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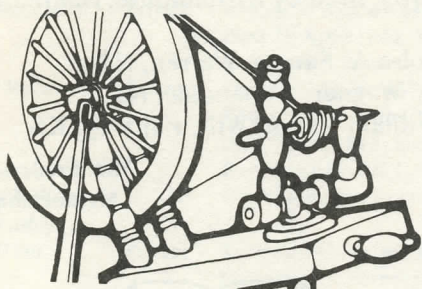
FALL 1980

## FALL MEETING NOV. 23

The Fall Meeting of the Hunterdon County Historical Society is being held on Sunday, November 23, at 2 p.m. in the Flemington Methodist Church meeting room.

Our speaker for the afternoon is Jeanne Bennett, a local Hunterdon resident. She will discuss and demonstrate spinning, weaving and the preparation of natural dyes.

Join us on November 23. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of Mrs. Bennett's presentation. The public is invited to attend.



### CALENDAR

November 23, 1980: Fall Meeting  
SPINNING, WEAVING and NATURAL DYING  
Jeanne Bennet

March 29, 1981: Annual Meeting

## WASHINGTON'S FISHING KIT FOUND

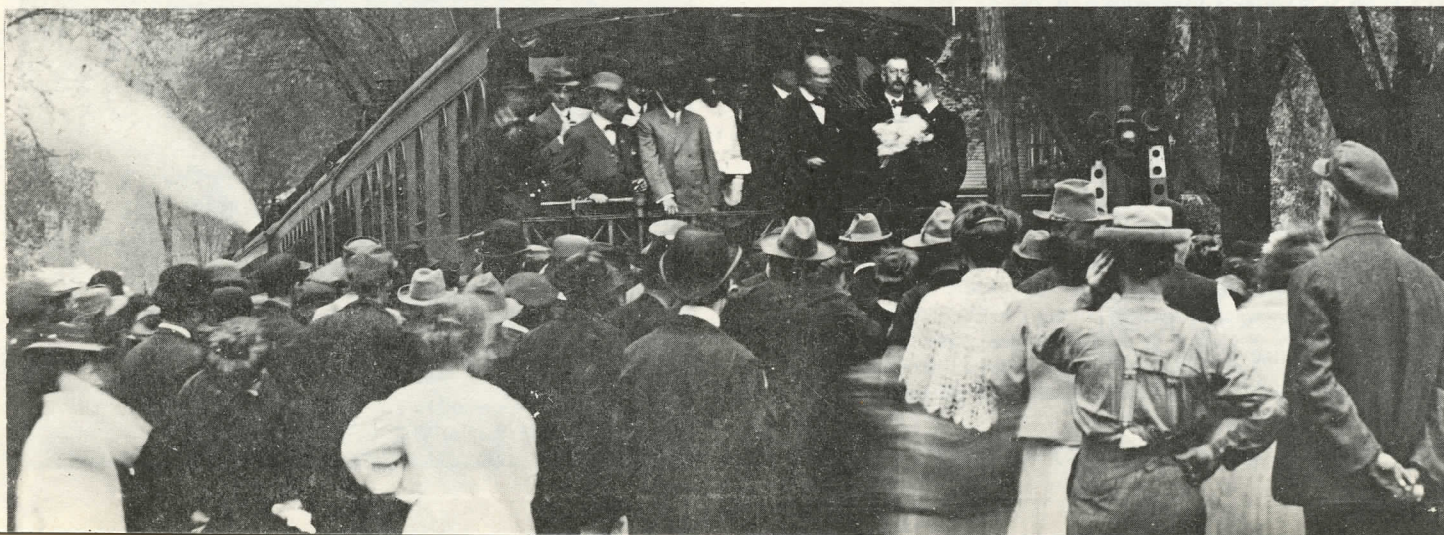
The Society was contacted by Howard A. Morris, of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. who was attempting to learn the whereabouts of George Washington's fishing tackle kit. The Smithsonian was given a photograph of the kit in 1913, which had been taken in 1906 by John A. Anderson, a Lambertville resident. When the photograph was taken the kit was owned by an unidentified family in Lambertville, relatives of George Coryell who had received it after Washington's death. The picture appeared in the last issue of this *Newsletter*. (Vol. 16, No. 2, page 313.)

Society trustee, Roxanne K. Carkhuff, in answering a query regarding Coryell and several other Lambertville families, learned that the late Mrs. Ashbel W. Bryan, a Lambertville resident who died in 1959, had given to Mount Vernon a fishing tackle kit which once belonged to Washington.

This information was sent to Mr. Morris at the Smithsonian and he has confirmed that the kit is presently at Mt. Vernon on exhibition and will be loaned to the Smithsonian Institution for its planned exhibition in celebration of the 250th anniversary of George Washington's birth which will run from February through December 1982.

### CAMPAIGNING IN HUNTERDON

William Jennings Bryan, Democratic candidate for President, campaigning in the Hunterdon County village of Milford, on October 23, 1908, in his third unsuccessful bid for the presidency.





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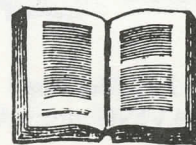
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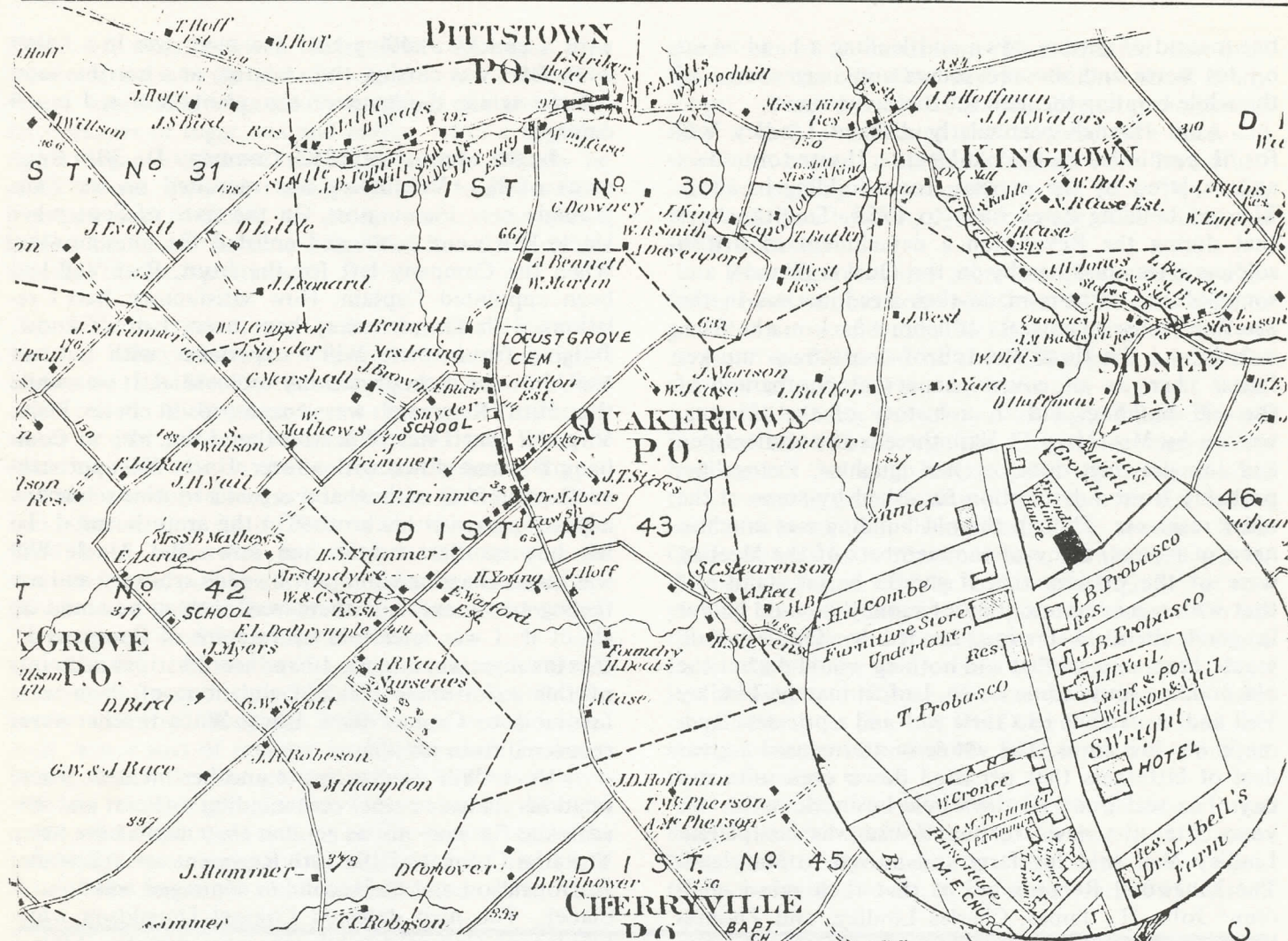
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Quakertown and vicinity from the 1873 Atlas of Hunterdon Co., New Jersey. Note the farm of J.T. Stires where John H. Vail lived as a boy. The inset shows Quakertown where Mr. Vail's residence and store were located.

## THE LITTLE QUAKER

John H. Vail was still keeping store in Quakertown when I was a very small boy. Whether I ever saw him then is not entirely clear to me. I seem to have a dim recollection of having been taken into the store by my father and seeing Mr. Vail bustling around behind the counter with a pencil stuck behind his ear. This may just be imagination, for I have found that if we imagine something long enough and hard enough, it sometimes begins to take on a semblance of reality. Mr. Vail was a thin man, short in stature with a rather sharp nose, and he was a Quaker. He was generally referred to as Quaker John Vail, or simply as the Little Quaker. This was to distinguish him from Abram Vail's son, John A. Vail, who was often called Abram's John.

John H. Vail was a son of Lindley M. and Rachel Harned Vail. They lived on a farm just north of Quakertown that was afterwards, for many years owned by John T. (Taylor) Stires; and a few years ago by Howard Rinehart. Who has it now I am not sure. According to the Records of the Kingwood Meeting, Lindley M. Vail

and his wife Rachel together with their minor children: Barkley, Jennett and Emma were received into the Meeting at Quakertown on November 7, 1844, on certificate from the Plainfield and Rahway Meeting. Presumably they had moved into the area a few months previously.

Aunt Hannah Scott remembered Lindley Vail very well but with scant regard. She described him as being overbearing and arrogant. As she put it he was "bossy and hateful." Sometime back in the 1850's there was to be a funeral in the Friends Meeting House. It was in the spring of the year and the road from where Dr. Leaver used to live to the schoolhouse was a long sea of mud. The hearse became mired down and the harness broke. The pall bearers decided that the best thing to do was to take the coffin out of the hearse and carry it the rest of the way. All this caused considerable delay, and Lindley Vail who was one of the Overseers of the Meeting, became very impatient and went down on horseback to see what was the matter. He found the men struggling with their heavy burden



but instead of getting down and lending a hand he sat on his horse and shouted orders and suggestions, all the while berating the men for their clumsiness.

Aunt Hannah particularly disliked Lindley Vail for his part in having the old Meeting House torn down and replaced by the present stone building in 1862. The old building dated back to 1754. Tradition says that during the Revolution a detachment of British soldiers encamped nearby in the Quaker Woods, and some of the officers made their headquarters in the Meeting House. The seats still bore hack marks from swords and the floor was full of dents from musket butts. There is, of course, no actual photograph of the old building, but in a history of the Meeting, written by Mrs. Mary C. Vail, there is an excellent pen and ink drawing, done by her daughter, Evangeline, probably from a description furnished by some of the older residents. Though the old building was much in need of repairs, many of the members of the Meeting were of the opinion that it should be let stand and that with a moderate outlay of money it could be put in good shape. A faction, headed by Lindley Vail, would have none of that and nothing would do but the old building must come down. Unfortunately, Lindley Vail and his friends had their way and a priceless landmark was lost to us. The whole matter caused a great deal of bitterness that persisted down even unto my day. The real irony of the whole business was — two years after the new Meeting House was completed, Lindley Vail sold his farm and moved to Maryland. The Kingwood Records tell us that their minor children: John H., James, Charles Lindley, and Thomas Elwood were given a certificate to the Meeting at Little Falls, Maryland. If John H. accompanied his family to their new home, evidently he didn't stay very long, for he seems to have been back in Quakertown by September 19, 1866, when he married Mary Caroline Willson, daughter of James Willson, a brother to my great-grandfather, Samuel Willson.

According to the Kingwood Records, the eldest of John Vail's brothers and sisters was Barkley, though that spelling seems to have been in error. The correct spelling appears to have been, Barclay. When Uncle Will Scott was mustered out of the Union Army, on June 27, 1863, the Captain of his Company signed his discharge papers as Barclay I. Vail. Back home he had been known as "Bart" Vail.

While the Little Quaker seemed to have inherited none of his father's ornery disposition — Bart was Lindley Vail all over again. I once heard John tell about how one morning Bart set out to plow corn with a highstrung, excitable mare hitched to the cultivator. The mare was not used to that kind of work and she had never worked well in single harness, anyway. There was trouble right from the start. The mare lunged and reared, and danced and pranced around, becoming more unmanageable by the minute. The more the mare acted up, the more determined Bart became that she should plow corn. John recalled the whole matter

with a chuckle, adding that the mare was in a lather while Bart was cursing and swearing at a horrible rate. All the while the tender corn plants suffered much damage.

In the summer of 1862, Company D., 30th Regiment of N.J. Volunteers was recruited on the Fairgrounds near Flemington. On the sixth of September Uncle Will went down and enlisted for nine months. When the Company left for the front, Bart Vail had been appointed Captain. How satisfactory Bart's relations with his men may have been, I don't know. Judging from Uncle Will's experience with Captain Vail, I doubt if they were any too cordial. It was while the 30th Regiment was encamped at Belle Plain, Virginia, that Uncle Will's brother John, also in Company D, came down with a fever. Uncle Will approached Captain Vail with what was just a routine request — a pass to go visit his brother in the army hospital. To his surprise Bart turned him down flat. Uncle Will was much chagrined and hurt by such arbitrary and unfeeling treatment, but there was nothing he could do about it. I was later told by veterans of Company D, that his anger was intense. I have heard various accounts of this unfortunate incident and none of them were favorable to Captain Bart. Uncle Will's brother never recovered from his illness.

Uncle Will used to relate another incident where relations between the commanding officer and the rank and file were not as good as they might have been. The first Colonel of the 30th Regiment was Alexander E. Donaldson and the second in command was John J. Cladek. The men detested Colonel Donaldson while Lieutenant Colonel Cladek was very popular. After a time Colonel Donaldson was transferred and Lieut. Col. Cladek was given the command. On the day when the transfer of command was to take place, the men were drawn up in close formation to witness the proceedings. After the brief ceremonies were over someone in the ranks shouted, "Three cheers for Colonel Cladek and three groans for Colonel Donaldson." The cheers were given with a will and after that a mighty roar of boos and cat calls welled up from a thousand throats. I suspect this was a serious breach of discipline but you can't clap a whole regiment into the guard house, so the matter was let pass. Perhaps Colonel Cladek, himself, had become a little disenchanted with his former superior officer. Who can tell?

Some time in the early 1870's John Vail took over one of the two general stores in Quakertown from John D. (Day't) Stires who wanted to go West to seek his fortune. The little Quaker did well in the store business. His business methods were good, and he was much respected and well-liked on account of his fair dealing. He stood squarely behind every bit of merchandise he sold. Customers knew they would get full measure and honest weight for he was exact to the inch and to the very last ounce. This rule of exactitude worked both ways in J.H. Vail's store. John Trout who clerked for him once told me an incident that



illustrates what I mean. John Vail's younger son, James, sometimes helped out in the store. One day James was busily engaged in weighing out and tying up packages of sugar, tea and coffee. After a time his father began to observe him rather closely. Finally he said, "James, thee must always be sure to give weight but thee isn't required to do any more than that." During much of the time John Vail had the store he was also the local postmaster.

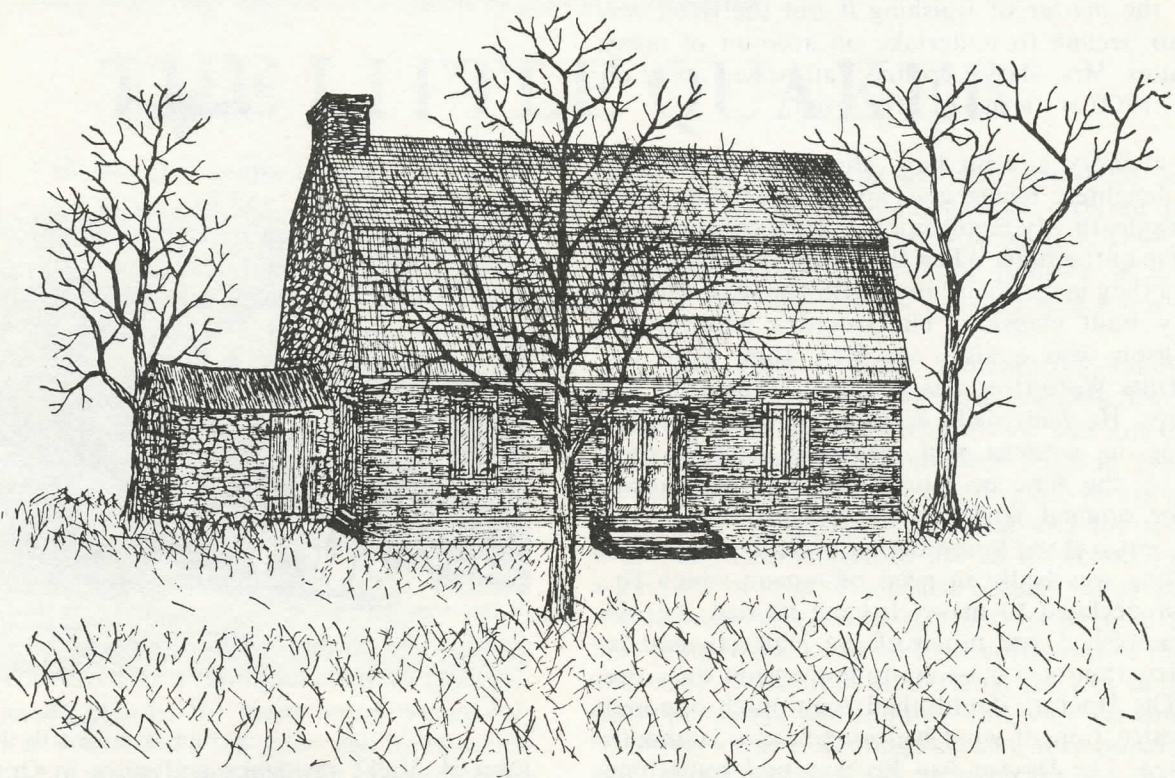
Like the rest of us, Quaker John had his peculiarities. When winter drew near, instead of taking his horses to the blacksmith and having heel and toe calks put on their shoes, he let them go with smooth shoes or just plates as we used to call them. When he took his team out on the icy roads, the horses slipped and slid about perilously, but strange to tell, he never had a horse injure itself. There is an old saying that the good Lord looks out for children, drunks and the United States, perhaps in those days He extended His care to take in little Quakers who refused to have their horses rough shod for winter driving.

Usually John Vail managed to maintain his Quaker calm but even his placid nature once in awhile was pretty well tried. Benjamin Waterhouse, an old colored man, was a sort of retainer in the Theodore Probasco family. Black Ben, as we used to call him had an aversion to taking baths. In the winter time he liked to come up to the store and sit on the bench beside the pot-bellied stove and snooze. With the heat and all, at times, Ben began to smell as if he could have made

good use of a deodorant. This irritated the little Quaker to no end. One day he couldn't stand it any longer. "Ben," he said "Thee had better go home and take a bath and change thy clothes; then thee will smell alot better." Old Ben's feelings were hurt. Huffing and puffing he scrambled to his feet. "Mr. Vail, Mr. Vail, you is wrong, you is wrong. You stink, you stink, not me."

Running a country store has always been a confining business, but somehow John Vail found time to go fishing now and then. Mr. Bush writing in the *Hunterdon Republican* in the late 1880's, gives a delightful account of a fishing trip by horse and wagon to Budd Lake. In the party were John Vail, Egbert Bush, Enoch Suydam and Elias Dalrymple. Long before dawn they had loaded the long, black-topped store wagon with tent, camping gear, fishing poles, feed for the horses and provisions for themselves. They set out from Quakertown a little after three a.m. As Mr. Bush put it, "Clinton was just rubbing its eyes and High Bridge was picking its teeth when they passed through. On up through Califon and Hackettstown and finally to Budd Lake where they spent three or four wonderful days just loafing and fishing. Quaker John seems to have caught the most fish but Mr. Dalrymple furnished the most amusement by what Mr. Bush termed his "unique style of seaman ship."

After about twenty-five years in the store business, John Vail decided that it was time for a change. Now about fifty years old there were many other things he wanted to do. In the summer of 1895 he sold



This drawing of the original Quaker meeting house was done by Evangeline, daughter of John H. and Mary C. Vail.



out — lock, stock and barrel to his clerk John Trout and Josiah Trimmer. They were brothers-in-law, having married daughters of Abram and Jane Vail. Mr. Trimmer was a conductor on the Lehigh Valley Railroad and put up most of the money against Trout's experience in the mercantile business. They did business under the firm name of J.D. Trout & Co. After the little Quaker retired from the grocery business, he became, if not wealthy, through wise investments, very comfortably situated financially.

With their son, Willis, through college and on his own as a civil engineer, and the two younger children away at school, Mr. and Mrs. Vail were able to do considerable traveling. After a few years they acquired a summer home at Culver's Lake in north Jersey. Mrs. Mary Caroline Vail was a remarkable person. She had become a semi-invalid but in spite of this she managed to get a great many things done. She amassed a great deal of material on the Willson family history. Much of this was later incorporated in Richard E. Willson's *History of the Willson Family* (1959). She also wrote a short history of the Friends Meeting in Quakertown. During the last years of her life she was engaged in writing *A History of Land Titles in the Vicinity of Quakertown*. How she was able to do it is something to wonder about. It must have involved traveling to Trenton, Flemington, Burlington and Mount Holly. She was able to complete the history of the area and to bring the ownership of the properties on the east side of the Trenton Road down to the late 1890's. There she had to stop on account of failing health. This work has been published in pamphlet form, just as she left it. It is my understanding that John Vail approached Mr. Bush on the matter of finishing it but the latter was obliged to decline to undertake on account of many other duties. Mrs. Mary Caroline Vail passed away on August 1, 1900 at the age of fifty-seven.

My memory is a bit hazy about how John Vail and his daughter, Evangeline, spent their time after Mrs. Vail's death. My recollection is, they continued to travel some of the time. When they were in the Quakertown area they made their home with Dr. Wolverton in his newly built mansion. The Doctor's wife, Annie Eliza Willson, was a sister to Mrs. John Vail. Dr. William Dilts Wolverton was a retired surgeon in the U.S. Army. He had made a career of army life. By speculating in western real estate he had become wealthy by the time he retired. In 1889 he had acquired the original Willson homestead farm. On the property was a stone house dating back to 1735. The old building was badly in need of repairs which Dr. Wolverton declined to make. Instead he had the old house demolished and much of the material used in the construction of a massive stone mansion on a site nearby. The Doctor's family had been much opposed to the destruction of what had long been a landmark in the area. The Doctor had his way and something of irreplaceable value was lost to future generations.

Comments have been many and varied on the aesthetic appearance of the Doctor's mansion.

John and Carrie Vail's younger son, James, married soon after his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania. For many years he was a physician in Cranford, N.J. Willis W. Vail, for many years was a civil engineer in the employ of one of the southern railways. About the time he retired he married a lady from Virginia. Soonafter they came to make their home in Quakertown where he was active in community affairs and Boy Scout work. There are still many who fondly recall his kindly nature, and wise counsel. Evangeline, rather late in life, married Burris Snyder, a widower. In his last years John Vail made his home with the Snyders. He passed away January 4, 1921 at the age of seventy-six years.

This has been a rather long story in which I have rambled a bit, for which I hope I may be forgiven. I can't resist adding just one more story which my Grandfather Woodruff used to tell with great enjoyment. It seemed that when John and Carrie Vail's first child was about to be born, he went post haste to summon the mid-wife. I have long since forgotten her name but she lived somewhere out near Everittstown. As the old lady bustled about packing her bag, she kept up a running fire of conversation. Finally, turning to Mr. Vail she inquired, "Whose little might you be?" Somewhat taken aback he explained that he was the father of the expected infant, much to the old lady's embarrassment. However, I much suspect that by the time she had helped usher two more Vail children into the world, she had become convinced that the little Quaker was nobody's little boy.

Frank E. Burd



courtesy of Hunterdon County  
Cultural & Heritage Commission

John H. Vail's residence and store in Quakertown as they appear today.



# LEST WE FORGET

Before the Bicentennial comes to an official close in 1983 mention should be made of the fourteen veterans of the Revolutionary War who had fought with the troops of the Hunterdon County Militia but were residing in the new county of Mercer when the 1840 federal census was taken.

## West Windsor Township

John Hullfish Private Survivor's Pension #S2282  
Died 25 Jan. 1845, Mercer County  
Buried in Pennington

John Stevens Major Widow's Claim #W1092 (Phoebe)  
Died 13 August 1843, Mercer Co.

John Wiley Minute-man Rejected Claim #R11532  
(Dorothy)

## East Windsor Township

William Fisher Lt. Capt. Survivor's Claim #S814  
Will made 1 May 1842.

William Morris Drum-mer & Musician Survivor's Claim #S1061  
Died 15 July 1841, Mercer County

## Nottingham Township

Jabish Ashmore Private Widow's Claim #W5647 (Hester)  
Died 14 Nov. 1840, Mercer County

## City of Trenton

John Burroughs Private Widow's Claim #W841 (Rhoda)  
Died 28 April 1842, Mercer County  
Son Charles, became major of Trenton

Joseph Reed Private Survivor's Claim #S742  
Born 1748, Trenton Township  
Died 7 Jan. 1843, Bordentown,  
Burlington Co., N.J.  
No information found

## Princeton Township

Oliver Hunt Private Survivor's Claim #S2638 included  
testimony of Varnel Hunt.  
Born 15 or 16 Aug. 1756 in Hopewell  
Township where he resided until ca.  
1806. Sometimes entered the militia  
as a substitute for Richard Hunt to  
whom he was apprenticed as a tanner  
and shoemaker

## Lawrence Township

Ralph Lanning Private Widow's Claim #W3829 (Rebecca)  
Died 31 August 1843 in the 85th year  
of his age

## Hopewell Township

John Fidler Private Survivor's Claim #2552  
Died after 1846, Mercer County

John R. Hart Private Survivor's Claim #S2282  
Died 25 January 1845, Mercer County

Israel Hunt Private Survivor's Claim #S1024  
Died 19 July 1842, Hopewell Town-  
ship, Mercer County

Also residing in Mercer County in 1840 were nine other veterans and eleven widows.

## West Windsor Township

John Rue Sr. Private Monmouth County Militia  
Survivor's Claim #S908  
Died 4 Oct. 1844, Mercer County

William Updike Private Middlesex County Militia  
Died 1847, aged 88, Mercer County

Robert Ayres Private N.J. Continental Line  
Survivor's Claim #S2041  
Died 4 Feb. 1846, Mercer County

## East Windsor Township

Jacob Hall Private N.J. Continental Line  
Survivor's Claim #S34909  
Died 25 Feb. 1844

## Nottingham Township

Robert Carson Private Burlington County Militia  
Resided in the home of Washington  
Carson

Gershom Loveless Private N.J. Continental Line.  
Resident of Burlington County on  
enlistment. #S18954  
Died 19 Jan. 1844, Mercer County

Joseph Parker Private Monmouth County Militia  
Survivor's Claim #S1073  
Died 9 April 1845, Trenton

Robert Phares Private Burlington County Militia  
Died 27 April 1844, Mercer County

## City of Trenton

Josiah Jones Private Massachusetts Continental Line  
Survivor's Claim #S544  
Died 28 Dec. 1847, aged 91,  
Mercer County

## Princeton Township

Jacob Gray Private N.J. Continental Line  
Widow's Claim #W462 (Elizabeth)  
Died 24 Dec. 1842, Mercer County

## WIDOWS

### Nottingham Township

Mary Davis, aged 77, widow of Nathan Davis, private in the N.J. Continental Line. Native of Middlesex County. Widows Claim #W453

Martha Cannon, aged 93, perhaps the widow of William Cannon of the Middlesex County Militia

Sarah Lipes, aged 68, widow of John Lipes, N.J. Continental Line and a resident of Monmouth County, N.J. upon his enlistment.

### Hopewell Township

Rachel Stout, aged 74, widow of William Stout, private in the Hunterdon County Militia. Widow's Claim #W4078

Sarah Swaim, aged 80, widow of Sgt./Lt. John Swaim of the 1st Battalion, State Troops. Widow's Claim #W2486

Deborah Golden, aged 76, widow of David Golden, private in the Hunterdon County Militia. Widow's Claim #W7553

### Princeton Township

Mary S. Hunter, aged 79, daughter of Richard Stockton and widow of Rev. Andrew Hunter, a chaplain of the Revolutionary Army.

Mary G. Ferguson, aged 80, probably the widow of Dr. James Ferguson, a captain in the Revolution

### Lawrence Township

Sarah Reeder, aged 78, widow of Andrew Reeder of the Hunterdon County Militia as a private and then an ensign. Widow's Claim #W4059

### Ewing Township

Mary Lanning, aged 72, widow of David Lanning of the Hunterdon County Militia who served as one of Washington's guides prior to the Battle of Trenton. Widow's Claim #W3820

Elizabeth Green, aged 83, widow of William R. Green, private in the Hunterdon County Militia. He assisted in ferrying the French army across the Delaware River when they went south in 1781.

C. Phyllis D. Autrechy



## NOTES and QUERIES

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



**BASSETT:** Interested in John Bassett whose will was signed in Bethlehem Township on 21 May 1776, proved 10 April 1785, inventory in May 1781. His youngest son, Amos, left Hunterdon County ca. 1790 for KY. Will correspond with anyone interested in family of John or Amos Bassett. ADD: Wm. Kerr Bassett, 7409 Beverly Road, Bethesda, MD 20014.

**PRICE:** Info re Samuel Price, Hunterdon Co., NJ, f/o Rice Price (1753-1820). ADD: N. Price, 4725 Cove Circle # 902, Madeira Beach, FL 33708.

**MERSHON, STEVENS:** Would like data on Benjamin and Sarah Stevens. Dau Martha, b. ca. 1752, Hunterdon Co., NJ, d. 1796 KY. Martha m. Nathaniel Mershon. Will exchange info. ADD: Jacqueline Bartholomew, 517 Bryce, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

**SMITH, WANAMAKER:** Mary Wanamaker m. David Smith 10 November 1821 at Kingwood Baptist Church. Their's was # 46 of Elder David Bateman's marriages. Desire info re their descendants. ADD: S.W. Jackson, 302 Macy Rd., Chilmark Park, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

**GARRISON, JOHNSON:** Need info re pre-1800 Garrisons in Hunterdon Co., particularly George Garrison (1761-1845), bur. Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Grandin, with his wife Mary Johnson, and John Garrison, his antecedents and descendants, who first appeared in Amwell 1732, was Justice of Peace for Hunterdon. ADD: Chester A. Garrison, 3655 Glen Run Road, Corvallis, OR 97330.

**CALVIN, GROSCOST:** Seek info on p/o James Calvin, b. 21 August 1783, poss Hunterdon, NJ or Cumberland Co., PA., m. 15 March 1804 Elizabeth Groscost. They were p/o 12 children. He d. 1835, bur. New Salem Cemetery, Beaver Co., PA. ADD: Homer T. Calvin, 16 Navaho La., Ft. Myers, FL 33931.

**RITTENHOUSE, WOLVERTON:** Is there any Rittenhouse interested in renovating the burying ground located northwest of residence of Maurice Wolverton near Prallsville and on present northerly edge of Stockton? ADD: Bradley Rittenhouse, 650 E. Keuka Lake Rd., Hammondsport, NY 14840.

**APGAR, BUNN; CRAMER, HAZEN, HOFFMAN, HOOVER, MULLEN:** Correspondence invited, exchange data, researching 1750-1830 William Hazen (Hasen), Henry Hoffman, Peter Apgar, Jacob Mullen, John Bunn, Michael Hoover, George Cramer; Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset Counties. Postage refunded. ADD: Ann Willard, R#1, Box 482, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

**WHEATON, WYCKOFF:** Looking for family background of Samuel Wheaton m. 1/30/1788 Charity Wyckoff, b. 9/27/1767. Their children Jacob Wickoff Wheaton, b. 12/25/1795 and Samuel Wheaton, b. 11/5/1798, were baptised at the Readington Church. Charity Wyckoff Wheaton d. 5/16/1839 Prattsburg, New York. ADD: W. Merle Wheaton, R 2, Cohocton, NY 14826.

**OPDYCKE (OBDIKE):** Would appreciate following info for documentation on William Opdycke and his wife Nancy Carpenter; exact dates and places of birth, marriage, and/or deaths and burial locations. William b. ca. 1715, d. after 1779, m. prior to 1750. Lived Lawrenceville and Amwell Twp. Must prove Robert Opdyke d. 1820 was s/o William. ADD: Audrey Sperling, P.O. Box 2644, Trenton, NJ 08690.

**OPDYKE (UPDIKE):** Need info on Robert Opdyke and his two wives for documentation; dates and places of births, marriages and/or deaths and burial locations. Robert d. 1820, farmer in Lawrenceville. Served in Rev. War. First wife Abigail Hunt, second wife Elizabeth Ford (nee Smith) a widow. Must prove Robert and Elizabeth were p/o Lydia (Opdyke) Kelly. ADD: Audrey Sperling, P.O. Box 2644, Trenton, NJ 08690.

**CHOYCE/CHOICE:** Searching all countries for "cousins" to include in upcoming book. ADD: Mrs. Betty Choyce Sheehan, P.O. Box 183, Easthampton, MA 01027.

**COLE, DENNIS, ENGLE, HAWK, KEIFFER, LIPPINCOTT, SHIVELY, WIEDER:** Need info re. p/o Solomon Wieder, b. 6 Oct. 1789, d. 2 Sept. 1875; also p and w/o Michael Shively, b. 1768, d. 1852, all Holland Twp.; p/o Samuel Hawk, b. 1791-6; p/o his wife Margaret Lippincott, b. 1789-1800, d. Ohio; also Jacob Hawk and wife Mary Engle; Peter Dennis, b. 1800, Mary Keiffer, his wife, b. 1800, William Cole, b. 1 March 1804 Bethlehem Twp., d. 23 June 1886, his 1st wife. ADD: Ethel T. Elliott, Rt. 1, Box 15, Beaufort, NC 28516.

**APGAR:** Would you like to receive an invitation to the seventh annual Apgar reunion to be held on the third Saturday of September 1981? We also need volunteers to help with our proposed book on the Apgar family which will commemorate our patriarch Johannes, who arrived in America almost 250 years ago. ADD: George Apgar, Jr., 416 Runyon Ave., Middlesex, NJ 08846.

**VAN HORN:** Desire burial location of Ann, w/o Peter Van Horn, d. 1817. ADD: Douglas D. Martin, P.O. Box 5156, Clinton, NJ 08809.



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*History of East Amwell, 1700-1800*, East Amwell Bicentennial Committee, \$18.50 (Postage \$1.).

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