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## Famous Author Thomas Fleming will speak at Fall Meeting Nov. 21st.

Thomas J. Fleming's desire to explore what he calls "the roots of American character," which he believes are most visible in the colonial and Revolutionary periods, has led him to become a prolific author and popular historian. In the last sixteen years he has written eight history books and eight novels; the latest books being *1776: Year of Illusions* and *Liberty Tavern*, a novel set in the Revolution. *The Forgotten Victory* dealing with the Battle of Springfield, New Jersey in 1780, received an award of merit from the American Association of State and Local History and Fleming was named a Distinguished Fellow for 1975 by the New Jersey Historical Society.

Members and friends of the Hunterdon County Historical Society are invited to the Fall Meeting on November 21, at 2 p.m. in the Little Theater at Hunterdon Central High School. The Trustees of the Society are pleased to present as the guest speaker Thomas J. Fleming. "I am convinced," says Fleming, "that a realistic approach to the Revolution is far better than the approach I call 'the golden glow,' which pictures everyone in 1776 as a combination super-patriot and genius." Fleming has followed a policy in his writings which has proved successful for him: go beyond the facts and dates to evoke living human beings.

Arrangements have been made for the Society to offer for sale Mr. Fleming's most recent publications, which he will autograph the day of the meeting.

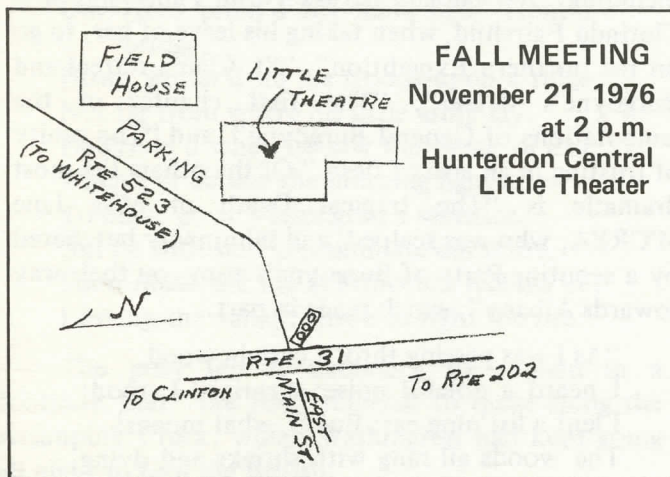


## Plans to Reprint Beers Atlas — Only 95 of 500 Snell's Remain

Do you have a history buff on your Christmas gift list? A copy of the reprint of James P. Snell's 1881 HISTORY OF HUNTERDON & SOMERSET COUNTIES, N.J. would be a thoughtful gift. This complete two volume set in corrugated mailing container is available at \$37 and may be purchased at the Fall Meeting November 21, or at the Doric House at any time.

The Society is planning to reprint 300 copies of the 1873 edition of Beers, Comstock and Cline's ATLAS OF HUNTERDON COUNTY, N.J. in original colors. The Atlas will be original size of 13½" x 16" with all 77 pages, including the large fold-out maps. One section shows the Townships divided into school districts with each district printed in its own color. The book also contains maps of 32 towns and villages in Hunterdon County in 1873 plus maps of the fourteen townships — Alexandria, Bethlehem, Clinton, Delaware, East Amwell, Franklin, High Bridge, Kingwood, Lebanon, Raritan, Readington, Tewksbury, Union and West Amwell. Family names, home locations, shops, schools, and businesses are all shown.

The pre-publication price, effective until December 25, is \$50. Delivery is anticipated on or about April 1, 1977. If interest is not such that this project is feasible, your payment will be returned to you at the end of December. Books will be reserved on the basis of date checks are received by the Society.





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## Hunterdon Taverns aid Rebel Cause with Patriotic Poems

*(This article is an excerpt from "The Tavern At The Crossroads" by David L. Ringo, copyright 1976. Mr. Ringo, a Life member of the Society from Covington, Kentucky, expects the book to be available for distribution in the Summer of 1977.*

*Members of the Ringo family kept a tavern in Amwell Township for over forty years. Following John Ringo's death in 1779, it was rented to Henry Mershon. "The Tavern At The Crossroads" results from Mr. Ringo's life-long interest in genealogy and history.)*

Isaac Collins is sometimes called the "Liberty Editor" for his vigorous use of pen, paper and printing press in backing the American cause during the Revolution. His "New Jersey Gazette" was commissioned by the New Jersey Legislature in 1777 to fill the void caused by there being newspapers published only at Philadelphia and New York City. Despite financial problems caused in large part by a minimum of paid subscriptions, Collins weekly produced a very readable paper, which in the absence of stage coaches, was carried by express riders to all parts of the news-starved state.

Deliveries were primarily made to the taverns in each community and no doubt the day of its delivery brought considerable business to the establishments where local citizenry waited for the latest reports of fighting and messages from their new government.

Early in 1779 a small thin pamphlet from New England must have found its way to Collins' print shop in Trenton and the fervor of its wording must

have seemed most timely to the Jersey editor. The message it contained in verse form was of such a patriotic nature and in such a good cause that without even a credit line for its author, Collins soon published it nearly in its entirety. His announcement in the *New Jersey Gazette* explained that his new publication, a pamphlet, contained "Poems on several Occurrences in the Present Grand Struggle for AMERICAN LIBERTY," which could be bought at his "Printing Office" for five shillings. They might also be purchased of John Ringo, Nathan Hickson and John Abbott in Amwell, and from other patriots in Pennington, Hopewell, Maidenhead, Princeton and Cranbury.

The poems, apparently designed to bolster the Rebel cause and raise funds for it, had first been published in New Haven, Connecticut in 1778 and were so popular there that a second edition was printed in the same year. The poems, according to the "History of Trenton" (1929) were written by the Reverend Wheeler Case, who in a foreword says, "... he entertained a hope that they might have some tendency toward promoting the glorious cause of Liberty; and so concluded to print them. If the friends of liberty should be of the same mind with him, he hopes they will be good enough to excuse poetical errors, as he has never made the art of poetry his study."

He goes on to state, "As for others, he is not concerned about them, being persuaded the time is drawing nigh, when they will be fully convinc'd that Liberty is preferable to Slavery, and Independency is much better than being dependent upon a prince, who chooses that they should live no longer than during his pleasure or submit to abject Slavery: And being thus convinc'd, they will not only excuse errors of this kind, but will bless even those that cast but their one mite into the Treasury."

The little volume contained eight poems including "A Dialogue between Col. Paine and Miss Clorinda Fairchild, when taking his leave of her, to go on the northern Expedition", "St. Clair's retreat and Burgoyne's defeat", "The first chapter of the lamentations of General Burgoyne", and "The vanity of trusting in an arm of flesh." Of the others the most dramatic is "The tragical Death of Miss Jane M'CREA, who was scalped, and inhumanly butchered by a scouting Party of Burgoyne's army, on their way towards Albany", which reads in part,

"As I was passing thro' a certain wood,  
I heard a doleful noise; surprized I stood:  
I lent a list'ning ear: But O, what moans!  
The woods all rang with shrieks and dying  
groans:



As I advanced along, before me lay,  
 A lady richly dres'd, her name M'Crea:  
 Stretched on the ground, and struggling  
     there with death,  
 She cannot live, she must resign her breath.  
 The cursed Indian knife, the cruel blade,  
 Had cut her scalp, they'd tore it from her  
     head;  
 The blood is gushing forth from all her  
     veins,  
 Is this that b'ooming fair? Is this M'Crea?  
 This was appointed for her nuptial day,  
 Instead of smiles, and a most brilli'nt bride,  
 Her face besmear'd with blood, her raiment  
     died:"<sup>1</sup>

Another, "An Answer for the Messengers of the Nation", tells of Washington's retreat in December 1776 and subsequent triumphs.

"See Washington thro' Jersey State retreat.  
 His foes rejoice — they thought that he was  
     beat.  
 Howe him pursues with speed, he presses  
     on,  
 He thought the day his own, the victory  
     won.

The secret friends of George their off'rings  
     bring.  
 They boldly raise their heads, and own  
     their king:  
 A gloom is spread around alas, what grief!  
 We know not where to go to find relief.  
 A storm of snow and hail the Lord sent  
     down,  
 A blessed season this for Washington:  
 He now return'd, and thro' the storm he  
     press'd,  
 And caught twelve hundred Hessians in  
     their nest.  
 Our Hero pitch'd his tents near Trenton  
     bridge,  
 Howe gather'd all his troops upon a ridge,  
 Not far from where his little army lay,  
 Determin'd when he saw the break of day,  
 When e'er he saw the morning light arise,  
 To make great Washington a sacrifice.  
 But he with skill consummate did retire,  
 Soon made the foe at Princeton feel his ire,  
 Leaving the valiant Howe to fight the fire."

The poet felt it necessary to explain in a footnote that "the fire" referred to those along the Assunpink Creek, which Washington had kept going all night to fool the British.

The "piece de resistance" of the booklet though, at least in the poet's mind, was the leadoff one entitled, "A Contest betwixt the Eagle and the Crane, Composed Feb. 1776", which even carries a seal-like illustration with its Latin motto, "Exitus in Dubio Non Est" — "The outcome is not in doubt!" This poem is of particular interest since it depicts Great Britain as the eagle, an item which might, perhaps, have given pause to later officials of the United States in their choice of national symbols.



The morning all serene, the weather fair,  
 I walk'd abroad to take the pleasant air,  
 As I pursued my walk and rais'd my eye,  
 I saw an Eagle soaring toward the sky.  
 He spread his wings and skim'd along with  
     ease.

Like a swift ship that's sailing o'er the seas.  
 With Agur (augur?) I was struck, with great  
     surprise,

To see him form his circles in the skies;  
 From his exalted sphere he now with pride  
 And scorn look'd down on every bird  
     beside:

From this proud bird I turn my eyes  
     around,

And saw a Crane upon a marshy ground.  
 She had no ill design, no ill she fear'd,  
 No proud or haughty airs in her appear'd:  
 In a defenceless state alone she stood,  
 Her time employed in picking up her food:

'Till from aloft the eagle swiftly flies,  
 And quick as lightning darted from the  
     skies



And struck her down: There on her back  
she lies.

How sudden and severe is the arrest?  
He fix'd his crooked talons in her breast.  
I thought for quarters she aloud would cry,  
Or else, it seemed, she certainly must die.  
But does she flinch, or does she cry? not so  
She is resolv'd to die or kill her foe.  
Resentment does her injured breast inspire  
With dauntless courage and a martial fire:  
The little champion boldly rais'd her head  
From off the ground where she before had  
fed;  
Her bill now pierc'd his throat, nor fears  
the crane,  
She sucks the eagle's blood from every  
vein.  
He droops his wings, all languid are his  
eyes.  
He'll die unless he quits his hold and flies.

A Lively, striking emblem here you see,  
Of George the third, and Sons of Liberty  
This haughty Prince, when he began to  
reign,  
Did great exploits, defeated France and  
Spain.  
His heart with pride was swell'd and lifted  
high,  
He soar'd aloft like th' eagle in the sky.  
From his exalted height he now looked  
down,  
With pride and scorn, on all the kingdoms  
round  
Nor high enough; ambitious to be great,  
Sagely consults his minister of state.  
Betwixt them both, and with the Devil's  
aid,  
The horrid scheme is formed, the plan is  
laid,  
Millions of free-born subjects to enslave,  
And fix the yoke of bondage on the brave:  
To bow their necks beneath this iron yoke.  
They threaten death, and aim the fatal  
stroke.  
Their fleet with troops are hovering on the  
shore,  
With swords unsheathed, and awful  
cannon's roar.  
Like the fierce eagle darting from the skies,  
Strikes down America, prostrate she lies.  
Good Heavens! said I, how sudden the  
arrest

With glittering swords all pointed at their  
breast.

My heart was smote with grief, alas! said I,  
They'll lose their freedom, and their  
property  
Their souls too great! they know not how  
to yield,  
To cry for quarter, or to quit the field.  
Freedom's too dear to lose, in this grand  
strife,  
They'll risque their all, their treasure and  
their life.  
An innate courage in their bosom glows,  
Fearless they meet their most tremendous  
foes,  
With keen resentment now they raise their  
head  
Rush to the fight and strike the Britons  
dead,  
These with tormenting anguish feel the  
'bill',  
Witness the blood that drench'd all  
Bunker-hill.  
On this bless'd land, true liberty shall reign,  
While Britain's slaves despair and bite their  
chain.  
JEHOVAH'S on your side, Americans fear  
not,  
Your fatal 'bill' has pierc'd the lofty eagle's  
throat.  
The proud, imperious prince, now feels his  
pains,  
While fainting Britain bleeds thro' all her  
veins.  
Heart sick — she groans — we soon shall see  
her end,  
Unless she spreads her wings & flies before  
the wind."

No one knows how many of the 5 1/2 by 8 3/4  
inch pamphlet of twenty-four pages Isaac Collins  
printed, but they must have been passed from hand  
to hand until they were worn out, for to-day it is  
difficult, if not impossible, to find a legible copy of  
this early New Jersey imprint in this state.

David Leer Ringo

1. Jane McCrea was born in Bedminster Township, Somerset County, New Jersey, in 1753, being the second daughter of Reverend James McCrea who was then pastor of the Lamington Presbyterian Church. The family later moved to New York where three of Jane's brothers entered the American army when the Revolutionary War began, two of whom died at the Battle of Saratoga. Jane was murdered near Fort Edward, New York, shortly before her scheduled marriage on Sunday, July 27, 1777, to David Jones, a Loyalist, whose family also had migrated from Somerset County, New Jersey to New York. *A Historical Sketch of Miss Jane McCrea* by Dr. Henry Race was read before a meeting of the Hunterdon County Historical Society December 2, 1885, and at the New Jersey Historical Society meeting May 20, 1886.





## HUNTERDON'S LAST VETERANS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

# Daniel Ent

## Young Patriot, Feels Poverty as a Senior Citizen

Now Mr. Dallas if you Can do Something I Shall thank you a thousand times. I am old and Poor in my 76th year and Cant work no more. Mr. Dallas Remember I am one of your Children as Col.. Forrest told the Citizens of Philadelphia a few years ago.

These imploring lines from a letter dated "Amwell New Jersy January 12th 1833" were written by the seventy-five year old Daniel Ent, a "child" of the Revolutionary War. Like many of his fellow soldiers, Daniel, in later life, found himself in destitute means, and had to resort to the government for financial assistance. Because of his outstanding service during the War, the Pension Office was quick to grant him an annuity of \$80.00 per annum, which began on February 25, 1833.

The family of Jonathan and Jennie Ent held a reunion at Sandy Ridge, Hunterdon County, in November, 1905. Jonathan, who was born in Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, about 1866, was the son of John Ent, and his wife, who was a Hoppock. Jonathan's great grandfather was Daniel Ent, senior (1757 - 1847). On April 17, 1890, at Locktown, New Jersey, by Elder Jacob Rodenbaugh, Jonathan Ent married Jennie Gano, of Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, the daughter of Joseph Gano. The reunion may have been a belated celebration of the Ent's 25th wedding anniversary.

As will be seen, Daniel Ent's misfortunes in his declining years seemed to have been unusually severe for one born into the family of a tanner and yeoman of comfortable means, who owned a 410 acre farm in Hunterdon County.

Valentine Ent appears to have been the first of the name in the County. On July 27, 1750 he purchased of John Lambert, "of Kingwood", land in Amwell Township, adjoining the property of "Edward ffarrell, Garret Vandoloe" and Richard Green. In the early part of 1757 Valentine Ent and his wife, Susannah, became the parents of a son whom they named Daniel.

At the start of the Revolutionary War, young Daniel soon joined the American forces. In his letter of 1833, Daniel wrote concerning his service:



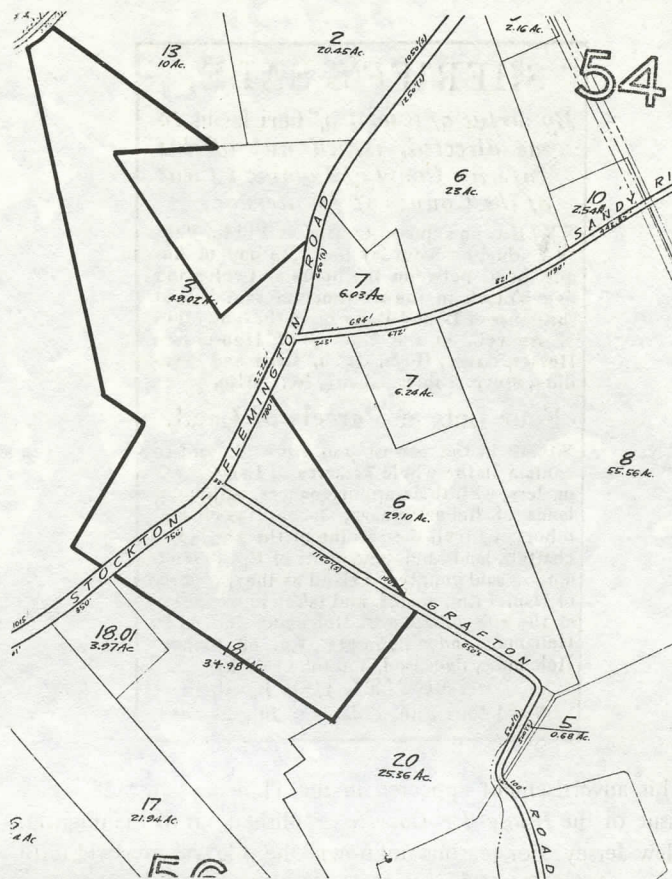
I have been [on] four Campains out of the City of Philladelphia two in 76. I was on[e] of the 15 hundred that went out of [Philadelphi] and joind Gen. washington at trenton falls one at Billingport and mud fort one the time the Batle of Germantown, I was in the Standing army under Gen. waine. I did belong to the first Pensilvania Redgment [under] Col. Chambers.

According to Daniel Ent's Application Papers, he enlisted for the term of one year in 1778, out of the State of Pennsylvania, in the Company commanded by Captain James Wilson. He served in this Company until December 30, 1780, when he was discharged at Morristown, New Jersey. During this time he served in the Battles of Germantown and Bergen Point. Pennsylvania records indicate that Daniel Ent was a "ranger on the frontier", for Northumberland County, in the period from 1778 to 1780. The same records also show that he served as a private in Captain James Wilson's Company, of the First Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Colonel James Chambers, for the months of September and October, 1780.

In 1781 Daniel Ent settled down in Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, and on July 30, 1783, he and Elizabeth Douglas, both described as being of "Amwell", were married by the Rev. William Frazer. Daniel was a blacksmith, and continued in this trade for many years. Through the years he purchased various properties in Amwell Township, all located "on the northerly side of the great road leading from Flemington to Howell's Ferry [now Stockton]". The "plantation" which Daniel established on this land was surrounded by property once belonging to his father, Valentine Ent, as well as others, including Peter Ent, Harmon Dilts, Benjamin Howell, Peter Bodine, Randle Mitchel and Robert Sharp. In all, Daniel's property came to seventy-seven acres.

Of Daniel and Elizabeth (Douglas) Ent's children, very little is known. There must have been a Daniel, junior, for the Veteran was often referred to as "Daniel Ent, sen." There was a Daniel Ent who married Ann Case on August 17, 1811, and were the parents of Amanda Ent. Daniel, senior and Elizabeth were also the parents of Elizabeth Ent, who was born in "Old Amwell", in 1794, and died in 1886. She married, October 17, 1816, Benjamin Opdycke, and they were the parents of five children. The elder Ent's also had a son John Ent, who married and had a son, John.

In time, Daniel was compelled to take out a mortgage on his property. On May 5, 1821 he obtained the mortgage from Richard Holcombe. By



The seventy-seven acres owned by Daniel Ent in Amwell Township, which he lost in 1825 at a Sheriff's Sale, was located "on the northerly side of the great road leading from Flemington to Howell's Ferry", which is now Route 523.

May, 1825, the administrators of the now deceased Holcombe, obtained a Judgement against "Daniel Ent, sen." The Veteran, who was by this time no longer blacksmithing "on account of his infirmity", was in debt to the amount of \$1,300.00. Therefore, on September 10, 1825, Daniel's land and his household effects were disposed of by a Sheriff's Sale held at his Amwell Township home. The auction brought \$1,021.70, \$200. short of what was needed.

As the head of a household consisting of himself, his wife Elizabeth, "aged about sixty six years, who is unable to support herself on account of a lameness in her leg", and two young grandchildren, and reduced to a few personal possessions coming to \$105.50, Daniel made application for a Pension on October 26, 1825, based on his Revolutionary War record.

His request apparently went unheeded until 1833, when Daniel personally contacted Mr. Dallas. He closed this letter with this desperate plea:

Sir if you should have good luke in doing something for me Please to send a few Lines to Mr. Coryell at New hope [Pennsylvania] as soon [as] Possible as I wont it badly.



## SHERIFF'S SALE.

*By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed, issued out of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County of Hunterdon,*

**W**ILL be exposed to sale, at Public Vendue, on Saturday the 13th day of August next, between the hours of twelve and five o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the house of Daniel Ent, sen. in the Township of Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Grain, Beds and Bedding, Stove, Tables, Chairs, &c. Also,

### Four Lots or Parcels of Land,

Situate in the township of Amwell, said to contain in the whole 77 acres of Land, more or less, with their appurtenances, adjoining lands of Robert Sharp, Jacob Howell and others, with all the residue of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the defendant, in said county. Seized as the property of Daniel Ent, senior, and taken in execution at the suit of John C. Holcombe and Allen Holcombe, administrators, &c. of Richard Holcombe, deceased, and to be sold by

**GABRIEL HOFF, Sh'ff.**

Dated June 10th, 1825. July 21-4t

This advertisement appeared in the Thursday, July 28, 1825 issue of the *Hunterdon Gazette*, published out of Flemington, New Jersey. For reasons unknown, the sale was not held until September 10, 1825, contrary to the August 13th date indicated.



The request worked, for a month later Daniel received his Pension.

Daniel spent his remaining years in Delaware Township, where his wife was the first to pass away. Elizabeth Douglas Ent died on June 10, 1845, in her eighty-third year, and was buried in the Rosemont Cemetery. Daniel died two years later, on June 30, 1847, in his 91st year, and was buried beside his wife.

A week after Daniel's death the following fitting tribute was published in the July 8, 1847 issue of the Trenton (New Jersey) *State Gazette*

**ANOTHER REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOT GONE** — *Departed this life, near Rosemont, Hunterdon county, N.J., on the 30th ult., DANIEL ENT, sen., in the 91st year of his age. He was at the battle of Germantown, and often described the conflict at Chew's house. That memorable event made a deep impression on his mind to the last year of his useful life.*



## Membership Report

We wish to welcome the following new members who have recently joined the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

Grace O. Bartnett, Hampton, N.J.  
Gretchen G. Claman, Denver, Colorado  
David W. Crabb, Hopewell, N.J.  
Stewart Morris, Garden Grove, Cal.  
James A. Murray, Trenton, N.J.  
Mrs. Carlton G. Smith, Newark, Ohio  
Paul E. Van Horn, Jamesburg, N.J.

**Mrs. Frederick Stothoff**  
Membership Chairman

### HOW TO JOIN

Hunterdon County Historical Society  
114 Main Street  
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Please enroll me as a member of your Society

Annual	\$5.00
Family	\$8.00
Contributing	\$10.00
Sustaining	\$25.00
Institutional	\$50.00 and up
Life	\$100.00
Patron	\$1,000.00 and up
Student, Age 18 or less	\$1.00

for which I enclose my remittance in the amount of \$ .....

Name .....

Address .....

## NOTES and QUERIES

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

**APGAR, HOFFMAN:** Louisa Apgar, b. 9/14/1837, m Aaron Hoffman. Both buried M. E. cemetery Gladstone, N.J. Was she dau of Peter & Ann Elizabeth (Cramer) Apgar? If not, who was her mother? Mrs. Lyman Willard, R.#1, Box 482, Red Bluff, Cal. 96080.

**SMITH, VAN HORN, CRUM:** Would appreciate information on parents of Elizabeth Smith, b. ca. 1740, Hunterdon County; m Abraham Van Horn ca. 1762. Her mother's name may have been Margarete. Also, proof that Abraham Van Horn & Antje Covenhoven were parents of Matthew Van Horn b ca. 1720 who married Nelly (Eleonar) Crum (Krom) ca. 1740 in Hunterdon. Paul E. Van Horn, 245-B Mayflower Way, Jamesburg, N.J. 08831.



## NOTES and QUERIES

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RUNYAN, GEARHART: Desire information on Achsah Runyan, b. ca. 1781 in Hunterdon County, d. in Northumberland Co., Pa. March 13, 1813. She was 1st wife of George Gearhart (1773-1854). Who were her parents? Gretchen Claman, 50 Fairfax St., Denver, Colorado 80220.

GULICK, GEARHART: Who were parents of John, Sarah Jane and Lorena (or Rachel) Gulick, all of of whom married Gearharts in Hunterdon County in the 1790's? Gretchen Claman, 50 Fairfax St., Denver, Colorado 80220.

HART, HOAGLAND: Desire any information, especially parents, birth and death dates, on Abner Hart who m. Elsey (Low) Hoagland 8/9/1845. Two children were born to them—Henry S. in 1846 and George L. in 1848. Abner Hart left N.J. before 1850 census. Mrs. Laura E. Blehl, 74 Beaver St., High Bridge, N.J. 08829.

JOHNSON: Seeking information or mention of Martin Johnson (1754-1828) in any documents. Please correspond with Mrs. William Schreiner, 29 Pennsylvania Ave., Flemington, N.J. 08822.

STIRES: Desire information on Stires family members past and present. Compiling Stires family history. Will share research. Dennis Stires, R.D. #2, Livermore Falls, Ma. 04254.

BODINE, SMITH: Information on Bodine Family. Want parents of Peter Bodine b. 2/23/1774, m. Mary Smith b. 2/8/1777. What relation to Cornelius Bodine? Mrs. Jane Bodine Sekela, 6237 Belmar Ave., Reseda, Cal. 91335.

HARTPENCE: Birthdates of children of James & Catherine (Bray) Hartpence who m. 3/5/1789. Children were James Bray, Hannah, Daniel, Sarah, Isaac, Elizabeth & Mary. Family migrated to Ohio and Ill. Especially interested in birth date of Hannah. Mrs. C.A. Zwiebel, 507 Sycamore Ave., Sidney, Ohio 45365.

LACOCK, (LAYCOCK/LEACOCK), JO(U)RDAN: Need parents of Henry Lacock b. 1751, Hunterdon County, d. 1834 Luzerne Co., Pa. m. 1772 Mary Jourdan b. 1752, d. 1831. One Henry Laycock was resident of Alexandria Twp. in 1787. Any data concerning these families will be welcome. Will exchange Laycock data. Helen O. Bowman, 4372 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, Missouri 63108.

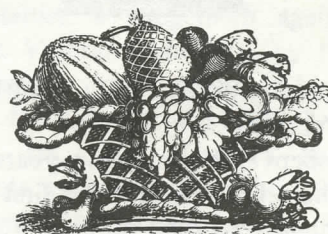
BEST, HAAS: Looking for parents of John Best b June 15, 1759, Lebanon, N.J., m Mary Haas November 2, 1784. David Laubach, 112 N. Spring Garden St., Ambler, Pa. 19002.



## Society Obtains a Valuable Old Newspaper File

A bound file of the *Hunterdon Gazette*, complete from July 1842 through December 1845, was recently obtained by the Society. The file was purchased at auction for a substantial amount which was contributed by members Elwood Heller and Adam Siodlowski and two of the Society's trustees.

This is a particularly valuable addition to the Society's collection, and for scholarship in general, as it fills exactly a previously existing gap in the only file of this newspaper.



## APOLOGIES

The Trustees of the Society apologize to those of our members who received the last issue of the NEWSLETTER too late to participate in our Spring Meeting, a visit to Trenton during the New Jersey Bicentennial Salute to Hunterdon County.

The NEWSLETTER was mailed in Flemington on June 23, as third class material. After very poor response to our request for reservations we were forced to cancel the tour for July 10. It was later learned that delivery of the NEWSLETTER to those of our members with 088 zip codes was extremely slow in some instances taking six weeks. The United States Postal Service is aware of the situation and we, the Trustees, hope this delay is not repeated.