



HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1995

Early Area Residents

CHRISTOPHER HARTMAN, MINUTEMAN

by Richard S. Hutchinson

During my research on the Hutchinson family of Windsor Twp, Middlesex Co, [now East Windsor Twp, Mercer Co], New Jersey, I learned that Mary Hutchinson, a granddaughter of William and Ann (Simpson) Hutchinson, married Christopher Hartman, a Minuteman who served in the Revolutionary War.

Cont. on page 2

From the Library

SOCIETY GETS "LOST" MAXWELL COLLECTION FOR THE LIBRARY

by Robert W. Craig

This past June the Society received a major donation of manuscripts and other library materials produced and collected by the late Gertrude Maxwell (1840-1939) of Hightstown. Although several collections in the Library are larger, the Maxwell collection is among the most important for what it contains.

Highlights of the collection include an 1893 letter of introduction written for Maxwell by Mary Norton of Hightstown, and addressed to Clara Barton, whom Maxwell wished to meet on a trip she had scheduled to Washington, D.C. Another item is a note from Barton, herself, apparently thanking Maxwell for a donation to the Red Cross. This is the first autograph Barton item the Society

Cont. on page 6

THANK YOU, GEORGE DUBELL!

After many years of service as the Society's Treasurer, George Dubell, has decided to step down as Treasurer and from the Finance Committee. Although he has stepped down from those responsibilities, George has agreed to take on new responsibilities by agreeing to be Chairman of the Society's Museum Committee.

Throughout the years, George has tirelessly handled the banking and governmental paperwork involved with the Treasurer's position. He has always guarded the Society's funds and made sure that the rest of us did the same. He was a stickler for detail with everything having to balance out perfectly whether it involved the sale of a placemat at the Community Fair or the handling of the Society's Grant monies. Every organization needs this type of person when it comes to handing its finances, and George has been an asset to our organization as Treasurer.

George has indicated that he has turned over the Society's books and funds into the capable hands of our new Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman, Frank Brennan, Jr.

On behalf of the Society, thank you George for a job well done! ■

IN THE LIBRARY:

The Society has purchased an EYECOM Microfiche and Microfilm Reader for the Ely House Library. This will enable us to now use the current microfilm in our newspaper collection, to begin to assemble other microfilm available regarding the history of this area of Hightstown and East Windsor Township, and to offer a better service to the community once we establish standard operating hours for the Library. ■



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 11 Business Meeting, 7:30 (Ely House)
- 20 Open House - Redecoration and Dedication of Oscar Ben Hernwall Room, 7:30

October

- 2 Business Meeting, 7:30 (Ely House)
- 18 Historical Household Implements, 7:30

CHRISTOPHER HARTMAN, MINUTEMAN

Cont. from page 1

Christopher Hartman, was born 6 May 1750 in Swintzburg, Germany, and immigrated to this country in 1753 with his parents, Conrad and Mary Hartman, his brothers John, George, Joseph, and his sister, Catherine. The Hartman family tradition indicates that when they landed in Philadelphia, Pa., after many months at sea, the family discovered that their belongings were lost. The lost items had been sent on another ship sailing with them but had arrived before them. As a result, all of their possessions had been unloaded from the ship onto the dock and had disappeared.

The family eventually settled in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where Christopher's father died in 1758. Sometime after his father's death, Christopher and the family moved into Burlington Co, New Jersey, and eventually made their way into Middlesex Co, settling near Cranbury, New Jersey. About 1795, Christopher left New Jersey and immigrated with his own family west through Pennsylvania and eventually settling in Fayette Co, Kentucky. [The date of 1795, as being the approximate date of their leaving New Jersey, is further corroborated by the Minute Book of the First Baptist Church, Hightstown, NJ, where written on the inside back cover is the following - "Dismissed Octr 10 1795 Christiyon & Mary Hortman".] After residing in Kentucky for six years, he eventually moved into Clermont Co, Ohio, settling near his Hutchinson in-laws and the other New Jersey families, who had migrated into this section of Ohio, known as the Northwest Territory. Christopher was a farmer and lived on his homestead in Clermont Co, Ohio, until his death on the 15th of March 1833. He is buried on the homestead in what is now known as the Hartman Cemetery.

The original log cabin built by Christopher and Mary (Hutchinson) Hartman, upon their arrival in Ohio was re-discovered on their homestead property a few years ago. The homestead property was then owned by a national waste disposal corporation. Through a series of legal problems, which resulted in a legal settlement by the national waste disposal cor-

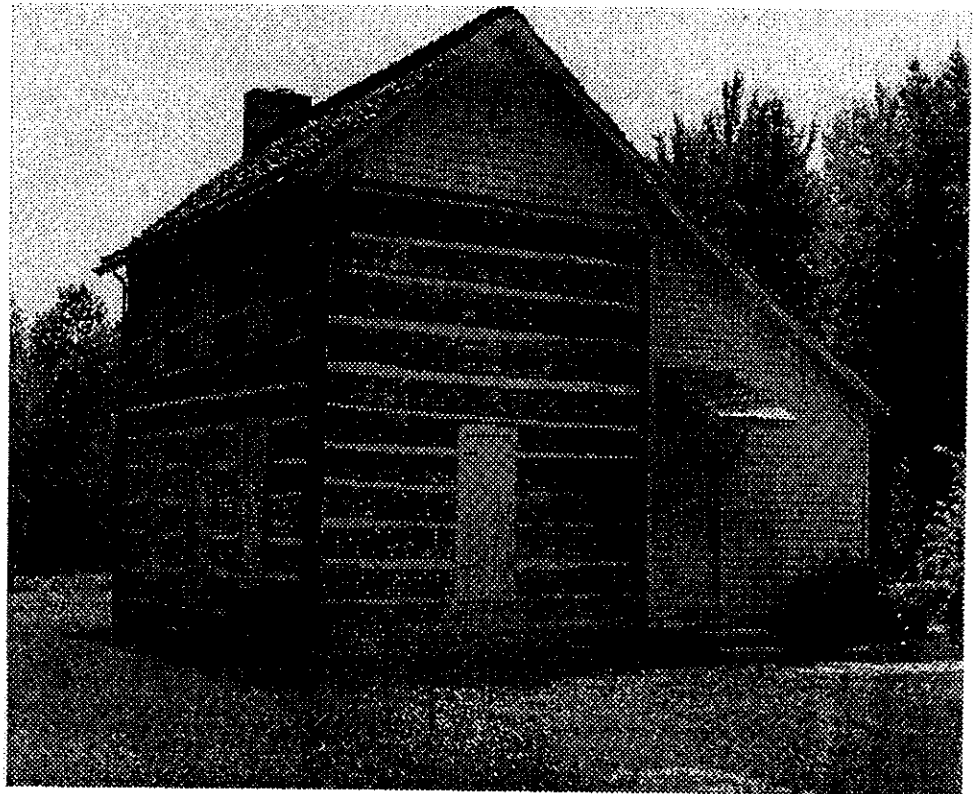
poration to Clermont Co, the Hartman log cabin was saved and given to Clermont Co, along with a substantial amount of money. A portion of the money was used to restore the log cabin. In 1992, the original Hartman log cabin, with Hartman descendants in attendance, was dedicated by Clermont Co. Today, the log cabin has a new addition and is air conditioned. It stands near the Hartman Cemetery, which lies on a small sloping hill over-looking the cabin and is reached by crossing a stream flowing through a shady glen behind the cabin. The facility is now a county building properly identified as the Hartman Log Cabin and is situated along Rt #50, Jackson Township, Clermont Co, Ohio.

Christopher Hartman's application and personal affidavit, describing his militia service during the Revolution, is on file

in the National Archives, Washington, DC. Included with these documents, is the personal affidavit of his wife, Mary, who later applied for continuation of Christopher's pension, as his widow. From these documents, we can learn from their own words, about their life here in this area of New Jersey before moving west. Their affidavits were given before a Justice of the Peace in Christopher's home town of Williamsburgh, Clermont County, Ohio, in 1832 and 1837.

The following is the pension affidavit of Christopher Hartman, Minuteman, from Middlesex County, New Jersey, given in 1832:

"On the twenty third day of August, personally appeared before our William Waters, a justice of the peace, in and for the township of Williamsburgh, County



The restored Hartman log cabin which is situated along Rt #50, Jackson Township, Clermont County, Ohio (photo taken in 1992).

of Clermont and State of Ohio, Christopher Hartman, a resident of the township of Williamsburgh, County of Clermont, State of Ohio, aged eighty two years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed in 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born in Germany and when about two or three years old came with his father and his father's family to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where he lived with his father about five years at which time his father died. After this event, deponent with his mother moved over to Burlington County, New Jersey, in which county his mother [put him out] as his apprentice to one Joseph Bullock to learn the pursuit of farming. Stayed with said Bullock until he was 21 years of age. And then worked about dye works in Burlington County and then moved over to Middlesex County in which county he lived when he was first called into the service of the United States in the month of January in the same year that General Montgomery was killed at Quebec. He with others was called to go to Long Island to disarm the Tories in which expedition they took six wagon loads of arms which they brought with them over to New Jersey. His Captain's name was Stout. He was called out as a minute man of the militia of New Jersey. They were out all the month of January on this expedition. Returned from this expedition and stayed home about a week, and was then called to go to Staten Island to keep the Tories from conveying provisions to the British on board the Phoenix and Asia, men of war, which were then lying in the harbor before New York. He was commanded by Captain Robert Nixon, he thinks John Kinnan was 1st Lieutenant. The regiment was commanded by Col. Herrod.

Was out on this expedition about a week. After this went home and remained there until June in the same year, when he was called out on a tour to South Amboy to guard the coach under the command of Capt. Stout and Col. Herrod or Heard. Thinks they were out on this expedition the best part of a month when they went home to harvest. In the same year, he thinks in the month of August, he was

called out on another expedition to Elizabeth Town where the said deponent thinks about a week. Then went, to Bergen and from there to Powles Hook while lying there the British Fleet came up and fired upon New York and upon the regiment to which deponent belonged. The British took New York and the militia were dispersed and the deponent went home. Captain T [?] Barr, commanded the company to which deponent was attached on this expedition. Was out this time maybe about a week.

In the January or February following deponent was again called out to go to [Brunswick written and then crossed out] Cranberry. The British had landed on Staten Island and had crossed over to Brunswick on their road as deponent thinks to Philadelphia. He was commanded by Capt. Wetherby while out on this expedition. A portion of the militia had to go down [?] other day to the British lines at Brunswick. Gen. Harling at the same time was at Princetown having the command of some of the New Jersey Militia and he too sent down [?] other day a portion of his [?] to the British lines at Brunswick where they frequently met with the militia from Cranberry. Stayed out on this expedition all winter.

In the Spring was discharged from [was written and then crossed out] called from Cranberry to go to Monmouth Court House. This was in year 1777. They were called there to disarm and disperse the Tories and to prevent them from taking horses over to the British. Col. Forman was the Col. Captain Whetherby commanded the company deponent belonged to part of the time. Does not remember who else commanded the company or the names of the rest of the officers. While out on the expedition, they took about twenty horses from the Tories. They, Tories and refugees, had previously taken part of these horses from Col. Forman who gave them up to the soldiers who set them up at auction. Lieutenant Kinnan bought one. Sometime in the Spring was discharged and went home. In the same year, he thinks in the month of June, at the time Gen. Washington lay at Morris Town deponent was called on a tour to meet Gen. Washington there.

After we arrived there 100 men was taken from each regiment of the militia to

HIGHTSTOWN EAST WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

founded 1971

Serving Hightstown Borough
and East Windsor Township
609-371-9580

Officers for 1994-95

Dr. Edgar Thomas President
448-3533
Joel Larson Vice-President
Shirley Olsen Recording Secretary
Lois Groendyke Corres. Secretary
Frank Brennan, Jr. Treasurer

Committee Chairmen

Frank Brennan, Jr. Finance
448-2527
Shirley Olsen Grounds
448-8388
Bernard Bush Historic Prevention
443-8654
Robert Craig Library
584-1806
Richard Hutchinson Membership
448-4252
Richard Hutchinson Newsletter
448-4252
Edgar Thomas Program
448-3533
David Martin Publications
448-6355
Bud Perrine Property
448-1376
Warren Olsen Train Station
448-8388

Typeset by Cori Hutchinson Quinlan
Quinlan Processing 888-4028

**Join today,
become a member!**

**Individual
\$15**

**Family
\$20**

Membership Mailing address:

Ely House
164 North Main Street
Hightstown, NJ 08520

go to Somerset Court House to disperse the British and regular troops collected there. Went to Somerset, the British had retreated with so much haste that they left their bottles of wine whiskey on the table - pursued the British from Somerset Court House to Brunswick. And was then attacked by the British from a fort. Lieutenant James Moffort was struck on the ankle with a shot ball and was [about four words missing] of the British and kept firing on them for about half a day. When the Captain drew them off and deponent went home. Captain Williams commanded the company to which deponent belonged on this expedition. They were discharged from this service in June and went home. At the time of the battle of German Town deponent was again called but did not reach the course of action before it was over. Before they got to the place where the battle was fought, they were ordered to Elizabeth Town or Somerset, does not distinctly remember which under the command of Gen. Forman. Does not remember any other officers. Was discharged and went home.

Another time was called out on a tour to Springfield just before harvest but does not remember the year but it was about the time of the battle there, under the command of Captain Jonathan Combs. When they got down to Springfield, there was a French General there with a detachment. Thinks but is not certain that the French General's name was La Fayette. A number of men out of each company went down to the British lines at Elizabeth Town under the command of Captain Jonathan Combs. Deponent was at that time 1st Sergeant of the company and while at Elizabeth Town it was his place to set the guard in which pursuit he was engaged a whole night. From Elizabeth Town went back to Springfield where they stayed the week out and on Sunday morning were discharged and deponent went home.

In June 1778, the British marched from Philadelphia to Monmouth and while they were on this march deponent was called out. Some Virginia Militia were in pursuit of the British and deponent mixed in with them and stayed as their pilot. A wagon of the Virginia Militia broke down, and deponent was put to mending it while he was engaged in mending it the battle of Monmouth was fought.

Does not remember the names of any of the officers. On another occasion, he was called out under Captain Jonathan Combs on a tour to South River bridge. This was at the time Col. [?] lay at Riverton. [This last sentence was crossed out.]

He was engaged from the beginning of the war to the end of it as a militia man of New Jersey and went out every time he was called on. He was called out on a number of other tours during the war that he does not now recollect the particulars of them or where they went to except one at Newark under the command of Captain Jonathan Combs. He was a minute man during the whole war. Does not now recollect the names of any other officers than those he has named. He has no documentary evidence. He has a record of his age taken from his father's bible. He was born on the 6th of May in the year 1750. Ramouth Bunting and Robert English can testify to his character for veracity. Lived in New Jersey after the Revolutionary in the county of Middlesex until the year 1795 and then moved to Fayette County, Kentucky. Lived there about six years. In the month of December 1801 moved into the North West Territory, now State of Ohio. Moved into the town of Williamsburgh and stayed there all winter and in June following came to the place on which he now lives. Where he has continued to reside ever since. He hereby relinquished every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state."

Sworn and subscribed before me this 23rd day of August 1832, William Waters, Justice of Peace - Christopher Hartman

"I do hereby declare my opinion after the investigation of the matter putting the interrogation described by the war department that he shows named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And I do further certify that it appears to me that Ezekiel Hutchinson who has signed the annexed certificate is a clergyman, resident in the township of Williamsburgh, county of Clermont, State of Ohio, and that Robert Dickey who has also signed the same is a resident in the township of Williamsburgh, county and State aforesaid and is a credible person and that their statement is submitted to credit. I do further certify that I have known

Christopher Hartman, the present applicant for about sixteen years and that he sustains a good character for veracity and that he is unable from bodily infirmity to attend court." August 23, 1832; William Waters, J. Peace

DECLARATION OF MARY (HUTCHINSON) HARTMAN

"On this fifteenth day of February in the year 1837, personally appeared before the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for the above named county, Mary Hartman, a resident in the county of Clermont and State of Ohio, aged eighty one years on the 24th day of March, now last past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress, dated July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Christopher Hartman, who was a Private in the army of the Revolution, who served in the Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey, as this deponent does verily believe under Captain Nixon. That her said husband after his marriage to the applicant had for about one year to serve every other month in the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution. That after said marriage her said husband went on tour to Staten Island and also that he went to Newark and when he returned he told this applicant that he marched forty miles in one day. That she believed said Christopher was in service at the time of the battle of Monmouth but was not in the battle having been, as he told the applicant, taken off to mend a baggage wagon at the time of the battle. Said Christopher was out as this applicant verily believes whenever he was called for in the Revolutionary War. She cannot from old age and consignent loss of memory now state the particulars of said service with the same accuracy. That from information obtained from her said husband and others, he might have done some after the war.

She states that said Christopher Hartman for his said service in the War of the Revolution made application for a pension about four years ago. That a pension certificate issued to said Christopher Hartman which from information she believes was dated about May 12th or 13th or 14th in the year 1833. Said certificate was for a pension of eighty dollars and forty two cents as she believes. She is not

now from her own recollection able to state the amount and makes said statement from the information from her son who drew the money for her. She further declares that she was married to said Christopher Hartman in the town of Cranberry in Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey by a Presbyterian clergy man named Smith on the 20th day of April (as well as she now can't recollect) in the year 1777 and that her husband, the aforesaid Christopher Hartman, died on the sixteenth day of March in the year 1833 in said county of Clermont and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She refers to the declaration of said Christopher Hartman and the proof sent in with it in the particulars of said service and to her own affidavit made in support of the application of Robert English (deceased) for a pension when her memory was better than it now

is." [She made her mark when signing the affidavit.]

William Hartman, JP., State of Ohio, Clermont County, stated: "I certify that I am well acquainted with Mary Hartman above named who has sworn and subscribed to the above affidavit. That she is generally reputed and believed to be a woman of the truth in which opinion I do fully concur and certify that her statement above made [?] to credit. And I do further certify that the said applicant, Mary Hartman, is unable from bodily infirmity to attend the court to make her declaration above. I do further certify that I have seen the pension certificate of said Christopher Hartman. That it was for eighty dollars per annum and I returned said certificate to the agency in Cincinnati, Ohio. When I drew the pension money hereon it was under the law of June 7th 1832."

Cont. on page 7



Hartman Cemetery, Jackson Township, Clermont County, Ohio.

President's Column

AN INTERESTING AND EXCITING YEAR LIES BEFORE US!

The Ely House meeting room and entrance hall have been repainted and re-decorated in keeping with the authentic style of the house. This transformation has been made possible by the most generous bequest from the estate of Oscar Ben Hernwall for whom our meeting room will be named. You may see the "NEW LOOK" at our September Open House.

The Freight Station, soon to become our library and museum, has been made structurally sound, and has a new insulated roof. Very shortly, work will begin to repair the interior floor and depending upon our funds, a start will be made on the exterior siding. There is still much to be done before we can occupy this facility. However, with each step we make, we are moving toward that day.

We are indeed fortunate to have both Ely House and the potential of the Freight Station. Many historical societies have no permanent meeting place. We owe our excellent position to the vision, foresight, and wisdom of all of those who have served the Society so admirably since its founding.

Please read with care the "Calendar of Events" section for the schedule of our excellent programs planned for each month and mark them on your calendar! Each of these programs is chaired by a member of the Society and is designed to keep our community's rich historical heritage alive. We want to see each and everyone of you come out throughout the year and enjoy these programs. Your attendance will make each of them a success.

We have some major leadership changes to announce within the Society. George Dubell, our excellent, long-term Treasurer has retired from that position to assume the Chair of the Museum Committee. While George's time will now be

EXCITING YEAR AHEAD

Cont. from page 5

spent searching for future Society acquisitions and Ely House displays, our new and well qualified Treasurer will be Frank Brennan, Jr, a former History teacher and the retired Business Administrator of the South Brunswick Regional School District. Robert Craig, our former newsletter Editor, set a very high standard for our Society's distinguished publication. Bob will continue to serve as the Chair of our Library Committee while turning over the reigns of Editor of the Society's newsletter to Richard Hutchinson, our professional genealogist and local historian. Warren Olsen has graciously agreed to serve as "Clerk of the Works" for our ongoing renovations of both the Freight Station and the Ely House. As always, we appreciate all of the services performed by and the time given by these individuals and rejoice in the abundance of talent we have within our Society.

This is a year of great promise! Your Society needs your support and your active participation with our programs and functions. We also need your assistance in recruiting new members. As always, your generous contributions are always needed in order to allow us to maintain the progress we are presently making both within the Society and within our community.

WHAT WE DO NOW WILL PRESERVE OUR RICH PAST FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS! ■

PLEASE SEND YOUR GENEALOGY CHART...

... from the Jan-Feb '95 Newsletter. Those individuals who have completed and sent in your charts have made a valuable contribution to our vertical files and to the information available on the families of this community. If you have not yet sent in your charts, please make an effort to do so. Please write "Genealogy" on the outside of the envelope. Thank you. ■

"LOST" MAXWELL COLLECTION

Cont. from page 1

has received. The collection also contains two daguerreotypes of unidentified relatives, probably taken in the 1850s, one by "Moses", a Trenton photographer, and some other early photographs.

Other highlights include a copy of *My First Decade*, Maxwell's privately printed 1930 memoir of her life as a girl in East Windsor in the 1840s. Hers is the only first-person eyewitness account of life in the community at that time, and it describes many aspects of local life not touched upon by other writers. Although a xerox copy of this booklet was obtained five years ago, the Society had never been able to obtain an original copy, which remains one of the most difficult-to-find items of printed Hightstownia.

Perhaps most important, the collection contains the typescript manuscript of Maxwell's autobiography, all 18 chapters of it. While the first seven chapters had been published as *My First Decade* and chapters 8 through 10 had appeared in the *Hightstown Gazette* during the 1930s, this collection contains the only known copy of Chapters 11 through 18, which narrate the story of her life from her marriage in 1865 until 1930. These chapters include descriptions of the towns in which she and her husband, Reverend James M. Maxwell, lived—Baltimore, St. Louis, Monongahela, Pennsylvania, and Belvidere, New Jersey, among other places. They also contain an account of their foreign travels, visits back "home" to Hightstown, relations with local relatives, and their return to Hightstown in 1902.

Rounding out the collection are extensive genealogical materials on the Wyckoff, Appleget, Applegate, Baird, Forman, Vandenberg, and allied families, who were her ancestors and kinfolk. The collection also contains her certificate of membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR] and some papers about the Francis Hopkinson Chapter of the DAR, which she helped to organize.

It has been a lost collection, at times taking on an almost legendary quality. Although one Society member had borrowed this material about 1970 and read the *complete* autobiography, which had been placed in a suitcase, efforts ever since to find that suitcase had been in vain, until earlier this year when the collection turned up, still in its suitcase, in the cluttered attic of a house in South Amboy, where it had been suspected for some years that the manuscripts might remain. With a sale of that house about to be completed, the seller was cleaning out the attic when the material was found. Having previously become aware that the Society was deeply interested in any Gertrude Maxwell papers, she agreed to donate them, and the transfer was completed in June. ■

ELY HOUSE REPAIRS UNDERWAY

A new furnace was installed in Ely House during the month of May. It was obvious from the last heating season that the old furnace would not make it much longer and we did not want to take a chance of it breaking down in the middle of the next winter season.

In addition to the furnace, the downstairs hall and the present room where our meetings are held are to be refurbished with new paint and draperies. The outside of Ely House will have some tree trimming, gutter repair, and receive new paint in selected areas.

The Society has also decided to purchase a reconditioned photocopier which will be used for both Society business and for Library purposes. ■



For the Reader LAST SURVIVING PENSIONERS OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR

[The following article is a reprint of a story appearing in the recent issue of the National Genealogical Society's Newsletter, which was from a news clipping of an unidentified paper, bearing penned date January 1891, which was found in the papers of Judge David Wilson Small, who died 1899 in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.]

"War Relicts: Twenty-three fine old ladies, widows all, complete the roll of the surviving pensioners of the revolutionary war. So short is the list that it may be given: Lovey Aldrich, 90, Michigan; Elizabeth Betz, 87, Pennsylvania; Mary Brown, 85, Tennessee; Susan Curtis, 93, Maine; Sarah Dabney, 90, Illinois; Esther S. Damon, 76, Vermont; Jane Denmore, 89, New York; Nancy A. Green, 72, Indiana; Nancy Gregg, 79, N. Carolina; Jane Harbison, 84, Illinois; Sally Heath, 85, Kentucky; Nancy Jones, 76, Tennessee; Rebecca Mayo, 77, Virginia; Olive C. Morton, 79, Michigan; Lucy Morse, 89, Vermont; Nancy Rains, 98, Tennessee; Patty Richardson, 89, Vermont; Nancy Robertson, 87, Tennessee; Meridy Smith, 85, Georgia; Mary Snead, 74, Virginia; Asenah Turner, 85, New York; Mary Weatherman, 85, N. Carolina; Anna Maria Young, 98, Pennsylvania.

The main suggestion contained in the exhibit of war relicts [widows] is that if, at this date, widows in good health survive the soldiers of a war which ended 110 years ago, there will be surviving widows galore of the recent unpleasantness nearly as late as the year 2000 A.D."

[This item was contributed by Sue Brown, 4917 Ravenswood, No. 1622; San Antonio, TX 78227-4344, who is a great-granddaughter of Judge Small.]

EDITOR'S NOTE: Five years remain before the projected year A.D. 2000. At this point in 1995, there remains at least one surviving widow of the Civil War: Mrs. Alberta Martin of Elba, Alabama, the 88-year-old widow of Confederate soldier William Jasper Martin. ■

FREIGHT STATION IS MOVING ALONG!!

Well, not literally! However, the Freight Station repairs are progressing. The Freight Station has now been made structurally safe and the necessary roof repairs have been made since the March storm damage. Now, our future meeting room and exhibition hall has a new roof which has been insulated. We would like to continue our work but your help is needed!

Donations toward this project are always needed and welcomed and can be forwarded to:

Hightstown-East Windsor
Historical Society
c/o Freight Station Committee
164 North Main Street
Hightstown, New Jersey 08520 ■

FAMILY ANCESTRY FAIR

The Fourth Annual "Family Ancestry Fair" will be held on Saturday, September 23, 1995 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and on Sunday, September 24, 1995 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, at the Delaware Valley College, Student Union Hall, Route #202, Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Admission and parking are free. The Fair is open to the public.

The Fair will consist of two days of special speakers and exhibitions. There will be exhibitors and vendors of books, periodicals, maps, computers showing their use in genealogical and historical research, genealogical and historical societies, and heritage and preservation groups.

Genealogy questions will be taken and census films are available for review.

Sponsored by the Bucks County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1092, Doylestown, PA, 18901. Questions - call 215-230-9410. ■

HARTMAN

Cont. from page 5

When Christopher Hartman filed his affidavit for his pension, he mentioned the names of Ramoth Bunting, Robert English, and Rev. Ezekiel Hutchinson, his brother-in-law. When individuals applied for a Pension, they had to prove their service during the Revolutionary War. This meant that they needed affidavits from those who could speak about their service. In many cases, you will find all of the individuals associated with one affidavit ending up giving affidavits to each other for their own pension applications. By obtaining all of these documents associated with each individual pension application, the researcher can put a great deal of information together about this specific group of individuals.

[Rev. Ezekiel Hutchinson, who was raised in Windsor Twp, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and comes from the Etra family, also moved to Clermont Co, Ohio, settling in the town of Williamsburgh. He became the founding minister of the Greenberry Methodist Church in Williamsburgh, Clermont Co, Ohio.]

1793 NEW JERSEY MILITIA CENSUS

In James S. Norton's book, *New Jersey in 1793*, the records show that two of the three above Minutemen were counted as being members of the following militia units in Middlesex County during the 1793 New Jersey Militia Census. This militia census counted all males between 18 and 45 years of age. Christian Hartman was listed at age 44 as member of the South Amboy Township Militia, Robert English was listed at age 37 as a member of the Windsor Township Militia, while Ramoth Bunting was apparently over the age of 45 years, as he was not counted as a member of any Militia during this census.

Because Ramoth Bunting and Robert English were mentioned in Christopher Hartman's affidavit, their pension records and personal affidavits were also searched for, found, and obtained from the National Archives.

RAMOTH BUNTING'S AFFIDAVIT

Ramoth Bunting's affidavit, made in Ohio, was dated May 8, 1818, at which time he listed himself at sixty-nine (69) years of age. Bunting stated that he enlisted as a private in Hunterdon County, NJ, in 1775 in Captain Brayles Company of the 2nd Regiment. He was at the seige of Quebec and was discharged at Ticonderoga, NY. His affidavit continues that he enlisted for a second term as a private under Captain Phillips, 2nd Regiment, commanded by Col. Shreves.

Three years later, in June of 1820, Bunting again appeared in court in Clermont County, Ohio, and now stated that he was aged seventy-two (72) years. At this time, he stated that he served also with the 2nd Regiment, commanded by Col. Maxfield, in the company commanded by Joseph Braily. In this affidavit, he listed his personal holdings as being twenty (20) acres of land with a log

house. He was further identified as "a common laborer, but owing to age and infirmity ... is able to do but very little toward [his] support." He stated that he had no family except his wife, Sally, aged sixty eight (68) years. Because of his desparate situation, many citizens of Williamsburg, Clermont County, Ohio, petitioned the court on his behalf in his attempt to obtain his War Pension, which amounted to eight (\$8.00) dollars per month. There was nothing further found in his affidavit that directly related to Christopher Hartman.

I also found that Ramoth Bunting appeared on behalf of Robert English on August 23rd, 1832:

"Personally appeared before me William Waters, a justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Clermont, State of Ohio, Ramoth Bunting, a resident of the township of Williamsburg, County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath depose and says that more that fifty years ago, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jer-

sey, he was acquainted with Robert English, the present applicant for the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 and has been acquainted with him ever since. In September in the year 1778, deponent enlisted in the 2nd New Jersey Regiment commanded by Col. William Maxfield and Joseph Braily who was Capt. of the company to which deponent belonged. Deponent house was about five miles from where said English lived and when deponent was home as he sometimes was on forlough. He remembers to have heard that said English had been out in the New Jersey Militia on a tour of duty. He was generally respected and believed in the neighbourhood where said English lived in New Jersey soon after the war that he had been out as a militia man in the New Jersey Militia. Deponent concurs in that opinion. Said English has always sustained a fair character for veracity. And further deponent says not." [Bunting made his mark when signing.] ■

[To be continued]

**Hightstown-East Windsor
Historical Society**
164 North Main Street
Hightstown, New Jersey 08520

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Hightstown,
New Jersey
Permit No. 11