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## AUTHOR OF BOOK ON GOV. HUNTER WILL ADDRESS OUR ANNUAL MEETING

The 98th Annual Meeting of the Hunterdon County Historical Society will be held on Sunday, March 25, 1984, at 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Flemington Methodist Church and is open to the public. Following a brief business meeting Dr. Mary Lou Lustig will address the group.

Dr. Lustig recently completed a biography of Robert Hunter, colonial governor of New Jersey from 1709 to 1720. Hunter is noted as a successful politician, soldier and poet and is the man for whom Hunterdon County was named. The County was formed from Burlington County in 1714 while he was governor.

Her book, *Robert Hunter, New York's Augustan Statesman*, took over three years to write. The research was done both in the United States and Great Britain. Her lifelong interest in history and literature have been combined in *Robert Hunter*.

## Learn About The Man For Whom Hunterdon County Was Named

Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m. in the  
Flemington Methodist Meeting Room  
2 Maple Ave., Flemington

*Quotes from Governor Hunter's first, brief, message to the New Jersey Assembly.*

*"Gentlemen: I am little used to make speeches, so you shall not be troubled with a long one; if honesty is the best policy, plainness must be the best oratory."*

*"Let every man begin at home, and weed the rancor out of his own mind, and the work is done at once."*

*Leave disputes of property to the laws, and injuries to the avenger of them; and, like good subjects and good Christians, join hearts and hands for the common good."*

*"If what I have said, or what I can do, may have the blessed effect I wish for, I shall bless the hour that brought me hither; if I am disappointed, I shall pray for that which is to call me back, for all power except that of doing good is a burthen."*

Please plan to attend the meeting on March 25. Society meetings are open to the public. Following Dr. Lustig's presentation refreshments will be served.

## FALL MEETING CANCELLED UNEXPECTEDLY

With less than 48 hours notice, the New Jersey State Police cancelled Detective Cornel Plebani's appearance at the Society's November 20, 1983 meeting scheduled in the Hunterdon County Courthouse where he was going to discuss evidence from the Lindbergh kidnaping case as historical artifacts.

Despite attempts to publicize the cancellation via local newspapers a number of persons came to the Courthouse and found the cancellation notice posted on the doors. Because of the interest in the topic, it is expected the speaker will be rescheduled in the near future.



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**BRYANT, CAIN, COOK, KETCHA(U)M, ROBERTS, UPDIKE:** Seeking fam/o Thomas Cain who d prob Hunt Co. ca. 1786. Dau Sara m Anthony Cook, s/o Anthony & Keziah (Roberts) Cook. Also need anc/o Rebecca Bryant [1748-1834] who m Richard Ketcha(u)m [1746-1824] s/o Benjamin & Eliza (Updike) Ketcham. ADD: Paula Radwanski, R.D. 4, Box 232, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

**HILDEBRANT:** Desire contact with Hildebrants of NJ. Special interest Tewksbury/Fairmount Hildebrants. Have extensive index, military records of Civil War and War 1812. ADD: Dennis DeBrandt, 7524 Hackamore Dr., Potomac, MD 20854.

**HIGGINS, SLATER, YATES:** Seek info re Mrs. Mary Yates, m Richard Higgins Oct. 1651. Who were her parents? Also des info re par/o William Slater, b 16 Jan 1767 NJ and wife Jean. ADD: Mrs. Jane Bodine Sekela, 6237 Belmar Ave., Reseda, CA 91335.

**GREEN:** Seek info re Peter Green of Sergeantsville, d 29 Oct. 1852; w Abigail Townsend d 30 June 1856. Both are bur Methodist Church cemetery, Sergeantsville. Did he build stone blacksmith shop near the intersection in Sergeantsville? ADD: Harold W. Daniels, 48 West Hill Road, Colonia, NJ 07067.

**BOLLEN:** Seek info re anc & des/o John Bollen who purchased land at Pennington in 1759. ADD: Margaret S. McDonnell, 5130 Green St., Philadelphia, PA 19144.

**PRALL:** Need info on Pralls, par/o George Thomas Prall, known as Thomas, b 1813 NJ; migrated to OH. Liv Warren Co., OH 1840, Brown Co., OH from 1850 until his death in 1874. ADD: Betty Perkins, 8549 Braodwell, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

**PETIT, MONROE:** Des info re par/o Joshua Pettit, b NJ, poss. Essex Co. ca 1734; m Rachel Monroe, b NJ 1736. ADD: Mrs. Charles C. Pettit, P.O. Box 116, Webster, NC 28788.

**APGAR:** 10th Annual Apgar Reunion, Saturday, September 15, 1984, Cokesbury, NJ. It will be the 5th year of having these reunions at the Cokesbury United Methodist Church. In October 1984 plans are being made to travel to Philadelphia, PA to celebrate the arrival in the American Colonies 250 years ago on September 23, 1734 of our family patriarch, Johannes Peter Apgard. ADD: George Apgar, Jr., 416 Runyon Ave., Middlesex, NJ 08846.

**DRAKE:** Abraham Drake, b ca 1783, NJ poss Morris Co., father's name unknown, grandfather believe to be Jacob. Resided Northumberland Co., PA 1812; d 11 June 1845 Mercer Co., PA; wife Rachel; chil: Josiah, Stephen, Hannah, Sarah, Jane, Matilda and Mary. Would like to corres re family. ADD: Mrs. Sondra Stobart, 3680 Cedar Hill Rd., Canal Winchester, OH 43110.

**HOUGHTON, SMITH:** Des info re John Smith, w Mary Houghton ca 1753. Chil: Benjamin, Absolom, John, Sarah, Mary, Amos, Andrew; liv Lebanon or Amwell Twp. Mary had bros., Col. Rev. War and one hung or shot as a Troy spy. Need birth, death dates, maiden name Absolom's wife Susannah. Will share & exch. ADD: Linda Walker, 1350 Meadowbright Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45230.

**MOORE:** Wish to exch/w anyone researching Loami/Loammix Moore; serv Rev War, moved to Green Co., PA m Sarah Shepard, moved to Harrison Co., OH where he d after 1820. ADD: Joyce J. Cross, 619 N. Bryan, Little Rock, AR 72205.





# In Quest Of Baltus Swackhamer

Statisticians would probably be hard pressed to estimate the present population of Hunterdon County had all the many descendants of its early settlers remained in its confines. Fortunately, a large number of Hunterdon's natives migrated elsewhere. Fortunate, that is, from a population point of view; not so fortunate, however, from a genealogical point of view. Removals are more often that not the bane of genealogists.

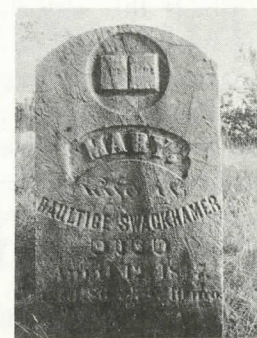
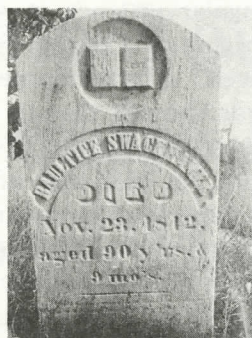
Consider the early German, Samuel Swackhamer, who was a resident of Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County. Described as "a Pallantine,"<sup>1</sup> he came to America in 1731, and ultimately settled in the "wilderness" of Hunterdon County. "Samuel Swachheimer," (as he signed his will), died on 3 February 1782, "In the 82nd year of his useful life." The pastor of the "German Protestant Evangelical Congregation of Zion Church," of New Germantown (now Oldwick), which Samuel attended, noted in the "Record of Deaths" for that Lutheran Church:

[On] Sunday, Febr: 3rd [1782], the Lord of our life made a hopeful blessed end to the long life and six weeks illness of our oldest member and father Samuel Swachhammer . . . the Lord had blessed him singularly with a very numerous family. He thrice entered into the state of Holy Matrimony, and fathered 25 children. From these, before his end, 73 grandchildren were born, and from these in turn, 25 great-grandchildren, all of whom he saw after. The entire number of those produced from his blood was therefore 123. . .<sup>2</sup>

Hence, in the first generation of Swackhamers in Hunterdon County, there were over one hundred descendants of the Patriarch even before he died! Though twenty-five children are mentioned in Samuel's funeral notice, only fourteen are listed in his will,<sup>3</sup> and of these, only seven of the children have been genealogically researched. Assuming the remaining children reached adulthood, (as indeed some must have been at the time Samuel wrote his will in 1780), it can only be assumed that they either died or moved from Hunterdon County.

Such seemed to be the fate of Samuel Swackhamer's son, "Boltus," (as his name is written in his father's will of 1 February 1780), when he and eight other of the Patriarch's younger children are routinely listed as inheriting "the Money ariseing from Such Sales of the Moveables & Lands."

From his place in the children's names enumerated in the will, it would appear that Baltus was among the



*The matching tombstones of "Baltice Swackhammer" and his wife are located in a small, abandoned cemetery on the present-day Morgan Gulf Road, Turin, Lewis County, New York.*

oldest children of Samuel's second or third marriage. Baltus Swackhamer is first mentioned in the records of the Zion Lutheran Church of New Germantown on 28 October 1780, when he and twenty others noted that:

We the subscribers desire and promise to be regular members and to adhere [to] the Articles of our Church as witness our hand marks on the day of our confirmation at New Germantown October ye 28<sup>th</sup> 1780<sup>2</sup>

He signed his name boldly: "Balthes Swachhamer," and on the next day, the "last Sunday in October" 1780, it was noted that "Balthas Swachhamer old father Samuel's son" was among those confirmed at Zion Church.<sup>2</sup>

After Samuel's death, Baltus came into possession of his father's 162 acre farm in Lebanon Township, and as "Baltis Swackhamer," was irregularly taxed on this land and various animals until July 1789. As he does not appear on the tax list for July 1790, it is supposed that he had removed from Lebanon Township by that time.<sup>4</sup> He apparently was not a resident of the state in 1793, as his name fails to appear among those men between the ages of 18 and 45, who were required to serve in the state militia.<sup>5</sup>

A check of the United States Federal Census records for states surrounding New Jersey revealed that at the time of the 1820 census there was one "Baldis Swackhammer" residing in Oppenheim, Montgomery County, New York. Dwelling next to him was one "Samuel Swackhammer." These census records further showed that "Baldis" was over 45 years old, an agriculturalist, and residing in his household were two sons, three daughters and his wife. The unique name of Baltus, (not to mention the uncommon surname of Swackhamer), proved this to be Baltus Swackhamer, son of Samuel, who, like so many others of central New Jersey, migrated to Montgomery County, New York. The Samuel residing next to Baltus turned out to be one of his older sons, whom he named in honor of his father.



Albeit, this was the singular instance in which Baltus was recorded in Montgomery County, for he disappeared from this area as well.<sup>6</sup> A further inspection of the Federal Census records showed that in 1830 "Baltis Swackhamer" was then residing in the Town of Turin, Lewis County, New York. An 1836 map of New York State clearly delineates a major road going through Oppenheim, Montgomery County, and continuing in a north-westerly direction, through Herkimer and Oneida Counties, and passing through Turin, Lewis County.<sup>7</sup> Baltus' restless spirit had pushed him even further into the wilderness of New York State, and over three hundred miles from his native county of Hunterdon. The 1830 census showed that he was then between 70 and 80 years of age, and it was apparently due to these years that Baltus' migratory inclinations ended in Lewis County.

Research among the records of Lewis County revealed that at the time of the 1825 New York state census, Baltus' sons, Samuel and William Swackhamer, were already residents of the Town of Turin. In 1828 their father followed them in their move, and on 28 January 1829, "Baltine Swackhamer," of Turin, is recorded as purchasing "50 acres near Lot No. 98. . . now in his actual possession" from William D. and Jane Shaler of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.<sup>8</sup> By the time of the 1840 Federal Census, Baltus was residing with his son, Richard, in whose household he is described as being the one male aged between 80 and under 90. Living nearby were Baltus' son, Samuel, as well as the widow of his son, William, and their respective families.

On 17 December 1831, "Baltis Swackhammer" of Turin, Lewis County, made his last will and testament. He left one dollar, respectively, to his daughter Anna, son Samuel, son William, daughter Sarah, daughter Eliza and daughter Abigail — in that order. The rest of this estate he gave to his "dear Beloved wife Mary" until her death, at which time he ordered that the northern half of his farm was to go to his son Richard, and the southern half to his daughter "Polly" (Mary). Baltus signed his will before his former neighbors, Harvey and Sarah Ingham of Oppenheim, Montgomery County, who testified that he was of sound mind, memory and understanding.<sup>9</sup>

Baltus Swackhamer died 23 November 1842, and was buried in a small family burying ground situated on his farm near Lot No. 98. A stone erected over his grave noted that he was aged 90 years and 9 months at the time of his death. In time, his wife, several children, and numerous grandchildren were buried about him. *The Northern Journal*, a newspaper published in nearby Lowville, made no mention of the death of the ancient pioneer of Turin. It was reported, however,

that a snow began falling on November 19, and ended two days before Baltus' death, leaving "12 to 15 inches on a level, which makes the sleighing tolerable."<sup>10</sup>

At a Surrogate's Court held at the county seat (Lowville) on 28 December 1842, "Richard Swackhamer one of the heirs of Baltice Swackhamer late of the town of Turin in the County of Lewis" made proof that Baltus died in Turin "on 29 [sic] November last," of a natural death, and that he left a widow and the following heirs: Richard, Samuel and Polly of Turin; Abigail, wife of Abram Klock, of Morristown, Saint Lawrence County, New York; Anna, wife of Joseph Youran (perhaps of Oppenheim, New York); Eliza, wife of Andrew Shaver, of Oppenheim; and Sally, wife of Melchant L. Potter of Saint Johnsville, Montgomery County, New York; and one child who died during Baltus' lifetime, leaving issue, to wit, William Swackhamer, who left six children and a widow residing in Turin. The will was probated on 20 February 1843, when Richard and Samuel Swackhamer appeared before the Surrogate at Lowville. The "rest of the heirs appeared by default."

Mary, the widow of Baltus Swackhamer, survived him by five years, and died, of consumption, at Turin, on 13 April 1847, aged 80 years, 10 months and 17 days.<sup>11</sup> She was buried aside her husband.

From census records, tombstones, deeds, civil and church records, the family of Baltus Swackhamer may be thus constructed:

BALTUS SWACKHAMER, the son of Samuel Swackhamer, was born in February 1752, in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey; died 23 November 1842, in Turin, Lewis County, New York; married MARY, whose surname is unknown; she was born *circa* 25 May 1766 and died 12 April 1847, in Turin.

The known children of Baltus and Mary SWACKHAMER:

- i. ANNA, born *circa* 1792; married Joseph Youran.
- ii. SAMUEL, born *circa* 1794; died 29 July 1861; married Hannah Ames.
- iii. WILLIAM, born *circa* 1796; died between 1835-1840; married Mary —.
- iv. MARY (POLLY), born *circa* 26 April 1798; died 20 June 1848; never married.
- v. SARAH, born *circa* 1799; married Melchant L. Potter.
- vi. ELIZA, born *circa* 1801; married Andrew Shaver.
- viii. ABIGAIL, born *circa* 1803; married Abram Klock.
- viii. RICHARD, born 20 November 1805; died 24 December 1877, married Clarissa Claus.

- Fred Sisser III

1. *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, 35:46.
2. Records of the Zion Lutheran Church, Oldwick, N.J. The original record of Samuel Swackhamer's death was written in German by the minister, Wilhelm Graff. This translation was made in February 1964 by Donald A. Sinclair. Another translation is found on pages 6-7 of the Summer 1965 issue of the *Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin*.



3. Will no. 1188J, Department of Archives and History, N.J. State Library, Trenton.
4. New Jersey Ratables, Department of Archives and History, N.J. State Library, Trenton.
5. James S. Norton, *New Jersey in 1793* (Salt Lake City: 1973); see also, Hiram E. Deats, *The Hunterdon County [New Jersey] Militia 1792* (Flemington: 1936).
6. A check among the very extensive records now on file at the Montgomery County Department of History and Archives, Fonda, New York 12068, disclosed no further mention of Baltus among church, court, civil, etc. records. Likewise, he is not mentioned as purchasing or selling land in the deed books on file at the Montgomery County Clerk's Office, Fonda.
7. Thomas F. Gordon, *Gazetteer of the State of New York* (Philadelphia: 1836).
8. Deed Book U, page 128, Lewis County Clerk's Office, Lowville, New York. Baltus Swackhamer's farm in the Town of Turin was located in an area known, locally, as Tug Hill. The locale is a range of high lands which runs through Lewis County parallel with the Black River. It rests upon limestone and consists of Utica Slate and Hudson River shale, rising by a rounded slope to an elevation of from 500 to 1000 feet above the flats below and spreading out in a level and slightly broken region into the adjoining counties. (Franklin B. Hough, *History of Lewis County New York* [Syracuse: 1883], page 45).
9. Estate no. 13, Will of "Baltus Swackhammer," Lewis County Surrogate's Office, Lowville, New York.
10. *The Northern Journal*, Lowville, N.Y. 24 November 1842.
11. Vital Statistics, Lewis County, Clerk's Office, Lowville, New York.

## Help Your Society Acquire A Copy Machine

Recognizing the pressing need for a copy machine in the Hunterdon Historical Society headquarters to serve library patrons, persons making historical/genealogical inquiry by mail, and for general operation of the Society, donations are being solicited to purchase one. Member, Marion O. Harris has generously earmarked her gift of \$500 toward that purchase.

Donations to match the generous gift of Mrs. Harris are being sought now. All donations to the Hunterdon County Historical Society are tax deductible. Help your Society acquire a copy machine today. A plain paper copier capable of handling books as well as single sheets will be purchased with the funds raised. Minimal charge per page for copies produced on it will make the machine self-supporting.

Comments and/or questions regarding donations toward the purchase of a copier are as welcome as the donations!

## Naturalization Of Forty Hunterdon Residents

Hunterdon County's Book A of Naturalizations contains the names of forty men who became naturalized citizens of the United States. Before three Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, each "free white" man gave the name of his native land and present residence declaring that he had been a resident "within and under the Jurisdiction of the United States" before 14 April 1802 and had "resided within and under the Jurisdiction of the United States upwards of five years, and within the State of New Jersey upward of one year last past," that he wished "to become a Citizen of the United States" and had "never borne any hereditary title or been of any of the order of Nobility" in his native land "from whence he came or elsewhere." Then a witness testified that the petitioner had behaved as a man of good moral character attached to the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same. Both the witness and the petitioner signed the paper which has been preserved in excellent condition. The order of

the entries are the name of the petitioner, the native land, current residence, date of the application and the name of the witness, and the file number of the original paper. Any additional spellings or information are given in parentheses. The number preceeding each entry is the page of the book.

1. James McAllister (McAlester). . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Amwell, County of Hunterdon. . . 25 October 1808. . . John Blair. Mc1
2. William Shadrack (Shadrak). . . a native of Wales, now residing in the Township of Tewksbury, Hunterdon County. . . 25 October 1808. . . Andrew Bartles. S11
3. Alexander Cockran. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Kingwood, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . Elisha E. Reading. C34
4. Charles Q. Phillips. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Alexandria, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . Daniel Thatcher. P8



5. William Hodge. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Alexandria, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . Daniel Thatcher. H53
6. Thomas Hodge. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Alexandria, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . Daniel Thatcher. H52
7. Thomas D. Jenkins. . . a native of Wales, now residing in the Township of Tewksbury, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . Andrew Bartles. J1
8. Matthew Thompson. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Amwell, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . John Leigh. T7
9. Jacob Seaber (Seeber). . . a native of Good Falls, in Germany, now residing in the Township of Amwell, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . Peter Risler. S48
10. John Backman (Buchman). . . a native of Silesia in Germany, now residing in the Township of Amwell, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . Peter Risler. B1
11. Silvanus D. Davies. . . a native of England, now residing in the Township of Tewksbury, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . Jacob Kline. D9
12. John Blair. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Kingwood, Hunterdon County. . . Paul H. Mallet Prevost. B29
13. Dr. William Geary. . . a native of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, now residing in the Township of Amwell, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . George C. Maxwell. G9
14. John Davenport. . . a native of England, now residing in the Township of Bridgewater, Somerset County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . George McDonald. D8
15. Alexander Black. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Bridgewater, Somerset County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . Andrew Welden. B28
16. John Thompson. . . a native of Scotland, now residing in the Township of Montgomery, Somerset County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . Thomas P. Johnson. T6
17. Henry Clow. . . a native of Scotland, now residing in the Township of West Windsor, Middlesex County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . John Thompson. C31
18. Henry B. Mendham. . . a native of England, now residing in the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . John Smith. M34
19. John Kee. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Amwell, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . Jacob Case. K8
20. John McCloughan. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Alexandria, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . David Everitt. Mc9
21. Thomas Taylor. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Kingwood, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . John Wilson. T3
22. William Orr. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . Harman C. Lane. O13
23. Andrew Welden (signed with his mark). . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Bridgewater, Somerset County. . . 25 Oct. 1808. . . George McDonald. W1 (indexed as Waldron)
24. Joseph Filkill (signed in German). . . a native of Germany, now residing in the Township of Alexandria, Hunterdon County. . . 27 Oct. 1808. . . Paul H. Mallet Prevost. F9
25. Hugh Magee. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Kingwood, Hunterdon County. . . 27 Oct. 1808. . . Richard Opdycke. M8
26. Christian Brewer. . . a native of Saxony, in Germany, now residing in the Township of Amwell, Hunterdon County. . . 27 Oct. 1808. . . Arthur Prall. B46
27. Michael Powell (signed in German). . . a native of Wirtenburgh in Germany, now residing in the Township of Kingwood, Hunterdon County. . . 27 Oct. 1808. . . Imla Drake. P16
28. George B. Ware. . . a native of Great Britain, now residing in the Township of Bethlehem, Hunterdon County. . . 27 Oct. 1808. . . Imla Drake. W4
29. William Beaty (Baty — signed with his mark). . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Amwell, Hunterdon County. . . 28 Oct. 1808. . . Joseph Lambert. B13
30. Archibald Davison. . . a native of Scotland, now residing in the Township of Lebanon, Hunterdon County. . . 28 Oct. 1808. . . Jonathan Muirheid. D10
31. Henry Waterfield. . . a native of England, now residing in the Township of Bethlehem, Hunterdon County. . . 28 Oct. 1808. . . Joseph Capner. W6
32. James Milligan. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Lebanon, Hunterdon County. . . 28 Oct. 1808. . . Peter Flomerfelt. M41
33. John Holmes. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Bethlehem, Hunterdon County. . . 28 Oct. 1808. . . Imla Drake. H56
34. James Cherry. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Kingwood, Hunterdon County. . . 28 Oct. 1808. . . Elisha Reading. C23
35. Lewis Stewart. . . a native of Scotland, now residing in the Township of Kingwood, Hunterdon County. . . 28 Oct. 1808. . . Joseph Lambert. S39
36. Edward Beatty. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Amwell, Hunterdon County. . . 28 Oct. 1808. . . Joseph Lambert. B16
37. William Callis. . . a native of England, now residing in the Township of Amwell, Hunterdon County. . . 29 Oct. 1808. . . James Gregg. C7
38. Peter Zacharie Vogelrey LaRoche (Volgelvey/signed Fouguelvay). . . a native of Roche, Canton of Bern, Switzerland (sic), now residing in the Township of Alexandria, Hunterdon County. . . 29 Oct. 1808. . . Ezra Shamp. L6
39. John Power. . . a native of Ireland, now residing in the Township of Greenwich, Sussex County. . . 7 Feb. 1809. . . Henry Hankinson. P4



40. William Nesbitt. . . a native of Ireland. . . (current residence not given). . . 2 Aug. 1809. . . Baltis Stiger. N2
- [ ]. James Dougherty. . . a native of Ireland. . . (present residence not given). . . 26 Oct. 1803. . . witnesses: John and George C. Maxwell. D23. (This is the earliest certificate but is not included in *Book A-Naturalizations* — wording basically the same — on the outside of the document it reads “see act of assembly passed 14 April 1802”) D23

Depository: Office of the Clerk of Hunterdon County, NJ

Source: File Group: #356 — Book A

File Group: #276 — Certificates

Phyllis B. D'Autrechy

## Membership Report

The following new members have recently joined the Society. A warm welcome is extended to them.

Dennis DeBrandt, Potomac, MD

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eisen, Flemington, NJ

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore A. Hagios, Flemington, NJ

Mrs. Marion B. Hartman, Bethlehem, PA

Mrs. John Ferencze, Flemington, NJ

Robert B. Shoemaker, Kintnersville, PA

Mrs. Frederick Stothoff  
Membership Secretary

## Help Us Find The Trimmer House In Calfon



### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HABS

The 50th anniversary of one of historic preservation's lesser known achievements, the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) was celebrated last November. The National Park Service program that has been photographing, drawing and documenting historic architecture since the Depression was founded by Charles E. Peterson in 1933 with a memo urging that “if the great number of our antique buildings

must disappear through economic causes, they should not pass into unrecorded oblivion.” Soon many out-of-work architects set about documenting buildings across the country.

The HABS collection recording 18,000 structures in 41,000 measured drawings, 80,000 photographs and 44,000 pages of data is stored at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Eleven architecturally

*Trimmer House in 1940*



significant structures in Hunterdon County are included in the collection.

Califon vicinity

Trimmer House [1940] early 19th century 1½ story stone and stucco\*

Flemington

Fleming Castle [1937] mid-18th century 2 story wood

George Large House [1937] mid-19th century Greek Revival 2 story wood

Lambertville

Holcombe House [1937] mid-18th century two story fieldstone\*

Larison's Corner

Williamson House [1938] 18th century 1½ story frame

Pattenburg

Clifford-Williamson House [1941] mid-18th century 2½ story wood

Raven Rock

Saxtonville Tavern [1939] late 18th century 2 story stone and stucco

Ringoes

Amwell Academy [1938] 19th century 2 story ashlar stone

Frame Grist Mill [1937] mid-18th century two story wood

Sergeantsville

Covered Bridge [1937] late 19th century wood bridge over Cold Spring Creek

Miller's House (Opdyke Farm) [1937] mid-18th century 2 story fieldstone

Blueprints and photographs of the Hunterdon County buildings, with the exception of those marked with an "\*", are in the Hunterdon County Historical Society's collections. Purchase was accomplished with a partial grant from the Clinton Women's Club. The status of the Trimmer House is unknown; the Frame Grist Mill at Ringoes deteriorated over the years and gave way under the weight of snow in the 1960's. The remaining nine structures are intact.

*Trimmer Homestead (Continued)*



**"GEORGE WASHINGTON" . . . A  
MINI-SERIES FROM CBS**

"George Washington," an eight-hour mini-series dramatizing the exciting and little-known early life of America's first great leader will be broadcast on April 8, 10 and 11 on the CBS Television network.

The series depicts Washington's pre-Presidential life from ages 11 to 51, including his adventures on the frontier as a young surveyor, his controversial involvement in the French and Indian War, his premature retirement from military life, his courtship and marriage to Martha Custis, and his return to uniform to lead the American colonies to independence in the Revolutionary War. The story concludes in December 1783 when,

after eight years of war, the victorious general returns to his family at Mount Vernon.

A number of scenes for "George Washington" were filmed in Virginia and Pennsylvania on the sites where the historic events being dramatized actually occurred. Historic Pennsylvania locations include the House of Decision and the Delaware River at Washington Crossing.

It is hoped the program will stimulate interest in genealogy and that people will be interested in tracing their roots back to the eighteenth century to determine their ancestors' involvement in the Revolutionary War.