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# HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## Hightstown, New Jersey And Some Hight Family Connections Revisited

by Richard S. Hutchinson

Thanks goes to Hight family researcher, Mrs. Terry Campbell, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mrs. Campbell and I exchanged some Hight research information and photos of items that were once in the possession of her ancestor John N. Hight, of Windsor Township, New Jersey and later of New York. As a result of Mrs. Campbell's photos, I decided to do some further research in order to write this article on her ancestor, John N. Hight, who is believed by their line to be a grandson of our John & Mary Hight, of Hightstown.

John N. Hight, who was in the "Hightstown" area, was a Captain during the Revolutionary War and also in the local Middlesex Co. Militia Com-

pany of April 1793. In order to obtain further information on John N. Hight, I searched to see if he had filed for a Revolutionary War Pension and found that he had such a file, which is at the National Archives. Having access to these Revolutionary War Pension files, I was able to examine the entire contents of Hight's file, consisting of 45 documents - # S-31743. (The "S" designation indicating that he filed as a "survivor.") His pension file revealed that he was placed on the Albany Agency (NY) rolls at the rate of \$45 a year to commence on 4 March 1831. However, it is clear that his application was rejected at some point prior to 1833. In his file, there is a partial torn piece of an undated printed form with his name on it and the number 4780, which is marked "REJECTED" by an inked stamp across the form. John N. Hight's subsequent depositions and declarations found in the file, for several years after the 1831 date, shows that he was still attempting to obtain his pension which had been rejected due to his lack of proof regarding his military service. The examination of this file also reveals that many other New Jersey residents moved into Steuben Co., New York after the Revolutionary War. This county is located in the s.w. portion of the state, bounded upon the PA border, and close to Lake Erie. This location explains why many of our NJ Hight descendants found their way into Michigan.

The first document found in his file was a Certificate of Pension issued on the 10 February 1835 and sent to Honorable E. Howell. John was paid arrears to 4 September 1834 amounting to \$135 plus \$22.50 for a semi-annual allowance ending 4 March 1835 under the Revolutionary Claim Act., of 7 June 1832. In Steuben Co., NY, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1834, William N. Hight, of Bradford, under oath before Abel Eveland, Justice of the Peace, stated that he was the "child of the identical John N. Hight," whose name ... has been placed on the New York Pension Roll at the rate of \$45 a year; and he was directly interested as a claimant that an increase should be made and an Affidavit was to be filed with such additional evidence.

In order to obtain his Pension under the Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832, John N. Hight, who was then a resident of the town of Jersey, in Steuben Co., New York, aged 76 years, personally appeared in open court in Steuben Co., New York, before the Court of Common Pleas, on 16 October 1832 and gave the following affidavit:

That he was born on 9 January 1756, in Bedminster, Somerset Co., New Jersey, and "when deponent was about three years of age, his parents and family removed to the Township of Windsor, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey," and he resided

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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# Hight Family

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there till after the end of the Revolutionary War. In 1775, he belonged to Capt. Peter Gordon's Militia Company and went out with the Company when ordered out in the winter by Gen. Heard to assist in disarming the Tories on Long Island. On their return from Long Island, the North River had been raised by a [?], the ice broke up and they had a good deal of difficulty in getting across, and he served one month or more. In about May or June 1778, the Company being classed off, the class to which deponent belonged, went into service under Capt. John Schenk, lay awhile at Amboy at the Blazing Star and during the same summer. "The class was the same Company to which a Younger brother of this deponent named David Hight belonged, was ordered out and deponent took his place and went out as deponent thinks under the command of Capt. Aaron Longstreet and this manner deponent continued in the service until 25 November next about which time the Company prevailed in their camp at Amboy, and deponent being not well was advised by his Capt. Aaron Longstreet to return home on account of his sickness, said Capt. Longstreet provided a passage home for deponent on a settler [sutler?] wagon. That he was confined with said fever until April following at which time the fever having fallen in his legs he was obliged to use crutches until in the fall following in the Spring of the year. 1778, in June or thereabouts deponent went into service as he thinks in his Class of the before mentioned Company under Capt. Samuel Stout of Windsor aforesaid and were attached in company of Genl. Mansfield's Division. That on the 28 of July this deponent was in Genl. Lee's Division and was marched down near Monmouth Court house and commenced battle with the British. This was about eleven o'clock A.M. at the commencement of the firing the British were retreating, they immediately halted, returned the fire. The division to which deponent belonged

retreated across Tennent's Run by this time, by this time Genl. Washington had formed & Lee's division marched through his line and were dismissed by Col. Butler that time and went back to the quarters at Englishtown at which place they had left their knapsacks, etc, not long after this Capt. Samuel Stout's Company was discharged and deponent returned home. In the summer of 1779 & also in Summer of 1780 deponent was frequently out in service in the same Company under the said Capt. John Schenk and was posted principally at Amboy, Princeton, & Newark and thereabouts and that on all occasions deponent went into service when called and faithfully served out every term. AND, that he verily believes that he served in all during the Revolutionary War near three years. That during the Revolutionary War he never received any commission, that he did not receive any written discharge, that he was acquainted with Col. William Scudder of Windsor aforesaid. Also, with Genl. Heard of Woodbridge."

"That in the year 1798, deponent removed from Windsor aforesaid to Bedminster in Somerset County aforesaid and remained there more than one year, in the year 1800, he removed from Bedminster afsd. to the town of Frederick's Town (now Jersey) in Steuben County and State of New York and has continued to and still does reside there. That he has a record of his age which he copied from the one kept by his Father. That he is acquainted with Abraham Fleet, Silvanus Arnold, General George Mc Clure, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a soldier of the Revolution. That he has no documentary evidence of his Services in the Revolution. That he knows of no person living who can testify to the rendition of his services or any of them except Captain Peter Gordon of Geneva whose deposition is hereunto annexed." He

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*Editor, Richard S. Hutchinson*

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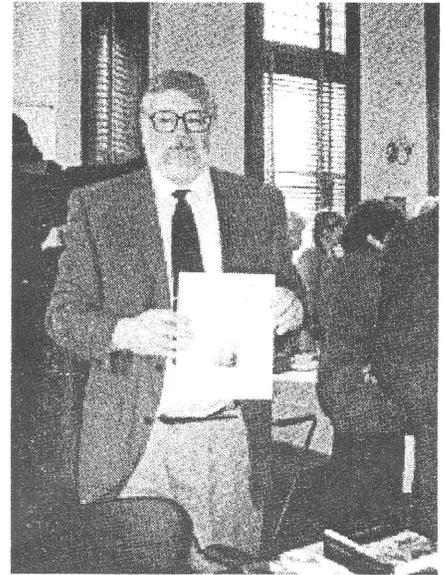
## Society Banquet

The Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society members enjoyed hearing about Dr. David Martin's new book "Tossed Around, The World War II Writings of Pfc. George Foster Dennis", at their annual dinner meeting January 13, 2008. This event took place at the Longstreet Library on Peddie School campus in Hightstown. Dr. Martin is a long time member of the Society, is a past president, and currently teaches at the Peddie School.

The new book is about the experiences and the writings of George Foster Dennis, youngest son of the editor of the *Hightstown Gazette*, who wrote letters back to the family for publication in his column in the paper, which position he left when he entered into the service during the war. He was destined to return to the *Gazette* to carry on his column and eventually the newspaper, but tragically died in 1944, he was reported missing in action.

Dr. Martin gave a wonderful presentation about the Dennis family and told of his experiences writing the book. Kathryn Dennis, George Foster's sister, continued to publish the paper after her father's death in 1955 and continued to put out an issue until her death in 2005. The *Hightstown Gazette* had been in the Dennis family for ninety-three years, purchased in 1912 by George P. Dennis, who had come from Ventura, California. Both Kathryn Dennis and the home town paper, the *Hightstown Gazette*, are truly missed by the residents of Hightstown.

Dr. Martin's book is available at the Mercer County Library in Hightstown at 114 Franklin Street and several other area libraries.



*Dr. David Martin*



*Some of the members who attended the Annual Dinner meeting.*

## Native Lace Works

Thanks goes to Society member, Gladys W. Wincklhofer, who so kindly donated the Native Lace Works photo to the Society, which we have inserted in this issue of the newsletter. We only know a few of the names of the employees standing outside of the Monmouth Street plant on 22 June 1935. If anyone can further identify anyone by either their photo position and/or their clothing, please send that info to Richard Hutchinson, PO Box 350, Bethel, DE 19931, who will make a list to go with the photo.

Thus far, we have identified Joseph Eufemia seated left on the ground; George "Jiggs" Peacock, second row directly behind Joseph Eufemia; and a male of the Pastore family in the rear row, directly in front of the left widow sash, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> window from the left.

hereby relinquishes all claims whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of any agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid." John N. Hight.

Silvanus Arnold, of Tyrone, in sd. County of Steuben, and Henry Williams, of the same place, merchant, and David Higgins, of the town of Painted Post, a Clergyman, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John N. Hight, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy six years of age, that his character for truth and veracity is unquestionable, that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we fully concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed be-

fore M. Ramsey, Dep. Clerk, Steuben County.

And, the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. And, the Court further certifies that it appears to them that David Higgins, who has signed the preceding certificate is a Clergyman, resident in the town of Painted Post in the said County of Steuben. And, that Silvanus Arnold and Henry Williams, who have signed the preceding certificate are residents of the town of Tyrone in said County of Steuben, and are credible persons and that their Statements are entitled to credit.

I, David Rumsey, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Steuben in the state of New York do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the Matter of the Application of John N. Hight for a Pension in testimony whereas I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832. D. Rumsey, Clerk, Steuben County by M. Rumsey, Deputy.

However, as with all Pension applications, the applicant had to prove his military service, which at this time period was very difficult to do being written documentation was not always available. Therefore, proof of military service usually required the applicant to find living persons who could substantiate his claims and to do so in a written affidavit, which also

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## The Borough of Hightstown

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### Stockton Street Porch Tour

Plans have begun for the Stockton Street Porch Tour on Sunday, May 18th, but there's still time for you to join in!

We'll be looking for help with:

- Food—would you like to bake cookies or provide lemonade?
- Entertainment—would you like to dress as an historical person during the tour or help us find reenactors to do this? Could you help us find musicians or other entertainers?
- Research—would you like to learn more about Hightstown's past and then share this knowledge with our entertainers, so they can make our town's history come alive during the tour?
- *Publicity—would you like to help spread the word about the event?*

Help us plan the biggest block party in Hightstown!

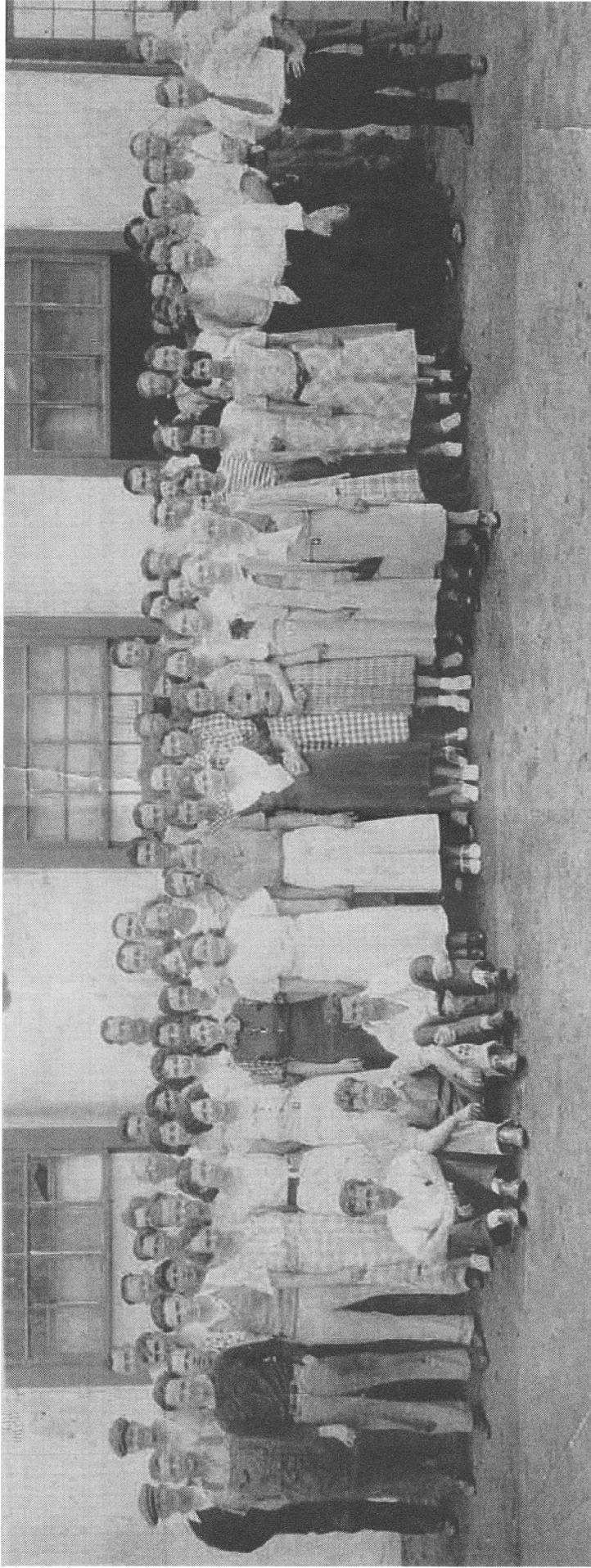
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Ethel Sittenger

Theresa Efemia

Dorothy Grover

Bill Wankbeck

Josephine Peterson

CHICK  
LEWIS

Firth Ethel M. Call  
I just can't take it.

Ann W. Sittenger  
Ann W. Sittenger

James Wilkie  
James Wilkie

Mary Alice Powell  
Mary Alice Powell

John Taylor  
John Taylor

Helen Wilson

SADIE - EFEMIA

Ruthina

William Alford  
William Alford

William Alford  
William Alford

James  
James

Helen Sittenger  
Helen Sittenger

John Taylor  
John Taylor

James  
James

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was not an easy task. John's pension file shows that it took several years for him to obtain this proof in order to finally begin receiving his Pension.

State of New York, Ontario County. Peter Gordon of the Village of Geneva, County & State aforesaid, being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath depose and say that in the year 1775 he was Captain of a Company of Militia near Princeton in New Jersey, that John N. Haight belonged to said Company when Genl. Heard of Woodbridge, NJ called out said Company on a tour of duty to Long island, that said Haight was with the Company on said tour and continued in Service about one month. Signed: Peter Gordon. Gordon then wrote: "Note the name above should be Hight instead of Haight - Signed: Peter Gordon." Sworn and subscribed to this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1832 before me a Notary Public for said County - Witness my hand & seal of office - R.M. Baylis, N.P.

On Aug 1, 1833, John N. Hight appeared before a Justice of the Peace and gave a deposition regarding his pension application:

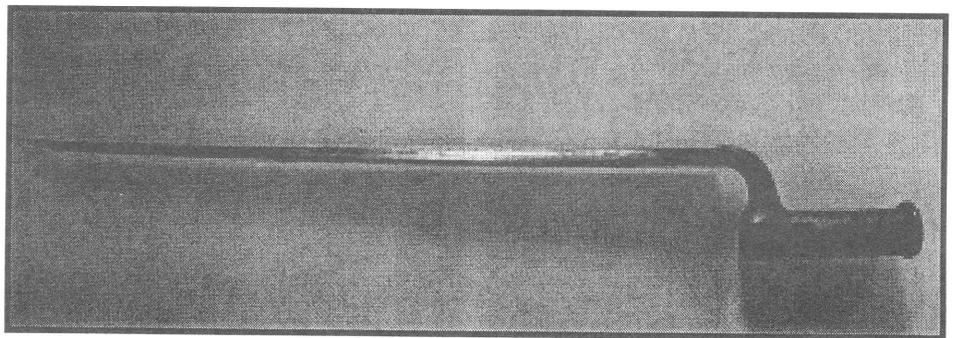
State of New York, Steuben Co. - Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Steuben. "John N. Hight who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service in the Revolutionary War, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grades. For one month under Capt. Peter Gordon as a private, under General Heard for fifteen months under Capt. John Schenk, under Col. Jacob Hyer, William Scudder, Maj. Dykins, for six months under Capt. Aaron Longstreet, Col. William Scudder, for 3 months under Capt. Samuel Stout & Col. William

Scudder. That he served as 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant on all the above mentioned tours except the one month under Capt. Gordon. That he was not during the periods above named engaged in any civil pursuits and he is certain he rendered more services during the War but cannot with certainty set them forth and for the above mentioned services I claim a pension. Signed: John N. Hight." Sworn and subscribed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1833 before me, Henry L Arnold, Justice. I, Henry L, Arnold, the Justice of the Peace before whom the above disposition was taken do certify that the papers in the matter of this application of John N. Hight for a pension were by me received of the Clerk of the County of Steuben and that no addition has been made thereto except this sheet. And, I further certify that I am acquainted with Peter Gordon of Geneva whose affidavit appears in said papers, and that the character of said Gordon is that of a Gentleman of truth and sworn in witness my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1833 - Henry L. Arnold, Justice.

In 1834, John N. Hight was still fighting for his Pension when he gave a Supplemental Declaration before Charles Freeman, Master of Chancery, State of New Jersey.

Freeman, Esqr., one of the Master's in Chancery, in the State of New Jersey, residing in Morristown in said County, personally appear John N. Hight, an aged man, personally not well known to me, but ascertaining as I verily believe, a fair character & having been by me duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare as follows, viz. - I am the same John N. Hight, who on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1832, made my declaration before the Court of Common Pleas of Steuben County in the State of New York, to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, for my Militia Services in the revolutionary war; which Declaration has been returned from the Pension Office, together with a Supplemental Declaration or Deposition made by me before Henry L. Arnold, Esqr., a Justice of the Peace of Steuben County aforesaid, for want of specification & detail of the periods when my services were rendered, the places where, the duration of the term, & the names of officers.

At my advanced age, I found it at first exceedingly difficult in my first Declaration to recollect with any certainty the various details. Many of them had escaped my recollection entirely, & some of them have since been in some



*John N. Hight's bayonet used during the Revolutionary War.*

State of New Jersey, Morris County: On the 18 November 1834, John N. Hight gave a 4 page deposition:

"Be it known that on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1834, before me, Charles

recalled to my memory by conversing with some few of my old neighbors & fellow soldiers in New Jersey, where I lived during the revolution, & where my services were performed. I have traveled

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## Hightstown Business Directory - 1866

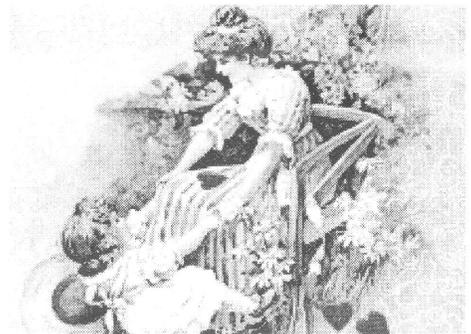
On 4 Jan 1866, the following businesses were in operation in Hightstown. These folks were patronized by many of our ancestors and are just a few of the individuals that "stand behind" our community of Hightstown - East Windsor:

**Merchants** - Ira Smock, J. Frank Wescott, Applegate & Norton, Alfred Perrine, Paxton & Mount, T.J. Pullen, Perrine & Mason, Joseph D. Chamberlain; **Produce Merchants** - Fielder, Mount & Jameson; Thos. A. Mount; Hutchinson, Norton & Bodine; **Drug-gists** - Sam. Holcombe, Thos. Wilson; **Dealers in Furniture, Hardware, Etc** - Forman & Laird; **Furs, Hats and Caps** - A.J. Ashton; **Distiller, and manufacturer of Cider and Cider Vinegar** - Robert Purdy; **Dealers in Boots & Shoes** - C.I. Coward, A.J. Ashton, Johnson Pullen; **Harness Makers** - R.A. Outcalt, Isaac H. Goldy; **Clothing Establishments** - Paxton & Mount; J.H. Walters; **Painters** - A. Walling, A.S. Stoneberger; **Iron Foundry & Machine Shop** - Sering Shangle; **Milliners** - Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Pierson; **Wall Paper, Books, Stationary, Etc** - John Woolley; **Bakeries** - J. Bastow, J. G. Hummel, Mrs. Van Doren; **Fancy Goods, Trimmings, Etc** - Miss Nancy Morris; **Tailors** - W. J. Cootsman, P. McDonald, E. Page, Wm. Ogborn; **Nurseymen** - Isaac Pullen, Hamilton Pullen, Randolph Pullen, Enoch A. Ely; **Agricultural Implements** - William S. Riggs; **Confectioneries** - J. Bastow, Benj. Rice, Mrs. Groves, Mrs. Ford, J. G. Hummel, D. W. Robbins; **Groceries & Variety Store** - Mrs. Van Doren; **Clocks, Watches, & Jewelry** - John C. Johnson; **Paints, Oils, and Lamps** - A.S. Stoneberger; **Stoves and Tin Ware** - William T. Smock; **Wheelwrights** - J. Dey and Son; Wm. H. Perrine; M.P. Mack & Bro.; Sidney Winant; **Blacksmiths** - T.C. Pearce; E. Hammell; J. Dey & Son; John H. Ford; **Carpenters and Builders** - Tibbs

& Pierson; John M. Dey; G. S. H. Applegate; Cornelius Voorhees; D. B. Dey; **Masons** - D.V. Fisk, Wm. Dillon, Theo. Eldridge; **Planing Mill, Sash, and Blind Factory** - Enoch Dey; **Saw and Grist Mills** - R.M. Job & Son; **Lumber** - Applegate & Denise; **Coal** - Jacob Early; **Photographic Gallery** - R. R. Priest; **Post Master, Notary Public and Real Estate Agent** - Charles Keeler; **R.R. Agent - Freight Depot** - C. I. Coward; **Passenger Depot** - Aaron Coward; **Physicians** - L. Wilbur, A. M. Cory, E. B. Hall; **Attorneys At Law** - Jos. J. Ely, Samuel M. Schanck; **Claim Attorneys & Pension Agents** - J. E. Rue, John B. Wyckoff; **Auctioneers** - R. A. Outcalt & J. S. Rogers; **Real Estate Agents** - M. F. Mount & Co; G. S. H. Applegate; **Fire Insurance Agents** - Thos. C. Pearce, Ira Smock; **Justices of Peace** - Elias Riggs, Joseph S. Blauvelt; **Express Agent** - S. Holcombe; **Tobacco & Segars** - Geo. R. Morse, B. Rice, E. Walton; **Butchers** - Joseph Wood, Marshall Allen; **Saloons** - Jediah Shotwell, D. W. Robbins, Mrs. Mary Pullen, R. Walton; **Barber** - George Martin; **Cabinet-Maker** - Samuel Fowler; and always last but not the least important, the **Undertaker** - Ezbon R. Cole.

## SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Society now has Open House on a monthly basis on the 4th Sunday of the month, which is hosted by the docents from the Hightstown Women's Club.



### Hight Family, *continued from page 4*

in my old age & my weakened constitution from Steuben County, New York to New Jersey, having to find living witnesses of some of my services. Most of my associates are dead, or moved to some unknown places, & I have been able to find but two old men living, who served with me, viz: Hugh Runyon & Richard Runyon whom I well knew in Middlesex Co., N. Jersey, now living in Morris County, & where testimony I hope to obtain & to forward with this my own Deposition. My advanced age & bad health renders it extremely doubtful & uncertain whether or not I shall ever be able to reach my home in Steuben County, at this inclement season, & I have therefore deemed it prudent to make such further explanation at this time & place, as I may be enabled, with the help of the remembrance of my old comrades Messrs. Runyan, where I now am visiting, & I hope this deposition will be rec'd by the Commission, as though it had been made in Steuben Co. where I have resided for many years.

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# Hightstown Odd Fellow Lodge

by Richard S. Hutchinson

After moving to Delaware, I became active in my new community. After a year, I was approached to apply for membership in the Odd Fellow's, Charity Lodge # 27, of Laurel, DE. Since my initiation into the Brotherhood, I have been for many years the Lodge's Secretary and Historian. Our Lodge was founded in July 1857, after a former 1830's Lodge moved to another town. As with most early lodges, the records are scattered or non-existent just based on the times. Therefore, Kate Middleton and I attempted to find some of the Hightstown Lodge's early records but we knew it was going to be a problem due to the fires in Hightstown. Below is the best record of what was found and when in town, look at the cap stone on top of the building I knew as the Hightstown Luncheonette, and notice the symbol of the Odd Fellow's last known Lodge.

11 August 1892 - Before The Fire - For some time past the Secretary of Windsor Lodge, No. 59, I.O.O.F., of this place, has been endeavoring to

complete the records of that organization. In the fire of 1866, the Lodge was burned out, and everything, including all its books and papers, were destroyed. Consequently, the records of the early years of the Lodge are most meager. There being absolutely no history of the society previous to the fire. Through the courtesy of the Grand Secretary, Lewis Parker, however, the Secretary has just secured some information that will be of value to the Lodge

The Lodge was instituted in 1847 with the following charter members: R. M. Smith, C. C. Blauvelt, Isaac Pullen, Thomas Butcher, John Butcher and Hiram Pullen. Of these the only survivor is Thomas Butcher, who now resides in Newark, but still retains a lively interest in Hightstown. The first members admitted by card were Ralph Gulick, Johnson Pullen, Ward C. Perrine, Wm. A. Bowne, Israel C. Purdy, and David W. Johnson. Johnson Pullen is still residing in Hightstown and holding his member-

ship in the Lodge. The first candidates initiated were Thomas Appleget, James R. Laird, Wm. V. Ely, Wm. McNeal, Anthony Reckless, Wm. Conover, Clark D. Voorhees and Henry A. Moore. Mr. Conover is still a member of the Lodge and resides at Wyckoff's Mills. He, and Johnson Pullen, Jediah Shotwell and J. H. Ford, who were initiated soon after, are the oldest members of the Lodge.

The first Noble Grand of the Lodge was R. M. Smith, and from that time until the present the principal chair was filled by C.C. Blauvelt, John Butcher, Thomas Butcher, Anthony Reckless, Thomas Appleget, Augustus Walling, Wm. P. McMichael, Hiram Pullen, Jos. H. Jameson, Wm. A. Bowne, Charles Carson, Charles H. Anderson, James S. Yard, James R. Laird, Thos. C. Pearce, Henry A. Moore, Jediah Shotwell, Morgan F. Mount, Geo. W. Coward, John H. Ford, Joseph McMurran, Theodore Anderson, Jos. S. Blauvelt, John Hurley, J. C. Norris and Frances P. Carr.

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Membership  
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 Sustaining                       Life (individual)                       Life (married)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the completed application, along with a check made payable to the Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society to:

Membership Committee  
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 164 North Main Street  
 Hightstown, NJ 08520

# The Fountain

*Hightstown Gazette* - 15 Oct 1896 - Hightstown's drinking fountain was erected yesterday afternoon and stands on the crosswalk that runs from Dawe's corner to C. Boud Cole's store on Main Street at the foot of Mercer. The crossing will be widened its entire length and a circular pavement will be laid around the fountain so that pedestrians may pass on either side. While there are some who object to the fact that they must walk around the structure, it is believed that Councilman Bennett and Lott, who had the matter in charge, have exercised excellent judgement in selecting a site. Certainly no more prominent or fitting place could have been chosen and the fountain as it stands will be a prominent and valued ornament of the town.

The fountain measures 12 feet from base to the tip of the lamp and weighs 1600 lbs. It is of iron, is ornamented with grotesque figures of fish and conventional designs of plants and is handsomely bronzed. There are two large basins for horses, two faucets for men and two small basins at the base for dogs. The water will

flow continuously, but may be shut off at any time when necessary. The fountain is over two feet wide at the base and measures five feet from edge to edge of the horse basins. It was purchased of J.W. Fisk, 39 Park Place, New York, and cost \$283.

The fountain questions has been so long before the people that it is hardly necessary to go into the details of its history. The idea was first projected by the *Gazette* and a fund was started through its columns. The idea was well received and over \$230 was subscribed. After that the scheme went

through the course of every local project. A great deal of the money could not be collected, people began to disagree as to the price, location, material and design of the thing and nearly everybody began to wish he had never heard of a fountain. Then the Council decided to do something, and did it. It ordered Messrs. Bennett and Lott to buy an iron fountain and put it up. The Council wanted a little celebration, but the Fire Company refused to parade. So the fountain went up without any fuss, but it is up and is a credit to the town.

## Quilting Classes

Hightstown's quilter extraordinaire, Carole Nelson, will be teaching a two-week class quilting a colorful tote bag.

The class will be held on two Sundays, March 2nd and 9th, from 2-4pm at the freight station.

Details will come later on fabric needs. Be prepared to bring a sewing machine if you can. If you can't, arrangements will be made.

Reservations are required. If you are interested, please e-mail [christian\\_kirkpatrick@yahoo.com](mailto:christian_kirkpatrick@yahoo.com).



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