



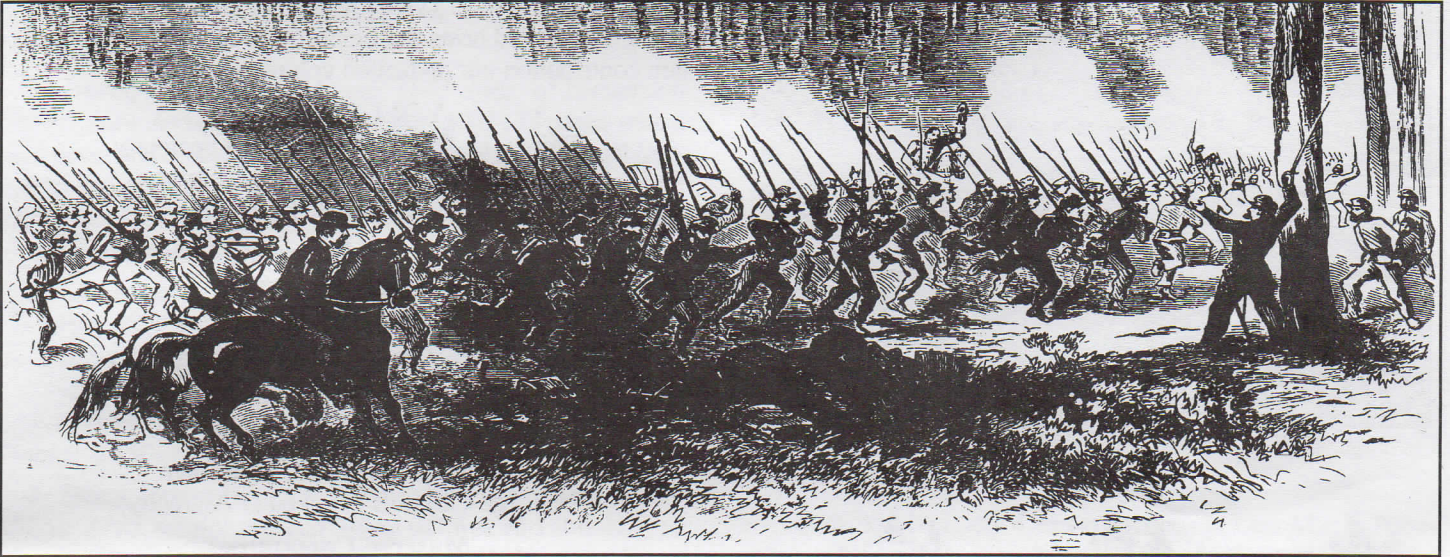
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Speaker on Civil War November 17 at 2 p.m.



Lithograph of the Virginia Battle of Charles City — Charge of the 1st New Jersey Brigade commanded by General George Taylor (from Clinton, Hunterdon County) as it rushes to the support of former Commander General Kearney's Division on 30 June 1862.

REMEMBER YOU ARE JERSEYMEN was a common appeal to bolster the pride of the state's Civil War soldiers when things got sticky. More than any other of our wars save perhaps the Revolution, the Civil War was fought by citizen soldiers organized in units by their states of origin. Mindful of the rich traditions of the Jersey Blues of older times, the state's soldiers soon had much to be proud of on their own. They were much respected by contemporaries such as General Phil Sheridan who cabled the War Department for more Jersey men for his army, calling the 1st N.J. Brigade "one of the very best in the service." In all, some 88,000 enlistments were credited to the state during war, including 37 regiments of infantry, three of cavalry, five batteries of artillery, and several thousand sailors and marines. Their story has never received in print the attention it merits. By War's end only five of the 41 states contributing union troops had a higher percentage of killed in action and a significantly lower ratio of Jersey men had died of disease and other causes.

REMEMBER YOU ARE JERSEYMEN is also the title of a forthcoming book coauthored by William Goble, our speaker, and Joseph Bilby that will offer a brief history of each of those units. Their exhaustive research has unearthed much new information and for the first time in print, each unit's ordnance equipment will be developed. This will be the human story that real history always is, warts and all.

Currently a resident of Macungie, PA, Mr. Goble received his degree in mechanical engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and has recently retired after many years on the Technical Staff of AT&T Bell Labs. He currently serves as Inspector-General of the North-South Skirmish Association and is a candidate for National Commander. Author of several books on historical ordnance, he is a contributing editor of *Military Images* magazine. Muster with the rest of the Society at 2 p.m. on Sunday 17 November 1996 at the Women's Club building in the park behind the old court house in Flemington. Come prepared to hear what Mr. Goble describes as everything you wanted to learn about New Jersey and the Civil War, and even some things you maybe didn't want to learn.

1996-1997 Calendar

November 17 FALL MEETING — Flemington Women's Club, 2 p.m. Civil War historian William Gobel speaker "Remember You Are Jersey men"

November 28 THANKSGIVING — Library closed

March 17 ANNUAL MEETING — Flemington Women's Club 2 p.m.

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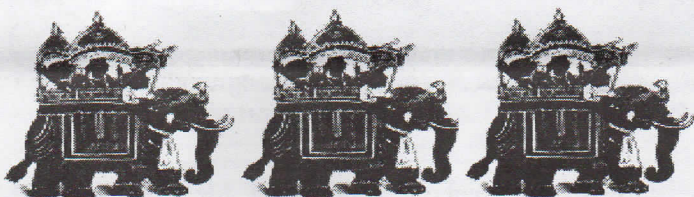
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**A Circus In Our Midst**

In the 1880s, Frenchtown was the winter headquarters of a large railroad circus that toured annually in the eastern United States. This show was the Frank A. Robbins Museum, Menagerie and Circus, owned by a prominent showman of the same name. The circus quartered in Frenchtown during the winter months between October 1883 and April 1889. The specific location in Frenchtown has yet to be determined. As frequently happened in the circus business, the circus apparently experienced financial difficulty in 1888 and the chattel mortgage held by the Union National Bank was in default, causing a sale of the show property on January 8, 1889. Notwithstanding these severe problems, the show did go out in 1889, 1890 and 1891. However, it relocated its winter quarters to Middletown NY in the fall of 1889. Mr. Robbins launched several other circuses in his long career, the most recent of which was between 1905 and 1915. He died in an accident in 1920. His life's story is being researched by a New Jersey circus historian, Robert F. Sabia, of Ramsey. Information regarding the Frank A. Robbins Circus, particularly the Frenchtown era, is sought. Mr. Sabia can be contacted at 276 Cambridge Dr., Ramsey, NJ 07446 or by telephone at (201) 236-1680. His research is being greatly abetted by use of the Hunterdon County Historical Society's newspaper files in Flemington.

**Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
24 April 1996 — Lambertville Station**

Lambertville Station along the Delaware River in the city of Lambertville was the site this year for the annual volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Hosted by the Board of Trustees on 24 April, the get-together is a means of expressing appreciation to the volunteers for serving the Society. The operation of the Society is dependent upon each of these people who donate time and perform a vital role toward fulfilling the Society's goals. The Board hosts the luncheon to recognize the important contribution our dedicated volunteers make.

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The Doric House was open to the public for tours and these volunteers served as hosts and hostesses, performed musical selections, prepared and installed exhibits, and executed floral decorations or food for the Victorian Wedding Exhibit.

Janice Bacheler Lynn Burtis, wedding exhibit
Phyllis D'Autrechy Evelyn McGreivey, wedding exhibit
Ted D'Autrechy Claire Young, wedding exhibit
Harold O. Van Fleet Jennie Dentzer, wedding cake
Margaret Gritzmacher, played malodian
Joan Smith, flowers Gloria Mangan, flowers
Shirley Favier, vocalist

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

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The New Jersey Turnpike

Phyllis B. D'Autrechy

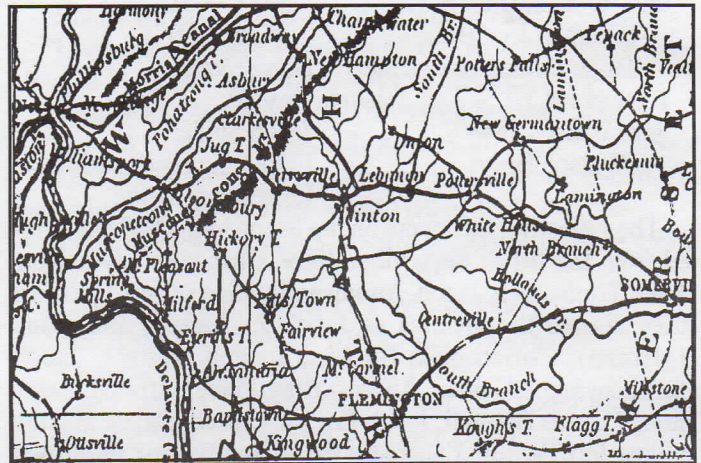
New Jersey has always been a vital highway between New York, Philadelphia and adjacent trading centers. The development of seaports, railroads, the inland waterway and an elaborate road system testifies to the State awareness of its historic role in interstate transportation. Since the earliest roads developed from Indian trails which bisected the state, the influx of settlers, the development of new routes, the use of wagons for transporting farm produce to the city markets and increased stagecoach travel put a heavy burden on the roads and limited the effectiveness of the colonial transportation system.

To improve the conditions of these dirt and corduroy roads, the State began chartering a turnpike system which was largely financed through individual investors. Between 1801 and 1828 authority was given for the development of 54 turnpike roads. Among those which transversed Hunterdon County was the New Jersey turnpike which was chartered 27 Feb. 1806 with private capitol amounting to \$200,000. The turnpike was to begin in Albany or French Street in New Brunswick and run near a most direct line to Bound Brook and Somerville; thence in the most direct and practical route to a bridge then being built across the Delaware River near Phillipsburg to Easton.¹ The 45 mile route would take the traveler through White House, Pottersville, Clinton and Bloomsbury in the Hunterdon County townships of Readington, Tewksbury, Lebanon and Bethlehem.

On 28 June 1809, each land owner along the route was required to sign Articles of Agreement which read:

ARTICLES agreed upon, this day of _____ eight hundred and ____ between _____ of the county of _____ and state of _____ of the first part and the President and Directors of the New Jersey Turnpike Company of the second part, WITNESSETH, That the said _____ of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum herein after mentioned, does covenant and agree, to convey to the said President and Directors of the second part, so much of his land as may be requisite for opening a four rod road through his said land, the particular place ascertained by the Commissioners appointed for laying out said road, and to convey to the said President and Directors the land aforesaid, by a good and sufficient deed in fee, provided the said land shall be in the rout (*sic*) of the road laid out by said Commissioners, from the City of New Brunswick, to the river Delaware, opposite or nearly opposite Easton, in the state of Pennsylvania: --- And the President and Directors of the second part do hereby covenant and agree to pay the said _____ of the first part, the sum of _____ dollars per acre for so much of his said land as may be appropriated for laying out and opening the said four rod road. --- In testimony whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

From the 20th to the 23rd of September 1809, George Flomerfelt was quite busy delivering to each of the affected land owners or a representative of the same a notice that Andrew Kirkpatrick Esquire, a Justice of the Supreme Court of Adjudication of the State of New Jersey would meet with each



A portion of the 1834 map in Gordon's *Gazetteer of the State of New Jersey* showing the route of the Turnpike, coming into Hunterdon at North Branch on the East-West Jersey division line, also the boundary between Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, and exiting at the Musconetcong River, the boundary between Hunterdon and Sussex (now Warren) counties at Bloomsbury.

of them at the home of John Meldrum in the village of Somerville on Tuesday, 3 October 1809 to strike a special jury (from Hunterdon County) to view, examine and survey the land and tenements belonging to each of them through and over which the New Jersey Turnpike road was laid for the purpose of estimating the injury and disadvantage sustained by (each of them)... by reason of the Turnpike road running through and over the same. The notice was signed by Andrew Howell, President of the New Jersey Turnpike.

The men who were notified were as follows: (any changes from the June 1809 list are in parentheses.)

Peter Brokaw	David Frazer
Andrew J. TenEyck	Thomas Jones
Adrian Van Vleet	David Miller
Geo. Davis	Baltis Stiger
John Ditmars,	James Whacoff
son of William	Robt. Taylor
Geo.Scott	Benjamin Chew
Thomas Scott	Aaron Van Sickle
Cornelius (<i>sic</i>) TenEyck	Benjamin Guild (agent for
Dennis Whacoff	land in possession of L.M)
Nicholas Whacoff	Leonard Martin
Nicholas Stilwell	Leonard Martin tennant
Reuben Guild	in possession)
Garret Stryker	Benjamin Egbert
John Whacoff	(Benj. Egbert)
(given name missing)	Jeremiah Basset
Abraham Van Horn	Robt. Smith
William Van Horn	Jno. M. Baugh
Abraham Pickle	Jacob Smith
Garrett Conover	William Opdike and
(Covenhoven)	(unreadable)
Geo.Whacoff	Jacob Crivling

The New Jersey Turnpike (Continued)

Henry & David Kline	Peter Crivling
Jno. Watson Bray Execr	Garet Covenhoven
(Heirs of Jno. Bray-	(Conover)
Jacob Snider, one of the	Daniel Vliet
Exrs of J.B.)	Johanna Bayard
Jno. Watson Bray	Jacob Snider
(Watson Bray)	Euphemia (Patterson)
	Eliza Mary White

The following men were on the list of June 1809 but omitted from the list of September 1809: Chancellor Livingston, David Triphaugen, Jacob, Joseph and widow of Jno. Huffman (they signed the articles as Jacob J., Joseph, and Anna Huffman), Christopher Backus, Joseph Neitzer, Jacob Huffman, Jacob Neitzer, Andrew Bray, Peter Huffman, Ralph Hunt, Charles Bonnell, Jacob Emery, Garrett Slayer, and the Widow Jno. Bayard. Except for the widow Bayard, these men had agreed with the compensatory sum determined for the land used for the turnpike.

The road was built but the soil was much worse than was anticipated and expenses cost more than the capitol. About 1838 the company surrendered 29 miles of the road from the Somerset County/Hunterdon County border to Easton.

SOURCE

1. Manuscript Collection #970. New Jersey Turnpike Company. 95 items. New Jersey Historical Society, Newark, NJ

Hunterdon County Quilt Search

For generations quilting has been a driving social force in the lives of American women. Quilts have provided the necessary component of warmth in their households while filling the need for social interaction, conveying the artistic expression and unspoken political opinions of quiltmakers and raised funds to support various causes.

Hunterdon County has a rich historical heritage. The contribution of women to this heritage should be recorded and shared. To fulfill this recognition, Veronica Mitchell is documenting pre-1950 quilts and quiltmakers of Hunterdon County and would appreciate any information you might have.

Do you have or know of someone who has a quilt made in Hunterdon County before 1950?

Do you have any information on a present or previous County resident who quilted prior to 1950?

Do you know of a county resident who entered a quilt in the *Flemington Fair* prior to 1950?

Do you know of any church group that quilted together before 1950 and/or through present day.

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please contact Veronica Mitchell, (908) 996-3385 or write her at P.O. Box 243, Stockton, NJ 08559. "Ronni" was a guest speaker at the Society's Fall 1989 meeting ["Quilts: Patches of History:"] when she served as Hunterdon County coordinator for the New Jersey Heritage Quilt Project. Her goals for the current project include a publication and a lecture program focused toward historical and quilt groups.

Kingwood Township's Beginnings

That Kingwood Township was formed out of Bethlehem Township is undisputed but exactly when it was constituted is uncertain. Provision was made, at a very early date, by the West Jersey proprietors for the appointment of Commissioners to "set out fit places for towns, and to limit the boundaries thereof," in West Jersey. Evidently no permanent written record was made when Kingwood was formed. John P. Snyder in his book, *The Story of New Jersey's Civil Boundaries 1606-1968* cites the year as 1749. Snyder apparently took his information from Oscar M. Voorhees' "The Exterior and Interior Boundaries of Hunterdon County," originally published in the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society* Volume 14 (July 1929), pp. 293-309. Dr. Voorhees wrote that accurate records were not available but Kingwood Township was set off from the southern section of Bethlehem "about 1749."

The local Quaker Monthly Meeting, established at what became known as Quakertown, was formed before 1730 in Hunterdon County by a group of Friends formerly members of the Chesterfield Monthly Meeting in Burlington County. It is generally known as Kingwood Monthly Meeting. J. Edward Stout, present Franklin Township historian, provided copies of the Meeting Minutes which help to pinpoint the first recorded date of Kingwood Township. The meticulous record keeping of this religious group allows us to determine within a month's time when Kingwood Township was formed. To quote page 13 of the Minutes (Book A): "At our Monthly Meeting held in **Bethlehem** 11th day of the 12th Month 1747..." The next page reads, "At our Monthly Meeting held in **Kingwood** the 10th of the 1st Month 1748..." Allowing for the fact that these Minutes were made under the Old Style calendar in which the year began in March, thus March being the first month, apparently Kingwood Township was created between 11 February and 10 March 1748.

Ms. Sheppard Appointed Trustee

Lambertville resident Mary Elizabeth Sheppard was appointed by President Richard H. Stothoff to fill the vacancy on the Society Board of Trustees created with the resignation of Phyllis B. D'Autrechy. Mary Elizabeth is a descendant of the local Case family and an officer in the Case Family Association. Her grandfather, Hiram Hart Case's farm in Raritan Township is the site of the County Library. She serves on the Board of the Lower Amwell Cemetery Association and has been one of the Society's library research assistants, volunteering periodically for the past twenty years. Ms. Sheppard is a former East Amwell Township Clerk, and authored a chapter for their Bicentennial project, *History of East Amwell 1700-1800*. She is presently City Clerk in Lambertville.

Phyllis D'Autrechy Retires

Best wishes to Society members Phyllis B. D'Autrechy and her husband who recently moved from Pennington to Baltimore, Maryland. Within the last few years Ted and Phyllis had retired from their respective positions, he an industrial arts teacher at South Hunterdon High School and she as Records Management Analyst in our County, with the County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Always a productive member of the Publication Committee which produces this *Newsletter*, a Society trustee and more recently, an invaluable volunteer at HCHS, she will be truly missed!

Her extensive legacy to present and future Hunterdon County historians and genealogists remains in the printed word, or in her case *words*. Her works exemplify her dedication to preserving Hunterdon County records in the printed body of material she produced over the last 20+ years. She was a prolific writer/compiler of books, pamphlets, articles, printed aids and indices which are extremely valuable research tools.

Digested below chronologically are Phyllis B. D'Autrechy's contributions to history and genealogy. She privately published her first two books, the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission published those compilations done in conjunction with her official duties, and the Hunterdon County Historical Society published other compilations/writings.

Abbreviations used include DARM for NJ Department of State, Division of Archives and Records Management; HVHNS for *Hopewell Valley Historical Society Newsletter*; HCHS/HHN for Hunterdon County Historical Society/*Hunterdon Historical Newsletter*; GMNJ for *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* and HCCHC for Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Written By Phyllis B. D'Autrechy

Index of 1860 United States Census of Mercer County, New Jersey, 1973 [DARM, HCHS]

An Historical and Genealogical Record of the First Methodist Church of Pennington 1774-1974, 1974.

Supplement: Historical and Genealogical Record of the First United Methodist Church 1774-1974, 1974.

"Lost and Found: Volume 1 of the Court of Common Pleas of Hunterdon County" [HHN 11:1, Winter 1975]

Notebook: Mercer County Revolutionary War Veterans, 1976 [HCHS]

"For Sale: One Gold Mine" [HVHNS 3:2, January 1978]

"Local Revolutionary History" 1978 [HVHNS 4:1, October 1978]

"Road Return — Volume 1 [HHN 14:3 Fall 1978]

"Searching For New Jersey's Civil War Soldiers," [HVHNS 4:3, April 1979]

"Hunterdon County Court of Oyer and Terminer 1749," [HHN 15:1 Winter 1979]

Notebook: *Churches and Ministers of Old Hunterdon County*, 1979 [HCHS]

Some Records of Old Hunterdon County 1701-1838, 1979 [out of print]

"Hunterdon County Justice of the Peace Records," [HHN 15:2 Spring 1979]

"Six Stood Six," [HHN 115:2 Spring 1979]

"Hunterdon's Last Veterans of the Revolutionary War: Veteran Veteran John Fidler," [HHN 15:3, Fall 1979]

"Who Was Othniel Lake?" [HHN 16:2 Spring 1980]

"A Look Back" [HVHNS 5:2, Apr. 1980]

"Lest We Forget," (Revolutionary War veterans residing in the new County of Mercer in 1840 [HHN 16:3, Fall 1980]

Editor, *Hopewell Valley Historical Society Newsletter*, 1981-1987

"That Extra Mile," [HHN 17:1 Winter 1981]

"The Sound of Musick," [HHN 17:3 Fall 1981]

"Paradise" [HVHNS 6:1, Winter 1981]

"The Clemens Connection," "Paper Work and Red Tape — Nothing New" [HVHNS 6:2, Spring 1981]

"Birds of a Feather" [HVHNS 6:3, Fall 1981]

House Plans, pamphlet published by Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission, 1982

"John Drake Bible" coauthored with Betsy A. Errickson [HVHNS 7:2, Spring 1982]

"Additional Marriage Records Recently Rediscovered," [HHN 18:2 Spring 1982, 18:3 Fall 1982]

"Bridge, Anyone?" [HVHNS 7:3, Fall 1982]

"Fourth of July, 1836" [HVHNS 8:2, Spring 1983]

"Traded For a Horse" [HVHNS 8:3 Fall 1983]

"The Shad Are Running" [HVHNS 9:2 Spring 1984]

"CCLXXV Years, 1709-1984" (Pennington Presbyterian Church) [HVHNS 9:3 Fall 1984]

"s or f" [HVHNS 9:1 Winter 1984]

"Naturalization of Forty Hunterdon Residents," [HHN 20:1, Winter 1984]

"Clothing, Nursing, and Other Expenses" [HVHNS 10:1 Winter 1984]

"The Red Dragon Of The Sky" (Halley's Comet) [HVHNS 10:3 Fall 1985]

"The Trustees vs Mr. Michaels" [HVHNS 11:1 Winter 1986]

"He Got Involved," [HHN 22:1 Winter 1986]

"...invest the whole surplus..." [HVHNS 11:2 Spring 1986]

"Girl Scout Troop #30" [HVHNS 11:3 Fall 1986]

"The Boy's Modern Playmate" [HVHNS 12:1 Winter 1987]

"From the Archives" [HCCHC 3:2 Spring 1988]

"Misplaced" (Intestate estates probated 1818-1822) [HHN 24:3 Fall 1988]

"From the Archives" [HCCHC 4:1 Spring 1989]

"Contesting The Will" [HHN 25:2 Spring 1989]

"From the Archives" [HCCHC 4:2 Summer 1989]

"From the Archives" [HCCHC 4:3 Fall 1989]

"Hunterdon County Tanneries" [HHN 25:3 Fall 1989]

"Over The Blue Mountains" [HHN 25:1 Winter 1989]

Index Persons Who Died during the Year Ending 1st June 1860, 1990 [notebook HCHS]

Index Persons Who Died during the Year Ending 1st June 1870, 1990 [notebook HCHS]

Index to Hopewell Valley Historical Society Newsletter 1975-1986, 1990 [HCHS]

Index of Persons, Places and Subjects: Volume 1 of Mortgages of Hunterdon County 1776-1793, 1990 [HCCHS]

Written by Phyllis D'Autrechy *(Continued)*

"Housel Free School" [HHN 26:2 Spring 1990]
 "1850 US Census Mortality Schedules NEW JERSEY Hunterdon County" compiled with Benton D. Lair [GMNJ 65:51 58 May 1990]
 "WPA — Works Progress Administration" [HHN 26:3 Fall 1990]
 "From the Archives: The Pattenburg Riot" [HCCHC 5:1 Winter 1990]
 "From the Archives: The Day to Kill Weeds" [HCCHC 5:2 Summer 1990]
 "Paupers" [GMNJ 66:70 May 1991]
 "From the Archives: A Glimpse Into Black History In Hunterdon County: [HCCHC 6:1 Spring 1991]
 "From the Archives: Appeals" [HCCHC 6:2 Summer/Fall 1991]
 1875 *New Jersey Census, Hunterdon County Index*, 1992 [HCCHC]
 "1860 US Census Mortality Schedules NEW JERSEY Gloucester County" [GMNJ 67:76-79 May 1992]
 "From the Archives: Census of 1875 Indexed" [HCCHC 7:1 Summer 1992]
 "From the Archives: Hunterdon County Tavern Keepers 1821-1907" [HCCHC 7:2 Fall 1992]
 "Go Jersey" [HHN 28:1 Winter 1992]
 "What Choice?" [HHN 28:3 Fall 1992]
 "Hunterdon County Census of 1875" [HHN 28:3 Fall 1992]
 "Atlantic County Records: Overseer Of The Poor Book Egg Harbour Township 1839-1903" [GMNJ 68:1-8 January 1993, 89-96 May 1993, 123-130 September 1993, 69:39-47 January 1994, 77-84 May 1994, 103-110, September 1994, 70:25-34, January 1995, 59-65 May 1995]
 "In the Dust of the Archives" [HCCHC 8:2 Spring/Summer 1993]
 "Heirs of Rebecca Haines" [GMNJ 68:119 September 1993]
 "What's A 'Jimmy Cane'?" [HHN 29:1 Winter 1993]
Abstracts of Hunterdon County Road Record Files (1781-1969) 1993 [HCCHC]
Abstracts and Index Road and Bridge Records, 1993 [HCCHC]
Hunterdon County New Jersey Circuit Court: Index to Minutes Volume I, 1810-1836, 1993 [HCCHC]
Hunterdon County New Jersey Fisheries 1819-1820, 1993 [HCHS]
A Guide to the Archives of Hunterdon County: Genealogical and Historical Research in the Offices of the County Clerk, Surrogate and Freeholders, [HCCHC 1993]
 "Railroad Strike of 1877" [HHN 29:2 Spring 1993]
 "Moving Day" [HHN 30:1 Winter 1994]
 "Dusenbury Store Accounts" [HHN 30:2 Spring 1994]
 "New Jersey Court of Oyer and Terminer, 1749-1762" [GMNJ 68:97-104 September 1993, 69:61-68 May 1994, 70:37-48, January 1995, 70:130-136 September 1995, 71:85-96 May 1996 and running serially]
 "A Cyclone in Hunterdon: Property Destroyed but No Lives Lost" [HHN 30:3 Winter 1994]
 "Hunterdon County and Woman's Suffrage: 75th Anniversary" [HHN 31:1 Winter 1995]

"Daylight Savings Time" [HHN 31:1 Winter 1995]
 "...in the sight of the turnpike" [HHN 31:1 Winter 1995]
Full-name Index to Hunterdon Historical Newsletter, Volumes 26 through 30, 1995
 "Great Egg Harbor Tract Leases" [GMNJ 71:37-38 January 1996]
 "The New Jersey Turnpike" [HHN 32:3, Fall 1996]
Hunterdon County Freeholders' Minutes Sept. 7, 1739 thru Aug. 14, 1797: Persons & Subject Index, n.d. [HCCHC]
Index (by Justice's name) to County Records/Hunterdon County/Justice Peace Dockets at DARM n.d. [HCHS]
*Hunterdon County Index of Persons, Places, and Subjects Deed Book * to 1795*, n.d. [HCCHC]
1860 Census of Hopewell Township Mercer County, New Jersey, n.d. [DARM]

and awaiting publication:

Some Records of Old Hunterdon County, Volume 2 [in manuscript, to be published by HCHS 1997]
Some Records of Old Hunterdon County, Volume 3 [in manuscript to follow volume 2 by HCHS]



The cover of the Fulper Germ-Proof Filter catalog, circa 1910, recent acquisition.

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.

Framed Rotary Extra front page, *Hunterdon County Democrat* Wednesday, October 3, 1951, celebrating the Flemington Rotary Club's first 28 years and paying tribute to its five founders, Norman Landis, George Large, Ned Sutphin, Howard Nevius, and Howard Moreau. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. William McIntyre, Lebanon, NJ.

Diary of Reverend Theodore Haggerty for the years 1884-1894, during his pastorate in the Methodist Episcopal Churches at Oldwick, Fairmount and Cokesbury. Donated by Mrs. Luther V. Haggerty, New York, New York.

Illustrated prospectus [undated, *circa* 1906] for the Alpha Cooper Company, 15 Broad Street, New York, with mines in Bridgewater Township, Somerset County. Donated by H. Myles Jacobs, Pittstown, NJ.

A series of 375 Hunterdon County aerial photographs taken *circa* 1956. Donated by Hunterdon County FSA-USDA, Bernadette R. Snearowski, CED, Flemington, NJ.

Three Pennington area family Bibles: 1) Charles T. Blackwell, b. 1820, and his wife, Ann Elizabeth Vandyke, married 1 October 1845; 2) Henry Blackwell, b. 1793, and his wife, Rebecca Titus, married 20 October 1813, with family information recorded on a page pinned into this Bible, recording the marriage of Benjamin Blackwell to Parmela Drake on 2 May 1776; 3) Elijah H. Hunt and his wife, Elizabeth Slack, married 7 January 1818. An assortment of Hunt family photographs, letters, and other memorabilia. Donated by Mrs. Carl K. Hammon, Morehead City, NC.

Four framed checks drawn on the Hunterdon County National Bank in 1918, by Howard A. Ruple. Donated by Ruth Hall, Lambertville, NJ.

Commemorative crystal champagne glass with engraved West Amwell Township 150th Anniversary logo. Donated by the West Amwell Township Dinner Dance Committee, Lambertville, NJ.

Baron Von Steuben and His Regulations by Joseph R. Riling, including a complete facsimile of the original Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States, 1966, Philadelphia, PA. Donated by T.M. D'Autrechy, Pennington, NJ.

Fitzgerald's *Legislative Manual State of New Jersey*, 1992, 1995. Donated by Assemblyman Leonard Lance, Flemington, NJ.

The Times of Tewksbury, March/April 1996. Assorted Christmas greeting cards *circa* 1924-5. Donated by Miss Marion C. Waldron, Oldwick, NJ.

Hart S. Van Fleet's personalized copies of *Journal of the Ninety-Second Senate of the State of New Jersey being the One Hundred and Sixtieth Session of the Legislature*, and *Minutes of Votes and Proceedings of the One Hundred and Sixtieth General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*, both printed 1936, Trenton, NJ. Donated by Harold O. Van Fleet, Flemington, NJ.

History of Fairview Reformed Church 1837-1912, by H.M.B. Wilson, son of pioneer pastor Abraham Wilson, compiled in 1937, published in 1977. Donated by Mary Jo Willis, Fairview, IL.

George H. Bloom family Bible containing records beginning with John Besson b. 1773, and his wife, Rachel, b. 1777 and their thirteen children. Donated by Mrs. Harvey Bloom, Clinton, NJ.

American flag, 3' x 5'. Donated by Daniel Bray Chapter SOR, Flemington, NJ 08822.

Warford, Fisher, Kaes-Kuhl, Stout, Pinckney families, by Laurence Lee Hill 1996. Donated by the author, Hallandale, FL.

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Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Family of Francis Eaton, Volume 9, 1996. Donated by Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Jersey, Phyllis Hansen, Secretary, Westfield, NJ.

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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.

BARTOLETTE, BODINE, BRITTON, CARKHUFF, EWING, HIGGINS, MULFORD, PIMM, QUICK: Seek identity of par/o Mary Quick, b. Hunterdon (per death record which gives par. Amos and Mary) ca. 1783/86, d. 3 Jan. 1858 Hunt. Co., bur Flem. Bapt. cem., m. 13 May 1809 Judiah Higgins, Higgins chil: Mary Ann m. David Bodine, Hannah Kuhl m. John Ewing, John m. Rhoda Carkhuff, Martha Hill m. William Britton, Cornelius Quick m. Elizabeth Bartolette, Judiah J. m. Phebe Ann Mulford, Jonathan B. d. young, Eleanor m. Benjamin Pimm. Welcome exch of info, corres. with anyone researching this line. ADD: Barbara Higgins Meyer, Rt. 2, Box 2213, Norridgewock, ME 04957.

HOFFMAN, RAKE: Seeking par, info re John George Rake Sr., b. CA 1744, d. Hunt. Co. 1805, m. Else [maiden name unknown]. d. 1 Sept 1833. He farmed and owned home 1805-1815 Sandbrook Headquarters Rd. near Flemington. Chil: John Jr., Henry, William, Solomon, Jacob, Philip, Franklin G., Elizabeth. Grandau Amy Rake m. Emanuel L. Hoffman of Readington in 1822. Will exch. ADD: Albert D. Hart, 2232 Deer Creek C. C. Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33442.

WEBSTER: Seek parentage of pioneer William Webster of Plainfield 1685 wife Mary _____, nine child. incl. William J. b. 1692 and Benjamin b. 1709, Joseph, Moses & Aaron. Is there a Connecticut connection? New England? Add: Ruth Cartmell, 324 Littleton Qtr., Williamsburg, VA 23185.

BEAVERS, CLIFFORD, MAXWELL, SELLERS: Seeking info re exact birthdate, par, marriage info/o George Clifford, d. 1757 Hunt. Co. leaving wife Mary and chil: John, James who d. Jan. 1782, Margaret, Mary who d. 1804, became 2nd wife of John Maxwell, Ann who prob. m. Col. Joseph Beavers, Sarah who perhaps m. Geo. Sellers of New Castle Co. NJ. ADD: Mary Lou Fournier, P.O. Box 856, Vashon Island, WA 98070.

LAMBERT: Seek par, sibs/o Elisha Lambert (b. 21 June 1759 NJ) and maiden name, par/o wife Margaret, (b. 16 Dec 1762) who emigrated from Lambertville to Ontario in 1802. Is this Elisha (1) the Elisha Lambert in "Hunterdon Co. NJ Taxpayers 1778-1797"? Kingwood Twp. 1786 & 1789?? &/or (2) the Elisha Lambert in Hunterdon Militia, Tewksbury Twp. 1792. ADD: Ronald D. Lambert, 11 Ellen St. W., Kitchener, OH, Canada N2H 4K1.

ALPAUGH, GROENENDYKE, KLINE, MILLER: According to Grandma Luella Alpaugh Burnett's autobiography, these people were neighbors in Hunt. Co., and then all mov to Fairview, IL and were neighbors there. Where did they live in NJ? Is the Catherine Kline, Adrian, Daniel, David, John and Samuel Groenendyke (autobiography refers to Billy and Becky Groenendyke), and Samuel Miller listed in the *History of*

Fairview Reformed Church of Illinois of this group? ADD: Mary Jo Suydam Willis, Box 114, Fairview, IL 61432.

CRIPPS, HEMPFIELD, LUTES/LUTSCH: Need info/o Thorp Hempfield, poss f/o Jacob, m. Elizabeth Cripps (need p) ca. 1838, MerCo? Johann Henrich Lutsch, poss f/o Frederick Lutes, b. 1762 Hunt. Co. ADD: Roy V. Harrington, 6821 Rosemont Dr., Brecksville, OH 44141.

WILLIAMSON: Abraham Williamson of Kingwood Twp. f/o Derrick, Eleanor, Abraham, Sarah, and Matthius. Who was his wife? How are they related to the Williamson's of Amwell. Where was he born? ADD: Dot Williamson, H.C.R. #65, Box 3B, Pittsfield, VT 05762.

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3. 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 township, 37 pages, published 1936, reprinted 1994, soft cover. \$8.00

4. 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

5. East Amwell Bicentennial Committee, *A History of East Amwell, 1700-1800*, 2nd edition 1979 by Hunterdon County Historical Society, 282 pages, maps, photographs, recipes, index. \$18.50

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9. Myers, Kenneth, V., *Old Stones At Oak Summit*, Kingwood Presbyterian churchyard at Oak Summit, 1985, 20 pages, added index, soft cover. \$3.00

10. Schmidt, Hubert G., *Slavery and Attitudes on Slavery In Hunterdon County New Jersey*, published 1944, 33 pages, soft cover. \$ 5.00

11. Snell, James P., compiler, *History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, New Jersey*, published 1881, October 1995 facsimile reprint in two volumes, dedicated to Kenneth V.

Myers, late president of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, 800+ pages, maps, illustrations, no index. \$80.00 plus \$10 postage.

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Financial Report 1995

Receipts

Dues	\$ 8,668.00
Interest on investments	36,679.90
Sale of books, maps, etc.	2,332.21
Sale of back Newsletters	117.25
Donations	920.00
Xerox fees collected	985.25
Grants:	
Large Foundation	9,000.00
County Cultural & Heritage Commission ..	1,200.00
Royalties	595.00
Total Receipts	\$62,535.74

Disbursements

Books, microfilm, etc.	\$ 2,312.16
Fees and Dues	100.00
Insurance	3,479.29
Printing, newsletter & other	2,009.03
Postage	1,450.60
Office supplies, equipment	3,651.30
Utilities	4,170.51
Meeting expenses	275.00
Cleaning services	775.00
Wages	21,800.00
Payroll taxes	1,312.84
Volunteer recognition luncheon	339.65
Equipment maintenance, repair	1,745.00
Building maintenance	1,595.57
Purchase central air conditioning, library & office	4,446.00
Security system monitoring	302.00
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Total Disbursements	\$45,678.04

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