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“Better Living Through the Gospel” Motto of 28 Clergymen Employed at Chambers Works

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The broad scope of interests covered by Chambers Works employees in their private lives is a perpetual source of amazement, the plant newspaper points out. For example, do you realize that, among our fellow-workers, there are 28 or more who serve as clergymen in their respective communities?

“Of course, in a group as well-adjusted as ours, you’d expect to find a large percentage of devout people, many of whom take active part in the functions of their various churches. It isn’t hard to believe that nearly two-thirds of us are faithful church members and that an estimated ten percent hold church office ranging from deacons, elders, ushers and altar assistants to choir-masters and Sunday School superintendents. But not until we started to do this feature were we aware of the number of ordained, licensed and lay-preachers in our midst,” said the *Chambers Works News* in its Friday issue.

“Actually, the story developed from a notice we’d received that a Stores and Transport man had recently been assigned as pastor of an Atlantic City church. In following up that lead, we found that there were two other S&T workers engaged in such work. This led to further revelations.

“After taking group photographs of twelve of the clergymen in a conference at Woodstown, we learned that there were at least 14 others whom we had over-looked. The story was revised to include them and individual photos obtained of eleven more. If we have missed any, we apologize in advance for the oversight.”

While most of the men serve as assistant or substitute preachers and a majority serves in the South Jersey area, some are full-time ordained ministers. The churches, ranging from small unpretentious buildings and little congregations to large, well-endowed ones, are located in New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Though of varying denominations, all of the men whom we interviewed expressed the same motivation for their pursuits—a sincere inner-conviction of their calling and the interest in spiritual uplift of their fellow-men.

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Photographed at a group conference in Woodstown, recently, were the above twelve Chambers Works employees who act as clergymen in their spare time. They are: Front row—Andrew Watson, Isiah Pittman, Peter Taylor, George Woodards. Second row—Frank Richardson, J. L. Brokenbrough, Winfred Scott and Clarence Wilson, Top—York Archibald, Peter Washington, David DuPree and Charles West. *(Courtesy Chambers Works News)*

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Message From the Administrator

Spring is the season of renewal. This does not just apply to the trees and the fields, but to the Salem County Historical Society as well. This spring will bring new ideas and new projects to the Society, and we look forward to presenting them to our members and to the community at large. First and foremost of the new will be our temporary exhibit, “How to Make It in Salem County: Stories of Creativity, Craftsmanship and Industry,” opening soon.

This new exhibit will highlight Salem County’s long history of innovation and artistry through objects and stories of individuals such as the author George Agnew Chamberlain, artist Lucy Holme, and scientist Charles Peterson. It will also feature industries such as glass, pottery, chemicals and ship and boat building among many others. Included in the exhibit are things made in Salem County as far back as the Lenni Lenape culture and as recently as today. The exhibit will also launch our “You Can Touch It” program, which features materials that can be picked up and handled as well as interpretive labels designed for kids. The exhibit will launch on Saturday, May 2, 2015. The Society is looking forward to presenting this fun and fascinating look at the creative spirit in our county. Look to our website and Facebook page in the coming weeks for more information about the exhibit and corresponding events.

Spring also means more opportunities for education and outreach in our community. The school groups return to the Society in April, May and June, and in addition to the visits to the Society, we will be taking our programs out to local schools to teach about life in Salem County in the past. The Society also looks forward to participating in spring events like Arts in Bloom. Recent renovations at the Historical Society buildings will allow us more opportunities to display the wonderful art that is in our collection. Stop by the Society in the next few weeks to see some of the paintings that have not been on display for some time.

The spring events and activities around the Society are always a good time to reflect on how much we rely on the support of our dedicated volunteers and members. It is because of you that we are able to put on new programs and new exhibits and further our mission to preserve and present our local heritage. We hope that in the coming weeks and months you will come to the Society, see the new exhibit, enjoy our new programs, and experience the fruit of your support. As always, we thank you!

Sincerely,

Andrew R. Coldren

Calendar of Events

- ◆ **Sunday, March 8, 2015**
Quarterly Meeting 1:30PM Friends Village in Woodstown
Speaker: Dr. Jean Soderlund
Topic: Lenape Country: Delaware Valley society before William Penn
- ◆ **Tuesday, March 10, 2015** Monthly Meeting:
Genealogical Society of Salem County 7:00PM
Friends Village in Woodstown
Speaker: Judith Krall-Russo
Topic: "Blueberries: New Jersey's Wonder Fruit"
- ◆ **Sunday, April 12, 2015**
Cumberland County Historical Society
Second Sunday Meeting 2:00PM in Greenwich, NJ
Speaker: Joseph A. Grabas
Topic: Owing New Jersey: Historic Tales of War, Property Disputes & the Pursuit of Happiness
- ◆ **Tuesday, April 14, 2015**
Monthly Meeting: Genealogical Society of Salem County
7:00PM Friends Village in Woodstown
Speaker: Claire E. Keenan
Topic: Irish Research
- ◆ **Thursday, April 16, 2015**
Informative Lecture 7:00PM
Gloucester County Historical Society Library in Woodbury
Speaker: Jill Rawnsley, Archival Preservation Consultant
Topic: Introduction to the Philadelphia City Archives
Seating is limited; call (856) 845-4771 for reservations.
- ◆ **Saturday, May 2, 2015**
Our newest exhibit, "How to Make It in Salem County: Stories of Creativity, Craftsmanship and Industry" opens to the public!
- ◆ **Saturday, May 16, 2015**
Cumberland County Historical Society
Sampler Exhibit opening
Title: "Cumberland County Schoolgirl Needlework"
Location: Greenwich, NJ Time: To be announced
- ◆ **Sunday, June 14, 2015**
Quarterly Meeting 1:30PM
Speaker: Peter Harp
Topic: Lighthouses Location: To be announced.

Society News

In January, the Society welcomed three new Board member, Bonny Beth Elwell, Carl Nittinger, and Sheldon Strober. As always, we appreciate those who volunteer their time in order to aid the Society. Welcome to all!

Also in January, the Society welcomed a new volunteer intern, Eva Marie Fuschillo from Pilesgrove, NJ. Eva has received a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology/Archaeology from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, and has experience in fine arts conservation and archaeological surveying. We look forward to putting her experiences to use here at the Society.

On January 29th, the Society was honored by the Salem County Chamber of Commerce for our longstanding membership. The Society is pleased to support the Chamber and its mission to promote local business.

On February 5th, the Society went on the road to the Mary

Shoemaker School to present a program on "Life in Colonial America" for two 2nd grade groups.

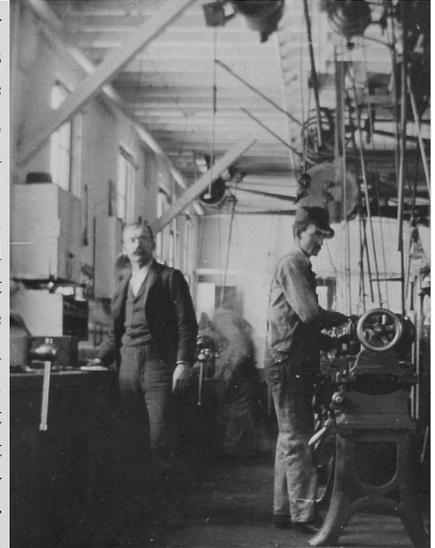
In April the Society will welcome the P.W. Carleton School for three days of educational programming on Salem County history and life in the past.

On Saturday, May 2nd, the Society will open a brand new exhibit, "How to Make It in Salem County: Creativity, Craftsmanship and Industry in Salem County". The exhibit will feature objects, photographs and archival materials highlighting 300 years of creating new things in Salem County.

Also on May 2nd, in conjunction with the opening of this exhibit, all members are invited to an open house where light snacks and refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Exhibit

The Salem County Historical Society is pleased to announce our new exhibit, "How to Make It in Salem County: Stories of Creativity, Craftsmanship and Industry" opening at our Grant House headquarters on Saturday, May 2, 2015. The exhibit will feature a look at the spirit of creativity and innovation in our communities from the native peoples to the present day.



Depicted above is the interior of the Ayars Machine Company

Included will be books, art, machines, science and technology all made here in our county and by individuals who lived here. Please check our website and Facebook page in the coming weeks for more information on this exciting exhibit.

March Quarterly Meeting

Join us on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 1:30PM Friends Village in Woodstown, New Jersey. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jean Soderlund who will discuss Lenni Lenape culture and Delaware Valley society before William Penn.



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2014 Annual Appeal

The Salem County Historical Society is extremely grateful to all those who contributed to our Annual Appeal. Your contributions support our efforts to maintain our facilities, create new exhibits, and preserve and conserve our objects, books and archival materials.

We thank you!

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FORT FISHER

Our citizens expressed their satisfaction at the capture of Fort Fisher, by firing guns and ringing bells on Wednesday afternoon.

The Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, January 20, 1865

C. C. Fithian, of Salem, is the owner of the Rebel flag that floated over Fort Fisher in 1865.

The Monitor, Woodstown, NJ, February 14, 1890

—An entertainment called the “Crowning of the Queen of May,” will be given in Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church, on Yorke Street, on Thursday evening. Admission, 15 cents.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, May 13, 1884

Library Acquisitions:

- Acito, Nancy.** Springfield, PA. Five boxes of letters, photographs, ledgers, and memorabilia of the Anne Dickeson family. (2014.056)
- Almond, Judy.** Woodstown, NJ. Album containing twenty-eight photographs found in Woodstown, NJ. Birth certificate for Reba L. Boggs born April 29, 1905 in Salem City to William Boggs and Mary Bert. Letter that certifies the birth of David H. Boggs, born in the City of Salem, NJ on June 22, 1910. (2014.070)
- Boon, Robert P.** Pennsville, NJ. (on behalf of Susan Winters Baum) Four playbills published by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Memorial Hospital of Salem County entitled, "Follies of" for the years 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1963. (2014.064)
- Clark, Joyce.** Elkton, MD. Five postcards depicting various sites around Salem County. One photograph of Mr. and Mrs. William Hancock, Sr. at Roadstown Baptist Church, 1961. One magazine article entitled, "Houses Used Brick Interestingly!" by Joseph S. Sickler. One thumbnail sketch detailing a history of the Hancock House. (2014.065)
- Holston, George.** Collingswood, NJ. Eighth grade graduation certificate for George M. Holston, Department of Public Instruction County School Certificate, Salem, NJ, dated June 10, 1924. (2014.071)
- Laughlin, Daniel.** Cape May, NJ. One ledger entitled, "Sharpe, of Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Kingdom of England: Roundwood in the Queen's County, Kingdom of Ireland: Salem, Province of West New Jersey, 1642-1895." (2014.072)
- Magill, Ronald.** Salem, NJ. 1902 Tax Assessor's Book for Elsinboro Township, Salem County, NJ. (2014.061)
- Magill, Ronald.** Salem, NJ. One CD containing the images of the 1722 Abel and Mary Nicholson House in Elsinboro Township, Salem County, NJ. (2014.063)
- Mulford, John.** Hockessin, DE. One map of Delaware River entitled, "Smyrna to Wilmington," 18th edition, September 27, 1969. (2014.023)
- Nittinger, Carl.** Salem, NJ. Four copies of, "The Carriage Journal, Vol. 52, No.1-5." (2014.065)
- Temple, Brian.** Gibbstown, NJ. Book, *Philadelphia Quakers and the Antislavery Movement* by Brian Temple. (2014.067)
- Weis, Rosemary.** Ocoee, FL. Book, *The Ghost of Alloway* by Rosemary Weis. (2014.068)
- Wirth, Joan.** Woodstown, NJ. Photomontage of the Woodstown Civic Orchestra of Woodstown, NJ circa 1930. (2014.050)
- Historical Society of Penns Grove, Carneys Point and Oldmans.** Penns Grove, NJ. Various photographs of the Woodstown Flood of 1940, maps of the City of Salem dated 1937 compiled by Harry H. Skinner, one newspaper issue of the *Salem Standard and Jerseyman*, dated June 15, 1944 depicting Woodstown High School graduates for the year 1944, pamphlet entitled, "Wartime Suggestions," pamphlet entitled, "Music Festival Woodstown Opera House May 6, 1915 Mr. H. M. Staton Music Supervisor," pamphlet entitled, "A history of the Woodstown National Bank and Trust Company from 1920-1995," various membership cards and identification cards for local social clubs dating from the 1940s and 1950s. (2014.069)
- Hassler, Ken.** Salem, NJ. Political campaign pin that reads, "For Congress, D. Stewart Craven," silver spoon with an engraving that reads, "C. Rumsey," silver spoon with an engraving that reads, "J. C. Farr & Co."

The old eight-day clock sold at the sale of **Samuel Brooks** was over 100 years old, and had twice been taken from a burning building. It brought \$25, and an old spinning-wheel was knocked off at seven dollars. *The Monitor*, Woodstown, NJ, February 14, 1890

Museum Acquisitions:

- on one side and "Eakin" on the other side. (2014.032)
- Mulford, John.** Hockessin, DE. A wooden fish net box, two orange buoys, two flags, two life preservers, one anchor, one lead line and a line of six floating dobbs. (2014.023)
- Short, Mary Lou.** Woodstown, NJ. One post Civil War wooden and metal crutch, one corn popper made of metal mesh wire with metal lid and wooden handle. (2014.030)

...in consequence of the assassination of President Lincoln...

At a meeting [April 15, 1865] of the citizens of Salem, held in the Court House, Mr. Ingham, in a lucid and effective speech, stated the object for which we had convened was, to take into consideration the propriety of evincing our sorrow, in consequence of the assassination of President Lincoln, in some *public* manner.

Mr. Ingham, Jr., then presented the following Resolutions, which, after remarks by several gentlemen, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas—We have received with the profoundest sorrow, intelligence of the death of our President—

Resolved—That as a community we take measures to make Public testimony of our great grief, at the loss of him so ruthlessly snatched from the place of high honor which he has so long and ably filled.

Resolved—That the Mayor be requested to recommend that at the hour appointed for the funeral of Mr. Lincoln, *all places of business in our city* be closed; the flags be drooped, or displayed at half mast, the bells of the town to be tolled, and minute guns to be fired for the space of one hour.

Resolved—That hereby the citizens of Salem be requested to wear crape upon the left arm, for the term of *one week*, commencing on the day of the funeral obsequies.

Resolved—That the different churches of this town be requested to drape their pulpits in black for thirty days.

Resolved— That copies of these resolutions be inserted in the next issue of both the Salem papers.

E. DUNN, President,

JAS. ANDERSON, Sec'y

National Standard, Salem, NJ, April 19, 1865

SLEIGHING.—The sleighing hereabouts since Monday morning, is reported very good. The horses are suffering, the frolickers are abroad, and the tavern-keepers appear satisfied. We expect to chronicle a large number of marriages which must necessarily grow out of the sleighing parties. Let Brother Spencer, of the Times, think of this state of affairs and weep. Few and far between are such epochs in the Southern country.

National Standard, Salem, NJ, January 2, 1850

An Old Sleigh

The sleigh which Freeholder Joe Mayhew, of Upper Pittsgrove, was riding in about Elmer during the recent snow is believed to be fully one hundred and thirty years old and has always been in the Mayhew family. It ought to have a pension. *Elmer Times*, Elmer, NJ, February 24, 1899

(continued from cover) As one put it, "Just as we work here to produce Better Things for Better Living, Through Chemistry, so, off-the-plant, I do try to produce Better Things for Better Living here and in the hereafter, through ministry."

Knowing that there is a tendency for hard-boiled workers to scoff at and ridicule religionists, we asked one of the men about the attitude of his fellow-workers toward him. "Why they are the finest bunch of fellows you'd ever want to know," he said, as though surprised by the question. "They're not all church members. Some don't even have very definite ideas about religion, but I don't know of any that don't believe in God.

"It's really a sincere tribute," he continued, "to note the respect that they have for my calling. Even in times of stress, when men are inclined to let out a few cuss-words, they temper their speech when I'm near. I remember one time when a new man joined our shop and let out with some profane talk, not knowing that I'm a minister. When he found out, he came around later and apologized.

"It's things like that which make me believe that most men are inherently good and that they're ashamed of their occasional lapses into badness.

The clergymen, in alphabetical order, are:

York W. Archibald, an Azo Area pressman, who is assistant pastor of Mt. Zion Apostolic Temple at Salem and pastor of Christ Apostolic Temple, Kennett Square, Pa. Though born in Greensboro, NC, York came north as a child, attended Albany, NY High School and the Boston Trade School, after which he became converted and, after some religious training, went into the ministry and has preached in services as far as the Midwest.

C. Morris Bates, who has been at the Sulfur Black Bldg. for 19 years, is an ordained preacher with the Christian Fellowship Association and serves eight churches in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. However, most of his work is at a mission near 7th and Race Sts., Phila. He was formerly a Methodist lay preacher.

James Brockenbrough, another Azo employee, is assistant pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Jericho, NJ and began his ministry in Bridgeton in 1949, later serving at Paulsboro. He qualified for his license through the Home Study Institute of Washington, DC.

Eugene Calkin, a mechanic in Engineering Area 2-A and a 14-year resident of Pennsville, is a lay preacher in the Pennsville Assembly of God Church. Most of his preaching is done on a substitute basis.

Spicadoro DiTonno, a resident of Paulsboro since 1917 and a 31-year service employee, preaches in both English and Italian with the Church of the Holy Ghost which has congregations at Paulsboro, Mullica Hill and Camden. Of his 10 children, the oldest son, Lawrence, 24, is studying for the ministry. A daughter, Carolina, is employed at Rubber Lab.

David DuPree, Heavy Chemicals Area employee, is assistant pastor of the Morning Star Apostolic Church, at Camden, NJ.

Joel B. Eggleston, Jr., 9-year service Petroleum Lab employee and resident of Collins Park, is a lay minister at Calvary Episcopal Church, Wilmington and licensed by the Bishop of Delaware. He was confirmed in New York State and was first licensed as a lay minister for St. John's Church, New York City.

Thomas P. Gebhart, a Construction wage incentive applicator and resident of Wilmington, is an ordained minister and pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Holloway Terrace, DE. He studied at the American Theological Seminary and later was

a chaplain's assistant in the U. S. Army.

Carmult Jackson, a technician at Jackson Laboratory since 1936, studied for the ministry at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Mass. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bucknell. A resident of Salem, he is ordained and has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elmer, is now temporary pastor of the Salem Memorial Baptist Church and also engages in supply work for Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. His son, Charles, is studying for the ministry at Eastern Baptist Seminary.

Karl Locke, who has been with T.E.L. Area for 18 years, is affiliated with the Salem Pentecostal Church which he serves as substitute pastor. Two of his nine children were graduated from Central Bible Seminary.

Edward Pangburn, of Millville, who has been a licensed minister for six years, is an employee of the Power Division. He served as a pastor in the Central Baptist Church, Millville and fills various supply engagements.

Isiah Pittman, of Wilmington, who has worked at the T.E.L. Area for eleven years, was ordained as a pastor in Florida and came to Delaware doing Evangelist work. He is now State Evangelist for the Delaware and Chestertown, Maryland district of the Pentecostal Church.

Frank Richardson, who studied theology at Lincoln University, is pastor of the Pentecostal House of the Living God, Salem. A 10-year employee at T.E.L. here, he started to preach at 23 and is the father of eleven children.

Winfred Scott, who was raised in Pleasantville and who studied in the New Jersey A.M.E. Conference, is pastor of St. Stephen's A.M.E. Church, Whitesboro. He has also held several other charges. He too is a T.E.L. employee.

Matthew Sheppard, an Engineering Area 3-D mechanic with 26 years service here, is a lay preacher with the Church of the Nazarene having helped found the one located in Deepwater and later been affiliated with one in Vineland. He served in Deepwater for six years.

Peter W. Taylor, a Rubber Lab employee, is pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church, Woodstown and was ordained after having studied at the Baptist Theological Seminary and the New Era Theological School, Philadelphia.

Paul W. Vander Loo, an engineer in the Work Simplification Section of the Methods and Standards Div., is pastor of the Heisler Memorial Methodist Church at Heislerville, Cumberland County. A resident of Bridgeton, he was born in Holland, came to America as a child and entered the ministry, as a member of the Methodist faith, serving as supply minister in various Cumberland and Salem County churches.

Peter Washington, who lives near Penns Grove and is an employee of the Heavy Chemicals Area, is affiliated with the Alpha and Omega Pentecostal Church at Baltimore, Maryland. He became interested in church work in his native Virginia where he worked for DuPont at the Rayon Works in Richmond. The father of eleven children, he is a first class operator at Ethyl Chloride and has 18 years of service with the company.

Andrew Watson, a Stores Div. employee and resident of Penns Grove, is pastor of St. Paul's U.A.M.E. Church, Atlantic City which recently called him. A native of Woodstown, he has worked for the company since 1923 and prepared for the ministry by attending Boulden's Academy and Seminary.

Charles H. West, of the Azo Area, is assistant pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Penns Grove, a veteran of World War I and served as a chaplain with the army in World War II. He has 27 years company service, of which, 24 have been spent at Azo. He prepared for the ministry at Moody Bible Institute.

William E. Wilkie, a former resident of Penns Grove who now lives at Westmont, is an employee of the Heavy Chemicals Area with service dating from 1928. Affiliated with the Wesleyan Methodist Church, he studied with the Bible Institute of the American Theological Seminary and serves as a Conference preacher in the Middle Atlantic Conference and fills a supply pastorate at Trainer, PA and Lambertville, NJ.

Clarence Wilson, a Stores Div. employee with 26 years service, is assistant pastor of Ephesus Pentecostal Church, Salem and entered the ministry 14 years ago.

George A. Woodards, who studied at Lincoln University, is pastor of two churches—Price's Chapel, Sudlersville, MD, and Wesley Henry Church, Golts, MD. His father, who died when he was seven, was president of the African United Methodist Protestant Conference and his grandfather was also a preacher. George, who has 19 years of company service, has been preaching since 1939, filling pastorates at various Maryland locations.



"The colored people of Bushtown will lay the corner-stone of the new Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church at that place on Sunday, August 14th. A big day is expected. Bishop Tanner, assisted by the Rev. C. C. Green, pastor of the church, will perform the ceremonies."

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, August 2, 1892

Corner-stone Laying

The corner-stone of the new **Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church**, on Yorke Street, was laid on Thursday afternoon with interesting ceremonies, and was witnessed by quite a number of people. The exercises began at three o'clock by singing, after which Rev. G. E. Boyer, of Burlington, led in prayer. Rev. W. E. Stiles, the late pastor of the old church, read a portion of Scriptures pertaining to the occasion. The sermon was ably preached by Rev. B. T. Turner, editor of the *Christian Recorder*, the official church paper.

After a collection toward the new edifice, the corner-stone ceremonies began, which were of an interesting character. In a tin box in the corner-stone were placed a copy of the *Christian Recorder*, a copy of the *Standard* and the *Sunbeam*, a hymn book belonging to the pastor, Rev. R. M. Turner, a list of the Bishops, church officers and members, the names of our city officers, and several other things.

We understand that the congregation has collected about \$1,000 toward the church, and the edifice is being pushed toward completion, the mason work being done by John Perrine, and the carpenter work by Thomas S. Sinnickson.

National Standard, Salem, NJ, August 28, 1878

Ancient Field Stone or "Grave Marker" Found

There has recently been added to the valuable collection of articles at the headquarters of the Salem County Historical Society an ancient grave stone. It was found by "Buddy" Dilks, of Salem, in a ditch near Pig's Eye (Harrisonville), Lower Penn's Neck township, during some construction work.

The "field stone," as the term was applied years ago, 34x15 inches, bears the following inscription:

R * V

**Ranier Vanhist
Dyed December
ye 21 d and 1745
Agd 32 yr 3 mons
& 13 Days**

It is the longest inscription, we understand, that has ever been seen on a grave stone. How the stone came to get into the ditch no one knows. It is presumed it came from property owned by the Vanhist, for it was very common with the earlier settlers in Salem county families to have burying grounds on land near their homes.

Walter Hall, President of the Salem County Historical Society, in looking up records has found that Ranier Vanhist, Esq. was mentioned as "appraiser of Penns-Cow-Neck, Salem county, was the only son of Ranier and Elizabeth Vanhist and inherited from his parents several hundred acres of land. Some of it where he lived was located on the 'old cart road' that leads through the iron mine towards Cornelius Cornelinson's." *Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, March 23, 1939

An Old Church to be Sold.

The trustees of the **Mt. Hope M. E. Church**, of this city, will sell at public sale next Saturday, the old building in the rear of their church on East Broadway. This old building was the first Baptist church ever built in Salem County, it being the identical building erected by that denomination at **Mill Hollow** on the road from Salem to Quinton, in 1743.

Rev. Job Sheppard was the first pastor—but the church was not regularly constituted as a distinct church until 1754, although meetings were regularly held there immediately after the erection of the church. This was also the first Baptist Society constituted in Salem County.

Meetings were held in this church until 1790, when the old meeting house was sold, and moved to Salem and used as a barn for several years. The colored Methodists of this city subsequently purchased it, and moved it onto their lot on East Broadway, using it first as a church, and subsequently by the Board of Education as a school for colored children.

The trustees of the Mt. Hope church now intend to sell it on Saturday, to get it out of the way.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, October 24, 1882

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BAND OF SISTERS: THE SOLDIERS AID SOCIETY OF WOODSTOWN

By Bruce A. Bendler, PhD

Members of the Soldiers Aid Association of Woodstown, New Jersey

Name	Age Rel.	Male Relative	His occupation	Residence	Public Office	Land
Elizabeth Hires	39 Wife	Allen Hires	Baptist Clergy	Woodstown		Yes
Kate Dickinson	22 Wife	Isaac V. Dickinson	Attorney	Woodstown	Library committee	Yes
Josephine Dickinson	28 Wife	Charles G. Dickinson	Gentleman	Pilesgrove		Yes
Mary Wood	62 Wife	Aaron W. Wood	Shoemaker	Woodstown		Yes
Sarah Borton	38 Wife	Omar Borton	Druggist	Woodstown	Library treasurer	Yes
Lavinia Reed	17 Dau.	James Reed	Farmer	Pittsgrove		Yes
Mary Hollinshead	47 Wife	David Hollinshead	Merchant	Woodstown		Yes
Susanna Scull	37 Wife	Isaac Scull	Master Farmer	Pilesgrove	Judge of elections	Yes
Ann Lippincott	40 Wife	Aaron Lippincott	Master Farmer	Mannington	Cmmr. of Appeal	Yes
Mary A. Davis	58 Wife	David Davis	Master Farmer	Woodstown		Yes
Amy Mattson	55 Wife	Elias Mattson	Gentleman	Pilesgrove		Yes
Mary Borden	35 Wife	John Borden	Farmer	Woolwich		Yes
Ann Vanmeter	34 Wife	Albert Vanmeter	Storekeeper	Woodstown		Yes
Eliza Cobb	45 Wife	Paul Cobb	Blacksmith	Woodstown		Yes
Rachel Thorn	47 Wife	Nathan Thorn	Merchant	Upper Penn's Neck		Yes
Emma Thorn	19 Dau.	Nathan Thorn	Merchant	Upper Penn's Neck		Yes
Mary Clark	32 Wife	Isaac Clark	Farmer	Pittsgrove		Yes
Anna H. Pancoast	23 Dau.	Joseph Pancoast	Farmer	Lower Alloways Ck.	School Trustee	Yes
Deborah Lippincott	16 Dau.	Aaron Lippincott	Master Farmer	Mannington	Cmmr. of Appeal	Yes
Ann Robbins	46 HH.	Samuel Lippincott	Master Farmer	Woodstown	Library Director	Yes
Martha W. Clawson	29 Wife	Isaiah D. Clawson	Physician	Woodstown	U.S. Representative	Yes
Margaret Shinn	64 Wife	William J. Shinn	Retired Merchant	Woodstown	State legislature	Yes
Emeline Shinn	41 Dau.	William J. Shinn	Retired Merchant	Woodstown	State legislature	Yes
Keturah Edwards	26 Wife	Barkley Edwards	Farmer	Pilesgrove	Freeholder	Yes
Lydia D. Lippincott	46 Wife	Thomas Lippincott	Farmer	Pilesgrove	Township cmmr.	Yes
Hannah Peterson	27 Wife	Amos Peterson	Farmer	Pittsgrove		No
Clarissa Richman	60 Wife	Abraham Richman	Retired	Pilesgrove		Yes
Kizzie Richman	19 Dau.	John P. Biddle	Laborer	Upper Penns Neck		Yes
Louisa Richman	40 Wife	Richard Richman	Farm Laborer	Mannington		Yes
Sarah Ann Colson	52 Widow			Woodstown		No
Ella Edwards	12 Dau.	Barkley Edwards	Farmer	Pilesgrove	Freeholder	Yes
Sallie Hillman	37 Wife	Theophilus Hillman	Master Farmer	Pilesgrove		Yes
Elie B. Cawley	54 Wife	William Cawley	Surveyor	Pilesgrove	Township Cmmr.	No
Rebecca Webster	44 Wife	Amos A. Webster	Master Miller	Salem		No
Ellen M. Dickinson	37 Wife	Mahlon D. Dickinson	Master Farmer	Woodstown	Collector-Assessor	Yes
Ann Davis	56 Wife	Josiah Davis	Master Farmer	Pilesgrove		No
Lizzie Buzby	10 Dau.	Elias Buzby	Master Farmer	Lower Penns Neck		Yes
Nellie Buzby	17 Dau.	Abel Buzby	Retired			No
Maria Lippincott	43 HH.	Andrew Griscom	Master Farmer	Mannington		Yes
Sarah Ann Allen	40 Widow			Woodstown		No
Mary Allen	42 Wife	Joseph Allen	Farmer	Pilesgrove		Yes

Name	Age Rel.	Male Relative	His occupation	Residence	Public Office	Land
Mary Scull	14 Dau.	Isaac Scull	Farmer	Pilesgrove	Judge of elections	Yes
Hannah Robins	63 Wife	Nathaniel Robbins	Farmer	Pilesgrove		Yes
Jane H. Davis	32 Wife	William C. Davis	Master Farmer	Pilesgrove		Yes
Rebecca Cole	71 SIL	John Bishop	Farmer	Pilesgrove		Yes
Ann Edwards	34 Dau.	Thomas Edwards	Farmer	Pilesgrove		Yes
Elizabeth D. Lippincott	Wife	William F. Lippincott	Master Farmer	Mannington		Yes
Jane Enoch	43 Wife	Thomas Enoch	Butcher	Woodstown		Yes
Mary Colson	16 Dau.	Sarah Ann Colson		Pilesgrove		No
Rebecca Cole	39 Wife	Bartholomew Cole	Master Farmer	Pittsgrove	Cmmr. Appeal	Yes
Mary Borton	41 Wife	Samuel Borton	Master Farmer	Pilesgrove	Freeholder	Yes
Elizabeth Flitcraft	44 Widow					Yes
Hannah Borton	44 Wife	William Borton	Master Farmer	Woodstown		Yes
Annie Neill	57 Wife	Michael Neill	Lumberman	Pilesgrove		No
Abby Clawson	28 Wife	William S. Clawson	Physician	Woodstown	Township Cmmr.	Yes
Mary D. Lawson	30 Wife	James D. Lawson	Master Farmer	Woodstown	Councilman	Yes
Elizabeth Buzby	35 Dau.	Amos Buzby	Master Farmer	Pilesgrove	Township Cmmr.	No
Clemence Hinchman	6 HH	Samuel White	Farmer	Pilesgrove		No
Ann F. Robbins	32 Wife	Nathaniel Robbins	Farmer	Pilesgrove		Yes
Eliza Scull	50 Wife	Mark Scull	Wheelwright	Woodstown		Yes
Rachel Peterson	50 Wife	George Peterson	Master Farmer	Lower Penns Neck		Yes
Mary Cook	29 Wife	Joseph Cook	Laborer	Salem		No
Lydia Williams	35 Wife	Alvan Williams	Physician	Woodstown		No
Sallie H. Dickinson	42			Woodstown		Yes
Mary Dickinson	38			Woodstown		Yes
Sarah B. Somers	40 Wife	John B. Somers	Farmer	Mantua		Yes
Male Members:						
Isaac V. Dickinson	34		Attorney	Woodstown	Library	Yes
Allen J. Hires	40		Clergyman	Woodstown		
Alvan Williams			Physician	Woodstown		Yes

Sources:

United States Census, Salem County, New Jersey, 1860. All ages and family relationships listed here are based on that census.

Thomas Cushing and Charles E. Sheppard, *History of the Counties of Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland, New Jersey* (Philadelphia: Everts and Peck, 1883). Public offices noted above were listed in this work. Many men held more than one office. Listed here is the highest office held.

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CIVIL WAR

The *Major Reybold* brought down nearly five hundred rebel prisoners, mostly officers, to Fort Delaware on Sunday last. They were from Camp Chase, Ohio. They were in charge of two companies of the 88th Ohio. We learn that upwards of 1,500 prisoners are at the Fort.

National Standard, Salem, NJ April 15, 1863

MITTENS WANTED.— A member of Company K, 4th New Jersey Regiment, writes us that the men want mittens. He says they are well cared for in other respects—are well clothed and have plenty to eat. As this company was recruited principally in this county by Capt. Lumly, we presume the fact that mittens are needed by the men composing it, has only to be made known, to have them provided, either by the Ladies' Aid Society, or by the friends of the volunteers.— The regiment is now encamped near Alexandria, Va., to which place donations should be sent.

National Standard, Salem, NJ,
December 25, 1861

One of Salem’s Industries...BUTTONS

The question, “Where do all the pins go?” can be met by the question, “What becomes of all the buttons?” This question forcibly struck us while witnessing the operation of manufacturing buttons at the establishment of Mr. **Wm. S. McDonald**, on Olive street, who a few years ago removed his manufactory from Philadelphia to this city.

The manufacture of buttons is an interesting sight. The pearl shells from which the buttons are manufactured are imported, the greater bulk of them coming from the East Indies.

These shells are found in the ocean by the divers, and after the pearls are taken out, the shells are sold to be made into buttons, jewelry, etc.

The day we visited Mr. McDonald’s factory, the workmen were employed on common shirt buttons. The first process is that of cutting the button from the shell by a tool which we shall call a “saw-drill.”

These pieces of pearl are then washed in muriatic acid to make the edges smooth. The thickness of the pearl determines whether these pieces shall be cut in two.

The button is then passed to the “backer,” who rounds the back on a lathe. In fact the whole work in the manufacture of a button is done on lathes.

The little piece of pearl is then taken in hand by the “turner,” who turns and cuts out the face, and in fact finishes the button. The driller then takes the button, and punches four holes in it, through which the thread passes. It is this particular workman that the old bachelor, in sewing on buttons, is apt profane for not making the holes larger.

The buttons are then taken to the “sorter,” who sorts them into three grades, according to color, the pure white being “No. 1.” They are then sewed on cards, and are now ready for the market.

A single button passes through five hands before it is finished. The factory is now turning out ten gross a day. The greater part of the product is taken to the Philadelphia market, although Mr. McDonald supplies several of our local dealers.

Every style of pearl button as well as shirt studs, collar and cuff buttons, are manufactured at this place. Seven hands are employed and the motive power is a steam engine, recently put up.

National Standard, Salem, NJ, January 15, 1879

Home from War

We are pleased to see Lieut. **L. Henry Smith**, 2d N. J. Cavalry, at home and among his friends once more. After an arduous campaign in the Southwest, he was among those taken prisoner; and after spending several months in the prison-pens of Augusta, Macon, Andersonville, &c. (most of the time sick, from impure food,) he was finally exchanged at Savannah, just before Sherman captured that city. When he reached home he was only the shadow of his former self; but with the good cheer and full rations always found in a Jersey home, he is rapidly recovering strength and flesh.

The Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, January 13, 1865

ALEXANDER’S ANNALS

50 YEARS AGO

The Monitor-Register, March, 1965

- Site selected for new courthouse on Market Street, Salem.
- Demand for the new book “Fenwick’s Colony” has exceeded all expectations.
- Postal stamp sought to commemorate the Twin Bridges.
- Maurice W. Dilkes, president of the newly organized Salem County Shrine Club.
- Peanut Butter —18 oz. jar, 49¢ —Food Fair.

75 YEARS AGO

Elmer Times, March 1940

- Borough Council suggests safety patrol for school children.
- 50th anniversary of Quinton Baptist church celebrated.
- Parvin CCC camps to continue.
- “Home-Bilt” Stamp Club organized—William Miller, president.
- Electric rates to be reduced April 1st. [?April Fool]

100 YEARS AGO

Penns Grove Record, March 1915

- First convict road work in South Jersey to begin.
- Votes for women wanted. Suffragettes organized all over Salem County.
- Senior Class trip to Philadelphia to see “Macbeth”.
- 550 workers arrived from Wilmington for Powder Mill construction.
- Smallpox scare in South Jersey. Commuter trains may carry disease.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at Woods-Town, New-Jersey, March 31, 1823.

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| Ara Adams | Joseph Fields |
| Job Bavis | Levi Jenings |
| Isaac Bacon | Samuel Johnson |
| William Borton | Thomas Ivins |
| George Colwell | Jonathan Pederick |
| John Davis | Eliza & Sidnay Owen |
| Daton Daniels | Achsa Hobins |
| Thomas Dickor | Rachel Ridgway |
| Nathan Evans | Samuel Riley |
| Given Flitcraft | Israel R. Clawson, P.M. |
| Joseph Fogg | |

The **new name** of our post office, “**Alloway**,” (not Alloways, as some persist in calling it), went into effect on the first of the present month. [Postmaster: David Bowen]
National Standard, Salem, NJ, April 5, 1882

To drive away rose-bugs.—Thirty drops of carbolic acid, in a pail of water; sprinkle over trees or vines. *The Monitor*, Woodstown, NJ, May 27, 1891

APPLE TREES.—

A schooner of 130 tons, cleared at Salem on Saturday last for East Jersey, loaded entirely with apple trees from Reeve’s celebrated Nursery in this County.

[Mr. S. Reeves]
National Standard, Salem, NJ, March 29, 1848

[Samuel Reeves. The Reeves Nursery was established in 1790 by Joseph Reeves.]

—A most beautiful sight can now be seen at **Thomas Glynn’s greenhouses**, on Keasbey Street. His nine houses are filled with all kinds of rare and beautiful flowers.
The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, May 6, 1884

Method of Increasing the Odour of Roses.

For this purpose, according to the author of the method, a large onion is to be planted by the side of the rose tree in such a manner that it shall touch the foot of the latter. The roses which will be produced, will have an odour[sic] much stronger and more agreeable than such as have not been thus treated, and the water distilled from these roses is equalor[sic] superior[sic] to that prepared by means of ordinary rose leaves.

Salem Messenger & Public Advertiser, Salem, NJ, February 13, 1828

—We are under obligations to Josiah S. Harris, of the “Cream Ridge” farm, near Quinton, for a 44-pound watermelon. It was of the “Murphy” variety, and the many who helped to dissect it, say it was the best melon they ever tasted.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, September 19, 1882

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Miss Chapman has opened a writing school in Rumsey's Hall. She is a competent teacher, and we advise our young lady and gentlemen readers to embrace the opportunity to improve their chirography.
The Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, January 13, 1865

A NEW MOWING MACHINE

—Messrs. Allen and Thompson, of this place, have invented a new mowing machine, which not only cuts as fast and as well as any other, but is lighter and consequently managed with greater facility. These gentlemen experimented with it on Friday last in the presence of a number of farmers, who were unanimous in testifying to its superiority over all others now in use. What, with reaping, threshing, and mowing machines, the "good time" is fast coming when the "hard work" so generally associated with agriculture will be among the things that were.
National Standard, Salem, NJ, July 28, 1852

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- Cornwell C. Martin
- Lucille Pote

Vaccination—The prevalence of small pox in the larger cities, and in some of the cities and towns of our State, should admonish us of the importance of vaccination. Our physicians are ready to call upon any who may desire it.

The Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, January 27, 1865

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Unidentified photographs remain a perennial perplexity!

Please assist in identifying these employees of the Salem Dress Company, who were photographed ca. 1924.

By 1920, the Russian immigrant, Sol Weinstein had established this sewing company and was the proprietor of The Quality Shop located at 186 East Broadway, Salem that advertised 'From Factory to you'. Sol and Elizabeth Weinstein resided with their children, Morris and Sylvia, at 19 Walnut Street, Salem, New Jersey.

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