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Images From The Past Theme of Exhibit Doric House Open Saturday 17 May 1-4 p.m.



HCHS, Deats Collection

The Forker House, on the corner of Main Street and Maple Avenue, Flemington, moved in 1892 and replaced with the gazebo which now sits in the Park behind the Court House.

In observance of Historic Preservation Week this year, the 1845 Doric House will be open for tours on Saturday, 17 May from 1-4 p.m. Open House will feature *Images From The Past* — photographs of Flemington buildings then and now, those which have undergone changes, been relocated [yes, buildings have been moved], and a few were razed to make way for new buildings.

Drawing from the Society's photographic collection for the "then" views and the talent of Society member Barbara Charles for the "now" views, an interesting exhibit is planned. If you're a Flemington native the pictures may test your memory and if you're not, then you can see how things were. Either way, preserving the past for the future is a worthy effort.

Visit the Doric House on Saturday, the 17th of May.

2003 Calendar

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| April 30 | 13th Annual Volunteer Luncheon |
| May 5-12 | Historic Preservation Week |
| May 17-18 | Doric House open 1-4 p.m.
<i>Images From The Past</i>
Theme of Open House |
| Aug. 20-24 | Hunterdon County Agricultural Fair
at the new fairgrounds at Ringoes
Visit the Society's exhibit |

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Membership Report

A warm welcome is extended to the people who have recently become members of the Society or upgraded to Life membership.

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Contributing membership or upgrade

NOTES AND QUERIES

Address correspondence to Genealogical Committee. One query listing of ten lines free to members, 25 cents per line over ten; non-member rate is 25 cents per line. Remember to enclose a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) with genealogical correspondence if you expect a reply.

APGAR, WAGGONER: Maria Sophia Apgar Waggoner [1763-1856] descendants, the Apgar Family Association needs to hear from you. Click on www.ApgarFamily.com or contact: George Apgar, Jr., 218 Kempsey Drive, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 or telephone [732] 297-6686.

ABBOTT: Seek info re early life, par/o William Wesley Abbott, b. 1823-1831. As per Civil War pension application he liv/w Kroesen [Krousen or Krusen] fam bef. 1850. He m. 1) Sarah Kinsey on 9 Sept 1850 Easton, PA, had 4 chil but have no info on them. Sarah d. 9 Mar 1860 Lambertville, he m. 2) Maria Reilly 24 Nov 1861 in Lambertville. I can trace him until his death on 26 Mar 1878. ADD: William F. Abbott, 6001 Timberly Road North, Mobile, AL 36009.

ROSEBERRY: The 1927 Phillipsburg High School yearbook contains photos of my mother, Dorothy W. Roseberry. If you have a copy of the yearbook and can photocopy the pages she appears on, please contact me. ADD: Margaret F. Laxson, 1040 38th Ave., #42, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

BRYANT, STOUT: Who were par/o James Bryant, b. 1776, NJ, m. Cathy Stout in Hunt Co 22 Oct. 1796? ADD: Joyce Fox, 11505 41 St. NE, Bismarck, ND 58503.

BOWLBY, DALRYMPLE, SMITH, UPDIKE: Seek info re Theodore S. Dalrymple, served Co H, 15th Infantry, CivWar. He was b. 10 March 1840 in Bethlehem, son of Catharine

HOW TO JOIN

Hunterdon County Historical Society
 114 Main Street
 Flemington, NJ 08822

Please enroll me as a member of your Society

Annual	\$15.00 per year
Family	\$18.00 per year
Contributing	\$25.00 per year
Sustaining	\$50.00 per year
Institutional	\$50 and up per year
Life	\$250.00
Patron	\$1,000.00 or more
Student	\$3.00 per year (18 years of age or less)
Century Club	\$100.00

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

Name _____

Address _____

Updike who m. Aaron Dalrymple 22 Oct 1840. Pension file says he married Mary Adaline Bowlby before the war, divorced in 1867 and that he changed his name to Jackson Smith after War? ADD: Rhonda Shoemaker, 34001 Richard St., Wayne, MI 48183 [e-mail RLShoe@comcast.net]

BRITTON, CHATTEN: Seek marriage place and date for Nathaniel F. Britton to Mary Elizabeth Chatten. He was b. NJ, age 19, blacksmith, unmarried, in Hopewell, 1850 census. ADD: Debbie Smeraldi, P. O. Box 282, Bordentown, NJ 08505 [e-mail lonemerue@comcast.net]

Acquisitions

Artifacts, manuscripts, family Bibles, and other material representative of the history of Hunterdon County and the families who resided here are welcome additions to the Historical Society's collections.

Family chart beginning with Rev. Adrianus Van Noortwyck [1656-1693], Minister, Dutch Embassy at Brussels and Rosenberg, compiled by Mary Lou Mitteer, Pentwater, MI, no date. Donated by James Herster, Millington, NJ.

Annandale 1852-2002: The 150th Anniversary Tour, published by Historic Beaver Brook Homestead, Inc., 2002. Donated by Historic Beaver Brook Homestead, Frank Curcio, Secretary-Treasurer, Annandale, NJ.

Historic Sites & Districts in Hunterdon County, NJ, compiled, published and donated by Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission, Stephanie B. Stevens, Chair.

One reel of microfilm, *Hunterdon County Democrat*, July-September 2002. Donated by Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, NJ.

Golden Anniversary 1930-1980: Sidney Progressive Grange #215, from the estate of Blanche LeMonn, donated by Lois K. Stewart, Flemington, NJ.

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Family of William White, Volume 13, originally compiled by Ruth Wilder Sherman, CG, FASG, and Robert Moody Sherman, CG, FASG; reedited by Robert S. Wakefield, CG, FASG, 2002.

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Family of Peter Brown, Volume 7, by Robert S. Wakefield, F.A.S.G. *Mayflower Families in Progress: George Soule of the Mayflower and His Descendants for Four Generations*, originally by John E. Soule, Col. USA, Ret., M.C.E. and Milton E. Terry, PhD, revised by Robert S. Wakefield, FASG, and Louise Walsh Throop, M.B.A., 2002

Philip Delano of the "Fortune" 1621 and His Descendants for Four Generations, by Muriel Curtis Cushing, 2002. Donated by New Jersey Society of Mayflower Descendants, Harry P. Folger, 3rd, Secretary, Woodbine, NJ. Donated by Society of Mayflower Descendants in New Jersey, Harry P. Folger, 3rd, Secretary, Woodbine, NJ.

Historic Sites & Districts in Hunterdon County, NJ compiled, published and donated by the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Flemington, NJ.

Microfilms of *Delaware Valley News*, January-December 2002, and *Hunterdon County Democrat*, October-December 2002. Donated by the Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, NJ.

An 1878 family Bible of John Caffery [1840-1877] and wife Sarah Catherine Caffey Akers [1849-], with interleaved birthday card and letter. Donated by Kay Larsen, Easton, PA.

One copy, *Richard Rounsavall and His Descendants, Volume II*, by Mark S. Rounsavall and Brian E. Rounsavill, 2002. Donated by Brian E. Rounsavill, Newtown, PA.

Outcast: A Story of Slavery in Readington Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, 2003, by Stephanie B. Stevens. Donated by the author, Whitehouse Station, NJ

Eight scrapbooks from the office of the County Superintendent of Schools, 1938-1980. Donated by the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Flemington, NJ.

Two scrapbooks of clippings, 1927-1929, "With Hunterdon County Farmers" by E. A. Gautt, County Agricultural Agent, donated by William McIntryre, Lebanon, NJ

Bridges over the Delaware River: A History of Crossings, by Frank T. Dale, 2003. Donated by the author, Hope, NJ.

On CD-ROM, *Descendants of John Blaw (Blue), d. 1757, Somerset County, NJ*, compiled by William H. Blue, 2003 fifth edition, supersedes the 4th edition of 1990. Donated by the author, Seattle, WA.

Three items: Unidentified store account book, 1865-1869; William Mattison's [ciphering] Book, New Shannock, Nov. 1822, "William Mattison's Syphering Book" December 1835; Donated by Harold O. and Margery C. Van Fleet, Flemington, NJ.

Framed watercolor of the Flemington National Bank, 20" x 24", by Wm. T. Taylor, 1941. Donated by Clarence Alles, New Ringgold, PA.

Form of Bequest

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

ITEM: I bequeath the sum of \$_____ to the Hunterdon Historical Society, Flemington, NJ.

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

John Lloyd, Flemington's House Mover

Does anyone remember hearing of John Lloyd, the house mover?¹ He died a hundred years ago at the age of 89 but he and Topsy, his brown mare, "transplanted" houses in Flemington for years. Houses that were on Pennsylvania Avenue are now on Broad Street. Tiny suburbs of "transplanted" houses were made and several Mine and Main Street homes are now on their Park Avenue foundations. It is impossible to tell by looking at such homes where they came from. Some have traveled across town or moved up the street sometime in their history.

House moving was not a new or startling procedure but it was done on a large scale in Flemington. Perhaps the greatest reason for all the shifting of houses was a gentleman, John S. Lloyd, and his horse, Topsy. Mr. Lloyd was born in Salem County in 1832 and during a trek through the area selling his invention, a hay fork, he met Miss Margaret Aller. After marrying her and settling here in Flemington he turned to stump pulling and in that occupation made good use of inventive genius and Topsy. Topsy willingly supplied her strength, and by means of pulley blocks stumps came out. How Mr. Lloyd began moving buildings is unknown but the block and tackle, pulleys, and Topsy were useful in both endeavors.

He and Topsy moved most of Blackwell Row, a long low building of first floor shops and rooms above. It was sliced up and pieces taken to various places, including "Lloydtown."

Lloydtown or Lloyd Avenue is made up of houses which Mr. Lloyd moved there. The first house on the Avenue was part of John Capner's work shop and came from the Broadhead house on Main Street. At the time the houses were moved there, Flemington had not built out that far and there were only fields and the "Commons" there. On the "Commons" was a baseball field which saw many a thrilling game between town players and visitors.

Priestly Row on South Main Street is partly made up of houses bought by John Priestly and moved by John Lloyd. One of the houses, the Forker house, was taken from the lot where the Flemington Public Library now stands. It was replaced with a gazebo which was later moved to the park behind the Court House and replaced with the Library.

These houses and others will be identified and pictured in the Open House exhibit on 17 May. Come and see!

1. "Traveling Houses In Old Flemington," by Eleanor Ritchie, appeared in the Hunterdon County Democrat of 5 July 1934.

Blackwell Row, 1897



HCHS, Deats Collection

THEN AND NOW — Flemington National Bank now occupies the corner of Main Street and Bloomfield Avenue where Blackwell Row was formerly located. The building was moved in sections to other locations to make space for the bank building.

Tom Bleck's "Where Have All The Farmers Gone?"



HCHS, Clifford Snyder Collection

Farms and farmers are fast disappearing from the rolling hills of Hunterdon County, being replaced with housing developments.

At the Society's Annual Meeting on March 23, 2003, to an audience of about 50 people, film maker Tom Bleck of Lebanon Township presented his video, "Where Have All The Farmers Gone?" and it was enthusiastically received. The film was produced by his firm, Paris Music and Video, Inc. with an assisting grant from the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Mr. Bleck has captured the homespun words of a few of our farmers in a poignant, low key manner you will not forget. Society member Thelma K. Miller and the late J. Edward Stout were two of the people appearing on Mr. Bleck's film. For those of you who missed his presentation, or want a copy, Mr. Bleck has graciously allowed the Society to offer copies of his video to for sale. The cost is \$24, which includes postage. Copies may also be picked up at the Society for \$20.

Financial Statement - 2002

Receipts

Membership dues	10,240.00
Interest	15.44
Raymond James Account	22,000.00
Dividends	2,780.00
Sale books, films, maps	4,120.00
Newsletter sales	20.00
Donations	436.00
Xerox fees collected	1,524.00
Large Foundation grant	8,500.00
Cult./Herit. Comm. grant	1,400.00
Edward T.Astle Foundation grant	8,000.00
Royalties/Deats Marriages	395.00
Reimbursement	30.00
Sale duplicate Democrats	100.00
Refund	94.17
Sale Gazette CD	868.00
Photo user fees	645.00
Receipts	\$61,167.61

Disbursements

Accounting	2,100.00
Book purchase/printing	1,060.00
Fees & Dues	61.00
Insurance	5,656.00
Printing, newsletter/other1,	642.00
Postage	1,952.68
Office supplies	3,041.21
Utilities	6,542.36
Meeting expenses	300.00
Cleaning services	1,200.00
Donations	150.00
Employee wages/	31,768.00
S.S./NJU	2,578.95
Mileage	350.00
Microfilm	238.00
Library binding/preser.	612.43
Volunteer recognition	855.55
Equipment maintenance,	751.41
copier, computer, etc.	
Bldg. maint., Ehrlich,	1,768.02
security system	
Storage book negatives	30.00
Disbursements	\$ 62,363.25



Images from the Past

Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1916



HCHS Collections

David Newton Cole and Sarah J. Bedford Cole

On the 16th of October, 1866, David Newton Cole led Sarah J. Bedford to the marriage altar over in Sullivan County, New York. As their 50th anniversary approached Mrs. Cole hoped to gather her five children, with wives, husbands, grandchildren together for a celebration. Mr. Cole convinced her it was far too great an undertaking and she reluctantly acquiesced.

She was busy in her garden just before sunset on Saturday evening, October 14, when the children and grandchildren, thirty-one in number, arrived in a group including Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff, at the Cole home, Crescent Villa, near Readington to bring their greetings and good wishes and refreshments for a delightful surprise to both Mr. and Mrs. Cole.

Their children, Charles A. Cole and Frank N. Cole of Readington, William B. Cole and Leonard G. Cole of Centreville, and Mrs. R. M. Cole of New York City, with seventeen grandchildren, were in attendance. Only missing was granddaughter, Mrs. J. Wilbur Schomp, daughter of Charles A. Cole, who died in February.

Bottom right, first row left to right: Fred Johnson Cole [son of Charles]; David Newton Cole; Edith Cole Leonard Brycheski [daughter of Frank]; Sarah Bedford Cole' Grace Cole Kirk [dau/o of Frank]; Alice Cole Stryker [dau/o Charles]; two boys behind Alice and Grace; George Newton Cole [son of Frank]; Stanley Leonard Cole [son of Leonard].

Second row left to right: Charles A. Cole; William Bedford Cole; Rachel May Cole Fenner; May Anna Cole Smith [dau/o Frank]; Charles Bedford Cole [dau/o William B.]; Martie Skinner Cole Felmley [dau/o Leonard]; Frances Fenner [1st wife of Chester Fenner, son of Rachel]; Laura Latourette Cole, wife of Frank; Frank Newton Cole; Leonard Cole.

Third row left to right: Sarah Johnson Cole, wife of Charles A.; Lillian Hoffman Cole, wife of William B.; Ruth Cole Wyckoff [dau/o Charles A.]; Edyth Fenner Weber [dau/o Rachel]; Lorena Cole Vincent [dau/o William B.]; Sarah Adaline Fenner Price Hinton Monfort [dau/o Rachel]; Sadie Voorhees Cole, wife of LeRoy; Lena K. Hoffman, wife of Leonard.

Rear row left to right: Robert Stockton Cole [son of Charles A.]; Charles Weber, husband of Edith Fenner; Wilbert(Bert) Schomp, husband of Anna Cole Schomp [deceased dau/o Charles A.]; LeRoy Cole [son of Charles A.]; Chester Fenner [son of Rachel].

The photograph was preserved by the late Lorena Cole Vincent, with two clippings of the event, and the identification of everyone in the picture, and donated to the Society in 1992 by her daughter, Clare Vincent, after her mother's death.