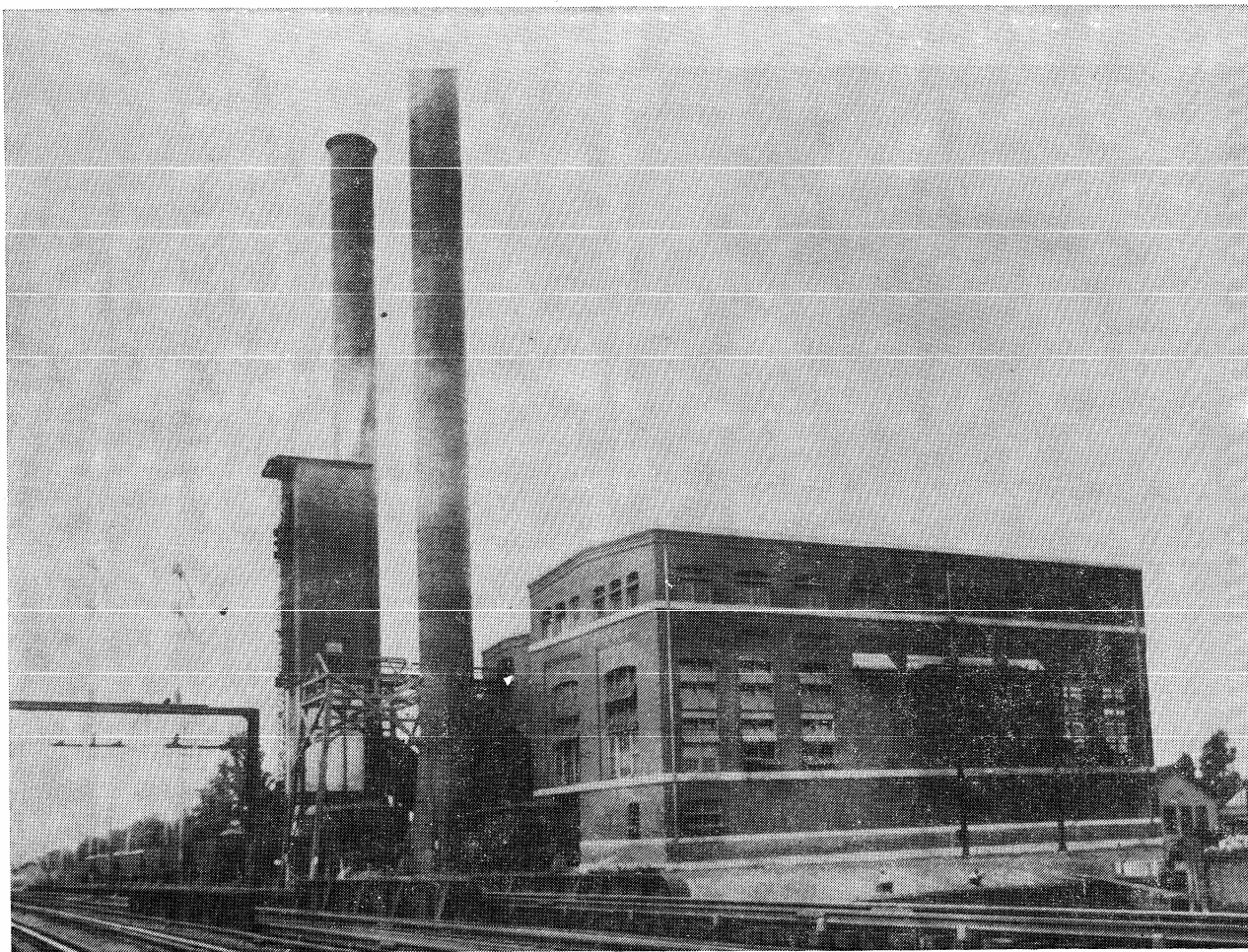


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The Westville Power House

By C. Donald Jess

As one drives northward on Route 130 through Westville and just before crossing Big Timber Creek, you will see a large red brick building on your right, between the highway and the railroad. This is the remains of the once vital source of power for the electrified tracks of the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad.

Its story began in about 1904 when discussions began within the top eschelons of the Pennsylvania Railroad concerning the feasibility of using electricity to replace steam powered trains. Work was already under way in New York in this direction. Now the Pennsylvania was considering trying this mode of power on its subsidiary, the "West Jersey". A lengthy discussion ensued between the proponents of direct current, backed by General Electric Co. and those favoring alternating current,

The coal-fired generating station provided with 2000 kw generators supplied the power for the line from Camden to Atlantic City via Newfield. In order to maintain power which left Westville, at 33,000 volts, substations were located along the route. At each of these stations the power was reduced to 650 volts, DC for use in powering the trains. Substations in Gloucester County were located at Glassboro and Newfield. It was a bit of a "mickey mouse" arrangement, in that over-head power lines were used from Camden to a point between Gloucester and Brooklawn due to the number of crossings and the danger of contact with a "third rail", the trolley was used south of this point. As the trains reached the station going south, the train crews lowered the "trolley" and the third rail took over. The reverse procedure was used by each train going north.

In order to use as little electricity as possible, electric cars were ordered instead of the traditional mechanical cars.

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cars, each having its own traction motors to transfer the electricity from the third rail to motion for the cars, rather than have one car serve as a "locomotive" to pull the rest of the train.

By the time electrification of the West Jersey Atlantic City main line was complete, it boasted a two track system between the two terminals of Camden and Atlantic City and a center track between Camden and Woodbury for use by "express trains" that did not stop between those two points.

In about 1910 traffic had increased to such a degree that a fourth generator was added to the Westville facility. At this time there were about 90 electric trains plus 15 steam trains passing the Westville station every twenty four hours and this did not include the freight service. The steam trains served the Penns Grove, Salem and Bridgeton Branches as well as the freight traffic.

Gate tenders were busy men in those days, remembering that kerosene oil lamps were used at night on each gate. One of the busiest of these men was the man assigned to the main crossing in Westville. It was a double crossing where Crown Point Road crossed the tracks at roughly a 45 degree angle and just a few feet to the south Pine street crossed at a 90 degree angle, with the gate house in between the two crossings. The author remembers with awe, the track record of the gate tender as he replaced the oil lamps on 8 gates in between the arrival and departure of the trains, always cognizant of the express trains which traveled at high speed at this point.

Accidents did occur and the school children of the "30's" will remember "Pop" Beideman, a victim of an accident near the very crossing he guarded for many years where Woodbine Street crossed the tracks just south of the Westville freight station.

In addition to passenger service the trains provided

In 1922 the Pennsylvania railroad decided it was now cheaper to buy electricity from the Westville Electric Co. than to generate its own at Westville. That the Power House ceased operations as a source of power. It did continue on an auxiliary basis until about 1928 when all operations were closed. The "boiler room" part of the complex was closed leaving only the generating room standing, as a relic of the past.

The automobile began to take its toll on the railroad during the late '20's and early in the '30's. The operations south of Newfield ceased.

In 1933 the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroad, long-time competitors, merged their South Jersey operations into the Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore. However even this re-organization did not stop the gradual decline in riders. After World War II the State of New Jersey ordered the abandonment of the coaches, leaving the P.R.S.L. with little to continue operation.

The last electric train to roll on the old West Jersey and Seashore Railroad departed the station on 24 September 1949 (Train No. 100) into Camden at 7:38 A.M. Ironically the last train that this author rode from Westville was the train to Ft. Dix Station on 2 March 1943 to await the train to Ft. Dix for service in the U. S. Army.

My father, the late Clifford Jess, left Westville in 1906 to work in the new Shipyard in Woodstown. When it closed in 1922 he worked in the Shipyard for the next 33 years when he retired. It is to see that facility also close. The above mentioned shipyard in 1910 and was part of his collection of memorabilia.

Genealogical Queries

Seeking information on the 18C. Gloucester County families: Sell; Rose; and Tatem/Tatum/Tatham families. Also Ellen (Sill) Lucas, 423 - 3rd St. N. E. V.

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Genealogical Queries

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Want info. on LOCK(E) family and early Swedish ancestors in NJ or Pa, especially parents of Leonard LOCK, b. 1818, NJ. Mrs. James W. Locke, 800 Pleasantville Road, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

Want info. on families of Garret SHEETS, Josiah LOCK (1783-1848); James LOCK (1795- ?); Ezekiel LOCK (1790 - ?); Amos LOCK (1793-1872). Mrs. James W. Locke, 800 Pleasantville Road, Lancaster, Ohio 43130

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County: Gloucester Municipality: Deptford
Date: July 1784

	Number of White Inhabitants	Number of Slaves
Thomas Stiles, Junr.	3	
John Stiles, son of Thomas	7	
Peter String	7	
George Stiles	4	
John Storkey	3	
Jeremiah String	3	
John Somers	3	
John Stiles	7	
John Sharp	7	
George Sparks	5	
Rubin Stiles	5	
Samuel Swift	6	
John Stetsor, Junr.	3	
Thomas Scott	4	
Isaac Stephens	8	
John Stephens	7	
Isaac Snowden	4	
John Stetsor, Senr.	4	
Isaac Snowden	—	
David Soloman	3	
William Snowden	7	
James Stephens	7	1
Robert Sparks (farmer)	2	
Henry Tredaway	4	
William Tatum	10	
Christopher Timberman	3	
Uriah Taripen	6	
John Turner	11	
Joseph Turner	4	
Richard Thorn	9	
Henry Tredaway	4	
Nathan Tredaway	5	
Robert Taylor	5	1
John Tatum	8	1
James Wilkins	10	
Thomas Wilson	11	
Richard Watherby	2	
Moses Ward	7	
Benjamin Whitall	9	
Benjamin Whitacor	5	
Job Whitall	17	
John West	3	
Charles West	5	2

Number of
White Inhabitants

Jacob Williams	6
John Williams	10
Israel Williams	4
Tatum Williams	5
Aaron Ward	6
George Ward (smith)	8
Margaret Ward	4
David Wood	7
Samuel Wheton	5
George Ward (shoemaker)	2
Isaiah Wiley	3
James Ward	6
Jonathan Williams	0
Samuel Wild	?
James Whitall	13
John Wood	10
Isaac Ward	7
John Wood (farmer)	12
Jonathan Ward	6
John Ward	3
Benjamin Ward	9
James Wood	10
John Williams (Woodbury)	6
David Ward	—
John West	—
William Wilkins	10
John Wilkins, Esq.	10
Savall Wilson	8
Nathan Ward	9
Mark Winters	—
Sarah Wilkins	2
John Yost	2

John Martin
and His Descendants

by Robert P. Posey

John Martin was one of Andrew Martin sons. I do not know exactly when or where was born. In two deeds dated March 20, 1814, John Martin sold twenty-one acres of land to "his son Daniel Martin" (Gloucester County, NJ Deed Book Q, p. 69 recorded April 29, 1812). Andrew Martin both lived on the land and sold to Daniel Martin.

John Martin was married to Rebecca (Certificates of Gloucester County, NJ view Gloucester County Historical Society (GCHS) 25, 1803 by Levi Rogers, Minister of the Cownoner is a variant of Cownover and Co

He was married for the second time to Jefferies on February 2, 1812 (Certificates of Gloucester County-GCHS).

On March 12, 1810, John Martin purchased thirty-four acres and thirty-four perches of land from Sr. He built his house on this land that is (Gloucester County, NJ Deed Book M, p. 471)

**John Martin
and His Descendants**

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(1st) Beginning at the south West corner of Thomas Adams Lands and running thence $42\frac{1}{2}$ Degrees south West five Chains to Daniel Ingersull Line

(2nd) North $48\frac{1}{2}$ Degrees West of Daniel Ingersull Line 3 chains and 22 Links to a red oak standing near the upper edge of the Hollow

(3rd) Thence North 9 Degrees East 5 chains 25 Links to two small Whiteoaks uniting with each other

(4th) And thence south $48\frac{1}{2}$ Degrees East 5 chains 76 Links to the Beginning-being two Acres and thirty four perches

John Martin made his living by farming and by harvesting oysters; this is made clear by his will (dated April 28, 1830) and the inventory of his estate (dated May 26, 1830). He died between April 28, 1830 and May 26, 1830. John Martin's will, which was proved on June 1, 1830 (Gloucester County, NJ Will Book C, p. 417), reads as follows:

Be it Remembered that I John Martin of the Township of Egg Harbour in the County of Gloucester in the State of New Jersey being weak in body tho of Sound mind & memory have thought meet whilst permitted to make my Will & settle my outward estate to my own mind in the following manner. After all my just debts & funeral charges be paid and satisfied I give devise & dispose of it in the following manner and form.

First I give and bequeath to my wife Abigail all my homestead (sic) place up against David Conley's along my headline that I bought of Jesse Adams extending the same course to Daniel Martin's line as long as she remains my widow exclusive of her right of Dowery.

Farther I give to my son Jonathan all my land laying between the afore-described line and the new Mill Road to him & his heirs & assigns for ever. An I give to my son John one equal half part of my homestead place that is bequeathed to my wife to be struck or run off on the south west side.

And I give to my son Evan the other half of my homestead place that is bequeathed to my wife to be struck or run off on the northeast side to him, his heirs and assigns for ever.

And I give to my three sons before mentioned Jonathan, John & Evan Martin all my lands above the new Mill Road to be Equally divided between them: To them their heirs and assigns for ever Farther It is my will that my son Jonathan should occupy the part of my oyster ground in the great thoroughfare that he has oysters planted on and that John & Evan have the remainder till they come to the age of twenty-one with all the oysters

& a bed and two sheets and I give to my Abigail all my furniture and Two Cows choice. And the remainder of my personal p I give to be equally divided between my so and Evan and my Daughter Pheba. And Lastly I constitute and appoint my de Abigail to be my Executrix of this my la and testament.

In Witness I the Testator do publish and this to be my last will and testament and s affix my seal hereto in the presence of the s ing witnesses on the 28th day of April in of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

John Lake	his
Thomas Adams	John X Mar
Daniel Adams	mark

His estate was appraised by John Lake and Adams on May 26, 1830; it was valued at \$ (Gloucester County Inventory Book 5, p. 39)

John Martin and Rebecca (Cownoner) had two children:

Children - MARTIN

- (2) i Jonathan, b. 1804, md. Elizabeth July 23, 1825; d. 19 April 1864
ii Mary, b. about 1805; md. Asbary Prise, 2 John and Abigail (Jefferies) Martin had three

Children - Martin

- i John, b. 23 July 1812 (?); md. Rebecca Gandy, 17 July 1831; d. 26 September 1840
(3) ii Evan, b. 1815; md. Mary Ann Ri 1837; d. 1865-1880
iii Pheba b. 1815-1820

(To be continued)

Recent Sightings of Black Bear

By Dr. Harry Gershenowitz

Recent sightings of black bear have been in the lower counties of New Jersey — Marlborough, Salem County, 1978; Green Bank, Burlington County, 1979; Quinton, Salem County, 1982; Upton, Burlington County, 1982; Waterford Township, Camden County, 1982; Cumberland County, 1983; and Hamilton Township, Atlantic County, May 11, 1984. These sightings are the last of the indigenous black bear population in New Jersey. One of these sightings ended tragically, however, when a black bear came out of the local state park on June 1, 1984, and wandered into Hamilton Township, Mercer County, and was shot by a police officer. On the next day, though, during the first two weeks of January 1985, a 2-year-old pregnant bear nicknamed "Frieda" was sighted in Hatfield, a rural suburb of Northampton County. The citizens of this hamlet adopted "Frieda" and permitted her to rest in their backyards and

An authority on Massachusetts' black bear sightings is Asaph Allen (1839-1921). Between 1865-85, he was a member of the Massachusetts Association of Naturalists and a member of the American Association of University Professors.

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the Curator of Birds at the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology. He became a recipient of an honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree from Indiana University in 1886. In recognition of his life-time studies as a trained ornithologist, he became the Director of the Department of Birds and Mammals at the American Museum of Natural History in 1885. Allen utilized the Lamarckian hypothesis to explain the influence of climate and geography on bird migration. He travelled extensively with his research, which took him to Brazil, throughout the North American continent and up to Alaska.

The New York Times' obituary of August 30, 1921 stated that Allen was "An unusually prolific author in his special field. Dr. Allen's writings number (sic) more than 1,000, including 965 articles on birds." His expertise on the eastern black bear is not so well known. He also wrote papers on "The Black Bear of Labrador," and "The White Bear of Southwestern British Columbia."

He prepared and published a *Catalogue of the Mammals of Massachusetts* in which he differentiated between the chief characteristics of the grizzly bear (*Ursus horribilis*) and the black bear (*Ursus americanus*) in order to assure the state population that it lived with a small, timid and generally harmless animal. In the *Catalogue*, Allen informed us that "The skull and teeth afford some of the best characters for the distinction of genera and species . . ."

There is a current need to educate the citizens of New Jersey as to the basic differences between the size, ferocity and other characteristics of the grizzly and black bears. Allen wrote about the gentleness of the black bear. It is not unusual for the male black bear to wander fifty or more miles in May and early June, in search of a mate. Therefore, it is not unreasonable to expect the black bear to stray into the outskirts of small towns from time to time. It appears that the denizens of Massachusetts recognized then, and currently follow Allen's guidance. This writer hopes that if a black bear roams into Gloucester County the animal will be treated in New England style.

New Publication

Pitman Grove, New Jersey 1870-1900 Through A Tiffany Window by Charles A. Parker is now available. This delightful look at one of New Jersey's best known camp meetings contains 112 pages and costs \$5.50 ppd. Dr. Parker presently resides in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he is Professor of Speech Communication at North Carolina State University. However, he was raised in Pitman and makes good use of his familiarity with the area to present a vibrant segment of Gloucester County history.

While on the subject of publications, the following books are reminders of some of the fine genealogical

- BILLIOU - *Pierre Billiou Family* by Elmer Garfield Van Name, \$1.25, plus 25¢
- BRITTON - *Britton Genealogy* by Elmer Garfield Van Name, \$2.50, plus 25¢
- BROOKS - *After 12 Generations A Brooks Family Is Ending* by Lillian Brooks Black, \$1.25, plus 25¢
- CHEW - *Genealogy of the Chew Family* by Robert Chew, \$17.50, plus \$1.00
- CRESSON - *Pierre Cresson, The Huguenot of Island, Pennsylvania and New Jersey Progeny* by Elmer Garfield Van Name, \$1.50, plus 25¢
- DYE - See *Joseph Smith Family*, etc.
- EASTLACK - *The Eastlack Family* by John W. Eastlack, \$8.50, plus \$1.00
- ELWELL - *The Elwell Family* by Elmer Garfield Van Name, \$2.50, plus 25¢
- GRISCOM - *Betsy Ross The Griscom Legacy* by William D. Timmins and Robert W. Yarrington, \$16.95, plus \$1.00
- HOUSMAN - *The Housman (Huysman) - Simons Family of Staten Island, New York*, by Elmer Garfield Van Name, \$1.25, plus 25¢
- LEEK - *The Leek Family of Southern New Jersey* by Helen Leek Mack, \$7.00, plus 50¢
- LIPPINCOTT - *Lippincott - Five Generations of Descendants of Richard and Abigail Lippincott* by M. Olsen, \$17.50, plus \$1.00
- KNIGHT - *Thomas Knight of Pennsylvania and His Descendants* by William Beckett Brown, III, \$7.50, plus 50¢
- MATTSON - *Genealogy of the Mattson Family* by P. Walmsley, Sr., \$12.00, plus \$1.00
- MOORE - *The Benjamin Moore Family of Burlington County* by Edmund J. Moore, \$15.00, plus \$1.00
- NELSON - *Anthony Nelson* by Elmer Garfield Van Name, \$3.00, plus 25¢
- PANCOAST - *The Pancoast Family in America* by Bennett S. Pancoast, \$17.50, plus \$1.00
- PAULL - *Genealogy of Joseph Paull 1657-1717* by Elmer Garfield Van Name, \$1.50, plus 25¢
- PAULLIN - *The Paullin Family* by Elmer Garfield Van Name, \$2.50, plus 25¢
- SIMONSON - *The Simonson Families of Staten Island and New York* by Elmer Garfield Van Name, \$1.50, plus 25¢
- SMITH - *The Joseph Smith Family of Gloucester and Salem Counties, N.J. - The James Dye Family of Gloucester County, N.J.* by Elmer Garfield Van Name, \$2.50, plus 25¢

Library News and Acquisitions

Some of our volunteers rarely get into the library building to do their work, but still contribute a great deal through efforts in their homes. Mrs. Marie Wills of Gloucester City, Bill Cramer of Sicklerville and Mrs. Laura Miner of Haddonfield extract deaths for us, found in old newspapers. These statistics are then typed and filed, a real asset to the genealogical researcher.

Mrs. Joan Michael of Washington Township transcribes census records at home from microfilm. She is presently working on the 1870 census for Gloucester County and has already transcribed, typed and indexed various decennial years of the federal census for Washington and Monroe Townships.

Mrs. Jeanne M. Hammell of Pitman, a volunteer since 1969, indexes materials for library use. She has indexed the following volumes: *Stewart's Genealogical and Historical Miscellany No. 1 and No. 2; Gloucester County Under the Proprietors; Minutes of the Gloucester County Court 1686-1687; History of the Men of Company F, With Descriptions of the Twelfth New Jersey Volunteers;* and two large volumes of Salem County marriages and deaths extracted from the "Sunbeam," Vol. 1 (1858-1871) and Vol. 2 (1872-1880). Jeanne is presently indexing the third volume, 1887-1885.

The efforts and interest of these people means so much to the growth of our library, we are all grateful for their excellent "home" work! If you are interested in serving in a similar capacity, call 845-4771, Mrs. Hoelle, we'd like to hear from you.

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We continue listing acquisitions received in mid-1984, with special thanks to each and every donor:

From Col. Samuel F. Silver, USA Ret., of Columbia, SC: Copies of marriage certificates for Edward H. Cloud to Josephine Denelsbeck at Spotswood, N.J., 25 April 1905 and Joseph Denelsbeck to Eliza Nickerson at Hampton, NJ, 9 May 1885; recent issues of *The Genealogical Helper* and *South Jersey Magazine*;

From Mrs. Nancy L. Rainier of Clementon, NJ: Miscellaneous materials on the Budd family, including their early history in Europe, Burlington County Budds and early allied families;

From L. K. Gottshalk of Swedesboro, NJ: Copies of the 19th century Bible records of the Joseph Kille (b. 1835) family;

From Vance Postell of Mullica Hill, NJ, courtesy of L. K. Gottshalk of Swedesboro, NJ: Copy of the 19th century Bible records of the Postell family of South Jersey;

From Mrs. Roberta Erichson of Pitman, NJ: Copy of the 19th century Bible records of the Miller-Hitchner family of Salem Co.; data on Robert Tullis of Salem Co.;

From Dr. Charles A. Parker of Raleigh, North Carolina: Copy of *Ocean Grove, New Jersey: Queen of the Victorian Methodist Camp Meeting Resorts* by Charles A. Parker published in *Nineteenth Century*, the Magazine of the Victorian Society in America;

From John W. Black of Westville, NJ: Two typescripts compiled by the donor: *Demise of the Sturgeon in the Delaware and Southern New Jersey's Wasted Wealth*;

From Harold E. Haines of Pitman, NJ: *The First Baptist Church of Pitman, NJ Fifth Anniversary 1909-1984*; 1957 photographs of ground-breaking ceremonies and interior of Masonic Temple;

From Ephraim Tomlinson, II, of Medford, NJ: Howell Family miscellany, including marriage Philadelphia Howells and the china tray family pedigree; data on the ancestors of Clayton, who settled in Burlington in 1677; *Allied Families (Including Hillis-Hilles Family)* Gustine Courson Weaver, Cincinnati, O.; *Historical Sketch of Nicholas Buzby Thomas* compiled by Anna C. Kingsbury for William Nickerson, 1924;

From Libra Publications, Mary K. Meyer, Linthicum Heights, Maryland: *A History and Genealogical Record of the City of New Haven, Connecticut, etc.*, compiled by P. Allen, 1899, repr. 1977, Libra Publications;

From Mrs. Jean S. Jost of Gloucester City, NJ: Copies of miscellaneous issues of *The Old School*, publication of the Pupils' Association of Backus School, Cumberland County, NJ, from 1900-1905;

From Mrs. Marie Wills of Gloucester City, NJ: *New York Passenger Arrivals 1849-1868*, printed and translated by Michael Cassady, ed. by S. Papillion, Nebr., 1983;

From Mrs. Patricia A. Schaffer of Virginia, VA: Family group sheets on George W. Fell and on John Fell (1826-1892); copy of John Fell's certificate, 1892;

From Mrs. Ernest R. Long of Pittsfield, MA: *James Dilks Family*, typescript;

From Jack Gillespy of Maple Shade, NJ: Data on the family of Daniel McCoy, 1800-1850;

From Mrs. Sarah Carty of Gibbstown, NJ: Xerox copies of the Bible records of Robert Tomlin and Mary (Thomas) Tomlin, who married on February 1859; and records of James Tomlin, who came from Ireland in the 19th century;

From Richard M. Burr of Westville, NJ: Copies of 12 photographs taken from early 19th century postal cards of Westville;

From James Krauss of Pitman, NJ: Misc. materials on Benjamin Abbott, famous preacher in South Jersey in the 18th century;

From Mr. and Mrs. James Farley of Clayton, NJ: *Chart The Farleys of Washington Township* by Joan Michael, July 1984;

From Mrs. Ruth Hough of Lindenwold, NJ: *The Shaw Family* compiled by Ruth Shaw; typescript; data on the Frambes family; indenture of 1867 for a cemetery plot in C. H. Cemetery, Gloucester City purchased by Isaac Shaw;

From Mrs. Marie McKinney of Chester, Pa: Charles Barkoff of Gloucester City, NJ: Original photograph of the Devlin home on Woodbury, showing Mary Jane and Marie Devlin in the late 19th century;

From Mrs. Ada Leap of Penns Grove, NJ: Miscellaneous materials on the Penns Grove family;

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From Mrs. Lucy Ebert of Grenloch, NJ:
Miscellaneous data concerning Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, Pa.; flyer concerning **Rules For the Government of Scholars in the District Schools of Gloucester Township Camden, NJ, ca. 1860**; original 19th century Assembly Bill No. 252 **An Act To incorporate the Blackwoodtown and White Horse Railroad Co.; Honor Roll of the Presbytery of West Jersey** compiled by Addison Berg Collins, 1920, listing all the servicemen from churches in the Presbytery of West Jersey, 1917-1918; article from the **West Jersey Press** of February 16, 1924 "Ferries - Old and New" by Harry Cassel;

From Dr. Charles L. Nicholson of Woodbury, NJ:
Planters and Pioneers Nova Scotia, 1749 to 1775 by Esther Clark Wright, Hansport, Nova Scotia, 1978;

From the Evesham Township Historical Society, Marlton NJ, courtesy of Mrs. June Stratmann of Marlboro, NJ:
Copy of an 18th and 19th century Bible record of the Barton-Collins families;

From Roy Horner of Barnsboro, NJ:
Photographs of the Woodbury Railroad Station and the train of rolling homes for the railroad track crews, taken September 1984;

From Mrs. Alice Black Bryant of Woodbury, NJ:
My Father, Marmion Stanley Black, M.D. (1875-1964) by Alice Black Bryant, typescript; **The VanLeer House at "Grand Sprute"** by Alice Black Bryant, typescript;

From Mrs. Ethel Mazza of Rochester, New Hampshire:
Copies of misc. data concerning the Weatherbv family of South Jersey, including data on the Smith, Stephens, Clark and Quinton families;

From Mrs. Anna Petrillo of Cherry Hill, NJ:
Typed lists of data pertaining to members of the Cole family in New York State (primarily in the Counties of Greene, Ulster, Kingston, Sullivan, Orange, Delaware, Dutchess, Rensselaer, etc.), including deeds, census records, cemetery inscriptions, church records, wills and genealogies; New York and New Jersey names of the Combs-Coombe families from the Soundex;

From Mrs. Eureka Batten of Washington Township, NJ:
Batten lineage in the 17th century England and the Batten Coat-of-Arms; 200th Anniversary of Methodism 1784-1984, as celebrated by Bethel United Methodist Church, Hurffville, NJ;

From Pat Homan of Bridgeton, NJ:
Copy of the 19th century Bible record of the births of Joseph Tucker and Naomi Owen (Murphy) Tucker, and their children;

From Howard G. Wagner, Jr., of Woodbury, NJ:
Xerox copies of records from Wagner's Funeral Home in Gloucester City from 1908 to 1933;

From Mrs. Rose Ward of Claymont, Delaware:
Pamphlet from Hancock's Harbor, **The Story of Ship "John and the Pirates That Roamed the Waters in Delaware Bay Long Ago**; copies of the Civil War records of Jeremiah Casto and Casto family background material taken from **The Castos and Their Kin 1650-1965** compiled by Carrie Lona (Casto) Ferrell and Lura Agatha (Casto) Given for the Family Reunion, July 11, 1965, Parkersburg, W. Va.;

From Mrs. Mary Ann Pine of Indian Lake, New York:

From Mrs. Roberta Dayman of Doylestown:
Family group sheets on Coster, Knaus families; misc. data on the Wible-Waibel

From Mrs. Roberta Erichson of Pitman, NJ:
Late 18th and 19th century Bible record (sale) of the Thomas-Frankish-Lippincott

From Ephraim Tomlinson, II of Medford, NJ:
Misc. data copied from **The Ancestors and of Thomas and Rebecca Borden Branson** Mildred Branson Wandling, including d Ballingers, Bordens, Bransons, and Grov materials on the Trowbridge family from County, Pa. and on the Hough family of Pa.;

From Miss Mary K. Foster of Philadelphia:
Notes Collected in Research of Andrew His Wife Ann Riddle Hunter, typescript Foster, Philadelphia, Pa., 1984

From Mrs. Freida M. Spalding of Franklin:
New Jersey Almanac 1964-65 Tercentennial Trenton Evening Times; Issue of **Histor** from the Franklin Township **Sentinel**;

From Mrs. Jessie Smith Pierson of Stuart:
Copy of the Bible record of the Otto family by Dr. John Otto. The original Bible is Lutheran Church in Reading, Pa.;

From Samuel Fuss of Mickleton, NJ:
Original account book of the Woodbury Hardware Company for 1920-21;

From Frank Hoffman of New Castle, Delaware:
Many newspaper clippings and misc. material to the development of the Lindenwood Line of the DVPA from 1953 through 1960 and pamphlets on various Benevolent and Order of Elks' Lodges in Gloucester County newspapers from Penna. Counties; brochures and misc. materials concerning P

From Roy C. Horner of Barnsboro, NJ:
Original Tax Books of Mantua Township, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913; **Elements of Genealogy** by Benjamin F. Biser, 1899, reprint by C. Horner, 1974;

From Colonel Samuel F. Silver, USA Ret. South Carolina:

1907 photograph of participants at a fair given to Dr. Joseph Gosling Denelsbeck from Spotswood, Middlesex Co., NJ to marriage record of Margaret N. T. Denton, Trenton and H. LeRoy Fryer of Trenton, recent issues of **The Genealogical Helper Jersey Magazine**; photograph of the Clay Church taken about 1920;

From James Krauss of Pitman, NJ:
Data on Nathaniel Evans, 18th century Anglican minister in South Jersey;

From Mrs. Theda Ashton of Paulsboro, NJ:
Batsto-Pleasant Mills Church by Theda Ashton, presentation made by Mrs. Ashton, 1984 in the church for the "Richards coming," sponsored by the Batsto Citizens **New Jersey Farm Bureau Directory**, Trenton, 1950; 1937 Christmas issue of the Swedesboro publication **Hi-Swede**; misc. items pertaining to the Township during the 1940's;

From Mrs. Lucy Ebert of Grenloch, NJ:
Sept. 1984 issue of **The Journal of the M of NJ**; **Fairmount Park Association Annual** **Origin and Activities from its Foundation**

- From Mrs. Frances Yanus of Thorofare, NJ:
Four 19th century school books and misc. English law books of the 17th and 18th centuries; 14 issues of **DAR Magazine**;
- From Charles Haaf, Jr. of Woodstown, NJ:
Copy of the Pilesgrove Preparative Meeting Cemetery Records 1816-1982, including burials of members, non-members and lot owners of the Woodstown Friends Meeting;
- From Mrs. Shirley Hitchner of Elmer, NJ:
Copies of records from two Hitchner Bibles and the marriage cert. of Charles Hitchner and Elizabeth Timberman, both of Upper Alloways Creek 30 May 1867;
- From Furman A. DeMaris of Cherry Hill, NJ:
The DeMaris Tree in the United States A Record of the Descendants of Peter DeMaris 1749-1979 by Furman A. DeMaris IV, 2 vols., 1979;
- From Bennett S. Pancoast of Woodstown, NJ:
Holy Bible printed in 1773 containing 18th century records of the Pancoast, Wright, Hains (Haines) and Stevenson families; Bible records of the family of Townsend Hilliard and Hannah (Pancoast) Hilliard, who were married in 1844;
- From Carolyn Gifford Goudreau of Port Richey, Florida:
October 1974 issue of the **New England Historical and Genealogical Register**, Vol. 128, containing the article "William Gifford of Sandwich, Mass." (d. 1687) by Almon E. Daniels and Maclean W. Maclean;
- From Mr. and Mrs. John E. Bauman of Westmont, NJ:
Many notes, worksheets, source materials and genealogical data belonging to the late Alice B. Henry of Runnemede, NJ, including the following: materials on the Hopman-Hoffman, Pettibone, Wright and Peter Brown (of New England) families; **Robert Smith - The Architect 1722-1777, Phila., Pa** by Alice Brinni/sholtz Henry, typescript; data on the families of Ludlam, Abbott, Albertson, Marker, Dilshaver (Thielsheben), Truck, Wiggins, Hook, Stillwagon-Stellwagon, String-Strang, Adams, Howland, Van Neaman, Eldridge, Laurence, Stites, Cooper, Hohenschilt (Hohenschield), Rennels and Tyson; Bible records pertaining to the Linton, Bass, Probasco, Hook, Clendinning and Wiggins lines;
- From Mrs. Mildred Moore of Woodbury, NJ:
Dedication Program of Mickleton School, July 3, 1926; Commencement Program, Logan Township Schools, May 26, 1899; Invitation to the opening of the Farmers National Bank of Mullica Hill, Sept. 20, 1963;
- From David Irving Wilson of Tavares, Florida:
Photograph of Andrew Pierce (1828-1910) of Fries Mill and a school class photograph taken about 1896 of a Monroe Township school, possibly Williamstown;
- From Joseph C. Williams of Westville, NJ:
Thirteen photographs of Washington Park taken around the turn of the century; photograph of Ed Bernight's Sinclair Station in Franklinville in the 1920's; March 3, 1960 issue of the Westville **Gateway News**; photograph of Newbold School in Westville taken about 1940;
- From the Rev. Lynn Cheney of the First United Methodist Church Westville, NJ, courtesy of Samuel M. Burr of Westville, NJ:
Xerox copies of the church records from 1941 to 1984, including marriages, baptisms and funerals;
- From Mrs. Consilia Kaizar of Washington Township, NJ:
Fourth Annual Old Stone House Fair Apple Festival Yearbook 1984.

From Mrs. Beatrice Hughes of Gibbstown, NJ:
Transcriptions of Civil War letters between Carolina soldier, Alfred Gurganious, and Susan (DeBose) Gurganious;

From Mrs. Theda Ashton of Paulsboro, NJ:
Copies of information on the Ashton and families; copies of deeds pertaining to the Deptford Free School Society in Woodbury, including the original purchase in 1773 from

From Ephraim Tomlinson, II, of Medford, NJ:
Xerox copy of **Shull, Burdsall, Stockton Families A Genalogical Study With Biographies** by Rena Shull McCahan, New York, 19

From Harmon R. Bell of Pitman, NJ:
19th century Bible record of William E. Bell, Cedarville area of Cumberland County;

From John E. Bauman of Westmont, NJ in
Mrs. Alice B. Henry of Runnemede, NJ:
Joseph White of Derby Connecticut His Family and Allied Families compiled by Mary E. Bauman, M. A.;

From Harold E. Haines of Pitman, NJ:
Photograph of the Itaska Indian Monument, Pitman, believed taken in the early

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Edith Hoelle, Librarian

Society Hosts League

On Saturday, March 16, 1985 the Society will host the Spring Meeting of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. The meeting and luncheon will be held at the Masonic Temple, 48 N. Broad St., Woodbury, NJ, with registration and coffee between 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Following the morning's activities and luncheon, guided mini-bus tours of historic sites are planned for the afternoon. Included among the in-house tours are the Nothnagle Log Cabin, believed to be the oldest structure in America; Ladd's Castle, the oldest house in Gloucester County; and the Bodley House, erected ca. 1740. Society members are encouraged to attend. Hear what other societies are doing in the state, their problems and successes. Reservations are \$7.50 each, payable to Gloucester County Historical Society, P. O. Box 409, Woodbury, N. J. 08095. Reservations should be mailed by March 10, 1985.