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Colonial Paper Money

Topic of January Meeting

"Colonial New Jersey and Continental Paper Money" will be the topic of the Annual Meeting of the Society, Sunday, January 14 at 2 p.m. at the Flemington Methodist Church.

The speaker, William Brown, Jr., Lambertville coin dealer and vice president of the Lambertville Historical Society, will discuss the origin of paper and its first use for money, a Chinese innovation introduced about 1500 A.D.

Mr. Brown will trace the use of paper money from China to Europe and later to Canada and onward to the American Colonies. He will tell of the importance of paper money in the colonial economy and of prominent officials who issued and signed the early notes.

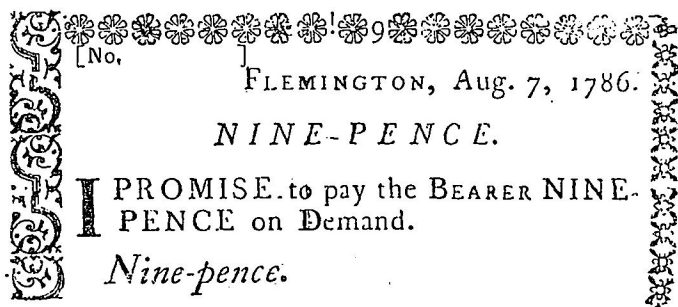
Specimens of colonial currency, as well as some early Hunterdon notes of a later era from the speaker's collection, will be on view.

Mr. Brown will convince us that paper money, in addition to being very necessary in our daily life, has a very interesting history.

An early Hunterdon resident in January, 1768 expressed concern over inflation in words that have a very contemporary sound: He complained that New Jersey in 1754 had less than L20,000 in paper money and that "she hath now near L220,000."

"The extreme plenty of money, in the latter part of the (French and Indian) war, hath proved the greatest mischief that ever happened to these provinces; it relaxed industry, promoted idleness, encouraged running in debt, opened a door to profusion and high living, and luxury and excess of every kind. . ."

ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, January 14, at 2 p.m.
FLEMINGTON METHODIST CHURCH
2 Maple Ave., Flemington, N. J.
(New public address system in use)



A unique copy? Reproduced from "The Jerseyman", Vol. 2, p. 16 (1893). The editor and publisher, Hiram E. Deats, commented: "We have not been able to discover another copy".

Welcome New Members

- S. Sgt. Charles E. Bunnell, Jr. Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- Miss Helen E. Glass, Macomb, Ill.
- Mrs. Robert Hulsizer, Springfield, Ohio.
- *David Leer Ringo, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Mrs. Louise H. Tunison, Washington Crossing, Pa.
- *Herbert S. Whitman, Block Island, R.I.
- Mrs. Ralph Williamson, Pennington, N.J. Life.
- * Contributing

The Society was indeed pleased to welcome David Leer Ringo, Jr., our speaker at the Fall Meeting, into membership as a Contributing Member.

There are now 299 members, 12 of whom are delinquent in payment of their 1967 dues.
Mrs. Frederick Stothoff,
Membership Chairman.

HUNTERDON HISTORICAL NEWSLETTER

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Progress Report for 1967

MEMBERSHIP: 299 including 6 Life Members. Institutional Memberships continue to lag. Members are urged to recruit new members so that we can more effectively carry out our responsibilities. Prompt payment of delinquent due is requested.

PUBLICATIONS: 102 copies of the 250 copy 3rd printing of Mott's "First Century" have been sold. Our book sales catalogs have added much needed funds for defraying costs of future publications and the operation of our Society.

LIBRARY: As of Nov. 25 accessions number 3521 volumes including 333 added in 1967. 87 volumes have been rebound. Our Recordak Microfilm reader is available for use. A replacement for our photo-copying machine is sought as it expedites replies to Genealogical Committee correspondence. There were 195 Library visitors. Our Library is represented by over 300 items in the forthcoming State Library publication: "Preliminary Survey of Library Resources in New Jersey History".

GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEE: Over 75 mail inquiries were received and answered and reference assistance was given to researchers who visited the Library.

MEETINGS: A public address system was purchased for use at meetings.

PROJECTS: Vice-President Frank E. Burd has nearly completed his "Hunterdon Marriage Records, 1876-1900". Over 10,900 entries are included. This will serve as a continuation of Deats' "Hunterdon Marriage Records, 1795-1875". Flemington: 1918.

Unpublished Cemetery Inscriptions Rake Family Cemetery

At Sand Brook, on Frank Yasunas farm. Adjoins the farms of Barton Williamson and Wm. T. Sergeant. I could not learn whether this was once part of some other farm. Present owner bought of Berkowitz. 44 graves marked by unlettered field stones. Copied Nov. 9, 1922 by H.E. Deats.

- Davis, Mary. Nov. 18, 1825. 53-1-18.
Fisk, Ebenezer. Nov. 12, 1852. 88-8-0.
Godown, Isaac. July 14, 1857. 69th year.
G(odown), J(acob).
Godown, Permilia. Oct. 21, 1870. 78th year.
G(odwn), S(arah), dau. John and Ann Lake.
Godown, Striker. Mar. 2, 1864. 34th yr.
G(ordon), J.
G(ordon), M.
Gordon, Mary. Mar. 4, 1851. 74-2-10.
Gordon, Otheniel. May 14, 1826. 52-11-18.
Lake, I(saac), son of John and Ann. Oct. 15, 1825.
Lake, Jane. May 8, 1827. 62-6-2.
Lake, Mary. Oct. 22, 1851. 75-5-19.
Lake, S. Jan. 2, 1831. 57 1/2 yrs.
Lake, Thomas. Dec. 23, 1810. 52-5-20.
Lake, W. Sept. 16, 1846. 16 years.
La Rue, Permilia. Oct. 23, 1851. 75-8-5.
La Rue, Sarah Ann. July 22, 1825. 0-8-1.
La Rue, Thomas G(ordon). Jan. 23, 1826. 12-5-3.
La Rue, Uriah. Apr. 6, 1814. 40-0-11.
Rake, Caroline. 1834.
Rake, Lydia. 1802.
Rake, M.O.
Rake, Philip, Jr. Feb. 19, 1865. 49-3-0.

HOW TO JOIN

Please enroll me as a _____ member. Annual, \$4.00 per year; Contributing, \$10.00; Sustaining, \$25.00; Institutional, \$25.00; Life, \$100.00; Patron, \$1,000.00; Student, \$1.00 (18 years old or younger)

For which I enclose _____

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CHART OF THE RINGO FAMILY

First Five Generations in America

(Male Line Only)

Data taken from an address: "What Ever Happened to the Ringoes?", delivered before the Hunterdon County Historical Society Fall Meeting at Ringoes, N.J. October 21, 1967, by David Leer Ringo, Jr., 1203 Carew Tower, Cincinnati, Ohio.

(1)
PHILIP JANSEN RINGO
Born - Est. 1618, Visseongen, Zeeland
Married - 1647 New Amsterdam, Geertje Cornelis
Died - 1662 - Atlantic Ocean
(5 Children)

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Ringoes, New Jersey
Oct. 21, 1967

(1b) **CORNELIUS RINGO**
Born 1649, New Amsterdam
Married - ?
Died - ?
(No Known Children)

(1c) **JAN (JOHN 1st) RINGO**
Born - Est. 1655, Fort Beuversreede
Married - 1731 Hunterdon Co. N.J.
Died - 1731 Hunterdon Co. N.J.
(No Known Children)

(1d) **ALBERTUS RINGO**
Born - 1656, New Amsterdam
Married - 1679, New York City
Died - 1734, Hunterdon Co. N.J.
(7 Children)

(1e) **PETER RINGO**
Born - 1659, New Amsterdam
Married - ?
Died - ?
(No Known Children)

(1d2) **PHILIP RINGO**
Born - 1682, New York City
Married - 1721 Hunterdon County, N.J.
@ Jane Cook @ Catharina
Died - 1757 Amwell Twp., New Jersey
(5 Children)

(1d5) **PETER RINGO**
Born - 1689, New York City
Married - No
Died - 1730 Hunterdon Co., N.J.

(1d7) **CORNELIUS RINGO**
Born - 1695, New York City
Married - Frances
Died - 1768 Maidenhead Twp., N.J.
(No Children)

(1d2a) **ALBARTES RINGO**
Born - 1722 Hopewell Twp., N.J.
Married - 1745 Hunterdon Co., N.J.
@ Catherine Goddum @ Mary Rittenhouse
Died - 1800 Amwell Twp., N.J.
(No Children)

(1d2b) **HENRY RINGO**
Born - 1724, Hopewell Twp., N.J.
Married - 1749 Hunterdon County, N.J.
Margaret Major
Died - 1803 Montgomery Co., Ky.
(8 Children)

(1d2c) **PETER RINGO**
Born - 1730, Amwell Twp., N.J.
Married - (No)
Died - 1750 Amwell Twp., N.J.

(1d2d) ***JOHN (2nd) RINGO**
Born - 1736, Amwell Twp., N.J.
Married - Est. 1757, New Jersey (?)
Martha, Henson
Died - 1779 Ringoes, N.J.
(No children)

(1d2e) **CORNELIUS RINGO**
Born - 1739 - Amwell Twp., N.J.
Married 1756 - New York City
Margaret Switzer
Died - 1815 Nelson County, Ky.
(3 Children)

(1d2a1) **PHILIP RINGO**
Born - 1750 Hopewell Twp., N.J.
Married - Est. 1772 Virginia (?)
- Margaret Ewin
Died - 1785 Loudoun Co., Va.

(1d2b2) **PETER RINGO**
Born - 1751 Hopewell Twp., N.J.
Married - (No)
Died - 1829 Montgomery Co., Ky.

(1d2b3) ***CORNELIUS RINGO**
Born - 1753 Hopewell Twp., N.J.
Married - 1782 Bourbon Co., Ky.
Sarah Morgan
Died - 1836 Henry Co., Ky.

(1d2b4) **MAJOR RINGO**
Born - 1755 Hopewell Twp., N.J.
Married - 1786 Virginia
Elizabeth Hering
Died - 1839 Montgomery Co., Ky.

(1d2b5) **JOHN RINGO**
Born - 1758 Hopewell Twp., N.J.
Married (?)
Died - After 1806 Va. (?)

(1d2b6) **SAMUEL H. RINGO**
Born - 1761 Hopewell Twp., N.J.
Married - 1785 Virginia (?)
Died - After 1810 Ky (?)

(1d2b7) **JOSEPH RINGO**
Born - 1769 Hopewell Twp., N.J.
Married - 1798 Montgomery Co., Ky.
Mary Radiff
Died - 1852 Montgomery Co., Ky.

(1d2e1) ***JOHN RINGO**
Born - 1761 Amwell Twp., N.J.
Married - 1784 Virginia (?)
Nancy Harrison
Died - 1843 Spencer Co., Ky.

(1d2e2) ***ALBERTUS RINGO**
Born - 1763 Amwell Twp., N.J.
Married - 1790 Fauquier Co., Va.
Hannah Keator
Died - 1852 Fleming Co., Ky.

* Indicates served in Revolutionary Army

(1818-1968)

Sandy Ridge Baptist Church Sesquicentennial

THE HISTORY OF THE SANDY RIDGE
BAPTIST CHURCH

Verbatim extracts from an unpublished address read before the Hunterdon County Historical Society at Sandy Ridge, July 30, 1890, by Dr. George H. Larison.

"So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed" - Acts XIX-20 - that in 1816 initiatory steps were taken to constitute the Sandy Ridge Baptist Church and erect a house of worship.

David Butterfoss and Garret Van Dolah for nominal sums furnished ample ground for the church and cemetery and later with his own hands dug the first grave while the other was the second person buried therein.

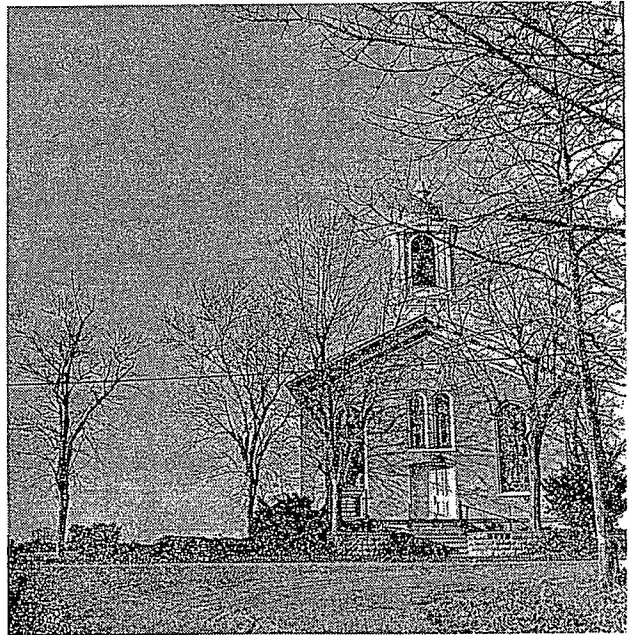
The old primitive house stood west adjoining the front of this and was erected in the summer of 1817, and opened for worship January, 1818. Its length east and west was * feet and width north and south * feet. (Ed. Note: *no figures given.

The original structure was of stone, had a door in the east end and a door in the middle of the south side. There were galleries on three sides and an old time high pulpit in the west end. The ceiling was made of boards running part of the way up the rafters across the parlors (purlins-?) and down. The pews were open backed, with a railing or rest that would touch the shoulder blade of an erect listener.

David Morgan with Ezekiel Everitt did the mason-work, while John P. Hunt and others were carpenters.

This house was sufficient for its day, but the next generation about 1839 modernized the structure by lowering the ceiling and plastering it with a hard finish, something then new and handsome. That side door was closed and a window instead and two doors were put in the East end in the place of one, and with new pews, solid backed. The pulpit was lowered several pegs and neatly painted. The congregation were well satisfied that they were up to the times in church architecture. It served the purpose till 1868 when it was taken down and the present commodious house erected in its place.

The Church was constituted October 24, 1818 with 19 members from other churches: 14 were from Amwell Church. Their names were Samuel Hunt, Mary Larowe, Martha Covenhoven, Esther Butterfoss, Rebecca Ent, Catharine Dilts, Phebe Johnson, Anna Reeder, Mary Hunt, Isaac Woolverton, John P. Hunt, Esther Hunt, Nehemiah Hunt, Elizabeth Hunt, William Mitchell, Mary



Ringoe, John Smith, Sr., Rebecca Larowe and Hannah Rittenhouse.

Ministering brethren present were the Rev. Thomas Ballontanre (sp.-?), David Bateman, Alexander Hastings and Charles Bartolette.

The first deacons were Samuel Hunt and William Mitchell.

On December 5, 1818 the first trustees were chosen Samuel Hunt, William Mitchell, Samuel Rittenhouse, John Smith, John Brittain, John Covenhoven and John P. Hunt.

The first church clerk was Garret Wilson.

On October 25, 1818 two persons were baptized: Samuel Hunt and Joseph Brittain being the first into this church.

Other material on Sandy Ridge Church in our Library:

Snell, Hunterdon and Somerset, p. 378-379; p. 384.

Deats, Hiram E. Tombstone inscriptions from Hunterdon County Cemeteries. 72p. (Pages 4-16: Sandy Ridge Cemetery)

Bush, Egbert T. Sandy Ridge. (Hunterdon County Democrat, June 19, 1930)

Hoppock, J.M. The Sandy Ridge Church. (Democrat-Advertiser, August 10, 1905)

Material in the church archives:

Church minutes (including baptisms, marriages, membership, deaths and financial records) 1818-date. 3 vols.



Book Review

THE CIVIL WAR and NEW JERSEY - A Bibliography - Compiled by Donald A. Sinclair (Published by Friends of the Rutgers Library, for the New Jersey Civil War Centennial Commission, 1967. 186p. \$6.50

One of the projects of the New Jersey Civil War Centennial Commission, and the one offering perhaps the greatest and most permanent value to all who are interested in our state's participation in and attitudes toward the 1861-1865 fratricidal struggle, was the preparation of a state-oriented bibliography. The task, most logically fell upon the shoulders of Donald A. Sinclair, Rutgers Library's Curator of Special Collections and second to none in his knowledge of sources of New Jersey material and of bibliographical technique.

The results of several years of checking the holdings of some fifty libraries from coast to coast is an annotated record of 1359 books, pamphlets, articles, periodicals, and broadsides relating to every aspect of New Jersey's war history. Our Society's library was one of those consulted and yielded several interesting and otherwise unrecorded broadsides, the texts of which are recorded in full.

As a finding device, this work is superb, being brought out in a comprehensive table of contents and a 26 page index.

With the extensive quoting of texts and the explanatory annotations, this work possesses an inherent interest which transcends the mere scholarly utility of a bibliography.

A newspaper published in New Jersey by imprisoned Confederate officers, a pre-war Democratic Party broadside of Flemington; a War Meeting set for Readington Church; Colonel G. H. Larison's Hunterdon Militia Orders published in Lambertville; letters and diaries of local soldiers; the great railroad monopoly controversy; the report of the Ladie's Soldiers' Aid Society of Lambertville - these and many interesting side-lights are made accessible by this bibliography.

The Society commends its member, Mr. Sinclair, on his great and lasting contribution to the increased appreciation of an important era in our state's history.

Norman C. Wittwer

"Round Ends"

Miss Dorothea Beck of "The Evergreens", Moorestown, N.J. has presented to the Society a Manola V. Cole water-color painting of her historic home "Round Ends" which is located on Spring Hill Road, near Stanton, N.J.

This historic house was built in 1818 by Janney Dawes, according to Hiram E. Deats, who noted that Vice President Charles G. Dawes was a member of this old Hunterdon family.



Offered to Trimmer Descendants

Descendants of Johannes Trimmer have been made a standing offer of a typed booklet of their respective lines for anyone of the family who will up-date the Family record. Offered by John L. Ely, 393 Northfield Ave., West Orange, N.J.



Hunterdon Historical Series

For Sale Sales tax-add 3% Postage add 10¢

1. Vosseller, Elias. A sketch of the copper mining enterprise near Flemington. 1891. 21p. \$.50
2. Race, Henry. The Two Colonels, John Taylor. 1892. 13 p. \$.50
3. Sterling, Edward B. Historical & genealogical sketch of James Sterling. 1893. 27 p. \$.50
4. Fleming, John. History of the Readington School (Holland Brook) 1804-1897, 1898. 15 p. \$.50
5. Vosseller, Elias. Tucca-Ramma-Hacking. 1901. 21 p. \$.50
- LARISON, Cornelius W. The Ancient Village of Amwell. 1955. 22 p. \$1.00
- MOTT, Ed. S. First Century of Hunterdon Co. 1967, 60p. illus. \$4.00
- DEATS, Hiram E. Hunterdon Co. Militia, 1792. 1936, 10p. \$1.50
- Deats: Marriage records of Hunterdon Co., 1795-1875, unbound, 337p. \$7.50
- Deats: Tombstone inscriptions from Hunterdon cemeteries, 72p. unbd. \$5.00

Notes & Queries

Address correspondence to Mrs. Ray C. Wilson
and Edwin W. Huff, Jr.

- JOHNSON-FOSTER: Mrs. O.R. Burden, 4410 Montego Dr., Wichita Falls, Texas. Data on Tunis (Anthony) Johnson who m. Jemimia Foster, dau. of Nathaniel, Aug. 18, 1752. Kingwood Twnshp. 3-3-1
- BIRD: Herbert S. Whitman, Sachem Hollow, Block Island, R.I. 02807. Info. on Joseph Bird and Elizabeth Dilts; John, s. of Joseph Bird, Catherine Whitehead, Theodore (s. of John); Sansbury Bird and Lydia A. Bloomfield. 3-3-2
- BIGLER: Mrs. Theodora B. Burroughs, RD 1, Little Valley, N.Y. Was Nicholas Bigler the father of Christina Sophia Everts? 3-3-3
- DILTS: Mrs. Hazel E. Shaw, 1705 Rainbow Valley Road, Fallbrook, Cal. 92028. Data on Joseph Dilts (b. 1752) who m. Mary Garrat in N.J. 3-3-4
- LITTLE: Arthur Morgan Chase, 6764 Sheridan Rd., Kenosha, Wisc. 50140. Data on his ancestor Thomas Coates Little who presumably married Mary _____. After the Rev. War, the Littles moved from N.J. to Cecil County, Md. 3-3-5
- BUNNELL: Chas. E. Bunnell, Jr. 741 A Smith St., Maxwell AFB, Ala. 36113. Data on Solomon Bunnell who lived in Kingwood prior to Rev. 3-3-6
- SEXTON: Mrs. J.P. Gossen, 6723 Isabella Dr., Alexandria, La. 71301. Data on David Stout Sexton (b. Oct. 20, 1813 in Hunterdon) son of the Rev. Silas W. Sexton and Harriet Clark. 3-3-7
- PARK-ANSLEY: John L. Cobb, 11913 Hamlen Ave., Cleveland, O. 44120. Ancestry of Joseph Parke and his wife Martha Ansley, b. in N.J. and died in Luzerne Co., Pa. 3-3-8
- HYDE: Mrs. E.E. Ward, Box 427, Washington, Iowa, 52353. Data on her gr. grandfather John or Thomas West Hyde, (born in N.J.?) Came to Iowa, 1842. 3-3-9
- DEATS: Mrs. R. Tyndall, 37 Burchfield Ave., Cranford, N.J. Data on Mary Deats (1770-1855), w. of Jacob Packer of Somerset Co., N.J. 3-3-10
- FRITTS: Mrs. Neil Crampton, 709 New St., Cleo, Mich., 48420. Wanted: will of Frederick Fritts. Had he a dau. Catharine Able? 3-3-11
- HOAGLAND: Mrs. Andrew Ross, 209 Skyline Dr., Daly City, Cal. 94015. Ancestry of Peter Hoagland (d. 1-8-1858), aged 50, of Bound Brook, N.J. and wife Isabella Watts, 1807-1901. 3-3-12
(Correction: 3-2-5 WINNER. Read "WIMMER".)

Recent Acquisitions

MANUSCRIPTS:

DEED: Executors of General Daniel Bray to Israel Bateman. Land in Kingwood Twnshp. Dated Dec. 1, 1822. Lot I: (100 acres) given to Bray by his father-in-law, Dennis Woolverton. Lot II: (22 acres adjoining Lot I) deeded to Bray July 1, 1774 by Henry Hone and wife Ruth. Lot III: (24 acres, 6 perches adjoining Bray's other land) deeded to Bray May 5, 1806 by Johnathan Rittenhouse and wife Delilah. (Gift of Fred Emmons of Sandy Ridge, N.J.)

ACCOUNT BOOK: General store of Jacob Janeway and John Broughton (Middlebrook?, N.J. (1735-47). Microfilm copy of orig. in Rutgers University Library. (Purchase)

BUSINESS RECORDS: Lebanon Telephone Co. Papers, c. 1905. Elizabeth, N.J. Produce Commission Merchant's account with E.W. Sutton, Lebanon N.J. for egg sales. No date. (Gift of Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Cregar, Oldwick, N.J.)

BOOKS:

Bullock, Orin M. Jr., Restoration manual. . . guide to the preservation and restoration of old buildings. 1966. 8 vo, 181p. illus. (Purchase)

Effross, Harris I. Origins of post-colonial counties in New Jersey. (Repr. N.J. Hist. Soc. Proc. 1963) Gift of the author)

Glass, Helen E. and Mary Newell Cox. Genealogy of the Johannis Nuhl, Johannes Neul or John Newell family (1718-1967). Photocopy 1967-?) 101 fo. (Gift of the authors)

Teetor, Paul. A Teetor family genealogy (1730-1966). 1967, 75 fo. (Author's gift)

Burd, Frank E. Reminiscences of Amwell Church of the Brethren. Typescript of talk delivered at the Homecoming, Sept. 10, 1967. 4 fo. (Gift of the author)

Sandy Ridge, N.J. Baptist Church. Church book: "Our Church", 1967. 27p. mimeo. (Gift of the Rev. G.M. Thompson)

Ver Planck, Wm. G. The Vought family, NY: 1907. and:

Runyan, Henry. Genealogy of the Runyan family. Princeton: 1891. Xerox copies of the originals. (Gift of Donald A. Sinclair, New Brunswick, N.J.)

MISCELLANEOUS: News clippings of Hubert G. Schmidt's "Historically Speaking" column from the Hunterdon Democrat for our scrapbook.