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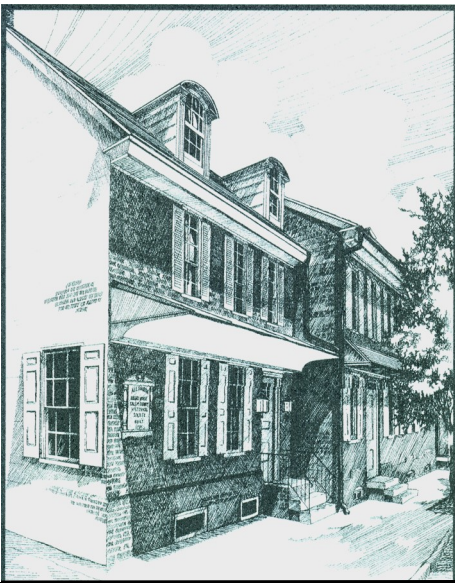
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### THE SECOND FIFTY YEARS

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Pictured above: The John Jones Law Office (1735), the William Crowe Clock (c. 1740-50) and the Stone Barn (1959)

It has been my practice to select the more important events from the minute books and list them along with the individuals concerned. With several hundred pages of minutes, it has been impossible to compile a complete history and to give credit to every member. The Society, during the past century, has accepted thousands of historic items and furnishings. Hundreds of members and non-members have contributed liberally of their time and substance to make the Society what it is today.

I have had the privilege of knowing six of my predecessors in the presidency and my two successors. The early minutes have provided a literary acquaintance with William Patterson, the first president; Dr. Edward S. Sharpe, the second president; and George W. Price, the third president, who served many years.

More than forty years ago Walter Hall and Harry A. Crispin, in many conversations sparked my interest in the history of Fenwick Colony. I am grateful for the contributions of all the other presidents, officers and trustees who provided a record for the Society. B. Harold Smick, Jr. and Joseph Trucksess have provided helpful information when minutes on an event or an acquisition were not clear. I have enjoyed reading the minutes of the past century; I am confident that the records of the next century will be of interest to future historians.

**June 11, 1935:** President Walter Hall advised that the Hancock House was out of debt after restoration and furnishing by the Society.

George B. Macaltioner, Recording Secretary, prepared a memorial after the death of C. Preston

Casper, a descendant of one of the early Dutch settlers in the County.

**June 1936:** Two noted historians visited Salem and the Hancock House; Prof. Amandus Johnson and Dr. Alfred Cook Myers.

**March 15, 1938:** The minutes note with sadness the passing of George B. Macaltioner, for many years the Recording Secretary. His years of service, contributions of historic material, and financial assistance were outstanding. This kind gentleman was associated with the first four presidents of the Society and wrote at length

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The *Quarterly Newsletter* is published by the Salem County Historical Society Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Salem County Historical Society is to seek, document, preserve, interpret and perpetuate Salem County's heritage, and to enhance the awareness and appreciation of that heritage, through its research, collections, functions, exhibits, educational programs and publications, for the benefit of future generations and for the betterment of the community.

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**Message From the President and Annual Appeal**

It is once again time to thank our members for their past support, and ask for your continued support as we come to the end of the year. As a member of our vital and historic organization, you play a key role in protecting and nurturing Salem County's heritage.

Whether you support the Salem County Historical Society through your membership, volunteer time with us, or participate in our fundraising activities, your help is needed and appreciated. So why are we now asking you to donate to our Annual Appeal drive? In this difficult economy, we can never rest in our efforts to secure a long and vibrant future for the Historical Society.

In just the last few months we have witnessed the kinds of programs and activities that your contributions support. Our Quarterly Meetings have provided speakers on various historical topics free to the public. The John S. Rock Memorial Lecture and Scholarship gave the public a glimpse into local African-American history as well as awarding a scholarship to a deserving local student. The Society has run bus tours, assembled special exhibits, and conducted educational programs all as a result of your support. In addition, we manage the day to day activities of the Society helping researchers in the library and giving tours to individuals, families and groups in the museum.

*Each day presents a new opportunity to promote our mission and we must be ready.*

The Society relies on membership dues, donations, fundraising events, and grants to keep our doors open. We support staff members, host over 1,000 school children each year, provide educational programs and events to all ages, produce a quarterly newsletter, present changing exhibits to tell our communities’ stories, and protect the treasures put in our care over our 130 year history.

I know that you, too, care about the Society. Whether you support the Society with a \$50, \$100, \$250 or \$500 donation, you will be supporting our various efforts throughout the year. Some of these efforts include our promotion of our Open House tours, building and preserving our library and museum collections, conducting educational programs, repairing and protecting our physical complex of buildings, and housing our various collections.

You have the ability to take part in securing the Society’s future and I challenge you to be generous this year.

Please send in your donation by December 19<sup>th</sup>. You will enjoy the tax deduction and we will have the benefit of your generosity as we carry forward with our 2015 programs and projects. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you.

Sincerely,

Trudy K. O’Hare



**PLEASE NOTE: A LETTER WAS SENT OUT TO OUR MEMBERSHIP ON OCTOBER 11, 2014 WHICH STATED THAT OUR DECEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING WOULD BE ON DECEMBER 8, 2014. THE CORRECT DATE FOR OUR NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014 AT 1:30PM AT FRIENDS VILLAGE IN WOODSTOWN, NJ.**

## Calendar of Events

- ◆ **Friday, December 5, 2014**  
Woodstown by Candlelight Tour, Woodstown, NJ  
6:00 - 10:00PM
- ◆ **Saturday, December 6, 2014**  
Yuletide Tour, Salem, NJ 1:00 - 6:00PM
- ◆ **Tuesday, December 9, 2014**  
Monthly Meeting: Genealogical Society of Salem County  
7:00PM Friends Village in Woodstown, NJ  
Speaker: Anthony Melita Topic: Tea Burning
- ◆ **Sunday, December 14, 2014**  
Quarterly Mtg. 1:30PM Friends Village in Woodstown, NJ  
Speaker: Brian Temple  
Topic: Philadelphia Quakers and the Fight Against Slavery
- ◆ **Holiday Closings:** Christmas Day and New Year's Day
- ◆ **Tuesday, January 13, 2015**  
Monthly Meeting: Genealogical Society of Salem County  
7:00PM Friends Village in Woodstown, NJ  
Speaker: Bonny Beth Elwell Topic: Searching Newspapers
- ◆ **Sunday, February 8, 2015**  
Cumberland County Historical Society Second Sunday  
Meeting 2:00PM in Greenwich, NJ  
Speaker: Patricia A. Martinelli Topic: The Fantastic Castle of Vineland: George Daynor and the Palace Depression
- ◆ **Sunday, March 8, 2015**  
Quarterly Meeting 1:30PM Friends Village in Woodstown  
Speaker: Dr. Jean Souderland Topic: Lenape Country: Delaware Valley Society before William Penn
- ◆ **Spring 2015**  
Our newest exhibit opens to the public!

### Bus Trip

Winterthur  
Museum and  
Gardens  
Holiday Trip  
Tuesday,

December 16, 2014

Sponsored by the  
Salem County Historical Society Cost: \$47 for members, \$52  
for non-members. Covers gratuities and museum tickets for  
*Costumes of Downton Abbey* Exhibit and Garden Tram Tour.

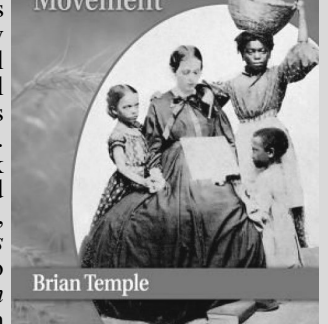
For tickets contact the Society at (856) 935-5004



### December Quarterly Meeting

Join us on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 1:30PM Friends Village in Woodstown, New Jersey. Our guest speaker will be Brian Temple who will discuss Philadelphia Quakers and the fight against slavery. Brian Temple has had book reviews and articles published in *America's Civil War, Command and Fencers Quarterly Magazine*. He is also the author of *The Union Prison at Fort Delaware*, a non-fiction book dealing with one of the largest prisoner-of-war camps of the Civil War. He lives in New Jersey.

### Philadelphia Quakers and the Antislavery Movement



### Used Book Sale

Please revisit our updated and ongoing used book sale online ([www.salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.salemcountyhistoricalsociety.com)) and in the Society's Library. We have new (used) books available, and previously listed books are now deeply discounted. In the Library, most are now free or priced between \$1.00-\$5.00. We are hoping to find homes for all our gently used, duplicate and damaged books. If you are local, please stop in, as many books are for sale that do not appear on the list.

### **New Proprietor.**

**Harry Breece** has purchased of **John P. Flynn** the good-will and fixtures of the **photograph gallery** on West Broadway. Mr. Breece learned the business of Mr. Flynn, is a most worthy young man, and deserves to succeed. Mr. Flynn will hereafter devote his whole attention to his store business.

*The South Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, February 5, 1884

### **In Memoriam:**



Nancy Fogg, pictured with her husband Ed at the Society's Annual Dinner in 2005.

The Salem County Historical Society was saddened recently by the passing of former trustee, curator, advocate and benefactor Nancy Fogg. Mrs. Fogg came to Salem County as a child, and was a tireless champion of Salem county history and libraries almost from the moment she arrived. Mrs. Fogg and her husband Ed Fogg operated the Seven Hearths Antiques for nearly forty years, gaining an invaluable knowledge of local crafts and antiques. Mrs. Fogg served as a Trustee for the Historical Society, as Board Secretary, and was curator for a time. Both she and Dr. Fogg were the driving forces behind many of the projects and improvements that benefit the Society to this day. Mrs. Fogg's civic activities were not limited to the Historical Society alone. She worked with the Woodstown/Pilesgrove Library for over thirty years. The passing of Nancy Fogg is a great loss not just to the Historical Society, but to the entire community. Her passion for local history and knowledge will be greatly missed.

**SCHS SAMPLERS FEATURED AT MORVEN MUSEUM & GARDEN EXHIBIT until March 29, 2015**

A landmark exhibition of New Jersey Needlework is currently on display at Morven Museum in Princeton. There are 151 samplers on display from public and private collections. All parts of the state are included. The Salem County Historical Society has loaned ten local examples for the exhibit, so Salem County is well represented. Other organizations loaning samplers to the exhibit include Winterthur, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Colonial Williamsburg.

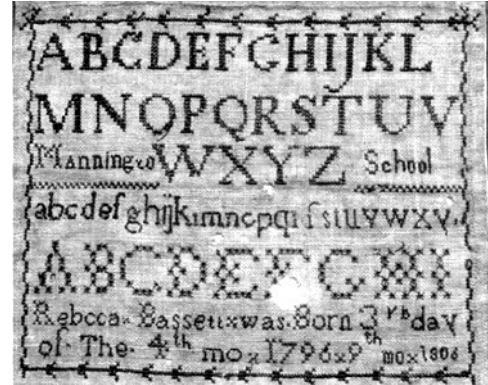


**1831 Salem Sampler by**

**County Lydia Fogg**

One classic Salem County sampler loaned from our collection was made by Lydia Hildreth Fogg in 1831 when she was seventeen years old. It features a central house and yard with trees, birds, and a charming dog. Quaker motifs include two sets of paired doves, flowers in a vase, a wreath encircling her parent's initials, and a large basket of flowers. Lydia stitched the initials of all of her surviving siblings, Joseph H., Aaron A., David A., and Joanna H. Fogg. The sampler is framed by a floral border featuring roses and

leaves. The sophistication of Lydia's sampler implies that it probably was made in an unidentified private school under the direction of an experienced teacher. This important sampler was donated by Dr. Edward and Nancy Fogg. Dr. Fogg was the great grandson of Lydia's brother Aaron Allen Fogg.



1806

**Mannington School Sampler**

Another, excellent, but very different, sampler, also on loan from SCHS to the exhibit, is a simple alphabet sampler made by Rebecca Bassett in 1806. Rebecca was the daughter of Joseph Bassett Jr. of Mannington. This simple Quaker sampler is signed and dated by Rebecca. She notes her birth date (the 3th day of the 4th month (April 3) 1796 and her school, the Mannington School. This is the only documented school sampler known from Salem County.

If you are interested in needlework and history, plan to visit the exhibit, *Hail Specimen of Female Art! New Jersey Schoolgirl Needlework, 1726-1860*. It will be open through March 29, 2015, at the Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ. Additional information is available at the website <[www.morven.org](http://www.morven.org)>.

Volunteers			Fall Luncheon Patrons and Donors			
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Wayne Gotwals	Trudy K. O'Hare					
Charles						

### Library Acquisitions:

**Armstrong, Donald G.**, Houston, TX. Book – New Jersey Pioneers: Twenty-Four Families with New Jersey Immigrants 1676-1705, Their New England Immigrant Ancestors 1630-1662, and Ohio Descendants 1803-1822, by Donald G. Armstrong. (2014.042)

**Berge, Ronald**, Garnet Valley, PA. Two rolls of video film of the 1964 Salem Parade. (2014.039)

**Dawson, Barbara**, Alloway, NJ (In memory of Dr. Edward T. and Nancy B. Fogg). Framed photographs of Nancy Ball Fogg, Dr. Edward T. Fogg, dignitaries and Salem Hospital Board of Managers at the time of the 1973 hospital expansion. (2014.031)

**Gaffin, Edward F.**, Woodbury, NJ (In memory of Rebecca Stewart). Colorized portrait of unidentified woman; mortgages for Walter T. Henry 1906, 1909, 1926. (2014.051)

**Greever, Matthew B.**, Alloway, NJ. Hall, Pancoast and Craven Salem Glass Works check (photocopy) (2014.020); Salem County Active Tenters Patch (2014.033)

**Heil, Elizabeth E.**, Woodstown, NJ (In memory of Richard Victor Heil). Documents relating to family farm in Alloway Township (deeds, mortgages, tax documents, etc.) (2014.052)

**Magill, Ronald E.**, Salem, NJ. Record Book 1817-1887, Alloway Township ("Book for recording the proceedings of the Town-meetings of the township of Upper Alloways Creek in the county of Salem and State of New Jersey") (2014.048)

**Mayhew, Harry S.**, Millersburg, PA. CD, "A History of the Mayhew Family", some descendants and possible ancestors of John Mayhew of Pilesgrove (revised 2014). (2014.040)

**Munyon, Alan**, Salem, NJ (In memory of Ruby Sparks Munyon). Four yearbooks – Salem High School 1935-1938. (2014.053)

**Owen, Jean Davis**, Chapel Hill, NC. Portraits of Isaiah Bell, Margaret Bell; Mary J. Fogg's Salem High School 1908 class picture, and diploma; copies of the magazine, *We Women*, The Women's Magazine of Bridgeton, NJ, 1946-1957; genealogy notes for Isaiah Bell and Margaret Wentzell Bell. (2014.024)

**Owen, Lawrence B., MD**, Pilesgrove, NJ. Two photographs (scans) of firefighters from Reliance Fire Company, Woodstown, 1967. (2014.043)

**Powell, Jim**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (In memory of Sarah Livina Alloway). Photographs of three unidentified individuals, taken by Salem NJ photographers; Deed for property in Lower Penns Neck 1859 (Thomas Sinnickson and Jacob Mitchell counterparties); small leather bible belonging to Frank P. Casper (2014.055)

**Salem High School Alumni Association (via Barbara Peterson)**. 2014 Fenwick Papers, Salem High School yearbook. (2014.041)

**Sheridan, Janet, Salem, NJ**. Book, *Down Jersey: From Bayshore to Seashore*. A Guidebook for the Annual Conference of the Vernacular Architecture Forum. (2014.046); Final report and drawings, Salem County Farms Recording Project (2014.047).

**Tindall, Robert**, The Villages, FL. Photographs of Wiley, Dallas and Service families, tintype of VanRoon Tindall and Robert Gwynne, Salem High School photographs 1893, 1894 and 1895, survey book of John Wiley, ledger and homework book of Holmes Dallas, ledger of I. Stange, remembrance book of Anna Dallas, quote book of Emma Dallas, Borden scrapbook, book, *History of Port Elizabeth*, Wesleyan newspaper, *The Female Student*, miscellaneous Salem County photos and brochures. (2014.022)

**Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society**, Vineland, NJ. Audit of Salem County, NJ County Collector's accounts, 1853; cemetery transcriptions and grave listings for Canton Baptist, Salem NJ Friends cemeteries and 7<sup>th</sup> Day Baptists Shiloh burying grounds; typed accounting of history of Old Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church, Daretown, NJ; copies of records from Canton Baptist Church, Canton, NJ. Books: *Relics of Ye Olden Days*, *Fiftieth Anniversary of E.B. Humphreys*, *Old Deeds Belonging to the Salem County Historical Society*. (2014.026)

**Young, Eleanor**, Pitman, NJ (In memory of Lucy Ehart Class of 1923 Salem HS). Original 1850 tax delinquency list for Salem, NJ. (2014.045)

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### Forman S. Acton Collection

#### Library:

**Acton, Forman S. (Estate of)**, Salem, NJ. Photographs of Forman Acton family, friends and travels. Certificates and diplomas for Forman Sinnickson Acton and Judge J. Forman Sinnickson; War Department military orders and discharge papers for Forman Acton 1944-1945; correspondence regarding Forman Acton's article about cooking in India, published in Philadelphia's *Evening and Sunday Bulletin*; essays by Forman Acton regarding his world travels; letters and postcards of Forman Acton to/from family and friends during travels and military service; correspondence to Hon J. Forman Sinnickson; 24 books and pamphlets (Salem County history and children's fiction); remembrance from 1913 dinner honoring John Forman Sinnickson; documents and correspondence regarding the Estate of William Hall 1664-1730; information about the history of Woodmere Lake; photocopy of 1776 marriage certificate for James Mason Woodnut and Margaret Carpenter; *Salem Standard & Jerseyman* newspaper from 1931 with cover story of J. Forman Sinnickson's appointment as Judge in Salem County. (2014.025)

#### Salem Bicycle Club.

A bicycle club of twelve members was formed in this city on Thursday evening. **Clarence V. Bitter** is the President, and **Henry Allen**, Secretary and Treasurer. The club will meet weekly for practice, &c. *The South Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, January 8, 1884

#### Museum:

**Acton, Forman S. (Estate of)**, Salem, NJ. Acton family chairs, painted with reed seats. One Tall case clock made by Thomas Crow. One Queen Ann dining table with folding sides. Four large silver spoons and three small silver spoons, monogrammed, "MG." One small yellow silver serving dish, a 50th Anniversary piece with initials, "G.H.S. & S. M. S., 1862-1912" engraved in the bowl. One silver commemorative cup engraved with, "Elizabeth Forman Sinnickson, March 11th, 1895 and "Forman Sinnickson Acton, Aug. 10th, 1920." engraved on the side. One large silver bowl made by Bailey, Banks, & Biddle with an "A" engraved on the side. One Model 1852 Naval Officer's sword made by W. Horstmann & Sons, Phila. with scabbard, "Capt. C. H. Sinnickson" engraved on the upper brass of the scabbard. One Model 1840 Cavalry saber with scabbard. One Model 1860 Cavalry saber, no scabbard, made by W. Horstmann & Sons, Philadelphia. One Model 1850 Foot Officer's sword, made by Solingen in Germany. One Fraternal organization sword of unknown organization. One rice pattern trowel bayonet. Two watercolor paintings signed by Sinnickson. One property promotional coin. One souvenir coin from the inauguration of Ulysses S. Grant. Twenty-eight pieces of rose medallion china, including plates, bowls, teapot, and sugar dish. One Pierce-made doll chair. One Temperature/barometer scale from the 1860's. One small silver serving knife with "EFS" engraved on the handle. (2014.021)

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concerning their achievements in his resume "The First Fifty Years." With Walter Hall, he assisted in preparation of a publication about the landing of the Swedes in 1638. The first resident preacher in New Jersey was the Swedish Lutheran priest, Israel Holgh Fluviander, stationed at Fort Elfsborg in 1643.

Walter Hall was interested in renting the 1756 Friends Meeting House in Hancocks Bridge to serve as a local museum. He advised that it was the best surviving example of a mid-eighteenth century Quaker Meetinghouse. The Salem County Historical Society and the Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends entered into an agreement whereby the Society obtained use of the Meetinghouse for a nominal rental and provision of minor repairs.

**June 16, 1938:** Members were informed of the death of Mary Augusta Austin Pettit, historian, librarian, and curator. This lady devoted many years of her life to historical research. Joseph Sickler told her that he would not have been able to finish his "History of Salem" without her kind assistance.

**December 1938:** President Walter Hall informed the members that the addition to the Grant House had been constructed of material taken from the Slape House.

**December 5, 1944:** At the sixtieth annual meeting George C. Rumsey became a life member. Miss Emma B. Smith donated the Sheppard Grandfather's Clock which formerly stood in Ivy Hall, Bridgeton, then the residence of Providence Sheppard. The clock now stands in a corner of the living room of the Rumsey Wing.

**1945:** The Society lost two of its officers. Arthur B. Smith, Treasurer for twenty years, and William H. Hazelton, Vice President for sixteen years. Both contributed generously of their time and substance in behalf of the Society.

**October 2, 1945:** D. Stewart Craven presented an old picture of the ship Major Reybold. He also gave old spikes and a key found underneath the John Jones octagonal law office when it was removed from the Ingham Garden to Johnson Park on June 30, 1938.

**1946:** Mrs. Truman H. Clayton – vice president from 1902 to 1946, made many contributions to the Society in the form of ancient documents; her devoted service of many years was the longest of any.

**June 24, 1947:** Care of the Hancock House passed from the Society to the State of New Jersey. It is estimated that

the Society had spent about \$14,000 on the house, while the State had provided \$7,000.

**September 1950:** Walter Hall, fourth president of the Society, with the longest term of service (1925-1950) passed away. Expressions of appreciation were received from the "Oak Tree Chapter of the D.A.R.", Cumberland County Historical Society, and the Vineland Historical Society. At the next annual meeting Harry A. Crispin was elected the fifth president of the Society. A plaque in memory of Walter Hall was placed in the Grant House.

Mary W. L. Smith reported that a marker had been placed at the site of an Old Quaker Burial Ground listing the family names that could be traced. This is probably the stone marker at the burial ground of the "Head of Alloways Creek Meeting" just west and north of Alloway. **May 28, 1954:** A special meeting of the Trustees was held concerning the will of our benefactor George A. Rumsey.

**December 8, 1954:** The Seventieth Annual Meeting was held. Mrs. James H. (Irene) Green was elected as the sixth president and the first woman president. During her term membership increased, plans for purchase of the adjoining property to be known as the Rumsey Wing were proposed, and a newsletter with Pluma Batten as editor was published. The purchase from Charles Cordrey of the adjoining property was



Irene Greene Hancock, 1st female president of the Salem County Historical Society.

completed on September 11, 1957. Work on the Rumsey Wing under the supervision of Dr. Edward T. Fogg, continued from October 1957 to May 1958. Dr. Fogg and his committee prepared an excellent report on the

restoration.

Plans were proposed for a barn of native fieldstone, to be located on the back lot, to house agricultural implements and large artifacts. Many contributions were made in 1958 for this project through the efforts of Edward T. Fogg and William Shough. W. Harker Acton provided a liberal contribution for the construction of the stone wall.

**1960:** Miss Josephine Jaquette and Miss Lena Magsam catalogued 1,098 old deeds. Miss Newell reported 56 old houses and provided 30 photographs. A resolution on the death of George A. Rumsey was spread upon the minutes at this time. The Rumsey Wing was dedicated September 13, 1961.

**December 13, 1961:** Dr. Harold E. Woodward (1961-1964) was elected the seventh president. Monthly meetings of officers and trustees became the regular practice, in addition to the membership quarterly meetings at this time. The report indicated that membership of the Society had increased to 806.

Miss Josephine Jaquette, librarian, made the following interesting observation that Zaddock Street on the westward movement named his settlements Salem in Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, West Virginia and Oregon. Salem, Massachusetts, was not connected, nor was Salem, New York.

**September 12, 1962:** A new constitution and by-laws were adopted. Consideration was given to construction of a fire proof vault. Mr. Elmer Van Name, historian and genealogist, offered to provide fifty percent of the cost. He was a benefactor of the Society both in financial help and with family publications.

Documents belonging to the Society of Friends in the Alloways Creek Meetinghouse had been deposited in the Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore, Pa. Agricultural implements in the horse sheds at Hancocks Bridge are the property of the Salem County Historical Society.

**June 25, 1964:** The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. George's Church at Churchtown

was celebrated.

**December 9, 1964:** The 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held, with the election of Mrs. Hilda Montaigne (1964-1968) as president. The William Crowe clock, about 1750, was purchased the following year for \$2,600 raised by subscription from the members. William Crowe lived in Salem in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century. His nephew Thomas Crowe was a clockmaker in Wilmington, Delaware. The clock in the Grant Dining Room is a Thomas Crowe clock of about 1800 to 1810.

**March 1964:** Mrs. Arthur B. Smith advised that the Bradway House on West Broadway is to be demolished. With the construction of a new County Court House there is concern about the future of the Johnson House, the Log Cabin and the John Jones Law Office. Rexton G. Barber contributed the Henry Pancoast collection of Indian artifacts, which were mostly collected in Salem County. Howard Urion catalogued and arranged the relics for exhibit.

**December 1965:** A tribute to Mrs. William C. Hancock (Irene Green Hancock) President (1954-1961) Trustee (1962-1965) was read.

**1966:** The John Jones Law Office was moved from Johnson Park to the garden in the rear of the Rumsey Wing, through the generosity of Mrs. Montaigne. Edward Fogg was active in saving and moving the Johnson House. The Swedish Log Cabin was sold and moved to Smithville. The marble steps in front of the Rumsey Wing came from the Wiley House.

**1967 and 1968:** The Holme Clock was received under the will of Miss Eleanor Holme. The Tercentenary Committee was liquidated and the assets given to the Historical Society. Property at the rear of the Grant House and Rumsey Wing was sold to the Salem Housing Authority under Urban Renewal. At this time 159 volumes of newspapers from the Salem Sunbeam and the Salem Standard and Jerseyman were stored in the museum and later moved to Hitchner's Fenwick Building. B. Harold Smick, Jr. was elected the ninth president of the Society at the December Annual Meeting.

**1969 and 1970:** Mrs. Werner reported that the Orthodox Friends Meetinghouse in Woodstown had been moved to Smithville. The freeholders offered the old Court House to the Society. There was general agreement that it should be saved; but the trustees felt that the cost of restoration and

maintenance would be too great for the Society. Membership increased to 986.

**1971:** Through the efforts of President B. Harold Smick, membership increased to 1,104. In September, the Log College at the Old Presbyterian Church in Daretown was dedicated. In October there was a 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of St. John's Church on Market Street.

**September 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>, 1973:** The museum was subjected to a robbery. Guns and silver were stolen. The burglar system was installed in October of the same year.

**1974:** A "Souvenir Map of Historic Sites in Salem County" was produced. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Parker were appointed co-chairman of the Open House Committee for April 26, 1975. A minute of appreciation for the services of William Ware was proposed.

**September 3, 1975:** Mention was made of the location and condition of the 1934 lamp made by William Harris.

**September 10, 1975:** Dr. Henry Bisbee spoke to the Quarterly Meeting on John Fenwick.

**September 13, 1975:** The Tercentenary Parade celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the settlement of Salem was held, attracting large crowds of visitors. A Celebration Ball was held at the Centerton Golf Club during the evening.

**December 1975:** A release from responsibilities and use of the Alloways Creek Meetinghouse in Hancock's Bridge was agreed upon by the Society and the Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

**January 9, 1976:** Stoney Harris and friends reenacted the Cattle Drive of 1776 of his ancestor from Salem to Valley Forge. Dr. William Timmins wrote a booklet about the original drive and its historic importance. The membership increased to a total of 1,350.

**April 7, 1976:** The Friends Historical Association visited the Salem Friends Meetinghouse and the Alexander Grant House, commemorating 300 years of Quakerism in Salem.

**March 9, 1977:** Dr. Robert Harper was the guest speaker at the Quarterly Meeting held in the Old Court House. His subject was "The First Hundred Years 1676-1776." Dr. Harper is the author of "John Fenwick and Salem County."

**August 4, 1977:** The genealogical collection of Mrs. Albert J. Koehler (nee Sarah Morton) was received. It is a



Arthur B. Nichols, *left* shaking hands and turning over the presidency to B. Harold Smick, Jr., *right* on December 14, 1978 at the Annual Meeting of the Salem County Historical Society.

valuable addition to our library.

**February 1, 1978:** A Bradway Fund was established by a financial gift from Dr. John S. Bradway in memory of the Bradway family.

**March 1, 1978:** The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the March 18, 1778, Battle of Quinton Bridge was observed, and the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the March 21, 1778, Massacre at Hancock House.

**May 3, 1978:** The Library Committee will expand its facilities. Plans were reviewed and a Fund Raising Committee became active. James Acton, Sr. published his "Bradway Book."

**December 13, 1978:** At the Annual Meeting Arthur B. Nichols (1978-1980) was elected president. Open House was scheduled for the last Saturday in April, with Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Parker in charge. During the March Quarterly Meeting President's Awards were presented to B. Harold Smick, President, and Marian L. Cadwallader, Recording Secretary, each for ten years of devoted service. More than \$50,000 was raised by subscription, \$25,000 of this from Lower Alloways Creek, to convert the meeting room into a library reading room and construct a vault with all necessary

electronic equipment for the safe deposit of rare books and documents. This amount also covered the expense of library furniture and equipment, so that capital funds of the Society were not needed. The library was completed early in 1980, thanks to the benefactors and patrons. The Women's Club of Salem provided funds for the replacement of the front door to the Grant House and for replacing bricks around the door. This project was delayed for lack of proper material and was finally finished in November 1980.

**1980:** Charles Acton resigned as treasurer (1946-1980). He was presented an award for 35 years of consistent service to the Society. Arrangements for the Society to host the Spring Meeting of "The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey" in Salem for 1984, the Centennial year of the Society, were commenced. Two important committees were appointed during this period: "The Permanent Planning Committee" responsible for growth and future property development of the Society, and "The Oral and Illustrated History Committee", responsible for the collection and preservation of both oral and illustrated history.

Joseph Trucksess, curator, reported that by late 1980 the inventory of contents of the barn and museum was nearly completed.

David A. Culver (1980-1984) was elected president during the Annual Meeting of December 10, 1980. During this period attention was given to the study and preservation of historic houses and buildings. Lecture series were presented from time to time, and a Program Committee was appointed.

The Quarterly Meeting periods were changed to Sunday afternoon programs with open house at the Grant House. The Newsletter was upgraded and enlarged with the help of Marcie Waddington. The 1675 Pledger Deed from John Fenwick for 3,000 acres in Mannington was presented to the Society and properly framed. Also, the George Abbott collection of 80 volumes was accepted. Eleven rolls of microfilm of more than 300 years of minutes of Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends was received for research study.

Restoration of the Hubbell Kitchen was started and after the cupboards and flooring were removed, the Abenaki Society performed a detailed historic archaeological dig. This was under the supervision of George Morris, who along with his colleagues presented an interesting report to the Society.

**1983:** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection provided a grant for a "Survey of Significant Architecture in Salem County," under the direction of Dr. Dickey.

The quarterly meetings with open house on Sunday afternoon continued to be a success, attracting larger participation. President David A. Culver resigned later in 1984 because of family illness. His resignation was accepted with deep regret.

**December 9, 1984:** Kathryn Waddington was elected as twelfth president. This was the centennial meeting of the Society. It was held in the recreation room of the Presbyterian Church. After the program on Christmas Decoration provided by Mrs. Beatrix Makin, the members and guests visited the Grant House, where refreshments were served.



The steamer "Susie A. McCall" will make her annual excursion to **Fort Delaware** and **Finn's Point Cemetery** on Friday next, leaving Penns Grove at 10 a.m. **Acton Post, No. 33, G. A. R.**, of this place, accompanied by the **Penns Grove Cornet Band**, will be represented in a body for the purpose of decorating the graves at the cemetery. **Prof. Pierce** and **Prof. Giebel** will furnish music for the occasion. The oration will be delivered by Mr. Jos. J. Summerill. *The South Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, May 27, 1884

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## Saturday, March 22

*Salem Standard and Jerseyman*  
Salem, New Jersey, November 7, 1923

**J. C. Penney Company** has leased the store at the corner of Broadway and Walnut. J. M. Johnson, who has erected the fine building at the corner of Broadway and Walnut Street on the Friends' lot, informs the *Standard and Jerseyman* that he has leased the corner store to the J. C. Penney Company, of New York, for a term of years.

The Penney Company has a chain of 475 stores, located in thirty-two states, but the one in Salem will be the first in the State of New Jersey. To provide for the requirements of the firm Mr. Johnson is to enlarge the store which will give the company, he says, the largest one for the business in Salem. The opening date is fixed for February first.

We understand that the Penney Company conducts a general merchandizing business and specializes in dress goods, notions, etc.

**March 26, 1924**

### The Penney Store Has Opened

The store of the Penney Company in the Johnson Building was opened on Saturday last [March 22, 1924] and the place was well filled all day with people from all parts of the county. The store is most attractive and the firm carries a large and complete line of goods.

### Penns Grove

**Prof. Pemberton Pierce** has secured the services of **Prof. Adam Geibel**, and they together will open a **Conservatory of Music** in Turner's new hall, to be conducted on city plan. The first term will open about Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, and it promises to be successful.

*The South Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, May 27, 1884



## BAND OF SISTERS: THE SOLDIERS AID SOCIETY OF WOODSTOWN

By Bruce A. Bendler, PhD

Historian Anne Firor Scott once noted that when historians research the past, they “do not always see what is there.” Overlooking “what is there,” of course, leads to incomplete understanding, or even misunderstanding, of what happened. A full understanding of the Civil War requires consideration of not only the battles and the strategic decisions made in Washington and Richmond but also the work done in localities, both in the North and South, to support the troops and the policies of the governments for whom they fought. Specifically, Scott pointed out the once “historically invisible” activities of women, whose work in voluntary associations had a profound impact on the outcome of the war. Such is the case of the Soldiers Aid Association of Woodstown, New Jersey.<sup>1</sup>

Salem County, New Jersey, like the rest of the United States, felt the impact of the Civil War at a deeply personal level. Its sons enlisted and served in the United States Army, and many of them did not return home from the battlefields. Politically, a plurality of the county’s voters supported the Republican ticket of Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin in 1860.<sup>2</sup> When President Lincoln called for short-term enlistments after the attack on Fort Sumter in April 1861, young men responded across the county as they did across New Jersey and other states that had remained loyal to the Union. Then the outcome of first Battle of Manassas dispelled any notions that the conflict would be a short one. When the administration in Washington called for longer-term enlistments, men of Salem County again responded.

To encourage support for the troops in the field, President Lincoln signed a charter to establish the United States Sanitary Commission. The commission was a private organization, but it received office space, stationery, and subsidies for postage costs from the federal government. By June 1861, the noted landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted agreed to leave his position supervising the construction of Central Park in New York and take charge of the commission.<sup>3</sup> Soaring casualties on the battlefields led to the need for even greater public support. To meet this need, the Penn Relief Association of Philadelphia was organized by 1862 to provide necessities and amenities for

injured troops in the military hospitals in and near Philadelphia.<sup>4</sup>

Such organizations relied on local support from women to supply those amenities and necessities for the growing numbers of troops, whether in the field or in the hospitals. Indeed, Governor Charles S. Olden praised the efforts of such women’s organizations in New Jersey in January of 1862.<sup>5</sup> Women in Salem County joined those local efforts. One such organization was already in operation by the fall of 1861: the Soldiers Aid Association of Woodstown. On that date, twenty-five women, joined by three men, appeared on a list of the association’s members. The association had already installed officers, including a president, two vice presidents, corresponding and recording secretaries, a treasurer, and a “manager.”<sup>6</sup>

Initially, all three male members of the association held important offices. Allen J. Hires was president. A former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Woodstown, Hires also headed the Salem County Sunday School Association. Isaac V. Dickinson served as recording secretary. Dickinson, an attorney, also served on the Purchasing Committee of the Woodstown Free Library. The third male member of the association, William H. Reed, held the office of corresponding secretary.

The Soldiers Aid Association of Woodstown had met only sporadically through much of 1862. Its collections had declined from seventy eight dollars during the fall and winter of 1861-2 to just over fifty dollars between July 30 and November 5 of 1862. But in early 1863, The Philadelphia Associates of the United States Sanitary Commission sent out an appeal to its affiliates in Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey. Citing the enormous casualties of the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg and its own massive, effective response to the suffering brought about by those battles, the Commission reported that its supplies were running low. It thus called for greater efforts on the part of local

<sup>1</sup> Anne Firor Scott, “On Seeing and Not Seeing: A Case of Historical Invisibility” in *The Journal of American History* 71:1 (June 1984), 7-21.

<sup>2</sup> *Salem Sunbeam*, Salem, New Jersey, November 16, 1860.

<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth Stevenson, “Olmsted on F Street: The Beginnings of the United States Sanitary Commission” in *Records of the Columbia Historical Society* 49 (1973-4), 125-136.

<sup>4</sup> Winnifred K. Mackay, “Philadelphia during the Civil War 1861-1865” in *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 70:1 (January 1946), 25.

<sup>5</sup> William J. Jackson, *New Jerseyans in the Civil War* (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2000), 45-6. Jackson notes the first women’s society had organized in Newark by the end of April 1861.

<sup>6</sup> “Extracts from Minutes of the Soldiers Aid Association 1862-1864” in *Almanac and Yearbook of the First National Bank of Woodstown* (1919), 10-15.

organizations to prepare for a future "bloody and unexpected battle."<sup>7</sup>

The Woodstown organization reorganized and reinvigorated itself. By 1863, women had assumed all of the association's positions of leadership. On January 14 of that year, the association had elected a new slate of officers, choosing Susan Scull as president, Josephine Dickinson as vice president, Mary Borden as treasurer, and Mary S. Hollinshead as secretary. The association had also established three standing committees: a purchasing committee, a committee for "cutting out work," and a soliciting committee. Each of those committees had three members. The new leadership proved its effectiveness. In the late winter and spring of 1863, the Woodstown association's collections increased to just over ninety dollars.<sup>8</sup>

The association again elected an all-female slate of officers on August 18, 1863. Susan Scull continued as president, and Mary S. Hollinshead continued to serve as secretary. Amy Mattson assumed the vice presidency, and Sarah Ann Allen became the new treasurer. Nine women were selected managers, and the three standing committees were continued with some changes in their all-female membership.<sup>9</sup> By 1863, the association had clearly become an all-female organization, both its leadership and its membership. Women held all of the officers' positions, and none of the three men once on the membership list of 1862 remained in any formal capacity. Twenty-three women were on the membership list dated August 19, 1863. Thirty-two more women would join the association before the end of 1864.

The all-female membership reflected a social tradition evident in many American communities in the early to middle nineteenth century. Denied the right to participate in the political arena or as members of the clergy, women formed voluntary organizations to promote causes such as temperance, abolition, and, in wartime, support for the troops. Indeed, Anne Firor Scott argued that women, and women's organizations, were better prepared than their male counterparts for the organizational rigors of waging a protracted war, as they drew on the experience they had forming and operating voluntary social and charitable organizations in the antebellum years.<sup>10</sup>

Nevertheless, if the organization itself was all female, many of its members were linked by marriage or blood relationship to men of social or economic prominence in

Woodstown, giving those women a prominence of their own. Perhaps most noteworthy was Martha Clawson, whose husband Isaiah D. Clawson was a physician and a former member of the United States House of Representatives. Abby (Abigail) Clawson was married to Isaiah's brother William D. Clawson, himself a physician. Two other members of the association, Margaret and Emeline Shinn were the wife and daughter, respectively, of William J. Shinn, who had served on the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders and had also represented Salem County in the New Jersey Assembly and Senate.

Indeed, fifteen of the association's members were married to men who then held or had held public office, such as county freeholders or various township officers, mostly in Pilesgrove Township, where Woodstown was situated. Four had performed another type of public service, by serving as officers of, or on committees of, the public library in Woodstown. When United States census takers had enumerated the residents of Salem County in 1860, they found that fifteen of the men linked to the association members were "master farmers," and ten more were listed as farmers. Residents of Woodstown itself included a shoemaker, a druggist, three merchants, a retired merchant, a "driver," a blacksmith, a butcher, a surveyor, and a "master miller."<sup>11</sup>

Service in the Woodstown Public Library's organizational structure was also open to women, and four of the association members served as directors of that library. Susannah Scull, whose husband Isaac served as a judge of elections in the township, was one of them. Elizabeth Hires, wife of the former pastor of Woodstown Baptist Church, also served as a library director. Before the war, association member Lavinia Reed had played a key role in founding the library, and continued to serve on the library board. Kate Dickinson and her husband, attorney Isaac V. Dickinson, both worked with the library. One of the few public positions open to women, service with a library organization also reflected a desire held by many middle and upper class women to support and promote educational and cultural institutions.<sup>12</sup>

But not all of the association members were from upper, or even the middling, social ranks. Association member Louisa Richman was a forty year old African American woman born in Delaware. Her husband, Richard Richman, was a fifty-four year old laborer born in Virginia. The couple lived in Mannington Township. Louisa was the only African American listed in the association's records, but she was not the only member from of humble origins. Even one of the

<sup>7</sup> Pamphlet issued by the United States Sanitary Commission, Philadelphia Branch (Philadelphia, 1863), in the collections of the Library Company of Philadelphia.

<sup>8</sup> "Extracts from the Minutes," 10-11.

<sup>9</sup> Records of the Soldiers Aid Association of Woodstown, Salem County Historical Society MS #47.

<sup>10</sup> Scott, "On Seeing and Not Seeing."

<sup>11</sup> United States Bureau of the Census, Census of 1860 for Salem County, New Jersey.

<sup>12</sup> Cushing and Sheppard, *History of the Counties of Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland, New Jersey* (Philadelphia: Everts and Peck, 1883), 457-8.

vice presidents serving in 1862, Mary Cook, only twenty-nine years old in 1860, was the wife of a Salem laborer, Joseph Cook. Even though many of the members were of higher social standing, such a standing was certainly not a prerequisite for membership.<sup>13</sup>

In addition to at least some socio-economic diversity, the association's members represented a wide range of ages. Although most of the members could be described as middle-aged wives, daughters and older widows joined in the effort to support the troops. Often, family members joined together. Rachel and Emma, wife and daughter of merchant Nathan Thorn, were both on the association's membership roll, as were Margaret and Emeline Shinn, wife and daughter of William J. Shinn. In all, nine association members were under twenty years of age when the census takers had made their rounds in 1860. At the other end of the age spectrum, five members had passed the age of sixty by that time.<sup>14</sup>

The Soldiers Aid Association sent a variety of items to a variety of destinations. Between July 1863 and late February 1864, it sent goods valued at over 626 dollars to those destinations.<sup>15</sup> Recipients included troops in the field, military hospitals, the Penn Relief Association in Philadelphia, and United States Sanitary Commission's offices in Philadelphia and Newark. The association, which met at least once a month, would gather those items, package them, and send them to one or another destination, keeping records of the items sent and the recipients. The women collected an assortment of useful items, including clothing, medical supplies, preserved foodstuffs, and reading materials. These efforts continued beyond the end of the war. As late as June 30, 1865, the association sent a package to the United States Sanitary Commission; nearly three months after Robert E. Lee surrendered to U. S. Grant at Appomattox.

A fairly typical package was sent to the Newark Hospital on August 22, 1863. It included 74 handkerchiefs, eight papers of corn starch, 22 pillow cases, four "part worn" shirts, 12 pounds of rice, 30 shirts, two linen coats, two pounds of sugar, 35 pairs of drawers, one pair of pants, one pound of tea, 11 towels, four arm slings, two pounds of chocolate, seven pillows, eight pounds of farina, one piece of dried beef, dried bread, two bottles of currant wine, a jar and three glasses of currant jelly, two bottles of Cuban syrup, one bottle of blackberry syrup, one glass of blackberry jelly, three glasses of catsup, three boxes of tomatoes, and a "lot" of books. The contents of this package were indeed eclectic but, for the most part, useful in meeting the needs and perhaps even gratifying the

wishes and appetites of the wounded soldiers who would receive it.<sup>16</sup>

Some packages went directly to the troops in the field rather than to hospitals. Many supplies went to troops in the 12<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Regiment, comprised mainly of men from Salem and adjacent counties. On January 1, 1863, the association sent 79 caps and 39 pairs of mittens to the men of Company H in that regiment, items no doubt appreciated by men out in the field during the second winter of the war. The 12<sup>th</sup> New Jersey would receive two such packages in January and February of 1864, again mostly caps and mittens. In December of 1864, Company K of the 12<sup>th</sup> New Jersey received a package of clothing, cakes, and apples, perhaps an effort to provide some Christmas cheer in that brutal final winter of fighting.

Furthermore, the association provided assistance to individual soldiers. In February 1865, Harrison Snellbaker and Stephen Blake, "wounded soldiers," each received a package of clothing from Woodstown. Crossing racial boundaries, Edward Richardson, serving in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops, received clothing equal in value to that received by Snellbaker and Richardson. Even after the end of fighting, in July of 1865, the association provided relief to a disabled soldier identified only as Joseph. About that same time, it also five dollars to a Mrs. Brunt, identified as a "soldier's wife."<sup>17</sup>

By war's end women across the country became part of a well-organized network of support and assistance to those who were fighting the battles. The Soldiers Aid Association of Woodstown, New Jersey, was part of this truly national network. That local organization linked itself to regional and national organizations in a more and more coordinated effort to provide troops with necessities and, from time to time, treats from home. The sixty-six women from Woodstown and its nearby environs who joined the association knew that their efforts were part of a much larger effort. And, at the same time, they knew that they had played an essential role in saving the Union and ending slavery.

*( to be continued with list of members)*

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<sup>13</sup> United States Bureau of the Census, Census of 1860 for Salem County, New Jersey.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid.

<sup>15</sup> "Extracts from the Minutes," 11.

<sup>16</sup> Records of the Soldiers Aid Association, SCHS.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid.

## Salem City Walking Ghost Tour



Andrew Coldren, Administrator and Curator of the Society recounts the murder of Sheriff James Sherron in 1717 to a group of onlookers.

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, the Historical Society was again a stop on the Walking Ghost Tour. Visitors were treated to thrills and chills and a true scary story from Salem County's past. The event benefits projects throughout the Salem City area.

### ALEXANDER'S ANNALS

#### 50 YEARS AGO

*Pennsville Progress*, December 1964

- LPN school lunches go up 5¢ to 35¢.
- Trinity Methodist approves construction of new facilities—\$280,000.
- Petitions go to Washington to save Deepwater post office.
- Pennsville Memorial High School choirs to present the "Messiah".
- Tercentenary History mobile comes to Pennsville Memorial High School.

#### 75 YEARS AGO

*Salem Sunbeam*, December 1939

- Infantile Paralysis case closes Alloway School.
- Wrestling Club formed at Salem YMCA under William Pully.
- Harvey Crush named SHS football captain.
- Card Party every Wednesday evening at St. Mary's Hall.
- Salem Home Bakery—Jacob Feurer—Next to Fenwick Theatre.

#### 100 YEARS AGO

*Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, December 1914

- Thirty members form new "Hebrew Literary Society of Salem, NJ"—Samuel Klein, named President.
- Pedricktown's old school building sold to Harvey Gaventa—will be moved immediately.
- Salem Rod, Gun and Yacht Club holds one of the first Night Shooting Tournaments in the United States.
- Foot and Mouth Disease puts Salem County under quarantine.
- Permit needed to burn rubbish in Salem City or \$5 fine.

—Property owners on Fifth Street were ordered to repair pavements in front of their properties.  
*The South Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, May 6, 1884

—A large-size tricycle appeared on our streets for the first time last week. It is owned by Clarence V. Bitter.

*The South Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, May 13, 1884

## 11<sup>th</sup> John S. Rock Memorial Lecture



Andrew R. Coldren and Rev. Maerena W. Poole express their appreciation to Janet L. Sheridan, center following her presentation of "The Domestic Landscape of AME Church Founder Reuben Cuff" at the John Rock lecture.

It was also announced on October 19<sup>th</sup> that Kayla Wolff of Pennsville is the 2014-2015 recipient of the \$500 John S. Rock Memorial Scholarship at Salem Community College.

## Fall Luncheon

The Historical Society officially commemorated our 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at our Fall Luncheon held at the Centerton Country Club on September 21, 2014. The event featured good food, spirits and fellowship. The featured speaker was Society Administrator and Curator Andrew Coldren who presented a talk on the important role the Society has played in preserving Salem County history in the past 130 years. The annual fundraiser was a great success and we thank everyone who supported and attended.



Pictured: here at the Society's Fall Luncheon: Trudy K. O'Hare, left Bill Gallo, Jr., center and Andrew Coldren, right.

### OTHER ARTICLES OF NOTE

- "Requesting Photocopies from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah"; "Scanning Tips" by Tim Clukey, July/August 2014 *Family Chronicle*; *Fenwick Colony Gazette*, Volume #20, #2: Newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Salem County, New Jersey.
- "Our Wonderful Windows" by Rosie Carroll, *The Forerunner*, July, August, September, October 2014: Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church, Salem, New Jersey.
- "The Legacy of Edith E. Hoelle, GCHS Library Director", *Bulletin of the Gloucester County Historical Society*, Vol. 34, No. 5: September 2014.

# North Benders Cleaned Up at the Bath House

By Noel Kemm

The article reprinted below appeared in the *Salem Sunbeam* of November 29, 1912. It reported the organization of the North Bend Shower Bath Association to provide a sanitary hot water bathing facility for

Salem's North Bend neighborhood, an area roughly from Front Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and from Griffith Street to West Broadway.

Few houses had bathrooms. Running hot water was unknown. On a daily basis people washed only their hands and faces in a wash basin. Bathtubs were rare.

Tub water was heated pot after pot by a coal-fired stove or stove appendage called "a bucket a day," referring to the amount of coal needed to heat the water. Bath water was not changed between baths. Being third meant you got the gray water. Typically, Saturday was bath day.

A one-page "Register of Baths Taken" at the Shower Bath House

survives and records 32 baths, mostly (20) on Saturday, January 25, 1913, while the remaining 12 were split between the following Monday and Tuesday. The names of those January bathers and attendants are below.

Bathing was free, but donations averaged 5-cents per bath during the first nine weeks of operation for 382 baths.

Initially estimated at "upward of \$100," the *Sunbeam* reported that by the April 1913 start up costs had risen to \$550. The January bathers noted below were all males of all ages. Women probably bathed on other days. The Bath House may have operated into the 1930s, but became a sub shop operated by Mrs. Venuto.



The North Bend Shower Bath Assn. organized at the pre-1938 North Bend Fire Co. house (above) on Front Street.

## SHOWER BATH ASSOCIATION

### Free Bath House For the West Ward

On Tuesday evening, November 25<sup>th</sup>, after several preliminary meetings and conferences, the North Bend Shower Bath Association was formally organized, at a meeting at the North Bend Hose House, with the following Board of Directors:

- Rev. E. J. Perot, President.
- Lewis Morris, Vice President.
- Charles Sharp, Secretary.
- William G. Smith, Treasurer.
- John H. Hall, G. Irving Hall, Firman Lacey, John Ryan, James Simpkins, Elmer Spayd, John Taylor, John Whalen.

Through the kindness of Mr. Firman H. Lloyd, and of Mrs. Firman

Lloyd, the owners of the property, the use of the election booth on Griffith Street opposite Hall's Avenue has been obtained for the purposes of the Association. The building will be put in good condition at once, and as soon as funds are available for the purpose, will be equipped with an up to date shower bath, dressing room and waiting room.

A hot and cold water plant will be installed, and towels will be provided that baths may be taken, subject to the necessary regulations, whenever the bath house is open.

There will probably be no charge made for baths, but it is estimated that the running expense of the house will be approximately five cents for each

bath taken, and to meet this expense there will probably be kept at the house, whenever it is open, a box to receive voluntary contributions from bathers and others.

The date of the opening of the bath house, and the hours when it will be ready to receive bathers, will be duly announced, together with the rules and regulations.

The cost of equipping the bath house will be upward of \$100.00, and to meet this initial cost, contributions are now being received. Such contributions may be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, Mr. William G. Smith, 24 W. Broadway, or the President, The Reverend Elliston J. Perot, St. John's Rectory.

## Names Recorded in 1913 "Register of Baths Taken"

### Bathers

Chas. F. Brown  
 Harry E. Clark  
 Harry Crist  
 Herbert Dilks  
 Duncan Fahrner  
 Chas. Fleming

Edward Green  
 Wm. Hammond  
 John Hall  
 Norman Hannahs  
 Luther Hoffman  
 Clarence Hyson  
 Joseph Morris

Edward Myers  
 Charles Olson  
 Thomas Pew  
 John Ryan  
 Chas. R. Sharp  
 Earl Simmons, Jr.  
 Paul Stevenson

Robert Stevenson  
 Wm.S.  
 Stephenson  
 Claude Tompkins  
 Frank Tompkins  
 Carl Whildin  
 Daniel Youker

### Attendants

E.G.P.  
 Wm. G. Smith  
 James Simpkins  
 Wm. W. Bowen  
 Elmer Spayd  
 Jas. Simpkins

## GENEALOGY OF THE SALEM COUNTY HACKETTS

*Salem Sunbeam,*  
Salem, New Jersey, July 31, 1914

—The following interesting paper, prepared by Mrs. Charles F. Hackett of Parker, S. D. was read at the house of Mrs. Walter S. Hackett near Sharptown, on July 23, 1914, and describes the ancestry of a well-known and prominent Salem County family, descendants of Joseph R. and Emeline Hackett.

With the death of Cromwell and the fall of his protectorate and the ascending of Charles II to the British throne in 1660, religious and political persecution of the Dissenters (Friends or Quakers, Baptists, Presbyterians, Reformers) became more strenuous and unbearable.

Grants of land in the New World were obtained by prominent Dissenters and Colonies founded where the individual could worship God according to the dictates of his or her conscience. This was the founding of Philadelphia by William Penn and New Salem by Fenwick, and others.

With the coming of the John Fenwick Colony from England in 1665, and the founding of the Colony of New Salem by Fenwick, came also from England Thomas Hackett (1<sup>st</sup>), and John Smith and his wife Hannah, whose maiden name was Craft. Their son Samuel married Hannah, daughter of William Hall, and granddaughter of Thomas Pile, commoner, who bought of Fenwick large holdings in the central part of what is now Salem County, and also holdings in what is now Gloucester County.

This William Hall was the first Baptist preacher to locate in the Fenwick Colony. He had liberal holdings near the town of New Salem, and was a crown judge for many years, as well as farmer and minister of the gospel.

Thomas Hackett had a grandson named Richard, and he had a son named Joseph (1<sup>st</sup>), father of Samuel (1<sup>st</sup>). Abraham Hackett of Mannington was an ardent supporter of the war for independence from England and served throughout the war with the New Jersey troops.

Pile Smith, son of said Samuel Smith, had one son and three daughters. Contemporary with Pile Smith was Richard Hackett (yeoman of English ancestry) and Hannah Sharp (?) his wife of Sharptown, it is related. From Thomas Hackett (1<sup>st</sup>) and wife the Hacketts of Salem County (and many elsewhere) sprang.

Richard and Hannah Hackett's son Joseph married Rebecca Smith, daughter of Pile and Hannah Smith, of Pilesgrove. She was born in 1769 and lived 84 years. To them (Joseph and Rebecca Hackett) three sons were born: Thomas, in 1789; Samuel (1<sup>st</sup>) in 1791, and

Joseph (2d), in 1794. Joseph Hackett (1<sup>st</sup>) died very soon after this date, and his widow, in 1795 married Samuel Applegate. Thomas Hackett (1<sup>st</sup>) married Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen Reeve, also of Alloway. Eight children were born unto them, viz: Sarah Ann, Joseph Reeve, Rebecca, Hannah Ann, Rachel, Samuel (2d), Elizabeth and Thomas. Sarah, Hannah and Thomas died early.

In 1796, Samuel Hackett (1<sup>st</sup>) moved with his parents to the Pile Smith plantation near Swede's Bridge in Upper Mannington. The house of this place was built about the year 1745 of brick brought from England. In this house the eleven children of Joseph Reeve Hackett and wife were born, and which house was burned in December, 1863, and was replaced by the large brick house now occupied by Mr. Clarence Hackett. This farm has been in the Hackett family since 1796, and possessed by ancestors of the present Hackett family since about [?]1670. Samuel Smith inherited it and willed it to his sister, Rebecca (Smith) Hackett, in 1789.

Pile Smith was an officer under General Washington, lived to be an old man, and died from the effects of a horseback ride from his home to Trenton, on business of deep public importance.

Where several of the early descendants of Thomas Hackett (1<sup>st</sup>) were buried, it is difficult to now determine. In those early days, the dead were usually buried upon the farm or in a family lot nearby. It was not then the custom to mark the graves with stones or monuments and soon the graves were lost to memory. The doubt as to where lay the remains of the founder of the New Salem Colony, John Fenwick, is in point.

Joseph Reeve Hackett, from whom the present Hackett families of Salem County directly descended, was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Reeve) Hackett, and he married Emeline, daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Fogg) Wible, who then lived on the farm now known as the Samuel Austin farm, one mile east of the county almshouse. Ruth Fogg's ancestry came from England, and Samuel and Mary Wible, parents of Samuel Wible, who married Ruth Fogg, came from Holland, in the previous century. They were Friends or Quakers. Samuel Wible (2<sup>nd</sup>) is buried in the Friends Cemetery at Woodstown. His wife became a Baptist, and was buried in the Woodstown Baptist cemetery.

Joseph Reeve Hackett was a school teacher of note several years before his marriage, teaching at Alloway, or near, at Swede's Bridge, at Pleasantville, Mannington Hill, etc., and in the brick school house near the almshouse. In the latter school, as pupil, he met Emeline Wible. They were married at Salem by Rev. Charles T. Ford, March 20, 1845. Joseph had a passion for books and educated himself above the common branches in text books of higher mathematics, in Greek, Latin, Hebrew, and theology. Soon after his marriage he succeeded his father on the farm.

He was appointed a local preacher in the M. E. Church from 1845 till his death, and very often assisted pastors in revivals and supplied vacant pulpits, the Woodstown Baptist pulpit at times, also. He also was superintendent of Mannington Township Schools at one time. He also led his men in the farm work and was strenuous in industry and enduring in physique till near his death.

Eleven children were born unto Joseph R. and Emeline W. Hackett, all of whom, except Ruth, (who died, aged about eight months), are living, viz.: Samuel Wible, of Salem, married Mary Stow; Joseph R. (2d), married Alida Cook, and they reside at Woodstown; Emma, married Reuben Knox, and lives at Plainfield; Thomas Yarrow, married Adelia Foster, and lives at Daretown; Charles Ford, married Carrie McIntire, and resides at Parker, S. D.; Elizabeth, married Albert Emmel, of Glassboro, and resides at Salem; John Wesley, married Mary Stackhouse, of Stanhope, and lives at Salem; Edward Ambler, married Mary Maxwell, of Minneapolis, and, some years after her death, married Mary McElwain, of Kansas City, and they reside there; Jane Yarrow, married William H. Collins, and they reside at Salem, as also does Mary Ann.

There are ten children living and twenty-eight grandchildren and twenty-six great grandchildren, making sixty-four descendants of the late Joseph R. (1<sup>st</sup>) and Emeline Hackett living.

Joseph R. Hackett (1<sup>st</sup>) died January 9, 1882, at Woodstown and Emeline his wife died March 25, 1900, at Salem. They are buried in the family lot in the Woodstown Baptist cemetery.

### NOTES

...William Hackett, of Quinton, was the son of Samuel Hackett, a brother of Joseph R., and William married Mary Fowser. Hannah, daughter of said Samuel Hackett married Sylvester Sheppard of Quinton and their daughter Ella married Richard Ware, of Upper Mannington.

Samuel W. Hackett's son Walter S. married Della Lynch; Bessie married Edward Harvey, and Emma married Frank Ridgway; and their son Frank married Anna Mink also of Philadelphia; Joseph R. Hackett (2d) has three sons married, viz.: Charles F. (2d) married Laura Shultz, Joseph Loren married Josephine Fowser, Arthur married Martha Wible. Thomas Y. Hackett's eldest daughter, Carrie, married John D. Kitchen, of Lancaster, Pa. Chester married Ethel Smith and Rollin married Ivy Johnson. John W. Hackett's son Clarence married Lillian Hunt. Charles F. Hackett (1<sup>st</sup>) has three children married, viz.: Bessie married Charles H. Rodenback, of Chicago, Charles Ford (3<sup>rd</sup>) married Mina Martin, of Chicago and Alma Emeline married Dr. Herman Ludwig, of Parker, South Dakota.

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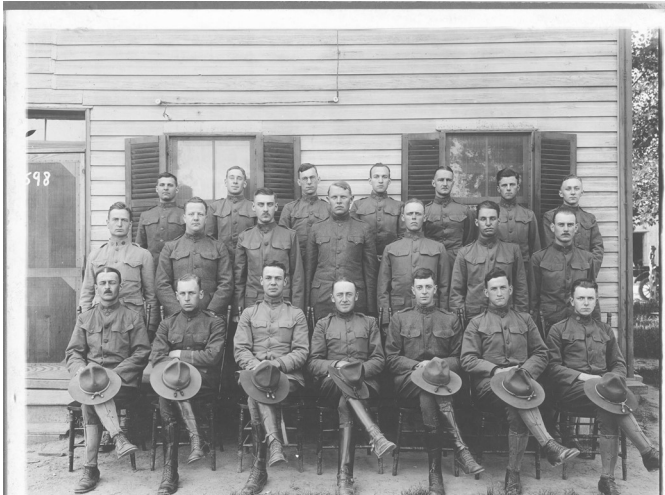
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