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Flemington Victorian Days

*Doric House open June 8 1 to 4 p.m.
celebrating Flemington Choir School Centennial*

Flemington's rich musical heritage is featured at the Doric House in exhibits commemorating the Flemington Childrens Choir School during 1996 *Flemington Victorian Days*.

The Doric House and Deats Memorial Library, the Historical Society's headquarters, is open on Saturday June 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. during this town-wide event. This year marks the Centennial of the Flemington Choir School. The celebration began on the third weekend in May, the traditional graduation weekend, with a full weekend of events. Visitors to the Doric House may stroll through the first floor and enjoy exhibits commemorating the Centennial and Choir School co-founders, Elizabeth Van Fleet Vosseller and Elizabeth Hopewell, see the collection of local Fulper-Stangl pottery, and view demonstrations of Victorian-era rug hooking.

Miss Vosseller's residence was in the Doric House and former students recall visiting her there. The Doric House was built 1846 by Mahlon Fisher and the Historical Society purchased it in 1969 for its headquarters. The House has been decorated and furnished to portray a modest by typical Green Revival home.

Visit us on June 8 during the town-wide *Victorian Days* weekend. *Victorian Days* is an annual event sponsored by



HCHS Collections

Graduate Clarence Hand points to the plaque at the Choir Studio which describes the Flemington Choir School's origin.

the Flemington Business Association, bringing together social and service organizations with emphasis on recreating Victorian-era experiences for visitors.

Flemington Victorian Days — 1996 Calendar — June 6-9

Thursday, June 6

Strawberry Social – 6-8 p.m. Presbyterian Church

Friday June 7

To be announced

Saturday June 8

Doric House Open 1-4 p.m. Centennial Exhibit - Choir School/Elizabeth Vosseller, 1-4 p.m.

“Art in the Park,” noon - 2 p.m. Art exhibit and craft activities for children ages 6-10

Fleming Castle open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Floral Exhibit, “Victorian Christmas” by Hunterdon Garden Guild

Flemington Childrens Choir School Celebrating 100th Anniversary, Chorister Place Music program 1-1:30 p.m. Open for tours 1:30-4 p.m.

Sunday June 9

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“Musical Parfait” at the Flemington Womens Club, in the park, 7:30 p.m., a variety musical program followed by ice cream and beverages. Admission \$7.50 to benefit park improvement.

As we go to press plans for some events are incomplete. Calendar of Events may be picked up at Ark II and various places after May 30



HELEN ELIZABETH WALDRON 1901-1996

The Hunterdon County Historical Society has lost one of its most special members. Helen Elizabeth Waldron, a descendant of some of the earliest settlers of the County, and associated with the Society for nearly forty years, passed away on 3 January 1996 at the age of 94 in the home in which she was born. The Society's collections have been enhanced by her generosity in donating artifacts and manuscripts.

The third child of William Waldron (1853-1944) and his wife, Margaret Van Derveer Craig (1855-1920), Helen was born in the home which her parents had built in 1895 on the main street of New Germantown, Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, on 25 July 1901. She attended Barnet Hall Academy, located next door to her parents' house, from which she graduated in 1914. She then went to the High Bridge High School for two years, and spent her last two years at Somerville High School, from which she graduated in 1918.

Helen continued her education by attending Elmira (New York) College, where she was for one and one-half years, until November 1920, when her mother died. She gave up her college work in order to care for her father, thus allowing her older sister, Marion, to continue her education at Simmons College in Boston. After Marion graduated, Helen returned to school, attending Goucher College in Towson, Maryland, from which she graduated in 1924 with a degree in Social Science.

While Helen's sister Marion continued her graduate work, and later taught at the Konnarock Training School in Virginia, Helen remained at home to look after their aging father. William Waldron was a farmer,

an avid gardener, and maintained an apiary, once with 60 colonies of bees. Helen was an excellent auto driver, and took her father to various stores where he sold his comb honey. She drove a car until within a year or two of her death.

When the mission school where Marion taught closed, she returned home and with Helen shared in the care of their aged father, who lived to be 90½ years old. Helen traveled extensively, both in the United States and abroad. While most of the traveling was done in the company of her sister, Marion, she did tour Europe in the 1930s with a Somerville cousin. She and her sister visited almost every state in the Union, much of Canada, and a number of countries in Europe, also Mexico, Jamaica, and Bermuda, as well as Alaska and Hawaii before they became states.

Helen has the unique distinction of living in the same home her entire life, almost the full length of the 20th century. It may also be said that, while she was born and died in the same house, her place of birth was New Germantown, and place of death Oldwick, her native village foolishly changing its name due to anti-German sentiment at the time of World War I. Helen's older sister, also a Society member, Marion Craig Waldron, continues to reside in the family homestead. An older brother, William Robert Waldron, born in 1894, died in 1962.

— Fred Sisser III

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Flemington Choir School Centennial

Jay Smith



Flemington Children's Choirs in front of the Presbyterian Church.
Inset are Bessie Richardson Hopewell (left) and Elizabeth Van Fleet Vosseller,
founders and directors of the Choir School.

The famed Flemington Children's Choir School had its beginning at the Presbyterian Church in 1895 when Miss Elizabeth Van Fleet Vosseller gathered a group of children and had them sing during the Christmas season. Miss Vosseller and Miss Elizabeth Hopewell, affectionately known as the two Miss Bessie's, were pioneers in developing techniques for training children's voices for church choir work.

The centennial season of the school will be observed on Friday May 17th and Saturday, May 18th with tours of the Choir studio on Chorister Place, Miss Vosseller's home (the Doric House), luncheon, exhibits, a festival service, and reception. It is anticipated that over 100 graduates from the school will attend the festivities. The public is cordially invited to attend the festival service which will be a recreation of the annual graduation ceremonies. This service will take place at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 18th at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street (by the monument).

The training of young singers was so successful that by 1920 all five churches in the village – Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian – were involved

with the school. The children entered the school at age nine and attended for seven years.

The first graduation in 1907 honored a quartet of four girls. In time these graduation ceremonies would become an important musical event attracting musicians from all parts of the country. They were held in the Presbyterian Church the third Friday of May each year until 1958. The graduation ceremony was a festive and impressive occasion in which 200 choristers and 150 alumni participated. The choristers would enter the sanctuary in two lines singing the processional "Brightly Gleams Our Banner," which was written by Grace Leeds Darnell, organist of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of New York City, and who, for many years was at the console. Anthems were sung by the probationers of the school, by the members of the school, and also by the alumni. Selections were also played by guest organists. Awards were presented for attendance and initiative. Gold hoods were given to the members of the graduating class. In addition, the Fidelitas Prize for outstanding work was awarded to one of the graduates. Over the years, this award was presented to sixty-four

people. The recipients' names have been inscribed on stone tablets affixed to the front of the choir studio. The exercises concluded with the recessional "Children Are All Dear to Thee" by Norman Landis, organist of the Presbyterian Church for sixty years (1897-1956).

Rehearsals took place at the Studio. In 1927, under the supervision of Flemington architect Arthur A. Aalholm, an old chapel building was remodeled into a colonial-style building with a music studio on the second floor and a common Georgian-style room on the first floor. Today the second floor stands virtually untouched as a landmark to the work of the two Miss Bessies. On display are graduation pictures from 1907-1958, awards, pins, music, and other memorabilia. The first floor houses the office of the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

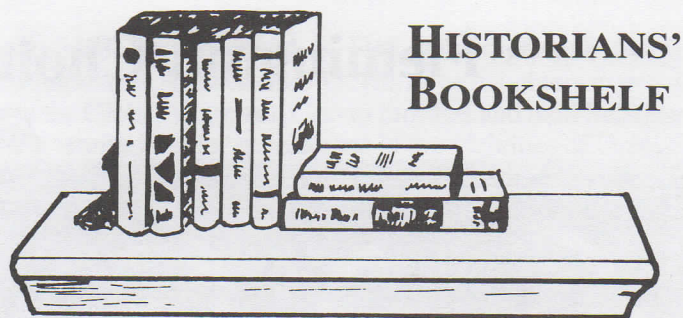
Upon the death of Miss Vosseller in 1938, Miss Hopewell directed the school until 1945 when Miss Sarah Alvater took over this responsibility. She was succeeded by Mrs. Frank Lott, who served until the school's closing in 1958. The factors responsible for the school's demise were lack of support by participating churches which were developing their own junior choirs and the increased music programs in local schools.

Two programs started by the school are still carried on today. On Christmas 1909, Mrs. Arthur Foran summoned fifteen members of local church choirs to sing for Miss Vosseller who was ill. The following year, caroling through the streets early Christmas morning at homes lit by candles was begun and remains a tradition today. Second, the erection of a Christmas tree at the Civil War monument followed by a tree lighting and carol singing continues as an annual event. In recent years, the Cub Scout Pack 61 has been responsible for this community activity.

The founders of the Flemington Choir School were decades ahead of their time in discovering techniques for training children's voices and developing children's choir programs in the church. The Flemington Choir School plan was a model for churches and communities throughout the United States. The names Elizabeth Van Fleet Vosseller, Elizabeth Hopewell, and Norman Landis were synonymous with musical excellence in Flemington for the first half of the 20th century. The work of the school can best be summarized by an excerpt from the creed of the alumni, "we believe music to be God's gift to His children."

Hookers at the Doric House

During *Victorian Days* members of the Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild will demonstrate rug hooking in the Historical Society's headquarters open house on June 8. Hooked rugs are made by pulling strips of wool material in creative designs through a study backing. Originally these utilitarian floor coverings were made from used worn-out clothing and old blankets but over the years have evolved into creative works of art. Rug Artisans Guild meets monthly the second Friday of September through June at Sandhill School For information write Ms. Jo Knoblock at the School, Route 31, Flemington, NJ 08822.



Genealogies of New Jersey Families from the Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey, is a joint project of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey and Genealogical Publishing Company. A two-volume set, the recent publication brings together compiled genealogy, biography, and Bible and family records initially published in the *Magazine* from its first issue (1925) through the end of Volume 65 (1989). Each of the two volumes includes an all-name index, combined containing over 70,000 names. Volume I of 1,139 pages and Volume II of 1,087 pages have cloth binding. Order from Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 for \$150.75 (includes shipping).

The set affords family historians the opportunity to have within reach on their own desk or bookshelf information which otherwise they would not have without a complete run of the 65 volumes of the *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*. An unparalleled bargain in dollars and space!

It is an worthwhile resource for anyone with Hunterdon County ancestors, especially for the contributions to the *Magazine* made by the late Hiram E. Deats, our Society's librarian for 60+ years until his death in 1963, and the late Lewis D. Cook whose published articles on his Hunterdon County ancestors included the families of Anderson, Bainbridge, Craven, Hunt, Lanning, Mershon, Reeder and Smith.

Somerset County Historical Quarterly, (eight volumes 1912-1919) has long been one of the mainstays of central New Jersey genealogical research. The volumes were reprinted during the 1980s, with volumes 1 and 2 subsequently going out of print. Volume 1 is now available again and volume 2 will be reprinted later in 1996 by Discount Genealogy.

Contents of Volume 1 include Neshanic Reformed Church Baptismal Records 1762-1799, Somerset County Marriages 1795-1875, grooms' names beginning A-B, and numerous other genealogical articles, notes, and comments of interest to anyone pursuing their Hunterdon County ancestors.

Volume 1 *Somerset County Historical Quarterly*, 352 pages, everyname, cloth binding, \$30 plus \$2.50 shipping, from Discount Genealogy, P.O. Box 515, New Hope, PA 18938.

Discount Genealogy in cooperation with Hunterdon House, is pleased to offer volumes 3-8 of the *Quarterly* for \$20 each, plus shipping (\$2.50 for the first volume, \$1. each for additional volumes) from their above address.

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.

TUNISON, VOORHEES, WORTMAN: Seek anc/o Phebe Tunison, b. 29 June 1808 in NJ, m. Somerset Co. NJ on 8 Sept 1831 John Simonson Voorhees, b. 1 July 1811 in Raritan, NJ. Phebe's par were John Tunison, b. ca. 1780 NJ, and Margaret Wortman. ADD: Mary Jo Suydam Willis, Box 114, Fairview, IL 61432.

COX, DEMOTT, NIGHT, SUYDAM, VAN ARSDALE, VAN SICKLIN, WALDRON, WYCKOFF: Seek info, desc/o Jacobus Suydam, b. ca. 1725, m. 1st Maria Wykoff, 2nd Antje Van Sicklin. Chil: John Suydam bt. Six-Mile Run 1765, m. Charity Demott, Peter Suydam bt. 1767, m. Cornelia Cox, Ryck Suydam bt. 1770, m. Ida Waldron, Jane Suydam bt. 1773, m. Luke Night, Joseph Suydam bt. 1775, m. twice (need names of wives), Jacob Suydam bt. 1780, m. Syche Van Arsdale. ADD: Shirley Suydam, 354 E. Central St., Farmington, IL 61531.

HARTPENANCE, MORGAN, VAN KIRK: Des info re Charles Morgan, fa/o Dorothy Morgan (c1703-1745); wf/o Hendrick Van Kirk. Have large data base on Hartpence. ADD: Esther Leonard Herr, 4174 Fairfax Dr., Columbus, OH 43220-4525.

GROENENDYCK, WEBSTER: Seek par/o Hannah Webster d. after 1840, m. John Groenendyck 15 Oct. 1803, Zion Lutheran Church, Oldwick, NJ. They resided in Potterstown, NJ. ADD: Mary Helen Groendyke, 89 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Arden, NC 28704.

BARTOLETTE, BODINE, BRITTON, CARKHUFF, EWING, HIGGINS, MULFORD, PIMM, QUICK: Need proof par/o Mary Quick were Amos & Mary Quick, brthpl Hunterdon as stated on death record. Mary b. ca. 1782/86, m. 13 May 1809 Judiah Higgins, d. 3 Jan. 1858 Hunt. Co., bur Flem. Bapt. cem. No Amos Quick found in Hunt. Co. in this era. Chil of Judiah & Mary: Mary Ann m. Bodine, Hannah Kuhl m. Ewing, John m. Rhoda Carkhuff, Martha Hill m. Britton, Cornelius Quick m. Bartolette, Judiah J. m. Mulford, Jonathan B. d. young, Eleanor m. Pimm. Welcome suggestions, exch of info/w anyone researching this line. ADD: Barbara Higgins Meyer, Rt. 2, Box 2213, Norridgewock, ME 04957.

STEVENS, THATCHER: Seek info re par, fam/o Sarah Thatcher, b. 1792 Hunt. Co. NJ, poss dau/o William Thatcher Jr. who d. 1810. Sarah mov to PA in the 1820s, m. John Stevens in 1826 at All Saints Episcopal Church, Phila. Co. PA. She res Byberry, Phila. Co. PA until her death in 1882, is bur. William Penn Cemetery, Trevoise, PA. Her known chil: Angela, b. 1833, twins Margaret and Thatcher b. 1840, Jacob, b. date unknown. ADD: N. Reed Minturn, 4941 Central Ave., Ocean City, NJ 08226.

ANHUIZEN/ANHUYS, HOFFMAN: Seeking par, info re John (Johannes) Hoffman of Readington, Hunt. Co. NJ, b. ca. 1700 Germany, d. 21 Nov 1748, bur Hunt. Co. NJ, m. 1727 Elsje Margritte Anhuizen (Anhuys). Chil: Catherina, Henry, Mary, Frederick, John Jr., William, Jacob. Will exch. ADD: Albert D. Hart, 2232 Deer Creek C. C. Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33442.

BAKER, ELY, EMANS, RITTENHOUSE, SMITH: Seek par/o Susannah Baker [1732/3-4 June 1824] bur Rosemont, NJ; m. ca. 1757 1) Isaac Rittenhouse [13 July 1726-23 Feb 1809], 10+ chil incl William Rittenhouse [6 Apr 1769-14 May 1834]; m. Catherine Ely. Susannah m. 2) Jaque (Jacob?) Rittenhouse after Isaac's death. Left Bible to CH IV: Samuel Rittenhouse (5 Feb 1765-24 Apr 1850) m. 1) Martha Smith; 2) Hannah Emans. Where is Bible or info? ADD: Rosemary J. Longworth, 1160 Trigg Tower Rd., Simpson, IL 62985-2219.

McPHERSON, MANNON: Desire any info re anc, fam, residence of Nathan McPherson b. NJ 13 Oct 1782; m. 1798 Jemima (Elizabeth?) Mannon, b. 5 Sept 1780; had son John b. 5 May 1799 in NJ. Fam mov to PA ca 1800. Desire info re anc/o Nathan and/or Jemima or/residence of any fam members. ADD: Ruth Thompson, 1432 Royalton Ct., Modesto, CA 95350.

CHAMBERLAIN, MAXWELL, SMALLEY: Looking for info re Sarah Maxwell, b. ca. 1802 NJ, m. Mahlon Chamberlain. Also looking for info re Clara Smalley b. 1822 NJ, m. Samuel Chamberlain. ADD: Robert Travis, 560 3 Kingstree Ct., Arlington, TX 76017.

COOL, DILTS, ROCKAFELLAR, SNYDER: Seek info re the wife/o, fam/o John Snyder, b. 1768, had 12 children. John s/o Peter and Lenah [?] Snyder of Amwell Twp. Peter's will proved 16 May 1778. John had siblings: Christopher b. 1763, Charity Rockafellar, Mary Dilts, and Hannah Cool. Interested in any family information. ADD: Nancy S. Edwards, 24 Miner St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.



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.

Our Stained Glass Windows: The Presbyterian Church, Flemington, New Jersey by Elder Glenn Hooper, November 1995. Donated by the author, Flemington, NJ.

"Images of East Amwell" 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996 calendars. Donated by Ilona English, East Amwell Township Historic Preservation Committee, Ringoes, NJ.

Acquisitions — Continued

Photocopy and transcription of "The Family of Hon. John Hart one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence from Hopewell, Hunterdon Co. (now Mercer) New Jersey" by Ralph Ege, 1901. Donated by Albert D. Hart, Deerfield Beach, FL.

A collection of pocket diaries [58] kept by James Pyatt Risler commencing in 1876, concluding at his death in 1946. Donated by Clark B. Risler, Cary, NC.

Two reels of microfilm, *Hunterdon County Democrat*, October-December 1995, *Delaware Valley News*, January-December 1995. Donated by Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, NJ.



1996 Calendar

May 12-18	National Historic Preservation Week
May 17-18	Flemington Childrens' Choir Centennial
May 18	Doric House open 10 a.m. – 12 noon Centennial Exhibit Elizabeth Vosseller/Choir School
May 18	150th Anniversary House Tour West Amwell Township, 11-4 p.m. For info call Joan Smith 608-397-8125 or Terri Anderson 609-397-1223
May 31	Doric House open 2-5 p.m. Stangl/Fulper exhibition
June 1	5th Annual Stangl/Fulper Auction, 1-4 p.m. auction; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. preview St. Magdalen Parish Center For information call Bob Perzel, Pres. Stangl/Fulper Collector's Club 908-782-9631
June 6-9	Flemington Victorian Days
June 8	Doric House open for tours Saturday 1-4 p.m., Centennial Exhibit Elizabeth Vosseller/Choir School Hunterdon Rug Artisans Guild demonstrating rug hooking
July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY – Library closed
November 17	FALL MEETING – Flemington Womens' Club, 2 p.m. Civil War historian William Gobel speaker "Remember You Are Jerseymen"
November 28	THANKSGIVING – Library closed

Material on Peter Eveland, b. 1718, who migrated to North Carolina from Amwell in 1755. His three daughters married into the Gibbs, Sharp and Graves families and their lineages were intertwined for generations in the vicinities of Orange County, NC and Union County, TN. The donated material is copied from Gibbs and Sharp genealogies. Donated by John M. Matsen, Flemington, NJ.

Two notebooks of Seals family information, including Joseph, William, John, Daniel, and other given names, gathered while searching for a Seals ancestor. Donated by the researcher, Edna L. McIntyre, Lebanon, NJ.

History of Middle Valley, New Jersey Where the Past is Present by Steven F. Kirtko, published 1995 by Middle Valley Community Center, Inc. Donated by the Middle Valley Community Center, Long Valley, NJ.

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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 Ann Adams, Milford, NJ	
Amwell Heritage Society, Inc., Ringoes, NJ	
Kenneth & Kathryn DeMott, Flemington, NJ	
*Jane Fuhrmann, Basking Ridge, NJ	LIFE
Historic Preservation Committee, East Amwell Twp., Ringoes, NJ	
Mrs. Stuart D. Holland, Madison, CT	
James L. Leigh, Sparland, IL	
Stephen Thomas Schaffert, Herndon, VA	LIFE
Jack M. Soper, South Lyon, MI	
Jeffery E. Wood, Manassas, VA	LIFE
* upgraded to Life membership	

Mrs. Shirley V. Favier
Membership Chair

HOW TO JOIN

Hunterdon County Historical Society
114 Main Street
Flemington, New Jersey 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 _____

Acquisitions — *Continued*

At the end of business as the Flemington National Bank on 23 February 1996 an assortment of items were donated to the Society including ledger books from the late 1800s, bank statement book, USA 1919 Victory Liberty Loan \$50 notebooks, 1898 miscellaneous invoices, correspondence, etc. during the construction of the 50 Main Street building, sampling of Annual Reports and Calendars, 75th Anniversary booklets 1876-1951 and 100th Anniversary booklets 1876-1976, framed April 1876 Incorporation certificate, various community photographs, 24 of which were taken at the turn of the century, 1926 architectural drawings from Tooker & Marsh, NYC, renovating the Main office lobby, a series of four Davis Gray watercolors of Main Street Flemington, Flemington National Bank War Certificates, 1962 architectural drawings and open house photographs of Circle office and a 1990 gold-plated trowel from the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Clinton branch bank. Donated by the Flemington National Bank, Victoria A. Arcella, Executive Vice President, Flemington, NJ.



Risler Diaries

Among the acquisitions received by the Historical Society recently is a collection of 58 diaries kept by James Pyatt Risler. They have come back to Hunterdon County where they originated, but are well-traveled. After Mr. Risler's death they were in the possession of his daughter, Hulda Risler Suydam, then to her daughter, Catharyn Suydam Gilmore. Mrs. Gilmore moved to Australia in 1956, taking them with her. The collection came to Clark Risler, the donor, at Mrs. Gilmore's death with the instruction they be given to the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

An annotated list of persons mentioned in the diaries, made by the donor, is invaluable in identifying people referred to often by first name only in the diaries. James Pyatt Risler died 30 March 1946 at aged 83 and was buried at Rosemont. He was born circa 1863 in Locktown to Cyrus Risler and his wife Sarah Pyatt, and had an older brother, Willis Risler and "Rissie," his younger brother, Cyrus, Jr., and a sister Ella, who married Daniel Fox. Clinton area people may recognize the Cyrus R. Fox Lumber, owned by Ella and Daniel's son, Cyrus Risler Fox. James P. Risler married Sarah Catherine Slout, "Katie" in the diaries, and their children were Grover Risler and Huldah Risler Suydam.

The Risler diaries have been placed in the bound manuscript collection the Society is preserving at its headquarters. The collection is available for historical and genealogical research during regular library hours and by appointment.

Family Associations

During 1995 the Society received Newsletters and/or announcements from several family associations with Hunterdon County connections. Forward information for future listings in this column to: Hunterdon Historical Newsletter, 114 Main St., Flemington, NJ 08822.

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 – A reunion of the BUDD Family Association was held Saturday, 23 September 1995 at the Friendship Center, Community Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Chester. For information contact the Association, M.E. Carlisle, Secretary, 700 Carol Ave., Oakhurst, NJ 07755.

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.

PARKE – "The Newsletter of the Parke Society" promoting fellowship, genealogical research and the preservation of Parke heritage. 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. Praul, 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. The 1996 Reunion meeting is scheduled for Saturday 4 May at the Deer Path Park.

SWAZEY – Swasey Family Society dues \$12 a year, newsletter published four times a year by Clyde W. Downing, 25034 180th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98042.

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

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 St., Springfield, MO 65803-3613.



Images from the Past

A picture is worth a thousand words.

Flemington Livestock Auction *circa* 1960



Flemington Auction Market Collection
Hunterdon County Historical Society MS #0060

A typical scene at the livestock auction sale held weekly on Mondays at the Flemington Auction Market, Park Avenue. Animals were weighed before being led into the ring where occupants of the gallery bid on each head. Herbert Van Pelt, well-known auctioneer (center, with hat and gavel) conducted the sales. Charles Coats, clerk, is to Mr. Van Pelt's left, behind Van Pelt is Edward Zielsdorf, in the ring is Bill Moore.