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Mildred Preen Mortimer,

Hunterdon's First Woman Legislator

Subject of Fall Meeting

The guest speaker for the Society's Fall Meeting on 20 November is Dr. Richard P. McCormick, distinguished author, lecturer, and eminent historian. Rutgers University historian and professor emeritus, Dr. McCormick's subject for the afternoon is "The Remarkable Public Career of Mildren Preen Mortimer, Hunterdon's First Woman Legislator."

His remarks are the result of a study made by Dr. and Mrs. McCormick of women candidates for the New Jersey Assembly, 1920-1993. Mildred Preen, only twenty-two years old, and a Democrat, was elected to the Assembly

from Hunterdon in 1941. She was the youngest person ever elected to the legislature and was twice reelected. In 1948, after having served in the Waves during World War II, she was defeated when she sought a seat in the state Senate. After a lapse of two decades, Mrs. Mortimer returned to politics and held both local and county offices. She was appointed county administrator in 1977, a post she held until her death in January 1979.

Plan to attend the Hunterdon County Historical Society's Fall Meeting Sunday, 20 November, 2 p.m. at the Flemington Womens Club. The public is invited to attend.



The Hunterdon County Hall of Records, Main Street, Flemington, photographed by John C. Sunderlin *circa* 1890. County offices located in the building include the county adjuster, county clerk, and surrogate. Many years after this photograph was made, when Mildred P. Mortimer was adjuster, her office was located here.

Photograph from Hunterdon County Historical Society Collections, Hiram E. Deats Bequest.

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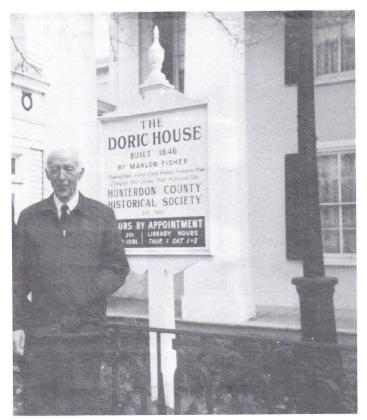
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George F. Kreutler Photographed March 1994 in front of Society headquarters.

GEORGE F. KREUTLER 1916-1994

WHEREAS, Society employee Reverend George F. Kreutler was born 2 September 1916 in Newark, a son of George and Louise Thelen Kreutler, and died suddenly on Thursday, June 9, at his home in Lambertville, where he had lived since 1975, and

WHEREAS, he was an Episcopal clergyman for the Episcopal Diocese of Trenton, having retired as rector at Holy Innocence in Dunellen in 1975 and shortly thereafter moved to Lambertville, and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from the ministry he was hired by Norman C. Wittwer, late librarian, in May 1978 as Manuscript Curator at Hunterdon County Historical Society, and

WHEREAS, George Kreutler's dedication and enthusiasm for his work with the Society, and his consistency and attention to detail in handling the materials entrusted to his care have been an important contribution toward preserving the Historical Society's collections, and

WHEREAS, he processed, during his sixteen years here, nearly 85,000 manuscript items, single sheets and bound volumes in 58 collections, and organized them for quick access, and,

WHEREAS, he provided an invaluable legacy for present and future historians and enjoyed working with the Society staff, volunteers and patrons,

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Society, are thankful he came to work with us, as he was "heaven-sent," and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Society extends heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of George F. Kreutler, with the hope that the memory of his good deeds will diminish the pain of his death, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial be made a part of the minutes of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, and, a copy forwarded to Reverend Kreutler's two cousins, Mrs. LaVerne Mitchell of Mt. Bethel PA, and Robert Zitch, Westfield, NJ.

John W. Kuhl, Recording Secretary Adopted 6 September 1994

A Cyclone in Hunterdon

Property Destroyed but No Lives Lost

There had been a period of intense heat. As so often happens, the heat is only relieved when it is followed by a storm. On Thursday, July 17th, 1890 a fierce thunderstorm came up in the late afternoon from Tinicum township, near Erwinna, before it crossed the Delaware into Hunterdon County where it took a southeasterly course from about Oak Dale through to Hopewell. The Democrat reported that "added to the wind was a terrific fall of hail, some of the stones being nearly as large as hen's eggs." (There weren't any golf balls to compare them to in those days). "Hundreds of trees were blown down, stacks of grain and hay were overturned, while the pelting tempest of wind and hail flattened out hundreds of acres of oats, corn, grass, etc." The Frenchtown Star published the news that the storm was not of long duration in Frenchtown but began "its work of havoc in (the) neighboring township of Kingwood. For about twenty minutes the wind blew with relentless fury, doing great damage to buildings, orchards, crops, forests, etc. Hailstones fell in many places as large as shelled walnuts, breaking window panes and thus adding to the terror of the people."

The Frenchtown Star published quite a long article about the damages sustained by each farmer. In parentheses is the amount of the loss each man estimated that he suffered.²

"The crops on Manners brothers' farms were destroyed together with part of their peach orchard. (\$200)

At Thomas Lequear's it broke the tops off of every one of the cedar shade trees in his yard and broke down other trees on his farm. (\$50)

Samuel Niece suffered great loss. His wagon house was broken down and wagons broken to pieces. His kitchen was blown off and the kitchen stove ruined. Many valuable trees in his woods were blown down or broken off to say nothing of the general destruction of fences. (\$250)

The storm struck Henry Hagaman's near the river, with great force. Besides cutting his corn and other crops to pieces, the great hailstones killed about sixty of his chickens." (\$150)

Among others who suffered damage were Henry Niece, Charles R. Srope (\$50), Jacob K. Hann (\$40) and R.K. Niece.

"A moment before the cyclone made its advent upon the farm of Jacob L. Green, near Rosemont, he had as good a barn and wagon-house as stood in all Delaware. They are now scattered to the four quarters of the globe, a shapeless mass of broken lumber. Nothing is left of either building but the foundations and both were filled with hay, grain, wagons, etc. The most of those were ruined and a cow that was hit by falling timbers had to be killed.

Asa Romine, near Sergeanstville, had just finished hauling in hay as the storm came up. Indeed, the load had just been hauled into the barn and Mr. Romaine was in the act of unharnessing his horses when there was a flash of lightning and both he and the horse from which the harness was being removed, dropped to the stable floor. In a moment, however, both were again on their feet, having been but slightly stunned by the shock, but Mr. Romaine

saw that prompt action was necessary. The barn was on fire from end to end. Hurriedly untying his horses he led them from the blazing building which, in a short time, was burned to the ground, including the big farm wagon insured for \$600, not half enough to pay the loss.

An 11-acre field of corn on the farm of Howard Hoagland, below Ringoes, was entirely cut off by the merciless hand, scarcely a stalk of it being left standing. On the farm of Henry C. Holcombe, a short distance away, great destruction occurred from both wind and hail. Some trees were twisted off a few feet from the ground and others were taken out of the ground, roots and all. All through the section between Oak Dale and Mt. Airy hundreds of trees were blown down, and field crops were ruined."

The Kingwood section of the Frenchtown paper added the following news from that township: "The out buildings, trees and fences on the farms of Messrs. Cowdrick, Fisher, Foster and Niece suffered from the effects of Wednesday's (sic) storm." Other people of Kingwood Township who submitted claims for reimbursement for damages but not mentioned in the local newspapers were Thomas M. Foster (\$200), Lambert Brink (\$300), Levi Hann (\$100), Simeon S. Vanselius (\$75), Stacy B. Huffman (\$40), Asa H. Niece (\$50), John VanHorn (\$20), Harriet Trimmer (\$25), Alfred Ashcroft (\$10) and Charles Gibbs (\$20).

— Phyllis B. D'Autrechy

SOURCES

- Frenchtown Star, Microfilm collection of the Hunterdon County Historical Society
- 2. Hunterdon County Historical Society Manuscript Collection 0019: folder 1, item 28.

Membership Report

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

Jeannette Bensinger, New Brighton, MN Nancy & John Deacon, Flemington, NJ Hugh M. Exton, Amissville, VA Russell Joseph Freeze, Jr., Middletown, PA Susan Koelble, Southampton, PA Richard J. Lesser, Montville, NJ Carol Reading Morris, Virginia Beach, VA Maria M. Palmer, Stockton, NJ Richard & Kathy Precek, Albuquerque, NM Mr. & Mrs. Terry J. Schiller, Arvada, CO Lisa A. Smalley, Richmond, MO Audrey Homan Sperling, Trenton, NJ Mrs. Evelyn Reading Wagstaff-Callahan, Life Boston, MA Donald C. Wallace, Flemington, NJ Life Stuart L. Warford, Thousand Oaks, CA

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Shirley V. Favier Membership Secretary

NOTES AND QUERIES

Address correspondence to Genealogical Committee. Listings 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.

FAUSS, HOFFMAN: Seek info re Enoch Hoffman, b. Flemington NJ 11 Feb 1807, s/o Isaac and Susannah Hoffman, brothers Paul Kuyhl of Flemington; Emanuel L., who rem to PA and OH in 1833. Enoch m. Ann Fauss 11 Feb 1829; chil: Rebecca Ann b. 11 May 1835; Isaac b. 1 Nov 1839. ADD: Albert D. Hart, 2232 Deer Creek C.C. Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33442.

DILTS, HALL: Des info re birth date, anc/o Lewis Kiple Dilts, b. 1797, Somerset Co. NJ, d. 1884 IL, and his wife, Mary Hall, dau/o John & Prudence [_____] Hall, b. 18 Feb 1813 Somerset Co. NJ, d. 1871 IL. John Hall b. 16 Apr. 1782, Prudence b. 19 July 1777. Newspaper announcement says, "both of Readington," (Lewis & Mary) m. 29 Sept 1829 in Flemington by Rev. C. Bartolette. ADD: Tena Nestler, 2240 Concord Ct., Springfield, IL 62704.

BIDDLE, BOSS, LEIGH, PARKS: Seek info re Thomas Biddle's wife, Mahala Parks and daus Sarah Leigh and Henrietta Boss. Thomas Biddle was born circa 1802 in England. Mahala Parks was born in Flemington, NJ. Henrietta Biddle m. Peter Boss, son of Joseph and Eliza [Williamson] Boss. ADD: Mary Jo Willis, Box 114, Fairview, IL 61432.

THATCHER, WILSON: Seeking anc/o Amos Thatcher, b. ca. 1704 Wales; d. 1798 Hunt. Co. NJ; m. abt 1765 Lydia _____?___. Chil. b. 1727-1754 were: Joseph, Elizabeth, Amos, Lydia, Mary, Bartholomew, Sarah, Lydia Amy, Urania, Azubah, Martha, Daniel, Amos, Job. Need wife Lydia's maiden name. Dau Lydia Amy Thatcher m. John Wilson 1758 NJ, mov to Fayette Co. PA, Mason Co. KY, Green & Miami Co. OH. Wilson was delegate to constitutional conventions of KY and OH. Need anc/o Wilson also. ADD: Marilyn Wilson, Rt. 2, Box 123, Clarks NE 68628.

CASPER: Seek info re Conrad (Cort) Casper, b. ca. 1708, naturalized in NJ 1759, res. of Bethlehem Twp. Hunt. Co. and identity of his wife. Also seek info re their son Peter Casper, b. ca. 1730, m. Cath. (maiden name unknown). ADD: Barbara Longwell, 1509 Jonquid, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

FREEZE/FRIES: Seeking info re Peter Fries of Bethlehem Twp: Name of wife(s), children & dates of births, marriages, deaths, etc. Is he the same Peter Sr. who d. in Point Twp. Northumberland Co PA in 1804? Is Peter Jr. who d. same place in 1819 his son? Also John Fries b. 1760-66, d. Sept 1838 in Chillisquaque Twp. Northumberland Co. PA m. Elizabeth Hibler of Greenwich Twp. Warren

Co. NJ abt. 1796. Is he the son of Peter Fries Sr.? ADD: Russell Joseph Freeze Jr., 328 N. Union St., Middletown, PA 17057-1441: Ph. 717-944-6805.

HORTON, NAYLOR: Seek info re Mary Jane Horton who m. Charles Naylor 7 Feb. 1829 in Lambertville, NJ. ADD: Dorothy Mulford Lannoo, 16424 Vista Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 91649.

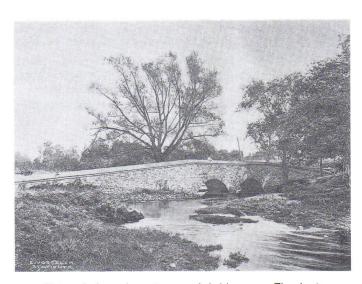
ROUNSAVILL(E): Seeking info on any ancestors of the surname Rounsavill(e). ADD: Brian E. Rounsavill, 255 Davis Lane, Newtown, PA 18940. (215) 579- 2726.

STONE ARCH BRIDGES: Request any information regarding stone arch bridges in Hunterdon County for a County-wide study. Please call or write: Linda Weber, Hunterdon County Planning Board, One East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822-1200. (908) 788-1490.

EMERY, ROSE: Seeking any info on ancestry of William Henery, Sussex Co., who m. Hannah Rose, Morris Co. 11 Dec 1773. Both from Hunterdon Co. families. Henry also written Emery, Hemmery, Hummerich. Rose possibly Roos or Roosa. ADD: Natalie Burrows, Box 463, RD 2, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

GRIGGS, GULICK, LANE, VAN PELT: Seek ancestry of Eleanor Lane, b. 1740s, m. Benj. Griggs (b. 1748 or 1752), had dau. Sarah Ann Griggs. Seek par/o Jacomyntie Griggs, wife of Daniel Griggs (Daniel b. abt. 1680 Gravesend, LI) — suspect Jochem Gulick and Jacomyntie Van Pelt but cannnot prove. ADD: S. Griggs, Box 48, Oldwick, NJ 08858





Pictured above is a stone arch bridge near Flemington spanning the Neshanic River, built *circa* 1834.

See above request for assistance in securing information on Hunterdon County stone arch bridges.

George Davis Family Records

The following records were found in a Bible purchased at the personal estate auction of Cornelius Turner, a well-known Hunterdon County farmer, held on 15 April 1994 at Harmony Volunteer Firehall, Harmony, NJ. The Bible was included in a box lot containing books and other items representing four generations of the George Davis family of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, NJ. The Bible, which is undated, was published in New York by the American Bible Society. The family records, written in pencil, were apparently copied from other sources and entered not as the events happened, but at one sitting in the same hand.

Signatures inside the front cover: "George Davis Book feb 5 [1859?] George Davis Book 1861."

Signatures on front fly-leaf: "George Davis's Book Hunterdon County New Jersey 1861 George Davis."

On "Family Record" page:

George Davis Born Feb 29th 1809 (The date appears to have been written at a later date, and in error, as the initial inscription faded.)

Sarah Cole Davis Born Dec 3rd 1808 (sic) Emliy (sic) Ann Davis Born Sept 23 1828 Sarah Jane Davis Oct 30th 1831 Peter Davis Born Feb 4th 1835 David C. Davis Born 13th Dec. 1841 Margaret Elanah Davis Born July 25th 1847 on reverse of same leaf:

Margaret E. Davis Born July (date illegible) 1861

George Davis, the son of Bergun and Sara (Schamp) Davis, was born 26 February 1809 and baptized 27 May 1809 at the Readington Dutch Reformed Church. He married, date unknown, Sarah Cole, the daughter of Abraham and Lenah (Schamp) Cole, born 3 December 1807 and baptized 1 May 1808² About the time of his initial inscription in the Bible, George Davis and family resided on a farm in Readington Township on Foothill Road, opposite the Newell Cemetery, near Stanton. Part of this land, which was purchased on 3 April 1860 from John and William Newell, executors of John Newell, deceased, remains in the family to this day. George and Sarah were members of the Readington Dutch Reformed Church, where several of their children were baptized. Sarah Davis passed away on 19 May 1878 and George Davis followed on 26 March 1891⁴

The Bible's chain of ownership is thus: George Davis (1809-1891), Margaret Elenah (Davis) Ten Eyck (Mrs. Cornelius, 1847-1911), Georgia (Ten Eyck) Turner (Mrs. Mansfield, 1878-1972), Cornelius Turner (born 1906), and finally Society member Donald C. Wallace, who purchased and donated it to the Society in May 1994.

Cornelius Turner now resides with his son and daughterin-law, having left his ancestral homestead due to his advanced age. This, unfortunately, left an invitation to vandals, who during the past winter removed many valuable antiques from the old farmhouse. It was then decided to auction off most of the remaining items, including the George Davis Bible.⁵

Footnotes

- 1. Readington Church Baptisms on microfilm at Hunterdon County Historical Society. See also "Readington Church Baptisms from 1720," *Somerset County Historical Quarterly*, Volume 7 (1918), p. 216.
 - 2. Ibid.
 - 3. Hunterdon County Deed Book 122, p. 568+.
- 4. "Hunterdon County Gravestones: Readington Reformed Church Yard, Readington Township," *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Volume 35, (1916), p. 79.
- 5. Interview with Mrs. James C. Turner, 28 June 1994, she being the daughter-in-law of Cornelius Turner.

Donald C. Wallace

[Editorial note: Cornelius Turner died in Bethlehem Township Hunterdon County at the home of his son, James, on 5 October 1994. He was buried in the Newell cemetery, for which he served as superintendent until retiring three years ago.]



FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS

During the past year the Society received correspondence and/ or Newsletters from several family associations with Hunterdon County connections. For notice in this column forward information for future listings to: Hunterdon County Historical Society, 114 Main St., Flemington, NJ.

GARY/GEARY – "Gary/Geary Genealogical Gazette" for relatives of Peter Gary, Sr., a Revolutionary War Veteran who lived in Somerset County, PA. David L. Geary, Editor, P.O. Box 250, Bolingbroke, GA 31004.

HART – "Hart Historical Notes" is a newsletter for all Harts who have a desire to learn more about their ancestors and their living relatives, published six times a year in January, March, May, July, September and November. Annual subscription is \$15 to Hart Communications, Linda Munroe Hart, Managing Editor, P.O. Box 453, Lincoln, MA 01773-0453.

HOWELL – The Edward Howell Family Association Annual Meeting and Reunion held 10 September 1994 in Staunton, VA. Annual membership in Edward Howell Family Association \$10, to Jocelyn B. Markley, Treasurer, 615 Q Street SW, Ardmore, OK 73401. Association published a newsletter.

PARKE – "Newsletter of the Parke Society," published by the Society three times a year. David L. Parke, Editor, 805 Evergreen Drive, Reading, PA 19610.

PRALL – "The Prall Newsletter" is published quarterly by the Prall Family Association. Editor Richard D. Prall, 14104 Piedras Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

RITTENHOUSE – "Rittenhouse Family Newsletter," Carl N. Shuster, Jr., Editor. Published by the Rittenhouse Family Association, membership \$15 per year payable to Henry Rittenhouse, Treasurer, 318 Reliance Road, Souderton, PA 18964-2135. A 1995 family reunion is being planned.

SWACKHAMMER-DUFFORD: Swackhammer-Dufford Genealogical Society Bulletin, Editor, Ruth Hartman, 7 Brentwood Terrace, Middletown, NJ 07748. The 47th Annual reunion was held 30 July 1994 at Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, NJ.

SWASEY – "Swasey Family Society," published four times per year, Clyde W. Downing, publisher, 25100 180th Avenue SE, Kent, WA 98042. Dues \$12 per year.

VAN DEREN – "Van Deren Vignettes," published by Marcella Van Deren, 613 W. Jackson St., Bloomington, IL 61701.

WARFORD – The 105th Annual Warford Family Reunion was held Sunday, 4 September in Glasgow, MI. For information about the 1995 reunion and the family contact Clifford M. Sorbo, R. R. #1, Box 334, Newton, IA 50108, (515) 792-8695.

WOLVERTON – "Wolvertons Unlimited" published six times year. Glenn Gohr, Editor, 1040 E. McCanse St., Springfield, MO 65803-3613.



ACQUISITIONS

Artifacts, manuscripts, Family Bibles, and other material representative of the history of Hunterdon County and the families who reside here are welcome additions to the Historical Society's collections. To the donors of recent acquisitions the Society expresses its appreciation.

Four scrapbooks containing newspaper articles by Egbert T. Bush, collected by Hiram E. Deats. Donated by Jay Langley, Flemington, NJ.

Manuscript deed, dated 9 September 1762 from Mary Woolverton of Newton (Sussex County), spinster, to Amos Pettit, innholder, Hardwick Township. Land, 65 acres with water rights, in Hardwick Township, Sussex County, adjoining Isaac Pettit's land and abutting Charles Kolison's land. Deed signed by Mary Woolverton and witnessed by Nathaniel Pettit and Samuel Crowell. Donated by David MacDonald, Bethlehem, PA.

The Descendants (1799-1821) of Malcolm Fleming. Donated by Robert M. Bishop, Avon Park, FL.

Photocopy: Methodist Church Records of the Asbury Circuit transcribed for the Asbury Historical Society by John L. O'Brien, verified by Amy Smith Perkins, Ronald Schultzel, and Elizabeth O'Brien, from the original record in the Methodist Archives at Drew University, Madison, NJ. Donated by John L. O'Brien, Andover, NJ.

The Papers of Robert Morris, 1781-1784, Volume 7, John Catanzariti, Editor and others, published by University of Pittsburgh Press, 1988. Miscellaneous correspondence from Elizabeth M. Nuxoll, 1992. Donated by Benjamin Kirkland, Frenchtown, NJ.

The Second Supplement of Additions and Corrections to the Henry Sharp Genealogy 1975 and The First Supplement 1978, Elizabeth C. Eastwood, compiler, and Helen Sharp Wickliffe, co-compiler. Donated by Elizabeth C. Eastwood, Willoughby, OH.

VAN DEREN VIGNETTES, Winter, 1993-94. Donated by the publisher, Marcella Van Deren, 613 W. Jackson St., Bloomington, IL 61701.

"Descent from Johannes Kase," a computer print-out covering six generations of this family. Donated by the compiler, Charles W. Rockett, San Diego, CA.

Guide to Hunterdon County Clerk's Office, Birth Certificates of Children of Slaves, 1804-1835, Bureau of Archives Accession #177.013, compiled by Joseph R. Klett, Archivist. Donated by Bureau of Archives, Trenton, NJ.

"Samuel Furman, Husband of Mary Holcombe," a summation of findings and opinions of John Pryor Furman, Howard Remington Furman, Fred Sisser III, and Stuart Furman, compiled by Stuart J. Furman, Woodbridge, VA, February 1990.

The Pettit Correspondent, Volumes I, II, & III, 1988-1990; Vol. 4, #1, Spring 1991, #2, Summer 1991; The Pettit Letter, #1, February 1993, #2, August 1993, #3, December 1993, published by Michael Cooley, Editor, Santa Cruz, CA. Donated by David McDonald, Bethlehem, PA.

Judiah Higgins coat, worn in a photograph taken in 1874. Judiah Higgins was born 14 July 1872, son of Jonathan and Lydia (Joralemon) Higgins.

Correspondence and miscellaneous notes from Elizabeth Van Fleet Vosseller to Miss Jeanette Higgins, 1924-1937. Donated by Mrs. C. Vail (Jeanette Higgins) Zuill, Tucker's Town, Bermuda.

Articles of Association, 1900; Minute Book, Directors of the First National Bank of High Bridge, 1900-1915, 1947; associated reports and correspondence. Donated by First Fidelity Bank, William Losch, Flemington, NJ.

Facsimile of the Declaration of Independence; pamphlet "New Jersey's Scenic & Historic Tours," n.d.; "Tales of New Jersey" published by New Jersey Bell Telephone,

1964; Serving Hunterdon One Hundred Years, 1854-1954, commemorative published by the Hunterdon County National Bank in 1955; "Washington's Reception at Trenton," April 30 - May 2, 1976; The Flemington Fair Story, by Kenneth V. Myers, 1978; Hunterdon's Role in the Revolution, published by the Hunterdon County Democrat, 22 July 1976; broadside, "Act Creating Hunterdon County." Donated by Jan Kisor, Flemington, NJ.

Hunterdon County Democrat, July-September 1993, October-December 1993, January-March 1994; Delaware Valley News, January-December 1993. Donated by Hunterdon County Democreat, Katharine T. Langley, Publisher, Flemington, NJ.

Miscellaneous artifacts and teaching aids used by Miss Jennie Haver, Hunterdon County's first Helping Teacher: "Monthly Helping Teacher Reports," 1924-1936; "Annual Statistical Helping Teacher Report," 1923-1950; Rural School Health Club curriculum essay and "Hunterdon County Health Club" pamphlet, published by Moreau & Moreau, Flemington, NJ, n.d. Donated by Miss Haver's niece, Ella M. Haver, Annandale, NJ.

Two flags: flag of New Jersey and 1976 Bicentennial flag. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. H. Seeley Thomas, Flemington, NJ.

George Davis Family Bible Donated by Donald Wallace, Flemington, NJ. [See page 698 for record.]

List of Causes in the Hunterdon County Courts for Trial, April Term, 1934; Duplicate copy, John H. Curtiss, Sheriff's Accounts, 31 December 1932 - 12 November 1935, covering the time of the Hauptmann trial; a copy of "Rules and Regulations for Sheriff's Officers" during term of Ruth S. Carpenter, Acting Sheriff; *Zoning in Hunterdon County*, n.d. Donated by Kenneth V. Myers, Milford, NJ.

Instructions Relative to the Duities of Officers and Voters as required by the New Jrsey Ballot Reform Law, Approved May 28, 1890, Trenton, NJ, 1890.

"Losses Paid Since October 10, 1878 by the Farmers' Mutual Fire Assurance Association of New Jersey, Readington, N.J., August 3rd, 1880.

Advertisements from Java and Japan Tea and Coffee Co., circa 1890, and The Frost King Company, circa 1888.

Four receipts: the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 1884; A. C. Gandey, Lambertville plumber, gas and steam fitter, 1893; Hunterdon County Surrogate's Office, Isaac S. Cramer, Surrogate, estate of Lambert Rockafellow, January 1893; L.K. Stouse from Peter Rockafellow, April 1874. **Deeds:**

Elisha Warford and wife Elizabeth, to Francis Rittenhouse, 1860

Garrett S. Bellis and wife Charlotte, to John Case, 1860 Samuel Dalrymple and wife Sarah, to Elijah Myers, 1856 Elijah Myers and wife, Catharine, to Calvin Strimple, 1858

Amy Thatcher to John K. Thatcher, 1873 Calvin Strimple and wife Sarah, to John C. Hellier, 1860 John C. Hellier and wife, to Charles A. Bray, 1861 John K. Thatcher and wife Catherine, to Mary O. Horner, 1873

Eliza Ann Scharborough to Aaron Holcombe, 1851 Samuel R. Smith and wife to Aaron Holcombe, 1845 Aaron Holcombe and wife to Daniel and Peter Rockefeller, 1851

Lydia Ann Rockafellow, widow, and Hannah Ann Kugler and Andrew V. Kugler, heirs of Peter Rockafellow, deceased, to Lambert Rockafellow, 1886.

Mortgages:

John Case to John W. Reading, 1860 Elijah Myers and wife Catharine, to Richard Shepherd, 1856.

David Rake and wife Ury/Uria, to John C. Holcombe, 1840.

John M. Case and wife Jane, to Jacob B. Mason, Peter V. Dalrymple, and John H. Johnson, 1865.

Peter Rockefeller and wife Lydia Ann, to Daniel Rockefeller, 1851

Lease:

Peter Rockafellow to James Sibley and Richard R. Boss, 1868

Bond:

David Rake to John C. Holcombe, 1840
Stewart Thatcher to Charles Bray, 1870
Stewart Thatcher to Charles A. Bray, 1872
John Case to John W. Reading, 1860
Peter Rockefeller to Daniel Rockefeller, 1851
Daniel Rockafellor to Peter Rockafellor, 1810
Elijah Myers to Richard Shepherd, 1865
Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Volk, Stewartsville, NJ.

Official pass No. 5 to the Hauptmann Trial, Flemington, N.J., Saturday, January 19, 1935 issued to A.H. Reading and friend by John H. Curtiss, Sheriff of Hunterdon County. Donated by Eugene M. Reading, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

Legislative Manual, State of New Jersey, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994. Donated by Assemblyman Leonard Lance, Flemington, NJ.

A 12" tall Stangl cockatoo, #3384. Donated by the Stangl Bird Collectors Association, Robert Perzel, President, Flemington, NJ.

"Data on the Service-Serviss-Servoss Families" compiled by Arleen K. Smith from B.J. Service's material obtained from the Montgomery County Museum at Fonda, NY. Donated by Mrs. Smith, Peoria, IL.

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Library Hours Changed

Beginning 1 October 1994 the Hiram E. Deats Memorial Library is open Thursdays 1-3 and 7-9 p.m. and by appointment. Saturday hours have been discontinued.



Give History for Christmas



Give the historians on your Christmas gift list a book! It's a gift that continues to give each time it is used. The Historical Society offers Hunterdon County books, pamphlets, and prints for sale at the Society headquarters and by mail.

For mail orders, order by number and add \$2 for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional book to cover postage and packaging.

- 1. Beers, Comstock and Cline, 1873 Atlas of Hunterdon County, New Jersey. The Atlas is 13½" x 16", 77 pages with a hard cover and contains maps of fourteen townships and and thirty-two towns existing in Hunterdon County in 1873, printed on acid-free paper. Reprinted 1987 by Hunterdon County Historical Society. \$40.00
- 2. D'Autrechy, Phyllis B., *Hunterdon County New Jersey Fisheries 1819-1820*, 44 page soft cover booklet with maps, illustrations, and a full-name/subject index, 1993. Gives the historical background on shad fishing and the names and locations of fisheries along the Delaware River within Hunterdon County. \$7.50
- 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. \$12.00
- 4. Deats, Hiram Edmund, *The Jerseyman: A Quarterly Magazine of Local History*, Volume 1, No. 3, 1891 Volume 11, No. 4, 1905, 376+ pages, unbound, with added Table of Contents compiled 1985 by Roxanne K. Carkhuff. \$100.
- 5. 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
- 6. 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
- 7. "Flemington, New Jersey 1883," a bird's-eye view of Flemington showing exterior details of buildings in 1883, black and white lithograph, 20" x 24" suitable for framing. \$10.00
- 8. Hunterdon's Role In The Revolution, published by Hunterdon County Democrat, 22 July 1976 in honor of our nation's Bicentennial Year and the 150th Anniversary of the Hunterdon County Democrat, 88 pages, photographs, illustrations, maps, soft cover. \$3.00
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- 13. Voorhees, Rev. Oscar M., East and West Jersey Boundary Line Controversy, 1906, 21 pages, soft cover. \$6.00
- 14. Wittwer, Norman C., *The Faithful and The Bold*, the story of the first service of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oldwick New Jersey, 14 August 1714, 1984, 49 pages, photographs, maps, index, hard cover. \$10.00

New Publications

The Old Photographs Series: Clinton, Flemington and Lambertville, compiled by Sally A. Freedman, published by Alan Sutton, Inc., Augusta, ME 127 pages, soft cover, approximately 250 photographs with interesting captions, map, no index. \$14.95

West Amwell 1995 Calendar published by West Amwell Township Historic Preservation Committee, each month features a different photograph of West Amwell's historic past. \$5.00



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November 20	FALL MEETING – The Remarkable Public Career of Mildred Preen Mortimer, Hunterdon's First Woman Legislator, by Richard P. McCormick
November 24	THANKSGIVING – Library closed
March 26	1995 ANNUAL MEETING program to be announced
April 26	Sixth Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Flemington Victorian Days

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