



# HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

MAY - JUNE 2003

## The Hometown New Jersey Militias - 1793

Several books have been published regarding the makeup of the New Jersey Militia units in 1793. One of the main reasons for the number of books on this topic in the genealogical community is that in many of the units the "recruits" have had their ages listed by the unit. This is extremely useful to the person searching for his or her ancestors because New Jersey's Federal Census records from 1790 (the first Federal census) through 1820 are missing. The first New Jersey Census available to researchers is the 1830 Federal census.

In November of 1792, New Jersey passed a law regarding the organization of the NJ Militias. It required

all males between the ages of 18 to 45 to be counted in a state wide "census" in order to reorganize the state militia. The law did allow for exemptions to those having previous Revolutionary War service or other militia service. It also allowed a person to be exempted by paying an annual fee of \$3.00.

In 1996, Russell K. Dutcher, III, published the New Jersey Militia

records of some "select" militia units that were found in the papers of Anthony Walton White, who was the Brigadier General of the New Jersey Militia, which reside at the New Jersey Special Collections Manuscript Section at Rutgers University. Here are some of those "select" militia units from our area in 1793; some with ages and some without. The captions for each of these units are as they were written:

### The Hightstown Company of Infantry Commanded by Captain James Finley

Enrolled 10 April 1793

James Finley - Captain - 23  
Joseph Mount - Lieutenant - 39  
Woolsey Baldwin - Ensign - 36

### PRIVATES

John Covenhoven .....	43	Henry Davis .....	18
Soloman Slaback .....	41	James Robbins .....	20
Francis Vaughn .....	42	Thomas Powell .....	43
Archibald Forman .....	21	John Fisher .....	38
Hezekiah Pullen .....	24	Jacob Vaughn .....	22
Isaac Applegate .....	26	Richard Herbert .....	19
Israel Baldwin .....	34	John Dook .....	21
Asher Applegate .....	32	Ruebien Heirs .....	31
Oke Hoagland .....	18	John Norton .....	26
William Brotherton .....	41	John Carson .....	24
William Lawyer .....	18	William Carel .....	26
Joseph Wilson .....	39	Elijah South .....	[blank]
Elijah Hankins .....	29	Miles Dillon .....	40
Robert Carson .....	35	Christopher Bergen .....	33
Andrew Rowan .....	44	Jonathan Baremore .....	41
James Merick .....	40	Joseph Wilson .....	24
Francis Carson .....	[blank]		

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### MAY

5 7:30 p.m., Business Meeting, Sara Hutchinson West Educational Center

13 "The Diaries of Hightstown & Vicinity", 7:30 p.m., Sara Hutchinson West Educational Center

#### JUNE

2 7:30 p.m., Business Meeting, Sara Hutchinson West Educational Center

Election of Officers

# Hightstown Militia

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Aaron Forman..... 18	Nathan Davis ..... 21
Oliver Pullen ..... 18	John Disbrow ..... 18
Thomas Baldwin ..... 24	James Lewis ..... 40
Gilbert Van Mater ..... 38	John Robbins ..... 23
Disbrow Applegate ..... 26	John Hulet ..... [page torn]
Thomas Applegate ..... [blank]	William Fisher ..... 34
John Vanarsdoll ..... 29	James Moore ..... 43
David Applegate ..... 36	Robert Ayres ..... 43
James Reynolds ..... 30	Noah Kain ..... 25
William Perrine ..... 21	David Slaback ..... 18
George T. Bergen ..... 28	Hiran Jewell ..... 18
Daniel Herbert ..... [blank]	Ephraim Robbins ..... [blank]
Mathew Vance ..... 30	James Briece ..... 39
John Davis ..... 35	

# Windsor Militia

A Return of the Windsor Company of Militia  
 Commanded by Captain George Bayles  
 1792

[No ages were taken with this company.]

George Bayles - Captain  
 Samuel S. Bayles - Lieutenant  
 Rinear Quick - Ensign

### PRIVATES

John Gulick	Ephraim Anderson
Daniel Bayles	Ezekiah Anderson
John Hollinghead	Mathias Griggs
Amos Briggs	Peter Johnson
John Hutchinson	John Johnson
Mathias Van Dike	Charles Rule
Henry Blackwell	Jediah Stout
Benjamin Maple	Joseph Gulick
Isaac Hutchinson	Hediah Gulick
Jedediah Higgens	James Rickmire
Jonathan Freeman	Garret Breese
James Freeman	Robert Groves
Jacob Gulick	Peter Montfort
Abraham Gulick	Henry Breese
Henry Gulick	Samuel Skillman
Jonathan Groendike	Thomas Simpson
William McGhee	Benjamin Griggs
Jonathan McGhee	Enos Anderson
Garot Hagerman	Abraham Skillman
Issac Glover	David Walters
John McGinnis	Henry Walters
James Hull	Jacob Walters
Henry Van Pelt	Daniel Britton
William Gulick	William Pipenger

Isaac Skillman  
 John Skillman  
 Thomas Skillman  
 Tunis Higgons  
 William Pedicrees  
 Godfrey Clear  
 Jahn Parks

## "Spring Caning & Rushing Classes"

The classes under the direction of Skip Cox are going well. There are eight members learning the historic trade from our master artisan, John LaSalle, known as the "chair doctor." ■

# HIGHTSTOWN EAST WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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 future generations, our people  
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Genealogical queries pertaining to the  
 Hightstown-East Windsor Township area are ac-  
 cepted, but will be printed as space allows.

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## *Cranbury Militia*

A Return of the Company of Grenadiers of the Town of Cranbury  
County of Middlesex  
Commanded by Captain David Chambers  
1793

David Chambers - Captain  
Ezekial Price - Lieutenant  
Nathan Loffborough - Ensign

[No ages were taken with this company.]

Nicholas Schenck  
William Jordan  
David Covenhoven  
Cornelius Gulick  
Thomas Hankins  
Thomas Johnston  
Benjamin Hix  
James Reed  
Jonas Hayor  
Benjamin Ummston  
Jonathan Erven  
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William Elbert  
Peter Erven  
Joseph Imlay  
Benjamin Duyloss  
Joseph Machesney  
Luke Covenhoven  
Perrine Carson  
Frederick Stulk

Mathias Perrine  
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Henry Waggoner  
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William Elbert  
Jacob Wikoff  
Henry Lott  
James Slover  
Samuel Perrine  
Garret Snedicker  
Jonathan Jordon  
Lewis Mount  
Jacob Snedicker  
Abraham Snedicker  
William Snedicker



### ***Pension Increase Granted***

In 1912, Mrs. Sarah Sweeney applied for a pension increase which was eventually approved. On 11 April 1912, the reason for her increase request was reported: "Mrs. Sarah Sweeney, of Jacobsburg, Ohio, recently applied to the government for an increase in pension from \$12 to \$100 a month, and her case is one of the most remarkable ever brought to the attention of Congress. She has been twice married, her first husband having been a soldier in the Mexican War, and had a combined family of 33 children. Sixteen sons enrolled in the Union Army during the Civil War, and one of them, who was her chief support died in Andersonville. On account of this, Mrs. Sweeney was granted \$12.00 a month pension. She is 114 years of age." ■

## **Captain Chambers Militia**

A List of the Company of Militia  
Commanded by Captain Robert Chambers  
Attached to the Middlesex Militia

Robert Chambers -Captain-35  
David Chambers - Lieutenant-38  
Geshom Loveless - Ensign-36

Sergeants  
Joseph Loveless - 33  
William Garrison - 35  
James Rogers - 33  
David Richardson - 29

Corporals  
William Page - 34  
Levi Casmer - 34  
Robert Yates - 35  
Abraham Stanhope - 19

Drummer  
Asher Williams - 23  
  
Fifer  
William Ervin - 33

### PRIVATES

William Covenhoven .. 31	Nathan Davis ..... [blank]	Nathaniel Morlan ..... 44	John Miller ..... 23
John Phares ..... 23	Daniel Hutchinson ..... 44	Jacob Garrison ..... 38	John Debow ..... 21
James Phares ..... 19	James Hutchinson ..... 38	Edmund McCabe ..... 32	Thomas Debow ..... 18
Amos Hutchinson ..... 36	James Cubberley ..... 38	James McCabe ..... 26	William Cubberley, Jr. 34
Richard Hughes ..... 38	Benjamin Britten ..... 25	Aaron Dewit ..... [blank]	William Roszell ..... 26
Robert Hebron ..... 43	John Brown ..... 38	William Cafferty ..... 43	Peter Solnave ..... 41
Isaac Hutchinson ..... 40	Robert Tindell ..... 42	William Cubberly ..... 43	Samuel Pitman ..... 36
Thomas Combs ..... 38	Timothy Tindall ..... 44	Robert Taylor ..... 34	Joseph Garrison ..... 30
William Reed ..... 20	Timothy Curless ..... 34	Thomas Tindall ..... 43	Thomas Pryor Clark .. 38
Abel Stout ..... 30	Joseph Tindall ..... 41	James Hebron ..... 26	
Samuel Rogers ..... 20	Joseph Wall ..... 30	Zebulon Brown ..... 41	
William Hughs ..... 44	James Chambers ..... 30	David Brown ..... 36	

## **John Hight Militia**

A List of Names of the Company  
Under the Command of John Hight,  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Middlesex County Militia  
State of New Jersey  
April 1793

John N. Hight, Captain - 37  
Zebulon Morford, Lieutenant - 37  
William Covenhoven, Ensign - 24

Sergeants  
John Hankins - 32  
Hugh Runyon - 35  
Henry Silvers - 41  
Aaron Scott - 26

Drummer  
William Schenck - 14

Fifer  
Jacob Schenck - 19

### PRIVATES

Jacob Skillman ..... 38	Jacob Costin ..... 32	Hugh Hamil ..... 19	Thomas Howel ..... 32
Joseph Schenck ..... 36	Patrick Dear ..... 19	Daniel Agnew ..... 44	Ruliff Covenhoven ..... 23
James Layland ..... 30	David Sunderland ..... 19	Charles Clark ..... 29	David Atchley ..... 33
Gabriel Smith ..... 20	Conant Cone ..... 33	John Clark ..... 24	John P. Bergen ..... 26
James Anderson ..... 23	Ethanah Stout ..... 18	John Coulter ..... 30	Mathew Weatherington .. 41
Harman Morford ..... 30	Peter Hollingshead ..... 23	James Hilyar ..... 28	Isaac Cool ..... 37
John Sanderson ..... 39	Jacob Skillman ..... 19	Abraham Schenck ..... 18	

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**An Enrollment of All and Every Free Able-Bodied White Male Citizen  
Between The Ages of Eighteen and Forty-Five Within the Township of  
Windsor Taken Agreeable to the Law of the State of New Jersey**

John Boyd	Richard Kerwood	Daniel Applegate	John Hankins
Andrus Gibson	Thomas Carman	William Covenhoven	William Covenhoven
Edward Ross	Charles Bodine	Stacey Groon	John McCullough
John Witherspoon	Jacob Skilman	Elijah Voorhees	John Hilyer
David Ditmars	John Lesle	Jesse Slayback	Josiah Dye
James Enisle	John McGreger	John Coovert	George P. Bergen
Edward Coonrad	William Hight	James Morford	James Lake
William Bay	David Sunderland	Joseph Storey	Jacob Voorhees
William Rout	James Anderson	Clement Hooper	William Slayback
John Staples	William Anderson	John Stout	William Vandike
James Stule	Daniel Agnew	William Vann	Oke Hoagland
Thomas Fulton	Charles Snowden	William Holmes	Court Voorhees
Charles Tennent	Charles Clark	William Hoagland	Clement Updike
Alexander Stewart	Joseph Vanpelt	Robert Taylor	Majoe Vandike
John Simmons	Nathaniel Olden	Ezekial Page	Jacob Vann
John Simpson	Garret Hulfish	Daniel Wilson	Martin Hoagland
James Corvin	Henry Dye	James Robbins	Able Miner
John Huster	Enoch Clark	James Pullen	William Young
John Dickson	Luke Cruiser	John Warner	James Lewis
Issac Vandover	John McCoy	Henry Smith	John Disbury
Nathaniel Hunt	John Schenl	John Hulit	Soloman Slayback
Henry Polhemus	Abraham Schenk	John Fisher	George Dennis
John Terhune	Thomas Howell	Peter Davis	Daniel Danur
Horatio Dayton	Hugh Runyon	George Norris	John O'Neal
James Bonny	Nicholas Hight	John Dye	Noah Cane
Jiles Wood	William Tindel	Zacariah Cox	James Robbins, Jr.
John N. Abeal	Jacob Hawk	Solomon Smith	John Danur
Richard Ashton	James McGallard	Abraham Cloward	Samuel Pullen
John Sanderson	Francis Lebow	Thomas Lemmon	Elijah Pullen
Jacob Coston	John Schenk	John Lemmon	Francis Pullen
Garret Schenk	Stewart Brown	Abraham Vannest	Oliver Pullen
Jacob Schenk	John Emmons	Absolom Hart	Benjamin Cunningham
Henry Silvers	Isaac Emmons	Richard Burris	James Vanderverter
Robert Runyon	Richard Howell	Abraham Mesles	Thomas Clark
John N. Hight (Captain)	Vincent Dye	Able Slayback	Robert Yates
James Clark	John Colter	George G. Bergen	
Jesse Voorhees	James Hilyar		
Benjamin Smith	Nathaniel Lemmon		
William Lemmon	Mathias Lemmon		
Elias Coleman	Jonathan Stout		
Joseph Brotherton	Jacob Coovert		
Patrick Deare	John Perdie		
Zebulon Morford	John Bergun		
Connant Cone	Christopher Pergin		
Jacob Gray	John Vannest		
Isaac Cool	Daniel Atchley		
Gabriel Smith	Rulef Covenhoven		
Robert Bailey	Samuel Stout		
Mathew Worthington	David Rowe		

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### **John Hight Militia**

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Richard Ashton .....	19	Joseph Runyon.....	28
William Anderson.....	20	Nathaniel Olden .....	19
Thomas Carman .....	25	Enoch Clark .....	25
George Skilman .....	20	Jacob Hawk.....	39
William Bayles.....	18	William Tindal.....	21
Charles Bodine.....	20	William Hutchinson...	18
Jacob Kirkindolph .....	25	Garret Schenck .....	40
Robert Lard .....	30	Alexander C. Crusea ..	28
Thomas Hollinghead .	18	Nicholas Hight.....	42
Samuel Heath.....	18	Richard Burrows .....	29

## **Enrollment of All and Every Free Able-Bodied White Male Citizen**

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John Phares	James McCabe	Joseph Santon	Zebulon Brown
Amos Hutchinson	Samuel Pitman	John Hoar	James Hepburn, Jr.
Richard Husse	Nathaniel Morlan	Robert Hepburn	Isaac Holloway
Thomas Combs	Abraham Stanhope	Stephen Ford	Asher Williams
William Read	Joseph Tindell	John Miller	John Rogers
Samuel Rogers	John Poulson	Thomas Debow	Thomas Baldwin
Nathan Davis	Richard Applegate	William Kerrel	Miles Dillon
James Hutchinson	Robert Tindell	James Merrick	Gilbert VanMater
Joseph Lovelace	Barzilla Bruman	Andrew Rowan	William Fisher
William Irvin	John Bowen	George Bergen	Richard Harbour
Levi Casnes	James Courley	Enos Baldwin	Elijah Mount
Jacob Garretson	Elijah Tindal	On Ward	John Covenhoven
William Myers	George Post	Elijah Hankins	Samuel Fisher
Edmond McCabe	Abraham Bergen	Dusbury Applegate	Joseph Schenk
John Garretson	Nathan Davis	Joseph Wilson	Richard Runyon
James Chambers	John Dook	William Brotherton	Peter Holinghead
Joseph Wall	Francis Vann	Hezekiah Mount	Hugh Hammel
Timothy Curless	Ruben Aries	Amos Dye	Samuel Britten
Timothy Tindell	Robert Aries	Benjamin Riggs	Vincent Dye
David Chambers	Aaron Thurman	Mathew Rue	David Slayback
Robert Chambers	John Morton	Alexander Smith	James Rogers
Thomas Pryer	Daniel Harbour	Stephen Jameson	John Ely
Benjamin Brittan	Vincent Dye, Jr.	David Smith	Benjamin Low
John Ford	Woolsey Baldwin	Aaron Holman	David Olden*
William Post	Joseph Mount	Benjamin Cole	Job Olden*
Christopher Bergen	Robert Casten	John Hooper	Joseph Clark*
John Bergen	James Rindals	Thomas Mount	John Lewis*
John Davis	Mathias Vance	Edward Kannan	Samuel Henry*
Jacob Warner	Thomas Applegate	John Garston	Isaac Combs*
Joseph Wilson	Nehemaih Mount	Robert English	Daniel Stout*
James Moore	Henry Freeman	James Barres	James Clark*
Jonathan Pullen	John Riggs	Isaac Ely	Abraham Stout
Isaac Warner	Samuel Riggs	John Chamberlain	John McKain
Hezekiah Pullen	George Harkman	Jochum Vanardalen	Frederick Miller
John Pullen	John Jameson	Charles South	John Ford
Isaac Applegate	Richard Read	Joseph South	Jonathan Brown
John Hulick	Jacob Holman	Abraham Brown	Jacob Warner
Thomas Cunnigham	Davis Riggs	William Lawyer	Jesse Warner
Benjamin Emmons	William Gravert	Lewis Baremore	David Richardson
William Covenhoven	Ezekial Hutchinson	John Dewit	William Cubberly
Samuel Phares	Samuel Applegate	Solomon Evins	Thomas Tindel
Isaac Hutchinson	Eli Carson	James Hepburn	Asher Applegate
Edward Page	James Mount	James Ford	Israel Baldwin
David Hartipice	George Ely	Charles Ford	Abraham Applegate
Abel Stout	Enoch Casner	John Debow	Elisha South
William Howse	Thomas Alison	John Ely	Thomas Powell
Daniel Hutchinson	Isaac South	Isaac Imlay	William Dye Jewell
William Page	Major South	George Sproal	John Savage
William Caferty	William Furman	David Robbins	Nicholas Hulick
Aaron Dutch	Timothy Huilt	Elisha Stelle	James Finley
Joseph Garretson	George Hulit	John Silvers	Jacob Skilman
William Garretson	Henry Rogers	John Hamel	

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**A True Return of the Men  
Belonging to the Troop Raised at Cranbury,  
Commanded by Captain Robert McGrath  
1793**

[No ages were taken with this company.]

PRIVATES

James Hubert  
Nicholas Brittan  
James Ferrine, Jr.  
Brittan Moore  
Nathaniel Brittan  
Daniel Duncan  
Henry Wagner  
John Dye  
Aaron Kerr  
William Armstrong  
Daniel Hendrickson  
William Nixon  
John Hooper  
Richard Laird  
Aaron Bennet  
David Brotherton  
William Reid  
John Scott

John Hendrickson  
Robert Mashon  
Nathaniel Loofbury  
William Egbert  
Clement Hooper  
Phineas Johnston  
Henry Cartelow  
David Hanaker  
Richard Handley  
John Parker  
Randolph French  
Samuel Disborough  
Barent Hulick  
John Duncan  
James Barclay  
Luke Covenhoven  
Peter Gulick  
Daniel Bayles

Isaac Minor  
Resscarick Moore  
Thomas Hayley  
Seth Covenhoven  
Ralph Lott  
William Perrine  
James Reid  
Peter Dey  
Aaron Dunn  
Ezekial Prien  
John Van Pelt, Jr.  
Timothy Horner  
Perine Carson  
Rulef Cartelow  
William Graham  
Vincent Dye

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

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Membership Committee  
Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society  
164 North Main Street  
Hightstown, NJ 08520

**Enrollment**

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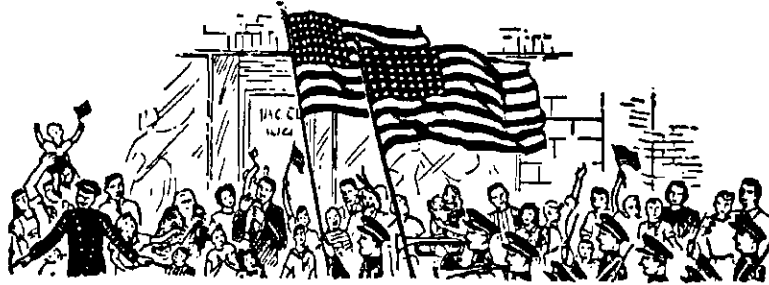
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 Joseph Arthur  
 Aaron South  
 Frederick Hawk  
 Jesse Slayback  
 John Coovert  
 Joseph Olden\*  
 Lawrence Olden\*  
 Hart Olden\*  
 Jules Olden\*  
 Benjamin Clark, Jr.\*  
 Isaac Clark\*  
 Ezekial Rogers\*  
 Isaac Thorn\*  
 William Smith\*

\* - Exempt From Militia Duty

I do certify that the above is a true  
 return-William Anderson, Deputy  
 Commissioner for the Township of  
 Windsor

**In Memory****Alva C. (Bud) Perrine**

The Society has lost a long time member, former officer, and a friend by his passing. Known to most everyone as "Bud," he was involved in many areas of the Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society. He was a past president, chaired the model railroad committee, and for many years took care of the needs of Ely House, whenever they arose and he was called upon, as our "handyman." He was most enthusiastic about the history of the town and the history of the farming community through his collection of early horse-powered farming implements. If Bud had the chance, he was most eager to tell you about the workings of the Rigg's Plow or cultivator. I personally recall Bud as my Boy Scout Master in Troop #59 many, many years ago. He will be missed by everyone. ■



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