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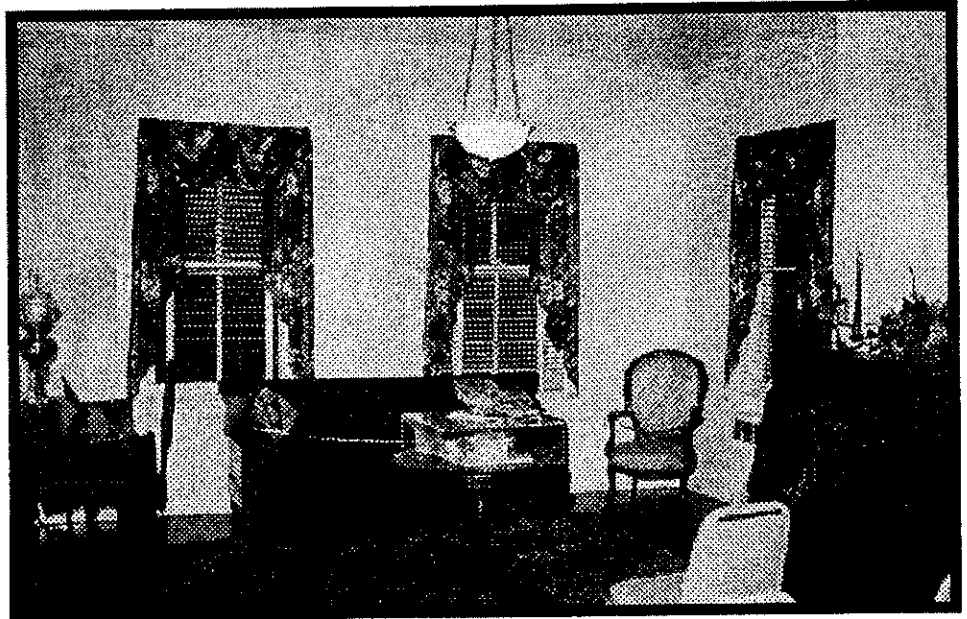
CHRISTOPHER HARTMAN, MINUTEMAN

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ROBERT ENGLISH'S AFFIDAVIT AND PENSION APPLICATION

Robert English knew Christopher Hartman and his wife when they resided in New Jersey. Below is the affidavit of Middlesex County Minuteman, Robert English, who applied for his pension in Clermont County, Ohio. In his affidavit,

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The newly decorated Catherine and Ben Hernwall meeting room.

ELY HOUSE ROOM DEDICATION HELD

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY DEDICATES THEIR MEETING ROOM TO THE MEMORY OF CATHERINE AND BEN HERNWALL

The Hightstown-East Windsor Township Historical Society dedicated the double parlor in Ely House, used as the Society's meeting room, to the memory of Catherine and Ben Hernwall on the evening of September 20th. Both Catherine and Ben had a strong interest within their church and community but it was Catherine who was very much interested in the Hightstown-East Windsor Township Historical Society and its undertakings within the community.

At 7:30 PM, members of the Society and the public gathered in the meeting room to hold the first meeting in the newly decorated room and to dedicate the room to the memory of Catherine Hernwall and her husband, Ben. Society President Dr. Edgar Thomas, Jr led the Society's dedication to the Hernwalls while Robert Craig, Chairman of the Library Committee, gave a talk on the history of Ely House and how it became the Society's headquarters. The evening's festivities added yet another chapter to the history of Ely House. After the dedication ceremony refreshments were served and a bronze plaque was permanently affixed to the door leading into the double parlor meeting room. The plaque reads "Catherine and Ben Hernwall Room - Dedicated To Their Memory".

It was through the Hernwall's most gracious bequest to the Society that has enabled the Society to undertake needed repairs to its Ely House headquarters. The Society has

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 6 Business Meeting, 7:30PM (Ely House)
- 15 Our Local Artists, Shannon Grover, 7:30PM (Ely House)

December

- 1 Holiday Greeting Card replies due
- 4 Business Meeting, 7:30PM (Ely House)
- 10 Christmas Tea, Robin Smith, 1:00-5:00PM (Ely House)

CHRISTOPHER HARTMAN, MINUTEMAN

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he mentions the fact that Hightstown [then Middlesex County], New Jersey, was the regular meeting area for the Minuteman when the militia was called out on an alarm. In his affidavit, Hightstown is spelled phonetically as "Hydes town".

"On the fifth day of November in the year of our Lord 1832, honorably appeared in open court before ... the Court of Common Pleas of Clermont County, now sitting, Robert English, a resident of Batavia Township in said County of Clermont, aged seventy six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed year 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born in Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey on the 26th day of January 1756 as he has been informed by his mother and verily believed and verily believes. He has a record of his age made by himself in his own family bible from the statement in relation thereto made to him by his mother. He was an apprentice to a merchant in Burlington County in the State of New Jersey and while he was an apprentice he entered the service of the United States in said County of Burlington in the month of January and in the same year the British lay in Philadelphia. He was called out as a militia man to perform a tour of duty for one month. The company to which deponent belonged was commanded by Captain Joseph Brown, Col. Reeves commanded the regiment to which deponent at this time belonged. The company under the command of Captain Brown met at a little town called Crosswicks in Burlington County and marched from there to Hatton field [Haddonfield] where they joined the regiment under the command of the before named Col. Reeves. Deponent was informed and verily believes that at Hatton field at the time said company arrived there, there was four or five thousand militia of New Jersey. While at Hatton field Captain Robert Quigley and Joseph Brown were ordered with their two companies (deponent with them) down to Delaware River about twenty miles to guard the shore and prevent the British [?] to plunder the

county of the cattle. Staid out scouting about two weeks and then the company under the command of Captain Brown and Quigley returned to Hatton field, and continued there in all completing from the time the company left home more than one month. Deponent remembers some of the men growled because they were kept out longer than their regular tour of service called for. The company to which deponent belonged was discharged at Hatton field and deponent returned to Crosswicks. He had no written discharge. His apprenticeship expired about this time and he returned to his family in Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey and joined Captain Jonathan Combs Company after he returned home, and in he thinks it about Harvest in the year after the battle at Monmouth deponent was again called out to perform a tour of duty under the command of Capt. Jonathan Combs. John Mount was Lieutenant, Enos Baldwin was ensign, Obadiah Harbour was 2nd Lieutenant, Col. Scudder commanded the regiment and Nathaniel Hunt was Major. The company met at Hydes town and marched from there to the Scott plains meeting house. Gen. Washington lay on the sowerland Mountains, the British lay at Elizabeth town and Major Andre was hung that same year. While they were encamped at this last named place part of the company to which deponent belonged volunteered with volunteers from other companies (deponent among others) and went down to the British lines at Elizabeth town. Does not know who commanded this expedition. Ensign Baldwin was as deponent thinks the only officer from Capt. Combs company that was along. In the evening they got within the British lines and their sentries fired upon them. This brought out a good many of the British and a skirmish ensued what lasted for about two hours. Captain or Col. Nixon went into the town with six men and as they were coming out were fired on by the sentry and a man named Egbert was killed. Returned back to their encampment at the Scott plains meeting house and remained there until their tour was out and then the company was discharged and deponent went home. Had no written discharge. Another tour deponent under the command of the above named officers went down to the town of

Newark and staid their tour while Newark was their place of rendezvous Captain Combs, company went down to a place called deponent thinks was called 2nd river. The British had travelled between 1st and 2nd river in order to drive off the cattle and Capt. Combs Company was ordered out to prevent them from coming over 2nd river. Returned the next day to Newark and staid there until they were discharged. Had no written discharge. This expedition deponent remembers was performed well in the fall of the year. He remembers it because they got apples and peaches while they were out. Does not remember the year nor any from which it may be ascertained. The British were in New York at the time. Another tour deponent was called out under the command of Captain Combs and the same officer before mentioned as belonging to his company was Nixon well he thinks in the fall of the following year after the last mentioned tour. The company met at Hydes town their usual place of meeting and marched first to the coast. Passing through a number of small villages on their rout.

They marched upon and down the coast guarding the shore from the incursions of the British. This tour was performed in the fall of the year but year is not remembered. His reason for remembering that it was in the fall is that our moving the landlord at whose house they had remained complained to Captain Combs that his men had drunk up a barrel of cider that stood in his [?]. Captain Combs told he was not responsible for the act before noon five or six of the men were so drunk they could not march. Had no written discharge from this tour.

Another tour deponent was called out under the command of said Captain Combs and in the same company to go to the coast to guard it as stated above. Captain James Deboo and his company were along during this expedition. Combs company marched from Hydes town and fell in with De boos company on the rout and then marched together to their place of destination. During this expedition and before they got to the coast they had marched heavily all day and had not eaten anything that day. At night they stopped and while

they were cooking an alarm came that the British were landing. The companies started immediately taking with them their cooked vittles in their knapsacks and marched all night but did not meet with the British and kept moving from place to place along the coast until discharged. Had no written discharge.

Another tour of duty performed by deponent was under the command of the same Captain Combs for the purpose of guarding the coast from the incursions of the British. Hydes town to Spotswood and from Spotswood marched down to South river bridge and came back again to Spotswood and remained there the rest of the tour. Does not remember the year nor the time of the year when this tour was performed. Had no written discharge.

Another tour of duty performed by deponent was under the command of Captain William Conover. Captain Combs company was ordered to meet at Brunswick and about twenty or twenty five men of his company met there, deponent was one of them. There was no officers of Captain Combs company there. And the commanding officers there threw the men belong to Combs company into Captian Conovers who belonged to the same regiment. This was performed in the winter season but the year is not remembered. Staid at Brunswick a month and were discharged. Had no written discharge.

After this several companies, Captain Combs with other and deponent with it were called to Burnt tavern - thinks the cause of the alarm was that the refugees were landing on the sea shore eastward from Hydes town and were about to plunder the County. Captain Combs company was to have joined Col. Formans regiment - part of that regiment came to the Burnt tavern, but Col. Forman from some cause to the deponent unknown did not come. They were there a short time and were then dismissed.

The tours of duty above mentioned were called tours of a month, though they sometimes exceeded a month by two weeks, as the relief did not come. The regular tours did not fall short of a month - but when they were called out on an alarm the men who turned out had credit for a month service. Deponent commenced his services at the first call of the New Jersey Militia

and went out every time he was called on to the end of the war. He never missed a single occasion - nor was unable to - nor paid a fine. He knows that he performed other tours of service during the war of the Revolution that he cannot now call to his remembrance.

Remained in the same Middlesex County in New Jersey until thirty eight years since when he moved to Marion County, Kentucky and then moved to Clermont County, Ohio in which he has continued to reside ever since. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except to present and declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State." [Signed - Robert English] November 8, 1832.

MARY HARTMAN'S AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF ROBERT ENGLISH

The following affidavit was given by Christopher Hartman's wife, Mary, in support of Robert English's pension application:

"Personally appeared before me William Waters a justice of peace and for the County of Clermont, State of Ohio, Mary Hartman, a resident of the township of Williamsburg, County of Clermont, State of Ohio, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her said oath depose and say, that she has been acquainted with Robert English about sixty years. She became acquainted with him in the State of New Jersey, Middlesex County. Deponent was raised within about half a mile of said English. Was acquainted with him during the revolutionary war. During the revolutionary war deponent has often heard of said English going out and returning home on and from tours of duty. Heard Captain Nixon and Combs talked of and believes he went under them. He was generally reputed and believed in the neighbourhood in which said English lived in New Jersey. That said English had been a soldier of the revolution and deponent concurs in that opinion. Said English has always maintained a good character for veracity and deponent believes him to be as honest a man as any upon earth. And further deponent says not." [She made her mark when signing.]

Sworn and subscribed before me this 23rd day of August 1832.

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CHRISTOPHER HARTMAN'S AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF ROBERT ENGLISH

Christopher Hartman also appeared on behalf of Robert English and gave an affidavit:

"Personally appeared before me, William Hartman, one of the Justices of the peace of Williamsburg Township in the County aforesaid, Christopher Hartman, who being duly sworn according to Law, deposes and saith that he is now in the eighty third year of his age and that he the said deponent was personally acquainted with Robert English the present applicant ever since the year 1771 and further saith that he the said deponent was with the above named Robert English in the militia service in the Revolutionary War with Great Britan and other particular towers of Military duty at the following places to wit the first tower to [?] field, 2nd to Newark, and the 3rd to Spots wood all in the State of New Jersey under Captain Jonathan Coombs, further officers not recollected and further this deponent Saith." [He made his mark when signing.]

Sworn to and subscribed ... this eleventh day of August 1832.

REV. EZEKIEL HUTCHINSON'S AFFIDAVIT

Also, appearing on behalf of Robert English was the Rev. Ezekiel Hutchinson. We also learn from this affidavit that the Rev. Robert Hutchinson, who was Ezekiel's brother, was also a Minuteman in the Revolution and went out in the same unit with Robert English.

[Rev. Robert Hutchinson, a Methodist Circuit Rider, also purchased land in Clermont County. However, he eventually sold his land in Ohio to other family members and remained here in New Jersey. He is buried in the Milford Methodist Church Cemetery in Etra, New Jersey.]

Rev. Ezekiel Hutchinson was not in the Revolutionary War. However, due to the structure of his language in this affidavit given on behalf of Robert English, an error has been created within New Jersey

Revolutionary War Records by the interpretation of the person copying the information from this affidavit many years ago. A literal reading of the sentence, "That he was a militia man in the Revolutionary war", in Rev. Ezekiel's affidavit has led to the incorrect belief, even to this day, in New Jersey records that Rev. Ezekiel Hutchinson was speaking about himself. The sentence must be taken in context with the sentence above and below, which makes it very clear that Rev. Ezekiel Hutchinson, when using the word "he" in that sentence, was actually referring to Robert English as being a militia man; not himself. There is no other evidence, record, or family information to substantiate that Rev. Ezekiel Hutchinson was ever in the militia before, during, or after the Revolution. Because of the incorrect interpretation of this sentence, it has been recorded in the NJ Archives that Rev. Ezekiel Hutchinson was in the Revolution. In fact, when you examine the proofs for this position, you find that the only proof offered to substantiate this position regarding his military service is his said affidavit given on behalf of Robert English's pension application.

Here then is Reverend Ezekiel Hutchinson's affidavit:

"Personally appeared before me, William Waters, a justice of the peace in and for the County of Clermont State of Ohio, Ezekiel Hutchinson a resident of the township of Williamsburg, County of Clermont, State of Ohio, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following deposition - that he has been acquainted with Robert English (the present applicant) from about the commencement of the Revolutionary war down to the present time. He became acquainted with him in Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey. Said English lived about three fourths of a mile from where deponent with his father lived. Deponent recollects our call when English went out - he thinks but is not certain that it was about the middle of the Revolutionary war. He thinks said English went out under either Capt. Nixon or Combs. Believes said English went out every time he was called out. If he has refused to go - deponent thinks he would remember. Deponents brother Robert Hutchinson generally went out with said English when they were called on. He was generally respected and believed in the neighborhood in New Jersey in which said

English resided. That he was a militia man in the Revolutionary war. Said English has always as far as deponent knows or has heard sustained a good character for truth and veracity. And further deponent says not. [Signed - Ezekiel Hutchinson]

Sworn and subscribed before me this 23rd day of August 1832

Finally, we find Robert English reappearing before the Court in 1833 and giving another affidavit to prove his military service in order to secure his pension:

State of Ohio
Clermont County

"Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the above named county, Robert English, who being duly sworn deposes and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise period of the war when he served in. According to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades; and at the following periods in the war. For eight months I served as a private and for such services I claim a pension. My first tour of duty mentioned in my declaration was performed about the year 1776. My reason for thinking so, is that a short time after the said tour of duty my term of apprenticeship expired. My next tour of duty mentioned as said declaration was performed I think in the year 1777. I performed the other tour of duty mentioned in my declaration between the year 1777 and the close of the war but from old age and loss of memory I cannot state the year in which I performed them. Some of them were performed about the middle and some about the close of the war. Ezekiel Hutchinson whose affidavit accompanies my declaration is a Clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church. I was drafted as a militia man of New Jersey. As the then next mentioned in my declaration as having taken place at Elizabeth Town. Col Washington came down with his [?] horse and was around in the neighborhood. I recollect two regiments of one of New Jersey and the other of Pennsylvania militia. The Pennsylvania militia were commanded by Gen. Wayne. The New Jersey were of same regiment to which Ramoth Bunting whose affidavit is hereto annexed belonged. I was frequently marched; by them while they

were lying at a place called Connecticut Farms that British had burnt. I saw Gen. [?] while he was at Crosswicks with several regiment under him. Ramoth Bunting, Robert Dickey, and Ezekiel Hutchinson know me in his present neighbourhood and can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my service as a soldier of the Revolution."

Robert English

Sworn to and subscribed ... this 8th day April 1833

The above affidavits represent just a few of the Minutemen of the Revolution from what was then known as Middlesex County, New Jersey, who used the town of Hightstown as their normal mustering point before going off against the British at the sound of an alarm. ■

THE SPRUANCE LIBRARY IN DOYLESTOWN, PA

[Reprinted from *The Monmouth Connection*, Sept 1995]

The Spruance Library is operated by the Bucks County Historical Society and is located on Level 3 of the Mercer Museum, a national historic landmark, located at 84 South Pine Street, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Henry Mercer built the seven-story museum building to house his collection of early American artifacts. The structure was completed between 1913 and 1916 and included a special room for the library. Since its founding in 1880, the Bucks County Historical Society has collected primary and secondary materials which document the history of Bucks County as well as the collections in the Mercer Museum.

The library's purpose is to collect and preserve the documents of the county's past, and to provide a source of written records that interpret these collections. The library's holdings include nearly 20,000 printed volumes and an extensive collection of manuscripts, as well as maps, prints, photographs, newspapers, microfilm records, and many other types of primary source material. Researchers of Bucks County history will find published genealogies, cen-

sus indexes, family histories, account books and business records, church and pastoral records, birth records 1852-1854 and 1893-1906, federal census records 1790-1920, and an index to marriage licenses 1885-1946. There are original records of the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, and the Orphans' Court. For those who have roots elsewhere there are naturalization records, passenger ships lists, court records, probate indexes for New Jersey, Virginia and Ohio wills, gazetteers, church records and diary collections as well as will abstracts for New Jersey 1668-1817. There is also a large selection of "how-to" books for genealogists.

Betsy Smith is the Director of the Spruance Library and can be reached at 215-345-0210. The library's hours are: Mon-Sat: 10 am - 5 pm; Sunday: 12 - 5 pm. Fees: General admission, \$5.00; Senior citizen, \$4.50; Youth, \$1.50. Parking is available. ■

ANNOUNCEMENTS



On Wednesday, October 5, 1995, Adele Elizabeth Ely, 98, born in Hightstown, the daughter of Samuel B. and Irene (Pullen) Ely, died at Robert Wood Johnson Health Care Center in Plainfield, New Jersey. Miss Ely was a math teacher and resided in Summit, New Jersey and later in New York City, retiring in 1966, to Monroe Village, Monroe, New Jersey. She was member of our Society for many years. Interment was in Old Tennent Cemetery, Tennent, New Jersey.

President's Column

BRING SOME GUESTS WHEN ATTENDING OUR PROGRAMS

Our Society is extremely fortunate to have very active members who make our activities and programs interesting and intellectually stimulating. Each year our programs range from well researched, scholarly presentations about our history to social events such as our Annual Dinner and the Christmas Tea. There is truly something to engage the interests of everyone.

We need to increase the number of those attending these programs including both Society members and prospective members. By doing so, this will assure that we remain a vital force in the minds and lives of our community members. I ask you as Society members to do the following:

1. Make certain that the Society program dates and business meeting dates are marked on your personal calendar.
2. Make an effort to attend all of our meetings.
3. Invite prospective members to attend our meetings with you. Surely, our Christmas Tea or an interesting program such as "Our Community's Black Church History", on January 17th, would be a great introduction to the Society.
4. Encourage your friends and neighbors to become Society members. An application form is included in each issue of our splendid newsletter.
5. As you plan your year-end giving, please remember our Society. We have an important role to play in the cultural and historical life of our community. This role can be realized only with your contribution of financial support, time, and service.
6. Check with your employer to ascertain if they have an "Employee/Employer Matching Grant" program that will match your contribution. ■

**HIGHTSTOWN-EAST WINDSOR
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
1996**

JANUARY

- 8 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
(Ely House)
- 17 Our Community's Black Church
History, Elaine Brown Martin,
7:30PM (Meadow Lakes Meeting
Room)

- 21 Annual Dinner

FEBRUARY

- 5 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
(Ely House)
- 21 "Hightstown 1848 - One Will Too
Many", Richard Hutchinson,
7:30PM (Meadow Lakes Meeting
Room)

MARCH

- 4 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
(Ely House)
- 20 "Allen & Stults-The History of a
Local Business", Charles Allen
Stults, III, 7:30PM (Meadow Lakes
Meeting Room)

APRIL

- 1 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
(Ely House)
- 17 Historical Presentations -
Hightstown & Peddie School
Students, 7:30PM (Ely House)

MAY

- 6 Business Meeting, 7:30PM (Ely
House)
- 15 Annual Meeting

**SOCIETY
SCRAPBOOK**

The Society's scrapbook seems to have been misplaced either before or during the recent renovations to Ely House. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, please contact Peg Dubell at 448-2285. ■

HIGHTSTOWN 1857

On June 13, 1857, Charles M. Norton, Editor, published the first issue of *The Hightstown Excelsior* from their office on Main Street, Hightstown, New Jersey, located over Mount's Hat Store. In this first issue, the following businesses located in Hightstown, New Jersey were paid advertisers:

1. Railroad Hotel, Hightstown - S. B. Scattergood "has taken over the Railroad Hotel, at Hightstown, (lately occupied by R.M. Smith) ... conveniently located for travelers in the immediate vicinity of the Railroad Depot."
2. J.S. Blauvelt - Pure brandy and wines for medicinal purposes; also white French brandy.
3. Mrs. Mary Moore would respectfully inform the inhabitants of Hightstown that she still carries on the millinery business at the OLD STAND, on Main Street, nearly opposite the Excelsior office.
4. G.S.H. Appleget & Co - Architects and Builders, Office Mercer Street above Dawes' Hall.
5. Railroad House at the Depot, Hightstown, New Jersey. Meals at all hours of the day - R.J. Ogborn.
6. Ready made clothing - Hightstown - See Charles Sax near A. Perrine's Hotel.
7. Hightstown Drug Store, No 9 Stockton St - Joseph S. Blauvelt.
8. Cabinet making and Undertaking at the shop formerly occupied by Alfred Hutchinson in the Borough of Hightstown.
9. Dr. A. Dawes - Surgeon dentist and manufacturer of incorruptible gum teeth. Office next to Robbins' & Ogdens' store. Entrance on Main Street, opposite the Universalist Church.
10. Hazelton & Sugar Loaf Coal, Lumber - Early & Taylor.
11. Dr. G.R. Bartholomew, Homeopathic physician & surgeon. Office in Main Street, above Ward.
12. Dr. Lloyd Wilbur - Office in Main Street, corner of Ward. Calls can be left at Blauvelt's Drug Store.
13. Cook, Johnes & Co - Commission dealers in all kinds of country produce - James R. Cook, NY, Abraham B. Jones, George D. Hutchinson.
14. Lumber Coal and Wood Yard, Ward Street, between Main and Mercer Streets. - Joseph S. Ely & Co.
15. Mercantile business at the OLD STAND, corner of Main and Stockton Streets ... "which an experience of thirty years has taught me ... will be found on the CORNER." J.T. Hutchinson.
16. Wm A. Bowne - Attorney at law and solicitor in Chancery - next door to Scattergood's Hotel.
17. Edwards, Norton, and Switzer - Fruit and Produce Dealers - J. Edwards, W. Norton, [?] Switzer.
18. Manufacturer of Light wagons and Family Carriages - Clark S. Hutchinson.
19. Hats, Caps, & Straw Goods- "Please give us a call, and if Mount is not in "Jolly Jacob" will show you the goods freely..." C.W. Mount - Opposite the Baptist Church.
20. Washington Hotel, Hightstown - Alfred Perrine.
21. J. Paxton - General Store - Quick sales and small profits.
22. Hightstown Carriage Emporium - George Perrine.
23. Camden & Amboy Railroad - Hightstown Agent Aaron Coward.



QUERIES INVITED

Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society members and non-members may now submit ONE query dealing with historical events and families or emigrants from this central area of New Jersey for each issue of the newsletter. The first twenty-five (25) words are free to members, and cost \$5.00 for non-members. The charge per word beginning with the 26th word is \$.50 for both members and non-members. Count abbreviations and full dates as one word, but do not count your name and address.

All queries must be printed or type-written. Begin the query with all surnames mentioned, capitalized and listed alphabetically. The editor reserves the right to edit all queries submitted for publication.

Make all payments to H.E.W. Historical Society. Mail all queries to be published along with your payment to Richard S. Hutchinson, P.O. Box 1147, Hightstown, New Jersey 08520. ■

From the Bookshelf

A NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

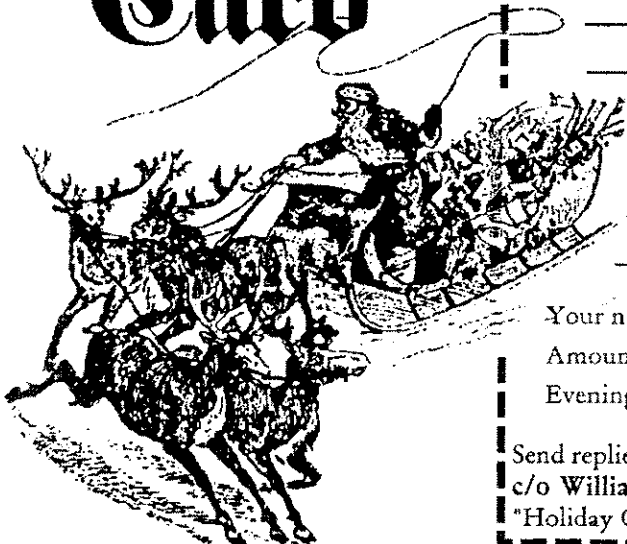
Donald A. Sinclair has made a remarkable range of sources available. Since the mid-1800s, some one hundred thousand biographical sketches have appeared in New Jersey books, pamphlets, and serials. As a group, they constitute an invaluable reference base, but one which until recently has been relatively hard to use effectively.

New Jersey Collective Biographical Sources: A Bibliography, by Sinclair, is a record of 268 New Jersey publications, totaling some 1900 volumes with information on the Garden State's political, social, professional, artistic, military, cultural, and business leaders and personalities. Entries include full bibliographical citations, the locations of specific publications, and notations on portraits accompanying biographies. There is a full index of authors, titles, and subjects.

New Jersey reference works by Sinclair have set a recognized standard for comprehensiveness and accuracy. This publication is his newest volume, and supplements his widely acclaimed *New Jersey Biographical Index* (1993). Both books are essential tools for historians, genealogists, libraries, businesses, and other individuals and institutions with an interest in New Jersey history and public affairs.

Anyone interested in the above publication should contact The Upland Press, 91 Upland Avenue, Metuchen, New Jersey, 08840. ■

The Holiday Greeting Card



Each year at this time, the Society sponsors a Holiday Greeting Card, which is one of the ways we hope to spread a little good cheer during the holidays.

To cover our costs and to raise needed revenue for the Society, we ask our subscribers to contribute a small amount for their names to be inscribed on the card.

The monies received for the Greeting Card help in meeting our regular expenses.

Please contribute \$12 for an individual name and \$15 for a family. Checks may be made payable to H.E.W.H.S.

To have your name(s) added to the Holiday greeting card, please list your names (as you would like them to appear) on the form below.

Your name _____

Amount \$ _____

Evening phone _____

Send replies by December 1st to Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society, c/o William W. Craig, 12 Dover Lane, East Windsor, NJ 08520. Please write "Holiday Card" on the envelope.

ROOM DEDICATION

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been able to make necessary upgrades and repairs to the heating system, the electrical system, and other utilities within the home. In addition to Ely House proper, the Society has begun to refurbish the Freight Station in the rear of Ely House by making it structurally sound and giving it a new insulated roof. It is anticipated that a portion of the exterior work on the Freight Station will begin shortly.

With the double parlor in Ely House serving as the Society's meeting room and also being used by other community organizations for their meetings and functions, it was voted upon by the Society to give the room a much needed "freshening". The Society used part of the Hernwall's bequest to brighten the room and give it a "new" look within the period of the house. The work began in September and was finished the night before the room was officially dedicated. The room was given a fresh coat of paint, the random plank pine floor boards were sanded down to reveal the beautiful wood, then topped with several

coats of clear finish to protect them and the room being finished off with new drapes. The night before the dedication was a busy one with Society members putting the finishing touches to the room. ■

MONMOUTH COUNTY GENEALOGY CLUB

On Sunday, November 12, 1995, at 2:00 P.M., at the Monmouth County Library, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, New Jersey, the Monmouth County Genealogy Club will host a program, given by Craig A. Tuttle, Archivist, on the "Care and Preservation of Papers and Photographs". Mr. Tuttle will discuss the causes of deterioration and how to prevent the deterioration of your paper documents and photographs. Refreshments will be served at 1:30 P.M. For more information, call The Monmouth County Historical Association at (908) 462-1466. ■

PROCLAMATION

The governors of Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nevada, South Carolina and Virginia proclaimed October as "Family History Month". ■

GRAVESTONE STUDIES

There is an Association for Gravestone Studies located at 30 Elm Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609; telephone (508) 831-7753. The purpose of the association is to further the preservation and the study of gravestones. ■

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On November 27, 1995, public television will present a documentary on the Orphan Trains on *The American Experience*. ■



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