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Fall Meeting Sunday November 19

Quilts: Patches of History

Quilts are a form of folk art crafted from the fabric of the lives of the women who made them. Our guest speaker, Virginia Mitchell, will present a program tracing the history of American quilting. She traces the role quilting played in the daily lives of women throughout American history.

Mrs. Mitchell owns 1752 Quilt Studio and teaches and demonstrates quilting. She is also Hunterdon County coordinator of the Heritage Quilt Project of New Jersey which sponsors quilt Documentation Days. Individuals may submit New Jersey-made quilts for documentation and each quilt will be measured, described as to type of fabrics and colors used, binding, batting and quilting, quilt back, and condition. Any information about the quilt maker, location, etc. will be noted and each quilt photographed. A Documentation Day is planned for Essex County November 4, at Oakside Bloomfield Cultural Center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information call 201-429-0960.

Quilts in the Hunterdon County Historical Society's collection have been documented by Mrs. Mitchell and photographed by HCHS volunteer Linda Black for the Heritage Quilt Project.

Join us on Sunday, November 19, at 2 p.m. in the Flemington Womens Club for the Fall Meeting and Mrs. Mitchell's presentation on quilts.



Patchwork and applique quilt.
Photograph by Sharon Risedorph from
*Homage to Amanda:
Two Hundred Years of American Quilts.*



1989-1990 CALENDAR

- Nov. 19 FALL MEETING 2 p.m. Flemington
Womens Club
- March 25 ANNUAL MEETING
- June 24 SPRING MEETING

Correction

This year, 1989, the Society is publishing Volume 25 of the *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter*. The Spring 1989 issue erroneously was identified as VOL. 24, NO. 2. Please detach the self-sticking label below, remove wax backing paper and attach in upper left corner of page 568, SPRING 1989 to correct volume number.

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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.

HESS, RIDDLE: Seek data re ancestors, descendents of Henry Hess, b. 5 July 1786, d. 1885, married Annie Marie _____. Their son Benjamin, b. 1849, m. Catherine W. Riddle of Stewartsville and had four sons: Peter, b. 7 May 1876 in Bethlehem, Hunterdon Co., and Samuel, John, and George (writer's maternal grandfather) who were b. Warren County. ADD: Doris Sarson Harris, 208 Indian Creek Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

BODINE, FAUSS, JOHNSON, LA RUE, MAPES, MOORE, HATFIELD, PICKLE, ROUZER, WARRICK: Would like contact with others tracing these Hunterdon County families. ADD: Jan Hill, 147 Maine St., Silverton, NJ 08753 (201-255-2540).

DUCKWORTH: Who were parents and/or siblings of John Duckworth who married Eleanor Flack in Doylestown PA 7 April 1830. ADD: Walter Duckworth, 9206 Puritan Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19114.

MAXWELL, STEWART: In connection with a biography I am writing of Gen. William Maxwell (1733-1796), I would appreciate learning of any information pertaining to Charles Stewart (1729-1800), especially any manuscript materials, and hearing from any descendants; also anything regarding Maxwell and his collateral descendants. Maxwell, a friend of Stewart's, lived in southern Greenwich

Township near Stewartsville, and was a frequent visitor at Stewart's residence in Hunterdon County. Maxwell died at "Landsdown" in November 1796. ADD: Harry M. Ward, Department of History, University of Richmond, Virginia 23173. (804-289-8332).

BELLIS, BROKAW: Seek parents of Ellen Bellis (1820-1906) who married Simon Stryker Brokaw in June 1844 in Somerset County, NJ and had 14 children. They left Bridgewater Twp., Somerset Co. NJ circa 1857, went to Ohio then to Nebraska. ADD: Donna Bovee, 1031 North E Place, Lompoc, CA 93436.

BATHOLOMEW, SINE/SYNE: Seek info 1725-1825 re John, William & Nicholas Sine of Hunterdon Co. Nicholas of Germany naturalized NJ 1730, bought land in Hunterdon Co. 1748, left will dated 1778. Also seek info re Theobald Bartholomew who married Elizabeth Brewer 5 Dec. 1769 and Daniel Bartholomew who married Elizabeth Sine ca. 1755. Daniel died ca. 1769 leaving widow Elizabeth and four children who remained in Hunterdon until after 1780, then moved to Laurel Hills, PA. Will trade data. ADD: Mrs. Emmeline C. McKay, 5104 E. Bear Creek Rd., Preston, ID83263.

CLIFFORD, GORDON, SHIELDS: What familial relationship, if any, existed between Robert Clifford, Robert Gordon, Margaret Young and Joseph McCafferty heirs in the will of Robert Shields probated in Hunterdon County in 1764? Did this Robert Gordon marry Rebecca Clifford and was he related to Jane Gordon, wife of Charles Clifford? ADD: Charles D. Clifford, 05136 Twin Palms Road, Fruitland Park, FL 34731.

FISHER, SERVIS: Des data re par/o Jacob Servis, b. 10 Apr 1815 and his wife Catherine Fisher m. 12 Jan 1840. Jacob d. Dec 1897, Catherine d. 13 Aug 1865 (death record names her parents Tunis & Catherine Fisher) and both are bur in Stout-Manners, E. Amwell, Hunt. Co. ADD: Bette Hook, 125 Carlisle Rd., Westford, MA 01886.

BREWER: Des info re parents of Benjamin Brewer b. 29 Jan 1805, d. 18 Oct 1875 Hunt. Co. ADD: Donald E. Brewer, 9559 Chelford Ct., Naples, FL 33942.

GODLEY, VANDERBILT: Need info re William Godley Vanderbilt, b. Mt. Pleasant NJ 25 July 1817, s/o William Godley and Anna Vanderbilt (dau/o John Vanderbilt). William moved to Easton, PA and raised 14 children. Need his parents' connections to earlier ancestors. ADD: Patricia J. Griffith, Rt. 1, Box 586, Doswell, VA 23047.

RUNKLE: Recently organized Runkle Family Association looking for descendants of Adam Runkle to update family history, to provide maintenance of Runkle Family cemetery in Annandale, Clinton Twp., have filed suit to move same to another cemetery. ADD: Runkle Family Association, RD 1, Box 10, Ringoes, NJ 08551.



Hunterdon County Tanneries

"...To my son, Joseph, the tanyard lot... and all the tools and implements used in and about the tanyard and currying shop...also all the bark, if any, remaining on hand after the stock of leather I may have in the yard at my decease is tanned out...also, the desk in my shop in which our books and accounts are kept"...¹ Thus, Philip Case, tanner and currier of Amwell Township, had bequeathed to his son, Joseph, the common colonial trade of tanning – the converting of raw hides into leather.

Because there were no established craftsmen, the colonist of the late 17th and early 18th centuries was forced to tan the hides of farm animals and skins of wild creatures in crude homemade vats hollowed from logs. But as communities grew and the need for fine, durable leather increased, the tanning process became centralized with a new class of artisans, like Philip Case, who established well-equipped tanneries.

The new land offered all the ingredients necessary for a successful tanyard. Hides and skins were in cheap supply. The thick and widespread forests provided an abundant supply of bark which was stripped from boards used for building new homes or from logs used for firewood. There was an ample water supply in the abundant clear flowing brooks, streams and rivers. The population with its need for leather, was increasing rapidly.²

The tannery was usually located in close proximity to a town for convenience but not within the city limits because of the odors that emanated from the "decaying animal flesh in the yard, the vats of pungent tan and the bate vats reeking of animal manure." Philip Case's tannery was established by 1783 west of Flemington.

The will of Philip Case and the map of the estate of Aaron Kline, tanner of Readington Township, indicate the close proximity of water to their tanneries. Samuel Hill's establishment, 1½ miles from Flemington was "very conveniently supplied with water" proclaimed the advertisement for its sale in 1825. (*Hunterdon Gazette*, April 1825) The plantation of Amos Sutton on the road leading from Centre Bridge (now Stockton) to Flemington had "never failing streams" and was "a good neighborhood for bark." (*Hunterdon Gazette* 29 Dec. 1825)

Hides were the strongest leather from the backs and butts of mature cattle from which two sides were made by splitting the hide in half down the middle. Kips or the lightest skins of calves, sheep, goats, and small animals were tanned all in one piece. A green hide from a freshly slaughtered animal was preferable to the more brittle one that had been salted or dried.

Hides and skins, other than those of cattle, goats and sheep were brought to the tanner. In 1793, Jonathan Woolverton brought three skunk skins to Case's tannery. A hog skin was part of the estate of John McClean Sr. of Kingwood Township in 1811. Nehemiah Howell, a Trenton hatter, used muskrat and fox skins and even that of a cat.

There were many uses for leather in addition to the usual boots and shoes for which there was a constant demand. Gloves, capes, shot pouches, drinking vessels, leather-bottomed chairs, chests and trunks and a cow whip were some of the other goods made from the treated hides and skins.

After the fall butchering was finished, the farmer brought his hides to the tanner who marked them with the owner's initials and cut off the parts that were not worth tanning. The hides then remained with the tanner as long as two years – the length of time necessary to complete the four operations of the tanning process. The first step was a preliminary soaking in a vat, pond, or stream for about 30 hours. It then took a year's soaking in the lime vats to loosen the hair which then had to be removed by scraping. Tanning and then drying the leather completed the process. "The final product or leather was usually divided equally between the tanner and the farmer."

The vats or leeches, the beam house or shed, and the bark mill were the basic facilities of the tannery. When you entered the tanyard you would see apprentices soaking the hides in a stream and in hogs heads which were oblong boxes sunk into the earth. Here the surface dirt of the hide or skin was removed.

In March 1827, "a boy of about sixteen years of age" was wanted "immediately... as an apprentice to the Tanning Business. Any interested party was to inquire of the Editor but only if he was well recommended." (*Hunterdon Gazette* 14 March 1827). The job must have been filled immediately as the advertisement does not appear in subsequent issues. Hope of advancement was held out for apprentices, later journeymen. George Gano of Bethlehem Township and Peter Prall served as apprentices or journeymen for Philip Case and later opened their own businesses.

After a thorough washing, the hides were removed to the lime pit or vat containing lime water to loosen the hair for easy removal. The lime pit was the most dangerous area of the tannery. A coroner's inquest was held in March 1823 when John Warner, son of William, died in a lime vat. This young man in his early twenties had lately come to the area from Ohio. (Inquest #702) Daily the hides were removed, drained, and then returned to the lime.

The hides were later transferred to a "bate or pit containing fermented manure" which removed the lime and reduced and softened the fibers of the hide or skin which had swollen during the liming process. One fall, James, a black man of Philip Case, was murdered by another black employee named Brown. Mr. Case testified at the coroner's inquest that he had sent James to help Mr. Pettit "draw out dung." (Inquest #887)

The next step was removal of the now pliable hides to the beam house where they were placed on wooden beams. There a fleshing knife was used to remove any remaining hair. Even the hair wasn't wasted. Bushels of hair were sold to be mixed with plaster.

Now the hides and skins were ready for tanning. "The primitive tan vat was sometimes a 6 foot rectangular pit in the ground, 4-5 feet deep, lined first with clay and then with hemlock or spruce planking." Water and bark, which had been crushed by a heavy millstone turned by a horse, were put into a leech or pit. This mixture produced tan liquor, also called tan, tannin, or tannic acid. "One cord of bark a day was the usual amount pulverized."

Often the tanner purchased red or white oak bark from his neighbors. Carters, such as William Smith, John Gray and James Hyde were periodically employed to transport bark or cut rails to the tannery. Aaron Kline maintained 15 bark hogsheads, two of them full of ground bark at the time of his death. Philip Case paid John Gray and James Hyde in 1792 for 5 days work of carting bark. A month earlier, John Miers had received 4 shillings for 1½ days work peeling bark in preparation for grinding.

As the hides soaked they became heavier, developed a finer texture, and were no longer liable to decay, capable now of being dried without becoming brittle. Each day over the 6-15 month process, the hides were handled or moved up and down ensuring an even tanning. Sometimes, additional bark was added to deepen the color.

A thoroughly tanned hide was removed from the vat, drained and again placed in the beam shed. Here a batt or wooden hammer beat and smoothed the leather to make it supple. When the hide was completely dry, the tanning process was completed.

If the leather was to be used for soles of shoes nothing additional had to be done. But if it was to be used for upper (the upper part of the shoe), for harness, or for binding books, it had to be curried to make it smooth and to give it color and luster. "As a rule tanning and currying in early New Jersey were carried on as a single business."

Philip Case was both a tanner and a currier. He would first soak a stiff hide in water until it was soft. "It was then shaved on the inner side with a currier's knife over a currier's beam in order to provide uniform thickness and regularity of surface." Mr. Case purchased a currying knife from Nathan Alling in 1791 for just such use. "Next it (the hide) was placed on an inclined table, sometimes marble, and scoured with a brush and water on both sides and then with the edge of a narrow smooth stone set in a handle and again with an iron sleeker similar in shape to the stone. A stretching iron was then used to press out all the water. "Various methods of currying leather were in use and the leather received designations according to the methods of dressing, such as tallowed, waxed, oiled, grained etc." Apparently good carriers were always in constant demand. In 1825, Mahlon Case, advertised for "two or three good carriers" who "will meet with constant employment and liberal wages." (*Hunterdon Gazette* 13 Sept. 1825).

The tanner accepted many forms of payment. In 1790 Michael Cole paid Philip Case in "hard cash" but John Gardner received credit on his account for "splitting 400 rails." The next year Robert Burger paid 1½ bushels of

"Ingen" corn; Peter Clover put new shoes on Case's horse and George Trimmer's son, John, brought a pig and a bushel of potatoes in payment. Blackman (Hector) Hacket paid his bill with 3 pocket handkerchiefs in 1793. Martin Johnson supplied Case with gun flints. It was perhaps this same gun on which Thomas Williams put a new "site." Mr. Williams was also employed by Mr. Case to repair a watch and put a "tung to a bucket." Other craftsmen paid by Philip Case were cooper, Edward Perlee; blacksmiths, Thomas Carhart and Ely Pearson; doctor, James Tidd; weaver, Simon Wegins; and hatter, William Godley Jr. With such a large family, Mr. Case employed several shoemakers to keep his family in shoes and boots – Jeremiah Smith, William Gurton, Walter Smith and Jesse Pettit.

There were many factors which brought the decline in the tanning and currying businesses in Hunterdon County. Certainly this occupation was not an easy one requiring hard work in the open during all kinds of weather, exposure to the heat of the vats and the odors which assailed one while performing the back breaking labor. Perhaps the most devastating blow was the diminished supply of local leather which required the additional expense of imported hides.

Below is a list of many tanners and carriers which appear in the records of Hunterdon County:

Peter Prall. The estate of Morris Rittenhouse of Amwell Township paid Prall's tanner's account in 1807. (Docket 05144)

Peter Kline. The net proceeds of the stock in his tanyard in 1826 totaled \$1620.41. (Docket 03488 1/2)

Thomas Stout. His estate in 1828 included much bark, leather, tools "at the tannery" as well as "leather skin stored in Philadelphia." (Inventory Bk. 7, p.40)

Asa Smith. His inventory included "a quantity of hides and skins now in the batts of a tanyard deeply covered with snow." (Inventory Bk. 7, p.405)

John Barber. Hiram Holcombe's estate in 1824 had "198 horse hides in the tan vats at John Barber's and valued at \$2.00 per hide. (Inventory Bk. 67, p.74)

Amos Sutton. In 1825 the estate of John Elgordon listed a "lot of skins at Amos Sutton's. (Inventory Bk. 6, p.162)

Abraham Waggoner. In 1810 Peter A. Kline and Abraham Waggoner signed an agreement in which it was agreed that Kline could take over the tanyard in March but Waggoner reserved the right of tanning his own stock of leather in return for which he would board one hand for a year.

Derrick Sutphin Jr. In 1811, the inventory of his estate indicates ownership of a tanyard and currying shop. (Inventory Bk. 2, p.230)

Jacob Sutphin. In 1817, the inventory of his estate included bark, tanner's & currier's tools. (Inventory Bk. 4, p.282)

Thomas Phillips. Inventory included hay in the barn at the tanyard in 1820. (Inventory Bk. 5, p.69)

John Musgrove. In 1830, his hides in the vats were frozen. (Affidavits 1658, 1660 & 1662)

William Smith. Inventory included bark, 2 bark mills and the utensils for the tannery willed to his son, Asa. (Inventory Bk. 5, p.367)

John Moore. Inventory included 217 sides of untanned leather, various other skins and kips as well as 20 sides of leather at Isaac Gray's. (Inventory Bk. 6, p.10)

Isaac Gray. See John Moore.

John Phillips. His tanner's account was paid by the estate of William Smith of Lawrence Township in 1818. (Docket 06101)

Aaron Kline. His inventory included "lot of leather in tan vats," tanner's tools and books accounts including two accounts of 14 years standing. (Inventory Bk. 2, p.87)

John Jacob Kline. He received lot #3 in the estate of his father, Aaron Kline. This was the tanyard lot on the road from White House. (Docket 03365)

John Williamson. The estate of Garret Schenck, weaver, had a book account against John Williamson, Tanner, and had 3 hides at Williamson's tannery.

Mathias Pickel. His tannery at Frenchtown is mentioned in Snell's *History of Hunterdon County*, p.407.

Joseph Merrill. Resident of Kingwood Township. (Miscellaneous Record #910 and 6696)

Richard Reed. In 1800, he was a defendant in a court case. (Recognizance #1696)

James McKinney. In 1832, he was a defendant in a court case. (Recognizance #1239)

Jacob Row Jr. He is named as a creditor in the petition of an insolvent debtor in 1813. (Insolvent Petition 109)

John Chery. In 1819, the inventory of his estate included a tanyard with 2 vats of leather, a patent bark mill, a lot of tools, black oak bark shaved, lime, and old casks in the tan house. (Misc. Documents, 1785-1894)

Thomas Curtis. He was a defendant in 1758. (Misc. Record 699)

Joseph Gray. In 1813, the Chosen Freeholders decided to view the possibility of building a road near Joseph Gray's tanyard on the road from Flemington to Quakertown. (Vol. II, Minutes of the Chosen Freeholders.)

Andrew Bray. He was called a tanner of Lebanon in a promissory note dated 6 Feb. 1764. (Misc. Record 1476)

George Peterman and Cornelius Coryell. According to Snell's *History of Hunterdon County*, p. 345, "George Peterman commenced the tanning and currying business at the 'Prime Hope' tannery in the spring of 1828" which had been owned previously by Cornelius Coryell.

Joshua Stout. According to Snell, Stout built the first tannery along the river - still operating in 1784. (Misc. Record #4421)

Oliver Vescelius. In 1881, Snell called this tannery the largest in the county.

George Flomerfelt. In 1806, 242 sides of leather were purchased from Flomerfelt by Charles F. Apgar and William McCray. (Misc. Record 7693)

Richard Howard and William Boss of Alexandria Township in 1838. (Recognizance 1040)

Henry Warne. In 1822, he was a bondsman for John Risler, carpenter. (Recognizance 2020)

Thomas Curtis. He was a tanner of Kingwood Township in 1757. (Misc. Record 10115-10117)

William and Andrew Bray of Lebanon Township in 1835. (Recognizance 1376)

George Arnwine of Kingwood Township in 1813. (Recognizances #1343 & 1348)

John J. Moore. He died in 1822 in Readington Township. (Inventory Bk. 6, p.10)

Jacob Coryell. 1801. (Insolvent Petition 1491)

John Meldron Jr. In 1805, he was an insolvent debtor who listed his account book "relating to the tanyard" as one of his assets. (Insolvent Petition 1086)

John L. Stout. In 1829, he was listed as a creditor. (Insolvent Petition 322)

Conrad Apgar. He was called a tanner in 1830. (Insolvent Petition 537)

Moses Baldwin. In the middle to late 1700's he was a tanner on the outskirts of Pennington. (Hopewell Township rateables) Note: According to Gordon's *Gazetteer of the State of New Jersey*, each tan vat was taxed during the colonial period.

Sources

1. Will Book 5, p. 319 etc. Philip Case made his will in March 1824. It was entered for probate 10 June 1831. Mr. Case was interred in the Case Burial Ground on Bonnell Street in Flemington. He was survived by his wife, Amy (Robbins); three daughters, Abigail, Elizabeth, and Rachel (wife of George Gano); and five sons, Peter, John, Daniel, Mahlon, and Joseph. The tannery was in operation until 1851. The daybooks and ledgers of the Case tannery are part of the manuscript collection of the Hunterdon County Historical Society from which much of the information in this article is taken.

2. The compiler is indebted to the following for the background information about tanning and currying: *Early American Life*, February 1975, "The Art and Mystery of Tanning" by Jane Ross, pp. 52-55, 66 and *Early Tanning and Currying in New Jersey* by Harry B. and Grace M. Weiss. Agricultural Society of New Jersey, Trenton, NJ. 1959.

Phyllis D'Autrechy



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1851-1852 MARRIAGES AND DEATHS As Reported in the *Hunterdon County Democrat*

The Directory of New Jersey Newspapers, 1765-1970, compiled in 1977 by Paul A. Stellhorn and William Wright, indicates that the *Hunterdon County Democrat* was established in 1838, and that various back issues of this Flemington, New Jersey periodical are located in at least nine different depositories. Of the over 150 years this newspaper has been published, all years are accountable, in whole or in part, in these locations, though the early 1850s issues are somewhat sporadic. The Society would be interested in any issues from this period. The Rutgers University Library, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, has some of the occasional 1851 and 1852 issues still extant. All of these have been consulted for whatever vital statistics contained therein, and are as follows. It should be remembered that "inst." in regard to the date, refers to the present month, and that "ult." refers to the previous month.

MARRIED

On the 12th ult., by the Rev. H. W. Hunt, Sen., Mr. Peter F. Martin, of Alexandria, to Miss Mary Ann Hoppough, of Bethlehem.

By the same, on the 15th ult., Mr. Daniel H. Hummer, of Bloomsbury, to Miss Nancy Cole, of Bethlehem.

On the 26th ult., by the Rev. S. W. Decker, Mr. Gabriel H. Slater, Merchant of the firm of Thatcher & Slater, to Miss Emaline, youngest daughter of Levi Mettler, Esq., all of Frenchtown.

On the 29th ult., by the Rev. J. H. Sherwood, Mr. William Fraley, of Holland, N.J. to Miss Catherine, daughter of Mr. John Johnson, of Monroe, Pa.

DIED,

On the 15th ult., near Cherryville, after a short, but severe illness, Mr. John B. Case, in the 20th year of his age.

☞ We learn by the Lambertville *Diarist*, that the Jury, in the supposed poison case in that place, have returned the following verdict: "That Mrs. Mary Ettris had no marks of violence appearing on her body, and no traceable marks of poison in her stomach; and that she died by the visitation of God, in a natural way."

— 2 APRIL 1851

MARRIED,

At Mount Pleasant, on Wednesday Evening the 10th inst., by the Rev. Cornelius S. Conkling. Mr. Samuel B. Pickel, to Miss Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Samuel Warne, Esq.

On the 23d ult., by Rev. Benjamin Kelley, Mr. Morris Conover to Miss Elizabeth Sutton.

On the 6th inst., by the same, Mr. Thomas McCurdy to Miss Ann Conner, all of this County.

DIED,

In Readington, on the 13th inst., of brain fever, Mrs. Mary Ann, wife of Jeremiah Vanfleet, aged about 29 years.

In Springfield, N.J., on Monday, Sept. 8, Ruhannah, wife of Rev. T. T. Campfield, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in that village.

Mrs. C. was attacked with paralysis on the 6th, and died in 48 hours.

In Clinton Township, on the 23d of August, 1851, Mr. Charles A., eldest son of Joseph Fritts, in the 28th year of his age.

On the 6th inst., in Cecil co., Md., of billious dysentery, Fanny, widow of late Sam'l Carhart, dec'd., formerly of Clinton, N.J., in the 42d year of her age.

— 17 SEPTEMBER 1851

MARRIED,

On the 21st ult., at Sidney, by the Rev. J. G. Williamson, Elisha R. Allen, to Mary, daughter of Wm. Martin, all of this county.

At the same place, by the same, on the 4th inst. David W. Lenor of Lambertton, Mercer County, to Catharine, youngest daughter of Joseph Boss, Esq. of Bethlehem township, this county.

At Mount Pleasant, on Saturday the 21st ult, by the Rev. Cornelius S. Conkling, Nathan Hockenbury to Mrs. Mary Ann Hill.

On the 2d inst. by the J.P. McCormick, John Opdyke, to Ann Alpaugh, both of Bethlehem, N.J.

On the 14th inst., by Elder Henry Black, Charles Crumwell, to Elizabeth Perdon, both of Mercer co.

DIED,

Near Mount Pleasant, this County, on the 29th of January, of consumption, Mr. Johnson Runyan, aged 69 years and 10 months.

At her residence in Vernon, Conn., Mrs. Anne White Tinker, aunt of Mrs. E. Anne White Perry.

Thus passes away from earthly scenes the last remaining member of Mrs. Perry's father's family, who was, as it were, a second mother to them all, for having no children of her own, she adopted those of her deceased brother.

On the 5th inst., at the residence of her son-in-law, Jonas Moore, Theodocia Young, of propsey [*sic*], in the 77th year of her age.

OBITUARY NOTICE

Of Theodore E. Chapman, who died Feb. 8, 1852.

I have penned Obituary notices, but never before in my life has it been my painful duty, to record the death of a person under circumstances so peculiar. It is the death of a Brother, and all of the feelings of concentrated affection, dictate the line I write.

The subject of this notice was born, A.D., 1828, December 31st, and was therefore, 23 years, 1 month and 8 days old when he died.

— 10 MARCH 1852

DIED,

In Bethlehem, N.J. 23d ult., of consumption, Ann E. daughter of Moses and Caroline Farrow, in the 17th year of her age, she was pious, intelligent, and lovely. She was a member of the church in this place, and died in peace, a few hours before her death, she said, I have nothing to fear, I shall soon be with my dear mother, and many others that I shall know in heaven; her funeral was preached by the Rev. J. P. M'Cormick, of Clinton, it was eloquent, appropriate, and affecting. Adieu dear Ann.

We hope to meet thee on that peaceful shore,

Where friends shall never part, farewell's be heard

[no more.]

— 5 MAY 1852

MARRIED,

On the 8th, by the Rev. John W. McDougall, Mr. John Painter, to Miss Ann M. Kuhl, all of Flemington.

DIED,

In Franklin, on the 14th ult., Sarah Teeple, widow of Peter Teeple in the 98th year of her age.

– 12 MAY 1852

MARRIED,

On the 20th ult., by Rev. Ephraim Sheppard, Mr. Hiram Holcomb, to Miss Sarah Ann Hill, all of East Amwell.

At the Methodist Parsonage in New Germantown, on the 20th ult, by Rev. H. M. Brown, Mr. Peter Bruce of Salem, to Miss Nancy Jane Naylor of White House, Hunterdon County, N. J.

– 2 JUNE 1852

MARRIED,

On the 20th by Rev. Israel Poulson, Mr. William Parks to Miss Sarah Hice, daughter of Mr. John Hice, all of Delaware.

On the 9th, by the same, Mr. Albert Johnson, to Miss Margaret Ann Dilts, daughter of John Dilts, all of Delaware Township.

At the residence of Mr. John Hunt, on Thursday the 10th inst., by the Rev. J. James Baker, Mr. Charles Stilwell of Jenkintown, Pa., and Miss Mary C. Hunt, of Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

– 30 JUNE 1852

MARRIED,

At Lebanon, July 3d., by the Rev. John Steele, Mr. Henry Suydam, to Miss Catherine Sophia Crate, both of Clinton Township.

– 14 JULY 1852

DIED,

At Readington, on the 15 inst., William T. Van Fleet aged 88 years, 3 months and 7 days.

In Pahaquarry, on the 15th instant, Athens W., son of Judge Andrew Ribble, aged 27 years 4 months and 2 days.

– 28 JULY 1852

DIED,

At New Hampton, Monday 23d, Mr. Joseph Johnson Esq.

On the 9th inst., of Enteric Fever, at the residence of his brother, (Mr. Abraham T. Williamson,) Dr. Jacob W. Williamson, aged about 31 years, his profession, with honorable success, for but a short period previously to his final illness, at the village of Raritan in the county of Somerset in this State, but when mortal disease invaded his strong frame, and death seemed to mark him as his own, he was very naturally desired to be removed to the home of his childhood, there to die amidst the warm tears and congenial sympathies of his kindred.

He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and throughout his brief professional career, reflected honor upon his Alma Mater.

– 25 AUGUST 1852

MARRIED,

On the 16th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Hera, of Cherryville, Mr. Jacob R. Schenk, (son of Doct. John F. Schenk,) to Miss Jane Benward, (daughter of Mr. James Benward, near this village) both of Philadelphia City.

On Saturday, 21st inst., by the Rev. J. P. McCormick, Mr. James M. Petty, of Warren County, to Miss Sarah C. Bell, of Clarksville, Hunterdon County, N.J.

– 25 AUGUST 1852

MARRIED

At Port Jefferson, Ohio, on Thursday the 12th inst., by Rev. Henry Debolt, Mr. Stephen Vorhis, formerly of Flemington, to Miss Mary E. Westfall; of the former place.

Also, at Deerfield, Indiana, on the 4th inst., by Rev. Joseph Edgar, Mr. F. A. W. Linsey, to Miss Mary M. Vorhis, formerly of Flemington.

In the 14th inst., at Sidney, by the Rev. J. G. Williamson, William L. Rodenbough and Theodocia Y. Lanning, all of this county.

By the Rev John L. Janeway, on the 4th inst., Mr. Francis M. Scier, to Caroline Pebler, both of Delaware township.

By the same, on the 16th of February, James Scott, of Newton, to Emma Letittia Stewart, of Bensalem, Pa.

On the 28th ult, by Elder Thomas Barrass, at his residence in Baptistown, Mr. Randolph Hawk of Alexandria, to Miss Mary Montague, of Easton, Pa.

DIED

At Quakertown, Hunterdon County, on Thursday evening, March 12th, Mrs. Rhoda Snyder, wife of William Snyder, Esq., aged 60 years.

Mrs. S. was a faithful and affectionate wife, a kind and tender mother, and her loss will not only be deeply mourned by a bereaved husband and family, but by all who knew her.

– 25 MARCH 1857

DIED,

On the 21st ult., at her son-in-laws near Locktown, Margarete, relic of Peter Corsen, in the 74th year of her age.

2 – NOVEMBER 1859

MARRIED

On Wednesday, November 2nd, by the Rev. J. L. Janeway, Edmond R. Fowler, of Port Jervis, N. Y., to Mary Wurts, daughter of the Hon. A. V. Bonnell, of this village.

November 9th, by Rev. R. Van Amburgh, Mr. Joseph Sharp, to Miss Emily Huffman.

Near Bethlehem, at the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday evening the 9th inst., by the Rev. Cornelius S. Conkling, Mr. Ira C. Anderson, of Pattenburgh, to Miss Jane K., daughter of Mr. Benjamin H. Opdycke.

At Plainville, Somerset county, on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst., by the Rev. Mr. Gardner, Mr. Lewis Apgar, to Miss Jane Sutphin.

– 16 NOVEMBER 1859

MARRIED,

Dec. 22nd. at the residence of the bride's father, Peter S. Dalley, Esq., by the Rev. S. H. Opdyke, Mr. Asa Carkhuff to Miss Harriet A. Dalley, both of Readington.

DIED,

Dec. 30th, in Readington, of cancer, Mrs. Catharine McGhee, aged 37 years.

December 19th, 1963, Margaret L. Hann, daughter of Mitchel and Rebecca Jane Hann, aged 19 years.

– 6 JANUARY 1864

– Fred Sisser III

ACQUISITIONS

Artifacts, manuscripts 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 items recently received the Society expresses its appreciation.

Framed photograph of Hunterdon County Board of Freeholders, 1902. Donated by Connie Maute, Stockton, NJ.

Metal badge, "Constable Delaware Twp. NJ Hunterdon Co.," certificate of Louis Pratto's appointment as constable, ca. 1930. Donated by Aurelia Restani, Stockton, NJ.

Centerville School, District 15, Readington Township memorabilia consisting of a 1907 souvenir program, 1913 Christmas program, handwritten, and four photographs of classmates (identified) attending in 1910, 1912, 1913, 1915. Gift from Lorena Cole Vincent, Neshanic Station, NJ.

Index to *Forgotten Mills of Readington*, compiled by Phyllis D'Autrechy. Donated by Mrs. D'Autrechy, Pennington, NJ.

Letter dated Auburn (NY) 17th April 1807 to "Honored Parents," addressed to "Mr. Cornelius Polhemus Senr / Amwell Township Hunterdon County New Jersey."

Polhemus and Stevenson genealogical brief, printed.

Photocopy of a deed transferring land from Anson and Lydia Wright of Brutus, Cayuga County, New York to Thomas Stevenson of the same place, dated 9 April 1818 for a parcel in [*illegible*], formerly Aurelius, New York.

Transcript of a deed dated 5 March 1770 transferring a plantation of 50½ acres in Amwell Township Hunterdon County from Cornelius and wife Esther Polhemus of Amwell Township to Jacob Polhemus. Donated by Eleanor Clague, Abingdon, PA.

Bulletin of the Swackhammer-Dufford Genealogical Society, Summer 1989, announcing the 29 July 1989 Annual Reunion in Hunterdon County. Donated by Ruth Hartman, Co-editor, New Monmouth, NJ.

Broadside, "Ye Old Folkes of 1774," a concert at Masonick (sic) Halle, Flemington, N.J. 25 and 26 November MDCCCLXXIV (1874).

Diary, books of correspondence, autograph book, poetry book, correspondence, notes and compositions of Mary E. Risler, Elizabeth, N.J., Misses L.T. and S.B. Martenis and Mr. W.W. Beavers, 1857-1871. Donated by Dr. John Furhmann, Flemington, NJ.

Hunterdon County – List of Periodicals, August 1989, compiled by Hunterdon County Library. Donated by the Library.

An Industrial Archeological Survey of The Prallsville Millsite, Hunterdon Co. New Jersey by Richard L. Porter and Edward S. Rutsch, Stockton, N.J., 1985. Gift from Richard L. Porter, Hopewell, NJ.

Miscellaneous financial records from the Croton Baptist Church, 1894-1908. Donated by Thomas Kenny, Stockton, NJ.

Creveling History and Genealogy, by Louis G. Creveling, 1988. Donated by the author, Col. Louis G. Creveling, Pinehurst, NC.

Scrapbooks of weddings and anniversaries, births and birthdays, deaths, property transfers for Stockton-New Hope and vicinity, and the Hauptmann-Lindbergh trial, kept by the late Bertha Shuck. Donated by her daughter, Bertha S. Davis, Wrightstown, PA.

Rittenhouse Family Newsletter, #1, April 1989.

First day stamp covers of Surrey 1890s in May 1981, Locomotive 1870s in May 1982, Bread wagon 1880 in November 1986, Mail Wagon 1880 in December 1981, New Jersey in September 1987, U. S. Constitution/New Jersey in December 1987, Public Education in October 1985.

In Memoriam Carl Nathaniel Shuster 19 June 1983, Tribute to Carl N. Shuster for Contributions to the Mathematics Profession. Donated by Carl N. Shuster, Jr., Arlington, VA.



Membership Report

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members of the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

Daniel Bray Chapter, Society Sons of the Revolution,
Clinton, NJ

Califon Historical Society, Califon, NJ

Mrs. Gerry Carlisle, Escondido, CA

Michael V. Kennedy, Flemington, NJ

Mrs. Nancy McAdams, Houston, TX

Dr. Carl N. Shuster, Jr., Arlington, VA

Swede Swenson, Topeka, KS

Life Member

Mrs. Frederick Stothoff
Membership Secretary