



# Hunterdon Historical Newsletter

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## Society Makes First Land Purchase

The Society is grateful to the Public Service Gas & Electric Company for enabling them to acquire 3 acres of creek and meadow land bordering the Society's Holcombe House-Jimison property at Lambertville.

The purchase was made to protect the view from Hunterdon County's oldest house, the 1711 Holcombe House, bequeathed by John Holcombe in 1743 to his son Richard. It was this Richard who played host to Washington in 1777 and 1778 at the nearby Holcombe Headquarters House.

The older 1711 Holcombe House and 20 acres of land, now in the shadow of the new Lambertville-New Hope Delaware River Toll Bridge, were presented to the Society by Milo and Rachel Jimison in 1968.

## Doric House Progress Report: 1972

A separate DORIC HOUSE PROGRESS REPORT will be issued later and sent to all donors, past and current.

Detailed accounts of projects achieved and projected will be given together with the names of 1972 donors to both the Doric House Building Fund and the Dale S. Moreau Doric House Memorial Fund.

Gifts of furnishings, including notable decorative items will be reported. Details as to the Scalmandre Scotch-ingrain period carpet now being loomed by the Scalmandre studio will be reported.

The Scotch-ingrain carpet is being made for the Moreau Parlor by America's foremost supplier of period fabrics and carpeting. Its cost is being contributed by the Moreau daughters and their families.

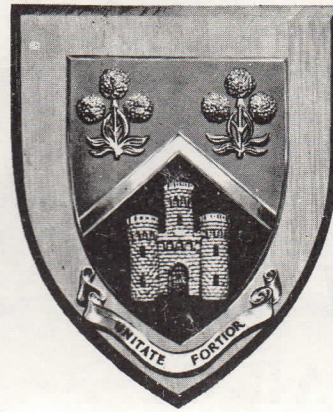
The carpet is a duplicate of that woven by Scalmandre for the Foote Parlor, one of the most attractive rooms in the New York Metropolitan Museum's recent outstanding "19th Century America" exhibit of furniture and decorative arts.

A report will also be given as to projected furnished period room exhibits, a "Hunterdon Medical History" room and a "Hill-Fulper-Stangl" ceramics gallery.

Plans for the 19th century rear garden will be

outlined based on four handsome boxwood bushes recently contributed by Mrs. Charles P. Brokaw.

Plans for the erection of a decorative cast iron fence from the burial plot of Joachim Hill, Flemington's noted clockmaker, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Schenk, will also be detailed.



## FAMILY COATS OF ARMS OF HUNTERDON FOUNDING FAMILIES AVAILABLE AS DORIC HOUSE FAMILY MEMORIALS

Coats of arms of Hunterdon's founding families will be featured in the Deats Library Room.

These heraldic plaques are made to order in London. Embossed relief heraldic symbols mounted on oak shields approximately 12 by 10 inches are offered by the Doric House Building Fund Committee under the \$500.00 "Family Memorial" category. The shields cost approximately \$50.00, the balance is credited as a "Family Memorial".

Among those families especially desired for memorialization are the Reading family (the arms as are used by John Reading, Sr., a Royal Governor of the Colony of New Jersey), the Howell, Schenk, Holcombe and Lambert families.

Descendants of these families wishing to make contributions toward the \$500.00 family memorial are invited to contact B.A. Sorby, Secretary of the Doric House Building Fund Committee, 114 Main Street, Flemington, N.J. 08822.



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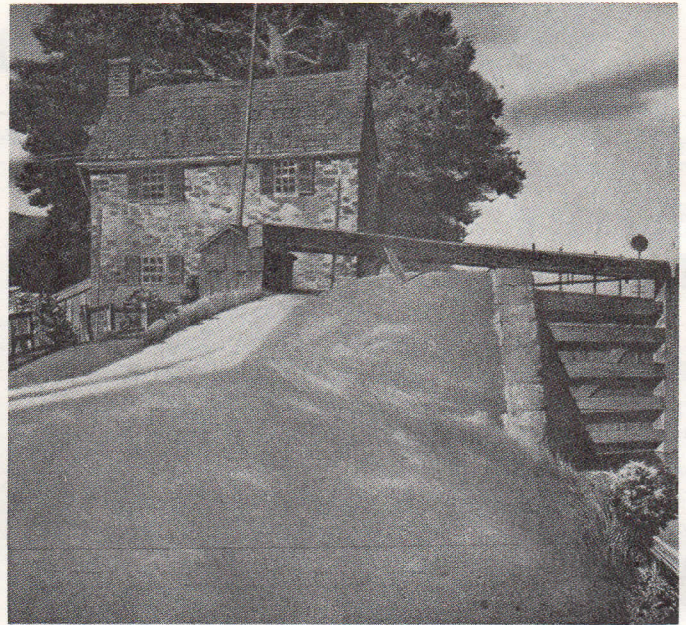
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THE LOCK HOUSE — Lambertville  
Delaware & Raritan Canal

## ***EDITORIAL***

### **1972: A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT**

The Society's new location in a handsome Greek Revival House on Flemington's "Main Street Acropolis" has brought it into the main-stream of historical preservation and research activities.

The Society noted an increase in the number of requests for assistance and/or use of our facilities for research by government preservation agencies, consulting engineers, realtors, attorneys, and university graduate scholars. We received requests for genealogical data from over 125 individuals representing 27 states and Canada and Africa.

Our library, in ten years, has increased from 1000 to over 5000 volumes. The collection of Hunterdon County newspapers is practically complete. Early manuscripts have been donated during the past year, adding to our valuable source materials. We have continued to add to our microfilm collection. Our most recent acquisitions are the federal census records of Hunterdon County for the years 1830, 1840, 1850 and 1860.



## **MEMBERSHIP**

Your membership support of the Society at this time when we are rapidly expanding our facilities and community services is valued perhaps more so than ever.

Growth and new services entail added expenses. To date, the Society has been largely financed through membership income and more recently, through its publications sales.

Now that we must maintain our own home we face greatly increased utility bills and other obligations. We do not receive contributions from federal, state or county sources although the state constitution makes provisions for municipalities to make yearly grants. To date this has not happened in Hunterdon.

The trustees have voted to establish an Endowment Fund, the nucleus of which is the late Judge John Norris' \$1000.00 bequest. The trustees hope that additional bequests will be received so that the Society may eventually be assured of an income enabling it to protect, add to, and make more accessible, its unique research materials and artifacts collection.

Membership dues are still our basic support. If you are delinquent in payment of your 1972 dues the Membership Secretary, Roxanne Carkhuff, and Treasurer, Kenneth V. Myers, will be pleased to hear from you.



## UNPUBLISHED CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

ROWE CEMETERY, on the farm of Mrs. Lambert B. Hoffman, north of Three Bridges, New Jersey. Originally owned by her grandfather, Christopher Rowe. It contains 6 marked graves and 2 unmarked.

HENRY, Jean, wife of Michael, June --, 1761, age 67  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Michael, December --, 1760, age 77. (For an account of Michael Henry see "History of the First English Presbyterian Church in Amwell")

ROWE, Abraham, son of Christopher and Ida, October 12, 1793, aged 3  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Christopher, April 25, 1833, age 77 years  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Ida, wife of Christopher, October 31, 1839, aged 81  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Jacob, February 15, 1857, aged 70

STEVENSON BURYING GROUND, three miles east of Lambertville, on the road to Linvale, on the farm formerly owned by Elnathan Stevenson is about 40 x 60 feet enclosed by a stone wall and lies about 100 feet south of the road. It contains about 20 unlettered stones that are still standing. Copied October 8, 1922 by H.E. Deats and Theodore Bellis.

C\_\_\_\_\_, R.  
 STEVENSON, Elnathan, October 30, 1842 in 81st year  
 \_\_\_\_\_, John, son of Elnathan & Mary, September 12, 1793 in 4th year  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Mary, wife of Elnathan, May 12, 1833 in 67th year

THE SIMERSON YARD, on Stilford Closson farm ½ mile east of Rocktown, E. Amwell Twp. About 100 feet square, stone wall, three lettered stones, many unmarked graves. Copied August 17, 1925 by H.E. Deats and Theodore Bellis.

HEATH, Eliza, March 21, 1818, 23 years  
 SIMERSON, Rosetta, wife of William, March 17, 1852 in 77th year  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Richard R., July 7, 1846, 42-8-1

**GRAVESTONE DESIGNS:** Rubbings & Photographs from early N.Y. and N.J. By Emily Wasserman. 190p. 135 plates, 222 rubbings & photos ..... \$4.00

## Publications For Sale

(by Mail: add 25¢)

- FARNHAM, Alexander, 2nd ed: Tool Collectors Handbook — Prices at auction, Expanded from 1st ed. .... \$3.00
- TABER, Thomas R. III, The Rock-A-Bye Baby: A history of the Rockaway Valley Railroad. 55p. Prof. illus. .... \$3.00
- VAN SICKLE, E. Old York Road. 1936 ... \$6.00
- OLD TENNENT CHURCH: 1931, 48p. .... \$7.50
- WEISS, Harry B.  
 Legislation in Colonial New Jersey. 1937. Ltd. ed. 50p. .... \$7.50  
 Early lotteries of N.J. 150p. .... \$10.00  
 Early hatters of N.J. 75p. .... \$7.50  
 Early snuff mills of N.J. 117p. .... \$7.50  
 Charcoal burning in N.J. .... \$6.00  
 Early promotional literature of N.J. 82p. wraps .... \$8.00  
 History of the N.J. Agricultural Society. 1781-1940. 40p. .... \$5.00  
 Early breweries of N.J. 1963, 98p. wraps.. \$8.00  
 Early windmills of N.J. 63p. .... \$6.00  
 Early woolen industry of N.J. 98p. wraps.. \$8.00  
 History of the N.J. State Board of Agriculture. 1872-1916. 183p. .... \$10.00  
 (same) 1916-1949. 279p. .... \$10.00
- MAXIM, Hudson, Lake Hopatcong. . a plea. (1930) 65p. maps. .... \$10.00
- ROCKAWAY REF. CHURCH. White House, N.J. History. 1938. 45p. .... \$10.00
- NESHANIC REF. CHURCH 175th Anniv. 1927. 39p. .... \$7.50
- GERMAN VALLEY, N.J. (OLDWICK) 1713-1743-1898 Souvenir. 186th anniversary. German settlement of N.J., and Sesqui-cent. of German Valley. (Scarce) .... \$12.50
- FARGO, Clarence B. Story of the Delaware Valley. 73p. Bd. .... \$10.00  
 History of Frenchtown, 1933. 220p. ... \$7.50
- DEATS, Hiram E.  
 Tombstone inscriptions from Hunterdon Cemeteries. 74p. in pts. .... \$7.50  
 Hunterdon County Militia, 1792. 37p. ... \$3.00
- BAILEY, Rosalie F. Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and families in Northern N.J. and Southern N.Y. 612p. .... \$5.00
- BERGEN, N.J.: 250th Anniv. 1910. 64p. .. \$5.00
- MASON, Henry P. Early Somerville. 31p. .. \$5.00
- STRYKER, Wm. S.—Official register of officers and men of N.J. in Revolutionary War. 1872. 878p. Bdg. broken ..... \$75.00

## Membership Report

AS OF DECEMBER, 1971

We wish to welcome the following new members who have joined the Hunterdon County Historical Society since December, 1971.

- \* Mr. & Mrs. Edmund R. Bernard, Flemington
- \*\* Stanley C. Brogren, Milford
  - Paul K. Brown, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
  - Hollis Burke, Flemington
  - Richard W. Case, Tarrytown, N.Y.
  - Larry D. Chamberlin, Flemington
- \* Mrs. Harry W. Cole, Flemington
- \*\* Mrs. Robert D. Collins, Butler
- \* Mrs. Robert F. Danziger, Flemington
- \* Mrs. James G. Davidson, Flemington
- \* Mrs. R. S. DeHoff, Flemington
- \* B. J. Dontzin, Glen Gardner
- \* Mrs. Raymond B. Drake, Clinton
  - Mrs. John M. Eastman, Rye, N.Y.
- \* A. Wendell Eld, Far Hills
- \* Mrs. Carl Espenscheid, Flemington
  - Alexander Farnham, Stockton
  - Joseph J. Felcone, Trenton
- \* Dr. Raymond Fidellow, Oldwick
  - Mrs. C. Lloyd Fisher, Flemington
  - Joseph C. Fisher, Flemington
- \* Mr. Palen Flagler, Stockton
  - V. W. Fritts, Milford
- \* Mr. & Mrs. William Fulper, Yardley, Pa.
- \*\* Mrs. J. C. Furnas, Lebanon
- \* Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gardner, Hampton
  - William A. Gaston, Ringoes,
- \* Mrs. James Glynos, Flemington
- \* Mrs. Melville Godley, Flemington
- \*\* Martin J. Greif, Pittstown
- \*\* Lawrence S. Grow, Pittstown
  - \* Mrs. C. Ryman Herr, Jr., Lebanon
- \*\* Robert T. Hess, Stockton
  - \* Mrs. Charles A. Hildebrant, Oldwick
  - Col. Dale M. Hoagland, Winston-Salem, N.C.
  - George W. Hoagland, Shaker Hgts., Ohio
  - Mrs. Margaret Hockenberger, Oldwick
  - Mrs. Paul L. Holcombe, Lambertville
- \* Mrs. John L. Howeth, Stockton
- \*\* Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hunt, Little York
  - Mrs. J. Gordon Ives, Montclair
  - Mrs. James R. Johnson, Clinton
  - Mrs. Paula F. Johnson, Atlanta, Ga.
- \* Mrs. Herman Kapp, Flemington
- \* Frank M. Kerr, Lebanon
- \* Theodore W. Kisor, Flemington
  - Helen Knight, life
  - Mrs. Glenn P. Lambert, Flemington
- \* Mrs. E.K. Large, Jr., Flemington
  - W.G. Laskey, Pittstown
- \* Robert Lechner, Clinton

### HOW TO JOIN

Please enroll me as a member: Annual, \$5.00; Family, \$8.00, Contributing, \$10.00; Sustaining, \$25.00; Institutional, \$25.00 upwards; Life, \$100.00; Patron, \$1,000; Student, \$1.00 (18 years old or younger)

For which I enclose. . . \_\_\_\_\_

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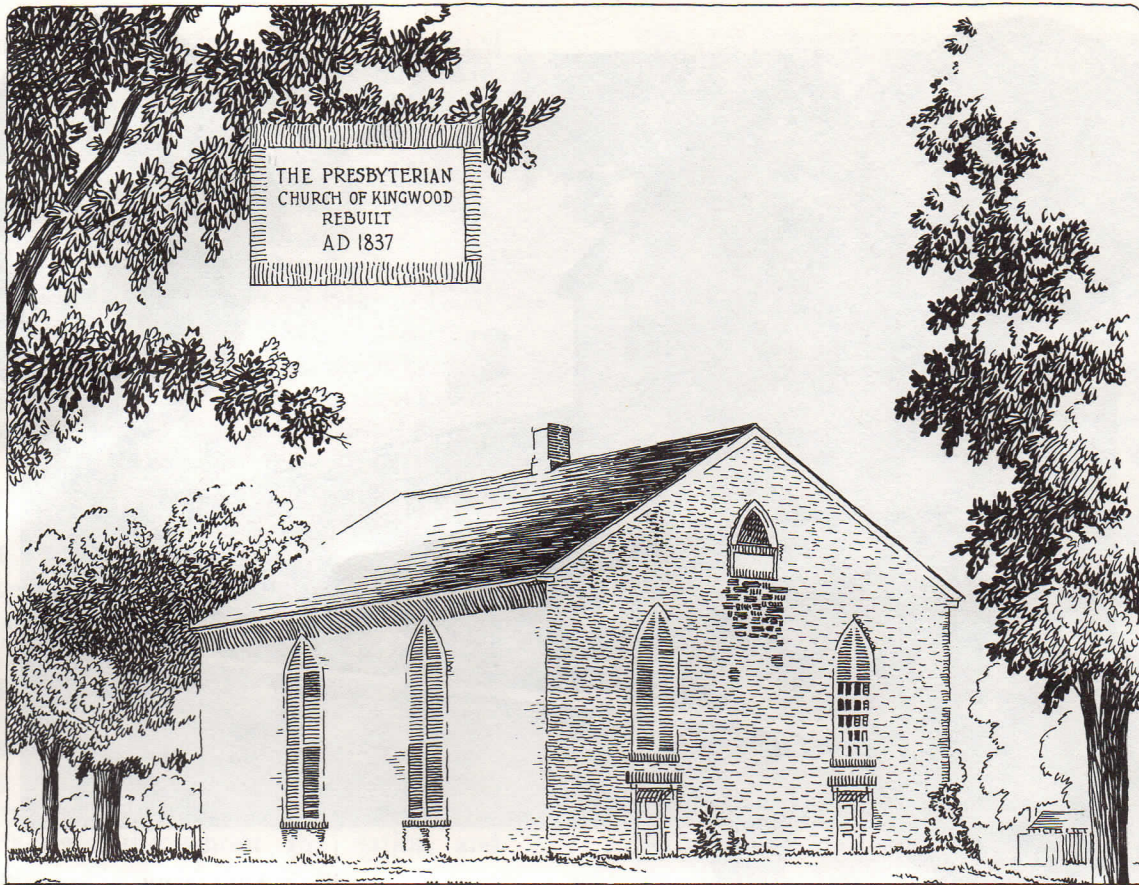
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- \* Edward Lewis, Hopewell
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- \* Mrs. William Martin, Jr., Flemington
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*Roxanne Carkhuff,  
Membership Secretary*



## *Kingwood Presbyterian Church*

(Baptistown-Palmyra Road)

Organized in 1736, this is one of Hunterdon's oldest churches. The first building was erected in 1755; the present building (shown above) in 1837. The church lot deed, dated Sept. 26, 1754 was from Lawrence "Haff" to James Barcalow. Charles Hoff and Henry Coxe, trustees for the Presbyterian Congregation at Kingwood," for one acre and a quarter of land.

The church has had no regular pastor since 1877 when the Rev. Benjamin Carrell was called elsewhere.

Opposite, in the cemetery, Colonel Thomas Lowrey and his wife, Esther, daughter of Samuel Fleming, the inn-keeper after whom Flemington was named, are buried. Near them are buried other Revolutionary War patriots.

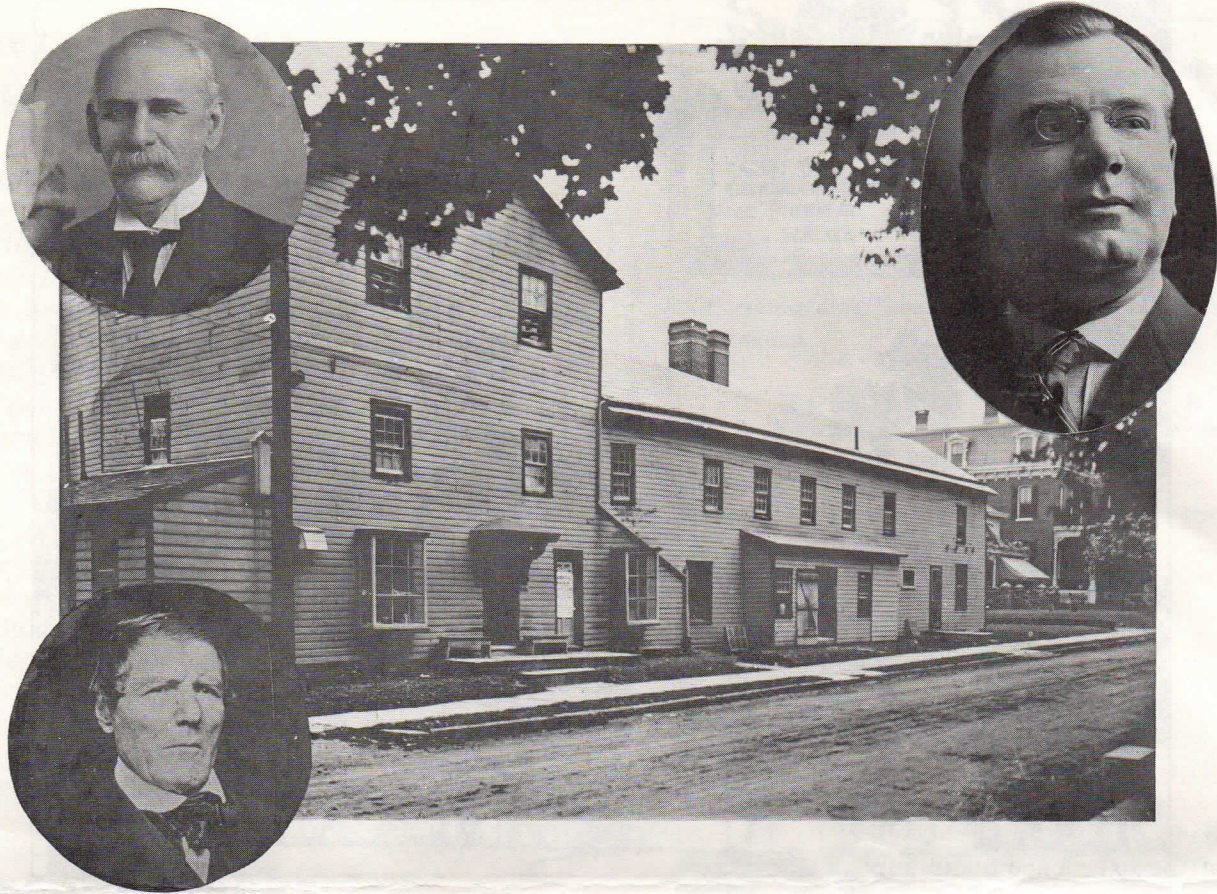
This old cemetery, located on the old "King's Highway" is the resting place of many Kingwood pioneers: Slater, Taylor, Van Syckel, Everett, Wright, Chamberlin, Lott, Hoff, Tomlinson, Tomson, Dalrymple, Warne and McGill are among the names found here.

Since 1926 the burial ground has been maintained by the Kingwood Presbyterian Cemetery Association of which the late Hiram E. Deats was president for many years. The Society's former Genealogical Committee Chairman, Mrs. Ray C. Wilson, of Pittstown, is a long-time trustee.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick deeded the old church to the Cemetery Association in December 1971.

The Cemetery Association is seeking Historic Site Status for the church. Recently, the Cemetery Association has opposed Kingwood Township's attempt to remove the tax exempt status long enjoyed by the church property. An appeal has been made to the Hunterdon County Tax Board for tax relief.

As the County has thus far failed to initiate an historic preservation program for remaining Hunterdon historic sites and structures it would appear inequitable to add to the financial burden of a non-profit association which has thus far preserved this historic cemetery through donations without state or county aid.



FULPER POTTERY, Mine Street, Flemington, 1910.

These original buildings burned in 1929.

Left: George W. Fulper; Right: William H. Fulper; Lower left: Samuel Hill.

## Hill-Fulper-Stangl Pottery Gallery Proposed for Doric House Museum

Flemington and pottery were synonymous for over 167 years and made Flemington widely known through America and the Southern hemisphere. The proposed pottery gallery will provide examples and study material for such projects as Ralph and Terry Kovel's new book on art pottery scheduled for early publication by Crown Publishers of New York.

The Kovels ask our assistance in compiling a list of artists who worked for Fulper and wish to record marks appearing on pottery particularly the artist's initials and any other unusual markings.

The Society would welcome donations to its pottery collection and catalogs, etc. illustrating products made.

Samuel Hill (1793-1858), Joseph and Thomas Capner's nephew came to Flemington in 1814 from New Brunswick where he learned his trade. Until Hill's

death in 1858 his earthenware manufactory was one of Hunterdon's chief industries.

A Hill workman, Abraham Fulper, at Hill's decease, purchased the firm and for a time made drain tile exclusively. Later he re-opened the "pot shop" and made both earthenware and stone ware.

In 1910 Martin Stangl became ceramic engineer. At this time William H. Fulper decided to launch a new line of artware. This department and its problems were delegated to Stangl.

Experimentation with glazes were developed to add tone and texture to the art line. Fulper pottery won several awards for fine glazes at the 1915 San Francisco Pan-American Exposition.

One of Fulper's best known products was the "Fulper Germ-Proof Filter" a set of stone jars to provide clean, cool water. They were used in every

railroad station, coast to coast, and were exported in large quantities to the Southern Hemisphere.

The famous "Fulper" doll heads were developed to replace those unavailable due to World War I. In 1920, Fulper, headed by Stangl, introduced solid-color glazed dinnerware in the United States, the first American manufactory to do so.

Early Fulper products listed in the 1915 Newark Museum "New Jersey Pottery Prior to 1870" exhibition catalog included an 1840 red earthenware jar, an 1850 stoneware pipkin, a red earthenware shaving cup, an 1860 stoneware crock with gray glaze, brown lining with dull blue floral decoration on one side. Other early Fulper products were crocks, flowerpots and brown glazed ware.

Among the Fulper potters were John Kunsman and Edward Wyckoff. An 1892 photograph of Fulper workmen and their names was reproduced in the Hunterdon County Democrat, Aug. 24, 1951, Sect. 1. p.1.

Fulper pottery production in Flemington ended in 1935 when operations were removed to Trenton.

The passing of J. Martin Stangl and acquisition of the firm by the Wheaton interests perhaps presages changes for the pottery making industry which made Flemington known throughout the nation and abroad for the excellence of its wares.

To preserve the products, names of workers, and business records of this 167 year local industry, is the object of the proposed Hill-Fulper-Stangl Pottery Gallery. The Society would welcome donations of material associated with the pottery industry as well as funds to properly prepare the gallery and to purchase suitable exhibition cases.

PANAMA PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915

### VASES and JARS

For Cut Flowers and Growing Plants

No. 483 Vase, mahogany, white and black flambé, height 7½ inches. \$2.00

No. 25 Lily Vase, tall, height 10½ inches, green flambé or cucumber green. \$3.00  
Lily Vase, medium height 7½ inches, green mirrored. \$2.00

No. 491 Vase with Pottery Pedestal, blue wistaria with green flambé, height 16 inches. \$10.00

No. 425 Ovoid Vase, mustard matte with brown flambé, height 12 inches. \$8.00

No. 475 Vase, blue wistaria with mahogany flambé, height 7½ inches. \$2.00

No. 59 Three Handled Jardiniere, assorted mattes. \$1.50  
Large, café au lait or blue wistaria. \$5.00

No. 465 Shouldered Vase, blue wistaria with green flambé, height 9½ inches. \$4.00

No. 452 Two Handled Jar, cucumber green or vert antique, 9 inches wide. \$2.00

STUDIO AND SHOPS, FLEMINGTON, N. J. ; NEW YORK EXHIBITION, 333 FOURTH AVE.

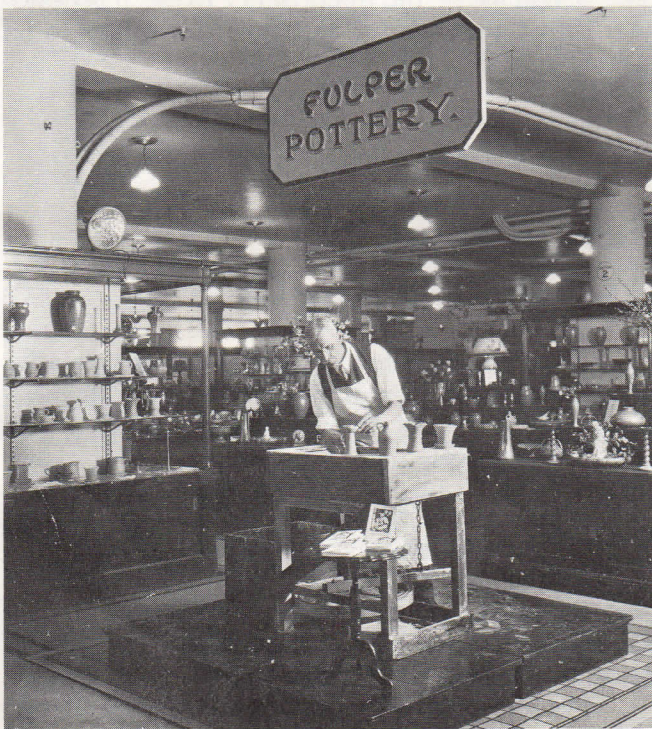
### FULPER "VASE-KRAFT" SALES CATALOG c. 1920

Prices range from a turtle at 50 cents to an Amphora vase at \$75.00.

A 1914 "Fine Arts Journal" reprint of an article by Evelyn Marie Stuart: "Vase-Kraft: An American Art Pottery" contains over 35 illustrations ranging from jardiniere, Munchner beer sets, wall lights, table lamps to smoker's sets.



Longtime, early Fulper craftsman John Kunsman, at the Potter's wheel.



## Society Members Book Published

### THE VICTORIAN HOME IN AMERICA

By John Maass, NY: Hawthorn. 1972. 4to, 235p. Prof. illus., some color photos. . . \$19.95  
(Available from the Society)

The author acknowledges the Society's assistance. Flemington is represented by the residences of Attorney Henry A. Fluck, Main St.: "the gable counter pointing the curve of the mansard roof is an uncommon feature";

"Rose Lawn", the W.E. Emery residence, North Main St. Two photos are included as it appeared in the 1890's and "Rambling Rose Lawn" today.

The Williamsport, Pa. home of Mahlon Fisher, an Italianate stone villa erected 1860 is also shown. The author recalls that Fisher was a young New Jersey carpenter who designed and built Flemington's beautiful Greek Revival houses, including the Doric House, his own home, in the 1830's and 1840's.

In middle life Fisher moved to Williamsport and became a wealthy lumber dealer.

## Collectors Books

- COINS AND COIN COLLECTING—By Burton Hobson. Republication of 1965 ed. 124 p. . . \$1.75
- COMPLETE BOOK OF DOLL MAKING AND COLLECTING—By Catherine Christopher. repub. of 1971 ed. 288p. . . . . \$3.00
- DOLLS—By Max van Boehn. 269p. 15 plates 262 textual illus. Bibl. Index. . . . . \$3.00
- SIMON WILLARD AND HIS CLOCKS—By John W. Willard. 38 plates. 133p. . . . \$2.50
- EARLY AMERICAN STENCILS ON WALLS AND FURNITURE—By Janet Waring. 147p. 135 plates. 7 in color. . . . . \$4.00
- BLUE CHINA BOOK: EARLY AMERICAN SCENES—By Ada W. Camehl. 327p. 135 plates. 200 illus. . . . . \$5.00
- OLD TIME TOOLS AND TOYS OF NEEDLEWORK.—Repub. 1928 ed. 357p. 156 illus. . . \$5.00
- EARLY AMERICAN ROOMS: 1650-1858 — By Russell H. Kettel. 200p. 72 plans and elevations; 8p. color section: fabrics, wall papers; arrangements. . . . . \$5.00
- STANDARD BOOK OF QUILT MAKING AND COLLECTING—By Marguerite Ickis. Traditional appertens, 150 other patterns. 483 illus. 273p. . . \$3.00
- A BOOK OF OLD MAPS—By E.D. Fite and A. Freeman. (Incl. Revolutionary maps) 74 old maps and historical essay. 299p. . . . . \$7.00
- STAGE COACH AND TAVERN DAYS—By Alice M. Earle. 449p. 157 illus. . . . . \$4.00

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## NEWSLETTER IN COMBINED FORM

The NEWSLETTER this year as last year, appears as a combined issue of Nos. 1-3. We will resume our Spring-Fall-Winter schedule in 1973.

We would like to encourage our members to report items which would be of interest to the membership of their Society, for inclusion in the NEWSLETTER.

The Genealogists among the members may take advantage of the opportunity to reach genealogists across the country and submit a query to be printed free.

## Samples of Old Hair Sought

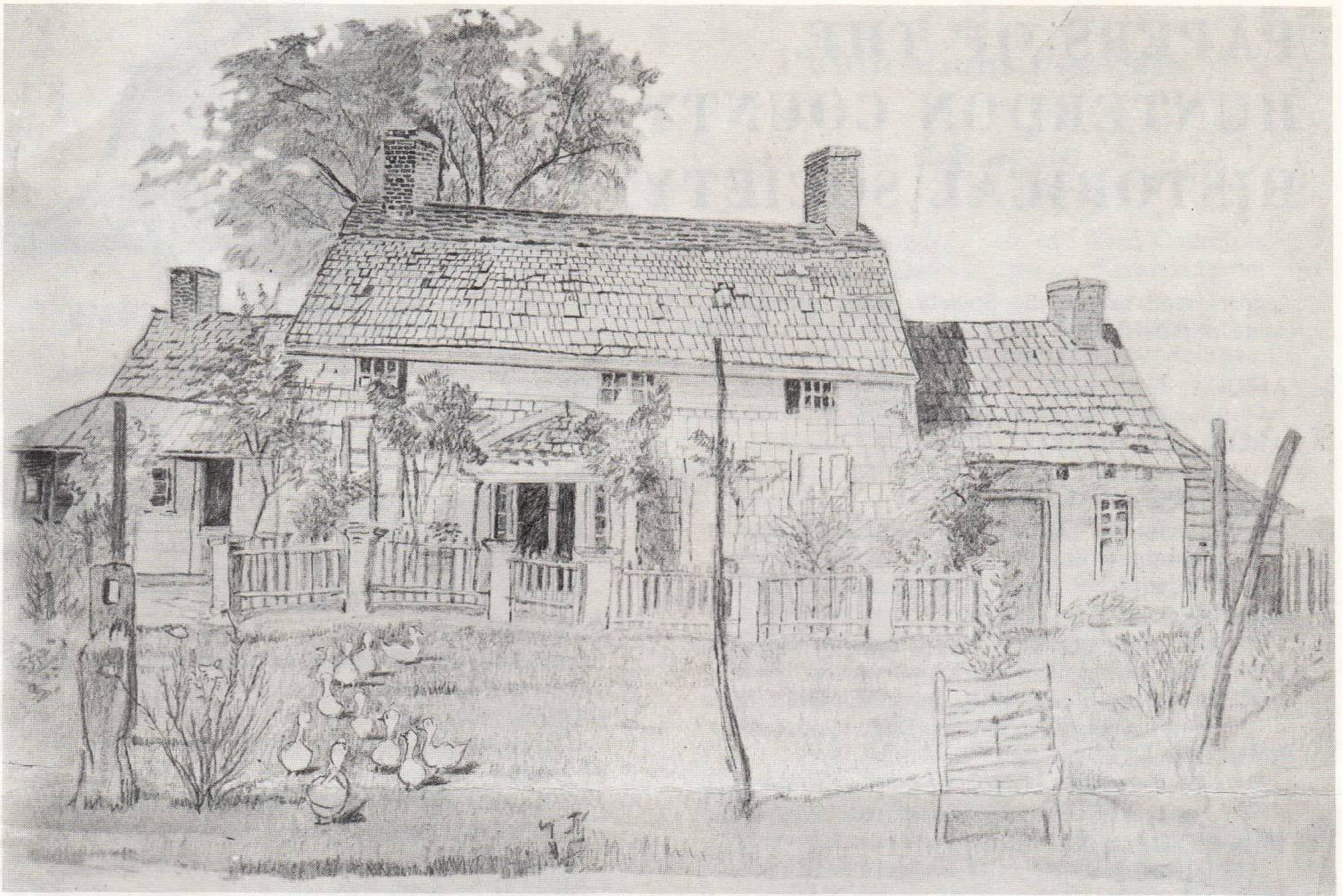
Samples of old hair from lockets, hair wreaths, and Bibles are needed for a University of Michigan study to gauge the human intake of potentially harmful chemicals over the last 200 years. Trace metals in hair can be easily detected.

Meaningful data can be obtained by analysis especially if information is available on the person from whom the hair was cut.

Those desiring to aid this study should contact Dr. Gordus, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104.

Please include a description of the item.





## “ABRAHAM VAN HORNE HOMESTEAD”

Our member, auctioneer Elwood Heller, of Lebanon has a deep interest in Hunterdon County history and like the late Herbert Van Pelt, is in an enviable position for discovering valuable source material and artifacts. Both of these history-minded men have generously given to the Society items which they feel should be preserved for posterity.

This early gelatin reproduction of an original drawing is inscribed “This is the Van Horne homestead at Whitehouse, New Jersey built about the year 1757 and occupied by the Van Horne’s up to the fifth generation”. a typed appendage adds—“Slave kitchen shown at right end of picture”. also “Abraham Van Horne was Forage Master for Washington’s Army during the encampment at Morristown, N.J.”

The present location of the original drawing is sought so that it might be recorded in “Icono-

graphy of Early New Jersey Scenes” now being compiled by our member, Robert J. Lunny, Director of the New Jersey Historical Society.

Mr. Heller, during this year, presented us with other items of historic interest, including ms. cyphering books (1818 and 1821) and Quakertown General Store day book (1819) of Theodore Probasco. In 1842, Probasco had a cabinet and furniture shop in Quakertown. He was Franklin Township’s first town clerk, school superintendent in 1857, freeholder in 1867-68, New Jersey State Assemblyman in 1868-70.

Mr. Heller is to be commended for his historic preservation efforts. He also often adds to our Family Bible Collection — a valuable source of genealogical data. His current gift included the William H. Guest (1824 ) and Elizabeth Space Guest (1827- ) Family Bible. They were married July 20, 1850. Birth dates of four of their children are recorded.

# PAPERS OF THE HUNTERDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



(papers read before the Society: some published;  
some unpublished)

AFRICA, J. Simpson.

Boundaries of Pennsylvania 1887

ALLEN, Alex B.

Joachim Hill, clockmaker, 1904.

ANDERSON, John A.

Crossing the Delaware by Ferry and Bridge at  
Lambertville. 1911.

Navigation of the Upper Delaware. 1912.

ARMSTRONG, H.W. The Rev.

St. Andrew's Parish, 1724. rish, 1724-1914.

BARTOW, George W., M.D.

Dr. George Viersellius, an early Hunterdon  
physician and his environment. 1963.

BECK, Henry C., The Rev.

Talk delivered at the 75th annual meeting  
party for Hiram E. Deats. Recorded. 1960.

BELLES, Theodore

Flemington's first water-supply. 1922.

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## *The John C. Hopewell House*

55 East Main Street, Flemington

*"This Victorian Italianate stone villa style house was often translated into wood. Purists sputter with rage about this sort of thing but it really does no harm when the result is as pleasant as this white-and-green clapboard home in Flemington, N.J."*

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The home of John C. Hopewell (1814-1888) who married Ann, daughter of Abraham Houseell in Philadelphia in 1835.

Hopewell probably contributed more toward the development of Flemington than any other person. He first came here in 1842 and established himself in the hat business. Later he was in Philadelphia until his retirement to Flemington in 1854.

In 1864 he helped get Flemington its first steam fire engine, hose and apparatus and a brick fire house and helped establish the Flemington Gas Works (1859), and Water Works (1860). In 1865 he was a director and vice-president of the Hunterdon County Agricultural Society.

The Hopewell residence in more recent years was occupied by his granddaughter, Mrs. W.L. Hop-

pock. Later it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Niels Nielsen, members of our Society.

Following Mr. Nielsen's decease a notable 4 day auction sale — May 24-27, 1972 — was conducted on the premises by auctioneers Elwood G. Heller & Son. A lifetime collection of the Nielsen antiques attracted a record crowd.

The Society purchased a framed color drawing of the Hopewell family coat-of-arms. It is quartered with other coats of arms of Hunterdon's early settlers, which are obtainable as Family Memorials through the Doric House Building Fund Committee.

The Hopewell house is currently offered for sale. It is to be hoped that a preservation minded buyer will purchase this Flemington landmark.

## Notes & Queries

Address correspondence to GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEE. Listings free to members. Non-member rates: 25¢ per line.

BUIS, BOYCE, BUYS, BOWMAN: Info on Jos. Boice b 1764 Amwell Twp. w Keziah Bowman b 1759, NJ related to Geo. & Elias Bowman. Went to Fayette Co., Pa., 1793, Ohio 1820. (Mrs. Harriet B. Parks, 17 Old Farmers Rd., Long Valley, New Jersey 07853).

HART, MOORE, HARRISON: Want parents Daniel Hart (1790-1860) Alexandria Twp. m Nancy Thatcher; also John and Elizabeth (Harrison) Moore, Riegelsville, both b 1789. (Mrs. John C. Sinclair, 78 Stonehedge Drive So., Greenwich Conn, 06830)

THATCHER, HUFF: Want names of "orphan children of son Amos Thatcher" mentioned in will of Amos Thatcher, Sr., 1787 proved 1798. One thought to be Sarah Thatcher b 1778 (by census age) m James Huff. Both died Michigan, she in 1852. (Miss Nellie Thatcher, 6446 Regular St., Detroit Michigan 48209)

TRIMMER: Info on Anthony M. b 1825 & Mary Maloney Trimmer; their two children James M. and Mary A. Freeman. Anthony son of Jacob D. b 1802 & Susan Melick Trimmer b 1806 of New Germantown, Hunterdon County. (R.W. Trimmer, Bryckwyck D11, Troy, N.Y. 12180)

SMITH: William Smith (1778-1855) son Joshua & Mary Smith, bur. Lawrenceville cemetery. In his ledgers, he refers to "my boy Charles" regarding his schooling & boarding in 1836. Wanted marriage record of Wm. and birth record if he had son Charles in 1836. Could have been m to Elizabeth Reynolds (died 1850 age 71) (Mrs. Esther Smith, 115 Smithfield Ave., Trenton, N.J. 08638).

CARKHUFF, CLICKINGER: Elsey Clickinger b 1797 dau George & Catherine Carkhuff Clickinger m 12 Aug 1820 Samuel M. Carkhuff b 1794. Desire info on his parents. Will exchange on children. (Mrs. R. Carkhuff, RD2, Bx 271, Ringoes, N.J. 08551)

WOOLVERTON, WOLVERTON: Wanted, parents of Peter Wolverton b 1770 d 1842 Bowling Green, Ky. Lived, NJ, Pa., Ill., and Ky. In Northampton Co. Pa. militia 1798. m 2nd (?) Ann Catherine Quick 27 Mar 1823 Hunterdon Co. (Mrs. Harry J. Cook, 513 Michaelsville, Rd., Perryman, Md. 21130).

PRICE, SCOTT: Wanted parents of James Denison Scott, b Pa., m Elizabeth Price b Hunterdon Co., dau John and Rachel Price. (Mrs. George J. Maly, 993 W. North Ave. No. 341, Wauwatosa, Wisc. 53226)

RINGO, MAJOR: Wanted: data on family of Margaret Major (married Henry Ringo in Hunterdon Co. 21 Mar 1749. She was b 6/21/1732, d 1/20/1795 in either William Co. Va. or near Mt. Sterling Ky. (Chas. R. Ringo, 1404 Franklin St. Suite 311, Oakland, Cal. 94612)

## Acquisitions

By purchase we obtained The Holland Society Year Book, 1900-29 (some years lacking).

A number of genealogies were received: Le-master's "Gano Family" (1970 was presented by Mrs. H.M. Gilbert and Miss Nora M Gano in memory of their grandparents, Stephen and Kate Gano.

The "Coll-Kuhl" family was given by Irene Cool Waddell.

Charles T. Deats presented a large number of interesting early tools including an 1880 Paulos Automatic Paper Fastener as well as early crockery and other kitchen furnishings.

Miss Jean Koch donated 36 modern books on Indians; Clark Kinnaird presented a large number of early and scarce New Jersey books and broadsides.

Mrs. Elizabeth Freeland presented an unusually beautiful patchwork quilt with the initials "MS 1842" (Mary Salter ?)

Philhower Family Charts were presented by the Philhower Family Association.

A "Gardner and Company" type platform rocker was presented by Mr. and Mrs. H. Walter Stoetzel.

A Bonnell Family Bible was received from Miss Helen Tomson.

Mrs. Harold Cregar of Beaumont, Texas contributed the manuscript minute book (1808-1837) of the trustees of Fairville School (Whitehouse, N.J.).

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