.

In 1760, Trout bought land on the north side of Ringoes from Garret Williamson, and in 1764, he bought a lot across from Henry Landis on the Old York Road. Sometime shortly before the Revolution began, George Trout, his wife and their first four children moved north to a new home. In 1776, Trout mortgaged 181 acres in the John Cook proprietary tract, which was bisected by Route 579.<sup>5</sup> This was the property near Buchanan's tavern.

From 1758 to 1781, George and Johanna Trout had eleven children. All of them lived to adulthood, and all of them married. Their son John was born June 14, 1779, and on January 10, 1805, he married Annie Besson (1783-1866), daughter of John Besson and Margaret Opdycke. They had two children, Jeremiah (born 1805) and Asher (born 1807; Asher Trout married a Buchanan and figures prominently in the story of Buchanan's Tavern). The family might have been much larger had John Trout not been hit by lightning when he was only 28 years old. He died on March 8, 1808, and was buried in the Trout family burying ground, as noted above. Administration of his estate was granted to the widow Anna and her brother John Besson Jr. on April 12, 1808. Their bond was \$2,000, and sureties were Anna's father George Trout, and John Besson's father John Besson Sr.

John Besson Jr. was not only the brother of Anna Besson Trout, he was also, in a sense, her brother-in-law since he married John Trout's sister Rachel Trout.

Bob Leith shared with me a copy of John Trout's inventory. There were promissory notes and book debts against Bartholomew VanCamp, Bartholomew Thatcher, George Trout Jr., Samuel Holcombe, William Bishop, Paul Cool, Andrew Hoagland, George Holcombe Junr., William

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## Give A Gift of History

Give a gift with real meaning this holiday season - give a book about local history! We're selling several new titles at bargain prices. Several items were donated by the *Hunterdon County Democrat* weekly newspaper. Stop by our library to pick up your copy! For mail orders: Include \$5 for the first book and \$1 for each additional book (unless otherwise specified); maps and posters add \$10 shipping for up to 4 items. For out-of-country orders contact the society for shipping charges. \*For these items if 2 or more are mailed in one tube, shipping is still \$10.

### Address on the Dissolution of Nations

William Paterson (HCHS 1997). Essay on political science written about 1770 by a future Governor of NJ and US Supreme Court Justice. 25 pp., soft cover. \$1

### Atlas of Hunterdon

Beers, Comstock and Cline (1873, reprinted by HCHS 1987). Contains maps of 14 townships and 32 towns. 77 pp., 13"x16", hard cover. \$40

### Baptists in Kingwood, NJ

Stephen Zdepksi (1974). A History of the Kingwood Baptist Church at Baptistown and Locktown and the present Baptistown Baptist Church. 37 pp., illus., soft cover. \$5

### Beneath These Waters

Stephanie Stevens (2009). Chronicles the colorful history of Round Valley from its geological formation and Lenape habitat to summer refuge for early Revolutionary Patriots, rich fields farmed by some of Hunterdon's oldest families, and the reservoir that took the land for drinking water and recreation. 70 pp., illus., maps, index, soft cover. \$7

### The Centre Bridge

Elmer Roberson (1928). History of the Centre Bridge Company and the covered bridge over the Delaware River that burned in 1923. 10 pp., soft cover. \$3

### The Choyce Compendium

Betty Choyce Sheehan (2006). The Choyces were part of an English migration to Flemington in 1785, along with the Capners, Peter Haward, Isaac Passand, and others. 907 pp., index, illus., family charts, hard cover. \$85 plus \$10 for shipping\*.

### Ye Colonial Kinsmen From Plymouth Rock to York Towne

Joseph N. Kearney, 1978. Genealogical study documenting about 200 immigrants of Plymouth, MA and New Amsterdam (present day NYC) and tracing their families through 6 generations. Over 3000 names. 8 24"x36" charts. \$30 non-members, \$20 members. Plus \$10 for shipping\*.

### Facts and Fantasies of Franklin Township

J. Edward Stout (1995). Traces Franklin Township's geographic, political and social roots over the 150 years from 1845-1995 when the rural community moved from "the combine to the commuter." 448 pp., index, illus., maps, soft cover. \$20

### Flemington, NJ Map

O.H. Bailey and Co. Reprint of 1883 bird's-eye view map of Flemington. Approx. 20"x25". \$10 plus \$10 for shipping\*.

### The Flemington Fair Story

Kenneth V. Myers (1978). 95 pp., illus., soft cover. \$5

### Flemington Fair Poster

Russell & Morgan Printing Co. Reprint of 1885 Hunterdon County Fair poster. Approx. 24"x33". \$30 plus \$10 for shipping\*.

### Flemington Fire Department 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade Committee (1982). Includes the early history of the department, list of chiefs, photos of men and equipment from 1842 to 1982. 118 pp., illus., soft cover. \$5

### The Ghosts of Hopewell

Jim Fisher (2006). The professor's back! In his second review of the Lindbergh kidnapping, he examines many of the wild new claims about whodunit, how, and why. 200 pp., illus., hard cover. \$20

### History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, NJ

James P. Snell (1881, reprinted by HCHS 2008). The standard classic county history. 2 vols., 864 pp., illus., maps, hard cover. \$89.50 non-members, \$85 members. Plus \$10 for shipping\*.

### Hunterdon County, NJ Map

Lloyd Van Derveer & S.C. Cornell. Reprint of 1851 map. Approx. 24"x31". \$25 plus \$10 for shipping\*.

### Hunterdon County in the Civil War

John W. Kuhl (2013). The times, the men, their stories. Rosters and unit histories of 2,700 Hunterdon County men who served in the Civil War. 260 pp., 170 illus., index, soft cover, spiral bound. \$15

### Hunterdon County New Jersey Fisheries 1819-1820

Phyllis B. D'Autrechy (1993). Historical background on shad fishing and the names and locations of fisheries in the county. 44 pp., index, illus., maps, soft cover. \$7.50

### Hunterdon County New Jersey Militia, 1792

Hiram E. Deats (1936, reprinted by HCHS 1994). Alphabetical listings by township of "free and able-bodied white male citizens" between 18 and 45 yrs. 37 pp., soft cover. \$12

### Hunterdon County's Forgotten Lime Industry

Frank A. Curcio (2006). Winner of the NJ Author's Award. History of the lime kiln industry in Hunterdon, including background on the process of quarrying, the uses of lime and the major sites of mining in the county. 132 pp., illus., maps, soft cover. \$5

### Hunterdon Gazette Weekly Newspaper

Digital photographic images of the Gazette newspaper pages as well as 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. Covers 1825-1866. DVD format works on both PCs and Macs. Also contains text of book *Hunterdon Place Names*. \$25 non-members, \$20 members and includes shipping.

### Hunterdon's Role in the Revolution

*Hunterdon County Democrat* (1976). This large format booklet describes scores of brave local men and women who fought to found a free nation. Many rare old illustrations. 88 pp., illus., maps, soft cover. \$3

### I Remember

Gloria Sipes Paleveda (1997). What if Tom Sawyer had been a girl? A Frenchtown matron tells 14 more tales of life along the Delaware early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. 78 pp., illus. \$8

**In Defence of Her Honor**

Dennis Sullivan (2000) – The New York press went wild in 1886 at the lurid rape and murder of Tillie Smith. An innocent man was set to hang. This real-life mystery occurred in Hackettstown, on the Centenary College campus. 169 pp., illus., soft cover. \$10 non-members, \$8 members.

**In the Grip of the Expert**

Egbert T. Bush (1904). Novel by noted Hunterdon Co. newspaper writer. 277 pp., hard cover. \$7 non-members, \$5 members.

**The Jerseyman: A Quarterly Magazine of Local History**

Hiram E. Deats, ed. (1893-1905). Local history and genealogy, primarily of Hunterdon County. Vols. 2-11, 376+ unbound pages, with added table of contents compiled by Roxanne K. Carkhuff. Some early issues may be supplied through photocopies. \$100

**Lindbergh Kidnapping**

Lost for 65 years! Found in a NJ barn! Original cartoon drama traces the “The Crime of the Century.” Fully colored computer-repaired panels with footnotes. 36 pp., soft cover. \$5 non-members, \$4 members.

**Lindbergh Newspapers**

Time travel in a box! This set of 11 reprinted local newspapers covers the “Trial of the Century.” Rare photos. Depression-era ads are priceless! Great gift for students, history buffs, senior citizens and legal eagles. \$25 non-members, \$20 members.

**Marriage Records of Hunterdon Co, NJ, 1795-1875**

Hiram E. Deats (1918, reprinted with additions and corrections, 1986) 348 pp., hard cover. \$25

**More Records of Old Hunterdon County, Volume I**

Compiled by Phyllis B. D’Autrechy (HCHS 1998). Includes division of lands 1795-1876; Orphans Court Minutes 1785-1797; Naturalizations 1803-1876; and much more. 276 pp., index, illus., maps, hard cover. \$25

**More Records of Old Hunterdon County, Volume II**

Compiled by Phyllis B. D’Autrechy, edited by Roxanne K. Carkhuff (HCHS 2000). Includes abstracts of wills; letters of administration and inventories, 1818-1825; bastardy cases, 1761-1890; and more. 331 pp., index, maps, hard cover. \$25

**New Jersey’s Civil War Odyssey: An Anthology of Civil War Tales from 1850-1961**

Edited by Joseph Bilby (2011). Untold and long-forgotten stories of how New Jerseyans coped with the Civil War and its memory. 168 pp., illus., index, hard cover. \$20

**New Jersey’s Lindbergh Kidnapping and Trial**

Mark W. Falzini & James Davidson (2012). Documents the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr. and the arrest, trial and execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann through vintage photographs. 127 pp., soft cover. \$16

**Old Stones at Oak Summit**

Kenneth V. Myers (1985). Kingwood Presbyterian Church at Oak Summit, Kingwood Township. 20 pp., index, soft cover. \$3

**A Precious Place**

By Don Freiday (1997) – A local naturalist spins his favorite tales. An engaging flock of stories, whether you’re home by the hearth or out on the trail. 161 pp., illus., soft cover. \$10 non-members, \$8 members.

**Raritan Township, NJ Map**

J.C. Sidney. Reprint of 1850 map. Approx. 24”x33”. \$25 plus \$10 for shipping\*.

**Records of the Kingwood Monthly Meeting of Friends**

James W. Moore (1900). 42 pp., soft cover. \$2

**The Ride to Pleasant Grove**

Sal Vuocolo (1999) – A modern couple, repairing their Lebanon Township home, Hance Farm, follow clues to find the early-1800s family that worked this same land. 160 pp., illus., soft cover. \$8 non-members, \$6 members.

**A Sampling of Hunterdon County Needlework**

Dan & Marty Campanelli (2013). Features 74 examples of the artistry made by the young ladies of Hunterdon. The samplers date from 1798-1840s, and come from all over the county, including the lower portion that is now part of Mercer County. 132 pp., large-format, full-color, soft cover. \$25 plus \$7 shipping.

**Tillers of the Soil**

Stephanie Stevens (2014). Hunterdon County Historian Ms. Stevens profiles 40 Hunterdon farm families who have tilled the soil from two to nine generations. 81 pp., illus., soft cover. \$7

**Treacherous Beauty**

Mark Jacob and Stephen H. Case (2012). The first biography of Peggy Shippen, beautiful society girl, Benedict Arnold’s wife, and traitor to the American Revolution. Peggy Shippen lived near Flemington for a brief period during the Revolution prior to her marriage. 279 pp., hard cover. \$20

**The Trial**

Jen Bryant (2004). A suspenseful novel in poems for young readers tells the story of the Lindbergh kidnapping and the trial of Bruno Hauptmann through the eyes of 12-yr-old Katie Leigh Flynn as she attended the trial as assistant to her reporter uncle. 170 pp., soft cover. \$6

**The Trial of the Century**

Harry Kazman, Famous Trials Theater (2010). Video recording of the final showing of the two-hour drama that recounts the 1935 trial of Bruno Hauptmann who was charged in the 1932 disappearance of the Lindbergh baby. Filmed in the historic county courthouse, site of the actual trial. \$25

**When Leaves Grow Old and Other Poems**

Egbert T. Bush (1916). 32 pp., hard cover. \$6 non-members, \$4 members.

**The Vought Family, Loyalists in the American Revolution**

Donald E. Sherblom (2009). Explores the background of the historic Vought House in Clinton Twp. that contains rare plaster ceilings and was saved at the last moment from demolition. Also delves into the prominent family that built it, planned raids against neighbors and plotted disruptions of Revolutionary activities. 63 pp., illus, maps, soft cover. \$5

**SMALL PAMPHLETS - Postage Only \$1 Per Item****General Washington at Coryell’s Ferry**

Hannah Coryell Anderson (1928, reprinted 1969). 24 pp., illus. \$2.50 non-members, \$2 members.

**Historical and Genealogical Sketch of James Sterling**

Edward Boker Sterling (1893). Hunterdon Historical Series, no. 3. 27 pp., illus., soft cover. \$2.50 non-members, \$2 members.

**History of the Readington School, Formerly Called Holland Brook, 1804-1897**

John Fleming (1898). Hunterdon Historical Series, no. 4. 15 pp., soft cover. \$2.50 non-members, \$2 members.

**Tucca-Ramma-Hacking**

E. Vosseller (1901). Hunterdon Historical Series, no. 5. Tales and traditions from the area where the branches of the Raritan River meet. 21 pp., soft cover. \$2.50 non-members, \$2 members.

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Merrell, Philip Swallow, Peter Aller, John Woolverton and John Leigh. Also a Demand against George Trout Sen’r for flax \$12.37 and on partnership account \$3.20, suggesting that the father and son had established a business relationship.

John Trout had the typical furnishings, livestock and crops, but there were also some interesting items I don’t usually see in inventories of this time: “Linen in rolls \$7.47, 1 Roll of tow & linen \$3.45, whip & cane \$2, Razor & Shaving box 75 cents, several books 50 cents, Ink horn, slate and penknives \$1, Spectator 8 volumes \$4, 1 Book title New Jersey Justice \$2.50, Manuscript cyphering books \$1.” It appears that John Trout was an educated man. He also had a gun worth \$4.

One day after administration was granted on the estate of John Trout, on April 13, 1808, his elderly father George wrote a codicil to his will. He had named his son John one of his executors. But since he had named two others to share the work (son-in-law Martin Johnson and brother-in-law John Lequear), he did not name a substitute. However, he cancelled the bequest he had made to his two sons to share his plantation of 181 acres, and set aside 80 acres “off the east end of my plantation in a line parallel to John Leigh’s line” for his grandsons Jeremiah and Asher, son of “my deceased son John.” And the balance was to go to son George, if he had “legitimate issue,” which he did after marrying John Trout’s widow, Annie Besson, in 1811.

George Trout died on August 30, 1809 at the age of 79. The Inventory of his estate was an interesting one. He loaned a considerable amount of money to his neighbors, as well as four of his nine sons-in-law, Peter Prall, Samuel Hill, William Schenk and John Huffman. Since there were no commercial banks at this time, people relied on their wealthy neighbors for loans needed to purchase land and livestock, and George Trout was certainly wealthy. His inventory totaled an impressive \$6,078.83 and one half cent, well above the norm. The list of people who owed him money is a long one, which I will attach to the end of this article, since it will be of use to Hunterdon genealogists. [See author’s original online article for list.]

Besides the long list of debtors, the inventory also shows that George Trout, or members of his household, were occupied in the production of cloth. His will did not identify his occupation; he was by that time “weak in body” and aged.<sup>6</sup> So the loom and spinning wheels were either no longer being used by him, or were being used by his wife and children, including son John, who had “Linen in rolls” and a “roll of tow & linen” in his inventory. George Trout’s inventory listed a loom and “tackling” worth \$22, woolen wheel, spinning wheel, spools and linen yarn, linen and tow yarn, baskets and wool, baskets, spools and linen yarn, more spinning wheels, a flax mill, and flax in the sheaf.

On August 17, 1812, George’s wife Johanna, whom he called Hannah in his will, wrote her own will, in which she named her eight daughters - Sarah Hill (wife of Samuel), Mary Schenck (wife of William), Catharine Huffman (wife of John), Rebeckah Young (wife of Jacob S.), Johannah Moore (wife of John), Elizabeth Rockafellar (wife of David),

Rachel Besson (wife of John) and Lucretia Prall (wife of Peter). By the time Johanna Trout wrote her will, daughter Anna Trout, wife of Martin Johnson, had died in February 1812, and Anna’s daughter Mary died in March 1812, the 23-year-old wife of Samuel Wolverton.

Johanna Trout left her wearing apparel to her surviving daughters, and also the residue of her property. She made special bequests to her grandchildren, as follows:

To granddaughter Rebeckah Huffman, daughter of John & Catherine, her looking glass;

To granddaughter Elizabeth Moore, daughter of John and Johannah, half dozen silver teaspoons marked J H T, and the use of said spoons to Elizabeth’s mother Johannah Moore during her lifetime;

To granddaughter Johannah Rockafellar the other half dozen teaspoons and the smoothing irons, and the use of these items to Johannah Rockafellar’s mother Elizabeth;

To granddaughter Johannah Besson, daughter of John and Rachel, her breakfast table.

Joanna Trout stated that she was aged and weak when she wrote her will in 1812; but she was also tough, and survived her husband by 16 years, dying on March 16, 1825 at the age of 88. Her son George and his family may have been living in the same house with her, but just as possible they lived in separate houses on the same farm. Joanna’s inventory included rent due to her from George Trout of \$50.

Johanna Lequear Trout’s inventory was taken on March 29, 1825, by William Bishop and William P. Young. (Once again, thanks to Bob Leith for sharing this with me.) It showed that she was very well-to-do for an elderly widow. Her purse and apparel were worth \$358.28, and she had bonds and notes due her of \$1,067.82, plus \$14 owed to her by her son George.

The breakfast table designated for granddaughter Johannah Besson was not specified in the inventory. It listed tables, chairs and other furniture in groups, not as specific items. I did not know until now that people had breakfast tables in 1812. Presumably the table was kept in a small room used for breakfast. I would love to have seen Johanna Trout’s home.

When George Trout Jr. died in 1843, at age 70, he was buried in the Lower Amwell Old Yard (the cemetery attached to the Amwell Church of the Brethren), and his wife, Annie Besson, joined him there when she died in 1866, at the age of 83.

With eleven children who survived to adulthood, married and had children, you can be sure that George and Johanna Trout had a large number of descendants. I am aware of 51 grandchildren, although there may be more, and at least 107



Gravestone of Johannah Trout, photographed by Bob and Leslie Leith

## MORVEN EXHIBITS NEW JERSEY'S BEST SAMPLERS

Two items from the Society's collection are included in a landmark exhibition of 151 samplers completed by New Jersey girls before 1860 and drawn from every county in the state. Titled *Hail Specimen of Female Art! New Jersey Schoolgirl Needlework, 1726-1860*, the exhibition, at Morven Museum & Garden in Princeton, 55 Stockton Street, is open Wednesday through Sunday now through March 29, 2015.

Society members Marty and Dan Campanelli are shown



photo by Trustee Bob Leith, Flemington

here with the Society's 1833 sampler by Armenia Hutchinson that is in the exhibition.

The exhibition was organized by Elizabeth Allen, Morven's Curator of Collections and Exhibitions, who invited the Campanellis and Daniel C. Scheid of Princeton to be guest curators. All three are known throughout the needlework world for their research and scholarship; the Campanellis also are authors of the first book on samplers stitched in New Jersey and the first on work from just one county, which they donated to the Society. As a fundraising gift to Morven, the Campanellis researched and published a 64-page book priced at \$15: *So Education Forms the Mind; Early Female Education in New Jersey, with Special Emphasis on Needlework Instruction* showing that females from all parts of the state had an opportunity for education, especially in the ornamental branches. There is a fully illustrated, 167-page, four-color catalog with information on each sampler and its maker. Priced at \$50 (\$45 to Friends of Morven), it will be available at the museum's gift shop and online.

Besides the Society, lenders to the exhibition include: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Winterthur, the DAR Museum, the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College, the Bergen County Historical Society, the Cape May County Museum, the Gloucester County Historical Society, the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum, the Hopewell Museum, the Leslie Durst Collection, the Metlar-Bodine House, the Old Barracks Museum, the Salem County Historical Society, and over twenty private collections.

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**(Trout Cemetery cont'd from page 1195)**  
great-grandchildren.

And now we know the location of their resting place.

Footnotes:

1. Bob and Leslie are members of the Hunterdon County Historical Society Cemetery Committee whose goal is to identify all the private cemeteries in the county and the people buried there. Also to clean up these often neglected places and restore broken stones whenever possible. If you know of such a place that has not yet been discovered, please contact Bob at [bolleith@comcast.net](mailto:bolleith@comcast.net).
2. Archibald Buchanan was buried in the Sutton graveyard, but none of the other members of that family have known grave sites. See my article *The Sutton Family Burying Ground*.
3. This information comes from research done by Craig Trout.
4. *A History of East Amwell, 1700-1800, Ringoes, NJ, 1976*, p. 195. Regrettably, Henry Z. Jones in his *More Palatine Families* has nothing to say about Hans Georg Traut or Trout.
5. Hunterdon Co. Loan Office, NJ State Archives, Trenton 1776, No. 98.
6. Occupations are sometimes given in wills, but not in the case of George Trout. They also show up sometimes in lists of tax ratables, in deeds, mortgages and court cases.

## FROM THE DESK OF DONALD CORNELIUS, HCHS MANUSCRIPT CURATOR

*Instead of From the Curator's Desk, this newsletter entry is Notes from the Field! Sometimes, archivists emerge from our dim repositories and make field trips in order to secure the accession of culturally valuable historical materials.*

The HCHS Archives team enjoyed a road trip for several weeks over the summer! For several consecutive Monday evenings, the archival volunteers and I worked in the barn of Mr. Carl Cathers, of Stockton, NJ. Carl is a longtime Stockton resident who has made a habit of collecting and preserving historical records of interest concerning Stockton, NJ, and its people. His barn is full of historically important documents, research, photographs, genealogy, clippings, maps, and ephemera. We have been sorting, evaluating, and boxing almost 50 cubic feet of historically relevant materials he has collected. When we are finished, Mr. Cathers will donate the entire historic collection to the Hunterdon County Historical Society so that it may be preserved for the future historians of Hunterdon County.

The collections, so far, cover three principle areas of interest. The first is the material that Carl has collected about Stockton itself, including photographs, organizational notes, records of clubs and businesses, and clippings and stories about the town over a long period of time. The second area is a group of records that were left to Carl from Austin Davison, another longtime Stockton area resident, who was an artist, painter, and also a local historian. The third group of records is the personal papers of Anne Elstner Matthews, the star of stage and radio (the actress who portrayed Stella Dallas in the long running radio soap opera) who settled in Stockton and owned the River's Edge restaurant for many years.

Any one of these collections would make a fine and valuable addition to the HCHS Archives, but the fact that all three are coming to us is a great windfall. The Society has to thank Mr. Cathers, both for his appreciation of and contribution to local history, but also for his remarkable forethought. When approached by the Society, and confronted with the concept of donating his collection, Mr. Cathers considered

the importance of his materials and their impact on future genealogists and historians, and decided to donate the collection while still intact and entire. The Society would also like to thank Marfy Goodspeed, longtime Society member and historian, who alerted us to the presence of the Cathers Collection and facilitated our contact.

Although the collection that Carl has assembled is an outstanding and unusual example, it is not alone. There are probably many collections that are similar in content (if not in scope!) in the homes of many local historians throughout the county. Sadly, many of these collections are never preserved. Without provision for the destination of these collections of papers in a will or other document, the collections are often sold, dispersed, misplaced, or worse, outright destroyed.

and other assorted materials. I am looking forward to the next time I am invited to the Wetstein's for more archival review... maybe next time I will even have a chance to talk RU football with Art!

Also, I would be remiss if I did not mention one other acquisition from the Field this summer. I did not have to get dirty, but our Trustee Lora Jones managed to secure an important donation from Rural Awareness, Inc., the Franklin Archives and the Franklin Historical Society. There are some very important records in this donation, including the corporate and clerks records from Franklin Township, 1845-1907, Treasurer's records from 1902-1915, commemorative ephemera, PTA documents, a 1938 register of the Union Hotel, and the corporate and founding documents of Rural Awareness. Thanks



Another field trip this past summer season was made to the home of Arthur and Catherine Large Wetstein. As you may have already guessed, Catherine is a member of the prominent Large family of Flemington. Arthur and Catherine invited me over one evening to go over an assortment of records from the Large family, and I was very happy to accept a donation of three boxes of historically relevant material. The collection includes records from the Flemington Presbyterian Church, the South Hunterdon Little League from the 1930s, Echo yearbooks, a scrapbook made by Helen B. Large,

to Trustee Jones and to the Rural Awareness group for securing their carefully saved documentary history, and for having the foresight to donate it.

Just like the Cathers', Wetsteins', and Rural Awareness, if you own or have knowledge of interesting and important collections of historical material, and want them to be preserved in a well-equipped and professionally organized archive for future generations, don't be shy! Let the HCHS know about these collections, and perhaps we can make arrangements to make a field trip to your neck of the woods! As you can see, we love field trips!

## Images from the Past



Horace Cathers, Sr.,  
Stockton, NJ 1918

Detail from the collection of  
Carl Cathers, newly acquired  
by the Hunterdon County  
Historical Society. See related  
article page 1197.

