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Paper Gardens to Welcome Spring

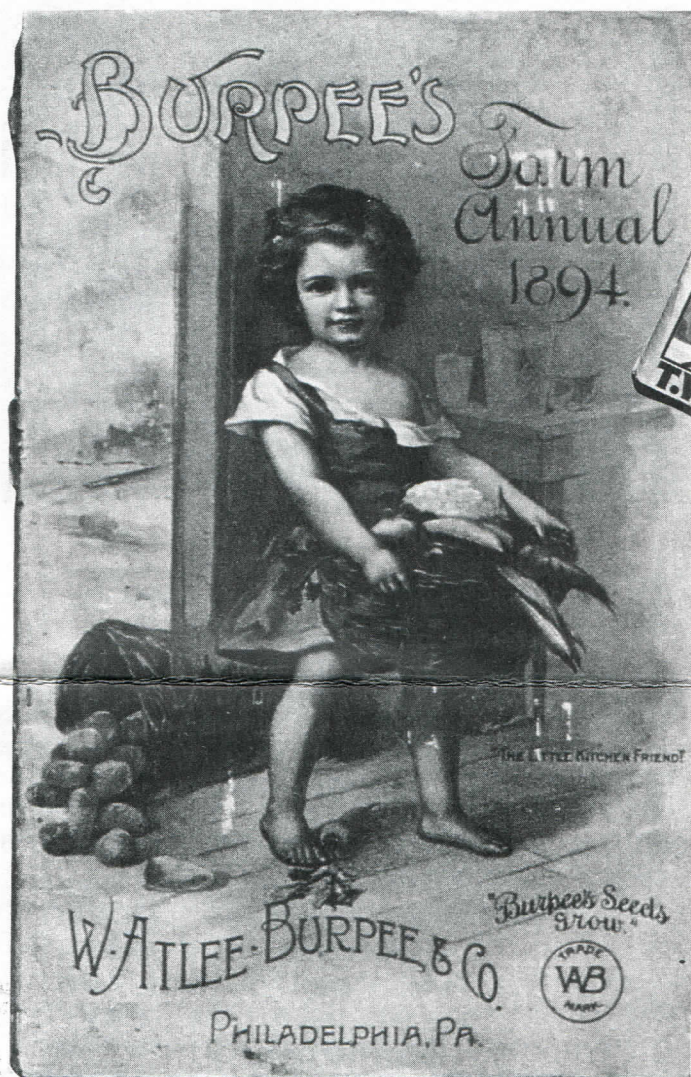
Spring, the season when plant life begins to bud and shoot, will be especially welcome this year after our snow and ice. The first day of Spring, March 20, has been selected for the Annual Meeting of the Hunterdon County Historical Society and the program is appropriate to welcome Spring!

Henry L. (Hank) Snyder, the guest speaker, is presenting The Paper Garden: Golden Age of the American Garden Catalogue 1880-1910. The program highlights the seed and horticultural industry through early garden catalogues.

A horticultural historian, Hank Snyder has been a collector of garden memorabilia, including colorful magazine covers, seed boxes and antique tools as well as garden related products, for more about 20 years. He is a semi-retired landscaper, who offers a garden consulting service. Mr. Snyder says his collection is a pictorial history of gardening in America which he was inspired to start by a catalog he found at a junk sale, being intrigued by the artwork on its cover.

These cold-weather wish books of the Victorian era were filled with intricate polychromatic lithographs of flowers, fruits, vegetables, rosy-cheeked children and idealized pictures of pretty ladies. Seed companies mailed their beautiful catalogues throughout the country in the middle of winter to promote the sale of flower, fruit and vegetable seeds. These catalogues with familiar seed company names – Burpee, Fordhook, and others less familiar – are among the finest examples of turn-of-the-century lithography. Each seed company had its own style.

Mr. Snyder delights in sharing what he's learned from his collection about America's gardening past and has exhibited at the Philadelphia and New Jersey flower shows. He will illustrate his lecture on March 20th with slides and exhibit portions of his collection which includes, in addition to garden catalogues, flower, fruit and vegetable seed packets, garden advertisements, children's garden storybooks, farm and field scenes, and garden-related items. His catalogues serve, too, as a reference for identifying various species and as a record of when various plants were introduced into America. Join us on March 20 at 2 p.m. at the Womens Club, Park Avenue in Flemington and meet Hank Snyder. Meetings are free and open to the public.



1994 Calendar

March 20	ANNUAL MEETING, 2 p.m. Flemington Womens Club PAPER GARDENS by Henry Snyder
April 2	Easter weekend – Library closed
April 27	Fifth Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
May 28	Memorial Day weekend – Library closed
June 12	SPRING MEETING – speaker to be announced

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EDWARD L. WILSON
1838-1903

Edward Livingston Wilson 1828-1903

Seeking materials and information about Edward Livingston Wilson, prominent photography editor, author, publisher, lecturer, manufacturer, and artist, whose business interests flourished in Philadelphia. Mr. Wilson was the official photographer of the Centennial Exposition. In the 1880's he traveled and photographed in Egypt and became a popular lecturer on the subject.

He was a son of Hart Wilson and Amelia Hart, married in Flemington by Presbyterian minister Rev. Clark on 29 February 1828. Miss Hart was a daughter of Neal Hart, proprietor of the hotel occupying the site where the Union Hotel is now located. Other children born to Hart Wilson and his wife, Amelia, Edward L.'s siblings, were Joseph Wilson, William Dunbar Wilson, Charles A. Wilson, Eliza Wilson who married Joseph Van Doren, and Sarah Wilson who married H. W. Mercellus.

Information about the family of Edward L. Wilson is sought with the hope of contacting living descendants. Contact: James Jensen, 1320 Noyes Street, Evanston, IL 60201 (708) 869-1845.

HOW TO JOIN

Hunterdon County Historical Society
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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
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Life	\$250.00
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for which I enclose my remittance in the amount of \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Membership Report

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

Elmo L. Bloom, Green Valley, AZ	
Joyce C. Carraway, Fanwood, NJ	
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Mrs. Doris R. Walling, Camas, WA	
Mrs. C. Vail Zuill, Tucker's Town, Bermuda	LIFE

Mrs. Shirley V. Favier
Membership Secretary

March Is Women's History Month



Elizabeth Van Fleet Vosseller
1874-1939

In recognition of Womens History Month we salute Elizabeth Van Fleet Vosseller who was the pioneer of all children's choirs in America when she founded the Flemington Children's Choir School. She dedicated her life to the development of music in children through the choir school and was a nationally recognized authority on child training in choir music.

In 1895 she and Miss Bessie R. Hopewell, formed a quartet of four little girls and taught them the elements of group singing. It was from this modest beginning that the Children's Choir School evolved. Other enthusiastic children joined the singing class which first met at the homes of the instructors. As the size of the group grew the young teachers found it necessary to find larger quarters and rented the brick building which formerly served as a lumber office, on Williams Street. They continued their work there until the Presbyterian congregation afforded them use of its chapel.

The Choir School came to include all denominations of the Christian faith and was an innovation. In 1904 the Flemington Baptist congregation asked Miss Vosseller and Miss Hopewell to train children of that congregation in choir work, to be soon followed by the Methodist congregation. When, in 1910 Miss Vosseller's father acquired the store property at 110 Main Street, arrangements were made to convert the second story of the small building to the rear, that had been a chapel, into a studio for the use of children of the three choirs.

Gradually, as funding permitted, improvements to the building were made. The Episcopal church entered its children in the Choir School and in 1919 the children of St. Magdalene's Roman Catholic Church began participating in the School.

Their first Choir School graduation ceremony was held in 1907 with four graduates. Over the years, ceremonies each May graduated hundreds of choristers who fondly remembered "the Miss Bessies."

Miss Vosseller accepted a position heading the Music department in the Somerville school system in 1909, a post she held for ten years, during which she gained recognition for the excellence of her work. While at Somerville, she was Paul Robeson's first music teacher. Recognizing his talent, she devoted special attention to Paul, son of a local minister. He later credited Miss Vosseller with giving inspiration to his career.

She authored several magazine articles, and served as an associate editor of the "American Organist." Her book, "The Use of the Children's Choir in The Church" was published in 1907 and in 1931 she wrote "Junior Choirs - Helps and Suggestions."

Miss Vosseller was born 20 December 1874 in Flemington, the daughter of Elias Vosseller and Julia Sleeper Vosseller, both accomplished musicians. "Miss Bessie" recalled her home as a musical one "and we imbibed music naturally." Her parents were not only musical but had received superior musical educations for their day, being graduated from Franklin Institute, New York, and in Boston from what later became the Boston Conservatory. Her parents taught music for a number of years and Elias Vosseller was organist in both the Presbyterian and Baptist churches during her childhood. He also held singing classes throughout the county for many years.

Miss Bessie received her early education at Flemington until her early teens when she and her sister were sent to boarding school in Brooklyn. She later returned to Flemington to teach piano and it was while doing so, "with my mind and heart still bent on singing," that she organized the group of children in the Presbyterian Church and asked Miss Hopewell to join her as an assistant. The children loved it and Miss Bessie was delighted to teach children from other churches requesting admission and the Choir School was born. Although she could sing well herself, her talents lay in bringing out those of others. Semi-invalid since 1928, she still continued active direction of the choir school with Miss Bessie R. Hopewell, teaching children from the five Flemington churches of various denominations.

Elizabeth Van Fleet Vosseller died at her home (the Doric House) 31 December 1939, survived by her twin sister, Bertha Vosseller Smith. Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Sargent Bush, pastor of the Flemington Presbyterian Church, and she was laid to rest in Prospect Hill cemetery. Miss Bessie dedicated her life to the

development of music in children through her choir school and was credited with making Flemington the most music-conscious community of its size in New Jersey. "The Singing Village" is her history of the Flemington Children's Choir School.

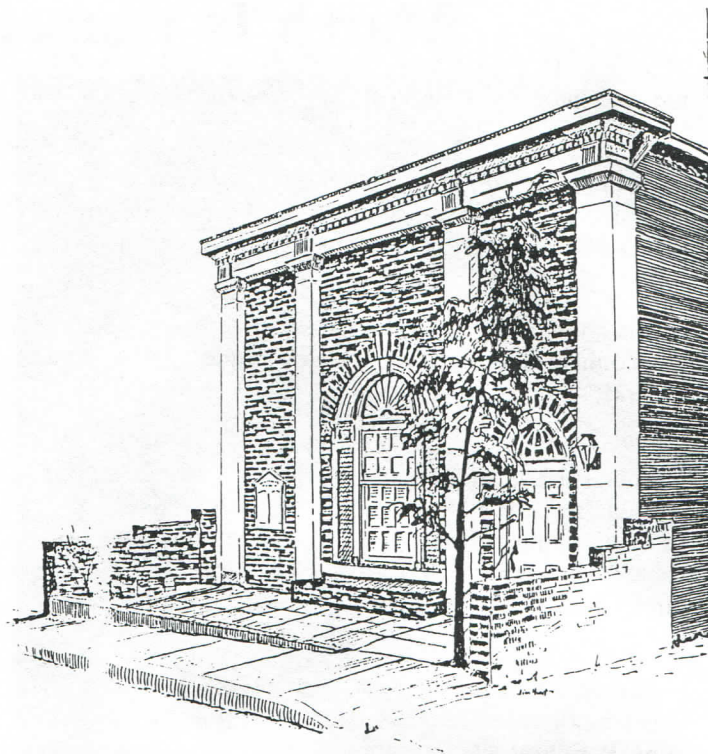
A Committee of the Flemington Children's Choir School Alumni established a memorial fund in honor of the late Choir School founder. The fund was dedicated to completing remodeling of the Choir School building. The Committee was successful in their efforts and the Choir School building now houses the offices of the County Cultural and Heritage Commission with the second floor a monument to the Choir School and "Miss Bessie," Elizabeth Van Fleet Vosseller.

— Roxanne K. Carkhuff

Miss Vosseller's portrait by Mortimer Wilson, 1935



Above is one of the photographs from Mrs. Graves, identified on the reverse as, "Aunt Ann Stires, Uncle William Stires' wife, cousin Taylor's mother."



Drawing of the Flemington Choir School
by Walter F. Krause.

Thanks for Sharing Old Photo Albums

Old photographs, in albums or loose, are always welcome at Hunterdon County Historical Society. Mrs. Caroline Fritts Graves, who celebrated her 94th birthday this past October 7, in Steep Falls, Maine, donated two Stires family albums to add to the Stires materials already collected here. She never lived in Hunterdon County, but her parents and grandparents did, and the albums are of their family and friends.

Mrs. Graves was born in 1899, and grew up in Somerville, near Flemington. She remembers horse and buggy days in Somerville. She also recalls driving back home from Columbia University in New York City and about halfway through the Holland Tunnel running out of gas. She's hoping to live to the year 2000, to have lived in three centuries! With her love for fine arts, she will no doubt enjoy music via new electronics soon to be available.

If you have any family albums that "need a home," call Hunterdon County Historical Society (908-782-1091), your local historical society which knows best how to preserve them. By doing so, you'll help protect a bit of history for future family historians – perhaps your own grandchildren – who can see the early families of the community and say "thanks for sharing those old photo albums."

— W. Dennis Stires

Moving Day

MOVING DAY and other items of interest gleaned from the 29 March 1854 issue of the *Hunterdon Gazette*.

Notice

Such of our patrons as contemplate changing their places of residence on the 1st of April, will please inform us to what address they will have their papers directed hereafter.

Town Meetings

The annual Town Meetings in the different townships of this county, take place on Monday of next week, the 10th of April.

Court

The April term of our County Courts commence on Tuesday next, the 4th of April. We shall be happy to have as many of our patrons as can make it convenient, call and see us. The pleasure derived from the limited acquaintance already made, induces us to desire more of the "same sort."

Fire

Just as our paper was going to press, the alarm of fire was sounded, which proceeded from the dwelling of Mr. Wm. P. Emery. The prompt action of our citizens subdued the flames before any considerable damage occurred.

All Hail, Louisiana

The Nebraska Resolutions lately introduced into the House of Representatives of Louisiana, deprecating the agitations the Slavery questions, and declaring the Missouri Compromise a finality, were passed unanimously by that body.

Weartsville Post Office

A new Post Office has been established at Weartsville (formerly Weart's Corner) and Charles W. Holcomb appointed Postmaster. The office is expected to be in operation the coming week.

List of Acts

Passed by the 78th Legislature of New Jersey:

1. Supplement to act to incorporate Flemington R. Road Joint resolution to authorize joint companies to purchase additional shares of the Flemington Railroad Company
5. To change the name of Henry Huntington Smith
44. Supplement to act to establish Public Schools
49. Supplement to act to prevent gaming
74. Act to cause a Geological survey
75. Act to annex the village of Ringoes to East Amwell
109. Act to incorporate Lambertville and Ringoes Turnpike Company
115. Supplement to act to protect fish in the river
118. An Act to incorporate the Kingwood Valley Railroad Company
146. An Act to alter the name of John Grant
148. An act to incorporate the Stockton Mining and Manufacturing Company
177. An Act to incorporate Hopewell and Ewing Turnpike

186. Act to incorporate companies to erect buildings for use of Lyceums

219. Further supplement to Act to incorporate Flemington Copper Company

Married

On the 18th inst., by Elder James D. Lauer, Mr. Philip Riley to Mrs. Achsah Hortman, both of Hopewell, Mercer County, NJ

On the 18th inst. by Rev. Samuel F. Porter, Mr. J. Robertson of Kingwood to Miss Mary Dilley of Alexandria

On the 18th inst., by Rev. R. Vanamburgh, Mr. S. Carhart of Bethlehem to Miss Louisa Huffman, of Clinton

On the 23d inst., by Rev. J. H. Sherwood, Mr. H. E. Schofield to Miss Jane Johnson, daughter of John Johnson, Esq., all of Monroe, PA

Notice to Contractors and Builders

We the undersigned Building Committee, will receive sealed proposals for the building of a new Meeting House at Lebanon, Hunterdon Co., NJ, until the 20th of April next ensuing. The said Meeting House to be constructed of wood, 78 feet long by 60 feet wide, with Belfry and Spire.

Aaron Vansickle

Samuel Groendyck

Jacob H. Huffman

The Great Celebrated Trotting Horse Belfast

Will stand the ensuing season at the stable of the subscriber, in Delaware township, Hunterdon County, near Trout's Tavern, at the low rate of \$7 to insure... Good pasture provided, but accidents and escapes at the risk of the owner.

Jonas Sutton

Young Black Hawk

This celebrated French horse, will be found at the stable of the subscriber, in Lebanon, Hunterdon County, about half way between the White House and Clinton.

John R. Kline

Five Dollars Reward

Lost on Tuesday the 21st inst. somewhere between the residence of Mrs. Lucy Case, widow of David Case, and Croton, or probably between Croton and Flemington, a cotton purse, containing Twenty-Five Dollars – four five dollar gold pieces in one end of the purse, and a five dollar bill on the Trenton Bank, in the other. As the loser is illy able to sustain the loss, any one returning said money, or giving information that may lead to its discovery, will confer an inestimable favor upon Mrs. Lucy Case.

Public Sale of Personal Property

The subscriber will sell at Public Vendue on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at his residence in the village of Ringoes, his Personal Property, consisting of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, and Swine, Wagons, Harness, Ploughs, Harrows, Rakes, Forks, Hay by the ton and Stalks by the bundle, green gain in the ground...

Peter VanFleet

(Wm. Kimball, auctioneer)

Vendue

The subscriber being desirous of breaking up House Keeping, will sell on Wednesday, 29th of March, at his residence, in Raritan township, on the road leading from Case's Corner to Quick's Mills, all his Household and Kitchen Furniture...

John S. Wyckoff

Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given, that the partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the name of Smith and Son, is this day being dissolved by mutual consent...

Mahlon Smith

Isaac Smith

The blacksmithing business will be carried on in future at the same place by the subscribers who have this day formed a partnership under the name of M. Smith and Co....

M. Smith

Isaac Smith

John F.S. Smith

A good Journeyman, and an Apprentice wanted.

M. Smith and Co.

Weights and Measures

Notice is hereby given, that all persons are required by law, to bring to the subscriber, sealer of weights and measures, at the Clerk's office in the county of Hunterdon on Saturday the twentieth day of May next, all such weights and measures by which they respectively buy and sell, for the purpose of having them sealed according to law.

Wm. Emery

Vendue

Will be sold at Public Vendue on Tuesday, the 28th of March, inst., at the residence of the subscriber, near Reaville, the following articles, viz: three head of horses, one colt,... farming utensils... household and kitchen furniture.

Jacob A. Wilson

Wanted Immediately

An apprentice to the Marble and Stone cutting business. Apply to the Flemington Marble Yard.

E. R. Bullock

Valentines

Just received at the Drug Store.

J. H. Higgins

Wanted Immediately

A Journeyman Boot and Shoe maker, one who is a good workman can have steady work by applying to Tunis Sergeant.

Wanted

An Apprentice to the Carpenter Business, from 16-18 years of age. Also 2 or 3 Journeymen Carpenters Employment given the first of March by applying to Thomas T. Busomberry.

— Phyllis B. D'Autrechy

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.

GRAY, SLIKER: Des info re fam/o Richard Gray who liv Kingwood, Hunt. Co. NJ late 1700s, tax ratables 1789 Kingwood Twp., served in 1792 militia, attended son Jesse's wedding in 1815 at Washington, NJ to Elizabeth, dau/o Philip Sliker. Is Richard related to other Kingwood Twp. Grays, if so, how? ADD: James J. Konz, 110501 Two Penny Lane, Fairfax Sta., VA 22039.

PIGOTT: Seek info re Dr. Edward Pigott and son George, who came to NJ from England prior to RevWar. Prior to 1790 George moved to Cen. PA, northeast of Cumberland, MD. ADD: George W. Van Syckel, 424 Franklin Ave., Ellwood City, PA 16117.

DYE, HOFF, TITUS: Willing to exchange info on Hunterdon County Dye, Hoff, and Titus families. ADD: Arnold L. Hovey, 10208 Ironwood Lane, Dallas, TX 75249.

CRATE, CRATER: Joseph Crate, b. PA ca. 1766, d. May 1849 Warren Co NJ. First found in Hunt Co. 1792, in Sussex Co in 1840. Wife Rachel d. bet. 1840-1849. Where are Joseph and Rachel buried? Some of the family is buried Lebanon Reformed Cem., Hunt. Co. Are early Crate and Crater names of the same family? ADD: Joanne Barton, Rt. 5, Box 167-A, Osceola, IA 50213.

FELVER: Des to exch info on all Felters from NJ. ADD: James Felver, R. R. #1, Woodstock, Ontario, Canada N4S 7V6.

MOORHOUSE, REED, SWICK: Seek info re birthplace of Margaret Caroline Reed Moorhouse, dau/o James Reed & Catharine Swick, b. 14 Aug 1828. Where did she m. Joseph Moorhouse 14 Apr 1850? ADD: Virginia W. Moorhouse, 1835 Westcott Dr., Lancaster, PA 17603.

ROCKAFELLOW, SCHAMP, SCHUYLER, SHARP: Were is Col. David Schamp of Readington buried? Is Cornelius Sharp, mentioned in Chambers' *Early Germans of New Jersey*, pp. 483, 491, the same as Cornelius T. Sharp who m. 1832 Lucy Rockafellow, by Rev. Schultz, or two different persons? ADD: R. Sharp, 3699 Shady Lane, Glenwood, MD 21738.

ASHTON, CURTIS, MAXWELL: Seek info re par/o Stephen Ashton, b. 1793(?), d. 1832 Hunt. Co., m. Rachel Curtis 1821, Kingwood Twp. Also res prior to 1820 Alexandria Twp. Child Lurenda m. Jos. Maxwell. ADD: Paul A. Ashton, 3102 Simpson Ave., Ocean City, NJ 08226.

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TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTION FILE

A favorite activity of visiting and local genealogists is a tour of the cemetery where their ancestors are buried. If weather permits, the tombstones are usually photographed. To aid in locating the ancestors' tombstones and as a matter of convenience, the Society maintains a Tombstone Inscription File in the Deats Memorial Library.

The late Hiram Edmund Deats began copying inscriptions circa 1910, and, after the founding of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey in 1925, sharing copies of his inscriptions for GSNJ files. Although Russell Bruce Rankin, GSNJ editor, and Mr. Deats differed philosophically on the presentation of the listings, they continued to share ideas and information as evidenced by their correspondence preserved in HCHS's Hiram E. Deats Papers [Accession No. 0032]. It was Mr. Deats's custom to copy all the inscriptions from a particular cemetery and card each person's name and dates, filing the cards together under the cemetery name. In 1917, after appearing serially in the *Hunterdon County Democrat*, he published the inscriptions from seven Hunterdon County cemeteries, hereafter designated with an *, in a slim volume which is now out of print.

By the late 1970s Mr. Deats's original cards had deteriorating from constant use and Society volunteers began the process of retyping the data onto new cards. The format of the new card file was improved to eliminate the necessity of looking for one person's name under each of the cemeteries. New cards were filed alphabetically by the name of the deceased with cemetery identification appearing in the lower left corner of each card. The expanded file now contains the inscriptions from approximately 65 Hunterdon County cemeteries listed below. Thanks to volunteer Jean Rinehart, who has been typing cards this past year, several additional cemeteries have been added to the file and typing continues.

Cemetery Locator Cards precede inscription cards in the Society's file to aid in pinpointing these cemeteries. Municipal designations have been added below to aid in identification of cemetery locations.

An ongoing project to identify and locate all burial grounds within the boundaries of Hunterdon County is underway. Approximately 200 cemeteries, of varying sizes and states of preservation, have been identified. Additional data concerning Hunterdon County cemeteries is welcome. Send to Roxanne K. Carkhuff at the HCHS address.

- *Allerton Methodist churchyard – Clinton Twp.
- Amwell Brethren churchyard *see* Lower Amwell, New Yard
- Amwell 1st English Presbyterian churchyard *see* Pleasant Ridge cemetery
- Amwell Methodist Episcopal churchyard *see* Rocks Methodist Episcopal
- Amwell 2nd English Presbyterian churchyard *see* Mount Airy Presbyterian

- Amwell United 1st Presbyterian *see* Larison's Corner cemetery
- Barber Burying ground – Delaware Twp.
- Baptistown *see* O.S. Baptistown
- Barton family burying ground – Raritan Twp.
- Bethlehem Baptist churchyard – Bethlehem Twp.
- Bethlehem Presbyterian churchyard – Union Twp.
- Carman family cemetery – Raritan Twp.
- Case family cemetery – Flemington Boro
- Cherry family cemetery – Delaware Twp.
- Cole family burying ground – Readington Twp.
- Creveling family burying ground – Bethlehem Twp.
- Fairmount Presbyterian churchyard – Tewksbury Twp.
- Flemington Presbyterian churchyard – Flemington Boro
- Griggs family cemetery – Raritan Twp.
- Hall cemetery – East Amwell Twp.
- Haypress cemetery – Readington Twp.
- Holland Presbyterian churchyard – Holland Twp.
- Hunt family burying ground – East Amwell Twp.
- Johnson family burying ground – Delaware Twp.
- Kingwood Methodist churchyard – Kingwood Twp.
- Kingwood Presbyterian churchyard – Kingwood Twp.
- Kuhl family burying ground – Raritan Twp.
- *Larison's Corner cemetery [Amwell United 1st Presbyterian] – East Amwell Twp.
- Locktown Old School Baptist churchyard – Delaware Twp.
- Lower Amwell, New Yard, [Amwell Brethren churchyard] – Delaware Twp.
- Mattison family burying ground – Readington Twp.
- Mechanicsville Methodist churchyard – Readington Twp.
- Milford Christian churchyard – Milford Boro
- Moore family burying ground – Delaware Twp.
- *Mount Airy Presbyterian churchyard [Amwell 2nd English Presbyterian] – West Amwell Twp.
- Mount Salem Methodist churchyard – Alexandria Twp.
- Newell family burying ground – Readington Twp.
- Old School, Baptistown – Kingwood Twp.
- Old Rocks M.E. *see* Rocks M.E.
- Oldwick Methodist Episcopal churchyard – Tewksbury Twp.
- Pattenburg Methodist Episcopal churchyard – Union Twp.
- Philhower family burying ground – Lebanon Twp.
- Phillips burying ground – West Amwell Twp.
- Pine Hill burying ground – Delaware Twp.
- *Pleasant Ridge cemetery [Amwell 1st English Presbyterian] – Raritan Twp.
- Prospect Hill Union cemetery – Flemington Boro
- Quick-Servis family burying ground – Delaware Twp.
- Quick-Van Liew burying ground – East Amwell Twp.
- Rake family burying ground – Delaware Twp.
- Rittenhouse burying ground – Delaware Twp.
- Robins burying ground – Alexandria Twp.
- Rockaway Dutch Reformed churchyard *see* Rural Hill cemetery
- Rocks Methodist Episcopal – West Amwell Twp.
- Rosemont cemetery – Delaware Twp.
- Rowe family burying ground – Readington Twp.
- Runkle family burying ground – Lebanon Twp.
- Rural Hill cemetery [Rockaway Dutch Reformed churchyard] – Readington Twp.

St. Andrews Episcopal church – East Amwell Twp.
 St. Thomas Episcopal churchyard – Alexandria Twp.
 Sand Brook German Baptist churchyard – Delaware Twp.
 *Sandy Ridge Baptist churchyard – Delaware Twp.
 Schamp family burying ground – Readington Twp.
 Schomp family burying ground – Readington Twp.
 Sergeantsville Methodist churchyard – Delaware Twp.
 Simerson family burying ground – East Amwell Twp.
 Servis family burying ground *see* Quick family burying ground
 Stevenson family burying ground – West Amwell Twp.
 Stout-Manners burying ground *see* Young's burying ground
 Three Bridges Dutch Reformed churchyard – Readington Twp.
 Trout family burying ground – Raritan Twp.
 Vliet family burying ground – Bethlehem Twp.
 *Voorhees family burying ground – Readington Twp.
 Vroom burying ground – Readington Twp.
 Wertsville Baptist churchyard – East Amwell Twp.
 *Wyckoff family burying ground – Readington Twp.
 Youngs burying ground (old and new yards) a/k/a Stout-Manners burying ground – East Amwell Twp.
 Zion Lutheran churchyard – Tewksbury Twp.

NOTES AND QUERIES – *Continued*

McQUEARY, STOUT: Seek anc/o, desc/o Miranda (Maranda) Stout who married John McQueary (McQuary, McQuarrie), ca. 1753. Are they anc/o Frances James Stout [1800-1868] who m. Thomas Baines McQuary [1792-1868]? ADD: Marjorie McQueary, 4249 Woodmont Rd., Toledo, OH 43613.

MIRES/MYERS: Des info re par/o Jacob Myers, b. ca. 1789, d. 4 Feb 1850 at age 61, and his wife, Mary, b. ca. 1794, d. 7 Jan 1850 at age 56. Both are buried at Sandy Ridge cemetery, Hunt. Co. Children's births recorded in an old Mires Family Bible: Elizabeth, b. 2 March 1815, Cathrein b. 11 April 1816, Sarahane b. 9 March 1821, Cornelius b. 28 Aug 1824, John b. "in Flemington" 12 June 1828. Is Jacob the youngest son of Revolutionary War veteran Cornelius Myers, who enlisted 1776 at age 29, d. 1839? ADD: Donald E. Leake, 2311 N. Carolina, Mason City, IA 50401.

DILTS/DILTZ: Des to exch info on Daniel and Martha Dilts/Diltz, or any others of Dilts/Diltz surname. ADD: Jackie Deal, 58209 Wildwood Court, Osceola, IN 46561.

BUNN, PORTER, SHAY: Des info re country of origin and par/o Peter Shay, b. Bergen Co. 27 Oct 1757 in Second River, and his wife, Catherine (maiden name possibly Bunn), whom he m. in 1781 in Morris Co. Peter remov from Second River to Hunt. Co. when he was age 8 or 9 and became an indentured servant of Richard Porter. Married and liv in Morris Co. until 1809 when he mov/w wife and children to Ossian, NY. ADD: Robert S. Roth, M. D., 3105 Bridle Path Lane, Modesto, CA 95356.

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.

Stryker – A Compilation of Data Gleaned While Searching Related Families, by Edna L. McIntyre, 1990-1993. Donated by Mrs. McIntyre, Lebanon, NJ.

Slave Records of Morris County, New Jersey: 1756-1841, compiled by David Mitros, published by Morris County Heritage Commission, 1991. Donated by Fred Sisser III, Bridgewater, NJ.

Photocopies of miscellaneous articles pertaining to Judiah Higgins and photograph of cast of 1900 play at Flemington Baptist Church. Donated by Mrs. C. Vail Zuill, Tucker's Town, Bermuda.

Three Rousing Cheers: A History of the Fifteenth New Jersey from Flemington to Appomattox, by Joseph G. Bilby, 1993. Donated by John W. Kuhl, Pittstown, NJ.

Historical Directory of the Reformed Church in America 1628-1965, Peter N. Vandenberg, Editor, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1966. Donated by Fred Sisser III, Bridgewater, NJ.

Notes, records, and photocopies pertaining to the Jacob Ruple Family of Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Donated by Barbara A. Moser, Flemington, NJ.

Index to Volume 1, Hunterdon County NJ Circuit Court Minutes, 1810-1837, compiled by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy. Donated by Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Flemington, NJ.

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