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UPCOMING EVENTS

Hunterdon County Celebrates 300 Years Throughout 2014

*Walking Tours, Reenactments,
Lectures, Concerts, Historical
Performances, Exhibitions, etc.*

For entire calendar go to:
www.hunterdon300th.org

March 22 Parade

Official 300th Birthday
Celebration Parade
Downtown Flemington, 4 PM

Apr 5-13 Historic Quilt Exhibition

*Common Threads: Quilting
Traditions in Hunterdon*
Rt 12 County Complex
Open Daily 10 AM - 4 PM

Apr 8 Lecture

Judy Grow, 7 PM

Apr 29 Lecture

*Flemington During the
Lindbergh Trial*

Jim Davidson, Historic County
Courthouse at 7 PM

May 4 Opening Day

Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead
www.holcombe-jimison.org

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

Mar 16 - Society Spring Meeting

"The D&R Canal"

by Linda Barth, see lead article

Library Hours

Open 12 - 4 PM every Thursday
and 10 - 4 PM these Saturdays:

March 8, 22
April 12, 26
May 10, 24
June 7, 21

Historian Linda Barth Talks on the D&R Canal

The Delaware and Raritan Canal, which serves central New Jersey as both a water supply and a premier recreational facility, is the topic of a talk by Linda J. Barth at the Society's spring meeting Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m. at the Flemington Presbyterian Church, 10 East Main Street. Refreshments will be served.

Construction of the 70-mile canal began in 1830 and was completed in 1834. The D&R, as is it known, was one of our nation's most successful towpath canals, carrying more tonnage in 1866 than the more famous Erie Canal. The D&R was permanently closed to commercial navigation in 1933. The waterway is now the centerpiece of a popular state park.

An author and historian who resides in Somerville, Linda J. Barth will highlight the people, the bridges, the locks, and the aqueducts that made the canal work. It transported men and supplies between New York and Philadelphia during three wars. Companies like Johnson & Johnson, Roebling, and Fleischmann's Distillery had their start along the canal. Inventor John Holland used the canal to deliver his *Holland VI* submarine to the Navy in Washington, and luxury yachts, like J. P. Morgan's *Tarantula*, cruised the waterway.

Linda Barth grew up in the canal town of South Bound Brook, and is a retired fourth-grade teacher. She served as the curator of the Mule Tenders Barracks Museum on the banks of the D&R Canal in Griggstown and for over two decades was on the board of the Canal Society of New Jersey. With her husband Robert, she has led canal tours throughout the Northeast. The Barths also enjoy cruising the historic canals of England, Scotland, France, Canada, and other countries.

The author of many canal and travel articles, she has written two books on the D&R Canal for Arcadia Publishing, a picture book for children called *Bridgetender's Boy* for the National Canal Museum, *Hidden New Jersey* for Charlesbridge, and her newest, *A History of Inventing in New Jersey: From Thomas Edison to the Ice Cream Cone* for the History Press. She also contributed to the *Encyclopedia of New Jersey*.



Linda J. Barth

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Membership Report

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

Reported by Harold O. Van Fleet, Membership Chair

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Acquisitions

Materials representative of the history of Hunterdon County and the families who resided here are welcome additions to the Society's collections. Large collections may not be available for research until they have been processed. To the donors of recent acquisitions, the Society expresses its sincere appreciation.

Alfano, Mike - presented to him as a donation to HCHS, by The New Jersey Society of Mayflower Descendants "The Mayflower Quarterly Diamond Jubilee Edition."

Andrews, Charles - "Edinger, Ulmer, Clark and Robbins Families of Hunterdon County, New Jersey, and Elsewhere," by Charles Baker Andrews, hardcover book, 452 pages. Info for sales of this book included. [contact the author at cbabooks1@yahoo.com or (919) 924-9484].

Dally, Bob - Square crocheted table cloth/bed throw.

Hart, Gailen, on behalf of the Flemington Presbyterian Church - Map of the Flemington Presbyterian Church cemetery, drawn by George Large, ca. 1880.

Hunt, Betty Jane - 4-H scrapbooks, farm records, County Agricultural Materials, GLF Receipts and other miscellaneous county agricultural records and ephemera that were the property of Agnes Best, resident of Flemington and a past member of the Mt. Airy Dairy Club.

Jaffe, Rabbi Evan and the Flemington Jewish Community Center - Menorah allowing us to participate in the Hanukkah Celebration of Lights. He also volunteered to light each candle on successive nights of the celebration.

Klemens, Lynne - Copy of her research efforts on the Yawger/Yaeger/Yager/Jager/Hunter Family genealogical records for us to include in our Family Files.

Lubrecht, Peter T. - "Germans in New Jersey, A History" [via Press Release from The History Press].

Peabody, Bob - "The Early Settlers of Holland Township NJ, Being the Writings of 'Squire Jesse Sinclair and Other Historical Documents'" [Presented to HCHS; honoring the hours of research and time spent in the reading room writing this significant book].

Ripple, Louise Beaver - Silver creamer, made prior to 1797 by Joseph Lownes, a prominent Philadelphia silversmith; engraved initials MEG are for Mary Esther Goodrich (DAR# 51243).

Wetstein, Catherine Large and Art - 3 Certificates of Edwin K. Large, Jr. and 1 notebook; copy of Library of Congress file for Historic American Buildings Survey: Reading Large House, 119 Main Street, Flemington.

Yeske, Charles - Daybook from A. [J.] Wilson, bound in leather with edge tooling, date range of early 1800s.

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The Society welcomes these experienced volunteers who are helping in the Library. Come in and meet them.

John Kalajian, a Saturday Volunteer from Flemington; handles "anything and everything"

Cindy Knight, a retired reference librarian from the Hunterdon County Library System from Milford; solves research queries

Alex Lunsman, a Senior at Hunterdon Central High School from Ringoes; manages shelf lists, research materials

Leslie Moore, a retired research librarian from the Hunterdon County Library System from Flemington; solves research queries

Society Partners with NJ Digital Highway

By Autumn Dilley, Intern and Archival Volunteer

After working several months on digital projects assigned to me by Manuscript Curator Donald Cornelius, I have created a partnership between the Society and the New Jersey Digital Highway (NJDH), an impressive digital collection of New Jersey history supported by the Rutgers University Scholarly Communication Center.

NJDH bills itself as a “one stop shop” for New Jersey history and culture from the collections of NJ libraries, museums, archives and historical societies. It preserves the state’s cultural resources and artifacts for use by current and future generations of citizens, educators, researchers and students through digitization and sophisticated storage and access. Historical resources thus preserved are available 24/7 and maintained in perpetuity. Now our own Society is part of that network.

In seeking a collection that would be interesting to a general audience as well as to more serious scholars of history, Don and I chose to digitize “Slave Manumissions of Hunterdon and Mercer Counties” (known to us as Collection No. 17). This unique collection includes slave manumissions from Alexandria, Amwell, Bethlehem, Hopewell, Kingwood, Lebanon, Readington, and Tewksbury in Hunterdon, and Lawrence, Maidenhead and Trenton in Mercer. It includes service indentures and slave sales from 1804 to 1829. I took the collection to Rutgers, where all the manuscripts were digitally preserved using state-of-the-art technology. Now stored on Rutgers’ secure servers, they will be assigned unique metadata and put into the NJDH collection available at no charge online. We expect the project to be completed within the next two months.

It is a thrill to help the Society “collect, preserve, and share” the unique history of Hunterdon and it will be interesting for me to follow the impact of digital scholarship on our work. Continuously evolving technologies are opening up a world of potential in digital preservation. I look forward to continuing my work and helping facilitate access to the Society’s amazing collections that have both local and national importance. [Editor’s Note: Visit the NJ Digital Highway’s website at www.njdigitalhighway.org for historical text, images, audio and video. A terrific resource!]

NEW RUG IN DORIC HOUSE

Thanks to these generous donors

The Doric House dining room is sporting a new rug, the same size and with the same green and burgundy coloring as the old one, but a centuries-old Oushak design, hand knotted by Turkic people.

Thanks go to the following Trustees and Society members who donated funds for the acquisition:

Mary Anne Adams
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BECOME A MEMBER!

Individual	\$20 per year
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ATTENTION MEMBERS

To receive this newsletter electronically instead of a printed version through the mail, please email your request to hunterdonhistory@embarqmail.com with ‘Electronic Newsletter’ in the subject line.

We will email the newsletter in a PDF format to you *before* the printed version even reaches the post office! And best of all, all photos will be in **FULL COLOR**.

CORRECTION: Thanks to Catherine Large (O’Shea) Wetstein for the following correction to the last newsletter, Spring/Fall 2013, Vol. 49, Nos. 2,3:

In the manuscript report on page 1171, there is a reference to the release of my dad’s County Counsel papers. I am concerned that some confusion may result from Dad’s listing as Edwin K. Large: That was my *grandfather* (Edwin Kirk Large, son of Sen. George Hall Large, and younger brother to Judge George Knowles Large). My dad, whose papers are mentioned, was Edwin Kirk Large ‘Junior.’

MEMBER FINDS MAYFLOWER CONNECTION IN LIBRARY

By Mike Alfano

The Society's Research Library is home to a number of lesser known and under utilized genealogical resources. One is the set of publications of the *Society of Mayflower Descendants* and its *Mayflower Ancestral Index*, described below.

The New Jersey chapter of the *Mayflower* Society generously donates copies of the publications to a library in each county in New Jersey. There are nearly eight hundred members in the New Jersey chapter, and it is safe to say that many thousands more are eligible but unaware of their *Mayflower* ancestry. Most of the early English settlers of New Jersey were originally settlers or descendants of settlers of Massachusetts by way of New York and Connecticut. Cold Spring Cemetery in Cape May County is the site of the largest number of graves of *Mayflower* descendants outside of Massachusetts. If you know or suspect that your ancestors originated in New England, it might prove greatly informative to check their names against those in the *Mayflower Ancestral Index*.

MAYFLOWER ANCESTRAL INDEX

This index contains the lineage information of all approved lines of descent from the *Mayflower* passengers for the families of Francis Eaton, Samuel Fuller, William White, James Chilton, Richard More, Thomas Rogers, George Soule and William Brewster through the first five generations. It contains all the lineage information of the above families in the files of members, which have been approved by the Historian General. It also contains the first three generations of approved lineages of the other *Mayflower* passengers. William Mullins and John Tilley are recognized as Pilgrims in this index even though their progeny are recognized as the descendants of John Alden and John Howland.

USING THE MAYFLOWER ANCESTRAL INDEX

The format of entries consist of an individual's index number (descendants are listed in alphabetical order), parent's index number, name and name of spouse. If you know of a possible *Mayflower* descendant in your lineage and find a corresponding entry in the index, you can trace the line back to your *Mayflower* ancestor by using the index to the parent's name.

Following is an example of using this process to link Cornelius Rich of Connecticut to William Brewster, the Pilgrim elder – my lineage. The entry for Cornelius Rich and his wife Rhoda Fish can be found on page 506.

Page 506

Individual's Index #	Parent's Index #	Individual's Name	Spouse's Name
28279	20227	Rich, Cornelius	Fish, Rhoda

The parent's index number in this case is 20227, which entry can be found on page 362.

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20227	13318	Knowles, Mercy	Rich, Thomas
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13318	27345	Freeman, Marcy	Knowles, Samuel
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27345	4708	Prencce, Mercy	Freeman, John
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4708	4871	Brewster, Patience	Prencce, Thomas [the Governor]
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4871	****	Brewster, William, the Pilgrim	Mary
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That Cornelius Rich was a descendant of a *Mayflower* passenger was suggested by an article appearing in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Vol. 51, entitled "The Rich Family in Eastern Connecticut." This article was contributed by Edwin A. Hill, at that time the Historian for the Society in Connecticut, who wrote:

This family is found on the east side of the Connecticut River near Middletown in the early part of the 18th Century and all members of it are descendants of William Brewster of the *Mayflower*.

SILVER BOOKS AND PINK BOOKS

Originally known as the "Five Generations Project," the "Silver Books," available in our Library, contain the genealogical information associated with the first five generations of many of the Pilgrims. The *Mayflower Families in Progress* books, commonly known as the "Pink Books," are described as "Silver Books in the making." These are made available while new information is being researched and also are available in our Library. Upon completion of the research, they become Silver Books. In the case of William Brewster, there are Pink Books for the lines of descent of each of his children with descendants. For my research, I used the book containing the lines of descent through Patience Brewster, William's daughter.

JOINING THE MAYFLOWER SOCIETY

If you believe that you are directly descended from a *Mayflower* passenger, and can prove that descent, the next step is to examine the information available on the following link: www.njmayflower.org/membership.php.

In my case, I was able to submit a successful application, and am proud to be a member of the New Jersey chapter. It is gratifying to know of my direct descent from Gov. Thomas Prencce of Plymouth and his father-in-law, the Elder of the Pilgrims, William Brewster. The resources of our Historical Society played a key role in the gathering of the information that made this possible.

New Cemetery Committee Invites Members

Society Trustees have formed a new committee dedicated to the preservation of Hunterdon County cemeteries and cemetery records and named Bob Leith as Chair. Committee members are Mike Alfano, Pamelyn Bush, Leslie Leith, and David Reading.

The committee will continue and support the work of Society Volunteer Pam Bush in establishing and maintaining an index of individual files on Hunterdon County cemeteries, including their tax map and GPS locations. Since many cemeteries are known by different names, it is believed mapping the locations will help dispel the confusion. Mike Alfano also will create a list of Revolutionary War Veterans interred in Hunterdon graveyards. The committee's work will be available to researchers in the Society's Research Library.

The Cemetery Committee will approach cemetery associations and other organizations to ask them to donate their cemetery records or to allow the committee to copy and map them. The new group's ultimate goal is to create digital copies of existing and incoming collections, depending on volunteer time, available funds, and the condition of each collection.

So that researchers may access the nascent digital cemetery collection, a computer now stands by the microfilm readers in the library. Find-a-grave volunteers who photograph in Hunterdon County, or people who like to photograph headstones, are encouraged to add their photos to this digital file.

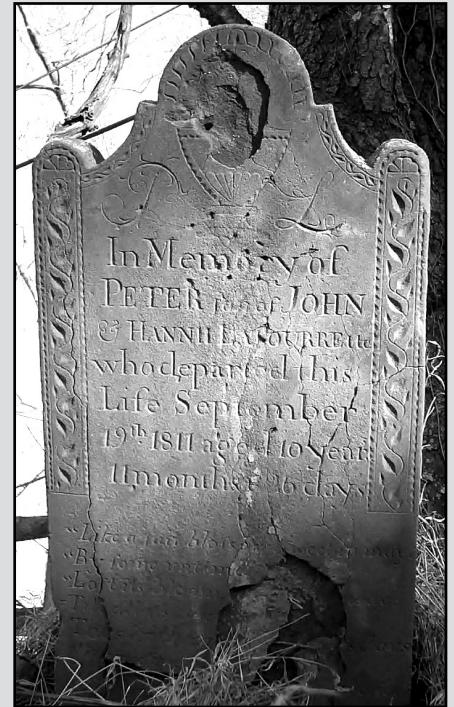
The Committee also will meet with local groups concerned with cemetery preservation, maintenance

and restoration. Mt. Amwell Project, Swackhammer Preservation Group, and the Hunterdon Cemetery Coalition are prominent examples of these groups.

Anyone interested in helping preserve Hunterdon's cemeteries is welcome to attend the committee's meetings on the fourth Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the reading room of the Society's library. Email your interest to www.hunterdonhistory@embarqmail.com.

TOMORROW, THEY MAY BE GONE.

Peter, son of John & Hannan LaTourette, died September 19, 1811. This beautifully carved stone will crumble into nothingness at any time. A tree root is causing it to lean past 45° and the stone is delaminating, helped by the freeze/thaw cycle and the leaning that will help split it apart.



New Doric House Sign Also Salutes Historical Figures

The handsome new sign at The Doric House, designed by Architect Christopher Pickell, is a gift of Trustee Harold Van Fleet and his wife Margery who added a plaque honoring the late C. Ryman Herr Sr., Esq. and C. Lloyd Fisher, Esq. In their nod to history, the Van Fleets characterize

the men as "two local boys who returned to their roots and used their native abilities and gifts of advocacy, with a talented staff, to provide legal services to many Hunterdon citizens."

Both honorees, Flemington natives born in the 1890s, served in the U.S. Army in France in World War I. Herr was a Lieutenant and then Captain in

the Infantry, where he was honored with the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism and valor under fire, the French Croix de Guerre, and the City of Verdun Medal. Fisher, a private, was hospitalized for extensive combat injuries. After the Armistice, in 1919, he took discharge in France and traveled around Europe before returning home.

The men began working together in the late 1920s, leading to the formation of Herr & Fisher, their general practice law partnership that ended only with Fisher's death in 1961. Herr worked until his death in 1973.

They practiced law at the time when a lawyer took care of all of a client's legal needs: a deed, a mortgage, a business incorporation, defense of a criminal charge, an adoption, a bill collection, or a negligence claim. Saturday mornings from eight until noon could bring 50 people to see one or the other of the men. On average, 2,000 files per year were opened over 30 years of their partnership. Margery knows about this first hand since for over 50 years she was employed by the firm as a Secretary.

During World War II, Fisher served on the Selective Service Appeal Board and Herr authored a weekly column in the *Republican*, "The War This Week."



This sign given by Harold O. and Margery Case Van Fleet in memory of C. Ryman Herr, Sr., Esq. and C. Lloyd Fisher, Esq.

Quilt Raffle to Benefit the Hunterdon County Historical Society

by Judy Grow, Textile Curator

One of the brightest jewels in the Hunterdon County Historical Society's very colorful quilt collection might have been made to mark the first wedding anniversary of Myra and Martin Coryell of Lambertville. The quilt is dated June 5, 1843, exactly one year after their wedding, in a block signed by Eugenia E. Coryell. The quilt is signed by 27 people, many from the influential Coryell, Lambert, and Melick families. The quilt is large, 96" x 100", as most quilts of the period were, and consists of 61 blocks in a Square in a Square, or Framed Square pattern, and uses 35 different early printed dress cottons and cotton chintzes that were often used as furnishing fabrics. The fact that the chintzes retain their shiny glaze means that the quilt was never laundered. I have found images of a bodice from a dress of the period that uses the very same large "plaid" fabric used in the border triangles. These were expensive fabrics and could have been bought specifically for the quilt, or were cut-offs from dressmaking projects.

Coincidentally, there is an almost identical quilt at the Lambertville Historical Society. That quilt uses the identical fabrics, though they are arranged differently, and has the same signatures, also arranged differently. It is believed that both quilts were "friendship" quilts, with blocks made by the many people who signed, and then put together and quilted either by a group or a single person to be given to someone special as a remembrance. The fact that both quilts share the same date points to the group theory, but until a diary is found we can only guess.

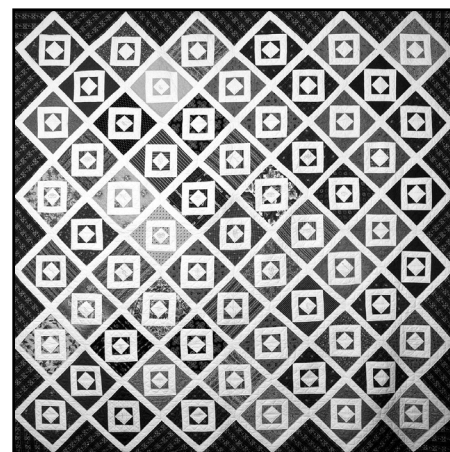
To provide funds for archival storage boxes, acid free tissue and a portable photographic stand for hanging display of quilts, I initiated the making of a "reproduction" of these quilts (machine pieced, and hand quilted) and filled 54 of the quilt's 66 blocks with Society members' and others' names, raising \$1,350 in the process. Mary De Sloovere and Lynn Burtis were able helpers. The blocks are each one of a unique reproduction fabric.

The blocks were all made and then "sold" at different venues for \$25.00 each. All signatures were inked in the same very legible handwriting and in the same font with fade and water resistant archival ink.

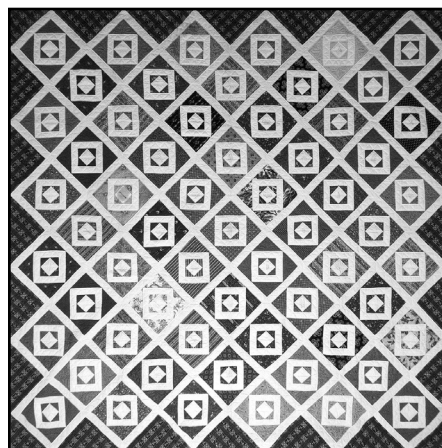
The quilt is now to be raffled off to raise even more money to go toward the continued conservation of the growing collection of quilts, coverlets, costume, and household soft goods.

Tickets will begin to be sold by the middle of February 2014, with the drawing to be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9th at the Hunterdon County Historical Society. Bound in books of 12, the tickets will be \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00, an entire book for \$10.00.

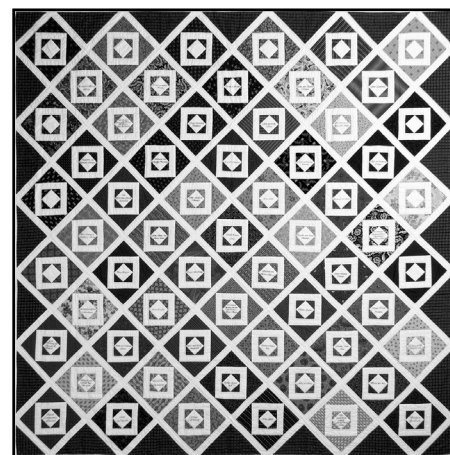
1843 Framed Square Signature Quilt in the Hunterdon County Historical Society collection.



1843 Framed Square Signature Quilt in the Lambertville Historical Society collection.



Reproduction Framed Square Signature Quilt to be raffled off by the Hunterdon County Historical Society on September 9, 2014.



(Doric House Sign cont'd from page 1177)

Over Fisher's work life, he served in many county and state positions, including the then part-time position as Prosecutor of Hunterdon County. During his four-year term, he never had to try a criminal case; all perpetrators entered guilty pleas. He attained national status in the mid-1930s as the lead defense counsel for Bruno Hauptmann during the Lindbergh trial. His portrait now hangs in the old courthouse on Main Street.

FROM THE DESK OF DONALD CORNELIUS, HCHS MANUSCRIPT CURATOR

I am very pleased to report to the membership that the HCHS Archives has continued to make great strides in our efforts to make original manuscripts from the people and organizations of our county available for research. In an exciting development, the Archives is beginning our first foray into the digital world!

As seen in a related article on page 1175, our intern and volunteer Autumn Dilley has introduced the HCHS Archives to the NJ Digital Highway Project. Autumn has scanned one of our collections into digital format (Collection No. 17, Slave Manumissions) and it will soon be available to interested scholars through the Digital Highway's website, which is hosted by Rutgers University. Through Autumn's hard work, we can now proudly say that the HCHS is finally entering the digital age! In the future, we will look for other impactful and important collections that can be added to the digital domain. This will serve to both increase our digital footprint and to highlight the important work done here at the HCHS Archives to a greater audience.

The Digital Highway is not the only place that digitally scanned information from our archives is available. One needs look no further than our website to see that we have been scanning the inventories of our processed collections and making them available to the public. As of the publication of this newsletter, the complete inventories of the first 33 collections from the archives have been scanned into PDF format and are available for viewing on the *Manuscripts* link on our website. While the inventories do not contain any of the original manuscripts themselves, they are a detailed list of what is in the collection. Previously, these detailed inventories were available only in paper format in the Society's library. An online version makes it easier for potential researchers to decide whether or not they are interested in something particular, and if they are, it makes it much easier for our library volunteers to find what they need.

Digital access tools are not the only activity in the Archives, however! No matter how "wired" our world becomes, there will still be a need for our team to process, arrange and describe the vast amount of manuscript material the Society has collected over 129 years! Several interesting collections of original manuscripts have been made available due to the work of the archival volunteer team in recent

months. Collection No. 131 is the Rittenhouse/Fuhrmann Papers. Dr. John B. Fuhrmann (1917-1993), a longtime Hunterdon County physician, was a descendant of the Rittenhouse family. He was a son of Barclay and Alberta Rittenhouse Fuhrmann. He was very active in researching the genealogy of his family, and the Society was fortunate to acquire a collection of genealogical materials of his creation concerning Albert H. Rittenhouse, his family, and his descendants. Albert H. Rittenhouse of Hunterdon County was born February 26, 1854, and died February 1, 1937. This collection contains legal papers (indentures, bonds, deeds, appointments, and certificates) relating to Albert and his family. There is also an interesting genealogical notes file, with

research, notes, and original and copied documents. In addition, there are small amounts of correspondence, news clippings, ephemera, and appointments of notary public for Albert. Also included are 8 photographs, presumably of the Rittenhouse family and its activities. This collection would be of great interest to those researching the genealogy and history of the Rittenhouse family, and the Society would like to thank Archival Volunteer Shoshana Nimaroff for arranging and describing this collection.

Also newly available is Collection No. 132, the Herr

and Fisher Papers. Ryman Herr, a partner in the Flemington law firm of Herr and Fisher, donated many items of historical interest to the Society. This series of papers is interesting because it covers a small number of topics between the years 1929 and 1947. Topics include public utility correspondence and maps, correspondence from H. Norman Schwarzkopf, railroad and other transportation route maps, and letters of petition against a proposed dam works. The Society would like to thank Archival Volunteer Scott Preston for arranging and describing this interesting collection.

In addition to these two collections, our dedicated team continues to make headway in organizing our manuscripts. Projects in process now include the papers of several past members of the Society, including Ken Myers, J. Edward Stout, and George Hart. In the coming months, Society members may keep themselves informed of these and other new collections by following the Society's Facebook page or by looking for release announcements on our website, www.hunterdonhistory.org. In the meantime, please keep warm and be well!



John Rittenhouse, lower left, the other three are unidentified. Collection No. 131, Rittenhouse/Fuhrmann Papers. Px7026.

Images from the Past

The Hiram E. Deats Memorial Library – Updated and Comfortable



Hunterdon County Historical Society, before and after renovations.

In 2012 when the Society failed to win a grant from the state to renovate the research library and install a new handicapped-accessible restroom, the Board made an appeal to the members. We had to raise \$50,000 to then be granted \$10,000 more by The Astle-Alpaugh Family Foundation. Members and some local business people responded overwhelmingly. Work was complete in late summer of 2013, and now you see the results. Thanks to each of you who donated to the project. Come in and see your name and other donors on the library wall.

