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LENAPE INDIANS TOPIC OF FALL MEETING

Learn more about the history of the Lenape Indians who once lived in Hunterdon County by attending the Society's Fall Meeting on November 24. Dr. William Guthrie will share his life-long interest about them when Society members and guests convene at the Flemington Women's Club on Park Avenue at 2. p.m.

The name Lenape, which means "the original people," gives some insight into how the Indians saw themselves. Dr. Guthrie describes them as peaceful Indians who hunted and fished, but were also agricultural. He estimates nearly 90 percent of the tribe was wiped out before heavy white settlement by diseases brought by the white man.

Join us on Sunday, November 24, at 2 p.m. for the Society's Fall Meeting, an interesting lecture by Dr. William Guthrie. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

90 ATTENDED HCHS CENTENNIAL DINNER

Ninety members and guests gathered at Saunders Inn, Ringoes on the evening of 11 September to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Society. Our hosts, Ed and Estelle Saunders, created the garden setting where we were served cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before going into dinner in the lovely 1811 stone building, formerly Amwell Academy. Dinner was delicious and a pleasant evening all too quickly came to an end. We have received several suggestions to make this an annual event.

While everyone was gathered in the garden, President Myers spoke with us about the founding and history of the Society, emphasizing the roles played by Hiram E. Deats and D. Howard Moreau. Margaret Moreau Willet, visiting from England, and Anne Moreau Thomas, daughters of Mr. Moreau attended as did Mr. Deats' grandson, George Deats of Plainfield.



All twelve Trustees of the Hunterdon County Historical Society in the garden at Saunders Inn during the 100th anniversary dinner September 11, 1985. From left to right, front row: the Rev. Linn Creighton, Paulene Stothoff, Roxanne Carkhuff, Corresponding Secretary holding a portrait of Hiram Deats, Doris Volk, Treasurer, Phyllis D'Autrechy and Anne Moreau Thomas; second row: Vice Presidents Edwin K. Large, Jr. and Richard Stothoff, Kenneth V. Myers, President, Douglas Martin, Kenneth Turi and John Kuhl, Recording Secretary.

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**HOLCOMBE-JIMISON FARMSTEAD OPEN HOUSE
NOV. 10**

The Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Committee is having an open house on November 10, 1-4 p.m. giving everyone their first official opportunity to see the recent improvements and additions to the buildings complex. This past summer, in July, the Hunterdon County Historical Society gave the property to the H-J Committee which has assumed operation and development responsibilities for the Farmstead. They are formulating plans to develop a museum. Visit the Farm November 10 and learn the details.

**GIVE HISTORY
FOR CHRISTMAS**

For the history minded on your gift list, remember the Society's reprints.

Atlas of Hunterdon Co. New Jersey, F.W. Beers, 1873, \$25.00 (Postage \$1.).

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

These books may be ordered by mail or picked up at the Society headquarters. On mail orders, please add postage as above.

NOTES and QUERIES

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

NEVIUS, STEVENS, THATCHER, VAN HORN: Info on these fam desired. John Van Horn m Catherine Nevius 1763 — dau Sarah m Benjamin Stevens, Byberry, Phil. Co 1800 — John B. Stevens m 1826 Sarah Thatcher b Hunterdon Co., NJ. ADD: N.V. Minturn, 4991 Central Ave., Ocean City, NJ 08226.

CLIFFORD: Desire names, addresses of descendants of John Clifford, 1/10/1749-1822, served in NJ militia in War for Independence; resident of Bethlehem Twp., Hunt. Co. ADD: Frank McCabe, 102 Cockenoe Ave., Babylon, NY 11702.

SEVERNS, VANDEGRIFT: Seek info re John Severns m Joice Vandegrift 1747 & chil: Elizabeth, b 1747, Joseph b 1749, Jacob b 1751, Amelia b 1752, Sarah b 1756, Edmund b 1758, John b 1760, Mary b 1762, Rebeckah b 1764. Want John & Joice Severns' b, d dates, parents' names. ADD: Carolyn S. Broome, 300 Rainbow Dr., Carrboro, NC 27510.

GEARY, PEGG: Des corres/ w anyone researching fam. Peter s/o Peter & Eliza Geary b 9/27/1751 serv Rev War, m 2-25-1781 Mary Ann d/o Daniel & Catherine Pegg b 3-19-1760. Their chil: Jeremiah 1781-1842 m Rebecca Servis, Charles 1784-1796, Achsah 1786-?? Theodosia 1789-1868 m Paul Dilts, Mahlon 1791-1831, Asher 1793-??, Amy 1795-??, Mary 1798-??, Sarah 1800-??, res Amwell Twp., Hunt. Co. Wish to exch. ADD: Catherine Sheets, R.R. 5, Oskaloosa, IA 52577.

HUNT: Des par/o Joshua Hunt, b NJ ca 1740, m Sarah Ely, by 1800 census in Gr. Co., Gr. Twp., PA. Chil per 1810 will: John, Margaret Illef, Roger, Sam, Wm, Jonas, Sarah Denney, Joshua, Jr. who res Monog. Co., W VA 1810 & owned land inherited from father in Dunkard, PA. ADD: Charles D. Hunt, Box 358, Barnegat Light, NJ 08006.

CURTIS, MERRILL: Seek info re Alice Merrill who m Thomas Curtis bef 1701, had dau Jane who m John Alderson 1721. Thomas Curtis d 1749 Hunt. Co. ADD: Carole Bowman, 1100 Laurel St., Woodbridge, VA 22191.

BELLESFELT, HOFFMAN: Was Elisabeth Hoffman who m Peter Bellesfelt bef 1768 a dau/o Peter Hoffman who was naturalized 1764 Amwell Twp., Hunt. Co. Wish corres with anyone interested in Hoffman. ADD: Mrs. Ezra E. Davidson, P.O. Box 314, Burley, ID 83318.

COOK, LEIGH, TOOMEY, VAN FLEET: Des info re William Van Fleet, m Nancy Toomey, d/o John, ca 1797, mov Mercer Co., KY. Who were William's parents? Also des par/o Josiah Cook, b 1799, m Nancy Leigh, liv Mt. Rose, Hopewell Twp. ADD: Nancy Schiffhauer, 2329 Long Rd., Grand Island, NY 14072.

STOUT, WYCKOFF, WILSON: Des anc, bpl/o Peter Wilson, m 1) Elizabeth Wyckoff, par/o 6 chil, m 2) Sarah ____, res Harborton, Hopewell Twp., d 18 March 1851 in 89th yr, bur Harborton Bapt. Ch where he was Trustee 1810-1832+. His mother was a Stout. ADD: Percy Suydam Wilson, 325 Washington St., Glen Ridge, NJ 07028.



FRANK ELLSWORTH BURD
1890 - 1985

Frank Ellsworth Burd passed away on August 5, 1985 at the age of ninety-five. He was born in Quakertown 1 August 1890, the son of Leonard G. and Mary [Woodruff] Burd and spent many years of his life in Hunterdon County. He attended local schools and was a 1911 graduate of the Reading Academy in Flemington. He began his teaching career that same year in a one-room school in Stanton, stayed there until 1914; then was principal of schools in Watchung and Pattenburg. In 1921 he moved to South Bound Brook where he became superintendent of schools the position he held until his retirement when he returned to live in Hunterdon County.

Mr. Burd became a member of the Hunterdon County Historical Society in January 1911 and served as its President 1921-1927. He and Maud Little Wilson kept the Society's library, then located on the second floor over the town library, open two afternoons a week. He particularly enjoyed those afternoons when Amos Thatcher visited and they could talk about the Flemington they knew as boys. A member of the

Society's Obituary Committee, he wrote brief life histories of our deceased members, many of whom he met in the Society library or through their correspondence. Mr. Burd wrote his early reminiscences, observations, traditions and stories he heard when a child, like Uncle Billy Scott's tales about the Civil War. "Egbert Bush, A Gentleman and a Scholar", "Reminiscences About Hunterdon's Courthouse", "The Little Quaker: John H. Vail", "The West Portal Wall: Hunterdon's Great Hoax" were published in the *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter*. He kept his writings in notebooks and fervently hoped his grandchildren would enjoy reading them in years to come. After countless hours of pouring through old newspapers in the Society copying out obituaries and marriage notices Mr. Burd compiled "Marriage Records of Hunterdon County, 1875-1900", Volume II, a companion to Mr. Deats' Volume I. Mr. Burd's list was published serially in the *Lambertville Beacon*. The obituaries were placed on 3" x 5" index cards and he continued to add to the file each week. He graciously shared his information with those who asked and was pleased his work was appreciated. He corresponded with people around the country, many with whom he or his wife shared an ancestor, others who shared his interest in local history and the people who made it.

Florence Parks who became Mr. Burd's wife on 24 December 1914, died 30 March 1963. He was a Sunday School teacher at the Amwell Church of the Brethren, which he attended near his home in Delaware Township, for 15 years. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. James Grover, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

WHEREAS Frank Ellsworth Burd served this Society, its members and friends nobly and in his life was an example of American citizenship and Christian charity at its very best; therefore be it

RESOLVED that we deeply regret his passing and extend our most sincere sympathy to the members of his family, and be it further

RESOLVED that as an expression of our respect, suitable mention of this memorial be made in our Minutes and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

6 August 1985

A Psalm of Life

*Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.*

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Book Review

The Palatine Families of New York, by Henry Z Jones, Jr. 1985. 2 volumes, cloth, 6 x 9, map, illustrations, name and place index, sources, xl + 1,206p. Price: \$89.50 ppd from the author, Henry Z Jones, Jr., P.O. Box 8341, Universal City, California 91608.

Of the numerous ethnic groups to settle and populate Hunterdon County, perhaps none was more profound and influential than the Germans. These industrious people began to establish themselves within the bounds of Old Hunterdon County during the 1720's, and it is estimated that by 1790, one-third of the population of Hunterdon was of Germanic origin.

The vanguards of these early pioneers were those who came, at the behest of the British government, from the Palatinate area of Germany to America in 1710. Ultimately a small band of these "poor Palatines" made its way from New York, where they were initially settled, to the New Jersey interior about the Raritan Valley. As their assets and families grew, many located at various points throughout Hunterdon County, where they made a mark which has been apparent throughout Hunterdon's development and history.

In addition to the numerous descendants of these Palatines, many of whom still reside in Hunterdon County, they also helped to establish the first Lutheran Church in the area, settle distinct regions of the County, and otherwise develop the productive agrarian society so long identified with the region.

Among these Palatine Patriarchs of Hunterdon were: Johann Peter Abelman (Appelman), Nicolas Bason (Besson), Jost Henrich Bäst (Boss), Johann Wilhelm Dahles (Dawlis), Johann Peter Fuchs (Fox), Michael Henneschiedt (Hendershot), Johann Balt-hasar Pickel (Pickle), Jacob Risch (Race), Andreas Roos (Rose), Lorentz Schlicher (Slyker), Michael Schurtz (Shurts), Jost Stier (Stires), Martin Stein (Stine), and Simon Vogt.

For years the historian and genealogist has had to rely on secondary sources in their study of this most important group of early Germans, and many a descendant left unknowing of the European heredity of their courageous ancestors. Now, thanks to over sixteen years of research, both in the Old and New World, Henry Z Jones, Jr., has made available not only an in-depth account on the Palatine Migration to America in 1710, but a detailed genealogy on all the Hunterdon County pioneers listed above, as well as over 800 others, in his two-volume work entitled *The Palatine Families of New York*.

Finally, the myriad of descendants of Michael Hendershot (c. 1674-1749) may read how his father, Wilhelm Hüneshiedt, was granted a hereditary lease

to Naumburger Hof by Duke Friedrich Ludwig in 1673. The posterity of Andreas Rose (born c. 1684), which included the 25th President of the United States, may learn of his participation in an early military organization of New Jersey. And, of course, the family of the great benefactor to the early Lutheran Church in Central New Jersey, Baltis Pickle (1687-1765), can know of his ancestry back two generations in Germany.

To the genealogist and historian alike, Many questions regarding the Palatines who came to America in 1710 are answered in *The Palatine Families of New York*. In addition to detailing the genealogies of the emigrants several generations back in the Old World, many families are carried down to the 1770's in the New World, thus revealing for the first time documented information which has been buried in archives and repositories around the world for 275 years. Coupled with many illustrations, (the village church of Dienheim, which was home to the Besson family is shown), and facsimile reproductions of important Palatine documents, the two-volume set also includes an extensive list of sources used, a very useful chapter on the lessons learned and old genealogical axioms validated during the sixteen years of research, and an 86 page given-name index, as well as an index of German places. In all, the 1350 pages of this clothbound two-volume set is as worthy as the persons whose story and genealogy it tells.

Fred Sisser III



"CAMP" FLEMINGTON, 1863

The noise level on the streets of Flemington this cool October evening was increasing by the minute as more and more of the 700 soldiers of the 35th N.J. Infantry straggled into town wearing their unique, dark blue Zouave blouses with red trim and sashes, and black leggings. Distinctive attire was considered one means of spurring enlistment, for which there was a clear lack of enthusiasm lately. This was the fourth Civil War regiment to be recruited at newly renamed Camp Parker out near the fairgrounds northeast of town and locals had long since grown accustomed to uniforms in their midst. But the war was now into its third year and the men joining the 35th were a far different breed from the more purely motivated volunteers who had preceded them. Aside from those draftees lacking the means to buy their way out by paying a commutation fee or by hiring a substitute to go in their place, this new crop tended to be either hard-bitten veterans of previous service, or else, paid opportunists from the lesser elements of society, many of them strange-speaking foreigners or thugs and riff-raff from the city areas to the northeast. The attraction here was the relatively high bounty money paid by local townships to supplement that provided by state and federal agents. The total from all of these could approach a thousand dollars and represented a bonanza to the ordinary man of the day. More than a few had come to get what they could of it up front and then skip out at first chance, probably to repeat the process elsewhere. In fact, of the 900 enrolled in the past six weeks here at Flemington, almost 200 had already deserted. Forming this regiment was like trying to fill a bathtub that had no drainplug. Whether it be war or the harder side of civilian life, men such as these had already "seen the elephant" as the expression went these days, and knew they were to leave on Monday for the war and whatever that might bring them. So here they were in town this Saturday night with advance money in hand and more on their minds than the cookies and lemonade offered by the well-meaning Soldier's Aid Society of Flemington.

Prudent citizens were already indoors as darkness approached but windows closed to the chill of the evening air proved no barrier to the raucous sounds of the street. Reuben Paxson, constable of this normally tranquil town, was a concerned man. He felt totally overwhelmed by the sheer numbers confronting him and took but little comfort in the potential assistance of High Sheriff John L. Jones and his force of county deputies. Military provosts from the 35th had, of course, been posted to duty in the town but Paxson was enough of a realist to know only too well that no such guard was apt to sit too hard on a comrade who might soon make all the difference in how, or even whether, the offending provost would survive the equally lethal hazards of camp and battlefield awaiting

them all. Not all townsmen were displeased by this teeming activity. Business had never been this good. The usual crowds were swelled not only by the soldiers but by curious sightseers and by well-wishing visitors from all over the state, come to see their friends and loved ones off on Monday. Stores, rooming houses, hotels, eateries, and a host of temporary enterprises designed to fleece soldier and tourist alike, were all doing a booming business. After Monday, all would go back to normal.

Captain Charles Augustus Angel was also feeling anxious. One of two brothers from Lambertville to distinguish themselves in the war, he was already a veteran of two years' service, first as a sergeant with Hunterdon's contingent of the three-months "First Defenders" Militia, then as a lieutenant in the 5th N.J. Infantry, and finally as a lieutenant in the non-federalized state militia sent by N.J. to help Pennsylvania repel Lee's invasion at Gettysburg. With hard work and experience he had become known as a crack drillmaster and a good officer in a firefight. Now, he had been promoted to command one of the ten companies of this new regiment. He felt a deep responsibility for his men, especially as they impacted on the people of his home county. (See Footnote) It was obvious to Angel that more soldiers were in town than were entitled. Well, at least they hadn't deserted like so many of their mates. At this early stage of their formation, far removed from enemy threat, even the more duty-bound among them could see no reason why they shouldn't run the relaxed and inexperienced camp sentries for one last hoo-rah amongst their friends in the holiday atmosphere of Flemington.

With the *Democrat*, the *Gazette*, and the *Republican* all publishing in town, few events escaped the notice of their competing staffs, but in the fashion of the day, each newspaper was a rather staunch advocate of its own position on the political spectrum. Reporters and editors wore self-imposed blinders that obscured vision to the right or to the left and it was not uncommon that accounts of an event of any political significance would reach the reader in three markedly different versions. *Democrat* editor Adam Bellis was a moderate in his party (some vehemently said too much so) and would not go as far as exposing the barely concealed treason of the area's Copperheads, but short of that and following the party line, the *Democrat* was usually diametrically opposed to its archrival *Republican*, organ of the Lincoln administration. With its conservative Whig party all but defunct and no nominal turf of its own to have to defend, the *Gazette* slid opportunely up and down the scale between the others, tending usually towards the conservatism of the *Democrat* doctrine but at the same time being less critical of the war effort. Thus it was when reporting the events of 17 October 1863, the *Republican* would gloss over the more disagreeable aspects while the *Gazette* took a more unsympathetic tone. That paper's brand new editor-owner, J. Rhutsen

Schenck, had himself just been discharged with his nine-months regiment from the army and had almost immediately come under fire for lack of editorial management. He pleaded temporary involvement in pressing personal matters elsewhere and had promised in print to do better with local news. Here was a tailor-made chance to assert himself by jumping on the war party, in this case, its local manifestation, the army:

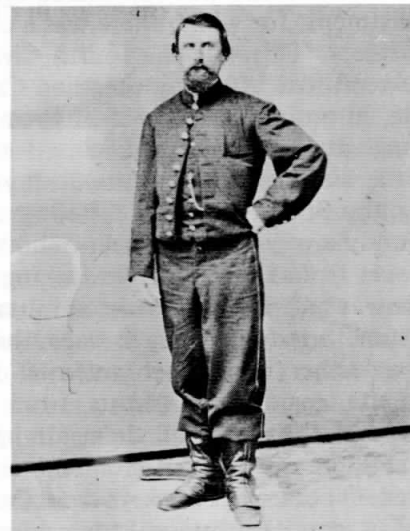
"LOOSE ON THE TOWN — By some management, or mismanagement, on the part of the 35th regiment, the men, on Saturday afternoon, flocked into town, in scores, and made 'Rome howl' with their Bacchanalian revelings. There certainly was not a very great degree of consistency in this procedure, for with the class of men like those composing the 35th, many of them cared but little as to consequences, so that they had 'a good time' before leaving for the seat of war. . . ."

The small country town of Flemington had little or nothing to offer such numbers of men in the way of fleshly pursuits but in that other diversion, drink, it was making do. Sheer lack of belly space at the bars was forcing many of the celebrants outside. Main Street was crowded and lively territory as Angel patrolled down the noisy thoroughfare past the COUNTY HOUSE. There seemed little need for new owner Robert Thatcher's costly newspaper display ads touting "the best of liquors and cigars". Best or not, the discriminating taste of his present clientele was a matter of some question. His hotel was swarmed under. Anyone could see that liberal consumption of the liquid wares offered was readily producing the expected effect on men seeking one last release from the natural tensions of their situation. Continuing on south, Angel approached the Court House and across from it, George Crater's old hotel and stage depot. Here too, the patrons were spilled out into the street, where the captain's attention was drawn to the particularly violent disagreement between two soldiers. A good officer interferes as little as possible in the personal affairs of enlisted men but this incident was already a public spectacle that could not be overlooked. No provost stepped in, so Angel acted.

As to what happened next, even the *Republican* had to admit there were "many conflicting stories". Its reporter was so confused he didn't even get the central figure's name correct. The *Gazette* was closer to the consensus:

"Captain Angel, wishing to have no disturbance in the street, interfered, when the man, who was a noted bad character, immediately commenced an onslaught on that officer, with the avowed purpose of taking his life. He at first struck at the Captain with his fist, but the blow was warded, and he was felled to the ground; not content, he made a second effort, and with a bayonet struck Angel on the head, inflicting quite a severe wound. The Captain at this time was unarmed, and receded from his assailant as he came upon him. Matters becoming desperate,

some one handed over a pistol and remarked — 'Captain Angel, defend yourself', then the warning was given 'Stop, or I'll shoot you'. Two or three times repeated, still the fellow endeavored to inflict injury upon the officer, when he was shot through the heart, and survived but a few moments. It is generally conceded that Captain Angel had no other alternative, and that the killing of the man was justifiable, under the circumstances."



CHARLES AUGUSTUS ANGEL of Lambertville was already a veteran of two years service when he became a captain of a company forming in Flemington in the autumn of 1863. To defend himself, he shot and killed a recruit on the town's Main St. Angel himself, was done in by a rebel sniper in Georgia on July 4th, 1864. (From a carte-de-visite in the collection of John W. Kuhl)

A Court of Inquiry would convene the next day and come to the same conclusion. This sobering incident put a damper on things. As the *Gazette* saw it: "... the shooting of Williams appeared to lull the tempest of excitement, and soon after the streets were cleared, and 'quiet reigned in Warsaw'. There were many drunk, and not a few skinned faces, and swollen noses."

William's body was quietly interred the next day in an unmarked grave at the far end of the Presbyterian yard and the regiment went on about its business.

The military activities here in 1863 had not been nearly so disruptive to the normal civilian affairs of Flemington. There had been only one regiment instead of three the year before. And the camp facilities were already in place so as to obviate the need for using any in town. Locals even managed to get the Flemington Fair going as opposed to 1862 when it had to be cancelled. Lambertville's *Beacon*, however, was not happy with the '63 version, decrying the fact that for most fairs the "fast horse department" was the stellar attraction. Flemington's Fair was singled out for special criticism from among others about the state for the relatively high \$100 premium paid out to the fastest horse. "We have never yet been able to see why it is of more importance to encourage the raising of fast horses than of good crops of grain, of vegetables,

or of fruit; but the differences in premiums given for these seems to indicate that these Societies think so." (It sounds like today's discussions of auto racing at the Flemington Fair, doesn't it?).

Monday, 19 October, saw the departure, on schedule, of the 35th which when once shook down and rid of its lesser elements, would go on to earn the grudging respect of the skeptical Western troops amongst whom they served in the battles in Tennessee and while "marching through Georgia" to the Sea with General Cump Sherman. Sherman himself, would credit the 35th with saving him from certain capture during a Rebel attack in early 1864. How much might the war have been prolonged without Sherman and his famous swing through the South? As for Angel, his luck would run out at Ruff's Mills, Georgia, on the 4th of July, 1864. While attempting to form a new battle line in front of the enemy 70 yards distant, a sharpshooter's bullet entered his breast under his right arm, passed transversely through his chest and heart into his left arm at the shoulder, struck the bone of that arm, and followed it down to come to rest in his left elbow. He had time just to say, "My God, I am killed", and then he was gone, to be mourned by the men in his division as "the best skirmishing officer in the Western Army".

After the 35th pulled out of Flemington, Camp Parker had outlived its usefulness. Only five more regiments were formed in all the state after the Fall of 1863. These were put together in piecemeal fashion and forwarded on, as were the numerous recruits required to beef up those veteran units decimated by the bloodiest, most desperate fighting of the war, Grant's 1864 Virginia Campaign. The locally raised 15th N.J., for instance, suffered casualties in 1864 alone equal to twice the number of its normal field complement, losing 302 of 444 present in just one of the battles, Spotsylvania. The First Jersey Brigade was so hard hit in the Shenandoah that General Phil Sheridan pleaded with the state to maintain it with reinforcements, calling it "one of the very best in the service".

At some unrecorded point in time, probably before the end of 1865, the rustic barracks at Camp Parker were torn down for their coveted salvage value. No trace remains there today where the Fairgrounds butt up against the warehouse complex of the Yale Materials Handling Corporation. The County House is unrecognizable now after changes over the years, veiled today by the somewhat controversial, brand new front and row of outlet shops. And, Crater's hotel is gone altogether, as are all their bawdy, brawling patrons of those Civil War years. Recollections of town events in those turbulent times exist now only in crumbling, yellowed newsprint and in the scattered memorabilia left behind by the participants who in one way or another, uniformed or civilian, willingly or unwillingly, good or bad, answered in their turn, the call of their time.

John W. Kuhl



Flemington's COUNTY HOUSE on the west side of Main St. north of the Court House was remembered for years as the "middle hotel". Operated in 1863 by Robert Thatcher, it competed with Crater's Union House. It has been altered over the years, just recently by a new facade and row of outlet shops. (From a print in the collection of the Hunterdon County Historical Society)

SIDEBAR

Because it varied from area to area and from day to day, the story of the Civil War Draft is a confusing one. The State of New Jersey even tried to ignore the fact then and later that they had ever really had a draft. The following synopsis is generalized and over-simplified but attempts to set the scene for the events in Flemington described by the accompanying article.

When the initial flood of volunteer enlistment dried up in mid-1862, it became necessary for the state in meeting Federal calls for troops, to set enlistment quotas on a municipal level. To induce enlistment townships offered bounties that rose with demand to over \$500. At first, this bounty money was raised by private donations, but the huge sums required quickly dried up this source and it became necessary to levy on assets such as real estate. Wealthier townships could and did offer higher bounties than their less fortunate counterparts, thereby stimulating enlistment of men from other areas and sparing their own residents.

Added to the township bounty were state and federal bounties plus an extra allowance for married men of up to \$150 and a bonus of \$100 for men with 9 months or more previous military experience. The total amount for the "volunteer" could come to \$1000 or more, especially if he were willing to sign on for a full 3 years. The paperwork and technicalities involved gave birth to a new class of middleman agents who grew fat on their commissions. It truly was blood money.

If a municipality's money could not attract enough enlistees to fill its quota, the "deficiency" had to be raised by a lottery draft upon the list of its male citizens between the ages of 18 (later 20) and 45. Once his name was picked from the barrel, the draftee could pay a commutation fee of \$300 and be thereby ex-

empted from the call of that particular draft (but not those thereafter if his name was picked again). Or, he could obtain permanent exemption by hiring a substitute to go in his place at a cost including agent's commission, ranging from \$500 to \$1500. Neither of these options favored the poor man who himself had two choices, neither of them good. He could, of course, muster into the army provided he was unlucky enough to pass the physical, or he could join the growing stream of draft fugitives fleeing to Canada or elsewhere (shades of the Vietnam era).

The end result often raised more money than manpower. On a typical day in Raritan Township the *Gazette* recounts that 94 draftees reported for examination. Commutation fees were paid by 41 of them and 8 furnished substitutes. Physicals flunked 29 of them. Counting a few who didn't bother to show up at all, this left only about 16 out of a hundred to personally appear for muster. A second or even third drawing was sometimes necessary to replace large numbers exempted for medical or other reasons. Early in the war when everyone wanted in, recruits hid physical defects and few were considered disabling. Later when no one wanted in, the slightest little wart was claimed by the draftee as a basis for crippling disability.

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8. NEW JERSEY'S MILITARY ROLE IN THE CIVIL WAR RECONSIDERED, Wm. C. Wright, NEW JERSEY HISTORY, Winter 1974

FOOTNOTE

Angel's apprehensions were far from groundless. He had doubtless heard of the suit filed this very day in the Circuit Court of Hunterdon against his own assistants, 1st Lt. Andrew L. Day, also of Lambertville, and 2nd Lt. James McMullen (Mc Millen). It had to be unsettling that the two men he must rely on most to run his company, had gotten in such a mess. John M. Bryan, proprietor of a Raritan Township "eating saloon and place for the sale of goods" was charging that just a month previous, Day and McMullen had "with force and arms broke and entered a certain building or shanty of the said deponent situate in said township (Raritan) where the said deponent kept an eating saloon and place for the sale of goods and merchandize and then and there broke open and threw down and totally

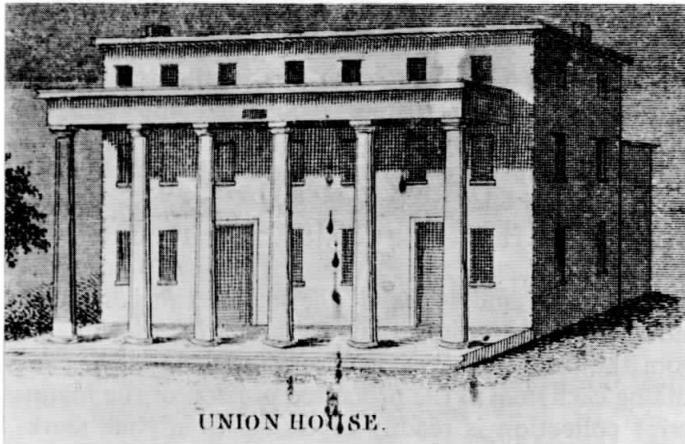
destroyed said building or shanty of great value, to wit, of the value of Forty Dollars; and also seized and took divers goods and chattels. . . then in said building. . ." to wit: 1700 cigars, 1 25 lb. tub of butter, 22 linen collars, 4 Colt's Revolving Pistols, 36 calfskin wallets, 24 neckties, 24 suspenders, 22 linen handkerchiefs, 7 razors, 48 bottles of hair oil, 30 bottles of bear oil, 24 papers of needles, 25 papers of pins, 24 steel pens, 1 gross of pen holders, 1 gross of matches, 24 brier wood pipes, 24 wooden inkstands, 10 school inkstands, 4 pocket books, 1 kerosene lamp, 1 oil can, one hatchet, one handsaw, one furnace, 150 boxes of magic lustre, 36 silk watch guards, 24 plated watch chains, 24 boxes of mustard, 12 papers of pepper, 10 packages of envelopes, one ream of foolscap paper, 48 campknives, 2 boxes of raisins, one box of herring, 84 combs, 50 packages of paper and penholders, 36 memorandum books, one pound of patent thread, 17 boxes of cartridges, 4 powder flasks, 4 boxes of pistol camps, 4 bullet moulds, 2 pair of books, one hat, one dipper, 6 lead pencils, 35 pounds of candies, 1½ pounds of cloves, 4 faucets, ½ ream of wrapping paper, 4 barrels of mead (meat, meal?), 6 empty barrels, one quart of oil, 30 empty cigar boxes, 1 tin pail, 1 butter tub, 2 bars of soap, 5 oyster buckets, 1 corn basket, 1 stone jug and vinegar, 12 cigar cases, 48 fancy soap, 1 bottle of catsup, 1 bottle of pepper sauce, 1 castor, 4 boxes of cloves, and 36 tobacco boxes, of great value, to wit, \$641.14, "and then and there carried the same away and converted and disposed thereof to their own use"

The Sheriff could not or did not get around to acting by the time the regiment left town Monday morning. But Bryan bided his time till the 35th came home in the Autumn of 1865, strangely unaware that both the accused had been discharged from the 35th by Special Order of the War Department in early 1864. Of McMullen there is no further record. Presumably he just kept on going. Day, however, had come back and joined yet another local unit, a company of the 38th N.J. Offered a lieutenantcy, he had declined and signed on as a private. He made sergeant soon after but was captured in November of 1864, spent some time in rebel prisons before being paroled, then was busted back to private, and finally discharged with the regiment.

The Sheriff collared him at last, back home in Lambertville. Space bars the full telling of Day's checkered tale but he forfeited several successive bail arrangements in ensuing court actions, as did those who went his bail. Mr. Bryan ultimately got his day in court but it's unclear if he ever got all his money.

The seeming reluctance of the Court and of the Sheriff's department in this affair may point to sympathy for Day and perhaps some underlying mitigation. Despite his ups and downs, Day had served through most of the war, some of it under trying circumstances. And, he would die within a few months, possibly of causes related to his war service and prison time. Indeed he may have been afflicted at the time of the court actions. More than that, Bryans cheap shanty of "great value" and the type of goods he claimed stolen, were typical of those operations aimed specifically at profiting from the soldier. Many of these offered inferior goods at inflated prices, causing much resentment from their somewhat captive clientele. All-out large scale raids on especially offending sutlers were common in the field where Day had been. No others were cited by Bryan but unless he had inflated his losses, the sheer quantity of goods lost would indicate that the two accused might have had help. They may have been just the leaders or instigators, Day in particular because of his rank and past field experience. Thinking he could get away with it under the nose of the law here at home, may have been Day's undoing. At any rate, he would

soon be called before a higher court of judgement than Hunterdon's, the one awaiting all us mortals.



Flemington's UNION HOUSE across from the Court House served as a hotel and stage depot during the Civil War years. Owned by one George Crater and operated by another of the same name, it had been the site of a tavern owned years earlier by members of the Hart family. The shooting of 17 October 1863 took place in front of this building which was replaced in 1876 by today's Union Hotel. (From a map entitled "Plan of the Township of Raritan, Hunterdon County, 1850" in the collection of the Hunterdon County Historical Society)

JOIN CENTURY CLUB – IN COMMEMORATION OF SOCIETY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

There's still time to join the CENTURY CLUB commemorating the Hunterdon County Historical Society's 100th Anniversary. Limited edition prints of the Doric House will be available to each person who joins during 1985. Our Membership Secretary reports 33 members to date. A roster of Club members will be published in the Spring 1986 issue of the *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter*.

HOW TO JOIN

Hunterdon County Historical Society
114 Main Street
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

Please enroll me as a member of your Society

Annual	\$12.00 per year
Family	\$14.00 per year
Contributing	\$25.00 per year
Sustaining	\$50.00 per year
Institutional	\$50 and up per year
Life	\$200.00
Patron	\$1,000.00 or more
Student	\$3.00 per year (18 years of age or less)
Century Club	\$100.00

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Hunterdon County Historical Society.

for which I enclose my remittance in the amount of \$

Name

Address

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Membership Report

The following new members have joined the Society during its Centennial year. We extend to them a warm welcome.

William & Charles Barkley, Canandaigua, NY
James J. Bird, Dayton, OH
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Case, Kenmore, NY
Mrs. Alberta Conover, Aurora, OH
Hiram B. Ely, Jr., Flemington, NJ
Mrs. Shirley Favier, Flemington, NJ
Mr. & Mrs. James P. Grover, Stockton, NJ
Dorothea Gerber, Gillette, NJ
William P. Giel, Whitehouse Station, NJ
Norman A. Heap, Hampton, NJ
Dorothy L. Horvath, Edison, NJ
Mr. & Mrs. Charles D. Hunt, Barnegat Light, NJ
Mrs. William R. Kuhns, Flemington, NJ
Rev. & Mrs. Clarence A. Lambelet, Flemington, NJ
Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Lamarque, Pittstown, NJ
Ralph Lomerson, Glen Gardner, NJ
Viola Mallory, Pasadena, CA
Richard L. Mewhinney, Washington, NJ
Mrs. Cora H. McCrea, Wilkes-Barre, PA
David Phillips, Flemington, NJ
Ms. Judith G. Raffo, Flemington, NJ
Miss Catherine Sheets, Oskaloosa, IA
Harry Van Fleet, St. Petersburg, FL
Elaine Walters, Beachwood, NJ
Cheryl Watkins & Richard Tormey, Ringoes, NJ
Mrs. Edwin Walthal, San Antonio, TX
Mrs. Ruth S. Wickman, Austin, TX
Mrs. A. Elizabeth Wyckoff, Flemington, NJ

Mrs. Frederick Stothoff
Membership Secretary



A Link To The Past

HIRAM E. DEATS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Hiram E. Deats Memorial Library is the largest collection of Hunterdon County historical and genealogical material open to the public. The collection consists of over 5,000 printed volumes, manuscripts, newspapers, maps, broadsides and photographs gathered and preserved during the one hundred years since the Hunterdon County Historical Society was founded. The acquisition of the Doric House as a headquarters building at last provided adequate space for the collection to be unpacked and assessed. Norman C. Wittwer became Librarian in 1974 and the Library Committee recruited volunteers to staff the Library on a rotating schedule and to prepare finding aids for the material in the Library. Kathleen Schreiner, one of the volunteers, was employed for six months in 1978 to assess the collection, prepare recommendations for making it accessible and develop a systematic procedure for doing so.

The system selected for cataloging the books was Library of Congress. Mrs. Schreiner started working with the publications in the Library, processing the genealogies first because they received the most use. Cataloging is an ongoing process. The goal is to have a multi-media card catalog, i.e., all collections accessible from one catalog. To accomplish that the card catalog of the books will be supplemented with color-coded cards accessing manuscripts, maps, photographs, microfilm, vertical file, etc. For example all manuscript indexing is being done on yellow banded cards, all deeds on green cards, microfilms on brown cards. Patrons using the library will be able to consult one catalog and find whatever there is available in the collection on a person, place or subject when the project is complete.

Mr. Wittwer's wish to make the manuscript collection more accessible for historical and genealogical research was to become reality. The Society, nearing its centennial anniversary, had been collecting all those years with little attention to making that wealth of information readily available. The time had come to inventory what had been collected and formulate plans to provide guide or an index. The Board of Trustees made application to Hunterdon County for a grant under the Federal CETA program to employ someone to inventory the manuscript groups in the Society collection. A grant was awarded the Society and Mr. Wittwer and Mrs. Schreiner interviewed applicants for the position. Reverend George Kreutler, a retired Episcopal priest residing in Lambertville, was selected and he started working in May 1978. He has completed thirty-nine groups, containing 50,000+ items, which are stored in a fire-proof, climate controlled vault at the Society headquarters. Additional groups remain for inventory to be completed. During

the past several months he has been preparing an inventory of the bound manuscripts, numbering 600+, cleaning and moving them into one of the storage vaults in the lower level of the Doric House.

When the CETA program was terminated but the Society Board of Trustees recognized the valuable results his work produced and felt it was important enough to keep him as an employee and to seek funding to help cover the expenses. Since 1982 an annual grant from the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission has provided partial funding to continue the inventory and index of the manuscript collection and work continues on that. By preparing index cards from the inventory sheets and placing them in the card catalog each item in the processed portion of the manuscript collection is readily accessible to anyone working in the Society library. Roxanne K. Carkhuff became a part time employee in October 1981 and since then one of her responsibilities has been the preparation of the index phase of our project. She has processed thirty collections and is working on the Capner Papers, collection 31.

GUIDE TO THE COLLECTION

The Deats Genealogical Collection

Over 300 published and unpublished genealogies. Files on 1200 Hunterdon County families comprising the correspondence of Mr. Deats and the Historical Society's Genealogical Committee from circa 1890 to the present time.

The Deats notebooks represent the private genealogical work done by Mr. Deats during his lifetime.

Guides, references for genealogical research

History

Hunterdon County — Approximately 300 published books, pamphlets, 1000+ photographs, scrapbooks and unpublished manuscripts read before the Society

New Jersey — Extensive collection of local community, township, county and state histories complemented by histories and archives of neighboring states as well as publications of national interest

Tombstone Inscriptions

Records of nine cemeteries published in one volume by Mr. Deats — Allerton M.E. Church cemetery, Sandy Ridge Baptist Church cemetery, Newell Burying Ground in Readington Twp., Sergeantsville M.E. Church cemetery, Voorhees Burying Ground in Readington Twp., Wyckoff Burying Ground in Readington Twp., Pleasant Ridge Cemetery of the Amwell First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Airy Cemetery of the Amwell Second Presbyterian Church, and Larison's Corner Cemetery site of the Amwell German Reformed Church.

Records of 50 cemeteries are currently being typed into one alphabetical file

Family Bible Records

Filed in eight notebooks for which a card index is maintained. Xerox copies from 100+ Bibles in the Society collection and Bibles loaned for copying

Vital Statistics

Marriages

Hiram E. Deats — Index, 1795-1875, published from County Clerk's records

Frank E. Burd — Index, 1875-1900, notebooks compiled from newspapers

John W. Lequear — Index, 1870-1903, card file compiled from newspapers

Deaths

John W. Lequear — Index, ca 1880-1900, card file compiled from newspapers

Frank E. Burd — Index, ca 1900-present, card file compiled from newspapers

Newspapers

50 different newspapers — some in bound volumes, others on microfilm. See: Schmidt, Hubert: *The Press in Hunterdon County*, Flemington, NJ, 1960 and Wright, William and Paul Stellhorn, *Directory of New Jersey Newspapers, 1765-1970*, Trenton, NJ, 1970.

Vertical File

Collection of published and unpublished clippings, brochures, pamphlets and other documents of state and local cultural, genealogical and/or historical interest filed by place and/or subject.

Card File

Miscellaneous collection of Hunterdon County genealogical and historical information from various sources. Sample topics: Banking, Government, Military Records, Names, Occupations, Real Estate, Transportation.

Microfilm/Microfiche

Federal census records 1830-1910 for Hunterdon, Mercer and Somerset Counties

State census records 1855-1885 for Hunterdon County

Newspapers, various church records, municipal and county records including all Hunterdon County wills and administrations before 1807, some wills and administrations after 1807, deeds, tax maps and records, histories and genealogies.

MANUSCRIPTS

Manuscripts are unpublished handwritten documents, transcripts, photoduplicates and include such items as correspondence, legal documents, diaries, journals, account books, genealogical notes, non-current records of counties, towns, institutions, and organizations.

Collection, group, or papers may be descriptive terms applied to the Collection of the Hunterdon County Historical Society's holdings in the fore-

going guide. Each group includes, but is not limited to, the material noted. The four digit number preceding the Collection title is the accession number. This number along with box and folder numbers is the key to rapid retrieval. A sample catalog card might appear as follows:

0015	GEORGE, WILLIAM R.
1:3	Speech, 1914
1:6	Correspondence 1917-18
GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC PAPERS	

0011 AMERICAN RED CROSS, HUNTERDON COUNTY CHAPTER

1 box, 61 items

Edgar A. Budd discharge request, William Thomas Hurst allotment papers; posters of missing men; list of Hunterdon County Home Service chairmen; blank forms, stationery, envelopes; 2 copies *Handbook of Information and Instructions for Home Service Sections*, December 1918; Revisions of same through December 1919.

0002 ARNWINE PAPERS

2 boxes, 244 items

Financial records of George Arnwine [-1832], brick manufacturer, Baptistown, Kingwood Township; legal documents; estate papers of John Arnwine [-1819], Amwell Township; printed matter including United States Internal Revenue form, May 1865.

0004 BLACKWELL FAMILY PAPERS

6 boxes, 1 oversize file, 1,948 items

Family papers of James H. Blackwell [-1876], farmer, correspondence, business papers, financial records of Blackwell & McGrath Insurance Co.; correspondence 1825-1863 of Oliver H. Blackwell; business papers of Blackwell & Hyde and Blackwell & Clarke, 1834-1840, trading in drugs and supplies; legal documents of James H. Blackwell [-1876], Clerk, Hunterdon County Court of Common Pleas; Legislative Acts 1830; correspondence from John Pugh, 1805-1820; Flemington Baptist Sunday School records, 1833.

0010 BOEMAN, LAMBERT, POST #48, G.A.R.

3 boxes, 2 oversize files, 802 items

Correspondence, 1880-1898, 1913-1919, membership rosters 1883-1910, financial records, memorials and personal war sketches of Lambert Boeman Post #48, Grand Army of the Republic, Flemington; records of Women's Relief Corps. Post erected the Civil War monument on Main Street.

0009 CORLE PAPERS**1 box, 1 oversize folder, 69 items**

Correspondence, financial records, legal documents of Charles Corle, constable, Somerset County, 1825-1827; patent for engine pump granted to Gilbert Van Camp, 1861; broadsides including election poster of Charles Corle, justice of the peace, Hillsborough, New Jersey, 1855.

0020 EICK FAMILY PAPERS**1 box, 14 oversize folders, 383 items**

Gift of Rose A. Goddard and Eliza Jane Allen, 1979

Personal correspondence, financial records and legal documents of Philip Eick, Sr. [-1791], Philip Eick, Jr. [-1836], Philip E. Eick, William G. Eick [-1847] and others.

0007 EMERY, WILLIAM P., ESTATE OF**2 boxes, 1 oversize file, 454 items**

Correspondence, financial records, legal documents, last will and testament of William P. Emery [1810-1888]; maps, broadsides.

0026 EMLEY-RACE PAPERS**16 boxes, 28 oversize folders, 3,168 items**

Gift of Henry Race [1812-1901], M.D., Pittstown, New Jersey

John Emley Papers - Correspondence, 1757-1793, financial records, 1751-1794, and legal documents including leases, 1751-1790, surveys and maps of John Emley [1730-1795], surveyor and land agent for absentee landowners including the West Jersey Society, Andrew Johnson, John Stevens and James Parker, William, Abigail and James Hamilton, Nathaniel Marston; financial records including rent books, 1756-1790, legal documents including leases, 1754-1787, regarding the West Jersey Society tract in Alexandria, Bethlehem, Kingwood and Lebanon Townships; correspondence, financial records and legal documents re Robert Barker Tract, 1764; correspondence, financial records and legal documents re Thomas Byerley Tract, 1774-1792; legal documents re estates of Patrick McEvers, 1766-1794, Maurice Robeson, 1766-1783, James Bayley, 1771-1774, and Thomas Byerley, 1769-1793; financial records and leases, Lord Stirling, 1766-1774; surveys in Bethlehem, Lebanon, Kingwood Townships, Hunterdon County and Burlington, Morris and Sussex Counties; apprentice indentures, 1750-1785.

Race Family papers - Correspondence, financial records and legal documents of Jacob Race, Sr., Jacob Race, Jr. [1740-1830]; correspondence, 1833-1900, financial records, legal documents, diaries, historical and genealogical notes and manuscripts of Henry Race [1812-1901]; etchings and portraits; notebooks; photographs.

0030 FLEMINGTON CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHOOL PAPERS**1 box, 142 items**

Gifts from Mrs. Maud L. Wilson and Mr. Frederick Stothoff

Correspondence of Alumni Chorus, 1956-1960, financial records, 1915-1960, minute books, 1923-1935; Flemington Children's Choir School financial records 1926-1930, minute books, 1937-1959; printed matter including graduation programs, 1907-1939, 1943-1958; photographs of Choir School interior and graduating classes.

0025 FLEMINGTON POTTERY COMPANY**1 box, 70 items**

Gift from David R. Angus

Exhibition catalog, 1979; photographs of products of Fulper Pottery Company; salesman's order book, 1914.

0014 FLEMINGTON VIGILANT SOCIETY**1 box, 296 items**

Gift from Hiram E. Deats

Organization and incorporation papers 11 December 1909; correspondence, financial records, 1895-1932; membership roster, 1900-1917; property descriptions; reward notices; officers, minutes, rules for Consolidated Vigilant Society of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, 1907-1939.

0001 GRANDIN FAMILY PAPERS**3 boxes, 1 oversize folder, 262 items**

Bequest from Miss Elizabeth Grandin [1897-1969]

Personal family correspondence of Elizabeth Grandin, John Grandin [1721-1777], John F. Grandin [1760-1811], John F. Grandin [1827-1889], Mary Grandin Newell [1762-1849] and Philip Grandin [1731-1791]; financial records; genealogical papers; John Forman Grandin's journal from 3 March 1782 to 25 January 1783; Daniel Reading's [1763-1834] account book, 1798-1815; photographs.

0021 HAINES-MOORE PAPERS**1 box, 52 items**

Gift from Aurela H. Harris

Personal financial records, legal documents of Isaac Haines [-1861], Joseph Haines [-1797] and Samuel Moore, and others, residents of the portion of Amwell Township which was set off to Delaware Township.

0013 HUNTERDON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**2 boxes, 203 items**

Roster of judges, officers, delegates, 1883; fair entries, programs 1878-1885; tags from Joseph W. Smith's Sons, Stockton, NJ; paper flour bags from H.G. Geist, Co., Califon, NJ.

0016 HUNTERDON COUNTY CONTRACTS**11 boxes, 860 items**

Building contracts, leases, agreements, 1835-1950, filed in County Clerk's office, arranged by municipalities

AR HUNTERDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES**11 boxes, 4,351 items**

Correspondence, 1885-present, including correspondence Elias Vosseller, Hiram E. Deats, Corresponding Secretaries, and Berthold A. Sorby [-1974], Librarian-Director, 1965-1974; legal documents 1885-present, including incorporation papers 14 July 1898; financial records, 1885-present; membership lists, 1887-present; Minutes, 1885-present; Committee reports, 1885-present; obituaries of deceased members; memoranda; correspondence, legal documents, financial records and other related material for Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead, 1968-1985; correspondence, legal documents, financial records and other related materials for Doric House, 1969-present.

0018 HUNTERDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTIONS, PART I**6 boxes, 210 oversize folders, 1,632 items***Single and multiple item donations from various persons*

Miscellaneous correspondence 1778-1875; financial records; legal documents including 202 manuscript deeds; papers from Orphans and Common Pleas Courts; survey maps; military records including Civil War enlistments; militia records, 1816-1825; genealogical material; Craig Papers 1786-1815; Thomas Lowrey [1737-1806] Papers, 1778-1809; Buchanan Family Papers, 1810-1870; Justice of the Peace Calvin Corle's Papers, 1836-1868; Justice of the Peace Luther Opdyke's [1750-1838] Papers, 1808-1809; Mary Vail Papers.

0019 HUNTERDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTIONS, PART II**3 boxes, 35 oversize folders, 1,025 items***Single and multiple item donations from various persons*

Miscellaneous correspondence, financial records, legal documents including recorded deeds; Fulper Papers; Lowery Papers; Hoagland Papers, Corle Papers, Apgar Papers; Blackwell Papers; Besson Letters; Pickel Papers, Trimmer Papers; Marsh Papers; Thatcher Papers, Sergeant-Young Papers; Elmira Stevenson (Mrs. Hiram) Deats Papers; Sproul Papers; Yates Papers; Snook Papers; Johnson Papers; Patent for Deats plow; correspondence and financial records for Flemington Baptist Church; records from Baptist Meeting at Wert's Corner, East Amwell Township; Raritan Township financial records; military records.

0017 HUNTERDON COUNTY SLAVE MANUMISSIONS**1 box, 169 items**

Legal documents, 1804-1830, manumitting slaves whose masters were residents of Hunterdon County, filed by municipality of residence.

0015 JUNIOR REPUBLIC PAPERS**1 box, 116 items**

Roster of donors; printed material; clippings; photograph. Junior Republics, for youth 14-21, founded by William R. George at Freeville, NY; local Junior Republic located at Flemington Junction, Raritan Township on an 86 acre tract donated by the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

0013 KLINE, JAMES AUGUSTUS PAPERS**1 box, 385 items**

The collections of James Augustus Kline [-1928] Flemington hardware merchant, Treasurer of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, 1902-1928. Legal documents including indentures dated 1759, 1807, 1835; personal financial records; printed materials including clippings on Flemington and Raritan Township vital statistics, Indian lore, general history, Flemington history; maps and plottings.

0022 PATRIOTIC ORDER OF AMERICANS, CAMP #50**1 box, 110 items**

Patriotic Order of Americans, Camp #50, Frenchtown, NJ, 1923-1941, by-laws, accounts, membership applications, and financial records. Patriotic Order of Americans motto, "Patriotism, Education, Fraternity."

0012 RARITAN TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY SCHOOL RECORDS**2 boxes, 592 items***Gift of Hiram Edmund Deats [1870-1963]*

Correspondence 1872-1933; School Board Minutes 1900-1904; election notices; financial records; teacher rosters; County and State directives; notes of Hiram E. Deats, District Clerk, 1899-; notices of school votes; clippings; printed matter. Raritan Township Districts #1-11 were formerly Hunterdon County Districts #80-84, 86-90.

0008 RITTENHOUSE PAPERS**1 box, 239 items**

Financial records and legal documents, 1806-07, regarding the estate of Moses Rittenhouse, [-1806]; correspondence, financial records, legal documents, 1788-1835, of Daniel Rittenhouse [1761-1848].

0006 ROWE-KLINE PAPERS**1 box, 1 oversize file, 292 items**

Personal correspondence, legal documents, financial records of Isaac Rowe [1793-1862], Jacob Rowe [1787-1857], Lambert B. Kline [1820-1901] and his wife Harriet N. Kline [1835-1898], and Mary E.H. Hoffman.

0005 SAXTON, NATHANIEL, PAPERS**3 boxes, 7 oversize files, 575 items**

Nathaniel Saxton [1760-1847], Flemington Attorney. Personal correspondence 1809-1837; business correspondence with James Hamilton, 1803-05; per-

sonal financial documents, 1813-1833; business financial records and legal documents including deeds; business and legal documents of George Holcombe, 1803-1817, Lambert & Biles Co., 1820-1831; correspondence and legal documents regarding real estate of Charles Stewart [1729-1800], 1797-1803, correspondence with the heirs of John and Martha Wilson, 1808-1809; financial records and legal documents of James Vaux, 1821-1832.

0024 STEELE PAPERS

4 boxes, 849 items

Personal correspondence, financial records, typescripts of dramatic plays by Asa Manchester Steele; financial records and legal documents regarding the estates of Edith D. Steele, 1916-1919; Elizabeth C. Steele, 1915-1918; Anne E. Steele, 1915-1920; John Dutton Steele, 1915-1918; John H. Steele, 1918-1919.

0027 TAYLOR PAPERS

1 box, 95 items

Gift of Edward Y. Taylor, of Hunterdon County, NJ and Alaska

Historical papers relating to the Taylor family; legal documents and field book of John Rockhill [1726-1798], Surveyor; financial records of Jonathan Robeson, Jr. [1726-1783] and Maurice Robeson [1724-1761]; financial records, legal documents of the Forest of Deane Furnace, Orange County, NY; legal documents (surveys and leases) for the West Jersey Society Tract in Hunterdon County.

0029 VOSELLER, ELIZABETH VAN FLEET PAPERS

2 boxes, 93 items

Elizabeth Van Fleet Vosseller [1874-1939] was co-founder and director of the Flemington Children's Choir School.

Personal correspondence, 1925-1927; diaries; black history material including clippings and photographs of former pupil Paul Robeson; autographs and photographs of 50 celebrities with related correspondence and clippings; typescript, "Our First Forty Years," a history of the Flemington Children's Choir School.

0028 VOSELLER-SLEEPER PAPERS

1 box, 2 oversize folders, 106 items

Elias Vosseller [1836-1924], Flemington merchant, musician, first Corresponding Secretary of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, 1885-

Sleeper family, Mr. Vosseller's in-laws resided in Laurens & Otsego, NY.

Personal correspondence, 1888-1923, speeches, autobiography, writings of Elias Vosseller; R. Sleeper correspondence, 1846, legal documents, 1804-1825, financial records, 1804-1824; Sleeper genealogy; survey with map, 1794; newspaper clippings; pamphlets; photographs.

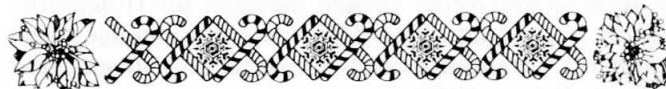
0023 WHITTELSEY, THEODORE PAPERS

1 box, 111 items

Gift of Theodore Whittelsey [1868-1953] resided in the former Amwell Academy in the village of Ringoes, East Amwell Township, in the 1940's.

Correspondence, historical notes and manuscripts regarding Amwell Academy, Amwell Township, Cornelius Wilson Larison, Ringoes, and Hunterdon County; clippings about Ringoes and vicinity.

Roxanne K. Carkhuff



The Doric House, Society headquarters.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE NOW

Artist Frank Darling's drawing (see above) of the Doric House appears on Christmas cards which the Society is selling as a fund-raising project. The cards are printed inside with a holiday greeting and the back has historical information on the Doric House and its builder, Mahlon Fisher.

The cards are available at the Society headquarters, in local shops and by mail. Each packet of 20 cards with matching envelopes sells for \$5. On mail orders please add \$1 postage.



1985 CALENDAR

November 24 — Fall Meeting, LENAPE INDIANS, FIRST INHABITANTS OF HUNTERDON, William Guthrie, guest speaker, Flemington Women's Club 2 p.m.

December 7 — 3rd Annual Flemington Legacy House Tour, Doric House and other historic houses decorated for Christmas, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, December 7.