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## Flemington Victorian Days

### *Tea Time at the DORIC HOUSE*

*June 12 – 2-4 p.m*

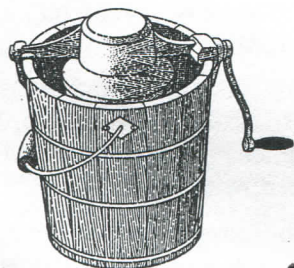
Flemington Victorian Days is happening Friday, June 10 through Sunday, June 19, in a cooperative venture spearheaded by the Flemington Business Association in conjunction with social and service organizations. The emphasis, of course, will be to recreate Victorian era experiences.

The Hunterdon County Historical Society is participating in Flemington Victorian Days with "Tea Time at the Doric House," in lieu of its Spring Meeting. The Doric House, Mahlon Fisher's Greek Revival residence, has been headquarters for the Historical Society since 1969. Mr. Fisher built the house as his private residence in 1846, during the era when he was building other similar style houses in Flemington. The Doric House has been furnished to portray a modest but typical Greek Revival home to honor Mr. Fisher. The House will be open for tours on June 12 from 2-4 p.m., set up for afternoon tea as it might have been in the 1880s.



**FLEMINGTON  
VICTORIAN DAYS**  
JUNE 10 — JUNE 19, 1994  
VICTORIAN DAYS STATION  
FLEMINGTON, NJ 08822  
JUNE 12, 1994

Flemington Victorian Days Station  
Special cancellation designed specifically for  
the 200th Anniversary of the Flemington Post Office.



## Victorian Days

The celebration will kick off with an Ice Cream Social Friday evening, June 10, 6:30-9:30 at the Grange. Other events throughout the celebration are detailed in the "Victorian Days Calendar" on page 693. The Historical Society will hold open house, Tea Time at the Doric House, on Sunday, 12 June from 2-4 p.m.

Other things scheduled for Sunday include silhouette artist, Ruth Grabner, working at the Ark II Gallery, on Mine Street, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the Flemington Post Office 200th Anniversary Committee has planned an open house and special stamp cancellation on Sunday at the Flemington Post Office. The Stamp Collectors Club will present an exhibit at the Post Office during the special cancellation.

### 1994 Calendar

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| May 28      | <b>Memorial Day weekend</b><br>– Library closed   |
| June 4      | <b>Genealogy and Local History Book Fair</b> of the Genealogical Society of NJ<br>Morris County Cultural Center<br>300 Mendham Road, Morris Twp. NJ<br>Cosponsored by Morris County<br>Heritage Commission, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  |
| June 12     | <b>Flemington Victorian Days Tea Time</b><br>at the Doric House 2-4 p.m.  |
| June 18     | <b>Stangl Bird Collectors 3rd Annual Auction</b> Saturday, June 18, 1 pm<br>St. Magdalen Parish Center<br>105 Mine St., Flemington<br>Stangl Bird Collectors Association<br>morning program and information<br>available from: Robert Perzel,<br>Popkorn Antiques, 908-782-9631 |
| July 2      | <b>Independence Day weekend</b> –<br>Library closed   |
| September 3 | <b>Labor Day weekend</b> – Library closed   |
| November 20 | <b>FALL MEETING</b> – program to be<br>announced  |
| November 24 | <b>Thanksgiving</b> – Library closed  |
| December 24 | <b>Christmas eve</b> – Library closed   |
| December 31 | <b>New Years eve</b> – Library closed   |



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**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.

**GRAY:** Seek anc/o Jonathan Gray, b. ca. 1740-50 in NJ, mov to Fayette Co., PA approx. 1780, d. 1831 Fayette Co. Wife unknown. Sons were: Daniel, Ebenezer (b. NJ), John, Jonathan, Nathaniel, and David (b. PA). Neighbors in Fayette Co. incl Benjamin, John and William Gray. ADD: Dale F. Morrissey, 1385 W. Gull Lake Dr., Richland, MI 49083.

**MATTISON, ST. JOHN:** Seeking info re Lewis St. John, s/o Samuel and Thankful [Lockwood] St. John, b. 1784, Lewis St. John married 180607 Margaret Mattison, b. 1784. Need to identify Margaret Mattison's parents. Lewis St. John and family migrated to NY and PA. Need any info on St. John and Mattison surnames. I am a St. John descendant. ADD: Violet M. Gerstenberger, Box 1444 Trout Creek, MT 59874.

**LANE, McCREA, OUKEE, PORTER, TRAPHAGEN:** Seeking identity of Anne, first w/o Richard Porter, of Readington Twp. She d. 7 Sept 1747, he 5 Apr 1787, both bur Lamington Cem (Somerset Co.). Their chil: William (m. Anne Oukee), James (m. Mary Traphagen), Nathaniel (m. Charity Lane), John and Anne (or Nancy) (m. James McCrea). ADD: J. R. Porter, 2508 N. E. Regents Dr., Portland, OR 97212.

**APGAR, BUNN, HOFFMAN, HAZEN, MULLEN, SCHUYLER:** Willing to exch info on these family names, dur and after RevWar, in Hunterdon, Morris and Somerset Counties. ADD: Anne W. McNabb, 13700 Lyman Lane, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

**ADDIS, DAVIS, SUYDAM:** Seek info re Sophia and Jane Suydam who married Fairview IL Reformed Church founders Richard Davis and Aaron Addis from NJ. My great-grandfather, Charles S. Suydam, also came to Fulton Co. IL. Are they related? ADD: Mary Jo Suydam Willis, Box 114, Fairview, IL 61432.

**CASE, FRANKLIN:** Des loc where Charlotte Case, b. 1798 NJ, m. Otis Franklin 1816. She may have been dau/o John Case, son of Capt. Steven Case, RevWar. Charlotte had an uncle Absalom, bro/o Steven Case. John was disinherited. Franklin chil: John, Samuel (b. VT), Margaret, Cynthia (b. OH). ADD: Paula Carol Alger, c/o Edna Groltkin, 1525 Court St., Sioux City, IA 51105.

**SMITH, VAN SYCKEL:** Des info re anc/o John Van Syckel, b.ca. 1805, and his wife, Hester Ann Smith, b. ca. 1812. They were m. 1 Jan 1835, both liv Hunt. Co. ADD: Ray Kentz, 4025 Vista St., Philadelphia, PA 19136.

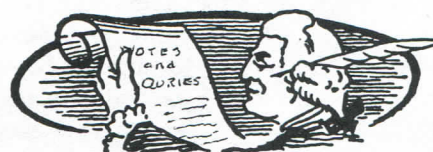
**HOWELL:** Des info re Hugh Howell from Wales ca. 1699, bur Baptistown 1745, aged 86. Samson Howell of Hope, NJ [1719-1803] was his son. Other chil or info re Hugh Howell's siblings desired. Also looking for details of pirate ship tradition. ADD: Donald B. Fraser, 1800 Stony Point Road, Grand Island, NY 14072.

**DRAKE, LEE:** Looking for info re desc/o Gershom Lee, b. ca. 1690 in Ireland or NJ, d. ca. 1750, m. Mary Drake ca. 1742. Am interested in Greenbury, son of Gershom Lowrey Lee, son of John, son of Gershom II, son of the original Gershom I. ADD: Rev. Vernon L. Tomkins, 2742 West 2nd Ave., Denver, CO 80219.

**BLOOM, VAN ARSDALE:** Seek info re anc/o David Bloom [1833-1883] of White House (m. Marg Dilley), Jos. Van Arsdale [1831-1902] (m. Ellen P. Montgomery). ADD: June Gray, 12419 Shelter La., Bowie, MD 20715.

**HARTPENCE:** The 103rd Ohio Hartpence annual Reunion is 11 September 1994. All are welcome. ADD: Esther L. Heer, 4174 Fairfax Dr., Columbus, OH 43320.

**RUNKLE:** Runkle Family Reunion - Meeting Saturday, May 14, 1994 at the Runkle Farm, Mt. Airy, NJ. For directions and/or information call Grace Cronic (908) 782-6472 or Hazel Runkle (609) 397-3081. Come to the reunion and meet your Runkle cousins.





## Dusenbery Store Accounts

In a letter dated 8 July 1926 in response to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society which requested information on the Dusenbery family of Bethlehem Township, Hiram E. Deats commented, "This is all in the extreme northern end of the county with which I have little to do. My work has been in the southern and western sides of the county ..." Since a great deal of the Society's genealogical collection is comprised of the material Mr. Deats collected, we find ourselves always searching for additional material to add to our knowledge of the northern part of the county. The estate papers of John Dusenbery [1459J] add such information.

John Dusenbery, yeoman and merchant of Bethlehem Township wrote his will 15 April 1789, which was proved 28 May 1789. His wife, Johanna, and son, Henry, were named executors. An inventory of his personal estate was made on 13 May 1789 but a list of the outstanding debtors to his store was not made until three years later. The final estate accounting was filed 11 February 1811, over 21 years after the death of the testator.

A resident of Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, as early as 1761 when he was a taxpayer there, John Dusenbery's ancestral lines were probably in Hempsted, Long Island. Within a few years of 1761 he was elected to the Bethlehem Township Committee, which post he held for a dozen years until his election to the County Board of Chosen Freeholders in 1776. He completed his period of local government service in 1778 when he was elected a Commissioner of Appeals. That same year he recorded an ear mark to identify his stray cattle.

The exact location of John Dusenbery's 100 acre farm, tavern, and store has not been identified although Mr. Deats believed it was along the Musconetcong River west of New Hampton where Henry Dusenbery finally settled. The list of outstanding book debtors from Ledgers A, B, C, D, and E, owing a total of £510.14.7., in the 10 April 1792 appraisal of John Dusenbery's estate are reproduced below. Probably these persons who did business with Mr. Dusenbery resided within a short distance of his store, in either Hunterdon or Sussex County. In some instances the appraisal list cites a debtor's name followed by the statement "appears to have been settled with the testator." Where this occurs, an asterisk (\*) has been placed following the name. Spelling and punctuation, or lack thereof, appearing on the original appraisal has been retained in the transcript. In rare instances, a person's occupation was noted aside a name and is so noted here.

— Phyllis B. D'Autrechy

### [Debts due on Ledger A

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Nicholas Fink                    | Andrew Flemming |
| George Miller (Kennedy's carter) | John Parke      |
| Jacob Lewis                      | Aaron Starker   |
| Asher Burge                      | Peter Barclay   |
| Rachel Willis                    | Peter Smith     |
| Richard Lanning Miller           | George Hidely   |
| Robert Grimes                    | Edward Laning   |

Samuel Johnson Esquire  
Benjamin Piatt  
Philip Beigler  
Daniel Hunt  
Paul Tharp  
George Horn  
James Thomas  
Burgan Covert  
Jacob Probasco

John Troy\*  
Henry Willhellum  
Michael Christian\*  
Adam Sanner  
Japies Farrow  
Isaac Climer  
Ann Nixon  
Nathan Johnson

### Debts due on Ledger B

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Betsey Lacy               | William Major               |
| Benj'n Furman             | Abijah Chambers             |
| Joseph Incho              | William Force               |
| Ruth Incho                | William Moore               |
| Han Wm. Hibler            | Elisha Barton               |
| Wm. Farrow                | Shaderick Titus             |
| William Crooks            | William Smith Mason         |
| Benjamin Piatt, Jr.       | Samuel Matlock              |
| John Poland               | John Ryley                  |
| James Willson             | Jacob Foriste               |
| Baltis Wheatmire          | Peter Eveland               |
| Eliz'th Coleman           | George Utche(?)             |
| Rudolph Huffer            | Samuel Coleman              |
| Jeremiah Foster           | Edward Willson              |
| Abram Mosely              | Mary Welch                  |
| Cornelius Kinney          | John Mullen                 |
| William Jingles           | Henry McClosky              |
| Robert Willson            | John Chamberlain "(weav'r)" |
| Daniel Watson             | Samuel Huffer               |
| Thomas Runyan             | Andrew Woodling             |
| Jeremiah Smith            | Abras [sic] Reyley          |
| John Flemming             | Thomas Lininger             |
| Derick Vanvliet           | William Robeson             |
| William Little "(weav'r)" | William Mills               |
| Lewis Sanner              | Thomas Wells                |
| Richard Callison          | Martin Woolford             |
| Joshua Drake              | Tunis Titus                 |
| James Summerland          | Hugh Lyn                    |

### Debts outstanding on Ledger C

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ann Everit & Rich'd Opdycke | Martin Woolford              |
| John Kennedy                | Samuel & Edw'd Stevenson     |
| Morris Ader                 | Joseph Webster "(Shoemaker)" |
| Isaac Gano                  | Okie Voorhis                 |
| Ann Basset                  | Catherine Hand               |
| William Bloom               | William Devall               |
| John Hunt                   | Tunis Hiller                 |
| James Curtis                | Stephen Woolverton           |
| Philip Palmer               | Tice Beekman                 |
| Joseph Incho                | Francis Mettler              |
| James London                | David Gano                   |
| John Smoke                  | John Kester                  |
| James Hull                  | Thomas Mayberry              |
| Samuel Oakes                | James McFarlin               |
| Cyrenus Small               | William Snider               |
| Jacob Housel                | Bergan Covert                |
| John Pittinger              | William Poland "(wid Son)"   |
| Richard Mayberry            | William Britain              |
| Michael Ulph                | Jonathan Stout               |
| James McFarlin Jun'r        | Adam Young                   |
| Bartholomew Thatcher        |                              |
| Nazareth Freeland           |                              |
| Samuel Morrison             |                              |



**Debts outstanding on Ledger D**

|                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Mary McClow      | William Craig         |
| Nathaniel Foster | Elijah Oakes          |
| Ann McDonald     | Isaac Bunnell         |
| John Hunt        | Nath'l Thatcher*      |
| David Pennell    | Agness Hudnot         |
| Rachel Orsman    | Conrad Apgar          |
| Samuel Everitt   | John Bray             |
| Jacob Hollaberry | Robert Innes          |
| Samuel Gano      | Michael Rosemary      |
| Peter Waggoner   | Abraham Young         |
| George Taylor*   | Isaac Hamlen          |
| James Harris     | Jacob Reeder          |
| Daniel Brink     | Samuel Joabs          |
| Lazarus Harris   | John Anderson         |
| Rachel Bartelow  | John Brittain         |
| Anth'y Demelt    | John Burdine          |
| Thomas Pusly     | James Williams        |
| Peter Bloom      | William Blume         |
| John Brown       | Hambleton Richardson  |
| Garret Van Vliet | Thomas Harris         |
| Joseph Craig     | Henry Farnsworth      |
| Joshua Stout     | John Orsman "(rec'd)" |
| Joshua Anderson  | Jasper Smith          |
| Thomas Godown    | John Hamlin           |
| Isaac Lake       | Henry Stull Jun'r     |
| Philip Palmer    | Joseph Davidson       |
| William McDonald | John Brink            |
| Jacob Simcock    | James Johnson         |
| John Striker     | Catherine Foster      |
| Dennis Pusley    | Jasper Hendershot     |
| Samuel Alexander | John Garrison         |
| David Curtis     | John Brewer           |
| Elizabeth Osman  | Peter Lamping         |
| Sarah McMurtry   | James Thomson         |
| Joseph Jay       | Daniel Everitt        |
| Abel Everitt     | Hugh McGimblet        |
| Jacob Moore      | Fred'k Jordon         |
| John Vandebelt   | Lewis Chamberlin      |
| Isaac Oakes      | Samuel Britain        |
| Levi Wood        | William Otto          |
| Aaron Starker    | Richard Mayberry      |
| Amos Basset      | Sarah Brewer          |
| James McGuire    | Joseph Garrison       |
| Joseph Slaytor   | Stephen Runyan        |
| James Craig      | William Craven        |
| William Lauheid  | Andrew Butterfoss     |

Wm. Hambleton  
Mark Hart  
Henry Case  
Wm. Garrison  
Samuel Quick  
Abram Martin  
Joseph French  
Samuel Adams  
Samuel Ketcham  
Powell Beam  
John Kelsey  
John Blue

James Garrison  
William Terriman  
Francis Waldron  
Dan'l Palmer  
Christiana Fritz  
Aaron Starker  
Arch'd Frazer  
Nelly French  
Martin Jordan  
Mary Perset  
James Johnson



Historically, tea was taken at breakfast and after dinner. The practice of drinking tea continued with the English and after they arrived in America its popularity spread. Governments saw tea as an excellent source of tax revenue, keeping prices outrageously high, leading to smuggled tea. The tea tax imposed on American Colonies by the British government resulted in "an enormous fancy-dress tea party in Boston in 1773, where the guests came dressed as Red Indians, they decided to renounce tea in favour of Independence."<sup>1</sup>

Afternoon tea is an English custom and a social as well as a culinary event. Anna, 7th Duchess of Bedford, is credited with its beginning. On an afternoon in 1840 she asked for a tray of tea, bread and butter and cake to be brought to her room to ward off her usual 4 o'clock lethargy. Thereafter she formed the habit which spread among her friends. As the century progressed afternoon tea became increasingly elaborate. By the 1880s ladies were changing into long tea gowns for the occasion, and tea services kept pace, becoming more ornate with side plates, bread and butter plates, cake stands and other accompaniments.

What started as a little hiatus for refreshment had become a full-blown social occasion with hot dishes, footmen handing round teacups and even professional musicians. Meanwhile the tea shop flourished for lesser mortals.

Afternoon tea has declined since World War II as the pace of life has speeded up so that it is no longer easy to pause at four for tea. Afternoon tea is still a graceful event which brings people together for a brief hour's pleasure and refreshment.

<sup>1</sup> *The London Ritz Book of Afternoon Tea*, Helen Simpson, New York, NY, 1986.

**Debts uncollected per Ledger E**

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Jesse Rinker      | Sarah Rosebrook |
| William Lauheid   | Aaron Houghton  |
| Mary Smith        | Martin Hulsizer |
| Peter Frize Jun'r | Sarah Robbins   |
| Mary Johnson      | Stephen Dunham  |
| Elizabeth Miller  | Ann Linn        |
| Joseph Garrison   | Sarah Linn      |
| Nath'l Mershon    | Martin Woolford |
| Philip Young      | Alexander Parke |
| Amos Swezy        | William Miller  |
| Ruth Simpson      | Joseph Parks    |
| Effy French       | Joseph Ketcham  |
| Abram Lake        | Jane Parks      |



## Rupell Family Cemetery

The Rupell family cemetery is located in Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, approximately nine-tenths of a mile south of County Route #579 and Mechlin's Tavern, on the left side of Route #625, 150 feet from the road. It is surrounded by a stone wall on the property of Helen Grefe. The walls have been restored and the grounds are well-kept. Inscriptions from the extant stones were copied in February 1994 by member Barbara Moser and a copy of the transcript donated to the Historical Society collection. Annotations by Mrs. Moser, a Rupell descendent, are enclosed in parentheses in the transcript below.

Longhren, Sarah Rupell, dau. of Joseph and Barbara Rupell, widow of John Longhren, b. Dec. 21, 1798, m. Feb. 22, 1820, d. Jan. 13, 1837.  
 Mechlin, Mary Jane Rupell, wife of Edward M. Mechlin, b. Nov. 28, 1832, d. Mar. 29, 1864, age 31.4.1.  
 Mottier, Gilbert, son of Sarah Longhren, b. & d. 1835; same marker: dau. of Sarah Longhren, b. & d. 1833.  
 J x R, large slate with hand-carved initials. (Probably Jacob Rupell, husband of Barberry Rupell.)  
 Rupell, Aaron, b. July 11, 1815, d. June 6, 1855. (son of William and Elizabeth Rupell)  
 Rupell, Elias, "Father," d. Feb. 10, 1891, 73.6.9. (son of William and Elizabeth)

Rupell, Elizabeth (Walters), wife of William, d. Mar. 16, 1847, in her 63rd year. (born 1784)  
 Rupell, Elizabeth, "Mother," d. Dec. 10, 1883, 53.2.3. (wife of Elias)  
 Rupell, Henry, b. Nov. 11, 1808, d. June 23, 1859, 51.5.12. (son of William and Elizabeth)  
 Rupell, Jacob, d. Nov. 29, 1836, 77.8.16. (born March 14, 1759, son of Jacob and Barberry Rupell)  
 Rupell, Jacob, son of John and Margaret, b. Aug. 1, 1809, d. Apr. 9, 1895, 85.8.8.  
 Rupell, Joseph, d. Apr. 16, 1824, in the 63rd year of his age. Born 1761. (son of Jacob and Barberry Rupell)  
 Rupell, Lewis, d. Feb. 12, 1892, 72.4.10. (husband of Hester Dalrymple Rupell, son of John and Margaret Rupell)  
 Rupell, Margaret, wife of Jacob, b. Sept. 3, 1759, d. Apr. 19, 1842.  
 Rupell, Mary Jane. See Mary Jane Mechlin.  
 Rupell, Sarah. See Sarah Longhren.  
 Rupell, Susanna Lavina, dau. of William and Elizabeth, b. Sept. 18, 1832, d. Dec. 15, 1836, 4.2.27.  
 Rupell, William, son of Jacob and Margaret, d. Oct. 10, 1835, 40.4.13. (born May 28, 1795)  
 Rupell, William, b. Mar. 28, 1775, d. Mar. 26, 1851, 75.11.28. (son of Jacob and Barberry Rupell)

## Volunteer Recognition Luncheon 27 April 1994 – Stockton Inn

Historic Stockton Inn was the site this year for the annual volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Hosted by the Board of Trustees on 27 April, as a means of expressing appreciation to the volunteers for serving the Society. Each one plays a vital role in the operation of the Society and the Board recognizes the important contribution each volunteer makes toward fulfilling the Society's goals.

### Volunteers

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### Library Research Assistants

Each of these volunteers spends an afternoon a month on duty in the Deats Memorial Library, assisting patrons with their research.

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Volunteers conduct research in the Society's collections and answer mail requests for data about Hunterdon County families, or persons.

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 THE STOCKTON INN



## ACQUISITIONS

Artifacts, manuscripts, Family Bibles, and other material representative of the history of Hunterdon County and the families who reside here are welcome additions to the Historical Society's collections. To the donors of recent acquisitions the Society expresses its appreciation.

*The Skylands Visitor* September 15-November 15, 1993, traveling in the counties of Morris, Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon and Somerset. Donated by Fred Sisser III, Bridgewater, NJ.

Photographs (11) and snapshots (10) of Flemington scenes and local servicemen returning from World War I; newspaper cartoon printed during Hauptmann trial. Donated by Joseph Prestoprine, New Castle, PA, a Flemington resident 1931-1937.

New Jersey Highway map, 1960; 1860 map "Philadelphia and Vicinity." Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Voorhees, Highland Park, NJ.

"Clinton Township Newsletter," Fred Keesing, Editor, published monthly, January - December 1993. Donated by the Editor, Lebanon, NJ.

Marion Oakes LaMotte (Mrs. H. J.) memorabilia, including Race and Oakes family photographs and local Clinton/Pittstown area photographs and post cards, a photograph album, letters, programs for Rockefeller Family Association Reunion October 1909, "Bird Guardians" presented by the Senior Class of Clinton High School June 1916, Commencement Exercises Clinton High School 22 June 1916, "The Crescent" Volume VI, No. 7, Baseball issue 1916 and Vol. VI, No. 8, June 1916. Donated by Mrs. LaMotte's niece, Mrs. M.S. Atkinson, Fort Myers, FL.

"Descendants (1799-1921) of MALCOLM FLEMING 1775-1847 of Bethlehem Township, NJ," computerized compilation by Robert M. Bishop. Donated by Mr. Bishop, Scotch Plains, NJ.

"The Clifton Family: Descendants & Ancestors of Albert Allen Leaver" compiled by Joyce C. Carraway, granddaughter of Albert Allen Leaver, second edition July 1993. Donated by Ms. Carraway, Fanwood, NJ.

Photocopies of Earl Cook's reminiscences of Flemington written for a speech given at an unspecified time and location. Donated by Mr. Cook's granddaughter, Barbara Brezak, Trenton, NJ.

*Trails of Our Ancestors: Some Descendants of the American Schooley Family and Related Families*, compiled by Thomas Henry Silliman Schooley, revised and expanded by his grandson, James B. Schooley, Ph.D., 1988. Donated by James B. Schooley, North Whitefield, ME.

"One Hundredth Anniversary of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsbury, New Jersey 1835-1935." Photocopy copy donated by Linda Huff Muessig, Bloomsbury, NJ.

Bound volume of *Hunterdon Review*, January - April 1993, published weekly at Clinton, NJ by the Recorder Publishing Company. Donated by Publisher Courtland Parker, Publisher, Bernardsville, NJ.

*A Guide To The Archives Of Hunterdon County*, compiled by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy, published by the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Flemington, NJ, 1993. Donated by the Commission.

## Membership Report

A warm welcome is extended to these members who have recently joined the Hunterdon County Historical Society or upgraded to Life members.

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Jeanne DeLand, Irvine, CA                  | LIFE |
| Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Faust, Changewater, NJ |      |
| John and Carmen Grimes, Flemington, NJ     |      |
| John F. LaRue, Flemington, NJ              |      |
| General Robert H. Neitz, Burke, VA         | LIFE |
| Spencer Peck, Oldwick, NJ                  |      |
| Richard and Judy Smith, Bloomsbury, NJ     |      |
| Rev. Vernon L. Tomkins, Denver, CO         |      |

Shirley V. Favier  
Membership Secretary

## HOW TO JOIN

Hunterdon County Historical Society  
114 Main Street  
Flemington, New Jersey 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Who Was John L. Lenhart?

If your answer was that he was the pastor of the Flemington Methodist Church in 1835, you are correct. Reverend John L. Lenhart [1805-1862] came to Flemington after having been ordained a Methodist minister in Philadelphia in 1830, followed by circuit preaching in Maryland from 1831 to 1834. Snell's *History of Hunterdon County* ... lists Reverend Lenhart as one of the early "preachers-in-charge" of the little band of Methodists struggling since 1822 to establish their Flemington Church. That he helped that noble effort is evidenced by the fact that during 1835 the church's membership grew from 127 whites and 5 blacks to 170 whites and 13 blacks.

But, do you know the rest of the story! For that we are indebted to Robert Drew Simpson and his article in the April 1991 issue of the magazine, "Methodist History."

March 8, 1862 marked an historical battle of the Civil War in the Chesapeake Bay at Hampton Roads when the iron-clad Merrimac of the Confederacy put an end to wooden battle ships. As author Simpson says, "more than timber and sails were rent that day proving the Merrimac's power when it attacked the Union's 50 gun frigate Cumberland, a wooden battle ship built in 1825. Human lives were spent; out of the compliment of 276 officers and men on the Cumberland 121 were killed or drowned. The heroism of that day has not been forgotten."

Reverend John L. Lenhart was a naval chaplain assigned to the Cumberland and lost his life in that battle, the first naval chaplain in American history to have lost his life in battle. No other chaplain in the United States Navy would sacrifice his life in battle until December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbour. After leaving his charge in Flemington, Reverend Lenhart had numerous pastorates in New Jersey until 1847 when he received his appointment as a chaplain in the Navy. His last church was in Paterson when his health failed as a result of a serious throat infection. Viewing an uncertain future in the ministry with this illness, the chaplaincy seemed to the Reverend to be an answer to his prayers. So he sought the commission that came through on February 27, 1847 and served fifteen years in that capacity until the fateful day on March 8, 1862.

The crew of the Cumberland had been apprised of the probable attack on their vessel by the Merrimac. They watched on that day of Judgement as the Merrimac approached gaining a position to ram the old Cumberland which opened fire with her heavy guns but its cannonballs glanced off the Merrimac like "peas from a pop gun." The Merrimac returned the barrage and in 15 minutes the Cumberland was engulfed in a "fiery hell." The Merrimac continued to rake the disabled vessel with heavy fire causing it to begin sinking as the casualties mounted; the decks were literally covered with dead and wounded.

After ramming the Cumberland once more the Merrimac steamed triumphantly away. Cumberland's commanding officer, Lt. Morris, ordered all that could to abandon ship. The last man to leave the wreck shouted for Chaplain Lenhart to follow. The Chaplain chose to remain with those he wished to comfort and he went to a watery grave, a

dedicated soul serving those about him that needed his help. Two hours after the battle began the Cumberland sank with all but her mast submerged and the poet, Reverend L.W. Peck wrote in the "Song of the Monitor,"

*While shook the land and ocean beneath the  
defeaning sound  
There stood the noble Chaplain a lion hart was he  
Who long had made the Bible his life's charge  
on the sea.*

— Kenneth V. Myers



## Christeen Wambough to Mahlon and Solomon Wambough

From time to time a document will be found recorded in an unexpected place, otherwise unknown, adding to historical and/or genealogical knowledge. Such is the case with a power of attorney recorded and struck through in a book of slave manumissions among the collections of the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

The record, reproduced hereafter verbatim, gives power of attorney from Christeen Wambough to Mahlon and Solomon Wambough.

"Know all men by these presents, That Whereas Paul Cool late of Amwell Township Huntington [sic] County in the State of New Jersey, deceased, by his last will and testament in writing, did give and bequest unto me Christeen Wambough of Warren County in the State of Ohio a legacy of two hundred dollars to be paid to me by the executors of said deceased, as in and by the said last will and testament may more fully and at large appear. Now know ye that I the said Christeen Wambough have made, ordained, constituted, and appointed Mahlon Wambough and Solomon Wambough or either of them my true and lawful attorney or attorneys for me and in my name and for my use and benefits ask, demand and receive by suite or otherwise of and from the Executors of the last will and testament of the sd. Paul Cool, the legacy of two hundred dollars aforesaid given and bequeathed to me as aforesaid and upon receipt thereof by or payment thereof to my said attorneys or either of them a general release or discharge for the same to make, execute and deliver hereby ratifying, confirming and allowing all my said attorneys or either of them may lawfully do in the premises. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of June A. D. 1826.

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the presence of us Jacob Dixon Miller and John Mount. (signed by her mark) Christeen Wambough.

Personally appeared before me Silas Hurin one of the Justices of the peace in and for said county the above named Christeen Wambough and acknowledged..."



## Financial Report 1993

### Receipts

|  |                 |
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| Dues .....                               | \$ 7,701.00     |
| Interest on investments .....            | 33,197.92       |
| Sale of books, maps, etc. ....           | 2,226.00        |
| Sale back Newsletters .....              | 404.75          |
| Donations .....                          | 1,883.00        |
| Xerox fees collected .....               | 1,098.50        |
| Grants:                                  |                 |
| Large Foundation .....                   | 9,000.00        |
| County Cultural &<br>Heritage Commission |                 |
| .....                                    | 1,400.00        |
| Income from Guy Bell Bequest             |                 |
| .....                                    | <u>4,231.74</u> |

Total Receipts ..... \$61,142.91

### Disbursements

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Books, microfilm, etc. ....      | \$ 1,121.35     |
| Insurance .....                  | 4,269.00        |
| Printing, newsletter & other ... | 6,274.75        |
| Postage .....                    | 1,010.15        |
| Office supplies, equipment ....  | 1,591.72        |
| Utilities .....                  | 4,947.80        |
| Meeting expenses .....           | 471.88          |
| Wages .....                      | 21,550.40       |
| Payroll taxes .....              | 1,874.55        |
| Volunteer recognition luncheon . | 280.56          |
| Equipment maintenance, repair .  | 352.00          |
| Building maintenance .....       | 3,953.25        |
| Purchase central air con-        |                 |
| ditioning, library & office ..   | <u>4,446.00</u> |

Total Disbursements ..... \$52,143.41

Excess of receipts over disbursements\* \$ 8,999.50

\* The Board of Trustees invested the excess to generate income for general Society support

## Recent Publication

*A Guide To The Archives Of Hunterdon County*, compiled by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy, Records Management Analyst (who retired at the end of 1993), and published by the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission is offered for sale by the Hunterdon County Historical Society for \$5 by mail or \$3 picked up at Society headquarters, 114 Main Street, Flemington.

The *Guide*... is a must for anyone doing genealogical or historical research in the offices of the County Clerk, Surrogate, and Freeholders. It includes a brief description of each Record Group in the Archives, the dates covered, which Department has custody of the records, and whether prior appointment is necessary to view them.

## Victorian Days Calendar

- June 10** Ice Cream Social 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
Grandview Grange, Court Street
- June 11** Court Street Fair 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- June 12** Tea Time at the Doric House 2 - 4 p.m.,  
114 Main Street  
Special Victorian Days Stamp cancellation and exhibit to commemorate the 200th anniversary of  
Flemington Post Office, 15 Main Street  
Flemington Garden Club exhibit at  
Fleming Castle on Bonnell Street  
Silhouette Artist at Ark II, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.,  
33 Mine Street  
English Cream Tea 2 - 5 p.m.,  
Old Vienna Restaurant, 26 Main Street
- June 14, 15, 16** Victorian Flower arranging class by  
Flemington Floral, 22 North Main Street  
(by reservation 782-2219)
- June 14** Flag Day activities,  
Flemington American Legion Post 159

- June 18** Stangl/Fulper pottery auction sponsored by the  
Stangl Collectors Club,  
St. Magdalen's Parish Center, Mine Street.  
Inspection 8-10 a.m., auction 1 p.m.
- June 10-19** Antique Telegraph Office circa 1855, to  
commemorate 150th anniversary of Morse's  
invention of the telegraph, exhibited at  
Twice Told Tales, 14 Bloomfield Avenue
- June 10-19** Victorian architecture, crafts and literature  
display, at Time to Read, 20 Church Street  
Victorian costumes and items of daily use  
exhibited in the windows of  
Flemington Fabric & Decorating Center,  
130 Main Street
- June 10-30** "Victorian Flemington" exhibited by the  
Flemington Watercolor Group at  
Ark II, 33 Mine Street

As we go to press, plans are still in "cocoon" stage for some events. Call Carmen Grimes, Project Coordinator (782-8235) for details of all events.