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Celebrating 20 Years – Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum *Preserving Hunterdon County's Rural Heritage 1984-2004*

Walk back into the past and visit the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum, celebrating its 20th anniversary on 27 June. The Museum is dedicated to the preservation of Hunterdon County's rural heritage from the 18th into the 20th centuries. Located in a restored three-story bank barn, it is located on Route 29, at the northern border of Lambertville, adjacent to the Route 202 toll bridge over the Delaware River. It is open weekly on Sundays 10-4 p.m. and Wednesdays 9-noon, from May through October.

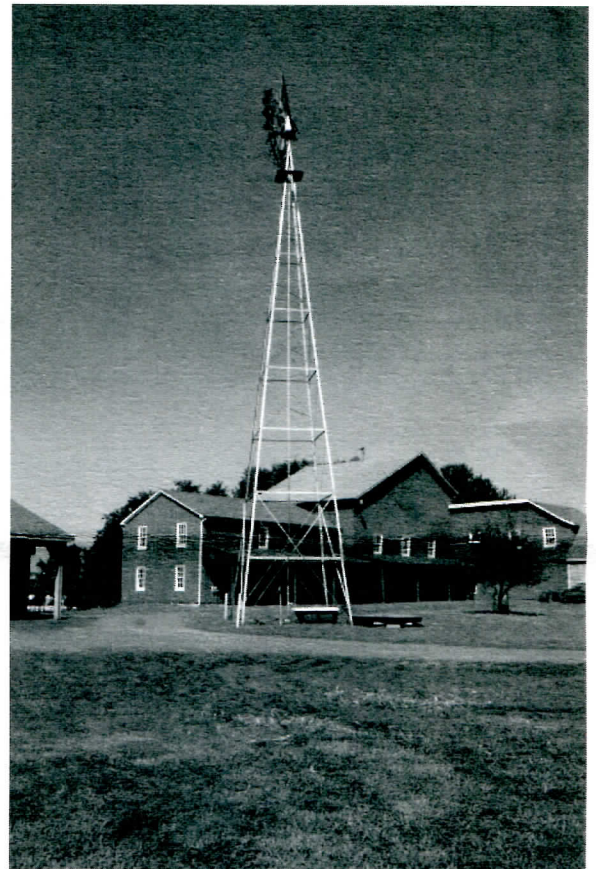
The day-to-day agricultural life is presented in the exhibits which illustrate the tools and equipment used in past farming operations, the tools used by the farmer's wife in her domestic chores, and those of early trades necessary to support the farm. These displays include a kitchen, an operating loom, a woodworking shop and timber working tools, a blacksmith shop, a dairy exhibit, a print shop, and a doctor/dentist office, a garden tool and seed exhibit, a general store and display barn. Craft demonstrations are planned for the third Sunday of each month and the Annual Celebration of Farming will be presented in September.

Once a part of John Holcombe's "Plantation" according to his 1768 will, the Farmstead was donated in 1968 by Rachel and Milo Jimison, a Holcombe descendant, to the Hunterdon County Historical Society and the Jimisons retained life rights. After Mrs. Jimison died and Mr. Jimison relinquished his life right, the Historical Society appointed a Committee to oversee the farm. Over time that Committee organized itself into a separate nonprofit organization and in June 1984 the Historical Society deeded the property to the new organization. It is that anniversary the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum is celebrating on 27 June.

Activities that day include an Annual Meeting with election of trustees, induction of two local farmers, Adolf Polenz and Horace Romine, to the Farmers' Honor Roll, and dedication of Closson's General Store, named in honor of the late Dr. Edward Closson, one of the group's initial trustees. Messrs. Carkhuff, Hazen, Horn, Huff, Hunt, Myhre, Turi and Tindall being the other trustees, with HCHS President Myers ex-officio.

The festivities are open to the public and all are invited to attend the picnic after 4 o'clock closing. Hot dogs and hamburgers and beverages will be provided and guests are requested to bring a dish to share. Come celebrate the first 20 years with many more to come.

Check the Museum web address for further information at: Holcombe-Jimison.org



2004 Calendar

- 27 June** **Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead
20th Anniversary**
1-4 p.m. at the Farmstead, Route 29,
just south of the Route 202 bridge.
- 10-12 Sep.** - **Celebration of Farming**
Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead
10a.m.-4 p.m.
tours, craft demonstrations, food
- 25-29 Aug.** **Hunterdon County 4-H Agricultural
Fair** 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. at new County
Fairgrounds, Route 179 south of
Route 202, Ringoes
- 14 Nov.** **Historical Society Fall Meeting**

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Membership Report

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

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We Thank the following members for their continued and increased support

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* upgraded to Contributing membership

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Family Associations

During 2003 the Society received Newsletters and/or announcements from several family associations with Hunterdon County connections which are appreciated. Forward information for future listings in this column to: Family Associations., Hunterdon Historical Newsletter, 114 Main St., Flemington, NJ 08822.

APGAR — Apgar Family Association, Inc. — Family Newsletter. The 30th Annual Reunion is planned for 18 & 19 September 2004 at the Stanton Grange in Readington Township. For information contact George Apgar, 218 Kempsey Dr., New Brunswick, NJ 08902.

HOWELL — The Edward Howell Family Association Newsletter is \$10 annually to Jocelyn Markley, Treasurer, 615 "Q" SW, Ardmore, OK 73401. Genealogist David G. Faris, M. D., P. O. Box 58693, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

PARKE — "The Newsletter of the Parke Society" promoting fellowship, genealogical research and the preservation of Parke heritage is published. Information about membership may be had from Mrs. Marjorie C. Isaac, 202 Meadowbrook Drive, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

PICKEL — Pickel/Pickle/Pickell Family Reunion in Pickel Park, Whitehouse Station, NJ, 10 July 2004, close to the site of the original homestead of Balthazar Pickel. Reunion from noon to dusk in Pickel Park on Mountain Road west of Route 523 behind the Police Station in Whitehouse Station. For more info call Jim Pickell at (732) 821-6196 or e-mail Mariette Pickell at csimp@berkeley.edu.

PRALL — The Prall Association annual dues \$12 to Treasurer Samuel H. Prall, 9776 Music St., Novelty, OH 44072-9682. A Newsletter is published quarterly, Richard D. Prall, Editor, 14104 Piedras Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

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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 _____

Hunterdon's Last Civil War Vet

by John W. Kuhl

"I ain't sick, I'm just hungry" protested the spirited old man as County Detective Ray Bastedo and two Flemington Legionnaires were putting him into the ambulance. "I'll be all right here, this is my home and I'd rather stay here." The small cottage he lived in was modest at best, but he had been given life rights to it by the Exton family for whom both he and his second wife had worked. William Augustus Dilts, or "Gus" as he was known, was all of 94 and independent as hell. He had received several offers of rooms where he could be looked after and refused them all. "I like living alone and doing as I please." But with his wife now dead and his health declining, he was at the point of not being able to care for himself. He was spry for his age but was plagued by increasing symptoms of rheumatism. He liked car rides and neighbors would take him to stores and on errands such as to the High Bridge bank to cash his monthly Civil War pension check, recently upped to \$80. They also stopped in regularly to see that he was all right.

Just this Christmas Eve morning of 1942, nearby farmer Peter Stasyshyn had brought Gus some firewood and found him in bed with no evidence that he had had heat in the house or had eaten in two days. Stasyshyn had called the state police who were well aware of Gus and also would look in on him. Clinton resident Bastedo was the first to respond and had found him in bed scarcely able to talk from exhaustion due to cold and hunger. His feet were frozen and Bastedo knew enough to suspect gangrene. It was obvious that immediate medical assistance was needed. The ambulance took Gus to the State Veterans' home in Menlo Park where he was transferred for treatment to a hospital in Brooklyn. Doctors there found that gangrene had indeed set in and there was no option but to amputate one of his feet. He was then brought back closer to home, to the Lyons V.A. hospital, for recuperation. He hung on for a while but whether in this institutional setting of Lyons, it was his spirit or physical health which failed the most, he breathed his last on 4 March 1943 in the midst of still another of his country's great wars.

William Augustus Dilts said he had been born at Dawestown south of Lebanon on 25 August 1848 [his death certificate would say 1849 at Stockton], the son of Mr. John Watson and Eleanor Ann Hendershot Dilts. Farming was his life. Father John W. had served out the nine-month term of the local 20th NJ Infantry. Once his dad was mustered out and home, Gus decided that he, too, wanted to see the elephant, as the expression went those days. He enlisted under the name of Augustus Dilts along with other locals in Company E of the 38th NJ Inf. as that regiment formed in Trenton in September of 1864. Enlistment papers described Gus as 17 years of age, brown eyes and hair with a fair complexion and standing 5 feet 6 inches tall. The 38th was a late war regiment and served most of its time in garrison duty on the James River of Virginia. It did take part in operations on the periphery of Petersburg in the last weeks of the war but was never in pitched combat and had no battle deaths. Eleven men did die of various diseases, one of them unluckily, from chronic diarrhea after his release from

a rebel prison in Richmond. Gus remembered minor skirmishes but said his only injury was a broken collar bone and he could not remember how that had happened.

Discharged in June of 1865, Gus came back home to settle into farming. He married Emma Pitt of the Neshanic area and before she died in 1879, she bore him two children, a boy and a girl. In later life Gus would lose track of them and wouldn't know if they were dead or alive. He remarried in 1881 in New Germantown (Oldwick), to Miss Josephine Honness. She was about ten years his junior and had been born at Karrsville just north of Washington. The couple set up housekeeping at Whitehouse, moved on to Changewater, relocated again to Imlaytown near Hampton before finally settling down in 1888 in the area of Union Township known as the "Union," which is now covered by Spruce Run Reservoir. At least as early as 1913 they began work for the Exton family in that area and moved into the tenant house that would become their last and to which they were eventually given a life right by the Extons.

They lived simply. Their life was unadorned, the farm work was hard, and the diversions few. Frustrations were there for sure. A glance at the face of Josephine tells more than words. One of Gus' diversions, a liking for beer, got him in trouble according to the front page of the 27 August issue of the *Hunterdon County Democrat*.

The two must have worked it out somehow. Possibly for the lack of a practical alternative for survival, a truce of sorts was reached as the couple was still together in 1938 to pose for that newspaper picture below. The paper said they kept a few chickens, several cats, and two dogs, "Prince" and "Nina." One year later Josephine fell and fractured a hip. Complications from that injury (probably pneumonia, as was quite common in those days) brought about her death on 21 March 1939



Gus and Josephine in May of 1938.

Last Civil War Vet (*Cont'd. from page 937*)

in Somerville's Somerset Hospital.

Gus was now alone, supported by little else except his army pension of \$50 per month. He had friends that stopped in now and then to take him on errands. He still liked his drink. Area resident Douglas Martin remembers that as a child driving by the house with his father, Van Sycle Martin, his father would mention that he had often picked up Gus to take him to vote. There were times he had to sober Gus up before he could be presented at the polls.

When death came at Lyons Hospital his remains were brought home to Hunterdon. Gus had long been a proud central figure of the Memorial Day parades of High Bridge. Now townsmen of the Herbert Cawley Post of the American Legion responded with an honor guard and military funeral as he was laid to rest beside Josephine in the Evergreen Cemetery of Clinton. Her plot was marked with a gravestone but there was no money and now no family to see to the erection of one for Gus. It somehow just never happened. Whether it was torn down soon after as was the rumor, or whether it today lies under the waters of Spruce Run reservoir, their little cottage is no longer there. The only traces of his austere life are the various yellowed newspaper articles and the slight depression left by the settling of the ground where he was buried. Despite his being the last Civil War Vet in Hunterdon to be drawing his military pension, Gus is still pretty much forgotten. He deserves better, at least a headstone.

John W. Kuhl — August 2002

References:

Dilts' Service Record from the National Archives
Various Hunterdon County Democrats 1937 – 1943
Interview with Douglas Martin
Death Certificate of Wm. Augustus Dilts NJ Dept. of Health

71 YEARS AFTER, CIVIL WAR VET STILL FULL OF FIGHT

Charged with slapping his wife, Josephine, 65 years of age, William A. Dilts, 88, one of Hunterdon County's few surviving veterans of the Civil War, is in custody of County Detective William Rittenhouse for six months.

Dilts was arraigned last week before Justice of the Peace Lester W. Oliver at Clinton, on a charge of being a disorderly person. He was paroled in custody of the county detective.

There were different stories about what happened. Mrs. Dilts said she was displeased because her husband had been out drinking beer. On the other hand, Dilts said his wife "was nagging him." According to Dilts, "a punch or an uppercut is against the law, but a good backhand stroke is perfectly legal."



A government-issue stone was obtained for "Gus" and erected beside his wife's stone with funds collected at the 2002 Agricultural Fair and other events.

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.

[Note: This query appeared in the previous issue with a wrong e-mail address so it is repeated here with the correct address]

EWING: Does anyone know where the James Ewing [1755-1806] Bible is now? It was printed by Isaac Collins in Trenton in 1791 and was badly worn with loose pages when the family data was copied from it by H. E. Deats in August 1941. The Bible was then the property of Mrs. Bertha Britton Barton, 33 Pennsylvania Ave., Flemington, NJ. Would like pages photocopied that were "written in Rev. James Ewing's own hand through August 21, 1805." ADD: Charles A. Ewing, 351 Alamo Dr., Vacaville, CA 95688-4232. Telephone (707) 448-7483 [e-mail: cnjewing2@earthlink.net]

FREELAND, FURNACE, TETTEMER: Want to know what years Freeland was photographer in Milford & Frenchtown. I have many unidentified cabinet cards of the Tettemer and Furnace families from Bucks County. ADD: Sharon K. Smith, 337 County Road 627, Milford, NJ 08848 (908) 995-7059. [e-mail: sksmith03@earthlink.net]

DALLEY: On 22 Oct 1902 in Three Bridges, distant cousins Robert Prime Dalley (6 Jan 1878-11 Dec 1965) m. Elizabeth Mame Dalley (11 Sep 1883-???). Need evidence proving familial relationship. Robert's ancestors were William, Nicholas A., Julius/Yellis, and Nicholas. Mamie traces to Jan Dalley, d. 1691. ADD: Leslie (Dalley) Bouvier, 13161 Lazy Glen Lane, Oak Hill, VA 20171-2346. [e-mail: all4lrb@cox.net]

WOORTMAN/WORTMAN: John Woortman/Wortman named traitor in 1778 by NJ Committee of Safety. Probably

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“Katherine Black, 7 years old”

Roxanne Carkhuff

A small cabinet card type photograph, with “Katherine Black 7 years old” and “for Helen” on the reverse was recently received by the Society, coming from Judy Johnson Erickson, who rescued it at a flea market in Boyd, TX.

A Lambertville photographer, Robert Park, shot the picture and because of the town’s identification Ms. Erickson sent it to HCHS. The 1905 Lambertville directory cites Robert Park, photographer at 34 North Union Street and there were several Black households — Andrew, Levi, and Melvin — enumerated in the directory.

To zero in on the household where Katherine lived, we looked at the 1910 census enumeration for Lambertville and discovered a household at 70 West Franklin Street with Ruth, a 46 year old widow, and candy store owner, with three living children, in her household: Ivan, 19, a teacher; Avis, 16, and Catharine, 12, born in New Jersey. Earlier, in 1899 and 1901, George E. Black had a confectionery at 71 North Union Street but further research showed him not to be Ruth’s husband and Catharine/Katherine’s father; perhaps he was an uncle.

The tombstone inscriptions for Holcombe-Riverview cemetery, just north of Lambertville at the Route 202 bridge over the Delaware River, provided the information that Ruth Wilson Black, born 1863, died 1931, was the widow of Milton M. Black. He was also buried in the cemetery, dying in 1907. Ivan’s there, too, with dates 1891-1957. Doubtless Avis and Catharine/Katherine married and thus their surnames changed.

Frank E. Burd’s marriage list for the years 1876-1900, taken from the newspapers, provides a marriage date for “Melton” Black and Ruth Wilson, who married 24 January 1885.

The 1915 census enumeration of the household shows the same people there as in 1910, Ruth, born November 1863, and whose father was born in Ireland; Ivan M., 24 and single, working as a clerk; and Catherine, born September 1897, Ruth A[Avis], 21 attending State Normal school, and Catherine at age 17 attending high school.

So, we’ve found some information about Catherine/Katherine’s genealogy but does anyone know where Catherine is today? She, or her descendants, might welcome a copy of her photograph.



NOTES AND QUERIES (Cont'd. from page 938)

Hunterdon County, need township. ADD: Charlene Talbot, 602 S. 15th, Philomath, OR 97370 [cdkribs@pioneer.net]

MORGAN: Looking for descendants of General Daniel Morgan, or his brothers Henry and Isaac, or his sister Elizabeth. On July 3, 2004, at 11 a.m. The Historians of Lebanon Township will unveil a monument to honor General Daniel Morgan of Revolutionary fame and they wish to have descendants attend the ceremony. Contact Ralph Lomerson, P. O. Box 483, Glen Gardner, NJ 07826, or call (908) 537-4784.

Family Associations (Cont'd from page 936)

RUNKLE — “Runkle Family Association Newsletter” is published twice yearly. Reunion 5 May 2001 in Mt. Airy at Raymond Runkle’s farm. For directions call [609] 397-0977. Dues are \$20 and may be sent to Runkle Family Association, P. O. Box 14, Ringoes, NJ 08551.

SCHWACHAMER-DUFFORD — The Schwachamer-Dufford Genealogical Society publishes an annual bulletin and holds an annual reunion, beginning at 11:30 on 28 July at the Zion Lutheran Church Long Valley. Bring a box lunch. For information contact Jack Dufford, [908] 353-1751.

Financial Statement — 2003

Receipts

Membership dues	9,068.00
Interest	17.30
Raymond James Account	30,500.00
Dividends	3,018.00
CD interest	23,152.46
Sale books, films, maps	1,951.00
Sale Gazette CD	2,790.00
Video sales	64,00.00
Newsletter sales	26.00
Donations	503.00
Xerox fees collected	1,015.00
Large Foundation	8,500.00
Cult. & Herit. Comm.	2,000.00
Photo usage fees	230.00
Refunds	94.08
Museum Assn.	111.58
Honorarium	150.00
Receipts	\$ 78,571.79

Expenditures

Accounting/Carro	1,300.00
Book purchase/printing	135.00
Insurance	6,232.00
Printing, newsletter/other	2,456.71
Postage	1,823.00
Office supplies	1,669.00
Utilities	6,347.99
Meeting expenses	300.00
Cleaning services	1,300.00
Donations	100.00
Employee wages	34,309.00
S.S./NJU	2,909.23
Mileage	350.00
Volunteer recognition	610.70
Honorarium	75.00
Bldg. maint., Ehrlich,	18,629.34
Miscellaneous expenses security system	24.90
Expenses	\$ 78,571.79

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.

Cliffords From New Jersey to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania and Beyond with special reference to the ancestors and descendants of Charles and Jane (Gordon) Clifford. Hugh Fleming Clifford, 2003. Donated by the compiler, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Papers of Alvah Augustus Clark [184_-1912], Somerville attorney; Samuel Johnston's work book, 1836-39, in 1846 location identified as "Potters Ville;" in 1852, New Germantown, Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County. Donated by Mrs. Kenneth B. [Christine Sisser] Zorzi and her father Vincent J. Sisser, Doylestown, PA.

The Thelma Kline Miller Collection of Hauptmann/Lindbergh memorabilia, which includes fifteen scrapbooks and two photograph albums on CD ROM, originals donated August 2004 to the New Jersey State Police Museum and Learning Center in West Trenton, facsimile copies and CD ROMs donated to Historical Society by Mrs. Kline, Three Bridges, NJ, daughter of Undersheriff David M. Kline, who guarded Bruno Richard Hauptmann in the Hunterdon County jail.



Undersheriff David M. Kline [Mrs. Miller's father]. Charles Augustus Lindbergh and Colonel H. Norman Swartzkopf leaving Hunterdon County Courthouse during Hauptmann trial.

George Warne Van Syckel Family Bible

The Society recently received from George W. Van Syckle, 424 Franklin Ave., Ellwood City, PA, a Bible which had belonged to his great, great grandfather George Warne Van Syckel, son of Peter Van Syckel. It was inscribed on the inside front page, "Rachel Van Syckle, Milford, N. J." The Bible was from Philadelphia, McCarthy and Davis, at 171 Market Street, I. Ashmead & Co. Printers in 1832. The elder George W. was born at Hickory farm and lived on the Spring Mills Road between Spring Mills and Little York.

Marriages

George W. Vansyckel and Rachel Schurman were married Dec. 13th 1817

Hamilton Forman and Mary Vansyckel were married February [blank]

Henry Cole and Margaret Vansyckel were married Dec. 21st 1842

Thomas Vansyckel and Margaret Duckworth were married February 22nd 1843

Lewis Vansyckel and Mary E. Bunn were married May 1st 1844

Charles T. Hart and Catherine Vansyckel were married Dec. 24th 1846

Gilbert Wilson and Susan E. Van Syckel were married May 12th 1848

George W. Vansyckel and Isabella Bunn were married Sept. 4th 1851

Augustus Vansyckel and Lydia Race were married [blank]

Jno. J. Bartram and Josephine Van Syckel were married May 29th 1861

Births

George W. Vansyckel was born September 30th A. D. 1797 [1st added in pencil above the line]

Rachel Vansyckel was born February 18th A. D. 1801

Thomas Vansyckel was born September 30th A.D. 1818

Lewis Vansyckel was born May 19th A.D. 1820

Mary Vansyckel was born February 4 th 1822

Margaret Vansyckel was born March 26th A. D. 1824

Deaths

George W. Vansyckel died March 21st 1868

Rachel Vansyckel died March 19th 1861 [a 4 has been inserted under the line, to read 1864]

Thomas Vansyckel died May [blank] 1849

Lewis Vansyckel died October 2nd

Births

Catherine Vansyckel was born May 16th A. D. 1826

George W. Vansyckle [2rd was added in pencil above the line] was born April 17th A. D. 1828

Susan E. Vansyckel was born July 10th 1830

Lydia Vansyckel was born April 17th A. D. 1832

Augustus Vansyckel was born April 3rd A. D. 1834

Peter Vansyckel was born March 21st A. D. 1837

Josephine Vansyckel was born May 19 A. D. 1842

Deaths

Susan E. Vansyckle [sic] died October 30th 1837

Lydia Vansyckel died June 28th A. D. 1832

NOTE: This family is detailed in *History of the Van Syckel Family* by John W. Van Sickle, published in 1890 at Springfield, Ohio. George Warne Van Syckel is #35 on page 152 of the publication. The Society is indebted to the donor, George W. Van Syckel, who has generously shared other family material with the Society. This includes two thick notebooks of Van Syckel genealogical information and copies of documents, as well as the above mentioned Bible.

2004 Volunteer Luncheon at Flemington's Union Hotel

The 15th Annual Luncheon to honor the wonderful group of volunteers who staff the Society Library and Doric House when it is open was held on Wednesday 28 April 2004 at Flemington's Union Hotel. Thanks to everyone who shares their time and helps the Society carry out its mission.

Volunteers

Shirley V. Favier, Membership Secretary

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William McIntyre

The tradition of having lunch in an historic building continued this year. The present Union Hotel was expanded in 1875-6 on the site of an earlier establishment, Union House. Food and drink was available at least before 1820 when it was under the proprietorship of Neal Hart.



Images from the Past

Rachel and Milo Jimison



HCHS Collections

Rachel and Milo Jimison, donors of the 1711 Holcombe House with Hunterdon County Historical Society trustees in 1968.

Standing, left to right: Marion Deats Abegg, Charles Taylor Deats, Rachel Jimison, Norman Wittwer, Milo Jimison, Berthold Sorby, and Richard Stothoff.

The Lambertville House was the location for the Society's luncheon in conjunction with their Fall bus tour on 26 October 1968. Mr. and Mrs. Jimison were honored for their recent donation to the Society of a 20 acre tract, at the northern boundary of Lambertville, which included their historic home, believed to be the oldest in the County. Initial highway expansion plans called for the acquisition of the property with demolition of the buildings a likely possibility in the proposed Route 202 expansion and bridge construction over the Delaware River. The roadway ultimately bypassed the property, permitting preservation of the Delaware Township farmstead, now Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum.

DIRECTIONS: The museum is located on Route 29 just north of Lambertville. If you are traveling on Route 202 in New Jersey use "last exit before toll" and follow signs to Farmstead. From Pennsylvania, exit immediately after crossing toll bridge into New Jersey. Museum is on the right.

