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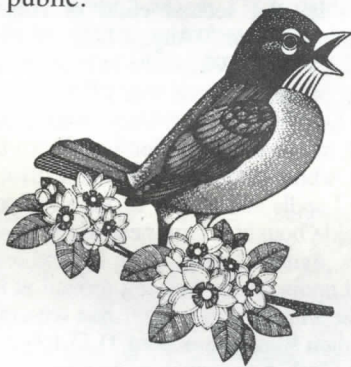
WINTER 1989

Historical Gleanings From Land Records

Annual Meeting guest speaker Paul Leitner rediscovers "lost" history in land records. The people who made history in our communities were land owners. Examining land records will clear up many puzzles in historical research that would not otherwise be solved. We know about deeds and mortgages but it is not generally appreciated that other records affect land ownership, viz: Estate Proceedings, Divisions, Partitions, road returns, highway maps, railroad and canal condemnations, assignments for the benefit of creditors, quiet title actions and mortgage cancellations. Mr. Leitner's presentation will illustrate their use.

Mr. Leitner is President of Belvidere Lawyers Service, Inc. and an agent for Chicago Title Insurance Company. His title investigations put him in almost daily contact with land records in Hunterdon and nearby Counties so he often rediscovers "lost" history. Mr. Leitner's discussion may sharpen our research techniques and observation skills.

The meeting will be at the Flemington Women's Club on Park Avenue at 2 p.m. on April 2. Meetings are always open to the public.



1989 CALENDAR

- April 2** ANNUAL MEETING, "Historical Gleanings from land records." Guest Speaker Paul Leitner at Flemington Women's Club.
- June 25** SPRING MEETING, "John D. Rockefeller's association with Larison's Corner church and cemetery." Guest Speaker Mrs. John (Jane Bellis) Duffy at Larison's Corner Church.
- Nov. 19** FALL MEETING, Program to be announced.

Runkle Family Cemetery

Clinton Point Associates, has filed a suit in Superior Court, Chancery Division seeking permission to move the Runkle private family burying ground. As the *Newsletter* is being prepared a hearing is scheduled for March 2.

Over time the cemetery has fallen into disrepair. It is conceivable many descendants of Adam Runkle and his wife Mary Youngblood are unaware of it. Before it is extinguished by time or human intervention let us record its existence.

Adam Runkle bought 225 acres in Lebanon Township in 1761 where he built a home and raised his family of nine children. Three generations of Runkles lived on his homestead; four generations are buried in the little cemetery.

Jacob Runkle bought the homestead farm in 1805 from the executors of his father's estate. The small plot, where the cemetery stands, was not included in the sale of the homestead after Jacob's death. Henry McCloughan was the highest bidder, paying \$44.06 per acre for 184 acres at public sale held at the house of John C. Weart, innkeeper. The recorded description of what was sold skirted the plot, not including it in the sale. Subsequently, John and Euphemia Ada [Runkle] McCloughan bought the farm from Henry. Euphemia, one of Adam Runkles great, granddaughters, retained the property until 1913.

Inscriptions from the extant stones were copied circa 1915, and carded for the Historical Society's tombstone inscription file. Unlettered fieldstones, frequently used by earlier generations, would likely have marked the graves of Adam and Mary. A photograph reproduced in the 1899 genealogy shows a graceful wrought iron fence around the cemetery. In 1957, when members of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey visited the plot, a 4½ foot concreted stone wall with padlocked gate surrounded it.

Prall, Eliza, wife of William R. Prall, died 3 June 1835, aged 30 years, 1 month and 15 days.

Runkle, Euphemia Eick, wife of Jacob Runkle, died 17 December 1834, aged 62 years, 26 days.

Runkle, Jacob, died 8 September 1824, aged 60 years.

Runkle, Philip, died 8 March 1833, aged 40 years, 8 months, 29 days

Weart, Christiana, wife of Jacob S. Weart, 1826-1882.

Weart, Jacob S., 1823-1886.

Wert, Catharine, wife of John C. Wert, died 22 October 1874, aged 75 years, 9 months, 22 days.

Wert, John C., died 23 July 1841, aged 58 years, 1 month, 26 days.

Wirt, Amanda B., died 12 June 1843, aged 13 days.

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A genealogy, *The Runkle Family*, compiled by Ben. van D. Fisher, was published in 1899 and has long been out of print. Original editions only rarely become available. The Society's library contains an original edition, but in such extremely fragile condition photocopies cannot be made from it. Therefore, reproduced herein are the family's first three generations, albeit in abbreviated form because of space limitations.

ADAM RUNKLE FAMILY

Adam Runkle emigrated to America, leaving his native Germany sometime between 1733 and 1745, at the age of nearly sixteen. He came to Hunterdon County where about the year 1749 he married Mary daughter of John Youngblood and the couple lived for a time on his father-in-law's farm near the present-day village of Wertsville in Amwell Township. Mary's father was a farmer who had come to New Jersey several years before.

Within a few years after their marriage Adam Runkle bought 225 acres in Lebanon Township from Mahlon Kirkbride and his wife "on the Great Road leading from the South Branch of the Raritan River to Potters Town," for which he paid 472£. He built a story-and-a-half house, with a side hall which was still well preserved when the family genealogy was written in 1899. This house sheltered Adam and Mary Runkle's family as they matured, married and removed to other parts of Hunterdon County. The second generation living in the homestead was Jacob's children.

Adam Runkle wrote his will in July 1791. An inventory of his personal estate was made 17 November 1800 so his death occurred shortly before that date. His will was probated on 4 February 1801.

1. Adam Runkle and his wife Mary Youngblood had nine children.

i. 2. Mary Runkle, daughter of Adam and Mary [Youngblood] Runkle was born circa 1751. She married Abraham Wagoner who was born 1762. They resided on a farm near Stanton, a few miles from her family home. After his death on 16 February 1811 his

widow made her home with their daughter, Catherine, at Ringoes. Mary [Runkle] Wagoner died 6 January 1833 at the age of 82 years and is buried beside her husband in the Newell cemetery near Stanton. Three children were born to this couple.

i. 10. Mary Wagoner, daughter of Abraham and Mary [Runkle] Wagoner was born 2 October 1787, married 20 June 1806, Samuel J. Swearer, born 19 February 1787, died 11 June 1879. They resided near Stanton, NJ. Mary died 8 September 1860, and with her husband is buried in the Stanton graveyard. The couple were parents of six children.

i. 52. Mary Swearer

ii. 53. Mahlon Swearer, was born 12 March 1808, died 20 August 1814.

iii. 54. Elizabeth Swearer

iv. 55. Catharine Swearer

v. 56. Abraham Swearer

vi. 57. Mahlon Swearer

ii. 11. Catharine Wagoner, daughter of Abraham and Mary [Runkle] Wagoner, was born 18 June 1789, married 4 January 1807 Cornelius Sheets, born 22 February 1784, died _____. She resided at Stanton, N.J. where she died 20 October 1873. Six children were born to the couple.

i. 58. Abraham W. Sheets

ii. 59. Cornelius B. Sheets

iii. 60. Sarah Maria Sheets

iv. 61. Reuben Sheets

v. 62. Jacob R. Sheets

vi. 63. Elijah R. Sheets

iii. 12. Sarah Wagoner, daughter of Abraham and Mary [Runkle] Wagoner, was born 18 June 1792, married Henry Runyon, born 17 May 1794, died 25 July 1861. She resided at Ringoes where she died 26 November 1869. The couple had three children.

i. 64. Elizabeth Runyon

ii. 65. Mary Catharine Runyon

iii. 66. Anna Runyon

ii. 3. John Runkle, the second child of Adam and Mary [Youngblood] Runkle was born 29 August 1752, probably on Grandfather Youngblood's farm near Wertsville in Amwell Township. His first wife, whom he married 2 December 1775, was Hannah Graff, daughter of Henry Graff of Ringoes. They lived about a mile from Flemington and all ten of their children were born there.

His second wife, whom he married 25 March 1816, was Rebecca, daughter of Henry Landis and widow of John Runyon. After their marriage John Runkle bought a farm near Ringoes where he spent his remaining years, dying 22 April 1846. He and both wives were laid to rest in the Landis family burying ground at Ringoes. John Runkle and his first wife, Hannah Graff had ten children.

i. 13. Adam Runkle was born 11 October 1776, married 29 June 1800 Ellen Cool. A carpenter, he removed from Flemington to Ithaca, New York, in 1825. He subsequently moved to Morrisville, NY where he became a farmer. He died 8 January 1870 and his wife Ellen died 3 September 1874. They are buried in Morrisville. They were parents of ten children.

i. 67. Elizabeth Runkle

ii. 68. John Runkle

iii. 69. Hannah Runkle

iv. 70. Euphemia Runkle

v. 71. Lavina Runkle

vi. 72. Matilda Runkle

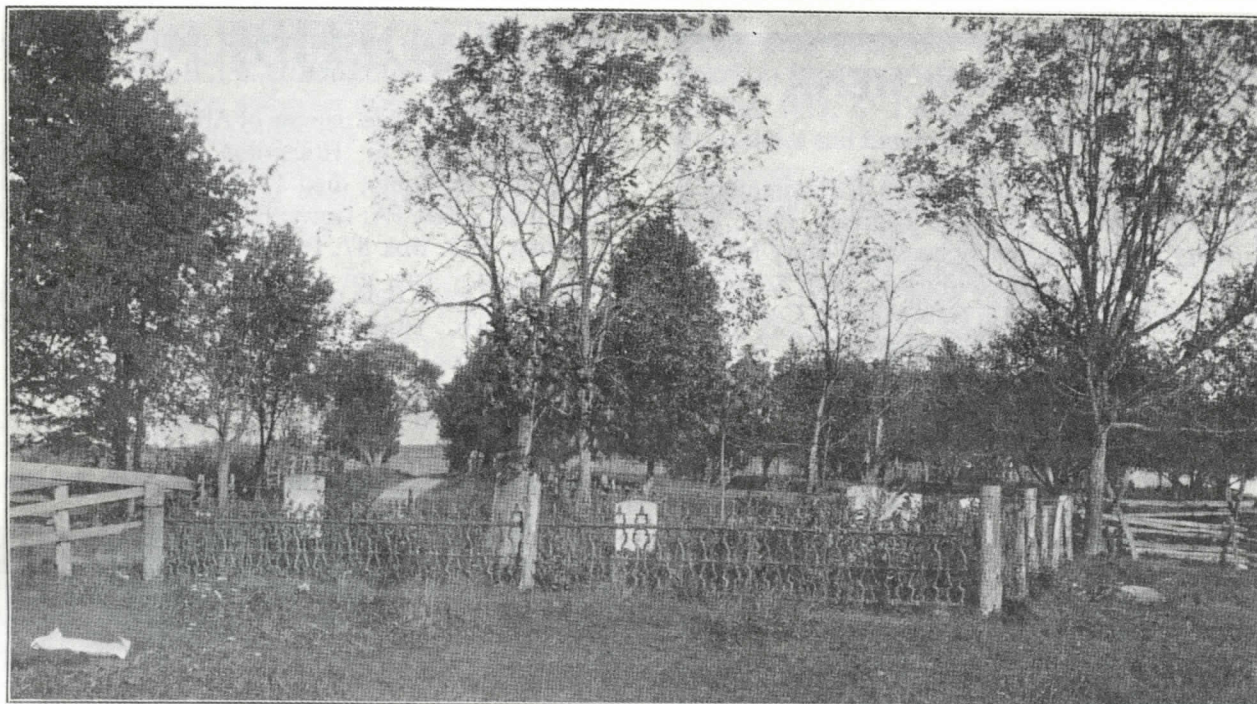
vii. 73. Sarah Runkle

viii. 74. Paul Cool Runkle

ix. 75. Henry Runkle

x. 76. Richard Holcombe Runkle

ii. 14. Henry Runkle, son of John and Hannah [Graff] Runkle, was born 28 February 1778, died 22 October 1865. He



OLD RUNKLE BURYING GROUND (near Annandale). Reproduced from the photograph appearing in the Runkle Genealogy.

married 8 December 1802 Elizabeth Rea, daughter of Isaac Rea, born 22 August 1785, died 1 July 1856. They lived on a farm near Flemington and the couple is buried in the Presbyterian graveyard in town. They were parents of nine children.

- i. 77. Isaac Rea Runkle
- ii. 78. Sarah Ann Runkle
- iii. 79. Susannah Runkle
- iv. 80. William Runkle
- v. 81. Mary G. Runkle
- vi. 82. Adaline Runkle
- vii. 83. Joseph Runkle
- viii. 84. Lewis Runkle
- ix. 85. Jane C. Runkle

iii. 15. Mary Runkle, daughter of John and Hannah [Graff] Runkle, was born 20 September 1779, died 26 October 1871. She married 6 December 1808 Elnathan Moore, born 23 September 1784, died 2 May 1856. For many years Mr. Moore was proprietor of the Flemington Tavern at the intersection of two roads near the Presbyterian Church. The last years of Mr. Moore's life were spent at Ten Mile Run, New Jersey. After his death his widow moved to New Brunswick. They are buried at Kingston, New Jersey. They had six children.

- i. 86. Hannah Moore
- ii. 87. William R. Moore
- iii. 88. Austin G. Moore
- iv. 89. Hart Moore
- v. 90. John R. Moore
- vi. 91. Charles B. Moore

iv. 16. Sarah Runkle, daughter of John and Hannah [Graff] Runkle, was born 3 February 1781. On 25 November 1802 she married Richard Holcombe, born 1 September 1783, died 14 December 1859. They resided near and are buried at Lambertville. They had six children.

- i. 92. Mary Ann Holcombe
- ii. 93. John R. Holcombe
- iii. 94. Alfred Holcombe
- iv. 95. Amanda Holcombe
- v. 96. Charles Wesley Holcombe
- vi. 97. Thomas Holcombe

v. 17. William Runkle, son of John and Hannah [Graff] Runkle, was born 16 September 1782, married 17 August 1807 Mary Waldron. He was a merchant at Flemington. He had one child.

- i. 98. Hannah Runkle

vi. 18. Ann Runkle, daughter of John and Hannah [Graff] Runkle, was born 29 August 1784, died 24 February 1831. She married on 21 March 1812 Richard Choyce, born 29 May 1784, died 21 January 1860. She is buried near Trenton, New Jersey. The couple had five children.

- i. 99. Thomas Capner Choyce
- ii. 100. William Choyce
- iii. 101. Rebecca Choyce
- iv. 102. John Hall Choyce
- v. 103. Richard Choyce

vii. 19. John Runkle, son of John and Hannah [Graff] Runkle, was born in 1789, died 1 April 1822. He married first Ann Choyce, born 17 March 1791, died 21 December 1811. They were parents of one child. His second wife was Mary Cherry whom he married 16 November 1814 and they had two children. He was a farmer and bought his father's farm near Flemington. He is buried in the Flemington Presbyterian cemetery.

- i. 104. Ann Runkle, married William F. Emery.
- ii. 105. Elizabeth Runkle
- iii. 106. Richard H. Runkle

viii. 20. Elisha Runkle, son of John and Hannah [Graff] Runkle, was born 22 October 1790, died 20 February 1888. He married Anna Thatcher, who died 19 November 1834. He was a farmer, living near Cherryville. He is buried in the churchyard of the Cherryville Baptist Church. He and his wife had eleven children.

- i. 107. Catharine Runkle
- ii. 108. Margaret Runkle
- iii. 109. Daniel T. Runkle
- iv. 110. Sidney Runkle
- v. 111. Jane E. Runkle
- vi. 112. Charles Frazer Runkle
- vii. 113. Hopy Runkle
- viii. 114. Stephen Decatur Runkle
- ix. 115. Sylvanus Runkle

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JOHN FORAN SCHENK

1905-1988

John Foran Schenk died at his home in Flemington on 6 July 1988. He was born 19 February 1905, a son of Henry Freylinghuysen Schenk and Mary Margaret Foran. He graduated Flemington High School in 1922, Canterbury School at New Milford, Connecticut in 1923, and Princeton University, 1927, B.S., *magna cum laude*. Mr. Schenk married Elizabeth Stryker and they had four children.

Mr. Schenk represented Hunterdon County as a delegate to the 1947 New Jersey constitutional convention and served two terms as mayor of Flemington. He was a former director of the Hunterdon County National Bank. In 1960 Mr. Schenk became president of Foran Foundry & Manufacturing Company until the company ceased operating in the 1970s.

At the 54th Annual Meeting of the Hunterdon County Historical Society on 1 January 1938 Mr. Schenk was elected a member. He became a Trustee in 1971 and Chairman of the Society's Museum Committee.

He dedicated his expertise in period antiques and his knowledge of architectural styles and details to the restoration, decoration and furnishing of the Society's Doric House. Built in 1846 by master carpenter Mahlon Fisher, the Doric House museum restoration, under Mr. Schenk's guidance, depicts gracious middle class village life circa 1850. In recognition of his dedication to the Society's goals Mr. Schenk was elected an Honorary Life Member in March 1984.

The Society extends sincere condolences to the family of John F. Schenk. He was survived by a son, Col. John F. H. Schenk of Colorado Springs, CO and three daughters, Elinor Kurth of West Hartford, CT, Johanna Studdiford and Elizabeth Trapp both of Bay Head, NJ and six grandchildren.

NOTES and QUERIES

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

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

RUNKLE, WEART/WERT: Adam Runkle descendants please note – suit was filed in Court, as per *Hunterdon County Democrat* Public Notice dated 19 January 1989, to move the Runkle Burying Ground presently located in Anandale, Clinton (formerly Lebanon) Township to another cemetery. A number of Runkles, Wearts, and Werts were buried there between 1800 and 1886. For more information

and your thoughts on this project please contact: Jane B. Duffy, at 201-782-6155 or R.D. #1, Box 10, Ringoes, NJ.

WILLETT: Who were parents of Abraham Willett, born 15 December 1759 in Hunterdon County, possibly at Tewksbury Township; died 13 August 1822 Bloomsburg, Columbia County PA; married Sarah Brittain. ADD: Albert J. Willett, P.O. Box 87, Foster, VA 23056.

SWEESY: Desire data on Samuel Sweesy, a freeholder in Lebanon Twp., Hunterdon County in 1741. How was he related to Amos Swayze who liv Bethlehem Twp. 1760 and/or Mathias Sweezy in debtors' prison Trenton in 1768, Henry Sweazy in Lebanon 1760's? Was he son of Samuel of Southhold, Long Island? Will exchange info. ADD: Clyde W. Downing, 11215 SE 220th Pl., Kent, WA 98031.

CAIN: Want to contact descendants of early Cain families of Amwell Township, Hunterdon County. Walter Cain died 1796, Richard Cain died 1727, Thomas Cain died 1792 and James Cain died 1790's. Children to southwest PA and VA. ADD: Mrs. Jewell Reed, Box 102, Caldwell, OH 43724.

HULL, WILLIAMSON: Desire data on ancestors and siblings of Samuel Williamson and his second wife Eleanor Williamson, dau/o Cornelius and Elizabeth Williamson. Samuel, who died in Hunterdon Co. 1822, was son of William Williamson and Patience Hull. ADD: George Wyllder, 207 Cedar Drive, Clinton, IL 61727.

DOTTERER, DUDDER, HALL, LOW: Need info re John Low b. NJ, d. 1813 Lycoming Co PA; m. Elizabeth, dau/o Phillip Dotterer/Dudder of NJ. Had issue: Phillip, Henry, Thomas, John, Isaac, Ann, Jane and Mary. Was John s/o Tunis and Mary (Hall) Low, bapt. 1752 DRC Readington? John moved to Northumberland Co. PA by 1790, in Lycoming Co. PA by 1800. ADD: Paula Radwanski, RD #1, Box 416, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

WARFORD: The descendants of John and Mary Polly [Baxter] Warford will hold their 100th reunion on 3 September 1989 from 9:30 a.m. until ??? at the home of Willard and Janice Warford, 701 Randolph St., Glasgow, MO 65254, phone (816) 338-2152. Business meeting to follow midday pot-luck dinner. Mark this day on your calendar. For more information call Willard Warford or Sylva Warford Luker, 3750 N. Cascade Ave. F 73, Colorado Springs, CO 80907, (719) 471-2221.

CRAMER, HAINES, HAZEN, TODD: Des maiden name m/o William Hazen, 1826-1908, res Washington Twp. Morris Co.; par/o Sarah Todd, b 1839-1928, bur Mendham; is Ann Elizabeth Cramer, dau/o George or John, b 1799-1877? Who was Mother of James Haines, b 1833 Washington Twp. Morris Co. ADD: Anne Willard, 13700 Lyman Lane, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

PHILLIPS: Seek info re Theophilus Phillips, Judge Monongalia County, VA, and Philip Phillips, constable of Yohaganian Co. VA ca. 1776-78. Are they related to the Maidenhead Twp. Hunt. Co. family and if so, how? ADD: Roxanne K. Carkhuff, P.O. Box 334, Ringoes, NJ 08551.

ACQUISITIONS

Artifacts, manuscripts and other material 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.

Commemorative shovel used for groundbreaking of Route 29, 1.8 miles, the "missing link" from Byram to Raven Rock, July 6, 1959; correspondence, photographs and clippings about the "missing link"; typescript "Delaware River Drive 1912-1954." Donated by Jacob Pasachowitz, South Orange, NJ.

Photocopy, "Records of Marriages Performed by Rev. J. H. Sherwood Pastor Presbyterian Church Milford During His Pastorate at Hardwick Warren County June 1839-May 1848, and Milford June 1848-January 1854," and photocopy, Broadside "Public Sale...in Alexandria Township...Wednesday, February 1, 1860...Household and kitchen furniture...by Samuel Van Syckel. Donated by George W. Van Syckel, Ellwood City, PA.

Broadside, "A Supersonic Jetport Would Do This to Hunterdon-Somerset," n.d. [map drawn May 1959], 18" x 22½". Donated by J.C. Furnas, Stanton, NJ.

The Fonic Speler and Sylabater, by C.W. Larison, M.D., Ringoes, N.J. 1903; *Hwot Is The Sol? Haz the Dog a Sol?*, by C.W. Larison, M.D., Ringoes, N.J., 1902; *The Larison Famili! A Biografic Scetch ov the Desendants of Jon Larison the Den*, by C.W. Larison, M.D., Ringoes, N.J., 1888; *Reminissensez ov a Techer (Vol. I)*, by C.W. Larison, M.D., Ringoes, N.J. 1898. Donated by the Orion Drake Family, Ringoes, NJ.

Photocopy of an unrecorded deed dated 12 March 1735 transferring a plantation in Amwell Township, Hunterdon County New Jersey from John, Thomas and Richard Penn to James Stout the younger, son of James Stout of Amwell. Donated by Austin L. Davison, Stockton, NJ.

Marriage certificate, Judson G. Smith and Laura Ellie Anderson, November 22, 1881, with photographs of the bride and groom. Photostatic copy of the family records in Johan Adam Bollesfelt's Bible, ca. 1750. Donated by Frank Cregar, Flemington, NJ.

Diaries of George M. Keepharte, 1881, 1886, 1887. Donated by William Michalski, Marley & Scrooge Books, Oldwick, NJ.

John Vanderbilt/Anne Conover genealogy, mimeographed, 7 pages. Donated by Mrs. James Ogg, Ft. Collins, CO.

Research paper, "Delaware Township Burying Point," 1988; Addendum 1989. Donated by the author, Richard M. Horoschak, Flemington, NJ.

Photocopies of fourteen documents relating to the Snook family: 1) Deed from Stephen Blackwell to Peter Snook for 21 98/100 acres dated 1823; 2) Quit claim deed from Catharine and Joseph Craft to John Snook, 1794; 3) Quit

claim deed from John Snook and wife to Peter Snook, 1807; 4) Deed from William Marts and wife to Peter Snook, miller, 1813; 5) Dower release from Mahala Snook to Alexander and Emely Snook, 1851; 6) fire insurance policy for property of Alexander and Emely Snook, 1856; 7) Certificate of non-liability, 1864; 8) Inventory of estate of John Larrison, 1814; 9) Deed from Enoch Snook to John Snook, 1817; 10) Release from Emley Snook to Peter J. Snook; 11) Deed from Danburys to Snooks, 1860; 12) Bond from Peter J. Snook to J.M. Phillips, 1883; 13) Insurance policies #13931 and #13932. Documents in possession of F. Wayne Mounts, Colts Neck, NJ.

Framed cartoon, "For the Best Man" depicting Mrs. George Jordy of Flemington, N.J. casting her first vote for Governor James Cox of Ohio the Democratic candidate for President of United States of America - Nov. 2, 1920, signed by McCullough, 1920. Donated by James Boyd Field, Bridgewater, NJ.

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Membership Report

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

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Janice A. Bachelor, Flemington, NJ
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Membership Secretary

OVER THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

One of the continuing problems to beset any new colony was the care of the poor. In the legal upheaval generated by the Declaration of Independence, the new State of New Jersey was plagued by a growing populace of indigent residents. Acting fairly quickly, an act for the relief of the poor was first passed by the legislature in 1779 establishing guidelines by which financial relief was given to the indigent.¹

When a poor person of a township applied to the Overseers of the Poor for relief, the Overseers requested a Justice of the Peace of the township to hold an inquisition into the state and circumstances of such applicant(s).

The first requirement for relief was determination of legal residence. A legal resident was one who owned any estate of a specific value, any person who had served a one year's apprenticeship in said township, or any indentured servant legally imported who had served in said township for a year.

If it was determined that the person was in such poor circumstances "as to deserve relief", the JP wrote an order for a financial allowance as he determined was required. The name of the pauper and the children, if any, were then entered into a book maintained by the Overseers of the Poor who could bind out any poor child "who had no parents or whose parents were bringing up their children in sloth, idleness, and ignorance" – the boys until 21 and the girls until 18 years of age. The master and/or mistress was required to see that each child was taught to read and write.

The law also provided that if the Overseers of the Poor believed "that any person or persons within such township... (had) not obtained a legal settlement therein"... and were likely to become a financial burden on the township, they could "apply to any two Justices of the Peace of (the) County" for a determination of residence. The JP then empowered a constable to bring before him the pauper whom he examined, under oath or affirmation, to determine the legal residence of the said pauper.

Sometimes the pauper returned and stayed more than 24 hours after receiving a notice that he was not welcome in the township. In that case, it was lawful to "commit him or her to close confinement, to be fed at the expense of the township on bread and water only, for such time as the magistrate (should) think proper."

There was always the right of appeal. If the Overseers of the Poor believed that their township was not the legal residence and that the indigent should not have been transported there, they could appeal to the Court of General Quarter Sessions for a hearing "on appeal from an order of removal" made by the named Justices of the Peace. Appeals in support of the order were also presented.

The lawsuits arising between townships over determination of residence, responsibility for care and cost of confinement give us a wonderful picture of County residents who rarely appear in the usual documents of the day not owning enough to require probate proceedings or land transactions. One of the interesting cases heard before

the Court of Quarter Sessions is the story of David Hull, his wife, Lydia, and their children.

On the 3rd of April 1827, Sutphin Garrison and Enoch Clifford, Overseers of the Poor of Bethlehem township, convinced that the widow Hull and family would become chargeable to the township but believing them legal residents of Kingwood Township, had ordered the family to leave Bethlehem Township.² The Overseers said that the family "neglected to comply with (the) said order" and hence, commanded the constable to remove the family "from and out of the said township of Bethlehem to the township of Kingwood"... and deliver them to the overseers of the poor of said township".

The Overseers of the Poor of Kingwood Township, apparently not pleased to have more persons placed on their rolls, brought suit against the Overseers of the Poor of Bethlehem Township. The case was opened at the May Term, 1827, but was delayed because John Hull of Pennsylvania was considered a material witness and time was necessary to get his testimony or bring him back for the trial.³ Summons were issued to David Butler, John Haggerty, John Little and Lydia Hull to be present in court in August 1828 to give testimony in regard to the case.⁴

David Hull, age and birthplace unknown, arrived in Hunterdon County in 1799, going to live with his step-brother, John Hull, in Kingwood Township. For about a year, David worked for John as an apprentice in the blacksmith trade in a shop which was part in Kingwood Township and part in Alexandria Township at Pittstown.

A great deal of testimony was given to determine the length and validity of the indenture which apparently had first been drawn between David's father and a long-forgotten master who had lived near Hackettstown in "Hanover or New Hanover". The indenture was partly written and partly printed but no one was sure if it had contained a seal. It was witnessed but the names might have been real or forged and none of the names remembered. The trade had not been put on it until the indenture had been assigned to John Hull. Lydia couldn't shed much light about the indenture as she "could not read writing" and had only had the indenture read to her once by Jacob Haggerty. She only remembered that it said that David was "not to go into any bad company." She didn't think there were any other papers of her husband and the indenture had been lost.

David Butler, who'd known David Hull since Hull was a boy, and interested in obtaining David's services, went over to Hull's on a Sunday in June, 1801, after being offered the indenture by John, the step-brother. John and Mr. Butler sat on a chest while they discussed the terms of the assignment. Butler testified that David spoke up and said that he "was not willing to agree to an assignment. He was not willing to be sold like a cow or a horse. He had been sold once or twice before and was not willing to be sold again." An agreement was finally decided upon and David went with Mr. Butler for a period of two years with wages of \$30 per year. Apparently David was not too happy with the Butlers as he returned to his step-brother's in less than a week.

"John Hull ran away with a young woman in July... (and) became an absconding debtor." No one ever heard anything of him after that time. John had put David to work for John Hall in the meantime but David "staid (sic) with him until he ran away some thing like a month afterwards."

David may have fled into Pennsylvania. There he met Lydia. They were married "about 22-23 years ago (1805-1806)... in Pennsylvania over the Blue Mountains by one Esq. Ransbury, a Justice of the Peace of that State." Her parents lived there at the time.

Lydia testified that she and her new husband had come back to Hunterdon County living awhile in David Butler's house in Bethlehem Township "but did not live there a year" and then moved to Charles Town where they lived with her father about six months. Butler swore that David had worked for him "at spells both before and after his marriage" but always insisted upon a written bargain. Butler found him to be a "curious" sort of a person and generally had to pay some debts for him at the start. Both Butler and Jacob Haggerty testified that David Hull had owned no property. Butler confirmed that the deceased could write but not well.

Lydia said that the family had continued to live in Bethlehem Township until David's death in 1826, intestate, destitute, and landless leaving the widow Lydia and five children living of the nine born to them. Her children at the time of the removal were John Hull, aged 20 years and 2 months; Elizabeth Hull, aged 14 years and 6 months; Joseph Hull, aged 11 years; Emily/Emelia Hull, aged about 6 years and the youngest, Mercy Hull, only about 3 years old. Lydia had continued to live in Bethlehem Township as a widow but since the residence of a female widowed pauper was determined by the residence of her husband, she was shuffled off to Kingwood Township.

The final decision on this case was not made by David Stout, John Thompson, and Benjamin Egbert, the Judges, until the February term of the court in 1830. They "adjudged that the last legal residence" was Kingwood Township. Mr. Nathaniel Saxton, the attorney for Bethlehem Township, was informed that the cost of the appeal was \$71.69⁵

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ADAM RUNKLE FAMILY

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- x. 116. Mary Runkle, twin
- xi. 117. Ellen Runkle, twin

ix. 21. Eleanor Runkle, daughter of John and Hannah [Graff] Runkle, was born 24 August 1793, died 16 July 1869. She married 2 March 1814 Thomas S. Cherry, born 26 May 1792, died 15 January 1878. They resided on a farm near Flemington. The couple had ten children.

- i. 118. John R. Cherry
- ii. 119. William R. Cherry
- iii. 120. Hannah R. Cherry
- iv. 121. Watson Cherry
- v. 122. Rachel Ann Cherry
- vi. 123. Francis C. Cherry
- vii. 124. Ellen C. Cherry
- viii. 125. Jane Louisa Cherry
- ix. 126. Mary M. Cherry
- x. 127. Edwin Cherry

x. 22. Elizabeth Runkle, daughter of John and Hannah [Graff] Runkle, was born 22 May 1796, died 12 April 1871. She married Thomas Reading, born 8 August 1783, died 17 May 1859. They removed, after their marriage, to New York State and later to Edwardsburg, Michigan. The couple are buried in a cemetery at Edwardsburg. They had three children.

- i. 128. Catharine Reading
- ii. 129. John Wesley Reading
- iii. 130. Edgar Reading

iii. 4. William Runkle, the third child of Adam and Mary [Youngblood] Runkle, was born circa 1755. He married Susanna Dawson who was born in 1769 and was sixteen years old when the couple was married on 20 November 1785. They went to live on their farm in Mansfield Township, Sussex (now Warren) County which he had bought earlier. Susanna died on 2 August 1817 and he remained on the farm, with children and grandchildren around him, until his death on 5 November 1839. He was laid to rest in the Mansfield cemetery near Washington, NJ beside his wife and their eldest and youngest children. The couple had four children.

i. 23. Daniel Runkle, son of William and Susanna [Dawson] Runkle, born 31 August 1786, died 17 February 1818 and was buried in the Mansfield cemetery in Warren County. He never married.

ii. 24. Mary Runkle, daughter of William and Susanna [Dawson] Runkle, born 9 March 1788, died 26 December 1846 and was buried in the Musconetcong Valley cemetery. she married Jonathan W. Ingham who was born 20 June 1785 and died 25 April 1863 at Mt. Etna, Indiana where he moved after her death. The couple had eight children.

- i. 131. William Runkle Ingham
- ii. 132. Samuel D. Ingham
- iii. 133. Jonathan Ingham
- iv. 134. Susan R. Ingham
- v. 135. Sarah Ann Ingham
- vi. 136. Charles Kinsey Ingham
- vii. 137. Margaret R. Ingham
- viii. 138. Jane R. Ingham

iii. 25. Adam Dawson Runkle, son of William and Susanna [Dawson] Runkle, was born 20 December 1789, married 15 February 1821, Margaret Kennedy, daughter of Thomas, of Stewartsville, NJ. She was born 4 January 1800 and died 24 March 1828. Adam D. Runkle died 14 February 1873 and is buried in the Eastern Cemetery. He had two children.

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- i. 139. William Runkle
- ii. 140. Margaret Kennedy Runkle

iv. 26. Joseph Runkle, son of William and Susanna [Dawson] Runkle, was born 15 February 1792, married in 1820 Jane Stewart, who was born 25 December 1803 at Hackettstown, and died 8 May 1879. Their early married life was spent on his father's farm in Mansfield Township; then he moved to the village of Asbury. He died 29 February 1836 and is buried near his parents in the old Mansfield cemetery. He had one son.

- i. 141. Daniel Runkle

iv. 5. Abraham Runkle, fourth child of Adam and Mary [Youngblood] Runkle, was born 14 January 1757. His youth was spent on his father's farm near Annandale. Many family and friends were in Amwell Township and possibly on a visit there became acquainted with Sarah Stout, born 4 April 1756, whom he married on 19 April 1779. He bought a farm in Amwell Township near Wertsville where the family grew as time passed. He died on 11 April 1845 and was laid to rest in the Amwell United First Presbyterian Church at Larison's Corner. His wife survived him, living on their homestead until her death on 29 December 1847. Abraham and Sarah [Stout] Runkle were parents of four children.

i. 27. Mary Runkle, daughter of Abraham and Sarah [Stout] Runkle, was born 27 July 1780, died 3 August 1868. On 15 September 1798, she married William H. Wert, born 6 July 1773, died 14 February 1839. They are buried at Larison's Corner. The couple had eleven children.

- i. 142. Sarah Wert
- ii. 143. Elizabeth Wert
- iii. 144. Abraham Wert
- iv. 145. Caroline Wert
- v. 146. Christopher Wert
- vi. 147. John W. Wert
- vii. 148. Mary Wert
- viii. 149. David S. Wert
- ix. 150. Susan Wert
- x. 151. Christiana Wert
- xi. 152. Mary Wert

ii. 28. Elizabeth Runkle, daughter of Abraham and Sarah [Stout] Runkle, was born 30 October 1782, died 5 April 1858. She married George Rea, born 1774, died 27 June 1838. The couple are both buried in the Flemington Baptist churchyard. They had nine children.

- i. 153. Mary Ann Rea
- ii. 154. Runkle Rea
- iii. 155. Peter, C. Rea, twin
- iv. 156. Joseph B. Rea, twin
- v. 157. Clara Leak Rea
- vi. 158. Amanda Melrina Rea
- vii. 159. Amanda Melrina Rea, second
- viii. 160. Elizabeth Rea
- ix. 161. George Augustus Rea

iii. 29. Margaret Runkle, daughter of Abraham and Sarah [Stout] Runkle, born 7 June 1785, died 22 March 1869. She married Albert S. Cox, born at Somerville 23 December 1780, died 2 January 1753. He bought a farm west of Flemington where the couple spent their lives. They are buried in the Flemington Presbyterian churchyard. They had four children.

- i. 162. Abraham Runkle Cox
- ii. 163. Dickinson M. Cox, twin
- iii. 164. Peter S. Cox, twin
- iv. 165. Sarah M. Cox

iv. 30. John Y. Runkle, son of Abraham and Sarah [Stout] Runkle, was born 3 November 1788, died 8 October 1857. He married 12 June 1813, Eliza Higgins, born 22 January 1793, died 1 August 1854. He lived on a farm near Mt. Airy. The couple had

nine children.

- i. 166. Horatio Runkle
- ii. 167. Abraham Runkle
- iii. 168. Oscar Dunrath Runkle
- iv. 169. Rufus Runkle
- v. 170. Mary Runkle
- vi. 171. William Nelson Runkle
- vii. 172. John Youngblood Runkle
- viii. 173. Eliza Aurelia Runkle
- ix. 174. Lucius Wesley Runkle

v. 6. Sarah Runkle, daughter of Adam and Mary [Youngblood] Runkle was born 15 February 1761. She and Aaron Van Buskirk, born 10 October 1763, were married 7 January 1788. He took his bride to a home near Milford but later purchased a farm in the Pequest Valley in the part of Sussex County since set off at Warren, near the village of Danville. Aaron Van Buskirk died 19 March 1825 and his widow spent her remaining years at the home of their son at Belvidere. It was there that Sarah [Runkle] Van Buskirk died on 12 April 1846 and was buried beside her late husband in the village graveyard at the Danville church. The couple had three children.

i. 31. Nancy Van Buskirk, daughter of Aaron and Sarah [Runkle] Van Buskirk, died as an infant 20 December 1790.

ii. 32. Daniel Van Buskirk, son of Aaron and Sarah [Runkle] Van Buskirk, was born 3 December 1790. On 23 December 1820 he married Ann Henry who died 21 December 1821. He married second Sarah Hoagland, born 18 February 1804, died 31 July 1887. He died in Danville, Warren County 24 October 1852, where he spent his entire life and was buried beside his parents in the village graveyard. He had eleven children

- i. 175. John Van Buskirk
- ii. 176. James H. Van Buskirk
- iii. 177. Ann Van Buskirk
- iv. 178. Aaron Van Buskirk
- v. 179. William Runkle Van Buskirk
- vi. 180. Luther G. Van Buskirk
- vii. 181. Margaret H. Van Buskirk
- viii. 182. Amanda Van Buskirk
- ix. 183. Sarah Van Buskirk
- x. 184. Daniel D. Van Buskirk
- xi. 185. George Van Buskirk

iii. 33. John Van Buskirk, son of Daniel and Sarah [Runkle] Van Buskirk was born 20 September 1796. He married Lydia Carhart, born 18 January 1793, died 28 March 1832. He lived near Milford, New Jersey when he died 11 November 1820 at the age of 24 years. They had two children.

- i. 186. Cornelius Van Buskirk
- ii. 187. Sarah Ann Van Buskirk

vi. 7. Jacob Runkle, son of Adam and Mary [Youngblood] Runkle, was born on the family farm near Annandale circa 1763. He married Euphemia Eick, daughter of Philip Eick, born 21 November 1772. The Eick family lived less than two miles from the Runkle homestead, northward toward the vicinity of New Germantown. Euphemia and Jacob Runkle were married on 26 May 1791 and remained on the Runkle family farm, no doubt assisting the elder Runkle. In June 1805, after the death of his parents, Jacob purchased the Runkle homestead. Jacob Runkle died 8 September 1825 and was laid to rest beside his parents in the private graveyard on their family homestead. His wife survived him over ten years, passing away 17 December 1834, and was buried beside Jacob. They had thirteen.

i. 34. Philip Runkle, son of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, born 10 June, 1792, married 23 September 1815 Sarah Carhart, born 18 December 1794. Shortly after their marriage the couple moved to Milford where he farmed and ran an oil-mill. He died 8 March 1833 while still a young man and is buried in

the old family burying-ground near Annandale. His wife, Sarah, died 2 October 1873. They had five children.

- i. 188. Sarah Carhart Runkle
- ii. 189. George Rea Runkle
- iii. 190. Nelson Runkle
- iv. 191. Almire Weston Runkle
- v. 192. John Carhart Runkle

ii. 35. John E. Runkle, son of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, was born 16 December 1793, died 11 July 1877. He married Sarah Wert, daughter of William H. and Mary [Runkle] Wert, born 14 March 1799, died 29 August 1876. (See No. 142.) He purchased a farm near the homestead and in his older years removed to the village of Stanton. He and his wife are buried in the village cemetery. They had one child.

- i. 193. Catherine Runkle

iii. 36. Mary Runkle, daughter of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, was born 1 March 1795, married 17 October 1818 James Bird, born 6 March 1797, died 13 December 1876. He was a farmer and the family lived near Bloomsbury, NJ. Mary Runkle Bird died 20 July 1872 and she and her husband are buried in a village graveyard near their home. The couple had nine children.

- i. 194. Elizabeth Bird
- ii. 195. Euphemia Runkle Bird
- iii. 196. Wesley Bird
- iv. 197. Catharine W. Bird
- v. 198. Emily Adeline Bird
- vi. 199. John Taylor Bird
- vii. 200. Isabel Bird
- viii. 201. Mary V. Bird
- ix. 202. Almira Bird

iv. 37. Susan Runkle, daughter of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, was born 16 December 1796, married first in October 1820, John Fisher, born 14 August 1796. After their marriage they moved to New Germantown, NJ and Mr. Fisher carried on his business of wheelwright and cabinet-maker. He died 16 August 1833. Susan Runkle Fisher married second 8 November 1853 Archiband Kennedy, born 2 March 1787, died 5 November 1857. After his death his widow made her home with her children until she died on 16 September 1875. She is buried in the village cemetery at New Germantown. She and her first husband had three children.

- i. 203. Frances Fisher
- ii. 204. Jacob Runkle Fisher
- iii. 205. William Fisher

v. 38. Catharine Runkle, daughter of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, born 1 January 1799, died 22 October 1874. She married John C. Wert, born 27 May 1783, died 23 July 1841. During his life the couple resided between Annandale and Clinton on the Old Turnpike Road. They are both buried in the Runkle burying-ground on the homestead. They had six children.

- i. 206. Christiana Wert
- ii. 207. Euphemia R. Wert
- iii. 208. Jacob Runkle Wert
- iv. 209. Eliza P. Wert
- v. 210. Amanda R. Wert
- vi. 211. John C. Wert

vi. 39. Sallie Runkle, daughter of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, born 15 August 1800, died 1 October 1801.

vii. 40. Jesse Runkle, son of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, born 18 July 1802, died 6 May 1861. He never married and is buried at Bloomsbury, NJ.

viii. 41. Eliza Runkle, daughter of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, born 19 April 1804, died 3 June 1835. She married William R. Prall, born 18 September 1798, died 20 January 1878. She is buried in the Runkle graveyard on the homestead. The couple had two children.

- i. 212. Marcy R. Prall
- ii. 213. Evaline Prall

ix. 42. Ralph Edwin Runkle, son of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, was born 31 March 1806. At West Liberty, Logan County, Ohio, on 16 October 1829, Ralph E. married Hannah Isabella Piatt, daughter of Judge Benjamin M. Piatt. She died 13 May 1839. He married his second wife, Eve Eliza Sieg, born 24 January 1841, at West Liberty on 2 December 1840. She died 11 June 1887 and he died 15 February 1874. He had six children – three by his first wife and three by the second.

- i. 214. Elizabeth Bennett Runkle
- ii. 215. Benjamin Piatt Runkle
- iii. 216. John Oakland Alva Runkle
- vi. 217. Enalla M. Runkle
- v. 218. Lydia S. Runkle
- vi. 219. Henry L. Runkle

x. 43. William Runkle, son of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, born 24 February 1808, died 8 May 1877. He married 22 November 1832 Mary F. Parke, born 23 February 1809, died 29 June 1886. He lived in Easton, Pa., Musconetcong Valley, Warren Co. N.J., in 1847 removed to West Liberty Ohio, to Quakertown, Pa. 1874 where he spent his remaining years. He is buried in the Clinton Presbyterian cemetery. The couple had eight children.

- i. 220. Lydia E. Runkle
- ii. 221. Euphemia Ada Runkle
- iii. 222. Mary Matilda Runkle
- iv. 223. Sarah C. Runkle
- v. 224. John E. Runkle
- vi. 225. Jacob Runkle
- vii. 226. William W. Runkle
- viii. 227. Ralph Eugene Runkle

xi. 44. Abraham Runkle, son of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, was born 12 June 1810, died 26 May 1857. He married 17 January 1833 Mary Jane Stiger, born 1 April 1811, died December 1862. He was a farmer and soon after his marriage moved to West Liberty Ohio and later to Scotland County, MO. where he died and is buried. The couple had seven children.

- i. 228. Jacob Runkle
- ii. 229. Harriet Runkle
- iii. 230. John E. Runkle
- iv. 231. Mary Matilda Runkle
- v. 232. Amanda Ellen Runkle
- vi. 233. Cinderella Runkle
- vii. 234. Florence Runkle

xii. 45. Euphemia C. Runkle, daughter of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, was born 28 March 1813, married Richard J. DeMott, born 1 July 1811, died 26 August 1873. He was a farmer, and they resided near Stanton. She died 13 July, 1865 and is buried in the cemetery near the village. They had four children.

- i. 235. John Alexander DeMott
- ii. 236. Jacob Runkle DeMott
- iii. 237. James Oliver DeMott
- iv. 238. Elimer Augusta DeMott

xiii. 46. Sarah Runkle, daughter of Jacob and Euphemia [Eick] Runkle, was born 12 July 1814, married 16 May 1836, John Wilson Wert, son of William H. and Mary [Runkle] Wert, born 25 July 1811. [See No. 147.] They resided on a farm near Flemington and are buried in Prospect Hill cemetery overlooking the town. They had four children.

- i. 239. John William Wert
- ii. 240. Jacob Runkle Wert
- iii. 241. Melvina Wert
- iv. 242. Mary Wert

vii. 8. Margaret Runkle, daughter of Adam and Mary [Youngblood] Runkle was born in 1756. She married Jacob Gearhard, Junior, born 1763. They followed his father to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania where Jacob and "Peggy" bought four hundred acres near Danville, PA where they lived the remainder of their lives. He died 2 August 1841. His widow died 30 September

1843. The couple were buried in their local churchyard. Jacob and Margaret [Runkle] Gearhart were parents of three children.

i. 47. John Gearhart, son of Jacob and Margaret [Runkle] Gearhart, was born 10 September 1789 but shortly after his birth his parents moved to Northumberland County, Pa. He married Sophia Bowman, born 4 June 1797, died 27 May 1880. He was a farmer and resided near Danville until his death which occurred on 9 November 1858. He is buried beside his parents in the old graveyard near his home. The couple had six children.

- i. 243. Jacob Stanley Gearhart
- ii. 244. Sarah Ann Gearhart
- iii. 245. Margaretta Runkle Gearhart
- iv. 246. Mary Bowman Gearhart
- v. 247. Henry Tarring Gearhart
- vi. 248. Jesse Bowman Gearhart

ii. 48. Jacob Gearhart, son of Jacob and Margaret [Runkle] Gearhart, was born 17 March 1793, married first 2 December 1813, Amelia Housel, born 13 March 1792, died 11 October 1835, by whom he had seven children. He married second Ann Palkington, born 18 July 1801, died 5 November 1876, by whom he had one child. He resided near Danville, Pa. and served in the Pennsylvania Legislature. He is buried in Mount Vernon Cemetery with many of his kindred. He had eight children.

- i. 249. Margaret Gearhart
- ii. 250. Mary Ann Gearhart
- iii. 251. Rush Gearhart
- iv. 252. Frank Gearhart
- v. 253. Julia Ann Gearhart
- vi. 254. Harriet Gearhart
- vii. 255. DeWitt Clinton Gearhart
- viii. 256. Eliza Gearhart

iii. 49. Harmon Gearhart, son of Jacob and Margaret [Runkle] Gearhart, was born in 1798. He married Margaret Creveling, born 17 December 1801, died 19 November 1840. He was a physician who practiced in Bloomsburg, Pa. He died 17 June 1833 and is buried in the Mount Vernon Cemetery near his childhood home. The couple had two children.

- i. 257. Clinton Gearhart
- ii. 258. Harriet Rupert Gearhart

viii. 9. Adam Runkle, son of Adam and Mary [Youngblood] Runkle, was born on the homestead farm in Lebanon Township 18 Janaury 1766. As a young man he went to Sussex County where he resided with his brother William. Later he bought a farm near Asbury. Many years later he married Sarah, daughter of John Richey, born 3 December 1786 who was 20 years his junior. The couple moved to the Musconetcong Valley on a farm she inherited from her father and to which Adam added by purchasing adjoining property. They later moved to Glen Gardner and finally to Easton, Pennsylvania. He died 18 October 1850 at Easton. His wife's death occurred 12 January 1878 and they are buried side by side in the Easton cemetery. Adam and Sarah [Richey] Runkle, Junior were parents of two daughters.

i. 50. Eliza Runkle, daughter of Adam and Sarah [Richey] Runkle, was born at Asbury, 28 February 1810, died unmarried at Easton, Pa. 14 May 1848.

ii. 51. Matilda Runkle, daughter of Adam and Sarah [Richey] Runkle, was born at Glen Gardner 4 August 1814, died

at Easton, Pa. 21 September 21, 1891. She married on 12 April 1831 at Easton John Jacob Burke, born 13 November 1808, died 5 May 1865. The couple had seven children.

- i. 259. Sarah Runkle Burke
- ii. 260. Joseph Burke
- iii. 261. Emilie Burke
- iv. 262. Howard Burke
- v. 263. Edwin Runkle Burke
- vi. 264. Lillie (Eliza) Burke
- vii. 265. Susan Runkle Burke

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