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Tour the Doric House June 28 – 2-4 PM



Members and friends are cordially invited to tour the Doric House on Sunday afternoon June 28. The House at 114 Main Street, next door to the Flemington Methodist Church, will be open from 2–4 p.m.

The Hunterdon County Historical Society acquired the Doric House in 1969 from the neighboring Methodist Church for a museum and library. The Greek Revival style residence was built in 1846 by Mahlon Fisher, a country carpenter of ability and taste, as his private residence. The house was fashionably designed with high ceilings, cornices, grained cherry doors, and multi-toned walls with gold trim. It is furnished to portray a modest but typical Greek Revival home suitably appointed to honor Mr. Fisher.

Books of interest to local historians and genealogists will be offered for sale in the Hiram E. Deats Memorial Library.

Mark your calendar for June 28, 2–4 p.m. "Doric House Tour."

1992 Calendar

June 28 DORIC HOUSE TOUR 2-4 p.m.

July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY – library

closed

September 5 LABOR DAY WEEKEND - library

closed

November 22 FALL MEETING

November 26 THANKSGIVING - library closed

HCHS Collections Microfilmed

Under a mutually beneficial agreement between the Hunterdon County Historical Society and the Genealogical Society of Utah, the major collections in the HCHS have been preserved on microfilm by GSU.

Document preparation, filming, record keeping, etc. were done by Patricia and Douglas Crossley of Middleton, Idaho, who were serving a twelve month mission for their Church of Latter Day Saints. It was a pleasure to have Pat and Doug working with us. They arrived on 8 June 1991 and set up their equipment in the lower level [basement] of the Doric House. Their working conditions were less than luxurious, but their need for a dark place in which to film gave little choice except that location. However, they brought sunshine with them! We enjoyed their humor, shared their news from home, and it was a delight to have them here. They completed their Church mission with our filming job and looked forward to returning home to their family whom they hadn't seen for a year. We bid them goodbye on 18 November and they drove back to Idaho. arriving in time to spend Thanksgiving with their children and grandchildren.

The collections the Crossleys filmed are unique in that the data therein is not readily available elsewhere. Filming these irreplacable documents affords protection of our collections in the event a disaster strikes our library, as the information has been preserved on film. The Deats Genealogical Files, notebooks, tombstone inscriptions, Family Records Collection, Frank Ellsworth Burd card files of marriages [1875-1900] and obituary files [ca. 1900-1984], finding aids, card catalog, manuscript groups 0001 through 0054, Bunn Family Papers loaned to the Society for filming by Mrs. Marion M. Stults, and a few selected bound manuscripts comprise the contents of the collections filmed. Revision of a Guide to the Microfilms in the HCHS library is in progress, possibly for future publication in the Newsletter. The Genealogical Society of Utah maintains master negatives of each film and is providing our Society with a copy of each of the 114 reels the Crossleys filmed. GSU may place the films at their main facility in Salt Lake City as well as in Family History centers throughout the country so that people doing genealogical research may access our material.



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Address correspondence to Genealogical Committee. Listings of ten lines free to members, 25 cents per line over ten; non-member rate is 25 cents per line.

Remember to enclose a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) with genealogical correspondence if you expect a reply.

BARTELEME/BAETHOLOMEW: Des info/corres on brothers John, Jacob, Philip who came from Rotterdam to Phil. early 1700s, settled in NJ, PA and OH. ADD: Dee McHenry, 3820 Ross Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

CORTELYOU, DE WITT, VAN DERBEEK: Teunis Bergen in his book on the Bergen family says that Peter Cortelyou [1665-1757] m. Dieuvertje (Deborah) De Witt about 1691, in New Utrecht, Long Island, NY. Their youngest dau, Dorothya m. Rem VanDerBeek, early ancestor of the VanDerbeeks of Hunt. Co. I have been unable to discover anything about the ancestry of Dieuvertje DeWitt Cortelyou. Please share! ADD: Barbara W. Austin, 25 Park Road, Dayton, OH 45419-3002.

GARRISON, LAKE: Seek par/o Abraham Lake, b. 20 Apr 1796 in Hunt. Co, m. Susan Garrison in 1818 in Hunt. Co.; mov to Warren Co. ca. 1818, to Susquehanna Co. PA ca 1860. Abraham d. 14 July 1874 in PA. Chil: Elizabeth, John L., William G., Mary Jane, Rachael, Dian, Abraham, Isaac G. ADD: Marshall Lake, POB 7332, Washington, DC 20044.

CASE/KASE, LARASON/LARISON, LUDWIG: Will corres/w anyone researching these families. ADD: Ruth Hill, 4711 Connell Dr., Raleigh, NC 27612.

JOHNSON: Alexander Johnson, b. 1799 Washington Co, OH. His 1880 census enumeration gives NJ as birthplace

of parents. Need their names and residences in NJ. ADD: Beulah Brinker Olson, 103 Fairholm Drive, Waverly, IA 50677.

PHILLIPS, TITUS: Seek info re Titus & Mary Phillips. He d. 1808 in Greene Co., PA. Believe his parents were Simeon Phillips and Rebecca Titus from Hunt. Co. Have Phillips info from Cooley's book, need info on desc/o Titus and Mary Phillips. Believe Phillip Darr Phillips [1823-1905] was a grandson, child of Simeon and Mary's son, Peter Phillips. ADD: Claire Giler, 24 Downe La., Wilton, CT 06897.

CAMERON, FARLEY, FRAZER, LAWRENCE, PAYNE (?): Seek par/o Sarah, w. of Archibald Frazer (bro. of David Frazer, noted Hunt. Co. surveyor). They res. Lebanon Twp. late 1700s, had 2 dau: Mary, b. 1783, m. Minard Farley; Sarah, b. 1786, m. Peter Lawrence. Was Sarah Frazer a dau. of James Payne of Phila.? or who? Seek also any info re Archibald Frazer & sis, Isabella Cameron. ADD: William d. Farley, 2621 2nd Ave., #706, Seattle, WA 98212.

LIKENS, ROELOFSON/RULOFFSEN: Seek corres/info concerning parents, siblings, ancestors of Archibald Likens and Catherine Roelofson, dau/o Lorentz and Anna [Young] Ruloffsen. From Morris County Marriage Records, Book A: "by Nicholas Neighbor, J.P. December 30, 1804 Archibald Likens and Catherine Roelofson, Both Washington" (Township). ADD: William H. Likens, 696 S. Mississippi River Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55116.

COLE: Anxious to exchange info with desc/o Ezekiel Cole [1769-1857] and/or Ezekiel "Squire" Cole [1735-1817]. ADD: W. Gerald Cole, Rt. 1, Box 426, Macungie, PA 18062.

VOORHEES STATE PARK, CCC CAMP SP-5: Am compiling a history of Voorhees State Park, where CCC Camp SP-5 operated from 1934 until 1941. Also want to assemble as complete a Statewide picture as possible of the CCC operation and federal Depression-era work programs. I would like to contact or correspond with *anyone* who can help with my research. I am especially interested in contacting alumni or family who saved "official" and "souvenir" memorabilia, e.g., discharge papers, letters, photographs, scrapbooks, etc. ADD: Mariette Siczewicz. Voorhees State Park. R.D. #2, Box 80, Glen Gardner, NJ 088267. (908) 638-6969.

Membership Report

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

Miss Emilie V. Fagyal, St. Louis, MO Brig. Gen. Robert H. Neitz, Burke, VA Beulah Brinker Olson, Waverly, IA Dr. & Mrs. J. David Rockafellow, Doylestown, PA

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COKESBURY, HUNTERDON COUNTY, 1837

"Dear Sir: – With pleasure I take up my pen to let you know that I am alive. I am happy and much arroused on the reception of your friendly note dated Jan. 19th, 1837..." wrote Joshua Farley from Cokesbury, Hunterdon County, in a letter to Samuel S. Farley, dated March 4, 1837. The letter transcribed here is from the original among the papers of the late John L. Ely, a former Hunterdon County Historical Society member who lived in East Orange. Mr. Ely actively collected and readily shared information with others of similar interests on his Hunterdon County ancestors who included Wyckoff, Trimmer, Case, and Farley. One of Mr. Ely's friends, Fred Sisser III, has provided the transcript herein published.

Naturally, the Farley family information is valuable to descendants. Some of it may be found in the Farley section of *Early Germans of New Jersey*... compiled by Theodore F. Chambers and published in 1895. The letter contains additional genealogical data, especially about Joshua's second marriage and family. However, the importance of Joshua Farley's letter is more than genealogy! His reminiscences and observations shine a ray of light on life in 1837 with glimpses of everyday concerns – births and deaths, agricultural crops and prices, financial and marital situations, the political atmosphere of the time, etc.

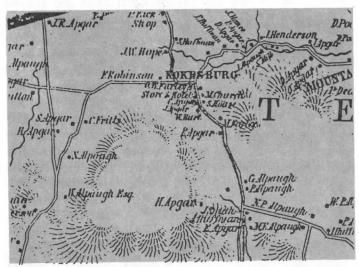
Joshua Farley died in Tewksbury Township 29 December 1850, aged 81 years 2 months and 9 days. Samuel S. Farley to whom he addressed this 1837 letter, was probably Samuel Sunderland Farley, born 1804, to John Farley, Joshua's brother. Therefore, Joshua Farley was writing to his nephew, Samuel S. Farley. The letter provides no hint of where Samuel was living when his uncle wrote him. Society member Marie Farley of Long Valley, currently engaged in genealogical research on Farley and other families, has placed Samuel at Niagara Falls, New York.

Joshua's letter to Samuel continues, "I had an account of your health and welfare. You also gave an account of your mother, brother and three sisters, which was very entertaining to me.

Now Sir, I shall undertake to answer you as to the request of favor you desired of me, to wit; – the health and welfare of my self and family, I shall begin with myself, I feel as brave and healthy at the present as I ever felt, but I find old age comes on apace though the bodily powers somewhat fail yet the mental powers are remarkably strong.

I was born in the year A.D. 1769. When I was 24 years of age I took to myself a wife and by her got 4 sons and 7 daughters. The two eldest sons are dead, the one was born dead, the other whose name was Aaron S. died on the 9th day of Feb. 1825 and was interred in the Cokesbury burying ground by the side of his mother who departed this life A. D. 1822.

My son Minard, the third son, is well and his family. He married one Providence Areble[sic] by whom he had 8 children, 3 sons and 5 daughters and lives on part of my homestead, having 80 acres of land and is doing well. The consumptive state in which he was when you was in this



Cokesbury area, identified as *Kokesburg* on "Map of Hunterdon County New Jersey" by Samuel C. Cornell, 1851.

country appears to have left him. He is now considered sound.

Now as to my eldest daughter Nancy, she married Charles Wolverton, a poor man, by whom she had 6 children, 1 son and 5 daughters. They live upon the old homestead of Richard Sutton which they have purchased and paid for. They have also purchased the major parts of the lots into which the homestead of their grandfather, A. Sutton, was divided after his decease. He, the said Wolverton, bids fair to make a rich man. His summer crops has produced money to the amount of \$600. He has raised 400 bushels of potatoes, 400 bushels of oats, between 30 and 40 bushels of clover seed at \$7.00 per bushel the present season and an abundance of other grain.

Next, my daughter Elizabeth, she is married to one Mr. Wolverton, cousin to the aforesaid Charles, who lives on the banks of the Susquehannah, who is independently off. They have 6 children, 3 sons and 3 daughters. They both are very great Methodists and live the lives of christians.

Now I have two daughters, to wit: Barbary and Hannah, who live in the Holland purchase 300 miles from Cokesbury. I am told Barbary has 8 children and Hannah has 6 children. Barbary married a Wolverton. Hannah married a man by the name of D. Olp. What they are doing I cannot tell or as to their circumstances I am not prepared to give an account.

Next my grand daughter, Huldah Catura, who lives with Betsy and is not married according to the last account which I had of her. She is a mantuamaker and doing well.

Next my daughter Sharlotta Margaretta, who is married to one Jesse Reed, and lives in Northumberland County, Penna. She became by marriage the most independant of the family said to be rich. Whether she has a child or not I cannot say, having been married only about one year.

I must return now to my son Oliver who lives in my own neighborhood, and is married to one Nancy, daughter of Mr. Apgar, and who has two daughters. He has purchased the tavern which your father build, for \$1,500. He is to pay it in installments, the first on the 1st day of April 1837, \$800; and on the 1st day of April 1838 the second installment of \$800. He is able to meet the payments having one half the money to hand. The Cokesbury tavern which he purchased has with it 13 acres of land and a good storehouse. I consider it to be worth \$2,000. He is at present constable of the township of Tewksbury.

Now to my daughter Polle she is married to one John Arwin, living in the Shenokah country. They have a good plantation and are doing well. It is said they have 3 children,

one of them still born.

This is a correct account of my family by my first wife. I shall now proceed to give an account of my conduct since the death of my wife. I was two years a widower and found it very difficult with housekeepers. I then, like David of old, took to myself a young companion and with her got 6 children, 4 sons and 2 daughters, the oldest is a daughter named Emaline Augusta, the 2nd a son named Sir Isaac Newton, the 3rd a son named Marquis de Lafayette the 4th a girl named Ellen Matilda, the 5th a son named Theodore Frelinghuysen, the 6th was also a son born dead, a fine child indeed weighted 14 pounds, was interred in Cokesbury burying ground.

In the course of the summer I have built myself a comfortable dwelling house standing south of the old house about one rod. We moved in November last and have

wintered pleasantly in the new building.

Now I must proceed according to promise to give you an account of my brothers. My eldest brother called Farley was born A.D. 1751 just 30 years younger than his father. His father was born A.D. 1721, his mother 1725. He was married to one Polly Appleman and by her had 2 children, twt: Minard and Peter. She died in child bed with Peter. He lived two or three years a widower, then married the widow Triphagen, wife of John Triphagen. Her maiden name was Charity Pickle, daughter of Henry Pickle, by whom he had 4 sons and 4 daughters and now lives in Buffalo Valley, state of Pennsylvania.

I now with trembling must resort to the state of my eldest sister Polly. Here let me drop a tear. Oh! Polly, Polly, Polly. She was a woman of the first respect and lived the life of a Christian from 16 years of age until she married Conrad Apgar and from then lived the live of a Christian in the congregation of minister Hanna's until she died in childbed with her 7th child. Next I must give an account of her age. She was born in the year 1753 and lived 30 years and then died. Her daughter Mary, the eldest one, is dead; her son Charles is also dead. Minard and Sally, wife of Adam Huffman, have moved to Ohio and are doing exceedingly well. Joshua and Barbara are in my quarter and they are doing well. The wife of Joshua has been 4 years in bed with a disorder called the change of life. We don't believe she is mending.

Now I must give an account of my brother John who lived with his father until he was 19 or 20 years of age and then took to wife one Polly Kline by whom he had 7 children, twt: 5 sons and 2 daughters, Jacob, Minard, John, David, Aaron, Barbary and Fanny. Where they are and

what they are going I am not able to give an account. His wife died and after a reasonable time he married one Betsy Sunderland by whom he had 5 children, twt: 2 sons Daniel and Joshua and 2 daughters, Polly, and Sally, and one stillborn child. His wife Betsy died and what has become of his children I am not aware. He then came to Jersey and married again to one Betsy Eaton and by her had 5 children, twt: 2 sons and 3 daughters, twt: Samuel Sunderland, Alexander, Elizabeth, Sally Ann and Harriet of whom I expect you know more than I do.

Now I must come to give an account of my brother Isaac who was married to one Anna Mellick and by her had 6 sons and 6 daughters, twt: Tunis, Minard, William, John Wesley, Charles Wesley, and Martindale, daughters, Barbary, Eleanor, Peggy, Catherine, Eliza, and Mary of whom John, Charles, and Martindale are dead. Eleanor and Catherine also of the daughters. The mother is also dead. Isaac died before his wife.

I now must resort to give an account of my brother Minard. He was married to one Catherine Melick, a sister of the aforesaid Anna, and with her got 3 children, twt: 2 sons and 1 daughter. The names of the sons are Anthony M. and Francis Asbury. Anthony married McColough's [sic] daughter. Had by her 4 children. The wife and two of the children are dead. He married another woman related to the Governor of the State of New York. He lives in high style in the Genesee Country. His brother lives there also and is still unmarried. Barbary, his sister, married one Archibald Kennedy. She had two daughters, one married one Reading. She and he are dead. The youngest married a Methodist preacher by the name of G. Brown, both living, have one child. The old man Minard's wife is dead and he has taken to himself a second wife, an amiable young woman not more than 25 years of age. They have no children as yet but live in high style upon the homestead plantation.

Now I must resort to my sister Margaret who was born A.D. 1760 and was married to one Abraham Pickle. She by the said Abraham had two sons named Baltaz and Minard. Baltaz lives on his father's homestead and owns besides it four other plantations. He married one Hagerman's daughter and got with her somewhere about \$4,000. The girl was an only daughter and the said Baltaz got by her 3 sons. Minard married one Barbary Farley and by her got four or five children. She got insane and he turned her outdoors. In the course of two years he again took her back and moved off with her to the state of Ohio. I am told they are doing well there. We have not lately had any account of them.

Now I am done with the history of the family I must now proceed to give an account according to you request of the neighbors in general. First Phillemon Dickerson, made governor of our state this last year, Mahlon Dickerson, secretary of the Navy, Samuel C. Southard and Garret D. (Wall) all senators of our state – whigs and the six congressmen of the state are put in all whigs. But we do much lament that Mr. Van Buren and Col. Johnson have succeeded to the Presidency. But we feel much armoured (honored) upon account of the choice of governor of

Pennsylvania. They are Jacksonians. Three years ago 30,000 majority for the wolf that ate up the sheep who was governor Wm. Bitner, the whig, candidate this season has got a majority of 30,000 making a change of 60,000. No doubt the next election for congress will give the whigs a majority, that is the general belief of our country.

A small sketch of our clime and atmosphere. As to our winter it has been the most favorable one that I have seen these seven years. Little or no snow, there has been considerable rain, there has been some cold days but the weather very changeable. Last winter exceeded all winters I ever saw, snow upon the level 5 feet deep and that in general the roads were impossible, that after the woods were worked by companies, if one went the roads with teams and when we did meet we were fast until we shoveled each other apart and the snow lasted in that sort well onto three months. We had to shovel snow and that every day in consequence of the winds and new snows that constantly came from the house to the barn, and those of us who had our firewood out of the woods for winter were prevented from getting it in consequence of the depth of the snow, and the way we got our firewood we would shovel an opening from our house to the road which was opened by companies and follow that until we came to a poplar tree or any other kind that stood by the road that we could cut across the road and take it home, and thus we strove and worked the winter through.

Our crops either winter or summer were extremely light. Rye was good for nothing but horse feed; the wheat was somewhat better, and the buckwheat in general was about half a crop. Here and there was an exceptional case. Now as to the prices of the different grains and also the prices of the different flours, twt: wheat \$2.50 per bushel, rye \$1.50 per bushel, corn \$1.25 per bushel, buckwheat \$1.12½ per bushel, oats 62½ per bushel, potatoes 50c per bushel, beans \$1.25 per bushel, cloverseed from 7 to 8 dollars per bushel, flax seed \$2.00 per bushel, onions \$11. neat weights. Rye flour \$4.50 per cwt., buckwheat flour \$4.50 per hwt., indian meal \$2.50 per hwt.

The prices have been are such that the poor in general have scarce wherewith to live. It has been prophesies that in this part of the country there would be a famine. The rich and speculators are purchasing up all the grain that can be got and the grain or flour cannot be got without the case which the poor have not got. We understand that a mob was raised in New York City of some hundreds of men who tore open their granary stores and flour stores and threw out some hundreds of barrels in the streets and tore then to pieces and grain and flour mixed through each other on the pavements so that it was shoe deep as they walked through the same. The poor of the town they called upon and they came by hundreds with their aprons and their baskets and took it home. One of the speculators after having his storehouse broken open by the mob and twenty or thirty of the barrels through out came begging the mob not to progress any further and he would let the poor have at their own prices with or without money. Upon the hearing of which the mob passed on and let him alone. So much for that.

Conrad Apgar, that is Uncle Coon and wife are well. His plantation was sold by the sheriff from under him. He is poor indeed. His son Coon has purchased the place and moved there and Uncle Coon lives with him. Uncle Coon is a pensioner. He draws \$20.00 per year.

Old Aunt Charity is yet alive and well and lives with her son-in-law, G. Cramer. Old Aunt Ann, wife of Morris Henry, after his death married one Joseph Crete and lives between White House and New Germantown. Peter Lawrence and wife are well.

I must sum up by giving an account of the deaths of our quarter. Thomas D. Jenkins, James Thatcher's wife, Edgar Hase's wife, Jacob Lininger, Sister to Daniel Haton's wife, David Neighbor's wife, Stophel Heldabrant, Old John Hoffman and wife, long Coon Blacks, David Felmsly, Old Jacob Tiger, Mathias Pickle, cousin John Farley, Wm. Apgar, innkeeper Jacob Heldebrant, Old Jacob Roe, Old Philip Nick Long, George Alpaugh, his wife, son Morris Honey Alpaugh, Peter Alpaugh's oldest son, John Scureman, Cotty and Sally Scurman, wife of George Seals, brother to my wife, old Herbert Lance, David Kline's wife, Timothy Porter and three of his family, Archibald Taylor's wife, Richard Anderson's wife, Mr. Robert Anderson, Wm. Trimmer, Isaac Rwelph's son, Edgar Salter's wife, Engr. Philip Alpaugh, old Bill Huffman, Andrew Schuyler's son, Jacob Philhower's son, George Fisher's son, Wm. Cook, R. C. Honeyman's wife, Eliza Murrell, the old widow Huffman, Dr. Copp, Anna Sealy, Daniel Seals, and old Wm. Apgar and wife, old Conrad Apgar is the only one left of that whole generation, Col. Potter, Dennis Potter, Clement Bonnel and wife, old Herbert Hockenbury.

I did expect upon this column to give you a small say upon astronomy, that is upon the different zones, twt: the Torrid and Temperate and Frigid Zones north of the Equator and also the Torid, Temperate and Frigid Zones south of the Equator, with a say also upon the planet system, which work I find will be too extensive for this epistle. I must let that pass for another day.

I must now give you my opinion concerning the present administration of our present national government, twt: to which I am altogether opposed. The removal of the public deposits and the tearing up of the National Banks unconstitutionally and the unlimited exercising of the veto power, also the appointing of his successor thereby abridging the rights of the people, also the appointing and sending forth of embassadors to foreign nations without the consent and approbation of the Senate contrary to the laws of our Government. So much for that.

Herein I have given you a small sketch of my mind concerning our national affairs and also a history of our family affairs. I should have been happy to have given you the population as well as the imigration which I find will have to defer until some other time or a more convenient season. I now must conclude this epistle and history given what remains but the blessing you may receive the blessing long life and happiness prosperity attend you all your days that you may be a way mark for others to walk and a guide for others to go by forever. Amen and amen. Joshua Farley."

Rest in peace.

On former family farms, throughout Hunterdon County numerous small family burying grounds exist, some unknown, some hidden by overgrowth. Their inhabitants are the forebears of local families, founders of churches, businesses and organizations, who left their mark on the socioeconomic development of our County. Heretofore, by New Jersey statute, cemeteries were exempt from payment of property taxes. A recently enacted law, while still exempting these burial grounds from taxes, requires that owners make application for exemption with the municipal tax assessor and refile for exemption every three years. Without exemption, these plots go back on the tax rolls. With no owner to pay the property taxes, they may eventually be subject to sale for delinquent taxes, foreclosure, and possible obliteration.

What ramifications does this new law have on small isolated family burial plots where *our* ancestors rest in peace? Will all trace of these plots disappear if exemption is not kept current? Do you need to actively participate in protecting the final resting place of your ancestor? Through Hunterdon County Historical Society cemetery data gathered by Roxanne K. Carkhuff under the auspices of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, is available from an ongoing inventory of known cemeteries in Hunterdon County. Approximately 200 cemeteries have been identified and included in the inventory.

Stevenson Burying Ground

The Stevenson Burying Ground is located in West Amwell Township along Rock Road in a plot 40' x 50' feet, approximately three miles from Lambertville. The Township's Tax Assessor has asked for help finding someone eligible to file the necessary form to exempt the Stevenson Burying Ground from property tax. Three stones existed when the inscriptions were copied in 1935, probably by C. S. Filips, and published in the *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Volume 10, page 6, January 1935. Elnathan Stevenson died 30 October 1842, aged 81 years. Mary Stevenson, wife of Elnathan (and daughter of Capt. Henry Phillips) died May 1833, aged 67 years Their son, John Stevenson, died September 12, 1793, aged 4 years.

Elnathan Stevenson was a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Orphans' Court of Hunterdon County from 1806 to 1831, when nearly all of present-day Mercer County, including Trenton, then still within the Hunterdon County boundaries, was under his jurisdiction. He was a Justice of the Peace from 1808 to 1828. Except for the last four years of his tenure his dockets are extant and preserved at the Division of Archives, New Jersey Department of State in Trenton. Mr. Stevenson was a member of the Council from 1817 to 1829 and represented Hunterdon County in the New Jersey Assembly in 1810 and 1819.

The eldest of three sons of Edward and Mary (Stilwell) Stevenson, Elnathan Stevenson was born 15 December 1761 and circa 1785 married Mary Phillips. Their second child, John, died at age four and his burial on the family's

property probably established the family cemetery. Elnathan and Mary Stevenson were together nearly fifty years before she died in 1833 and was buried in the family burying ground with their son John. When Elnathan Stevenson died in 1842 he was laid to rest beside his wife and son.

By his last will and testament, Elnathan Stevenson dedicated the burial ground forever with his words, "... And it is my will that all the remainder of the said lot being the part now fenced in with a stone fence where the graveyard is, and that small piece of land lying east of the same (all which I purchased partly of Chamberlin and partly of Mathewses) shall be kept for a family burying ground forever, and I do reserve the same for that purpose."

May he rest in peace!

Descendants of Elnathan and Mary [Phillips] Stevenson

i. Sarah Stevenson was born 7 June 1786, married 25 September 1813 Jacob P. Fisher. He died 12 November 1845 aged 59.3.7 and was buried in the cemetery beside the Amwell 2nd English Presbyterian Church [Mt. Airy]. Sarah [Stevenson] Fisher died 1 August 1864 aged 78.1.24 and was buried with her husband.

ii. John Stevenson, born 26 July 1789, died 12 September 1793. He was buried on the family farm in the family burying ground later reserved for burial purposes by his father's last will and testament.

iii. Elizabeth Stevenson, born 1 November 1792, married 14 February 1828 Christopher Fisher.

iv. Frances Stevenson, born 5 January 1795, married 19 December 1812 Gideon Phillips in a ceremony performed by Rev. Jacob Kirkpatrick. She died 8 February 1849 in her 55th year and was buried at Mt. Airy. Gideon Phillips died 5 April 1861 in his 73rd year.

v. Keziah Stevenson, born 22 February 1798, married Jacob R. Sharp. She died 16 July 1861 in her 64th year. Jacob R. Sharp died 21 February 1872 in his 86th year.

The couple was buried at Mt. Airy.

vi. Henry Stevenson, born 11 October 1799, married Margaret Ann Morgan 8 October 1823 in a ceremony performed by Rev. Boggs. They became the parents of eleven children. She died 10 March 1857 and he survived her by little more than a year, dying 30 April 1858.

vii. Rachel Stevenson, born 29 November 1802, married Joseph Burroughs Descendants of Elnathan Stevenson's may file for tax exemption on the Stevenson family burial ground by contacting the West Amwell Township Tax Assessor, R.D. #2, Box 4, Lambertville, NJ 08530.

- Roxanne K. Carkhuff

End Notes

Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey, volume 10, page 6, January 1935, "Stevenson Burying Ground."

Thomas Stevenson of London, England and His Descendants, John R. Stevenson, M. D., published by Hiram Edmund Deats, Flemington, NJ.

Guide to Hunterdon County Records, Index to Justice of the Peace Dockets by Phyllis B. D'Autrechy, Pennington, NJ.

Address by Dr. George H. Larison before the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Flemington, NJ.

Will Book 7, pages 425-427; Docket #25479, Hunterdon County Surrogate's Office, Flemington, NJ.

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ACQUISITIONS

Publications, artifacts, manuscripts, Family Bibles, and other materials representative of the history of Hunterdon County and the families who resided here are welcome additions to the Historical Society collections. To the donors of recent acquisitions the Society expresses appreciation for their gifts.

Guide To The Manuscript Collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, published by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. Donated by Douglas Martin, Clinton, NJ.

Norman C. Wittwer, Jr. Papers, Part II comprised of local history notes in notebooks and/or folders, broadsides, maps, photographs, manuscripts, and printed matter. Donated by Mrs. Norman C. Wittwer, Jr., Oldwick, NJ.

Scrapbook containing memorabilia of Clinton's Center Stage theater productions, circa 1959. Donated by Mrs. Rene Buckwalter, Flemington, NJ.

The Yawger-Yauger-Touger Family of New Jersey Some of Whom Were Known As Hunter, by John Dwight Baldwin III, prepared September 1990, revised January 1992 and including descendants of Peter Yawner who reached Hunterdon County by 1724 and probable brothers Johann Peter, Johannes and Hendrick Yawger, all of whom were naturalized in Hunterdon County 1730. Donated by the Author, Cleveland Hights, OH.

Mayflower Families Through the Fifth Generation, Volume 5, 1991, Edward Winslow by Ruth C. McGuyre & Robert S. Wakefield, and John Billington by Harriet W. Hodge; Mayflower Families in Progress, Edward Doty of the Mayflower by Marion B. Cushman, Richard Fetzer, Peter B. Hill and Robert S. Wakefield, FASG, 1991. Donated by Society of Mayflower Descendants, State of New Jersey, Phyllis Hansen, Secretary, Westfield, NJ.

Ford Times, August 1952, "Favorite Recipes of Famous Taverns" featuring a painting of the Doric House and a recipe for French Herb Salad Dressing. Donated by Roxanne K. Carkhuff, Ringoes, NJ.

"Flemington's Historic Houses," a 1974 oral history interview with John F. Schenk by Almena Crane. Donated by Hollis Burke, Frenchtown, NJ.

Children of Salvation. 275 Years: A Brief History of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oldwick, by Henry H.

and Karen J. Murray, 1991. Donated by the authors, Bloomsbury, NJ.

One issue of *Hunterdon County Democrat*, dated 13 February 1861. Donated by Mrs. Walter C. Farley, Bonita Springs, FL.

Alphabetical list, "Members of the Amwell Militia, 1803," transcribed by Marfy Goodspeed from the Amwell Township (tax) Ratable dated 1803. Donated by Ms. Goodspeed, Flemington, NJ.

Photograph taken at the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of David Newton Cole and his wife Sarah Bedford, 14 October 1916. Donated by Lorena Cole Vincent, Neshanic Sta., NJ.

Ten deeds donated by the Finston Family, Boonton, NJ via Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Flemington, NJ.

Dr. John F. and Annie Schenk to Hugh Capner, 1863 George A. and Mary Allen to Hugh Capner, 1852 Peter and Catharine Huffman to Joseph Huffman, 1837 John Dutton and Elizabeth Steele to George C. Seymour, 1846

Charles and Eliza Fox to David L. Everett, 1843 Administrators of Frederick Martenis to Joseph Cornish, 836

Robert R. and Amanda Steele to Joseph H. Capner, 1837 James C. and Hetty H. Kennedy to Joseph Cornish, 1838 Charles and Eliza E. Bartles to Hugh Capner, 1837 Mutual Building and Loan Association of Whitehouse to John C. Wene, 1882

A quilt made by the congregation of the Baptisttown Church and given to Chaplain and Mrs. Ramsden ca. 1913; grid chart and alphabetized list of all names on the quilt; *The Baptistown Baptist Church* bulletin, "Old Home Day," 15 September 1940; *The New Jersey Baptist Bulletin*, April 1907, with photograph of Rev. Stanley C. Ramsden on page 11; nine photographs, four items of correspondence. Donated from the Estate of Clayton W. Ramsden via Mrs. Florence M. Ramsden Haller, Roselle Park, NJ.

Photocopies of records from eight Family Bibles in the possession of Mrs. Jean Rinehart, Long Valley, NJ. Heads of families and spouses are listed below.

Adam Reinhardt and Anna Gertrauta Waldorffin, married 14 March 1765.

John Rinehart and Jane Moore, married 4 November 1830.

Charles A. Rinehart and Mary Angeline Apgar, married 26 January 1876.

Isaac O. Apgar and Hannah Maria Lindaberry, married 16 March 1850.

Peter Apgar [1773-1850] and wife Ann [1780-1845], children born 1800-1824.

Joseph H. Albright [1807-1866] and wife Mary Ann L'Hommedieu [1811-], children born 1830-1851 Enoch Lord, born 1778, died 1853.

John Emmett Rinehart and Frances Eunice Rutan, married 6 November 1905.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1991

Receipts		Disbursements	
Dues	\$ 6,398	Wages	\$19,928.00
Interest on investments	37,689.12	Payroll taxes	
Sale of publications	2,033.87	Insurance	3,372.25
Xerox fees	614.75	Newsletters	1,547.45
Donations	733.00	Printing & postage	
Grants:	13,843.39	Library supplies	1,711.03
George Large Foundation 10,000		Building maintenance	1,766.07
Hunt. Co. Cultural & Heritage		Fees, dues & donations	262.50
Commission grant 2,500		Training & seminars	1,589.59
Other grants	39	Utilities	3,659.49
Total Receipts	\$61 312 13	Books purchased	202.50
	ψ01,512.15	Meeting expenses	300.00
Excess of receipts over disbursements	\$21,921.43*	Total Disbursements	

*The Board of Trustees invested excess balance to generate income for general Society support.



50th Wedding Anniversary – David Newton Cole and Sarah Bedford Cole: Lorena Cole Vincent, grand daughter of the couple, recently donated the photograph to the Society. The group was photographed during festivities to celebrate the couple's anniversary. They had been married 16 October 1866 in Sullivan County, New York. Just before sundown on Saturday afternoon 14 October 1916 Mr. and Mrs. Cole's five children [Charles A., Frank N., William B., Leonard G., and Mrs. Rachel M. Cole]. grandchildren and friends assembled at Readington and proceeded to Crescent Villa, home of the Coles, for a surprise 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Pictured above, bottom row left to right: Fred Johnson Cole (son of Charles); David Newton Cole; Sarah Bedford Cole; Grace Cole Kirk (daughter of Frank); Alice Cole Stryker (daughter of Charles); two boys are 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 (daughter of Frank); Charlotte Bedford Cole (daughter of William B.); Martie Cole Felmley (daughter of Leonard); Frances Fenner (first wife of Rachel's son Chester Fenner); Laura Latourette Cole (wife of Frank); Frank Newton Cole; Leonard Cole. Third row left to right: Sarah Johnson Cole (wife of Charles A.); Lily Lilian Hoffman Cole (wife of William B.); Ruth Cole Wyckoff (daughter of Charles A.); Edyth Fenner Weber (daughter of Rachel); Lorena Cole Vincent* (daughter of William B.); Sarah Adaline Fenner Monfort (daughter of Rachel); Sara 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 Schomp husband of Anna Cole Schomp (deceased daughter of Charles A.); LeRoy Cole (son of Charles A.); Chester Fenner (son of Rachel).