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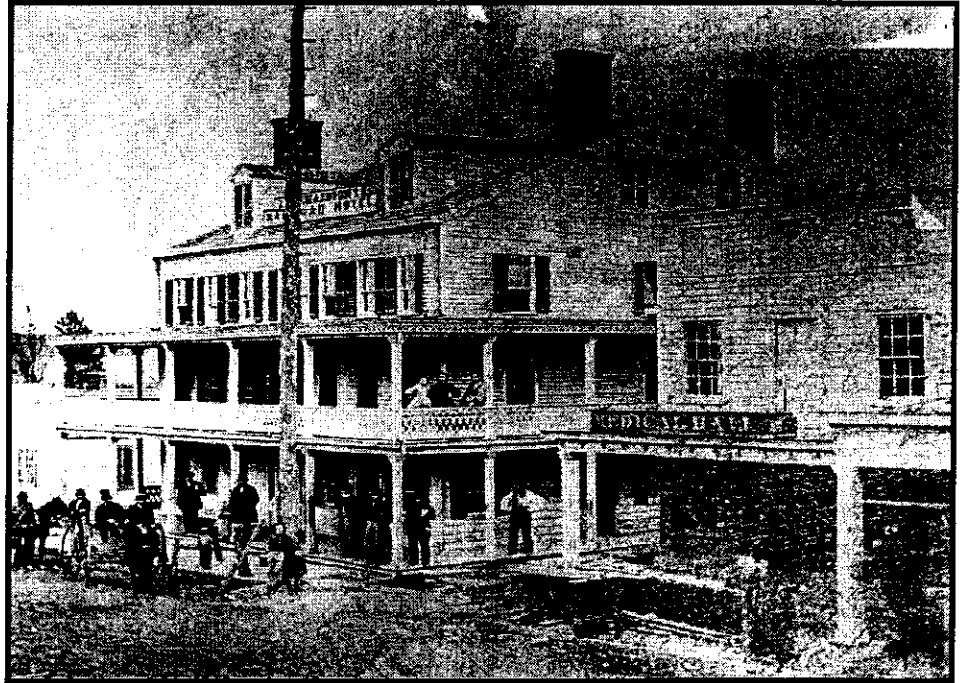
THE RAILROAD HOTEL GUEST REGISTERS COME BACK TO HIGHTSTOWN

by Richard Hutchinson

At the intersection of what is now known as Main Street (Rt. #33) and Stockton Street (Rt. #571) at the traffic light in the center of Hightstown, there has been an inn or hotel of some type under various names and various owners for over 200 years. The oldest continuous name of such a building at this location was called the Railroad Hotel.

Some of the owners or proprietors of the Railroad Hotel over the years have been Rescarrick Moore Smith, James B. Richardson, Samuel B. Scattergood, and John G. Scheible, John Cutinelle, Nicholas Ditchcoos and Tony Deemys.

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The Railroad Hotel, circa 1860.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT: A SOLDIER IN 1862

by Richard S. Hutchinson

In our manuscript collection, we have uncovered two letters from a soldier of the Civil War named William C. Gorman. The first letter, dated 7th September 1862, was written to Joseph J. Ely. The second letter, dated 19th October 1862, was not addressed but appears by its content to have been written to Ely. It is clear by the handwriting of both letters that they were not written by the same person indicating that Gorman may have had someone else write either one or both of them for him. [Punctuation and spelling has not been corrected in either letter.] In *The Monocacy Regiment*, edited by Dr. David G. Martin, Gorman was listed in the original roster of the 14th Regiment, dated 26 August 1862, at Camp Vredenburg, near Freehold, New Jersey, and was listed as "William Gorman, Private, age 19, enrolled 12 August 1862".

In Gorman's letters, he writes: "Camp near Elyvill [Elysville], Maryland September 7th 1862 11 AM - Mr Joseph J Ely - Dear Sir - According to promise I embrace the present opportunity of informing you of my whereabouts and how I am getting along. Our Regiment left Camp Vredenburg at 11 O'Clock on Tuesday. After some unnecc [letter eaten, missing] delays we arrived [letter eaten, missing] Ph [letter torn but probably "Philadelphia"] at sundown. Af [letter eaten, missing but probably "After taking"] supplies at the "Union Volunteer Refreshment Saloon" the regiment marched up

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 4 Business Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Ely House
- Nov. 14 The Burning of Hightstown - 1882, 7:30 P.M., Meadow Lakes

DECEMBER

- Dec. 2 Business Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Ely House
- Dec. 8 Christmas Tea, 1:00-5:00 P.M., Ely House

STUDENTS OF THE FAIRPLAY SCHOOL, MONMOUTH COUNTY

Just over the Mercer County boundary line into Monmouth County there were two early schools; one called the Brick School House and the other was Fairplay School. They both served the children in the area from Perrineville toward Hightstown. The Brick School House was on what is today Rt. #571 near the Mercer/Monmouth County line while the Fairplay School was located off of Rt. #571 on the left side of Perrineville Road about .6 of a mile past Ely's Corner.

In the Society's manuscript material in the Ely Collection, there are the attendance records of the students who attended some of these early schools. Both of these lists are probably for the Fairplay School. One of the Schoolmasters was Joseph J. Ely. The document shows that in 1844 Ely bought his school supplies from an H.S. Applegate. From his list of supplies, we can tell some of studies he was teaching his students. He purchased supplies consisting of algebra, geometry, Davenport's History, Cobb's Works, Cobb's Speller, Primers, and arithmetic. Although the attendance records are for only a few months of a particular year, they enable one to see that many of the students were absent more often than they were in school. This is probably a result of their helping parents on the family's homestead or due to the cost of their education. Also, the school term was much shorter than the present educational requirements. On a few pages of one list, the Schoolmaster made notes regarding the monies owed him for his instruction; i.e. "Thom. E. Dey 15 days in all \$.045" and "Lafayette Martin 8 1/2 days in all \$.25". Some students attended no more than one-half day a month.

However scant these records are, they give the reader the names of those students who were listed as attending the school at one time or another during each month of a particular year. Therefore, these partial records give us another way to identify those families living in this area of New Jersey in the mid-1800s. Each month the names changed with new names being added while others were eliminated from the list. The following names were on the attendance sheets

MARCH - JUNE 1844

Lafayette Martin, Matthew Rue, Joseph Norton [name crossed out and no marks of attendance], Edgar Embly, Ed. Gibbon Davison, Danl. Disborough, Wm Embley, Jonathan Perrine, James Doblin, Charles Doblin, John J. Davison, John Norton, Cath. A. Ely, John Ely, Wm Hen Davison, Elizabeth Ely, Joseph E. Chamberlin, Peter Evernham, Mary Jane Disborough, Lewis Ab. Chamberlin, Isaiah Disborough, Mary J. Davison, Cath. Hankins, Alfred Hunt, John Rogers, Thomas S. Vaughan, Thomas E. Dey, John Nelson Rue, Aaron A. Davison, Elizabeth Story, Conover Applegate, Lewis R. Chamberlin, Abijah Chamberlin, Wm Bilyeu, Charles Davison, Richd. Chamberlin, John Chamberlin, Mary Chamberlin, Jane Chamberlin, G. Wash. Embley, Maria Patterson, Mary Ann Patterson, James Rogers, Matthew Patterson, Joshua Norton, George Morris, Wm Applegate, Ellenor B. Johnson, Joseph Davison, Jane Eliza Bergen, Gertrude A.

Abijah Chamberlin, Charles Thomas, Eliza Ann Anderson, Charlotte Edwards, Harriet Hulse, Amy Ann Baird, Wm Jackson, James Jackson.

Another list was found for several months of 1853 in the manuscript material from the Fairplay School. This list gives us the names of the students attending the school May - July 1853. At the end of this list, the teacher wrote the following: "The foregoing is the School Record of Fairplay School district for term commencing May 2nd 1853 and ending July 23rd 1853 as taught by me. [Signed] Eunice B. Dodd."

MAY - JULY 1853

Catharine A. Ely, Catharine E. Mount, Margaret A. Perrine, Mary M. Mount, Elizabeth Davison, Rachel C. Davison, Ursilla Wright, Susan Dey, Phebe A. Ely, Rebecca M. Embley, Mary J. Ely, Jane A. Brown, Sarah E. Gordon, Mary Finnigan, Helen M. Wright, Amanda Wright, Mary J. Davison, Eleanor Thompson, Margaret



Teacher, Margaret Ely and her students in front of the Fairplay School (date unknown).

Bergen, Stephen Ely, Elias Chamberlin, Mary Jane Allen, Margaret Allen, Ellenor Clark, Joseph Ab. Chamberlin, Mary Baird, John Baird, Harriet Norton, Mary Embley, Ann Amanda Davison, Mary Compton, John Compton, Jane Rue,

A. Mount, Lewis Perrine, Albert Perrine, Addison Ely, Raynbert Ely, Wellington Irvin, Morgan Wright, Savillian Davison, Stephen Ely, John Wright, John Bowne, Elijah Chamberlain, Addi Chamberlain, Ezekiel Chamberlain. ❖

ISABELLE ELDRIDGE'S "FATHER" IDENTIFIED

Pictured on Page 5 of the Sept/Oct issue, was what had been reported to be "Isabelle Eldridge's father waiting for a train." Thanks to Society member, Don Eldridge of 91 Main St, Metuchen, NJ, 08840, for positively identifying the subject as **George Wilson Eldridge**, Isabelle Eldridge's father-in-law.

Mr Eldridge writes: "... the name of the gentleman patiently waiting for the arriving "Newark Express" is George Wilson Eldridge, father of George Franklin (Pat) Eldridge, the husband of Isabelle Eldridge. George W. was a long-time employe (sic) of the Railroad. If my memory serves me correctly, it spanned fifty years at the time of his retirement as a local railroad freight agent.

George W.'s family moved to Hightstown from a farm in Hamilton Square (Nottingham) in the mid 1800s. The

Eldridge family had lived in Hamilton Square for several generations. As a matter of interest to Hightstown history, George W's grandfather (Abraham Eldridge) sold land in Hamilton Square to the Hightstown Baptist Church. The Hightstown Church at the time was instrumental (sic) in helping finance and build the Hamilton Square Baptist Church.

The Eldridge family first settled in Evesham in what was then Burlington County. They came to this country as part of the early Quaker migration in 1680.

Isabelle was born Isabella Chamberlin Perrine in 1898 and now resides at Meadow Lakes.

If any member has information concerning George W's employment with the railroad I would appreciate hearing about it."❖

ANOTHER TIME CAPSULE LIES BURIED IN HIGHTSTOWN

by Richard S. Hutchinson

Without too much research and only an afternoon of reading, the existence of another "time capsule" buried in Hightstown in 1875 has come to light.

In the *New Historical Atlas of Mercer County, New Jersey, Illustrated, by Everts & Stewart, 1875* can be found the following:

"One of the chief events in the later history of Hightstown, which deserves to be handed down to posterity, was the erection in this year (1875) of a beautiful monument to the memory of the heroes of the Rebellion from East Windsor Township. We cheerfully insert the subjoined description from the *Hightstown Gazette* of the 8th of July 1875:

History of the Monument

On the 30th of March, 1866, the Common Council of the borough of Hightstown appointed A.J. Smith, Jacob Stults, C.W. Mount, Charles Keeler, and T.C. Pearce a committee to devise means for the erection of a monument to the soldiers who had gone from this township and had died. This was the first step, and the first meeting of the committee was held at the *Hightstown Gazette* office, April 12, 1866. At a meeting held on the 18th of that month, Clark H. Silvers, Mary E. Smith, Mrs. Charles Keeler, Maggie Morrison, Mrs. Cory, Mary Norton, Mrs. O.H. Reed and Mrs. J.S. Reed were added to the committee. Of this number two have died, one of whom, Mr. Silvers, was one of the most earnest friends this cause ever had, and had he lived none would have been more delighted at the result so well accomplished. His daughter, Elmira Silvers, and Lizzie Morrison, have taken the places made vacant by death or resignation. The first public venture was a lecture by Mrs. Frances D. Gage, at the Baptist church, in aid of the fund, on May 23, 1866, and the 4th of July of that year was celebrated in old-fashioned style. Mayor Shangle issued a proclamation in behalf of the cause, Rev. J.G.

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[I find Richardson as the proprietor in a Mercer County deed, dated 20 December 1862, where he was described as "James B. Richardson Innkeeper in the Borough of Hightstown". R.M. Smith ran the hotel at least as early as March 1853; if not earlier.]

The Railroad Hotel should not be confused with the Railroad House, which sat on the corner of Rogers Avenue and Railroad Avenue, and was later known as the Doyle Hotel. Both establishments catered to the travelling clientele of the railroad as the Railroad Depot was no more than a couple of hundred feet up Stockton Street and to the left on Railroad Avenue.

In the 13 June 1857 edition of the "*Hightstown Excelsior*", Samuel B. Scattergood had the following ad running in the paper for at least a year:

S.B. Scattergood, late of the Mercer Co. Hotel, Trenton, New Jersey ... "would respectfully inform the traveling public that he has taken the Railroad Hotel, at Hightstown (lately occupied by R.M. Smith), The above Hotel is conveniently located for travelers, being in the immediate vicinity of the Railroad Depot."

The Railroad Hotel was a beautiful four story wooden building with continuous balcony around the second floor. In 1858, when "Uncle Sammy" Scattergood ran the hotel, his smoke house was used as Hightstown's first jail. Those who were arrested were either called around for in the morning hours from the smokehouse or were watched all night by an officer. This lack of a suitable jail was the subject of an editorial by the aforementioned local newspaper.

The hotel was almost lost in the great fire of 1920 which swept the Cereal Roller Mills buildings located on the corner of Franklin Street and Main Street and consumed the entire east side of Main Street from Franklin St stopping just before the Railroad Hotel. Pictures of that fire in the our collections show people on the roof of the Railroad Hotel trying to protect it.

John G. Scheible, one of the owners of the hotel, came to Hightstown at the age of 26 in January of 1886. As early as 1888, if

not earlier, he ran the Railroad Hotel, which became commonly known as "Scheible's". It was a gathering place for the local folk, as well as for the traveling public and traveling shows or troupes. When these show groups came into Hightstown to perform, the hotel register noted their names in special script and in some cases their playbills were actually pasted into the large guest registers. When these patrons stayed at the Railroad Hotel, they signed their names in the guest regis-

[Cutinelle then went on to operate the Old Old Hights Inn on the corner of Rt# 130 & Stockton Street. Later, Deemys later sold out to Ditcheos and started the Candy Kitchen on Main Street.]

After purchasing the hotel, the Ditcheos family decided to take down the old wooden building and build the present brick structure on the same site. Prior to the old hotel's demolition, in a small ballroom on the 4th floor of the old building,



The Railroad Hotel, circa 1920.

ter or their names were written in by the clerk or Scheible himself. In those days, with the lack of advertising, the traveling show would hold a parade which led from the hotel to their place of performance that evening with the public following them.

[In 1923, John G. Scheible put his picture and his personal data on the back of it and placed it in a time capsule which was recovered in May of this year.]

On 30 June 1928, the hotel property was deeded by the executors of the Rescarrick M. Smith estate to his daughter, Hannah M. Smith. Less than a week later, Hannah deeded the hotel property to John J. Cutinelle. It stayed in his hands until 21 June 1944, when it was sold to Thomas Deemys and Nicholas Ditcheos.

they found two guest registers tucked away after all these years and owner changes. The registers were retrieved and have been in the possession of the Ditcheos family ever since. The new brick structure on the site of the old hotel was called the Old Hights Hotel and was later run by the Ditcheos children; George and John.

The Society has always heard that some of the old guest registers of the Railroad Hotel had survived and were in private hands. It later became known that they were in the possession of the Ditcheos family. In 1995, the Society made an effort to learn more about the registers because we had "heard" that they dated from the late 1700s. Contact was made with John Ditcheos at his home in Vermont and we were thrilled to learn that Mr. Ditcheos had

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ANOTHER TIME CAPSULE

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Symmes delivered the oration, and the committee netted a very handsome sum. By various festivals and in other ways the sum of one thousand dollars was raised, when the sum of twelve hundred dollars was voted by the township and raised by taxation. The committee secured the passage of an act incorporating them as the "East Windsor Soldiers' Monument Association", and last heard called for proposals for the work.

Description of the Monument

The monument, erected at the junction of Morrison [now known as Rogers Avenue] and Stockton Streets, is of the finest Italian marble, about twenty-three feet from apex to foundation. It rests upon a base of American granite, nearly five feet square and two feet high. On a moulding one foot high rests the first die, a cube of three feet, on the faces of which are inscribed the names of the following soldiers:

"Vorhees Dye, Lieut. Co B, 1st N.J. Cavalry; James Holman, Charles C. Lehming, James M. Evernham, James Reamer, Stephen Burns, James Gorman, Albert Cooley, William D. Rogers, William H. Jimison, Samuel F. Herbert, George W. Jemison, Charles S. Whittick, John Thomas, Co. A, 6th N.J.V.; Richard Barker, John Cole, John Gribens, Co. E, 2nd N.J. Cavalry; Theodore Anderson, Co. C, 2nd N.J. Cavalry; Elwood R. Silvers, Martin V. Robinson, Co. H, 14th N.J.V.; John Williams, Co. F, 5th N.J.V.; Peter A. Jemison, James Carr, Co. A, 1st N.J.V.; Francis B. Wilson, Co. F, 11th N.J.V.; Charles A. Coward, Co. G, 10th N.J.V.; Charles M. Ford, Co. F, 9th N.J.V.; Anthony Johnson, Edward Prickett, William Henry, James Pullen, Co. F., 22nd N.J.V.; John Lloyd, Co. G, 11th N.J.V.; Robert C. Vorhees, George Thompson, Co. H, 1st N.J. Cavalry; Enos Van Marter, Co. C, 1st N.J.V.; John B. Schank, Jr., Co. I, 38th N.J.V.

The second die is two feet and a half square, and contains on its front the arms of the United States, on the left side the arms of New Jersey, on the right side the arms of Mercer County, and on the rear the following inscription in relief:

"To the memory of the heroic volunteers of East Windsor Township, who gave their lives for their country and humanity,

in the suppression of the great Rebellion of 1861- 1865, this monument is erected by their grateful fellow-citizens.'

On this die there is a cap moulding eight inches in height, upon which rests the shaft, nine and half feet high. On the front of the shaft is a carving in full relief of a Springfield rifle, a sword, and a standard, all full size. The rifle used as a model in this work was carried by Thomas M. Scroggy, of the 10th N.J.V., and the sword was carried by Major T.B. Applegate, of the 9th N.J.V., and we do not hesitate to say that a superior piece of carving cannot be found in the State than this work of Mr. George R. Bacon. The shaft is surmounted by a cap, on which rests a ball, and on this is perched a life-sized eagle.

A box in the base of the monument contains the following articles: List of officers and members of the East Windsor Soldiers' Monument Association, with a history of that organization, written by its President, A.J. Smith; lists of the officers of National and State Governments, the war governors of New Jersey, the officers and clergy of the borough; copies and history of the *Hightstown Gazette*; catalogue of Hightstown Young Ladies' Seminary; roll of the deceased soldiers; poster of the celebration; register of Hightstown Lodge, No 41, A.F.A.M.; time-table of the Amboy Division; stamps.

This beautiful monument, which will long be an ornament as well as honor to our town, was designed by Mr. Jacob P. Smith, of Philadelphia, and was made, except the eagle, at the Hightstown Marble Works, by Messrs. John Ewart and Samuel Fryer. I. Kabler, Joseph Banister, George R. Bacon, John Ewart, Samuel Fryer, James Ewart, Sr, and George W. Rue were at different times employed upon it. Mr. William Dillon laid the foundation, and the work was put up, without a scratch or a nick, by Messrs. Rogers, of Allentown. The work as finished is far superior to the original proposal, and we trust that those who have labored upon it will not be permitted to be losers financially.

Hightstown is now a prospering place. Every class of business (except perhaps the hotel and saloon trade) is in a flourishing condition. A large portion of the resident

population is composed of retired farmers, and the place wears as aspect of health, happiness, and contentment, seldom equaled, and never excelled in any town of similar proportions anywhere. The destiny of Hightstown is, to say the least, favorable, and its ultimate success is, apparently, an assured fact." ❖

CONFEDERATE WIDOW GETS ALABAMA PENSION BACK

The following item is from *The Times*, 23 August 1996:

Elba, Alabama - (AP) Alberta Martin, possibly the only living Confederate widow, has a shopping list now that her pension has been reinstated: a hearing aid, new false teeth and an air conditioner.

Martin, 89, learned Tuesday that Alabama had agreed to renew her Confederate widow's pension and a supplement, 64 years after she became ineligible for the aid because she remarried. Martin, who lives in a small house on the end of a dirt road, will get a monthly check of \$335.

Martin was a 21-year-old widow with a young son when she married 82-year-old William Jasper Martin in 1927. Martin had been a Confederate Army private, and their main income was his pension.

The couple had a son, William, who is retired now and lives with Martin.

Her husband died at the age of 87 in 1932. Shortly after his death, [she] married Martin's grandson, Charlie Martin, making her ineligible to draw her late husband's pension.

When Charlie Martin died 1983, his widow became eligible to collect the veteran's pension again, but she didn't know it ... Dr. Kenneth Chancey, an Enterprise dentist, and state Rep. Dwight Adams helped her get the benefit restated. ❖

A SOLDIER IN 1862

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to the Rail Ro [letter eaten, missing] Depo in the upper part of the town where we waited until midnight when we left for Baltimore in a train of open cars or Hog pens, for to tell the truth they were as filthy as any Hog pen with a floor in it you most ever saw. We suffered considerably from being packed so closely in them but finally reached the city of Monumnets at ten O'Clock the next day, tired and worn out. We remained standing in the filthy streets [letter eaten, missing but probably "of"] Baltimore until 8 O'Clock that evening before we could get off. While there the Depot took fire and burned down and we had to scabble our knapsacks out for fear of having them burned. We left Baltimore at 7 and travelled again all night and finally stoped at a place called Frederick Junction 13 miles from the Potomac and 58 miles from Baltimore. That night after we had got our tents up and all comfortably to sleep we were aroused from our slumbers with the news that the rebels were advancing upon us. We remained standing nearly all night [letter eaten, missing but probably "waiting for"] them to show themselves [letter eaten, missing] about 4 O'Clock in the morning we were ordered across the Monocacy River Bridge for fear they wo [letter eaten, missing but probably "would"] attack us with artelery. The nex morning we were ordered back, and stayed until 10 O'Clock when we were ordered to this place, where we are now encamped. We are encamped in an apple orchard containing about 40 acres and full of Fruit belonging to a rebel. How long we shall stay here I cannot tell, but not long any how. I would like to have you send me some [letter eaten, missing] as soon as you can. Direct to Wm. Gorman In care of Capt James W. Conover Co D 14 Regt N.J.V. Washington D.C.

From Your Friend - Wm Gorman"

The second letter from Gorman places him at Camp Hooker, Maryland, on 19th

of October 1862, and reads as follows: "Dear sir - i now take my pen in hand to let you know that i am well and i hope that those few lines wil find you the same. thair ore seveler sick with the meisels we are guarding the monoxie bridge wich the rebeler blowed up we have a noble cornel we all like him and cpt Conover cant bee beet the days are hot but the nights are so cold that we have to put on all we got we have [muster or muton] evry sunday afternoon i have that bible witch you gave me i just came of of guard it rained all night mr ely i concider you my friend and a friend to the union we live well plenty to eat and drink their are plenty of game such as ducks quails rabbits squirls i wil now bring my letter to close give my best respects to Seephen and al your family. i am intirly out of money and we dont except to get paid until the first of Janury and i would like to get me a pair of boots gloves i dont know to do it unles i can get you to send me 8 or 10 dolars if you wil please send it i wil send you double the amount when payday comes we wil stay hear this winter - Fair Wel The Union Forever - William c Gorman".

I searched for Gorman in the probation records of Mercer, Monmouth, and Middlesex Counties but did not find him



Civil War veterans (from left to right) George M. Dey, George W. Conover, William G. Riley and Thomas Thompson, gather for the bicentennial of Hightstown in 1921.

listed. I then searched to see if he had survived the war but found him as Killed in Action, July 9th, 1864, at Monocacy Bridge, Maryland. The same bridge that he guarded when he both of his letters were written. ❖

QUERY

EARLY, TAYLOR: Seek any info on Jacob & Mary (?) Early and William W. & Elizabeth (Early) Taylor of Hightstown, NJ, mid to late 1800s. ADD: Barbara (Danser) Cunningham, 3040 S. Clermont, Denver, CO 80222. ❖

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the registers and was desirous that they be returned to the area. He agreed to give them to the Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society.

During this past summer, former Hightstown mayor Ernest Turp, visited Mr. Ditchcoos at his residence in Vermont. The registers were then given to Mr. Turp, who brought them back upon his return to Hightstown, and turned them over to society President Dr. Harold C. Cox, Jr. They now rest as a permanent addition to the society's collections.

In examining these surviving guests registers, it was found that they are from when John G. Scheible ran the hotel and they cover a four year period from April 3, 1888 through January 26, 1892. In one of the registers, I found the business card of John G. Scheible which stated:

"Railroad Hotel, Livery and Boarding Stables, Office at Hotel, Main Street, Hightstown, N.J."

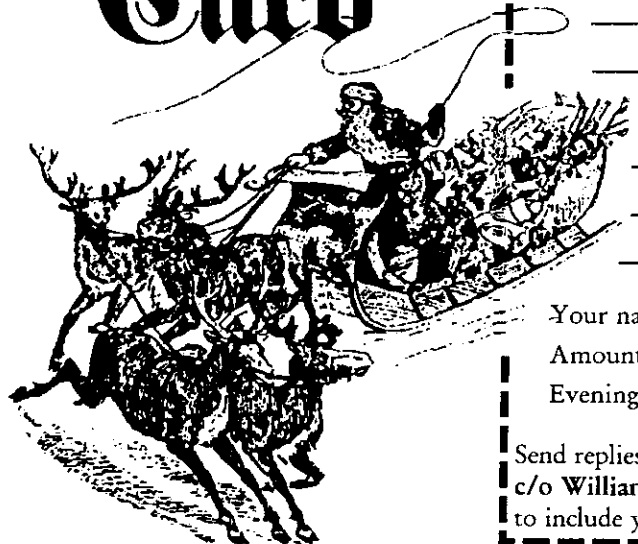
In speaking with John Ditchcoos, he told me how much of the furniture left in the hotel at the time of the purchase was from the early to mid-1800s and how some of the wood from the old structure was used in the present brick building. He also recalled how they obtained their ice for the business by cutting it from Peddie Lake at the rear of the property.

When I was growing up in the 1950s, there was a restaurant at the Old Hights Hotel on the right side of the building and a bar and lounge on the left side. In fact, in 1963, I tended bar part-time at the hotel on the weekends for brothers John and George Ditchcoos. Today, the present brick structure, like the old wooden Railroad Hotel, has also undergone many changes and had many owners. Today, it is presently known as the Court Jester. ❖

Society Acquisitions

1. Railroad Hotel Guest Registers - Two guest registers, during the proprietorship of John G. Scheible, covering the dates of 1888 through 1892. Gift of John Ditchcos of Woodstock, VT.
2. Photo of the Taylor blacksmith shop on the corner of Broad and Monmouth Streets. Gift of Richard S. Hutchinson through the kindness of Timothy Kelty, Esq., Hightstown, NJ.
3. Various items of local historical importance - 1834 pencil drawing of Main St., Hightstown by McChesney; early railroad maps of Monmouth St area; notes on various title searches; photographs; etc. Donation by Timothy Kelty, Esq, Hightstown, NJ.
4. Wilbert "Monticello" Burial Vault - Donation by Harold T. Hall, Jr, President of H.T. Hall, Inc, 6 Stockton Lake Blvd. and Parker Ave, Manasquan, NJ, 08736. Arrangements for this donation were made by Wm. F. Glackin, Director for Glackin/Saul Funeral Home of Hightstown, NJ. This small vault will be used as the outer container for the reburial of the "time capsule" in Memorial Park.
5. Child's Tea Set - The tea set belonged to Florence I. (Davison) Garrison, the youngest child of Joseph Van Doren Davison, and mother of Carlotta (Garrison) Mangold, who also donated her own tea set. Gift of Carlotta Garrison Mangold, Whiting, NJ.
6. Photograph of Joseph and Sarah Dubell. Gift of Gary Snook, Hightstown, NJ.
7. Various slides of Ely House, the New York World's Fair, and personal correspondence of Dr. Alphaeus Albert. Gift of John and Gloria Orr, Versailles, KY.
8. Various local Hightstown advertising political items. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reeves, Hightstown, NJ.
9. Photo of Margaret Davison's birthday party, circa 1920's, with 18 Hightstown girls all identified; a WWII advertisement for War Bonds. Gift of Mrs. Dorothy (Franklin) Simpson, Sarasota, Florida. ❖

The Holiday Greeting Card



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

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

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

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

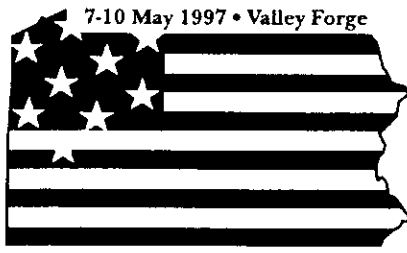
To have your name(s) added to the Holiday greeting card, please list your names (as you would like them to appear) on the form below.

Your name _____

Amount \$ _____

Evening phone _____

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



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