

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BASKING RIDGE

NEW JERSEY

Box 394

July 8, 1976

Dear Members,

Our second Museum loan exhibit will be held on July 17 and 18 from 1 to 4 PM. The ground floor room of the Brick Academy with entrance on the West side of the building will be used again. This is the proposed museum area in the restoration thinking.

The subject is Railroad Pictures and Memorabilia. One of our members, Homer R. Hill of Bernardsville, a well-known Rail Fan and author of "Railroad Potpourri" is exhibiting from his collection of locomotive photographs and his extensive array of railroad memorabilia. In addition some unusual items will be on display from the Society's collection pertaining to local railroading. And there may be a surprise exhibit!

If you couldn't attend our first exhibit over the Memorial Day weekend, I do hope you can look in on this one.

We are trying to set up a schedule of exhibits at least one weekend a month. If you have any ideas about exhibits or if you are willing to work on the museum committee, will you please return the slip below, or call me: 766-0367.

It was just too complicated to get out an issue of the newsletter for this exhibit. However, Jean Verberg will have some very interesting and important items for you when the next number appears around Labor Day.

Katherine Hosmer
Secretary

Return to
Miss Katherine Hosmer
Secretary, Basking Ridge Historical Society
P.O.Box 394, or 130 South Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge 07920

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I would like to work on the Museum Committee _____

Signed _____
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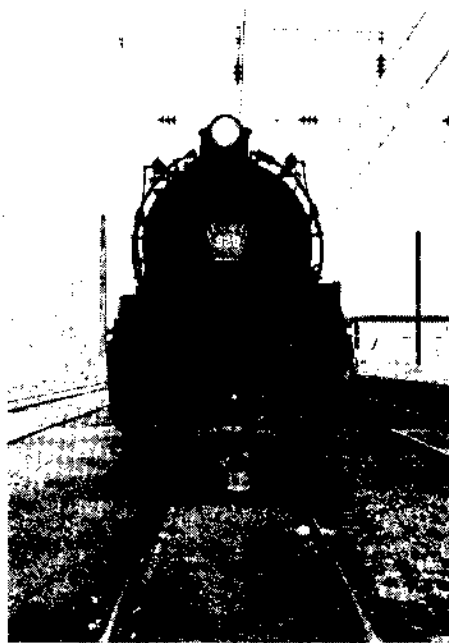
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NEW JERSEY

MUSEUM

RAILROAD
PICTURES
and
MEMORABILIA



A
REAL
TREAT
FOR
RAIL FANS

THE BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONTINUES ITS
PROGRAM OF LOAN EXHIBITS

Homer R. Hill, well-known Bernardsville Rail Fan and author of "Railroad Potpourri", will display from his personally photographed collection of "Portraits" of famous locomotives. He will also show memorabilia ranging from train souvenirs to timetables.

Railroad memorabilia pertaining to the area from the Society's own collection will also be on view.

Brick Academy Museum Room
Ground Floor Entrance
75 West Oak Street
Basking Ridge

Saturday, July 17, 1 - 4 PM
Sunday, July 18, 1 - 4 PM

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEW JERSEY

MARCH MEETING

Old Academy Building
March 18, 1976 8 P.M.

A reminder.

This meeting should bring forth some exciting results. The Trustees have met with a representative of the Township Committee and things are beginning to roll in regard to the preservation and use of The Old Academy.

At this meeting plans and possibilities will be explained and discussed.

Some of the treasures of the Society, as found by Helen Mercier's Inventory Committee, will be on display.

Since the preservation and restoration of the Old Academy is a project which will involve the whole community, please bring any of your friends and neighbors who you know are interested.

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BASKING RIDGE

February Second 1976

NEW JERSEY

DATES TO NOTE

Special George Washington Birthday Meeting

Old Academy Building - February 19, 1976, 8 P.M. (Thursday)

Regular Quarterly Meeting

Old Academy Building - March 18, 1976, 8 P.M. (Thursday)

THE MARINES IN THE REVOLUTION

An extra treat for the Bicentennial Year.

The program at the special February meeting (February 19) will be presented by Major Charles Waterhouse and Sergeant Major John Yaros of the United States Marine Corps. It is centered around the paintings made by Major Waterhouse, artist-in-residence of the History and Museums Division of Headquarters, Marine Corps, Washington, to illustrate "Marines in the American Revolution" which the Corps published last year. The evening's presentation will consist of an exhibit of paintings and a slide show and lecture.

This bit of history is of especial interest to us hereabouts because the Marines were stationed at Jockey Hollow during the winter encampments, a relatively-unknown fact. The Marines also participated in the Battle of Princeton and the engagement at Billingsport.

Those in the community who have already seen the program found it a thrilling patriotic treat and are looking forward to seeing it again.

Guests will be welcomed.

(The regular quarterly meeting on March 18 will be concerned with the Museum. The Trustees will have progress to report and we hope you will come supplied with ideas and energy to contribute so that we can have a real working interchange and leave ready to settle down to aggressive activity after all the delays. The Inventory Committee is doggedly working through the listing of the acquisitions, every Wednesday morning under the guidance of Mrs. Mercier.)

Coffee will be served at meetings from now on. We anticipate that this will contribute to our better acquaintance and greater activity for the Society between meetings. If you are interested in helping, contact Mrs. Mercier - 647-0950.

P.S. You will be delighted to know that Bill Scheuerman, our Trustee-Treasurer is home from an extended stay in the hospital.

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 1975, 8 P. M.

The Old Academy, 15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge

HISTORIC PRESERVATION THROUGH EDUCATION

The speaker will be Richard F. Rozewski, newly elected Trustee of the Basking Ridge Historical Society. A member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the American Society of Architectural Historians, Mr. Rozewski is best known to us for his monumental work in compiling the Historic Inventory of over 270 buildings and sites in Bernards Township. This is the first complete historic inventory of any municipality in the state of New Jersey. He has just recently returned from the Boston meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He holds one of the Trust's scholarships for Community Preservation this year.

Mr. Rozewski's talk will be directed to the efforts the individual citizen, as opposed to the historian, can put forth to accomplish and also to maintain historic preservation.

At a meeting of the Trustees held at the Academy Building on October 7, the following officers were elected for the year 1975-76:

President	Lewis T. Kriney
Vice-President	Kenneth A. Turner, Jr.,
Corr. Secretary	Arch W. Carswell
Rec. Secretary	Katherine Hosmer
Treasurer	William F. Scheuerman

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, September 18, 1975 8 P. M.

Academy Building, 15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge

THE STORY OF THE DISCOVERY, RESEARCH
AND RESTORATION OF AN OLD HOUSE.

The speaker will be Charles H. Detwiller, Jr., of Plainfield.

We are very fortunate in having the privilege of hearing such a competent and recognized preservationist. A native of Plainfield and a graduate of Princeton, he has found ample opportunity to work at his primary interest of restoring antique structures. Representative of his work are the Stage House Inn in Scotch Plains and the Seaman's Inn in Mystic, Conn. He has worked on more than twenty restorations in New England and New Jersey, ranging from Meeting Houses and residences to a "Duncan Phyfe" privy. His membership in historical and architectural organizations is remarkably wide in its scope.

Do come and have one of the most enjoyable evenings the Basking Ridge Historical Society has ever given you.

AGENDA

Election of Trustees
Annual Reports
Report on Academy-Museum Status

1975-76 DUES ARE DUE

BASKING RIDGE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 1975, 8 P.M.

Town Hall, 15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge

THE NATURAL AND UNNATURAL HISTORY OF BASKING RIDGE

The natural attributes of the Basking Ridge area have made it attractive to humans since even before the European settlement of the area. The uniqueness of this area socially and economically is founded upon the uniqueness of its geological and ecological development over a period of more than 200 million years. From the time Europeans first settled, however, people have been working as much against as with these natural attributes and the alterations have accelerated over the past one hundred years.

The speaker for the evening will be Walter A. Jones, Chief Naturalist and Director of Environmental Education for the Somerset Park Commission, stationed at Lord Stirling Park. He is well qualified in all phases of ecology and will certainly help to clarify our thinking. The presentation will deal with the geological and ecological history of Basking Ridge.

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BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BASKING RIDGE

NEW JERSEY

Regular March Meeting
March 20, 1975 8 PM
Westminster Hall
Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church

"THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF MUSIC BOXES"

A Look at American Home Entertainment
in the nineteenth century.

The March program is a real treat.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown will present a lecture on their hobby, rare and precious music-making machines. Many of you know and have seen their collection. The rest will welcome the chance to see the instruments and hear this program of infinite charm.

The Browns have the finest collection of music boxes in America --and live right next door in Morristown. It is the only chronological collection of its kind in existence and took over thirty years to acquire and put into shape.

There are many antique 'novelty' pieces as well as instruments producing music by brass cylinders, flat discs and pinstudded rolls all of which delight with the music popular a hundred and more years ago. You will hear ballads, minstrel melodies, marches, arias, jigs, reels and waltzes.

PLEASE NOTICE - BECAUSE OF THE DISPLAY
SPACE NEEDED, THE MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED
TO WESTMINSTER HALL IN THE BASKING RIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN HALL.

BECAUSE OF THIS MOVE THERE WILL BE ROOM
FOR ALL GUESTS WHO WISH TO COME.

The Public is Invited.

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BASKING RIDGE

January 23, 1975

NEW JERSEY

A VALENTINE PARTY
FOR THE MEMBERS OF
THE BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Fellow Members,

This year Valentine's Day comes on Friday and once again the Chester M. Petroski's have invited the Basking Ridge Historical Society to a festive observation of the date at their home.

The beautiful and ancient house filled with intriguing antiques from cellar to attic, the gracious hospitality of our hosts, the promise of many Valentine activities make this an invitation to be answered promptly and affirmatively.

Do come and have a bit of joy and fellowship within the Society. There will be no expense to members and their spouses, but we do need to know by February 4 as to how many to start planning for. Please return the form below as soon as you have checked your calendar. I'm pushed for time this week, so I'll send you a road map and parking instructions later.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Hosmer
Secretary

FRIDAY: FEBRUARY 14 8 PM
82 Stirling Road
Warren, New Jersey

Miss Katherine Hosmer
Secretary, Basking Ridge Historical Society
P.O. Box 125
Basking Ridge, NJ 07020

YES I plan to attend the Valentine Party _____
NO Alas, I cannot attend the Valentine Party _____

Signed _____

ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 23, 1926
INCORPORATED MARCH 2, 1938

From
Arch W. Carswell, CorresSecy
Basking Ridge Historical
49 No. Finley Ave
Basking Ridge
766-0049

"A FREE PRESS IN COLONIAL TIMES"

This is the pertinent and interesting subject which
meeting of
will be discussed at the November, The Basking Ridge Historical
Society.

Mr. Horace Bunker a well known lecturer of Watchung, will
be the speaker. Mr. Bunker is a member of both the N.J. and N.Y.
Bars and practices in oth states. A graduate of the New Jersey
Law School and is active in The American College of Probate
Law. He is a member of the Unitarian Church, belongs to the
Chamber of Commerce and The Rotary Club of Plainfield.

The Trustees of the Society met on September 25 and
elected the following officers for the year 1974-75.
President - Lewis W. Kriney, Vice President - Kenneth A. Turner,
Jr. Recording Secretary - Miss Katherine Hosmer, Corresponding
Secretary: Arch W. Carswell, Treasurer: William L. Scheuerman.

The meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 21, 1974 at
8 P.M. in the Township Hall, 15 W. Oak St. Basking Ridge, N.J.

The public is invited.

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Basking Ridge Historical Society Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 1974, 8 P.M.
Town Hall, 15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge

Trustees' Meeting

The Trustees for 1974-75 met on September 25, 1974 and elected the following officers for the Society:

President	-	Mr. Lewis W. Kriney
Vice-President	-	Mr. Kenneth A. Turner, Jr.
Recording Secretary	-	Miss Katherine Hosmer
Corresponding Secretary	-	Mr. Arch W. Carswell
Treasurer	-	Mr. William L. Scheuerman

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"A Free Press in Colonial Times"

A very pertinent subject in these days of both subtle and aggressive censorship. What were the problems in Colonial Times and how were they handled?

The speaker is Mr. Horace Bunker, who was born and raised and educated in the Plainfield area. A graduate of the New Jersey Law School, now a part of Rutgers, The State University, he is a member of the New Jersey and the New York Bar and practices in both states. He is active in the American College of Probate Law, the Unitarian Church, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club of Plainfield.

Lewis W. Kriney
President

November 4, 1974

Office
757-3000
752-2981

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BASKING RIDGE

NEW JERSEY

September 5, 1974

ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 1974 8 P.M.
Town Hall
15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge

PROGRAM

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP INVENTORY OF HISTORIC SITES

Richard Rozewski will make an interim report of the historic and architectural significance of the many sites in Bernards Township which are to be included in the Inventory of Historic Sites now being conducted. Mr. Rozewski was brought into the township for this work by the Passaic River Coalition. He has worked elsewhere in the state with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in preparing nominations to the New Jersey and Federal Register of Historic Places.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Nominating Committee will submit their slate for Trustees for our 47th year. In addition to the election of the nine Trustees, there will be the customary reports.

DUES

Our fiscal year is from October through September. Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope for paying your 1974-75 dues. Your support is needed more than ever. Thank you.

Lewis W. Kriney
President

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BASKING RIDGE

NEW JERSEY

Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 1974, 8 P. M.

Town Hall

15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge

Speaker - Mr. Norman Convery of our
Society, who needs no
presentation of credentials.

"THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN NEW JERSEY."

STARRING:

GEORGE WASHINGTON
as
A Good Guy



KING GEORGE III
as
A Bad Guy

Looking forward to seeing you for an evening's learning and entertainment,

Lewis W. Kriney
President

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BASKING RIDGE

NEW JERSEY

March 1974

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 1974, 8 P. M.
TOWN HALL
15 WEST OAK STREET, BASKING RIDGE

" A House on Wheels "

We are privileged to be given an inside view into the satisfactions and problems of moving and restoring an old house.

The speaker is Mrs. William P. Elliott who will tell us of her experiences ten years ago when she and her husband relocated and restored the 200 year old Lee Homestead in Union County to preserve it from destruction.

It should be very interesting to share with her the complex details of sectioning, lifting, and moving their historic residence.

Mrs. Elliott is a specialist in Early American Decorative Arts, having studied at the Boston School of Fine Arts. She has painted and stencilled rooms in the Drake House Museum in Plainfield, the Stage House Inn and the Cannon Ball Museum in Scotch Plains, as well as several private homes.

(Due to circumstances completely beyond our control, you are late in receiving this notice. We fervently hope that you have already automatically marked your calendar for the third Thursday in March, May, September and November, the set dates for meetings of the membership of the Basking Ridge Historical Society.)

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Basking Ridge Historical Society Meeting
Thursday, November 15, 1973, 8 P.M.
Town Hall, 15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge

Trustees' Meeting

The Trustees for 1973-74 met on October 4 and elected the following officers for the Society:

President	-	Mr. Lewis W. Kriney
Vice-President	-	Mr. Kenneth A. Turner, Jr.
Recording Secretary	-	Miss Katherine Hosmer
Corresponding Secretary	-	Mr. Arch W. Carswell
Treasurer	-	Mr. William L. Scheuerman

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LOOKING AHEAD - LOOKING BACK

"The Passaic River Watershed - Potential for Historic Restoration."

This will be the subject for our November meeting, presented by Mrs. Ella F. Filippone, Chairman of the Passaic River Coalition.

Did you know that the Passaic River Coalition recently obtained a grant from the New Jersey Council on Environmental Education for an environmental archeological program which has already produced greater results than had been anticipated? There will be slides of this "dig" as well as pictures of the petroglyph found at Parsippany-Troy Hills. This petroglyph is the second to be found in New Jersey, and was discovered by a group of Passaic River Coalition River Rangers while on a field trip this summer.

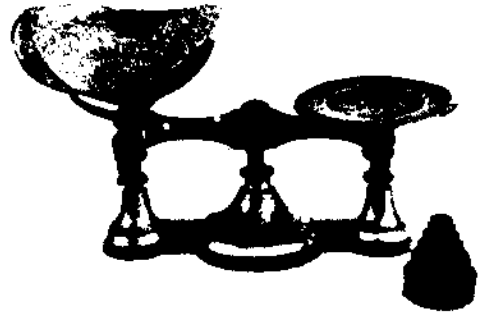
Pointing up the historic potential of an approach from a different viewpoint, Mrs. Filippone will also discuss an historic restoration project which has been stimulated by the watershed association's efforts to curtail development on the flood plain.

Lewis W. Kriney

President

November, 1973

Basking Ridge Historical Society Meeting
Thursday, September 20th, 8 P.M. Town Hall
15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge, N. J.



Program

The problem of devising a way to measure quantities developed when man first began to trade and barter. Counting and measuring by volume could be used to determine quantities of many things, but materials that could not be counted or measured required a means of weighing.

A BUSHEL AND A PECK

Measuring and weighing devices

Our program will cover a variety of devices that were commonly found on the farm, apothecary shop and general store. Examples will be exhibited and various features will be discussed.

Annual Historical Conference

The annual conference of the New Jersey Historical Society will be held at Wilmington, Delaware on October 6-7, — "Lower Delaware Valley History and Culture". The program includes a tour of historic landmarks in Salem and Gloucester Counties and visits to Winterthur and Hagley Museum. Additional information will be available meeting night or call 766-3173.

Annual Meeting

As we close out the old and prepare to enter our 46th year, an election of Trustees will be held. The nominating committee will submit their slate for the new year.

Dues are Due

Our year runs from October to September. Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope for paying your 1973-74 dues. Thank you for your support.

September 1973

Fred W. Kampmier 3rd
President

Basking Ridge Historical Society Meeting
Thursday, May 17th, 8 P. M. Town Hall
15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge, N.J.



When the early settlers first came to Basking Ridge they found the Indians known as the Delaware, or more commonly as the Lenni-Lenape. Our interest in the earliest history of the area should naturally lead to a curiosity concerning its first inhabitants.

Scattered amongst the traces of these people - the arrowheads, stone axes, hearthstones and camp rubble is a story of long occupation, changing cultures and development of primitive societies. Thus the Indians who met the first white men in these parts were but the most sophisticated and highly developed of a great number who preceded them.

EARLY MAN IN THE GREAT SWAMP

Our guest speaker is Mr. M. D. Hall, Jr. of the County College of Morris, who will tell of the findings by the Shongum Chapter of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey. Mr. Hall will show colored slides of work uncovered during the summers of 1968 and 1969, and will graphically illustrate the rude remnants of the fire hearths of the Archiac Horizon, carbon 14 dated around 3,900 years ago. The chipped stone artifacts of that period will be displayed and discussed as to their methods of use and manufacture.

Mr. Hall has been active in the Archaeological Society of New Jersey since 1961 and is presently on the Executive Board of the State Society. He has published several articles in the State's Bulletin and has recently completed a Research Paper on the Projectile Points of New Jersey.

Basking Ridge Historical Society Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 8 P.M. Town Hall
15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge, N. J.

ANTIQUES

Program

More than at any time in our nations history, Americans are collecting objects which are called antiques. This demand has created more shops, shows, auctions, markets and publications. Ask the man who knows:

I MARRIED AN ANTIQUE

Our guest speaker, Mr. T. Richard Rieder, has been a collector of Antique furniture, glass and china for over 20 years. He is past President of the Antique Club of New Jersey and for the past 11 years he has managed their "Country Peddler's Antique Show." Also for the past 4 years he has managed the Roseland Rotary and West Essex Antique Shows.

Our Officers

The trustees elected at the September meeting met on October 19th and elected the following officers: Fred W. Kampmier 3rd, president; Lewis W. Kriney, vice president; Miss Katherine Hosmer, recording secretary; William L. Scheuerman Jr., treasurer; Arch W. Carswell, corresponding secretary. Other trustees are Mrs. Harry Ottinger Jr., G. Mills Bockoven, J. Austin Cross and Kenneth A. Turner Jr.

New Jersey History Symposium (4th Annual)

An all day program for historians, teachers, students, librarians and all others interested in the study of New Jersey history. To be held at the Auditorium, State Museum, Trenton on Saturday, December 2nd beginning at 9:30 A.M. (Registration and coffee). Registration is \$2.00, Luncheon \$3.00. Send check payable to Treasurer, State of New Jersey to:

New Jersey Historical Commission
185 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Reservations for luncheon must be received by November 22, 1972.

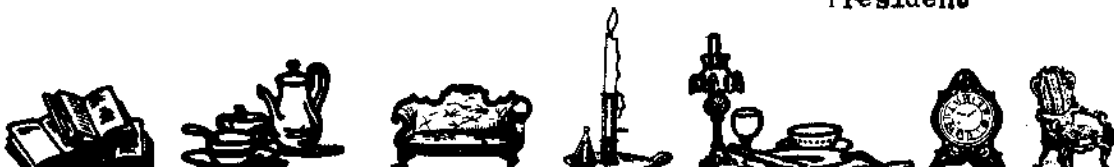
Mark your calendar Now!

Come spend a fun evening with us.

This will be another good one.

November 1972

Fred W. Kampmier 3rd
President



BASKING RIDGE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge, N.J.

Making copies of grave stone designs and inscriptions is a form of art and a way to study local history. The most prized art forms are found on the earlier stones dating from 1600-1850. By rubbing paper covered stones with black crayon brings out the carving underneath.

STRANGERS STOP AND STARE

To our guest speaker, Kevin Brawley of Mendham, grave rubbing is a family hobby. During the past 13 years the Brawleys have visited cemeteries from California to New England searching out and copying unusual stones. As for genealogy and history, a walk through any of our local cemeteries can be rewarding in discovering missing links to the past — the early land owners, farmers, and merchants that owned our homes and farmed our land.

Labor Day Weekend Exhibit

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone that contributed time and effort towards making this project a success. Since I know many of you were not able to get to the Fair and see the exhibit, enclosed is a copy of the pamphlet "The Van Dorn Mill" that was published for distribution at our exhibit.

Annual Meeting

As we close out the old and prepare to enter our 45th year, an election of Trustees will be held. The nominating committee will submit their slate for the new year.

Dues are Due

Our year runs from October to September. Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope for paying your 1972-73 dues. If you forgot last year, this is your chance to catch up. If in doubt, call our treasurer, William Scheuerman at 766-2670. Please do it today. Thank you for your support.

September 1972

Fred W. Kampmier 3rd
President

May 1972

Basking Ridge Historical Society Meeting
Thursday, May 18th, 8 P. M. , Town Hall
15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge, N.J.



Program

Throughout the Somerset Hills Area we are surrounded by many older homes that are begging to be explored --- their history of joys and sorrows are hidden within their weathered boards and aging walls. If a house could only speak it could tell us of the stone mason and the carpenter, the deeds and the wills, together with the marriages, births and deaths --- but, there are other ways to find the inner secrets of an old home:

DISCOVERING THE HISTORY OF OLD HOUSES

The home of our guest speaker, Mr. Alexander D. Fowler of Boonton, was built in 1740 or 232 years ago. This has been his home since 1938 and for over a period of 27 years he has searched into its history --- a hobby that virtually became his second profession. Mr. Fowler is past President of the Morris County Historical Society and was one of the prime movers that helped to organize the society.

Labor Day Fair

The Basking Ridge Historical Society will exhibit at the 1972 Labor Day Fair and we again plan to publish and distribute a small historic pamphlet. To help cover costs we need patrons --- their names to be printed as part of the pamphlet similar to last year. A charge of only \$1.00 per line will have your name placed on this distinguished roster and will go down in history. Don't miss out this year. Send your dollar today using the attached form. Thank you for your support.

Somerset County Seminars

The first session of historic talks will be held on Wednesday, May 10th, 7:30 P.M. at the Somerset County College located on Route 28 in North Branch (West of Somerville). The first talk will be on "The Frelinghuysen House" in Raritan. These sessions are offered free of charge and all are welcome.

Historic Tours - We Need You

As you know, for several years now your Historical Society has been conducting historic tours for school children and have found it to be a great way to encourage a better understanding of our historical heritage. We plan to expand our tour, but first must increase the number of trained guides. History belongs to all of us and here is an opportunity for you to participate --- it can be fun. We will train you and provide the know how. Join our next training session and become a tour guide. We need you. Call your President today 766-3173.

The Deserted Village at Allaire

The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey, which is comprised of Historical Societies throughout the state, is jointly sponsoring a Historical and Antique Exchange on Saturday, June 3rd (rain date June 10th), 10 A.M. at Allaire State Park. Enjoy a day visiting this restored village, bring a picnic lunch and maybe buy a historical publication or an antique treasure. Picnic tables and refreshments are available.

Museum of Early Trades and Crafts

Be sure to visit this new museum --- only a few miles away in Madison at the corner of Main Street (Route 24) and Green Village Road. Admission is free. Hours now through June 30th are 10-5 except Sunday 2-5. If in doubt call the museum 377-2982. Its purpose is to encourage a better understanding of the life and work of early America, in the home, on the farm and in the shop.

Mark your calendar now.

Participate - its your society.

Send your dollar today.

May 1972

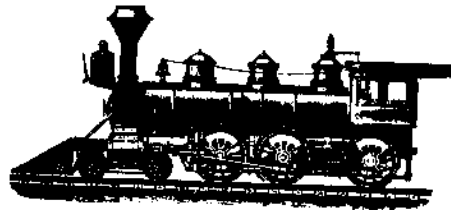
Fred W. Kampmier 3rd
President

To: Mr. William L. Scheuerman Jr.
Treasurer BRHS
5 Spencer Road
Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920

Yes, I would like to help sponsor the Historical Society at the 1972 Labor Day Fair. Enclosed is my dollar. Please print my name as follows:

(Miss, Mr., Mrs., Mr. & Mrs., Family, Business)

Basking Ridge Historical Society Meeting
Thursday, November 18, 8 P.M. Town Hall
15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge, N.J.



Program

Before the railroad came to the Somerset Hills Area, Basking Ridge and other neighboring villages were isolated from the outside world — except for the public stage coach or the private carriage.

Just 100 years ago this coming January 29th, new life came to these hills when a steam train made its first scheduled run between Bernardsville and Hoboken. As quoted from an ad at that time — "At Basking Ridge you are nearer Wall-Street than at 75th Street, New York".

RAILS TO BERNARDS

1872 100th ANNIVERSARY 1972

Our speaker, Kenneth A. Turner Jr., was born and bred within a "toot" of the Basking Ridge Railroad station. Perhaps this combined with a new Christmas toy started him on a life long hobby of Trains-Trains-Trains.

Our Officers

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Baubles and Tinsel

They say that baubles and tinsel are the stuff of which magic is made and for sure there is something magical about a Christmas Tree. So come one, come all — for you are invited to:

A MERRIE OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Chester M. Petroski have graciously invited all the members of the society to gather together for a festive evening at their home — a charming old home decorated with antiques. Mark your calendar for Friday, December 17th at 8 P.M.

Although a barbecued ox is not on the menu, there will be gifts, games and a jolly good time to be had by all. It will cost you nothing. But we must make plans, so don't wait. Please complete the attached form and mail it today in the self-addressed envelope provided.

November 1971

Fred W. Kampmier 3rd
President

Basking Ridge Historical Society Meeting
Thursday, September 23, 8 P.M. Town Hall
15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge, N.J.



In the year 1771, the ground work for the American Revolution was in its planning stage. Now, 200 years later, we are planning for 1976 and here is an opportunity to enjoy the "Premier Showing" of a program designed to commemorate the Bicentennial of the American Revolution.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
IN PICTURES

Our guest speaker, Mr. J. Norman Convery, will present an all new colored slide show that he has just completed after spending many weekends during the past year exploring places, people and things related to the American Revolution in New Jersey. As you know from past programs, his photography and commentary always provides for a good show.

Labor Day Weekend Exhibit

It was a struggle at times, but with all the good help it had to be a success. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone that contributed time and effort towards this project. Since I know many of you were not able to get to the Fair, enclosed is a copy of "The Old Brick Academy" that was published for distribution at our exhibit.

Annual Meeting

As we close out the old and prepare to enter our 44th year, an election of Trustees will be held. The nominating committee will submit their slate for the new year.

Dues are Due

Our year runs from October to September. Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope for paying your 1971-72 dues. If you forgot last year, this is your chance to catch up. If in doubt, call our treasurer, William Scheuerman at 766-2670. Please do it today. Thank you for your support.

September 1971

Fred W. Kampmier 3rd
President

May 1971

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
Thursday, May 20, 8 P.M. Town Hall
15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge, N.J.

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Variety Package — a program featuring three selected short subjects, a kind of show and tell that is sure to provide something of interest for everyone:

THE PICTURE POST CARD

"Cranberry Lake 8/16/05. Staying here until Wed. Nothing but rain. Wish you were here. Love XXX Abigail"

Deltiology, better known as post card collecting to most all of us, will be told by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cormier of Basking Ridge. They will entertain us with a brief history of post cards and will exhibit cards from their collection that includes early views of villages and crossroads in the Somerset Hills Area, holiday greetings, early expositions and many rare and unique cards.

They are very active in the Garden State Post Card Collectors Club - Alfred is president and Ruth is corresponding secretary. Mrs. Cormier is also a member of the Deltiologists of America and the International Post Card Collectors Association.

EARLY AMERICAN SILVER SPOONS 1600 - 1850

Tucked away in grandma's old trunk or proudly displayed — silver spoons are prized possessions that have been passed down from generation to generation.

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Wallace Burt of Morristown as our speaker, who is an authority on the subject. Mrs. Burt gleaned much of her knowledge from the Winterthur Museum where she spent seven years as a volunteer guide. More recently she has been on the staff of the Morristown National Historical Park.

Mrs. Burt's talk will include spoons from her own collection. She will discuss style, touch marks and regional characteristics. You are invited to bring along spoons from your own collection for discussion and identification.

GROUND BY HAND — A COLLECTION OF MORTARS & PESTLES

The Mortar & Pestle was a tool commonly found in the Indian wigwam, the colonial kitchen or the corner apothecary shop. They served a real purpose — to pound maize into flour, to grind garden herbs into a delicate aroma or to prepare a doctor's potion for the sick and feeble.

Our speaker, Mrs. Nancy Kampmier, will exhibit pieces from her collection consisting of various materials, shapes and sizes.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL

Historical Society representatives from all corners of the state recently gathered together for a "Lets Talk Bicentennial" — an initial meeting to exchange ideas on goals, themes and planning of pertinent programs. The state conference was convened by the New Jersey Historic Commission and was attended by your president.

Although 1976 may seem far in the future, one must remember that 1776 was the climax of the Revolution and that the years preceding were equally as important (and should also be celebrated) as this was when the ground work of the Revolution was laid.

KIWANIS FAIR EXHIBIT

History belongs to us all and here is an opportunity for all to participate in an event. Starting this year the Basking Ridge Historical Society will exhibit at the Kiwanis Labor Day Fair. Many of you will be called upon to help plan, set-up exhibits and represent the society at the fair. Better yet, call me and tell me that you would like to help (766-3173).

At the Historical Society exhibit, we plan to distribute an informative pamphlet on the historical society and local history. To help cover costs we need sponsors,—their names to be printed as part of the pamphlet. A charge of \$1.00 per line will have your name placed on this distinguished roster. Please send your dollar today. Use the form below. Thank you.

FUTURE EVENTS

The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey, which is comprised of historical societies throughout the state, is jointly sponsoring an Antiques Flea Market Show on Saturday, July 17th at Allaire State Park. This is your chance to enjoy a day visiting this historic park and perhaps to find an antique treasure or collector's item.

Come spend a fun evening with us.

Bring a new member.

Come early — limited seating.

May 1971

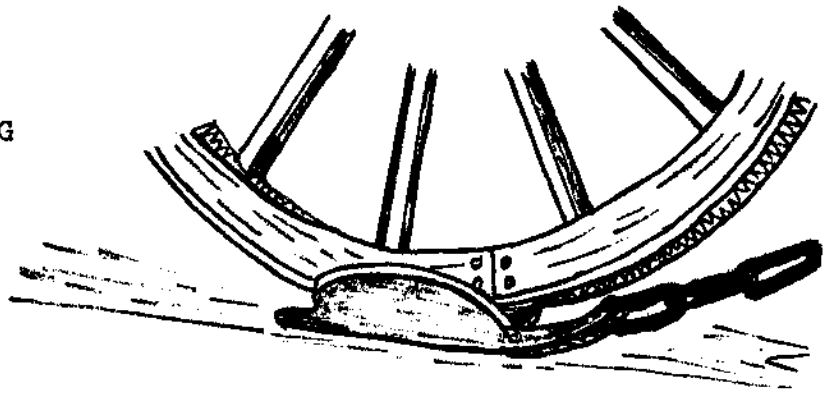
Fred W. Kampmier 3rd
President

To: Mr. William L. Scheuerman Jr.
Treasurer BRHS
5 Spencer Road
Basking Ridge, N. J. 07920

Yes, I would like to help sponsor the Historical Society at the Kiwanis Labor Day Fair. Enclosed is my dollar. Please print my name as follows:

(Miss, Mr., Mrs., Mr. & Mrs., Family, Business)

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
Thursday, March 18, 8 P. M. Town Hall
15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge, N.J.



Prior to the white man's arrival in our area, Indian and animal trails followed the valleys and banks of our major streams and some of the first roads of our early settlers followed these trails. Our guest speaker, Mr. Lewis Owen of Oradell, N.J. will present:

MUD, SWEAT AND TEARS

The Story Of New Jersey's Early Roads

Here is an opportunity to learn how our ancestors traveled over a river of mud and dust, why the 1680 maps show no roads, why U.S. Route 1 follows a deer trail, when and where the first wheeled vehicles crossed the state, how the covered wagon played its part and lots more surprising information. The talk will be illustrated with slides of early maps and prints from the speaker's collection.

Mr. Owen is chairman of the Bergen County Revolution Round Table, the author of a pamphlet "Washington's Final Victory", several magazine articles and a book "How Wall Street Doubles My Money Every Three Years". Also a lecturer on investing and on the history of the American Revolution.

Historical Round Table

Three workshop meetings have been held and from all indications we are off to a good start. Everyone is welcome to these workshops --- a good old fashioned get together. Currently on the agenda are: Reports on sources of local historic information, the compilation of a list of events that happened in our area between 1776-81 and a survey of historic buildings and sites in the Somerset Hills Area.

The next Historical Round Table will be on Thursday, April 15th at 8 P. M. --- mark your calendar now as this will be the only notice.

Come spend a fun evening with us.

Bring a new member.

This will be a good one --- Don't miss it.

March 1971

Fred W. Kampmier 3rd
President

NEW JERSEY HISTORY CALENDAR

March 14 Sunday 2:00-5:00 pm
Historical Socy of Plainfield
Drake House, 602 West Front Street
Plainfield, N.J.

March 16 Tuesday 8:15 pm
Historical Society of Princeton
at Natural History Museum, Guyot Hall
Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

March 17 Wednesday 8:pm
Camden County Historical Society
Park Boulevard & Euclid Avenue
Camden, N.J.

March 18 Thursday 8:00 pm
Basking Ridge Historical Society
15 West Oak Street, Town Hall
Basking Ridge, N.J.

March 19 Friday 8:00 pm
Canal Society of New Jersey
at Allied Chemical Auditorium
Columbia Road & Park Avenue
Morris Township, N.J.

March 20 Saturday 6:30 pm
Sussex County Historical Society
at Newtonian Inn, Route 206
Newton, N.J.

March 22 Monday 8:00 pm
Livingston Historical Society
Recreation Building, Memorial Park
Livingston, N.J.

March 31 Wednesday 8:15 pm
Chatham Historical Society
at Parlor, Ogden Memorial Presbyterian
Church, Main Street, Chatham, N.J.

April 15 Thursday 8:00 pm
Basking Ridge Historical Society
15 West Oak Street, Town Hall
Basking Ridge, N.J.

50th Anniversary Reception
Talk by Harold C. Hoffman,
Chairman of the N.J. Historic
Sites Council.

Evening lecture series. Tour of
Natural History Museum and
discussion of significant
archeological contributions.

Illustrated talk on the
Historic Preservation of
Haddonfield.

Mud, Sweat and Tears - the story
of New Jersey's early roads
by Lewis Owen.

Slides of Chesapeake and Ohio
Canal and talk by Mrs. O. G.
Theobald.

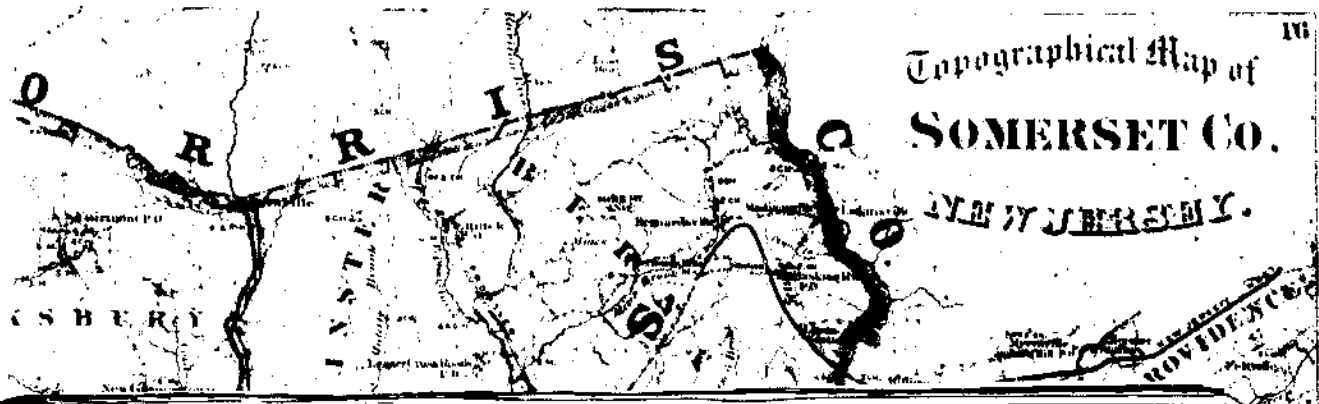
Annual Dinner. Tickets \$6.00
from SCHS, 82 Main Street,
Newton, N.J. 07860. Speaker
and Entertainment.

Rubbing Tombstones. Talk by
Arthur Lang. Refreshments

Mount Vernon. Talk by
Mrs. Thomas Turner Cooke, Pres.
of Mount Vernon Ladies Assoc.

Historical Round Table
Workshop.

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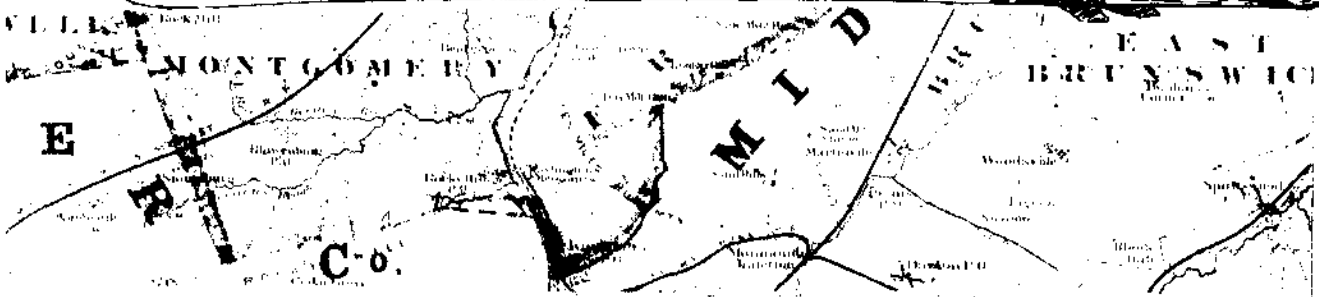
BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical Roundtable Meeting
 Thursday, February 15, 8 P.M.
 Town Hall, Basking Ridge, N.J.

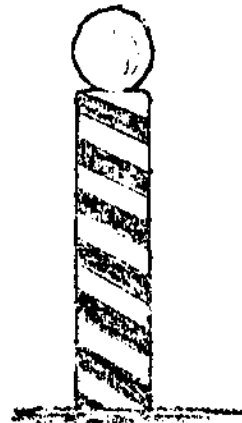
OLD MAPS - A SOURCE FOR LOCAL HISTORY

This will be a workshop meeting for those interested in exploring the past through the use of old maps. An informal roundtable discussion with membership participation. Bring along your old maps for study.

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Basking Ridge Historical Society Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 8 P. M. Town Hall
15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge, N. J.



Program

Long before Rev. Dr. Robert Finley was honored with a street in his name, it was called Main Street and the section in the center of Basking Ridge was known as Front Street.

FRONT STREET
BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.

Our speaker, William L. Scheuerman Jr., was born and bred on Front Street as was his father before him. His grandfather, Henry Scheuerman, settled here in 1880 and soon went about setting up business on Front Street.

Here is a rare opportunity to hear tales of daily life on Front Street — both the joys and sorrows that have been passed down from fathers to sons.

Added Attraction

Also for your delight, a selected short subject on an age old problem — How to Build A Better Mouse Trap.

Historical Roundtable

In spite of the wind and the rain, 23 members from all crossroads of the Somerset Hills turned out for the first Roundtable conference. In the future, only members of the Roundtable will receive notices of these conferences. If you missed it and want to join this group, please advise your President.

Our Officers

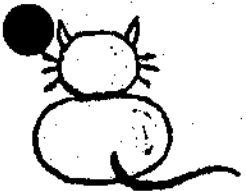
The trustees elected at the September meeting, met on October 7th and elected the following officers: Fred W. Kampmier 3rd, president; Lewis W. Kriney, vice president; David M. Meeker, recording secretary; William L. Scheuerman Jr, Treasurer; Arch W. Carswell, corresponding secretary. Other trustees are Mrs. Rodney Gilbert, G. Mills Bockoven, J. Austin Cross and Kenneth A. Turner Jr.

Dues are Due

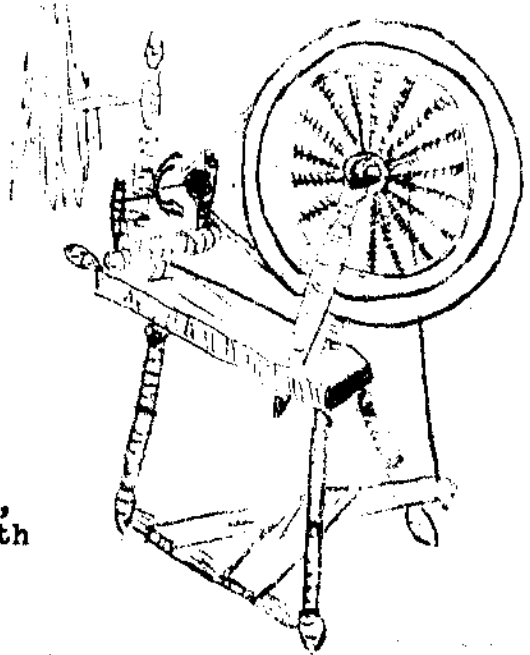
Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope for paying your 1970-71 dues. If you forgot last year, this is your chance to catch up. Please do it today. Thankyou for your support.

November 1970

Fred W. Kampmier 3rd
President



Basking Ridge Historical Society Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 8 P.M., Town Hall
15 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge, N.J.



Program

. . . the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker. Also the weaver, the cobbler, the cooper, the potter, the tanner, the farmer, the blacksmith and many other early industries are disappearing from the American scene.

Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Dorothea Connolly, executive administrator of the Clinton Historical Museum. Mrs. Connolly will present a "show and tell" program of our early American industries.

Also known as the "Old Red Mill", the Clinton Historical Museum aims to encourage the study and better understanding of early industries in the home and on the farm; to discover, identify, classify, preserve and exhibit obsolete tools, implements, utensils, instruments, vehicles and mechanical devices used by American craftsmen, farmers and housewives of the past. Mrs. Connolly is a vital force in making the museum a going concern.

Acquisitions

Ever since the Basking Ridge Historical Society was first organized, it has been collecting and preserving historical items and documents in preparation for the day when we will have a museum of our own. All acquisitions are catalogued and recorded with the name of the donor. Perhaps you have an item you would like to add to our collection. Please call your president at 766-3173.

Annual Meeting

As we close out the old and prepare to enter our 43rd year, an election of Trustees will be held. The nominating committee will submit their slate for the new year.

Don't miss this one !

Mark your calendar now.

Come spend a fun evening with us.

September 1970

Fred W. Kammier 3rd
President

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 8 P.M. TOWN HALL
15 WEST OAK STREET, BASKING RIDGE, N. J.

"Baskenridge Camp, January 22, 1780. We have had a fast lately in camp . . . This was occasioned by the severity of the weather and drifting of snow whereby the roads were rendered impassable and all supplies of provisions cut off . . . The inhabitants of this part of the country discovered a noble spirit in feeding the soldiers . . ."

Our guest speakers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bartenstein of Mendham, uncovered clues in their historical research that led to the final documentation of our New Jersey camp site.

THE NEW JERSEY BRIGADE
WINTER 1779-80



The site, located at our own door step, is in the Hardscrabble Road area called Logtown --- now part of the Scherman Wildlife Sanctuary. The campsites of other units of the army had been identified and properly marked at Jockey Hollow Park and until now, the New Jersey Brigade has gone unmarked.

One of our society members, Mrs. Raymond Vanderhoff, grew up in the Logtown area where her ancestors had lived during the Revolution and the story of soldiers' huts had been passed down from generation to generation, but never documented.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear and see how the mystery of this lost brigade was finally documented through many sources and hours of research.

Come spend an evening with us.

Mark your calendar, Thursday, May 21st, 8 P.M.

May 1970

Fred W. Kampmier 3rd
President

BASKING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 8 P.M. TOWN HALL
15 WEST OAK ST., BASKING RIDGE, N.J.



Horn-blowing gabriels, race horses, crowing cockerels, cows and other designs of wind indicators looked down on our forebearers from barns and church steeples.

To welcome the arrival of Spring, our March program will feature Mr. Alexander Farnham of Frenchtown, N.J. discussing:

ART ON A ROOF TOP - - -
THE STORY OF WEATHERVANES

America's early settlers had little time for artistic expression. But, as the land became cleared and the Indians less of a threat — the weathervane became popular as it combined utility with decorative use. Both weathervanes and almanacs served as the farmer's guide for plowing, planting, growing and harvesting.

Today — a few of the older vanes are still to be seen in most communities, even our own — as the arrow on the Presbyterian church and the fish on the Van Dorn gristmill. Various forms of weathervanes from the speaker's collection will be displayed for you to see.

Mr. Farnham, an artist, is known for his award winning barn paintings and will exhibit a selection of his paintings. His art work is in permanent collections of National and private galleries.

Come spend a fun evening with us.

Bring a friend - - - guests are always welcome.

Mark your calendar: Thursday, March 19th, 8 P.M.

March 1970

Fred W. Kampmier 3rd
President