

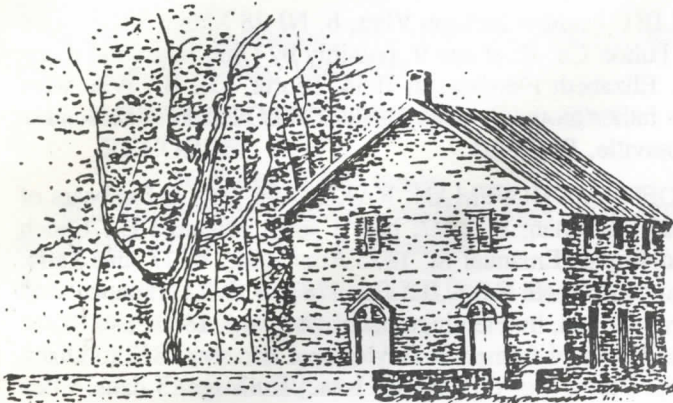


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Locktown Stone Church: Its Past and Future

Topic of Fall Meeting Nov. 24 – 2 p.m.

A group of concerned citizens organized Friends of the Locktown Stone Church, to preserve the Locktown stone church building. Marfy Goodspeed, the speaker at the 24 November 1991 Fall Meeting of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, is one of our members, and also a founding trustee of Friends of the Locktown Stone Church. Saving the structure and developing a viable future use for local purposes within the community is the Friends' goal. Ms. Goodspeed will relate the history of the congregation, and outline what promises to be a bright future for the Locktown Stone Church, illustrating her discussion with slides.

The Baptist congregation of Kingwood and Locktown predates the present stone church building, having been founded in 1745 by members from the Hopewell church. The congregation held weekly services alternately in two churches and Locktown was referred to as the *lower church*. The present building, 35' x 45' of local stone, was completed and the first service was held on 16 October 1819. The congregation conducted regular services there for many years thereafter. However, following World War II membership declined and the last regular service was held in October 1962. Then, occasional services were conducted by visiting elders until October 1967 when surviving trustee Howard Johnson wrote in the minute book, "I locked the door with sorrow forever." The minute book and communion service are preserved at the Hunterdon County Historical Society and will be on exhibit at the Flemington Womens Club during the Society meeting.

Marfy Goodspeed has been studying Hunterdon County history for more than ten years. In 1982 she began Goodspeed House Histories, a business to produce carefully researched reports on the history of Hunterdon County properties for their owners. Her reports include a full chain of title with genealogical research on each owner, maps of the property being studied, sketches of the house as it appears now and a recreation of its original appearance, brief architectural descriptions of the house and its renovations and additions. To date she has completed fifteen, and is working on her

sixteenth report. Ms. Goodspeed is past historian for Delaware Township's "Thanksgiving in the Country" and has conducted research for the historic site designation of Prallsville Mill and Locktown Stone Church. She has been a contributor to the *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter*, writing "Tenants of the West Jersey Society's Great Tract" which appeared in the issue for Fall 1984, and "Brookhollow Farm" in the Winter 1983 issue.

Historical Society meetings begin at 2 p.m. and are open to the public so come to the Flemington Womens Club November 24 and bring a guest. Enjoy a pleasant and informative afternoon. Refreshments and social hour will conclude the afternoon's activities.



1991/1992 Calendar

November 24 **FALL MEETING** – Locktown Baptist Church: Its Past and Future, Marfy Goodspeed, speaker. Flemington Womens Club, Park Avenue, 2 p.m.

November 28 **THANKSGIVING** – Deats Memorial Library closed

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March 29 **ANNUAL MEETING**

April 29 **Third Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon**

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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.

HIXSON, SCHOOLEY, SMITH: Seek desc/o William and Priscilla [Hixson] Schooley. William b. 1679, m. 1) Mary Smith, 1702 and 2) Priscilla Hixson, 1715. Did they have dau named Ann? ADD: Dorothea H. Hack, 918 Lexington Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46203.

PHILLIPS: Des corres with anyone searching Abner Phillips, b. 1718, son of Philip Phillips [1678-1740]. ADD: Ms. Jane L. Newberry, 6045 Fox Chase Trail, Shreveport, LA 71129.

EWING, WILSON: Seek info re Ewing and Wilson. Thomas and Finley Ewing, sons of Charles Ewing of Scotland & Ireland, came to America ca. 1718; also Nathaniel Ewing and half brother Joshua, who settled in MD; also half brothers James and Samuel. Samuel's son Henry m. Anna Wilson in MD ca. 1776 and fled to Nova Scotia during Rev. War. ADD: Florence Ewing Wyland, 228 Westport Rd., Wilton, CT 06897.

MALABY: Wish to exchange info on Malaby/ Maloby/ Mallaby/Maleby. Believe family resided in Hunterdon Co. circa 1774. ADD: R. L. Malaby, 12924 Bailey La., Eugene, OR 97401.

SPANGENBERG, WARNE: Des info re early family descending to John Spangenberg, b. 22 Jan 1809, d. 29 June 1906; liv Sunnyside Farm, Clinton, NJ; m. Elizabeth Warne [1808-1899]. ADD: Daniel S. Eckel, R 4, Lanning Terr., Washington, NJ 07882.

VLIET: Andrew Jackson Vliet, b. NJ 28 March 1818, came to Fulton Co. IL at age 9, possibly by Ohio migration route; m. Elizabeth Fleming, in 1854, Peoria, Co. IL. Who were his father/mother? ADD: Patricia Vliet Norton, 107 Benton, Rossville, IL 60963.

HOFFMAN/HUFFMAN, RAKE: Seek info & forebears of Isaac Hoffman, b. 1777; had 3 sons, Emanuel L., Enoch and Kuyhl. Emanuel m. 1822 Amy Rake, b. 17 June 1804, dau/o Elizabeth Rake, b. 5 Feb 1783 m. 1822. Emanuel and Amy farmed, liv Flemington, Amwell Twp. 1830s-late 1850s. Son Emanuel farmed in Doylestown PA; rem 1822 to Dixon Twp. Preble Co. OH; 2 sons Isaac, Rutledge, 3 daus, Ellen Elizabeth, Naomi, Susannah. Seek info & forebears of Amy Rake also. Will exch info. ADD: Albert D. Hart, 2232 Deer Creek C. C. Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33442.

BODE, BOWLBY, CRAMPTON, FRITTS: Des info re anc/o David Crampton [1835-1877], m. 1857 Elizabeth Fritts in Litchfield Twp., Hunt. Co., had sons John F., b. 1860, d. 1862, and Thomas F., b. 1861, d. 1929. Also anc/o David Crampton, b. ca. 1863 in High Bridge or Glen Gardner, d. 1944, bur. Musconetcong Cem., m. 1888 Mary Elizabeth Bowlby and had son Lloyd Bowlby Crampton, b. 1891, d. 1961, m. Ada Bode. ADD: Royse Crampton, 619 N. Grove, Oak Park, IL 60302.

FRITTS, JEWELL, PARKER, SCOTT, WHITE: Des par, bpl/o Christina Fritts, d. 1806, wife of Peter Fritts, b. poss. Germany, d. ?, NJ, liv Alexandria Twp., Hunt. Co. Was he bro/o Frederick Fritts [1732Ger-1816] who m. Cornelia Jewell [1731-1816], bur. Spruce Run cem., Hunt. Co.? Peter & Christina Fritts were par/o George [1769-1829], Charles [1776-1848], poss. Benjamin, b. 1773, poss. Christian. George Fritts m. Rebecca Parker, dau/o Humphrey Parker and wife Tamar Scott, owned prop. on Scotts Mt. near Belvidere, Warren Co. Charles Fritts m. Susannah White; both are bur. Old Lebanon (Rockaway) Reformed cem., Clinton Twp. ADD: Charlene C. Hammett, 22310 50th Ave. East, Spanaway, WA 98387.

HERBERT: Josiah Herbert, b. 22 August 1755 in Hunt. Co. Were his par Thomas Herbert and Hannah Winter, m. 21 Oct. 1751? Des info on Thomas and Hannah and their other children. ADD: Jan Kilroy, 7303 Laurel Cherry Dr., Rockford, IL 61108.



FARMER'S ALMANACS

The recent book, *The Best of Old Farmer's Almanacs – The First 200 Years* by Judson Hale tells much about the “Old Farmer's Almanac” which has been coming out each year for the past two centuries. While this success story is impressive there is a great deal more to be said for the almanac business in America starting with Benjamin Franklin's printing of Poor Richard's Almanac in 1732. By the time “Old Farmer's Almanac” started in 1791 Franklin's publication had ceased and a host of others had taken its place.

The files of the Hunterdon County Historical Society contain an impressive collection of well worn almanacs starting with a small fifteen page document dated 1799 and continuing on up to the voluminous yearbooks of modern day. As one looks at our earliest publication titled, *New Jersey and Pennsylvania Almanac produced in the 24th year of American Independence by Abraham Shoemaker – printed and sold by Mathias Day in Trenton NJ*, we can conclude many things. Most importantly, the early almanac was produced locally with local information fitted to the local reader's needs. The covers of these early booklets served not only as a cover but also to carry the purpose of its printing such as the inscription: “The rising, setting, places and eclipses of the sun and moon; the southing plans, age and latitude of the moon, longitude of ascending node, geocentric places and aspects of the planets and time of high water at Philadelphia.”

The market for these early pamphlets was the rural family and since we find no advertising in early issues we can assume the printer had to turn a profit by selling to local trade with as much useful information as he could cram into his book. This included in 1799 the table of stamp duties according to the “Acts of Congress of 7/6/1797,” the names of New Jersey Congressmen, New Jersey Council and Assemblymen and the Schedule of Federal, State and County Courts; post town mileages measured from Philadelphia on the way to Portland, Mass. (now Maine) Savannah Georgia and Pittsburgh, PA, in addition to Tables reducing pence and shillings to cents from 1 to 100 cents together with interest tables at 6% and 7%.

The data on the sun, moon and planets was always supplemented by the almanac editor's daily weather predictions, totally unscientific, of course, despite the early *Old Farmer's Almanac* editor's claim that he had a secret formula which generally showed his prediction to be accurate. It is safe to say this early weather commentary was mostly to create reader interest. The comments were in rather vague language to accommodate various interpretations. For instance here are Mr. Shoemaker's prognostications for January 1799, “2nd rain or snow ... 4th clear and cold ... 13th, 14th, 15th now look for snow ... 23rd snow or hail ... 28th clear and cold ... 29th, 30th, 31st snow and perhaps rain.” The Christian Almanac published in 1825 by the American Tract Society and American Sunday School Union said this about weather reports, “They (the publishers) have omitted all predictions of weather being unwilling to impose on the Christian public by pretending to foretell that of which all are ignorant.”

11th Month

NOVEMBER

30 Days



Sagittarius

An early editor, mindful of believers in astrology, wrote that all calculations in the almanacs were based on astronomy, the names and characters of the signs of the zodiac were generally at the beginning of the almanacs with comment that the anatomy of man's body may be governed by the twelve constellations. Astrology, still in use to this day in varying degrees of seriousness, claims the positions of planets and stars influence events in the lives of men.

The anecdotes of the long-ago almanacs were often crude and clearly written for the male readers, as one finds in the 1799 issue: “A man was deploring that his wife had hanged herself on a fig tree. I beg, says another, you would favor me with a twig of that tree that I may ingraft it.” The readership of ancient almanacs was mostly of the male gender with articles on subjects which included agriculture, weather and outdoor activities. Typically, was “Composition for Preserving of Weather Boards,” repeated here for those of us who may have seen something like it still in existence:

3 parts of slacked lime,
1 parts wood ashes,
1 part fine sand.

Sift through a fine sieve,
add linseed oil as will bring the mixture
to consistence to work with a paint brush.

Two coats are necessary. It certainly will improve in hardness by time. As time passed cooking recipes and housekeeping suggestions became a prominent part the almanac's contents.

By far the greatest number of readers of the early 1800 almanacs were farmers which feeling is reinforced by reference to the “Agricultural Almanac” published by Solomon Conrad of Philadelphia in 1819. The preface of this booklet carried the following resolution adopted by the Philadelphia Society for Promoting of Agriculture – March 13, 1816:

“Resolved, the distribution of agricultural information and the preposition of questions to excite observations and inquiry as well as induce the farmers of our country to communicate their experiences in husbandry through the medium of the almanac would be productive of important benefits to Society,

“Resolved, That Solomon W. Conrad, a member of this Institution having offered to publish an almanac embracing our views and designed to promote our wishes he is hereby promised our patronage.

“Resolved, the title of this almanac should be *The Agricultural Almanac patronized by the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture.*” An 1819 issue of this almanac found in the Historical Society collections was owned by J.H. Blackwell, the Flemington postmaster from 1820 to 1830, and is unique in that each calendar page is followed by a blank page where the patron reader could enter the actual weather as it occurred. Mr. Blackwell had noted the weather for January only.

Tavernkeepers were surely customers of the almanac. Printed in an 1816 almanac there appears the following admonition to innkeepers, followed by three pages of commentary on innkeeping:

"Keep your bedsteads free from bugs
Air your sheets and clean your rugs
Let your cookery be neat
Set the table snug and sweet
Bid the boy his boots to clean
Then the strangers'll call again."

Now skipping through a century of almanacs, it is interesting to read the 1924 "Agricultural Almanac" published by John Baer's Sons of Lancaster, Pa. for some of the very same features of this almanac replicate those of a century before, such as introductory purpose paragraph: The rising setting and eclipses of the sun and moon, etc., the Christian feasts and holidays with the addition of Jewish religious holidays.

Also the interesting woodcuts at the beginning of every monthly calendar are much the same as those appearing in the almanac a century before. The informative articles while still appearing have now taken up subjects like, "How to reseat valves," "Flashlight Uses," "Loading Logs by Power." Cooking recipes through the years have become an important component, but oddly enough the price of 12 cents per copy in 1924 was exactly as it was in 1824.

Reflecting on the almanac as a little piece of American literature and understanding it as a valued accessory in the lives of our ancestors forges another link in the chain that binds together our past, the present, and the future. One might say not only are death and taxes certain but the sun, the moon, and the stars as well.

— Kenneth V. Myers

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.

Parchment deed dated 6 December 1721, for 175 acres in Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, from Nathan Allen of Monmouth County to "Rodolph" Harley of "Summerset" County. Donated by Mrs. Marion L. Worrall, Escondido, CA.

Photocopy of deed for 150 acres in Hopewell Township, Burlington County, dated 5 March 1712, from Daniel Coxe, Esq. of Burlington County to Thomas "Rugnion" of Hopewell Township, Burlington County. Copy donated by Marvin C. Shepherd, Elizabeth, NJ. [Original manuscript donated to Hopewell Museum, Hopewell, NJ.]

New Jersey Fourth of July Orations: A Bibliography, by Donald Arleigh Sinclair, published by Newark Public Library, 1988. Donated by the author, Highland Park, NJ.

The Descendants of Hans Rudolf Herli (1692-1774), Volumes I-III, compiled by Willard F. Harley, Jr., 1991. Donated by the compiler, White Bear Lake, MN.

More Palatine Families, by Henry Z Jones, Jr., Universal City, CA, 1991. Donated by Fred Sisser, III, Somerville, NJ.

John Howland of the Mayflower, Volume 1, by Elizabeth Pearson White, 1991. Donated by The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Jersey, Phyllis Hansen, Secretary, Westfield, NJ.

Hoppough Genealogy, compiled by Margaret Hoppough Treble, Genevieve Jinks Hoppough, and Linda K. Hoppough Spedoski, 1991. Donated by Genevieve J. Hoppough, Big Rapids, MI.

Four postcard views of Clover Hill, New Jersey, a collection by Charles Howard Suydam, born Clover Hill 1856, which he gave to his niece, Natalie Suydam Lloyd, mother of the contributor. Received from Mr. Lloyd, Washington, DC.

Some Descendants of Jan Aertsen Vanderbilt by Jean M. Rand, Gateway Press, Baltimore, MD, 1991. Donated by the author, Queens Village, NY.

Abstract of Title: Lands of Ula F. Geist, Borough of High Bridge, 16 December 1935. Donated by Carol King, Mountainhome, PA.

From the Papers of Aaron S. Laning: Apprentice indenture dated 19 June 1818 placing George Laning with John Paxson, wagon maker, for four years.

Certified copy of the last will and testament of Henry Landis, dated 1808.

Untitled manuscript typescript regarding settlement of Ringoes and adjacent area, written by Aaron S. Laning with accompanying transcript by Marian L. Worrall and E. Louise Larick.

Correspondence from Elizabeth Rockafellow, Joseph Fraley, Lucretia Prall, and Elizabeth T. Howell, from Nunda Valley, New York, to Jeremiah Young, Mrs. Rebecca Young and Elizabeth Bellis of Ringoes, eight letters and three photocopies of letters. Donated by his granddaughter, Mrs. Marion Laning Worrall, Escondido, CA.

Illustrated brochure, *in search of Lime Kilns in Warren County*. Donated by the publishers Warren County Historical and Genealogical Society, Belvidere, NJ.

Ewing Township Mercer County, New Jersey: A History to the Year 1700, by Joseph J. Felcone, 1985. Donated by Mr. Felcone, Princeton, NJ.

Children of Salvation 275 Years: A Brief History of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Oldwick, New Jersey, Henry H. Murray and Karen J. Murray, 1990. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Bloomsbury, NJ.

The Star Magazine, Summer 1991, Volume LXXXVI, No. 1, "A Privateer In the Revolution" about Adam Hyler by George Moore. Donated by Dr. Moore, White Stone, VA.

Silos and Fishing Holes: Poems of Hunterdon County, Joanne Aswell, Editor, published and donated by the Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

Hunterdon County Historical Society Manuscript Collection

A brief guide to the Society's thirty manuscript collections processed before 1985 was published in the *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter*, Volume 21, #3, Fall, 1985. Manuscript curator George Kreutler has continued to process collections and has completed another twenty-six collections. This important continuing project has been funded in part with annual grants from the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Published here are brief guides to each of the added collections. As a matter of record for researchers, the accession numbers and collection titles are noted preceding the guide to additional collections processed after 1985. For convenience of researchers using these guides, we have prefaced the update with a list of collections detailed in the earlier guide.

- 0001 Grandin Family Papers
- 0002 Arnwine Papers
- 0003 James Augustus Kline Papers
- 0004 Blackwell Family Papers
- 0005 Nathaniel Saxton Papers
- 0006 Rowe-Kline Papers
- 0007 Estate of William P. Emery
- 0008 Rittenhouse Papers
- 0009 Corle Papers
- 0010 Lambert Boeman Post #48, GAR
- 0011 American Red Cross, Hunterdon County Chapter
- 0012 Raritan Township New Jersey School Records
- 0013 Hunterdon County Agricultural Society
- 0014 Flemington Vigilant Society
- 0015 Junior Republic Papers
- 0016 Hunterdon County Contracts
- 0017 Hunterdon County Slave Manumissions
- 0018 Hunterdon County Historical Society Collections, Part I
- 0019 Hunterdon County Historical Society Collections, Part II
- 0020 Eick Family Papers
- 0021 Haines-Moore Papers
- 0022 Patriotic Order of Americans, Camp #50
- 0023 Theodore Whittlesey Papers
- 0024 Steele Papers
- 0025 Flemington Pottery Company
- 0026 Emley-Race Papers
- 0027 Taylor Papers
- 0028 Vosseller-Sleeper Papers
- 0029 Elizabeth Van Fleet Vosseller Papers
- 0030 Flemington Children's Choir School Papers
- AR Hunterdon County Historical Society Archives

Guide to Manuscript Collections 0031 – 0056

0031 CAPNER PAPERS

18 boxes, 4,695 items

The collection is material rescued from the Capner house by Hiram E. Deats when the property was being sold in 1891, except for folders 602-616 which material was received from Hugh Thatcher in 1959. Capner, Hall and allied families emigrated from Leistershire, England to Flemington. These Papers were the basis for Hubert Schmidt's weekly column in the *Hunterdon County Democrat*.

Correspondence between members of the Capner, Choyce, Exton, Hall, Hill, Suydam, and allied families, 1755-1820; financial records; personal and business correspondence, financial records and legal documents of Thomas Capner, Justice of the Peace, 1811-1826; correspondence of John Hall (Capner) with Thomas Paine [1785-1803], and others; diary of Peter Hayward 1804 diary; financial records and legal documents of Hugh Capner, 1834-66; Flemington Copper Company 1846; Hunterdon County Board of Freeholders bridge records, 1821; undated architectural and mechanical drawings by John Hall; maps and surveys, printed matter including Acts of the Legislature, 1825-1830.

0032 HIRAM EDMUND DEATS PAPERS

[1870-1963]

9 boxes, 5,501 items

Deats Bequest

Hiram Edmund Deats was librarian and corresponding secretary of the Hunterdon County Historical Society from 1891 to his death in 1963; historian, genealogist, philatelist, agriculturalist. Donated by Charles T. Deats, executor, estate of Hiram Edmund Deats

Personal correspondence with Arthur Adams; Louis L. Drake and Russell B. Rankin 1916-1945; Carlos E. Godfrey about the New Jersey Public Record Office 1915-1932; A. Van Doren Honeyman, Editor, *Somerset County Historical Quarterly* and *New Jersey Archives*; James F. Magee, Colin Mac R. Makepiece, Revenue Stamps; Susan Stout Weart, curator Hopewell Museum, Russell B. Rankin, editor *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, and others; financial records 1889-1945; scrap books; maps and surveys; printed material including membership certificates and cards in many Societies and Associations. Correspondence of Mrs. Hiram Edmund (Eva Taylor) Deats [1870-1954].

0033 HIRAM DEATS PAPERS

18 Boxes, 8,621 items

Deats Bequest

The Hiram Deats Papers came to the Society in 1963, part of the Deats Bequest, donated by Charles T. Deats, executor for the estate of Hiram Edmund Deats [1870-1963].

Hiram Deats [1810-1887] began the manufacture of plows at Quakertown in 1831, added stoves in 1841, which business was transferred to Stockton in 1852. The same year he added a factory/foundry and the entire business was transferred from Quakertown. In 1860 he began the manufacture of reapers and mowers. He formed a partnership with William Case in 1863, which became Deats, Case & Co. with partners Hiram

and Lemuel M. Deats and William J. and Rutan Case. There is also indication he at one time had a partnership with Higgins trading as Deats and Higgins. Hiram Deats was either sole proprietor or senior partner for fifty years, from 1831 to 1 April 1881.

Business and personal correspondence, 1823-1887; financial records and business orders, account books, 1831-1887; legal documents including promissory notes, bonds, agreements, deeds, mortgages, leases; maps, surveys and building plans; printed matter including fire insurance policies, advertisements of household items, agricultural implements, and carriages; patents and manufacturing licenses; financial records of the Cherryville Baptist Church, 1850-53; financial records of Peddie Institute, 1875-1879; financial records of Hiram E. Deats, 1892-97.

0034 CHARLES BARTLES PAPERS

38 Boxes, 11,155 items

Donated by the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Bartles Hawke, Mrs. Elizabeth Hawke Tuttle, Oyster Bay, Long Island, NY, executrix.

The Charles Bartles Papers include material relating to Bartles' law practice, his business affairs, and his position as a community leader, and a significant group of other papers which came to him over time – from other family members and the legal and family papers of earlier Flemington attorneys with whom he associated and to whose practices he succeeded.

Charles Bartles [1801-1883], attorney practicing in Tewksbury Township and Flemington, was also in partnership as Bartles & Vansyckel in land development, 1823-ca 1857, as Reading, Fisher & Co. in coal mining in Pennsylvania, Missouri, John G. Reading Company, and associated in law practice with Nathaniel Saxton, trying cases in Chancery Court, Hunterdon County Circuit Court, Hunterdon County Court of Common Pleas, Hunterdon County Orphans Court, Supreme Court, Sussex County Court of Common Pleas, and Warren County Court of Common Pleas. He was one of the founders of the Flemington Railroad Company, Flemington Water Company, Hunterdon County National Bank, affiliated with Flemington Presbyterian Church, and Zion Lutheran Church in Oldwick. His father, Andrew Bartles [1766-1841], was a Tewksbury Township hatter, and brother was Frederick Bartles [1795-1859]. See also *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter*, Volume 11, No. 2, Spring 1975.

Andrew Bartles personal correspondence with Frederick Bartles, 1801-1807, business correspondence with James Parker, 1822-23, and others; financial records and legal documents 1789-1841. Business financial records of Frederick Bartles, 1791-1795. Correspondence, 1887-1890; financial records of William H. Bartles, 1862-1905.

Charles Bartles personal and business correspondence, 1821-1875 with associates Martin Coryell, Nathaniel Saxton, Alexander Wurts, and others; financial records, 1824-1875; legal documents, 1825-1876, clients' correspondence, financial records and legal documents, including Allegheny Mining Company, Andover Land Company, Budd Valley Land Company, Delaware and Raritan Canal Company,

Charles Bonnell, James and Thomas Capner, David Felmly, Flemington Copper Company, Flemington Gas Works, Flemington Railroad Company, Neal Hart, George Holcombe, Samuel Holcombe, Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, Mammoth Mining Company, George C. Maxwell, John Maxwell, William Maxwell, New Hope & Delaware Bridge Company, James Parker, Philadelphia & New Jersey Copper Company, Charles Reading, William H. Sloan, Township of Bedminster (Somerset County), Township of Raritan (Hunterdon County), Warrior Run Mining Company; maps and surveys; Civil War affidavits, appointments, associated correspondence; printed matter including stock certificates in Reading Mining Co., South Flemington Mining Co.

0035 WEST JERSEY SOCIETY PAPERS

3 boxes, 2 oversize folders, 1,084 items

Donated by Mrs. Louis Bauman, Pittstown, NJ 1984.

Papers of Robert Morris, agent for the West Jersey Society, with some of Morris's personal papers intermixed. Personal and business correspondence, financial records, and legal documents, predominantly 1767-1811, including deeds, patents and surveys for land in Burlington, Gloucester and Cumberland Counties, New Jersey and Chester County, Pennsylvania.

0036 ANNIE S. KUHL PAPERS

1 box, 247 items

Annie Sutphin Kuhl [1881-1965] was Librarian at the Flemington Public Library 1928-1954. Library correspondence, notes and memoranda, personal papers, printed matter and photographs, 1934-1950; minutes of the First Baptist Church Sunday School, 1830; personal papers including Mrs. Kuhl's 1898 high school diploma, teachers certificates, correspondence, genealogy of John T. Skillman; photographs and printed matter.

0037 DR. ISAAC S. CRAMER PAPERS

1 Box, 104 items

Isaac S. Cramer [ca1834-1911], Hunterdon County physician.

Personal and professional correspondence, 1872-1900; financial records including Internal Revenue records, 1865-1870; legal documents 1853-1887, n.d.; military conscription papers, 1864; Patent Office papers, specifications and drawing for patent on a corn plow, 1874; medicinal recipes; photographs, printed matter.

0038 D. HOWARD MOREAU COLLECTION

1 Box, 169 items

Daniel Howard Moreau [ca1900-1963], editor/publisher weekly newspaper, *Hunterdon County Democrat*, Flemington, NJ. Editorial correspondence, including letters to Mr. Moreau re "The Regional High School Question"; manuscripts for Hubert G. Schmidt's newspaper column, "Historically Speaking"; manuscript, "Lindbergh Comes To The Village"; sketch and related material regarding Civil War Major Lambert Boeman; surveys for alterations to Flemington Presbyterian Church; photographs; printed matter including numerous issues of newspapers.

0039 R. REARDON & SON PAPERS**1 box 274 items**

Robert Reardon [ca1849-1930] was a native of County Cork, Ireland who came to America at the age of 9. He was proprietor of Hunterdon County Monumental Works on Court Street in Flemington.

Business correspondence, 1919-1936; order books, 1895-1920; financial records, 1894-1923.

0040 HUNTERDON COUNTY CLERK - TAX RECORDS**16 Boxes, 2,938 items**

Municipal property tax returns and discharges, 1879-1918, for all Hunterdon County municipalities.

0041 LARISONS CORNER CHURCH PAPERS**3 boxes, 987 items**

Donated by the Larison's Corner Church, Ringoes, NJ

Larison's Corner Church, located on the Old York Road in East Amwell Township, incorporated 1799 as the Dutch Presbyterian Church, was the successor to the German Reformed Church of Amwell. Financial records of the German Reformed Church, 1749-1798; financial records of the Dutch Presbyterian Church (and its successive names), 1799-1887, including salary books, session minutes, treasurer's books, church register; legal documents; registers of baptisms 1951-1955, marriages 1905-1915; receptions and dismissals 1911-1925, 1966, n.d.; correspondence with John D. Rockefeller, financial records regarding the graveyard, 1846-1942.

0042 HUNTERDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTIONS, PART III**17 oversize folders, 47 items**

Cemetery maps locating veterans' graves in Hunterdon County cemeteries.

0043 OAK GROVE GRANGE PAPERS**1 Box, 656 items**

Correspondence and financial records of the Oak Grove Grange, 1896-1910.

0044 FRANK ELLSWORTH BURD COLLECTION**2 Boxes, 1,236 items**

Donated Mrs. James Grover, Sergeantsville, NJ., daughter of Mr. Burd.

Frank Ellsworth Burd [1890-1985] was a member of the HCHS from 1910 until his death in 1985, serving several terms as vice-president. Personal correspondence, 1943-1981; correspondence 1964-1975 as a vice-president of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, obituaries of Society members; financial records including day books and account books 1772-1889 from Quakertown and Franklin Township; legal documents, 1807-1919; genealogical material on specific families interfiled in the "Deats Genealogical File" after having been labeled "Frank E. Burd Genealogical Collection"; notes and essays, and twelve notebooks of essays, his reminiscences of people, places and events; scrapbooks 1902-1907; printed matter; photographs.

0045 INGHAM CORYELL COLLECTION**5 Boxes, 1,313 items**

Donated by Ingham Coryell, Philadelphia, PA.

The life-time collection of Coryell memorabilia, including manuscripts and artifacts from the late Camille Bryan, granddaughter of Martin Coryell [1815-1886] by Ingham Coryell [1906-1986].

Correspondence of Ingham Coryell to Susan Murray, 1871-1872, miscellaneous correspondence of Ingham Coryell 1902-1984, Lewis Coryell, 1864-1871, J. A. Anderson, 1892, Alice Erisman, 1894-1904, Mrs. Ashbel W. Bryan (Camille Erisman) 1922-1956; legal documents of the Coryell family including Emanuel Coryell's 1733 ferry grant, deeds and surveys for tracts in coal fields of Pennsylvania 1866-1868; Coryell and Erisman family genealogical data; printed matter including Almanacs 1815-1890.

Correspondence and legal documents of Martin Coryell, diaries, 1865-1886. Martin Coryell was an engineer during construction of the Delaware and Raritan Canal and was manager of Warrior Run Mining Co. in Pennsylvania, owned by John G. Reading, Mahlon Fisher and Charles Bartles.

0046 JACOB SERVIS PAPERS**1 Box, 193 items**

Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Hackettstown, NJ.

Surviving collections of Jacob Servis [1826-1892], founding member of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. Correspondence, 1818-1887; financial records, 1821-1874; legal documents 1764-1879, including deeds for properties in Amwell Township purchased by Abraham Sutphin, 1801-1827; survey maps for properties in Amwell Township and Lambertville, including one for land of the heirs of Martin Hardin, n.d. and one for Nathaniel Tobin's lot, n.d.; photographs.

0047 HUNTERDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTIONS, PART IV**22 Boxes, 3,985 items**

Single and multiple item small collections of manuscripts which came to the Society from numerous contributors.

Personal and business correspondence, 1798-1919; financial records; legal documents including deeds, 1765-1896, mortgages, 1803-1887, agreements, 1762-1884; Hunterdon County School Board Association papers, 1894-1910; Wyckoff Papers, 1740-1810; Hunterdon Copper Company, 1858-1860; correspondence of E. B. Sterling, 1891-1892; Flemington Baptist Church correspondence from the Pulpit Committee, 1898; Rockefeller Burying Ground papers, 1804-1929; Manuscript notes of Clark Kinnaird, n.d.; Philip Case Papers, 1770-1809; Lair Papers, 1798-1816; Lambert B. Hoffman Papers, 1897-1925; Gardner Papers, 1857-1881; Kuhl Papers including correspondence to Christopher Kuhl, 1816-1856; Carman-Hoagland Papers, 1800-1891; Andrew W. Little correspondence, 1862-1863; Hunterdon County Post Offices material, 1860-1946; Delaware Valley Telephone Company Papers, 1908-1909; Flemington Mutual Protection Association, 1905-1943;

Rittenhouse Papers, 1791-1848; Arnwine Papers, 1807-1852; Records of the Hunterdon County Bible Society, 1816-1821; Pittstown Hall Association records, 1875-1886; Derrick Waldron Papers, 1803-1819; George Forker Papers, 1802-1883; Brokaw-Berkaw Papers, 1818-1875; Hugh Capner Papers, 1837-1849; survey maps; printed matter.

0048 MAUD WILSON PAPERS

5 Boxes, 1,788 items

Donated by Daniel Little, Pittsburgh, PA, executor of Mrs. Wilson's estate.

Maud Little Wilson [1887-1983] was a member of the HCHS and Corresponding Secretary 1954-1973. Little family correspondence, 1882-1957, genealogical correspondence on Hunterdon County families, 195?-1973, with Edwin W. Huff, Jr, correspondence regarding the Kingwood Cemetery Association, 1941-1972, Pittstown Sunday School Association, 1976; genealogical information on her ancestors, the Little family; biographies and historical sketches.

0049 IDA G. BELLIS PAPERS

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Donated by Mrs. Jane Bellis Duffy, Ringoes, NJ.

Folders and notebooks containing genealogical material on forty families were interfiled in the "Deats Genealogical File" after having been labeled "Ida G. Bellis Genealogical Collection."

0050 NORMAN C. WITTWER PAPERS

6 Boxes, 1,964 items

Donated by Mrs. Wittwer, Oldwick, NJ.

Norman C. Wittwer Jr. [1919-1982] lived in Oldwick, Tewksbury Township and was a member of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, President of the Board of Trustees, 1963-1974 and Librarian 1974-1982. He was author of *The Faithful and the Bold: The Story of the First Service of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Oldwick, New Jersey*.

Correspondence, legal documents, maps and surveys, and files of historical notes, abstracts and documents pertaining to Hunterdon County people, families, places and businesses, 1717-1980.

0051 HAMMOND-HART PAPERS

6 Boxes, 2,293 items

Donated by Cleon Hammond, Schooley's Mountain, NJ.

Mr. Hammond, was the author of *John Hart: The Biography of a Signer of the Declaration of Independence*.

Correspondence regarding John Hart; legal documents; notes, abstracts and research information, including genealogical data, and related materials on John Hart; survey; photographs.

0052 DOROTHY J. HERRINGTON PAPERS

2 boxes, 290 items

Donated by Patricia Singley and Dorothy Roberts, daughters of Dorothy James Herrington [1909-1981] after her death.

She and her husband, Dr. Lee Herrington, purchased Henry Waterhouse [1715-1808] house in Kingwood Township. The papers are Mrs. Herrington's collection in documenting the ownership and age of their house.

Legal documents including deeds, 1772-1867, and abstract of title, 1946; genealogical information on Barcroft, Bray, Ingham, Lequear, Pemberton, Waterhouse; John Waterhouse Lequear [1848-1906] correspondence, autobiographical sketch, diaries, 1875-1904; day book of unidentified blacksmith, 1741-1795; thirteen looseleaf notebooks containing genealogies of Waterhouse and allied families; photographs.

0053 HAUPTMAN TRIAL COLLECTION

2 Boxes, 498 items

Donated by H. Seely Thomas, Flemington, publisher, Hunterdon County Democrat

Democrat staff correspondence regarding the Lindbergh kidnaping case, 1960-1982; newspaper clippings; papers of James P. and Thomas Kelly who undertook their own investigation; "Press Coverage of the Lindbergh Kidnap Trial: Human Interest of Sensationalism," master's thesis by Ronald John Czajkowski, 1975; photographs, printed matter.

0054 EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

1 Box, 126 items

Donated by the Committee prior to disbanding.

Committee Certificate of Incorporation, 1975; minutes, correspondence and book orders, 1975-76; maps; copies of legal documents; book manuscript, *A History of East Amwell, 1700-1800*; cassette tapes.

0055 CABLE TELEVISION PAPERS

1 Box, 117 items

Donated by H. Seely Thomas, Flemington, publisher Hunterdon County Democrat.

Legal documents for Cable Communications, Inc. applying to Raritan Township, for consent to supply television cable service to Raritan Township residents, 1980; printed matter.

0056 WILLIAM T. SROPE COLLECTION

2 Boxes, 299 items

Donated by John A. Peterson, Flemington, NJ.

William Trimmer Srope [1830-1906], founding member of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, was a Justice of the Peace and Master in Chancery in 1874.

Correspondence to William T. Srope, 1889-1903; legal documents including wills, 1873-1906, deeds, 1818-1894; vital statistics; genealogical data on Runk, Vail; maps and surveys; municipal records from Kingwood Township, 1829-1912; Frenchtown, 1874-1904; Frenchtown Cemetery Association roster of officers 1857-1905 and history, 1895; George B. McClelland Post #99, GAR legal 73 documents; 30 scrapbooks.

