

# **MORE RECORDS OF OLD HUNTERDON COUNTY**

**Volume I**

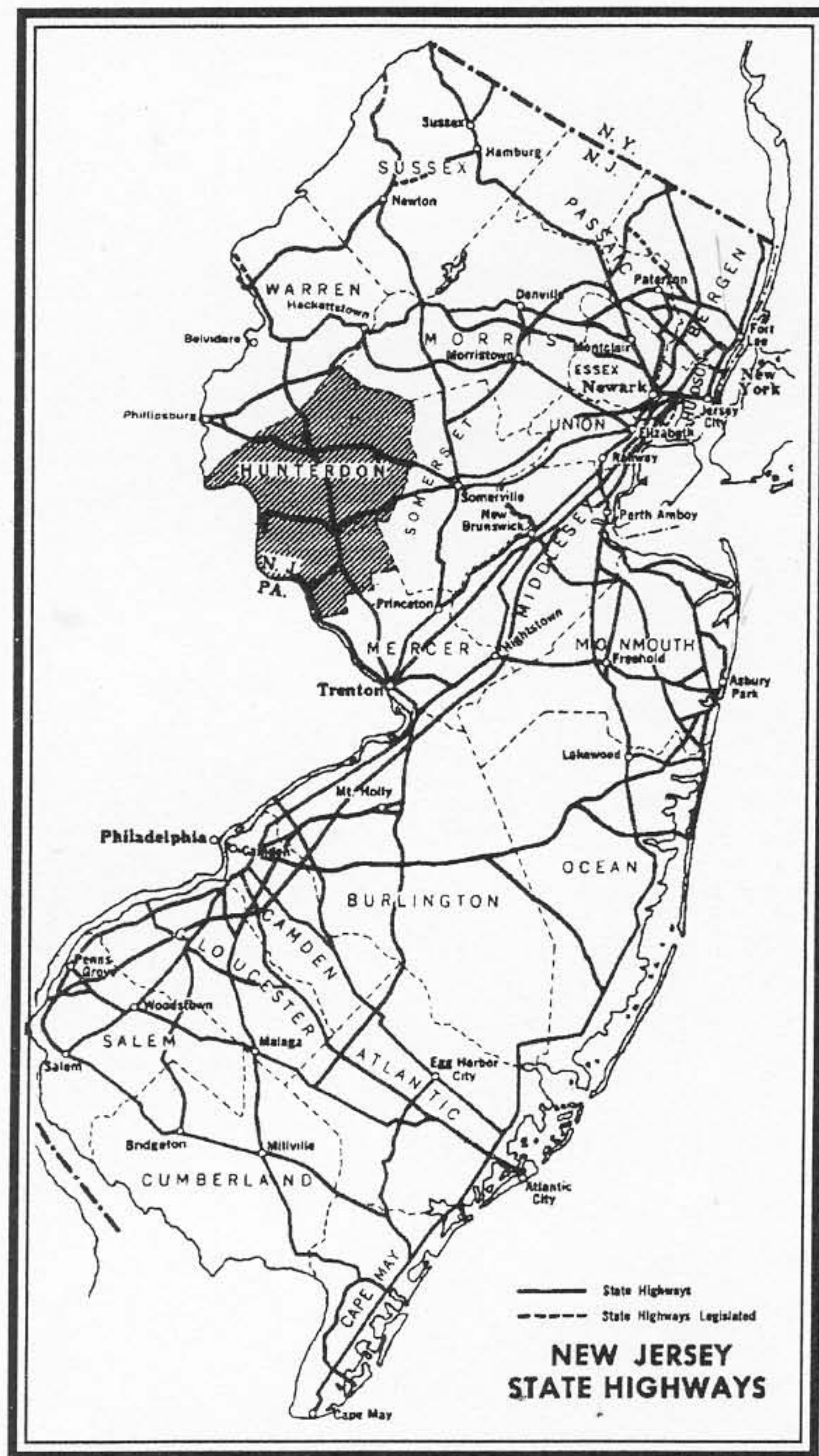
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## Preface

The Hunterdon County Historical Society gratefully accepted for publication two manuscripts from Phyllis B. D'Autrechy following her retirement as Hunterdon County Records Management Analyst in 1995. This publication, the first volume, is certainly in keeping with the Society's mission to collect, preserve and disseminate material pertaining to the history of Hunterdon County and to foster an appreciation of history.

With this volume, Mrs. D'Autrechy continues her legacy to present and future historians and genealogists in the printed material she produced over the last 20+ years. The Society is pleased to publish in Volume I, and subsequently in Volume II, a selection of additional public and private records useful for historical and genealogical research, supplementing the information she provided in 1979 with *Some Records of Old Hunterdon County, 1701-1838*, now out of print.

Mrs. D'Autrechy's productivity as an author/compiler of historical and genealogical material is unmatched, even by veteran historian, Hiram Edmund Deats. A compendium of her works may be found in *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter*, 32:3, pp. 750-751. Historians will surely appreciate Phyl and her legacy of "words." With the publication of each of her books she affords more people the opportunity to conduct research in diverse records, at home in their own libraries or at a public library near their home. Her abstracting/transcription focus is always on providing any and all bits of information that genealogists would find useful in pursuing their family roots.

Spelling and punctuation throughout the transcripts generally conform to modern-day usage except names and places which were transcribed as they appeared in the original document. Questionable words or names appear in parentheses with a question mark. Common abbreviations used include:

d/o — daughter of	h/o — husband of
s/c — son of	-14 — under age fourteen
c/o — child/children of	-21 — under age twenty-one
w/o — wife of	Ht. — Hunterdon

A full-name index has been included at the end of the text. Wives' maiden names as well as married surnames are indexed.

Maps and illustrations have been added to round out the readers' understanding of Hunterdon County boundaries over time and the types of records included in this volume.

*Roxanne K. Carkhuff, Editor*

*Parke*, Elizabeth L. (-21), d/o John R. Parke. Guardians: Jonathan Hunt and Amelia/Permelia Hunt; surety, Cornelius Larison — 4 Feb. 1817. (File 1112, see the following record also)

*Parke*, Rachel R. and Francina A. Hunt, c/o the petitioners who were named guardians: Jonathan Hunt and Amelia/Pamela Parke; surety, Cornelius Larison — 4 Feb. 1817. (File 1113, see the preceding record also)

*Fagan*, Margaret and Caroline (-14), c/o Larence Fagan, dec'd. Guardian: Margaret Fagan; sureties, Joseph Lambert and John Lambert Jr. — 5 Feb. 1817. (File 517)

*Young*, Jane, Samuel and Elizabeth (-21) and John, Sarah Ann, and Thomas (-14), c/o John R. Young, late of Kingwood Twsp., dec'd. Petition of Theodocia Young, the widow and guardian to sell land, dated 2 May 1817. (File 1685)

*Cook*, Jonathan, Joab, Matilda, Penelope and Elizabeth (-14), c/o Elijah Cook, dec'd, late of Maidenhead Twsp. Guardian, mother, Elizabeth Cook; surety, Andrew Weart — 7 May 1817. On 6 May 1817, Susannah Cook, d/o sd. Elijah, chose Daniel Cook as her guardian; surety, Andrew Weart. (Files 253, 254)

*Cole*, James (aged 10), s/o Walter Ker Cole, dec'd. Guardian: James C. VanDycke of Somerset Co.; sureties, Ira Stout and Peter J. Clark — 10 May 1817. The guardian petitioned for the sale of a farm in Tewksbury Twsp. near the village of New Germantown to which the minor was entitled to 1/8th of a share in the farm. (File 237)

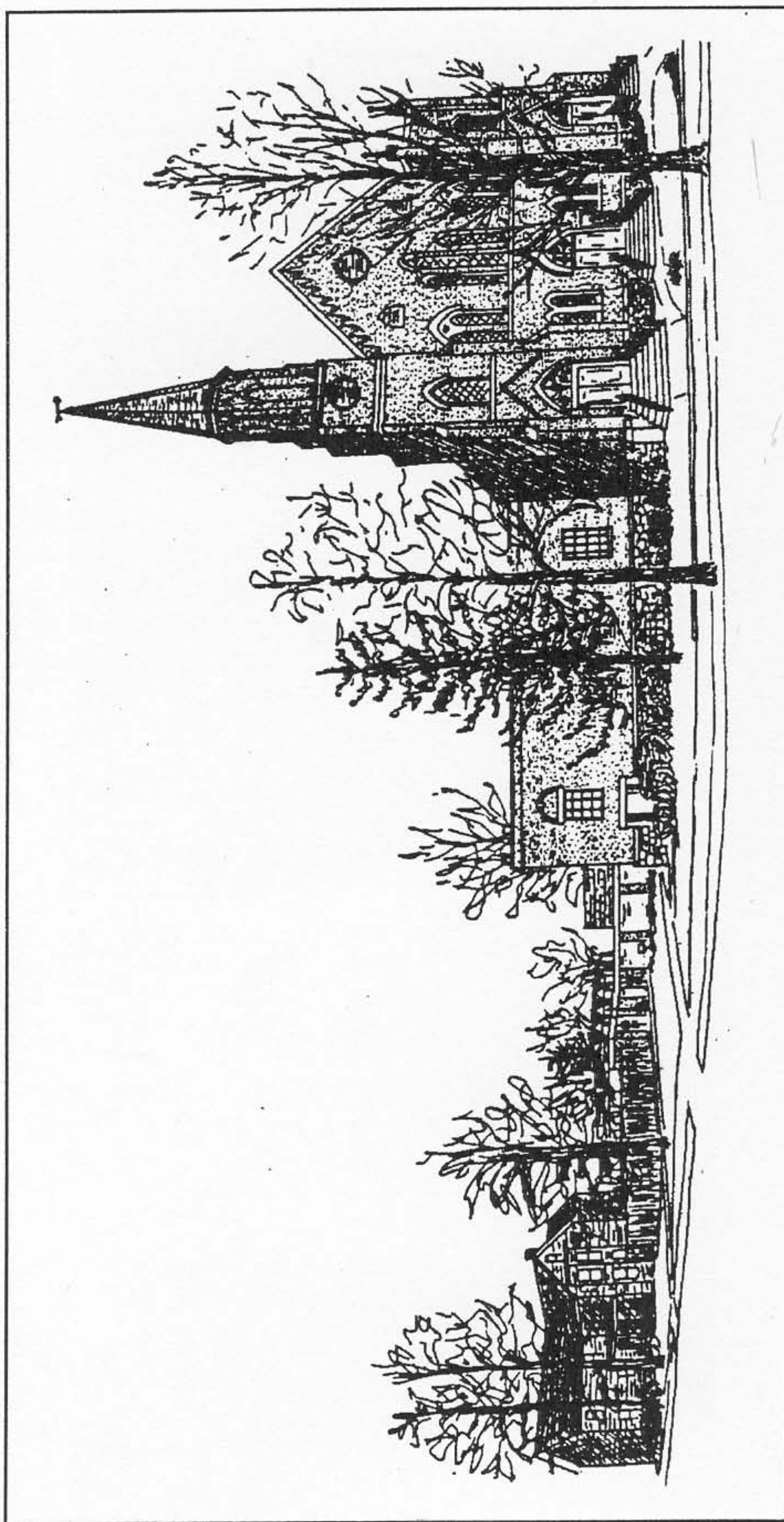
*Howell*, Liscum (-14), s/o Israel Howell who was appointed guardian; surety, Ezekiel Howell — 9 May 1817. (File 777)

*Derumple*, Thomas, Samuel, Ely, Kitchen, Susanna and John (now dec'd), c/o John Derumple, dec'd. Guardian: Thomas Derumple Sr. on petition of the widow Elenor; surety, William Gano — 9 May 1817. (File 444)

*Brokaw*, Peter Q. of Readington (-21), d/o Isaac Brokaw, dec'd. Guardian: John Wyckoff Jr. of Somerset Co.; surety, Jacob Williamson — 6 May 1817. (File 186)

*Hoff*, Fanny (-21), Charles, John, Elizabeth, George, Jane, Mariah, Samuel and Ely (-14), c/o Cornelius Hoff, dec'd, late of Hopewell Twsp. Guardian: Christian Hoff of sd. twsp.; surety, Joseph Vancleve — 5 Aug. 1817. In 1827 Elizabeth Titus, late Hoff, George and Jane Hoff, petitioned for Charles Hoff; sureties, Joseph Moore and Timothy Titus Jr. (Files 610, 612, 613)





Pennington Presbyterian Church on Main Street  
Drawing courtesy of the Church office staff



## Presbyterian Congregation of Maidenhead and Hopewell Genealogical Miscellany

Pennington, which was once called Queenstown in honor of Queen Anne of England, was settled by 1708. The village is located in the eastern portion of the Township of Hopewell, the most southerly of the original townships in the original County of Hunterdon, but set off to Mercer County in 1838.

By 1709 followers of the Presbyterian faith in the vicinity of Pennington were organized as the "Presbyterian Congregation of Maidenhead and Hopewell". During the colonial and early statehood periods, the name "Hopewell" referred to all settlements within the original 30,000 acre grant to Daniel Coxe of London which became known as Hopewell Township. Maidenhead then referred to the present Lawrence Township, Mercer County.

Services were held as early as 1709 but a meeting house for the community was not constructed until about 1726 in Pennington. "This church has continued for over 250 years as the center of village life surviving a schism in religious beliefs in the mid-1700's, occupation as a barracks for the British during the American Revolution, a devastating fire in 1874 and the conflicting interests and concerns of a wartime America." (D'Autrechy, "Hopewell Valley Historical Society Newsletter", Vol. IX, No.3) In 1984, the congregation held a service of rededication. In honor of the centennial celebration held in 1876, the Rev. George Hale, D.D. presented:

"A History of the Old Presbyterian Congregation of 'The People of Maidenhead and Hopewell, more especially of the First Presbyterian Church of Hopewell, at Pennington, New Jersey'." A copy of this history of the congregation and an updated version published in 1984 can be found in the office of what is now known as *The First United Presbyterian Church of Pennington* or the abbreviated version, *The Pennington Presbyterian Church*.

The first ecclesiastical record of this congregation is found in the minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia on May 11, 1709 but the earliest extant local record book was not begun until 1822. It has been carefully preserved in the church's archives and a microfilm copy deposited in the New Jersey State Bureau of Archives and Records Management, Trenton, NJ. The original book was studied in collecting the genealogical miscellany. *The researcher is always reminded to study the original book(s) or document(s) or the microfilm of the same.*

The miscellaney is presented as close to the layout of the original book as possible. The material abstracted is meant to show residence in the area during a particular period and the removal to another part of the country, previous or later church affiliations, a birth, marriage or death date, and clarification of family relationships.

### Elders and Deacons

“Names of individuals who have been elders in this church from the earliest period to present time ... the figures mark the generation they were of”

- Enoch Armitage, before 1742
- Reuben Armitage
- Jesse Christopher
- Samuel Hart, before 174
- 3 John Smith, Esq.
- 2 Abraham Pittenger
- 3 Stephen Burroughs, Jr.
- 2 John Hunt, father of Theoph.
- 3 John Muirheid
- 2 or 3 John Carpenter
- 3 Charles Welling
- Dan'l G. Howell
- 3 Aaron Hart
- 3 Enoch Ketchum
- 3 Israel Hart
- 4 Joab Titus
- 3 Enos Titus
- 3 Isaac Welling
- 4 Nath. R. Titus
- 4 John Hoff
- 3 Theoph. Furman
- 4 Joseph Titus
- 2 Edmund Roberts, Sr.
- 4 Edmund Roberts, Jr.
- 2 Nathan Hunt married a sister of Mr. Guild and ....Armitage
- Grandfather of Azariah Hunt
- 2 Jeremiah Woolsey - at same time with Mr. Hunt
- 3 Jacob Hoff, father of Mrs. Joseph Phillips at river
- 2 Thomas Baldwin



Ephraim Titus, elder Ap. 16, 1765 and April 18, 1769  
Jonathan Smith, Oct. 11, 1774 (crossed out)  
Moses Baldwin  
Nath'l Furman was at Presy. Sept. 1799  
Israel Hart  
John Hunt, Oct. 1800  
Nath'l Burrowes, Sept. 15, 1801  
Stephen Burrowes, Jan. 17, 1804  
2 John Davison at Presy. Aug. 29, 1804

#### Deacons

3 Solomon Titus  
3 Benjamin Hoff  
4 Reuben Titus  
4 Andrew Titus  
4 Dan'l H. Hart  
5 John Welling  
4 George Woolsey  
2 John Davison  
Joseph Titus Sen'r died Dec. 4, 1797, aged 76, was an elder

#### page 2. List of communicants dated 5 Oct. 1822 \*

Elders:	Deacons:
John Muirheid	Solomon Titus
Charles Welling	Benj'n Hoff
John Hunt	Reuben Titus
John Carpenter	Andrew Titus
Daniel G. Howell	Edmund Roberts
Aaron Hart	Edmund Roberts Sr. died 30
Enoch Ketchum	April 1839
Israel Hart	
Joab Titus	
Enos Titus	
Isaac Welling	
Nathaniel R. Titus	
John Hoff, died 1 April	
1839	
Theoph. Furman	

\* Lists of communicants after 1822 are not abstracted



## Other communicants:

Susana Titus  
 Aschsah Vankirk  
 Elizabeth Saxton  
 Phebe Hart  
 Charity Muirheid, wife of  
 George  
 Mary Scott  
 Jane Hunt, mother of Theoph.  
 Hunt  
 Elizabeth Rue, widow of Rev.  
 Letitia Mclenin, John's wife

Elizabeth Beaks, wife of Wm.  
 Sarah Phillips, deceased \*\*  
 Mary Smith, widow of Geo. T.  
 Jane Davis  
 Elizabeth Titus  
 Keziah Hart  
 Ruth Hunt  
 Edmund Burroughs  
 Elijah Hart  
 Jane Smith, deceased

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Rebeckah Hart  
 Catherine Hunt, Elijah's  
 mother  
 Mary Hunt  
 Elizabeth Hunt  
 Mary Welling, Chas. wife  
 Amos Lanning  
 Susannah Phillips  
 Margaret Morgan  
 Ann Woolsey  
 Hannah Bainbridge  
 Penelope Peirson  
 Philip Hart  
 Ann Hart  
 John Hart Sen's  
 Martha Baldwin, died 14 Mar.  
 1841  
 Abigail Smith  
 Edmund Roberts  
 Elizabeth Roberts  
 Hannah Drake – taken dismis-  
 sion  
 Sarah Mount  
 Elizabeth McClennin  
 Elizabeth Phillips  
 Rebecca Smith

Rebeckah Hart  
 Rebeckah Ketcham  
 Abigail Bainbridge  
 Mary Lanning  
 Sarah Gray, deceased  
 Mary Mount  
 Hannah Hart  
 Margaret Pittenger  
 Sarah Moore, widow, died at  
 Joseph Hart's, 16 Ap. 1839  
 Rachel Waters  
 Hannah Howell  
 Noah Tindall  
 Stephen Hunt, deceased  
 Martha Hunt, deceased  
 Asa R. Hunt, deceased  
 Matilda Ketcham  
 Penelope Blackwell, wife of  
 Dan'l  
 Deborah Christopher  
 Charity Christopher, now Temple  
 Asuby Pinkerton  
 Abijah Titus  
 Lammeche Vandyke  
 Jane Schenk  
 Reuben Vankirk

\*\*death information inserted at an undetermined time

Charlotte Merseleus  
Mary Bainbridge, deceased  
Martha Wright  
Mercy Reed

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Sarah Hunt  
Sarah Gray, deceased  
Mary Gray, deceased  
Deborah Reed, gone away  
Sarah Reed, gone away  
Keziah Cook  
Prudence Cook, died in Lawrence, 7 June 1839  
Sarah Cook, deceased  
Ann Vankirk  
Sarah Sayres, gone away  
Harriet Smith  
Phebe Burroughs  
Richard Williamson  
Catharine Williamson  
Joshua Lanning  
Sarah Hoagland  
Susana Hoagland  
Elizabeth Hoagland  
Mary Burroughs  
Naomi Burroughs  
James Burroughs  
Ann Burroughs  
Elizabeth Moore  
Hannah Welling, wife of Isaac  
Abigail Perrine, last name is crossed out, Clarke written in  
John Primmer  
Mary Primmer

Charlotte Wilgass  
Agnes Cox  
Mary Hart, deceased

Sarah Howell, cert. taken  
Christopher Vankirk  
Eliza Welsh  
Elizabeth Beakman, removed  
Mary Hunt, removed May 1830  
Asher R. Hart  
Jane Hart  
Sarah Smith, deceased  
Sarah Phillips  
Letitia Atchley  
Sarah Vannoy, deceased  
Sarah Hart  
Susannah Phillips  
Richard Hart  
Elizabeth Hart  
Effe Mclenin  
Joseph Titus  
Eliza Titus  
Rebecca Hoff, Benj.'s wife  
Sarah Muirheid  
Theophilus Hart  
Keziah Smith  
Elizabeth Smith  
Sarah Bye



Marriages continued

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Frank T. Hart	to	Martha Mathews
Charles E. Taylor	to	Sarah Heston
Joseph Zenos	to	Emma Purves

### Baptisms

This section entitled "Names of Children Baptized in Infancy" and dated 5 October 1822 is separate from the portion of the record set aside for baptismal entries. No baptismal dates are given but it is probably a list of children baptized prior to 1822. For example, Elizabeth, a daughter of Daniel G. Howell, was born 1 Jan. 1800 and died 3 December 1872. She married John Guild Muirheid on 18 Jan. 1821. They had five of their children baptized in the spring of 1840. (Emma Howell Ross. *Edward Howell and Descendants*, p. 162 and tombstone inscription from the Pennington Cemetery)

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Children of Solomon Titus

Samuel  
Nathaniel R.  
Mary  
Reuben  
Abijah  
Susanna

Children of Noah Tindall

John  
Enoch Hunt  
Nathaniel Blackwell

Children of Enoch Ketcham

Joshua Ketcham  
Sarah  
Mariah  
Matilda  
William Smith  
Louisa  
Enoch  
Elizabeth

Children of Daniel Blackwell

Cornelia  
Nancy  
Eliza  
William  
John Carpenter  
Ishi Vancleve  
Charity  
Israel  
Wilson  
Enoch Armitage

Children of John Cox

Elizabeth  
Sallyann  
Charles  
William Cornel  
Lewis

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Children of Daniel Cook

Providence

William

Elizabeth

Children of William Beakes

Deborah

Julian

Mary

Rebeckah

George

Samuel

Jane

Abigail

Children of Israel Hart

John Davison

Rebeckah Ann

Children of Edward York

Edward

Elizabeth

Eliza

Children of Charety Hart

Samuel

Joseph

Children of Peirson Bake

Susanna

Caroline

Maria

Children of Nathaniel R. Titus

Joseph Vancleve

William Rue

John Carpenter

Frederick

Children of Andrew Titus

Elizabeth

Mary Ann

George

Children of Samuel Bye

James

Susanna

John Moore

Samuel Kinsey

Elizabeth

Marian

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Children of Ralph H. Smith

Stephen B.

Children of Cornelius Hoff

Francis

Charles

Elizabeth

John

George

Ely Moore

Jane Maria

Samuel

Children of Elijah Hart

Richard

Francinia

Catharine

Nathaniel



### Session Book

Another of the oldest record books of this congregation is the Session Book — the minutes of the governing body. The records cover meetings from 1822 to 1880 but the genealogical miscellany abstracted here is only for the first 36 years — about the time of the first New Jersey census.

The types of items abstracted from the session book include vital statistics before 1848 (the date New Jersey's vital statistic records begin), dismissals to and transfers from other congregations. The following abbreviations have been used:

rf = received from

dt = dismissed to

PC = Presbyterian Church

MC = Methodist Church

Each entry ends with the date of the session meeting in which the information was given.

Catharine Antony, now Catharine Lanning, has connected herself with the MC. 21 March 1829

Mrs. Mary D. Bruere dt Allentown PC. 8 April 1829

Phebe Emly recently gave birth to a natural child. 10 Nov. 1830

Abe Cotter rf Ist PC of Northern Liberties. 10 Nov. 1830

Baptized Eliza Williamson and Letitia McLearn on Saturday, Dec.(1). 8 Dec. 1831

Departed this life in the last year: John Carpenter (ruling elder), Mrs. Wilhelmina Skilman, Mrs. Jane Smith and Philips Hart. 1 Jan. 1832

Mrs. Rebecca Updyke, formerly Rebecca Morgan, dt Dutch Reformed of Blomburgh (*sic*). 11 Aug. 1832

Departed in the past year: Maria Ketcham, Mary Burroughs, Hannah Hoff, Matilda Ketcham, Abigail Smith. 6 Dec. 1832

Dr. James B. McNair and wife, Catharine, rf Solebury, PA PC. 8 Aug. 1833

Died in the past year: Solomon Titus, Dorothy Moore, David Baldwin, Rachel Waters, Rebecca Ketcham, Asher Gray. 10 April 1834

Mary Mount & Margaret Burroughs dt Lambertville PC. Henry McLennin dt Pennington MC. Oscar Sedam dt Lawrence. 9 Aug. 1836

Mrs. Elizabeth McNair and Mrs. Jane Harkins rf Newtown PC. Feb. 1835

Died in the past year: Catharine McNair & Agnes Cox. Feb. 1835

Mrs. Emily S. Ogden and Miss Emily T. Ogden dt Three Rivers, Michigan. 17 August 1839

Elias Golden and Martha, his wife, and Mrs. Elizabeth Cox rf Trenton PC. 6 October 1839

Mrs. Jane Opdyke Hunt rf Princeton PC. 25 Dec. 1839

Died in the past year: Abigail Clark, Harriet Smith, Enos Titus, Noah Reed and Prudence Cook. 11 April 1840

Peter (S.) Van Zandt rf Reformed Dutch Church of Blawenburg. 31 May 1840

Mrs. Rebecca Hoff rf PC of Richland, Michigan; Charles McNair and Catharine, his wife, dt Three River, Michigan. 8 August 1840

Mrs. Susan Atchley dt MC near the River; Rachel Hudnut, now living in PA, connected with the MC of that place. 21 Sept. 1840

Mrs. Elvira C. Wilson rf Reformed Dutch Church of Harlington. 3 Dec. 1840

Miss Lavinia Langstroth rf MC of Kent Circuit, near Chestertown. 3 Dec. 1840

Mrs. Elvira C. Wilson dt Reformed Dutch Church of Millstone; Mrs. R. A. Langstroth rf South Congregational Church, Andover, Massachusetts; only death this year was Miss Mary Elizabeth Hunt, daughter of J. Smith Hunt. 10 April 1841

Aaron Brown dt Philadelphia. 13 Sept. 1844

Mrs. Elizabeth Titus "dismissed and recommended to the care of any church of Christ where the Providence of God may cast her lot". Mary Amelia A. Langstroth dt Greenfield, Massachusetts. 19 March 1842

Died in the past year: Elizabeth Hart, Margaret Morgan, Margaret Pittinger, Cato Welling, and Jane Hoff. 19 March 1842

George Johnson Dilts dt Marion, Ohio. 4 August 1842

Jesse L. Howell dt Easton (PA) PC. 13 August 1842

Mrs. Maria Dougherty dt Mission Church, Grand Traverse Bay. Miss Jemima Vliet rf PC, Harmony, Butler County, Ohio. 8 Dec. 1842

Died in the past year: Daniel H. Hart; Miss Margaretta Langstroth dt Belvidere, NJ. 30 March 1843

Died in the last year: Daniel H. Hart, Mrs. Deborah A. Whitenach, Mrs. Char-