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# NEW VIEWPOINT ON THE REVOLUTION Subject of Fall Meeting

The Fall meeting of the Hunterdon County Historical Society will be held November 10th at 2 p.m. in the Assembly room of the Methodist Church.

The featured speaker will be Thomas B. Wilson of Lambertville. Mr. Wilson's topic "Behind the lines of the American Revolution" will reveal interesting sidelights on the clandestine activities behind the battle lines of the Revolution.

Mr. Wilson, a graduate of Columbia University, was formerly director of the Fairleigh Dickinson University library at Madison, New Jersey. He gave up that vocation to engage full time in genealogical work as a profession.

Recently he was awarded a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission to study a particular phase of the American Revolutionary War. Mr. Wilson's talk will disclose interesting information found in connection with his grant research.

The meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

## FALL MEETING

Sunday, November 10th, at 2 p.m.

Flemington Methodist Church 2 Maple Avenue

## HUNTERDON HISTORICAL NEWSLETTER

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## **Certificate of Official Recognition**

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East Amwell, New Jersey

for designation as a Bicentennial Community

## EAST AMWELL HAS HISTORIC CEREMONY

### EAST AMWELL BECOMES FIRST BICENTENNIAL COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY

East Amwell Township was the first community in Hunterdon County to receive designation as a bicentennial community. The township project is a history of the township in the eighteenth century to be published early in 1976, with photographs, maps, a roster of Amwell residents who served in the Revolutionary War and a special section on colonial recipes. The event was marked with special ceremony on October 25, when Congressman Joseph Maraziti presented a flag and certificate to James Giaquinto, East Amwell Mayor, and Erica Bevis, Chairperson of the township's Bicentennial Committee. Prepublication orders will be taken by the Committee.

The flag and certificate were awarded to East Amwell after review of their proposal by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration in Washington, which is empowered to make the designations. The States' bicentennial commissions participate in review of all such requests for designation.

#### EDITORIAL

In the Autumn of 1965, the Hunterdon Historical Newsletter as it was called, was published by the Hunterdon County Historical Society. It was Vol. 1, No. 1, and was the introduction to nine years of interesting and varied stories of the people and institutions of Hunterdon County, with the historical background which did much to create a lively, steady growing interest in many facets of the history of the County.

In "A Message From The President" in that first issue Norman C. Wittwer gave a clear outline of the purposes of the *Newsletter*. They have guided each Publication Committee through these nine years, and they are well worth repeating at the beginning of this tenth year, to test the extent of the ability to carry out the original purposes of this *Newsletter*, and the additions or deviations which the years have brought.

If anyone remembers the purposes as Mr. Wittwer listed them it would be very unusual and the membership has grown several times the original number, so it might be wise to list some of those purposes again. They were:

- a) to publish three issues each year-Autumn Winter and Spring.
- b) to include announcement of the forthcoming meeting, plus an abstract, if available, of the paper to be presented at the meeting.
- c) to give news of activities of the Society, recent acquisitions, names of new members, lists of newly published books.
- d) to print a "Notes and Queries" column. . concerning Hunterdon history or genealogy.
- e) to plan for including an article of local historic interest with each issue, perhaps as an insert. We welcome members' contributions of short historical papers.

Do any of these "purposes" sound familiar? If so, it is a compliment to those who worked so hard on the Committee. Do you have suggestions for any changes or additions? If you do, please let the Publication Committee know. We will be grateful for any suggestions and help, for we know that the members working together can make each issue interesting and intriguing.

Lenore Vaughn-Eames, *Chairman* Carl Moore Lawrence Grow Walter J. Young Phyllis D. Autrechy Roxanne Carkhuff

## **Notes & Queries**

Address correspondence to Genealogical Committee. Listings of 10 lines free to members, nonmember rates are 25 cents per line.

ANDERSON, TIGER, ANTHONY: Data needed for publication of Anderson Genealogy. John Anderson, Lebanon Twp., b. 1770. Dau Anna m Christopher Tiger. Their dau Catherine m Philip Anthony. Mrs. Eva. Anderson Williamson, 209 S. Main St., Pennington, N.J. 08534.

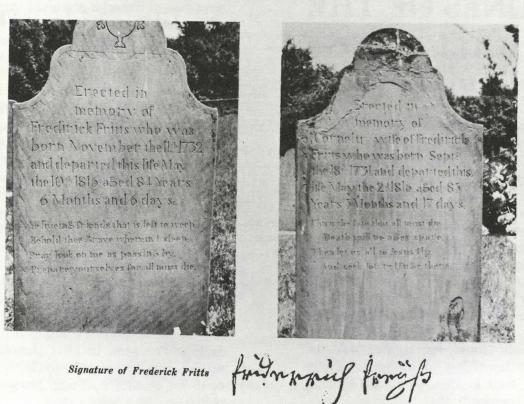
THATCHER, LARGE, ROOKS: Desire children of James Thatcher, d. 1799 N.J. Wife Mary Large, widow. Data on Hillman William Thatcher who owned 16 acres in Delaware Twp., Hunterdon County, m Catherine Rooks 1846, she died 1849. He m 2nd Mary Ann Rooks who d. 1850; m 3rd Julia Ann Rooks 6/11/1853. Nellie Thatcher, 6446 Regular, Detroit, Mich. 48209.

PICKEL, NEIGHBOR, VAN HORN, MELNICK, TRIMMER: Desire info Fred Pickel (1720-1820), Fox Hill, wife Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. Was father John Nicholas who settled in Hunterdon circa 1735? Info on Leonhard Neighbor (Nachbar) 1698-1766, settled German Valley. Origins of Abraham Van Horn, White House; John William Melick's relationship to Jonas Moelich. Am collecting vital records from Trimmer bibles and exchanging data on early families of Amwell Twp. Robert Trimmer, 2724 Briarwood Blvd., Goshen, Ind. 46526.

SHROPE/SROPE: Family records sought for book in preparation. Shrope family settled Hunterdon circa 1750 near Norton. Some migration to Warren County and Easton, Pa. Need present address of any living Shropes, also dates and places of births, marriages and deaths. Miss Irene L. Shrope, 700 Wincester Rd., Apt. 24, San Jose, Cal. 95128. (NOTE: Miss Shrope included a list of families who married into the Shrope family. Anyone wishing a copy of the list, send SASE to the Society.)

CLINE, KLINE, KLEIN: Seeking ancestors of Godfrey Cline, b. 9/1778, Pa. or N.J.; d. 2/1855 Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa. Married Mary ?Kephard? b. 1787 Pa. or N.J.; d. 1867 near Williamsport, Pa. Children John, Elizabeth, Thomas, Mary, Catherine, Sarah, Charles, Kephart, Jacob, Amanda. Some of Godfrey's relatives may have moved to Shelby County, Kentucky about 1790. Mrs. Charlotte G. Russell, 4930 Battery Lane, Bethesda, Md. 20014.

#### Spruce Run Cemetery Head Stones



Signature of Frederick Fritts

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### BOOK REVIEW

FREDERICK FRITTS AND HIS DESCENDANTS by Frederic B. Emery, M.D., Cloth, illustrated, index, 120 pp. Arrow Printing Company, Salina, Kansas

An early German family, whose patriarch settled in northern Hunterdon County about 1760, is detailed in a genealogy recently published by Dr. Frederic Barrett Emery, a member of the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

Frederick Fritts (1732-1816) and his wife Cornelia Jewell (1731-1816), resided near the present Spruce Run area of Lebanon Township. They were the parents of seven children, and Dr. Emery's work details the descendants of those six who married, not only of the sons, William, Frederick, George and Morris, but the two daughters, Catharine and Elizabeth, as well. Thus valuable data on the early Able and Lunger families, into which these girls respectively married, is given.

The book is divided into sections, each devoted to one of the Fritts children, carrying his or her line as far down to the present generation as possible. Each family unit is followed by a list of references, and in the early generations a bit of personal history is also given. An unfortunate drawback of the genealogy is its exceedingly complicated numbering system, which is not only awkward, but is unexplained as to how to use it. But in all the book's complete index, and delightful gallery of photographs, (including shots of the early Fritts tombstone at the Spruce Run Lutheran Church cemetery, and early family members), make it one that is most appealing, not only to a member of the Fritts family, but anyone interested in an early Hunterdon County family.

Shortly after the Fritts genealogy was released, Dr. Emery, a prominent and well-known surgeon of Concordia, Kansas, died on June 28, 1974, at the age of 57. His Frederick Fritts and His Descendants, as well as his other genealogy, Conrad Emery and His Descendants (1970), another founding family of Hunterdon County, remain as fine tribute to his genealogical endeavors. Copies of the Fritts genealogy may be purchased from Mrs. F.B. Emery, 1519 Highland Drive, Concordia, Kansas 66901 for \$10.50.

# FORTUNES OF THE MARSHALL HOUSE IN LAMBERTVILLE

James Wilson Marshall discovered gold in California in 1848, which led to the gold rush, admission of California as a state and expansion of the United States "from sea to shining sea". Marshall's boyhood home at 60 Bridge Street in Lambertville has been in process of restoration by the state of New Jersey for the past seven years. Inside, the Lambertville Historical Society is equipping two historic rooms and a museum, which will be open to the public this fall. The Marshall House was accepted by the National Park Service for the National Register of Historic Places in December, 1970.

The Marshall House, of course, was the creation not of James but of his father. Philip Marshall had it built in 1816 on a tract of land containing "44 perches" that he bought from Joseph Lambert. The deed<sup>1</sup> specified

"Said Philip Marshall his heirs and assigns is not at any time to keep an inn or tavern on said lot."

The Lamberts had built their four-story inn a few doors west on Bridge Street only four years before, and needed no competition from the Marshalls.

The architect and builder of the Federal style Marshall House are unknown. The room arrangement is simple - hallway front to back along the east side, two rooms off this hall, stairway to the second floor, upstairs one large room front (partition removed) and one room and hall to the attic at the rear.

The Marshalls occupied two lots, one 30 feet and one 33 feet. Slight additional front footage was added in 1831. The depth of the lots, 200 feet, indicated the expansion of buildings to the rear.

Philip Marshall moved into this brick house in 1816 with his wife Sarah, their six year old son and future gold discoverer James, and two year old daughter.Abigail. Over the years three more daughters were born – Rebecca, Mary and Sarah H.

Seven people, then, made up the Marshall family. The United States Census of  $1830^2$ , however, listed nine people in the house, the family plus a young man in the 15-20 age group (perhaps an apprentice) and a 3 to 6 year old girl.

Philip Marshall was a man of affairs in the community. He served as Justice of the Hunterdon

County Court beginning in 1822. He and his wife were two of five who organized the Baptist Church of Lambertville in 1825. (The Marshall House and the Baptist Church stand opposite each other on Bridge Street today.) Philip Marshall was a wheelwright and wagonmaker by trade, and kept his shop next to the house.

Traces of Philip Marshall's life appear in the pages of Hunterdon County's first weekly newspaper, the Gazette and Farmer's Advertiser<sup>3</sup>, beginning March 24, 1825. That July, an advertisement listed Philip Marshall as administrator in the sale of the land of Peter Horn, deceased. In September, 1827 his name appeared as "attorney" in the sale of the house and lot of Andrew Kirkpatrick. In August, 1828, Philip Marshall with Jacob B. Smith and P.W. Appleton placed an ad entitled "Look Here!" for Thomas Green's Patent Lever Power Mortising Machine. Later that year, Marshall's name appeared on the Executive Committee of Amwell Township to elect Andrew Jackson President. In 1831 Hezekiah Elwood advertised that \$10 reward would be paid by himself or in his absence by Philip Marshall, Esq. for apprehension of a certain thief.

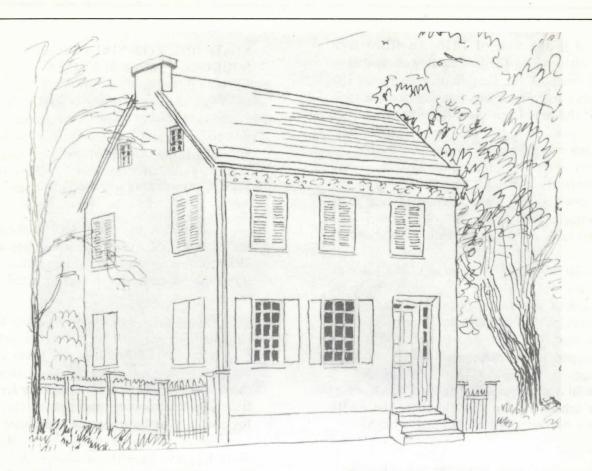
Some reason, perhaps the offer of high wages in a financially depressed season, prompted Philip Marshall to leave Lambertville for a job on the new railroad being built between Washington D.C. and Baltimore. There he contracted typhus and died. His death notice appeared in the *Gazette* of October 1, 1834:

> "DIED, on Thursday last, the 25th ult, on the Railroad line between Baltimore and Washington, where he has been some time engaged as a contractor, PHILIP MARSHALL, Esq. of Lambertville, a Judge of the Court in this county. On Saturday his remains were brought to Lambertville for interment."

His brother William Marshall and his former partner, Jacob B. Smith, served as administrators, and his estate was inventoried on October 3, 1834.

In the Inventory<sup>4</sup>, the most expensive items of furniture were the "eight day brass clock and case \$20", "stripped woolen carpet 23 yds \$12", and "settee and two foot stools \$8.75". Other furniture included 22 Windsor chairs, four bedsteads and a cot (two people to a bed plus one equals nine people of the 1830 Census), two "chard" tables, three bureaus (cherry, mahogany front, and "old"), one large and one small looking glass, and fireplace equipment.

Other household utensils were a meal chest, clothes horse, wash tub, tea waiters, two spinning wheels, barrel filled with wool, barrel of vinegar,



Original sketch of the Marshall House, Lambertville, N.J., done by Inez McCombs in August 1974;

soap tub, bake iron, churn, lye pail, one ten plate stove and one cooking stove.

Just after the "old work bench in back yard", the inventory listed "one two horse sleigh one ditto for one horse \$24" and a "fancy Dearborn waggon & harness for one horse \$30". Were these Philip Marshall's family vehicles? No horses or other livestock are listed. Further along, among the "work shop", "shop cellar" and "shop chamber" things, were "interest in new sleigh two thirds \$25, interest in new Sulkey, two thirds \$33, interest in one other Sulkey, two thirds \$20."

A little over a year later, on November 25, 1835, Philip Marshall's real estate was advertised for sale in the *Gazette*:

"Lot No. 1. On the north side of Bridge Street containing 67 feet front and 200 feet deep, adjoining lands late of Mercy Coryell and others. On this lot is a good two story\_Brick House  $25\frac{1}{2}$  feet front by 27 feet back, with two rooms on the first floor and an entry through, and three rooms on the second floor, a garret etc., a brick kitchen adjoining, 16 x 18 feet with a good well of water at the door under cover of a shed; also on said lot a large wheelwright shop, barn, and other outbuildings, such as a woodhouse, smokehouse, hogpen etc. Lot No. 2 lies on the east side of No. 1, 40 feet front and 200 feet deep, a handsome building lot etc."

This description would seem to settle the controversy about how much house existed when the Marshalls knew it, since more rooms were added later and then all but the front part,  $25\frac{1}{2} \times 27$ feet, torn down in 1966.

Gershom Lambert bought the house and lot in 1836, and sold it in 1841 to Mira, Sarah, Cornelia and Hannah Coryell. Hannah sold to Hugh B. Ely in 1873. Ely sold it to the Catholic Church of St. John the Evangelist in 1882. The teaching sisters of the church school used the house as their convent. The Church deeded the house to the State of New Jersey in 1966.

When the Sisters of Mercy lived in the Marshall House, it was joined by inside doorways to the house on the east. In 1966 the rear part and the house next door were torn down. The remaining back wall of brick was pierced by six doorway openings. This wall had to be completely rebuilt of new brick, because not enough of the old large bricks were available.

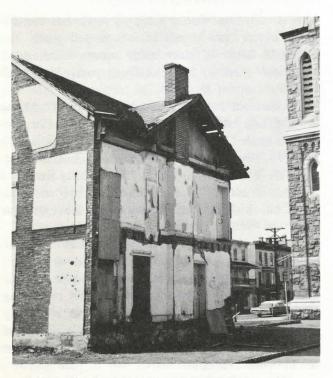
The window openings had to be "unmodernized" to smaller dimensions, and small-pane sashes installed. In the parlor, a fireplace mantel was reconstructed in the style of 1816. An office, lavatory and stairway to the basement was created in the small space of the first floor back room. Upstairs, marks uncovered on floor and ceiling indicated that the large front room had once been two. The room was left whole, however, for a museum and meeting room. In 1966, the attic had one plastered room with a small window looking toward the Delaware River bridge. The board and batten door to this room has old wavy glass panels, allowing outside light from the other small attic window to enter. Now, all the attic is finished and usable.

The restoration of the exterior of the Marshall House is complete. It is not a total home, but a combination of historic rooms, small museum, and headquarters for the Lambertville Historical Society. Basement, first floor, second floor and attic are usefully equipped for workrooms, exhibits, meetings and storage.

Official dedication and opening of the Marshall House is scheduled for this October, the 164th anniversary of James Wilson Marshall's birth.

- 1. In the Hunterdon County, New Jersey Hall of Records
- 2. In the Hunterdon County Historical Society Library
- 3. In the Hunterdon County Historical Society Library
- 4. In the New Jersey State Library, Trenton

by Marjorie Congram, Curator Lambertville Historical Society



Side and back of house before restoration, showing connection with back rooms and house on the east.

#### STATE BICENTENNIAL OFFICE SOURCE OF MANY SERVICES

The New Jersey Bicentennial Celebration Commission is offering a variety of services to citizens, organizations and communities to foster the celebration of the American Revolutionary era. The State commission office is at 379 West State Street, Trenton, 08618, and the telephone number is (609) 292-6576.

Individuals may receive a free subscription to the bicentennial newsletter, which began its schedules monthly appearance in September. Articles of statewide interest are being solicited for future issues.

Teachers are encouraged to apply through the commission for a number of special services in the State's Bureau of Archives and History, including bibliographies and other source material, a free three-hour workshop on teaching New Jersey history from original sources, and special class programs for students in fourth grade and above which can be schedules in the Archives Exhibit Room of the State Library, all without charge. A bibliography of books in print on the role of New Jersey in the Revolution has already been published by the State commission office.

Organizations and interested groups of citizens may wish to consult the brochure "Films Relating to the 200th Anniversary of the United States of America, Her Past, Present and Future." Over 35 films, available free or for nominal rental charge, are described briefly, including a broad spectrum of topics on arts and crafts and culture in many regions of colonial America.

In keeping with the three-fold interest in the past, present, and future, communities which wish to be designated Bicentennial Communities are invited to organize a committee to develop programs expressing their heritage, their present accomplishments, and their hopes for the future. The broad perspective is intended to reflect the national motto: "A past to remember; a future to mold." The designation means inclusion of the community's bicentennial activity in the records of the national bicentennial history.

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UNPUBLISHED CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

KINGWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Organized 1763. (Continued from Vol. 9, No. 3, p. 8)

- HORNER, Elizabeth, w Nathaniel B., d May 9, 1855, 52–2–0.
- HORNER, Nathaniel B., d Jan. 16, 1855, 57–3–28.
- HOUSEL, Abby, dau. Wilson & Abby, d Oct. 7, 1830, 6–0–5.
- HOUSEL, Susan Pearson, dau. Wilson & Abby, d April 17, 1823, 5–0–2.
- HOUSEL, William Lowrey, son Wilson & Abby, d March 5, 1809, 0-7-0.
- HOUSEL, William Lowrey, son Wilson & Abby, d May 31, 1830, 0-15-0.
- HYDE, Amos, C.O.D. 30th N.J. Inf.
- JOHNSON, Mary G., w Barnett E., d March 24, 1891, 57 years.
- JOHNSON, Richard F., son Barnett E. & Mary G., d at age 2–7–0.
- JOHNSON, Richard, d May 12, 1846, age 51st year.
- LOTT, Henry, d Nov. 20, 1863, 73-3-21.
- LOTT, Anna, w Henry d Nov. 26, 1874, 75-5-25.
- LOTT, Samuel, son Henry & Anna, d June 6, 1834, in the 13th year of his age.
- LOTT, Samuel, d Jan. 13, 1819, 47th year.
- LOTT, Mary, w Samuel, d Nov. 10, 1868, 94–9–25.
- LOWREY, Thomas, Esq., d Nov. 10, 1809, 73rd year.
- LOWREY, Esther, relict of Thomas, d Oct. 13, 1814, 76th year.
- LOWREY, Samuel, son Thomas & Esther, d Feb. 14, 1791, 26–11–10.
- LOWREY, William, d March 13, 1802, 42 years.
- LOWREY, Martha, w William, d Aug. 29, 1835, 74–8–15.
- LOWREY, Thomas How, s William & Martha, d
- Feb. 16, 1790, 4–8–11. McCLOUGHAN, Sarah, w James, d Sept. 24,
  - 1856, 64–9–12.

47th year. MACKEY, Rebecca, dau. Lewis D. & Eliza Ann, d March 10, 1844, 0-0-6. MENAGH, Joseph, d Jan. 21, 1848, 76-8-20. MIRES, Infant dau. Joseph & Martha, d June 26, 1816. OPDYKE, Infant dau. George & Eliza. (Stryker), Aug. 1830. PITTENGER, William, d Sept. 4, 1861, 37-6-27. PITTENGER, Elizabeth, d June 7, 1879, 82-7-28. PRALL, Jeremiah, d Sept. 14, 1854, 54-10-29. PRALL, Sarah Ann, dau. Jeremiah & Mary, d Sept. 3, 1810, 7-years. PRALL, John, d May 4, 1813, 84-0-3. PRALL, Susanna, w John, d June 10, 1815, 76-6-10. PRALL, John, d Sept. 28, 1847, 78-7-15. PRALL, Dinah, w John d Jan. 22, 1862. 77-10-0. PRALL, Josiah d Aug. 1, 1829, 61-7-22. PRALL, Sarah, w Josiah, d March 14, 1848, 69-10-15. PRALL, Sutton, (Soldier) d Jan. 19, 1868, 21-11-1.

McGILL, Doct. William, d June 23, 1815,

- PRALL, Uriah, d Dec. 31, 1888, 83-1-1.
- PRALL, Catharine Snyder, w Uriah, d Feb. 5, 1898, 79–2–1.

### HUNTERDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Officers and Trustees 1974-75

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Everyone has deep in their heart the old town where they first went barefooted, got their first licking, traded their first pocket knife, grew up and finally went away thinking they were too big for that burg. But that's where your old heart is." That was a saying of Will Rogers, famous comedian of the troubled times of the early 1930's.

I can recall that Mr. Rogers was greatly enjoyed as an entertainer because he could touch the heartstrings of the American people in such a way as to set the present in perspective with the past. So often we think our situation so great today, either bad or good as our case may be, that we forget the past. We need a little shaking up now and then to appreciate how far we have progressed; to smile at ourselves in today's styles looking a lot like yesteryear; to enjoy the recollection of characters and events of times gone by.

There are many benefits in recollections of the past. Goodness knows the advertising agencies make good use of the idea. And we'll see more of it as the Bicentennial celebrations pick up momentum.

The Historical Society has a mission to provide through its library at the Doric House and hopefully a museum there in the next year, through meetings and publications of the Society the vehicle to give our members and those who walk with us, the means of enjoying local history.

Just a word about the organization of the Society. The Annual Meeting is held in March of each year, at which time election of trustees takes place. The Board of Trustees, consisting of twelve members, shall have custody of all property and funds belonging to the Society and shall have entire control and regulation of its affairs. It shall be the duty of the president to appoint committees to assist in the carrying out of the Society's purposes.

It is a source of pride to have so many fine people serving on the Society's various committees. Names of the committees appear elsewhere in this letter. There is much work to be done in the Society. If you are not now involved and would like to be, please let me know of your interest.

K. V. Myers, President

YOUR SUPPORT AT THIS STAGE OF THE SOCIETY'S DEVELOPMENT IS VALUED MORE THAN EVER!

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We wish to welcome the following new members who have joined the Hunterdon County Historical Society since April 1, 1974.

Mrs. Arthur Bartle, Asbury Rev. William H. Bender, Califon Ms. Helen O. Bowman, St. Louis, Missouri Gordon Connor, Hyattsville, Maryland Charles P. Conover, Gladstone Thomas Hull, W. Lafayette, Indiana Verna A. Jacob, Salt Lake City, Utah (Life Member) Mr. and Mrs. David McGrail, Hopewell Mrs. Blanche O'Brien, Delaware, Ohio Rev. David A. Ramsey, Haddon Heights

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### TWO HUNTERDON RESIDENTS RECEIVE BICENTENNIAL HISTORY GRANTS

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Thomas B. Wilson of Lambertville and Charles H. Riddle, a teacher in the Bethlehem Township School, West Portal, have been awarded grants for original research in New Jersey history by the New Jersey Historical Commission.

Mr. Wilson's project is a study of the Revolutionary War era in New Jersey through analysis of the records of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Mr. Riddle received his grant, which was awarded under the Bicentennial Teacher Project Grant Program, for a history of Bethlehem Township in the colonial and the Revolutionary War eras.