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New Jersey's Sourland Mountain Topic of Annual Meeting *2 p.m. - 14 April 2002 - Flemington Womens Club*

Historiographer T. James Luce, Jr., author of *New Jersey's Sourland Mountain*, published late last year will be the guest speaker at the Society's Annual Meeting on Sunday, 14 April, at 2 p.m. in the Flemington Womens Club. He came to the Sourland Mountain in 1963, and has resided in a house built on the foundation of the O'Neill summer house where future playwright Eugene and painters George Bellows and Edward Keefe spent the winter of 1909. Mr. Luce's interest in the area grew after he came to the house and he became a founding member of the Sourland Planning Council which sponsored his book. He has retired from Princeton University where he spent nearly forty years, a classics professor.

The Keith Line, historically dividing East and West Jersey, runs through the Sourland Mountain, establishing the western boundary of Hunterdon and Mercer Counties and the eastern boundary of Somerset County. Sourland Mountain is roughly seventeen miles long and four miles wide, running northwest from the Delaware River (Lambertville) to a point just beyond Neshanic. It is fifty miles equidistant from Philadelphia and New York and parallels a section of the metropolitan corridor stretching from Boston to Washington, DC and yet, despite suburban sprawl creeping along its flanks, which in recent years has threatened to turn into a gallop, it still retains much of its unspoiled character. Although the Mountain is the product of a single geological process, it is nearly pinched in two. A narrow neck of high ground near Rocktown preserves the connection between the two sections.

Join the Society for a brief Annual Meeting, Mr. Luce's presentation, and refreshments. As always, meetings are open to the public.



Washington Rock, near Lambertville,
on the western edge of Sourland Mountain.

2002 Calendar

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| April 14 | ANNUAL MEETING — 2 p.m.
Flemington Womens Club
T. James Luce speaker/
New Jersey's Sourland Mountain |
| May 1 | VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION
LUNCHEON |
| May 18 | SPRING OPEN HOUSE celebrating
Historic Preservation Week —
Doric House open 1-4 p.m. |
| Sept. 21-22 | 140th Anniversary celebration for the
Civil War 15th New Jersey Regiment
formed in Flemington |
| November 17 | FALL MEETING |

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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.

FIELD(S), FURMAN: Seeking par/chil & fam/o William Field(s) and Sarah Furman, md. Sept. 1780, Hunt Co., rem to Lycoming Co. PA ca. 1804. Chil: Furman, William, John, Deborah. ADD: Martha Kendall, 186 E. Hebron Tnpk., Lebanon, CT 06249. [e-mail: jkend@aol.com]

HANN, WYCKOFF: Seeking par/o, date of birth, other family info re Rebecca Hann, b. abt. 1801, m. Elias Wyckoff. ADD: Mary H. Passineau, 290 E/ Alex-Bill Rd., #3, Centerville, OH 45459-2740.

CASE, ONSET, STOLL/STULL: Seeking par/o Phoebe(Phebe) Case, b. abt. 1783. Jacob Stoll sold his land in Newton, Sussex Co. NJ and moved to Chemung Co. NY in 1784. The couple were married at Newton by Justice of the Peace John Gustin on 4 Mar 1802. John Case m. Nancy Onstet 7 Jan 1802 in the records of JP Gustin. Was he a brother of Phoebe? Jacob and Phoebe are both buried in Veteran, Chemung Co. NY where they lived and raised a family. ADD: Jacqueline Thurlow, 157 Thurlow Dr., Columbus, MS 39702. [e-mail: jthur@futuresouth.com].

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114 Main Street
Flemington, NJ 08822

Please enroll me as a member of your Society

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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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Reminder - Renewal Time

Bills for 2002 Membership dues have been sent out and renewals are coming in. If you haven't sent yours in, take a few minutes now to write your check and mail it to HCHS, 114 Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822 or use the convenient return envelope which came with the dues notice.

Newsletters will cease with this issue if dues are not paid.

Emigrants to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania

Roxanne K. Carkhuff

"Went west" is sometimes the frustrating last entry in a genealogical study. Then it's where to go from there? Well, "old" Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, along the Susquehanna River, is one place to look. The county, as originally laid out in 1772, included about thirty of the present counties, including Columbia and Montour, Snyder, Union, Luzerne, Centre, and Lycoming. Well before 1933 genealogist-historian Heber G[ossler]. Gearhart of Sunbury [genealogically we might say the Hiram E. Deats of his area] in Northumberland County began studying and acquiring information on emigrants to his area. He and Mr. Deats, HCHS librarian, corresponded about the families who came from Hunterdon County.

In early 1933, Mr. Gearhart sent along to Mr. Deats his list of emigrants, giving the date of emigration "before 1790" or "after 1790." This distinction he based on the 1790 census. His ancestor, Captain Jacob Gearhart, of course, went there from Hunterdon. He collected much the same information for "old" Northumberland families that Deats did for Hunterdon — family information, Bibles, land records, cemetery inscriptions, etc. At his death his extensive collection was donated to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and is available there on microfilm. In 1985 I reviewed the collection, with the foregoing list in hand, and identified numerous additional surnames I recognized as occurring in Hunterdon records. Therefore, do not assume if your ancestor's name is not cited, there will be no information in Mr. Gearhart's collection about the family.

Anderson, Samuel (1762-1837?)

From Andersontown, Warren Co. 1791, To Shamokin Twp.

Andrew, John (1746-1814)

From New Jersey, 1785, to Penns Valley

Appleman, Matthias (1744?-)

From Somerset Co., N.J. after 1790, to present Columbia Co.

Appleman, Peter (1740?-1817)

From Somerset Co., N.J., after 1790, to present Columbia Co.

Bassett, Luther (1788-1875)

From New Jersey, 1816, to Rush Twp.

Beatty, Samuel (1759-1805)

From New Jersey, 1792, to Shamokin Twp.

Best, John (1759-1839)

From Hunterdon County, 1812, to Chillisquaque Twp.

Bird, James (1755?-1832)

From Warren Co., after 1790, to present Montour Co.

Blue, Peter, 1752-1826)

From New Jersey, before 1790, to present Montour Co.

Boughner, John (1795?-)

From Hunterdon Co. 1814, to Snyderstown

Boughner, Sebastian (1800?-1848?)

From Hunterdon Co., 1814 to Snyderstown

Buckalew, John (1743-1833)

From New Jersey, 1775, to Turbutt Twp.

Buckalew, Peter (1755?-1846)

From New Jersey, before 1790, to Northumberland Co.

Campbell, Daniel (1738?-1832)

From Sussex Co., 1789, to Shamokin Twp.

Campbell, Obadiah (1740-1819)

From Sussex Co., 1779, to Augusta Twp.

Campbell, Robert (1775-1831)

From Sussex Co.? before 1790, to Shamokin Twp.

Carr, John (1745?-)

From Hunterdon Co. about 1790 to Shamokin Twp.

Chamberlin, Gideon (1791?-)

From Hunterdon Co. about 1810, to Shamokin Twp.

Chamberlin, Joseph (1770-)

From Hunterdon Co., about 1810, to Shamokin Twp.

Chamberlin, William (1736-1817)

From Hunterdon Co., 1793, to Buffalo Twp.

Childs, John (1753-1804)

From Middlesex Co., about 1800, to Danville

Clark, John (1770-1855)

From Woodbury? about 1800, to Snyderstown

Clark, Lukens (1775-)

From Woodbury? about 1800, to Snyderstown

Clement, Hannah Hazen (1785-1868)

From Sussex Co., 1816, to Augusta Twp.

Cool, Simon (1740?-1778)

From Burlington Co.? about 1774, to Turbutt Twp.

Cooper, John (1768?-)

From New Jersey, 1804, to Northumberland Co.

Coryell, George (1761-1837)

From Hunterdon Co., 1793 to Buffalo Twp.

Covenhoven, Robert (1755-1846)

From Monmouth Co., 1775, to Augusta Twp.

Davidson, James (1750?-1825)

From Essex Co., 1782, to Northumberland Co.

Deats, Gilbert (1812?-)

From Flemington, 1840 about, to Klines Grove

DuPuy, Jacob (1760-1837)

From Hunterdon Co. 1791, to Shamokin Twp.

DeWitt, Abraham (1740?-1819)

From Sussex Co.? 1772, to Augusta Twp.

DeWitt, Isaac (1765?-)

From Sussex Co.? About 1795, to Augusta Twp.

DeWitt, Paul (1739?-1774)

From Sussex Co. 1772, to Augusta Twp.

DeWitt, Paul (1762?-1801)

From Sussex Co.? about 1795, to Augusta Twp.

Eckman, Charles (1779-1841)

From near Bloomsbury, Sussex Co., 1807, to Shamokin Twp.

Ely, Caleb (1760?-)

From Hunterdon Co., 1791, to Shamokin Twp.

Ely, George, Jr. (1762?-)

From Hunterdon Co., 1791, to Shamokin Twp.

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Ely, John (1775?-)

From Hunterdon Co., 1791, to Shamokin Twp.

Ely, Samuel (1770?-)

From Hunterdon Co., 1791, to Shamokin Twp.

Farley, Caleb (1709-1802)

From Bound Brook, Hunterdon Co., 1791, to Shamokin Twp.

Farley, Caleb, Jr. (1757-1808)

From Bound Brook, Hunterdon Co., 1791, to Shamokin Twp.

Farley, Caleb (1757?-1834)

From Hunterdon Co.? 1785? to Buffalo Twp.

Farley, John (1752?-1822)

From Hunterdon Co.? 1787, to Buffalo Twp.

Farnsworth, John (1750?-)

From Hunterdon Co.? 1792?, to Shamokin Twp.

Fisher, Henry (1767-1824)

From Warren Co., 1791, to Shamokin Twp.

Fisher, Joseph (1734-1819)

From Warren Co., 1788, to Shamokin Twp.

Forrester, John (1764-1830)

From New Jersey? about 1790, to Shamokin Twp.

Freeland (or Vreeland), Garrett (1725?-1786)

From Essex Co., 1775, to Turbutt Twp.

Freeland (or Vreeland), Jacob (1720?-1779)

From Essex Co., 1772, to Turbutt Twp.

Furman, Daniel (1749?-11823)

From New Jersey, 1794, to Shamokin Twp.

Furman, William (1751-1826)

From New Jersey, 1794, to Shamokin Twp.

Gearhart, Jacob (1725-1813)

From Hunterdon Co., 1791, to Shamokin Twp.

Gearhart, William (1743?=-)

From Hunterdon Co., 1791, to Shamokin Twp.

Gould, Samuel (1750?-)

From Essex Co., 1772, to Turbutt Twp.

Gulick, John (1771-1837)

From Hunterdon Co.? 1791, to Danville

Gulick, Minne (1766-1813)

From Hunterdon Co., 1791, to Shamokin Twp.

Haughawout, John (1768-1845)

From New Jersey, after 1790, to Shamokin Twp.

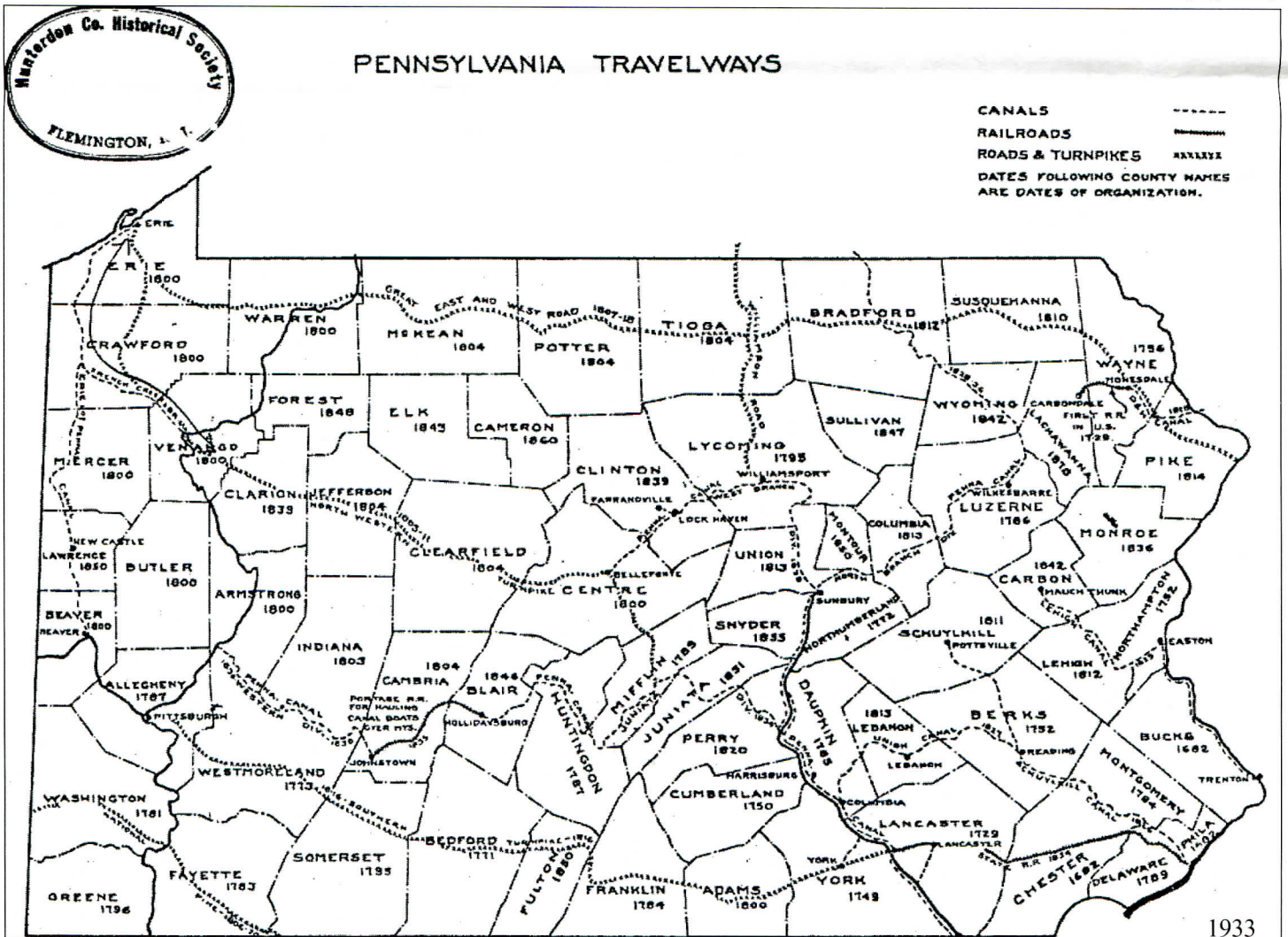
Haughawout, Leffert (1760?-)

From New Jersey, before 1790, to Shamokin Twp.

Hibbler, Elizabeth (1743-1827)

From Hunterdon Co.,? about 1800, to Shamokin Twp.

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Emigrants — (Continued from page 882)

- Himrod, Simon Ludwig (1731-1784)
From New Jersey, 1772, to Turbutt Twp.
- Hixson, David (1760?-1825?)
From Hunterdon Co., before 1790, to Buffalo Twp.
- Hixson, John (1768?-1825)
From Hunterdon Co., before 1790, to Buffalo Twp.
- Hopewell, James (1797-1839)
From New Jersey, about 1820, to Northumberland
- Horton, John (1752-1810)
From Morris Co., before 1790, to Wyoming Twp.
- Housel, Peter (1750?-1797)
From New Jersey, before 1790, to Turbutt Twp.
- Hull, Isaac (1740?-)
From Sussex Co., before 1790, to Turbutt Twp.
- Kase, Daniel (1772-1840)
From Hunterdon Co., 1800, to Shamokin Twp.
- Kase, John (1778-1855)
From Hunterdon Co., 1899, to Shamokin Twp.
- Kase, Peter (1775?-)
From Hunterdon Co., 1800, to Shamokin Twp.
- Kase, William (1763-1852)
From Hunterdon Co., 1800, to Shamokin Twp.
- Kerr, John (1760?-1795?)
From New Jersey, after 1790, to present Columbia Co.
- Kline, Abraham (1729?-1819)
From Hunterdon Co., 1799, to present Columbia Co.
- Kline, Isaac (1731-1818)
From Hunterdon Co., 1799, to Shamokin Twp.
- Lamberson, Lawrence (1750-1814)
From New Jersey, about 1780, to Shamokin Twp.
- Marsh, William (1759-1839)
From Hunterdon Co., 1807, to Shamokin Twp.
- Martin, Robert (1720-1800)
From Monmouth Co., 1768, to Northumberland
- Melick, David, (1756-1834)
From Hunterdon Co., 1772, to Espy, Wyoming Twp.
- Melick, John Peter (1719-1789)
From Hunterdon Co., 1772, to Espy, Wyoming Twp.
- Melick, Peter, Jr. (1752-1830)
From Hunterdon Co., 1772, to Espy, Wyoming Twp.
- Mettler, Henry (1761-1837)
From Hunterdon Co., about 1805, to Shamokin Twp.
- Mettler, Philip (1776-1855)
From Hunterdon Co., about 1805, to Shamokin Twp.
- Mettler, William (1778-1848)
From Hunterdon Co., about 1805, to Shamokin Twp.
- Middleswarth, John (1753?-)
From New Jersey, 1792, to Penns Twp.
- Minegar, Michael (1750?-)
From New Jersey?, before 1785, to Turbutt Twp.
- Moore, Alexander (1770-1859)
From Sussex Co., 1790, to Shamokin Twp.
- Smith, Daniel (1765-1810)
From Burlington Co.? before 1790, to Sunbury
- Moore, James (1753-1783?)
From Amboy, New Jersey, 1775, to Augusta Twp.
- Moore, John (1741?-)
From New Jersey, 1775, to Augusta Twp.
- Moore, Michael (1740?1803)
From Sussex Co., 1790, to Shamokin Twp.
- McKinney, David (1734-1784)
From Hunterdon Co., 1772, to Sunbury
- McKinney, Mordecai (1727-1782)
From Hunterdon Co., 1775, to Lycoming
- Nevius, Christian (1759-1815)
From Somerset Co., 1788, to Buffalo Twp.
- Piatt, Abraham (1741-1791)
From Three Mile Run, New Jersey, before 1778, to Haines Twp.
- Piatt, John (1740-1819)
From Three Mile Run, New Jersey, before 1790, to White Deer Twp.
- Price, Hiram (1799-1879)
From Hunterdon Co., about 1825, to Sunbury
- Price, James (1750?-1805?)
From Hunterdon Co., about 1792, to Shamokin Twp.
- Price, John Beatty (1800-1843)
From Hunterdon Co., about 1825, to Sunbury
- Quick, John (1755?-1828)
From Warren Co., 1790, to Shamokin Twp.
- Robins, Daniel (1758-1864)
From Hunterdon Co., before 1790, to present Columbia Co.
- Robins, Thomas (1760-1838)
From Hunterdon Co., before 1790, to present Columbia Co.
- Robins, Zachariah (1750?-1809)
From New Jersey?, before 1774, to Sunbury
- Rockefeller, Godfrey (1745-1818)
From Hunterdon Co., 1789, to Shamokin Twp.
- Roseberry, Joseph (1724?-1799)
From Sussex Co., about 1776, to Wyoming Twp.
- Savidge, Enos (1760?-)
From New Jersey, 1789, to Shamokin Twp.
- Savidge, George (1770?-)
From New Jersey, about 1790, to Shamokin Twp.
- Scott, Robert (1754-1838)
From New Jersey, about 1800, to Shamokin Twp.
- Scudder, John (1738-1786)
From New Jersey, about 1770, to Muncy Manor
- Sedam, John (1762?-)
From New Jersey, before 1790, to White Deer Twp.
- Shipman, Christian (1764-)
From Warren Co., 1802, to Augusta Twp.
- Shipman, Jacob (1766-1848)
From Warren Co., 1802, to Augusta Twp.
- Shipman, Nicholas (1758-1827)
From Warren Co., 1794, to Augusta Twp.
- Shipman, William (1756-1841)
From Warren Co., 1794, to Augusta Twp.

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Acquisitions

Artifacts, manuscripts, family Bibles, and other material representative of the history of Hunterdon County and the families who resided here are welcome additions to the Historical Society's collection.

Lindbergh Triumph and Tragedy by Richard Bak, 2000. Donated by Sol Karrow, Flemington, NJ.

World War I draft registration cards for Hunterdon County, 1917-1918, two reels of microfilm 1) Abbott, Andrew - Justice, Robert, 2) Kachling, William to Zythrowicz, Michael. Purchased by the Historical Society.

General Index of Records in Hunterdon County Surrogate Court [wills, letters of administration, guardianships, etc.], 1804-1965. Donated by Susan J. Hoffman, Surrogate, Flemington, NJ.

Constitution of Powhatan Lodge #72 I.O.O.F., Ringoes, NJ, minutes of meetings from January 1848 through September 1976, membership and roll books, reports, and other miscellaneous associated records, processed as Collection #72, mss. #1467-1487, of the Society's manuscript collection. Donated by James Nunneville, Lambertville, NJ.

Photograph of *USS Hunterdon County*, a World War II LST, recommissioned by the United States Navy for service in Vietnam and later leased and then sold to Malaysia. Photograph donated by Hunterdon County Democrat, Catherine T. Langley, Publisher, Flemington, NJ.

These Daring Disturbers of the Public Peace: The Struggle for Property and Power in Early New Jersey by Brendan McConville, Cornell University Press, Ithaca, NY, 1999. Donated by Rixford A. Beals, Somerset, NJ.

A collection of books about local and State history:

A Report of New Jersey's Revolutionary War Powder Mill Bartenstein;

Forgotten Towns of Southern New Jersey/Beck;
Jersey Genesis/Beck;

The Story of the Mullica River/Beck;

Roads of Home: Lanes and Legends of New Jersey/Beck;

Tales and Towns of Northern New Jersey/Beck;

New Jersey and the Revolutionary War/Bill;

Serving Hunterdon One Hundred Years/Hunt. Co. Nat'. Bank;

In the Grip of The Expert/Bush;

When Leaves Grow Old and other poems/Bush;

Along the Delaware and Raritan Canal/Cawley;

Along the Old York Road/Cawley;

Exploring the Little Rivers of New Jersey/Cawley;

Early Germans of New Jersey/Chambers;

This is New Jersey/Cunningham;

New Jersey, America's Main Road/Cunningham;

New Jersey's Historic Houses: A Guide to Homes Open to the Public/Groff;

John Hart: The Biography of the Signer/Hammond;

Indians of New Jersey. Dickon Among the Lenapes/Harrington;

The Story of the River Road/Henn;

The Old Mind Road/Hine;

Northwest New Jersey: A History of Somerset, Morris, Hunterdon, Warren and Sussex Counties/Honeyman;

Marriage Records of Hunterdon County, New Jersey 1795-1875/Deats;

Away We Go!/Junior Leagues of New Jersey;

History of the First English Church in Amwell/Kugler;

Place Names in Bucks County PA/MacReynolds;

Delaware Valley Historic Guidebook/Matthews;

The Delaware Canal: A Picture History/McClellan;

New Jersey From Colony To State/McCormick;

The Pine Barrens/McPhee;

The Old Farm/Mellick;

History of Union Township .../Bicentennial Comm.;

An Affectionate Narragansett/Miers;

Where the Raritan Flows/Miers;

First Century of Hunterdon County/Mott;

Tours of Historic New Jersey/Pepper;

Smuggler's Woods/Pierce;

John Ringo and His Gold/Quick;

Colonial and Revolutionary Bethlehem Township/Riddle;

Wayfarer's Guide to the Delaware Canal/Rivinus;

Vegetation of New Jersey/Robichaud and Buell;

Some Hunterdon Place Names/Schmidt;

History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties/Snell;

Stories of New Jersey/Stockton;

Musconetcong Valley of New Jersey/Wacker;

Country Doctor/Weiss

James Kitchell's donation to Hunterdon Historical Society

A Pinkerton Family History, by Frank H. Pinkerton, July 2001. Donated by the author, Front Royal, VA.

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Stephen Hopkins, Volume Six, Third Edition, by John D. Austin, F.A.S.G.; *Richard Warren, fifth generation descendants of his children Abigail, Nathaniel and Joseph*, Volume Eighteen, Part III, compiled by Robert S. Wakefield, F.A.S.G., both published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2001. Donated by The Society, of Mayflower Descendants in New Jersey, Jane A. Engleman, Secretary, Cherry Hill, NJ.

One reel of microfilm, *Hunterdon County Democrat*, July-September 2001. Donated by Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, NJ.

Lambertville's Legacy: The Coryells, Ashbel Welsh and Fred Lewis, Edward Cohen, 1999. Donated by the author, Mr. Cohen, Lambertville, NJ.

"The Articles of Egbert T. Bush," two volumes plus full name and subject index of the 187 combined his articles published from 22 April 1926 to 23 September 1937. Compiled and donated by Barbara Charles, Flemington, NJ.

"A Hot Bed of Secession" New Hope and the Civil War, by Joseph F. DiPaolo, 2001. Purchase.

Emigrants — *(Continued from page 883)*

Smith, Enoch (1768?-1817)

From Burlington Co.? before 1790, to Sunbury

Smith, Ulitt (1765?-)

From Morristown, about 1790, to Northumberland Co.

Snyder, Jacob (1731-1804)

From Hunterdon Co., 1790, to Snyderstown

Sober, Isaac (1740?-)

From New Jersey, 1775, to Augusta Twp.

Stout, Timothy (1750?-1831)

From Hunterdon Co., about 1792, to Shamokin Twp.

Sutton, Amariah (1730-1817)

From New Jersey, 1770, to Lycoming

Taylor, Robert (1750?-)

From New Jersey, about 1800, to Ralpho Twp.

Taylor, William (1750?-1812)

From Amwell, Hunterdon Co., 1787, to Shamokin Twp.

Tietzworth, John (1740?-1802)

From New Jersey, 1782, to Shamokin Twp.

Ten Broeck, John (1738-1820)

From Somerset Co., 1786, to Lycoming

Van Campen, Moses (1757-1849)

From Hunterdon Co., 1775, to present Columbia Co.

Vincent, Cornelius (1737-1812)

From Essex Co., 1772, to Turbutt Twp.

Vincent, John (1709-1801)

From Essex Co., 1772, to Turbutt Twp.

Voris (or Vorhees), Gilbert (1765?-1797)

From New Jersey, before 1790, to Northumberland

Wilkinson, Edward (1734-1794)

From Woodbridge, 1776, to Shamokin Twp.

Williams, Joseph (1770-1841)

From Morris Co., about 1790, to Danville

Williams, Timothy (1750?-)

From Essex Co., 1772, to Turbutt Twp.

Winters, William (1728-1794)

From New Jersey, about 1772, to Augusta Twp.

Woolverton, Charles (1742-1818)

From Hunterdon Co., 1792, to Shamokin Twp.

Wyckoff, Peter (1724-1807)

From Monmouth Co., 1772, to Turbutt Twp.

History for Sale



Frenchtown Map for Sale

This birds-eye view of Frenchtown, New Jersey, 1883, originally published by D.H. Bailey & Company, Boston, Massachusetts has been reproduced and is offered for sale. It measures 22"x24" and costs \$30 plus \$4.00 postage from Hunterdon County Historical Society..



Images from the Past

Silvia Du Bois



HCHS Collection #27
Vosseller-Sleeper Papers

Silvia was the subject of a pamphlet, *The Slave Who Whipped Her Mistress*, authored by Dr. Cornelius W. Larison of Ringoes, in 1883. He first interviewed her on a 20 degree Saturday in January 1883 at Cedar Summit in the Sourland Mountain and his second interview was in December the same year. The above photograph of Silvia and her daughter, Elizabeth Alexander, was taken by a Flemington photographer.

She was purported to have been born in March 1768, therefore putting her age at 114 when Dr. Larison first interviewed her. While this may be factual, she gave her age as 45 to the census enumerator in 1850, thus placing her birth year at 1804/5. Her father, Cuffee Baird, was a fifer at the Battle of Princeton, and her mother was Dorcas Compton.

Silvia related in a subsequent newspaper interview that "the folks up around here are the worst set that ever lived; they lie, steal, cheat, and murder, too . . . Nevertheless, there are many persons living on the mountain who are upright, honest citizens."

An 1804 law provided for the gradual abolition of slavery in New Jersey whereby children of slaves born before 1804 were to have their freedom, males at age 25, and females at age 21. Silvia would then, if born 1804/5, automatically been freed when she turned 21.