



Number 3, for the year 1971

Hunterdon County Historical Society

## DORIC HOUSE BUILDING FUND REPORT



### MEMORIAL ROOMS

DEATS                      MOREAU  
LARGE                      KASE-ROCKAFELLOW                      HUGHES

VOSELLER-HOPEWELL-LANDIS

Flemington Choir School Room

*(Seven Memorial Rooms still available)*



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Hiram B. Ely, Jr., Edward Mack, Col. Frederick Herr, Lee Roth, Esq., Ralph J. Muller, J. Kendrick Johnson, S. Rodgers Benjamin, Lloyd B. Wescott, Kenneth V. Myers, Treas., B.A. Sorby, Secretary & Publicity.

*(All contributions are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes)*

## THE DORIC HOUSE FUND DRIVE

Co-Chairmen:

*Helen B. Large*

Miss Helen B. Large

*Dale Moreau*

Mrs. D.H. Moreau



## IN MEMORIAM — DALE SIMMONDS MOREAU

Acquisition and renovation of the Doric House is chiefly due to the efforts and zeal of Miss Helen B. Large and her Co-Chairman, the late Mrs. D. Howard Moreau, who tipped the scales for its preservation as the Society's new home when the issue was in doubt.

The Doric House as a library and historic house museum is a fitting tribute to the late Hiram E. Deats, our Librarian and Secretary for 50 years; and to the late D. Howard Moreau, who rejuven-

ated the 86 year old Society in 1952 and who, in 1962, inaugurated the Deats Cataloging Fund to make available for research the Society's large and valuable local history and genealogical material which was greatly enhanced in 1963 through the generosity of the Deats heirs by the gift of over 3000 books, mss., genealogical records and artifacts from their father's collection which now ranks our Library as one of the best local history and genealogical collections in the State.

*"That the future may learn from the past"*

## DORIC HOUSE RENOVATION PROGRESS REPORT

Considerable progress has been made since March, 1971 despite mounting labor and material costs.

Renovation was planned in 3 phases: (1) adaption and repair of modern 1 story addition to the 1846 house; now completed and open as our Deats Library and Kase-Rockafellow Manuscript-Newspaper Room.

Phase No. 2 scheduled for 1972 is interior restoration of the 1846 house. Phase No. 3, to follow: exterior renovation entailing careful alligatored paint removal and repair of the 125 year old original ship-lap siding.

Landscaping and erection of the Joachim Hill decorative cast iron frontyard fencing and 19th century style replica wooden latticefencing and gazebo for the rear garden and flagstone paving as well as erection of the old Flemington style gas street light will be done as practicable.

Phase No. 1, the Greek Revival style wooden covering of the modern cement block library wing, was designed by Architect Carl Espenscheid and executed by Carpenter Hugo Markert has been completed together with a new front "picture" window paned with old wavy glass.

Library shelving and the large "breakfront" bookcase, gift of the Deats heirs, are in place as well as a similar book case from the Deats Flemington Junction residence are now in our Manuscript Room, gift of T.C. Merritt, our member and proprietor of Flemington's "Turntable Junction" historic restoration area.

Floors in both rooms have been tiled in Travertine asbestos by the Loth Company, Trenton, installers of the original "Doric House Restaurant" flooring.

Color layout of the library is white walls and ceiling with Williamsburg Palace Guardroom Green woodwork trim and Raleigh Tavern Chinese Red background for two recessed rare book display cabinets. File room passage is in Colonial Yellow. All paints made for us by Turco Paint Co., Phila., as was the "Barn Red" wood trim in the Manuscript Room.

The Kase-Rockafellow Manuscript-Newspaper Room required a new ceiling and cove molding installed by Bayard Kemble. Formerly the Doric

House Restaurant kitchen, it is transformed beyond recognition! Lighting is by fluorescent tubes. Five metal newspaper cabinets housed here are a gift of the Hunterdon County Democrat as are the bound volumes of this newspaper and its predecessor back to 1825.

The handsome 1867 bronze crank handle bell on the Library entrance door is the gift of Charles T. Deats as are 5 pairs of Victorian metal handles on the manuscript case drawers.

The library wing is topped by a new tarred asphalt roof by J. Strober & Sons, Ringoes. A new Byrant gas-steam furnace and electric water heater were installed by Kenneth Sutphin and 2 new radiators in the Manuscript Room were installed by Charles A. Smith. Protective iron rear ground floor window grills are by Sam Hall and the handsome 2 inch thick cherry front door was refinished and restored by Louis Lang, New Hope, Pa. (Lacking: original silver-plated knocker and original 4 by 6 inch mortice lock and door handle and knob which so far we are unable to locate for replacement).

Research in preparation for Phase No. 2 (interior decoration and furnishing of the 1846 house) has been assisted by Selden's "Interior Paint of the Campbell-Whittlesey House" (Rochester, N.Y., Landmark Society of Western New York) (A similar Greek Revival House study) and by consultation with authorities in the same field: N.Y. Metropolitan Museum American Wing; Franco Scalmandre, weaver of historic fabrics for America's historic restorations; National Trust for Historic Preservation; Historic American Buildings Survey of the Library of Congress; Independence Hall, National Park Service; Dewey Lee Curtis, Curator, Pennsbury Manor; Lady Mander, Britain's National Trust (Eastlake furniture-William Morris wallpaper for Vosseller-Hopewell-Landis Room).

Landscaping plans are being made for flagged rear garden planted with old fashioned Victorian roses, flowers and shrubs incorporating the 19th century lattice fence and gazebo. A box bush has been given by Edward Serridge, others are needed. Cast iron garden furniture and fountain are also sought.

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To  
**HIRAM EDMUND DEATS**

*for fifty years*

1905 — 1955

Secretary of the Hunterdon Historical Society

*In sincere recognition of his lifetime of service in  
recording and preserving for future generations  
the glorious history of the County of Hunterdon  
in the State of New Jersey.*

## THE DEATS LIBRARY OF LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

As a tribute to the late Hiram E. Deats, who for three quarters of a century collected historical material relative to Hunterdon, the Doric House Fund Drive Committee invites contributions to the \$5,000 Memorial Fund establishing the new Deats Library Room in the Doric House. All those indebted to Mr. Deats for his dedicated and unstinted services to those undertaking research in those fields are particularly invited to join in this tribute. Contributions may be sent to: The Treasurer, Doric House Fund Drive Committee, 114 Main Street, Flemington, N.J. 08822. Telephone: 201-782-1091.

*All gifts to the Society are Federal Income Tax deductible*

## Doric House Fund Contributors

List 4, Since December, 1971

### DALE SIMMONDS MOREAU MEMORIAL

- \*Bamber, Katherine Higgins
- Barsony, Louis W.
- Bird, Ralph W.
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- Farrington, Mrs. James R.
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- \*Wilson, Mrs. Ray C.
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### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN 1971

- Allen, Edward B. and Ella Ramsey Allen Memorial; from Nieces and Nephews
- ANON: KASE-ROCKAFELLOW MEMORIAL ROOM
- ANON: Unspecified foundation grant \$5,000.
- \*Barnard, John H.
- \*Bell, Guy R., MARY FRANCES McBRIDE
- BEMIS BAG COMPANY, 3rd annual gift
- \*Black, Phyllis Ryman
- \*Bond, Mrs. Pauline Sutphin
- \*Brown, Roy C.
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- \*Cook, Paul B. Zanesville, Ohio
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- \*Fouts, Charles W.
- \*Haines, Paul L.
- Hawke, William Bartles Estate
- HUNTERDON COIN CLUB 2nd annual gift
- \*Kapp, Mr. and Mrs. Herman E.

- \*Large, Miss Helen B. ALBERT BLOMQUIST; DOROTHY SCHICK; DWIGHT BABBITT; WILLIAM & ELIZABETH HAWKE; ALLEN FAMILY; MARY FRANCES McBRIDE; BARTLES HAWKE
- Little, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley H.
- Lubsen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A.
- McBride, Ruth MARY FRANCES McBRIDE
- \*McClintock, Mrs. Mrs. Earl I., EARL I. McCLINTOCK
- Moore, Mary Large. LARGE ROOM
- NATIONAL HONORARY EXTENSION FRATERNITY: DWIGHT BABBITT
- \*Nevius, John. 1st annual installment of \$500. pledge: JULIA HOWARD NEVIUS
- NEW JERSEY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS' SOCIETY: DWIGHT BABBITT
- \*Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon
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- \*Ramsburg, Bernard F. 2nd gift
- Ringo, Claude
- \*Saxe, Mrs. Marvin Stow
- Scott, Laura F. Kansas City, Mo.
- \*Stevens, Mrs. Stephanie B.
- \*Stewart, Mrs. J. Harvey THEODORA BELLIS RYMAN (Mrs. Malcolm Ryman) & A. CARLTON DURLING
- Talbot, Josephine Large; LARGE ROOM
- Thomas, Ruth Esterbrook, Belmont, Mass.
- TRUBEK FOUNDATION: 2nd annual gift.

\*Member

### DORIC HOUSE FUND DRIVE

114 Main Street  
Flemington, N.J. 08822

Find enclosed check for:

\$ ..... as my donation to the  
Doric House Building Fund.

From .....

Address .....

#### SUGGESTED GIFT CATEGORIES:

General: \$50.00 or less  
Family: \$20.00 or less  
Individual: \$10 or less  
Student: \$5.00 or less  
Maintaining: \$100.00  
Sustaining: \$250.00  
FAMILY MEMORIAL: \$500.00  
Patron: \$1,000.00  
Benefactor: \$2,500.00  
MEMORIAL ROOM (Limited Number) \$5,000.00  
VOSSELLER-LANDIS MEMORIAL: Optional  
BUSINESS FIRM CONTRIBUTION: Optional

**MEMORIAL ROOMS:** of the 13 Memorial Rooms originally available, 6 have been assigned: (1) Deats Library; (2) Kase-Rockafellow Manuscript Newspaper Room; (3) Moreau Parlor; (4) Hughes Dining Room; (5) Large Master Bedroom; (6) Vosseller-Hopewell-Landis Flemington Choir School Room.

Available for subscription: (7) Hunterdon County Medical History Room; (8) Entrance Hall; (9) Old fashioned kitchen room; (10) Flemington Pottery Room: (Hill-Fulper-Stangl); (11) Flemington Commercial and Industrial History Room (copper mine: Foran Foundry; builders' tools, saw mills—feed mills; basket industry; retail store enterprises; telephone—gas—water companies, etc.); (12) House and Street Lighting Room: candle and oil lamps and lanterns; candle making; early electrical lighting devices, etc.; (13) Hunterdon and Flemington Clubs and Societies Room: Flemington Bicycle Club; Jaeger Wheelman; Hunterdon Agricultural Society, Vigilant Societies, etc.

A photographic Laboratory is also planned, funds permitting.

## Donations of Services

John Kuhl: many days of moving.  
 Arthur Schwartz: trucking  
 Richard Gerbi: snow removal, etc.  
 Richard Stothoff: exterior power spray cleaning of house.  
 Herman E. Kapp: file work.  
 Gertrude Blair: book filing.  
 Patricia G. Scheier and Elizabeth Ann Bowen: sign painting.

## Equipment Donations

Richard Stothoff: sump pump, Deats safe.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Schenk: cast iron Joachim Hill grave fencing; gas street lamp post; 2 pre-1828 Hunterdon County Jail iron cell gates.  
 Charles T. Deats: 1867 bronze crank handle door bell; brass metal book shelf label holders; 5 pair Victorian metal drawer pulls.  
 Austin Davison: 1850 panel doors from Fordham Mansion, L.I., N.Y.; pair silver plated door hinges from Beekman Mansion, N.Y.C.; iron fireplace fender.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stothoff: Green velvet covered Victorian sofa; low 4 post maple bed.

John Barnard: Eastlake furniture suite.  
 Mrs. J.C. Furnas: Victorian gilt frame parlor mirror.  
 Mrs. D.E. Walsh: Cast iron horse head for hitching post.  
 Mrs. Albert Blomquist: Doulton plate with classical scenes and holder.  
 Hugh Thatcher: Hopewell Mansion Victorian venetian blinds and cut out pelments.  
 George Vocke and Henry L. Lubsen: flagstone.  
 Edward Serridge: box bush.  
 Katherine Higgins Bamber: early kitchen utensils and equipment.  
 Bayard Kemble: refrigerator.  
 B.A. Sorby: old window glass, doors, lumber, insulation, locks, molding, parlor pull bell; busybody window mirror; cutlery and china for kitchen use.  
 Roxanne Carkhuff: loan of moving dolly.  
 T.C. Merritt: large manuscript bookcase.  
 Mrs. Ray C. Wilson: Christmas wreath for front door.  
 Anon: 19th century style decorative lattice arched fencing and gazebo.

## Equipment Needed

Victorian Scotch-ingrain parlor, hall and dining room carpeting. Brass stair carpet rods. For Deats Library: matching pair leather covered wing arm chairs; 2 10x12 Oriental rugs or runners. Photographic Laboratory equipment. Flagstone for garden pavement; Useful household, carpentry and garden tools.

### Form of Bequest

(This form is recommended for use in making a bequest of personal or real property, in a Will or otherwise, naming your society as beneficiary)

ITEM: I bequeath the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Flemington, N.J.

ITEM: I bequeath to the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Flemington, N.J., without restrictions title to and full possession of historical materials and objects, (real estate, account books, diaries, Family Bibles, documents, papers, photographs, programs, newspapers, clippings, books, records,) etc.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_