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Grandin Fulling Mill

Its Early Customers Topic of Fall Meeting

Walter J. Young, of Grandin Road, Grandin, will be the speaker at the Society's Fall Meeting, Sunday, December 16 at 2:00 P.M. at "Cintra", the historically and architecturally noted 1816 mansion located in New Hope, Pa. on West Bridge Street (Route 202), opposite the New Hope High School.

Mr. Young, a Trustee of the Society and of the Clinton Historical Museum is an amateur historian and genealogist. His talk is based on a two year study of the ledger entries of the Grandin Fulling Mill ledger (1771-1785) received by the Society with other important manuscripts under the will of our late member, Miss Elizabeth Grandin of Clinton in 1970.

The historical and genealogical importance of the ledger sparked the speaker's interest. As the ledger covers the Revolutionary War period it provides insight into local activities during the war years.

The late Dr. Harry Weiss introduced readers to his *Early Fulling Mills of New Jersey* with a quotation from the 14th century "Vision of Piers Plowman"

*"Cloth that cometh fro the wevyng
Is nought comly to were
Till in fully stokkes
Wasshen well with water
And with Taseles cracched,
Y-touked and y-tented
And under taillours hande"*

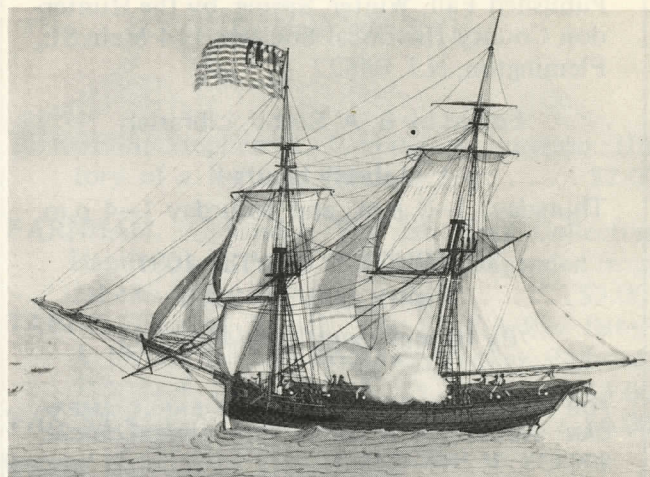
There would seem to be no better introduction to Mr. Young's subject for our fall meeting!

Fulling, washing, dying (y-touking) and stretching to shrink and dry were operations carried on by Philip Grandin and others at Hamden in the second half of the 18th century.

Fulling itself consisted of turning and pounding the wool cloth and compressing it in water. This sometimes so entangled the fibers that the weave pattern became invisible. The smoother, harder fabrics then had more resistance to wear and weather.

Fulling mills being much less common than grist mills, the area coverage of a noted fulling mill was greater. This is apparent from the names locations of the customers.

Portions of Mr. Young's talk, which will include discussion on the fuller's trade in general, will be illustrated with slides. ■



Revolutionary War Raider

FALL MEETING

Sunday, December 16, 1973 at 2 p.m.
at "Cintra"

(Route 202), New Hope, Pa. opposite High School

Those attending who wish to visit the New Hope Historical Society's restored "Parry Mansion", corner South Main and Ferry Streets, opposite Bucks County Playhouse will be received at the house at 4 p.m. Admission Gratis, courtesy of the New Hope Historical Society.



Photocopies of family records from Hunterdon family bibles are solicited by the Genealogical Committee. May we have the loan of your family Bible so a record of your family will be preserved in our file?

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Cadet John L. Purcell
U.S. Naval Academy, 1873

Bi-Centennial Inventory of American Paintings to 1914

The Hunterdon County Historical Society has been asked to assist in the first inventory of American paintings ever conducted by the Smithsonian Institution's National Collection of Fine Arts Div.

This Bi-Centennial inventory seeks to search out and record all American paintings prior to 1914.

Abigail Booth, National Collection curator, heading the project, has asked B.A. Sorby, Librarian of the Society to head the Hunterdon County inventory. Miss Booth in extending the request stated:

"The copies of the *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter* demonstrate very impressive work indeed, in researching and preserving treasures of the Hunterdon County area."

Hunterdon residents who own early family portraits, Hunterdon landscape views and paintings of early churches and other structures are requested to contact the Society's librarian. They will be sent a copy of the Smithsonian "Painting Report Form".

Paintings by John Paradise born in Hunterdon, 1783 or by his son, John Wesley Paradise are particularly sought. Also paintings by William Bonnell of Clinton (1804-1865) and Minor Kilburne Kellogg who advertised for commissions in the *Hunterdon Gazette*, December 17, 1834. Paintings by Thomas Van Camp of Lambertville, painter of decorative panels for a special railroad car used for excursions to the 1875 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition are also of interest.

Capt. John L. Purcell, U.S.N.

Captain Purcell was born in Flemington May 31, 1856, son of Joseph and Johanna (Duggan) Purcell. He died April 19, 1912 and was buried from Saint Mary's Church, Flemington.

As captain of the USS Osceola in the West Indies Campaign of the Spanish American War, he was advanced one grade in rank for "eminent and conspicuous conduct". He was later awarded two bronze medals for his services in 1898.

Captain Purcell's dress uniform, hat, sword, note books, warrants, certificates, and log books have been received as part of the late Judge John P. Norris bequest.

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Correction: Vol. 9, no. 1, p.6

FAIRVILLE SCHOOL. Picture of log school house, near Locktown. Caption should have stated: "Typical one-room school of the early 19th century" Photo from Democrat Advertiser, Jan. 25, 1906.

Norman C. Wittwer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AS OF NOVEMBER, 1973. 504 members.

We wish to welcome the following new members who have joined the Hunterdon County Historical Society since April, 1973.

- *Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Barber, Clinton
 *Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cybowski, Whitehouse Station
 Miss Frances Engeman, Flemington
 Virginia Harmetz, Wichita, Kansas
 Mrs. James Miller, Pittstown
 Mrs. Louise D. North, Plainfield
 Miss Margaret A. Post, Milford
 Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Van Nuys, Flemington
 Mrs. Lyman Willard, Red Bluff, California
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Members whose dues are delinquent are respectfully urged to send in their dues at their earliest convenience.

Mrs. George E. Carkhuff
 Membership Secretary

RECENT BEQUESTS

Judge John P. Norris, Lambertville.
 Miss Dorothy Schick, Flemington.

Previously received:

Miss Sadie K. Fleming, Norristown, Pa.
 Miss Elizabeth Grandin, Clinton.

Form of Bequest

(This form is recommended for use in making a bequest of personal or real property, in a Will or otherwise, naming your society as beneficiary)

ITEM: I bequeath the sum of \$ _____
 to the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Flemington, N.J.

ITEM: I bequeath to the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Flemington, N.J. without restrictions title to and full possession of historical materials and objects, (real estate, account books, diaries, Family Bibles, documents, papers, photographs, programs, newspapers, clippings, books, records.) etc.

Signature _____

Date _____

Witness _____

Publications for Sale

(by Mail: add 25¢)

BURGESS, Stephen R. Flemington Junction: History of a Railroad Station, 33p. . . . \$2.00

FARNHAM, Alexander, 2nd ed: Tool Collectors Handbook — Prices at auction, Expanded from 1st ed. \$3.00

TABER, Thomas R. III, The Rock-A-Bye Baby: A history of the Rockaway Valley Railroad. 55p. Prof. illus. \$3.00

VAN SICKLE, E. Old York Road. 1936 . . . \$6.00

WEISS, Harry B.

Early lotteries of N.J. 150p. \$10.00

Early promotional literature of N.J.

82p. wraps \$8.00

History of the N.J. Agricultural Society. 1781-1940. 40p. \$5.00

History of the N.J. State Board of Agriculture. 1872-1916. 183p. \$10.00

(same) 1916-1949. 279p. \$10.00

MAXIM, Hudson, Lake Hopatcong. . . a plea. (1930) 65p. maps. \$10.00

ROCKAWAY REF. CHURCH. White House, N.J. History. 1938. 45p. \$10.00

NESHANIC REF. CHURCH 175th Anniv. 1927. 39p. \$7.50

GERMAN VALLEY, N.J. (OLDWICK) 1713-1743-1898 Souvenir. 186th anniversary. German settlement of N.J., and Sesqui-cent. of German Valley. (Scarce) \$12.50

FARGO, Clarence B. Story of the Delaware Valley. 73p. Bd. \$10.00

History of Frenchtown, 1933. 220p. . . \$7.50

DEATS, Hiram E.

Tombstone inscriptions from Hunterdon Cemeteries. 74p. in pts. \$7.50

Hunterdon County Militia, 1792. 37p. . . \$3.00

BAILEY, Rosalie F. Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and families in Northern N.J. and Southern N.Y. 612p. \$5.00

BERGEN, N.J.: 250th Anniv. 1910. 64p. . . \$5.00

MASON, Henry P. Early Somerville. 31p. . . \$5.00

STRYKER, Wm. S.—Official register of officers and men of N.J. in Revolutionary War. 1872. 878p. Bdg. broken \$75.00

STANGL: A portrait of progress in pottery, Cop. 1956, illus. \$.50

HUNTERDON COUNTY NATIONAL BANK:

Serving Hunterdon 100 years. 1955. prously illustrated., old views. \$7.50

FARM AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY: Hunterdon and Somerset Counties 1914. 204p. . . \$12.50



UNPUBLISHED CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

KINGWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Organized 1763. (Continued from Vol. 9, no. 1, p.4)

BRITTON, Sarah, in memory of Sarah, wife of Nathaniel Britton who died April 9, 1817.

CHAMBERLIN, Amy, consort of Joseph Chamberlin, Esq., May 1, 1784, in the 55th year of her age.

_____, Eleanor, relict of John Chamberlin, who died May 30, 1846, in the 94th year of her age.

_____, John, who departed this life Sept. 15, 1830 in the 78th year of his age.

_____, Joseph, who departed this life April 16, 1816 in the 84th year of his life.

CLARK, Rev. William, died June 25, 1853, aged 62 years.

DALRYMPLE, Elizabeth S., His Wife (George E.) 1820-1904.

_____, Estelle, wife of Jesse, who died Nov., 17, 1830, aged 72 years, 1 month, 12 days.

_____, George E., 1820-1895.

_____, Hannah, born March 25, 1791, died Dec. 17, 1869, aged 25 years, 8 months, 22 days.

_____, Jesse, in memory of Jesse Dalrymple (Rev. Soldier) who died May 31, 1844, aged 88 years, 2 months, 17 days.

_____, Lewis B., son of George & Elizabeth, born Aug. 28, 1857, died May 2, 1858, aged 8 months, 1 day.

_____, Lucretia B., daughter of George & Elizabeth, born Sept. 13, 1839, died Aug. 19, 1878.

_____, Sarah Ellen, daughter of James & Margaret (HOFF?) Dalrymple, died Oct. 8, 1846, aged 1 year, 1 month, 9 days.

DEAN, Samuel, died May 21, 1849, in the 37th year of his age.

_____, Ellen, wife of Samuel Dean, who died June 21, 1819, in the 35th year of her age.

_____, James, son of Samuel & Ellen, who died aged 5 months, 10 days.

DILTS, Mary, in memory of Mary (Hoffman), wife of Philip Dilts, who departed this life Feb. 12th A.D. 1838, in the 88th year of her age (Mother of Elizabeth, wife of Cornelius Hoff, Jr.)

BOOK REVIEW

AGRICULTURE IN NEW JERSEY: A 300 Year History — By Hubert G. Schmidt. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press. 1973. 335p., illus., maps. Bibliography. (Available through the Society @ \$15.00 plus 25 cents postage and handling).

New Jersey's first real farmer was probably Cornelius van Vorst, a Hollander who grew maize and raised cattle in Hudson County in the 1630's. Today there are some 6000 farmers throughout the state, and their occupation and way of life are threatened by rising costs, falling prices and urban and suburban expansion of the 1970's. This book surveys the history of the farmer and farming developments in Jersey during the three-hundred year interim.

From the beginning, variety characterized farming in New Jersey. There were great differences in surface and soils. The first farmers were dissimilar: Dutch, New Englanders, Swedes, Scots, Germans and English and Irish Quakers. They brought their own seeds and animals, implements and experience.

Pace of growth was not uniform: farmers in the first settled parts of the state had a century of experience before settlers in other sections subdued the wilderness. All tended to stick with practices and crops that were traditional, making changes only under compulsion when soil exhaustion necessitated rotation and fertilizers, or where the benefits were obvious, as in the acceptance of the cradle.

After 1810 there was a general change of attitude. New domestic and foreign markets contributed to the speed with which farmers began to adapt to new ideas: labor saving devices, better methods of retaining soil fertility, and superior plants and livestock.

New Jersey agriculture became truly modern with the development of new forms of power. After 1917 the horse was rapidly replaced for transportation and farm work by vehicles using the internal combustion engine or electricity. Almost every aspect of agriculture became mechanized. For four decades the farmer enjoyed reasonable prosperity as well as nonmaterial benefits.

In the late 1950's rising costs, falling prices, competition from distant producers using modern means of transportation and refrigeration resulted in a decline in egg, milk, and vegetable production. In fifteen years during which older farmers began to retire or sell out and young men failed to replace them, farm population fell by 60 percent, farm acreage by more than 40 percent.

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Is this trend reversible? Is agriculture in the Garden State doomed by the advancing bulldozer? Hubert Schmidt is hopeful, if not confident, that belated efforts now under way will save at least a portion of Jersey's once important farm population and economy. The challenge is the most serious faced by the state's farmers in three hundred years.

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(Dedicated by the author to Hiram E. Deats: "Farmer, Scholar, Philosopher and Friend" Dr. Schmidt's Preface acknowledges scholarly aid and assistance received from various individuals including aid from Librarian: Berthold A. Sorby.)



Rachel Woolverton,
wife of Clement du Mont Bonnell (1766-1836)
painted by her son, Clinton artist
William Bonnell (1804-1865)



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BI-CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

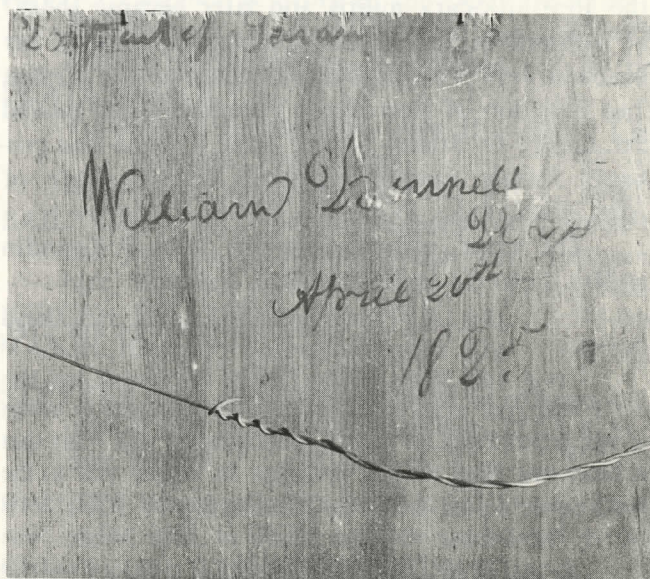
Publication in full of Dr. John T. Grandin's ms. diary kept aboard the Revolutionary raider FORTUNE, (Capt. Billings) Covering ten and one-half months in European Waters. (Norman C. Wittwer).

Genealogical-Military study of Coronet Geary killed during the Revolutionary raid on Flemington.

(B.A. Sorby and Lt. Col. Anthony Elcomb. Yorkshire Light Infantry Regiment).

Inventory of American paintings prior to 1914 by Hunterdon artists. (B.A. Sorby).

Organization of the Society's historic sites data including photos and history based on the U.S. Historic American Building Survey.



Reverse of a portrait on wooden panel
inscribed by the painter William Bonnell
April 20, 1825

Dr. John F. Grandin Revolutionary Naval Surgeon

Philip Grandin, whose fulling mill is the subject of our fall meeting, married Eleanor Forman of Monmouth County. The older of their two sons, John Forman Grandin, was born in September 1760. He studied medicine with Dr. James Newell of Allentown, New Jersey, attended medical school in Philadelphia and became a surgeon in the Revolutionary navy. He married Mary Newell, the daughter of his preceptor and a cousin of Capt. James Lawrence ("Don't give up the ship"). He practiced medicine at Hamden from 1783 until his death in 1811. Dr. Blane styled Dr. Grandin the first born in present Hunterdon County to have been offered to the profession as a regularly educated practitioner of medicine.

There are several items among the Society's Grandin papers which relate to Dr. Grandin's medical education and short career in the navy. Three of these are letters to him from his father — one dated July 30, 1780, while he was with Dr. Newell, one dated Nov. 4, 1781, while he was at the University of Pennsylvania, and one dated Feb. 17, 1782, while he was on board a letter-of-marque waiting to sail from Philadelphia.

The 1781 letter is particularly interesting and is transcribed below in its entirety. It needs but little explanation. Jacob Anderson, who delivered the letter, was a childhood friend of J.F.G., a captain in the Revolutionary militia and later became sheriff of Hunterdon. Sister Molley, in consequence of her husband, John Vought, being a captain in the loyalist 2nd Battalion of New Jersey Volunteers, had moved her family to Staten Island. Aunt Vought was probably John's mother, Cornelia Potman, wife of John Christopher Vought.

The letter, addressed to Mr. John F. Grandin at Mrs. Leland's in Philadelphia, follows:

Lebanon Novbr. ye 4th 1781

Dear Son

I read your letter of the 19th of last month and this day I recd your other letter dated ye 29th Ultimo in bouth of which you Press for money. I am sensible you Want that Article, And Shall use my Endavour to Supply you in the best manner I can, to Morrow Morning Samuel Willey Setts of for Philadelphia with ten barrels of flour Weight Neat 20 c: 2 qr: 20 lb [20 hundredweight, 2 quarter-hundredweight and 20 pounds] as pr Invoice inclosed Which is for your Acct. Except the Price of a bladder of snuf 6 pounds of tea, and 2 lb. of hard Soap which Mr. Jacob Anderson is to buy for me, he will Assist you in the Sale of this flour. You

will Observe that the flour is good but not Superfine I Expect to send you one other load Shortly for Cash is Very Scarce here Amongst my Customers So I must depend on Selling flour to bare your Expense, I will Chearfully labour hard while I think you are Spending the money to Advantage and gaining Knowledge in your Profession which I hope I shall not have Reason to doubt, but I beg you frugality — for I have maney ways for money more than I well know how to Supply, you Mention the Polite and friendly treatment you Meet with from Messrs Hannah & Stewart Please to Present my Compliments to them and that I thank them for their Sevility to you, you must write me what kind of flour Sells best Small tite barrels or what and the Next I send shall be According, I saw a Person to day that was at your Sister Molleys on friday last and eat breakfast with her they were all Very well as for your shoes and Hatt Mr. Anderson can tell you Concerning them Our Family Are in good health such as are at home we have but two Child with us Elenor and Philip. Your Aunt has not yet Returned, your Mother Aunt Vought Sister and Brother Joyns me in love to you, I remain your Effectonate Father

Philip Grandin

By coincidence, on that same date John Grandin was given a hand-written certificate by a professor of the University of Pennsylvania which stated that he, as a student of Physick & Surgery, had "attended diligently my courses of Theory and Practice and of Clinical Lectures and Midwifery and I have no doubt has acquired useful knowledge thereof. . ."

Certainly the most important of the Grandin manuscripts is the diary kept by Dr. Grandin during his voyage to the West Indies, South America and Holland, returning to Boston ten and a half months after sailing from Philadelphia.

Though the diary is nearly complete, the front and back leaves appear to be missing and corners of the first four existing leaves are eaten or torn. The period covered by the surviving portion of the diary is from before March 4, 1782, to January 25, 1783.

The name of the ship is not given, but a family memorandum calls it the Fortune. Internal evidence shows the captain's name to have been Billings and that the ship was a privateer. The mercantile interests seem to have been represented by Capt. Billings and Mr. Throckmorton, a passenger. The latter, a cousin of John Grandin, after disposing of the cargo of flour, left the ship in Havanna to return to New York.

By quoting selected diary entries and summarizing the rest we can sketch the sea-going adventures of Dr. Grandin and the Fortune.

The first entry, continued from the preceding page and hence undated, was made while Grandin's ship in company with others was waiting to sail from Philadelphia.

"The Brig Patty Capt. [Reed and the Brig_____]* Capt. Bruster are now at [Philadelphia in _____]*Company with

us, wating [] * protection to go to Sea - we hear of a Number of Privateers Crusing our Coast. . ."

Monday, March 4th, 1782 - "Wind Still a head. Number of vessels from below, hove up & anchored near us - under Apprehension of the Cruisers in the Bay. Wind blowing very fresh - occasioned a Considerable swell - by which I felt a Slight touch of the Effects of Sea Sickness & became a good deal Qualmish."

Tuesday, March 5th - "...dind upon a fine Turkey, Stuff [missing] * with an Indian pudding - [] received word of the Bri[g -----] Bennazet of Philadelphia who was made Prisoner by one of the British Cruisers in the Bay - She was Said to be the Fair-American - She likewise took one of our Brigs that was Coming into Philadelphia, the Same day - Capt. Bennazets Case was but little regretted, for his imprudent Conduct of leaving so good a Convoy as he might have had - had he continued in Company with the fleet - but his eager Desire after what he would wish to obtain - threw him into the hands of the Enemy."

Friday, March 8th - "Mr. Coit & myself went on Shore for to purchase poultry. . ."

Sunday, March 10th - "Four o clock morning, wind NW, Commodore Billings gave Signals for making Sail by histing three lights at the mizen peak & firing guns - our boat went a Shore for wood & corn, not returning untill we Set Sail . . . Brig Patty Close in our Stern took our mizen boom with her fore Sail. Snapt it of (damn the man at the helm -) . . . Spoke with Capt. Reed as went by - he appeared to be exceedingly mortified about the misfortune, he made many apologies - four o clock Set the Pilot on Shore - fine wind to go of the coast ----"

The next three days were lost to our diarist through seasickness. On March 14th the crew had its first alarm. Three vessels were sighted but were at so great a distance that Capt. Billings didn't give chase. Again, on the 20th, pursuit of two vessels was taken up, but to no avail. Meanwhile the young doctor's thoughts were turning homeward:

Friday, March 15th - "A most heavenly day, as brilliant as the face that I adore, God bless her dear little Soul. . ."

Sunday, March 18th - "... The Topick of Conversation between Mr. Throckmorton & myself of this Day, has been about our friends in Jersey, & my thoughts Chiefly Engaged upon reflecting on the many happy moments Spent with the Sweet fair Sex, and particularly the dear arbitress of my fate."

Back to business:

Saturday, March 23rd - "Discovered another Sail . . . gave chase in full hopes of a prize, but find She gains before the wind gave over Chase. . ."

On March 25th our young adventurer's captain tried a clever ruse. Discovering a sail on their stern and on the same course, they crowded on as much sail as possible, making it appear to their distant

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pursuer that they sought to avoid an engagement, though at the same time dragging empty barrels and buckets alongside "to impede our making way." The pursuer gained only slowly, and with night coming, "like to be dark and raining - thought we should lose all Chance - hove to, gave her four guns - tho at so great Distance - had no effect - any other-wise than caused her to alter her Course."

The activities of the 25th necessitated the postponement until the next day of the "usual Ceremonies of old Tropicus, 1 sr besides myself that had never been initiated." On the 27th the vessel passed Dominica and anchored at Martinique.

Intending to visit Curacao but "having got to leward" of that island, they gave up calling there and made for Cartagena, "expecting a greater market for our cargo." However, on arriving on April 9th, they found "that flour was of little Demand at this place."

Wednesday, May 1st - "This day about 5 oclock arrived into the port of Havannah, were we met with Capt Reed and a Number of Vessels that Sailed with us from Philadelphia, being Detained by an Embargo."

The fortune left Havana on July 3rd in company with the ships Grand Monarch and Queen of France and bound for Amsterdam. Passing north of the Orkneys, their first prize was taken on August 9th. Two days later they captured the second. The next day they challenged several vessels and found them to be neutral. They did, however, take advantage of the opportunity to dispose of the captains and some of the sailors of their two prizes by placing them aboard one of the neutral fishing boats.

Continuing the itinerary, though of necessity omitting many adventures and misadventures along the way, the Fortune reached the Fly (the entrance to Amsterdam Harbor) on August 13th and reached Amsterdam on August 25th. After several weeks in that city followed by five weeks at the Fly waiting for wind, our diarist "bid adieu to Sweet Holland" on November 22nd.

The privateer was yet to meet with its most serious engagement, in the aftermath of which the medical skills of Dr. Grandin were called upon in what was perhaps the first major emergency of his career.

A few excerpts from the entry dated Dec. 11th:

"... at ½ past 4 Came up with the Chase. She Shew English Colours - the first Salutation was Three Huzas from the Brig which we Answered in the like manner - Then Instantaneously hailed her, answered from Lancaster ordered her to Strike her colours, hoist out her boat & Come aboard

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DR. JOHN F. GRANDIN*(continued from previous page)*

immediately — She hailed the Ship — Answered an American from Amsterdam & hoisted our Colours, upon which the Capt. of the Brig Cried well fire — I don't know which got the first broad Side — we fired the waist guns only & Musquetry upon the Quarter Deck, and ready again — by the time the Smoke cleared away Saw her Colours was Struck, found her hulled in Three places & three Men Dangerously wounded, we received Some Damage in our riggin & Two men Slightly wounded — as it was Impossible to miss every thing — being So near each other — immediately upon finishing Dresing my own wounded — went on board of the Brig and Dresed the prisoners . . . at Sunrise the next morning I went on board to Visit the wounded 2 of which are So bad that I have but little expectations of life — The Boy whose Arm was taken off is Chearful, and I am in hopes will do well . . . She was called the Hope Capt. Roper from Lancaster bound for Anguilla loaden with dry goods & provisions — Sent Mr. Thos. Bassel as prise Master and ordered her for Boston or some near port if possible otherwise to run for Martinique — at 11 oclock took leave of the Hope with harty wishes for her Safe Arrival by which will prove a bon prize."

Skipping now to the final entry made January 25th, 1783:

"This day with joy & Satisfaction Safe arrived at the City of Boston after a Disagreeable passage of 9 weeks & 1 day."

The Society plans to publish the Grandin diary in its entirety and appropriately edited as a Bicentennial project.

Norman C. Wittwer

Notes & Queries

Address correspondence to "Genealogical Committee. (Listings free to members. Non-member rates: 25 cents per line; \$1.00 inquiry charge to non-members.)

HUFF: SPROWLS: Desire information on John Huff b. 1770, wife Rachel b. 1772, their dau. Mahala b. 1813. Removed to Ontario County, New York 1824-35. Peter Sprowls b. 1806-1807 also moved to Ontario County, N.Y. Desire anything on Sprowls family. Terry G. Tanner, 2256 Eastman Road, Midland, Michigan. 48640.

DILTS, HUFF, SHEPERD: Assistance needed on Joseph Dilts family. He m. Mary Jane Huff. Their dau. Elizabeth b. 1835 m. Benj. Sheperd. Mary J. Huff and dau. Elizabeth appear in 1850 census Raritan Twp. Joseph Dilts does not appear in 1850 or 1840 census Raritan Twp. Want to know where he is buried and who parents were. Thomas F. Edwards, 603 Burton Ave., Northfield, N.J. 08225

CREVELING: Gathering data for publication of a book, "The Creveling Family in America". A section of the family farmed at Asbury in early times. Wish assistance in gathering everything pertaining to the Creveling name. Walter Smith-Bissell, 8878 193 St., Hollis, N.Y. 11423

Papers of the Hunterdon County Historical Society

(papers read before the Society: both published and unpublished) Continued from Vol. 8, nos. 1-3, p-10)

HARING, A.B.

How to gain wealth, 1900.

Who are our friends? (friends around us in the animal world). 1898.

HAYHURST, Walter T.

Memorial of Jacob Servis, 1892.

Memorial sketch of the life of Dr. George H. Larison. 1893.

HEATH, E.M.

History and genealogy of the Roberson family 1889.

HERR, Frederick. (Col.)

Brigadier-General George W. Taylor. 1961.

JONES, Horatio Gates

Kinnersley. The American electrician. 1887.

KLINE, James A.

Extracts from the diaries of the Blackwell and Haward families relating to the early history of Flemington Academy. 1901.

KUGLER, John B. (The Rev.)

The beginning of the Presbyterian church at Frenchtown, N.J. 1896.

Memorial of Nathaniel W. Voorhees. 1910.

The Reading family (in connection with the Eastern Presbyterian Congregation in Amwell 1910.

LARISON, Cornelius Wilson, M.D.

The ancient village of Amwell. 1908.

A Williamson family of Amwell. 1909.

LARISON, George Holcombe, M.D.

Biographical sketch of John and Jacob Holcombe and their descendants. 1886.

The Boss family in America. 1906.

Coryell's Ferry in the Revolution. n.d.

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