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History Comes Alive Doric House Open May 22

During Flemington's "History Comes Alive" fest the Doric House will be open for tours. The Doric House, built in 1845, is but one local example of Mahlon Fisher's Greek Revival style houses, but it has the distinction of being his home. Furnishings reflect the style popular when the home was built. The first floor and library addition will be open to the public on Saturday, May 22 from 1-4 p.m.

A featured exhibit in the House spotlights historic gardening with selections from Henry Snyder's collection of garden memorabilia — colorful seed catalogs, seed boxes, antique tools and garden related products. Mr. Snyder, a horticultural historian, has been collecting for over 25 years. He is a semi-retired landscaper now a garden consultant.

The Kenneth V. Myers Memorial Garden will be dedicated at 4 p.m. Mr. Myers was active in the Society for over forty years, serving first as Treasurer and later as President, until his death in 1995. In fact, he was Treasurer during the successful fund raising campaign to secure money with which to purchase the Doric House in 1969. Preliminary work has already been done in the garden with the erection of a wrought iron fence and mahogany arbor, which has Doric columns.

Author Phyllis D'Autrechy will be "in residence" for the open house, signing her new book, *More Records Of Old Hunterdon County*, volume I. Books will be available for



Doric House

sale and she will be pleased to sign books already purchased. Local historians and out-of-towners who bought the book and want it autographed may return it to the HCHS with \$1.60 for return postage and name and address. She will sign it and we will return it to the sender.

Come to the Society's Open House and garden party on May 22!

1999 Calendar

May 7-23 FLEMINGTON HISTORY FESTIVAL

Walking and house/Courthouse tours, Stangl/Fulper lecture, flower show, horse and carriage rides. Call for schedule & details 908-782-2610.

May 9-15 Historic Preservation Week

Protecting The Irreplaceable

May 22 DORIC HOUSE open Saturday 1-4 p.m.

Fulper/Stangl and garden exhibits
Dedication Kenneth V. Myers Memorial Garden 4 p.m. Book signing by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy

June 11 DORIC HOUSE open Friday 1-4 p.m.

Stangl/Fulper exhibits

June 12 Stangl-Fulper Collectors Club annual auction Saturday 1-4 p.m. St. Magdalen Parish Center, 105 Mine Street, Flemington
Auction Chair Bob Perzel, (908) 782-9631

Annual Meeting Saturday 10 a.m. with speakers and exhibits

Nov. 7 FALL MEETING — "The Image of George Washington: Mirror of American History" on the 200th anniversary of George Washington's death
Dr. Barbara J. Mitnick, speaker.
Co-sponsored by Cultural & Heritage Commission and Historical Society. Location to be announced

Nov. 20 THANKSGIVING — Library closed

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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.

BEEGLE, HILL, MARTIN: Seeking paternal grpar/o Mary Martin, b. 1846, Dublin PA, dau/o Jonas and Hannah [Hill] Martin. She m. Jacob Beegle, d. 1940 Lambertville, NJ. ADD: Mary Beth Damiani, 53 Tally Ho Dr., Warminster, PA 18974.

HUNT: Seeking info re Abner Hunt, d. 1791 in Western Territories (Ohio), s/o William Hunt, prob. of Lebanon Twp. Abner poss bro/o Capt. Ralph Hunt of Lebanon Twp. ADD: Janet E. Rupert, 4366 Scenic Dr., Columbus, OH 43214.
 e-mail: jarupert@hotmail.com

HAUGER, PETERSON, WARNE/WARNER: Looking for par/o Aletta/Letty Warne/Warner, b. ca. 1805, and Samuel Peterson, b. ca. 1795, who m. 10 Jan 1825 in Hunterdon Co. They res 1850 census Tewksbury Twp. Aletta may have a Hauger/Warne connection. ADD: Lillian H. Snyder, 1401 E. Lakeshore Dr., Browns Mills, NJ 08015. e-mail Chaddie@webtv.net

FISHER, SERVIS: Seek par/o Jacob Servis, b. 10 Apr 1815, d. 28 Dec. 1897 in Bucks Co. PA, m. 1840 Catherine Fisher who d. 18 Aug 1865 age 45 yrs., both bur. Youngs Old Yard, E. Amwell Twp. Hunt. Co. ADD: Roberta Fournier, 44 Fairview Ave., Morrisville, PA 19067.

**George Washington:
Mirror of American History**

This year, 1999, marks the Bicentennial of George Washington's death. To commemorate the event, the County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Historical Society are co-sponsoring a lecture, "George Washington: Mirror of American History" by Barbara J. Mitnick, PhD, on 7 November at a location to be announced soon.

Mrs. Mitnick is a noted expert on George Washington. She and her husband are noted collectors of George Washington memorabilia. She is an Independent Art Historian and a noted author and lecturer. Dr. Mitnick chaired the Governor's Task Force on New Jersey History and serves as vice chair of the Advocates for New Jersey History. She was the 1998 recipient of the New Jersey Historical Commission's award for service to New Jersey History. Family Associations

**Membership Report**

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

Mary G. Coates, Palestine, IL
 Mary Beth Damiani, Warminster, PA
 Alice C. McIlrath, Rochester, MN
 Alice L. Nykaza, Mexico, NY
 Mrs. Sheryl Stout Parker, Houston, TX
 Susan G. Patton, Rancho Mirage, CA
 Betty S. Ruby, Swansboro, NC
 Marie Thingelstad, Shawnee, KS
 Douglas J. Weaver, Wrentham, MA

*Mrs. Shirley V. Favier
 Membership Chair*

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 _____

St. Thomas Episcopal Gravestones

Among the Hiram E. Deats Papers is the following list of burials copied by Mr. Deats and identified as "From the Lequear Papers." It is very clearly stated, "Some graves in St. Thomas Episcopal Church Grave Yard 1898," the cautionary word being some. At the suggestion of member Pamelyn Bush the list is printed here for references purposes. It is not known if the gravestone inscriptions are listed in any specific order, but hereafter follows in the order copied by Deats. The inscriptions are included in the Library's "Tombstone Inscription File", carded alphabetically by the name of the deceased, with identification of the cemetery in which the burial occurred.

Additionally, the card file originally created by the WPA and serving the Hunterdon County War Veterans Burial and Graves Decorations Supervisor, was consulted for the veterans' burials at St. Thomas. The names of veterans Frederick Jordan, "Joshia" Furman, John "Lea," Richard Mills, and John Van Campen appeared as well as several other men who were of an age to have served in the Revolutionary War, with no service information carded, but are not on the Lequear lists. These names and dates are appended at the conclusion of the Lequear/Deats lists:

Lequear/Deats List

Frederick Jordan died August 20, 1784 in his 40th year.
Catharine, wife of Frederick Jordan died Sept. 3rd, 1787, aged 36 years.
John Pickel died August 24th, 1815 aged 17.
Nelson Pickel died April 24th, 1821 aged 55 years.
Elizabeth Pickel died Sept. 19th, 1805, 37th year.
Jonathan Furman died Oct. 12th, 1830 aged 56 years.
Furman Fields died Aug. 2, 1843 in his 61st year.
William Fields died sept. 24, 1838 in his 32nd year.
Joseph Fisher died Feb. 27, 1882 in his 77th year.
Elizabeth Fisher, his wife, died April 15, 1850 aged 64 years. (There appears to be some discrepancy with ages

here—perhaps a misreading of age or year of death on the tombstone.)

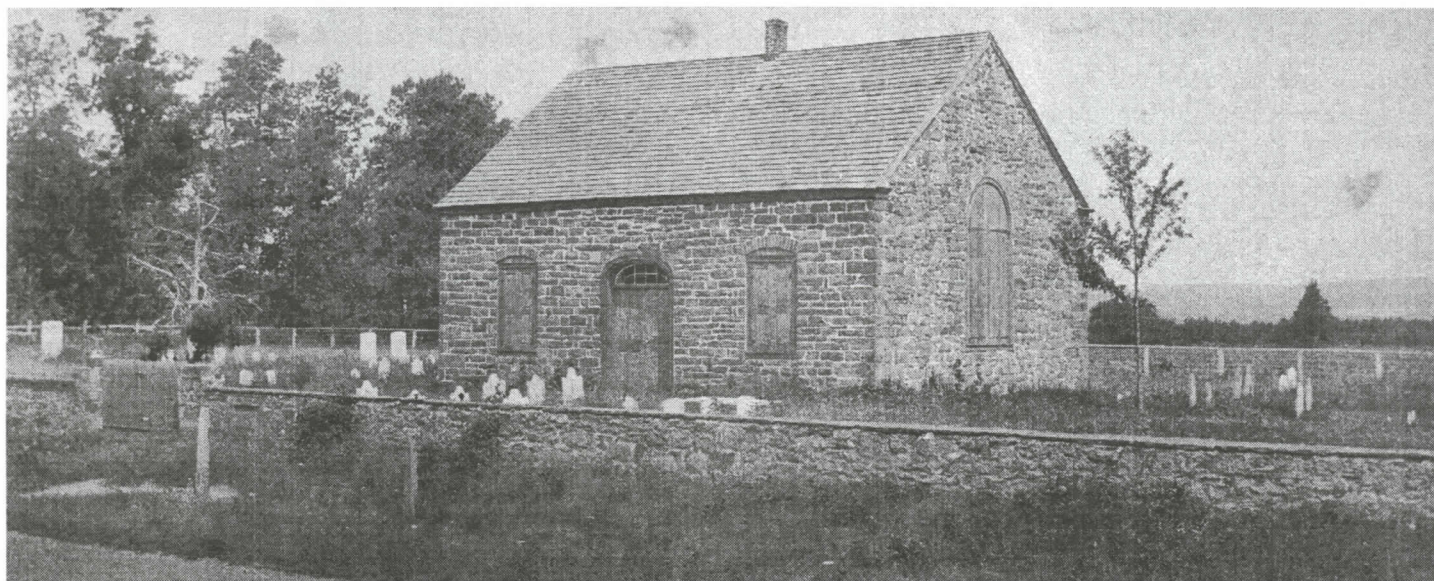
Thomas Hoff died July 25, 1860 aged 58 years.
Ann Dalrymple Hoff died April 8, 1896 in her 87th year.
Elizabeth Hoff died Oct. 9, 1851 in her 12th year.
Christy Hoff died Sept. 25th, 1839 in her 3rd year.
Two infant sons of Thomas and Ann Hoff died July 3rd, 1844.
Jacob Hoff, brother of Thomas, died June 23rd, 1864 in his 74th year.
Mary Hoff, his wife, died Jan. 6th, 1865 aged 65 years.

The graves of six Revolutionary Soldiers buried in the grave yard at St. Thomas:

John Lee, a private in Capt. Maxwell's Company, 2nd Hunterdon Regiment, N. Jersey State Troops.
Joshua Furman, a Private in Capt. Tucker's Company, 1st Hunterdon Regiment, N. Jersey State Troops.
John Van Campen, a Drummer belonging to the New Jersey State Troops.
Richard Mills, a Private in Capt. Bowman's Company 8th, 1st Battalion, N. Jersey line of Troops.
Revolutionary Soldier name unknown.
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WPA List

Veterans identified from the Graves Supervisor's card file:
John Bilby, died December 12, 1810, aged 60 years.
Tunis Eick, died May 28-, 1830, aged 75 years.
Charles Hasard, died October 6, 1838, aged 89 years.
Moses Thatcher, died September 17, 1825, aged 63 years.
Nicholas Pickel, died April 24, 1821, aged 55 years [he appears in the above Lequear list as Nelson Pickel]
Able Taylor, died November 30, 1835, aged 81 years.
John Taylor, died September 24, 1805, aged 83 years, with notation: Colonel, 4th Regiment, Hunterdon County.
Unknown soldier



Undated photograph of St. Thomas Church with surrounding graveyard.

— HCHS collection #533

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon 21 April 1999 — Cokesbury Inn

The Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was held at the Cokesbury Inn on Main Street in Lebanon. Each of the people honored volunteer their time and perform a vital role toward fulfilling the Society's goals. The Board of Trustees hosts the luncheon, usually during National Volunteers Week, to recognize the important contribution our dedicated volunteers make.

Volunteers

Margaret Covert, Bible Records/Obituary File Registrar
 Shirley V. Favier, Membership Secretary
 John W. Kuhl, Recording Secretary
 Helen S. LaRue, Treasurer
 Shirley Wydner, Photograph Collection

Building and Grounds

Harold O. Van Fleet, Chairman
 George Carkhuff
 Helen S. LaRue

Museum Committee

Douglas D. Martin, Chairman

When the Doric House was open to the public for tours, these volunteers served as hosts and hostesses, prepared and installed exhibits or loaned artifacts for exhibit.

Hosts/Hostesses

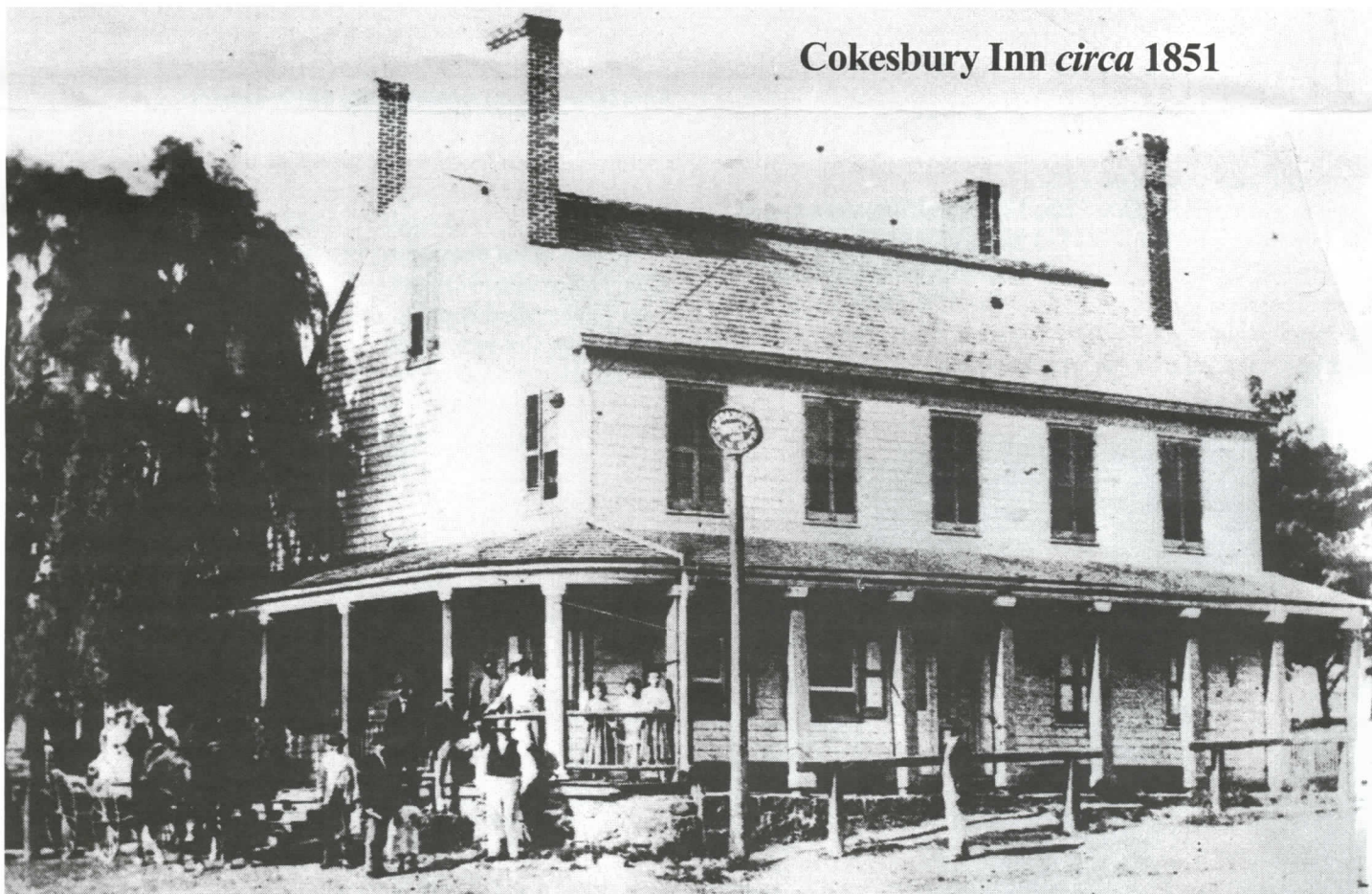
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Shirley V. Favier	Lynn Burtis
Evelyn McGreivey	Dottie Brown

Library Research Assistants

Each of these volunteers spends an afternoon or evening a month on duty in the Deats Memorial Library, assisting patrons with their research and responding to inquiries.

Fred Sisser III	Edna McIntyre
Stephanie B. Stevens	Harry Cleveland
Jean Rinehart	Mary Elizabeth Sheppard
John W. Kuhl	Ralph Lomerson

Jane Saums



Cokesbury Inn *circa* 1851

Courtesy of Fred Sisser III

Formerly the Lebanon Hotel, on Main Street in Lebanon village, operated by John W. Lowe, the gentleman standing in front of the building in white pants and high white hat. Several generations of Mr. Sisser's ancestors, the Hoffmans, owned the property, leasing it to innkeepers.

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.

A copy of *Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses And Families In Northern New Jersey and Southern New York* by Rosalie Fellows Bailey, 1968. Donated by Fred Sisser III, Brick, NJ.

Day Book from Jacob R. Anderson, Spring Mills, begun April 1st 1867, [concluded June 1873]. Donated by Rosan and Craig Dziedsic, Frenchtown, NJ.

Scrapbook, "Hunterdon County Veterans Memorial" documenting the idea, fund-raising, installation and dedication of the veterans' memorial on Main Street, Flemington, 1995-1998 by the Hunterdon Veterans Alliance. Presented to the Society by the Alliance, represented by Leon Milman and Rev. Otto Reinbacher.

"The Trial of the Century!", Souvenir Newspapers of the *Hunterdon County Democrat*, 11 selected reissues from March 3, 1932 -February 21, 1935. Donated by Jay Langley, Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, NJ.

A Hundred Years of Faith, 1898-1998, First Brethren Church, Sergeantsville, NJ, by Pastor Keith Harris. Donated by the Church.

Golden Anniversary Celebration 1948-1998 Church Of The Annunciation, Bloomsbury, New Jersey, John M. Letcher, Historian. Donated by Mr. Letcher, Bloomsbury, NJ.

Documents relating to the Bethlehem/Kingwood/Quakertown Monthly Meeting, including Arrivals, Dismissions, Disciplines, Memorials,* Marriages,* Ministries and Travels for the period 1744-1850. Donated by J. Edward Stout, Pittstown, NJ.

Color poster depicting 195 baseball cards, "The Complete Baseball Card Collection of Edwin Case" produced by his grandson, Richard, on the 100th anniversary of Edwin Case's birthday, 27 August 1998. Donated by his son, Stephen Case, Bethesda, MD.

An essay, "The Foran Foundry" by Brett R. Tormey, written for the essay competition for County fourth graders, *The Most Historic Place in My Community* sponsored by Cultural and Heritage Commission. Donated by Brett R. Tormey, Ringoes, NJ.

Every-Name Index for the Atlas of Somerset Co. New Jersey, Beers, Comstock & Cline, 1873, compiled by Sharon Meeker, 1995. Purchased by Society.

*Memorials: Samuel Large, 1765 in 77th year; Mary Simcock 5-19-1771 in 85th year; Richard Lundy 2-18-1772 age 80; Joseph Moore 10-4-1793

*Marriages: Arnold Kester 12-19-1820 Mary Kester; Moses Pownell ?30-1821 Susanna Webster; Abel Lester 11-30-1821 Margaret Williams

Donations to the Stangl/Fulper Collection from the Stangl/Fulper Collectors Club: Stangl stoneware beer mug, handthrown by James Teague at log cabin near Stangl Pottery 1940-41, made especially for Martha and Jack Bacheler, daughter and son-in-law of Martin Stangl; ten Stangl flower and leaf buttons; photocopy of 1927 copy of School Buyers Guide Prang, showing Fulper/Prang pottery models for all students; Stangl antique gold ashtray, 7 " round, #5058 inscribed John Martin Stangl ; Stangl square ashtrays with state flower violets and signature of Governor Brendan Byrne c. 1975; group of four Stangl blueberry ashtrays depicting stages of manufacture . The Club also donated funds to cover half the purchase price of an exhibit case.

One reel microfilm, *Hunterdon County Democrat*, Oct-Dec 1998. Donated by Catherine T. Langley, publisher, Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, NJ.

One 1919 deed from New Hope Delaware Bridge Company to the State of New Jersey for a lot with improvements in Lambertville, which William Grant and others conveyed to the Bridge Company in 1887. Donated by Mrs. Lynda M. Speese Willingham, New Fairfield, CT.

New Jersey 1870 Census Index, edited by Raeone Christensen Steuart, published by Heritage Quest, Bountiful, UT, 2 volumes. Purchased by the Society for Deats Memorial Library [\$303.00]

Framed 1852 map of Hunterdon County, New Jersey by Samuel C. Cornell, 2nd edition. Donated by the estate of Florence Elizabeth Philhower, New Providence, NJ via her niece Mary E. Robertson.

Map of Lambertville with business directory, from "1862 Philadelphia and Vicinity;" map of Lambertville from 1873 "Atlas of Hunterdon Co. New Jersey."

Correspondence: letters to Gershom Lambert, Amwell Township January 1819 from Charles Ent and [hole] Ent, Butler County, Margin Township, Ohio; January 1820 from John Hyde postmarked Cincinnati, Ohio; August 1820 from Joseph Keyser, Philadelphia; November 1822 from Wm. D. Corson, Newhope; July 1823 from Charles Ent, Butler County, Margin Township, Ohio; 1827 unsigned letter written in Hunterdon County; letters to Asher Lambert, Amwell Township: September 1837 John Jemes Blooming grove, [no state]; [no year] November from Hannah Duy, Philadelphia; June 1820 letter to Daniel Larowe from Isaac Larowe; June 1820 from Isaac Larowe; last will and testament of Gershom Lambert, dated 1844.

Photographs: band representing Toscani Post # 120, Lambertville, N.J. June 1937; six views of October 1903 Lambertville flood; view of Lambertville from Washington's Rock [West Amwell Twp.]

Constitution and By-Laws, Long Star Lodge No. 16, Knights of Pythias, Lambertville, 1889, and other printed material regarding Knights of Pythias, Lambertville and State of New Jersey; prospectus from Ancient Order Knights of the Mystic Chain and dues receipts for knight W. B. Parrish paid to Evening Star Castle No. 15, A. O. K. of the M.C., Lambertville, 1892-1894.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Lambertville Vigilant Society organized Feb. 24, 1837, meeting notices for the Annual Meetings, 91st February 1927, 93rd Feb. 1930, 95th February 1931, and 100th February 1936 and Rules and Regulations to Govern the Grand Consolidated Vigilant Society of New Jersey, 1892.

Miscellaneous: small broadside, financial report "To The Stockholders of the Mechanics' Building and Loan Association" Lambertville, January 13, 1868, attested by Wm. G. Moore, Secretary; piece of lace manufactured at Towle Lace Works, Main Street, Lambertville; samples of hairpins made in the Lambertville hairpin factory; drawing by Ethel D. Hoffman of former covered bridge at Frenchtown, N. J.; two menu covers for The Lambertville House; Programme Centennial Anniversary Hunterdon County Bible Society 1816-1916, Larison's Corner Presbyterian Church Thursday September 28, 1916.

Invitations: 30th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Mathews June 30, 1890; 30th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Mathews May 29, 1913 at Lambertville; reception in

honor of Mr. and Mrs. David La Rue Mathews December 1, 1904 at Mt. Airy by Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Mathews; wedding of Cora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Larason, to J. Clifton Lambert March 6th 1890, at Mt. Airy; wedding of Anna Barcroft daughter of Mrs. S. L. Barcroft, to M. K. Smith, May 19, 1891, Rosemont, N. J.; marriage reception given by Mrs. Sarah L. Barcroft for her son, Jordan M. Barcroft and Emma D. Hann, October 27, 1886.

Newspaper clippings: household inventory of Philip Marshall, deceased, Amwell Township (Lambertville), 1834; sign placed on the James Wilson Marshall house as State Historic Site; photograph and story of vandalism to gate at Marshall House. Donated by Mrs. Robert W. Larason, Lambertville, NJ.

West Amwell Township Tax Assessor Field Books, 1941-1950, 1953-1969 [mandatory retention period three years, expired] Donated by West Amwell Township Committee, Mt. Airy, NJ.

1998 Financial Statement

Receipts

Membership Dues	8,714.00
Interest	9,332.69}
Paine-Webber	25,698.95}
Dividends	2,606.60}
Total Income/invested assets	[37,633.24]
Sale books, films, maps	3,802.00
Newsletter sales	165.25
Donations	1,694.00
Xerox fees	725.00
Large Foundation Grant	9,000.00
Cultural & Heritage Commission grant	1,300.00
Guy Bell Fund	1,500.00
Royalties/Deats Marriages	160.00
*Bequest/Waldron	15,000.00
Memorial Garden	200.00
	<u>\$79,902.69</u>

Expenditures

Accounting	400.00
Book purchase/printing	4,630.00
Fees & Dues	20.00
Insurance	3,768.00
Printing, newsletter/other	1,795.00
Postage	1,477.00
Office supplies	2,076.00
Utilities	5,193.00
Meeting expenses	175.00
Cleaning services	650.00
Employee wages	25,351.00
S.S./NJU	2,092.00
Mileage	500.00
Volunteer recognition	452.00
Equipment maintenance, copier, reader-printer, computer, typewriter, etc.	519.00
Security system monitoring	252.00
Building maintenance	2,348.00
*Office equipment	1,660.00
*Publish proposed book	6,000.00
	<u>\$55,842.45</u>

Residual receipts were earmarked to fund future Society projects.

*non-recurring revenue/expense

Family Associations

During 1998 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 Assoc., Hunterdon Historical Newsletter, 114 Main St., Flemington, NJ 08822.

APGAR — The 24th Annual Family Reunion of the Apgar Family is planned for the third Saturday in September, 18 September 1999. For more information contact George Apgar, Jr., 218 Kempsey Drive, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 or visit the Apgar Family on its website at <http://www.ApgarFamily.com>

APGAR — Apgar Family Association, Inc.— Family Newsletter. For Annual Reunion and membership information contact Mary Apgar, 416 Runyon Ave., Middlesex, NJ 08846 or George Apgar, 218 Kempsey Dr., New Brunswick, NJ 08902.

BUDD — The Budd Family Association will celebrate the 350th anniversary of The Old House at Catchogue, Long Island, on 14 August 1999 with a parade beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending with the 20th Annual Douglas Moore Memorial Concert on the Green at 8 P.M. and will include a Revolutionary War Encampment. All Budd, Horton, Wickham, Landon and Case descendants are invited. For information contact: Mrs. Dorothy Bartle, 90 Forest Ave., Caldwell, NJ 07005.

GARY/GEARY — The Gary/Geary Genealogical Gazette for relatives of Peter S. Gary, Revolutionary War veteran who lived in Somerset County, PA. David L. Geary, Editor, 6224 Rio Hondo Dr., N. E., Albuquerque, NM 87109-3835.

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.

MOORE — *The Melting Pot: A Genealogy Newsletter for Mohr, Moore & Maurer Name Variations*, editor Karen Mohr, P. O. Box 1860, Studio City, CA 91614. A subscription for four issues is \$15.

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.

PRALL — The Prall Association annual dues \$12 to Treasurer William S. Prall, 2296 Roylen Circle, State College, PA 16801. A Newsletter is published quarterly, Richard D. Prall, Editor, 14104 Piedras Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

RUNKLE — "Runkle Family Association Newsletter" is published twice yearly. 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, in 1999 held beginning at noon 31 July at the Zion Lutheran Church Long Valley. For informa-

tion contact Ruth Hartman, 7 Brenwood Terrace, Middletown, NJ 07748.

VAN BUSKIRK — "Van Buskirk News" published quarterly, Editor Robert Van Buskirk, 5432 University Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219, \$12. per year.

WARFORD — Annual Warford Family Reunion. For information on future reunions, etc. write Cliff Sorbo, 6605 E. 4th St. N., Newton, IA 50208 (515) 792-8695.

WOLVERTON — "Wolvertons Unlimited" is a bimonthly newsletter covering all Wolvertons/Woolvertons in the US, Canada and England, \$8 per year. Contact Glenn Gohr, Editor, 1040 E. McCause S St., Springfield, MO 65803-3613.

PRESERVATION WEEK



NATIONAL TRUST
for HISTORIC PRESERVATION

May 9-15, 1999

*Protecting The Irreplaceable
Theme for Preservation Week
May 9-15*

Annually since 1971 the National Trust has sponsored Preservation Week to showcase grassroots preservation of our heritage, including the buildings that make up our legacy from the past. "Protecting The Irreplaceable" is the theme for 1999. Hunterdon County is doing just that! Restoration/renovation work begins this summer on the 1828 Courthouse, funded in part with a \$522,000 Historic Preservation grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust. The Trust's commitment to "bricks and mortar" funding for historic sites preserves and protects historic sites. Flemington's Historic District encompasses most of Main Street and the 1828 Courthouse stands on Main at the intersection of Court Street. A new justice complex at another Flemington location opened several years ago and much of the County activities transferred there.

Reenactments of the 1935 Hauptmann trial, the Trial of the Century, have been produced annually in the summer months, in the actual court room. Because of Courthouse renovations the reenactments will be the centerpiece of Flemington's History Fest, May 7 - 23, 1999. For information about the production schedule, tickets, etc., call (908) 782-2610.



Images from the Past

October 1903

"The Greatest Flood in History"

Old Delaware rises to a height never before reached in the memory of man. Estimated damage in this city [Lambertville] \$100,000. Bridge carried away.



Larason collection, HCHS

North Union Street, Lambertville

Early Thursday morning [October 8, 1903] it started to rain and kept it up nearly all day, all day Friday it rained and kept it up through the night and part of Saturday. The Delaware rose over its banks, as did the Delaware and Raritan Canal and the creeks. Water continued to rise until early Sunday morning, when the River crested at 24⁶/₁₀ feet above low water mark, and began to abate. The storm raged along the Atlantic coast, affecting a far wider area than just Lambertville.

Early Saturday morning a bridge up river at Martin's Creek washed from its foundation — it was the first to go. All others on the river between that point and Trenton followed suit, nine in number, except the Phillipsburg-Easton bridge and the bridge at Stockton, were severely damaged or were gone.

The Lambertville-New Hope bridge began to destruct early Saturday morning when weather boards were torn loose by floating debris in the river and water began to flow over the bridge floor. The first span slid gracefully off without much noise, kerosene lamps still burning, at 11 o'clock. The second went at 11:29 and the last one at 2:00. John W. Horn captured a photograph of a section of the covered bridge floating down river and it came to rest in a farmer's field on the Pennsylvania side between Titusville and Washington Crossing.

The photograph above shows the water beyond the houses on North Union Street, in the vicinity of Cherry Street. This is the upper end of the city where the Alexauken Creek normally flowed into the River. Here water backed up to create a mammoth lake flooding the houses and the adjacent wire mill over the first floor so that residents had to be ferried from house to house and down Union Street for supplies.

— *The Lambertville Beacon*, October 15, 22, 29, 1903