

THE BOOKSELLER

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REVIEWS

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Edmondson, J. Chan and John V. Sobieski. *Revolutionary War Period Bible, Family & Marriage Records Gleaned from Pension Applications, Volume 19.* (1998). Soft cover, 149 pp. Available from Mr. Edmondson at 4051 Buena Vista Street, Dallas, TX 75204-7803, e-mail: revwar@dhc.net. Price: \$18.00 plus \$3.00 postage. Texas residents add 8¼% sales tax.

This volume, covering the surnames Hicock through Holdren, is the latest in Mr. Edmondson's ongoing series of Revolutionary War pension abstracts. Originally begun by Helen M. Lu, the project has provided access to countless family Bible and marriage records contained in Revolutionary War pension claim files. Widows' pension applications, of course, are especially likely to include such original documents since proof of marriage to the deceased soldier was required. Each volume in this series contains its own index to all names listed. The earlier volumes are also still available from the compiler: Volume 1 on microfiche for \$7.00; Volumes 2-18 in print for \$18.00 each. A cumulative index to Volumes 1-10, with over 47,000 entries, is also available for \$27.00.

Moore, George and Shirley Moore Barnes. *A Special Union: Tracing the Moore Settlers of Spruce Run, Hunterdon County ...* (1998). Hard cover, 906 pp. For more information contact Shirley M. Barnes, 3 Walnut Way, Springfield, VT 05156-9142.

This work (curiously subtitled "A psycho-social-biologic perspective") consists of two parts: George Moore's 100-page "Book I," tracing the origins of the Moores of Spruce Run in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria; and Shirley M. Barnes's 750-page "Book II," tracing the Moore ancestors, their descendants, and allied lines. This family is not to be confused with the other Hunterdon County Moores descended from Rev. John Moore of Long Island, though the family in question was once thought to be part of that group. The progenitor of the Spruce Run family was George Moore (1724-1815) - clearly born into a German family. In addition to the Moore genealogy, "Book II" also includes sections on many related New Jersey families: Abel, Amerman, Arentsen, Bernhardt, Bird, Buys, Conger, Crater, Deats, Emans, Groenendyke, Huyler/Hiler, Huffman, Lorentz/Lowrence, McKinstry, Oosterom, Philhower, Probasco, Rowe, Schenkel, Schuyler, Sebring, Stryker, Sutton, Van Nuys, Verkerk, Wintermute, Young and others. Each section is thoroughly documented with citation notes, and the volume is illustrated throughout with family photographs, artwork of family members, lineage charts, maps, and so on. Also included are an index to frequently used sources and a full name index. Congratulations to GSNJ member Shirley M. Barnes on a job well done!

Schaeffer, Christina Kassabian. *The Hidden Half of the Family: A Sourcebook for Women's Genealogy.* (1999). Soft cover, 310 pp. Available from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Price: \$35.00 plus \$3.50 postage. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents add 6%.

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This book begins with a lengthy introduction addressing the special ways in which information on women is recorded in genealogical source materials such as immigration papers, passports, naturalization records, census enumerations, land and military records, and records pertaining to minorities. This is followed by a section for each state in the U.S. listing special considerations with regard to the resources traditionally disclosing the identities of female ancestors: vital records, divorces, land records, etc. Each section also provides certain information on women's rights during that state's history, with references to state/colonial legislation or court decisions on suffrage, property ownership, marriage, divorce and citizenship. Each section also includes addresses for key repositories and a short bibliography of secondary sources.

Warring, Anna M. *Early Quaker Records of Philadelphia, Volume 2: 1751-1800.* (1998). Soft cover, 395 pp. Available from Family Line Publications, 65 E. Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157, tel. 800-876-6103. Price: \$29.50 plus \$2.00 postage; Maryland residents add 5% sales tax.

This new volume by Ms. Warring contains extracts of birth, marriage, burial and other genealogical information from three Philadelphia Quaker meetings for the second half of the eighteenth century. Included are records of the Philadelphia Monthly Meeting of Friends and its two offspring meetings for the Northern and Southern Districts (both established in 1772). Of course, many New Jersey families are represented in this volume as shown by countless removals to and transfers from Quaker meetings in the southern counties of our state. Within each section, the information has been compiled by the date of the record. The volume includes a full name index and a short introduction.

Weis, Frederick Lewis. *Ancestral Roots of Certain American Colonists Who Came to America before 1700 ..., Seventh Edition.* (1999). Hard cover, 273 pp. Available from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Price: \$25.00 plus \$3.50 postage; Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents add 6%.

Formerly titled *Ancestral Roots of Sixty Colonists Who Came to New England between 1623 and 1650*, the Seventh Edition of Weis's work is a standard reference on the royal ancestry of various American families. The work is subtitled *The Lineage of Alfred the Great, Charlemagne, Malcolm of Scotland, Robert the Strong, and Some of Their Descendants*. It is broken down into groups of related lineages: Saxon and English Monarchs, Gallic Lines, Lines from Charlemagne, etc. Each line either ends with an emigrant to the American colonies or ties into one of the other lines included in the work. The lineages are fully cross-referenced to each other, making it possible to trace both the paternal and maternal ancestry for many of the individuals. Also included are copious notes and citations to other publications and related articles. Includes a name index.

Williams, Lyle Keith. *The Williams Families of New Jersey (Descendants of Matthew Williams of Wethersfield, Connecticut).* (1998). Soft cover, 420 pp. Available from the author at 5000 Rock River Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76103-1226. Price: \$29.95 postpaid.

The first two-thirds of this new work traces the descendants of Matthew Williams of Wethersfield, CT, two of whose sons (Matthew and Samuel) were early settlers in Orange and Elizabeth, Essex Co., NJ. The compiler has traced, generally, descendants with the name Williams - though some early branches are traced through female lines (including Condit, Harrison and Dodd). The last third of the volume contains related genealogies and appendices, including abbreviated information on the New Jersey families of Baldwin, Brundage, Condit/Whitehead, Crane, Edison, Lindley and Ogden. While it is an impressive and neatly presented family record, sources are cited in the narrative only sporadically. The compiler explains, however, that the supporting documentation is on file in the Genealogy Section of the Fort Worth Public Library in Fort Worth, TX.

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Dare, Robert D. *The Descendants of David Sheppard, Jr.* (1999). Soft cover, 619 pp. Available from Gloucester County Historical Society, 17 Hunter Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096-4605. Price: \$38.50 plus \$4.00 postage; New Jersey residents add 6% sales tax.

This volume follows the compiler's 1997 genealogy on *James, John and Thomas Sheppard*, and traces additional male and female lines from David Sheppard Jr. (born ca. 1648, Ireland) of Salem County, New Jersey. Since three of David's children married cousins, their families were traced in the first volume. The lines included in the present work tie into the following families prior to 1800: Abbott, Bradford, Brooks, Connor, Dare, Dixon, Gilman, Johnson, Lore, Platts, Robbins, Sayre, Shaw, Sithen, Vanaman, Westcott, Wheaton and others. This is an impressive volume, neatly presented, with extensive end notes and a full name index. Mr. Dare's first volume is also available from GCHS for \$38.50 plus \$4.00 postage.

Hoelle, Edith. *Genealogical Resources in Southern New Jersey.* (Fifth edition, 1999). Soft cover, 45 pp. Available from Gloucester County Historical Society, 17 Hunter Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096-4605. Price: \$8.00 plus \$1.50 postage; New Jersey residents add 6% sales tax.

This handy research tool will be of use to anyone with ancestry in the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean or Salem. Arranged by county, this is essentially a directory of southern New Jersey repositories with genealogical collections. Address, telephone number, and public hours are provided for each. In most cases, the guide also includes descriptions or lists of collections (especially the larger collections found in county historical societies). A section of "Other Sources" provides information on statewide and federal repositories pertinent to southern New Jersey research (i.e., in Trenton, New Brunswick, Newark, Philadelphia, and elsewhere).

Gould, LeGrand A. and William R. Gould. *Expanded Index to A Puritan Heritage: The First Presbyterian Church in Horse-neck (Caldwell), New Jersey, by Lynn Grover Lockward.* Report cover, 28 pp. For more information, contact: LeGrand A. Gould, 1517 Viscaino Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953, tel. 408-624-9252, e-mail gouldofpb@aol.com; or William R. Gould, P.O. Box 6055, Carmel, CA 93921, tel. 408-625-5474, e-mail billibob@ix.netcom.com.

This is an expanded index to Lynn G. Lockward's history of the First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell (Essex County). Although the compilers were originally interested in gaining access to unindexed references to Gould family members, they began "expanding" the original index published with Lockward's 458-page text to include other persons, subjects of interest, etc. While this is still a "work in progress," the compilers are interested in sharing the information and encourage others to send additional index entries. The current edition focuses on the pre-twentieth century sections of Lockward's history.

Hammell, Jeanne M. *South Jersey Church Records: Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, 1750-1900, Volume IV.* (1999). Soft cover, 255 pp. Available from Gloucester County Historical Society, 17 Hunter Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096-4605. Price: \$19.50 plus \$2.50 postage; New Jersey residents add 6% sales tax.

Researchers interested in southern New Jersey will be excited to learn that Gloucester County Historical Society has printed Volume IV of Jeanne Hammell's ongoing series, *South Jersey Church Records*. These volumes of abstracted baptismal, marriage and burial records, etc., are invaluable for genealogical research. Volume IV includes records from the following congregations: Sicklerville Methodist Church (Camden Co.); New Hanover Township Methodist Churches (Burlington Co.); Swedesboro Bethesda Methodist Church (Gloucester Co.); Port Elizabeth Methodist Church (Cumberland Co.); Cumberland County records from Salem Methodist Circuit

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Accounts; Saint John's Episcopal Church, Chews Landing (Camden Co.); and Salem Methodist Church (Salem Co.). The abstracts were made from original or copied records available at GCHS in Woodbury. Most of the entries date from the late-nineteenth century; however, some go back to the late 1700s or come forward into the early 1900s. Congratulations to GCHS and Ms. Hammell on publication of yet another excellent resource for southern New Jersey genealogy.

Sinclair, Donald Arleigh. *A Guide to Original and Copied Records of Religious Organizations—Largely New Jersey Churches—in the Special Collections and University Archives of Rutgers University.* (1999). Hard cover, 132 pp. Available from the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, P.O. Box 1291, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Price: \$15.00, plus \$2.00 postage; New Jersey residents add 6% sales tax.

The Society is pleased to announce publication of GSNJ Trustee and Fellow Donald A. Sinclair's most recent bibliography. While Mr. Sinclair has compiled many such research guides, this one will prove particularly valuable for New Jersey genealogists. Included are descriptions of 453 collections of records of religious organizations (e.g. churches) found in Special Collections and University Archives, Rutgers University, New Brunswick. In addition to records held by Special Collections in original or copied form, the guide includes entries for extracted church records found in GSNJ's collections and the New Jersey State Society - Daughters of the American Revolution's collection, all of which are on deposit at Special Collections. Each entry includes a basic description of the records found in the collection, notes on format and provenance, and citation to an accession, volume or call number. Even the most knowledgeable New Jersey researchers will be surprised by the breadth of the collections, which have been acquired by Rutgers over a period of more than sixty years. The volume includes an index to places, subjects and proper names. We would encourage our readers to order the guide now, while it is in print.

Trusty, Emma Marie. *The Underground Railroad - Ties that Bound Unveiled: A History of the Underground Railroad in Southern New Jersey from 1770 to 1861.* (1999). Hard cover, 422 pp. Available from Amed Literary, Inc., P.O. Box 21459, Philadelphia, PA 19141, Attn: Emma M. Trusty. Price: \$24.95 plus \$3.00 postage; PA residents add 6% sales tax.

This new work contains historical and biographical accounts of the Underground Railroad in southern New Jersey, as well as genealogical material on several African-American families associated with the freedom trail and abolitionist movement. The author also discusses related topics, including the United States Colored Troops (during the Civil War), early slave and free-black populations in southern New Jersey, the development of various communities and churches, and the lives of numerous clergymen. Specifically, attention is given to several families through which the author has ties to Underground Railroad operators, including branches of the Batteast, Cooper, Dorsey, Trusty and Turner families. Most of the lines are from Cumberland and Cape May Counties, New Jersey, with connections to Delaware and southern states as well. The volume also includes (as Appendix I) a list of marriages of African Americans in Cape May County (beginning 1798), and (as Appendix II) a list of United States Colored Troops who served from southern New Jersey.

New CD-Rom Available from GPC

Egle, William Henry. *Family Tree Maker's Family Archives - Genealogical Records: Egle's Notes and Queries of Pennsylvania, 1700s-1800s.* Available from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, tel. 1-800-296-6687. Price: \$29.99 plus \$3.50 postage; Maryland residents add 5% sales tax, Michigan residents add 6%.

Correction

In the Spring issue, we included a review of Dr. George Moore and Shirley M. Barnes' genealogy of the (German) Moore family of Spruce Run, Hunterdon County, entitled *A Special Union*. We neglected to list the price of the volume, which is \$66.00 plus \$5.35 shipping. The book can be ordered from either of the co-authors: Dr. George Moore, 687 Clark Point Drive, Whitestone, VA 22578; or Shirley M. Barnes, 3 Walnut Way, Springfield, VT 05156-9142.

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D'Autrechy, Phyllis B., comp. and **Roxanne K. Carkhuff**, ed. *More Records of Old Hunterdon County, Volume I*. (1998). Hard cover, 276 pp. Available from Hunterdon County Historical Society, 114 Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. Price: \$25.00 plus \$4.00 postage.

This volume picks up from Mrs. D'Autrechy's previous work, *Some Records of Old Hunterdon County*, and includes extracts of various genealogically valuable records. "Old Hunterdon," of course, included the northern parts of Mercer County (Ewing, Hopewell, Lawrence and Trenton), as well as the municipalities contained in present-day Hunterdon. The following public county records are abstracted or transcribed in Volume I: Surrogate's Office receipts (1817-1848), divisions (1795-1876), orphans court minutes (1785-1797), and guardianships (1794-1827); 18th-century Coroner's inquests; Court of Common Pleas naturalizations (1803-1876) and peddlers' licenses (1763-1879); and a sampling of County Clerk's miscellaneous records (1759-1804). Additionally, the volume includes extracts of early records of the Pennington Presbyterian Church (baptisms, marriages, membership, etc.) from the period 1822-1850. With a full name index, this new work makes a great deal of previously unpublished, invaluable genealogical data readily accessible. Genealogists and historians interested in Hunterdon and Mercer Counties will definitely want to add a copy of this key resource to their bookshelves.

Hillman, Florence M. *American Portraits: The Hillman Family of West New Jersey*. (1999). Soft cover, 376 pp. Available from Gloucester County Historical Society, 17 Hunter Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096-4605. Price: \$27.50 plus \$3.50 postage; NJ residents add \$1.65 sales tax.

This new work traces the descendants of John Hillman Sr., who settled in Newton Township, Gloucester (now Camden) County by 1691. John married twice: first to Elizabeth, and second to Margaret (probably Collins). Numerous descendants trace their lineage to his sons John (of Gloucester Twp.) and Daniel (of Haddonfield), as well as to daughters Elizabeth Flaningham Bates and Abigail Rowand. Ms. Hillman's genealogy is neatly presented, with countless family photographs, reproductions of original documents, and ancestral charts. Chapter 6 ("The Maternal Lines") includes shorter accounts of the following related families: Bates, Cassidy, Matlack, Parker, Rang, Sparks and Wood. Early generations also married into the Ashbrook, Clark, Nicholson, Shivers and Smallwood families. Of special interest are several tables at the end of the volume which extract Hillman information from deeds, tax ratables, federal census records, and Gloucester County tavern petitions. A full name index is included.

Yackel, Beverly Seward. *Bible Records from the Monmouth County Historical Association Library, Volume IV: H - K*. (1999). Soft cover, 234 pp. Available from Monmouth County Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 5, Lincroft, NJ 07738-0005. Price: \$30.00 plus \$3.50 postage.

Monmouth County researchers will be excited to see the newest installment in this monumental series of family Bible records from the collections of the Monmouth County Historical Association. The series was begun by Carol Fisher Megill in 1990, and first published by MCGS's predecessor, the Monmouth County Genealogy Club of MCHA. Included in Volume

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IV are *reproductions of original family Bible records* (surnames H-K), along with full transcriptions of the handwritten Bible entries and related items found with the Bible pages (obituaries, news clippings, and so on). The volume represents a great deal of tedious work, and Ms. Yackel and MCGS are to be commended for a job well done. It is rare to see compilations containing both reproductions of original, manuscript material, and indexed transcriptions. For this reason, interested readers are encouraged to order their copies soon, while supplies last. Volumes II and III are still in print; however, Volume I is currently unavailable. Publication of Volume IV is a major achievement. Congratulations to MCGS, and thank you for making such important, primary-source material so readily available to the public!

Pierson, Richard E. and Jennifer Pierson. *Pierson Millennium.* (1997). Soft cover, 332 pp. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Price: \$43.00 plus \$4.00 postage; Maryland residents add 5% sales tax.

This volume traces numerous Pierson/Peirson/Pearson lineages, particularly those descended from early immigrants into the colonies of New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Among the progenitors of New Jersey families are: Rev. Abraham Pierson of Newark; Thomas Pierson of Newark (possibly a nephew of Rev. Abraham); and Henry Peirson of Southampton, Long Island (whose descendants settled in Essex, Salem and Cumberland Counties, New Jersey). Of course, later generations of the early Essex County families also migrated into Morris County and elsewhere in northern New Jersey. The volume includes important analytical information relating to the origins of these branches of the Pierson family, and shows that Abraham, Thomas and Henry were not brothers (as had been previously supposed and published in various accounts). It should be noted, however, that the following Mercer County, New Jersey, families are not traced in this work: the family of Robert Pearson of Nottingham (now Hamilton) Twp., formerly Burlington Co.; and the family of Joseph Peirson of Maidenhead (now Lawrence) Twp., formerly Hunterdon Co. The book includes an appendix of early parish records from Howden, Yorkshire, England (where the branches traced originate), and a full name index.

Rogers, Donald Heys. *The Cattell Family in America: The Descendants of Jonas Cattell and Mary Pearce of Burlington County, New Jersey, and Thirty-six Other Cattell Immigrations, Traced in Both Male and Female Lines.* (Second Edition, 1999). Soft cover, 692 pp. Available from Gloucester County Historical Society, 17 Hunter Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096-4605. Price: \$37.50 plus \$4.00 postage; New Jersey residents add \$2.25 sales tax.

This second edition of Mr. Rogers' impressive Cattell genealogy expands on the 1985 work substantially, adding numerous lines and correcting others. The progenitor of the southern New Jersey family was Jonas Cattell, a Quaker of Deptford Township, who died in 1731. By his wife Mary Pearse he had five children, of whom four lived to adulthood. Early generations married into the following Burlington and Gloucester County families: Carr, Carter, Ellis, French, Gaskill, Haines, Heritage, Kitts, Pratt, Roberts, Staples and Wood. Both male and female lines are traced, as are descendants of twenty-six Cattell families (despite the title) which either have other origins or have not yet been connected to the Jonas Cattell family. Among the notable twentieth-century family members is U.S. President Richard M. Nixon, who was descended from the Jonas Cattell family matrilineally. The volume includes an appendix of Cattell family Bible records (among other appendices), and a full name index containing over 17,000 names.

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Christoph, Florence A., comp. & ed. *The Van Voorhees Family in America: The First Six Generations.* (2000). Hard cover, 1,053 pp. Available from The Van Voorhees Association, c/o Mrs. Frederick Brack, 24 Mary Street, North Haledon, NJ 07508. Price: \$50.00 (through 10/8/2001) postpaid. New Jersey residents add 6% sales tax.

The publication of this monumental genealogy will be exciting news to the countless thousands of Voorhees descendants in New Jersey and throughout the country. Mrs. Christoph, well-known for her work in publishing New York source material, is a certified genealogist and the official genealogist of the Van Voorhees Association. Her new genealogy, containing over a thousand pages, presents the first six generation of the American Voorhees family descended from the immigrant progenitor Steven Coerte Van Voorhees (1599-1684). Steven was born in Hees, Drenthe, Netherlands; he arrived in the New Netherland colony in 1660, and died in Flatlands, Kings Co., New York. By his wives Aaltjen Wessels and Willempie Roelofse Seuebering he had ten children. Eight are traced forward, with daughters having married into the families of Ryder, Schenck and Terhuyn. By the third generation, the family was well represented in Bergen, Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset Counties, New Jersey. Following the main genealogy is an extensive series of appendices on yet-unconnected Voorhees families, a bibliography, and a full name and place index. The book is introduced by David William Voorhees, editor of *de Halve Maen* (journal of the Holland Society of New York). This is an impressive tome, thoroughly researched and footnoted. Voorhees descendants and libraries are encouraged to purchase their copies soon, while the work is still in print.

Goff, Patricia Dissmeyer. *Timothy Webster: The Story of the Civil War Hero and His Family.* (2000). Soft cover, 131 pp. Available from Goff Publications, P.O. Box 1482, Elgin, IL 60121-1482. Price: \$10.00 plus \$3.20 postage.

This is the fascinating story of Timothy Webster, a Union spy during the Civil War credited with saving President Abraham Lincoln from an assassination plot in February 1861. Webster was born in England and raised in Princeton, New Jersey. Prior to the war, he moved with his wife Charlotte Sprowls (of Allentown, Monmouth County) and their family to Onarga, Illinois. Ms. Goff recounts Webster's intriguing wartime espionage activities, working as an agent for Allan Pinkerton's secret service. Webster was ultimately captured and executed by the Confederates at Richmond, Virginia, in April 1862. Ms. Goff also provides accounts of related persons, including Webster's son Lt. Timothy Webster Jr. (who died in service during the Civil War), his son-in-law Federal Marshall Thomas G. Robinson (murdered in Sacramento, CA, in 1886), and fellow Civil War spies Allan Pinkerton, Hattie Lawton and Elizabeth Van Lew. A great deal of genealogical data is included, as well as extensive footnotes, a bibliography and index. This booklet makes for fascinating reading; while not simplistic in any way, the narrative would also be suitable for young adult readers.

Hutchinson, Richard S. *Burlington County, New Jersey, Deed Abstracts: Books A, B and C.* (2000). Soft cover, 141 pp. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Price: \$27.00 plus \$4.00 postage.

Burlington County, one of the state's original counties, was formed in 1694 in the province of West New Jersey. Deed Book A—the first of the three volumes abstracted in this work—was begun in 1785 as a result of general legislation providing for the recording of deeds by the clerk of each county. The documents abstracted, however, date from as early as the 1750s up to 1795. The reason for this is that many original legal documents were brought into the county clerk for recording long after they had been executed. In addition to land sales, the abstracts include other types of transactions such as releases of dower, creditors' agreements, divisions of property, and

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manumissions of slaves. Every readable name is shown in the abstract, including not only the parties involved in the transaction, but also adjacent property owners, witnesses, former landholders recited in the deeds, etc. Following the abstracts is a full name index. This book will be an invaluable resource to anyone interested in 18th century Burlington County, which included Nottingham Township (present-day Hamilton Township, Mercer County). Congratulations to former GSNJ Trustee Richard Hutchinson on the publication of this work!

Hutchinson, Richard S. *Middlesex County, New Jersey, Deed Abstracts: Book "1."* (2000). Soft cover, 145 pp. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Price: \$27.50 plus \$4.00 postage.

Middlesex County, one of the state's original counties, was formed in 1683 in the province of East New Jersey. Deed Book 1, the volume abstracted here, was begun in 1785 as a result of general legislation providing for the recording of deeds by the clerk of each county. The documents abstracted, however, date from the 1720s up to 1796. The reason for this is that many original legal documents were brought into the county clerk for recording long after they had been executed. Deed Book 1 also includes several later transactions from the early 1800s, which were inserted into the front of the volume. In addition to land sales, the abstracts include other types of documents such as releases of dower, creditor's agreements, and divisions of property. Every readable name is shown in the abstract, including not only the parties involved in the transaction, but also adjacent property owners, witnesses, former landholders recited in the deeds, etc. Following the abstracts is a full name index. Researchers interested in old Middlesex County (which included the present-day Mercer County townships of East Windsor, Washington, West Windsor, and part of Princeton) will want to have this key resource on their shelves. Thank you, Mr. Hutchinson, for making this information readily available in print!

Hutchinson, Richard S. *Monmouth County, New Jersey, Deeds: Books A, B, C & D.* (2000). Soft cover, 162 pp. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Price: \$26.88 plus \$4.00 postage.

Monmouth County, one of the state's original counties, was formed in 1683 in the province of East New Jersey. Some of its first settlers came from Long Island and Barbadoes in the mid- to late-1660s, while others arrived from the New England colonies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. While most New Jersey counties did not begin recording deeds systematically until 1785—when general legislation was passed by the new state providing for recording of deeds by the clerk of each county—Monmouth is one of a few original counties which produced and retained deed books from the colonial period. All four volumes of Monmouth County's colonial deeds are abstracted in this compilation, produced by former GSNJ Trustee Richard Hutchinson. The records date from 1669 to 1714, and include promissory notes, marriages, earmarks, day-to-day business transactions, etc., in addition to land sales. Every readable name is shown in the abstract, including not only the parties involved in the transaction, but also adjacent property owners, witnesses, former landholders recited in the deeds, etc. Following the abstracts is a full name index. This will be an invaluable reference work for anyone interested in early Monmouth County settlers. Cheers to the compiler for putting the information into print!

Jones, Frederick Robertson. *The Colonization of the Middle States and Maryland.* (2000 reprint of 1904 original). Soft cover, 559 pp. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Price: \$52.50 plus \$4.00 postage. [Book #]1588].

In the introduction to this work, Frederick Jones, a professor at Bryn Mawr College, explains his objective: to expound upon the "intercolonial" history of the Middle Colonies and to show that, while these settlements were certainly influenced by New England and Virginia, they also possessed important and unique characteristics and interests in common. Jones begins with the

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earliest Dutch and Swedish settlements on the Hudson and Delaware (in 1613 and 1623 respectively), and continues through the early part of the American Revolution. While New Jersey is discussed at length throughout the narrative, two chapters focus specifically on the colony: Chapter X ("Evolution of New Jersey, 1614-1685"); and Chapter XV ("Growth of a Democratic Province, 1714-1754"). While Jones included little genealogical data *per se*, his history provides essential contextual information for researchers tracing colonial families. In addition to the extensive narrative, the volume also includes a chronological table of events and an index to key names. The book is also nicely illustrated with numerous early maps, reproduced charter documents, and portraits of founders of the different colonies.

Lee, Francis Bazley. *Genealogical and Memorial History of the State of New Jersey: A Record of the Achievements of her People in the Making of a Commonwealth and the Founding of a Nation.* (2000 reprint of 1910 original). Soft cover, 4 vols., 1,694 pp. total. Available from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Price: \$165.00 for the set, plus \$7.25 postage; Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents add 6%.

Lee's four-volume *Genealogical and Memorial History* comprises one of the most extensive collections of compiled New Jersey genealogies ever printed. It was one of a number of similar works produced by the Lewis Publishing Company of New York, memorializing the genealogies and biographies of prominent citizens and families in the eastern states. Volume I begins with a historical essay focussing on the founding of New Jersey, and life and institutions during the colonial period. This is followed by nearly 1,000 illustrated genealogical accounts of families throughout the state-starting with the prominent Frelinghuysens, Cranes, President Cleveland's family, and so on, and working (down?) from there. All parts of the state are well represented, although there may be a greater number of accounts of families in the more heavily populated, northern and central portions of the state. The index at the back of the final volume identifies nearly 5,000 individuals mentioned in all. Original sets of this 1910 publication are hard to find, so the reprint will make it far easier for researchers and local libraries to own their own copies of this important resource.

Miller, Pauline S. *Ocean County: Four Centuries in the Making.* (Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, 2000). Hard cover, 1,005 pp. Available from Ocean County Historical Society, 26 Hadley Avenue, P.O. Box 2191, Toms River, NJ 08754-2191. Price: \$45.00 plus \$3.00 postage.

County histories of this magnitude and quality are few and far between, and there can be little question that Pauline Miller's *Four Centuries in the Making* will remain unrivaled for many years to come. This massive volume not only contains a comprehensive and revealing narrative history of the county, but is literally bursting with excellent illustrations on nearly every one of its thousand-plus pages. Photographs, maps, sketches, reproductions of original documents, artwork, charts, tables and more help to tell the fascinating story of this seaside county. The history is divided into three parts: Part I, 1614-1850; Part II, 1850-1950; and Part III, 1950-2000. Part I, of course, relates to the pre-Ocean County period, when the present-day area was part of old Monmouth County. Part III traces the modern development of the shore communities, whose year-round populations have exploded in recent decades. The volume also includes several appendices, extensive endnotes, a bibliography, and a full index. Appendix B will be of interest to genealogists, since it includes tables of Ocean County freeholders, community names of the past (and modern local names), and a register of historic sites and districts. Ms. Miller and the Ocean County government deserve much kudos for conceiving of, and completing, such an impressive undertaking.

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Rupp, I. Daniel. *A Collection of Upwards of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776 ...* (2000 reprint of 1876 edition, with 1931 index). Hard cover, 583 pp. Available from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Price: \$30.00 plus \$3.50 postage; Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents add 6%.

This well-known reference work needs little introduction to anyone who has done research on early Germans in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Professor Rupp first published his list of *Thirty Thousand Names* in 1856, from original records on file with the Pennsylvania Secretary of State in Harrisburg. In 1876, Rupp prepared a revised and expanded edition to coincide with the celebration of the nation's centennial in Philadelphia that year. This reprinting (GPC's seventh) of the 1876 edition includes both a surname index (produced in 1931) and an index to ship names (added in 1965). The title is self-explanatory: the work includes transcribed ship passenger records, mostly listing German immigrants, presented chronologically by the date of arrival. Of course, many of New Jersey's—especially western/southern New Jersey's—early German families descend from immigrants who lived in Philadelphia, or arrived in Philadelphia and soon after settled in New Jersey. While the index provides access to the lists, it does only include surnames; a bit of checking through multiple pages may be required for common names (e.g., Mueller, Schmidt, Schneider). The reviewer would recommend that researchers use this work in conjunction with Strassberger's three-volume *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* (Picton Press, 1992), which will provide a second interpretation, and sometimes more complete accounting, of the handwritten names in the original lists. While Prof. Rupp's work may not be the "last word" on Philadelphia's early German arrivals, the reprinting of this classic work is a welcome sight.

State of New York. *New York Colonial Muster Rolls, 1664-1774: Report of the State Historian of the State of New York.* (2000 reprint of 1897 original). Hard cover, 2 vols., 1,294 pp. total. Available from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Price: \$85.00 for the set, plus \$4.75 postage; Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents add 6%.

This previously under-utilized resource will be of interest to researchers tracing colonial New Jersey families (in addition to colonial New York families) for two reasons. First, since the muster rolls start in 1664, they include many soldiers whose descendants later settled in New Jersey. Second, since the government of New York and New Jersey was, in fact, vested in a single royal governor at different periods, the work actually includes several muster rolls of soldiers *in New Jersey*. Volume I (pp. 524-546), for example, includes several 1715 lists of soldiers at Pilesgrove, Salem, Cohansy and Penns Neck (old Salem County) and the Woodbridge-New Brunswick area (Middlesex County), in New Jersey. Volume II (p. 482) includes a list of military appointments for Freehold, Middletown, Shrewsbury, Manasquan and Shark River (Monmouth County, New Jersey). The contents of the two-volume set were originally published as appendices to the 1897 and 1898 annual reports of the New York State Historian. Altogether, the rolls identify approximately 30,000 men who served in military companies mustered from the time of the English capture of New Netherland from the Dutch up to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War in 1775. Never before reprinted by GPC, this invaluable reference work will be a key addition to any New York/New Jersey genealogy or history collection.

Thode, Ernest. *Address Book for Germanic Genealogy.* (Sixth edition, second printing, 2000). Soft cover, 318 pp. Available from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 North

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Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Price: \$29.95 plus \$3.50 postage; Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents add 6%.

This new, sixth edition of Thode's *Address Book for Germanic Genealogy* brings many addresses up to date and adds numerous others. It is especially strong in new municipal archive addresses, and adds more local and regional European historical and genealogical societies. Following the introductory material (including maps of the German Empire showing modern postal codes), the addresses are arranged into sections. Resources outside Europe are provided first, and include: historical and genealogical societies, American archives, religious organizations, booksellers, foreign offices in North America, German-language newspapers, and map and ship-records sources. Second are European archives and organizations, including: national, state, provincial, municipal and religious archives, genealogical and historical organizations, publishers, libraries and museums. This is followed by a list of professional genealogists specializing in Germanic genealogy. The book concludes with sample form letters to church parishes and civil registration offices, a table of useful German phrases to include in correspondence, and a short list of German genealogy sites on the Internet.

NEW JERSEY ARTICLES OF NOTE

If you recently have published or have read a well-researched article containing substantial original or compiled New Jersey genealogical information, please feel free to send a copy to Joseph R. Klett, 14 Blackstone Dr., Princeton, NJ 08540-7904 for announcement in this column.

REVIEWS
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Amicucci, Susan K. "Claes Claeszen, Father of Neeltje Claes." *New Netherland Connections*, 4(2):29-32, April-May-June 1999. Relates to ancestors of the Lake and Goulder families of Hunterdon, Somerset and Middlesex Cos., New Jersey.

Clarke, Jane Adams. "Before the English, before the Pennsylvania Deutsch, there were the Swedes!" *Penn in Hand* (newsletter of the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society), XIX(4):[3-4], December 1998. Includes "A Guide to New Sweden Forefathers, 1638-1664 Arrivals," by Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig, listing early Delaware Valley Swedish settlers.

Craig, Peter Stebbins. "1671 Census of the Delaware." *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*, XL(3):197-231 and 314-360, Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter 1998. Includes several New Jersey families, listed either under New Castle (Delaware) heads of households or in the "New Jersey Residents" section.

Koenig, Dorothy A., Pim Nieuwenhuis and Lorine McGinnis Schulze. "The Nephews of Jan Jansz Damen and Jan Corneliszen Damen in the New World." *New Netherland Connections*, 4(2):35-39 & 47-56, April-May-June 1999. Relates to ancestors of part of the Schermerhorn family of Somerset Co., New Jersey.

Mahler, Leslie. "English Baptisms for Two Children of John Pike¹ of Newbury, Massachusetts." *The American Genealogist*, 73(4):256-257, October 1998. Provides further