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# *Golden Age of Postcards* Topic of Annual Meeting 28 March

Guest speaker, Barbara Harrison, received the top award for her display, "The Golden Age of Postcards" [1898-1918] and a special award for Best Postcard Exhibit at the American Philatelic Society (APS) 2004 exhibition in Norfolk, VA earlier this year. She has graciously agreed to share her love for philately and deltiology [the collection, study and preservation of postcards] with Historical Society members and guests at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 28, 2004, at the Flemington Womans Club.

Barbara has been a resident of Ringoes since her marriage to Wilfred Harrison in 1962. She has been a dedicated collector of stamps and all related philatelic material since 1972. In those early years she received encouragement from her neighbor, Peg Gritzmacher, [a Historical Society member] a former Ringoes postmaster. During the time her "collection gene" was becoming active she constantly added worldwide and US stamps and related covers, antique postcards, and various other kinds of ephemera — old letters, advertisements, calling cards. In fact, this editor has enjoyed Mrs. Harrison's exhibits of antique postcards at the Ringoes Post Office for some time now which was the spark that led to her invitation to speak.

Since her retirement, she has become more active in the Washington Crossing Card Collectors Club [WC4], one of the oldest and, with over 200 members, largest clubs for postcard collectors on the east coast. The club meets monthly at 8 p.m. at the Titusville Fire Hall on the second Monday of every month.

Join us on Sunday, 28 March for a brief business meeting and Mrs. Harrison's presentation. She will have many fine illustrations from her collection at the Womans Club. She wants to give the members and guests the opportunity to see the beauty of the old postcards and stamps to hopefully foster an appreciation for the importance of these items to the preservation and enjoyment of our historic heritage.

### **Doric House Open 5 June**

The Doric House will be open from 1-4 p.m. on 5 June, featuring the Flemington National Bank photograph collection.



Easter postcard from Barbara Harrison's collection.

2004 Calendar		
28 March	<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> Flemington Womens Club, 2 p.m. <i>Golden Age of</i> <i>Postcards</i> with Barbara Harrison	
28 April	15th Volunteer Luncheon	
3-8 May	Historic Preservation Week	
5 June	Doric House Open 1-4 p.m.	

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### **Together Again**

#### John W. Kuhl

Together again, at least on this page, are a young couple who lost their lives nearly 140 years ago during the Civil War. Their story was chronicled in our society newsletter of Winter 1991 (Vol. 27, No.1). Copies of that article are available on request as noted below. A photo of William H. Egan appeared in that issue but now, two carte-de-visites of his wife, Emma Jane Snyder Egan, have recently come to light in the collection of Ken Gibilisco of Coopersburg, Pa. who has kindly allowed use of his images for this short follow-up to the original article.

For those who are unacquainted with the story, both Egans met with tragic deaths long before their time. William was the son of a poor, immigrant canal worker in Lambertville and enlisted as a private at the outbreak of the Civil War. When the term of that unit expired, he worked as a recruiter for the newlyforming 11th NJ Infantry and succeeded to the point that he was made 1st Sergeant of one of its companies. Most officers



Lt. Wm.Egan: by Photographer J.C. Reeve of Lambertville from a CDV in the collection of Ken Gibilisco.

of the 11<sup>th</sup>'s went down killed or wounded at Gettysburg and Egan succeeded in command of his company, though wounded himself and only a sergeant, until being promoted up three ranks to 1st Lieutenant.

While back at home recruiting in 1862 he had also enlisted a wife, young Emma Jane Snyder, daughter of William D. and Rachel Snyder of West Amwell Twp. By the Spring of 1864 the young couple was blessed with an infant daughter, Jeanette. But then Emma Jane became one of the unfortunate victims of an epidemic of measles in March of 1864 and died before Egan could get home from the army. Her funeral service was marred even more when an accident with the family's horse and wagon occurred while coming down the hill from the burial. Four of the family and friends were hurt, Egan's father very seriously.

After seeing to the custodial care of infant Jeanette, Egan went back to the army in time to take part in its opening campaign of that Spring. Minutes before the regiment was to at

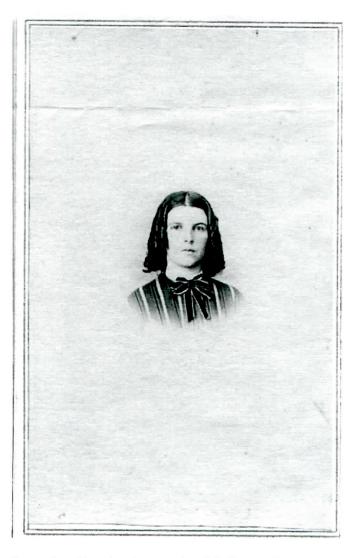


Emma Jane Egan by photographer H.C. Aller of City Hall, Trenton from a CDV in the collection of Ken Gibilisco.

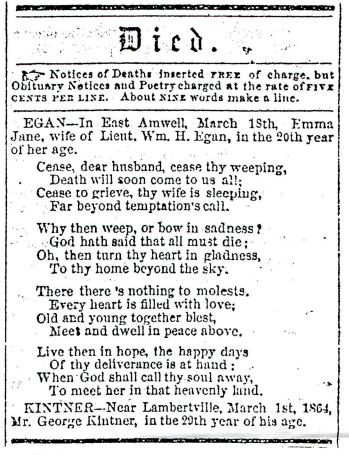
### **TOGETHER AGAIN** (continued from page 929)

tack the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania Court House, he handed his watch and valuables to the regiment's chaplain saying, "I will be killed by the first round fired by the enemy today." And it happened exactly that way. The first artillery round fired by the Confederates that morning, tore through the torsos of Private Nathaniel Cole and then Egan, killing them both instantly.

The fate of daughter Jeanette remains obscured in the mists of history. Wife Emma Jane was buried in the Mt. Hope cemetery of Lambertville up on the hill off the road to Hopewell (now Rte. 518). A recent visit there confirmed that the cemetery has what appears to be a record of the plot but no stone was found. That immediate area has many missing, broken, or illegible markers. William's mangled remains were interred alongside a nearby field hospital at Spotsylvania. The young couple have since lain miles apart and still do, but with these photos, are now reunited, at least in a sense. Theirs was a morbid and somber slice of life.



Emma Jane Egan by photographer J.C. Reeve of Lambertville from a CDV in the collection of Ken Gibilisco



The Beacon, Lambertville, NJ, Friday 1 April 1864

Copies of the original detailed article may be obtained by addressing John W. Kuhl 32 Cooks Crossroad, Pittstown, NJ 08867

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Please enclose one dollar for the cost of photocopies and mailing.

### **ACQUISITIONS** (continued from page 932)

G.C. Lott's undated Kingwood Township tax assessor's book listing taxpayers' names and amounts.

"Plan & Elevation of Iron Bridge to be built for the Chosen Freeholders of Hunterdon County. To Cross the South branch of Raritan River at Hamden, Hunterdon County. Trenton Locomotive and Machine Manufacturing Company, Trenton, N.J., September 1st 1857. Four items donated by Phyllis R. Black, Pittstown, NJ.

The Van Voorhees Family in America: The First Six Generations, compiled by Florence A. Christoph, published by the Van Voorhees Association. Donated by Lorraine M. Palmer, Livingston, NJ, in memory of her mother Anne E. (Thatcher) Milne.

*Hunterdon County Democrat*, July-September 2003, October-December 2003; *Delaware Valley News*, January-December 2003; three reels of microfilm. Donated by Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, NJ.

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## **Two Tombstones for Martha**

### By Fred Sisser III

While Dennis Joseph Zeveney III of the Everitt's Hill section of Raritan Township was excavating his backyard in order to put an addition onto his *circa* 1840s home, he unearthed a marble tombstone. On it was engraved "Martha A. / Stenabaugh / May 6, 1840 / July 16, 1906." Concerned that there was more than just the stone, Dennis' wife, Jennifer Jeanette (Barker) Zeveney, called on her mother's cousin (the author of this account) to investigate the situation.

Inasmuch as small family burying grounds on private property were no longer used by 1906, it was assumed that Martha's tombstone was removed from some cemetery. In order to find the place in which she was interred, and determine where Martha's tombstone belonged, several sources were tapped. The 26 July 1906 issue of *The Democrat-Advertised*, in Flemington, noted that "Miss Martha A. Stenabaugh" died at "her home near Oak Grove [on] July 6th 1906 . . . [of] cancer of the stomach." Unfortunately, the account did not state where she was buried. Likewise, a search was made for her death certificate, on which was to be indicated her place of burial. Evidently such a document was never filed with the authorities.

The 1870 Federal Census records that Martha A. Stenabaugh was the 39 year old daughter of Peter Stenabaugh, with whom she resided in Franklin Township, Hunterdon County. Living in the same household at the time were Martha's older brothers, Samuel, age 44 and Charles, age 42, both of whom she "made her home with" at the time of her death.

Samuel Stenabaugh died on 12 June 1925, at Croton. His obituary in the *Hunterdon County Democrat* stated that "had he lived until October 8th he would have been 91 years old." The account further noted that he never married, and left one brother, Charles. The *Democrat* recorded that Charles Stenabaugh, also a bachelor, died on 23 February 1936, and that he "was 98 years old last October." Both death notices mentioned that Samuel and Charles were survived by one nephew, Ellis Stenabaugh. Death certificates were filed for both brothers, on which it was indicated that they were each buried at the Locust Grove Cemetery in Quakertown.

Under the assumption that Martha was also buried at Locust Grove, Donald Trauger, the caretaker of this Quakertown cemetery was contacted. He was able to fmd the Stenabaugh brother's tombstone, which in turn explained the mystery surrounding Martha's marble marker in the Zeveney's backyard. Martha proved to be one of five siblings, four of whom including herself never married. She was the first of the unmarried members of her family to pass away (in 1906). When her spinster sister, Sarah Jane, died in 1919 the family decided to erect a large memorial, on which was ultimately inscribed the names and year of birth and death of Martha and all of her unmarried siblings. As a result, the original stone erected in honor of Martha in 1906 became unnecessary, and, as Don Trauger put it, her "first" tombstone was "chucked."

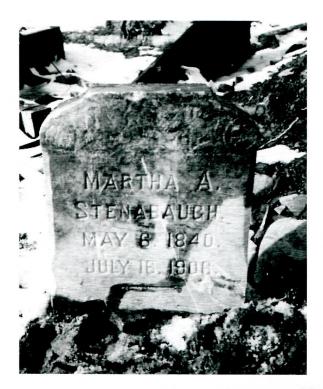
But how did Martha's original tombstone come to be buried in the Zeveney's backyard? A study of the previous owners of the property revealed the answer. On 1 April 1902 Abraham Hoppock sold Ellis S. Stenabaugh, for \$700.00, property in Raritan Township located on "the line of land of (formerly) J. S. Everitt. . . [on] the great road leading to Flemington." Ellis sold the land in June 1935 to John W. and Edith J. Storr, who in turn deeded the property to the individual who sold it to the Zeveneys. The Zeveney home, therefore, was once owned by Martha's nephew, Ellis S. Stenabaugh, who evidently claimed her initial tombstone when a new marker with her name was erected in the Locust Grove Cemetery. According to Mr. Zeveney, the stone was discovered in his back property at the comer of a shed, near an ash tree. Apparently Ellis was a practical individual, and used it for flagging, perhaps as the entry stone into the shed. In time it sank into the ground, and lay hidden until unearthed by the Zeveney backhoe.

Ellis S. Stenabaugh (1863-1947) was the son of the only sibling of Martha A. Stenabaugh (1840-1906) to be married. This was her brother, John Stenabaugh (1826-1905), the eldest child of Peter Stenabaugh (1794-1883) and his wife, Mary Strimple (1802-1877), whose fourth known child was Martha. Ellis married Matilda Pimm in September 1891, and they were the parents of four sons: Raymond F. (1893-1957), Charles (1895-), Paul (1899-1987) and Frank, who married Sara Ida Grey on 30 May 1931.

Information for this article was obtained from a variety of sources, the foremost being the resources of the Library of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, especially the Frank Burd Obituary File. Other vital facts were secured from the author's personal file of Hunterdon County marriages and deaths. Certificates of deaths and marriages were acquired at the New Jersey State Archives. Special thanks is extended to Den and Jenn Zeveney and Don Trauger for their appreciated assistance.



The present tombstone of Martha Stenabaugh is in the middle of the Locust Grove Cemetery, Quakertown, New Jersey.



Martha Stenabaugh' s original tombstone located in the rear of the home once owned by her nephew, Ellis S. Stenabaugh.

STENABAUGH — At her home near Oak Grove, July 16th, 1906. Miss Martha A. Stenabaugh, in her 67 year.

Deceased made her home with her brothers, Charles and Samuel Stenabaugh. Cancer of the stomach was the cause of her death — an event regretted by many Friends.

References to Ellis Stenabaugh in the Everitt's Hill "Local Columns" as published in the Hunterdon County Democrat.

GREAT MORTALITY. — Between the 17th of January and the 28th of April, Mr. S. G. Stockton, undertaker, has attended sixty-four funerals in this town and vicinity. Two-thirds of these, probably, occurred in this place. A large majority of those who died were children, and measles was the prevailing disease.

The Beacon, Lambertville, NJ, Friday, 1 April 1864

### 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.

National Register of Historic Places Nomination Forms for:

Asbury Historic District, Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County and Franklin Township, Warren County

Cokesbury Historic District, Clinton and Tewksbury Townships

Covered Bridge Historic District, Delaware Township New Hampton Historic District, Lebanon Township, Hunterdon and Washington Township, Warren County

Pottersville Village Historic District, Tewksbury Township Reaville District, East Amwell and Raritan Townships.

Family Bible of George W. and Rachel Vansyckel, published 1832 in Philadelphia, PA 1891 By-laws, miscellaneous documents and correspondence pertaining to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association. Donated by George W. Vansyckel, Elwood City, PA.

Emma Mike's scrapbooks, one of her years in Flemington attending the Choir School, Flemington High School, etc., and the other from her years at Georgetown University; 1930-31 Echo yearbook, published by the students of Flemington High School; 19th century almanacs — 1845-1849, 1851, 1853, 1855-1864; Rose's Diamond Horseshoe All-time Song Favorites, 1945. All of the above donated by Dennis Bertland, Port Murray, NJ.

George Soule of the Mayflower and his Descendants in the Fifth and Sixth Generations, compiled by George E. Soule, USA, Ret., M.C.A. and Milton E. Terry, Ph.D., revised by Louise Walsh Troop, M.B.A., published by General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2003.

Index to *Warnings Out from Plymouth Court Records*, 1686-1859 by Ruth Wilder Sherman, F.A.S.G., Robert M. Sherman, F.A.S.G., Mayflower Descendants, Harry P. Folger, 3rd, Secretary, Woodbine, NJ.

A Guide to Literature about New Jersey Maps and Mapping: Bibliographies and Finding Aids, Documents, and Monographic Writings, etc., Donald Arleigh Sinclair, New Brunswick, NJ, 2002. Donated by Robert Peabody, Milford, NJ.

*The Descendents* [sic] *of Moritz Creeter* (1703-1772), by Harold Leslie Crater, Jr. Donated by the author, Victoria, TX.

Large wall maps for three (3) counties — Hunterdon, Mercer, and Somerset Counties. Donated by Mrs. Edward Delcarlo, Lebanon, NJ

Bylaws of the Whitehouse Fire Company, organized January 12. 1901.

Thirty-First Annual Report of the State Board of Agriculture, 1903, first 50 pages used as a scrapbook.

### NOTES AND QUERIES

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

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: cnjewingZ@earthlink.net]

ALBERTSON, BUTLER: Seek mar info re Sarah Albertson, b. 1743, to \_\_\_\_\_Butler about 1770. Albertson's fam arriv in Hunt. Co. abt 1742, liv Amwell, Alexandria and Bethlehem Twps., assoc/w Protestant Episcopal & Episcopal Methodist churches. Also seek anc/o, sibs/o, par/o \_\_\_\_\_Butler who m. Sarah Albertson about 1770. ADD: John W. Butler, 6201 Lansgate Rd., Midlothian, VA 23112 [e-mail: johnphyl@comcast.net]

DUCKWORTH, EICHLIN, FORMAN, LOTT, RITTENHOUSE, WOOLVERTON: Duillius (Duellis, Duvallis) Forman [1812-1861, bur. Milford Christian Churchwhy, when in Williamsport? Die There? Who were par/o John Duckworth [ 1742-1822] Mt. Pleasant m. w/"consort" Jane Duckworth [1744-1822]? What was her maiden name? Was it Woolverton? Who was mother/o Maria S. Eichlin [1835 - 1861] w/o Wm. H. Rittenhouse? Her father was Charles Eichlin. Grandfather John Eichlin, who were other grandparents? Where is she bur? Mary Pelts Lott, dau/o John & Lenah Pelts, d. 1868. What was Lenah's maiden name? ADD: Carol Campion, 1510 Pine St., Scranton, PA 18510 [email:carolcamption@hotmail.com]

FIELD, FURMAN, RING: Seeking info on Josiah Furman and wife Deborah Ring. Josiah b. ca. 1730. Henry Race's sketch of the Furman family notes, "Josiah Furman, brother of Moore Furman, was a merchant at Pennington, his store burned and he commenced business again at PA end of Coryell's Ferry and named his place New Hope, later he removed from there and located on a farm in Kingwood (now Franklin) Township, near St. Thomas Church, now occupied by Milton Bird, where he spent the remainder of his life ..." Am seeking burial place or other info on Josiah and Deborah; their dau Sarah m. William Field, 1780. ADD: Martha Kendall, 186 E. Hebron Tnpk., Lebanon, CT 06249.

JOHNSTON: Seek info re wife & chil/o David Johnston, b. 15 or 25 July 1746, s/o colonial Judge Samuel Johnston of Bethlehem Twp. Believe David m. Margaret Nixon in 1772. Believe he may have been father of my ggggf, Samuel Johnston b. 28 Sept 1781 NJ, whose par were David and Margaret Johnston. ADD: Phyllis Johnston, 3346 Proctor Rd., Wellsville, NY 14895.

BOGARD, CORZATT/CORZETTE: Seek info re John, b. 1811/12, m. Elizabeth Bogard, b. 1814 at Clinton, NJ in 1833. Need to know his father and grandfather. ADD: Kevin Moburg, Box 394, Roseville, IL [e-mail: kevmob@midwest.net]

APGAR, WAGGONER: Maria Sophia Waggoner [1763-1856] descendants Apgar Family Association needs to hear from you. Click on www.ApgarFamily.com or contact: George Apgar, Jr., 218 Kempsey Drive, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 or telephone (732) 297-6686.

ABBOTT: Seek info re early life, par/o William Wesley Abbott, b. *ca.* 1823-1831. As per Civil War pension application he liv/ w Kroesen [Krousen of Krusen] fam bef. 1850. He m. 1) Sarah Kinsey on 9 Sept 1850 Easton, PA, had 4 chil but have no info on them. Sarah d. 9 Mar 1860 Lambertville, he m. 2) Maria Reilly 24 Nov. 1861 in Lambertville. I can trace him until his death on 26 Mar 1878. ADD: William Abbott, 6001 Timberly Road North, Mobile, AL 36009.

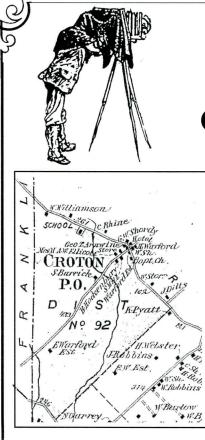
ROSEBERRY: The 1927 Phillipsburg High School yearbook contains photos of my mother, Dorothy W. Roseberry. If you have a copy of the yearbook and can photocopy the pages she appears on, please contact me. ADD: Margaret F. Laxson, 1040 38th Ave., #42, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

BRYANT, STOUT: Who were par/o James Bryant, b. 1776, NJ, m. Cathy Stout in Hunt Co 22 Oct. 1796? ADD: Joyce Fox, 11505, 41 St., NE, Bismarck, ND 58503.

BOWLBY, DALRYMPLE, UPDIKE: Seek info re Theodore S. Dalrymple, served Co H, 15th Infantry, CivWar. He was b. 10 March 1840 in Bethlehem, son of Catharine Updike who m. Aaron Dalrymple 22 Oct. 1840? Pension file says he married Mary Adaline Bowlby before the war, divorced in 1867 and that he changed his name to Jackson Smith after War? ADD: Rhonda Shoemaker, 34001 Richard St., Wayne, MI 48183 [e-mail RLShoe@comcast.net].

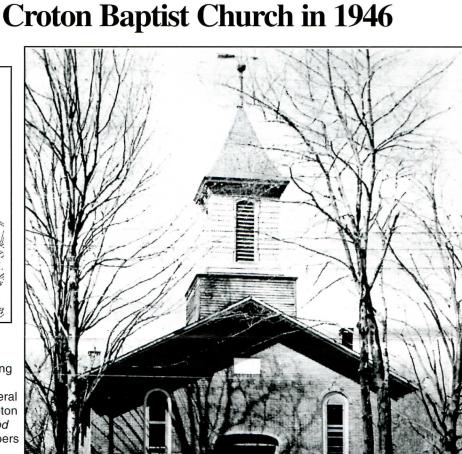
BRITTON, CHATTEN: Seek marriage place and date for Nathaniel F. Britton to Mary Elizabeth Chatten. He was b. NJ, age 19, blacksmith, unmarried, in Hopewell, 1850 census. ADD: Debbie Smeraldi, P.. Box 282, Bordentown, NJ 08505 [e-mail lonesomerue@comcast.net]. Images from the Past

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The Croton Baptist Church appears abandoned in this March 1946 photograph. The brick building was erected circa 1865. The Baptistown church dismissed several members to organize the new Croton congregation [Baptists in Kingwood by Stephen Zdepski]. Other members came from the Flemington and Sandy Ridge churches. The Reverend Charles Cox was pastor of the Church, organized 21 April 1861 and served its members for a number of years. The congregation is included in Church Archives, II: A Guide to Vital Records of New Jersey compiled and published in 1941 by the Historic Record Survey, Works Progress Administration [WPA]. The Church registry covering the period 1861-1927 and naming the clerk in whose custody it rested.

The village of Croton, shown in



Hunterdon County Historical Society Collections Maude L. Wilson Papers PX4301

the inset above from Beers' *1873 Hunterdon County Atlas,* is four miles west of Flemington and straddles the township line, being in Delaware and Raritan Townships. The Church is on the Delaware Township side of the line which is Route 579, the road, in earlier times, was the major route from Trenton to Easton, PA. A hotel, store, sawmill, school and post office were described in 1892 business directory and each is identifiable on the map except the sawmill.

The building was purchased sometime in the 1940s and became a paint factory housing Cavanaugh Corporation. It was sold to Kollmer Equipment Company, the present [2004] occupant.

Thanks to member Barbara Charles for sharing her research on Croton.