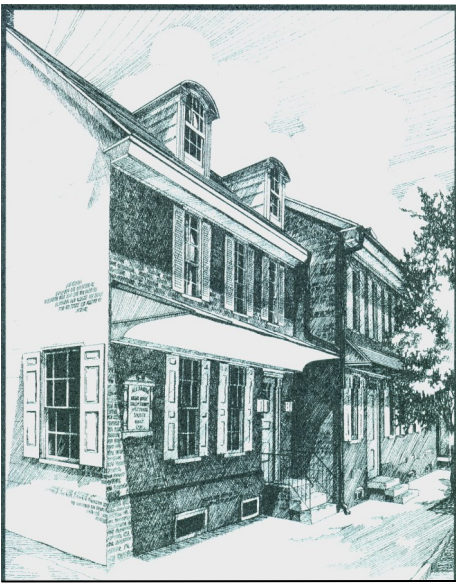


# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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### Marshalltown: Landscape of Emancipation

#### Part II: White Hegemony and Expansion

By Janet L. Sheridan

Part I of this series discussed the trends that led to the appearance of Marshalltown, a settlement of free African Americans in Mannington Township. Though fragmentary, it has earned a place on the National Register of Historic Places for its role in nineteenth-century free African American settlements, for the enterprising leadership of Thomas Marshall, for the surviving architecture associated with African Americans, and for the potential to yield information in the future. This article will tell the story of Marshalltown after the death of Thomas Marshall.

Thomas Marshall put down his will the same day as his death, September 21, 1856, at age 53. It seemed a sudden death, but the cause was not apparent. His 90 acres of land were burdened by seven partially paid mortgages. Despite Marshall's due diligence in paying two-thirds of his debts, and his optimism that rents from his lands would pay them off, two years later, creditors went to court to recover some \$2,800. At a public auction in 1858, Lott Jaquette, his white neighbor across the road, was the high bidder. With this loss to his widow Mary Marshall, any

dream of passing on his wealth to his heirs died, and Marshallville (as it was known then) entered a new era. No other African American in Marshallville would ever match Thomas Marshall's achievements, but many others would become landowners and continue to labor on farms, in the meadows, and in the marl pits.

Once a major black franchise, most of the land around Marshallville returned to white control. Mary Marshall managed to hold onto a quarter-acre house lot in Samuel

Hackett's subdivision on Church Street. She lived on in this house with her adopted daughter Elizabeth Shields and her gardener husband, Daniel. Mary, once an independent farmer, was reduced to service in the Salem City home of a retired Mannington farmer Joseph Bilderback. As an eighteen-year-old apprentice farmer in 1860, Thomas Marshall, Jr. lived in the household of Quaker farmer David Bassett, who had witnessed his father's will. "Apprentice" implied an indenture, an unfree arrangement that may have been part of Mary Marshall's strategy for survival without her husband or their farm. Worth money to her, it must have been a humiliation for young Thomas, who had known economic freedom and privilege. He registered for the Civil War Draft, but did not serve. He disappeared from the record after he registered for the



Marshallville in 1849, two years after church building. African ME Church is located where the African Union Church is, and the AME is probably the next building down, but not labeled. The cluster at the corner is the early subdivision by Samuel Hackett. John Wesley's house is called out, but not Thomas Marshall's. Josiah Ale, a white, was the Kates Meadow Company manager in the 1850s. The meadow crossing was completed with Hook Bridge built in 1848. Marl pits are in operation on an upper reach of Horne Run. The prevalence of the Quaker Bassett family in the vicinity is noticeable. Source: *A Map of the Counties of Salem and Gloucester, New Jersey from the Original Surveys by Alexander C. Stansbie, James Keily, and Samuel M. Rea*. Phila: Smith & Wistar, 1849.

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**Message From the Administrator**

With the holidays over, it is fully winter here in Salem County. This year, that has meant bitter cold weather and snow. Inside the walls of the Historical Society, all is warm and active (it is warm largely because we had our heating system repaired in the fall, and we who work here on a daily basis are very grateful to our members whose support allowed us to accomplish this). Spring is just around the corner, and we are deep in planning for warm weather activities. The Spring Open House Tour and bus trip to Gettysburg in May are already on our minds.

But before I get to that, I should mention that the Society had a wonderful holiday season this year. As we do every year, we were open free to the public for the annual Yuletide Tour, and well over one hundred people came to visit us and see our exhibits. The Society was festively decorated courtesy of our Administrative Assistant Richard Guido. The decorations, along with the recent renovations to the Grant Parlor and the new paint on our exterior really made the Society look lovely.

We are pleased with the response we have received so far to this year's Annual Appeal. The great generosity and support we have enjoyed is vital to all the things both great and small that we do here. The aforementioned painting of our exterior and the internal renovations are large examples, and the repairs to our heating system are smaller. All are essential to our operations and to the preservation and exhibition of our collections.

In addition to the Gettysburg bus trip and the Open House Tour, the coming of spring will bring about new exhibits to the Society. This past fall, it was the great good fortune of the Society to take possession of an extremely generous donation of furniture from Nancy Fogg. These furnishings and some archival materials will form the basis of "The Legacy of Edward T. and Nancy B. Fogg" exhibit here at the Society starting in April. This exhibit will not only feature materials collected by the Foggs, but accentuate their lifelong interest in Salem County history and their commitment to the Historical Society and the preservation of its collections.

The New Year also marks the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Salem County Historical Society. Throughout the year, the Society will commemorate this with various activities that will highlight both the history of the region during that period, and the history of the Society itself.

We look forward to these exciting developments in the coming months. As always, we greatly appreciate the generous support of members like you who make all such activities possible.



Andrew Coldren

## Calendar of Events

- ♦ **Sunday, March 9, 2014**  
Quarterly Meeting 1:30PM Friends Village in Woodstown  
Speaker from the Alice Paul Institute of Paulsdale  
Topic: *Alice Paul: New Jersey's Heroine for Equality*
- ♦ **Saturday, May 3, 2014**  
Salem County Open House Tour 10:00AM-4:00PM
- ♦ **Thursday, July 31, 2014**  
130th Anniversary coffee and cake open house  
1:00PM- 4:00PM
- ♦ **Saturday, April 12, 2014**  
Upcoming exhibit opens:  
"The Legacy of Edward T. and Nancy B. Fogg"
- ♦ **May 7, 2014**  
Gettysburg Bus Trip 7:00AM
- ♦ **June 8, 2014**  
Quarterly Meeting 1:30PM Friends Village in Woodstown  
Speaker and Topic: To be announced

## Society News and Recent Events

In October the Society had the exterior of our Grant House headquarters painted. The house looks fresh and period appropriate. We thank C.W. Painting for their efforts on our behalf.

In the fall of last year, the Museum Committee solicited the help of Richard Slavin to select historically accurate fabrics for new curtains in the Grant parlor and bedroom. Tacie Trull made and installed the curtains for us. This was part of the room renovation project we have been working on for some months. We thank both Tacie and Richard for the assistance.

The Historical Society once again participated in the annual Yuletide Tour in Salem. This festive event brought many visitors to us from around the region. Many thanks to the staff and volunteers who came in and acted as hosts for the event.

Planning is well underway for this year's Open House Tour, Saturday, May 3, 2014. This is a wonderful opportunity to see some of the beautiful and historic properties in our area. Look for more information on our website and Facebook page in the coming weeks.

Due to the recent government shutdown, the bus trip to Gettysburg the Society had planned for October has been rescheduled for May 7, 2014. Seats are still available for this informative trip. On two of the stops on the trip we will be honoring the Salem County men who fought at the battle.

The Society is pleased to have two interns, Julia Harrison and Amanda Pierce, working on the ongoing grant funded project to inventory our entire Museum collection. This project is vital for creating digital records of our collection and we appreciate the hard work Julia and Amanda are doing.

## 2013 Annual Appeal

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

We thank you!

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### Spring Quarterly Meeting

1:30PM at Friends Village in Woodstown

A Speaker from the Alice Paul Institute of Paulsdale will discuss the following topic:

*Alice Paul, New Jersey's Heroine for Equality*



**ALICE PAUL  
INSTITUTE**



## The Salem County Historical Society's *Open House in Fenwick's Colony*

The Salem County Historical Society's *Open House in Fenwick's Colony* tour committee is pleased to announce that plans for the annual spring open house tour are well under way. This year the tour will be held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10a.m. to 4p.m.

And did you know that New Jersey is celebrating our 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014? In honor of our state's anniversary, the *Open House in Fenwick's Colony* tour will be participating in the yearlong schedule of events celebrating our great state. New Jersey began in 1664 as a royal gift. When John Fenwick and his company arrived in 1673 they found a place that was already relatively diverse in its inhabitants. In addition to Native American populations, Swedish and Dutch settlers had made the journey to what would become the Garden State. Certainly the architecture found in Salem County reflects this great diversity and rich history, few places in our nation can boast of the gems found right here and the 2014 tour will highlight a few of those gems.

We are excited to include Obisquahassit, located on Sinnickson Lane in Pennsville, on the tour this year. The land was purchased by Anders Seneca from Chief Qbisquahassit in 1640. Family members lived in log type housing until the 1670's when a brick kiln was constructed and work began on the earliest part of the current structure. The farm remained in the Sinnickson family until 1973 and is considered New Jersey's oldest working farm and Salem County's oldest residence. Currently owned and farmed by Lisa and Patrick Lloyd, proprietors of Obis One, the land remains a family-owned and operated farm whose flagship product is organic black garlic.



Please be sure to mark your calendars for May 3<sup>rd</sup> and join us as we celebrate New Jersey's 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Salem County Historical Society's 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We hope that you will support the Salem County Historical Society by becoming a Patron of the Tour. Your generous donation of \$50.00 will bring you two (2) tickets to the *Open House in Fenwick's Colony* tour and your name will be listed in our tour booklet. Members can also purchase additional tickets at the advance price of \$15.00 each. Please contact the Society for more information. Thank you and hope to see you in May!

## ALEXANDER'S ANNALS

### 50 YEARS AGO

*Monitor-Register*, March 1964

- ♦ Mrs. Charles Biernbaum is chairman of the Red Cross drive in Woodstown.
- ♦ Woodstown on TV—"Meet Your Neighbor"—WRCV-TV Philadelphia.
- ♦ Junior Bowling Program started at Wood Lanes.
- ♦ Norman Scheule named president of Woodstown Little League.
- ♦ Richard Golden family reunion—All 12 children present—at Sharptown.

### 75 YEARS AGO

*Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, March 1939

- ♦ YMCA Building Dedication—Carney's Point—Largest Industrial "Y" in the United States.
- ♦ Howard Klin, Nationally Famous Hypnotist & Salem Native—Booked for local return engagement.
- ♦ Anchor Hocking moving a 120 foot high, 100,000 gallon water tower, a distance of 700 feet—intact.
- ♦ Police Department created in LPN
- ♦ Memorial Service for Pope Pius XI at Oheh Sholem Synagogue, Salem.

### 100 YEARS AGO

*Penn's Grove Record*, March 1914

- ♦ V. S. Homan, 311 Delaware Ave.,—Gasoline by the gallon or barrel—batteries, oils and electric supplies.
- ♦ The Town Hall at Pole Tavern was destroyed by fire.
- ♦ Skeletons of five Indians unearthed in Friends' Burial Ground by Charles Fithian.
- ♦ William Lawson uncovers, at the fire house, a Union Fire Company bucket marked "Union 1748".
- ♦ White muskrat caught near Canton brought to Salem to be mounted.

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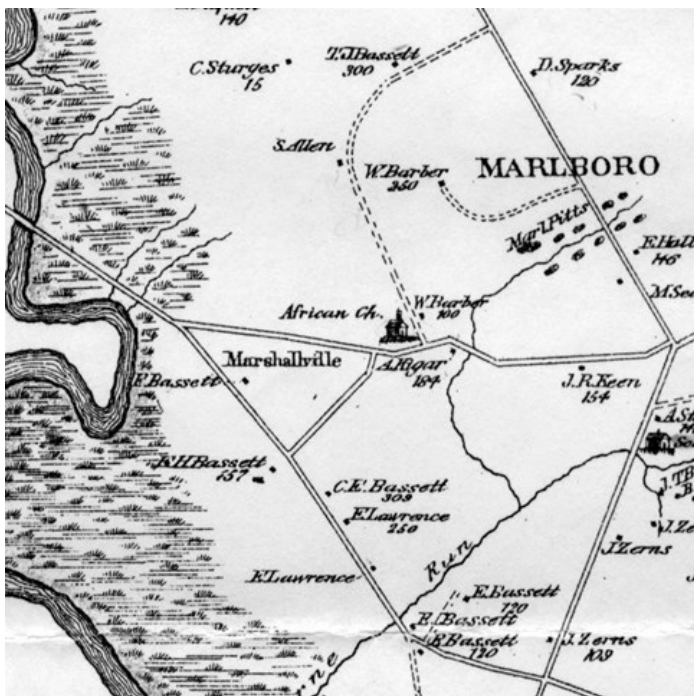
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Volunteers		Salem McCarthy Brothers Trim McCarthy Brothers of Philly	Membership Report
J. Harlan Buzby	Judy Kimber	The McCarthy Brothers won the basket ball game at Erhardt’s Hall on Saturday night. It was a case of the McCarthy’s couldn’t lose for the local family of athletes was playing a team of brothers of the same name of Philadelphia. The latter lost 37-28.	<u>Individual</u> Carl Boone James Brubaker Mary E. Buckwalter Arvie Clement Peg Danner Francis Hildreth Russ MacAusland Joseph Mannella Peg Marshall Carol Perruso Valerie Robinson Susan Slim Geneva Wood
Michael J. Cooke	Ronald E. Magill		Harry McCarthy, of Salem, was the star of the evening. He landed eight field goals and converted two of three foul shots for a total of 18 points. Brother Gene tallied 10 points, all on field goals. Justine got one and Jack landed two. This made a total of 16 field goals for the Salem McCarthy’s. Jim McCarthy led the invaders with 10 points, while his brother, Frank, got six. Nine field goals was the team’s total. The Salem lineup was: Gene, Harry, Justine, Jack, Eddie, Charles and Joe McCarthy. The Phillies presented Jim, Tim, Frank, Tom and Dan McCarthy, and before the game was over called in two subs, Burns and Gallagher. The team worked decidedly better with the latter two in the lineup. <i>Salem Standard &amp; Jerseyman</i> , Salem, NJ, February 23, 1939
Dave Culver	Craig Maue		
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Joe Kimber			<u>Student</u> Amanda Pierce

After the breakup of the Marshall estate, a land rush ensued as three white landowners with major interests in the Kates Creek Meadow Company and surrounding farms subdivided house lots ranging in size from one-eighth to one acre along Church Street between 1860 and 1875. These were sold to black laborers. The first subdivider was Thomas Jefferson Casper, who owned one of the larger parcels in Kates Creek Meadow bounding on the west side of Church Street. Out of a portion on barely dry land, he sold thirteen house lots between 1860 and 1868. Next, William Barber, whose wife Hannah had inherited a huge estate including Thomas Marshall's former farm, sold eleven lots along the east side of Church Street between 1868 and 1870. Thirdly, Joseph Matlack, who acquired Marshall's 23-acre meadow, sold seven lots on the west side of Church Street between 1872 and 1875.



Marshallville in 1875. The road crossed the meadow on a causeway and on a bridge over the Salem River to Pennsville. The map shows only one African Church, yet there were two at this time. The Bassett family is still prevalent. Marl pits are still in operation. (Everts & Stewart. *Combination Atlas Map of Salem & Gloucester Counties, New Jersey.*)

Accompanying the post-bellum growth spurt and perhaps an infusion of wealth into Marshallville, both churches were rebuilt. Little Bethel AME was raised to two stories with a gallery, and Mt. Zion AUMP was rebuilt from the ground up, taking eight years to complete. Wood-framed and clapboarded, it presented a balanced Greek-temple front with three window bays on the nave. A gallery spanned the entry wall, facing the chancel. The walls were plastered and the ceiling clad with joined boards. Both churches hired white builders from Salem, as did several homeowners in the village. Builders' liens reveal their choices: two-story frame houses, two of which were 24 feet in front and 12 feet deep (two rooms wide), and one was 12 feet wide and 16 feet deep (one room wide). One prospering laborer, William H. Thomas, and his wife Sarah Jane, both from Maryland, bought twelve acres in 1878 and rebuilt an old, hewn, one-story frame 14 feet wide and 13 feet deep. They doubled the length and added a second story. By its surviving finishes, it was probably among the finest houses built in Marshalltown. Its clapboarded exterior versus the shingled walls of other houses, the plastered walls, boarded ceilings, and beaded trim achieved a middle-class taste. Perhaps more durable than most, it alone survives among the nineteenth century houses built in the village.



William H. and Sarah J. Thomas House, built 1885 and the last surviving nineteenth century house in Marshelltown.  
Photo © Janet L. Sheridan

Late nineteenth-century prosperity fed the establishment of a Grand United Order of Odd Fellows lodge and its female counterpart, a House of Ruth. The lodge built a hall across from Mt. Zion Church that was also used for church celebrations and meals. In 1900, the population peaked at about 145 and the number of houses peaked at about 33. A post office was established around 1880 and Marshallville became Marshalltown. Thomas Marshall's store had a succession of proprietors and a second store was opened. Marshalltown had become a substantial community with black-initiated commercial, religious, educational and social institutions.



Mt. Zion AUMP Church, the "Mother Church of the Philadelphia and New Jersey Districts." It was rebuilt in 1879 for a large congregation and still holds worship. Photo © Janet L. Sheridan

The twentieth century brought conflicting changes. In 1926, Mt. Zion Church seized an opportunity to expand African American land ownership, buying an 18-acre piece of a bankrupted historically white-owned farm, creating a subdivision, and selling twenty lots between 1934 and 1946. Church Street was renamed Roosevelt Avenue during the 1930s as Marshalltowners found work under WPA programs.

At the same time, economic and environmental changes led to the demise of this inhabited landscape. Hook Bridge over the Salem River was damaged by a runaway barge in 1921 and never repaired, eliminating the route across the meadow into Pennsville. The Great Depression contributed to farm bankruptcies and the inability of farmers to repair storm-damaged banks. The tides increasingly ate away at the banks and flooded the cultivated meadows. Truck farming was becoming more prevalent, for which the meadows were not suited. Demand for meadow labor fell off, water tables rose, and house lots became swamps. Starting in the 1920s, the DuPont power and dye works in Carney's Point Township became the chief employer of Marshalltowners. The school house that was built on

Thomas Marshall's farm was moved to higher ground in 1934 but it closed in 1951 when Mannington Township built a consolidated school. Between increasing



Marshalltown School. Built circa 1850, moved in 1934, and closed in 1951. A key contributing resource in the new historic district, it is owned and preserved by the township. Photo © Janet L. Sheridan

inhabitability in Marshalltown, and improving opportunities elsewhere, especially after the Civil Rights Era, people left. All but a few houses gradually disappeared from abandonment, fires, foreclosures and demolitions.

Once a place where First Emancipation played out, Marshalltown incubated a self-developing, autonomous community in the spirit of African Methodism, one we should remember, honor, and preserve. The author invites readers to contact her at [janet@sheridanpreservation.com](mailto:janet@sheridanpreservation.com) to begin to discuss ways to do that, or to share information about Marshalltown's history.

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—The daughter [Rosetta] of **Fred. Douglass**, the newly-appointed Marshal for the District of Columbia, taught the Yorke Street colored school, in this city, some years ago. His son, William, now a printer, for some years employed at the Government Printing Office, also kept a restaurant under [the] Rumsey Building, at about the same time.  
*National Standard*, Salem, NJ, March 28, 1877



## GENEALOGICALLY SPEAKING....

*Potpourri of People*

## SALEM CITY GLASS BLOWERS 1930

1930 Federal Population Census of Salem City, New Jersey

Occupation: *Glass Blower*EAST WARD

Henry L. Johnson  
 Mayhew Sharp  
 William Parker  
 Aaron Mooney  
 Daniel A. Ireland  
 John Westcott  
 Frederick Errig  
 Frederick G. Brown  
 Abner S. Waddington  
 Walter Johnson  
 Albert Johnson  
 Charlton Penton

David Rafinie  
 Carl Schuh  
 William Smith  
 Wesley Seayrs

WEST WARD

Linwood Simmons  
 Daniel I. Bradford  
 John Stiles  
 James E. Davis  
 Simon Vanneman  
 Ebbie Hyson

Davis S. Counsellor, Jr.  
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 Harry M. Ewen  
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 Wesley J. Bowers  
 William A. Hopman  
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 Edward Graham  
 Henry Lithian  
 Thomas J. Porch  
 John F. Rouse  
 Ralph Porch

Lemeul Lloyd  
 William W. Brown  
 Hugh McDowell  
 William Simpson  
 Isaac Counselor  
 Frederic Klem  
 Edward J. Doran  
 E. William Williams  
 Morris Burt

A Citizen of Salem County Forced To Enter the Rebel Army.—Isaac S. Fogg, who for several years has been practicing Dentistry in Woodstown, some time prior to the commencement of hostilities, went South to pursue his profession. Recently while endeavoring to reach his home in this county, he was captured and impressed into the Rebel Army. His mother now resides in Woodstown. She had not heard the fate of her son until apprised of it by the newspapers. The facts were reported by a Union man who escaped from the South.

*National Standard*, Salem, NJ, June 26, 1861.

## A HALF JOHANNES REWARD.

Or the EXCHANGE in Continental Currency.

Ran away, last night, from the subscriber, a **Negro man, named BRISS** a well-made, fellow, about 35 years old, has remarkable large feet, formerly belonged to Major **Hugg**, of Gloucester county; had on, when he went away, a brown home-spun waistcoat, ozenbrigs shirt, and trousers, old shoes, and an old hat. Whoever takes up said Negroe and secures him in any goal, so as his master may have him again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, paid by

**ROBERT JOHNSON**

Salem, Oct. 30, 1780

—*Pennsylvania Gazette*, December 6, 1789.

**Drowned—**

A colored boy, waiter of Dr. Quinton Gibbon, named **Daniel Willets**, was drowned while bathing in the Salem Creek on Monday.

*National Standard*,  
 Salem, NJ,  
 June 21, 1848

**ONE CENT REWARD**

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on Monday evening the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, and indented Black Boy called **Edward Accoo**, between 18 and 19 years of age. Said Accoo took with him a straw hat & a hair cap and several suits of clothes of domestic stuff. The above reward will be paid to any one taking up said runaway, but no charges paid; and all persons are hereby forbid from harboring, trusting or employing him, at their peril, as they will be dealt with according to law.

Dated Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1831.

**JOHN CASPERSON, Jr.** L. Penn's Neck.

*Salem Messenger*, Salem, NJ, August 31, 1831

**Six Cents Reward**

RAN away from the subscriber on the night of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. a black boy named **John George**, between 19 and 21 years old, had on dark velvet coat, brown pantaloons and striped vest. Whoever will return said boy shall receive the above reward but no charges paid. All persons are forbid harboring or trusting him.

**ISAAC HACKETT**

*Salem Messenger*, Salem, NJ, September 9, 1829.

**For Sale,**

A NEGRO BOY, between 12 and 13 years old, and has to serve till he is 25—he is quite large for one his age, and perhaps as active, smart and ingenious as any in the County. He is remarkably handy as waiter in a house, or for any description of work. Any person wishing to purchase such a boy, can have him, by applying to

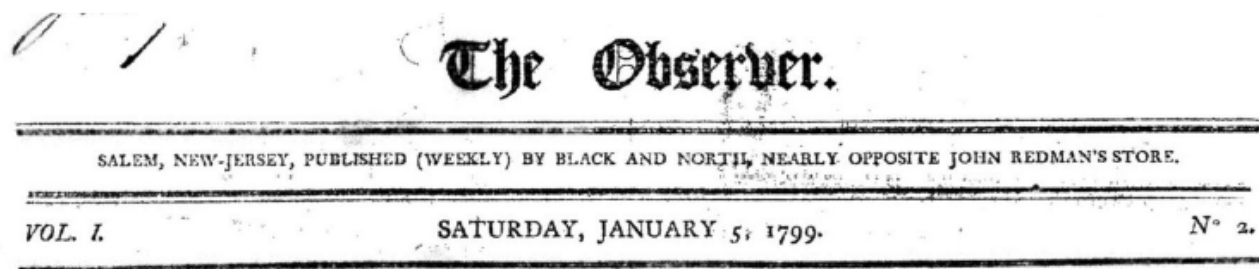
**Ephraim Lloyd,**

Lower Penns Neck, Salem County, April 28, 1818.

*West-Jersey Gazette*, Salem, NJ, May 20, 1818.



## EXTREMELY RARE SALEM, NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS FOUND Worcester, Massachusetts



*Above is a banner of the first newspaper title printed in Salem, New Jersey by John Black and James North.*

The Society was recently informed by the antiquarian bookseller, Joseph J. Felcone, Princeton, New Jersey, that Vincent Golden, Curator of Newspapers and Periodicals at the American Antiquarian Society (AAS), Worcester, Massachusetts, was in receipt of three issues of *The Observer*. All twelve pages of this rare gift have been meticulously conserved and preserved by AAS. These are the only known issues of this newspaper title in existence to date. Images of the same have been graciously donated to our Society for research purposes.

Mr. Golden's report to AAS follows:

*"The Observer (Salem, NJ). Jan. 5, 12, Feb. 2, 1799. Vol. 1, nos. 2, 3, 6.*

When Clarence Brigham published his monumental work on early American newspapers in 1947, he located just one issue of this paper in a small New Jersey county historical society. Later a bibliographer of New Jersey imprints went to that historical society to examine the issue and it could not be located (and is still missing today). It was a pleasant surprise when these three issues turned up as part of a group of newspapers of the late eighteenth century to early nineteenth century. New issues such as these help us piece together a more complete history of the paper. The question, though, is where were these issues hiding all these years? Our suspicion is they were part of a bound volume of newspapers that someone may have repurposed later as a scrap book. When they were received, remnants of articles were still pasted to the issues. Our conservation lab spent much time treating the issues and carefully removing the pieces still pasted over the text." [Note: The historical society cited is not the Salem County Historical Society.]

Further information by Mr. Golden will be available at the internet blog maintained by AAS <<http://pastispresent.org/>>

An interesting, related piece appeared in the Salem, New Jersey *National Standard* on June 6, 1860:

**OLD NEWSPAPERS.**—Among several parcels of old newspapers handed us for inspection and perusal, by Mr. John Bailey, taken from his large and exceedingly interesting collection of antiquaries, we find a file of the Salem *Observer*, from number nineteen to thirty-two, inclusive. The paper was started in December, 1798, by Messrs. Black and North, and was printed in the Salem Academy.—The primary reason for the commencement of a paper in Salem, at that early day, was that given to Mr. Benjamin Griscom, one of our oldest residents, if we recollect aright, by one of the proprietors. It was to escape the ravages of the yellow fever, which raged with such fearful violence in Philadelphia in the summer and fall of 1798. But thirty-six numbers were published when it was discontinued, the publishers announcing it as their intention to remove the office to Dover, Delaware. The *Observer* is about one-fourth the size of the *Standard*, is principally occupied with foreign news, proceedings of the New Jersey Legislature, legal advertisements, with an occasional original communication; but very little local news.... Mr. Bailey has a museum embracing a variety of valuable specimens of minerals, Indian curiosities, &c., accession to which can be had at all hours of the day, without charge, by calling at his Shaving Saloon in Washington Hall.

We wonder as to where Mr. Bailey's collection of *The Observer* may reside today?

## Upcoming Exhibit Opening:

On Saturday, April 12, 2014, the Salem County Historical Society will proudly open its new exhibit, "The Legacy of Edward T. and Nancy B. Fogg." This exhibit will celebrate the Fogg's lifelong passion for Salem County history and material culture as well as their decades of support of the Historical Society. The exhibit will be held in the Grant House Parlor and the Legacy Room and will feature furniture, ceramics, glass, samplers and photographs donated by the Fogg or conserved using funds from the Fogg Conservation Fund. The Society invites all members and the general public to celebrate and commemorate the contributions of Edward and Nancy Fogg through this unique exhibit. The exhibit will be open Tuesday through Saturday, 12:00 to 4:00 through the end of the year.



The Hannah family highboy, now in the collection of the Salem County Historical Society. The top and bottom of this piece had been separated for decades before being reunited by Edward Fogg in the 1980's. For this and more stories of the Fogg's legacy visit our exhibit starting April 12, 2014.

**Portrait of Judge Newell**—A handsomely-executed crayon portrait of the late Judge Newell, drawn by **Mr. Ogden**, can be seen in the window of the harness store of **Asbury Howard**.

*National Standard*, Salem, NJ, August 21, 1878

## Library Acquisitions

**Beam, John C. IV**, Spokane, WA. Binder of Simon String transcribed Civil War Diary. (2013.077)

**Buzby, Dr. J. Harlan**, Pennsville, NJ. Program of Ardagh Group Glass Factory, Plant 6-Salem, NJ 2013 Open House. (2013.071)

**Buzby, Dr. J. Harlan**, Pennsville, NJ. (Courtesy of Vincent Golden and Joe Felcone)  
Photocopies of 3 issues of The Observer Salem, NJ dated 1799.

**Dolbow, Sue**, Pilesgrove, NJ. Collection of medicine bottle labels from W.H. Andrews & Co. and McCoubrie Pharmacy in Salem. (2013.080)

**Dolbow, Sue**, Pilesgrove, NJ. Program of Penton Chapel's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. (2013.066)

**Dolbow, Sue**, Pilesgrove, NJ. 2012 Salem County Fair program booklet. (2013.079)

**Morrissey, Ellen**, Pennsville, NJ. Book titled Upper Pittsgrove, Elmer, and Pittsgrove by Bonnie Beth Elwell. (2013.069)

**Nittinger, Carl E.**, Salem, NJ. The Carriage Journal with article on Salem County Historical Society barn and carriages. (2013.065)

**Romansky, Thomas S.**, Pennsville, NJ. DVD of 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony for 2013. (2013.051)

**Romansky, Thomas S.**, Pennsville, NJ. DVD of Historic Soldier's Weekend at Ft. Mott, NJ on September 28-29, 2013. (2013.068)

**Schopp, Paul W.**, Palmyra, NJ. Book titled Linseed Oil Mills in New Jersey 1732-1955 with a chapter on Salem County mill. (2013.070)

## WARE CHAIRS

Dan Ware [of Woodstown] is building a dwelling on his lot on Salem Street, opposite Elmer Gaunt's residence. He has turned the large two-story building occupied as a chair factory, around broadside to the street, and will erect an addition in front, making a neat and convenient residence. We understand that when completed it will be occupied by his son, Lucien B. Ware, now of Haddonfield.

*The Monitor*, Woodstown, NJ, August 28, 1885

## Collections Spotlight

We have discovered a very unusual artifact in the Society's third floor Rumsey attic space as we continue the ongoing Museum Inventory Project. If you have any ideas about this object please e-mail [info@salemcountyhistoricalociety.com](mailto:info@salemcountyhistoricalociety.com).

*What we know:* This artifact was found separate from any other items and the curved metal rim has a width of about 6". Both ends of the rim have two metal springs or extensions attached to their ends. Along with these springs are two pieces of jewelry that look like small leaves which we believe were added on to the piece at a later point in time. Only one of these leaves is still attached to the spring. Our best assumption so far is that this artifact is some type of hair piece perhaps used by women during the Victorian era when elaborate hair styles were high in fashion. There is, however, some evidence to suggest that some electrical work or soldering was done to connect the metal rim to the springs themselves which would likely rule out the artifact being used as a hair piece.

*What we would like your help with:* What is the purpose of this artifact? Does it have anything to do with hair?



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**PRISONERS.**—Another installment of rebel prisoners was sent to Fort Delaware on Sunday by the *Major*. The number there at this time is not less than six or seven thousand. Among them are a large number of officers.  
*National Standard*, Salem, NJ, March 30, 1864

—The lower end of this township [Quinton] has a **shoemaker**, by the name of **Wentzell**, who has hung out his sign in front of Peter **Shimp's** mansion.  
*National Standard*, Salem, NJ  
 April 5, 1882

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**A Paper Wagon**

—**Joseph M. Bacon**, of this city, is having a novel wagon built, in which to serve milk to his customers. The sides of the wagon are of heavy paper boards. The work is being done by **F. Hand & Son**, and will be the first paper wagon produced in this city.  
*National Standard*, Salem, NJ, April 26, 1882

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