

citement that prevailed, I remember in the early part of the evening I stood on the porch of a dwelling on Main Street, when one of the ladies of the house came out of the door and throwing her arms around my neck, implored me to save her, what from I do not know, but as she weighed about two hundred pounds and I only about one hundred pounds, it seemed to me that I was the one who needed saving."

The work of the soldiers might be said to have helped balance the fire ledger. A haystack of Richard Emmons had gone up in smoke a few days previous. He ultimately recovered his appraised loss of \$25 from the government thanks to the vigilance of neighbor Joseph Boss who filed an affidavit "that he heard soldiers say to their comrades that they should have skeddaddled when they had the haystack of Richard Emmons on fire. This was the morning after the fire. He could not name the soldiers who made use of the above remark but they were from Elizabeth or Rahway—and that he is satisfied from what he heard from them that they burned the stack of hay."

The morning after the hotel fires things took a military turn as arms were issued, French Chasseur d'Vincennes .69 rifles to the 30th, and British Enfield .577 rifle-muskets to the 31st. *The Hunterdon Republican* reported the regiments shipping out on 27 September and 2 October, passing along the comment of *The Philadelphia Ledger* that "New Jersey has not turned out a finer looking regiment than the 31st". Whatever their appearance and despite the death of 103 of their men to disease, neither regiment would be seriously tested by actual combat. Some of the eleven New Jersey nine-months units would be badly bloodied, namely the 23rd, 24th, 26th, and 28th at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. The 30th and 31st did come under sporadic, ineffective enemy fire while on the periphery of these two battles but the majority of the bullets received into the ranks of the 31st came rather ironically at the hands of the 30th which fired on them in a moment of confusion and panic. Fortunately for the men of the 31st, those of the 30th had never achieved much proficiency in use of their firearms. After the two regiments left Flemington, activity at

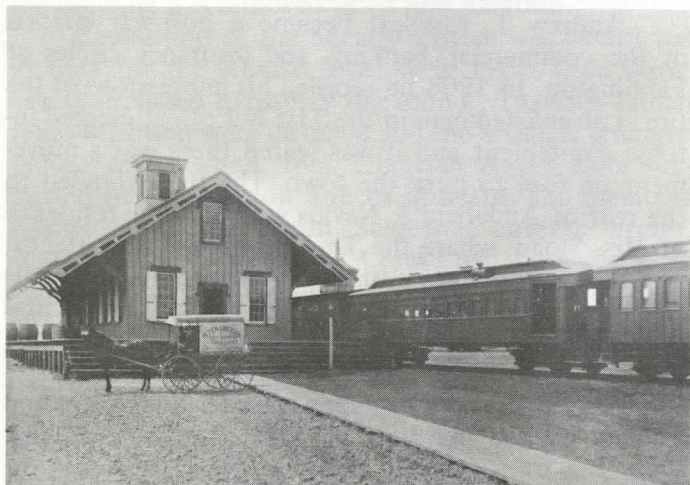
Camp Kearny ceased until the following Fall when it was reactivated to function again, this time under still another name, Camp Parker, in favor of Jersey's new governor, Joel Parker. This story, including death and violence on Main Street of Flemington, will be taken up in a later issue.

John W. Kuhl

FOOTNOTE: Curiously enough, no local paper seems to have picked up on this incident. Intent on prosecuting the war, the Lincoln administration had held but a loose rein on the more radical elements in the Republican Party. Anyone opposing these extremists ran a real risk of losing such basic rights as free speech, habeas corpus, and freedom from unusual search & seizure. The Democrats and their allies were screaming aloud in protest over many such violations and one would have thought the *Hunterdon Democrat* would not have let this pass. It is doubtful this was an invention or exaggeration on Wandling's part. Just two weeks previous in neighboring Frenchtown, a respected church elder and prosperous farmer by the name of Joseph Kugler had been dragged out of his house by a deputy U.S. marshal from Trenton, hauled off without a hearing to jail in Mt. Holly, and taken from there by order of the Secretary of War to the Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D.C. The sole basis for his arrest aside perhaps from local jealousy and enmity, appears to have been an affidavit by several neighbors alleging that he had said: "Lincoln had no right to call out seventy-five thousand troops without first convening Congress; and that if the South had her just dues there would never have been a rebellion; and that his conversation generally had a tendency to discourage enlistments." Fortunately for him he was well placed influence-wise and unlike many others so arrested and confined throughout the war, Kugler was able to gain release after a short period of detention.

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Local troops heading for the war entrained on this site, as do today's Black River & Western tourists. The Belvidere-Delaware was the first and only railroad in Flemington for the ten year period from 1854 when the spur from Flemington was completed to the firm's main line at Lambertville. Known popularly as the Bel-Del, this line was absorbed into the Pennsylvania system in 1871. This station sat for years at the spur's northern terminus. (From a print in the collection of the *Hunterdon County Historical Society*.)

NOTES and QUERIES

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

HODGSON, PROBASCO: Need ancestry of Samuel Probasco, b ca 1774 NJ, liv Hampshire Co., VA (now W. VA) by 1816. Died ca 1851-2 Tazewell Co., IL. Wife Sarah, b 1784, in MD; probable chil: Jacob, Francis T., Elijah C. Probasco. Grandau Elizabeth Probasco Hodgson named in will, b 28 April 1823 Town, VA (now MD). ADD: Stanley A. Mettler, P.O. Box 1391, Chelan, WA 98816.

HARTPENCE, KASE, MILLER, MOORE, LAKE, KITCHEN: Hartpence book in progress, des corres/w any desc/ o Johannes Eberhart Pence. Seek info re John Harpence Kase, b 27 Apr 1821, m Mary R. Miller. Need p/o Josiah Moore, b 23 Apr 1749 & wife Mary Lake, b 19 Dec 1749, had chil: Jonathan, Rhoda, Elizabeth, Abraham, Sarah, Elnathan, Ann, Isaac, Josiah and Rachel. Des p/o James Kitchen who d 1761 Hunt Co. Postage refunded. ADD: Esther Heer, 4174 Fairfax Dr., Columbus, OH 43220.

ALLEN, BLOOM, DILLY, HENDERSHOT, JONES, LISK: Need info re Aaron Dilly [1796-1873?], m Cornelia Hendershot [1803-], res Tewksbury Twp.; Wiliam D. Bloom, b 1813, m Julia A. Allen, b 1810, res Readington Twp.; Abraham Bosenberry [1815-1849] m Clarissa Jones, b 1816, she m 2) Alex Lisk 1849. Who were her parents? ADD: John Bozenbury, 12303 Salem La., Bowie, MD 20715.

BUNN, CRAMER, HAZEN, HOOVER, MULLEN: Wish to contact anyone with genealogical information prior to 1800 on William Hazen, Jacob Mullen, Michael Hoover, Johnathan Bunn and George Cramer. ADD: Anne Willard, R #1, Box 482, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

ROUNSAVELL: Wish to contact anyone with genealogical data prior to 1850 concerning the Rounsavell family of Rowan Co., N.C and Hunterdon Co., NJ. ADD: Vicki Rounsavell, 1949 Juneway, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

BARKELOW, BEATTY, CULLEY/CULLINS, FIDLER, MUL-LINER, POWELL, ROSE: Des corres/w anyone researching above fam. Eleanor Barkelow, b 11 Jan 1767 Hunt. Co. d/o James & Elizabeth [Powell] Barkelow m Charles Beatty, s/o George & Ann [Cullen] Beatty of Frederick Co., MD. Need info & will exch. Charles Rose b ca 1765 Hunt. Co. prob s/o Ezekial & Mary [Fidler] Rose m Rebecca Mulliner. Wish to exch info. ADD: Mrs. Robert P. Beatty, Rt. 2, Box 243, Hartselle, AL 35640.

HUMMER, MARTIN, WALKER: Need par, dates for Henry Martin & wife Mary Walker, m 29 Sept 1745 in Woodbridge, NJ. Dau Margaret Martin [1765-1815] m Jacob Hummer [1763-1830]. Where did the latter two die? ADD: Mrs. Dorothy G. Shamblyn, 662 Oxford Oaks La., Oxford, MI 48051.

CLAYTON, MOUNT: Des info re Thomas Mount who m Mary Clayton, liv Amwell Twp., Hunt. Co. ca 1756-1782. Need proof of marriage; also need proof of relationship of Thomas to Matthias Mount of Windsor Twp., Middlesex Co., NJ. ADD: Ruth S. Wichman, 8707 Bridgeport Dr., Austin, TX 78758.

Lexicographical Study In Hunterdon

Norman A. Heap, Ph.D., Professor in Communication at Trenton State College recently published a lexicographical study based on diaries and personal documents in Bucks County, Pennsylvania 1850-1876. At present, he is working on a lexicographical study of Hunterdon County, 1700-1900, and again it is based on diaries, journals, letters and other personal documents.

Dr. Heap is interested in selected words and phrases in sentence contexts that may illustrate:

1. usages now obsolete or used in senses not obvious to current speakers of American English;
2. words used in their past sense for which a personal document may provide an early witness to the introduction of the term into American English;
3. special terms used by occupational, religious, or social groups;
4. folk sayings, proverbs, or possible new word coinages.

Dr. Heap is presently working in the library of the Society examining the diaries, journals, letters and other personal documents in the manuscript collection. He is interested in examining other like documents written between 1680 and 1900 by residents of the lower Delaware Valley which have remained in private hands. Members having documents which may be of interest to Dr. Heap can bring them to the Society library for him to examine or let the Society know you have something he may find useful to his study and he will contact you.

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One of our members recently suggested that the general membership might like to know how much income the Society has and what its' expenses are so presented below is the 1984 financial statement. The bottom line shows why the Trustees determined it necessary to increase dues for 1985. Painting the Doric House must be done this year. Bids have been received for the work and the cost will be at least as much as it cost last year to do the roof repairs and install a new furnace.

**HUNTERDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1984**

Income

Contribution from Large Foundation	\$10,000.00
Individuals' Contributions	570.00
Interest on Investments	8,063.15
Grant from Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission	3,000.00
Membership dues	5,844.50
Special Purpose Contributions	855.00
Sale of books & publications	1,405.90
Photocopy fees	308.55
Miscellaneous income	193.50

TOTAL INCOME **\$30,240.60**

Expenses

Wages	\$12,249.92
Insurance	1,938.87
Postage	966.13
Newsletter printing	2,015.46
Supplies	1,114.44
Utilities	4,248.67
Taxes	787.59
Exterminator	209.00
Copier supplies	66.50
Meeting expenses	75.00
Photocopier	1,265.00
Roof repairs Doric House	2,764.20
Furnace replacement Doric House	2,990.00
Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead	4,192.35
Expenditures	\$7,819.35
Less funds raised by committee	3,627.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$35,081.72**

Excess of Expenses over Income **\$ 4,841.13**



Wedding at "Uplands" June 17, 1914

Charles S. Lee, general passenger agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, on the far right, was the father of the bride. Helen Cowles Lee and Paul Brooks of New York were married at her parents home, Uplands, Wednesday, June 17, 1914, the wedding attended by 175 guests. The house was decorated with greens and pink roses to compliment the dresses worn by the ladies in the wedding party. They were attired in pink taffeta dresses and wore pink wattleau hats.

The estate was later owned by Judge George K. Large who donated it to the Hunterdon Medical Center. The house was destroyed by fire and the property has changed ownership several times. Now Citizens for Parkland is hopeful of raising funds to purchase the land for a park.

A recent acquisition donated by Roy Brown in memory of his mother, Mrs. R. Saxton Brown, during the last Annual Meeting featuring old photographs.