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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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**November 12, 2015 7-9 pm**  
*HCHS Manuscript Workshop*  
See inside for details!

**November 15, 2015 2 pm**  
Membership meeting welcomes Dr. Veit to speak on the Deats and Thatcher Native American collection

**December 6 & 13, 2015 1-4 pm**  
Get in the holiday spirit with tours through the Society's Doric House and Library. Check the web site soon for details!

#### Society Library Hours

Open 12 - 4 PM every Thursday and 10 - 4 PM these Saturdays:  
October 10, 24  
November 14, 28  
December 12, 26  
2016: January 9, 23

## SOCIETY'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 15 WELCOMES PROFESSOR RICHARD VEIT

"New Jersey's Prehistoric Past and the Society's Native American Collection"

**D**r. Veit's lecture will summarize the results of his three-year research study of the Deats and Thatcher collection of Native American artifacts. Working with students from Monmouth University, Professor Veit has catalogued 200 pieces of the collection. The majority of the collection represents the Lenape Indians of Hunterdon County. Professor Veit, PhD, teaches anthropology and is chair of the History and Anthropology Department at Monmouth University. His books include the award-winning publication *Digging New Jersey's Past: Historical Archeology in the Garden State*.

The Hunterdon County Historical Society's collection of Native American artifacts is one of the largest and most impressive collections in the state of New Jersey. Dating back almost 10,000 years, much of the collection was amassed by Hiram E. Deats, the Society's founder, and bequeathed to the Society upon his death in 1963. A large part of the collection is still housed in the original exhibit cases on the third floor of the Flemington Public Library where the original offices of the Society once were. A portion of the collection is also housed in the Society's archive building and Doric House Museum.

Join us for the Society's fall membership meeting at the Flemington Public Library, 118 Main Street in Flemington at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Veit's lecture will follow a brief business meeting. Refreshments will be served.



Professor Richard Veit

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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 Mary Ellen Soldavin, Membership Chair

- Suzanne Bennett, Flemington, NJ
- David Cowdrick, Apollo Beach, FL
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**RESEARCH REQUESTS**

**\$25 per query: This includes two hours of research in our library and archival resources.**

For forms and more info, go to:

<http://hunterdonhistory.org/hchs-research-policy>

**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.

- Barth, Linda. Two Hunterdon County Road maps; 1937 and 1950.
- Bowers, Janice. Two photographs of a winter train wreck in Flemington, NJ and one photograph of the last covered bridge at Washington's Crossing just before its destruction in the 1903 flood.
- Feret, Alice. Three postcards from Hunterdon County and a 1965 bus service schedule from Dilley's Bus service of Flemington.
- Flemington Borough Planning Board. Report: Flemington Cut Glass Site, 154-158 Main Street, Flemington, NJ, Preservation Analysis, 3/2015.
- Gerlack, Betty-Family Genealogy: "The Stouts, Bollens, Trockmortons, Ashtons & Higgins: Our Baptist Ancestors in Colonial New Jersey and Rhode Island."
- Hunterdon County Democrat, courtesy of Jay Langley. The history and "morgue" files of the Democrat newspaper, ca. 1930 - 2000.
- Just, Marilyn. Three panoramic photographs, in frames, of the Round valley Reservoir, as photographed by H.C. (Clay) McEldowney.
- Keen, Dr. Thomas. One Manuscript Ledger (Day Book), Wertsville General Store, P.D.V. Manners proprietor, 1/1873-10/1873.
- Matcho, Gerald. 1936 High Bridge Yearbook and advertising thermometer from Matcho Inc.
- McPherson, John. Four photographs: Pittstown Peach Exchange, 1895; Franklin Twp. Board of Education, 1936-1937; reunion banquet, U. of Penn. Dental School, 1939; and a group of ladies on the steps of the NY State Capitol, 1930.

Sisser, Fred III. Two boxes of historical records related to individuals, churches, businesses, and other groups in Readington Township, NJ, ca. 1807-2005. The material was given to the donor by three Readington personalities: Elizabeth Rockafellow Disborough (the donor's Great-Aunt); Edith Wyckoff Dalrymple, the daughter of the Rev. B.V.D. Wyckoff (minister of the Readington Reformed Church); and Lorena Cole Vincent.

Webb, Dale. Eleven boxes of genealogical records, research notes, family history documents, and photographs from the estate of Dora Alexander, wife of James Alexander, of Hunterdon County, NJ.

Winnett, George Jr. Two photographs, 1938, from the Winnett and Haver families.

**SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2015 7-9 P.M.**

**FIRST TIME FALL WORKSHOP: Using the Manuscript Collections of the Hunterdon County Historical Society**  
114 Main Street, Flemington

Manuscript Curator Don Cornelius will speak about the archival holdings of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. Don will show examples of the major types of records in the archives - manuscript collections, bound manuscripts, maps, scrapbooks, and photographs - and give instructions and tips on how to search for and access them. For our library researchers who may be unfamiliar with the wealth of resources in the archives, this seminar is for you!

The seminar is free but limited to the first 15 registrants. Pre-register by contacting Patricia Millen at patricia.hchs@embaqmail.com or by calling 908-782-1091. A confirmation e-mail will be sent.

**Financial Update**

Reported by MaryAnne Adams, Finance Chair

The operating expenses of the Hunterdon County Historical Society continue to grow, in part, because the Society has been so successful. We built a state-of-the-art Archives Building, upgraded the 1845 Doric House Museum and remodeled the Hiram E. Deats Memorial Library. This has been done with grants (many of them matching) and with the support of our members and the community.

We have many dedicated volunteers in the archives, the library, and the Doric House and our part-time professionals help direct our preservation activities in a proficient manner. Maintaining the climate controlled archives - an absolute necessity for saving Hunterdon's history - is expensive, as is heating and cooling our older buildings. Keeping our buildings in good repair, particularly the old buildings, is costly.

The Society is now in the process of reviewing both expenses and income with an eye to reducing expenses and increasing income. We hope that we may ask your assistance as we move forward!

**For Now - AN ENERGY AUDIT IS NEEDED**

Does anyone know of a company or organization that could support an energy audit for the Hunterdon County Historical Society's buildings? If you have any information please contact Administrator Patricia Millen @ 908-782-1091.

**New Genealogy Donated to Society**

The Michael Baylor family lived on the north side of the Musconetcong River, bordering Hunterdon County, NJ, in the vicinity Asbury and Washington, NJ. His descendants lived in both counties and spread all across America. This book was over a dozen years in the making and traces the descendants of Michael Baylor down to the present day.

This is Michael's seventh book on family genealogy, with previous editions completed on Carkhuff/Kirkhuff, Eshback, Jennings, Kuhl and Weller (Part 1 & Part 2) surnames. Additional books on the horizon include Labar (Pennsylvania and New Jersey), Creveling (an updated genealogy to the Louis Creveling work) and Barnes.

Michael and his wife, Janet, volunteer at the Library on the first and third Thursdays of the month. His electronic database of 528,000 names is ever-growing and an excellent resource for those interested in their family roots.

**Our call for volunteers in May brought many new faces to the Hunterdon County Historical Society.**

**Vincent Mack** is an IT professional and researcher from Frenchtown. He has been updating and reorganizing our microfilm collection, as well as helping us with minor computer issues.

**Elaina Hart** is a student at the College of New Jersey majoring in history and does just about everything. She will be off to London to study this fall.

**BECOME A MEMBER!**

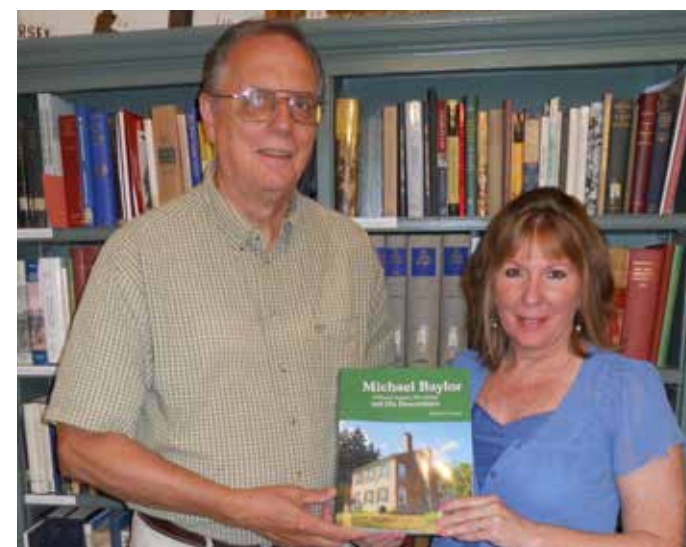
Individual	\$20 per year
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Life	\$500
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Michael Gesner, a volunteer library assistant at the Society, presents his latest book, "Michael Baylor of Warren County, New Jersey and His Descendants," to Patricia Millen, HCHS Administrator.

**Radha Dahanukar** is a high school student who has been uploading photos of the Doric House collections into catalog records and just re-did the library window display.

**Kathleen Schreiner** was a library volunteer from years' past and has returned since her retirement. She answers many of our genealogy requests.

**Suzette Persaud** of Ringoes volunteers on Saturdays and is processing new Bible entries for our Bible Index.



## THE LUNDY SISTERS: A DISCOVERY OF TWO EARLY 1800s NEEDLEWORK TEACHERS IN HUNTERDON COUNTY

by Dan and Marty Campanelli

Recently, an 1835 sampler by Hannah Gray was found in the archives. Uncovered by a volunteer working for manuscript curator Don Cornelius, the sampler had been donated in 1971 by Mrs. Michael Deppe, a Gray descendant. Since we had written the first book on New Jersey embroidery for the Society in 2013,<sup>1</sup> this excited us. Most thrilling were the words stitched upon the linen: "Preceptress Elizabeth W. Lundy."

Years earlier, we happened upon an 1828 example by Sarah Polhemus in a catalog naming "Miss Amy Londe" as her teacher. Further research into the life of the Kingwood (now Franklin) Township stitcher and her instructress revealed that the two families resided on Oak Grove Road.<sup>2</sup> Several other samplers then came to light featuring the same unique motifs, leading us to believe that Miss Londe was a prolific instructress. This put us on a quest to learn more about her.



This 1835 sampler informs us that it was made "By Hannah Gray in the 13<sup>th</sup> year of her age under her Preceptress Elizabeth W. Lundy." Hunterdon County Historical Society.

### A FAMILY OF TEACHERS

Isaac Lundy (1752-1779) was once a clerk of the Kingwood (now Quakertown) Friends Meeting.<sup>3</sup> His son Amos (1778-1851) and wife Abigail Stockton (1776-1864) raised seven children in a dwelling on Oak Grove Road.<sup>4</sup> The Quakers of Hunterdon had migrated up from Burlington in the early 1700s, and they believed in education for both sexes. The Lundy family is a prime example. Amos Lundy was the first teacher in an 1826 log schoolhouse, and his son John followed in his footsteps.<sup>5</sup> A booklet from 1898 about

the Readington/Holland Brook School detailed the teaching careers of two of Lundy's daughters as well. Amy Stockton Lundy (1807-1894) taught at the Holland Brook School in Readington for one year in 1835. After a larger edifice was erected in 1839, her sister Elizabeth Witham Lundy (1809-1852) also taught there.<sup>6</sup>



This stone and clapboard homestead on Oak Grove Road housed the Lundy family in the early 1800s. Drawing by John C. Gulish of Pittsgrove Farms.

Before our sampler book went to press, an 1840 piece by Sarah Ten Brook came to light. It featured many of the same designs as found on others from a group we had dubbed the "Hunterdon house & heart" samplers. Since we knew that Amy had married in 1839,<sup>7</sup> we surmised that her sister, Elizabeth, was most likely the teacher of the 1840 sampler. Instructresses were usually young, single women who later gave up teaching after marriage, and only reverted to that profession if widowed or in need of income.

### MORE EVIDENCE EMERGES

Recently, a sampler entered our collection, stitched by Elizabeth E. Ten Broeck in 1834, and it named "Amy S. Lundy Instructress." This validated the fact that "Miss Amy Londe" was indeed Amy Stockton Lundy. Demonstrating that people frequently misspelled their own names, Elizabeth E. Ten Broeck was an older sister of Sarah Ten Brook, who created the 1840 example

The "Hunterdon house & heart" samplers contain many of the following motifs, although all the designs do not appear together on every embroidery: a large angular heart, often with initials inside; a tiny boat with an oar; one or two houses in two-point perspective; a full-rigged sailing vessel;

## -- GIVE A GIFT OF HISTORY --

Give a gift with real meaning this holiday season - give a book about local history! We're selling several new titles at bargain prices. Several items were donated by the Hunterdon County Democrat newspaper. Stop by our library to pick up your copy. For mail orders: Include \$5 for the first book and \$1 for each additional book (unless otherwise specified); for maps and posters add \$10 shipping for up to 4 items. For out-of-country orders contact the society for shipping charges. For items with an asterisk (\*), if 2 or more are mailed in one tube, shipping is still \$10.

**Address on the Dissolution of Nations** - William Patterson (HCHS 1997). Essay on political science written about 1770 by a future Governor of NJ and US Supreme Court Justice. 25 pp., soft cover. \$1

**Alexander Low and His Descendants in America** - Ann Augusta McClees (1939). Includes genealogical data on the Barkelow, Borden, McClees and Moreau lines. 8 pp. \$2.50

**NEW! All Roads Lead to Pittstown** - Stephanie Stevens (2015). Highlights the personalities and actions of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century men who created and controlled the village of Pittstown. 44 pp., \$5

**Atlas of Hunterdon** - Beers, Comstock and Cline (1873, reprinted by HCHS 1987). Contains maps of 14 townships and 32 towns. 77 pp., 13" by 16", hard cover. \$40

**Baptists in Kingwood, NJ** - Stephen Zdepski (1974). A history of the Kingwood Baptist Church at Baptistown and Locktown and the present Baptistown Baptist Church. 37 pp., illus., soft cover. \$5

**Beneath These Waters** - Stephanie Stevens (2009). Chronicles the colorful history of Round Valley from its geological formation and Lenape habitat to summer refuge for early Revolutionary Patriots, rich fields farmed by some of Hunterdon's oldest families, and the reservoir that took the land for drinking water and recreation. 70 pp., illus., maps, index, soft cover. \$7

**The Centre Bridge** - Elmer Roberson (1928). History of the Centre Bridge Company and the covered bridge over the Delaware River that burned in 1923. 10 pp., soft cover. \$3

**The Choyce Compendium** - Betty Choyce Sheehan (2006). The Choyces were part of an English migration to Flemington in 1785, along with the Capners, Peter Haward, Isaac Passand, and others. 907 pp., index, illus., family charts, hard cover. \$85 plus \$10 for shipping\*

**Ye Colonial Kinsmen from Plymouth Rock to York Towne** - Joseph Kearney, 1978. Genealogical study documenting about 200 immigrants of Plymouth, MA and New Amsterdam (present-day NYC), tracing their families through 6 generations. Over 3000 names. Eight 24" x 36" charts. \$30 non-members, \$20 members. Plus \$10 for shipping\*

**Common Threads: Quilting Traditions of Hunterdon County, NJ** - Exhibition Catalog April 5-13, 2014. Hunterdon County Tricentennial Committee. 50 pp. illus., soft cover. \$10

**Flax Culture in Hunterdon County New Jersey** - Hubert Schmidt (1939). 10 pp., pamphlet. \$5

**The First 250 Years of Hunterdon County: 1714-1964** - Published by the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders (1964). 106 pp., maps, illus., \$5

**Flemington Fair Poster** - Russell and Morgan Printing Co. Reprint of 1885 Hunterdon County Fair poster. Approx. 24" x 33". \$30 plus \$10 for shipping\*

**The Flemington Fair Story** - Kenneth V. Myers (1978). 95 pp., illus., soft cover. \$5

**Flemington Fire Department 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade Committee (1982). Includes the early history of the department, list of chiefs, photos of men and equipment from 1842 to 1982. 118 pp., illus., soft cover. \$5

**Flemington, NJ Map** - O.H. Bailey and Co. Reprint of 1883 birds-eye view map of Flemington. Approx. 20" x 25". \$10 plus \$10 for shipping

**NEW! Frenchtown, New Jersey: History Along the River** - Robert Rands and Caroline Scutt (2015). A lively history of this picturesque community on the banks of the Delaware River. \$20

**The Ghosts of Hopewell** - Jim Fisher (2006). The professor's back! In his second review of the Lindbergh kidnapping, he examines many of the wild new claims about whodunit, how and why. 200 pp., illus., hard cover. \$20

**NEW! The Heritage of Our Hunterdon County Parks** - Douglas Kivovsky (2013). "Celebrates the history of Hunterdon County's parklands before they were recognized as county parks." 174 pp., illus., maps, soft cover. \$10

**Herstory: Quilts of Hunterdon County, New Jersey 1820 to 1950** - Veronica Mitchell (2005). Depicts how Hunterdon County women contributed to the history of the County through their quiltmaking. 37 pp., illus., soft cover. \$20

**History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, NJ** - James P. Snell (1881, reprinted by HCHS 2008). The standard classic county history. 2 vols, 864 pp., illus., maps, hard cover. \$89.50 non-members, \$85 members. Plus \$10 for shipping.\*

**Hunterdon: A Celebration of Communities** - Walter Choroszewski (2006). Every Hunterdon municipality is showcased in this volume of over 400 photographs. 161 pp., hard cover. \$30.

**Hunterdon County in the Civil War** - John W. Kuhl (2013). The times, the men, their stories. Rosters and unit histories of 2,700 Hunterdon County men who served in the Civil War. 260 pp., 170 illus., index, soft cover, spiral bound. \$15

**Hunterdon County New Jersey Fisheries 1819-1820** - Phyllis B. D'Autrechy (1993). Historical background on shad fishing and the names and locations of fisheries in the county. 44 pp., index, illus., maps, soft cover. \$7.50

**Hunterdon County New Jersey Militia, 1792** - Hiram E. Deats (1936, reprinted by HCHS 1994). Alphabetical listings by township of "free and able-bodied white male citizens" between 18 and 45 yrs. 37 pp., soft cover. \$12

**Hunterdon County, New Jersey Postal History** - Jim Walker (2008). Hunterdon has had over 140 post offices over the years. Contains a wealth of information for historians and genealogists. 288 pp., illus., maps, soft cover \$20; hard copy \$50

**Hunterdon County, NJ Map** - Lloyd Van Derveer & S. C. Cornell. Reprint of 1851 Map. Approx. 24" x 31". \$25 plus \$10 for shipping\*

**Hunterdon County's Forgotten Lime Industry** - Frank A. Curcio (2006). Winner of the NJ Author's Award. History of the lime kiln industry in Hunterdon, including background on the process of quarrying, the uses of lime and the major sites of mining in the county. 132 pp., illus., maps, soft cover. \$10

**Hunterdon Gazette Weekly Newspaper (CD)** - Digital images of the *Gazette* newspaper pages as well as typed and formatted text of the newspaper items containing people's names and events of Hunterdon County, with an overall name and key word index. Covers 1825-1866. DVD format works on both PCs and Macs. Also contains text of book *Hunterdon Place Names*. \$25 non-members, \$20 members and includes shipping

**Hunterdon's Role in the Revolution** - *Hunterdon County Democrat* (1976). This large format booklet describes scores of brave local men and women who fought to found a free nation. Many rare and old illustrations. 88 pp., illus., maps, soft cover. \$3



**In Defense of Her Honor** – Dennis Sullivan (2000). The New York press went wild in 1886 at the lurid rape and murder of Tillie Smith. An innocent man was set to hang. This real life mystery occurred in Hackettstown, on the Centenary College campus. 169 pp., illus., soft cover. \$10 non-members, \$8 members

**Index of Persons, Places and Subjects. Volume I of Mortgages of Hunterdon County 1766-1793** - Compiled by Phyllis D'Autrechy (1990-91). \$15

**I Remember** - Gloria Swipes Palaveda (1997). What if Tom Sawyer had been a girl? A Frenchtown matron tells 14 more tales of life along the Delaware early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. 78 pp., illus., \$8

**The Jerseyman: A Quarterly Magazine of Local History** - Hiram A. Deats, ed. (1893-1905). Local history and genealogy, primarily of Hunterdon County. Vols. 2-11, 376+ unbound pages, with added table of contents compiled by Roxanne K. Carkhuff. Some early issues may be supplied through photocopies. \$100

**John Reading's Diary: The Daily Business Record of the First American-Born Governor of New Jersey** - David Reading, editor, with original transcriptions by Dorothy A. Stratford (2010). A source of information about the people, economy, government and religion of colonial New Jersey. 205 pp., index, hard cover. \$40

**The Lindbergh Kidnapping** - Lost for 65 years! Found in a NJ Barn! Original cartoon drama traces "The Crime of the Century." Fully colorized computer-repaired panels with footnotes. 36 pp., soft cover. \$5 non-members, \$4 members

**Lindbergh Newspapers** - Time travel in a box! This set of 11 reprinted local newspapers covers the "Trial of the Century." Rare photos. Depression-era ads are priceless! Great gift for students, history buffs, senior citizens and legal eagles. \$25 non-members, \$20 members

**Marriage Records of Hunterdon Co., NJ 1795-1875** - Hiram E. Deats (1918, reprinted with additions and corrections, 1986) 348 pp., hard cover. \$25

**Modern Agriculture of the 1930's: Robert B. Crane Potato Grower and Poultryman on an Historic Franklin Township Farm** - Lois Crane Williams with Donald Crane (2011). A depression-era farmer's account books and diaries. Over 200 pp., illus., soft cover. \$15

**More Records of Old Hunterdon County, Volume I** - Compiled by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy (HCHS 1998). Includes division of lands 1795-1876, Orphans Court Minutes 1785-1797; Naturalizations 1803-1876; and much more. 273 pp., index, illus., maps, hard cover. \$25

**More Records of Old Hunterdon County, Volume II** - Compiled by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy, edited by Roxanne K. Carkhuff (HCHS 2000). Includes abstracts of wills; letters of administration and inventories, 1818-1825; bastardy cases, 1761-1890; and more. 331 pp., index, maps, hard cover. \$25

**New Jersey's Civil War Odyssey: An Anthology of Civil War Tales from 1850-1961** Edited by Joseph Bilby (2011). Untold and long-forgotten stories of how New Jerseyans coped with the Civil War and its memory. 168 pp., illus., index, hard cover. \$20

**New Jersey's Lindbergh Kidnapping and Trial** - Mark W. Falzini & James Davidson (2012). Documents the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr. and the arrest, trial and execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann through vintage photographs. 127 pp., soft cover. \$16

**Notable Women Throughout the History of Hunterdon County, Second Edition, Revised** - (Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission, 2006). 87 pp., illus., soft cover. \$10

**Old Stones at Oak Summit** - Kenneth V. Myers (1985). Kingwood Presbyterian Church at Oak Summit, Kingwood Township. 20 pp., index, soft cover. \$3

**One Town Around: A Pictorial History of West Portal and Vicinity** - Paul J. Hagaman (1984). A glimpse of the small towns on the edge of rural Hunterdon and Warren Counties via postcards and photographs of the early 1900s. 176 pp., illus., hard cover. \$20

**A Precious Place** - By Don Freiday (1997). A local naturalist spins his favorite tales. An engaging flock of stories, whether you're home by the hearth or out on the trail. 161 pp., illus., soft cover. \$10 non-members, \$8 members

**Records of the Kingwood Monthly Meeting of Friends** - James W. Moore (1900). 42 pp., soft cover. \$2

**The Ride to Pleasant Grove** - Sal Vuocolo (1999). A modern couple, repairing their Lebanon Township home, Hance Farm, follow clues to find the early – 1800's family that worked this same land. 160 pp., illus., soft cover. \$8 non-members, \$6 members

**A Sampling of Hunterdon County Needlework** - Dan and Marty Campanelli (2013). Features 74 examples of needlework artistry by young ladies of Hunterdon. The samplers date from 1798-1840's and come from all over the county, including the lower portion that is now part of Mercer County. 132 pp., large-format, full-color, soft cover. \$25 plus \$7 shipping

**Stories from Raven Rock, New Jersey** - Edited by R. Curt Chinnici (2012). How the small hamlet of Raven Rock evolved from a quarry town to the artist community of today is told through vignettes by members of its local historical community. 155 pp., illus., soft cover. \$20

**Tillers of the Soil** - Stephanie Stevens (2014). Hunterdon County's historian profiles 40 Hunterdon farm families who have tilled the soil for two to nine generations. 81 pp., illus., soft cover. \$7

**Traditions of Hunterdon: Early History and Legends of Hunterdon County, New Jersey** - (Author believed to have been John W. Lequear; republished in 1956-57 in the *Hunterdon County Democrat* with the cooperation of the Hunterdon County Historical Society). Originally published as a series of articles on the "Early History and Traditions of Hunterdon County" in the *Hunterdon Republican*, Flemington, NJ in 1869-70. 210 pages, illus., dust jackets damaged, \$25

**The Trial** - Jen Bryant (2004). A suspenseful novel in poems for young readers tells the story of the Lindbergh kidnapping and the trial of Bruno Hauptmann through the eyes of 12 year old Katie Lee Flynn. 170 pp., soft cover. \$6

#### PAMPHLETS

**each pamphlet:** \$2.50 non-members, \$2 members  
**postage:** \$1 per pamphlet

Pamphlets are from the *Hunterdon Historical Series*,  
3½" x 4½", H. E. Deats, publisher

**The Flemington Copper Mines** - E. Vosseller (1900). 22 pp.

**The Two Colonels John Taylor: An Historical Sketch** - Henry Race (1892). 13 pp.

**Historical and Genealogical Sketch of James Sterling** - Edward Boker Sterling (1893). 27 pp.

**History of the Readington School, Formerly Called Holland Brook, 1804-1897** - John Fleming (1898). 15 pp.

**General Washington at Coryell's Ferry** - Hannah Coryell Anderson (1928, reprinted 1969). 24 pp., illus.

**Tucca-Ramma-Hacking** - E. Vosseller (1901). 21 pp.

**History of the Hunterdon County Historical Society** - E. Vosseller (1894). 11 pp.

#### THE LATEST DISCOVERY

Our research has now been validated further by the words stitched upon Hannah Gray's 1835 sampler. Yes, Elizabeth was the preceptress of the later pieces, but began her needlework teaching earlier than we had first thought. Hannah Gray (1822-1918) was the daughter of Austin Gray and Elizabeth Waldron, who resided in Hillsborough Township, Somerset County in 1830, but had moved to Amwell prior to 1840. Hannah may have been sent to board in Readington for schooling. Hannah married merchant George Washington Nevius (1812-1858) in 1841. They resided in Clover Hill and raised seven children.<sup>9</sup>

Every new piece of embroidery that comes to light from the "Hunterdon house & heart" group adds more insight into the careers of these two notable instructresses, and shows that this rural farming area was rich with culture and educational opportunities for young ladies and their instructresses.

#### WHAT BECAME OF THE LUNDY SISTERS?

Amy Stockton Lundy married Hugh Exton in 1839 and the couple resided near Clinton. Amy had two children: Joseph Capnerhurst Exton (1841-1917) and Henrietta Louisa Stockton Exton (1843-1927). By 1870, the widow Amy Exton had \$45,000 worth of real estate and more than \$13,000 in personal property, a fortune in those days. The entire family was interred at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church.<sup>10</sup>

Elizabeth W. Lundy married farmer Cortland Voorhees (1794-1857) in Readington in 1842. They resided near Centreville and had two children: Lucien Augustus Voorhees (1843-1864) who died at the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse and Louisa Van Lieu Voorhees (born 1845). Elizabeth died in 1852 at the age of forty-two, and was buried at the Dutch Reformed Church at Readington.<sup>11</sup>

The Hunterdon County Historical Society should be proud to own this sampler made under the instruction of Elizabeth W. Lundy, a now recognized needlework teacher.



An 1834 sampler by Elizabeth E. Ten Broeck names "Amy S. Lundy Instructress." Collection of Dan & Marty Campanelli

a large fish; overlapping and interconnected hearts; and decorative bands between rows of alphabets and numbers.

In 2014, while putting together a source book of known needlework teachers in New Jersey, yet another sampler came to our attention. Stitched in 1842 by Joanna Morehead of Readington, it contained many of the classic motifs. One of the fragments of letters hidden between the sampler and its backing board was a contract between Elizabeth W. Lundy and the trustees of the Readington Church School District.<sup>8</sup> Our original assumption that Elizabeth W. Lundy taught more than academic subjects was becoming more of a reality.

#### NOTES:

1 Dan & Marty Campanelli, *A Sampling of Hunterdon County Needlework: The Motifs, the Makers & Their Stories* (Flemington, NJ: Hunterdon County Historical Society, 2013). Pages 48-57 feature the "Hunterdon house & heart" samplers.

2 A comparison of names on the 1830 and 1840 Federal Census for Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, NJ, as well as the 1851 *Samuel Cornell Map of Hunterdon County New Jersey*, pinpoints the location of the two families.

3 James W. Moore, *The Kingwood Records* (Flemington, NJ: H.E. Deats, 1900); and William Clinton Armstrong, *The Lundy Family and their Descendants* (New Brunswick, NJ: J. Heidingsfeld, Printer, 1904) 269.

4 Armstrong, *The Lundy Family and their Descendants*, 271-272.

5 J.E. Stout, *Facts and Fantasies of Franklin* (Hunterdon County, NJ: The Franklin Township Committee, 1995) 203, 261.

6 John Fleming, *History of the Readington School, formerly called Holland Brook School, 1804-1897* (Flemington, NJ: H.E. Deats, 1898).

7 *Hunterdon Gazette*, August 27, 1839. The newspaper notice claimed that both Amy and Hugh Exton (1800-1861) were from Bethlehem Township, leading us to speculate that she was teaching in that area prior to her marriage. Hugh had inherited his father's property, Union Farm, and by the 1860 Federal Census he claimed to be retired with property worth \$23,000.

8 Dan & Marty Campanelli, "So Education forms the Mind"—*Early Female Education in New Jersey with Special Emphasis on Needlework Instruction* (Hunterdon County, NJ: self-published by the authors, 2014) 64.

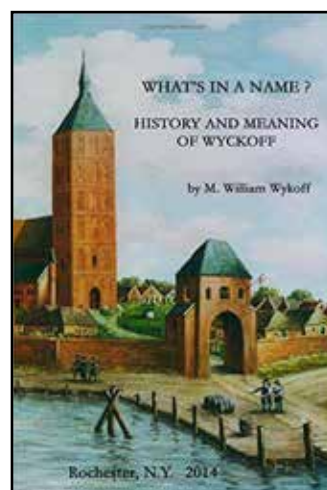
9 A. Van Doren Honeyman, *Joannes Nevius and his Descendants* (Plainfield, NJ: Honeyman & Co., 1900) 343; Hiram E. Deats, *Hunterdon County Marriages, 1795-1875* (Lambertville, NJ: Hunterdon House, 1986); and the 1830 and 1840 Federal Census.

10 Life dates from the cemetery stones in Bethlehem Presbyterian Church Cemetery; 1870 Federal Census for Union Township, Hunterdon County, NJ.

11 Armstrong, *The Lundy Family and their Descendants*, 271-272.



## BOOK REVIEW by Stephanie Stevens



With the fluidity of European boundaries in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, one must ask “Were the New World immigrants to New Jersey and New York really Dutch?”

Considered to be one of the earliest immigrant Dutch families in New York and New Jersey, the Wyckoff family’s real roots have finally been clarified by M. William Wyckoff in his new book *What’s in a Name: History and Meaning of Wyckoff*.

As the progenitor of the majority of Wyckoffs in the New World, Pieter Claesen Wyckoff emigrated from Amsterdam in 1636 and arrived in New Amsterdam (New York) in 1637. But where did he come from and how was his Wyckoff name acquired? When acquiring a patronymic, often the location of the homestead was chosen to identify the place of family origin. Wyckhoff definitely was a place name south of Norden in East Friesland, (Germany today). Frisian was the language spoken in this North Sea area while Dutch was the preferred language in the interior. Pieter Clausen adopted a surname

at the behest of the English in America, and chose Wyckoff apparently to identify his homeland village. Utilizing extensive amounts of impeccable resources, Mr. Wyckoff has proven that his ancestor Pieter Claesen Wyckoff was from East Friesland and, along with several of his “Dutch” immigrant friends, spoke Frisian. As seafaring traders and dairymen, the Frisians have long been remembered for the most productive cow, the black and white Holstein, which dots the hillsides of modern Hunterdon and New York State.

Many languages were spoken in New Amsterdam; however, one church predominated, The Dutch Reformed Church, whose clergy were imported from the Netherlands. Thus marriages and baptisms took place in the Dutch Reformed Church thereby making all persons involved Dutch. After a generation or two, the ancient Frisian language was abandoned for the more common Dutch.

Given the current availability of long distance communication and primary source information, Mr. Wyckoff has utilized all manner of research to prove his point - that Pieter Claesen Wyckoff was born, lived, and emigrated from the land of East Friesland, currently Germany. Mr. Wyckoff has proved his theory, point by careful point. No doubt, continuing scientific research will prove him correct.

This is an illuminating read and suggested to all Wyckoff descendants. The Society’s library is pleased to add this tome to its collection of Wyckoff materials.

## The Democratic Club of Delaware Township, Part 2

by Marfy Goodspeed

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*This article is about the men who, acting on what they considered the highest principles, came together to prevent black Americans from becoming citizens and members of society, at least in their neighborhood. Egbert T. Bush, respected schoolmaster and author, was a young boy during this time, and looking back on it wrote, "In those mad days of prejudice and passion, who, on either side of the controversy, was listening to reason?"*

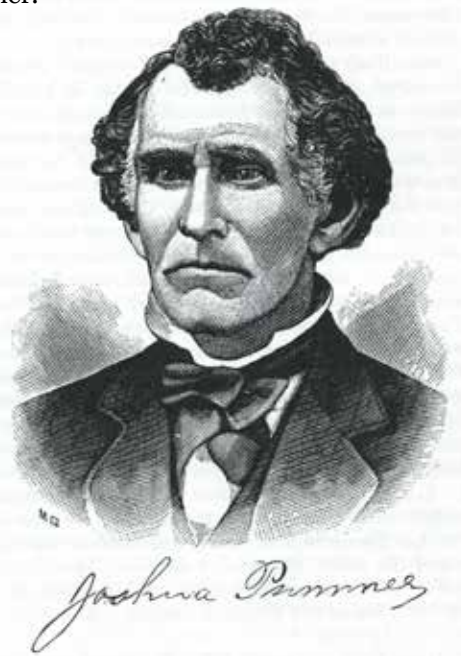
Part 2 continues with the biography of the president of the Democratic Club of Delaware Township. The remaining fifteen officers' biographies, as well as the full text of the booklet “Constitution and By-Laws of the Democratic Club of Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, N. J., Adopted July 4, 1863,” are on our website, [www.hunterdonhistory.org](http://www.hunterdonhistory.org).

### President, Joshua Primmer

Rev. Joshua Primmer was born June 25, 1813 in Hopewell to Richard Primer and Lydia Bunn. He married Mary W. Servis on April 26, 1837. They had no children. Primmer was a blacksmith before moving to Delaware Township. He settled on a farm on Route 523 south of Sergeantsville and became active not only in the Democratic Party but the Masons and the Methodist Church. He was often called Rev. Primmer even though he was not an ordained minister. Primmer was 50 years old in 1863. He died on March 18, 1904, age 90.

A short biography of Rev. Primmer can be found in Snell’s *History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties*, p. 391. Also see [www.goodspeedhistories.com](http://www.goodspeedhistories.com) for the article “Rev. Joshua Primmer.”

Joshua Primmer, from *History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, New Jersey*, compiled by James P. Snell (1881)



## FROM THE DESK OF DONALD CORNELIUS, HCHS MANUSCRIPT CURATOR

I am very pleased that the sizzling hot summer we just experienced in NJ was also a hot summer of donations for the HCHS archives! Quite a few people made sure that some very interesting materials found their way into our holdings so that they may be preserved and shared with all of our history-minded friends.

The season began in May when Fred Sisser III dropped off a neat collection at our volunteer luncheon. The collection included varying types of records about several subjects relating to Readington Township from 1807-2005. Most of this material was given to the donor by three well-known Readington personalities: Elizabeth Rockafellow Disborough (the donor’s Great-Aunt); Edith Wyckoff Dalrymple (the daughter of the Rev. B.V.D. Wyckoff of the Readington Reformed Church); and Lorena Cole Vincent. Of particular note are the many fine images of Readington personalities from the nineteenth century, and several letters and other documents of the Reformed Church from 1807-1830.

Another unexpected surprise was a large (11 boxes!) donation to the Society from Dale Webb. Dale’s mother (Mrs. Dora Alexander) was a longtime resident and genealogist in Whitehouse. Before her recent passing, she asked that her accumulated papers be donated to the Society. The resulting collection includes a wealth of photographic materials, diaries, personal records and detailed genealogical notes on the Alexander, McVeigh, Pittenger, Sanderson and Barret families. Many of the photographs are identified and some of them are of county landmarks.

Another pleasant surprise was a day book (store ledger) of the Wertsville General Store in 1873. This ledger is in good condition, fills a gap in the chronological holdings we have for that particular business, and also documents the transfer of ownership of the store. It was donated by Dr. Thomas Keen.

Many of the smaller donations were photographic in nature. Janice Bowers donated two dramatic photographs of a winter train wreck in Frenchtown, NJ and one photograph of the last covered bridge at Washington’s Crossing just before its destruction in the 1903 flood. Marilyn Just gifted us with three framed panoramic photographs of the Round Valley Reservoir as photographed by H.C. McEldowney. John McPherson provided four photographs, including a fabulous image of the Pittstown Freight Yard in 1895. Of course, these examples do not tabulate all of the items HCHS Archives has been gifted with this summer. Space presses, however, so I would like to extend my appreciation to all of those who have donated items to the Society.

While the volunteers and I appreciate donations, we know our members also appreciate finished product, so I would like to mention at least one collection that we processed and released this past summer. Collection No. 146 was assembled by Dorothy Ada Agans Stratford (1925-2011) of Bound Brook, NJ. Mrs. Stratford was a member

and officer of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey and the Hunterdon County Historical Society, among other organizations. As an avid local historian, genealogist, author and editor she amassed a significant collection of original manuscripts and primary source documents during her lifetime.

After Mrs. Stratford’s passing Fred Sisser III was named as an Executor of her estate, and Mr. Sisser has ensured that the distribution of Mrs. Stratford’s papers has been as close to geographically accurate as possible. This collection of materials pertaining to Hunterdon County was the first of several that were donated to our Society from the estate of Mrs. Stratford. One part of the collection is a series of correspondence between Hiram E. Deats, the noted Hunterdon County genealogist, and Russell B. Rankin, the longtime officer and editor for the Genealogical Society of New Jersey from 1940-1943. There are also a limited number of documents and photographs of the Andrew Agens family of Califon, and later West Portal. In addition, the collection includes an annotated copy of “Tombstone Inscriptions, Readington Township, Hunterdon County.” And finally, there are two photographs of the Bloom family (Ella Bloom and Grandfather Bloom) and a photograph of Stacy B. Race.

While not related to each other, these materials should still prove interesting to local historians, particularly anyone descended from or researching the Bloom, Race, or Agens family. Subsequent donations of Mrs. Stratford’s papers by Mr. Sisser will be described, arranged, and released to the membership and public in the future. Please remember that it is these donations, from members and non-members alike, which allow us to continue our mission of collecting, preserving and sharing Hunterdon’s history.



Pittstown Freight Yard, 1895, Hunterdon County Historical Society

# Images from the Past



U.S. Mail Coach, White House and Flemington, Px789, Hunterdon County Historical Society Photographic Collection.

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