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Hopewell Now and Then – Topic of Annual Meeting

The next Annual Meeting of the Hunterdon County Historical Society is scheduled for Sunday, 7 April 1991, at 2 p.m. in the Womens Club, Park Avenue in Flemington.

Hopewell Then and Now honors the Borough of Hopewell, formerly in Hunterdon County, as the town commemorates its Centennial. The borough was incorporated on 14 April 1891, following a referendum on 21 March 1891. A Hopewell resident, guest speaker Richard L. Porter will present an illustrated talk about his town. Mr. Porter, a member of the Society, is a cultural resource historian and geographer and co-author with Richard W. Hunter of the forthcoming book, "Hopewell: A Historical Geography."

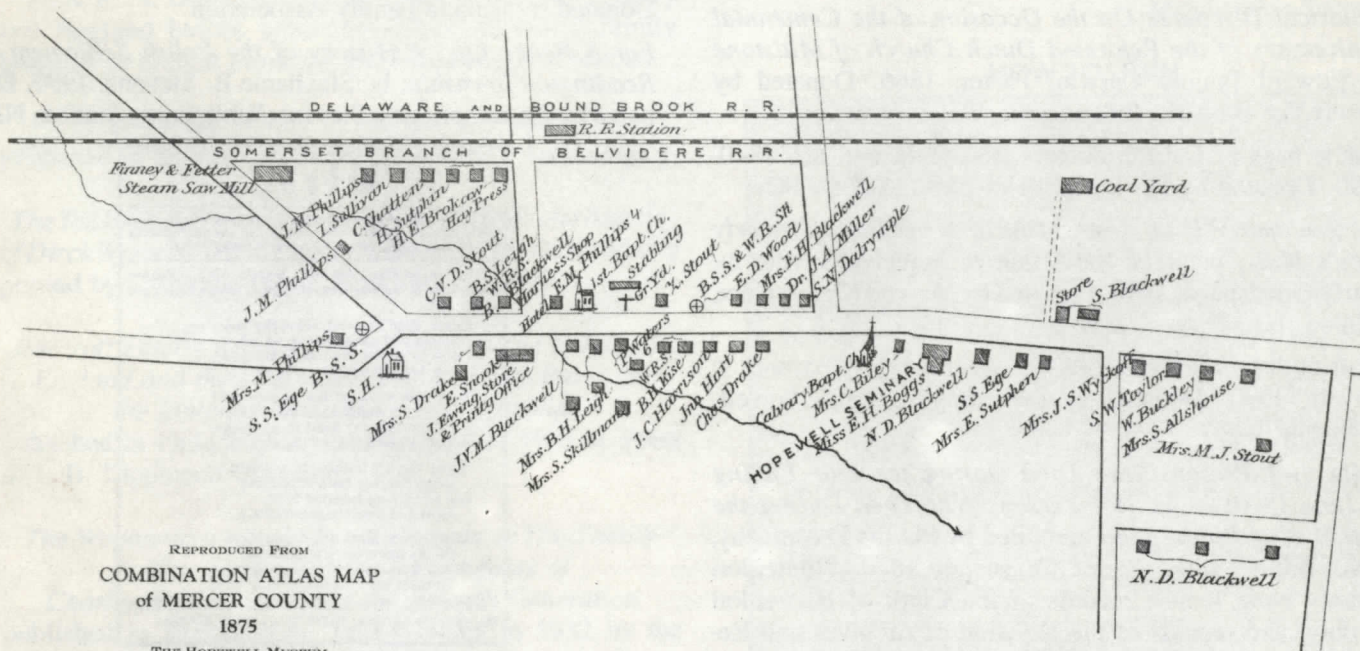
A handful of the first settlers in Hopewell Township, then in Hunterdon County, founded the Baptist Church which built a church in 1747 on land donated by John Hart. Hopewell Borough now surrounds the site of the church. The first post office was established in 1825, when the village was called Columbia. Barber and Howe wrote in 1842 [*Historical Collections of the State of New Jersey*] that the village of Columbia contained a Baptist church and about a dozen dwellings. By 1876 eighty-three families, approximately 500 persons, lived in the town's fifty-one houses.

Join us on Sunday, 7 April at 2 p.m. for the Society's Annual Meeting and Mr. Porter's presentation, **Hopewell Then and Now**. Meetings are always open to the public. Refreshments will conclude the afternoon's activities.

1991 Calendar

- April 7, 1991** ANNUAL MEETING Hunterdon County Historical Society, Flemington Womens Club, 2 p.m. "Hopewell Then and Now," Richard Porter, speaker
- April 23, 1991** 2nd Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
- June 30, 1991** SPRING MEETING Open House Tour, South Branch River Historic District at Flemington Junction
- Nov. 24, 1991** FALL MEETING Hunterdon County Historical Society

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Artifacts, manuscripts and other material 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 acquisitions the Society expresses its appreciation.

A Forest of Family Trees compiled and published by John T. Lokerson, Chevy Chase, MD, 1942. Donated by Winchell S. Carroll, Bryn Mawr, PA.

Historical Discourse On the Occasion of the Centennial Anniversary of the Reformed Dutch Church of Millstone by Edward Tanjore Corwin, Pastor, 1866. Donated by Robert Van Buskirk, Indianapolis, IN.

Saddle bags of Califon doctors Bishop Jr. and Sr., 1840-1890. Donated by Dr. Dwight Hotchkiss, Salem, SC

The Benjamin V. Hunt House of the Town of Clinton formerly Hunt's Mills, prepared for Arthur & Jaquelyn Snyder by Marfy Goodspeed, 1990. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, Clinton, NJ.

Draft of *John Farley and His Descendants*, by Barbara V. Powell, 1990. Donated by the compiler, Mrs. Powell, Lewiston, ID.

Index [to] Persons Who Died During the Year Ending 1 June 1870; Index [to] Persons Who Died During the Year Ending 1 June 1860 compiled by Phyllis D'Autrechy, 1990, from United States Census of 1870, Hunterdon County New Jersey; records of the Clerk of Hunterdon County; and records of the Division of Archives and Records Management, New Jersey Department of State. Do-

nated by Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission, Flemington.

Rittenhouse Family Newsletter, No. 3, 06-90, E. Mark Haacke, Editor. Donated by Rittenhouse Family Association.

Index Hopewell Valley Historical Society Newsletter, compiled by Phyllis D'Autrechy, 1990. Donated by Mrs. D'Autrechy, Pennington, NJ.

Van Buskirk News, Volume III, #1, January 1991, Editor Robert Van Buskirk. published by Patricia Stover Fair, Oklahoma City, OK. Donated by Robert Van Buskirk, Indianapolis, IN.

A Subject-and-Author Index to the Articles and Contributions Published in the Somerset County Historical Quarterly Volume 1 through Volume 8, 1912-1919, Donald Arleigh Sinclair, published 1990 by the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ. Donated by Roxanne K. Carkhuff, Ringoes, NJ.

Hunterdon County Democrat, a weekly newspaper published in Flemington, five reels of microfilm; 4 October 1848 - 6 April 1853, 13 April 1853 - 22 December 1858, 4 January 1990 - 29 March 1990, 5 April 1990 - 28 June 1990, 5 July 1990 - 27 September 1990. Donated by publisher H. Seely Thomas, Flemington, NJ.

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Edward Fuller Of The Mayflower, Volume 4, compiled by Bruce Campbell MacGunnigle, C. G. Donated by The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Jersey, Phyllis Hansen, Secretary, Westfield, NJ.

A Family History and List of Descendants of Cornelius Anderson and Mary (Scott) Anderson With A Genealogy of the Biggs Family compiled by Merrill F. Anderson, published 1978 Seattle, WA. Donated by the compiler.

Runkle Family Association Newsletter, No. 1, January 1991, published by the Association, 54 Toad Lane, Ringoes, NJ. Donated by Runkle Family Association.

For A Better Life, A History of the Polish Settlement in Readington Township, by Stephanie B. Stevens, 1990. Donated by the author, Mrs. Stevens, Whitehouse Station, NJ.

Died.

Notices of Deaths inserted FREE of charge, but
Obituary Notices and Poetry charged at the rate of FIVE
CENTS PER LINE. About NINE words make a line.

EGAN--In East Amwell, March 18th, Emma
Jane, wife of Lieut. Wm. H. Egan, in the 20th year
of her age.

Cease, dear husband, cease thy weeping,
Death will soon come to us all;
Cense to grieve, thy wife is sleeping,
Far beyond temptation's call.

Why then weep, or bow in sadness?
God hath said that all must die;
Oh, then turn thy heart in gladness,
To thy home beyond the sky.

There there's nothing to molest.
Every heart is filled with love;
Old and young together blest,
Meet and dwell in peace above.

Live then in hope, the happy days
Of thy deliverance is at hand:
When God shall call thy soul away,
To meet her in that heavenly land.

KINTNER--Near Lambertville, March 1st, 1864,
Mr. George Kintner, in the 29th year of his age.

The Beacon, Lambertville, NJ, Friday 1 April 1864

IN MEMORY: WILLIAM H. EGAN, 1841-1864

The unexploded artillery shell ripped without warning into the advancing ranks of the 11th New Jersey Infantry. With an audible thunk-thunk and a shower of viscous blood and tissue, it tore in turn, through the torsos of Pvt. Nathaniel Cole and then, Lt. William Egan. The eardrums of those nearby were assaulted by the roaring whine of air displaced by the speeding projectile, but it would be remembered later that Egan fell without a sound. Neither victim could have known what hit them. Yet, the lieutenant had had a sense that it was coming. Minutes before, as the regiment had formed to attack this early morning of 12 May 1864 at Spotsylvania Court House, Egan had uncharacteristically handed his watch and other personal valuables to Chaplain Cline, saying, "I will be killed by the first shot fired by the enemy today." The night before, the Confederates had withdrawn their artillery from the sector of the 11th and its parent Second Corps. Returning hastily this morning as the Federal advance had begun, there was time only to unlimber and get off two shots. It was the first of these which ranged into the third Union line and all too accurately fulfilled the morbid self-prophecy of William H. Egan of Lambertville, N.J.

Death and gore have always been among the usual companions of the frontline soldier. It was Egan's additional misfortune to suffer equally on the home front, too. Tragic and ironic events here in Hunterdon set this Civil War tale apart from the ordinary.

No silver spoon had accompanied Egan into this world at Roxbury, New Jersey in 1841. His 35 year-old father Barnet had just never made good on those hopes and dreams brought along from the home sod. Listed on Lambertville census records in 1850 as an oilmaker, and as a canal and river boatman ten years later, Barnet owned no real estate in 1860 and had managed to accumulate only the modest total of \$400 in personal assets. He had married Mary Ann Naylor in Lambertville in 1829 and after her death, another local girl, Eliza Onison, in 1838. This second marriage produced at least seven children, among them our subject, William, and his brother, Charles, who would drown in Lambertville at age ten in 1854. William was working in 1860 as a laborer in a local grist mill. The coming of the Civil War presented an opportunity far beyond the normal expectations of an uneducated son of a poor Irish immigrant. William seems to have made the most of it.

With the firing on Fort Sumter in 1861, William enlisted as a private in the local company of the 3rd Regiment of 3-months New Jersey Militia. It and the State's three other similar units soon headed south and were said to have been the first fully armed and equipped brigade to reach the Capitol to relieve the Rebel threat there at the outbreak of the war. Perhaps because New Jersey was in clear political disfavor early in the war (see Sidebar), none of its four militia regiments was committed to battle at 1st Bull Run. It was said they were deliberately stationed far in the rear and away from any possible share in the expected glorious aftermath. As it turned out, they were able to assist notably in stabilizing the Union flight after that now notorious



WILLIAM H. EGAN of Lambertville, the subject of this article, was killed at Spotsylvania Court House in 1864. The image is from a carte-de-visite taken by Lambertville photographer J.C. Reeve and is now in the collection of John W. Kuhl. [78-20]

stampede. Their short terms soon expired without further incident and they were back home by early August.

In a day when it was more often the prerogative of wealth or community prominence, Egan somehow managed to become the local recruiter for the 11th N.J. Infantry, a 3-year regiment then forming in Trenton. Egan worked from a desk in Moore's Hotel in Lambertville according to *The Beacon*, and succeeded in enrolling a number of men. For his efforts he was awarded the rank of 1st Sergeant in the new regiment, making him the senior noncom in his company of 100 men. The 11th joined the Army of the Potomac in late 1862 and got into every battle of the Army thereafter, earning deserved inclusion on Fox's prestigious post-war list of "The 300 Fighting Regiments."

Given his obvious lack of social or material advantage, Egan must have possessed some degree of natural talent for this military business. He would later be remembered as reliable, efficient, never hesitant about going where duty required, and altogether, possessed of those qualities which "combine to make a good officer." At Gettysburg about half of the 11th's officers went down in some particularly sharp fighting during the second day and Egan himself was knocked to the ground when a partially spent piece of shell glanced off his leg. He jumped up, shook it off, and commented that it would take more than that to send him to the rear. The many resulting officer vacancies brought

him full command of his company, though still a sergeant. The army soon remedied that, jumping him up three ranks. Fellow townsman Bishop Mains wrote home for publication in *The Beacon*: "I have the honor to give you notice that 1st Sergeant William H. Egan of Company E, 11th Regiment, N.J. Vols. has been promoted to 1st Lieutenant of Company H of the same regiment. He being the 1st Sergeant of our company for over a year, we are fully convinced that he is a brave and gallant soldier, well worthy of the office he now fills. He has proved himself as such upon many a hard fought battlefield..."

Things were going well on the home front, too. Egan had obviously attracted more than recruits in Lambertville. Back while the 11th was still organizing at Trenton he had married 17 year-old Emma Jane, daughter of William D. and Rachel Snyder of West Amwell Twp. At a location somewhat contradicted by existing records, Rev. John Stevenson of the M.E. Church of Lambertville performed the ceremony on 11 August 1862. Nine months later came daughter Jeanette. Egan was now a family man and had more use than ever for the extra "responsibility pay" he was getting for command of his company. The perils of the military were always there, of course, but he had done well and the future now looked bright. He had every reason to feel good about it all as he headed back to the army in early February of 1864 after a ten day leave with his wife and infant daughter.

It was just too good to last. In mid-March came the shocking news that his young wife was critically ill with measles. (Weeks later, *The Beacon* would report that between 17 January and 28 April, undertaker S.G. Stockton had attended 64 funerals in Lambertville and thereabouts. A large majority of those who died had been children. Small Pox and Spotted Fever had been present but it was Measles that had been the killer.) Now, approval for emergency leave was pushed through and Egan left for home on 19 March, only to find upon arrival that Emma Jane had died the day before. No one was more exposed to the persistently debilitating toll of death than the veteran Civil War infantryman, both in the camps and on the battlefield. You didn't get used to it but you had to learn to handle it somehow. Many did so by anchoring their sanity on a mind's eye view of home and loved ones. In both respects Egan was now cut completely adrift. His burden was about to become even worse. The 1 April issue of *The Beacon* reports.

"On last Monday afternoon, as Mr. Barney Egan, of this town was returning home from the funeral of his daughter-in-law, the bolt holding the swing-tree came out when descending the hill near the iron bridge on the Rocktown road, and the swing-tree striking the horse's heels, frightened him, causing him to break loose from the carriage. The wagon ran down the hill, against the bridge and upset, dangerously injuring Mr. Egan about the head, and seriously injuring his wife and Mrs. Teneycke Koresen who were with him. His daughter was also in the carriage but escaped with a few scratches. For some hours after the accident he laid in an unconscious state, and we learn that he is yet in a very dangerous condition. The others who were injured are improving."

The details of the convalescents' progress are rather obscure. It would seem that all survived, for none became the subject of an obituary or death certificate of record. But that was not so evident right off when Egan appealed to his Colonel for an extension to his emergency leave:

Lambertville March 24/64

Cornel

I have the honour to ask you wither you will grant me (10) ten days leaf of absence more. I have burried my Wife since I came home and I have too Brothers that are not expected to live and one Sister and My Father and Mother met with a very sad axident while at my Wifes Funeral. Thier horse Ran away and liked to have killed them Both. My Father has been out of his head ever since and I dont think that he can live long. Cornel if I could git (10) ten days more I would like to stay till they git Better. I wish you would answer this letter as soon as you git and tell me what you think you can do for me. I saw the Captain on Tuesday and told him about it. answer soon

Directions.

Wm. H. Egan

Lambertville

Hunterdon County

New Jersey

very Respectfully
your Obedient Servt.

Wm. H. Egan

Even under these circumstances, leave was not a given. This would be Egan's third ten days of leave this winter. Many in the army were still awaiting their first and would not get it. The one thing working in Egan's favor was the character of his colonel, Robert McAllister, a railroad builder and engineer from Belvidere. McAllister was a very capable leader and would end the war with a brevet to the rank of Major General. But he was one of that

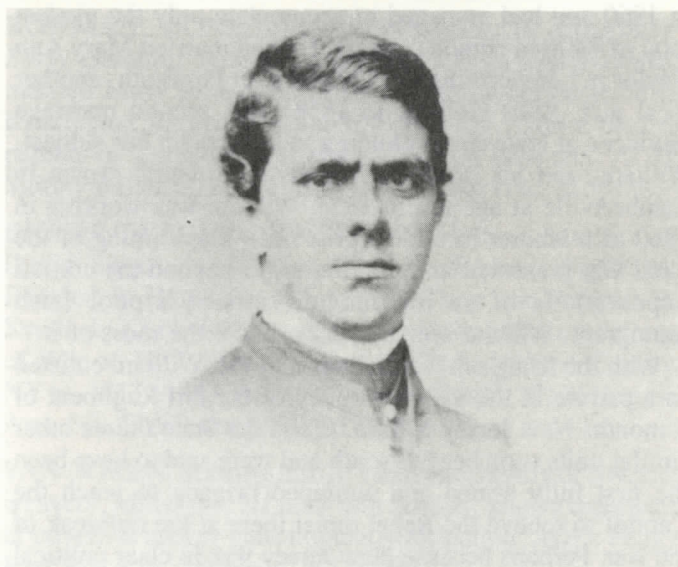


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CLARK CLINE, popular young chaplain of the 11th was the recipient of Egan's personal items and self prophecy. A native of Warren County, Cline would serve after the war as pastor at Oxford and Phillipsburg. [78-6]

minority who would put the welfare of those men under him above his demonstrated ambition to get ahead in the army. His men had fondly dubbed him "Mother McAllister." Once again, the colonel came through with an endorsement to Egan's request that greased its way upward through army channels for speedy approval.

Details are non-existent, but Egan presumably made the arrangements for the care of daughter Jeanette, saw to the recuperation of those hurt in the wagon incident, and otherwise wound up his affairs at home. The ailing brothers mentioned in his leave request evidently recovered from their disease. And, Egan returned to the army in early April just in time to take the field for the first battle of the 1864 campaign, his own last.

But it was a different man that came back to the army this time. Too much hard war and the sum of his personal tragedies at home had combined to sap the spirit of an otherwise confident and strong young man of promise. It was this changed man whose new sense of mortality caused him to confront his chaplain minutes before he was cut down. The merciless fates now took what little he had left, his breath. He was buried nearby the battlefield hospital where his smashed remains were taken. The trail of his orphaned daughter fades into the obscure old records. His young wife's headstone stands today in the Lambertville cemetery on the hill. Egan's life is remembered chiefly in a few footnotes to Civil War history. He now resides within the ranks of the legions of those who have sacrificed themselves over the years to the various causes of our country. Dissatisfactions there may be, but those at odds with the results or with their own personal situation should perhaps measure their disappointments against the unhappy lot of those, like Egan, who have been called upon to pay that supreme purchase price of the many advantages we do enjoy.

— John W. Kuhl

SOURCES

1. *History of the Eleventh New Jersey Volunteers*, Thomas B. Marbaker, Trenton, New Jersey, 1898.
2. *Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Civil War*, two volumes, William S. Stryker, Trenton, New Jersey, 1876.
3. Federal census records, Hunterdon County 1850, 1860.
4. Contemporary issues, *The Lambertville Beacon*.
5. Military and pension records of Egan from the National Archives

SIDEBAR:

New Jersey had become a frustrating puzzle to the Republican administration. The state had voted against Lincoln in 1860 (and would again in 1864, making it the only non-border state to do so both times). There was a strong ground-swell of anti-administration and anti-war feeling here. New Jersey had a long history of championing state's rights, the one real issue of this war. Besides that, the state's manufacturing interests had for some time now, looked to the South as an important market for the variety of products they were turning out. Strong social ties had developed over the years. A third of the 1860 graduating class at Princeton and half of those who would die in combat, called the South their home. The considerable extent of the intermarriage is perhaps best epitomized by that of Varina Howell, grand-daughter of a New Jersey governor, to President Jefferson Davis. And, marriage was among the leading reasons for four New Jerseyans to become Confederate generals, one of them the ranking officer in the Southern forces.

Would New Jersey support the Union militarily? As it turned out, they would, and right honorably too, but it wasn't so clear right off. The gnawing Federal suspicion gave rise to some temporary (in 1861) discrimination against the state and its military forces. Before the flood of volunteers dried up in 1862 and while the Federals could afford to be choosy, they declined to accept all the New Jerseyans who wanted to serve under their home state banners. Large numbers of these disenfranchised men left the state to join up elsewhere and were forever lost to the credit of New Jersey. Units with particularly notable numbers of New Jerseyans included the 2nd D.C., the 42nd Pa., the 6th NY Artillery, the 11th Pa. Calvary, the 48th NY, and all five of the regiments in New York's celebrated Excelsior Brigade. This incidental defection would be much regretted by 1863 when the Federals began wrangling with the state over alleged deficiencies in meeting its manpower quota.

6. *Marriage Records of Hunterdon County, New Jersey 1795-1875*, Hiram E. Deats, Volume 1, page 51, Flemington, New Jersey, 1918
7. New Jersey Department of State, Division of Archives, Trenton, New Jersey: Department of Defense Records, Civil War, box 51.
Vital Statistics, death records, Charles Egan, 1854, Lambertville; Emma Jane Egan, 1864, West Amwell Township.

Newletter Indexes for Sale

An index to *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter* covering the three issues of Volume 26, 1990 has been completed by member Marion O. Harris and may be purchased at Society headquarters. The cost is \$2 or if ordered via mail \$2 and a stamped #10 (large business) envelope.

The cumulative index to Volumes 1-25, *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter* published in 1989, is \$6 plus \$2 postage for mail orders.

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.

ANDERSON, SUTPHIN: Des info re desc/o John F. Sutphin, b. Hunt. Co. 1844, m. 1866 Mary Anderson; had 2 sons, Frank F., b. 1872 and Lewis A., b. 1874. Rem to W. Liberty OH. ADD: Jane B. Duffy, 54 Toad Lane, Ringoes, NJ 08551.

JOHNSON, PIATT, RUNKLE, STIGER: Des info re desc/o Abraham Runkle, b. Hunt. Co. 1810, m. 1833 Mary Jane Stiger; rem to OH, d. Scotland Co. MO 2857. Son Jacob b. 1824, m. 1854 in OH Catharine Bruce, d. Davis Co. IA 1862. Ralph Runkle, b. Hunt. Co. 1806, rem to W. Liberty OH where he d. 1874. His son Benj. Piatt Runkle, Civil War hero, rank Major Gen. taught Military Sc. Maine, NJ, OH where he d. 1916. Had dau Maud, b. 1859 who m. Sheldon Johnson. ADD: Jane B. Duffy, 54 Toad Lane, Ringoes, NJ 08551.

PHILLIPS: Des info re par/o Richard Phillips and his wife Francina Hart who liv Amwell Twp. Hunt. Co. where he d. 1817. Francina [Hart] Phillips emigrated to Ohio after her children. ADD: Dorothy K. Mang, 1616 Rosado Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138.

BUDD: For information about the Budd Family Association write: M. E. Carlisle, Secretary at 700 Carol Avenue, Ocean, NJ 07712.

BURROUGHS, JENNINGS, VANHORN: Mary VanHorn m. 1763 Benjamin Burroughs. She was a student at Select School of Trenton, ggp's from Netherlands. Benjamin s/o John Burroughs (1685-1772) and Mary Jennings of Hunterdon Co. Need any info Mary VanHorn and Mary Jennings. ADD: Barbara Price, PO Box 185, Wenonah, NJ 08090.

HENRIE/HENRY, JORDAN (JORDON/JOURDAN), LACOCK/LAYCOCK: Would be happy to correspond with anyone searching or having knowledge about the following old Hunterdon County NJ names: Jordan, specifically looking for Mary Jordan who lived Alexandria Twp. 1770s; Lacock/Laycock, specifically information regarding Henry Lacock who married Mary Jordan 1772; surname Henry, specifically a John Jordan who married Elizabeth Henry, b. 1770, perhaps a nephew of Mary Jordan. Was there a prior Henry connection in the Jordan family? ADD: Mrs. Jenn B. Hamilton, 2801 Imperial Palm Drive, Largo, FL 34641.

BOYCE, STERLING/STARLING: Hannah Boyce m. Andrew Sterling/Starling nr Trenton NJ 18 Dec 1773. She was dau/o Francis Boyce of Amwell Twp. Andrew & Hannah mov to Fayette Co PA ca 1781. Francis Boyce d. ca 1791 Amwell Twp. naming widow Hannah and chil Hannah Starling, Mary Oliver, and Francis, John Thomas and Daniel Boyce in his will. Des info re any of these

families. ADD: Paul H. Calhoun, 129 Lincoln Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452-1284.

VAN BUSKIRK: A new Van Buskirk newsletter was started in January 1989. To subscribe contact Robert Van Buskirk, Editor, 5432 University Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

LAYTON, LEEK, MC COY, ROLOSON, ROSS, VAN SICKLE: Seek info re Joseph Ross (1729-) and his wife, Elizabeth, dau/o James & Sarah Mc Coy, had son James Ross (1758 Bound Brook, NJ-1813 Sullivan Co. NY) who m. Rosanna Layton. Also Roelof Roloson (1717 Middlesex Co. - Nov. 1783(md 2) Elizabeth Leek, had son Henry (1769 Hunterdon Co.-1848 Sussex Co.) m. 2) Mary Van Sickle. ADD: Mrs. Paula Radwanski, RD 1, Box 416, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

FOSTER, ROUNSAVILLE: Seek info re Richard Rounsaville, b. ca. 1760, m. ca. 1790 Ann (Nancy) [1762-1829]. Was she the daughter of Nathaniel Foster of Amwell Twp.? ADD: E. L. Kinney, 1015 W. 47th St., Miami Beach, FL 33140-2802.

HENRY, HOFFMAN/HUFFMAN: Need any info re Philip Hoffman, b. ca. 1780 NJ, mar Joanna Henry, b. ca. 1785 NJ; emigrated to Luzerne Co, PA ca. 1800. Philip's father may have been Philip. ADD: Barnett Ellis, 2010 Colonial Dr., Pittsburg, KS 66762.

BIGGS, BIRD, BROWN, CRATE, VAN CAMP, VAN HORN, VAN SICKLE: Joseph Crate, b. 1766, PA, in Kingwood Twp. NJ militia 1792. Married Rachel, was her maiden name Van Camp? Sons, Samuel m. Rachel Van Sickle, Joseph m. Ann Biggs, John m. Desire Brown. Were Mary w/o Cornelius Van Horn and Rebecca w/o John Bird daughters? Family liv in Lebanon area. Other children? Any Crate info welcome. ADD: Joanne Barton, 307 E. May St., Osceola, IA 50213.

BOWMAN, BONSEVELD[RONSAVEL ?]: Chambers' *Early Germans of New Jersey* states Cornelius Bowman married Mary Bonseveld, their children were baptized in Readington Reformed Church 1739-1755. Desire data re parents of Cornelius and Mary (Maritje) Bowman. ADD: Shirley Weller, R. R. #3, Box 179 A, Knoxville, Ia 50138.

BIGLER/BEAGLER, SMITH: Des info re families of David Smith, b. NJ ca. 1770, m. Barbara Bigler (or Beagler) in Hunterdon 8 Jan 1798. Their son Nicholas B. Smith, b. Chili, was my gggf. David Smith was a veteran of War of 1812 who relocated to Chili, Monroe County, NY ca. 1813. ADD: Barbara Gannon Joseph, 3712 Staunton Ave. SE, Charleston, WVA 15304.

VAN DOREN: Seeking info re Van Doren family of coverlet weavers, Millstone, NJ mid-19th century, known examples of coverlets and/or genealogical information. ADD: Peggy Foy, Box 476, Fanwood, NJ 07023.



March Is Womens History Month



Emma Ten Broeck Runk

1850-1937

In recognition of *Womens History Month* we salute Emma Ten Broeck Runk of Lambertville, one of Hunterdon County's women in history. A family historian and published author, she is the only woman who served as President of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. Miss Runk was elected in 1905 and served one term.

Miss Runk conducted family research in this country and England before publishing three scholarly family histories in limited printings and a genealogical article.

"The Runk Family in Hunterdon County" published in the *Hunterdon Independent* 11 April 1902.

The Ten Broeck Genealogy, Being the Records and Annals of Dirck Wesselse Ten Broeck of Albany and his Descendants printed by De Vinne Press, New York, in 1897

Barcroft Family Records: An Account of The Family in England and the Descendants of Ambrose Barcroft, the Emigrant of Solbury, Pennsylvania published in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1910 by Press of J. B. Lippincott Company.

The Woolvertons: Early Legal Records of The Family in New Jersey and the Descendants of Charles Woolverton (2) to the Seventh Generation published in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1932 by the Press of Harris & Partridge, Inc.

Volunteers Needed for Library Project

A conservation project for selected books in the Hiram E. Deats Memorial Library is being implemented. These books are in fragile condition and would, under normal circumstances, be considered for rebinding. However, because of unusual circumstances they are not suitable for such treatment. The Society needs two volunteers who will be taught how to make custom boxes for each of these books and how to make mylar book wrappers for a few leather-bound books which suffer from red rot. If you can spare several hours a month and want to help your Society, contact Roxanne K. Carkhuff, 1-908-782-1091.

Membership Report

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

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— Mrs. Frederick Stothoff
 Membership Secretary

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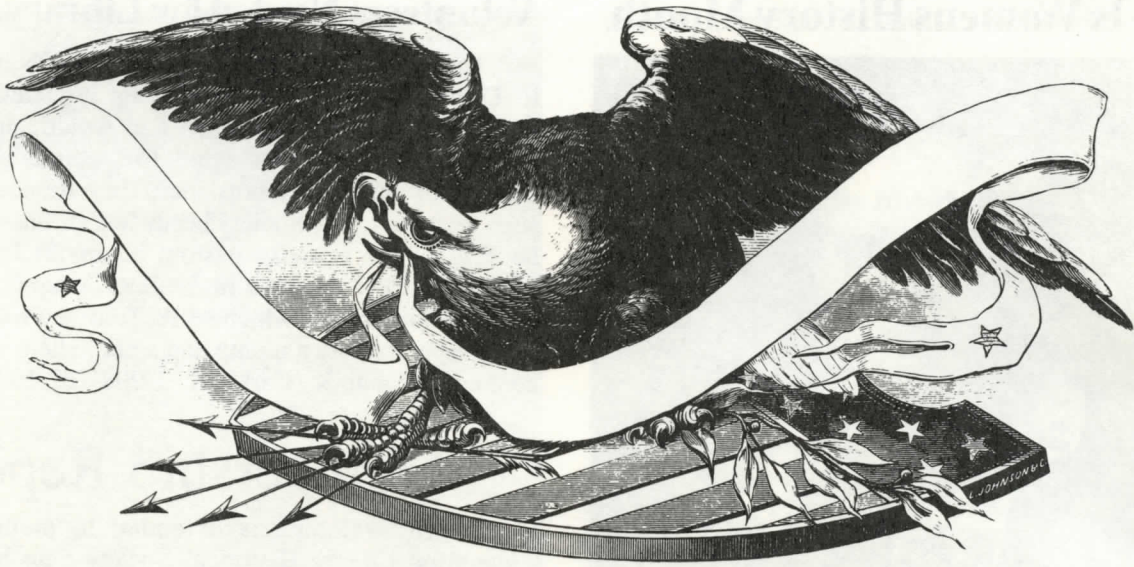
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Student	\$3.00 per year (18 years of age or less)
Century Club	\$100.00

for which I enclose my remittance in the amount of \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____



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Off to war 50 years ago

Locals gather to bid farewell to Hunterdon's men leaving home to fight in World War II. The scene is the Lehigh Valley passenger station in Flemington. Placards in the crowd read, "Adolf, the Yanks are coming," "Hirohito and Benito - 2 cooked geoses."