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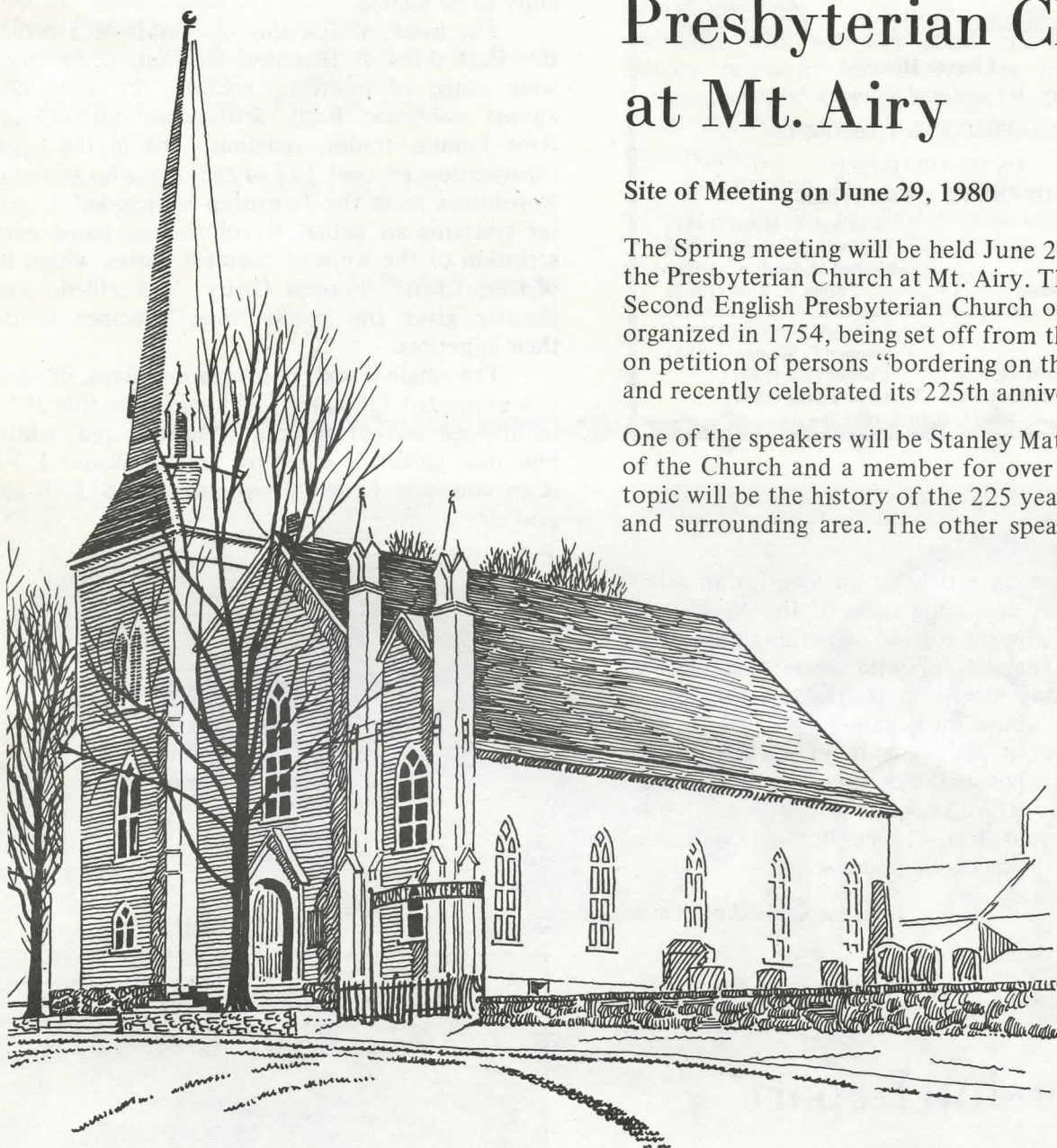
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Presbyterian Church at Mt. Airy

Site of Meeting on June 29, 1980

The Spring meeting will be held June 29, at 2 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church at Mt. Airy. This church, the Second English Presbyterian Church of Amwell, was organized in 1754, being set off from the First Church on petition of persons "bordering on the Delaware" and recently celebrated its 225th anniversary.

One of the speakers will be Stanley Mathews, a deacon of the Church and a member for over 50 years. His topic will be the history of the 225 year old church and surrounding area. The other speaker will be



CALENDAR

June 29, 1980: Spring Meeting
MT. AIRY AND VICINITY,

October 18, 1980: Genealogical Workshop
TREE CLIMBING CAN BE FUN

November 23, 1980: Fall Meeting

Kenneth V. Myers, President of the Historical Society. He will speak about the Holcombe family and particularly Samuel, who built the stone storehouse circa 1750. This building is located across the street from the Church.

Join us on June 29, for the Spring Meeting. Some of you may wish to conclude the afternoon by attending the chicken barbeque at the West Amwell Fire House, a short distance south of the church. Dinners will be served until 6 p.m.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Do you have an article or an idea for an article we can use in an upcoming issue of the *Newsletter*? Have you always meant to find something about how Cherryville was named, or who made that coverlet Grandma said was woven in Hunterdon County, or who built your house in Lebanon Township? Do it now, write about it and share it with the members. If you would be interested in doing this, please contact me at the Society. If you have an article to submit, let me know about that, too. The Publication Committee will be planning the next two issues soon.

Roxanne K. Carkhuff, Editor

Membership Report

We extend a warm welcome to these new members of the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

Mrs. Arthur Dyer, Wichita, KS
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Borough of High Bridge, High Bridge, NJ
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A HISTORY OF EAST AMWELL 1700-1800 SOCIETY'S NEWEST REPRINT

The Hunterdon County Historical Society Trustees are pleased to announce that the second edition of *A History of East Amwell 1700-1800* is available for purchase at the Society headquarters or by mail order. Please add \$1 to the price of \$18.50 if you want a copy to be mailed.

The book, which was the result of a project of the East Amwell Bicentennial Committee, covers a wide range of interests, resulting in something for almost everyone. Early settlers are identified, with their homes, trades, religions, and myths explored. Information on over 125 of the men who served in the Revolution from the Township is included. One chapter contains an actual Revolutionary pensioner's description of the Amwell skirmish during which British officer, Cornet Francis Geary, was killed. Another chapter gives the cooks "new" recipes to delight their appetites.

The original text, photographs, maps, illustrations and expanded full-name index comprise this 282 page, hardbound second edition. A striking red, white and blue dust jacket designed by Trustee Walter J. Young, is an addition. Order a copy now for \$18.50 plus \$1 postage.



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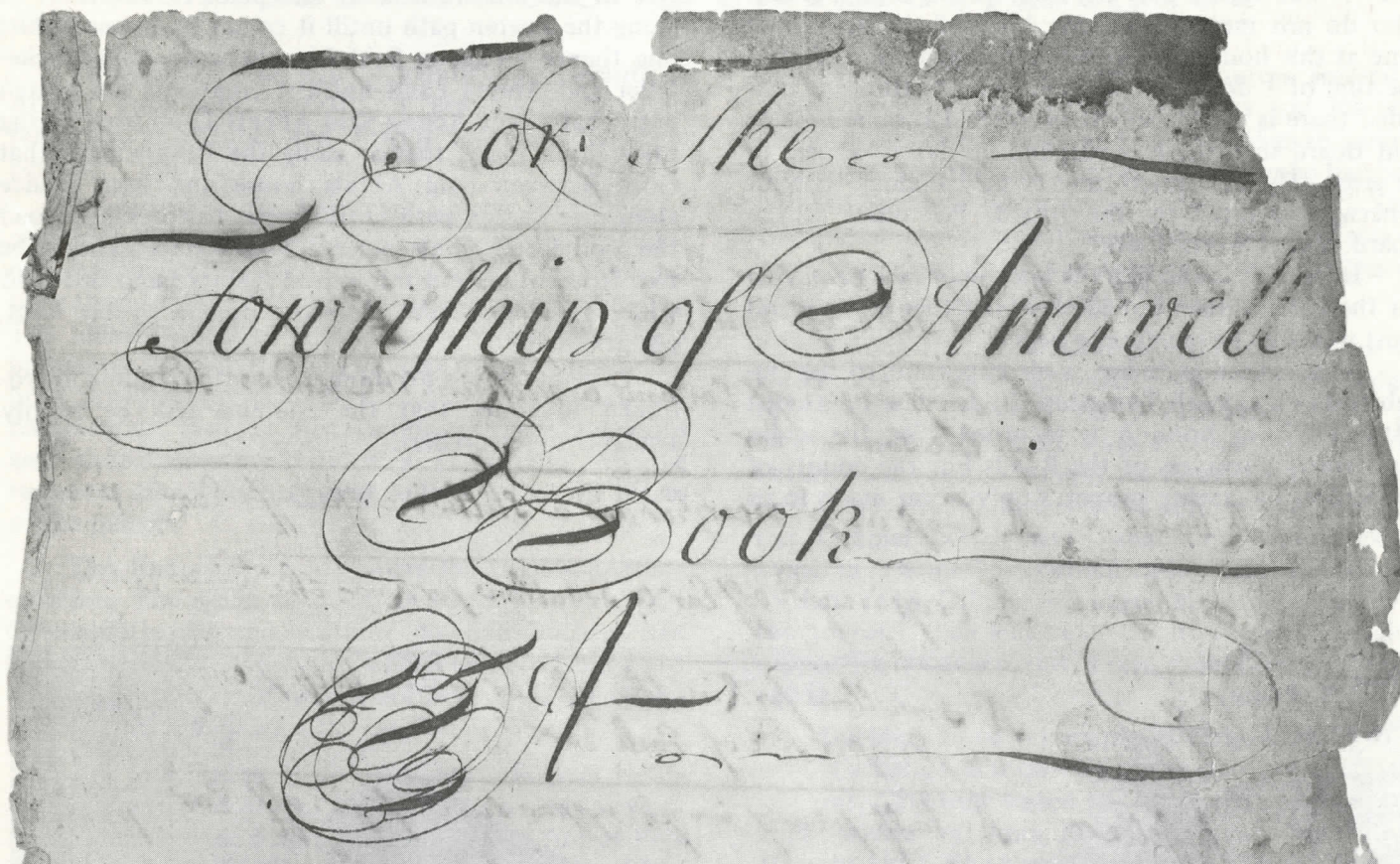
for which I enclose my remittance in the amount
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Amwell Minute Book A Gift To Society



The first page of the minute book is shown above.

Historians and genealogists for years to come will be indebted to James Siuta of Lambertville for taking the time and interest to identify an ancient leather-bound hand written book he found wrapped in oil-cloth, and subsequently presenting it to the Society.

Mr. Siuta brought the book to the Hunterdon County Historical Society last Fall where it was identified by Roxanne K. Carkhuff as the long missing Volume A of the records of Amwell Township, covering the years 1747 through 1798.

The volume contains records of town meetings, overseer of the poor's transactions, roads, and identifications for stray animals. It is in relatively good condition with all the pages readable.

The first few pages contain ear marks, recorded as a means of identifying stray cattle, entered "in y^r 1741" which read,

"Godfrey Peters a crop with a slit under the crop at the upper end of the near ear"

Earmarks for the following inhabitants are listed:

Godfrey Peters	Peter Rockefeller	Necolis Sine
Francis Quick	William Jewell	Philip Gong
John Jewell	Amos Thatcher	Laurens Van Buskirk
John Holcomb	James Kitchen	George Eckley
Thomas Hunt	Robert Eaton	James Withson
Derrick Hoagland	Joseph Acher	Thomas Mar
John Updyke	Joseph Hill	Thomas Whitsen, Jr.
Dawlis	Paul Hill	Thomas Bardsall
Kitchen	William Anderson	Benieman Hait

James Stout	Thomas Pettit	Beniaman Seavrins
Peter Wollever	William Kase	Manuel Criell
Andrick Baest	John Scidmore	Peter Aller
Jacob Johnson	John Crafford	And Parlier
John Hoff	Richard Reed	

"At a town meeting held by the inhabitants of the township of Amwell at the house of Dirck Hoge-land on the 11th day of March Anno Dom 1745 the inhabitants then and their met and assembled proceeded to elect the officers following to serve for the insuing year as the Act of the Assembly Directs. Peter Prall, Clark". This entry and all others of a similar type are followed by a listing of names and the offices to which they were elected.

Opening the book at random, under date of May 15, 1775, we find a notice to Peter Phillips, Overseer of Poor, from John Warts. "Sir, I inform you that a family is lately mov'd into a house of mine in the Township of Amwell who have no residence in the same, to wit:

Abrm Blew
 Frankey, his wife
 Frederick Blew, Eldest son
 Mary Blew, 1st daughter
 John Blew, 2nd son
 Nathaniel Blew, 3d son
 Nancy Blew, 2nd daughter

Taken in ye 11th ins. This is a lawful notification."

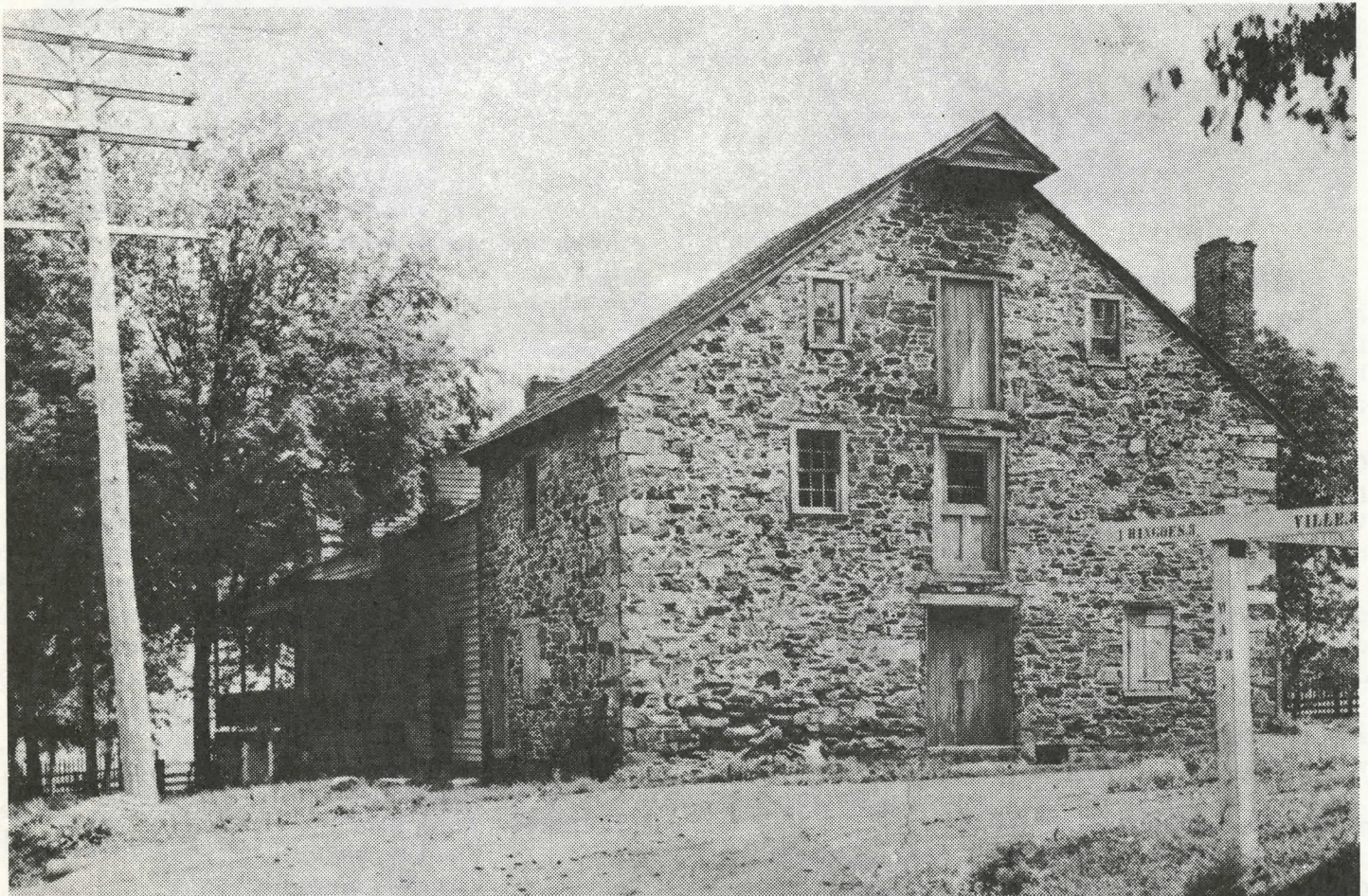
"At a meeting of the Magistrate and Overseers at the house of Mr. Joseph Robinson the 9th day of June 1787 it was agreed that any delinquents of this Board who do not meet within one hour of the appointed time at this house, by proper notice given shall forfeit the sum of 1 double bowl punch or 1 bottle wine provided there is no proper excuse offer'd at same time or said Board shall think lawful and no day of appeal to be given. The appointed time to be 1 o'clock without otherwise ordered by the Board. Per order of the Board, Mau^{ce} Werts, Clerk".

Doesn't it sound like the latecomers will be paying for the entertainment of those who gather on time and must wait for the meeting to begin?

Roads, then as today, were important to the inhabitants of Amwell Township. Under date of August 14th, 1755, in Book A is recorded, "We the under Subscribers Surveyers of the Roads For the county of hunterdon on having proper Applycation made to us

by Sundry of the inhabitants of Amwell do Agree to Lay the Road as Follows wis begining at a Black oak tree in the line of wolever and peter Rockkefeller so along the Beaten path untill it comes to James Abbitts line thence along up Said Line between Said Rockefeller and Abbitts Land untill it comes to the Beaten path that Leeds Across Said Abbitts Land each baring their Equal part; thence along the Beaten path that Goes Between Said Abbitts house and barn thence along the Beaten path untill comes to the kings Road the Said Road threw peter Rockkefellers Land to be two Rods wide; and threw Said Abbitts Land one Rod wide. John Hogeland, Edward Burns, wilson hunt, philip Colvin"

The Society is planning to have the volume micro-filmed in order that the contents will be readily available to researchers.



THE MOUNT AIRY STOREHOUSE built by Samuel Holcombe circa 1743. It was one of several storehouses built along the Old York Road, used to store tallow, flax, grain and other products for hauling to Lambertville where they were loaded on Durham boats and carried to Philadelphia.

Who Was Othniel Lake?

"Phyllis, I'd like you to identify the parents of Arthur Lake and to learn, if possible, from your resources, if Othniel and Arthur Lake are the same person."¹

Resources — the keys that unlock the doors of obscurity divulging the information needed to solve our genealogical puzzles and often adding biographical substance to an otherwise dull recitation of statistics. The identification of Othniel Lake would have been impossible without the interweaving of many resources, both primary and secondary, the obvious and the inconspicuous. The less obvious resource may be tedious and time-consuming but very rewarding. All the resources are vitally necessary to fit together the pieces of the puzzle.

The first step was to resolve the Otheniel-Arthur question. The study of deeds revealed that Othenile/Othniel/Otheniel and Author/ Aurthur/Outhere had bought and sold land in Amwell Township from 1818 to 1866 but no conclusive proof could be drawn from the deeds that they were the same man.

The Hunterdon County Historical Society Newsletter showed that Arthur Lake had been paid for work in building the new courthouse after the fire of February, 1828.² The original meticulous records of two principal employees were compared.³ Someone, the construction supervisor perhaps, kept a daily time sheet of each laborer's work. On August 1, 1828, Arthur Lake toiled long enough to receive credit for \$.50 in wages. On the same day, the accountant entered a \$.50 payment to Artheniel Lake for the day's work. Seemingly enough, but a further deed study confirmed the evidence.

On 10 March 1818, Thomas Lake of Amwell Township sold to Arthor Lake part of a tract that Thomas had bought by sheriff's deed on 12 June 1787.⁴ Arthur/Aurthur Lake and his wife, Pamela sold a part of this property to Asa Jones and Elijah Wilson on 17 Nov. 1821.⁵ Elijah Wilson sold out his share to Asa Jones on 21 March 1825 but the deed wasn't recorded until 27 April 1826.⁶ A check of the preceding deed (always a good habit) paid off. On the same date was recorded a quit claim to Eliah Wilson and Asa Jones by Catherine Lake, wife of Thomas Lake, relinquishing her right of dower in the land conveyed to Othniel Lake by Thomas on 10 March 1818.⁷ At last, Arthor in the deed from Thomas and Othniel in the deed from Catherine, wife of Thomas. Arthur and Othniel were the same man.

Now to the second part of the problem — the parents of Othniel Lake. According to his tombstone, Othniel was born in 1794 and died in 1871.⁸ Next step, the death record, right? Yes, but there wasn't

any.⁹ A search of the obvious resources seemed to yield only one clue. Perhaps Thomas and his wife, Catherine Lake had sold land to Othniel as an anniversary present. Othniel and Permelia Holcombe had been married one year previous on 11 March 1817.¹⁰ Since the major resources had been exhausted for facts (at least, temporarily), it was time to utilize the less obvious ones. Desperation time? You bet!

Among the rarely used primary resources of the Hunterdon County Historical Society are the ledgers of Dr. John Bowne.¹¹ On 5 December 1810, Dr. Bowne visited Thomas Lake's household to treat Othniel who again required the doctor's ministrations on 15 Feb. 1812. This seemed to confirm the suspicions but Othniel could have been some other relative living in Thomas' household rather than his son. By 19 Jan. 1818, Othniel had begun his own account with the doctor.¹² The ledgers of Dr. Bowne were certainly supportive evidence but more conclusive proof was needed.

Deciding to switch emphasis from Thomas to his wife, Catherine, a review of previous notes was made. The only Catherine found was the daughter of Margaret Hull (widow of John Hull) who made her will 31 January 1812. She bequeathed a house and lot of 20 acres adjoining Thomas Lake, Othniel Gordon and others to her grandson, John Hull Boughner ("confirming the bequest of the same in the will of my late husband, John Hull"). Other bequests were made to her daughters, Catherine Lake, Mary Dilts, and Moicah Boughner; sons, James and Abraham Larue. The executors were son, James Larue and friend, Asher Williamson. The will was not proved and John H. Boughner was named administrator.¹³ Neither her will nor that of her husband in 1794 named any Lake grandchildren.¹⁴

Because the will and inventory were the only estate papers existing for John Hull, the docket of Margaret Hull was examined.¹⁵ In the docket (and found no where else to date) were the papers relating to a case brought by Thomas Lake and his wife as "exceptants to the account" of the administrator, John H. Boughner. At a special term of the Court of Common Pleas held 27 March 1826, a hearing was held regarding a reimbursement to Jacob Boughner for the care of Margaret Hull. Apparently, the money was to come from the sale of an 18 acre lot plus two acres in Thomas Lake's field that was "never used and never fenced". . . 20 acres in all.

George Maxwell, Esquire (aged 98), Asher Williamson and Charles Sergeant (nephew of Margaret Hull) were called to testify. Their statements disclosed that Mrs. Hull had been in her 80th year and had been blind

for six or seven years. The most valuable witness for our problem was Othniel Lake who, upon cross-examination, admitted that he was the son of Thomas Lake. Fianlly, conclusive proof that Thomas and Catherine Lake were the parents of Othniel Lake who was also known as Arthur Lake.

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Othniel Lake, son of Thomas and Catherine (Hull or Larue) Lake, was born in Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey on 19 January 1794.¹⁶

On 11 March 1817, he married Permelia Holcombe¹⁷ who was most likely the daughter of Samuel and Ann (Bishop) Holcombe.¹⁸ It was probably through this marriage that Othniel "claimed a 1/18th interest in 430 acres in West Amwell willed to John Holcombe by his father, Richard on 12 Dec. 1783..."¹⁹ About the time of their marriage, Othniel and Permelia joined the Amwell Baptist Church where Othniel was baptised on 4 Oct. 1829.²⁰

In 1817, Othniel applied for a license to operate a tavern "where he now dwells" in Skunktown (now Sergeantsville) where James Larue, who was probably his uncle, had kept a tavern for many years. He was considered "an honest and sober man having two spare feather beds."²¹ Although, he applied again for a tavern license in May 1818,²² it is not known how long he kept the tavern. In 1822, Othniel paid his doctor's bill with 13 gallons of whiskey which was perhaps tavern stock. In June 1825, he had four teeth pulled and paid his doctor's bill in full on 31 March 1826.²³

Most of his life was spent in Amwell Township except for a short period of time about 1840 when he moved to Alexandria Township.²⁴ At that time he dealt with Ephraim and Joseph Robbins, leather merchants of Croton.²⁵

In 1866, he purchased a lot of 5730 square feet on the south side of Ferry Street in Lambertville from Robert Ely and his wife.²⁶ His backyard faced Swan Creek and his neighbors were the Lambertville Gas Light Company on the east and James Mullineaux on the west.

Othniel remained here until his death in 1871.²⁷ His wife, Permelia, died 3 years later, in 1874, and was interred beside her husband in Mt. Hope Cemetery.²⁸ Administration of his estate was granted to Alexander Silvers, his son-in-law.²⁹

Issue:³⁰

- i. Asher, b. 3 March 1817
- ii. Samuel, b. 17 April 1819; m. Schank. Samuel was delivered by Dr. Bowne.
- iii. William B., b. 15 November 1821, d. 7 Oct. 1861, Cape Girardeau, Missouri;

m. 1842, in Baptist Town, Sarah Jones, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Jones, b. Feb. 1826. William was a Civil War soldier.³¹

- iv. Ann H., b. 13 April 1824 (delivered by Dr. Bowne), d. 22 March 1907; m. 11 Aug. 1866 as his second wife, John H. Butterfoss, b. 23 Nov. 1823, d. 5 May 1890. Both are interred in Mt. Hope Cemetery.
- v. Joseph B., b. 27 November 1827, d. 1906, Lambertville; m. Achsha Silvers, b. 1831, d. 1885; Both interred at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Joseph was a Civil War soldier.
- vi. Sarah B., b. 15 June 1831, d. 13 Sept. 1909; m. about 1857 as his second wife, John Kennedy, b. 20 Oct. 1827, d. 24 Oct. 1900. Both interred in Mt. Hope Cemetery.
- vii. Mary, b. 21 July 1835, d. 15 Aug. 1860; m. Alexander Silvers, d. 5 July 1886, aged 52. Both interred in Mt. Hope Cemetery.



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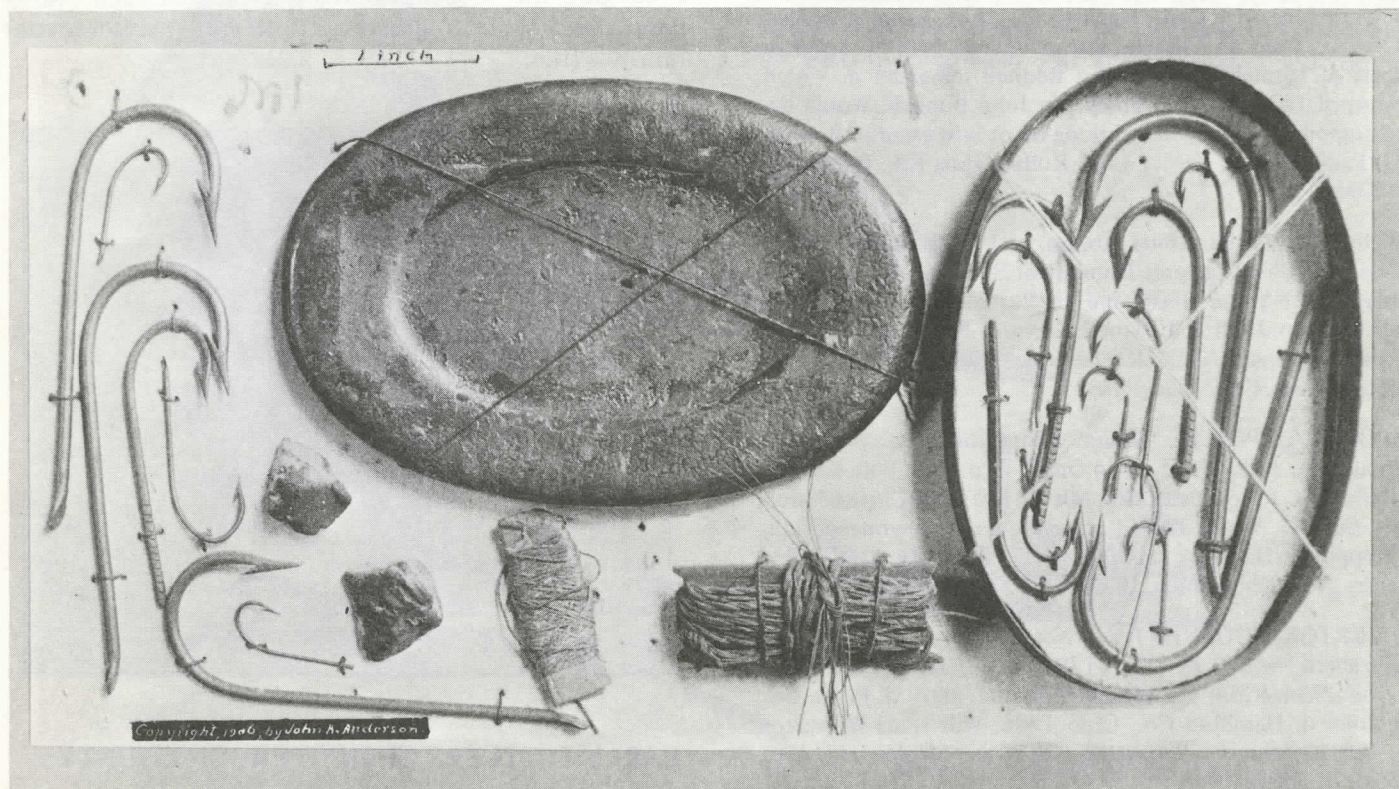
C. Phyllis D. Autrechy

TREE CLIMBING CAN BE FUN

The Hunterdon County Historical Society is planning a large genealogical workshop to be held on October 18, 1980. Society President Kenneth V. Myers says genealogy (family tree climbing) is America's fastest growing hobby.

The workshop will feature George B. Everton, Jr. of Logan, Utah, a prominent genealogical publishing executive who will talk about the basics of family history research. Mr. Everton is the publisher of numerous books on genealogy, including *The How Book For Genealogists* and *The Handy Book For Genealogists*.

Registration for the workshop is \$5 and will include a packet of genealogical material. This will contain various family information recording sheets and other valuable information.



SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION WANTS GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FISHING TACKLE KIT FOR EXHIBITION

Pictured above is George Washington's fishing tackle kit photographed in 1906 by John A. Anderson of Lambertville, New Jersey. When the kit was photographed it was in the possession of an unnamed family in Lambertville, relatives of George Coryell who had received the kit upon Washington's death.

Any information on the present whereabouts of the kit would be greatly appreciated. The Smithsonian Institution would like to include the kit in an exhibition in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, which will run from February to December 1982. Please contact the Society if you have information regarding the kit.

NOTES and QUERIES

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

HAZEN: Would like to exchange data on early Hazen family in Hunterdon, Sussex, Warren and Morris counties 1785 to 1830. ADD: Mrs. Lyman Willard, Rt. 1, Box 482, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

TOMER, WEBSTER: Desire info on Christopher Tomer, b. ca. 1730, m. Elizabeth Webster, b. 7/7/1734, d/o Joseph & Elizabeth (Shotwell) Webster, Kingwood MM Quakers, Bethlehem Twp., Hunterdon Co. Children included John, Christopher, Henry, Sarah Lundy, Elizabeth Rinesmith and Penalucesha Charlotte Leseler (Leffler). ADD: Robert Tomer, 30 Grapevine Rd., Gloucester, MASS. 01930.

JOHNSTON/E: TEN EYKE: Is anyone researching early Johnston/e: Will exchange. Need p/o John Johnston m. Magdalenah __. She was b. 1780, d. 1 March 1843. They had 7 sons and ? dau. Son John J. m. Elizabeth Ten Eyke, had son Levi b. 12 June 1836 at Whitehouse. Other children? ADD: Mrs. E. Nickolas, R.D. 1, Box 437, Oswego, NY 13126.

BONNELL: John Bonnell, b. 1761, served in Revolution in New York Line with Capt. Machin's Co., Col. Lamb's Artillery 1782-1783. Went to Virginia, was given land by Col. Abraham Bonnell of Hunterdon Co. John Bonnell remained in VA, d. there April 1823. Need to know p/o John Bonnell. Would like to correspond with anyone working on or interested in Bonnell. ADD: Paula Bonnell Sacco, 4864 Rolling Hills Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

DUMONT, HIXSON: Abner Hixson, b. 19 Feb. 1786, Hunterdon Co., m. 1806 Margaret Dumont of Somerset Co. Moved to Seneca Co., NY ca. 1808 and to Portland, Mich. in 1833. Abner was s/o John & Elizabeth Hixson. Need info on them and their families. ADD: Kenneth L. Tracey, 422 Princeton Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

HOPPOUCH/HOPPOCK: Desire information on p/o Peter Hoppough, b. 1780 NJ, d. 1844 Ontario Co., NY. Wife Margery Westbrook, b. 1785 Sussex Co., NJ, m. 1803 Old Clove Church, Sussex Co., NJ. Would like to correspond with anyone working on Hoppough/Hoppock family. ADD: Judy L. Karr, 1433 Coventry Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60195.

WOLVERTON/WOOLVERTON: Need info on maiden names of Elizabeth, w/o Joel (1715-1795) and Mary, (1722-1850) w/o John Wolverton, s/o Elizabeth & Joel. Mary d. Parke Co., Ind., John d. Hamilton Co., Ohio 1806. Will trade Wolverton info. ADD: John E. Wolverton, 2815 N. Maplewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60618.

CORYELL, JOHNSON, REED: Desire info on p/o Andrew Reed, b. 4/14/1803, and his wife, Maria, b. 9/13/1801. Need parents, dates of death and burial locations. Who was Sarah, w/o Cornelius Coryell (1831-)? Did they have a son Cornelius who m. Eliza? Was her name Johnson? ADD: R.E. McCloskey, Box 608, RD 1, Port Allegany, PA 16743.

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THE VAN FLEET FAMILY

The author of this series on the Van Fleet family, begs your indulgence until the next issue of the *News-letter*. His preparation for moving to Vermont allowed insufficient time for researching and writing the concluding article of the series.

Fred Sisser, III

