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## The Aims of This Society



To make research into historical facts and collect data relating thereto:

To suitably mark by Monument or Tablet sites of historic interest to preserve them from oblivion;

To collect and preserve genealogical records and family traditions;

To cultivate a spirit of Patriotism, which is love of Country, and aid to respect and uphold its laws;

To foster National, State, Local and Family Pride, and the Intellectual Cultivation and Development of its members.



# Bergen County Historical Society

Organized, 1902—Incorporated, 1907

ASSEMBLY ROOMS  
DEPOSITORY OF RECORDS AND MUSEUM  
JOHNSON PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING  
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY

**T**HE MUSEUM on the second floor of the Johnson Public Library Building is open to the public every weekday from 2 to 5 P. M. During the twenty years of the Society's existence many gifts and some purchases of articles of historic interest, gathered mainly from the early homes of Bergen County, have been made. This collection now numbers approximately two thousand pieces, and to our Curator, Mrs. Frances A. Westervelt, is largely due the credit for gathering and classifying these interesting relics of the past. Here may be seen a replica of the early Dutch fire-place, brick oven and accompanying utensils; hardware of Colonial days; early pewter, pottery, glass and china; bells of the old Court House and the Hackensack Academy, 1770; hand wrought iron tools and utensils; flax and wool spinning wheels; relics of the Revolutionary, 1812, Mexican, Civil and Spanish Wars; early prints and maps.

Every afternoon Mrs. Westervelt talks on historical subjects, illustrated by the original articles used. Members of the Society are requested to come and bring or send their friends and their children. No cards of admission are required.

## Officers

### For the Fiscal Year 1921-1922

REID HOWELL, Rutherford.....*President*  
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 JAMES W. MERCER, Hackensack.....*Treasurer*  
 MRS. FRANCES A. WESTERVELT, Hackensack.....*Curator*

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 HON. CORNELIUS DOREMUS, Ridgewood.....1905-06  
 BURTON H. ALBEE, Paterson.....1906-07  
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 COL. W. D. SNOW, Hackensack.....1908-09  
 HON. DAVID D. ZABRISKIE, Ridgewood.....1909-10  
 EVERETT L. ZABRISKIE, Ridgewood.....1910-11  
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 MATT J. BOGERT, Demarest.....1912-13  
 ROBERT T. WILSON, Saddle River.....1913-14  
 MRS. FRANCES A. WESTERVELT, Hackensack.....1914-16  
 CORNELIUS V. R. BOGERT, Bogota.....1916-18  
 ARTHUR VAN BUSKIRK, Hackensack.....1918-19  
 LEWIS MARSENA MILLER, Leonia.....1919-21

## \* Standing Committees For the Fiscal Year 1921-1922

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Harry Bennett, Teaneck, *Chairman*.

### ARCHIVES AND PROPERTY

Mrs. F. A. Westervelt, Hackensack, *Chairman*; Hon. William M. Johnson, Hackensack; Miss Saretta Demarest, Teaneck.

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### GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL

Hiram Calkins, Ridgewood, *Chairman*; Everett L. Zabriskie, R. T. Wilson, Ridgewood.

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\* The President is ex-officio a member of all committees.

## Standing Committees (Continued)

### HISTORIC SITES AND EVENTS

Dr. James M. Hackett, Leonia, *Chairman*; William P. Eager, Hackensack.

### MARKER FOR LUTHERAN CEMETERY

Arthur Van Buskirk, Hackensack, *Chairman*; Dr. Byron G. Van Horne, Englewood; Mrs. F. A. Westervelt, Hackensack.

### MEMBERSHIP

Cornelius V. R. Bogert, Bogota, *Chairman*.

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Joseph A. Brohel, Hackensack, *Chairman*.

### PUBLICATION

Mrs. Wendell J. Wright, Hackensack, *Chairman*; Mrs. Charles F. Adams, Hackensack.

### FREEHOLDERS BOOK, 1714-1794

### ORDERLY BOOK, N. J. BRIGADE, 1780

Dr. Byron G. Van Horne, Englewood, *Chairman*.

### PUBLICITY

J. W. Binder, Hackensack, *Chairman*.

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Eugene K. Bird, Hackensack, *Chairman*.

### TOPOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY

Mrs. Roscoe P. McClave, Cliffside Park, *Chairman*.

### WARS AND REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Dr. Charles F. Adams, Hackensack, *Chairman*; R. T. Wilson, Carl M. Vail, Ridgewood.

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### OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

John B. Allison, Englewood.

## The President's Annual Report



ON March 4, 1902, a company interested in the formation of a Historical Society in Bergen County met in the Johnson Public Library. At that conference a committee was appointed to perfect an organization. On March 26th the Society was formed, a Constitution adopted and another committee appointed to nominate officers.

The committee made its report to a meeting held April 9, 1902, and Hon. William M. Johnson was elected first President.

That was twenty years ago.

During these twenty years the work of the society has been carried on with great success. To review its activities one must turn over the many pages of its annual reports. The first annual dinner was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, Feb. 23, 1903. The second annual dinner was held Feb. 22, 1904, in the hall of the Oritani Field Club. And so on down the years, an annual dinner was held until the coming of the great war. The fifteenth annual meeting and dinner was held on April 21, 1917, at the Warner. Then the dinners were discontinued. Indeed, we have no printed reports of the annual meetings, nor of the work of the society for 1917 to 1919 and no year book. But in 1919 we have a report of the semi-annual meeting held October 25, containing a list of the officers for 1919-20 and the president's address in which the seventeenth annual meeting is referred to as having been held on April 26, 1919. Then follows the regular record and report of the eighteenth annual meeting 1919-1920—number 13.

The report of the nineteenth annual meeting of this society held a year ago is ready for distribution and will be mailed out to the membership of the society at an early date.

To-night we celebrate our twentieth anniversary and resume our place about the festive board under the provisions of our Constitution, which says that "the Society shall hold the annual meeting on the Saturday nearest the 19th of April . . . and immediately thereafter proceed to some suitable place and dine together."

A year ago you placed upon me the responsibilities of the President of this Society. To-night you call for a report of my stewardship.

The work and progress of the society for the fiscal year just closing is covered in the reports of the various committees, all of which will be found later in the printed Annual Report for 1921-22—No. 15.

The reports of these committees are most encouraging, and it is my pleasure now to thank the chairmen and all the members of the various committees who have rendered assistance in furthering the work that has brought about a realization of many accomplishments.

There is much at this time that I should like to say reminiscently and prospectively. But time forbids.

The importance of the work and guardianship and development of an organization such as this demands greater attention than it is possible for us so occupied as we are in our work-a-day world to rightly give. This is to be regretted. Your president regrets it. There are so many things to do that are left undone.

During the year, however, the society has grown—the Secretary's report shows a net increase in membership of about sixty.

The Treasurer's report shows an unexpected and appreciated additional gift at Christmas time of \$2,500.00 from Mr. Wm. O. Allison, and a present cash balance of \$15,724.26.

The Lutheran cemetery has been marked; the Poor monument has been altered and turned about; the plans



have been approved for a marble bench on the Green to mark the sight of the Court House that was destroyed during the Revolution (1780); the Committee on Historic Sites and Events also have been empowered to proceed and mark the site of the temporary jail and Court House at Yoppo, in the Ramapo Valley at Oakland, and work on the memorial at Camp Merritt has been begun.

These activities of the society are a step forward.

And it is my pleasure further to remind you that on July fourth, last, in Rutherford, N. J., at the home of the President, Mr. John Ettl, a celebrated sculptor of Leonia, N. J., made known his willingness to present to this society a life-size ideal, bronze bust which he should make of Oritani, the Sachem of the Achkinkeshacky Indians (1557-1667). This generous offer of Mr. Ettl's was immediately accepted. At the September meeting of the Executive Committee the following resolution, submitted by Mr. William P. Eager, was unanimously adopted:

“In view of the early history of Bergen County, in which the Aboriginal inhabitant played such an important part, it seems proper and fitting that the Historical Society of this County should have displayed within its museum a bust typifying the American Indian:

“AND, WHEREAS, it has come to the notice of this Society that Mr. John Ettl, of Leonia, a distinguished sculptor, has expressed himself as being interested in having the wish of this society realised,

“THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT our President convey to Mr. Ettl our appreciation of his interest with the hope that he will favor us with some such work from his own hands, and that our President report back to this society the result of his conference.”

Your president then immediately communicated with Mr. Ettl, enclosing a copy of the foregoing resolution. In a few days we were favored with a formal reply from Mr. Ettl, as follows:

Leonia, N. J., Oct. 3, 1921.

Mr. Reid Howell,  
203 Wood Street,  
Rutherford, N. J.

My dear Mr. Howell:

I am recipient of your kind letter enclosing a copy of the resolution offered by Mr. William P. Eager, at the September meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bergen County Historical Society in reference to the Indian bust.

Our conversation at your home in reference to this matter is well remembered. I shall be pleased to create a bust, over life size, typifying the American Indian, which upon its completion I will present to the Bergen County Historical Society, with the provision that after its acceptance the bust will always be kept in the Society Museum.

I shall study the subject this winter so that the bust will be ready for presentation in the later spring.

If the Society has any particular type of American Indian in mind I trust you will inform me.

Assuring you that this work will give me much pleasure, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) JOHN Ettl.

I am happy to inform you that the wish, so long entertained by this Society, is now to be realized. We shall have this bronze bust of Oritani ready for the ceremonies of unveiling at our mid-year meeting.

Added to these activities of the society, during the past year, we must include the program that has been laid out for historical contests among high school pupils of the county, and the provision, too, for the awarding of six cash prizes of \$25.00 each.

These prizes are offered to our high school pupils through the courtesy and generosity of Henry J. Wostbrock, Midland Park; C. H. Earle, Hackensack; Clyde Ackerman Bogert, River Edge; John M. Contant, Hackensack, and the Hackensack Rotary Club, of Hackensack.

The Henry J. Wostbrock prize of \$25.00 will be



awarded to the pupil who shall write the best legend of not less than 1,000 words, concerning the Indian Canoe which is in the museum of the Historical Society.

The C. H. Earle prize of \$25.00 will be awarded to the pupil who shall write the best detective story or tragedy, of not less than 1,500 words, to be suggested by the Hangman's Weights which are also in the museum.

The Clyde Aekerman Bogert prize of \$25.00 will be awarded to the pupil who shall write the best historical poem, having for its subject authentic events relative to Bergen County history.

The John M. Contant prize of \$25.00 will be awarded to the pupil who shall write the best romance of not less than 1,500 words, entitled, "A Romance in a Dutch Kitchen." The inspiration for this story is to be found in the old Dutch kitchen exhibit, a perfect reproduction, which can be seen at the museum of the Society in Hackensack.

The Hackensack Rotary Club prize of \$25.00 will be awarded to the pupil presenting the best ideal portrait sketch of the Sachem Oritani (Orataney 1645), and

The Hackensack Rotary Club prize of \$25.00 will be awarded to the pupil presenting the best ideal portrait sketch of Hackensack the Indian Chief of the Aelkinke-shacky tribe of Indians. These sketches may be in miniature or life size and executed in pen and ink, pencil, crayons, water colors or oils. All these prizes have been placed at the Society's disposal in the hope that a greater interest in matters historical concerning Bergen County may be stimulated among the pupils of the County High Schools.

The activities of the Women's Auxiliary will be found in Mrs. Harry Bennett's report in the Year Book.

The details of the work of the Executive Committee and the report of the mid-year meeting are spread in full on the minutes kept of the monthly meetings. These

minutes from time to time are filed in the archives of the society.

I regret to report that it has been found impossible as yet to formulate any definite plan for the restoration and upkeep of the long list of old cemeteries of historic interest, which are falling into decay in different parts of the County. The expense incurred would be enormous, but we hope these old cemeteries ultimately will be at least marked, and the sites sufficiently preserved to prevent their becoming wholly obliterated. Under the Palisades along the Henry Hudson Drive, near the Englewood approach, is one of these old cemeteries where we find the names of Van Wagoner, and Woolsey, White-lock, Becker, Bloomer and Crum, and also the names of Henry Allison and his wife, Sarah Marks. I have the assurance of the Interstate Park Commission that this old cemetery will be suitably walled about. May the tourist who goes by rest himself here at this historic shrine and in imagination people this scene about him with activities of the times and of those who lie buried here, and contrast them with the stir and bustle of the present day.

I trust we all rightly appreciate Mr. William O. Allison's interest in this society, as shown by his frequent gifts. And also the interest of Mr. Wm. M. Johnson, who was our first president and through whose courtesy and generosity the society has had a home in the handsome stone structure—the Johnson Free Public Library Building—and where too its 2000 relics of historic interest and value, during these past twenty years, have been safely and securely housed and that without expense.

On this twentieth anniversary, though Mr. Wm. M. Johnson has found it impossible to be with us, you will find his name on the program as our honored and distinguished guest. A brief sketch of his life is appended to my report herewith.

During the past year the meetings of the Executive

Committee have been well attended. I appreciate very much the help and coöperation I have had from all its members, and from Mrs. Westervelt, our Curator, who despite illness and trouble has been so loyal and faithful to the duties of her office, and whose report is full of interest concerning recent acquisitions of the museum.

To-night you again have made me your president for another year, and I appreciate the honor and the great obligation you are placing upon me. As I said a year ago: "It shall be my hope to observe and continue the standards of progress, which have been so patiently and carefully and securely established. In all of which I invite your coöperation."



## Hon. William Mindred Johnson

ADDENDUM TO THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

BY HON. CORNELIUS DOREMUS

The subject of this sketch has been a leader in the civic life and affairs of Bergen County and of the State of New Jersey for nearly half a century, and to-day stands in the front rank of the men of affairs. He has also occupied a high place in the National life.

Hon. William M. Johnson (universally known and addressed as "Senator Johnson") began life in the town of Newton, Sussex County, New Jersey. He was born December 2, 1847, at the ancestral home in that town. It is eminently desirable that Senator Johnson should have a fitting place in historical annals and events, he being of an ancestry famed as makers of history. In the Continental army his paternal great grandfather, Henry Johnson, served as Captain. Another ancestor, Col. Joseph Beams, was also an officer in that army. The Provincial Congress, sitting in 1776-1777, had, as one of its distinguished members, his great great grandfather, Casper Schaeffer. The Secretary of State of New Jersey from 1861 to 1866 was Hon. Whitfield Schaeffer Johnson, father of the subject of this article. He was a lawyer and served as Prosecutor of the Pleas of Sussex County. Senator Johnson's mother was a sister of Chief Justice Henry Green, of the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Johnson was a student at the Newton Collegiate Institute and the State Model School at Trenton. He graduated from Princeton University in 1867, which institution conferred upon him in 1919 the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He was admitted to the Bar of this State as an attorney in 1870 and counsellor in 1873. He resided in Trenton and practiced his profession there until 1874, at which time he located in Hackensack where he has since resided. His law practice was extensive

and he became the leader of the Bar in Bergen County and attained a place in the front rank of the Bar of the State. The writer of this sketch received from him the first impulse to engage in the study of law and studied in and graduated from his office. From the knowledge gained through many years of close and intimate professional relations, the writer can truthfully say he has never known a man of more keen intellect, profound knowledge of the law, and clear conceptions of intricate problems. As an advocate in court, when in active practice, he was brilliant and masterful, while now, in the quiet of the office he is a sage and wise counsellor. In the year 1911 Senator Johnson was elected President of the State Bar Association and has occupied many positions of importance connected with the legal profession.

As a citizen Mr. Johnson has given generously of his time, talent and money to the building up of not only his own city, Hackensack, but of the County and State as well as Nation. He has filled many offices of a political and civic character and has been prominent in educational matters. The Johnson Free Public Library on Main Street, Hackensack, originally costing \$60,000, was erected by him and presented to the city. Subsequently, he added a large wing with ample stack room and historical museum.

The splendid new building for the Hackensack Hospital was made possible by Mr. Johnson's liberality in the contribution of \$200,000, this act being an incentive to citizens of the city and other municipalities of the county who manifest an interest in the beneficent work of this noble institution. He also made the Hospital Association a gift of the Nurses' Home, said to be one of the most complete in detail and equipment, as it is attractive in architectural lines, in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Johnson likewise gave the hospital a Maternity Annex, connected with the original hospital building, which has become a conspicuous feature of that institution.



In financial matters Mr. Johnson is also prominent and successful. He was one of the promoters and organizers of the Hackensack National Bank, the oldest in the County, and a Director from the beginning. He organized and became first President of the Hackensack Trust Company and remained President until a year ago when he became Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Hackensack National Bank and Hackensack Trust Company consolidated in 1922 and is now the Hackensack Trust Company, one of the largest in the State, and Mr. Johnson remains as Chairman of the Board.

In politics Mr. Johnson has been active all his life. His idea is that it is a man's duty to take an active part in politics in order to maintain a high standard in the administration of our public affairs. He has occupied important offices of the State and Nation and wielded great influence by virtue of his strong and impressive personality and great common sense and charm of manner. He is a real leader of men and his statesmanship is of the constructive type. Senator Johnson is a life long Republican. As far back as 1884 he was a member of the Republican State Committee. In 1888 and 1904 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, and in 1900 and 1904 he was chairman of the Republican State Convention. He was elected to the State Senate in 1895, being the first Republican elected to that body from this County. He was again elected in 1898, and in 1900 became President of the Senate and Acting Governor. While in the Senate he was a member of many important committees. President McKinley appointed him First Assistant Postmaster General of the United States in 1900, and while occupying that position he inaugurated many marked improvements, notably in the rural free delivery, which is such a boon to all citizens of the County. This act alone would entitle him to a large place in the history of our Country.

Mr. Johnson has the unique distinction of having been tendered appointments to the Supreme Court Bench,


nominations for Governor and other offices, but declined all of these honors. He was one of the founders of the Bergen County Historical Society, March 4, 1902, and was its first President. He is active in promoting its interests, and to him the Society is indebted for the splendid quarters it occupies in the Johnson Public Library.

The Senator is a member and officer of the Second Reformed Church of Hackensack and recently presented the Church with a fine pipe organ, as well as promoting the building of the splendid edifice in which the congregation worships. He is fond of mingling with his fellowmen and is an active member of many clubs and societies, among them being the Hackensack and Arcola Golf Clubs, New Jersey Historical Society, of which he is a Trustee, New Jersey Society of the Sons of the Revolution, Holland Society, Union League Club, Washington Association, Oritani Club and Lawyers Club. He is a Director in many business corporations of the highest standing such as the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company and others. Mr. Johnson has a commodious home on the corner of Main and Anderson Streets, Hackensack, with a well appointed library equipped for the gratification of his well-known literary taste.

Mr. Johnson's life is ideal, and he is highly respected and honored by his neighbors and townsmen. The writer has intimate knowledge of the strength and unselfishness of his friendship and of his helpfulness to those who are favored by his friendship. The Bergen County Historical Society and numerous other organizations owe much to Senator Johnson, and it can be said of him that he is a "favorite son" of famous old Bergen County as well as of the State of New Jersey.



## Secretary's Annual Report

HE Secretary begs to report a number of interesting matters which have transpired in the past year.

The meetings of the Executive Committee have been largely attended, which speaks well for the local interest in things historical, or perchance it is owing to the ability and most pleasing personality of our President.

The Life Membership fee has been raised to \$50.00; \$20.00 was too low. If our prospective life member was young enough his financial gain was out of proportion to the fee he paid. The cost of publishing our Year Book is much greater than formerly, which was another factor in raising this fee.

Mr. John Ettl made us a very generous offer of a bust of a typical American Indian, which was thankfully accepted.

The Semi-Annual Meeting was held on the evening of November 18th. The chief event of the evening was the address of Major Welch of the Palisade Interstate Park. The park extends from approximately the Fort Lee Ferry in New Jersey to Bear Mountain in New York State. Major Welch told us how this land was rescued from quarrymen in New Jersey and New York by public spirited men and then presented to the combined states, so that in New Jersey, from the river front to the top of the Palisades, this park has been given to the people forever. In New York State several connected strips, from the border of New Jersey to about Bear Mountain, have been purchased and opened, and at Bear Mountain some thousands of acres have been presented by the State of New York. The State has thrown this land open to the people, and any one by the proper application and at a minimum of expense may spend the summer in open air camps by charming lakes. Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and other organizations of like nature are given



especial consideration. A road is being constructed from the Fort Lee Ferry on the New Jersey side along the Hudson River to Newburg, which upon the hoped-for completion of about three miles of road to Alpine, will make this one of the most wonderful drives in the United States. A vote of thanks was given to Major Welch for his very pleasing and instructive address.

About the first of the year Mr. Wm. O. Allison presented the society with another gift of \$2,500.00. This makes a total of more than \$15,000.00 which Mr. Allison has given the society. Needless to say, it is the generosity of Mr. Allison which has made the Bergen County Historical Society what it is to-day.

Shortly after this gift, a Finance Committee was appointed to look after our investments.

An effort was made to have the First Reformed Church preserve the old historical Coat of Arms on the east wall. Doubtless, with the coöperation of the Historical Society, this stone will be restored and removed to a more favorable location.

Mr. H. B. Goetschius called attention to the approaching celebration of the Settling of New Netherlands, and he signified his willingness to prepare an article upon this subject.

It was also decided that we have a banquet in connection with the Annual Meeting, now that the war is over and the country is resuming normal ways. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church very kindly offered to serve us and give us the use of their meeting rooms, which offer was gratefully accepted.

On February 17th the following Nominating Committee was appointed to present a suitable list of officers at the annual election:

Mr. L. M. Miller	Mr. J. W. Binder
Mr. W. P. Eager	Mr. C. V. R. Bogert
Dr. B. G. Van Horne	

The Secretary wishes at this time to acknowledge his indebtedness to Miss Gwendolyn Green and Mr. Wm. W. Amerman for necessary aid in his secretarial work.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE ROMAINE,

*Secretary.*

## Treasurer's Annual Report

APRIL 16TH, 1921, TO APRIL 17TH, 1922

As Treasurer of the Bergen County Historical Society, my report showing the financial condition for the year, April 16th, 1921, to April 17th, 1922, is as follows:

### ASSETS

Securities on hand in Safe Deposit Box, Hackensack Trust Co., U. S. Liberty Bonds at par	\$11,850.00		✓
Cash in Banks as follows:			
Peoples Trust & Guar. Co. (General Account) .....	\$696.77		
Peoples Trust & Guar. Co. (Savings Account) .....	2,234.95		
Peoples Trust & Guar. Co. (Special Account) .....	942.54		
		3,874.26	
<i>Allison Account No. 16659</i>		\$15,724.26	

### LIABILITIES

"Allison Investment Fund"	
U. S. Liberty Bonds (Fourth Issue) .....	\$11,850.00
Balance Treasurer's Books:	
April 16th, 1921 (General Account)	\$927.77
April 16th, 1921 (Savings Acct.) ..	451.82
	\$1,379.59
<i>Carried Forward</i> .....	

## Treasurer's Annual Report (Continued)

### LIABILITIES (Continued)

	<i>Brought Forward</i> —\$1,379.59	
Allison Archives Fund (Available by		
36 Curator) .....	1,000.00	
Receipts for the year have been:		
Dues Collected .....	1,153.00	
Interest on Liberty Bonds and		
Bank Balances .....	527.51	
Gift and Donation .....	2,600.00	
Sale of Year Book.....	24.25	
	\$6,684.35	
Disbursements Deducted .....	2,810.09	
	3,874.26	
		\$15,724.26

### SUMMARY

	<i>Liberty Bonds</i>	<i>Cash in Banks</i>	<i>Total</i>
Year ending April			
17th, 1922.....	\$11,850.00	\$3,874.26	\$15,724.26
Year ending April			
16th, 1921.....	11,550.00	2,379.59	13,929.59
Increase .....	\$300.00	\$1,494.67	\$1,794.67
Showing a total increase in Resources of \$1,794.67 over the previous year.			

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MERCER,

*Treasurer.*

## Curator's Annual Report

**L**AST year when we reported that there had been over 1,000 children in classes and Women's Club members, it was evident that the Dutch Kitchen talks on local history were of interest. That they have not grown less attractive or valuable, is shown when we report this year with 1,750. With visitors coming in daily and the high school students seeking inspiration for the six prizes of \$25.00 each (to be awarded after May 15), the number would equal the amount of the classes and groups, making 3,500. With so many seeking early history, it is most gratifying to know that we have such a valuable collection for reference.

The pupils in classes from the following schools have been here: Hackensack's five schools; North Hackensack; Lodi; River Edge; Teaneck; Spring Valley; Wyck-off; Woodbridge; Hackensack Night School, the advanced class and the third class; East Rutherford; Hasbrouck Heights; Maywood; Moonachie; Ridgefield Park; Cliffside; Bogota, and classes from the summer schools.

The following clubs and societies have been here: Paterson Daughters of the Revolution; Oradell Needle and Book Club (twice); Ridgefield Village Improvement Association; Woman's Club of Leonia; Our Own Woman's Auxiliary. On Oct. 1st, from the Institute of Science and Art in Brooklyn, came sixty ladies and gentlemen of the Botany Department, under the management of Mr. Stoll, on a field-day trip, and by previous arrangement, visited the museum and heard the Dutch Kitchen talk and viewed our collection. Then they went by invitation and visited Mr. Wm. M. Johnson's wonderful garden where the choice and rare specimens of trees were lectured on by Mr. Stoll. Through the courtesy of Miss Terhune, the beautiful colonial house, situated near the garden, was thrown open and the interior was viewed by the entire party. They left for Brooklyn after visiting the Old Church on the Green, the Courthouse, etc. ..

## OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Five photographs of our early embroidery were furnished to Harper Brothers publishing Co. for their book on Early American Needle Work, credit being given in the book to the Society.

On request, a copy of our constitution and by-laws was given to the Middlesex County Historical Society, which was then forming at Perth Amboy. An invitation to go to their first meeting to tell of our society's activities was accepted and a talk given.

By invitation, a talk was given to the Hackensack Rotary Club, the subject illustrated was "The Value of Clay in Early Home Economics," leading to our early pottery and brick manufacturing on the Hackensack.

### ACTIVITIES IN REGARD TO THE CONTEST

The activities in regard to the contest for the six \$25.00 prizes have been of interest. "The Legend of the Canoe" has been a very popular topic. All of the best condensed history of our local tribes has been displayed on posters and all of our books on the Indians are out for reference, the Curator believing it is a good time to teach the pupils our Indian history so that perhaps they will weave some real facts into the legend.

What history we have in regard to the hangman's weight has been posted also, to aid in the detective story or tragedy.

The "Dutch Kitchen Romance" writers have much to see to weave into their story.

There have been quite a number seeking "real historic facts" for the poem and such have been supplied with "real history."

To those interested in the ideal portraits of Sachem Oritani and Chief Hackensack, have been referred the articles containing the description of the Delawares, to use as a basis for their work.

No matter what the result of the contest may be, it has been of the greatest value as a publicity campaign, for the pupils have learned of our valuable materials at their disposal.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES A. WESTERVELT,

*Curator.*





## Report of the Women's Auxiliary

**D**URING the current year ending April 22, 1922, the meetings of the Women's Auxiliary were held at the Society's Rooms at the Johnson Public Library.

In September and October trips were made by automobile to local places of interest to have the members become familiar with our Bergen County historic sights.

On June 11, 1921, by appointment, the William Paterson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, visited the museum. The Curator having made plans for them for a history trip and due to her absence, the chairman of the Women's Auxiliary acted as guide in carrying out the plans. The first stop was at the Baron Steuben house at New Bridge. After the exploration of the old house had been completed, the Daughters returned to the Society's rooms to see the fine old collection at the Museum. At four o'clock they proceeded to the old Dutch Reformed Church on the Green, and the Mansion House, which, during the Revolutionary times, was Washington's Headquarters.

In September a pleasant automobile trip was made to Tappan to explore the old Dutch Reformed Church and Washington's Headquarters, now called the De Wint House.

In October a short meeting was held to appoint a Refreshment Committee for the Semi-Annual Meeting of Nov. 18th, 1921. After the meeting the members motored to Kingsland to visit the old Kingsland Manor House and then to the Schuyler Mines at North Arlington, the first Copper mines operated in America, 1751, where operations have long since been abandoned. The site is now used as a mushroom farm, under ground.

In October and November invitations were received to attend dedications, respectively, one from the Liberty Pole Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, for the dedi-

cation of the Liberty Pole, marking the site of the old Liberty Pole of Revolutionary times at Palisade Ave. and Tenafly Road, Englewood, N. J. The other invitation was from Rockland County Historical Association, for the unveiling of a tablet in the old Dutch Reformed Church at Tappan, N. Y. The Society was well represented on both occasions.

In November and December, meetings were omitted, due to the two holidays falling on the date of the monthly meeting.

January 26th, 1922, the regular monthly meeting was held with several members present. Two committees were appointed, Transportation (of two) and a Publication (of one).

The Auxiliary made a trip to New York City to the old Colonial house of Colonel Smith, son-in-law of John Adams, second President of the United States. This old mansion is of considerable interest, architecturally, and was designed by the celebrated architect, Sir Christopher Wren.

March 8, 1922, nine members of the Auxiliary made a most interesting trip to Yonkers, New York, to visit two old, pre-revolutionary landmarks, the Philipse Manor Hall, built in 1672 by Frederick Philipse, and the St. John's Episcopal Church, erected by the third Lord of the Manor Hall, 1752.

March 28, the Woman's Club of Leonia visited the Society's Rooms and were entertained by the members of the Auxiliary. Mrs. F. A. Westervelt gave a very interesting talk on the early history of Bergen County.

The last meeting was March 29. After a short business meeting, Mrs. F. A. Westervelt explained the "Value of Clay in Early Home Economics."

Special mention should be made of the gifts and loans made by the members, as they are of great value to the Society:



MRS. JOHN N. BOGERT—Old Waffle Iron, Old Tea Pot.

MISS SARETTA DEMAREST—Cannon Ball, Book, titled  
“Charlotte Temple.”

MRS. HARRY BENNETT—Old Hand Saw, Arrow Heads,  
Glass Bottle, Door Latch, Old Badge, Butter Mold, Camp  
Merritt Fork.

MRS. F. M. CURTIS—Tomahawk, Wool Carder, Two Old  
Keys, Pair of Pewter Shoe Buckles.

MISS HELENA GEMMER—Old Key, Jug.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SELMA H. BENNETT,

*Chairman.*



## Report of Archives and Property Committee

**W**ITH the addition of seven hundred articles, this year, you can understand that it would not be advisable to report fully on them, as much as we would like to mention in this public meeting all the gifts, and especially the names of the donors; but we do think that those of special interest should be acknowledged.

Mr. T. N. Glover, our third president, now deceased, bequeathed to the society his very valuable collection of manuscripts, books, photos, negatives, etc. A paster, furnished by his widow, is on each, bearing "In memory of T. N. Glover." Among this collection are a number of letters giving very valuable information as follows:

The authentic site of the Baylor Massacre at Old Tappan, now called River Vale. The result of this slaughter was that out of 116 men of the regiment, eleven were instantly bayoneted to death, seventeen were left behind covered with bayonet wounds and expected to die, and 39 were taken prisoners, eight of whom were severely wounded. All the arms and 70 horses were part of the booty captured.

The changes made in the early roads from Fort Lee and English-Neighborhood after the retreat.

The locations of Revolutionary sites at Fort Lee.

The subject of the Holland language as spoken in Northern New Jersey, signed by William Nelson.

The location of the camp at Paramus.

Regarding the early Rosencrantz house, now known as the "Hermitage," at Hohokus.

In regard to Lord Howe's path up the Palisades.

Washington's Headquarters at Suffern.

In reference to John Zabriskie, the tory of New Bridge.

His valuable manuscript, "The Retreat" (1776)



SIGNBOARD FROM JOHN A. HOPPER'S TAVERN AT HOPPERTOWN,  
NOW HOHOKUS, BEARING THOMAS JEFFERSON'S PORTRAIT. 1802

across Bergen County, including a map of the road used by the army across the county from Fort Lee to Hackensack.

Manuscript of "The Ramapo River" from its source in Orange County to its mouth near Pompton. In view of the Bayonne Water Grant, this history is very interesting. It contains a fine description of the valley, Revolutionary events and the "Jackson Whites."

Bergen County History during Revolutionary days.

Old Roads and Historic Places, and many valuable notes and references. (These manuscripts have been bound in a spring-back cover and are thus kept intact and ready for reference.)

One large volume in manuscript, entitled "Jerseyanna," and many books of historic value.

Ninety-four slides and negatives of Washington sites, battlefields, maps, early houses. Also many photographs and fifteen scrap books of historical import.

Frederick Z. Board, of Paramus Road, has given from the historic Zabriskie-Board Mansion (now sold) a very valuable collection:

The hat and cloak (on which were buckles bearing the Board coat of arms) worn by Capt. Nathaniel Board in the 1812 war, in a Bergen County regiment of artillery.

A tavern signboard, seven by five feet, bearing the portrait of Thomas Jefferson, the date 1802, and the words, John A. Hopper's Tavern. These "signs of the times" are very rare and very valuable.

Four swords, very rare; and valuable household articles, including coppers, brasses, pewters, irons, and many other articles that cannot be mentioned now.

Mrs. Theodore J. Palmer has placed in our custody a very fine and valuable collection:

Deeds and maps of the present Court House property facing Main Street which belonged to the Earle family.



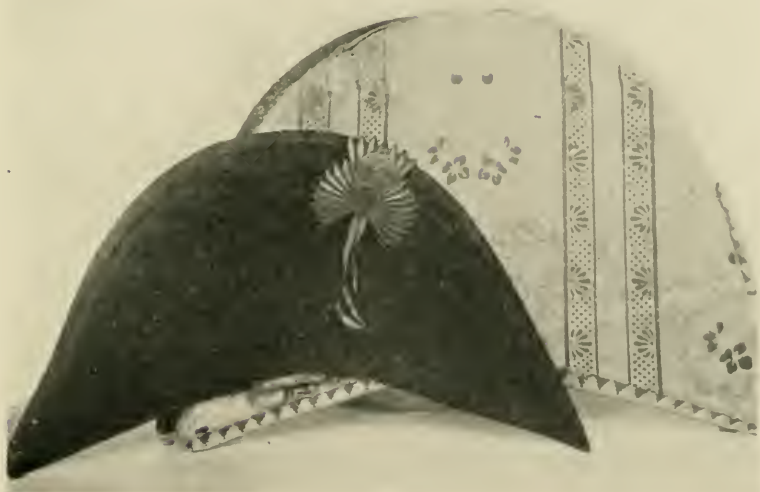
HAT AND CLOAK WORN BY  
CAPT. NATHANIEL BOARD  
DURING THE WAR OF 1812



BRASS CLOAK BUCKLES  
BOARD COAT-OF-ARMS



TREATY OF PARIS PLATE,  
1783, WITH THE U. S.  
COAT-OF-ARMS



WAR HAT AND HAT BOX OF CAPT. NATHANIEL BOARD  
USED BY HIM DURING THE WAR OF 1812



There are seven deeds relative to this property, of 1779, 1780, 1788, 1804, 1853, and maps of 1828 and 1839. (Here I can say that we have acquired the marker of a house that stood on the same site in 1723, belonging to John Wright and Anna, his wife.)

A newspaper, "The Hackensack Newsman," Vol. I, No. 1, March 2, 1822, and a number of early family relics of interest.

We have had family Bibles come in, which contained family records. One of 1758 contains Westervelt Records, another of 1813 contains the records of the family of John Van Buskirk, from 1747-1895, with the allied lines of Dewie, Demarest, Heron, Hunt, and Christie. A third contains Terhune and Ackerman records.

We have also had presented to us the model of the Camp Merritt Memorial Monument.

When the treaty of peace was signed in Paris between the United States and England, in 1783, the English were alive to the fact that a souvenir of some kind would be salable, so there was painted and fired on plates of Leeds ware (being made in 1760), grotesque copies of the United States Coat of Arms. One of these plates has been added to our collection.

*Another  
1000  
1922.*

Last year, Mr. W. O. Allison had deposited in the bank \$1,000 to be used by the Curator for the Archives and Property needs. From that gift there has been expended \$96.06, leaving a balance of \$942.54. One of the most valuable purchases is a volume of "The History of the City of Paterson and the County of Passaic," by William Nelson. This title is rather misleading, as being for the Bergen County Historical Society, but it contains Mr. Nelson's valuable History of the Indians of New Jersey, dealing so fully with local history connected with the Hackensack tribe. It is a fine book for the student of Indian History. It contains local history of early settlers of Acquackanonck and Totawa, with which our own history is so closely connected. It also contains thirty-seven

family genealogies, also of value to Bergen County families. Due to the death of Mr. Nelson, the book was left unpublished and because of certain conditions only fifty were printed, which accounts for the value of \$25 being placed on each, and we are fortunate, indeed, in being able to procure one.

Also to be added to our list is a manuscript book of minutes of a "Schraalenburg Debating Society," whose president was Charles Hasbrouck, M.D., and which was organized in November, 1842, and was still active in 1848. Here are a few of the topics taken for debates, which show that the topics of interest in those days are very closely related to those of our own times:

Resolved; That total abstinence from intoxicating drink is intimately connected with the health, happiness and welfare of the community.

Ought foreign immigration be restricted?

Which was the greatest achievement, the discovery of America by Columbus or the defense of it by Washington?

Which is the greatest evil, intemperance or wars?

Would it be right to support common schools by tax?

Ought foreigners to reside in the United States twenty-one years before being entitled to citizenship?

Is it prudent for mankind to be guided by their own judgment in using intoxicating drinks as a medicine?

Are the fashions of the present day justifiable?

Is peace best preserved by giving power to the government or information to the people?

Which exerts the greatest influence in society, Learning or Wealth?

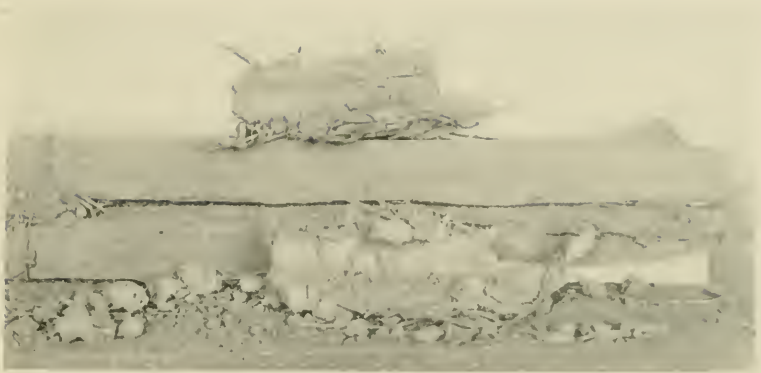
It seems deplorable that what should stand as monuments to the early settlers of Bergen County (the early Dutch Houses) are being destroyed; not only the build-



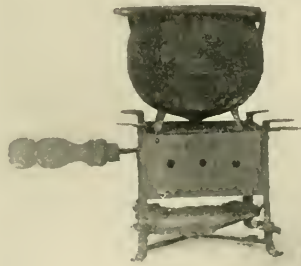
ing, but the index pertaining to the history of their owners. This digression from my report is leading to the fate of the Jan Berdan house, recently torn down on what was all that was left of the early homestead. The site was purchased in 1697 from John Berry. When the house was torn down a few months ago there was a stone marker on the top side wall, dated 1717. The workmen finding it, threw it down with the wreckage and it was lost. A careful study of the construction of the early part, which was the south half of the building, was made. How the clay was packed in the crevices, the thickness of the stone walls, and the primitive lath which had each been rolled in the clay and straw. Specimens of the clay and lath were secured and with photographs of the wonderful clay formation which was exposed when the new cellar was dug, to add to the history of the early house building and the value of clay used in the same. Mr. Bohlman, who purchased the house, gave us the choice of the mantles, so one of the early type was taken and has been added to our fireplace in the museum, where it replaces a later and smaller one. The Berdans sold the house to Isaac Vanderbeek, who enlarged it, and, in 1822, opened a tavern that was kept for forty years. It was the home of Dominie Froleigh about 1800, Prof. Williams' Classical and Mathematical Institute, and various other uses, and now on the site stands a building, two stories high, which contains three stores and apartments above, on the center of Main Street.

The addition of a genealogical card catalogue in case, containing hundreds of names. The history card catalogue is finished, 2,600 cards were used, and as very few have only one item, you can see that our possessions are over 2,000, quite a satisfactory gain in our twenty years of activities.

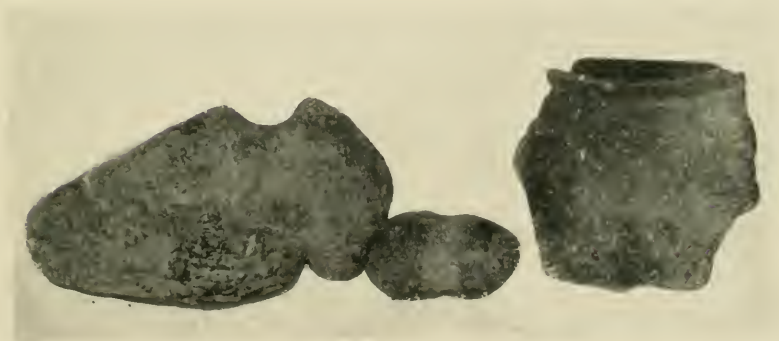
Respectfully submitted,  
FRANCES A. WESTERVELT,  
WILLIAM M. JOHNSON,  
SARETTA DEMAREST,



LATH AND CLAY WITH STRAW BINDER FROM THE BERDAN HOUSE,  
MAIN STREET, HACKENSACK. 1717-1921



PRIMITIVE FURNACE AND IRON POT



BERGEN COUNTY INDIAN RELICS  
Axe Head, Hammer Stone and Rare Piece of Pottery.

## Report of Committee on Ancient Cemeteries

**M**Y report cannot be called one of very material progress unless it will attract your attention to history, as represented in our many ancient cemeteries.

These old landmarks should be preserved in a way that their appearance will not be that they are abandoned and forgotten. They are located in many different parts of our county as per memorandum attached.

If our members in their several sections could be brought to take an interest in their preservation and up-keep, it would be a credit to one of the purposes of our society.

### ANCIENT CEMETERIES

Arcola .....	“Doremus Cemetery”
Closter .....	“Auryansen Cemetery”
Demarest .....	“Bogert Cemetery”
Fairlawn .....	“Hopper Cemetery”
Glen Rock.....	“Hopper Cemetery”
Hackensack .....	“Hudson Street Cemetery”
Harrington Park.....	“Blauvelt Cemetery”
Interstate Park (Near Dyckman Ferry),	“Van Wagoner Cemetery”
Kingsland Manor.....	“Delaware Shop Cemetery”
Paramus .....	“Old Public Cemetery”
Paramus (Blauvelt’s Mills).....	“Zabriskie Cemetery”
Paramus (Lower).....	“Joralemon Cemetery”
Saddle River.....	“Baldwin Cemetery”
Saddle River.....	“Old Public Cemetery”
Spring Valley.....	“Westervelt Cemetery”
Teaneck .....	“Lutheran Cemetery”
Undercliff .....	“Hopper Cemetery”
Wyckoff .....	“Old Public Cemetery”

Respectfully submitted,

MATT. J. BOGERT, *Chairman.*

## Report of Camp Merritt Memorial Committee



OUR Committee on the Camp Merritt Memorial is glad to report that this, the most ambitious undertaking of this Society, is no longer "all in the air," but has actually been brought down to earth and is now under construction.

The architects submitted plans, which were approved, for an Obelisk, sixty-six feet high, of Stony Creek granite, which has more warmth of color than that usually used for memorials.

The contract for construction of this Obelisk has been awarded to the Harrison Granite Company, who rank high as builders of memorials and are thoroughly experienced in granite construction.

The solid concrete foundation, carried nearly fifteen feet below the surface, is now well advanced, and by the terms of the contract the Obelisk is to be completed June 30th, unless delayed by causes beyond the control of the contractors.

Because of the attitude of the owner of one of the corners of Knickerbocker Road and Madison Avenue, it became necessary to modify the original plans for a three-hundred-foot circle, and the Obelisk will stand in the center of Knickerbocker Road, a few feet south of Madison Avenue. Knickerbocker Road will be divided at Madison Avenue and carried around the east and west sides of the Obelisk, providing ample space for cement walks and beautifying shrubbery.

Timely notice of the completion of this Memorial will be given and suitable arrangements made for unveiling ceremonies, which should be participated in by every member of this society.

It is fitting that there should be incorporated in this report a letter written by the commanding officer of Camp

Merritt, General George B. Duncan, who has promised to cross the continent and participate in the unveiling ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

LEWIS MARSENA MILLER, *Chairman.*

Camp Lewis, Washington,  
August 28, 1921.

MR. LEWIS MARSENA MILLER,  
Leonia, Bergen County, New Jersey.

*My dear Mr. Miller:*

As an Honorary Member of the Bergen County Historical Society and of its Committee on the Camp Merritt Memorial, I desire to give you some of the impressions gained by service during the past eighteen months in the State of Washington, in conversation with innumerable members of the American Legion, who passed through Camp Merritt in going overseas and returning to their homes. They all speak of the wonderful natural beauty of the camp setting, the views of the Hudson River, of the splendid receptions given by civil committees which found expression in so many ways, especially in the work of the welfare societies with its local personnel. It was a camp of tender recollections of good-byes and welcome back by families, which aroused the highest emotions of patriotism and pride in country, and of loyalty and faith in our institutions, and remains in memory the outstanding spot in the military service that they would like to see again. So I have no doubt that this feeling is entertained in more or less degree by all of our soldiers who passed through Camp Merritt.

I feel that there is a great opportunity for the citizens of Bergen County, so rich in its historical associations, to perpetuate by the proposed memorial the recollection of this remarkable camp, so cherished in the minds of all who passed through—for it was not a camp of drill, of preparation for battle, but one of ever living association of farewell to homes and joyous return. It will be a memorial of appeal to the subtle consciousness of the living, above all an inspiration to the highest ideals of forever oncoming generations.

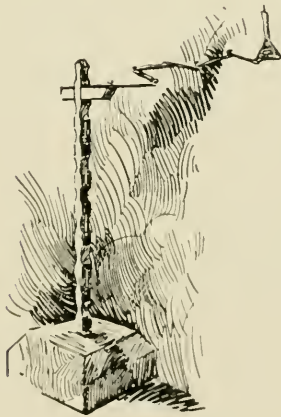
To carry on this work to ultimate success, so wonderfully initiated by the Bergen County Historical Society, must be a matter of pride to every citizen of Bergen County as well as to the State of New Jersey, finding its echo in every part of our country.

With cordial personal regards and good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) G. B. DUNCAN,

*Brigadier General, U. S. A.*





## Report of Committee on Church History

**W**E wish to report that during the past year considerable material has been secured by the Committee on Church History, but the only completed data has been furnished by Mrs. William T. Cooper of Rutherford, who has furnished in detail the history of the First Presbyterian, Grace Protestant Episcopal, the Methodist, Congregational, Baptist, Unitarian, First Church of Christ Scientist, and the Catholic Churches of Rutherford. She deserves the hearty thanks of our society for an arduous task well done.

At the next annual meeting, the Committee hopes to have all its data in shape for submission. The histories of the Rutherford Churches above referred to are appended herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Committee on Church History,  
WALTER CHRISTIE,  
MRS. WILLIAM T. COOPER,  
DR. A. W. WARD.

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### \* The First Presbyterian Church Rutherford, New Jersey

It is now nearly sixty years since the first steps were taken toward the formation of the Presbyterian Church of Rutherford. The village was then known as Boiling Springs, and its inhabitants were the limited number of old New Jersey families, who owned and cultivated as farms the land which the Borough now covers, and also the few people who were then just beginning to settle it from New York and who now form so large a part of our community. Among the newcomers and a few of the

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\* Credit is due to George B. Hollister in "Things Old and New from Rutherford" for part of this history.



older inhabitants at length arose the desire for an organized church and a suitable place of worship in their own community, it being necessary for those so included to travel to Passaic, where the nearest churches in the neighborhood were to be found. A number of people indeed regularly attended the Passaic churches; that is, as regularly as the distance, the moderate roads (this was before the days of macadam), and uncertain weather would permit. But the time came when public feeling crystallized into action and in the Spring of 1863 a petition was presented to the Presbytery of Jersey City in behalf of a number of residents of Boiling Springs, among whom were David B. Ivison, Wm. N. Crane and Daniel Van Winkle, for the organization of a Presbyterian Church at that place, which resulted in the formation of the present church with a membership of fifteen. The first officers were D. B. Ivison, J. P. Jones and W. N. Crane as Ruling Elders, and D. Van Winkle and John Gow as Deacons. The new church had at first no settled pastor, but the Rev. Joseph Allen, D.D., acted as stated supply for two years, during which time the organization grew in strength and numbers.

Those who were residents of the town in the early sixties and throughout that decade will remember the somewhat grim aspect of the first house of worship; its plain, hard, wooden seats, and its almost bare walls. The building thus occupied was situated on the summit of a good-sized sand hill whose position was directly back of the drug store and meat market which now occupy the lower block of Park Avenue. The hill has since been removed, but the building still stands in almost its old position on Ames Avenue, and is known as the Ames Avenue Opera House. Its career has been checkered.

Dr. Allen after two years was succeeded by the Rev. George Smith, who continued pastor for six years, until 1871. Under his pastorate the church very much outgrew its first home and larger accommodations were demanded, and in the Summer of 1869 on an exceedingly rainy day

the corner-stone of a new and much more suitable building was laid at the intersection of Park Avenue and Chestnut Streets; it is since known as Ivison Hall and used as a public library.

This new building was greatly superior in all respects to the first, and was from time to time improved by decoration and the addition of a choir loft, and in the basement by a commodious Sunday School and lecture room.

At the expiration of Mr. Smith's pastorate the church called the Rev. H. C. Riggs to fill the pulpit, who preached acceptably for five years, until 1876, when he accepted a call to a larger church in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Riggs was particularly happy in his dealings with the young people and many of those who were then children will now remember him with pleasure both in and out of the pulpit.

Mr. Riggs' successor was the Rev. D. M. Walcott, who, though not installed as pastor, preached with success for two years and quite substantially increased the membership of the church.

Mr. Walcott was followed in the fall of 1878 by the Rev. E. A. Bulkley, D.D., from Plattsburgh, N. Y., who carried on a fruitful and increasing work for a full twenty years, lacking only a very few months. His pastorate covered the period of the town's greatest expansion, and the policy of the church was conducted in his hands in a broad and liberal manner with the needs of the future always in view as well as the necessities of the present. During his pastorate the needs of larger accommodations became again a serious problem, owing to the large increase in the population and the rapid growth of the church; and it was largely due to his controlling energy, ability and excellent taste that the present choice edifice was planned, financed and constructed. It was started in October of 1888 and completed in the Spring of 1890. Admirably designed and finished, it combines beauty with usefulness: including beside the main auditorium, a large



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY  
(Old Edifice, Now the Public Library)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY  
(Present Edifice)

Sunday School room, library, refectory, pastor's room and ladies' parlor.

The activities of the Church are not confined to its own immediate parish, but from time to time, and little by little, have been extended to include the neighboring communities. Branch mission chapels were established in Kingsland and Lyndhurst, and on the west side of the Borough of Rutherford, from the small beginning of a Sunday School, an attractive building known as Emanuel Chapel was built, now organized into a Congregational Church.

The Reverend S. Ross MacClements became Pastor in 1899 and continued as such until 1908; when on account of his wife's health, he was compelled to resign. During his term the Men's Club was organized.

The Reverend Richard Earle Locke was called to the pastorate in the Spring of 1909, continuing for thirteen years; during which time a new Estey Organ was installed. The Church grew in every department. The women were organized into a strong organization. The Westminster Guild was started among the young women. A Young Peoples' Society was formed, also a Junior League for Bible Study and Mission Training. The Men's Club was put on its feet. Dr. Locke early saw the psychology and vast possibilities of Boy Scout movement and became one of its first 500 Scout Masters. He formed and led as Scout Master the first troop in Rutherford. During the War, 75 young men of the Church entered Government Service: Dr. Locke himself serving as Chaplain in the United States Army. From the original fifteen men and women who comprised the Church at its inception, the membership has steadily increased until it numbered in the Spring of the present year an enrollment of 494 active members. One of the Charter members, Mrs. David B. Ivison, while not a member of the Church, having removed from town, is still living.

MRS. W. M. T. COOPER.

## Grace Church, Rutherford

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, OCTOBER 9, 1898

*From "Things Old and New from Rutherford"*

"There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."—Ephesians, iv., 4-7.

Institutions, as well as individuals, live and grow, and their growth is little, if any, less marvelous than that of a person. All growth starts with a feeble beginning—a tiny spark of life—which, as it unfolds and gains strength, gathers to itself a body, which expresses, with more or less exactness, the bigness and character of the life. Birthdays are simply records of annual development, and are none the less significant because of their familiarity. The periods which mark a year's life of an institution are reckoned by larger periods of time. To-day we commemorate one such. Twenty-five years ago Friday, October 7, the little stone building, which began at yonder door and ended where the transepts start, was opened for public worship by a meeting of the Convocation of Newark. The services were as follows: "The Holy Communion at 9 A. M. Preacher, Rev. E. D. Tomkins, rector of St. James' Church, Long Branch. Celebrant, Rev. Dr. Boggs. Eight clergymen were present. Business meeting at 10:30 A. M., presided over by Rev. R. N. Merritt. Collation at 2 P. M. at the house of Floyd W. Tomkins, Senior Warden—30 present. Special opening service at 3:30 P. M. Twenty clergymen formed a procession at the house and proceeded to the church, where evening prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Farrington, and the Rev. Messrs. Martin, Hall and Stansbury; addresses being delivered to a crowded congregation by the Rev. Drs. Abererombie, Farrington, Boggs and the Rev. Mr. Stansbury. A missionary service was held in the evening. It was, indeed, an eventful and happy day for rector and congregation." Thus reads the brief rec-



ord, entered in the parish register in the handwriting of the rector, Rev. Edwyn S. W. Pentreath.

Back of that "eventful and happy day," and making it possible, lay the beginnings of parochial life, and between us and that far-off event is a period of twenty-five years, which, however checkered and full of trials, has in the wise providence of God resulted in the parish of the present, which is safe from certain dangers just because of what it has passed through. To-day I would tell so much of the story of the past as time and circumstances permit.

While there are other religious organizations which antedate by a few years the history of Grace Church parish, yet the religious and church life, which was nurtured and trained in the ways of Mother Church and which finally organized this parish, was the first to seek to mould and influence, by religious organization, the life of Rutherford Park Association. In 1859 Mr. Floyd W. Tomkins and his family started a Union Sunday School, of which he became the Superintendent, and in which some of his children were teachers. Out of this school, which was successful and continued in active existence for some ten years, came directly, or indirectly, the future church life of the town. Somewhere around 1867 the few church families in Rutherford Park Association, which had been driving down to Christ Church, Belleville, felt the need of the services of the church. Arrangements were made by which lay services were held in the parlors of the Rutherford Park Hotel—the building having formerly been the old family mansion of the Rutherfurds, and situated on the River Road, not far from Rutherford Avenue. It has since been destroyed by fire. In those days the Passaic was a beautiful stream, the waters of which, sweet and wholesome and full of small fish, attracted lovers of nature from yonder great cities to her broad and silent bosom, which in the autumn mirrored the most gorgeous tints of various foliage. The many stately mansions on the banks of this ancient

stream, beloved by the Indians and first white settlers, bear witness to a beauty which we of to-day, who know the Passaic only as a purple stream, the forbidding surface of which is scrolled with oil and the shores of which at low water are distressing to the sense of smell, find it hard to credit, and only readily acquiesce in when standing on her banks at Little Falls, where the clear water foams and chafes as it rushes over rocks which strive to delay its course to the sea, and are the lurking places of members of the funny tribe—the lineal descendants of those which challenged the skill of the Dutch settlers.

The first beginnings of organized life grew and quickly crystallized into a public meeting of churchmen, held in the Rutherford Park Hotel on Thursday evening, March 4, 1869, for the purpose of organizing a parish. The following eight persons gathered on that memorable date: Chas. Blakiston, Geo. Kingsland, Robt. Rutherford, Henry T. Moore, Joseph Torrey, Geo. R. Blakiston, Wm. Ogden and the Rev. James Cameron. The last-named gentleman presided at the meeting, of which Mr. Ogden was Secretary. An election of wardens resulted in Mr. Ogden and G. R. Blakiston. Five vestrymen were also elected—Geo. E. Woodward, F. W. Tomkins, R. W. Rutherford, Joseph Torrey and Geo. Kingsland. “In response to a public request,”—I am quoting from the minutes—“the following persons handed in their names, as being willing to aid and sustain this Protestant Episcopal Church now organizing: Robt. Rutherford, G. E. Woodward, F. W. Tomkins, Geo. Kingsland, Joseph Torrey, Chas. E. Parker, Chas. Blakiston, G. R. Blakiston, Henry T. Moore, Wm. Ogden, E. S. Torrey, W. J. Stewart, J. P. Cooper and J. H. Dunnell”—14 in all. The work begun was not allowed to drag. On April 13th, the consent of the Bishop, Right Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, D.D., and of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey, to the organization of a parish was asked in a letter which bears the signatures of the wardens and vestrymen already named. On April 24th, the congrega-



tion met in the Rutherford Park Hotel, the Rev. Dr. W. G. Farrington presiding, and decided by ballot that the corporate name of the Church should be, "The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Grace Church, in Rutherford Park." At this meeting were elected as wardens Robt. Rutherford and G. E. Woodward; vestrymen, Wm. Ogden, F. W. Tomkins, Joseph Torrey, G. R. Blakiston and Geo. Kingsland; R. W. Rutherford, F. W. Tomkins and Chas. Blakiston being appointed to represent the parish at the annual Diocesan Convention in May. On the vestry coming together for organization, Mr. Ogden was elected Secretary and Mr. F. W. Tomkins, Treasurer. The necessary consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee was given on May 11th, and on the 24th inst. the wardens applied for admission of the parish into union with the Convention, which was granted. That was twenty-nine years ago last May.

But I am hurrying too rapidly, for I find on the minutes of May 12, 1869, the following interesting resolution, which was carried unanimously: "That the Rev. W. H. Lord be invited to take charge of the parish, with a salary of \$1,200 per annum and a dwelling house." At the same meeting a committee, consisting of F. W. Tomkins, Geo. E. Woodward and Wm. Ogden, was appointed to ascertain on what terms land could be procured for a church building. In the meantime the rector conducted services in the parlors of the hotel until the completion of the building known as the Academy, and situated at the junction of Park and Rutherford Avenues (where it stands to-day), when the congregation moved into it.

I do not know when the Church moved from the Academy into Union Hall, which is on Ames Avenue, just back of the Shafer building, but the last election held was on April 14, 1873. The hall, as it now is, is much larger than in the time of which I speak, having been added to.

The parish was well started, full of hope and enthusi-

asm, with a strong vestry and a noble man as rector. Mr. Lord endeared himself to his people and was a hard worker, but the parish was financially embarrassed, having assumed more than it could carry. The rector responded nobly to the circumstances, relieving the parish of the rental of his house, and later proposing to engage in secular employment during the week, but it was unavailing, and in 1871 he resigned. His place was temporarily filled by Nelson R. Boss as lay reader, who, in 1880, became rector. From this time on the parish had to struggle, and every inch of growth was hardly, but honestly, gained. These pioneers of Grace Church were worthy descendants of the men and women who settled New England and the State of New Jersey. They never yielded to discouragement. They could abide their time and put up with the services of lay readers, but the work *had* to go on. There can be no doubt this handful of church people complied with the four-fold requirement of parochial success, "Work it up, talk it up, pray it up, pay it up."

On December 30, 1871, an event of the utmost importance to the welfare of the parish, and affecting its interest for years to come, transpired. It was the acceptance, on the part of the vestry, of an acre of ground given by Mr. F. W. Tomkins, with the wise and thoughtful restriction that it be used for none but religious purposes for twenty years and that no mortgage be placed upon it without the consent of the donor. On this site was erected the little stone church, the formal opening of which we commemorate to-day with grateful hearts. There are here this morning those who can remember the breaking of ground on this slope on the afternoon of September 5, 1872, just after the Rev. E. W. S. Pentreath, who was in deacon's orders, had entered upon his duties, being called on a salary of \$500. Some can vividly recall the ceremony attending the laying of the corner-stone on October 14, 1872, when the venerable and beloved Bishop Odenheimer officiated, assisted by seven visiting clergymen. It

must have been a beautiful and most picturesque sight when the procession, led by the Sunday School children who were followed by the wardens and vestry, and these by the clergy and the much-beloved Bishop, came winding its way through the woods from the old stone mansion, the home of the senior warden, F. W. Tomkins, and now built up in Mr. Ivison's handsome residence. A year later and *Laus Deo*, from yonder tower, was sending forth an invitation to all to take part in the solemn and joyous services of the opening day. You can see the people coming through the woods and up lanes which have long disappeared. Yes, some of you live it all over, and those of us who cannot, to whom the past is a tale that is told, but who see this stone memorial, thank you for all the way you carried the load, and for building so wisely. The completed building is estimated to have cost over \$7,957.48—a large sum for the small flock! Aye, but love carries the heaviest cross uncomplainingly, and finds ways and means to meet expenses. At one time, for a whole year, the services of janitor were the free-will offering of a member of the parish whose body now lies on yonder hillside, facing the rising sun. At another, members of the vestry took turns in performing these duties. It was by acts of self-denial like that that the little church was built and maintained. Clouds? Yes, of course there were clouds, and, like all clouds, they rolled away. And so, after a list of clergymen and lay readers, which embraced Rev. R. M. Hayden, deacon; Rev. E. Huntington Saunders, deacon; Messrs. G. A. Carstensen, Kirkbride, and H. F. Auld, lay readers, the Rev. N. R. Boss settles down as rector, in 1878, on a salary of \$1,000. And now for six years the parish moves along quietly and steadily, and many improvements are made. The great bell in the tower, which weighs 1,521 pounds and cost \$750, was paid for by the Basket Society. The interior of the church was decorated by the Ladies' Aid at a cost of \$237.98—that was twenty years ago last February. A pipe organ, at the cost of \$590, was presented in 1882 to the church by

the Ladies' Aid and the Sunday School. A plank walk was laid by the Young People's Guild in 1883. During the rectorship of Mr. Boss, the window in the front of the church was struck by lightning and the church broken into and robbed of carpet, vestments, brasses and hangings. The stealing of the carpet led to the substitution of pews for movable benches. In September, 1883, Mr. Boss presented his resignation and insisted on it being received, though the vestry requested him to withdraw it. Then the services were conducted for two years by a lay reader from the seminary, Mr. A. J. Derbyshire. It was a time of waiting in which ideas, which were later to become fruitful, were germinating. On January 9, 1884, the vestry granted to Mr. P. L. Boucher permission to form a boy choir and vest them at his own expense. On January 26, 1885, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. Francis J. Clayton to become the rector on a salary of \$1,000, which was accepted, Mr. Clayton entering upon his duties on the eighth of February. He came at a time when Rutherford was beginning to grow. The little village, hidden by forest trees, was becoming a town. Paved and lighted streets, bare of trees as the streets of a great city, were replacing the dirty and dusty, but shaded, roads and lanes of the country. The population was increasing and the necessity of enlarging the church must have been felt even before the call of Mr. Clayton, as the minutes of the first meeting of the vestry after his assumption of duties records a motion of Mr. Boucher to the effect that a committee, consisting of the Rector, Senior Warden, the Secretary and Mr. Wickham Williams, be appointed to consider plans for the enlargement of the church as soon as feasible. This work was rapidly pushed along. Everything was moving in those days. In the fall of 1885, Mr. Boucher presented choir stalls, and sanction was given for starting a society to build a rectory. The winter was marked by the presentation to the church of pews and cushions by the Ladies' Aid. During the following year a decided effort was

made to acquire more land, but failed to mature. And now events move rapidly. The floating debt was paid off in 1887, and a building committee appointed at a meeting of the vestry on May 4. In April, 1890, ground was broken for the enlargement, which was to be erected according to the plans of Halsey Wood, architect. The corner-stone was laid in August, 1890. Six months later, February 5, 1891, the new chancel and transept were formally opened by the Bishop of the Diocese, Right Rev. Thos. A. Starkey, assisted by the Archdeacon of Jersey City—the preacher being the Rev. Elliott D. Tomkins, who preached at the opening of the church in 1873. The occasion was further marked by the appearance in the chancel of a vested boy choir, and by the pulpit being occupied in the evening by the Bishop of Utah. The estimated cost of the improvements, without furniture, was \$10,636. A mortgage of \$6,000 was placed on the building and ground. The rector was full of energy and missionary zeal, neither did he hold his own life dear. He founded the mission in Arlington, driving over there Sunday afternoons from April, 1886, to June, 1887, when the Rev. John Keller took charge. This work off his hands, he built St. Thomas' Mission, Lyndhurst, going over Sunday afternoons in 1888, 1889, 1890. Three years after the opening of the chancel, on December 27, 1894, the Rev. Francis J. Clayton, M.A., "fell on sleep" and "rests from his labors while his works do follow him." A fearless man, who did his duty as he saw it and spared not himself in his parochial work, "faithful unto death." And now I may drop the pen of the historian, for my manner of life and work since I came among you in May, 1895, is known unto you all. There have been many improvements. The parish is a unit, and I feel that I have its confidence. To none do I feel more indebted for support and assistance than to the Guild of Grace Church, and especially to the members of the choir and its able and efficient leader, Mr. C. H. Sunderland. How long we are to work together as pastor and people no one



knows. I suppose that depends a little on you, much on me, and most on divine Providence. There is certainly much to be done—a rectory to be built, a parish house erected, a mortgage paid. And to-day, with all the past crowding into the present, I feel that all things are possible to them who love God and preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. The future of the parish is secure and hopeful just because of what the past has been. We owe the church of the present to that past, and to-day our life is linked by this church with the lives of all who have worked and died, all who have been christened and married, in this parish. And what an army it is!—362 persons baptized, 205 confirmed, over 500 names entered in the communicant list, 148 married and 164 buried. We thank the founders and supporters of this parish for all their self-sacrifice and labors of love, and we are neither afraid nor ashamed to say, “God helping, we will do our best to make the history of the present and the future so bright and noble that when *we* shall ‘sleep the sleep that knows no breaking’ and our children and the children of strangers assemble on this spot to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary, they, too, shall thank God for putting it into the hearts of us men and women to enlarge and thereby equip the parish of Grace Church for its care for the spiritual needs of man.” AMEN and AMEN.

REV. HENRY M. LADD.

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## THE STORY OF GRACE CHURCH FAMILY

*May 9, 1895—May 9, 1915*

In 1895 the Family comprised scattered groups of Church people residing in Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Lyndhurst, Kingsland, Delawanna and Rutherford—all told there were about two hundred and forty-six families worshipping in Grace Church and St. Thomas' Mission and ministered to by the Rector.

The property extended one hundred and fifty feet along

West Passaic Avenue and one hundred and fifty feet on Wood Street. The Church, as enlarged by the late Rector, Francis J. Clayton, was the only building on the plot. It was ample for public worship, even as it is to-day. The room in the basement met the needs of the Sunday School and parochial organizations.

Rutherford and the neighborhood had the promise of growth, and twenty years have seen the town double in population, and the neighboring boroughs likewise, and Grace Chapel, started by the Rector, developed under the Rev. August Ahrens into a strong mission, owning a church building, Parish Room and Rectory.

In the limits of our town there are three hundred and eighty-five families who look to the Rector for spiritual ministrations, and some five hundred resident communicants. The Sunday School numbers two hundred and sixty-eight scholars, teachers and officers. The various Chapters show a total enrollment of over two hundred.

This growth necessitated certain developments and that the members of the parish responded gladly and heartily will be seen from the subjoined brief record.

What has been accomplished has been done by the people whose great willingness is one of the parish's most valuable assets. We live and work as a large and united family, and I am sure no man ever had more kind and loyal friends than the Rector.

The real work—that which touches me most deeply—is character-building, and that is hid from our eyes for the most part, though as I follow the career of the boys and girls, grown now to manhood and womanhood, I feel that my labors have not been in vain. To teach men and women to so love and believe in Jesus Christ as to make His ideas, ideals, principles and standards their own and to be willing to live and die for them, has been my aim. The members of the family know how well or how poorly it has been attained.



You have ever been patient and tender toward me, and, as I look back over the years, I realize that my lot has been cast in "pleasant pastures and beside still waters."

Some people like statistics and are entitled to them—personally they weary me and say little that I care to remember long: Five hundred and seventy-two have been baptized, four hundred and twelve presented for confirmation, two hundred and eighty-five communicants have had their names entered upon the parish list, one hundred and forty-four marriage ceremonies have been performed and three hundred and fifty burials have been recorded.

Take from me every good wish and remember my great desire is to be of service to you and yours. I covet for you a living faith in Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely,

HENRY M. LADD, *Rector.*

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## THE STORY OF GRACE CHURCH FAMILY

*May, 1915, to May, 1922*

During this period the great outstanding event for all time is the World War.

Into one department of service or another one hundred and nine men and women entered. This, I believe, is the largest number that went from any church in town.

The little church on the hill was to be honored in another way; she was crowned with Seven Gold Stars. Four of these fell in action.

It was a heavy toll to exact of the parish, as appears when it is remembered that the bronze shield on the beautiful Soldiers' Monument of the borough bears the names of only nineteen.

Reverently, as we tell over the names of our Gold Stars, let us breathe the prayer that "light perpetual may shine

upon them” and that the community and nation may be worthy of their sacrifice :

Private Herbert Alexander Barrows  
Corporal Thomas Hewett Everett  
First Lieutenant Henry Manchester Ladd, Jr.  
Private Arthur La Mon Burroughs Leader  
Sergeant George Alonzo Lewis, Jr.  
First Lieutenant Gerald Ellis Reynolds  
First Class Private Charles Hugo Schneider, Jr.

To perpetuate the memory of her seven noble sons the parish installed in the east transept the Gold Star Window and Bronze Tablet, the gift of over four hundred and fifty donors. They were unveiled and consecrated by the Right Reverend Edwin S. Lines, D.D., Bishop of Newark, on Sunday, September 28th, 1919, at a service remarkable for its dignity and simplicity.

We made much of “Our Own” who were in the service. The Army and Navy Fund followed them up with monthly packages and The Honor Roll, a leaflet published periodically by the Men’s Chapter and giving parochial news and any changes in the address of companions in arms from the parish. In the Parish House hung the framed photographs of as many of them as could be procured. In emphasizing these features Grace Church parish stands preëminent in the diocese. Others followed as a far off.

The Jubilee of the parish was appropriately observed on May 11th, 1919. It was not the joyous occasion that it would have been, if the death of the rector’s son, beloved by all, had not occurred on February 18th, just past, in Dudelange, Luxembourg. His joyous spirit was so interwoven with the life of the parish that we moved with leaden feet though we knew he would have us dance.

The Fall of the same year saw two other memorial windows installed and dedicated; the Everett-Schneider window on the east side of the church in memory of the

two boys who had grown up together and who were killed in action in the Argonne, and the Ladd window in the west transept which commemorates the parents of the rector and is the gift of their children. Now that I am speaking of memorials, mention should be made of the brass altar vase given in memory of Gerald Reynolds by his brothers and sisters, also of the beautiful Honor Roll designed by William W. Carter, and hand-colored, which adorns the front wall of the Church on the left-hand as you enter the building, and the small window in the west transept in memory of my son,—the gift of his parents. Thus the Halsey Wood section of the Church is now furnished with beautiful windows which will challenge the admiration and quicken love for “first things” of coming generations.

The year 1920 is memorable for two events: the calling of a Curate, Rev. Phillip Prentiss Werlein, and the twenty-fifth anniversary of my rectorship. The latter event was a most happy and joyous affair, and was made forever memorable to the rector and his family by the gift of a Grandfather Clock with its pendulum bearing a suitable inscription.

The outstanding events in the remaining year was the installation of six handsome electric chandeliers by the Ladies' Aid; the establishment of the Rectory Maintenance Fund, which is nearly \$500, and may not be used until it amounts to \$1,000, and the reduction of the mortgage on the church to six hundred dollars, which will be paid in a few weeks, or months, and then the consecration of the church.

For those who like statistics I find on consulting the parish register that there are 600 families and parts; there have been 1,006 baptisms, 528 confirmed, 1,393 names entered upon the communicant list, 282 marriages, and 656 burials, since the parish was organized.

The policy of the parish is to be of service to the community and to that end the Parish House is placed at

the service of the Women's Reading Club and any other organization which is not seeking to make money. For such use there is no charge. It has been the voluntary practice of the Reading Club to send to the treasurer of the church once a year a small check as a gift, and I would acknowledge the gift. We are glad to be of service. The use of the parish house by other than our own people is gratifying. In this way we believe church buildings justify their exemption from taxation and commend themselves to intelligent men and women.

HENRY M. LADD, *Rector.*

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### THE CONSECRATION OF GRACE CHURCH

The cancellation of the mortgage of \$6,000.00, which was placed on the church and grounds in 1890 to carry out the Halsey-Wood enlargement, was made possible in 1922 by various gifts from time to time, by two Easter Offerings, and by the generous donation of \$575.00 by Miss Harriet E. and her sister, Miss Maria E. Blakiston, of Philadelphia, who on the twenty-fifth anniversary of my rectorship gave \$1,000.00 to the Mortgage Fund in memory of their father, George R., who was among the handful who gathered in 1869 to organize the Parish, was on the first vestry, and was responsible for the design of the first building. The mortgage was paid off on June 1, 1922.

The consecration Service took place on the second Sunday after Trinity, June 25, 1922, at 10:30. The Consecrator was the Right Reverend Edwin Steven Lines, D.D., Bishop of Newark. The church was filled to its capacity, with the full choir of vested men and women in the chancel, and Frank H. Mather, choir master and organist at the console, when the bishop knocked at the front door for admission, which was opened by the Wardens, Edward A. Chasteney and Ellis G. Welch. The Bishop led the clergy up the centre aisle and into

the chancel, the vestry following. Seats were assigned to the two wardens in the chancels and to the clergymen in the sanctuary. The Warden, Ellis G. Welch, read the Application for Consecration. After the service of Consecration the Rector, at the request of the Bishop, read the Declaration of Consecration, which was then laid upon the Altar. Canon Missioner of the Diocese of Newark, Guy H. Madara, read Morning Prayer, assisted by Rev. Harry Floy Auld, Rector of All Saints, Lancaster Co., Penn., who was Lay Reader in charge of Grace Church in the fall of 1877. The Rev. Phillip P. Werlein, curate, read the Epistle, and the Rev. Alvin P. Knell, the Holy Gospel. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Gustave Arnold Carstensen, D.D., Ph.D., who was in charge of the Parish for a year in 1875. The Bishop was celebrant, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Werlein, and Rev. Mr. Auld.

It was a memorable occasion. Among those present there were Mr. William P. Elliot, his son and daughter, Mrs. William Haywood and her daughter, and Miss Harriet Blakiston, all of whom were associated with the church in and from the earliest days.

Since the Consecration Mrs. William Haywood has fallen asleep, and, as her association with the Parish goes back of 1872, it is fitting that there should be a word of recognition of her works and labor of love in connection with the little church on the hill. In the days of small things she built the fires and cleaned the church. She was ever among the foremost workers all her life. She broke ground for the Rectory and for the Parish House, and I am not sure but she may have done the same for the first building and the enlargement. Outside the church, she and her husband were noted for their charity and kindness. The dove window in the sanctuary, in the west wall, was a gift from her and her husband. May light perpetual rest upon her.

HENRY M. LADD, *Rector*.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RUTHERFORD,  
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## History of the Rutherford Methodist Episcopal Church

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, NOVEMBER 14 TO 21, 1920

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The history of any community or city centers largely about the type of its oldest inhabitants, its public buildings and its churches. The history of a church is of vital interest to many who may be unidentified with it. Its past may hold within it sacred memories of those whom we to-day "have lost and loved awhile." Its worship brings back the days of our childhood and youth, and we are the better to-day for the past.

The first effort to establish a Methodist Episcopal Church in Rutherford Park was made by Rev. Alexander Craig in the year 1868 while stationed at Passaic. In the following year, 1869, Rev. E. V. King, successor of Dr. Craig, continued a preaching appointment at the Park during several months, but finally abandoned the enterprise as unprofitable.

The work of these ministers was purely missionary and without doubt was productive of good, but their efforts resulted in nothing tangible. In the year 1870 Rev. A. L. Bree, presiding elder of the Jersey City district, determined to found a church at Rutherford Park if possible. He surveyed the ground, consulted with the few Methodists then residing in the Park, and took the first steps towards securing a place for worship. Communication was held with S. P. Hammond, then a teacher in the Passaic Collegiate Institute, in reference to the proposed plan. On Saturday, November 5, 1870, in company with Rev. E. V. King, S. P. Hammond decided to hold a meeting on the following Monday, November 7th, at the house of Edson H. McEwen. At this meeting ten persons gave their names to form a class in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and subsequently at the house of R. H. Rodda, S. P. Hammond was elected leader. These

class meetings served as a nucleus for the church until the first public service in Union Hall, December 18, 1870.

A meeting for church organization was held on December 15, 1870, at the residence of Thomas M. Dickey, corner of Newark and Passaic Avenues. Rev. A. L. Brice called this meeting and appointed as stewards E. A. Howland, Jonathan Kelshaw, John Terhune, Edson H. McEwen and Thomas M. Dickey, Charles R. Ellis, Edward F. Randolph, E. A. Cords, Joshua Ackison, Edson H. McEwen and Richard Rodda.

The society decided to call itself the Park Methodist Episcopal Church and proceeded to become incorporated under that name. On Sunday, December 18, 1870, a congregation convened in response to the following printed call: "The Park Methodist Episcopal Church, Rutherford Park, N. J., will hold Divine Worship in Union Hall on and after Sunday, December 18, 1870, commencing at 10:30 A. M. The seats are free and all are cordially invited to worship with us. S. P. Hammond, pastor."

The first sermon was preached by the pastor from Psalm 1: Verses 1 and 2. Morning services were continued in Union Hall until the fall of 1871 and additional evening service was held until the society entered the new church, July 28, 1872. In the summer of 1871 a desirable lot was secured from the "Park Land Co." through the influence of Charles Blakiston. Said lot is situated on Orchard Street and is 90 x 125 feet, valued at two thousand dollars at the time it was given. At an official meeting held May 20, 1871, it was decided to proceed to the erection of a church building to cost eight thousand dollars, said building to be erected upon a lot of ground presented to the society by the Park Land Co. This ground was broken for the new church in August, 1871, Daniel Van Winkle, officiating "with the shovel."

The services connected with the laying of the cornerstone were held in Union Hall on September 24th, and the stone was laid by Doctor J. M. Howe of Passaic on Sep-

tember 25th. On the Sunday preceding the ceremony at the ground Rev. Randolph S. Foster, D.D., afterwards Bishop, preached the morning sermon from Isaiah 9:6. In the afternoon, addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Crane, Dr. O. H. Tiffany and Cornelius Walsh, Esq. In the evening a sermon by Rev. J. A. Monroe. On Monday morning the address was made by the Rev. Dr. D. W. Bartine. On June 19, 1872, the new church was entered and the contract made good by holding a prayer meeting at which the following persons were present: S. P. Hammond, E. H. McEwen, E. A. Howland, T. M. Dickey, Mrs. Dickey, C. R. Ellis, J. W. Kellett, Miss Lizzie Kellett, W. A. Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. Rodda, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knapp, James Stewart of Chicago, Miss Marcella Cole, Miss Hannah Freeman, Miss Kelly and William Luke.

The first public service was held in the lecture room of the church July 28, 1872. Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. A. Monroe, A.M., from Corinthians 6:19. On Sunday, August 18, 1872, the first Sunday School service was conducted under E. H. McEwen, superintendent. On the following Sunday the Union School at Lyceum Hall was voluntarily disbanded, and the majority of its members united with the new school. To the careful consideration and efficient work of Mr. T. M. Dickey, while superintendent of the Union School, is due much of the success of the new organization. The dedicatory services of the lecture room did not take place until September 15, 1872. The Rev. J. A. Monroe preached the dedicatory sermon. In the afternoon addresses were given by Rev. Richard Van Horne and Rev. Stephen Merritt, Jr. Mr. Merritt did the church most efficient service on that occasion not only by his gift, but influencing others to give. In the evening Rev. Lewis R. Dunn of Paterson preached. The pastorate of S. P. Hammond expired with the conference year March, 1874, and Rev. J. A. Owen was appointed his successor, who served 1874 and 1875. Mr. Owen was a fearless preacher of righteousness and did

the people much good. In the Spring of 1876 Rutherford Park and Kingsland were made one appointment with the Rev. Elbert Clement as pastor, a most faithful minister of Jesus Christ. The conference session of 1877 the Rev. Albert A. King was sent to this charge in connection with the Passaic Church and continued as its pastor until it was deemed advisable by the quarterly conference held at the Passaic church to abandon the project, and give church letters to the members desiring to join elsewhere. This, however, was but for a short duration. In January, 1879, the pastor of the M. E. Church, Corona, N. J., Rev. W. H. Russell, was invited to preach at the Baptist Chapel, at which place quite a number of Methodists came, and after the service inquired if he could preach regularly. He informed them that living at a distance he could not come unless brought back and forth, which was done. A society was organized and a Sunday School established in his own hired house until it became too small to hold the people, when he hired Union Hall, had it put in repair and on March 3, 1880, it was formally organized as the Rutherford M. E. Church by the Rev. Wm. Tunison, presiding elder, and he appointed the Rev. W. H. Russell, pastor. The following trustees were elected, viz.: William Slingerland, president; Edward Gordan, treasurer; Charles Bell, secretary; Edward Stackley, John Slingerland. The church was organized with twenty members and a Sunday School of thirty. The next year, 1881, an attempt was made to erect a new chapel, subscriptions were solicited and eight hundred dollars was promised. A lot on Ames Avenue, was donated by Mrs. Mary E. Ames of New York, and application was made of the Church Extension Society to aid in the building of a chapel, and on June 24, 1881, a loan was granted of two hundred and fifty dollars and a donation of two hundred and fifty dollars was granted and received.

On July 6, 1881, the society purchased the old church edifice for the sum of eight hundred dollars and used the

frame and material to build the new chapel on Ames Avenue. Upon the payment of five hundred dollars and a note of three hundred dollars all papers, deeds, etc., of the old church were delivered to the trustees of Rutherford M. E. Church.

The contract was made for the erection of the new church in July, 1881, and the church dedicated on November 20, 1881. The cost, not including donation of lot and material, was twenty-five hundred and fifty dollars, making a total of thirty-seven hundred dollars. December 1, 1881, the church was dedicated by the presiding elder, Rev. C. S. Coit, Rev. J. W. Marshall, Rev. W. C. Wiggins and the pastor. At the conference session of 1882 held in Newark the presiding elder, Dr. Coit, makes this unique statement in his annual report to the conference: "Rutherford has been resurrected; Methodism, which had been pronounced dead, lives again, although her enemies had called the wreck of a once beautiful church, through which the winds howled, and over whose floors the town boys sported—her tombstone. This fruit of extravagance has been purchased by the pastor, taken and rebuilt on another site. Smaller and humbler in dimensions, yet with perfectly manageable debt. The new chapel is neat and commodious. It has sixty members, all united and happy, and a Sunday School of one hundred children. Truly God is behind the churches, else the folly of men and the wisdom of the world would prevail against her."

In the spring of 1882 the Rev. Wm. Ostrander was appointed as pastor and remained with this band of faithful workers for two years. His was a work that put courage and inspiration into the hearts of all the people. April 3, 1884, the Rev. J. C. Howard was made the pastor. The year proved one of many discouragements but with dauntless faith in the Master's leadership the pastor and people went forward to new victories. The conference session of 1887 sent the Rev. R. E. Schuh, a student at



Drew, to this charge. He remained but six months, when the Rev. C. M. Anderson was appointed to this charge by Bishop C. H. Fowler. During Pastor Anderson's ministry great advances were made in all directions. The church proved too small to accommodate the people. In 1889 the church building was beautified at a cost of nine hundred and six dollars, all of which was paid for. In the years 1891-2 the church had prospered so rapidly that the officials decided to change the location of their property and to this end purchased a very fine, eligible plot of 180 x 200 feet on West Passaic Avenue, one of the best avenues in the borough. "They are now engaged," says Dr. Hammond, in his report of 1892, "in building a fine parsonage at a cost of four thousand dollars. The whole property cost six thousand dollars. This all means a new church in the near future and then one of the best suburban charges in this conference." Much credit is due the faithful efforts of Pastor Anderson in placing this society on such a foundation. The Spring of 1893 brought the Rev. Wm. M. Trumbower as pastor to this charge. He remained but one year and was succeeded by the Rev. William Day, who, after three months' services, was taken ill and passed to his reward Sunday morning, July 21, 1895. While in the midst of a new church enterprise in which he was deeply interested he was taken away. Mr. Day was a man of remarkable sweetness of spirit and had achieved rich results in the Master's cause through long and faithful service. The church called for the services of a young student to fill out the year and found such a one in Charles L. Mead, whose father was then preaching in Union Place M. E. Church, Union Hill, N. J.

He at once proved a most capable leader. A revival broke out under his leadership and forty-five were added to his membership. On November 4, 1895, the cornerstone of the present edifice was laid with imposing ceremonies. The new church will be well adapted to the growing membership and congregation in this beautiful



town. The edifice will cost about fourteen thousand dollars. Methodism is now rooted in this town and its influence for righteousness will be widespread. Dr. John Krantz, presiding elder, makes this report of Rutherford at the conference session of 1898: "Our noble church at Rutherford is on the upgrade all the time. A new organ costing sixteen hundred and fifty dollars was purchased and paid for, besides a reduction of the debt by five hundred dollars. Every branch of the church work is thriving and advancing." In 1899 the Rev. A. B. Richardson was appointed pastor and the following year the Rev. J. F. Maschman was made the pastor. During his administration six hundred dollars of a floating debt was paid and two thousand dollars on the mortgage of the church. The membership now had reached two hundred and twenty-five. In the spring of 1904 the Rev. F. L. West was appointed pastor; during his ministry of three years one hundred were added to the church, the mortgage reduced, and the pastor's salary increased. The conference of 1907 sent the Rev. W. H. Ruth to Rutherford church. His untiring fidelity to all the interests of the charge added much to the strength of Methodism in the borough. Owing to crowded conditions the official board decided to change the front of the present edifice and build a chapel in the rear. This was all accomplished in Pastor Ruth's fifth year—a splendid up-to-date Sunday School building in the rear of the church edifice, and the addition to the front of the church makes this property one of the most pleasing structures in the district. The church now records a membership of over four hundred. Dr. Ruth's six years of service were of wonderful inspiration to the people.

In March, 1913, the Rev. M. Y. Bovard was appointed pastor and in his three years of preaching and faithful pastoral visitation united the people into a fellowship of devotion to the church unequalled in its history. The Rev. C. S. Kemble began his ministry in Rutherford April 4, 1916. During his second year the "Nehemiah Band,"

under the leadership of J. W. Stephenson, president of Board of Trustees, repainted and renovated the entire property and installed a new organ blower at a cost of eleven hundred dollars, all paid. This church meets its full opporionments for the general benevolences for the first time in its history. The Spring of this year, 1920, brought to the church from the Elizabeth district Rev. F. C. Mooney as pastor. The church has a large and bright future with a well organized and harmonious people. No better body of men and women could be found anywhere in the borough or district. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the laying of the corner-stone was deemed by pastor and people a fitting time for such a celebration. It was planned to open the exercises Sunday, November 14th, 1920, with the sermon by Bishop Luther B. Wilson, Area Bishop, and the anniversary sermon November 21st, 1920, by Bishop C. L. Mead.

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### **The Rutherford Congregational Church**

The present Congregational Church is the outcome of a little Sunday School started in September, 1893, in the vacant room of a store on Union Avenue in the western section of the borough.

The idea of a mission school was conceived by members of the Presbyterian Church who enlisted the services of Mr. J. N. Bookstaver. Over a score of children were corralled the first Sunday.

Two years later the school moved to a building then known as the West End Club House, the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church held services Sunday evenings and the Rev. Henry W. Bainton, of Lyndhurst and Kingsland, preached Sunday afternoons.

When the Club House became crowded, a new building was talked of. It being at that time a Union organization it was found impossible to raise money enough from any denomination except the Presbyterians to erect a

church building, members of this church having started the Sunday School; so the Rev. Edwin Bulkley, D.D., the pastor, was asked to help, which he cheerfully did. The members then became an independent, incorporated body, and among Dr. Bulkley's last official duties previous to his retirement was the dedication, in 1898, of the Emanuel Chapel, Union and Belford Avenues.

In 1901 this chapel, joining the Presbytery, became a Presbyterian Church with twenty-six charter members, the Rev. Charles Ellis Smith, a student of Union Seminary, pastor. The Rev. A. B. Churchman of New York, Rev. A. F. Parker, Rev. Van Meter, Rev. Craig and Dr. Reed of Hackensack followed each other until 1907.

The church being at the extreme edge of the town's population did not flourish. The members concluding it was the location, decided to move into the midst of the field it hoped to serve. The Presbytery not being willing, its members, through Dr. Scudder of Jersey City, decided to appeal to the Congregational Home Board, who cheerfully responded and generously helped in organizing, in 1907, the society called the Rutherford Congregational Church, the Rev. Henry Atterwick becoming its pastor. The Emanuel Church property was sold in 1910, the present site at Carmita and Washington Avenues was bought and the new church built the following year.

Under the fostering and faithful care of the Rev. Henry Utterwick, in his service of nearly seven years, was laid the foundation of the present thriving and growing church. The Rev. R. L. Peterson followed Mr. Utterwick in 1916, and with his energy and vigorous personality put the financial affairs of the church on a sound business basis.

During the Great War, in the summer of 1918, the Church granted Mr. Peterson a vacation of three months with salary, to serve as a secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at officers' training camp. In 1919 Mr. Peterson resigned to



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serve a larger charge in the Bronx, New York City. The present pastor, Rev. Henry M. Prentiss, was called and accepted the charge August, 1919, and is successfully carrying on, in this growing community, a thriving church of many activities.

ISABELLA WYATT.

## The Unitarian Society of Rutherford

### THE CHURCH OF OUR FATHER

The Unitarian Society of Rutherford is a religious society or congregation which began its organic existence at a meeting held on December 22, 1891, at which time a constitution was adopted which declared as follows:

“The chief purpose of this Society is to maintain and support a Unitarian Church, committed to the supreme authority of reason, for the worship of God and the religious instruction of man; thereby, and by all other proper means, to promote in the world the growth of high aspirations, the love of the truth and the practice of virtue and righteousness.

“Among these other means this Society recognizes the value to practical good conduct and to intellectual and moral improvement, of providing, as far as may be, opportunities for social culture, for innocent amusement and healthy recreation.

“In all good works for humanity’s sake, and so far as may lie within its means, this Society is bound to lend a hand.

“No subscription to, or profession of, any covenant, creed or formula of faith shall be required of any member of this Society.”

The trustees of the Society filed, on January 4, 1892, their certificate whereby they became incorporated under the laws of the State, as the “Incorporation of the Unitarian Society of Rutherford.”



The members of the Society began to hold religious services in October, 1891, which have ever since been regularly continued.

On May 25, 1892, the Society called the Reverend George H. Badger as its first pastor, and he continued thereafter to serve until September 16, 1898, when his resignation was tendered and accepted. Since Mr. Badger's pastorate, the Society has been served by other pastors, as follows:

Reverend Willard Reed, from October, 1898, to June 4, 1899.

Reverend Samuel C. Beane, from February 4, 1900, to September 27, 1904.

Reverend Elizabeth Padgham, from her call on October 19, 1904, to the present time.

During the pastorate of Mr. Badger the church building on Home Avenue was completed and dedicated (on December 15, 1892); and later, during Miss Padgham's pastorate, a parish house was erected.

In the Spring of 1921, Miss Padgham expressed her desire to resign her pastorate, but was induced to withdraw it and to continue to act, upon the Society's suggestion that she have a year's leave of absence, during which the Society was served by the Reverend Leon R. Land. Miss Padgham resumed the active duties of the pastorate in September, 1922.

Membership in the Society or Congregation does not necessarily involve membership in the church which the Society exists to support; although, it is usual that one who is a member of the one organization should also be a member of the other. From the beginning, the church has asked its members to assent only to the following brief declaration:

“Earnestly seeking for larger truth and a higher attainment of personal character, we unite in this cove-



nant of love and right endeavor, to the end that we may better worship God and serve our fellowmen.”

As may be observed, the attitude of the Church is that each individual must have the largest possible latitude, to formulate for himself the specific articles of his religious faith, and it may be added that Unitarians generally, while respecting all sincere religious convictions, conceive that the proper basis for church fellowship is not to be found in any profession of belief, or in any declaration from which a profession of belief may be implied, unless it is extremely broad and inclusive. They agree that the individual's religious faith is a matter of serious concern, but that it is important, not so much that a person shall profess any given belief, as that he shall, in fact, believe that which he may be willing to profess. They think that the church, itself, should have but one imperative dogma which may be expressed in five words—

*NOTHING THAT IS NOT TRUE.*

## **The Baptist Church of Rutherford**

*From “Things Old and New from Rutherford”*

The writer of this history is greatly indebted to E. R. F. Saunders, Esq., who prepared and read a history at the tenth anniversary of the church, November 18th, 1897.

On June 25th, 1869, a meeting was held at the house of Benjamin Yates to consider the question of organizing a Baptist church. There being an unanimous vote the church was organized October 1st, 1869, the church was given the name of “The First Baptist Church of Rutherford Park.” The constituent members were: Richard Shugg, Maria A. Shugg, Benjamin Yates, Tryphenia Yates, William H. Locke, Elizabeth Locke, George D. Waterbury, Mary E. Waterbury, Catherine K. Waterbury, Samuel S. Hink, Hannah Hink, E. C. C. Hussey.

Cecelia Hussey, James N. Bookstaver, M. Louisa Bookstaver, Sophie D. Oldring, Emma L. Oldring and Sarah E. Winslow. The first deacons were Richard Shugg, E. C. Hussey and Benjamin Yates. The first church building was erected in 1870, at the corner of Park Avenue and Highland Cross. The lot on which this building stood was donated by Deacon Richard Shugg. The church had met in private homes until this building was completed. It cost \$2,700. The first pastor was the Rev. John A. McKean, he was followed by the Rev. A. H. Robinson, Rev. W. E. Wright, Rev. A. H. Cornell and Rev. P. F. Jones. At a meeting held February 13th, 1885, it was decided to disband on April 1st of the same year. This action was taken in view of the inability of the members to further sustain the church. There were those who felt very badly over this disbandment.

The Pilgrim Baptist Church was organized January 22d, 1885, but had only a brief existence.

The present church was organized October 28th, 1887. The Pilgrim Church transferred all its property to the new organization.

To this was given the name of the "Rutherford Church." The Baptist following were constituent members: Richard Shugg, Mrs. Maria A. Shugg, James Hewitt, Mrs. Amelia Hewitt, L. A. Dicker, Mrs. Jennie E. Dicker, Wm. H. Shugg, Mrs. Lizzie E. Shugg, Miss Delia C. Potter, Miss Maria A. Shugg, Miss Ida A. Shugg, Miss Florence C. Shugg, Miss May E. Shugg and Miss Mary Faes. Richard Shugg was elected deacon, Wm. H. Shugg, clerk, and Henry Prentiss, Wm. H. Shugg, L. A. Dicker, James M. DeWitt and Richard Shugg, trustees. The church was recognized November 4th, 1887. The first meetings were held in Masonic Hall, where the Pilgrim Church had also worshiped.

Rev. James Hewitt, a member of the church, was ordained to the Gospel Ministry November 15th, 1887. He



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(Old Edifice)



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(Present Edifice)

preached for the church for some time after its organization.

In August, 1888, Rev. James L. Hastie, Jr., was settled as pastor. It was during this pastorate that the present chapel was erected. The opening services of the chapel were held January 26-28, 1890, and the season was one of great rejoicing. The church made large advances in many ways. Mr. Hastie resigned to accept a call to Croton, N. J.

Rev. Wm. G. Myles became pastor November 2d, 1890. He was pastor about a year and a half.

Rev. E. J. Cooper followed in the pastorate and continued in this relation about four and a half years.

Rev. W. W. Case, of West Hoboken, the present pastor, commenced his labors the second Sabbath of December, 1896. The church now numbers about one hundred and seventy members. A mortgage of \$2,000 has rested on the chapel for a number of years, and has been a source of embarrassment.

This is being gradually paid. It is expected that it will be entirely paid before the end of 1899. Considerable improvement has been recently made on the chapel and grounds. After the mortgage is paid the people will feel that they can safely look in the direction of erecting the main edifice. They hope to erect an edifice that will be an honor to the town, and to the cause of Christ. Pastor and people are working earnestly together, and are looking forward hopefully to the future. The present officers are:

Pastor—Rev. W. W. Case.

Deacons—Richard Shugg, John H. Hingle, E. R. F. Saunders and H. J. Ronalds.

Trustees—A. A. Clark, Henry Prentiss, Lewis Perrine, E. De Gruchy, Jr., and Wm. H. Hingle.

Clerk—E. R. F. Saunders.

REV. W. W. CASE.

## History of the Growth of Christian Science in Rutherford, N. J.

“First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Rutherford, N. J.,” is the natural outgrowth of the understanding of the presence and power of “God with us.” A Christian Science practitioner had removed from New York and made her home in Rutherford. On the tenth of February, 1905, a resident of Rutherford called upon this practitioner to ask if it were possible for her daughter to be healed. This daughter was a great sufferer; she had undergone five surgical operations, and was about to submit to another one, with no assured hope of complete restoration to health. She was told that “with God all things are possible.” The treatment began, and she was quickly and permanently healed. Others came and were healed. The physical healings were as nothing compared with the better understanding of God and His Christ gained through the study of the Bible and the Christian Science text book, “Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures,” by Mary Baker Eddy.

The Bible Lessons were studied at the home of the practitioner until it was felt that a public place of worship should be secured. Sunday morning, November 18, 1906, the first Christian Science service was held in Ruckstuhl Hall. On the 28th of January, 1907, a church was incorporated as First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Rutherford, N. J., with twenty-three members and seven pupils in the Sunday School. As it was found impossible to hold Wednesday evening meetings and have a Reading Room in Ruckstuhl Hall, a large room on the ground floor of the Franklin Building was secured, and on Sunday, December 29, 1907, services were held there; on New Year’s Eve following, the first Wednesday evening meeting was held. Services were continued in this room with increasing numbers and growth in the understanding of Christian Science, until May, 1912, when the place of meeting was changed to 122 Park Avenue.



On March 22, 1909, a plot of ground at Park and Newell Avenues was purchased, upon which the new church edifice was erected in 1912. The architecture of this edifice is unique, the exterior and interior attractive, and all appointments well adapted for their intended use. The opening services were held Sunday, November 17, 1912.

On November 21, 1920, the church was dedicated free of all indebtedness. A reading room is maintained in the church edifice, with a regular librarian in charge. This church has been blessed in the erection of this building as a place of worship.

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### **History of the Catholic Church in Rutherford, N. J.**

In the early part of the last century Catholics residing in what is now Rutherford attended St. John's Church, Newark, and St. Peter's Church, Belleville. In 1854 the first Catholic Church erected in Bergen County was begun at Lodi. Rutherford Catholics belonged to the new church until 1868, when St. Nicholas' Church, Passaic, was erected. Finding it more convenient to attend services in Passaic they formed a part of the Passaic parish until 1873, when the present Church of St. Joseph was completed at Carlstadt. The new parish limits embraced all that territory known as South Bergen. In this church many of the Catholics now in Rutherford were baptized and married and many a fervent prayer goes up to God from Catholics here in behalf of the saintly pastor of St. Joseph's, Rev. Camillus Mondorf, whose priestly example and earnest preaching did so much to preserve the Catholic faith in their souls.

The Catholic population in Rutherford being increased





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ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, RUTHERFORD,  
NEW JERSEY

by families moving from large cities to the suburbs, made St. Joseph's Church too small to accommodate so large a congregation, so steps were taken to devise means to erect a Catholic Church in Rutherford. During March, 1908, a meeting of the Catholics of Rutherford was held and a committee, consisting of A. W. Bickner, E. E. Carleton, C. Campbell, F. J. Guilfoyle, R. J. Lyons, D. J. Lyons, F. Moffatt, T. J. O'Hea and J. E. Zindt, were appointed to wait on Bishop J. J. O'Connor of Newark in reference to establishing a parish in Rutherford. Early in April, 1908, application was made to Bishop O'Connor. The numbers of families necessary to support a resident pastor being more than sufficient, Bishop O'Connor granted permission to form a new parish, and on April 16, 1908, appointed Rev. William Grady pastor. Being already in charge of the Sacred Heart Parish, Kingsland, N. J., which had been erected a few years before, Father Grady was no stranger to the people of Rutherford and received a cordial welcome not only from Catholics but non-Catholics alike. With all the ardor and zeal of a young priest, nobly seconded by his devoted parishioners, he started the work which to-day is a monument to his efforts. He celebrated the first mass on Easter Sunday, April 19, 1908, in the City Hall. At this mass were 55 people. Mass was said in the City Hall until at a later date it was found necessary to move to Ruckstuhl Building on Sylvan Street. When the parish was started it was known as St. William's Mission. Meantime property was purchased on Home Avenue and the beautiful English Gothic church was begun. Work progressed rapidly and on Christmas Day, 1909, mass was celebrated in the basement of the church. The corner-stone was laid on October 3, 1909, and the parish was then officially designated as St. Mary's. The church was completed and dedicated April 10, 1910. The great work that Father Grady did in Rutherford won the admiration of his brother priests and was amply rewarded by his Bishop when, in 1915, he appointed him to the larger and more im-

portant parish of St. Mary's, South Orange. His new appointment, while a well deserved honor to him, was the cause of universal regret to the parishioners and his many non-Catholic friends and supporters. But a priest is a soldier. He goes where his commanding officer orders. Father Grady was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. J. J. Smith. Father Smith's first undertaking was to erect a parochial school, which was started in the Spring of 1916, and the school was completed and ready for the pupils in September, 1916. Afterwards a building was purchased which is used as a convent.

As one reviews the work that has been achieved by the Catholics of Rutherford in the past 14 years, he cannot help but express his admiration. They have a complete plant, church, parochial school, rectory, and convent, with very little debt. St. Mary's Church and school have contributed very much to make Rutherford a "Home of happy and contented people." Judged by the standards of the world, the Catholics of Rutherford are deserving of praise, especially when it is recalled that they do not number one thousand souls, including infants, but the true Catholic when the praise is offered will cry out with Mother Church, *Non Nobis Domine Non Nobis Sed Momimi Fuo da Gloriam*—Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Thy Name give glory.

J. A. VAN BRUNT.



## Report of Committee on Current History

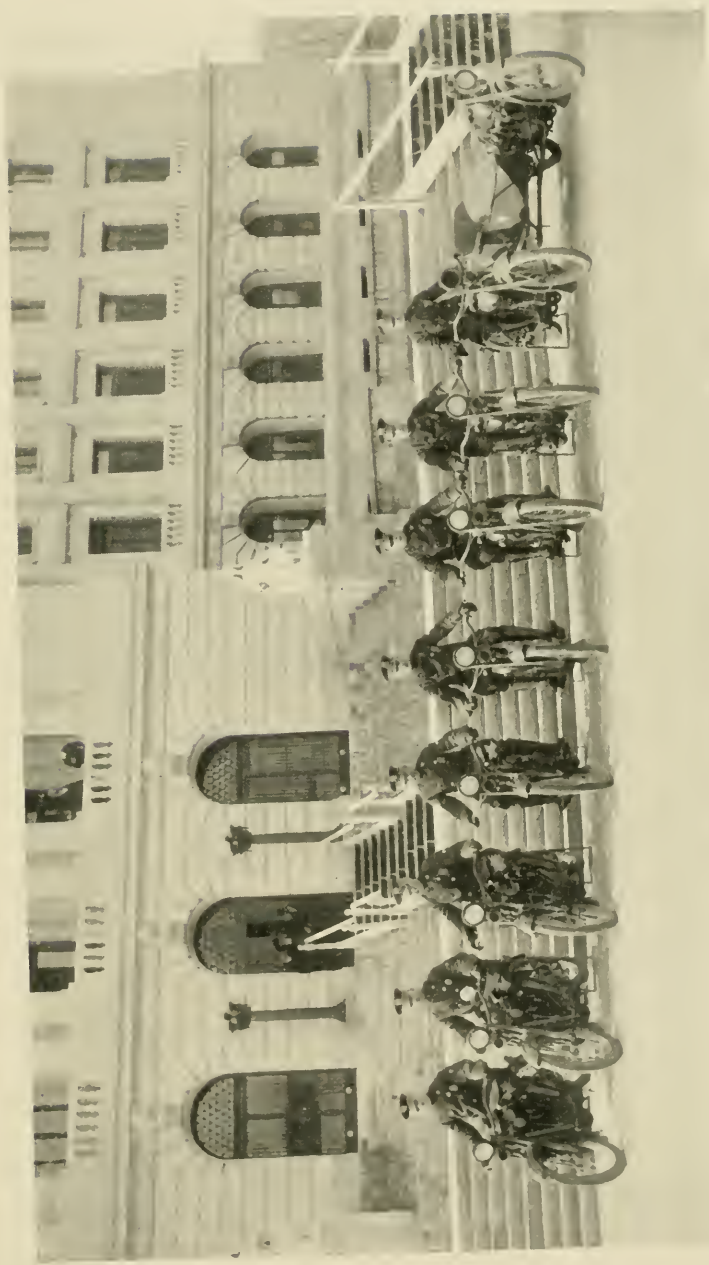


OUR Committee on Current History submits herewith its report of events in the march of time for the year 1921 and part of 1922.

History in the making in Bergen County is of such a nature that to arrange all events chronologically would require volumes. It is a fact that Bergen County grows to-day faster than any county within the length and breadth of the United States. What were mere agricultural fields ten years ago are thriving suburban home communities to-day, totaling sixty-nine distinct municipal units.

Administration bodies in these numerous municipalities endeavor to administer progressively to the best of their ability the various problems of public safety, welfare, convenience and comfort as they present themselves. The county governing body consists of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, which functions as a board of directors, ramifying and coördinating their work with that of the many local governments with efficiency and economical results surprisingly effective and constructive.

“Let fools for governments contest; what is best administered is best.” This perhaps typifies the present-day evolution of governmental affairs in Bergen County. The selection of good men and women in various component parts of the county and municipal governments has resulted, to a large degree, in a workable application of a much desired home rule. This is borne out in many ways, but quite notably in an effort to meet dangers of travel on the crowded highways as a result of the tremendous increase in motor transportation. Numerous accidents, overloaded heavy trucks, highwaymen and general motor vehicle violations were too much for local police to handle. To effectively handle the situation, in March, 1920, the county organized a Motorcycle Police



BERGEN COUNTY MOTORCYCLE POLICE, ORGANIZED MARCH, 1920



Department. This has functioned splendidly. Careless, reckless and dangerous driving has been reduced to a minimum.

In the rush to meet present-day problems, the past is not forgotten; sentiment still holds its sway, as evidenced on May 21, 1921, when the city of Englewood marked time sufficiently in its march of progress to celebrate its golden anniversary. Englewood's history is voluminous. Englewood was the name given to six farm settlements back in August, 1859, since which time there has been a "steadfast building on a firm foundation of clear-eyed and radiant Christian faith." To one Richard Vreeland of the past, is given the honor of being the pioneer settler, the descendant of whom resides to-day in the old family homestead on Grand Avenue, just across the line from Leonia. The name for the town was selected at a meeting held in a carpenter shop, presided over by the Reverend James Harrison White. Three names were suggested, "Paliscena," "Brayton," and "Englewood." No one knows why this famed name of to-day was selected. It may have had some bearing on the fact that the old Liberty Pole on that site was often referred to as the Engle neighborhood, and "hood" was changed to "wood." A man named "Engle" had resided at a central point.

It is said that Mrs. James H. Coe was the first baby born in the city. The Coe family is to-day one of the best known in Englewood. Fifteen thousand (15,000) persons participated in celebrating the anniversary. It was a gala occasion, an epoch of importance.

The next significant date in the annals of affairs in Bergen County would be June 12th, the laying of the corner-stone of the Roosevelt school, at Ridgefield Park. Great feeling was aroused by reason of a controversy over a plan of the Board of Education to have simple Masonic ceremonies. The result was a tremendous outpouring of Masons and Junior Order men from all parts



of New Jersey. It was reported that more than twenty thousand (20,000) people participated in the ceremony. Never in the history of Ridgefield Park, or any city in Bergen County, had there been such a similar event. The magnitude of the demonstration was generally attributed to some vigorous and persistent objection on the part of a few men. There had been rumors of disorder but, characteristic of the American type of man and woman, the demonstration passed off splendidly and Ridgefield Park had its proudest day.

The Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge in his brief address said, "I want to call attention to the fact that Masonry was with us at the very beginning of our educational system and it will continue forever its interests in that feature of our civilization that the standard of citizenship may be steadily raised toward an ideal Americanism."

Passing swiftly from the southern end of the county to the northern end, history records on June 12th an awakening of interest in the strange, semi-civilized men and women who occupy the hills of the Ramapo mountains. They are an admixture of Indian, Negro, Albino and white blood, generally referred to as "Jackson Whites"; a strange uneducated, primitive class. Generations have occupied the huts in the mountains. Most of them are descendants of slaves originally owned by old Suffern families, whose commingling with white people was due to Hessian soldiers deserting the English army during the Revolutionary days to settle with the blacks. Welfare workers make no progress in the effort to modernize these degenerates, due to the close breeding of the oldest residents in the state of New Jersey.

On a balmy day, June 17, 1921, representative officials of Bergen County journeyed to the quaint, old town of Sussex to pay tribute to the memory of a man, honored and respected in the nation as well as the county and state, William A. Linn, in whose honor engrossed reso-

lutions, passed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Bergen, were presented to the Linn Hospital. Mr. Linn brought honor to his native town, achieved in many ways, leaving his life's imprint on the minds of men with whom he came in contact. It was he who put Bergen County on its firm financial footing when the present small Board of Freeholders replaced the larger and more cumbersome Board of ancient history.

Following the work of the great World War, near the town of Dumont, there nestled a great group of temporary structures which, during the stirring war-time days, were collectively known as Camp Merritt. On June 12th, there occurred a fire which wiped out one hundred forty-seven of these buildings. So large was the conflagration that all surrounding towns sent fire-fighting apparatus. Even New York City dispatched engines. The demolition of these army barracks was the most spectacular fire in the history of Bergen County. Fanned by a southwest breeze, the flames leaped rapidly from building to building, illuminating the heaven so that it was seen for many miles.

On July 8th, the permanent site for the erection of a historic monument at Camp Merritt was selected. Major Langdon, U. S. A., who served at the Camp all during the war, was the prime actor in this historic landmark.

Independence Day, 1921, was selected by East Rutherford as the occasion for the unveiling of its Memorial Monument in honor of the East Rutherford men who died during the World War. The subject of the monument is a female figure of America, treated in classic note. A distinctive program was rendered and enjoyed by a large gathering. A parade, participated in by hundreds, made the day the most eventful.

There resides in the beautiful Saddle River Valley, the grand old man of Bergen County, David A. Pell, who is looking forward toward celebrating his ninety-first birthday. Mr. Pell lives in the same comfortable home at

Saddle River to which he came when he was five years of age. He is one of the finest citizens of the county, four-square in all his dealings, and his home is a mecca for the men of affairs in Bergen. On July 14, last year, in his serene old age, two hundred guests gathered at his home to do him honor on his ninetieth birthday. Mr. Pell was born in Paramus on July 11, 1831. For most of his life he was active in politics, being elected in 1868 as Assessor of Holiokus Township, and in 1872, Sheriff of the County, the first Republican to have been so honored. He also served as Surrogate, and for many years has been prominently identified with Bergen County's banking institutions. He began life as a cattle drover.

The wave of crime which swept Bergen County during the early summer months of 1921 perplexed the officials and alarmed the inhabitants of the county. To meet this condition, Sheriff Joseph Kinzley, Jr., and Prosecutor A. C. Hart called a meeting of all the mayors in the county, at which the problem was considered in its many details. It was decided to locate at strategical points, sentry booths, with the hope that an alarm to the Sheriff's office might be sent from them broadcast over the county to effect the capture of marauders. To this end in coöperation with the county and municipal officials the Board of Freeholders caused to be built six booths. These were connected by telephones, and this, with the functioning Police Department, resulted in cleaning up Bergen County. Offenders decided that it was hazardous to marauder in Bergen and sought other fields. The booths are maintained in operation and this net work of protection for the peaceful home centers has given a security that might otherwise have been destroyed. The crime wave notably receded and the compliments of visiting judges were received.

High in its zeal for the care of those who were willing to render the last full measure of devotion in the cause of their country, the people of Bergen County, headed by

Mrs. William H. Stratton, founded the Chestnut Ridge Farm as a rest camp for the wounded men of the great World War. It has been phenomenally successful and has provided many hours of comfort and recreation for the men who endured the horrors of trench warfare on the battlefields of Europe.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, of Englewood, dedicated the new flag and Liberty Pole on October 12, 1921. The expense of this patriotic emblem has been borne by the organization, and it marks a historic land-mark. This is the only Liberty Pole site known in all of New Jersey. The original pole was in existence until 1828, when it was replaced; in 1845 it was destroyed by fire and again replaced.

The sentimental spirit is kept alive by the Paramus Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. On September 29, 1921, the body made a pilgrimage to historic spots of Bergen County, going from Ridgewood to the Mansion House at Hackensack, to the old North Side Church at Dumont and thence to the Hermitage at Hohokus, where much was heard about Aaron Burr and the Widow Provost. The pilgrimage learned that the best social life of the early days centered around the old Hermitage. As shown in the manual on record at the Old Church at Paramus, this building is one of the oldest stone structures of Jersey history.

The annals of Bergen County for half a century were replete with the civic activities and splendid public service of Milton Demarest, who passed to the Great Beyond on October 21, 1921. The Bergen County Historical Society records show the resolutions passed upon the memory of this good citizen, who functioned in public affairs, on the educational boards, as legal counsel, and as mayor. He was a true patriot and a splendid type of American citizenship.

Future generations will enjoy and love the picturesqueness of the Henry Hudson Drive, "the Rhine of Amer-





DEDICATING THE LIBERTY  
POLE AT ENGLEWOOD, N. J.,  
OCT., 1921



“THE HERMITAGE”  
HOHOKUS, N. J.

Historic Scene of Pilgrimage  
Paramus Chapter  
Sons of the American Revolution



OPENING THE HENRY HUDSON DRIVE, INTERSTATE PARK  
OCTOBER 30TH, 1921

ica." This part of the Interstate Park, from the Dyckman Street Ferry to Alpine, was opened for public use on October 30, 1921. It stands as one of the far-seeing achievements of the county. Two states combine to make this scenic drive a pleasure for generations to come; a show place of America as a panoramic view unequalled in the world. Many notable men from New York and New Jersey participated in the formal opening. It is a five-mile stretch of highway to constitute the south end of an interstate road from Fort Lee to Albany. Former Senator Edmund W. Wakelee, who has been active always in the Palisade Interstate Park, made an address on this occasion in which he said that these wonderful Palisades will, we hope, remain protected and safe from vandalism as long as the world stands, and this Park and this Drive will contribute to the welfare of this great Metropolis.

For many years of its existence, the county seat, Hackensack, labored under the handicap of a dual name. To the people of Hackensack, and to most people of the county, Hackensack was the center of political activity and for decades the largest community in Bergen County. But for some reason unknown to recent generations while the town was known as "Hackensack," it was legally the Township of New Barbadoes. As a matter of fact, it worked under two forms of government; it had a municipal clerk and it had a town clerk, both functioning. It was said that the old name, "Barbadoes," was given the township by a man of personality in years gone by who had come from Barbadoes. Of course, the old origin of the name "Hackensack" is well known, but in the year 1921 public sentiment expressed itself at the poles and the old title, "Township of New Barbadoes in the County of Bergen," was changed to "The City of Hackensack," and the nomina of the county seat is now legally and officially the City of Hackensack, thus removing another old relic of history.



An article from the diary of the Hackensack "Republican," published December 29, 1921, tells of numerous events, among which is the opening of the first section of a State Highway, known as Route 10, which will run from the Hudson River to the Passaic River, through Hackensack. When it is complete it will form a grand highway of smooth roads and glorious views on each side of the Palisade range, showing easterly the splendor of the noble Hudson and the great Metropolis of America and westerly the pastoral New Jersey views of towns, cities, rivers and hills, limited only by the far rim of the horizon. The diary also shows that the historic controversy between the county and the village of Hackensack as to the "ownership of Main Street" was decided this year when a pavement of granite was placed to surface old Main Street. Since Hackensack paid most of the bill, the street must be mostly Hackensack's. Reference is made in the same article to the school survey of Hackensack and later in this year, 1922, high ratables for school support and a battle over the increase in the Supervising Principal's salary made an educational hubbub in the quaint old county seat. The taxpayers rose in a mass and voted a proposed budget down; passing events indicate that there is much constructive criticism in the method of operating present-day public schools.

Editor Bird, to quote him, referred to 1921, and said, "This has been a year of comparative dryness. All are familiar with the aridity produced by Volstead and Van Ness." Reference is also made to "Sheriff Kinzley's exemplification of the dryness of the dry by pouring many gallons of real good bug-juice on the ash dump east of the jail. He also destroyed a truck load of slot machines and other gambling devices confiscated by him in cleaning up the county."

Reference was made to the crime wave prevalent for a short time. Credit is given to the county police and the county detectives under Prosecutor A. C. Hart for the suppression of the outbreaks of crime. The genial editor

turned aside from the suggestion of violence to the beneficence of alleviating victims of thugs to the building of the new Hackensack Hospital, which is rearing heavenward by clever workmanship in the joining of iron beams and girders to construct the marvelous structure standing out on the hilltop as a landmark. This is a monument, not only to the liberality of the generous people in Hackensack in general, but also to William M. Johnson, in particular.

Reference is made to numerous automobile accidents during the year and a sectional sentiment which divided the people of Hackensack between uptown and downtown in the selection of the site of a monument to honor the soldiers of the World War.

Current history must not fail to note the entrance of fair womanhood to her proper place in things political. She has been very active during the past twelve months. Hackensack's favorite son, William B. Mackay, Jr., attained distinction as President of the Senate of New Jersey, ranking as First Lieutenant Governor and widely mentioned as a possible candidate for Governor. This, future historians may record.

The churches during the year throughout the county had an encouraging growth and a gratifying increase numerically and in all benevolences.

There passed away during the year, Mrs. James A. Romeyn, a woman of much superiority—quiet and efficient, finding her pleasure in good works. In the Spanish-American War she was a Red Cross worker and followed up that work in the World War. Mrs. Romeyn diffused among a large circle a cordiality and a charm of character which reflected the finest kind of Christian life and American womanhood.

Current history records the advance of the young man in public life to the position of place and trust. A testimonial dinner was tendered the Honorable Walter G.

Winne in honor of his selection as District Attorney for the State of New Jersey. It was attended by men active in public life and was held in the Union League Club on February 15, 1922. It might be mentioned that another young man of prominence, the Honorable W. Irving Glover, of Englewood, has made his mark nationally and is the Third Assistant Postmaster General of the United States. Mr. Winne, Mr. Glover and Senator Mackay loom large in county history for 1921.

On February 18, 1922, a contract was let by the Camp Merritt Memorial Association, through the Bergen County Board of Freeholders, for the erection of a monument at Camp Merritt to mark the site of this historic point. The lowest bid for its erection was twenty-seven thousand nine hundred and fifty (\$27,950) dollars. The design was approved by the National Institution of Arts at Washington. It is to stand on the south side of the junction at Knickerbocker Road and Madison Avenue, between the towns of Dumont and Cresskill. This was the street of the camp over which tramped the feet of millions of men on their way "Over There."

Many activities during the year indicated a sentiment on the part of people to render a service to mankind. Welfare work showed advance. This was evident by the work done by the Health Center of Hackensack. The Children's Relief and General Welfare Society cared for hundreds of cases, and reconstruction, physically, of children in the ear, eye, nose and throat clinics was established by volunteer professional services rendered. A wonderful work was done.

On April 6, 1922, there occurred an incident of unusual human interest at the opening of the April term, when W. Schuyler Doremus, Deputy County Clerk, was in the spot light. He had rounded out fifty years of continuous service recording court and legal activities of Bergen County. Resolutions provided by the Honorable William M. Johnson were adopted and the newspaper comments

were most complimentary on the life of usefulness of Mr. Doremus. The Honorable Justice Minturn, in commenting upon the resolutions, said that a man who held that office for fifty years not only deserved having such an event inscribed in the official minutes but deserved a similar inscription in the Minutes of Heaven.

In the annals of Bergen County there should be noted the opening of the tuberculosis and isolation buildings of Bergen County, situated on the County Farm at Oradell. Hundreds of citizens gathered to visit these institutions on April 1st. A keen interest was manifested in the splendid structure for the benefit of suffering mankind.

There passed away on April 8th, Thomas H. Cummings, who, for thirty-five years, had administered justice continually as a Justice of the Peace in Hackensack. Added to these duties were those of civic activity. He was known as "The Little Judge" and a man of sterling integrity.

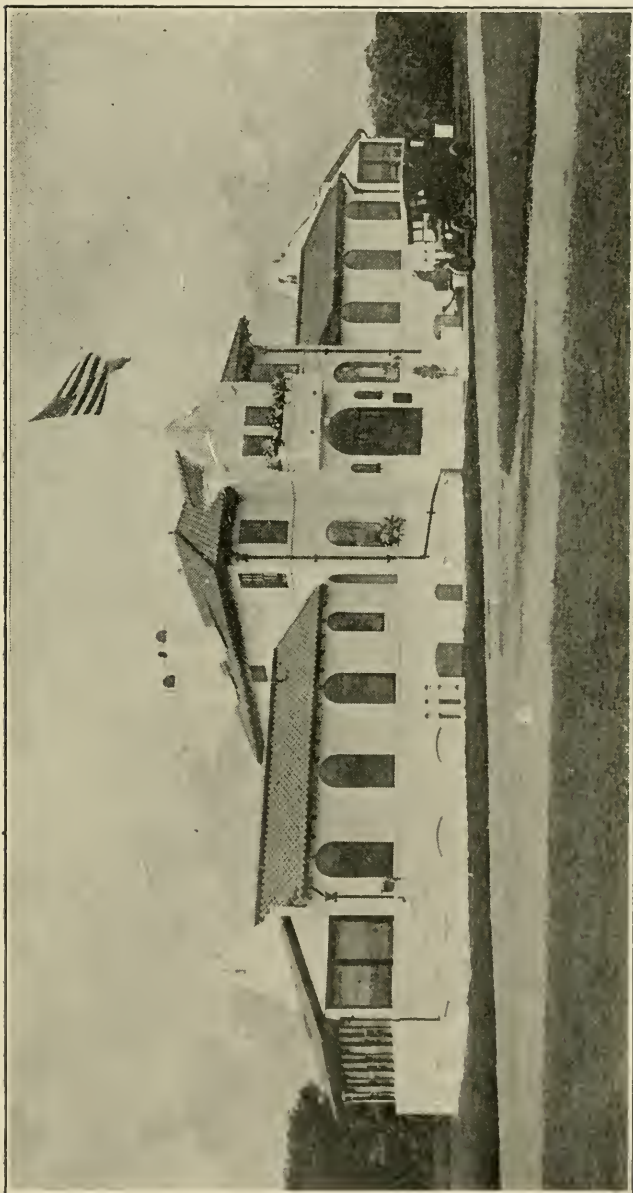
The same night occurred an occasion on the buoyancy of life. This was demonstrated when a gathering of prominent men of this State and New York came to honor Theodore Boettger at the Union League Club. Mr. Boettger was selected as President of the New Jersey Tunnel Commission, which body is to construct the first vehicular tunnel connecting the great states of New York and New Jersey.

These are a few of the high lights in the past year in which those who come after may take an interest and which we respectfully submit.

Committee on Current History,

JOSEPH KINZLEY, JR.

EDNA B. CONKLIN.



THE BERGEN COUNTY ISOLATION HOSPITAL



## Report of the Committee on Genealogy and Biography

**I**N creating a genealogical and biographical department of a historical society, the usual method of procedure is to build up a reference library of volumes classed technically as Americana. To do that adequately requires a very large expenditure of money for books and shelving, a considerable amount of floor space and the services of a paid librarian.

The alternative course is to compile a reference catalog which will refer those who consult it to the known sources of information and where they may be found. This method of procedure requires but a small expenditure of money for catalog drawers and cards, very little room and but slight expense for typing from time to time as the catalog grows.

This is a historical society, and its historical activities are of paramount importance. It follows therefore, that its genealogical activities and requirements are, and of right should be, of secondary importance, and conducted along the broad lines of family history rather than the exploitation of individual ancestry.

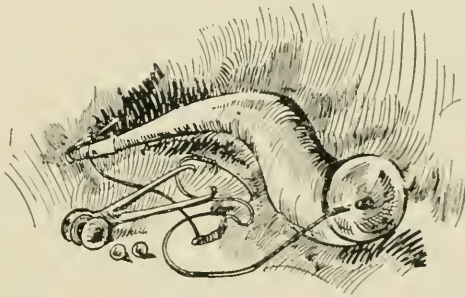
To undertake the accumulation of a genealogical and biographical reference library for this society seemed to your committee unwise, unwarranted and unnecessary, particularly in view of the fact that many of the works essential to such a library are either very rare and expensive, or out of print and unobtainable at any price. Your committee therefore recommended to and received permission from the Executive Committee last Fall to purchase a two-drawer, "stack-up" catalog cabinet with the necessary index cards and to proceed with its plans, outlined at the time, for building up a reference catalog.

This has been done and a start has been made at a cost of less than fifteen dollars out of an initial appropriation of twenty dollars. The work of the committee from this

point on is a matter of research work and indexing—work which will keep such a committee busy for a long time to come. Its possibilities are as great or as limited as the committee chooses to make them: yet, whatever its limits and whatever information the catalog contains, be it little or much, it will be of value to those who make use of it.

It was the hope and expectation of your chairman to have a greater number of references in the catalog at this time than there are at present, but it is difficult for a business man to devote as much time as he would like to research work in libraries. Your chairman therefore suggests that the work of the committee be placed in the care of a woman member, or some member who belongs to that fortunate class, the retired business man. Such a valuable acquisition to the committee would expedite the work already well begun and enable it to develop the catalog more rapidly.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,  
HIRAM CALKINS, *Chairman.*



## Report of the Historic Sites and Events Committee

**I**T affords us great pleasure to report at this time, that during the year just passed our labors have been directed towards the placing of a memorial on "The Green" to mark the site of the Court House in Hackensack, which was destroyed during the Revolutionary period.

As this is a matter of great historic interest we have labored diligently to the end that the monument when placed in the park will be commensurate in appearance with the building which it commemorates.

Your committee begs to state that the contract for the marker has been given to Alexander Ettl, a celebrated sculptor of New York City, and that, within two months of this date there will be erected on the site of the old Court House a beautiful Italian marble seat with an inscription carved thereon indicating for what it stands and that it has been erected by the Bergen County Historical Society to enlighten the minds of all people down the centuries to come.

In order that the dedicating ceremony may be in keeping with the great historical value of the occasion, we shall request the president to appoint a special committee to take charge of the dedicating of the monument at a date to be announced later.

We are sure every member of this society will make an effort to be present on that occasion.

We have also an appropriation of \$100.00 for the marker to be erected on the grounds of the old Pons Church at Oakland, in memory of the temporary Court House and Jail that was erected there in 1780 and used as such for a period of about three years. This marker, we expect, will be placed during the month of June, the exact date of which due notice will be given at the next regular meeting.

We wish to add that Bergen County stands in a fair way to receive a monument from the Society of the Founders and Patriots of America, to mark a pre-revolutionary historical site. The site of the First Church in the English Neighborhood, erected in 1764, has been suggested. As this matter has not as yet taken definite form, we allude to it only as a possibility.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. HACKETT, M.D.,

C. V. R. BOGERT,

WM. P. EAGER.



## Report of the Committee on the Lutheran Church and Cemetery Site Marker

**I**N 1716 "Lourance Van Boskeark" gave to "The Protestant Lutheran Congregation at and about Hackensack" a plot of ground on the West side of River Road, on the East bank of the Hackensack River, just south of the property now or formerly of Mr. Bound. On this site a church was built in accordance with the conditions of the deed, and used as a place of worship for many years by the sturdy Dutch inhabitants of Hackensack, until about the year 1776. Part of the plot was used as a burying ground and many bodies still remain therein, notably the donor's descendants. This plot is on a bend of the river and freshets have washed away a portion of the land. A receiving vault was also built there of stones from the old church.

This site was deemed of sufficient importance historically, to be marked by a lasting monument, so a committee was appointed to arrange for an appropriate marker, and it seemed quite fitting that the chairman of that Committee should be one who bore the same name as the donor of the lot, and a relative of his. The Committee met with many delays but finally in November, 1921, through the generosity of Mr. Elmer Mabie of Hackensack, a handsome granite monument was erected on the site. The stone bears the following inscription:

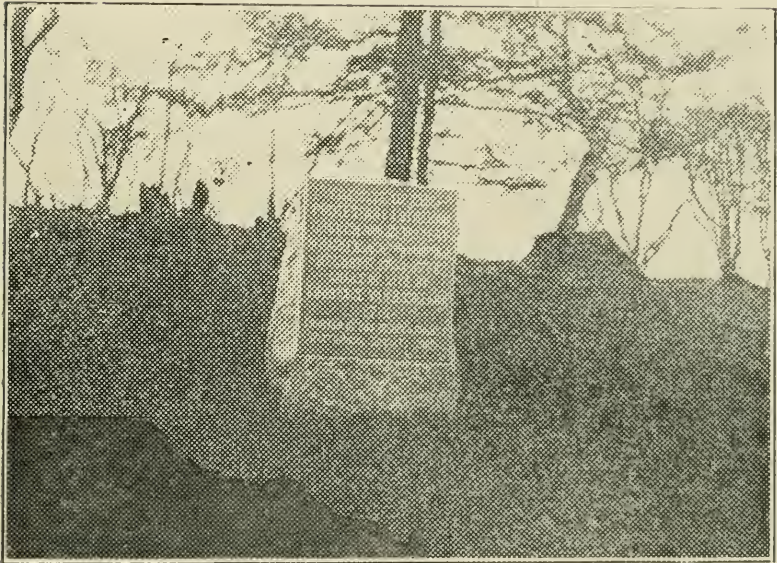
The site of the  
Protestant Lutheran  
Church and Cemetery  
of Hackensack (Township), N. J.  
Records 1704-1776  
Grant of site by  
Lourence Van Boskeark  
1716  
Erected by Bergen County  
Historical Society 1921



A complete history of the grant and church is found  
in prior "Papers and Proceedings" of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR VAN BUSKIRK,  
DR. BYRON G. VAN HORNE,  
FRANCES A. WESTERVELT.



LUTHERAN CHURCH SITE MARKER  
TEANECK, N. J.

## Report of the Membership Committee

**Y**OUR committee begs to report that there have been added to the Roll of Membership the following:

1921 Annual Meeting.....	Net 519 members
Paid dues from former election...	12
May 20th—by executive committee	7
June 17th—by executive committee	10
Sept. 16th—by executive committee	4
Oct. 21st—by executive committee	2
Nov. 18th—mid-year meeting.....	2
Dec. 16th—executive committee...	2
Jan. 20th—executive committee...	1
Feb. 17th—executive committee...	2
Mar. 17th—executive committee...	2
Apr. 7th—executive committee...	19
	—— 63
Resignations .....	9
Deaths .....	5
	—— 14
Gain .....	49
Total membership, April 22, 1922.....	568 members

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIUS V. R. BOGERT, *Chairman.*

## Report of the Publication Committee

**T**HE Publication Committee begs to report that in the early Fall of 1921 the material for the current copy of the Papers and Proceedings of the Bergen County Historical Society was turned over to the chairman.

Owing to a series of unfortunate interruptions, the delivery of the volume was delayed from week to week. The committee deeply regrets this delay, but trusts that the general character of the volume may, to a certain extent, compensate for the tardiness of its appearance.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHARINE G. WRIGHT,

FLORA C. ADAMS.

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## Report of the Publicity Committee



As chairman of your publicity committee, I desire in the first place to make my acknowledgment to the newspapers of the county who have given so generously of their space not only in announcing the meetings, but in furthering the different activities of the society by printing the publicity which has been sent them from time to time. Public sentiment is a distinct factor in furthering the activities of an association of this character, and the most potent factor in the creation of public opinion is, of course, the daily and weekly press.

I desire, too, to make my acknowledgments to the different committees for their activity and coöperation with the publicity committee. May I suggest that, in future, the committees when making their reports from time to time, make them in duplicate so that this committee may have a verbatim copy for use in its work.

During the year approximately 480 columns of matter concerning the doings of the society have been printed in the newspapers of the county.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BINDER, *Chairman.*

# Report of the Scrap Book Committee

EUGENE K. BIRD, *Editor*

**T**HIS section of the Bergen County Society's Year Book could, and should, be made of absorbing interest if members, or others, having material (of which there must be a vast amount), would forward their notes to the editor, at Hackensack. As "tall oaks from little acorns grow," this seed is planted in the hope that it may induce many members to contribute to "The Scrap Book."

Here is a "Song of Bergen," written by Mrs. Anna A. V. Dater (Mrs. John Y.) in 1890. It has the true local flavor:

## A SONG OF BERGEN

O Muse most fair, take now thy seat  
On jagged ridge of Ramapo.  
Pour out a song, unrivaled, sweet,  
To thrill the listening world below;  
Which granite rocks will answer back,  
And tall trees to its rhythm sway;  
The flow'rs will with new beauty glow  
Till nature in transport with praise  
Vaunts up in rhapsody divine,  
And with eternal, crystal voice  
Joins in the music of the spheres.

Bergen's a land of hills and vales,  
With rippling brooks and placid ponds,  
With forests old and deep and dark,  
With waterfalls arushing down  
O'er moss-grown seamed rocks,  
Joining the river, ealmly winding  
Through sunny mead, through gorges dark,  
Where dank fern grows, and hemlock trees  
Exelude the sun and cast a shade  
Like holy, dim cathedral gloom.

Broad tracts, where Nature's garden is,  
Where blooms the violet white and blue,  
Where dainty wind flowers rear their heads,  
Anemones and sweet wild rose;  
Green sprays of maiden hair,  
Pure, waxy stars of Bethlehem,  
Seals of Solomon, false and true,  
Wild heliotrope and orchids rare;  
The sweet brier rose and columbine,  
Tiger lilies, with tall, straight stems,  
Standing like brilliant candelabrum;  
The mountain pink, o'er gray rock strewn,  
Dutchman's Breeches, worth sweeter name,  
And down midst the marshy grasses,  
The tender, blue forget-me-nots,  
And scores of others, their sweet breaths  
Mingling in one, 'centrate perfume,  
Making the summer bright and glad.

High hills, where fine-leaved pine trees grow,  
Whose branches sway in summer winds  
With sobbing breath, breathing a tale  
Of sorrow deep and hidden woe.  
The ground beneath with needles strewn,  
Couches dreamers, who love to lie  
And muse o'er songs and lyrics old,  
O'er things now past and things to come,  
Or lovers stray and with clasped hands  
And tender thoughts, will sit and watch  
Voluptuous day fall in the arms  
Of all-absorbing passionate night,  
Till Desdemona-like, she lies  
On dark Othello's heaving breast.  
How robed in golden 'broidered gown  
Of multifarious tints and hues,  
From richest lilae to palest green;  
How blushes mantling all her face  
At length she slowly sinks from sight.

Now twilight hush has brought its grace;  
The lowing cows graze 'long the roads;  
The fragrant grass, untrod by men;

The birds fly homeward with their mates ;  
The stars peep out with tender eyes ;  
    Behind the forest, wrapt in gloom,  
The moon comes up with stately tread,  
    And throws abroad her silvery light.

This land is rich in old folk lore  
    Of charms and witches, ghosts and imps ;  
When told in midst of laughing friends,  
    They thrill and backward glances cause,  
To corners dark, where shadows play ;  
    But deeper timours feel the swain,  
Who, when he's said his last good-night,  
    Leaves his lass on the old round stone,  
So smoothly cut for grinding grain,  
    Hears the latch drop and stands alone,  
Turns homeward and his shadow sees  
    In close pursuit, and hears the click  
Of stones displaced by his quick step,  
    Fears round to turn, and backward look,  
Expecting some grim habitu e  
    Of nether world to see,  
Quickens his pace, and gains his home  
    With beating heart and knocking knees.

These are but few of Bergen's charms  
    As to the northward cool she lies  
Embraced by hills, enwrapt in haze  
    Like cloudy veils of heaven's blue ;  
Thou art alone, an entire sphere  
    Of peace and love and gladdening joys,  
Thou seem'st like some enchantress great,  
    Who, by thy wiles, holds all hearts true  
Who once have known thee for their home.  
    Absent—they languish for thy vales  
And leaping hills, which kiss the sky.

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### THE FIRST WHITE CHILD

The Bogert family, who first came to this country in 1662, settling first on Long Island, coming over to Jersey some years



later, settling at Teaneck, in the County of Bergen, have a legend in their family that the first white child born in this part of New Jersey was a Bogert. That the Indians came for miles around to see the "White Papoose" and presented it with the land extending from the Overpeck Creek to the Tappan Sea (Zee).

This was told to my father by his grandfather, Gilliam Bogert, of Teaneck, and as my father remembers it, the child was a Guillaume Bogert.

MRS. JOHN Y. DATER,

Oct. 25, 1921.

Ramsey, N. J.

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### THE RYERSONS

An unnamed resident of Hackensack sent to the Hackensack "Evening Record," March 12, 1922, this reference to the old Ryerson family:

In connection with the discovery of the copy of deed in the court house signed by George Ryerson in 1716, Justice of the Supreme Court, Common Pleas, for the County of Bergen, will say that he was the son of Marten Ryerson, who came from Amsterdam, Holland, in 1646, and settled at Flatbush, Long Island. In the early part of 1707 he removed to Hackensack, having purchased 600 acres of land lying at the mouth of "Mochra Brook," and after residing in Hackensack nine years, or about 1716, he purchased a tract of some 600 acres of land between Pompton and Oakland and settled there. His descendants in town are Mrs. M. L. R. Bennett, Mrs. Ione R. Hall, and Miss Elizabeth Ryerson.

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### NAMING ENGLEWOOD

To the Editor of the Englewood "Press":

As a long-time resident, I am greatly interested in your account of the celebration of Englewood's fiftieth anniversary as a township. But, with due apology to Mrs. Bennett, I have always heard a different version of its christening. Between the Dutch hamlets of Ridgefield and Schraalenburgh—alas! that

that fine old name should have been changed—with their picturesque churches and graveyards, was a little settlement of English people called English Neighborhood. It centered about Liberty Pole tavern, which then stood at the junction of the three roads now known as Palisade and Lafayette Avenues and Tenafly Road. When the railroad was completed and the new station required a name, Mr. J. Wyman Jones suggested a contraction of the name then in use for the locality, so changing English Neighborhood into Englewood.

Yours very truly,

ANNA L. WATERBURY.

Northampton, Mass., April 19, 1921.

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#### NEW BARBADOES NECK

That portion of Bergen County, which includes what now constitutes Union Township, was originally known by the Indian name of Mig-hec-ti-cock (New Barbadoes Neck). It embraced five thousand three hundred and eight acres of upland and ten thousand acres of meadow. In 1668 Captain William Sanford purchased in the interest of Nathaniel Kingsland of the island of Barbadoes, this land from the proprietors, on condition that he would settle six or eight farms within three years, and pay twenty pounds sterling on the 25th of each succeeding March. On the 20th of July of the same year he purchased from the Indians their title, "to commence at the Hackensack and Pissawack Rivers, and to go northward about seven miles to Sanfords Spring (afterwards Boiling Spring). The consideration was 170 fathoms of black wampum, 200 fathoms of white wampum (each fathom was 12 inches long, and the black was worth double the white); 19 watch coats, 16 guns, 60 double hands of powder, 10 pair breeches, 60 knives, 67 bars of lead, 1 anker of brandy, 3 half fats beer, 11 blankets, 30 axes and 20 hoes."

NELSON.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

EUGENE K. BIRD, *Chairman.*

# Report of the Topographical and Historical Geography Committee

## BERGEN COUNTY WATERSHEDS



THE four (4) principal Bergen County watersheds are as follows:

Hackensack Valley begins at the termination of the Hackensack Meadows, extends northerly to within three (3) or four (4) miles of Haverstraw, and measures from the lower end to the State line about twelve (12) miles in an air line.

Pascack Brook Valley begins at Westwood, where the Pascack joins the Hackensack, and extends northerly across the State line to approximately three (3) miles north of Spring Valley.

The Hackensack and Pascack Brook Valleys contain Woodcliff Lake on the Pascack and Oradell storage reservoir, and supply the water for the Hackensack Water Company whose works are at New Milford.

The next valley going west is the Saddle River Valley, which commences at the Passaic River in Garfield and extends over the State line as far as Spring Valley, N. Y., and is sixteen (16) miles long in an air line from its lower end to the State line. Near the middle of this valley there is a branch from the west which contains the Hohokus Brook, which here takes a general northwesterly and northerly course to about the State line.

The next and last is the Ramapo Valley, which lies at the foot of the Ramapo Mountains and extends northeasterly, the length in Bergen County being about nine (9) miles to the State line. This valley, the outlet for the Ramapo River, which probably contains a larger flow than the Hackensack, is the site, at its lower end, of the proposed water works, from which Bayonne proposes to take water for city use.

MRS. ROSCOE PARKE McCLAVE, *Chairman.*

## Report of the Committee on Wars and Revolutionary Soldiers' Graves



THE Committee on Wars and Revolutionary Soldiers' Graves begs to report as follows:

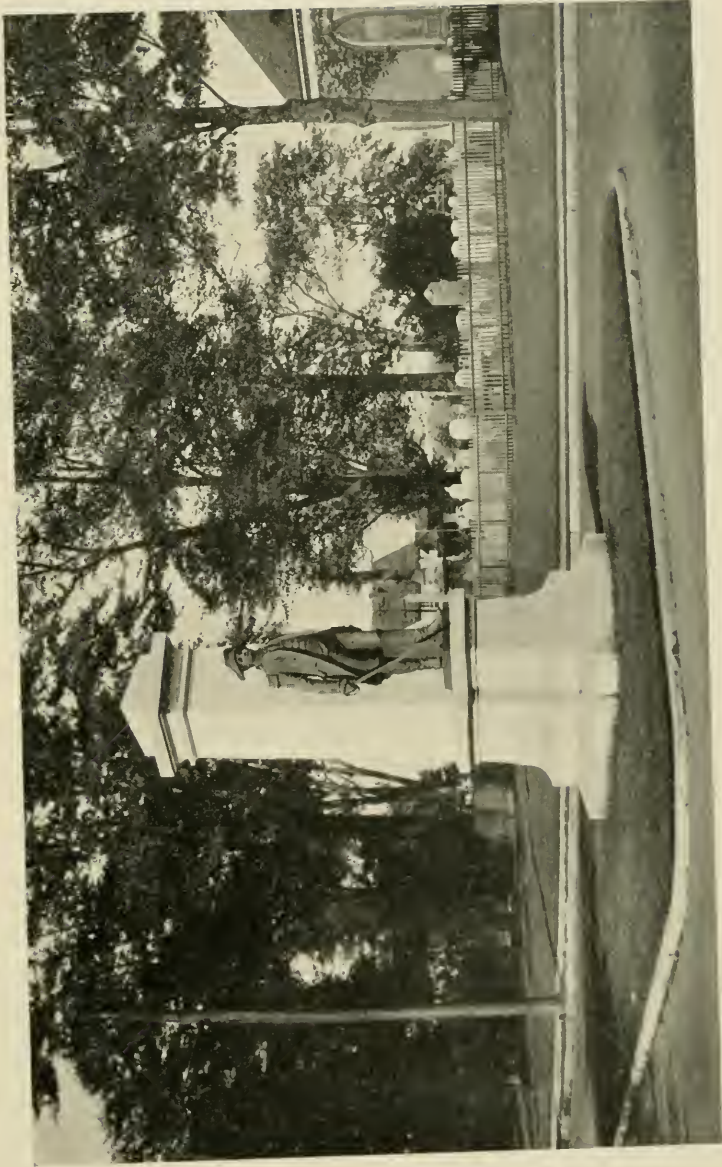
Further effort has been made during the past year by the committee by visiting cemeteries and by inquiry, to locate additional veterans' graves, but none have been discovered. The committee is of the opinion that the ground has been quite thoroughly covered and that, in the future, only occasionally will an additional grave be discovered. The committee has had no outside assistance during the year. It would heartily welcome any coöperation on the part of members of the society.

Two members of our committee, Mr. Carl M. Vail of Ridgewood, and the chairman of this committee, were members of the committee having in charge the changes in the monument to General Enoch Poor. It seems to me appropriate to incorporate in this report a part of the report of Mr. Vail, who was chairman of the Poor Monument Committee, and reported as follows:

“The statue to General Enoch Poor, standing on the Green, opposite the court house, at Hackensack, was originally erected by the New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution, in coöperation with the Bergen County Historical Society and others, and the bronze statue of General Poor was placed behind the granite shaft and facing west. This prevented its being seen from the court house, and only permitted casual glimpses of it from those coming up or down the street.

“It appeared to be the concensus of opinion of the citizens of Hackensack and others who saw the statue that this arrangement was unsatisfactory and not a credit to Hackensack.

“The statue is technically the property of the New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution. As a member of that society I brought the question up at one of its board meetings and a committee was appointed, consisting of Doctor Charles F. Adams, Hackensack; David L. Pierson, Chairman, Monuments and Memorials Committee, and Carl M. Vail, Ridgewood, as



MEMORIAL MONUMENT TO GENERAL ENOCH POOR  
"THE GREEN", HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY



Chairman, to rearrange the placing of the statue to appropriately fit the location. One hundred dollars was also voted by that society toward the expense.

“The committee met and discussed various plans and also conferred with President Reid Howell, of the Bergen County Historical Society, and Eugene K. Bird, proprietor of the Hackensack ‘Republican.’ Mr. Howell undertook to see that any funds in excess of one hundred dollars required would be provided, and such amount was subsequently provided by the Bergen County Historical Society.

“It was decided to turn the shaft half-way round so that the extension on which General Poor’s statue is placed would directly face the court house, the statue to be placed on it with its back to the granite shaft and facing the court house instead of its side to the shaft.

“Contract for this work was let to John Wehrle of Hackensack and promptly performed by him in a satisfactory manner.

“It is hoped that the change will meet with the general approval of the community, and that the citizens of Hackensack will now feel that the statue is a credit to the city.”

Cordially yours,

CARL M. VAIL, *Past President,*

N. J. Society, S. A. R.

The committee desires to call attention again to the fact that its scope is too limited, and that it should be extended to cover the locating of the graves of all war veterans in Bergen County. At present it is virtually impossible to locate the grave of a veteran of 1812 or of the Mexican War, and this difficulty will further increase as time passes.

At the final meeting of a committee appointed by Mayor Spencer D. Baldwin, of Hackensack, to formulate plans for a World War Memorial, a report was submitted by Mrs. Wendell J. Wright, Chairman of the sub-Committee on Sites, which embodies so much of interest regarding memorials already existing, that I think it appropriate to append it as an addendum to this report.



## ADDENDUM TO DR. ADAMS' REPORT

By MRS. WENDELL J. WRIGHT

The Site Committee appointed to investigate and recommend a site for the proposed Memorial beg to submit the following report:

In approaching the question, your Site Committee has assumed that the proposed Memorial will be in the nature of a monument, and this report is made upon such assumption. Three (3) sites have been suggested, as follows:

ANDERSON PARK      THE GREEN      FAIRMOUNT PARK

In order to obtain expression of public sentiment your committee determined to make a request through the local newspapers and by means of slides in the motion picture houses for a period covering one week. In pursuance of this policy, the chairman sent the following letter to the "Republican," the "Evening Record" and the Bergen "Daily News":

The committee appointed for the purpose of recommending a site for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial, is desirous of obtaining an expression of public sentiment. The following sites for the erection of a memorial have been proposed:

The Green—Anderson Park—Fairmount Park.

If you have a preference for one of these sites, or wish to recommend any other site for the memorial, communicate with Mrs. W. J. Wright, Chairman of the Site Committee, 298 Union Street.

Your committee has investigated the origin of each of these sites and also of the present monuments upon the Green and begs to report:

(a) THE GREEN—In 1669, Capt. John Berry and associates acquired title to the land which embraced the present Township of New Barbadoes. There is no avail-

able record of a transfer of the land which is now "The Green," but it is undoubtedly a portion of this original grant. In 1696, Capt. Berry deeded to the consistory of the First Reformed Church two and three-quarters ( $2\frac{3}{4}$ ) acres of land as the site of their church and graveyard. "The Green" may have been acquired at this time. From this time on, as is true of every small village, "The Green" was the center of all activities. In 1709, Hackensack Village, then known as New Barbadoes, was detached from Essex County and made the County Seat of Bergen. The first Court House and Jail was built in 1731 on the spot where our present Honor Roll now stands. It fronted on Main Street and was burned by the Hessians in a night raid in 1780. In 1776, Nov. 20th, Washington's army retreated from Fort Lee and passed through Hackensack. Washington at that time had his headquarters at the Mansion House, which was then the home of Peter Zabriskie. On Nov. 22nd, the British took possession of Hackensack and that night the Hessians camped on "The Green." Sept. 8, 1780, Brigadier General Enoch Poor died and was buried in the churchyard of the old church on "The Green." The funeral procession was most elaborate, a portion of the Continental Army, General Washington and General Lafayette attending the services.

(1) THE MONUMENT TO THE MEMORY OF GENERAL POOR was erected by the State of New Hampshire, the State of New Jersey, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Bergen County Historical Society. It bears this inscription:

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF  
BRIGADIER GENERAL ENOCH POOR  
BY THE NEW JERSEY SOCIETY OF THE  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.  
BORN AT ANDOVER, MASS., JUNE 21, 1736.  
DIED NEAR HACKENSACK, N. J.,  
SEPTEMBER 8, 1780.

IN COMMAND OF A NEW HAMPSHIRE BRIGADE, HE RENDERED SIGNAL SERVICE AT MANY BATTLES, ESPECIALLY STILLWATER, SARATOGA, NEWTON AND MONMOUTH. VALLEY FORGE WITNESSED HIS COURAGE IN ITS PRIVATIONS AND HIS UNSELFISHNESS IN PROVIDING FOR THE COMFORT OF HIS SOLDIERS.

HE SECURED THE RESPECT OF ALL WHO WERE UNDER HIS COMMAND, GAINED FOR ALL TIMES, THE ESTEEM OF HIS FELLOW OFFICERS, AND THE CONFIDENCE OF WASHINGTON AND LAFAYETTE. HE WON A FAME AS SOLDIER, PATRIOT AND CITIZEN, WHICH HAS INSPIRED THE DESCENDANTS OF REVOLUTIONARY SIRE TO REAR THIS MEMORIAL OF HIS VIRTUES.

(2) THE FOUNTAIN.—In 1873 and 1874, the Hackensack Water Company constructed water works to supply the Village of Hackensack with water. A fountain was presented to the village by the Water Company (Charles H. Voorhis, Pres.), accepted by the town and placed on "The Green" to commemorate "the furnishing of water to Hackensack through iron pipes from Cherry Hill Reservoir at an elevation of 120 feet."

(3) CANNON.—Extract from the Minutes of the Hackensack Improvement Commission, April 6, 1908: "A cannon and pyramid of shells mounted was presented to the town by the Hackensack Soldiers' Memorial Association, and was, on motion, accepted."

The cannon which bears on its muzzle the date, 1865, has this inscription:

"May 30, 1908."

"To the Memory of Soldiers and Sailors who lost their lives in the Wars of the United States."

(b) ANDERSON PARK.—The land comprising Anderson Park was given to Hackensack in 1850 by Mr. Garret Myers Anderson. In the center of the park he

erected a Liberty Pole, a mast from a sailing vessel, and he personally saw to it that on all public occasions a flag, which he had in his possession, was always raised.

(c) FAIRMOUNT PARK was purchased by the Hackensack Improvement Commission in 1912 for use as a public park.

The result of the request issued by the Site Committee is as follows:

176 replies received.

47 expressed preference for THE GREEN.

110 expressed preference for ANDERSON PARK.

6 expressed preference for FAIRMOUNT PARK.

13 expressed preference for THE GREEN, provided present monuments, or some of them, could be removed.

Your committee has carefully considered the facts regarding each of the sites and the preferences which have been expressed, and the reasons which have been stated for the preferences, and are of the opinion that "The Green" is not a suitable place for the monument unless the cannon, fountain and statue of General Poor could be removed. They believe that this number of memorials in such a limited space would detract from this proposed monument as well as from the existing monuments. In view of the facts quoted earlier in this report, the committee are not in favor of the removal of any of the present monuments on "The Green." They believe that such a precedent would be a very dangerous one to establish, as it would be an invitation to a succeeding generation to do the same as is done by this. Your committee recognize and appreciate the historic associations surrounding "The Green," but call attention to the fact that these associations are all connected with past events and are in no way connected with the World War. On the other hand, Anderson Park has, to some degree at

least, been associated with the World War. All of the boys leaving Hackensack for cantonments were first assembled in the armory and then marched up State Street to Passaic, to Union, around Anderson Park, to the Anderson Street Station, where they entrained. The celebration held in Hackensack upon the signing of the Armistice terminated at Anderson Park, when the Armistice Proclamation was read by Col. Alfred T. Holley, and the assemblage gathered about the flag pole and ended the celebration of victory by singing the National anthem. The parade held at the time of the Welcome Home celebration was organized at Anderson Park, as were each of the several parades held during the war.

Your committee in making their recommendation do not feel that they should be controlled by any specific associations, but having given such associations due consideration and weight, should recommend the site which would most fittingly lend itself to a Victory Monument which it is hoped may stand undisturbed during the coming generations; also one which would form the best setting for such a monument as the effect of the finest monument will be lost unless the setting is suitable.

Your committee is convinced that from every standpoint Anderson Park is by far the best suited of the three (3) sites which have been suggested. It is very near the center of Hackensack; it is on one of the main thoroughfares through Hackensack; it is sufficiently large to furnish proper setting for an appropriate monument, and, in our opinion, the fact that there are no other monuments in the park, will materially add to its effectiveness. Therefore, your committee respectfully recommends the selection of Anderson Park as the location for a monument to perpetuate the respect and admiration of the citizens of Hackensack for the gallant men and women who so loyally served their country in the World War.

Although at the appointment of the Committee on Site a Memorial Park had not been suggested, the matter




has since been advocated strongly and has met with considerable support. If, in the judgment of the general committee this suggestion has sufficient merit, this committee would be glad to have the matter referred to them for investigation and report.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. ADAMS, *Chairman.*

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## Report of the Nominating Committee

 OUR Nominating Committee, Messrs. Lewis Marsena Miller, William P. Eager, J. W. Binder, Dr. Byron G. Van Horne and Cornelius V. R. Bogert, have given careful consideration to the importance of organizing an official staff which will continue the favorable progress of the society in carrying out the aims declared by its organizers twenty years ago. We, therefore, recommend for

*President*—Reid Howell, Rutherford.

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*Treasurer*—James W. Mercer, Hackensack.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

LEWIS MARSENA MILLER,

*Chairman,*

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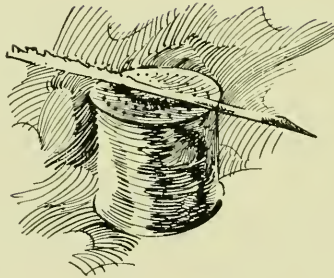
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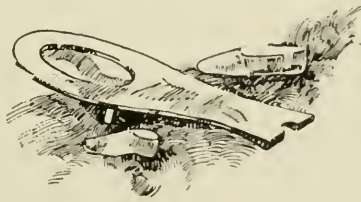
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