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The Ride To Pleasant Grove 17 November 2002 at 2 p.m.

The *Ride to Pleasant Grove*, is a journey into the past, a memory and history of the James Hance family. The former Hance farm has been home to author, Sal Vuocolo, Jr. since 1979. The opening segment of the essay is about the restoration of a neglected stone house and long-abandoned fields. The second portion is a fictionalized account of Hance's ride to Pleasant Grove church, which he helped found, his ride homeward and his life in the Anthonytown region of Lebanon Township, written in narrative verse. Mr. Vuocolo and Pamela Casserly will give a presentation based on this work.

Mr. Vuocolo is a third generation Hunterdon County landowner. His earliest childhood memories are of his grandfather's farm at Stanton. His farm has recently been recognized by the American Forest Institute for maintaining its status as a certified tree farm for twenty-five years. Sal works as an engineered wood specialist, and has served on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Forestry Association. The Ride to Pleasant Grove was published in 1999 and he has also published other short stories.

The public is invited to join Society members at the Flemington Woman's Club, Park Avenue in Flemington, on 17 November at 2 p.m. for the presentation and light refreshments.

Mr. Vuocolo's book will be available for purchase at the Woman's Club and he will autograph copies.



It's A Stick-up

Either enclosed with this issue of the Society's *Newsletter* if delivered, or soon to follow, is a handy 2003 stick-up calendar.

Anyone who wishes may pay 2003 dues anytime before receiving the 2003 notice by sending dues to Mrs. Shirley V. Favier, Membership Chair, 114 Main St., Flemington, NJ.



Doris Keller Terris, artist

2002-2003 Calendar

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| Oct. 31 | Halloween Evening
Library closed 7-9 p.m. |
| Nov. 17 | FALL MEETING — Sal Vuocolo
presenting <i>The Ride To Pleasant Grove</i>
Flemington Woman's Club, 2 p.m. |
| Nov. 28 | THANKSGIVING — Library closed |
| Dec. 25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS |
| January 1 | HAPPY 2003 |

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Reading-Large House

For the past several years members of our Society have been working diligently on providing necessary increased operating space for our operations and storage. We had been negotiating for the purchase of the [Reading-Large property](#) across the street from the Doric House on which we could build a suitable archives storage space and renovate the existing buildings for use as both a library and a museum. This property seemed ideal for our purposes.

We now must disappointedly report that we have had to back away from this acquisition. The initial financial cost estimates and the fund raising prospects to cover the cost seemed within our means. We had long ago signed an agreement with the current owners of the property to purchase it at a fixed price. The unexpected lengthy and tedious process of getting Flemington board approval for our building intentions there, extended beyond the expiration of our agreement with the sellers. They then increased their selling price. Beside this, the passage of time has seen marked increases in our construction costs at the property. And, certain other costs came in significantly higher than our original estimates. For instance, shelving costs in the new archives building was quoted at \$80,000.

We might have been able to deal with these cost increases but our ability to offset our costs with major fund-raising changed drastically in the economic climate and collapse of the stock markets following the terrorist attacks of September 2001. A crisis in public confidence ensued that still exists today. We originally thought that \$600,000 over a five year period would be sufficient but the cost increases noted above would now require us to seek nearly a million dollars in donations if we were to retain enough financial reserves to fund

our necessary annual budget which runs now approximately \$70,000, but once the Society moved across the street to larger and more complicated property would approach \$100,000. We are dependent on the earning of our reserves as dues amount to only \$10,000 annually and the total of our other miscellaneous income another \$10,000. Society President, Dick Stothoff undertook, at the suggestion of fund raising experts, an independent survey of prospective business and private donors. Several very large corporations within the county which had been generous in the past, were now in financial trouble themselves. And we in the private sector know all to well what has happened to our own investment portfolios. The conclusion was that we would be hard pressed to raise much more than a third of what we needed, leaving us some \$600,000 short. To proceed with the purchase would put the Society's future at severe risk of not being able to meet our annual expenses once our reserves were depleted. Accordingly, the majority of our trustees voted at their regular September meeting to not proceed with the purchase of the Reading-Large property at this time.

We have, meanwhile, begun to explore other options as to both property acquisition and of appropriate archival storage for our extensive and valuable manuscript holdings. We invite suggestions from anyone, member or otherwise. Generous estate bequests to us over the past thirty years put us in a position to consider this move in the first place. Hopefully, these bequests will continue in the future to the point where we can once again consider the expansion that we find so necessary.

— John W. Kuhl

Form of Bequest

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

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

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

The Age of Silvia Du Bois

by Jim Luce

The back page of the Winter 2002 Newsletter gave a brief synopsis of Silvia's life, accompanied by the Society's photograph of her and her daughter Elizabeth. Silvia was born a slave, but when a young woman received her freedom from her master, Minical Du Bois. In C.W. Larison's 1883 brief "Biography" of Silvia, he gave her age as 116, fixing her date of birth as March 5, 1768. She therefore would have been at least 120 years old at her death in 1889.

In 1988 Oxford University Press reissued Larason's work, with Jared C. Lobdell providing an introduction and notes, together with a transcription into standard English spelling of Larison's peculiar phonetic script. A photocopy of Larison's original edition is appended at the end. The volume is part of The Schomburg Library of Nineteenth-Century Black Women Writers, and is listed as still in print.

Lobdell has tracked down the evidence about Minical Du Bois and his relatives both here in New Jersey and in Great Bend, Pennsylvania, where Minical, his family and Silvia moved from New Jersey. She was 14 years old at the time, according at her testimony. If she was born in 1768, the trek to Great Bend, situated on the Susquehanna River near the New York border, would date to 1782, or thereabouts. But Lobdell has amassed a great deal of evidence against the date of 1768 and, even if we are unpersuaded by his arguments or rhetoric on all points, he nevertheless has made a strong case overall for fixing her birth in 1787/88.

For one thing, the first permanent white settler did not arrive in Great Bend until 1787. Next, an outline of Minical's career does not support early dating (his given name was Dominicus, but was known to his family and to friends in Great Bend as Minna.) Born in Harlingen March 5, 1756 (the coincidence with Silvia's supposed birthday is noteworthy, but probably fortuitous), Minna was the youngest son of Abraham Du Bois (1725-1823). His eldest brother Abraham (1751-1807) was a wealthy jeweler and land speculator living in Philadelphia; the middle brother, Nicholas (1753-1825), lived in Hillsborough Township throughout his life, holding many township and Somerset County offices. Minna himself died in 1824 in Great Bend, where he is buried.

In the first years of the Revolution Minna served as a private, then sergeant, in the New Jersey militia. His first marriage took place in 1779, his wife dying shortly after giving birth to a son in 1786. In 1791 Minna went to Great Bend to act as a land agent for his brother Abraham. He stayed until 1793, during which time he held a commission as Justice of the Peace. He returned to New Jersey sometime in 1793, when he married Elizabeth Scudder. They lived on a farm in Flagtown, moving there when Silvia was about five, according to her account. In late 1893 or early 1804 Minna and his family moved permanently to Great Ben, making the trek in two wagons. Silvia, then 14 years old, herded the family's two cows.

Minna purchased an inn/tavern next to the river in Great Bend, where he ran the business for a number of years. A ferry service was also situated there, operated by Silvanus Hatch, whom Silvia calls Captain Hatch in her conversation with

Larison. It was in the tavern that Silvia struck her mistress, who had frequently mistreated her in the past and who on that occasion had slapped Silvia for washing the barroom floor improperly. There is quite a lot of evidence for Minna's activities in Great Bend during these years: letters from his brother Abraham, county records and warrants, and a later reminiscence by his grandson, Joseph Du Bois (1812-85), all of which Lobdell reproduces in his book. After Silvia struck her mistress, Minna, in Larison's transcription of her words, reacted as follows: "If I would take my child and go to New Jersey and stay there, he would give me free. I told him I would go. It was late at night; he wrote me a pass, gave it to me, and early the next morning I set out for Flagtown, New Jersey." The child in question was then one and a half years old, and was probably the first of Silvia's six children, since she makes no mention of any others at the time. No record exists, by the way, of Silvia's residence in Great Bend during these years, although she ought to have been registered.

There are difficulties with certain facts in the life of Minna Du Bois, but the general outline is clear and firm. The 1830 census gives Silvia's age as between 36 and 55, that of her grandfather, Harry Put, as 55 to 100. The 1850 census reports her name as "Savilla," giving her age as 45 and the ages of her daughters Elizabeth and Rachel as 26 and 23. This does not fit well: Elizabeth and Rachel were the youngest of Silvia's six children. She would have had to produce four other offspring before the age of nineteen in order for the chronology to work. Nor does it fit with Lobdell's dating.

In her talks with Dr. Larison Silvia said that she was present when her grandfather and others returned from the Battles of Trenton (Dec. 1776) and Princeton (Jan. 1777), and that she heard her master Minical tell stories of his participation in the Battle of Monmouth in 1778, adding that she was 10 years old at the time. In addition, an article in the *Trenton Sunday Times-Advertiser* for June 10, 1917, by a newspaperman styling himself The Adventurous Wayfarer tells how he encountered "a very old man" in Rileyville who remembered tales told by old "Sil Dorcas" (Dorcas was the given name of Silvia's mother). Silvia claimed to have been working in Hunt House when Washington and his generals held their great conference on the best strategy to adopt in confronting the British, as both sides moved toward confrontation at Monmouth Court House in June, 1778: "I, myself, have heard her describe the appearance of the General and his officers, the uniforms and colors of the regiments, their dispositions, etc., with such particularity as to prove her an eye-witness of the scenes described."

Given the dating Lobdell proposes, none of this is possible. We are forced to conclude that Silvia enjoyed the attention and respect such "reminiscences" brought her, and was canny enough to supply enough detail to make them convincing. Lobdell characterizes such behavior (not unknown of others in other ages) by the delightful phrase "remembering with advantages." Silvia who was illiterate, never claimed to know her exact age or date of birth. She left such questions to others, like Dr. Larison, who scurried about collecting evidence that

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2002 Volunteer Luncheon at Harvest Moon Inn

The 13th Annual Luncheon to honor the wonderful group of volunteers who staff the Society Library and Doric House when it is open was held on 1 May at the Harvest Moon Inn in Ringoes.

The tradition of having lunch in an historic building continued this year. Harvest Moon Inn was built as Amwell Academy in 1811 on land donated by Titus and Hannah Quick and operated as a school until 1900. In 1868 Dr. Cornelius W. Larison bought the property and for about twelve years beginning in 1869, he and his brother, Rev. Andrew B. Larison, operated The Seminary of Ringoes in the building. It was closed in 1881 and eventually sold to Dr. Theodore Whittlesey for use as a residence. In 1938, at the time of the Historic American Building Surveys [a/k/a HABS], the building was recorded and documented [HABS-NJ-513]. The original material, blue prints and photographs, are in the Library of Congress and duplicates are at the Historical Society

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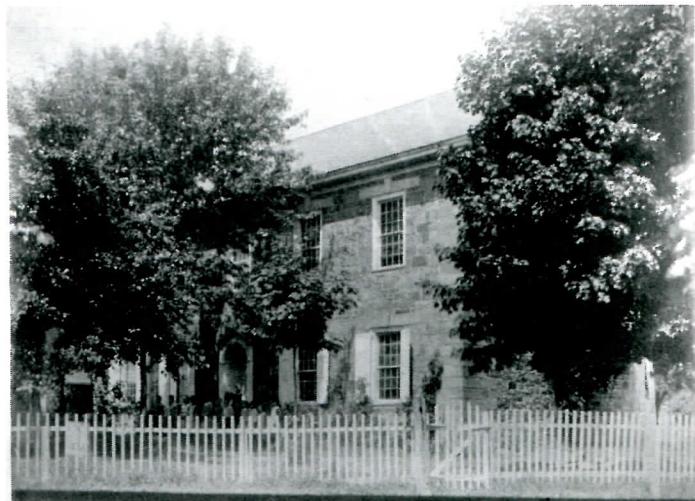
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Thanks to everyone who gives their time and helps the Society carry out its mission.

The Age of Silvia Du Bois (Continued from page 897)

convinced them that March 5, 1768, was her date of birth — which Silvia accepted with equanimity. “Remembering with advantages” depends on claiming to be a contemporary of famous people and to momentous events. Another example is concerns the wealthy Tulane family of Princeton. Silvia told Dr. Larison that she worked in the household and knew the father and his son, Paul, for whom the university in Louisiana was named. Now, it may well be true that Silvia worked for the family. But she also affirmed that she was present when Paul was born in 1801, which, given Lobdell’s chronology, is unlikely.

I want to thank the Susquehanna County Historical Society and, in particular, Debra Adleman, for alerting me to Lobdell’s work and other historical materials.



Jacob Servis Papers
HCHS Collection

Harvest Moon Inn as it appeared circa 1891.



Society goes to the Fair

The 2002 Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fair was held at the Flemington Fairgrounds as it passed into history. This was the final Fair event at this location — the Fairgrounds is being sold for development. A new location has been purchased by the County at Ringoes on the site of the “old” Ringoes Drive-In and will be ready for the 2003 4-H and Agricultural Fair.

Among the artifacts exhibited by the Society was a large aerial photograph — Can You Identify This Farm? Numerous entries were filled in and put in a ballot box (part of the exhibit). It was the Hiram Edmund Deats farm at Flemington Junction with much open farmland all the way from Route 523 to Route 31. The Fairgrounds oval race track was visible in the upper left corner of the photograph.

Congratulations to Paul Kerzenberger who received a reproduction 1851 Raritan Township map and Benn Doyle who received a 2003 Society membership. Their entries were the first and second ones drawn among 27 correct identifications.

We thank the Hunterdon County Democrat for their effort to reproduce the photograph for us to a size we could use in “Images From The Past.” Unfortunately, so much detail was lost in the reduction of a large photograph to a size which would fit in our Newsletter and we abandoned the idea.

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.

CRATE, GILTNER, NIXON, THARP, SAVACOOL, VAN SICKLE: Welcome any info re fam, anc/o Moses Tharp, b. 1791, s/o John. Moses m. Ida Nixon of Newton, Sussex Co. Four of their five sons: Joshua, John, Isaac and Joseph migrated to Steuben Co. NY about 1840. A sister Nancy followed later. A fifth son, Moses, remained in Sussex Co. NJ. Other family names include Savacool, Van Sickle, Crate and Giltner. Fanella Tharp Benedict and Eleanor T.Schott are compiling a history of the Moses Tharp family. ADD: Eleanor T. Schott, 90 Village Post Rd., Danvers, MA 01923.

BARNARD, MARLIN, SIBBET/SIBBITT/SIBET: Seek info re Solomon Sibbet (ca1770-1836) in 1789 Maidenhead Twp. Hunt. Co. tax ratables. His bro Aaron Sibbett m. Elizabeth Marlin of NJ. Was their father James Sibbet, listed Hunterdon 3rd Regiment during PA Insurrection 1794? Both Solomon and Aaron were in Washington Co. PA by 1804. Solomon had chil: James, John, William, Hannah by wife, name unknown. He m 2) Elizabeth Barnard, ca 1814 in Washington Co. PA. ADD: M. Reed, 100 Willow Brook Way S. #20017, Delaware Co. OH 43015.

CAMPBELL, PAINTER, SLATER, THOMPSON: Seek par and/or sib/o John Campbell, d. Oct. 19, 1831, age 58(6)(3) yrs. (stone difficult to read), bur Readington Dutch Reformed Chyd and Catherine/Caty (Slater) Campbell, d. Mar 10 1859 age 78 yrs, also bur. Readington. Both of Amwell Twp., m. 16 Dec 1804 by William Bennett, J.P. Known chil: 1) Sarah Ann Campbell, b. 1808-12 June 1853, m. Asher Painter 19 Oct 1831; 2) David K. Campbell, b. 7 Nov 1811-10 Feb 1902 Gillespie, IL; 3) William G. Campbell, b. 1816, m. Lettie Ann ?; 4) Catherine Eliza Campbell, 1 July 1821-20 Nov 1910; 5) George Farley Campbell, b. 1823, m. 16 Dec 1843 Sarah Jane Thompson, 1825-1874; 6) Ida H. Campbell, 26 Dec 1827-6 Apr 1836 NYC. ADD: M. Wright Wieseman, 2 Wychview Dr., Westfield, NJ 07090. [e-mail: mwieseman@comcast.net]



Acquisitions (Continued from page 900)

Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company: 75 Years, 1727-2002 compiled for the 75th anniversary celebration 8 June 2002 by John W. Kuhl. Donated by the author, Pittstown, NJ.

Larason family rocking chair from the Tavern at Larison's Corner kept by John Larason and then passed to his son, George, great grandfather of Jon Larason, husband of the donor. Donated by Virginia Larason, Seaford, DE.

New Jersey Graveyard and Gravestone Inscriptions Locators: Monmouth County compiled by Edward J. Raser, published by Genealogical Society of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ. Donated by Roxanne K. Carkhuff, Ringoes, NJ.

Behind The Reserve: The Quick Family of Colchester, Essex County, Ontario, Canada, 1601-2002, by Stuart M. Quick, Dorothy Zak and Patricia M. Smith. Donated by Stuart M. Quick.

Crock, 8 inches tall, with lid, inscribed "Apgar Family Reunions Hunterdon County New Jersey." Donated by George N. Apgar, Jr., North Brunswick, NJ.

The Neshanic Reformed Church Celebrating 250 Years of Continuous Ministry to the Community, 1752-2002 compiled by a Committee of the Church chaired by George W. "Bill" Ammerman and published September 2002. Donated by Harold O. and Margery C. Van Fleet, Flemington, NJ.



'Are You Included in Uncle Sam's Census?'

was the headline on the front page of the May 15, 1930 Hunterdon County Democrat. The article urged anyone with a doubt about whether they had been counted in the recent enumeration, for the sake of accuracy, to fill out a coupon printed in the newspaper and return it to Walter R. Scott, Supervisor of Census, in Trenton. The coupon read, "On April 1st, I was living at the address below, but to the best of my knowledge, I have not been enumerated." It provided space for name, street and number, and town.

Now, 72 years later, family genealogists benefit from it. The 1930 enumeration was recently opened to the public by the Federal government and your Historical Society purchased microfilms, seven reels containing the enumerations for Hunterdon, Mercer and Somerset Counties. Many of the standard questions on the earlier census returns appear in the 1930 with two genealogical helpful additions: age at last birthday and age of first marriage.

No Soundex or index was produced for the 1930 census. However, a detailed guide to enumeration districts will assist users who know where the person(s) they seek were residing in 1930.

There are 36 enumeration districts within Hunterdon County and some institutions have their own districts, i.e. Annandale Reformatory for Men and Boys, P. O. of A. Home and Orphanage, Hunterdon County jail, the State tuberculosis sanatorium, Raritan Poor Farm, and West Amwell Almshouse.

Mercer County, with 111 districts, included numerous separate districts for institutions, and Somerset County, with 51 districts, likewise has separate districts for institutions.

Patrons are welcome to view the 1930 census, as well as all others, during regular library hours on Thursdays, 1-3 and 7-9 p.m. and by prior appointment.

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.

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Family of John Billington, Volume 21, compiled by Harriet W. Hodge, revised by Robert S. Wakefield, F.A.S.G., published by General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2001.

*Mayflower Families in Progress: William Brewster Of The Mayflower And the Fifth Generation Descendants Of his daughter Patience*², compiled by Barbara Lambert Merrick, Typed and Indexed by E. Virginia Hunt, published by General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2001.

Mayflower Families in Progress: George Soule Of The Mayflower and his Descendants in the Fifth and Sixth Generations, originally compiled by John E. Soule, Col. USA, Ret., M.C.E., and Milton E. Terry, Ph. D., revised by Louise Walsh Throop, M.B, First Edition: Part Two (Family Numbers 350-464). Published by General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2002.

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Family of John Alden Fifth Generations Descendants of his daughter Elizabeth (Alden) Pabodie, Volume 16, part 2, compiled by Esther Littleford Woodworth-Barnes, edited by Alicia Crane Williams, published by General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2002. These publications donated by the Society of Mayflower Descendants in New Jersey, Jane A. Engleman, Secretary, Cherry Hill, NJ.

Three reels of microfilm, *Hunterdon County Democrat*, October-December 2001, January-March, April-June 2002; *Delaware Valley News*, January-December 2001. Donated by Hunterdon County Democrat, Katherine T. Langley, Publisher, Flemington, NJ.

Photocopy of the transcription of a diary of James Parker [1723-1797] written May 18, 1778-March 4, 1790 at Shipley, Hunterdon County. Diary is in the collections of the New Jersey Historical Society, Ac. #719. Donated by the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Flemington, NJ.

Microfilm copies of the 1930 census for Hunterdon, Mercer and Somerset Counties on 7 reels. Purchased by Society.

Revisions to the 1990 Prall book of the Coryell Family and John Prall Jr. Donated by the author, Richard D. Prall, Albuquerque, NM.

Program, *Welcome to the Heath Family Reunion* sponsored by the Descendants of Andrew Heath, 22 September 2002 at Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville, NJ; photograph of Reunion attendees. Donated by Nancy Heath Dallaire, Trenton, NJ.

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Membership

A warm welcome is extended to these members who have recently joined the Hunterdon County Historical Society or upgraded to Life member.

Edmund Abegg, Edinboro, PA*
 Dennis Bertland, Port Murray, NJ
 William R. Blackwell, Sr., Stockton, NJ
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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
Sustaining	\$50.00 per year
Institutional	\$50 and up per year
Life	\$250.00
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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 _____



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 \$4 for the first book and \$1 for each additional book to cover postage packing. For #14, postage is \$10.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Myers, Kenneth, V., *Old Stones At Oak Summit*, King-

wood 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 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 includes shipping and handling — \$20 for nonmembers, \$15 for members.

Other Publications

Of interest to those conducting Hunterdon County research are two offerings from **Hunterdon House, 38 Swan Street, Lambertville, NJ 08530**.

Somerset County Historical Quarterly, volumes 1-8, originally published 1912-1919, the books are a mainstay of New Jersey genealogy, including Church registers from the colonial period, Somerset County marriages 1795-1879, cemetery inscriptions, etc. Volumes 1 and 2 are \$30 each. The other six volumes are \$25 each. The set of eight volumes, ordered at one time before 15 December, is \$194.00.

Notices From New Jersey Newspapers, 1791-1795, by Thomas B. Wilson and Dorothy Agans Stratford, is in production for November 2002 distribution. This massive compilation abstracts notices from all the newspapers published at the time in New Jersey, as well as notices relating to New Jersey extracted from some Philadelphia papers. The notices include all commercial advertisements as well as all notices of a personal nature. Several thousand names with varying degrees of biographical and genealogical data are brought into print by this new publication.

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"... engaged in his present enterprise fifteen years ago. The premises occupied have a frontage of seventy-five feet and a depth of sixty feet divided into two apartments with office and cashier's desk between. In addition to this commodious floor space, a third apartment is devoted to the sale of all kinds of fresh, salt and smoked meats, sausage, bolognas, scrapple, mincemeat, lard and food products in this line. The entire basement and large storage warehouse are also occupied for duplicate stock, original packages and heavy merchandise. The main salesrooms are fitted up in modern metropolitan style, with latest improvements and conveniences, including the patent Lamson cash system, the only one in the city. Mr. Fisher carries a comprehensive stock of imported and American dry goods, fashionable dress fabrics, ladies and gentlemen's furnishing goods and underwear, notions, boots, shoes and rubbers, plain and decorated china, glass and queensware, carpets, oil cloths and rugs, staple and fancy family groceries, unadulterated food products, provisions, fresh and dried foreign and domestic fruits, vegetables, table requisites, culinary supplies and miscellaneous merchandise, such as is usually found in first class establishments of this description. Mr. Fisher who is a native of Hunterdon County was educated to a mercantile career and has been for many years prominently identified with commercial pursuits." [Business Review Of The Counties Of Hunterdon, Morris and Somerset, New Jersey, Pennsylvania Publishing Company, Philadelphia, Pa., 1891]