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HOPEWELL MUSEUM TO HOST SOCIETY'S SPRING MEETING JUNE 29

Mark your calendar for June 29, and join Society members and guests at 2 p.m for the Society's Spring Meeting, at the Hopewell Museum, 28 East Broad Street, Hopewell, NJ. A tour of the museum will follow the meeting and we will round out the afternoon with refreshments.

The Museum was founded in 1922 to house the collection of antiques offered to the community by Miss Sarah D. Stout. Its aim is to preserve and display what is most typical and interesting of village life in America from colonial to present times. In its fine collections it presents the community in review.

John Hart, the signer of the Declaration of Independence from Hunterdon County lived in Hopewell. Old Hunterdon County included the village of Columbia which, with the establishment of a post office in 1825, became Hopewell. Then in 1838 Hunterdon County was divided to create a new County, called Mercer, and Hopewell was located in the portion annexed to Mercer.

Hopewell has sent its sons to fight in every war from the Revolution to present and many of its early settlers moved on to settle the west, particularly the Ohio territory.

Jonathan Stout settled in the immediate vicinity of the town and his brother, David, settled over the Sourland ridge. Tradition goes that the brothers would meet on the mountain each morning and exchange greetings. David, saying to Jonathan, "I hope you are well." Jonathan's reply was, "I am well," giving rise to the naming of the townships of Hopewell and Amwell.

Curator Mrs. Beverly Weidl and trustees are pleased to have Hunterdon County Historical Society members and guests visit the Hopewell Museum on June 29 to learn more about the Hopewell Valley, its history and people.

Reprints: Deats Marriage Records

Marriage Records of Hunterdon County, New Jersey 1795-1875 compiled by Hiram Edmund Deats and first published in 1918 has been invaluable for those engaged in Hunterdon County genealogical research. The book has long been out of print and copies are eagerly sought by genealogists. Hunterdon House, publisher of genealogical publications and reprints, in cooperation with the Hunterdon County Historical Society is reprinting the book with additions and corrections.

The Hunterdon County Clerk's original copy of this book is heavily annotated with corrections and additions entered by at least three persons. Each added entry has been verified with ministers' and justices' returns. Omissions and spelling errors account for most of the added entries. Over 50 marriages, occuring between 1802 and 1878, were not recorded in the County Clerk's register until February 1937 and thus were not included in the 1918 edition. These will now be printed for the first time.

Order Marriage Records of Hunterdon County, New Jersey 1795-1875 before July 1, 1986 and take advantage of the pre-publication price of \$21. Thereafter, the price is \$25.

History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, New Jersey, by James P. Snell, published in 1881, reprinted by the Historical Society in 1976, is out of print. The 1873 Atlas of Hunterdon County, New Jersey, by Beers, Comstock and Cline, also a Society reprint, is likewise sold out. Anyone wishing to purchase copies of either or both books, is asked to advise the Society. Potential sales will have a significant impact on the Trustees' decision whether to reprint.

1986 CALENDAR

June 29 — Spring Meeting & Tour Hopewell Museum, 28 E. Broad Street Hopewell, 2 p.m.

November 23 — Fall Meeting
Richard Porter, Historic Sites:
Criteria and Nomination Procedures

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NOTES and QUERIES

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

CARTER, MOORE: Des info re Hunt/Warren Co. Carter family circa 1740-50, possibly anc/o Elizabeth Carter who married circa 1800 George Moore, Tewksbury Twp. ADD: George Moore, Route 1, Box 890, Little Bay, Highway 644, White Stone, VA 22578.

BRAY, HOAGLAND, LAKE, ROBERSON, SLAUGHT (SLACK), SPARKS, WEST: Des corres/w anyone researching families. Thomas, s/o William West, m Rachel d/o William Hoagland. Their children: Sarah m 1808 William Roberson, Joseph m Ann, Charles [1795-1878] m 1815 Rebecca Sparks, William, Lucy m Thomas Roberson, Mary, b 1800 m Wilson Bray, Lettice (Latitia) b 1804 m Sergeant Lake and Nancy m James Slaught (Slack); res Alexandria, Amwell, Kingwood Twps. ADD: Mrs. Jacqueline Pettee, 604 Lancaster Way, Redwood City, CA 94061.

LABARTAUX/LABOYTEAUX, LOWE: Des info re par/o Lenah Lowe who m 28 Sept 1811 John Labartaux (Laboyteaux) by Rev. John Boggs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hopewell. ADD: Mrs. Don Ireland, 334 S. Lamer St., Burbank, CA 91506.

HERBERT: Des info re par/o Josiah Herbert, b 1755 in Hunt. Co., served in Rev. War, moved to KY about 1800 and d circa 1830. ADD: Jean C. Houston, 17 Woodland Ave., Florence, KY 41042.

EGE, MATTHEWS: Seek info re desc/o Stephen Ege who m Hannah Matthews 1823. They were listed Hamilton County, OH census 1830. ADD: Nina Stirn, 4303 Michigan, Grand Island, NE 68803.

CLAUSON/CLAWSON, HILDEBRAND: Need birthpl, par, sib/o James Clauson/Clawson in Tewksbury Twp. in 1860 census. James Clauson/Clawson b. ca 1814, d. ca 1860-70, m ca 1846 Mary Elizabeth Hildebrand, b. ca 1816. ADD: Dorothy Brown, R.R. 1, Box 387, Snow Rd., Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

BARNHILL, HOCKENBURY(BARY/BERRY): Des par/o Jacob Hockenberry b ca 1839 NJ, mother may have been Anna _____; stepfather was James Barnhill, 1850 Stark Co., IL. ADD: Gayle Graham Crawford, 445 27th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

DILTS, EMANS/EMMANS: Seek par, anc, w/o John Emmans liv Readington Twp., Hunt, Co. ca 1830-31. Had dau Mary, d Feb. 1873 Hillsboro Twp., Somerset Co. who m 1) Hiram Dilts 1853, m 2) Wm. Sheets 1864; also had daus Eliza & Catherine, prob. other chil. ADD: Catherine Sheets, R.R. 5, Oskaloosa, IA 52577.

SCHENCK: Des correspondence with desc/o William [1726-1806] & Mary [1732-1818], buried Pleasant Ridge cemetery, & Ralph & Mary Schenck. Ralph served in Rev. War and migrated to Fonda, NY. ADD: Lillie Walker, 11955 Ballston Rd., Omity, OR 97101.

BONHAM, FOX: Seek info on place, date of entry of George Fox, the elder, Yeoman, Kingwood, Hunterdon, will 1754 342J; w. Mary; sons Gabriel, George, Absalom, Ambrose & Amos — all except George mov to Loudon Co., VA ca 1760; dau Ancher m. Uriah Bonham. Also need names of other daus. ADD: Susan Leigh, 11200 Lapham Dr., Oakton, VA 22124.

HOUSEL: Des info on Permelia Housel, b ca 1770, dau/o John, sis/o Casper & Joseph. ADD: Patricia Burton, 41 Collins Rd., Mercerville, NJ 08619.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to our new members who recently joined the Society.

Marion L. Angell, Morrisville, PA Robert J. Brands, Little York, NJ Mrs. Patricia Burton, Mercerville, NJ Dr. Robert J. Campbell, Berwick, PA Mrs. Kiki Ewing Clauch, Lake Oswego, OR Kathleen S. Delventhal, Oldwick, NJ James A. Gray, Norwood, PA Richard T. Grav, Bradenton, FL Mrs. Carl E. Gurr, Wooster, OH Mr. & Mrs. Paul Palmer, Livingston, NJ Jacqueline L. Pettee, Redwood City, CA Annette Ely Schaumann, Wilmington, DE Mrs. Nancy D. Schiffhauer, Grand Island, NY Lois K. Stewart, Flemington, NJ Catherine Mulligan Werry, Sacramento, CA Thomas B. Wilson, Lambertville, NJ

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Sanborn Maps Valuable Restoration Source

If a building was located in a town or city its plan and position in relation to surrounding buildings is shown in successive editions of the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps from the 1860's to 1950. These maps are a valuable resource for anyone who wants to learn about the history of their town or neighborhood or is restoring a building which appears on these maps.

The maps were introduced to assist fire insurance agents in determining the degree of hazard associated with a particular property. They are large scale plans measuring 65 x 55 cm showing the outline of each building, the size, shape and construction and the location of windows and doors. Street names, street and sidewalk widths, property boundries, building use and house and block numbers are shown on them. Colors and shading and symbols indicate different building materials and construction details. Information on building use is provided within the range of symbols, and locations of pipelines, railroads, wells, dumps are noted.

The Sanborn collection of maps in the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. includes about 50,000 editions of maps from the copyright deposit collection and the Bureau of Census. In 1983 the entire collection was reproduced on archivally permanent silver positive black and white microfilm at a reduction of 18x. The arrangement within each state is by town or city name. Within each town or city the maps are filmed in chronological order. Films for an entire State may be purchased. Towns within Hunterdon County boundaries for which maps were printed are listed here.

The Society collection contains sets of maps for Flemington, 1902, and Lambertville, 1912. The Jerseyana Collection in the New Jersey State Library and Firestone Library at Princeton University have copies of other editions. In addition, reproductions may be ordered from the Library of Congress.

Reproductions from the Lambertville map illustrate the variety of information to be obtained from the Sanborn fire insurance maps.

SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAPS FOR HUNTERDON COUNTY TOWNS

Annandale - see Clinton

Bloomsbury

October 1909, 3 pages October 1915, 3 pages October 1923, 3 pages October 1923 - March 1938, changes

Clinton

May 1886, 1 page August 1892, 3 pages April 1897, 4 pages April 1903, 5 pages January 1912, 6 pages (includes Annandale) November 1921, 5 pages (includes Annandale) June 1928, 5 pages (includes Annandale) June 1928 - February 1939 (includes Annandale), changes

Flemington

July 1885, 2 pages October 1890, 6 pages January 1896, 6 pages April 1902, 7 pages November 1910, 8 pages September 1921, 8 pages September 1921 - October 1948, changes

Frenchtown

January 1885, 1 page
January 1891, 1 page
February 1897, 3 pages
December 1903, 4 pages
March 1912, 4 pages
March 1925, 5 pages
March 1925 - October 1934, changes

Glen Gardner

August 1901, 2 pages September 1909, 2 pages September 1921, 2 pages

Hampton — see also Junction September 1909, 4 pages October 1921, 3 pages October 1921 - December 1936, 3 pages (includes New Hampton, changes

High Bridge December 1896, 2 pages

> August 1901, 3 pages September 1910, 4 pages October 1921, 4 pages

October 1921 - August 1943, 4 pages, changes

Junction — see also Hampton September 1901, 2 pages

Lambertville

February 1885, 4 pages December 1890, 5 pages January 1897, 7 pages August 1902, 7 pages February 1912, 11 pages November 1923, 11 pages

November 1923 - October 1948, 11 pages, changes

Lebanon

October 1930, 3 pages

Milford

February 1897, 3 pages December 1903, 3 pages January 1912, 4 pages November 1927, 4 pages

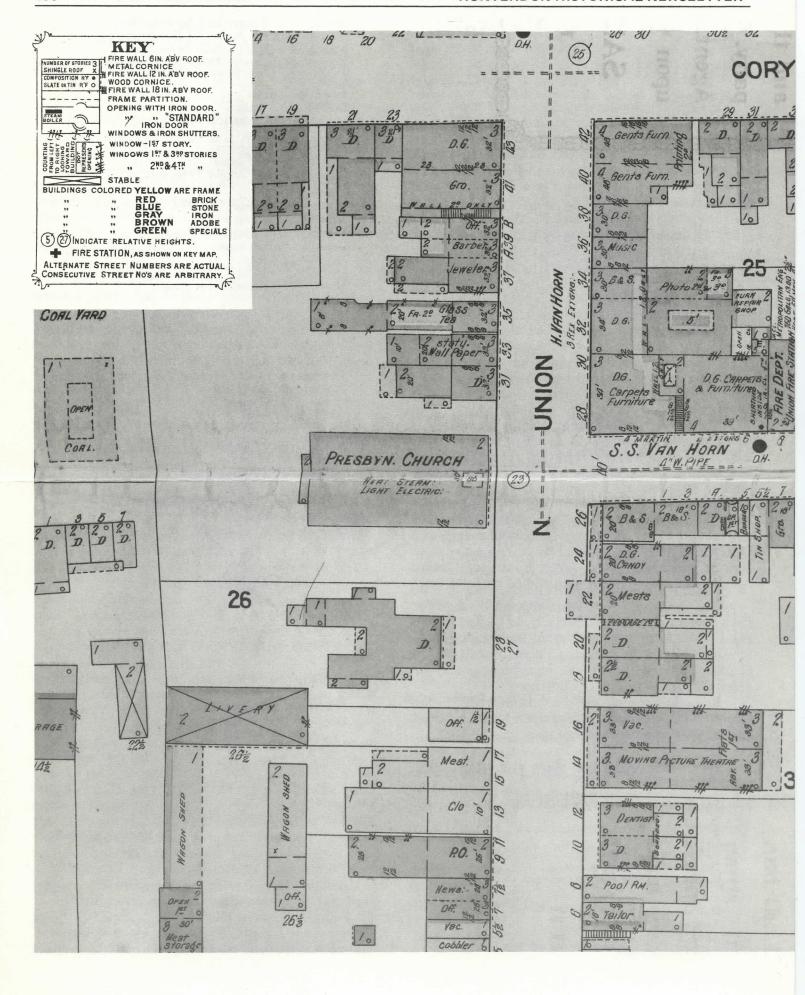
New Hampton — see Hampton

Whitehouse - see Whitehouse Station

Whitehouse Station

June 1928, 1 page (includes Whitehouse)

Roxanne K. Carkhuff



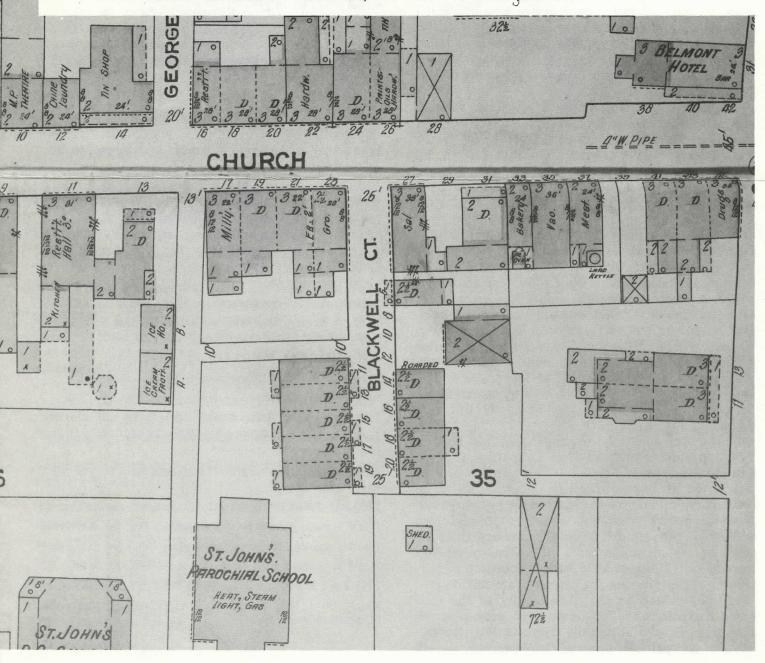
WATER FACILITIES!

Supplied by Lambertville Water Co., gravity system-3 reservoirs about I mile S.E. of P.O., Total. capety 40,000,000 gals. Water drawn from lower reservoir, elevid, 135, pressure 70 lbs. except in case of fire when supply comes from higher reservoir capety 30,000,000 gals, elevid 185, pressure 95 lbs.-8" main from reservoir through Quarry Lilly a Swan Sts. to South Union St, thence through about 4 miles of 6"a 4" mains to 39 hydrants as shown. All mains laid prior to 1902.-

FIRE DEPT:

Volunteer-Membership, 180 men & apparatus as fallows.-Ilnian End. Co. Nº 1. 50 men.-Metropolitan steamer, capicy. 750 gals.-1000' 2½ hose, 300' in reserve.-4 Rex extigirs.Hibernian End. Co. Nº 2. 50 men.- Old Clapp & Jones steamer in very poor condition,
estimated capicy. 600 gals.-1.000' 2½ hose, 300' in reserve.- Fleetwing H.& L. Co. Nº 3.,
40 men.- Total ladders 300'.- 6 Rex extigirs.- Columbia Eng. Co. Nº 4. 40 men.-Hulloway's
chem. eng.- Two 50 gal. tanks,-500' chem. hose.- All apparatus drawn by hand but
fitted for horses when roads are bad. 3º class la France steamer at New Hope Pa.
acros: river.-Privale steamer at Lambertville Spoke Mitg. Co.-

Streets macadamized a level except as shown .- Public lights elec.



Marriages In The Amwell Presbyterian Church 1766-1787

The First English Presbyterian Church in Amwell may have been established as early as 1720, and was located at Pleasant Ridge, halfway between Ringoes and Reaville, on the Old York Road, where the grave-yard now exists, in East Amwell Township. Unfortunately, the very earliest records of this Church no longer exist, as it was the policy among the Presbyterians that the baptismal and marriage records were the personal property of the minister.

However, the "Record of Marriages," kept by the third and fourth pastors of the Amwell Presbyterian Church, has recently come to light. A small book, measuring 6 inches by 7 inches, now among the miscellaneous volumes of the manuscript collection of the Bureau of Archives and History, Trenton, contains four marriages performed by the Reverend William Kirkpatrick, and nineteen marriages celebrated by his successor the Reverend John Warford.

The history of the Amwell Presbyterian Church, and of the Reverends Kirkpatrick and Warford, has been amply recorded (see in particular *The History of the First English Presbyterian Church in Amwell*, by the Reverend John B. Kugler [1912], and *A History of East Amwell*, 1700-1800 [1976]. However, the correlation between the two ministers is of such significance, that it is worth repeating here, and probably accounts as to why the two divines' records are to be found in the same volume.

William Kirkpatrick, who was born in 1727, married, in Philadelphia, 4 May 1764, Margaret Piper, who was nineteen years his junior. The Kirkpatricks came to Amwell in 1766 with their infant daughter, Lettice, and in the next year their second daughter, Hannah, was born. Reverend William Kirkpatrick died 8 September 1769, and two months later his son William, was born posthumously. The young widow and her three children were allowed to remain in the parsonage free of rent, so long as not needed by a successor to Mr. Kirkpatrick.

The Reverend John Warford, who was born in 1745, one year before the Widow Kirkpatrick, received a call to the Amwell Church in 1776 which he accepted, arriving on 31 July of that year. Upon his arrival he realized the situation with regard to the parsonage and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, and, not wishing to displace the widow and her children, he did the next best thing: he went to the parsonage for a wife. The couple was married on 12 August 1776, after a courtship of thirteen days! They became the parents of six children.

Upon taking on the responsibility of the Reverend Kirkpatrick's wife, children and parsonage, the Reverend Warford apparently assumed the responsibility of Kirkpatrick's personal church records as well,

thus accounting for the marriages performed by him being in the same volume as those by Mr. Kirkpatrick. John Warford went on to be the minister of the Presbyterian Church in Salem, Washington County, New York, in 1788, where he died on 19 May 1802. Margaret (Piper) Kirkpatrick Warford lived another twentyone years, never to take on a third husband.

RECORD OF / MARRIAGES / PERFORM'D & KEPT BY / W^m KIRKPATRICK

April 30th 1766. Joined in Marriage John Burroughs & Sarah Morgan both of ye. Falls Township in Bucks County —

- Same Date - joined John Ely & Sarah Biles of Trenton -

May 8th 1766, joined in Marriage Joseph Hutchison & Sarah Laramore both of the Falls Township in Bucks County

Joined in Marriage Nehemiah & Phebe Reeder both of Amwell, on the 9th of March 1767

A RECORD OF / MARRIAGES / PERFORMED & KEPT / BY / JNO WARFORD

December 1776 Joined in Marrage [sic] James Forman & Jemima Carman both of Amwell

February 5th 1777 Joined in marrage John Schenck & Mary Johnston both of Amwell

Joined in Marrage Daniel Drake of Hopewell, & Phebe Reeder of Amwell on y^e 9 day of July 1777

Joined in marrage Robert Lanning of Amwell & Sarah Coryell of Bucks County Pensylvania on ye 11 day of July 1777

Joined in marrage Nathaniel Hunt of maidenhead & Ann Hunt of Amwell on $y^e\ 2^d$ day of December 1777

Join'd in marrage Charles Pidcock & martha Hogland both of Amwell on ye 5th day of december 1777

Joined in Marrage John Wilson and Jane Deremer both of Amwell on y^e 23 of December 1777

Join'd Auther Gray & Mary Reading [no date given]

Joined Daniel Abbot & Susanna Burrows [no date given]

Joined Peter Cornell & --- Miller [no date given]

Joined John Abbot & Else Acres [no date given]

Joined Ruloff Scanck & Catharine Emmons in marrage ye 19th of August 1779

Join'd in marrage —— Stilwill & Hannah Titus both of hopewell [no date given]

1780 Join'd John P Schenck & Susannah Lowrey in marrage
Join'd in marrage John Hagerman & Mary Prall [no date given]
Join'd in marrage Henry Canada & Mary Quick [no date given]
Join'd in marrage John Dunnam & Ann Sherard May 24 1780
1787 Feby Joined in marrage Philip Pidcock & Hannah Phillips
March 7th [1787] Joined in Marrage Jeremiah Burrows &
Elizabeth Stilwell

Fred Sisser III

Acquisitions

Family records of Aaron Hartrum [1835-1912] and his wife Ann Eyck [1834-1883]. xerox copies of Hartrum correspondence given by William Hartrum, Toms River, NJ.

Manuscript 1833 certified copy of "Bounds of Samuel Barker's (now Thos. Boulsby's) 1714 Survey of 1652 Acres" purchased by the Society for its collections.

Five Bibles with family records from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Conover, Quakertown, NJ.

Benjamin Hampton [1790-] and his wife Hannah Morris [1791-], married 1815.

Joseph Hampton [1829-1900] and his wife Susan B. Swallow [1826-1900], married 1853.

Morris Hampton [1816-1903] and his wife Amy Clifton [1813-1885], married 1842.

Jacob Sebold [1761-] and his wife Hannah [1770-] daughter of Daniel Drake, married 1792.

Frederick Bloom [1795-] and his wife Lucretia Sutphin [1799-], married 1816.

HISTORY OF THE QUAKERTOWN METHO-DIST CHURCH, 1836-1986, by Kenneth V. Myers. Gift from the author, Milford, NJ.

SOMERSET COUNTY GENEALOGICAL QUARTERLY, Vol. 1, No. 1, March 1983, No. 2, June 1983, No. 4 December 1983 through Volume 4, No. 1 March 1986. Gift from the Editor, Fred Sisser, III, Bridgewater, NJ.

ANGLEMAN FAMILY HISTORY by William Francis Smith, Donated by Beverly S. Smith, Flemington, NJ.

Bible, published 1804 by Matthew Carey, with family records of James and Mary L. Wilson. Donated by J. Edward Stout, Pittstown, NJ.

Collection of receipts from Hunterdon County businesses circa 1920. Donated by Barbara Gill, Flemington, NJ.

Bible with family records of Hiram Mechling and Elizabeth Rupell, married 1838. Donated by Walter J. Young, Annandale, NJ.

Delaware Township tax records kept 1900 by J. J. Rittenhouse, Collector. Donated by Charles Hockenbury, Flemington, NJ.

Parchment deed transferring property from Elisha Rittenhouse and others to Thomas Opdycke, 1801. Deed from Phebe Merry, widow of Samuel, to Charles Hopping, 1837. Bond from Robert B. Moore, Edward and Silas Condit to John H. Stephens, 1820. Donated by Meg Byerlee, Quakertown, NJ.

Receipts and photographs of Ringoes circa 1890, collected by Jacob Servis, a founding member of the

Hunterdon County Historical Society. Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Miller, Hackettstown, NJ.

FAMILY OF PRALL FROM NEW JERSEY TO OHIO, about Thomas Prall [1813-] born New Jersey, who married Maria Hann in Ohio in 1836. Gift from the compiler, Betty Perkins, Cincinnati, OH.

Geographic Distribution Of Membership

The number of members belonging to the Hunterdon County Historical Society fluctuates somewhat from year to year at around 500. At most recent count on May 1, 1986, there are 497 members. The geographic distribution covers all but ten states, with three members living out of this country. The largest group, numbering 305, are residents of New Jersey and of those 214 live in Hunterdon County.

Hunterdon County

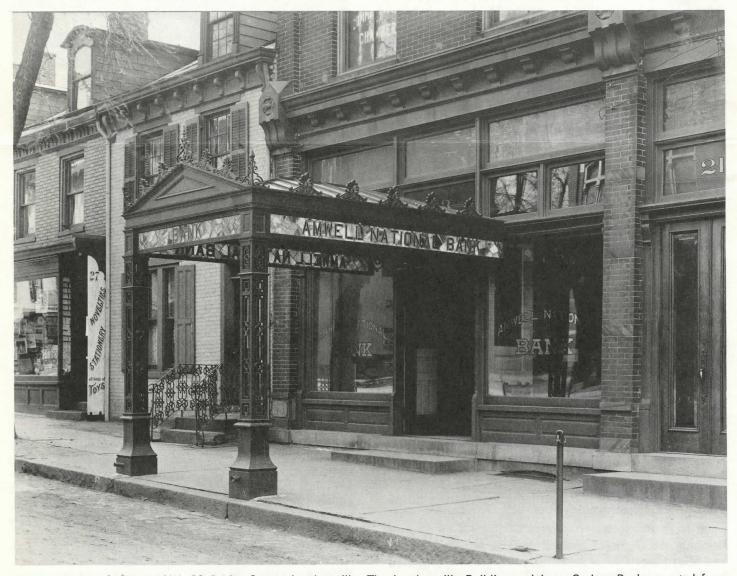
Annandale	4	Milford	7
Asbury	1	Oldwick	9
Bloomsbury	2	Pittstown	6
Califon	5	Potterstown	1
Clinton	14	Quakertown	1
Flemington	80	Readington	1
Frenchtown	7	Ringoes	16
Glen Gardner	5	Sergeantsville	4
Hampton	1	Stanton	6
High Bridge	1	Stockton	12
Lambertville	9	Three Bridges	1
Lebanon	12	Whitehouse	2
Long Valley	1	Whitehouse Sta.	6

MEMBERS RESIDING OUT OF NEW JERSEY

Arizona	1	Nebraska	1
Arkansas	1	Nevada	1
California	17	New Mexico	1
Colorado	6	New Jersey	305
Connecticut	3	New York	16
Delaware	2	North Carolina	5
District of Colum		North Dakota	1
Florida	17	Ohio	13
Georgia	2	Oregon	2
Idaho	1	Pennsylvania	36
Illinois	7	South Carolina	1
			1
Indiana	4	Tennessee	1
Iowa	2	Texas	4
Kansas	2	Utah	1
Kentucky	1	Vermont	1
Maine	1	Virginia	6
Maryland	4	Washington	3
Massachusetts	4	Wyoming	1
Michigan	11		
Minnesota	1	England	2
Missouri	2	Virgin Islands	1
Montana	1		
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1986 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income		Expenditures	
Contributions from individuals	\$13,380.85	Wages	\$12,825.92
and Large Foundation		Insurance	2,525.99
Interest	7.978.73	Postage & printing Newsletter	5,341.50
Grant from Hunterdon County Cultural &	4,000.00	Utilities	3,672.48
Heritage Commission		Supplies and services	1,639.42
Membership dues	10,805.00	Payroll taxes	1,188.19
Sales of books & publications	1,827.84	Books & maps	445.46
Dinner reservations \$2,465.00		Office supplies	1,843.25
Costs of dinners 1,730.50	734.50	Doric House maintenance	6,317.00
Photocopy fees	259.17	Dues	87.50
Bequest from Guy R. Bell, Jr.	24,223.90	Meeting expenses	150.00
		Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead building ma-	
TOTAL INCOME	\$63,210.00	terials	554.42
		Transfer of Bell bequest to Trust Account	24,223.90
		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$60.817.03



AMWELL NATIONAL BANK, 23 Bridge Street, Lambertville. The Lambertville Building and Loan Savings Bank operated from February 11, 1875 until dissolution on 26 July 1876 when the Amwell National Bank was formed. The first Board of Directors was elected July 28, 1876. In 1949 it became the fourth office of the Hunterdon County National Bank.

William Kinnamon Collection, HCHS