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# HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2002

## HIGHTSTOWN ELECTIONS

by Richard S. Hutchinson

Well, here we go again. It's that time of the year. It's election time. If you are like most of us, you get tired of hearing about all the "bad" things the other person did and also tired of hearing about all the "great" things the person talking supposedly did. Thus, a general description of today's election routine. Then, in the mail comes the sample ballot. Now, what do we do with it until Election Day? Then, when that day arrives, and we need to look at it, what did we do with it?

How great it must have been in the early years of Hightstown during this

period. Ever wonder what elections were like before our modern day, computer recording, ballot machines; like the ones

they use in Florida? If so, let's step back to Hightstown over 140 years ago. I think you'll see that there was much

more excitement created then with a chance for participation by young and old, when it came to election time.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1865, a Saturday afternoon, the Democratic Mass Meeting was held in front of Richardson Hotel. [This hotel was subsequently

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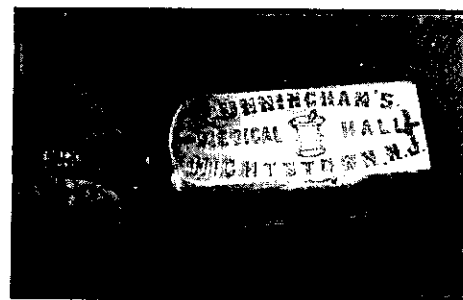


*This photo from the Society's collection shows the "fine hickory pole" that was erected in front of the Railroad Hotel, ca. 1865.*

*Such a pole raising was done by each political party at their political headquarters in preparation for their respective candidate's rally. The early Medical Hall can be seen located across the alley to the right of the hotel.*

## UPDATE OF THE MEDICAL HALL

This is an update of the "Medical Hall" story found in the May-June 2002 issue. First another Cunningham bottle has come to light with "Medical Hall" upon it and can be seen in the accompanying bottle photo. In addition to the above bottle, the actual location and description of the "Medical Hall," as reported in the above mentioned previous issue, can actually be seen in the ca. 1865 photo of the Railroad Hotel, which accompanies the story of Hightstown's past election celebrations, in this issue. ■



*Another Cunningham's "Medical Hall" bottle is located. [From the editor's collection.]*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOTE: October 15 to November 19 - Caning and Rushing Classes with Skip Cox. Call Skip for details (448-0037).

### NOVEMBER

- 4 7:30 p.m., Business Meeting, Sara Hutchinson West Educational Center
- 18 7:30 p.m., Slide Program, "Under the Trees", re: Hightstown and East Windsor Township Cemeteries (by Craig Cox), Sara Hutchinson West Educational Center

### DECEMBER

- 8 2:00-4:00 p.m., Christmas Tea, Ely House

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called the Railroad Hotel and was located on the site of what is now called "Theo's Lakeside Tavern".] Prior to the opening of the meeting a fine hickory pole was raised with a handsome flag affixed bearing the names of Runyon, Applegate, and Norton. At the organization of the meeting, Maj. A.[ndrew] J.[ackson] Smith made a few remarks, and then introduced Gen. Runyon, who addressed the audience for about an hour and a half. He was followed by Col. G. S. Cannon of Bordentown, Hon. E. W. Scudder of Trenton, and our own J.[oseph] J. Ely, Esq. I am told that a "large number of ladies were present..."

The local paper recorded on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, 1865, that whiskey (as well as 'greenbacks') flowed freely on this past election day, and some lovers of the 'ardent' became unsteady long before night-fall. The privilege of getting drunk on election day seems to be highly appreciated by some people-- "Sweet are the uses of 'Liberty". There seems to be a class of persons in every community "who do not pretend in these 'latter days' to vote unless they are paid for it-- that is, they vote as they are desired to by the men who pay the highest figures. We have heard of cases where a seat on the Assembly has cost the member from three to four thousand dollars. Then of course the candidate for any office who has the most money is the most 'available', and will be most likely to succeed. The class who thus sell their votes to the 'highest bidder', is apparently on the increase, and their rates, owing to the hard times, we suppose, are stiffening from year to year. 'Universal suffrage' -ah, there's nothing like it!" [Maybe "times" haven't really changed that much.]

In August 1868, a Grant and Colfax pole-raising took place in Hightstown on Tuesday, at the [Republican] headquarters of the club in this borough. No speeches were made on the occasion -- except by on-lookers, and

they were not in all cases of an edifying nature. While this was going on, the Democrats erected a "Wigwam" in the borough.

On September 24<sup>th</sup> 1868, it was reported that a Republican Mass Meeting was held in this borough, on Tuesday, and notwithstanding the unpropitious weather, was largely attended. The Grant and Colfax Clubs were present from the city of Burlington, the villages of Perrineville and Cranbury, and the township of Monroe. The meeting, over which Mr. E.[dward] C.[rowell] Taylor presided, was organized in front of Davison's Hotel, and after the speakers, a torchlight parade, headed by fife and drums, took place during the evening and attracted much attention. Rockets and Roman candles were fired off freely while the procession was in motion. A collation was prepared under the direction of a number of ladies, in Hutchinson's Hall, for the invited guests, to which ample justice was done. [Hutchinson's Hall was on the upper floors of what is today the building housing the offices of Allen & Stults Insurance Co, Inc on the corner of Stockton Street and Main Street.] The meeting closed shortly after 10 o'clock, and on the whole was a spirited and interesting one.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1868, two poles were erected in front of the Democratic wigwam and a banner strung across the street. On the 12<sup>th</sup>, the Democratic Mass Meeting at this place was one of the largest political gatherings ever witnessed in this vicinity. At an early hour in the day, the people began to gather from different directions, coming in carriages and wagons, on horseback and on foot. At 3 P. M., immediately after the arrival of the special train from Freehold, with the Monmouth County delegation on board, a procession was formed which marched through the different streets in the following order - The Perrineville

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## HIGHTSTOWN EAST WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## HIGHTSTOWN'S ELECTRIC LIGHTS

by Richard S. Hutchinson

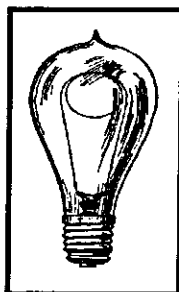
The history of a town's infrastructure is interesting. We take such things for granted today, yet, less than 100 years ago, many homes in town still relied upon the oil lamp for their lighting. This "new" technology called electricity was brought to Hightstown by a hand-full of people who learned of the concept, studied it, came out in front of the community in favor of it, nurtured it, and brought it to fruition but not without several setbacks along the way.

In February of 1886, the Hightstown Polo Team (yes, they had a polo team) played at night at the skate rink, located on the corner of South Main and Ward Streets, using oil lamps for light. Finally, in February 1893, an ordinance called the Hightstown Electric Light Company was passed by Council. The costs of such a project were gathered, analyzed and the town of Smyrna, Delaware was used as a comparison for Hightstown in October 1894. After that date, there were several attempts to bring electricity to town but it wasn't until January 1898, when the Hightstown Electric Light & Power Company actually incorporated. By June 1898, the electric plant building was under construction on Bank Street and businesses and homes were being asked to sign up to have their houses wired for this new light technology. The first place of business in Hightstown to be wired for lights was C.R. Chamberlin and the business of Thomas & Taylor was the next on the list. Finally, the town's Electric Company started its engine for the first time at 9:45AM in the first week of September 1898.

As reported in the *Gazette*, 15 September 1898, everyone was waiting for the big test to be held at night. Escorted to the handsome new power house of the Electric Light and Power Co. of Hightstown, Saturday evening, by the officers of the company, Mayor Lott

closed the circuit which flooded many of our homes and business houses with a brilliancy which at once relegated many old oil lamps to a secluded spot in the cellar. From the time the big 150 horse power Rollins engine started until the large jack shaft was released for the 2500 light, alternating dynamos, (Slattery system), the fine white light was perfectly uniform and burned without the slightest hitch or a single volt variation.

Hundreds of people gathered about the large 2000 c.p.[candle power] arc light, hanging in the centre of Main and Stockton streets, and from time to time gave voice to their approval and delight in cheers of enthusiasm. In the stores, where seven and nine oil lamps had been used heretofore, they are now burning



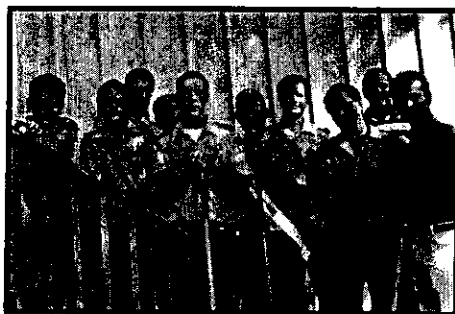
3-16 c.p. incandescent lamps, with a far better and more economical light. Groups of citizens were observed making comparisons everywhere of the stores that had not as yet subscribed for electric lights and those that had, and the absolute difference was plainly observed. In fact, "electric lights" was the prevailing topic throughout the town.

At the power house the massive fly-wheel was making rapid revolutions, with such comparative ease, that, if it were not for the steam exhaust, one would not know 100 yards from the building that electricity was being manufactured there. The Borough of Hightstown had granted previous franchises, but the owners thereof seemed to have difficulty to bring them to a focus. At last, however, we have granted a franchise that bore fruit, by the promotion of the present company, through Francis J. Thron, cashier of the Citizens Trust and Surety Co., Phila., Pa., under date of January 31, '98, with an authorized capital of \$25,000, and a fifty year charter. The officers of the company are: President, George McNutt, Philadelphia; vice-president, Otto Reissmann, Philadelphia; treasurer, Francis J. Thron, Delanco; secretary, Theo. D. Nostrand, Hightstown; general manager, Chas. P. Fitch, Beverly; counselor, Robt. K. Wright, Jr., Philadelphia.

We hope that the citizens of Hightstown will show their appreciation of so valuable an addition to our town by subscribing to the electric lights, which are clearer, more brilliant, and in fact, more economical, and the perfection of modern illumination, thereby giving hearty encouragement to so important an enterprise. Let all that can

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### LOCAL BOY SCOUTS



*The Boy Scout Troop 5700, with leader Charles Stecher, after their hard work on the Society property.*

The Boy Scouts really became involved around the Society buildings. Jonathan Bain completed the two brick walks behind the freight station for his Eagle Scout badge and also planted some new shrubs around the Sara H. West Educational Center with the help of the other troop members. They also mulched the property.

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Club, on horseback, in carriages and wagons; the Manalapan Club; the Freehold Club (over 200 strong) under command of Maj. Yard; the Hightstown Club, led by Lieutenant McMichael; the Pennington Club; the Mount Rose; and the West Windsor Clubs. The speaking commenced about 4 P.M. at the stand erected near the Wigwam, on Main street, with Gen Haight being the first speaker. He was followed by Hon. Jno. P. Stockton and Ex-Gov. Parker.

The torchlight procession, in the evening, was a grand affair. Each organization was provided with martial music, except the Freehold Club, which was accompanied by Coates' Brass Band of Trenton. Other delegations continued to arrive from time to time, before and after the procession was set in motion, the last arrivals being at 9 o'clock, when 16 car-loads were brought in from Burlington County on the Camden & Amboy Railroad, and as many more on the Pemberton Railroad line. At this time the following clubs were in line, besides others whose names we could not learn: Hightstown Club, accompanied by two wagons filled with ladies, each State being represented by a lady — the whole party being flanked by youthful members of the Club — the first wagon having in addition a Goddess of Liberty (Miss Perrine) supporting a tree decorated with flag, wreaths, etc. Then came the clubs of Perrineville Troop, Manalapan, Freehold, Pennington, Mt. Rose, West Windsor, South River, South Amboy, and East Brunswick. Then came four Clubs from Bordentown and White Hill, Pemberton, New Egypt, Mt. Holly, Burlington and Beverly — the latter accompanied by the Beverly Brass Band.

Many of the homes in town were handsomely illuminated, Maj. Smith's and 'Squire Cole's being particularly noticeable. The porticos of Magill's Hotel were literally packed during the evening with ladies, and every available

or desirable location elsewhere was occupied by interested spectators. The number in the procession was variously estimated, according to the political bias of the party estimating, but ranging from 2,000 to 5,000. Good order generally prevailed, and no disturbance was observed. The day was all that could be desired, and no doubt contributed largely to heighten the interest on the occasion.

Now, this was how elections were carried on in the good 'ole days.' They also continued on into the future as is evident by events within the town of Cranbury, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October in 1884, when the Plumed Knight club of young Republicans having equipped themselves in tasteful uniforms, made their first public appearance in the evening, being fifty in number. They also had a torch-light parade, an illumination and a mass meeting for the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Not to be outdone by Cranbury, the Republicans of Hightstown, held a mass meeting in Hightstown, on Friday evening, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1884, and made it a lively and interesting one. The speakers engaged are Edmund Wilson, Esq., of Princeton College, a gentleman who was gaining quite a reputation as a speaker, and Ex-Judge James Buchanan, the candidate for Congress. It was reported that "several clubs will participate in the torch-light parade, and the Hightstown Band will furnish the musical part of the programme." The event in Hightstown, as reported by the *Gazette*, indicated that the Republicans would hold a mass meeting in which several organizations were to take part in a parade which "will form on North Main street. Visiting clubs will be assigned position in column as they arrive. The line will move promptly at 8 out North Main to South Main, counter march to South, to Mercer, to Morrison [street], to Academy, to Morrison Ave, to Outcalt, to Morrison [street], to Summit, to Morrison ave., to Cook, to Stockton, to Main, to Broad, to

Monmouth, to Main, to the bridge and then dismiss. Citizens along the line of this route are requested to illuminate their dwellings." Also, on the same night, the East Windsor Plumed Knights held a public meeting to be addressed by Rev. Jahu DeWitt Miller, after which a torch-light parade took place.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, 1884, the *Princeton Press* reported that about 1,500 uniformed men marched, winding themselves in and out of Hightstown's streets last Friday night in the most brilliant parade our sister village has ever seen. "Princeton was there with 300 men in line, and the College Club was given the position of honor on the right. The Club marched splendidly and made a handsome appearance. So too did the Invincibles and the Garfield Guards. Trenton sent a very large delegation. Clubs were present from Dayton, Cranbury, Jamesburg, Prospect Plains, and all the neighborhoods. The 2,500 sandwiches, prepared by the ladies, disappeared before half the men could get sight of them. But they had not expected half the number, and so could not be blamed."

These types of events continued over the years and became a tradition in not only Hightstown but towns throughout the area. On the evening of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1888, "the Republicans of East Windsor met at their rooms and organized and equipped a marching club for the campaign. The suits consist of white helmets, leggings and shirts, the latter red, white and blue shield on the bosom, and each member will carry a neat torch. The following officers were elected: Captain - William F. Lott, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. - Albert M. Norton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. - Peter Kiker, Orderly Sgt. - Theophilus Reed, Ensign - Amos Wilson."

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, 1888, it was reported that the "Republicans of Dutch Neck had a large and enthusias-

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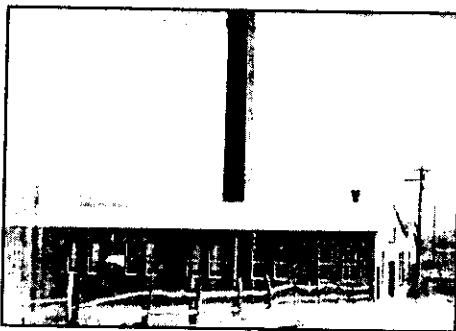
## ELECTRIC LIGHTS

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afford, have electricity placed in their homes and business places, which will reduce the danger of fire and the price of insurance to secure the great and modern convenience. In conclusion the *Gazette* expresses its thanks in behalf of the citizens of Hightstown to the Electric Light Co. for the gratuitous lighting distributed Saturday and Sunday nights, also for the faith demonstrated in us by installing their plant in Hightstown. It necessarily advertises us and encourages industries to establish themselves in our midst, and is an important step towards modern improvements and prosperity. The *Gazette* wishes the Electric Light Company a speedy success.

After this demonstration, it was reported that a week later, Mayor Lott's handsome house on Morrison avenue was the first private residence to be wired for electric lights. It was reported that the mayor believes in being up-to-date and progressive and does thus set a good example for his constituents.... When Mayor Lott pulled the lever on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., the electric bulbs illuminated the following places - Post office, C.R. Chamberlin, Taylor & Thomas, H.G.

Rue, Henry Weller, W.D. Wear, Dillatash & Pullen, the Railroad hotel, Martin's barber shop, John Perdoni's fruit store, W.J. Dillatash meat market, Camac's store, Brandt's restaurant, Ralphs' barber shop, the *Gazette* office,



*A wintery photo of the power house of Hightstown's Electric Light and Power Plant on Bank Street.*

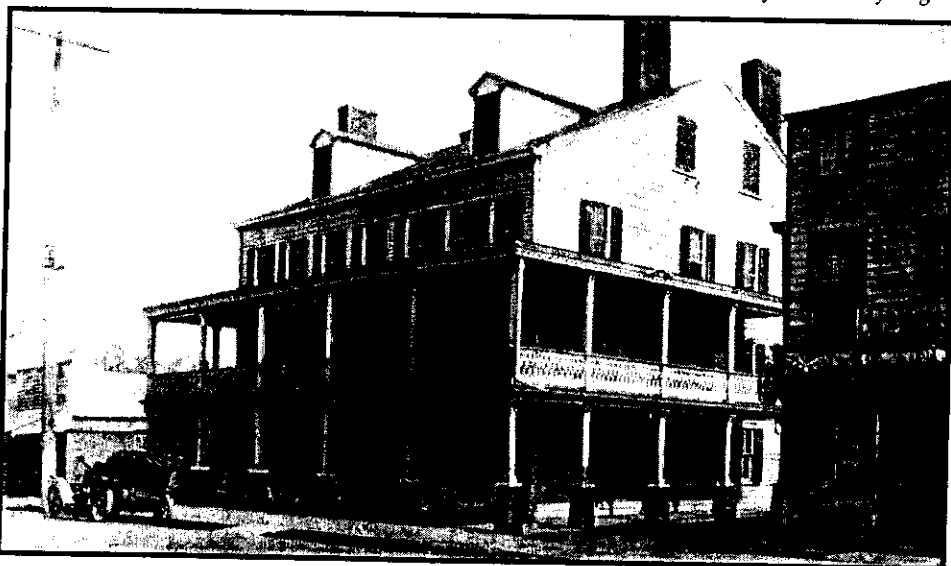
Craig's market, Robert Lanning shoe store, C.C. Blauvelt store, Edward Schafler [Schaeffer] bakery and home, Cunningham's drug store, Windsor Lodge [I.O.O.F], Drs. Titus and Johnson. By this time, everyone seemed to be wanting this new invention.

But less than two weeks later, on 5 October 1898, the "lights went out" at about 5:45 on a busy Saturday night

and all was not happy in town. Fifteen minutes after the lights had been turned on, the armature of the big \$3000 dynamo burst and the town was plunged into darkness. [The backup dynamo was put into service within about an hour.] Everything went well until Monday night, when, at 7:25 PM the second dynamo exploded. Since then Hightstown has been without electric lights... Last night both dynamos were sent to Philadelphia for repairs and it is hoped that they may be back and the plant in working order again within a few days.

The arc lights used in the business areas of town cost \$50 each. The Borough of Hightstown contracted for 27 arc lights and by January of 1899 there were 30 arc lights located in various areas of the town. But, costs of operating the plant began to rise and beginning in May of 1899, the power plant only ran at certain times of the day. The lights were being turned off and on daily by the plant. Many people and businesses who had not taken a chance with "electricity" were still using their oil lamps and those who had taken the chance were now locating the discarded oil lamps and putting them back into service.

Needless to say, not all businesses went with electric lights right away and some not at all. In March of 1909, it was reported that Hutchinson Hall was improved with its new electric light arrangement while across the street on the other corner Cunningham's Drug Store, in December of 1910, had their new lighting installed. However, they didn't go with electricity. They installed a burner "outside the store over their entrance which burned gas generated from gasoline and mixed with air." One would think that a safety issue came with this technology but apparently it worked as it was reported "that it makes a well lighted corner." ■



*The Railroad Hotel ca. 1910. It was erected, according to the caption on a postcard of it, in 1783. Aside from the mill, it has been one of the mainstays within the community over the centuries being remodeled and redecorated many, many times. The original building was torn down ca. 1940 and the present structure being built on its site.*

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tic meeting on Saturday night. The village was beautifully illuminated and some of the houses were brilliant with many lights in every window. A torch-light procession in which nearly three hundred men marched with pretty uniforms, enlivened the town. Allentown sent fifty men; Cranbury eighty, Hightstown seventy-five, and the West Windsor club forty-five ..."

Even in the election of November 1900, it was reported that Hightstown "... had turned itself loose on Friday night after the election to celebrate the win of McKinley & Roosevelt. In spite of the fact that but a day had been used in preparing for the event, the parade was a big success and one of the finest affairs of the kind ever seen in Hightstown. Everybody who had voted for McKinley took part and nearly everybody who voted for Byran took part, and everybody else lighted up his house and then stood on the sidewalk and cheered as the parade went by. It was a great night, not only for the Republicans, but for Hightstown, and Hightstown was well as the Republicans should be proud of the demonstration."

"Shortly after eight o'clock the parade formed, and started on its extended line of march, under the leadership of Marshal Henry R. Applegate, with his aides, D. Baird Dey, Dr. Wm. L. Wilbur, T. Ely Hutchinson and Fred B. Applegat. Following them came a troupe of horsemen, the Hightstown Drum Corps, Hightstown Fire Company, No. 1 with their engine, Goodwin's Band, W.[infield] S.[cott] Hancock Post, No. 107, with Milton Ives as marshal and Charles Henry Perrine and Ernst Wenger as aides, the McKinley & Roosevelt Sound Money Club, the Colored Republicans, the Peddie Institute boys, the Young Republicans, and finally floats and wagons. While no military precision was maintained, the parade was an orderly one and made a credible appearance. Trenton

Republicans had kindly sent down a load of paraphernalia left over from their demonstration, and this, with the transparencies, etc. improvised here, equipped the marchers very nicely. Conspicuous in line were the Peddie boys, who turned out in force, every one of them dressed in his nightshirt. The floats and illuminated wagons were remarkably numerous and striking. Prominent among them were: Charles Black's floral display, the gaily decorated milk wagons of Daniel Croshaw and Frank Chamberlin, T. Ely Hutchinson's handsomely trimmed log wagon, the two milk wagons of E.R. Pickering — one a handsome new vehicle marked 1900. Emil Miller's bread wagon, M.P. Chamberlin's transparency, the Wilson Bros.' tastefully arranged load of meat, Chamberlin & Field's exhibit of hay, feed, etc., Thomas & Taylor's handsome stove all ablaze, H.R. Applegate's two fire wagons, K.J. Ward's auto-mobile, Mount Jobe's "Salt River" boat, Howard Kirby's load of barrels all marked for McKinley, Roosevelt, Gardner and Hanna and with a live coon sitting on top, and E.J. Roger's fine trap."

"Not less notable than the parade were the illuminations. Probably never before was there such a display and as the parade marched around the town, hardly a house was dark. In many cases the decorations of private residences were very extensive and attractive, and the town never presented a finer appearance in its history. Among the illuminations especially noticeable on account of their extent were those of Rowley & McCreery's shirt factory, J. R. Shangle's warehouse and Peddie Institute."

Apparently, the above "election" tradition began to fade after 1900, as the older generations 'passed on,' other folks simply moved away, and the good 'ole days' began to change toward a faster pace. I guess there might be something to say after all about the more modern election machines after reading about

this little incident which took place in Hightstown during the November elections of 1913. Electricity still in its infancy in Hightstown was not used in every quarters for lighting purposes. Therefore, candles, gas lights and kerosene lamps were still in use. The result of using such items can be is fire and that is exactly what happened in 1913 in one of the election booths "at the polling place of the First District, on Tuesday morning, at an early hour. The accident was caused by an overturned lighted candle. The flames shot through a crank between the boards, into the Freidman store adjoining, and ignited some of the stock in the store. This consisted of articles of clothing which were partly damaged. Addison J. Robbins, Jr., and Norman Keeler, members of the election board, succeeded in quickly putting out the fire. The building was not damaged, and the loss to the store goods was slight."

### SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

#### House Tour

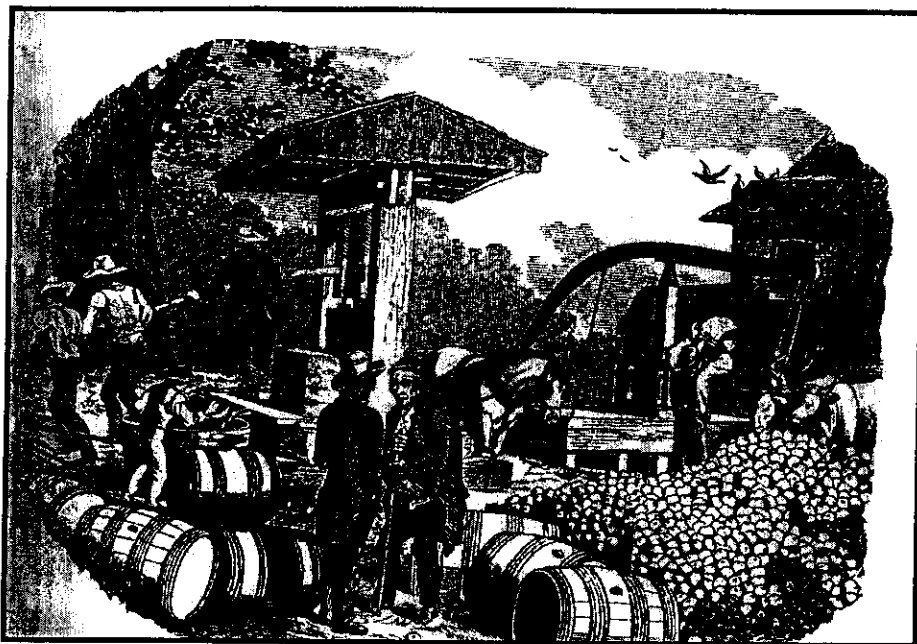
The Society would like to thank Shirley Olsen and all volunteers who offered their services. There were many people who wanted to help but their services did not have to be called upon. Paul Szewczyk power washed the house, the Red Cross Club from HHS distributed flyers, the Brownies provided refreshments at the Step Back in Time antique store, and the Junoriettes punched tickets at the homes on the tour. We would like to thank you all. Presently, the approximate gross for the tour was \$4,839.

#### Train Committee

The committee has ceased to function and we are in need a new chairperson and some volunteers as work is needed to finish what has been started.

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## CHRISTMAS TEA AT ELY HOUSE

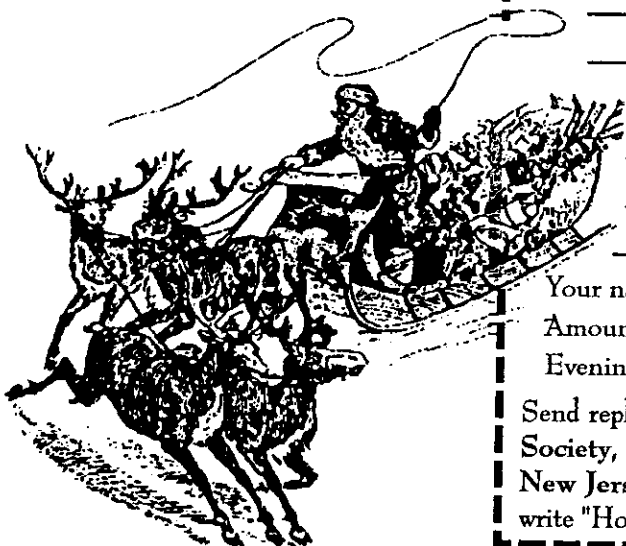


While Skip and Craig discuss other matters, Frank, Cappy and other Society members prepare the "punch" for the Society's Christmas Tea.

The Society's annual Christmas Tea, will be held at Ely House, December 8th, from 2- 4 PM. All members of the Society and the public are invited to visit for an afternoon of good food, music, exhibits, and conversation. Some of the highlights will be "The Madrigals", the running of the model trains through the recreated 1930 Hightstown, Christmas cookies, and hot apple cider. Ely House will be decorated by the local Brownie troop, the Rocky Brook Garden Club, and Society volunteers. For more info call Shirley Olsen at 609-448-8388. ■



# 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.

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Send replies by December 1st to Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society, c/o Dr. Harold C. Cox, Jr., 183 E. Ward Street, Hightstown, New Jersey 08520. Please be sure to include your full return address and write "Holiday Card" on the envelope.

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## Building Committee

Volunteers needed.

## Library and Publications

Now consolidated into one with Fran Cook as Co-Library Chairperson with Kate Middleton.

## Property & Grounds

Now consolidated into one with Warren Olsen as Chairperson.

## Museum Committee

We will need a Museum Chairperson at the end of June 2003 but volunteers are needed for this committee now.

## Caning & Rushing

Back by popular demand, Skip Cox has been and will be having these classes from October 15<sup>th</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup>, on Tuesday evenings, 7-9 P.M., at the Sara H. West Edu-

cation Center. Contact Skip for particulars.

## Rooms to be Dedicated

The upstairs bedroom floor is being renovated and when completed, the bedroom will be dedicated to the memory of Betty Cunningham. The Society Office will also be dedicated to the memory of Lois Groendyke. Both areas will have plaques placed upon the respective doors.

We always need volunteers for every committee, but there is an urgent need for Museum, Train and Program Committees.

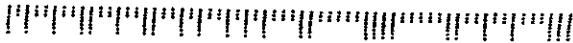
If you are interested in these or any other committees, contact Craig Cox, Shirley Olsen or Nancy Laudenberger, or the committee's respective chairperson.

# THIRD GRADE VISITORS



3rd grade class and their teachers tour the H-EW Historical Society and the Sara H. West Educational Center.

A 3rd grade class toured the Society buildings on October 8th. The tour was conducted by Skip and Craig Cox.



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