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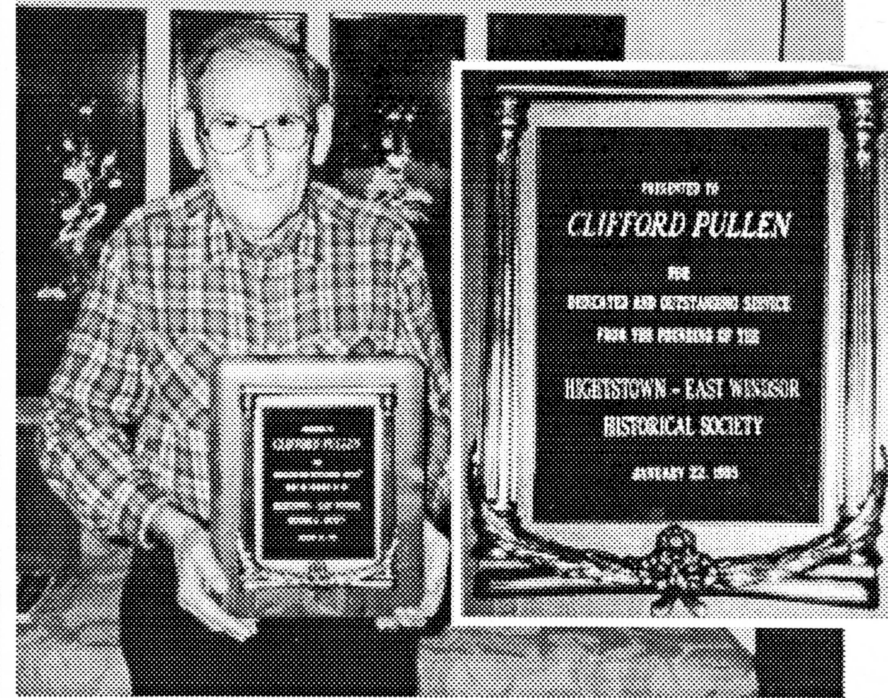
HEAVY WIND HITS STATION, EMERGENCY REPAIRS NEEDED

On Friday February 24th, a heavy wind blew the tarpaulin off the roof of the Freight Station, taking the weakest part of the roof with it. Emergency repairs will be needed to prevent further damage. ■

SCHEDULE CORRECTION

We regret that it was necessary to change the date of the February general meeting from the 15th to the 16th. The change was made after the January/February newsletter went to press, and it was done to avoid a scheduling conflict at Meadow Lakes.

We regret the inconvenience for those who may have come out on the 15th for this meeting. ■



SOCIETY HONORS CLIFFORD PULLEN

At the Annual Banquet in January, the Society presented a plaque in honor of and thanks for the services performed over many years by Clifford Pullen, our longtime Recording Secretary, who stepped down from the post at the last Annual Meeting in May. Clifford had held the position since 1978, the longest-serving officer in the Society's history. He was unable to attend the banquet, but Society Treasurer George Dubell accepted the plaque and presented it to him afterward. ■

MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS !

Programs will be held in both March and April this year. On March 14th, Hightstown High School students will present a program comparing the U.S. Constitution with a constitution for Hightstown High School, which was developed in 1987, was adhered to for a time, and is currently being revived prior to a school-wide constitutional convention to be held next year. The

students giving the program attend a class called "Choosing to Participate," a class in volunteerism, community service, and political awareness. The meeting will be held at Meadow Lakes, at 7:00 P.M., a half-hour earlier than our customary meeting time.

The April meeting, "Finding Your Hightstown Family," will be presented by Richard Hutchinson, a professional genealogist who is also a member of the Society's Library Committee. The meeting will be held on April 18th at Ely House, at 7:30 P.M. ■



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 6 Business Meeting, 7:30 (Ely House)
- 14 General Meeting, 7:00 (Meadow Lakes)

April

- 3 Business Meeting, 7:30 (Ely House)
- 18 General Meeting, 7:30 (Ely House)

GRACE NORTON ROGERS REMEMBERED AT MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday, January 8th, a memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church of Hightstown to remember Grace Norton Rogers (1899-1994), who passed away shortly before Christmas. Following are selected excerpts from that service.

Reverend Robert Coates:

Today we are gathered together in the Lord's house ... to pay honor to one of the Lord's servants, and a well known community servant, Grace Norton Rogers, "Mrs. Hightstown," "Amazing Grace." We are come together ... because we have seen the passing of an institution, whose motto was "I'd rather wear out than rust out."

Joseph Chibarro:

On behalf of the students, staff, and parents of the Grace Norton Rogers School, it is an honor for me to have the opportunity to speak today. Our school was named for Grace Norton Rogers in a ceremony on March 17, 1980.

As all of you know, Grace was born on September 28, 1899, on Ward Street in Hightstown, to a well-known local family, the Nortons. She graduated from Hightstown High School, then the building on Stockton Street, in 1918. She returned as a teacher in our schools from 1921 to 1965, a total of 44 years. In that time, she had a chance to teach all of the elementary grades, including seventh and eighth grade math. During her teaching years, Mrs. Rogers was an active member of the PTA and an active member of the local Red Cross.

When I became principal of the Grace Norton Rogers School—that was two years ago now. I had the opportunity to meet Grace, and I must admit to you that Grace made it perfectly clear to me—[laughter] ... that she loved our school and all of the students who attended the school.

Grace was *always* present. She was

present on our opening day of school, and was there to greet students as they arrived. In addition, Grace always visited with students in every single classroom and spent the time talking to all of the children in every one of the classes. She was also a very active participant in our open house activities, which is a big event in our school year, an event in which we normally get ... 400 to 500 parents in attendance.

On September 29th, Grace spoke to approximately 400 parents in the Rogers School auditorium. I had the opportunity to make a few opening remarks ... [after which I] attempted to hand Grace the microphone. She made it perfectly clear [more laughter] to me and to the audience that evening that she did not need a microphone and never used one. Then Grace proceeded to deliver one of the most inspiring messages to parents I have ever heard, and many, many people that evening agreed with me.

Grace's love of life, her sense of humor, her enthusiasm, her smile, and her love of children and all people, will always be with us.

Rev. George Hancock-Steffan:

My relationship to Grace Norton Rogers was unique I was the clergy person who was adopted as her grandson. She became my adopted grandmother... and together with my wife Ginny we made her a part of our family when we lived in the Midwest and when we lived in New Jersey again.

When I think of Grace and the relationship I had with her since I came ... I can summarize this relationship in four words: transparent, principled, committed, and inspirational. Transparent: Grace was a person similar to Nathaniel from the Scripture. A woman without guile. There was never a double meaning to her thoughts, to her words, to her actions. What she was on the outside she was also on the inside. Consistent, unchanging, caring, and transparent. Her actions were consistent with her motives, because she saw herself as a person who was equipped to help people to accomplish the best that was in themselves.

She was principled. She had great principles and she followed them with great meticulousness. Grace told me

Congratulations!!

On the wedding of **Suzanne Thomas**, daughter of current President Edgar Thomas, to **Clark Hutchinson**, one of our former presidents, on February 25th. Clark is also the municipal historian of Hightstown Borough, and chair of the East Windsor Township Historic Preservation Commission. The couple have bought a house on Edison Drive in the Township, joining our growing contingent of Twin Rivers members. ■

this story of how a mother came to her class to distribute 18 birthday invitations. Grace responded that in her class there were 24 students. "I know, responded the mother, "but I do not want the other six invited because they are black." "If you don't invite them I will not distribute the invitations," Grace replied. Grace remarked that the mother has not spoken to her for many years after that. But Grace stood for the principle that she had 24 students in her class and she treated them, each one of them, equally and with love.

I was impressed by the depth of her spirituality. She was one of those people who knew her Scripture very well, but rarely quoted it. But when you talked with her you found that her spirituality was flowing from a deep knowledge of Bible reading and prayer. It was from this relationship with God that she was able to give of herself ... After a few minutes in her presence, you knew that she loved you selflessly, and that you had a friend for life, one who would remember your name, and one to whose house you could always come.

Commitment. I do not think too highly of people who use the first-person pronouns in describing things. Grace Norton Rogers was an exception. She used the pronouns my and mine. She'd talk about "my town," "my church," "my school," "my family," "my boys" ...

When you heard Grace talk about "my town," there was knowledge that few historians possess. There was identification with streets, bridges, and buildings, but most of all with people. She

was able to tell you with almost photographic accuracy all the connection in streets, families, and the most distant family cousins.

When you'd listen to her talk about "my church," it was from a person who for more than 80 years was an active member of this church. This was her church; this was the loved church; this was the church in which she gave of herself. She did not always agree with all of the ministers, or with all of the programs. But after she expressed her views, her church had her full support.

Reverend Edward W. Gaul:

... [A question she would ask every morning was,] "What is Charley Brown doing today? ... Now for those of you who are faithful followers of Charlie Brown and his friends, you will know that Peppermint Patty tries hard in school, but never quite succeeds except in falling asleep at her desk ... And her friend Marcie is always prodding her on to do better things. We never meet the teacher — she is always unseen — but as all teachers, that teacher sees all and knows all. And I think that Grace Norton would have liked the following clippings.

The two are sitting in the classroom, and Peppermint Patty says to the teacher, "Vacation's over, we're all back, it's good to see you again." And Marcie whispers to her, "That isn't our regular teacher, sir, that's a substitute." Peppermint Patty sits back at her desk, and says "Sorry ma'am, from where I'm sitting all teachers look alike." The next day she turns to Marcie and says "You sure she's a substitute teacher, Marcie?" And Marcie says, "Our regular teacher is taller and wears glasses," and Peppermint Patty said, "I apologize again ma'am. I didn't realize you were a substitute. Came right in off the bench, huh?"

And in a way that was Grace Norton Rogers. She came in, off the bench. Whenever she was needed, even at 95, she sat on the bench, waiting to help out, wherever she was needed.

She was a *substitute* teacher. She never had credentials that would commend her for employment today in *any* school district *anywhere* in this country. And she knew it. But she loved kids, and she could communicate to them. ■

Genealogy:

WILLIAM FISHER, A SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION

by Richard S. Hutchinson

I was searching for a William Fisher, who had a daughter Mary who married Abel Harden, a resident of East Windsor Township. John Harden, the father of Abel, had been an early resident of East Windsor Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. When John Harden made his will, he listed his "trusty friend William Fisher" as an Executor. The will was witnessed in 1806 by John Smith, Robert Tharson, and Jacob Hight.

I subsequently found William Fisher's will, made on 31 May 1842, where he made his mark when signing the document. The witnesses of this will were Joseph J. Ely, Aaron Ely, and Rufus Davison. In his will, Fisher listed the following family members: William and Samuel Fisher, sons; Mary Harden, Elizabeth Forman, and Ann and Eunice Fisher, daughters; and Sarah Chamberlin's three children (unnamed). He appointed Ezekiel Mount and John W. Davison as his executors, which was proved April 10, 1851.

In 1840, a white male named William Fisher, aged 81, was counted in the census of that year as living in East Windsor Township, in the household of Samuel Chamberlin. He was further described in the census record as being a Pensioner who had served during the Revolutionary War. In an attempt to find out a little more about this soldier of the Revolution living in our community, I checked for his pension records. In an affidavit Fisher filed for his pension, he stated that he was born in 1760 in New Brunswick, New Jersey and had been living in Middlesex County at the time of his enlistment. He applied for his Revolutionary War pension on July 31, 1832, having served on the New Jersey Line. He gave his age, as of the 16th of July 1832, as being 72 years of age and stated that he was at that time a resident of East Windsor Township.

In an attempt to find still more information on this subject, I checked all cemeteries and all known records of

the cemeteries in Hightstown and East Windsor Township for his gravestone, but it couldn't be found. One day many months later, having nothing better to do, I stopped by the Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church cemetery. After about five minutes, I was standing in front of William Fisher's gravestone. The stone reveals that he died on the 17th of June 1848 at the age of 88 years, 11 months, and 1 day. [For some reason, his Will wasn't proved for 3 years.] Calculating his birthdate from the stone data shows that he was born the 16th of July 1759; the Soldier of the Revolution. Buried beside him were other Fisher family members including his wife, Eve Fisher, who died on the 9th of October 1830, aged 72 years. ■

In the Museum:

MORE ABOUT A CAN OF WATER

The last newsletter reported the donation of a can of water packed by Farm Fresh of Hightstown for the armed forces. It has been suggested by one of our members that this can was probably packed sometime within the decade following World War II. The can was found in a yard sale on Cape Cod, and the credit for repatriating it goes to Diane Dunham, daughter of Gertrude Rogers of Dutch Neck Road. ■

THE HIGHTS

Mrs. Thomas Dunn, of Heber Springs, Arkansas, wrote to the Society recently to express her interest in the articles about the Hight family [May/June, Aug./Sept., & Nov./Dec. 1993 newsletters]. She offers some further information about Joseph Haight, one of the sons of John and Mary Hight. Dunn notes that Joseph was living in Bristol Township, Pennsylvania when he was married in 1761, but that he soon afterward crossed the river, operating a tavern in Burlington called the "Sign of General Wolfe" as early as 1763-64. But she also questions whether Joseph was John's son, noting that a tradition in her family has held that he was not. She reports that she has been unable to find any other record of Joseph's family. ■

Mystery! MURDER IN HIGHTSTOWN, 1776 ??

by Robert W. Craig

Helen A. West, who wrote a history of Hamilton Township published in 1954, told in that book the story of Isaac Pearson, a prominent citizen of Hamilton (then Nottingham) Township, who was killed in the winter of 1776-77, just as the major crisis of the Revolutionary war was hitting New Jersey with full force. Pearson, before the war, had been an Assemblyman in the colonial legislature. In 1767 he was appointed a justice of the peace, and in 1772 he was named a judge. He stood with the patriot side during the growing protests that preceded the war. After Washington's army was forced to retreat across our state into sanctuary in Pennsylvania and the British Army occupied much of New Jersey, West writes,

Nearly everyone felt that the end of the war was not far off. Hundreds over the State abandoned the cause of the Colonists. The defenseless Legislature, with the Governor at their head, moved from Princeton to Burlington, and soon adjourned, each member going to his home to look over his own interests. There was hardly a vestige of the lately-constituted government, or hardly any who would say that they owed it allegiance and, until the glorious victory at Trenton, our State was looked upon as conquered. These things are mentioned to illustrate the panic which prevailed among many of the Whigs a few weeks before the battle of Trenton. The Tories were unusually active. Not many active Tories lived in Nottingham Township, but further eastward they were more common.

It was during this gloomy period that Isaac Pearson took a course which proved fatal to him. He evidently saw nothing but confiscation and ruin before him, and tradition states that he decided to take the oath of allegiance to the British. His family endeavored to dissuade him from so doing, but he felt it was the best that could be done, and he departed on a fleet mare for New Brunswick. Tradition

also states that he had a large sum of money on his person, the proceeds from the sale of his hogs. He started for New Brunswick by way of Allentown and the York Road. Party feelings ran high at this time and the passions of men were deeply stirred. Possibly the assaulting party of Whigs now viewed Isaac Pearson as one particularly odious; as a traitor; as one who had been prominent in the cause and fallen away; as one who had put his hand to the plow and turned back. Tradition differs a little as to where he was slain.

One says it was near Allentown. Another that, being closely pursued by a party of horsemen, he reached Hightstown and, jumping from his horse, ran into a house and out the back door, and was shot dead while running across the lot in the rear. His family always held that he was slain for the purpose of robbery rather than from patriotic motives, and tradition states that years after the war a man from near Allentown, on his deathbed and delirious, was heard to cry out the name Isaac Pearson, and his talk led those who heard it to believe that he had some part in the killing.

[Source: Helen Almy West, *History of Hamilton Township, Mercer County, New Jersey* (Trenton, NJ: Trenton Printing Co., 1954): 16-17.]

West concluded that Pearson was not a Tory, but rather a patriot who wavered under trying circumstances.

It was not easy to tell who actually was a loyalist at that moment, but Pearson evidently was a Loyalist in the eyes of a least one contemporary observer. The editor of the *New York Gazette and Weekly Mercury*, a Tory newspaper in British-occupied New York City, in the January 13, 1777 issue, reported:

Isaac Pearson, Esq., endeavoring to pass through the Jerseys in his way to New York, was last week murdered by some of the rebellious Banditti who infest the public Roads between this City and Philadelphia.

If this account was accurate, Pearson would have been murdered within a few days of the battle of Princeton, apparently somewhere along Old York Road. How word reached the New

York editor was not explained, but Pearson was acquainted with loyalists, and news of his death spread among the loyalist community, who blamed it on the Rebels. Any one of a number of Loyalists leaving for New York as the British pulled back could have carried the message with them. They would have found it self-serving to believe that Pearson, too, was a Loyalist, and that his murder was by "Rebels." A loyalist by the name of Rev. George Panton, who had known Pearson before the war, reported to British authorities toward the close of the war that Pearson had died in the American attack during the battle of Trenton. (A.E. Jones, *Loyalists of New Jersey*, p.168) Apparently the *New York Gazette* ... was the only paper that reported Pearson's death. None of the patriotic papers seem to have printed the story.

But could his murder have taken place in Hightstown? Why would he have entered a house only to exit it again and to be shot in the back yard? Was he chased? Whose house? There was a Robert Pearson who lived for a period of time in or near Hightstown in the late 1760s. Was he still there in 1777? Isaac's father was a Robert Pearson, who also had a son Robert, thus Isaac might have had a son or a brother in Hightstown.

Who might have done it there? How thoroughly was this crime investigated, and are there any records of a probe? Why was a Tory newspaper the only one to report it? When someone died in those days from an accident or from foul play, a coroner would conduct an inquest to determine the cause of death. But after a brief search, it appears that no coroner's report has survived for Pearson. Where he died, how, and why remain mysteries. ■

If anyone has further knowledge of this incident or its aftermath, please write to:

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Looking Back On Our Newsletter:

A Guide to the Major Articles 1989-1994

Editor's Note: In 1989 the newsletter began to feature articles about the history of Hightstown and East Windsor, in addition to the routine news of the Society.

Prehistoric:

"Windsor Hollow & Windsor Mill Pre-historic Sites" (May-June, Sep-Oct. '92)

Colonial Period and 18th Century:

"Captain Rescarrick Moore — His Military Career" (May-June '90)

"Genealogy of the Rescarrick Moore Family" (Nov-Dec. '90)

"William and Anne Hutchinson Burial Plot" (Mar-Apr., Sep-Oct. '92)

"Ann (Hutchinson) Brooks Wilson" (Mar-Apr. '93)

"John and Mary Hight" (May-June, Sep-Oct., & Nov-Dec. '93)

"A German Doctor In Hightstown.?" (Nov-Dec. '94)

Early 19th Century:

"August 1839" (Sept-Oct. '89)

"Rescarrick Moore House Threatened" (Mar-Apr. '90)

"Camden & Amboy Railroad Stock Certificate" (Sep-Oct. '90)

"Ely-Mount House" (Mar-Apr. '91)

"Abijah Applegate House" [Edward T.R. Applegate] (Nov-Dec. '92)

"Tale of Two Mantels" (May-June '94)
Brick House [of Joseph Hutchinson] (May-June '94)

"Early [Wooden Pipe] Water System" (May-June, Nov-Dec. '94)

"Etra Village" (Nov-Dec. '94)

"Mount-Ely-Hancock House" (Nov-Dec. '94)

"African Americans Before The Civil War" (Jan-Feb. '95)

"[Etral] Milford Methodist Church" (Jan-Feb. '95)

"Slave Manumission" (Jan-Feb. '95)

Civil War Era:

"Clara Barton and ..." [Hart W. Bodinel] (May-Jun. '89)

"Mercer County Fair" [1850s] (Mar-Apr. '89)

"Hightstown Junction" (Jan-Feb., Mar-Apr. '90; [map] May-June '90)

"William Norton House" (Mar-Apr. '91)

"Joseph J. Ely Defends Religious Freedom" (Sep-Oct. '92)

"Charles M. Perrine House" (Jan-Feb, Mar-Apr. '93)

"Universalist Church Book" (Sep-Oct. '93)

"1860 Map of Hightstown" (Nov-Dec. '93, Mar-Apr. '94)

"Underground Railroad" (May-June '94)

"Cedar Hill Cemetery" (Sep-Oct. '94)

"Charles Winters, a.k.a. Charles H. Wood" (Nov-Dec. '94)

Late 19th Century:

"The Hightstown Freight Depot" (Mar-Apr. '89)

"Before You Can Say McGraw-Hill: A Brief History of Publishing..." (Mar-Apr. '89)

"Anderson-Holland House" (May-June '92)

"Elizabeth Tracy House" (Jan-Feb. '93)

"Albert M. Norton House" (Mar-Apr, May-June '94)

"Reed Family Portraits" (May-June '94)

"Martin Luther Groves" (May-June '94)

"Luther [Groves] Has Returned" (Nov-Dec. '94)

Early 20th Century:

"Grace Norton Rogers" (Nov-Dec. '89, reprinted Jan-Feb. '95)

"Gertrude Maxwell's Writings" (Sep-Oct. '90)

"Forman Updike House" (Jan-Feb. '92)

"Gustav Johnson House" (Mar-Apr. '92)

"Charles A. Mason House" (May-June '94)

"Black Baseball Team [Photo]" (Jan-Feb. '95)

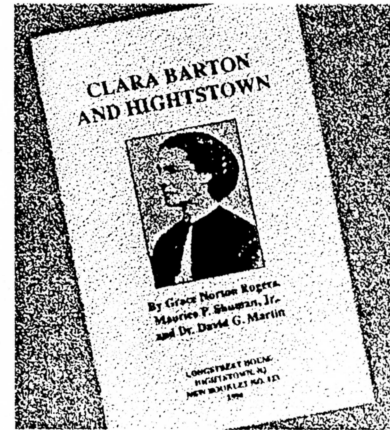
World War Two To The Present:

"Hightstown Parachute Jump Towers" (Jan-Feb. '94)

"John W. Orr Jr.'s Military Service" (Jan-Feb, Mar-Apr. '94)

"Oscar Rand's World War II Service" (Sep-Oct. '94)

A FEW COPIES OF "CLARA BARTON AND HIGHTSTOWN" STILL AVAILABLE



"Clara Barton and Hightstown", a booklet edited and co-authored by Dr. David G. Martin was released last Spring Longstreet House, as a benefit for the Society. The booklet brings together for the first time a biographical sketch of Clara Barton written by Grace Norton Rogers in 1922, together with a 1971 paper about Barton's 7-month stay in East Windsor in 1851-2 by Maurice P. Shuman Jr., revised and expanded by Martin. It also includes an essay by Martin about Barton's later visits to Hightstown and her relations with friends here.

Copies of this very informative and important booklet are available for \$10. by writing to: Booklet, c/o H.E.W.H.S., 164 North Main Street, Hightstown, NJ 08520. Please add \$2 for mailing. ■

REMINDER:

Pemberton and Hightstown: A Chronicle of Railroading Through the Farm Belt of New Jersey by John Brinkmann. Copies are still available from the author: write to him at 404 Lanny Drive, Winchester, VA 22601. \$36.50 includes postage and handling. ■



STILL WAITING!

No one has yet come forward to offer an identification of the **black baseball team** whose portrait was published in the last newsletter. If you know the name of the team or of the players, please write to: Newsletter, HEWHS, 164 North Main Street, Hightstown, NJ 08520 ■

In the Library: **17TH CENTURY MANUSCRIPT FOUND**

As work continues in the Library to bring order to the numerous collections, many interesting items are coming to light. The oldest manuscript thus far found is a deed confirming title to a small tract of land on Staten Island, issued in the year 1696. Of particular interest is the identity of the grantor. The deed was issued by Benjamin Fletcher, the then-governor of New York.

The Society has recently received from David Goldstein, who for many years owned the Hights Pharmacy on Main street, a collection of medical prescriptions filled at that store by his predecessors during parts of the 1930s and early 1940s. This unusual collection contains much information about how medicine was practiced locally at that time. ■

V-E DAY COMING MAY 8TH SPEAKERS NEEDED

The Society's World War Two Commemorative Committee will hold its next program on Monday evening, May 8, the 50th anniversary of victory in Europe. It will be held at the Rogers School. The public is invited to attend.

As part of the program we are seeking a cross-section of the present residents of the Community who would like to share interesting recollections of where they were on V-E Day; and the final days of the war in Europe. They may have been in Europe at the time, or in America or elsewhere. They may be people who were local residents during the war, or those who settled here more recently.

Interested persons should contact the committee chairman, Bernard Bush, 443-8654. ■

CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTING!



INTERESTED??

Call
Kenneth Thaiss,
(908)-780-4802

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE APPOINTED, MORE MEMBERS NEEDED

A committee has been appointed to carry out the Society's historic preservation activities. The committee is concerned with surveys of historic structures and sites; nominations to the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places; advice to owners of historic properties, cooperation with local government preservation efforts, and educational programs.

The committee welcomes members who are interested in doing this work. Contact the Committee chairman, Bernard Bush, 443-8654. ■

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Edgar C. Thomas

We Need You!

Your Historical Society, as with all organizations, will be strong only to the degree that all of us take an active role in its activities. We can all serve by attending the truly remarkable programs, all of which have been organized and presented by Society members. Plan to attend every program. There are many other opportunities to serve. You do not need to be a trained historian or librarian. We have expert librarians and historians to work with and guide you.

Your Society needs you to help with: 1. Cataloguing our manuscript and document collection by assisting Ron Axelrad, our grant-paid archivist. 2. Cataloging and storage of our museum collections. This artifact collection grows each month from the donations of members and friends. 3. Assisting with expanding our business and personal membership roll.

We must widen our support base. This work can be done by personal contact or by telephone. 4. Working with the newly established Development Committee to plan the restoration and raise the funds to transform the Freight Station into our Museum and Meeting Hall.

There is much to be done!

Please call me, at 448-3533 or our Vice-President Joel Larsen, 448-4304. We will have the Chairperson of your area of interest contact you. Call today! Help assure that your Society gives the knowledge of our past as our gift to the future.

HERBERT DAVISON NAMED HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Long-time member and benefactor Herbert S. Davison was named an honorary Life Member of the Society, at the February general meeting, held in Meadow Lakes. It will be the first time that the Society has honored one of its members in this way.

Mr. Davison has long been a friend of the Society. He has made numerous cash donations over the years to help keep the Society strong, and he donated a collection of manuscripts and photographs about the Hightstown Rug Company, of whose workers he continues to sponsor annual reunions every September.

During the past several years, as a resident of the Meadow Lakes retirement community on Etra Road, he has been instrumental in promoting the interest in the Society among Meadow Lakes residents. In part because of his urging, the Society now holds at Meadow Lakes at least one of its general meetings each year. ■

WHERE THEY ARE TODAY?

I recently received a letter from Lewis Bellardo Jr. (Hightstown High, Class of 1960), a former neighbor of mine. Lewis is one whom our community has spared for services to the historical profession elsewhere. After receiving a Ph.D. in History from the University of Kentucky, he held the post of Kentucky State Archivist for several years, then moved on to the directorship of the Georgia Historical Society. He has returned a little closer to his Bucks/Mercer County roots by taking a lofty position at the National Archives, where he is currently director of the Preservation Division.

Please Fill out and Send in Your Genealogy Chart from the Jan-Feb. '95 Newsletter. Please write "Genealogy" on the outside of the envelope. Thank you. ■

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