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HCHS Spring Meeting at Readington Museum Sunday Afternoon 13 June



Eversole-Hall House Readington Township Museum Rte. 523, Whitehouse Station

NOTE: HCHS Spring Meeting Changed to 13 June 1993

CALENDAR

June 13	SPRING MEETING – Tour Eversole-Hall House, Readington Twp. Museum – Stephanie Stevens. 1:30 p.m., Route 523, Whitehouse Station.
July 3	Library Closed – Independence Da weekend
September 4	Library Closed – Labor Day weekend
November 21	FALL MEETING

Spend a spring afternoon in the country! On 13 June, the Hunterdon County Historical Society members and friends have been invited to visit the tiny Eversole-Hall House on Route 523 next to the Readington Township Municipal Building, south of Whitehouse Station. This is Hunterdon's newest museum, the Readington Township Museum. The House will be open for tours on the 13th beginning at 1:30. Parking and rest rooms will be available at the township building where Readington Township Historian Stephanie B. Stevens will be speaking with us at 2 p.m.

The endeavor to create a museum was spearheaded by Mrs. Stevens, who has worked to see her dream become a happy reality. She encouraged the township to purchase the house next to the municipal building and solicited the help of volunteer labor to turn the house into a township museum. Carpenters, painters, laborers, etc., a dedicated group of volunteers, worked every other Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until noon for two years and three months to repair, restore, and prepare the former King house to be the Readington Township Museum. Now open and receiving visitors, it will soon have joyous youngsters attending camp, learning how to make samplers, roll hoops, and other things children in earlier times did. Hear Mrs. Stevens relate how this dream became a reality. She will illustrate her story with slides depicting the museum's progress.

Come join us at the Readington Township Museum/ Municipal building on Sunday, 13 June 1993 at 1:30 p.m. Tours of the Eversole-Hall House will precede and follow Mrs. Stevens' presentation. Refreshments and social hour will conclude the afternoon.



CORRECTION

The previous issue, *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter*, Winter 1993, was incorrectly identified as VOL. 28, NO. 3. Please change your copy to read VOL. 29, NO. 1.

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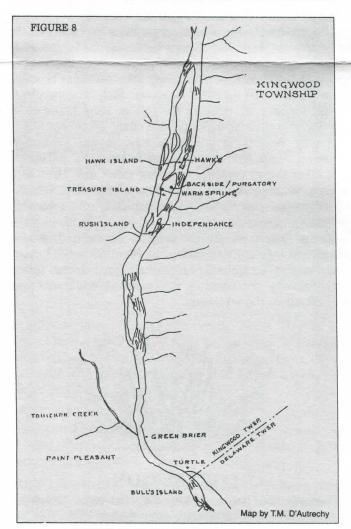
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Fisheries, 1819-1820



KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP FISHERIES (1819)

Acquisitions

Artifacts, publications, manuscripts, family Bibles, and other materials representative of the history of Hunterdon County and the families who resided here are welcome additions to the Historical Society collections. To the donors of recent gifts the Society expresses appreciation.

The Larisun Famili, Cornelius W. Larison, M. D., published at Fonic Publishing Co., Ringoes, 1888. Donated by Carter Litchfield, Kemblesville, PA.

The Miller's House, by Marfy Goodspeed, Goodspeed House Histories, 1993, prepared for Donald and Beverly Jones. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Sergeantsville, NJ.

Mayflower Families – STEPHEN HOPKINS, by John D. Austin, F.A.S.G., Volume 6, 1992. Mayflower Families – PETER BROWN, Robert S. Wakefield, F.A.S.G., Volume 7, 1992. Donated by New Jersey Society of Mayflower Descendants, Mrs. Phyllis M. Hansen, Secretary, Westfield, NJ.

The Presbyterian Church in Flemington, New Jersey 1791-1991, by The Reverend Linn Creighton and Robert F. Danziger. Donated by the Worship Committee of the Flemington Presbyterian Church.



Shad Fisheries Booklet Published

As early as 1685, Delaware River shad were being touted by colonial entrepreneur Thomas Budd. A century later [1785] New Jersey and Pennsylvania agreed to regulate fisheries on the river. Did you know that nearly 175 years ago there were 32 fisheries along the Delaware River within the present boundaries of Hunterdon County, employing about 130 men during spawning season? Now only the Lewis Island Fishery at Lambertville continues this centuries old tradition along the Delaware. These "fishy" facts and many others can be discovered in a new book written by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy, *Hunterdon County New Jersey Fisheries 1819-1820*.

Her book was published by Hunterdon County Historical Society, and delivered from Bradford Press, Inc. in time for the annual Lambertville Shad Festival, April 24 and 25. Historical background on shad fishing and the names and locations of fisheries within Hunterdon County, are packed into this 44 page soft cover booklet, which also includes maps and illustrations, and a full-name/subject index. Copies are \$7.50 each and may be purchased, either in person or by mail, from the Hunterdon Historical Society at its headquarters building at 114 Main Street in Flemington [908-782-1091].

Railroad Strike of 1877

Imagine a warm, sunny, spring day. You're reading in your Social Studies book that "FEDERAL TROOPS BROKE THE RAILROAD STRIKE OF 1877." Possibly you underlined this sentence as a possible question on the weekly quiz but your mind dwells more on what's happening after school than considering that this event had any effect on rural Hunterdon County and its citizens. How wrong you are!

Violent disputes characterized organized labor's early years. Strikes became the strongest weapon of the unions. One of the most important strikes occurred in 1877 when railroad companies were in financial trouble – some bankrupt and many drained by railroad speculators. Companies tried to save money by cutting already low wages which ranged from \$5.40 to \$7.00 a week.

The 1877 strike for improved wages began on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad after the company announced the fourth wage cut in seven years. Rioting spread quickly and cars, locomotives, and buildings were destroyed in the confusion.

Despite attempts of the local militia, order was not restored until President Hayes sent federal troops into Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. As a result, the strike was a complete failure and the labor movement had been dealt a serious blow. The American labor movement made very slow progress in the 19th century.

In quiet Hunterdon the results of the labor unrest were felt on the train routes from Junction to Somerville in Somerset County. On Thursday 25 July 1877, J.D. Bedle, Governor of New Jersey, sent a telegram to Hunterdon Sheriff Westly Bellis "advising him to summon a posse of men to guard the property of the railroad and citizens from the threatened destruction (by) a large number of strikers who had there asembled."

On the hottest day of the season "seven or eight men were found willing to accompany the Sheriff and Prosecutor Rafferty to the scene of expected outbreak" in the strike of brakemen of the Central Railroad. The Flemington deputies were sent in all directions to muster up recruits" with the inducement of \$1.00 a day wages. By departure time the "posse was enlarged to nearly 150 men, Clinton Borough furnishing a majority of the party. Casper Henry, Constable of High Bridge, John Emery, Constable of Clinton Township and Joseph W. Berry, Constable of Clinton Borough assisted the Sheriff in this responsibility.

In the meantime, one train had been boarded in Flagtown and another at Three Bridges where the train crews were warned "not to venture out on the morrow (Friday) at the peril of their lives." Guards were placed on the trains Friday night and Saturday but "no trouble was experienced by the outgoing or incoming trains." Seven or eight soldiers reported the track clear to Somerville where about 300 soldiers from Governor's Island, New York were present.

The posse finally left Flemington supplied with guns, ammunition and pistols by Coon and Gano and J.P. Bodine of Flemington and Case and Runyan of Clinton. Teams and wagons were driven by Charles Beatty and son, James P. Huffman, William Henderson, and Jacob Veight.



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"Arriving at Junction a small party of strikers were found, and at no time during the two days in which the Sheriff's guard held the town did the strikers number above one hundred. They were peaceable, however, and only upon one or two occasions were they at all demonstrative. The Sheriff's posse were fed at Sullivan's Hotel, and as they had no fighting to do, the affair turned out to be a sort of pleasant picnic."

The Sheriff was relieved on Saturday afternoon when a company of State Militia arrived at Junction. Earlier that day a train passed through loaded with soldiers and cannon bound for Phillipsburg "which town was pretty well under the control of a mob."

On Sunday the Sheriff was again sent for to "attend to some citizens of that place and Clinton who were endeavoring to inspire the strikers to riot and bloodshed. The Sheriff immediately started."

On Monday, two men, Snyder and Raymond, were arrested at Junction charged with being the leaders of the strike. They were returned to Flemington and confined in the county jail with bail set at \$1500 and \$2000 respectively.

One month after the initial disturbance, the State brought its case against William H. Raymond to court. "The indictment was found upon the act of last winter, making it a crime to interfere with, molest, or obstruct any railroad employee or the track or the rolling stock of any railroad during a strike in aid and furtherance of the objects of said strike." Raymond did not deny the facts and the jury rendered a verdict of "guilty." Raymond was sentenced to serve two months in the County Jail. The local newspaper does not reveal Snyder's fate.

The expenses of the strike concerned the Board of Chosen Freeholders for another year before all the bills had been submitted and paid. The total cost to the county was \$1490.03.

— Phyllis D'Autrechy

Sources:

1. Harlow, Ralph Volney and Hermon M. Noyes. *Story of America*. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc. Copyright, 1964. pp. 406-407

2. "Hunterdon County Democrat." Issue of 31 July 1877, p. 3

3. "Minutes of the Board of Chosen Freeholders," Vol. 4, pp. 267, 277, 280, 281, 302

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.

HAGUE, HOWELL: Seek par, sib/o Timothy Howell, b. ca. 1725 in NJ, d. 1794 in Loudon Co., VA, where he had lived since 1762. Wife, Rachel Hague. Possible brothers/ kin were Hugh and John Howell, also from NJ to VA by 1762. ADD: Richard Wallace, 7725 W. 98th, Overland Park, KS 66212.

BARCROFT, HOAGLAND: Seeking info on James or John Hoagland who migrated to VA circa 1795. John Hoagland was a brother of Stacy B. Barcroft who d. 1874. Barcrofts lived Kingwood Twp. in 1850 US census. ADD: Wynne C. Saffer, Rt. 1, Box 289, Leesburg, VA 22075.

DILS/DILTS, SMITH: Seek data on par, sib, chil/o William Dils and Sarah Smith, m. Hunt. Co. NJ 1798. Also seek info re par, sib, wife of William H. (possibly Henry) Dils born 1799, Hunt. Co. NJ m. circa 1820 Elizabeth (? maiden name unknown); chil: Esli b. 1822, Frances A. b. 1824, George W. b. 1827, Henry P. b. 1829, William b. 1832; mov to Montgomery Co. OH 1835-1838. ADD: Robert E. Dils, 18482 Co. Rd. 27, Dolores, CO 82323.

HULL: Des info on the Hull family of Hunt. Co. NJ, esp. Joseph and Ruth Hull. Joseph d. 26 Feb 1857, 55.4. 15; bur. Bethlehem Presby. chyrd with several of his young children. ADD: Larry Swaim, 2606 S. Eddy, Ft. Scott, KS 66701.

HENDERSON, STEVENS: Desire par/o Aeltie Henderson, wife of Rev. War soldier Joseph Stevens [1737-1811], Bridgewater Twp., Somerset Co. Aeltie & Joseph appear on son Henry Stevens's baptismal certificate 12 Oct. 1780. ADD: Charlotte Groff, 108 S. Kephart Lane, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

BOWDEN, PRICE/PRISE: Seek par/o Wilson Price, b. 1780 in NJ, m. Jane Bowden 2 Oct 1804 Newtown, Bucks Co. PA, moved to Belmont Co. OH after 1823 where he d. 1856*. Wilson and Jane Price's chil: Sarah, Seneca, Margaret, Priscilla, Everett, John H., Wilson, Elizabeth, Lucy Ann, Samuel and Tamar. ADD: Virginia G. Rylander, 1110 Elm Dr., Latrobe, PA 15650.

*This is a correction to the death year cited in the previous issue.

CARKHUFF, DELPO, GOOD, HIGGINS, POULSON, READING, THATCHER: Who were par/o George Washington Reading, b. ca. 1823, who m. ca. 1847 Jane Elizabeth Carkhuff, dau/o Samuel and Elsie [Clickenger] Carkhuff, b. 1826, both alive 1900, residents of Raritan Twp. Chil: Mary E. b. 6 Mar 1847, m. Samuel Higgins; Alice A., m. _____ Good, liv. New Hope 1942; Henrietta, b. ca. 1853; Ellen b. ca. 1855; Sarah E., b. 18 Apr 1857, m. Winfield Poulson, d. 13 Nov 1942; Charles

R. b. ca.1860, m. 1) Anna Thatcher, m. 2) Elsie Delpo, d. 1925; John Q., b. ca. 1864; Cornelia, b. ca. 1867; Martha, b. 5 Mar 1869, m. 1887 Britton Higgins, d. 17 July 1936. ADD: Roxanne K. Carkhuff, P. O. Box 334, Ringoes, NJ 08551

CASE: Seek info re par, forebears/o John Case, b. ca. 1772 Amwell, m. ca. 1792 Ann Deats. Chil: William, b. 1793, John, Alexander Johnson, b. 1798, Peter, b. 1801. ADD: Harry L. Case, 301 Irving Terr., Kenmore, NY 14223.

BIGGS, BIRD, BROWN, CRATE, VAN CAMP, VAN HORN, VAN SICKLE: Des info re Joseph Crate b. PA ca. 1766, d. Warren Co NJ 1849. In Hunt. Co. by 1792, until ca. 1840s. Was wife Rachel a Van Camp? Possible chil: Samuel, m. Rachel Van Sickle, Joseph m. Ann Biggs, Mary m. Cornelius Van Horn, John m. Desire Brown, Rebecca m. John Bird. Others? Will exch Crate info. ADD: Joanne E. Barton, Route 5, Box 167A, Osceola, IA 50213.

MALABY: Seek info re Cornelius Malaby taken prisoner Battle of Long Island 27 Aug 1776, d. 28 Dec. 1776 while imprisoned. Married Grace _____; chil: Thomas, b. 6 March 1761 also served in RevWar, dau. Sara m. Tunis Fisher. Believe family liv Amwell Twp. Will exch info. ADD: Richard L. Malaby, 2924 Bailey Lane, Eugene, OR 97401.

BARCLAY: Seek info re Robert Barclay, liv. Rowan Co. NC, and wife Leah _____. Some of their children were Robert, Walter, Samuel, David, John, William. ADD: Robert Barclay, P O. Box 69, Iola, KS 66749.

ABBOT(T): Seek info re Henry Abbot(t) who may have been b. Hunt. Co. ca. 1770-1775; m. Dorcas _____; chil: Sabra, b. ca. 1794; Adam, b. ca. 1809; Henry, b. ca. 1811. Migrated to Cayuga Co., NY ca., 1812. Believed to be a relative of Daniel Abbot(t), Rev. War soldier of Amwell Twp. ADD: Daniel N. Bickford, 1810 Vincennes Rd., Richmond, VA 23229-4237.

HIGHT, LINDABERRY: Anyone willing to exch. info on Hunterdon Co. Hight and Lindaberry families please write. ADD: Mary L. Carr, 80 W. Meadows Dr., Rochester, NY 14616.



JIMMY CANE? HARRY CANE?

In response to What's a "Jimmy Cane" on page 661 of the previous issue, Nancy B., NJHS Library suggests it may be a Harry Cane (translation Hurricane) and refers to page 101 in the April 1993 issue of American Heritage. It reads in part, "Their boat large and hevy-loaded come on like a harry Cane."

Be A HCHS Volunteer?

Hunterdon County Historical Society seeks volunteers with time to give and varied talents and skills. Right now we have an immediate need for two volunteers - gardener and clerical assistant. With spring comes the welcome sights and smells of flowers – but also the weeds pop out! The Doric House flower gardens and yard need someone to provide TLC. Can we match one of you with a desire to garden to our need for a gardener or two? Perhaps an hour a week or every other week would spruce up our yard.

A backlog of filing needs the attention of a clerical assistant who could give us a couple hours once a month and/or be available on a call-when-needed basis to file correspondence, address envelopes, and give us a hand with office duties.

To volunteer please call 908-781-1091. If someone cannot take your call, leave your name and telephone number and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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Membership Report

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

David L. Deardorff, York, PA Robert E. Dils, Dolores, CO Glenn Hooper, Flemington, NJ Jeanne P. Massey, Ridgewood, NJ J. R. Porter, Portland, OR Jay J. Smith, Trenton, NJ Clare Vincent, New York, NY Richard Wallace, Overland Park, KS

> Mrs. Shirley V. Favier Membership Secretary

HOW TO JOIN

Hunterdon County Historical Society **114 Main Street** Flemington, New Jersey 08822

Please enroll me as a member of your Society

Annual	\$12.00 per year
Family	\$14.00 per year
Contributing	\$25.00 per year
Sustaining	\$50.00 per year
Institutional	\$50 and up per year
Life	\$200.00
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

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

28 April 1993 – Coach N' Paddock

HCHS 1992-1993 Volunteers

Society volunteers play a vital role in the daily operation of the Society and the Board of Trustees (also volunteers) recognizes the important contribution each volunteer makes toward fulfilling the Society's goals. To honor them and express appreciation to them the Board hosted a luncheon for volunteers on 28 April at Coach N' Paddock restaurant. President Kenneth Myers, on behalf of the Board, thanked all for so willingly sharing their time. Special thanks were expressed to Mrs. Stothoff who retired during the past year as Membership Secretary after serving in that capacity for 25 years, long-time Library volunteers Charles and Lois Dilley who moved to Boyertown PA, and Library volunteer Jane Duffy who moved to Tuckerton, NJ.

Volunteers

John W. Kuhl, Recording Secretary Helen S. LaRue, Treasurer Paulene B. Stothoff, Membership Secretary Shirley V. Favier, Membership Secretary Carol M. Haines, Bible Records Registrar/Obituary File

Library Research Assistants

Each volunteer spends an afternoon a month on duty in the Deats Memorial Library assisting patrons with their research. They are critical to the Society's library program.

Ronald Schultzel Mary Elizabeth Sheppard Jane B. Duffy Lois and Charles Dilley

Edna McIntyre Stephanie B. Stevens Fred Sisser III Jane Saums

Marfy Goodspeed

Doric House Tours

The Doric House was open to the public for tours 28 June, 17 December and 20 December, 1992 and these volunteers served as hosts or hostesses, and/or decorated the house for the holiday tours.

John Thomas
Douglas Niece
Ted D'Autrechy
Jeanette Saunders
Helen S. LaRue
George Carkhuff

Newsletter Committee

Roxanne K. Carkhuff Phyllis D'Autrechy Marion O. Harris, Index

Genealogical Committee

Volunteers conduct research in the Society's collections to answer mail requests for data about former Hunterdon County families or persons.

Mary Elizabeth Sheppard	Fred Sisser III
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Edna McIntvr	e

FINANCIAL REPORT 1992

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Dues	\$7,172
Interest on investments*	47,735
Grants	12,114
George Large Foundation 10,000	
Hunt. Co. Cultural & Heritage . 1,300	
Sale of publications,	
xerox fees, etc 2,621	
Total Receipts	\$69,642

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Dues	\$7,172	Salaries and Wages	\$20,924
Interest on investments*	47,735	Payroll taxes	1,779
Grants	12,114	Office and preservation supplies	1,651
George Large Foundation 10,000		Utilities	3,767
Hunt. Co. Cultural & Heritage . 1,300		Equipment service & repairs	2,772
Sale of publications,		Printing & postage	3,728
xerox fees, etc 2,621		Meeting expenses	605
Total Receipts	\$69,642	Office expenses	2,544
	<i>+ • · · , • · -</i>	Insurance	3,746
		Building maintenance	18,219
		Purchase of artifacts	1,500
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	\$8,607	Total Disbursements	\$61,035
*Includes funds of Guy Bell Bequest held in tr	rust for Doric	House maintenance.	

Family Associations

During 1993 the Society received correspondence and/or Newsletters from several family associations with Hunterdon County roots. For notice in this column forward information for future listings to Hunterdon County Historical Society, 114 Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822.

GARY-GEARY - Newsletter for the descendants of Peter Gary, Revolutionary War soldier who lived in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Write David L. Geary, P. O. Box 250, Bolingbroke, GA 31004.

HENDERSHOT - Hendershot Family Reunion Saturday, 5 June, 1993, Clinton, NJ. Reunion program, buffet luncheon and auto tour of Oldwick, White House and other Hendershot territory. For information call Beverly Smith, 1-609-397-4907.

LAIR/LARE/LEHR - Newsletter, Volume 1, #1, April 1993 by the Lair Historical Association. Lair Family Reunion scheduled for 14 August 1993. Membership is \$10, open to descendants of Johannes and Maria LAIR (Lare/ Laire/Lehr/Lear/Leer) and others interested in the family. Write Nelson Lair, Editor, 17 Schindler Square, Hacketstown, NJ 07840.

PRALL – Prall Family Association publishes quarterly Prall Newsletter, editor Richard D. Prall, 14104 Piedras Rd. NE., Albuquerque, NM 87123. Annual dues \$12 to Treasurer William S. Praul, 2296 Roylen Circle, State College, PA 16801. The 1992 Reunion was held August 21-23, Prall Mills, Prallsville (Stockton), NJ.

RITTENHOUSE - Rittenhouse Family Association publishes two newsletters annually. Annual membership dues \$15 to: Henry Rittenhouse, 318 West Reliance Road, Souderton, PA 18964.

RUNKLE - Runkle Family Association publishes a Newsletter, Editor Jane B. Duffy, 11 Runyon Drive, Tuckerton, NJ 08087. Annual dues \$20. For information write Editor Duffy.

STIRES – Stires Family Newsletter published monthly by W. Dennis Stires, R. R. #2, Box 3249, Livermore Falls, ME 04245. Annual subscription \$10, index in December issue.

SWACKHAMMER/DUFFORD - Swackhammer/Dufford Genealogical Society meets annually in July at Long Valley, NJ. For information write Russell T. Dufford, President, 528 Hayes Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502.

SWASEY - Swasey Family Society Newsletter published four times a year. Dues \$12 per year. Write Clyde W. Downing, 25100 180th Ave. S.E., Kent, WA 98042.

Form of Bequest

(This form is recommended for use in making a bequest of real property, in a Will or otherwise, naming your society as beneficiary.)

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

Signature: _

Date:

Witness: _