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Nostrums and Quackery *Topic of Annual Meeting March 21*

Guest speaker Ronald Schultzel, who coincidentally is the Historical Society's Manuscript Curator, will share his interest and knowledge of patent medicines, bottles and Hunterdon County's physicians at the Annual Meeting, at 2 p.m. Sunday, 21 March, at the Flemington Womens Club on Park Avenue.

Mr. Schultzel says, "Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would be one of those strangely obsessive weird people who collect things, those people who haunt shows and exhibitions, relentlessly hound library and historical society volunteers, who poke into damp murky cellars or check out dusty, cob-webbed attics, who tramp through the woods on hot sticky summer or bitter cold winter days looking around old house foundations for the place where the former inhabitants *buried their garbage!* But, here I am, one of those!"

In 1978 he discovered a bottle dump while grading his back yard and remembering from reading antique journals that some kinds of bottles were valuable, he began to excavate the area.

One of the bottles he unearthed was "Doctor D. Jaynes Vermifuge." Research on doctors brought him to the Hunterdon County Historical Society and began a relationship that has lasted through all these years. He says, "While researching doctors (read hounding library and historical society volunteers), I began collecting many more medicines, some were doctors' most were not (read haunting shows and exhibitions). I enjoyed the engaging, sometimes amusing embossing on the bottles and the outrageous claims for cures the labels proclaimed. I had been collecting bottles with labels and contents. No where in my collecting did I turn up a bottle from a Hunterdon County doctor of that kind. In fact, I learned they fought the patent medicine industry.

My research of medical men began to expand into the whole of northwestern New Jersey as they moved from place to place. I began to amass a lot of information about them, the type of medicine they practiced, where they lived and sometimes strange and amusing stories about them.

Although the two ran a pretty close race my collection outstripped my research and every available space in my house filled up with bottles of the noxious smelling, ominously dark and syrupy looking liquids. Eventually I sold most of them to various other collectors, limiting myself to only those I really wanted. I must now have nearly a thousand of these intriguing bottles of various sizes, shapes, and colors. My research then began on patent medicine and the glass industry that helped it along.

Although I still watch for unusual bottles, my collecting has waned over the years. However, my relationship with the Hunterdon County Historical Society has continued to grow into enjoyable areas that I never anticipated back in 1978."

Members and guests are invited to a brief Society business meeting at 2 p.m. followed by Ron Schultzel's talk and closing with light refreshments. See you at the Womens Club on March 21st.



From *The Great American Fraud*, 1905-6.

1999 Calendar

- March 21** ANNUAL MEETING 2 pm, Ronald Schultzel, speaker; Hunterdon County Doctors & Patent Medicines Flemington Womens Club, Park Ave.
- April 21** 10th Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
- May 2** Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum Season opening, 1-4 pm
Sundays May through October open 1-4 pm
Route 29 north from Lambertville
- May 22** Historic Preservation Week
DORIC HOUSE open 1-4 pm
Dedication Kenneth V. Myers Memorial Garden 4 pm
- June 5** DORIC HOUSE open 1-4 pm
Stangl-Fulper exhibits
- June 12** Stangl-Fulper Collectors Club annual auction
- Nov. 7** FALL MEETING — "George Washington in Hunterdon" commemorating the 200th anniversary of George Washington's death; Barbara Mitnick, speaker location to be announced

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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.

BONHAM, REED: Seeking info re Stephen Reed m. Also Bonham 4 May 1782 Hopewell Twp. HuntCo NJ. Believe par were Benjamin and Jemima (Green) Reed, of Trenton. Also need chil/o Hezekiah and Benjamin Reed, sons of Stephen Reed. ADD: J. L. Steiner, 9507 Parker St., Omaha, NE 68114

AMERMAN, KINNEY: Seek par/o Elizabeth Amerman who m. Adrian Kinney (Sr.) of Readington 28 June 1775. According to Kinney Family Bible Elizabeth Amerman was b. 16 July 1753. Her father might have been Daniel because Adrian and Elizabeth's second son was named Daniel according to the Dutch custom of naming the second son after the maternal grandfather. Any info re above would be greatly appreciated. ADD: Helen D. Woodman, 207 Balsam Rd., Hendersonville, NC 28792 (828) 693-8840.

BANGHART, BARBER, HUGHES: Seek info re anc/o James O. Hughes, b. 1 Feb. 1830 Germantown, NJ, m. 1 Feb. 1851 Lydia O. Barber, dau/o Robert Barber and Sarah Banghart Barber of Warren Co. NJ. Married by Rev. Winsor, James & Lydia liv Franklin/Bethlehem HuntCo. James O. Hughes [1830-1890], Lydia O. Hughes [1827-1878] bur. Clinton NJ. ADD: Barbara Welsh Austin, 1 Shorter Circle, Rome, GA 30165-4257.

BURT: Seeking par/o Ebenezer Burt b. 1783 in NJ: Joseph, Ebenezer, George likely names. Isaac N. Burt a close relative. Ebenezer in Washington Co PA by 1820, then mov to OH. Any Burt researcher please contact me.: ADD: Jane Peppler, 5301 Cedronella Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 [jpeppler@acpub.duke.edu]

LAKE, SWALLOW: Des info re anc & desc/o Henry Lake and Anna Swallow of E. Amwell. Their son Aaron W. Lake, b. 1824, m. 1855 Mary Danberry. Aaron & Mary's chil: Sarah, Mercy, Bloomfield, Caroline, William, Nicholas, Adam, Sadie. ADD: Jim LaRue, 527 McDonald St., Garfield, NJ 07026 [popcarpet@aol.com]

**Membership Report**

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

Lola M. Buzash, Pitman, NJ
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HOW TO JOIN

Hunterdon County Historical Society
 114 Main Street
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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
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 _____

Abigail Roberts — Pioneering Spirit

Shirley Wydner

Women, along with countless other minority groups, until recently, have usually been absent from the historical records. Traditional histories have concentrated on the great deeds and exploits of dominant and elite white men because these were interpreted and written by the same group. However, the “social revolutions” of the 1960’s and 1970’s sought to rectify this void, and so revisionist historians have been researching, writing and filling in the “gaps” in the intervening years. March is Women’s History Month, set aside to honor the heretofore unknown or forgotten contributions of women throughout history. This article spotlights the work of one female evangelist from the early 19th century who was instrumental in founding the Milford Christian Church and others throughout Hunterdon County and elsewhere.

Abigail Roberts was born in Greenbush, Rensselaer County, NY on Feb. 17, 1791 to William and Esther Hoag. Along with four brothers and four sisters, the family regularly attended the “Friends” meetings in Pittstown, NY, where they moved shortly after her birth and remained for 12 years. As a child, Abigail took special note of the custom that women often spoke at these meetings, and was curious as to what or who prompted the spontaneous words. According to her son’s later memoir, a family member, seeking to dispel her anxiety said “Do not trouble thyself, Abby! you will never be called to preach!”. But as her life unfolded, that prediction proved just the opposite.

The family moved twice within Saratoga County, NY, where Abigail attended school. During this time she met an upstanding young carpenter named Nathan Roberts, whom she married in September 1809 at the age of 18. Mrs. Roberts was respected in her community for “a very amiable and benevolent heart, was esteemed an excellent nurse, and was regarded as possessing a strong and vigorous mind”. She and Nathan had five children: Elizabeth, William H. (both of whom died within a few months of each other before the War of 1812), Esther, Philetus and William Kinkaid.

It was during the dark years and upheaval of the War of 1812, when Abigail answered the calling of the Lord and converted. The Second Great Awakening, a religious revival, began to sweep the country early in the century. Rapid changes in society, as the country industrialized and grew, left many questioning their belief systems. The Christian Church, a splinter sect, embraced a doctrine that rejected the authority of established orthodox religion and accepted only the Bible as their spiritual guide. The catalyst to Abigail’s conversion was Nancy Gove Cram from Weare, NH, a Free-Will Baptist Speaker but with strong beliefs in the new “Christian” Denomination. Ms. Cram was instrumental in organizing a Christian church in Charleston, NY after the Free-Will Baptists declined to help. Abigail heard her speak for the first time in Glenville, NY, and was so impressed she asked her to organize a meeting in her neighborhood in June 1814. Shortly thereafter, Abigail made her first address to a public congregation, compelled by a strong duty and calling from God. Conversions increased and a church was organized there in August 1814.

While living in Milton and later Greenfield, revivals abounded and Abigail often delivered discourses in the absence of a regular preacher. From 1819 she traveled throughout many New York counties on the west side of the Hudson River. By the summer of 1821 she was spreading the word down the east side of the Hudson. Often denied access to a church building, she preached in private homes, barns and outdoor groves, receiving encouragement from the New York Eastern Christian conference. Her son Philetus remembered that “so great was her power, in her appeals, over the feelings of her audience, that many would be seen weeping during the service”.

Despite opposition from other sects, accusations that she was a heretic, threats of tar and feathering from members of her own sex, and prejudice against female speakers from many in society, she persisted in spreading the word. By 1824 she entered northern New Jersey in Sussex and Warren Counties. In 1826 she was preaching once a month at the Johnsonburg church she helped to organize and in the town of Hope held baptisms by immersion. In 1827-28 she could be heard at many communities in Hunterdon County: Hickory Tavern, Quakertown, Everittstown, Baptistown, Amwell, Frenchtown, Milford, Holland and Finesville. In the vicinity of Quakertown and Amwell she held meetings in groves, preaching to throngs of 2,000 and more.

Local sects became alarmed and refused to open their churches to her, and the other Christian pastors. Barred from the Everittstown Meeting House, in which Methodists were to allow access when not in their use, spurred action to found their own church. On April 4, 1827 a meeting was held at Milford to begin the process. Property was acquired and work began in May on the approximately \$2,000 building. By late November the church was opened for worship and a general two-day meeting ensued. Preaching was sporadic in the first years due to illness of scheduled ministers and Abigail’s own confinement with bilious fever twice. However, on October 17 and 18, 1829 the church was organized with 10 members, Elder William Lane elected pastor the following February 1830, and the church steadily grew in congregates.

In the same year the Roberts family settled in the little town of Milford. Despite suffering from inflammatory rheumatism in these years, Abigail assisted Elder Lane in the neighborhood, at Holland, Finesville, with occasional sojourns further afield, countless grove meetings and where religious excitement steadily increased. Mr. Lane often remarked that “her labors were as essential as his own, in strengthening and aiding young converts to go forward in the path of duty”. One of the young converts was her own son, who would eventually be ordained in Connecticut. At the same time they continued to defend their beliefs when misrepresented by other religious denominations. The battles culminated in a four day debate in December 1830 at the Milford church, attended by hundreds of people of all sects. Mr. Lane emerged victorious over Mr. McCalla, of the Eighth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia.

In the spring of 1834 the Roberts family sold their home in

Abigail Roberts — (Continued)

Milford, and removed to Putnam County, NY, hoping that the medical skills of Doctors Barnum and Dean might improve Abigail's health but to little avail. At a grove meeting in Johnsonburg, NJ in 1835 she was able to preach once and subsequently Elder Waiter appealed to the gathering for donations to allow her to try the treatment of a physician in Pennsylvania. But the various attempts at cures and with different doctors proved only temporary. During the summer of 1838 they moved once again to a farm in Luzerne Co., PA and finally to Dunmore. Still she gave her time and powers whenever she could, writing in a letter to her children "I am striving to do my whole duty, that I may be ready when the Master shall call". On July 7, 1841 Abigail Roberts answered that call. In 1844 her husband was buried beside her in Dunmore. Upon finding an unkempt gravesite in 1852, Philetus Roberts, her son, resolved to remove his parents to a more suitable location. Friends in Milford urged him to have them laid to rest in the burying ground of the chapel that was built for her in the town where she had resided for many years. On August 30, 1856 their remains were conveyed over the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad to Milford, and on Sunday, August 31 they were buried in their final resting place, now marked by an Italian marble monument in the burying ground of the former "Christian" Church.

Traditional history would have us believe that women were confined to rigid roles of wife, mother and housekeeper, never venturing very far from hearth and home. But women often defined and pushed at the more conventional boundaries, whether from necessity, survival or convictions of strong beliefs as in Abigail Robert's case, and effected changes and society in a larger world. Words on the monument in Milford dedicated to Abigail convey a message that could serve for all the countless women throughout history who have kept the fires burning at home and beyond — "She hath done what she could".

Work Cited: *Memoir of Mrs. Abigail Roberts, An Account of Her Birth, Early Education, Call to the Ministry....* by Philetus Roberts (Irvington, NJ: Published at the Office of the Christian Messenger and Christian Palladium, by Moses Cummings, 1858)

(The author wishes to express her gratitude to Arthur Hanna, for the generous and trusting loan of his rare and priceless book on the life of Abigail Roberts, which made this amcle possible.)

1999 Dues Reminder

If you have not renewed your membership for 1999 take a minute to write a check and drop it in the mail in the return envelope enclosed with this Newsletter.

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.

"Descendants of Simeon Smith and Catherine Servis," family group sheets for the line through their son, Ephraim Smith. Donated by Arleen Smith, Peoria, IL.

The Trauger Family 1748-1998 250th Anniversary Edition, by David L. Trauger, 1998. Donated by Francis A. Kirkuff, West Windsor, NJ.

Warren County New Jersey Marriages, 1824-1855 [Volume A or Volume 1, Warren County Clerk's Office]. Donated by Sharon Meeker, Budd Lake, NJ.

Mayflower Families in Progress: Richard Church and His Descendants for Four Generations, by Robert S. Wakefield, FASG, 1998. *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations ... Family of Isaac Allerton* by Robert S. Wakefield, FASG and Margaret Harris Stover, CG. Donated by NJ Society Mayflower Descendants, Mrs. Phyllis Hansen, Secretary, Westfield, NJ.

Draft notes, Rea/Ray family flourishing Hunterdon County circa 1750. Donated by Virginia A. Brown, Phillipsburg, NJ.

Two reels of microfilm containing *Hunterdon County Democrat* January-March, July-September 1998. Donated by Hunterdon County Democrat, Catherine M. Thomas, Publisher, Flemington, NJ.

Three volumes of information on the Force Family accumulated while searching for an ancestor. Compiled and donated by Mrs. Edna L. McIntyre, Lebanon, NJ.

Flemington, New Jersey Presbyterian Church Records, 1810-1822, 1823-1867, on two reels of microfilm. Donated by Glenn Hooper, Flemington, NJ.

A printed and illustrated report, *Fulper/Stangl Artifacts and Filling History, 54 East Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey: Fulper/Stangl Artifacts and Figures, December 1998*. Donated by J. Mark Zdepski, President, JMZ Geology, President, Flemington, NJ.

The Wade House Originally The Home Of John N. And Margaret Wyckoff, compiled by Marfy Goodspeed for Readington Township, 1998. Donated by the compiler, Flemington, NJ.

Photocopy of accounts of school District #31 in Alexandria Township, 1871-1893, Joseph P. Stout, clerk; District referred to as the Church District. Photocopy facilitated by Trustee J. Edward Stout, Pittstown, NJ.

Photocopy of the Dues Account Book of Riverside Grange, No. 125, Patrons of Husbandry, Three Bridges, New Jersey, 1900-1909. Loaned for copying by Trustee John W. Kuhl, Pittstown, NJ.

Day Book 2, Wm. M. Stryker, begun 22 August 1864; account book Robert Stewart Hamden, N. J. His Accounts, 1850-1865; Jacob Agans Ledger, 1850-1889, ledger *circa* 1897; and miscellaneous ephemera: invitation to an Oyster Supper on 31 December 1897 by members of the Lackalong Lodge #114, I.O.O.F., Quakertown, N.J.; 1919 tax bill from Flemington Borough to Walter B. Agans; 1929 Directory of County and Municipal Officers; cash purchase coupon, 1896, issued to Mrs. W. T. Conover by J. L. Agans, dealer in general merchandise, "The Square Store, near L. V. R. R. depot, Pittstown, N. J.;" Postal Telegraph-Cable Company diagram of line between Chester, N. J. and Rosemont, N. J., W. B. Agans, lineman, Clinton, N. J. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Douglass, Pittstown, NJ.

Four maps — one of the Union Tract in the Townships of Bethlehem and Lebanon, Hunterdon County, surveyed 1801-02 by David Frazer; the index and sheet B Hunterdon Series by D. Stanton Hammond and published by the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, 1963; geological survey of New Jersey by J. C. Smock, State Geologist to accompany the *Annual Report of the State Geologist* for 1891. Deed of partition between William and John L. Cooley for land in Alexandria Township Hunterdon County, dated 9 April 1872. "Diagram of Samuel Holcombe's lot Area 4 78/100 acres of land, November 26, 1869." *Colonial Conveyances Provinces of East & West New Jersey 1664-1794*, Volumes I and II, compiled by Robert J. Hartlaub and George J. Miller and made available as a cooperative effort of Crestview Lawyers Service and the General Board of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey, 1974. Donated by Linda and David Watts, Lebanon, NJ.

Card index (on microfilm) for documents in both the County Clerk and Surrogate offices, eighteen reels. Donated by the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission. [see "Heritage Commission Donates Microfilm to Society" on page 808 for guide to this collection.]

Acid-free labeled storage box containing one copy of "Images of East Amwell 1998," the annual calendar published by the East Amwell Township Historic Preservation Committee. Donated by Carter Litchfield, Arlington, VA.

The Fulper Book, text by David Rago, editors Carole Goldman Hibel, Francine Halvorsen, Caroline Hecht, 1998. Donated by Michael Ottavi, New York, NY.

Lithograph marriage certificate for Jacob LeRoy Illif of Harmony Township, Warren County New Jersey and Annie Eliza Steiner of Bloomsbury, Hunterdon County New Jersey, married at Greenwich manse 30 Asay 1912 by Rev. Hugh Walker, pastor of the Greenwich Presbyby. Ch., Stewartsville, NJ, witnesses Estella Smith and Russell C. Hamlin; printed marriage certificate with photographs of the groom, ~~Levi Steiner~~ of Bloomsbury, New Jersey, and the bride, Lizzie Thomas of Riegelsville, New Jersey, married at Mt. Joy 15 November 1883 in accordance with ... the usages of the Reformed Church by J. Calvin Leinbach, officiating minister, Witnesses A. Case,

M. D., M. W. Case, Newberry Moore, and John T. Wolfinger; printed marriage certificate (without photographs) for Thomas Housel of Three Bridges, New Jersey and Hattie Van Doren of Centerville, New Jersey on 12 November 1879 by J. P. W. Blattenberger, minister, and witnessed by Mattie Blattenberger; group photograph - Earl Arthur Asay, William Asay, holding Frances Bethke Asay, David Housel "father", Sadie Housel Asay holding Edna Asay [1910-1926], Mrs. Earl Asay [Katherine Pagles], holding "Billy" William D. Asay. Donated by Roberta Housel, Bloomsbury, NJ.

Model 1888 U.S. Springfield rifle, with socket bayonet, knife bayonet with canvas scabbard; photographs of Eldridge C. Green (Civil War veteran, 31st Regiment, member of Lambert Boeman Post #48, GAR, Flemington), his daughter Sarah Elizabeth, and Doris Palmer. Donated by Doris Palmer, Newark, NJ.

Flemington Childrens Choir School gold hood awarded to graduates, with green stripe signifying participation in the Methodist Church Senior Choir. Donated by alumnus Arthur P. Rynearson, Fayetteville, NY.

Selected items of Lambertville National Bank artifacts including Bank ledgers 1862-1866, stock certificate book [blank], Board of Directors Meeting minutes 1887-1892, framed Federal Reserve Board Certificate dated February 17, 1919. Donated by 1st Union Bank, Marie Ferrin, Vice President, Lambertville, NJ.



May 22 Book Signing by D'Autrechy

Plans were made to bring *More Records of Hunterdon County*, Volume I out before Christmas 1998 and have the author, Phyllis B. D'Autrechy, at the Society for a book signing. Well, we all know publication did not go as quickly as planned. Now May 22, 1999 has been set aside for her to be at the Deats Memorial Library, during the hours 1-4 p.m. to sign any book(s), purchased that day or previously. For information call (908) 7821091. Copies are \$25. each plus \$2. postage.

Lebanon Township 200 Years: A Historical Retrospect of Lebanon Township, New Jersey, is being published by the Lebanon Township Bicentennial Commission. If the book has arrived from the printer, representatives from the group who prepared it will also be available to sign that book also. To reserve a copy write Lebanon Township, 530 West Hill Rd., Glen Gardner, NJ 08826.

Heritage Commission Donates Microfilm to Society

[Editor's note: The following guide to the eighteen reels of microfilm donated by the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission was compiled by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy during a recent visit back to Hunterdon County. Thanks, Phyl!] created by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy during Funded by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission arranged for the microfilming of several useful indices of County records of particular interest to historians and genealogists. One set consisting of the eighteen reels of film was recently donated to the Society and which will improve access by our patrons to records in both the County Clerk's and Surrogate's custody. We thank the Cultural and Heritage Commission for the useful gift.

One existing catalog (by WPA <Work Projects Administration ca 1940>) indexed the plaintiff(s) and defendant(s) in court documents, and is on reels 6-11 of the film. These documents include:

Reels 6-11

Miscellaneous Records (1752-1898)
Affidavits (1754-1874)
Liens (1835-1869)
Recognizances (1755-1907)
Insolvent Petitions (1761-1877)
Appeals (1752-1973)
Indictments (1754-1905)

Reels 1-5 contain cards in a supplemental index (to reels 6-11) which was created by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy during her tenure as Records Management Analyst. It includes names from the following documents:

Reels 1-5

- * Deeds filed subject to return, 1798-1849
- * Deeds filed subject to return, 1844-1862
- Jurors (to 1800) from Miscellaneous Records
- Case Daybook (1806-1807)
- Militia Papers (1806-1818)
- Peddlers' Licenses (1763-1879)
- Hunterdon County Court Docket Book (1739-1740)
- * Original mortgages (1798-1913)
- * Original deeds (1768-1802)
- Certiorari and Paupers Appeals (1841-1898)
- Indictments (1754-1850) female defendants who were excluded from the WPA index and any other obvious family relationships.
- Coroners Inquests (1763-1909) name of deceased

* All grantors and grantees and otherwise hidden genealogical information

Note: On reel 2 Ham and Han cards are intermingled. Use caution!

Reels 12-15

Reels 12-15 contain an index to the following records in the Surrogate's Office:

Miscellaneous Estate Papers, 1753-1971
Unsettled Accounts, 1800-1818
Miscellaneous Documents, 1785-1894
Copies of Accounts, 1818-1885
Divisions of Lands, 1815-1876

Also on these reels (12-15) is an index of some of the names appearing in the following records of the Surrogate and County Clerk:

Dockets
Will books
Hunterdon Gazette, 18545-1864 [local weekly newspaper]
Inventory books
Hill, Abel, Boss daybook, 1869
Guardianships of Minors and Lunatics, 1798-1909

Reels 16 and 17

On reels 16 and 17 is an index of all names (original signatures) on the tavern license applications (1786-1908). Each name of an applicant gives date of application, location by township, and any pertinent description.

Reel 18

Reel 18 is an index of miscellaneous subject information garnered from various records. Subjects include black history, mills, murders, war records, occupations, etc. Note: some surveyors' cards are filmed upside down.

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.

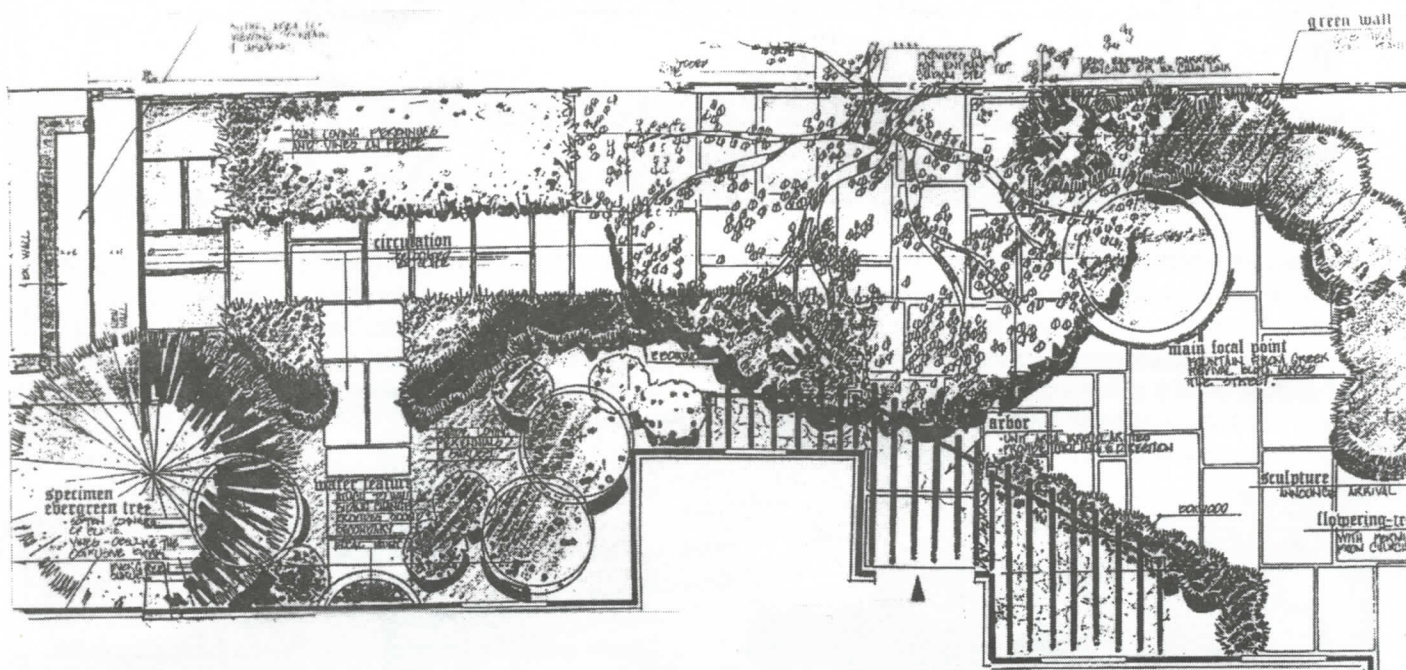
ITEM: I bequeath to the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Flemington, NJ, without restrictions title to and full possession of historical materials and objects, (real estate, account books, diaries, Family Bibles, documents, papers, photographs, programs, newspapers, clippings, books, records), etc.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Memorial Garden



Memorial Garden Dedication 22 May

Landscape plan donated by
Ronald J. Walker, CLA, Lambertville, NJ

In planning a memorial to Kenneth V. Myers, late Society President, the Committee was guided by his wish to establish a garden at the rear of the Doric House. For several years he had transplanted vinca from his river bank at Milford to establish a ground cover for the garden, but weeds were an ongoing and seemingly difficult problem to control.

Toward realizing Ken's dream of a garden, the Society asked Ron Walker, Lambertville landscape architect to design a garden fitting for the Greek Revival house that serves the Society as headquarters. Mr. Walker graciously donated a schematic plan and the Garden Committee set about implementing it.

A mahogany arbor has been erected, attached to the rear of the house, and decorative iron fencing was installed last year. Planting is scheduled for this spring. Donations in memory of Ken and others will be solicited during 1999.

Members and the public are invited to the formal dedication of the Kenneth Voorhees Memorial Garden on 22 May at 4 p.m. followed with refreshments served in the garden.



Gardener Wanted

If you want to garden and don't have a space, consider volunteering to keep the Memorial Garden at the Doric House in tip-top shape this year. The Society will provide site, tools and supplies, we just need volunteer manpower to use them!

Call us at (908) 782-1091.

Donations in memory of:

Elinor Schenk Kurth from Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Stothoff

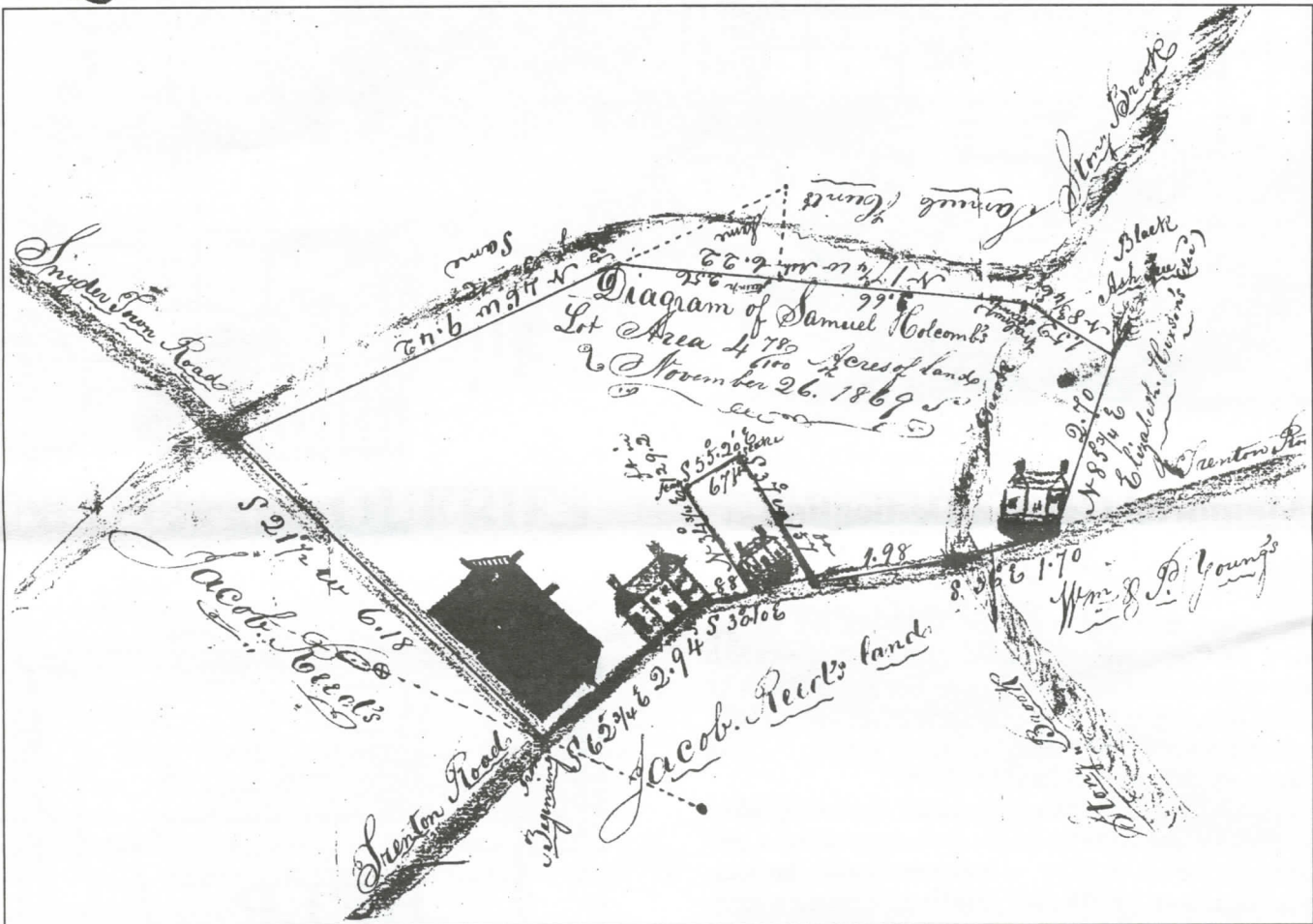
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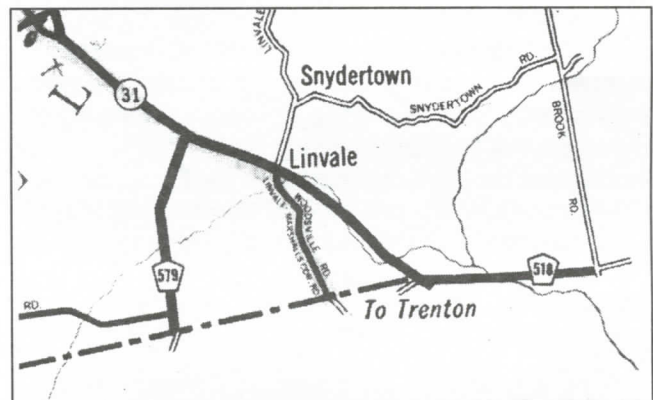
Images from the Past

LINVALE 1869



This hand-watercolored diagram of Samuel Holcomb's 478/100 acre lot as it relates to adjoining lands, was a recent donation to the Society's collections by Linda and David Watts. The property depicted is located in East Amwell Township. The Trenton Road originally ran through Ringoes, Linvale and Woodsville. With the construction of present-day Route 31, a new section of road was built between Linvale and Marshall's Corner in Hopewell Township. The house on the small lot was probably moved back to allow for realignment of the Trenton Road, circa 1929. Inset below shows present Route 31.

The large building at the intersection of Snydertown Road and the Trenton Road was, for many years a store, most recently operated by the Menchek family. Vincent Menchek, Sr. bought the "New Market Lot" in 1929 [HuDeeds 379:63], it having at times previously been owned by Sanford D. Hagaman, Theodore Silvers, Andrew McPherson, and Peter and Urial Philip.



1976 map