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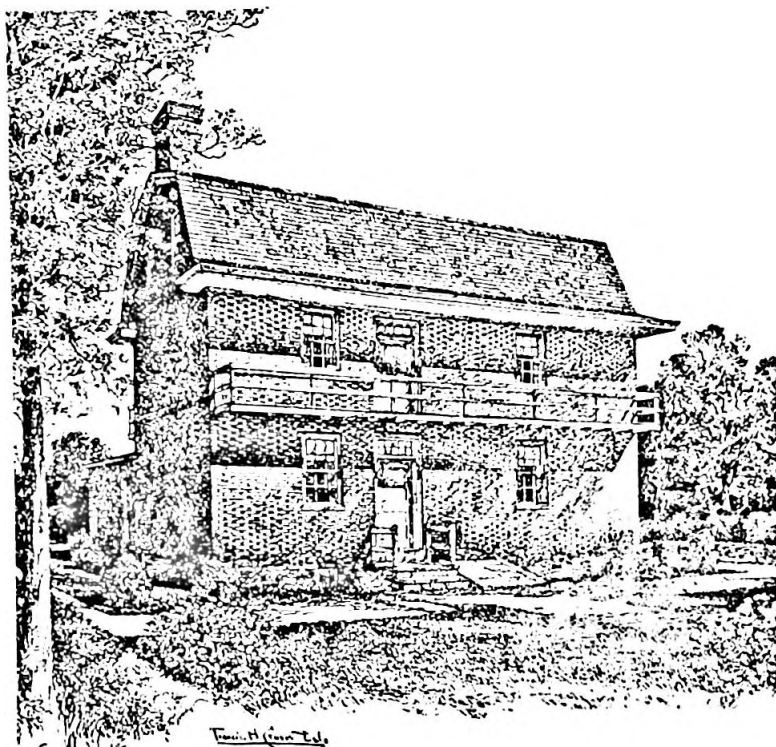


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"When the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock", the Atlantic County Historical Society starts out on its new year of adventure after a review of its immediate past acquisitions and accomplishments.

We find ourselves indebted to a great many persons not only for the gifts they have brought to our valuable collection at the Somers Mansion but also for their devoted services in compiling and authenticating facts, figures and family genealogies.

Our annual dinner meeting was held at Hotel Morton on November 1, 1951, presided over by our gracious and about to retire President, Mrs. Charles W. Blake. No Historical Society has ever had a better qualified person to be its leader. The new team succeeding her and her officers has called upon her many times for her kindly advice which has been freely given from her rich experience.

The speaker at our annual meeting was Dr. Wilson, History Professor at Glassboro State Teachers College. His interesting account of early County history recalled many little known facts, such as early county real estate promotions, and Jewish refugee colonies. Middle of the century bathing customs and costumes along the ocean front were very amusing as he related them.

A property at the junction of Shore and Tilton Roads had been given to the Historical Society by the late Edward C. Ryon providing property be used in erecting a headquarters for the Society. As this was never consummated, a quit claim was recommended and drawn up by our valued counsel and member, Allen B. Endicott. This claim was acted upon which turned the property back to the nearest heirs of Edward C. Ryon, his son and daughter, who in turn gave back very generously to the Society a substantial portion of the proceeds of the sale of above property.

Visitors to our Society's headquarters flow on apace. It is our constant endeavor to keep the Somers Mansion before the public eye. It is recorded in Holy Writ that "A Prophet is without honor in his own country". While it has been my privilege as your presiding officer to speak by invitation before a number of county civic clubs, I find that all too few people have ever been inside the Somers Mansion. Here we have a real gem but less public interest than such a historical spot deserves. We are constantly reminded of the inadequate approach to the museum and are calling this to the attention of New Jersey authorities in the department of Conservation and Economic Development and Highway Commissioner Ransford J. Abbott. Some day we will have an entrance way befitting the charm and dignity of the Mansion we are permitted to occupy.

An old safe was given to us by Charneys Stationery Store and was delivered at a nominal cost by Daniel Olsen to the basement of the Somers Mansion, to be used as a container for valuable records.

Your Officers and Committeemen were much concerned about the possibility of the Army Air Force taking over thousands of acres of the Wharton Tract to be used as a freight depot. In our eyes this seemed like the loss of a great natural resource. Water supply in particular, game and recreation in general. The possible obliteration of the Batsto Historical village we felt to be imminent. Letters and telegrams of protest were directed to be sent to Governor Driscoll and Dr. Charles R. Erdman, head of our Department of Conservation and Development. To these two men especially we owe a debt of gratitude for preserving for the present what should become the property of all the people of the State of New Jersey.

Who of us doesn't like to go visiting? Mrs. Samuel Loveland invited your Board and Committees to her charming home in Hammonton for our May Board meeting. Everyone should pay a party call and accompany Mrs. Loveland as she conducts you around the world with the memorabilia collected by her late seafaring husband and now carefully placed in wall cabinets in her spacious living room.

The other visit we made was to the Gloucester County Seat at Woodbury, New Jersey. We were the guests of that county's Historical Society of which Mrs. Robert T. Wetherill is the President. She and a number of her officers played host to us and arranged for their Vice-President Mr. Daniel W. Beckley to tell us about "Old Gloucester and the formation of Atlantic County".

It appears that our forefathers were long suffering. After agitating for a near at hand County Seat for one hundred and seven years they were finally granted the privilege of not having to go the full sixty miles via water, horseback or buckboard and acquired a central location for conducting their many legal affairs at Mays Landing, in the newly established (1837) County of Atlantic.

After a delightful hour of entertainment at the Gloucester County Historical Society Museum, about forty of our own members and a number of Hosts repaired to the Friends Meeting House and grounds where we enjoyed a picnic supper.

We were told that this old place of worship was established by the Quakers in the year 1715. Many of the earliest settlers are interred in the adjoining burial grounds including members of the Wood family who emigrated to West Jersey from Bury, England, and for whom Woodbury was named.

We have had a happy year together and I want to thank each and every one for the part they have played in our progress.

PAUL M. COPE,
President

ACCESSIONS OF BOOKS AND RECORDS

October, 1951 to October, 1952

Georgiana C. Blake, Curator

- Family Bible of Jesse and Mary (Baker) Somers. Presented by Mrs. Dorothy Veal Yowell, of Charlottesville, Va. (Dau. of Theresa Somers, who was dau. of Jesse and Mary (Baker) Somers.)
- Family Bible of Richard L. Somers. Presented by Helena Somers Conover, (Mrs. Zeph. Conover).
- Genealogy of Capt. James Hook of Greene Co., Pa. Presented by the compiler, James William Hook.
- The "Little" Family of Monmouth County, N. J. Presented by Donald C. Little of Kansas City, Kansas.
- The New Jersey Genealogical Society Magazine. Subscription.
- The New England Historical and Genealogical Register. Subscription.
- The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record. Subscription.
- Cape May County Magazine of History and Genealogy, 1951. Presented by The Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Society.
- Family Bulletin of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, June, 1951. Presented by the Conover Family Association.
- Lineage Book, Daughters of Founders and Patriots, 1952. Presented by the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots.
- Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society, January, 1952. Presented by Mrs. Samuel C. Loveland.
- Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine, 1951-June, 1952. Presented by Miss Ray Newell.
- Records of the Presbyterian Church of Mays Landing. Copied from the original books, typed, bound and presented by Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom and Mrs. George H. Eckhardt.
- Will of David S. Connelly, 1867. Presented by Mrs. Sarah Ewing.
- Philadelphia Inquirer, April 21, 1918. (Containing article on the Jesse Lake Tractor).
- Mt. Carmel Evening Register, July 7, 1914. (Containing letter from the late Miss Sarah A. Risley to her relatives in Mt. Carmel, Illinois.) Presented by Georgiana C. Blake.
- Barnswell Addresses; Arthurs Home Magazine, July-December, 1856; Historical Tales of Cumberland County, by Wm. C. Mulford, 1942; Tides of Time, Ocean County, N. J.; Phila. Public Ledger, March 25, 1836. Presented by Mrs. Saml. Barbash.
- Various official Great Egg Harbor Twsp. papers from the files of the late Capt. John Price. Presented by Miss Louie Price. Being arranged in scrap book and indexed by the Historian Mrs. Sarah Ewing.

Photostat copy of first will recorded in Philadelphia (1682) said will witnessed by John Somers. Comparison of signatures proves same to be the signature of the John Somers who settled at Somers Point prior to 1695. Presented by Mr. Richard H. Somers, Pitman, N. J.

Road Return—Road from Public Road at Nacote Creek near Robert Smith's to the Swimming Over Place—1763.

Road Return—Road from Clark's Mills Branch to Absecon Bridge (Old Wrangleborough Road). 1802. Presented by Mr. Charles B. Bowen.

Bill of Sale of Schr. Emma D. Endicott;

Will—Joseph Sooy, 1802;

Bounds of Survey, 100 acres to Evi Smith, lands on Chestnut Neck, 1742;

Deed—Jacob Roberts to Richard Bowen, 1824;

Deed—Daniel and Jemima Scull to Jeremiah Higbee, 1809;

Survey—Land on Swan Bay near Little Egg Harbor River to Evi Smith, 1843;

Deed—Thomas and Sarah Clark to Lardner Clark, (Walter Clark property in Port Republic), 1871. Copies presented by Mrs. Sarah Bowen.

Headstone Records of Smith—Ireland Burying Ground at Estellville. Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Breese.

New Jersey Laws of 1893;

Henderson, Stout and Allied Families, by Frank Clarence Henderson, Compiled by Elizabeth B. Satterthwaite, 1921. Presented by Mrs. Blanche R. Burbank.

Photographic plates of views of Atlantic City taken in the 1880's by the father of the donor, Mr. Warren Hewitt;

The Society has the following books and pamphlets on sale at the Somers Mansion, Somers Point, N. J.:

"Jersey Waggon Jaunts" by Alfred M. Heston, 1926, 2 Vols.	\$10.00
"Genealogy of the Lake Family" by Adams & Risley, 1915	5.00
"First Year's Work of the Atlantic County Historical Society", 1915	4.00
"History of the Somers Mansion" by H. N. Moffett, 1942	.50
"Richard Somers, Master Commandant U. S. Navy" by Edna M. Hoopes, 1933	.50
"History of Zion Meeting House" by William Lake, 1909	.50
Leaflets on Atlantic County, Atlantic City and on Weymouth, each	.10
"Yearbooks of the Atlantic County Historical Society", Volume 1 Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4; Volume 2, Number 1, each.....	1.00

GEORGIANA C. BLAKE,
Curator

ADAMS GENEALOGY
COMPILED BY
ARTHUR ADAMS, Ph.D.

Concluded

29. Jonathan³ (John¹, Jonathan², John², Jeremy¹) Adams. (His name is regularly spelled Addoms). He lived in Great Egg Harbor Township, and received one-third of his father's estate by deed of 1770. The dates of his birth and death and the dates of birth and death of his wife are found in the family Bible of his eldest son, Richard. This Bible in August 1931 was in the possession of Mrs. Hester Buzby, a descendant: the record was given the compiler by Mrs. Grace Osterhus, of Terre Haute, Indiana, a descendant much interested in the family history.

He was born Jan. 6, 1735, and died April 16, 1808. He married Mary _____, born May 8, 1737. His will is dated Dec. 15, 1806, and was proved June 14, 1808.

Children:

- i. Richard, born Jan. 20, 1759, and died Dec. 14, 1805. He married June 26, 1784, Rebecca Ireland. She was born Feb. 22, 1767, and died Nov. 10, 1811. She was a daughter of Edmund Ireland, who died Feb. 26, 1796. He lived in Philadelphia. Their children were: (a) Zephaniah, born Sept. 25, 1785, married Mary Clymer, Dec. 26, 1808; (b) Sophia, born June 2, 1788, married John Streeton, Oct. 25, 1808, and had George, born Nov. 16, 1812; (c) Ziba, born Sept. 23, 1790, died Oct. 6, 1796; (d) Esther, born Sept. 11, 1792, married Samuel McDonald, July 3, 1820; (e) Lovina, born Dec. 16, 1795, died May 4, 1798; (f) Aaron, born Sept. 26, 1799, died July 5, 1800; (g) Richard, Jr., born May 5, 1801. Jonathan Addams does not mention his son, Richard, in his will.
- ii. John, to whom he left all his real estate. He is known in the family as "Long John". He lived in Great Egg Harbor, and has many descendants in Pleasantville and the neighborhood.
- iii. Thomas.
- iv. Milly.
- v. Edmond.
- vi. Sarah.

30. Elijah³ (John¹, Jonathan², John², Jeremy¹) Adams. (The name is regularly spelled "Addoms"). He received one-third of his father's real estate by deed of gift in 1770. He served in the Gloucester County militia during the Revolution. September 24, 1770, he sold the land he had received from his father to Joseph Covenover. His wife, Elizabeth, joins in the deed. He died intestate in 1801, leaving an only child and heir Jeremiah. His widow married a Whiley.

- i. Jeremiah, married Elizabeth Lee, and had a son, Japhet. The late Theophilus Lee Adams, of Ocean City, was a descendant of Elijah Adams.

31. Jonas⁶ (David⁵, Jeremiah⁴, Jeremiah³, John², Jeremy¹) Adams. He lived in Egg Harbor Township, where he died in 1816. His will is dated 13 day of 6 month 1809, and was proved January 12, 1816. He mentions his wife Dinah, to whom he leaves one-half of his estate, real and personal. To his son Jonas, he leaves land on the northeast side of Noah's Road, adjoining land of Jesse Adams and John Lake. To his sons Solomon and Noah, he leaves the plantation where he dwelled. He mentions four daughters: Sarah Green, Hannah Ireland, Phebe Hawkins, and Jane Addoms. His sons Solomon and Noah are made executors.

Children:

- i. Jonas. His children were: Washington, Ellis, Mahlon, and Lewis.
- ii. Solomon. His children were Wesley, Solomon, Sarah Ann, who married Enoch Hackett, and Margaret, who married Frazer Baker and who died young.
- iii. Noah. His children were Jonas, David, Emeline, Stewart, Millie, Absalom, Felix, Noah, and Lucinda. Jonas married Ann, daughter of Peter Steelman, and had Henry, John, Lewis, and Jonas. David married Sarah Jefries and had Allen, Hannah, and Humphrey. Emeline married Lemuel Connelly. Stewart married Lizzie, daughter of Jesse Adams, and was drowned at sea, leaving no children. Millie married John Leeds, and had Mary, Daniel, Emma, Alonzo, Charles, John, and David. Absalom married Phoebe, daughter of "Siah" Bowen, and had Gideon, Felix, lost at sea—no children, Noah, married Sarah Collins, and had Lucinda and Stewart.

32. Obadiah⁶ (Uriah⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Jeremy¹) Adams of Wantage. He married September 25, 1797, Mary Givens. His will is dated November 3, 1808, and was proved December 21, 1808. He mentions his wife Mary and the following children:

Children:

- i. George.
- ii. Joseph.
- iii. Givens.
- iv. Jane.

33. Lewis⁶ (Evi⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born February 23, 1769, and lived in Wantage. He married, first, Martha, and secondly, Mary Ann Brink. The children, according to the family Bible were.

Children:

(By first marriage)

- i. Jane, born July 11, 1788.
- ii. John L., born 1790.
- iii. Mary, born 1792.
- iv. Elizabeth, born 1795.
- v. Evi L., born 1797, married Maria Smith.

(By second marriage)

- vi. John.
- vii. Lewis.
- viii. Evi.
- ix. Parker.
- x. William.

34. John⁶ (Evi², John¹, John², John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born March 22, 1772. He married, first, Elizabeth Cox. He married, secondly, Jane, born July 1, 1775, died March 10, 1860. His will is dated September 4, 1847, and was proved March 16, 1852. He died February 16, 1852.

Children:

- i. James M. Lived in Sussex, N. J.
- ii. Evi Lived in Middletown, N. Y.
- iii. William P. Lived near Sussex and had a son William T. Adams.
- iv. Hannah, married Schoononer.
- v. Margaret, married Samuel Whitaker.
- vi. Zella, m. Jacob H. Beemer.
- vii. Jane, married Abraham Smith.
- viii. Sarah Ann.
- ix. Elizabeth.

35. Joseph⁶ (Evi², John¹, John², John², Jeremy¹) Adams. He was born March 15, 1783. He married, first, Sarah, who died November 12, 1806, in her twenty-fifth year. He married, secondly, Martha A. Post, who was born March 23, 1792. He sold his Sussex County farm in 1839, and moved to Fredricksburg, Va. He died there in 1845, his wife having died January 1, 1844, in Virginia. Most of his children settled in Orange County, N. Y., some of them moving westward thence.

Children:

- i. Gabriel P., born December 27, 1811, died in New York in August, 1845.
- ii. Robert, born May 24, 1813.
- iii. Sarah Jane, born July 3, 1815, married Howard, and died September 4, 1858.
- 56 iv. Ellis, born September 25, 1817.
- v. Ann Elisa, born December 16, 1821, married August 29, 1844, in Virginia Samuel King, and died September 17, 1857.
- vi. Eleanor Maria, born February 14, 1823.
- vii. Hannah Adelia, born June 25, 1826.
- viii. Marion Amelia, born November 3, 1828.
- ix. Alanson Austin, born March 11, 1831, died in North Carolina, October 7, 1854.
- x. George Banghart, born August 4, 1834.
- xi. David Post, born January 31, 1837.

36. Evi⁶ (Evi², John¹, John², John², Jeremy¹) Adams. He was born October 8, 1785, and died March 14, 1870. He married Sarah Martin, December 20, 1806, who was born March 19, 1786, and died October

18, 1843, aged fifty-one. She was born in Deckertown, a daughter of Humphrey Martin, Sr., who is said to have come from Pennsylvania to Sussex County.

Children:

- i. John E.
- ii. Van Rensselaer, married Sarah Smith. No children. Will proved July 3, 1876.
- 57 iii. Parkinson, b. April 12, 1816.
- iv. Elisabeth; married Asa Wilson. They had a son, Evi, who married Delia Cox, and had Merritt and Madge, who married William Snodgrass and lived in California.
- v. Polly, married William Roe.
- vi. Sarah Jane, married Arvil Martin, June 5, 1839. No children.

37. Phylah⁶ (Sylvanus⁵, John¹, John², John³, Jeremy¹) Adams. She was born March 16, 1769, and died September 14, 1858. She married, first, Mar. 1, 1788, Samuel McCoy, who died April 7, 1804, and secondly, Randolph Dunn, who died June 7, 1844.

Children: (McCoy)

- i. Simeon, born June 8, 1790, died December 14, 1856.
- 58 ii. Sarah, born Oct. 8, 1792.
- iii. John, born October 8, 1795.
- iv. Phylah, born September 16, 1798, died September 20, 1804.

Children: (Dunn)

- v. Squire, born March 6, 1807, died October 6, 1809.
- vi. Samuel, born March 6, 1809, d. October 7, 1809.
- vii. Silas, born October 15, 1812, married Phebe Courson, and had a son Moses, born October 13, 1835.

38. Samuel⁶ (Sylvanus⁵, John¹, John², John³, Jeremy¹) Adams was born March 12, 1772, and died before June 6, 1844. His wife died November 18, 1843, aged 66 years. He married Mary Cuddeback, daughter of James and Mary (Westbrook) Cuddeback. He had daughters Zilla and Phylah, mentioned in his father, Samuel's, will in 1844.

Children:

- i. Insley, d. April 5, 1811, aged 37 years, 5 months, and 12 days.
- ii. Isaiah.
- iii. John.
- iv. Phyla, born March 16, 1769. She married Thomas Owens, of Bradford, Pa.
- v. James C.
- vi. Huldah, born March 31, 1804, married June 29, 1822, Samuel Cuykindall, born September 8, 1791, son of Moses and Hannah (Decker) (Wendall): Cuykindall.
- vii. Silvanus.

39. Isaiah⁶ (Sylvanus⁵, Evi⁵, John¹, John², John³, Jeremy¹) Adams was born February 7, 1774, in Sussex Co., N. J. He married first, Jane Drake, and secondly, He moved to Monroe Township, Preble County, Ohio.

Children:

- i. Susan married Jesse Van Auken
twins, born June 4, 1797.
- ii. Elizabeth
Elizabeth married George Bonebrake, son of De Witt Bonebrake, of Eaton, Preble County, Ohio. The children were Jehiel, Jane, and Parkinson. Jane married Joseph Manning. Parkinson Bonebrake married Martha Lowe, and had Francis Manning and Fred Buel Bonebrake. Frank M. Bonebrake is a banker in Topeka, Kansas. Susan married January 6, 1817, Jesse Van Auken, born May 23, 1791, and died July 24, 1848. She died September 17, 1871. Jesse Van Auken was a son of Elijah Van Auken and Catherine Cole. Among other children, they had a daughter, Jane, born Aug. 31, 1818, died April 11, 1854, who married October 14, 1842, C. Perry Colwell, born December 15, 1813, died February 10, 1845. They had a daughter, Susan A., born January 11, 1844, died January 2, 1911, who married March 31, 1870, William H. Beadleston, born February 24, 1840, died October 24, 1895. The late Randolph Beadleston, of New York City, a son, was born August 24, 1882, and was much interested in genealogy.
- iii. Lewis, born October 6, 1798.
- iv. Crowell Adams, born October 25, 1800.
- v. Samuel R. Adams, born October 1, 1804.
- vi. Jane, born January 22, 1806.
- vii. Isabel, born January 24, 1808.
- viii. Belinda, born February 3, 1811.
- ix. John Isaiah, born July 23, 1816, died April 15, 1900 in New Orleans.

His granddaughter, Miss Elizabeth Knapp, is much interested in the family history, and has helped much in collecting data.

40. Crowell⁶ (Sylvanus⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born November 20, 1785. He married September 27, 1806, Sarah Haynes, daughter of Frederick Haynes and sister of Peter Haynes.

Children:

- i. Olive.
- ii. Samuel C.
- iii. Henry.
- iv. Theresa.
- v. Clinton.
- vi. Linn.
- vii. Joy C.
- viii. Joy C.
- ix. Coc.

41. Robert⁶ (Robert⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born 1782, and died May 2, 1846. He married Temperance Swayze, born in 1787 and died January 8, 1856. They lived in Frankford Township, and descendants still own the home farm.

Children:

- i. Jane, died young.
- ii. Gabriel Swayze, born July 8, 1822, died April 5, 1898. He married Elizabeth Howell, who died June 11, 1853, daughter of Lewis Howell. An account of his family will be found "Northwest New Jersey", as will also be found sketches of several others of the Robert Adams family.
- 59 iii. Robert, born March 12, 1827, and died October 19, 1907.

42. Henry⁶ (William⁵, Jeremiah⁴, John³, John², Jeremy¹) Adams. He was born in what is now Port Republic August 6, 1768, and died there December 10, 1836, aged 68 years 4 months, and 4 days. His tombstone is standing in the old cemetery across the road from the Methodist Church in Port Republic. He married Dorcas, daughter of Felix and Esther (Cordery) Smith, who was born August 20, 1772, and died January 5, 1844.

Children:

- 60 i. Felix; born September 3, 1795.
- ii. Nancy; born January 1, 1797, married her cousin Thomas Adams.
- iii. Jesse, born January 1, 1797. No record.
- iv. Esther, died Sept. 16, 1863. She married, first Dec. 2, 1821, Nathan Willis Hudson, and secondly, David Royal, Mar. 21, 1841.
- v. Charlotte, married December 31, 1828, John S. Doughty, who went west.
- vi. Sabrina; died December 12, 1896, aged eighty-five. She married Hiram Bates, Sept. 21, 1834.
- vii. Polly; married Eli Mathis.
- viii. Dorcas; born October 30, 1814.
- ix. Henry, born October 7, 1815.
(Possibly also other children).

43. Andrew⁶ (William⁵, Jeremiah⁴, John³, John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born about 1788, as he was forty years old at his death July 3, 1828. He married April 7, 1813, Rebecca, daughter of James and Michal (Johnson) Bell, born 3 month, 25 day, 1793, and died August 30, 1871. He lived at Port Republic. His tombstone, with tombstones of other members of his family, is in the old graveyard on the opposite side of the road from the Methodist Church. His widow married, secondly, John Johnson, born April 1, 1780, and died March 31, 1861. Several deeds made by him are of record. His will is dated September 5, 1825, and was proved August 18, 1828.

Children:

- i. Michal, born April 18, 1814, married January 8, 1834, Enoch, son of John Johnson. He was born October 8, 1814, and died January 11, 1888.
- ii. Elizabeth, born in 1815, died October 19, 1841, aged 26 years.
- iii. John Quincy, died November 25, 1871, aged fifty-three years and five months. He was born, therefore, in 1818. He lived at Port Republic. He married August 20, 1837, Charlotte

Johnson, who was born July 15, 1817, and died July 23, 1890. Among the children was Japhet, born December 5, 1838, who married, January 4, 1863, at Absecon, Josephine Higbee, daughter of Eli and Charlotte (Steelman) Higbee. Japhet was a blacksmith at Absecon, and died there May 30, 1902. They were the parents of the late Miss Laura Adams, of Absecon. She was much interested in genealogy, and aided in collecting information concerning the descendants of Andrew Adams.

44. George⁶ (William¹, Jeremiah¹, John², John², Jeremy¹) Adams. He married March 26, 1808, Sarah, daughter of John Adams. He lived at Port Republic, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. Among their children was a daughter, Margaret, who married March 3, 1841, James Theodore Tomlinson, born October 8, 1813, and died June 4, 1859. A son, George, born October 31, 1844, died September 21, 1921, married Mary Augusta Bowen, born March 11, 1849, died May 15, 1927. A daughter, Ann M., born July 27, 1881, died March 14, 1931, married July 14, 1908, Dr. Samuel Barbash, of Atlantic City. She was much interested in genealogy, and assisted in collecting data concerning her ancestors, George and John Adams.

45. Evi⁶ (John², Jeremiah¹, John², John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born October 8, 1792. He married, first, February 19, 1815, Amy, daughter of Daniel and Ann Leeds, born July 20, 1797, and died May 16, 1848. She was the mother of all his children. He married, secondly, December 26, 1850, Elizabeth Giberson, who died September 9, 1891, aged eighty-four years. About 1835, he moved from Port Republic, Atlantic County, to New Gretna, Burlington County, where he died April 27, 1876.

Children:

- i. Rebecca Ann, born January 16, 1816, died March 30, 1853.
- ii. Enoch, born October 15, 1817. He married Lydia, daughter of Felix and Sarah Adams of Port Republic. His children were, Frank E., Mark W., born October 29, 1852, married Ann Butler, and had J. Beryl, who married Clarence Scull of Ocean City. Mark W. Adams was one of the most important business men of Ocean City after 1910.
- iii. Mary, born July 31, 1819.
- iv. Eliza, born May 31, 1821, died November 29, 1823.
- v. Thomas J., born June 13, 1823.
- vi. Joseph D., born August 26, 1825, died November 5, 1890.
- vii. Daniel L., born January 3, 1828, died May 21, 1873.
- viii. Sarah, born February 3, 1830.
- ix. James, born April 8, 1832.
- x. John S., born February 26, 1841, eloquent preacher in the New England Conference of the Methodist Church.

46. Thomas⁶ (John², Jeremiah¹, John², John², Jeremy¹) Adams. He married Ann or Nancy Adams, of Gallaway Township December 26, 1813, James Blackman, J. P., officiating. He sold land January 25, 1815, to John Risley. He died in 1830 or early in 1831. John Johnson, Jr.,

the administrator of the estate and guardian of the children, married the widow, and by him she had a son Solomon, who died February 21, 1855, aged 21 years, 1 month and 29 days.

Children:

- i. Dorcas.
- ii. Hannah.
- iii. Angelina.

47. Jonas⁶ (John⁵, Jonas⁴, John³, John², Jeremy¹) Addoms was born June 9, 1756, and was baptised August 3, 1756. He was a physician in New York, and received the M.D. degree from the Rutgers Medical School. He went to the West Indies and died there without issue.

48. William⁶ (Jonas⁵, Jonas⁴, John³, John², Jeremy¹) Addoms was born in New York City August 8, 1804, and died in Brooklyn, January 12, 1890. He married Margaretta Lawrence at the residence of her grandfather, Squire John Lawrence, at Astoria, Long Island. They are buried in the Addoms-Hallett Vault in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn.

Children:

- i. Margaretta Lawrence, born August 21, 1831, in Brooklyn, died August 31, 1906, at Norwich, Conn. She married December 11, 1856, Dr. Arnold H. Hallett.
- ii. Phoebe Rosalie, born October 29, 1839, died January 3, 1895, unmarried.
- iii. Samuel Kissam, born March 5, 1836, married April 12, 1865, at San Francisco, Mary Caroline Neale, born in Boston, Mass., September 29, 1844. He died in Brooklyn, November 20, 1903. Their son, Dr. Lewis Paddock Addoms, of Brooklyn, is much interested in the family history, and is the unofficial historian of the descendants of Jonas Addoms born in 1710.

49. John⁶ (Jonas⁵, Jonas⁴, John³, John², Jeremy¹) Addoms was born April 13, 1807, and died August 18, 1850. He married September 7, 1837, Mary Agnes Clark.

Children:

- i. Charles, died August 7, 1847.
- ii. Frederick E., born November 26, 1844, in New York City. He married September 23, 1873, Mary Louise Noble, of Pittsburgh. They left issue.
- iii. Agnes C., born July 10, 1850, married Sept. 25, 1873, George G. Purdie. They lived in Honesdale, Pa.
- iv. Mortimer Clark, born May 4, 1842, in New York City. He married in Brooklyn, Mary Baldwin. He was an eminent lawyer in New York City, as is his son Mortimoer Clark Addoms, Jr., born June 3, 1882, Yale, 1906.

50. John⁶ (John⁵, John⁴, Jonathan³, John², Jeremy¹) Adams. He was born at Great Egg Harbor, May 5, 1769. He married Ruth Ireland.

Children:

- i. Job.
- ii. Nahum, born February 1, 1811.

- iii. Joshua.
- iv. Elisha, married Hannah Mannery. His daughter, Miriam, married Christopher John Lake, and they are the parents of Simon Lake, the submarine inventor. See The Lake Genealogy.
- v. Reuben.
- vi. Miriam.
- vii. Dorcas.
- viii. Mary.
- ix. Rebecca, married Uriah Adams, August 30, 1823.
- x. Mahala, married John Johnson, July 31, 1831.

51. Joshua⁶ (John⁵, John⁴, Jonathan³, John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born April 22, 1771. He married Sarah Boice.

Children:

- i. Peter Boice.
- ii. Richard.
- iii. William Boice. He moved to Bridgeton, N. J., and had among other children, Clement, who was the father of the late Dr. Charles Franklin Adams, of Trenton, N. J., and Dr. Jesse Steelman Adams, of Burlington, N. J.
- iv. Rion.

52. Daniel⁶ (John⁵, John⁴, Jonathan³, John², Jeremy¹) Adams. In early life, he spelled the name "Addoms", but in later years, used the common spelling. He was born April 1, 1773, and died July 17, 1863. He was an active man, held a number of local offices, and was a farmer, and for a time a keeper of a country general store. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, in the New Jersey detailed militia at Billingsport, and received a land grant from the Federal Government in recognition of his services. He received a deed in 1796 for a small lot from his father on the occasion of his marriage. He built a small house of the prevailing fashion. Later about 1812, he built a much larger addition in front of the old house. It had in early years a two story porch at the front. In all, there were seventeen or eighteen rooms.

He married, first, Sarah Chamberlain, July 3, 1796 and secondly, December 1, 1818, Elizabeth, daughter of Oswald Gutberlet (anglicized to Good Bartlett), a Hessian soldier whose wife was Agnes Mungal, daughter of William Mungal and Elizabeth Easton, born in Scotland. Elizabeth Bartlett was born November 4, 1799, and died November 17, 1862.

Sarah Chamberlain was born November 17, 1780, and died September 21, 1818.

Children:

(By first marriage)

- i. Polly, born September 13, 1797, married David Conley, Aug. 9, 1818, died Sept. 29, 1831.
- ii. Elijah, born May 25, 1800, and died November 24, 1827. He married Mary, daughter of Amariah Lake and Margaret Adams. See Lake Genealogy.
- iii. Joel, born January 5, 1803.
- iv. Mark, born September 8, 1805, married Hannah Sampson, February 11, 1827.
- v. Amelia, born June 4, 1808, married Elijah Townsend, January 8, 1826.
- vi. Judith, born January 11, 1811, married Thomas Robinson.

- vii. Abigail, born January 14, 1814, married Reading Emley, September 22, 1834.
- viii. Julia Ann, born September 23, 1817, died February 20, 1818. (By second marriage).
- ix. Friend, born September 27, 1819, married Almira Miller, and had a son Andrew Lake Adams of Sandy Hook, Conn., and Ocean City, New Jersey.
- x. Ann, born November 14, 1820, married Jesse Green, and had children, Henry and Anna.
- xi. Sarah, born April 19, 1823, died April 16, 1824.
- xii. Rachel B., born March 23, 1825; married, first, Samuel Ireland and had a daughter Isabella, and, secondly, Oct. 8, 1855, The Rev. James Van Sant, and had Laura, Lizzie, Charles, and Whittaker.
- xiii. Daniel, born June 16, 1826; married, first Sarah Price, and had Bella, Howard, William R., Rachel, married Nehemiah Martin, and Lizzie, married Ezra Frambes, and married, secondly, Martha Casto-Myers-Martin, by whom he had no children.
- xiv. Margaret Garwood, born November 15, 1828, married Benjamin F. Stout, of Camden, and had Mary B., married Frederick L'Esperance, and Benjamin F., married, first, Georgia Ann Hageman, and secondly—Matlack. No children.
- xv. Elijah, born September 11, 1830, died January 7, 1834.
- xvi. Mary, born September 6, 1832, married Evi Kindle, and had Daniel A. and Anna M., who married James Vanderslice.
- xvii. James Reading, born May 6, 1835, married Marietta, daughter of Peter English. (See Lake Genealogy.) These are the parents of the writer of this paper.
- xviii. Elizabeth, died July 29, 1857, aged 20 years, 2 months, and 22 days.
- xix. Hannah Green, born December 15, 1840, died December 13, 1928, unmarried.
- xx. Abel, died in childhood.
- xxi. Jane, died in childhood.
- xxii. Abigail Ann, born August 6, 1847, married Charles Francis Eastlack, December 25, 1867, and had a son Oscar. She died October 16, 1920.

53. Jesse⁶ (John⁵, John⁴, Jonathan³, John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born in Great Egg Harbor, then Cloucester Co., N. J., April 26, 1777. He married Deborah Ireland, March 16, 1800, and died August 8, 1824. She was born May 26, 1781 and died January 6, 1860.

Children:

- i. Enoch, born February 10, 1801, and died March 3, 1802.
- ii. Clement, born March 21, 1803, and died in New York, Wednesday, October 23, 1833. He was buried in the vault of the West Presbyterian Church, Carmine Street, opposite Varick Street. He married June 2, 1822, Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Baker, born January 27, 1803, and died September 16, 1848. There were three children: (a) Captain Reuben, born Janu-

- ary 30, 1823, married, November 15, 1828, Mary Steelman, lived and died in Camden, N. J. (b) Mary B., born December 20, 1828, married Thomas McDowell. (c) Huldah Ann, born May 15, 1832, married William H. Shick, of Reading, Pa.
- iii. Margaret, born January 11, 1805, died January 15, 1890, married, first, February 23, 1823, John Baker, born June 3, 1798, died October 11, 1829; and secondly, Andrew Frambes, and died in January, 1890.
 - iv. Elizabeth, born October 8, 1806, died April 3, 1892, married April 3, 1825, Pardon Ryon, born July 8, 1793, died October 20, 1868.
 - v. Enoch, born March 18, 1808, died October 2, 1886. He married January 16, 1833, Naomi Townsend, and among other children had a son, Clement J.
 - vi. Abigail, born October 28, 1809, died April 1, 1872, married Charles Lake, born March 2, 1806, died June 20, 1847. (See Lake Genealogy, p. 87.)
 - vii. Reuben I., born August 5, 1812, died February 10, 1819.
 - viii. Jesse, born May 27, 1815, died July 29, 1873, married, first, March 29, 1838, Eliza Ryon, born May 1, 1809, died December 21, 1842; married secondly, December 27, 1845, Mary C. Doughty; and married, thirdly, December 25, 1852, Caroline Champion.
 - ix. Constantine, born April 18, 1818, died August 26, 1901. He married Sophia Morris, December 29, 1840.
 - x. Israel Scull, born September 2, 1820, died September 6, 1884, married Louise C. Guthrie, of Wilmington, N. C., born January 31, 1822, and died April 14, 1894. The children were: (a) Israel Guthrie, born August 29, 1843, and (b) John Baker, born August 7, 1846.

Israel Guthrie Adams, born August 29, 1843, in Bakersville, N. J., married, first, Phoebe A. Sanders, and secondly, Anna M., daughter of Peter Boice. The children, all by the first wife, were: (a) Florence; (b) Amelia S., married Dr. Walter A. Corson; (c) Charles R., a graduate of the Pennsylvania Military College, of Chester, Pa.; (d) Mabel E.; and (e) Israel Morton.

John Baker Adams was born in Bakersville, August 7, 1846. He was educated in the West Jersey Academy in Bridgeton, and at Pennington Seminary. He married Phoebe D. Baker, of Camden, where he lived. The children were: Clarence F., and Carrie J.

54. Thomas⁶ (John⁵, John⁴, Jonathan³, John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born April 17, 1780, and died June 21, 1842, in Egg Harbor Township. He married Mary Ely, who died April 13, 1854.

Children:

- i. Lovina, born May 21, 1806, married Jesse Bowen.
- ii. Rachel, born April 12, 1811, married John Young.
- iii. Samuel, born December 12, 1813, died in infancy.

- iv. William, born June 19, 1815, married Roxanna, born October 15, 1813, died in August, 1889, daughter of John Adams, Jr. He died November 9, 1872. Among other children, they had a son Thomas, born April 27, 1845, who married August 31, 1869, Harriet Emma Rogers, born May 19, 1851, in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Minor and Elizabeth (Gordon) Rogers
- v. Submittance, born February 1, 1819, married Jonathan, son of John Adams, Jr.
- vi. Elizabeth, born December 13, 1822, married David Martin.

55. William⁶ (John¹, John¹, Jonathan², John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born in Great Egg Harbor, November 24, 1787. He married Sarah Steelman, and died intestate July 22, 1815.

Children:

- i. Hannah.
- ii. Sarah Ann married Robinson.

56. Ellis⁷ (Joseph³, Evi³, John¹, John², John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born September 25, 1817. He married, September 5, 1844, Amarda R. King, born in Philadelphia.

Children:

- i. Franklin King, born July 3, 1845, in Goshen, N. Y. He married Katie E. Dustin November 21, 1865, in Fairmont, Ill.

Children: i. Effie May, born October 19, 1866, in Fairmont, Ill., died January 23, 1867.

ii. Eugene Dustin, born November 24, 1868.

iii. Walter King, born January 3, 1872, in Fairmont, Ill. He lives in Minneapolis, Minn. His wife has been of much assistance in this work.

- ii. Anna Martha, born May 26, 1850, in Unionville, Orange Co., N. Y. She married, October 6, 1874, in Champaign, Stanley L. Conklin, and had Harry Adams, born July 5, 1875, in Champaign, Ill., and Frank Roland, born April 5, 1886, in Atchinson, Kansas.

- iii. George Clarence, born April 3, 1854. He married May 25, 1882, Nellie Catlett, and had Margery King, born April 25, 1886, in Fairmont, Ill., and Miriam, Born January 1, 1889, in Fairmont, Ill.

57. Parkinson⁷ (Evi³, Evi³, John¹, John², John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born April 16, 1816, in Wantage, N. J., and died April 7, 1903, at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He married November 24, 1858, Mary Ann Wilson, daughter of Thomas L. Wilson and Abigail Beardsley, born September 28, 1835, near Hamburg, Sussex Co., N. J., and died March 3, 1900, at Fond du Lac.

Children:

- i. Sarah Abigail, born September 12, 1859, died May 19, 1916, married Dr. Karl Louis de Sombre of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, October 12, 1892. He was born November 25, 1861. They had an only child, Abigail Adams de Sombre, born January 27, 1896.

She lives in New Milford, Pennsylvania. She is much interested in the family history and has helped in the collection of data.

- ii. May Elizabeth, born December 28, 1860, died February 29, 1916, married Lewis Horton, of New York City, October 30, 1895, no children.
- iii. Ella Wilson, born September 2, 1865, died April 5, 1894, unmarried.
- iv. Adell White, born November 11, 1870, married Arthur Bristol Wadsworth, of Binghamton, N. Y., who died December 6, 1927. No children.

58. Sarah^r (Phylah Adams McCoy⁶, Silvanus², John¹, John², John², Jeremy¹) McCoy. She was born October 8, 1792, and died July 24, 1856. She married John Parcel, born in September, 1786.

Children:

- i. Almere, married Evi Dennis.
- ii. Samuel, married Elizabeth Dennis.
- iii. Phylah, married Joseph Dennis.
- iv. Randolph.
- v. Anthony, married February 4, 1847, Martha Adams.
- vi. Elizabeth, married as his second wife, Evi Dennis.
- vii. Mary, married Nathaniel McCormick, and had a daughter, Ida, who married Bruce Ross.

59. Robert^r (Robert⁶, Robert², John¹, John², John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born March 12, 1827, and died October 19, 1907. He married Lucilla Simmons, daughter of Phillip and Susan (Stribble) Simmons, who was born November 28, 1828, died June 14, 1899.

Children:

- i. Martha Elizabeth, unmarried.
- ii. Emma Caroline, married Randolph Dennis. She died October 26, 1923.
- iii. Robert, died March 20, 1925, leaving a son, Robert, of Newton. He married Frances Smith.
- iv. John, died young.
- v. George, married Sarah Suble.
- vi. James Francis.
- vii. Gabriel Henry.

60. Felix^r (Henry⁶, William², Jeremiah¹, John², John², Jeremy¹) Adams was born September 3, 1795, and died November 24, 1879. He married July 14, 1821, Sarah, daughter of John and Lydia (Giberson) Johnson, who was born January 25, 1804, and died August 23, 1866. He was a farmer at Port Republic.

Children:

- i. Reuben, born July 7, 1822, died May 6, 1900.
- ii. Mark, born October 15, 1831, died Aug. 22, 1875.
- iii. James D., died Feb. 28, 1916, aged 75. He married Hester Leeds, and died June 17, 1863.

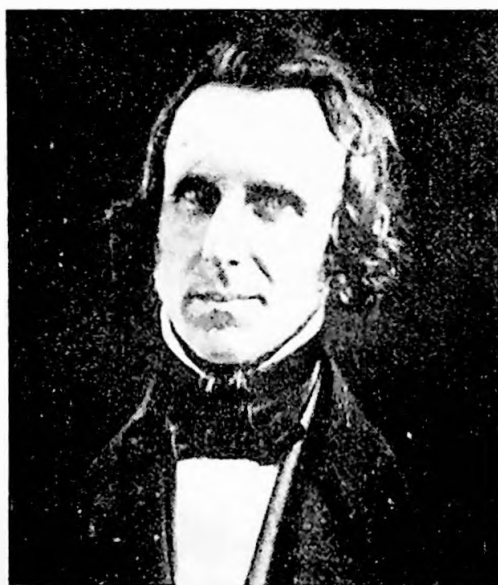
- iv. John W., born October 2, 1835, married Mary Jane Cramer and died January 7, 1864
- v. Henry, born February 25, 1840, died June 10, 1903.
- vi. Lydia, born May 23, 1814, married Enoch, son of Evi Adams.
- vii. Elijah, born January 9, 1844, married Louisa M. Clark
- viii. Dorcas, died November 29, 1909, aged 85 years. She married Samuel McCollum, born Nov. 23, 1821, died February 18, 1880.

ADDENDUM

Addition to No. 10, page 100, Jonas Addoms.

Mr. A. N. Morton, of Boston, informs me that Mr. Maro Johnson, of Hammond, La., a descendant, told him that Elizabeth Addoms, baptised 2 March 1739/40, married, 17 July 1759, Thomas Liscomb, born in Smithtown, Long Island, about 1728. Their daughter, Elizabeth, born in New York City, 9-5-1760, married Joseph Rue about 1782. She was baptised in New York City, 5 Oct. 1760, in the First Presbyterian Church, and died in Pennington, N. J., in 1845 (N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 5, page 37).





DR. JONATHAN PITNEY

1797 - 1869

JONATHAN PITNEY, M.D.

Excerpts from the pamphlet compiled by
REV. ALLEN H. BROWN
in 1886

Pamphlet in the files of the Atlantic County Historical Society
in the Library at Somers Mansion.

It has been suggested to erect in Atlantic City a statue, or a monument to the memory of Jonathan Pitney. Atlantic City itself is his monument.

In a brief biographical sketch in 1848 he wrote to his son thus: "About one hundred and fifty years ago, as near as I can ascertain, my great-grandfather and his brother came to this country from England, to enjoy civil and religious liberty, of which they were deprived at home. My grandfather was born in Morris county. At the commencement of the Revolutionary War he was an ardent Whig. He, and a preacher by the name of Kennedy, traversed the county to encourage the people to resistance and the young men to enlist in the cause of the country. By this means he became obnoxious to the Tories, who twice plundered his house of all they could carry off, and finally, in controversy with a Tory, he received a blow from which he died. My maternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War at Haddonfield and Red Bank, and served during the War. His brothers were all soldiers; one died early at Ticonderoga. My father was too young to be engaged in the service of the country in the Revolutionary War. I was born and educated in Morris County. In 1820 I removed to this county and have resided here since."

Jonathan, the son of Shubal and Jane Pitney, was born in Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey, October 29, 1797. He received a part of his early education at Fairchild's Academy.

After enjoying such advantages for education as his own county afforded, he turned his attention to the profession of medicine. He prosecuted his medical studies in New York, attending lectures in the medical school of Columbia College, where the late Dr. Valentine Mott was Professor. He also studied in the office of Dr. Woodruff. After his graduation he spent two years in the hospital on Staten Island and then practiced a short time in and around his native place. In 1820, on a bright May morning, he rode into Absecon on horseback, and for the space of almost fifty years thereafter he was probably the most influential physician of the county.

In 1831 (April 21st) he married Miss Caroline Fowler, an amiable lady eminent in all domestic virtues.

Tall in person, with a prominent aquiline nose, with long flowing locks brushed backward from a high forehead, and enveloped in his long cloak, Dr. Pitney was a man to arrest attention and inquiry. A man of decided convictions, he was ever ready to assign reasons for his intelligent views. With indomitable will he seldom failed to accomplish his plans.



Home of Dr. Jonathan Pitney on the Shore Road in Absecon
From the Silas R. Morse Collection of Photographs.

In old Gloucester County, before Atlantic County was formed, he entered upon a practice extensive and arduous. Not only was he called from one Egg Harbor River to the other, but oftentimes were his services required in the regions beyond.

In civil life he was honored by his fellow-citizens with important positions. In 1837 he had much to do with the division of Gloucester County and the erection of its eastern half into the county of Atlantic.

At the first meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the new county, held at Mays Landing, May 10, 1837, Jonathan Pitney, one of the two representatives from Galloway Township, was elected the first Director of the Board and was sent to Trenton to receive the surplus revenue which was apportioned to this county by the State. For many years he was Postmaster of Absecon.

In 1844 he was the delegate of Atlantic County to the convention which sat in Trenton from the 14th of May to the 29th of June to frame the Constitution of the State of New Jersey. In that convention Burlington County had five delegates, Essex County had seven; but Hudson, Cape May and Atlantic Counties were entitled each to only one delegate. Jonathan Pitney was the honored delegate from Atlantic County and served on the Committee on the "Executive Department," having as his associates on the same committee Joseph C. Hornblower, Robert S. Kennedy, George H. Brown, A. Parsons, Martin Ryerson and R. P. Thompson (See Journal of Proceedings, 1844, p. 42.) ----.

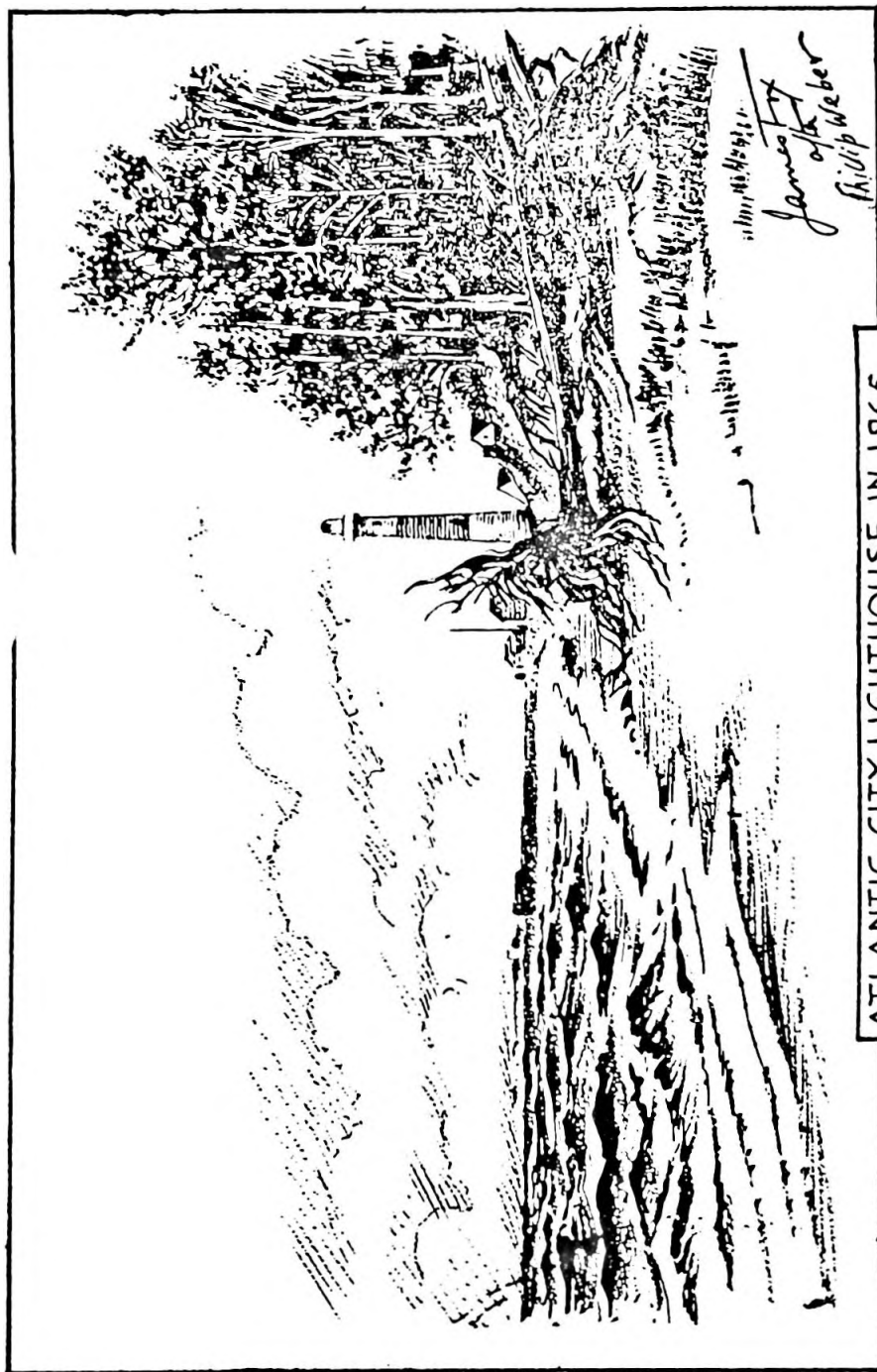
From November 27, 1844 to December 8, 1865, Dr. Pitney as Notary Public, received the reports of captains whose vessels had been wrecked. Among his official papers are now found the data of about seventy-eight vessels wrecked during the above mentioned period.

One of the most heart-rending disasters upon our coast occurred on April 16, 1854, when the ship Powhattan, on a voyage from Havre to New York with two hundred and fifty of the better class of German emigrants and others, was driven ashore in a severe Northeast storm. ----. It is not known that one of the passengers or crew escaped. Scores of dead bodies came ashore upon Brigantine, Long Beach and Absecon Beach. ----.

Between 1834 and 1840 erection of a Light-house had been agitated, and encountered much prejudice. (See History of Atlantic City by A. L. English, pages 61 and 62.) After a great expenditure of trouble and money, a Congressional appropriation of \$5,000 was at last voted, upon the *proviso* that a satisfactory report should be made by a competent official of the Navy Department. Commodore La Vallette was commissioned to make the aforesaid report. He visited the Beach; examined the coast and requested a letter from Dr. Pitney on the subject. In this letter Dr. Pitney explained his own original idea of Prismatic lights. Notwithstanding the exertions of Dr. Pitney, the Commodore made an unfavorable report, and the lighthouse project slept for several years. ----. In 1853, after the railroad had been surveyed Dr. Pitney started the lighthouse question again. With his own hands he circulated petitions for signatures, and wrote Congressmen and published articles in the newspapers advocating the project. The disaster of the Powhattan, only a few months later, must have stimulated every friend of humanity. The result of these was the granting of \$35,000 for a lighthouse and \$5,000 for a buoy. Atlantic City has today* one of the best lighthouses in the country, which, with later improvements, cost upwards of \$50,000. The light is classed as first order; fixed white light, one hundred and sixty-seven feet high. The tower was first illuminated in January, 1857, nearly three years after the loss of the Powhattan. Since the erection of the Absecon light, comparatively few wrecks have occurred, and with the additional life-saving service, few lives have been lost.

The public service of Dr. Pitney, as the prime originator of a railroad across the salt meadows, seems to surpass in importance all that went before. ----. It is not here claimed that the construction of the Camden and Atlantic railroad, and consequently the erection of Atlantic City, were due to him alone; but more to him than to any other person. The credit of all great works must be distributed. In obtaining the charter, and afterwards also, Dr. Pitney was efficiently aided by his neighbor, Gen. Enoch Doughty, an extensive land-owner of Atlantic County. They soon enlisted Joseph Porter, Andrew K. Hay, Samuel Richards, William Coffin, W. Dwight Bell, Stephen Colwell and others, who owned glass factories, iron furnaces or large tracts of land, through which the new railroad would pass.

* 1886.



Philip Weber
James T. Weber
1865

ATLANTIC CITY LIGHTHOUSE IN 1865
From a painting by Phillip Weber

In the words of another, (See "History of Atlantic City", by A. L. English, p 45), "There seems little doubt that Dr. Pitney was the real founder of Atlantic City—the spirit that first appreciated its wonderful curative powers, and placed effectively before capitalists its attractions as a watering place—dryness of atmosphere, bathing facilities, gunning, fishing, and sailing privileges, with its proximity to Philadelphia. It had long been known to a few, who had struggled through bush and sand, with slow-going teams, as a great health lift; but to the multitude it was known, if known at all, as a lonely region, inaccessible and remote. ----. But Dr. Pitney was often called to the island in the discharge of his professional duties, and never missed an opportunity of strolling along the beach to breathe the exhilarating air that swept in from the sea. He marked the continuous chain of sand hills, that then ran along the beach just above high tide line, and recognized what a charming place it would be for summer homes. A desire sprang up in his breast to make the spot accessible to the great business centres of the Union, and more particularly to Philadelphia. Imbued with a firm faith in its immense value as a seaside resort, he saw that railway communication only was necessary to cause the waste place to blossom as the rose. His faith was strong and his enthusiasm great. ----. The Doctor first made known his determination to organize a railroad company to Gen. Enoch Doughty of Absecon, who zealously seconded his efforts."

Their first attempts to obtain a charter met with opposition and delay. Later, the Doctor went to Trenton himself, and after a contest, the necessary legislation was procured on the 19th of March, 1852. ----. Some of the chiefs of railroads of that day withdrew their opposition to the charter to this Atlantic road, because they did not believe it would ever be constructed. "Who," said they, "who ever heard of a railroad, with only one end?" After unexpected difficulties and delays, the road was opened for passenger traffic on July 4, 1854. The results of the construction of that pioneer road are not to be measured by its own immediate success; nor even by the building up of a new city, with two other competing railroads running from Philadelphia to the new city by the sea.

By shortening the time and increasing the facilities of transportation; by stimulating construction of other railroads; by opening to settlement large tracts of land, which had been practically inaccessible; by the increase of population; by the enhanced value of property; by all these results the system of railroad enterprise which was thus inaugurated and proven to be possible along the coast, has revolutionized that portion of New Jersey.

Thirty-three years ago, the only railroad running in the southern half of New Jersey was the New York line from Camden via Bordentown to South Amboy. Its branch of eleven and a half miles, from Jamesburg to Freehold was opened July 18, 1853, only one year before the Camden and Atlantic. Now more than five hundred miles of road have been constructed, covering the land with a network of rails, all along the coast.

It was not difficult to construct a road over the fertile lands of Monmouth nor through the sandy pines; but it was a problem to construct a road which could withstand the storm tides and the ocean's waves rolling over many miles of salt meadows and submerging the tracks. ----. Many said "it would be impossible to get a train of cars across the meadows."

The difficult problem having been successfully solved by the Camden and Atlantic company, the example has been followed under similar conditions to Holly Beach and Anglesea, Sea Isle and Ocean City, Beach Haven and Barnegat City, Seaside Park, Berkley Arms and Mantoloking.

Lands that were held in large tracts by the owners of iron furnaces and glass factories, were doubly closed to the settler. ----. Having now become accessible and better known, they are highly appreciated for productiveness as well as healthfulness. If any are skeptical, let them visit Hammonton, Egg Harbor City and Vineland; each with thousands of inhabitants who have lately turned the wilderness into a garden. ----.

As to the enhanced value of lands, especially sea-side lands, we are not left to conjecture. It is published that Dr. Pitney purchased for the Camden and Atlantic railroad or the Land Company, two hundred acres, now embracing the centre of Atlantic City, for seventeen dollars an acre. Many a building lot in that city now commands double the price which was paid for those two hundred acres. The assessed value of property was for Atlantic City in 1885—\$2,602,312.50. Asbury Park affords another illustration of enhanced value. In 1869 it was assessed for \$15,000, and in 1885 at nearly two millions. Ocean Grove also might report similar progress, while beyond at Elberon, Holly Wood, Long Branch, Monmouth Beach and Sea Bright, numerous palatial residences are of the most costly style.

Sometimes standing at the mouth of a mighty river as it empties into the sea, we do not forget that many confluent streams have combined to make the flood waters, and it is interesting to trace the main stream to its source and find the little spring or fountain from which it started. So, too, as we contemplate the marvelous results of the combination of railroads in South Jersey, pouring their traffic to the ocean, we cannot forget that the Camden and Atlantic was the pioneer, the first to cross the State to the ocean, and that Dr. Jonathan Pitney was one chief originator of that enterprise.

To him a fellow practitioner bears this testimony: "Dr. Pitney was a prominent man in all the interests of the county. His plans for its agricultural and material development were wide and farseeing. He took a warm interest in education and had been for many years trustee of his school district. The cause of religion found in him ever a prompt and liberal supporter. As a man he was benevolent and kind, hospitable and social. He was possessed of an indomitable will and energy, and acuteness of intellect and originality, and depth of thought. His knowl-

edge was wide and extensive in various branches of science; although medicine was his favorite study. In all recent advances in the theory and practice of medicine he was well versed. For two years declining health confined him to his house, and after gradual decline of consumption, he died on Saturday morning, August 7, 1869, in his seventy-second year, leaving a widow and two sons."

Before bidding farewell to the subject some may ask, what were Dr. Pitney's religious views? ----. The manuscript of October 3, 1848, addressed to his son, then in his eleventh year, after giving the brief account of his ancestors, adds: "I was brought up in the doctrines and discipline of the Presbyterian church, and still think them right. Upwards of twenty years ago, I joined the Gloucester County Bible Society. Last winter, I became a member of the Atlantic County Bible Society, and on nomination of Mr. Loudenslager, the Methodist preacher of the circuit, was elected President of the Atlantic County Bible Society, which office I still hold. As to my political opinions, I adopt the Baltimore Convention Platform." To us now his religious opinions are more important than his political. From the time that a Presbyterian Missionary found him in 1847, his home was ever open to the traveling ministers of that church. For several years he paid the rent of a hall for religious worship and was a constant attendant and later a trustee of that church. ----. The last utterance of his lips was in these words: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."



PENSION PAPERS
of
JEREMIAH LEEDS
(First permanent resident of Absecon Island)

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832: State of New Jersey, Gloucester County, the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty four, Personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County of Gloucester in the State of New Jersey now sitting JEREMIAH LEEDS, a resident of the Township of Eggharbour in the County of Gloucester aforesaid, aged eighty years and upwards, who alleging himself to be conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath—and being duly affirmed according to law, doth on his affirmation make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated—that is to say:—

In the month of September, 1776, he entered as a private in a Company of Militia commanded by CAPT. NEHEMIAH MORSS in COL. SOMERS Regiment, the Company paraded at WRANGLEBOROUGH on Little Eggharbour River, and went from there down the River in Boats to a place called Fox Boroughs at which place a SMALL FORT HAD BEEN BUILT, where we remained in the service one month and were discharged.

In the latter part of the month of November, 1776, he entered as a private in a company of Militia, commanded by CAPT. ZEPHANIAH STEELMAN in Col. Somers Regiment, the Company marched from Eggharbour by Blue Anchor to Haddonfield where we quartered and remained a few days. From there we marched by Moorsetown to Mount Holly where we remained until DRIVEN OUT by the HESSIANS. We retreated back to Haddonfield (staying one night at Moorestown), remained at Haddonfield but a short time, then marched to BORDENTOWN, remained there till the morning of the BATTLE OF TRENTON, (being there three or four days), that morning we marched to Trenton and were in the battle there on 20 January 1777. Early the next morning we marched to Princeton our Company being in the rear of the army we were not in the active part of the battle at that place. After the battle we remained at Princeton a few days, then marched back by Trenton and Burlington to Haddonfield where we were discharged after having served at least a month and a half.

In the month of March 1777, he entered as a private in a Company of Militia—Commanded by CAPT. GEORGE PAYNE in Col. Somers Regiment. The Company marched from EGGHARBOUR aforesaid to HADDONFIELD, and from there to COOPERS FERRY opposite Philadelphia, where we were stationed as a guard and remained in the service one month and were discharged.

In the month of May 1777 he entered as a private in a Company of Militia—Commanded by CAPT. SAMUEL SNELL in Col. Richard Somers Regiment, the Company marched to Haddonfield aforesaid, where we quartered and remained in the service one month and were discharged.

In the month of June or July 1777 he entered as a private in a Company Commanded by CAPT. WILLIAM PRICE in Col. Richard Somers Regt. The Company marched from Egg Harbour to Haddonfield aforesaid, where we quartered and remained in the service one month and were discharged.

In the month of August or September 1777 he entered as a private in a Company of Militia Commanded by CAPT. CHRISTOPHER RAPE in Col. Richard Somers Regt. The Company marched to Haddonfield aforesaid and from there to Coopers Ferry where we were stationed as a guard—and where we remained one month and were discharged.

He next served one month in a Company of Militia Commanded by CAPT. JOSEPH CONOVER. He served as first Lieutenant of the Company. The Company was attached to Col. Richard Somers Regiment and marched from Eggharbour aforesaid by BLUE ANCHOR and CHEWSLANDING to RED BANK. The BATTLE OF RED BANK was fought the afternoon before we arrived. We were at CHEWSLANDING at the time of the battle and heard the firing. This service commenced in October 1777 and ended November 1777.

He next served for one month as first Lieutenant in the same Capt. Conover's Company in Col. Somers Regiment, the Company marched from EGGHARBOUR TO HADDONFIELD, where we quartered and remained in service one month and were discharged, the service commenced in December 1777 and ended in January 1778.

He next served two months as first Lieutenant in the same Company in Col. Richard Somers Regiment. The Company paraded at the FORKS OF LITTLE EGGHARBOUR River, where we remained about 10 days or two weeks. From there we marched down to CHESTNUT NECK, where we remained till after the BATTLE AT THAT PLACE in which the Town was burnt and the vessels &c. From there we marched down the River to LEEDS POINT, where we remained till the British vessels left the Bay, which was about ten days. One of their vessels grounded in going over the bar, and being unable to get her off, after several days trial, they set fire to her and abandoned her. This is probably the reason why they remained in the Bay so long. After they left the Bay we MARCHED DOWN TO SOMERS POINT, where we remained about two or three weeks, when we were discharged late in the month of October, 1778 having served at least two months the service having commenced in August. Col. Proctor was at Eggharbour during a part of this time. This was the last service he performed during the War. And the whole length of time that he served during the War—and whilst engaged in a regularly organized body, was ten months and a half—six months and a half of which time he served as a private and four months as first Lieutenant of Capt. Conover's Company—during

all which time he was in ACTUAL SERVICE either in the field or the garrison, and during which time he was not employed in any civil pursuit. He has no documentary evidence, and the only evidence of his service is to be found in the affidavits hereto annexed.

"He was born in the County of Gloucester, New Jersey, at Leeds Point in the year Seventeen Hundred and fifty four." "He has a record of his age at his own house in a family Bible, by which it appears that he was born the fourth day of March 1754 about noon."

"He lived when called into the Service in the County of Gloucester, New Jersey near Leeds Point. He has lived since the Revolutionary War within ten miles of the place where he was born, and now lives on LEEDS BEACH in the Township of Eggharbour in the County of Gloucester."

"He was drafted sometimes and sometimes volunteered. Once he hired as a Substitute, (but got measles and could not go) when called to the service." "General Washington and General Putnam were with the troops where he served at Trenton and Princeton—Col. Green was with the troops where he served at Red Bank and Col. Proctor at Eggharbour—General Washington's Army was at Trenton and Princeton when he was there. He saw regular troops at Mount Holly. Col. Proctor's Corps of Artillery or some of them were at Eggharbour and Col. Green's Regiment at the Fort at Red Bank. He saw Col. Ellis Regiment at Haddonfield and Col. Somers at Eggharbour and other places."

"He thinks that he got a discharge from the service the last time, that he was out, but if he did he has lost it a long time ago." "He received a Commission from the hands of Col. Richard Somers. He cannot say by whom it was signed. He does not know what has become of it. He has seen it within seven or eight years past, but has made diligent search and cannot find it now. He supposes that he must have had it in his possession nearly fifty years and frequently looked at it."

"He is acquainted with Daniel Lake Esquire, Daniel Baker Esq., Jno. Dunham Esquire, Dr. Jonathan Pitney, Gen. Enoch Doughty, Dr. Mahlon D. Canfield and many others in his neighborhood."

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Affirmed to and subscribed (signed) Jeremiah Leeds
the day and Year aforesaid

Ephriam Miller

We Peter Steelman and John Dunham Esquire residing in the County of Gloucester in the State of Jersey, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Jeremiah Leeds who has subscribed and affirmed to the above declaration, that he believes him to be eighty years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood

where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, and that we concur in that opinion.

Affirmed as subscribed the

(signed)

Day and Year aforesaid.

Peter Steelman

June 20 1834

John Dunham

Ephriam Miller

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GLOUCESTER COUNTY

On the twenty fourth day of June A.D. 1834, before me the subscriber One of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County of Gloucester aforesaid personally appeared LEVI PRICE of the said County aged about seventy eight years whom I certify to be a person of credibility, who being duly sworn according to law Saith that he is well acquainted with Jeremiah Leeds, and has known him since they were small boys. And this deponent saith that he knew him very well during the Revolutionary War and performed a good deal of service with him in different Companies.

They served together for one month in a Company commanded by Capt. Nehemiah Morss in Col. Somers Regt. This service was performed in the month of September 1776 at a place called the Fox Borroughs on Little Eggharbour River. They served together but not in the same Company at Haddonfield, Mount Holly, Trenton, Princeton, & in the month of December 1776 and January 1777, and were at the Battles at Mount Holly and Trenton. He was in Capt. Zephaniah Steelman's Company, I was in Capt. Weatherby's Company. They served together in the same company at Red Bank in October 1777 in a Company Commanded by Capt. Joseph Conover. He was then first Lieutenant of the Company, this deponent a private. They also served together and in the same Capacity at Haddonfield. They also served together in the same Company at the Forks of Little Eggharbour River, Chestnut Neck, Leeds Point and Somers Point. He was still the first Lieutenant of the Company. This deponent served with the said Jeremiah Leeds during the Revolutionary War two months whilst he was a private and four months after he became Lieutenant of Capt. Conover's Company.

(signed)

Levi Price

Gloucester Countyss: On the twenty fourth day of June 1834 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the said County, personally appeared JOHN C. SMALL-WOOD of said County of full age, and whom I certify to be a person of credibility, who alledging himself to be conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, and being duly affirmed according to law, upon his solemn affirmation saith, that in searching among the Archives of the Secretary of State of New Jersey in the office of the Secretary of State, for the purpose of ascertaining the appointment of certain officers

of the Militia during the Revolutionary War, he found among other things a paper in the words following To wit:—"A List of the Officers of the 3 Battalion of Gloucester County Militia—Left Col. Elijah Clark, Maj. Richard Westcott, 3 Captain William Price, 1 Lef. James Somers, 2 Left John Scull, Ensign Japhet Clark, 4 Capt. Joseph Estell, 2 L. Arthur Westcott, Ensign Ebenezer Estell, 5 Capt. Christopher Rape, 1 L Samuel Springer, 2 L William Finch, 6 Capt. Joseph Conover, 1 L Jeremiah Leeds, 2 L Jeremiah Risley, Ensign Nathan Sipples, 7 Capt. Samuel Snell, 1 L Robert Snell, 2 L Jacob Indicott, Ensign Elijah Burnett, 8 Capt. Zephaniah Steelman."

"Gloucester Countyss: I do hereby Certify that the within named Officers was duly elected by their several Companies as by returns made to me of them. Richd Somers Col. — Sept. 18, 1777."

"3 Batln Gloucester R. Somers Col. 2 Field Officers 20 Sept. 1777 to take rank from 1775. 6 Capt. 10 Lieut. 4 Ensign dated 18 Sept. 1777."

That he, this affirmant, carefully copied the said paper and then compared it and return it to the file of papers from which he took it, where it now remains to the best of his belief.

Affirmed and subscribed (signed) J. C. Smallwood
the date above before
Michael Fisher

The State of New Jersey

Gloucester Countyss—On this tenth day of October A D 1835 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the said County, personally appeared THOMAS FORD of the said County aged Seventy Seven Years and upwards whom I certify to be a person of credibility and who being duly sworn according to law saith that he is well acquainted with Jeremiah Leeds and has known him since the time they were boys. And this deponent further saith that both he and the said Jeremiah Leeds performed service in the Revolutionary War—that this deponent was in the service at the time of the battle at Red Bank and was near there but not in the battle and he well remembers that Jeremiah Leeds was in the service about that time and immediately after. He was first Lieutenant of a Company commanded by Capt. Joseph Conover. This deponent saw him at Red Bank and saw him at Timber Creek and Haddonfield immediately after the time they left Red Bank he believes that the said Jeremiah Leeds served during this tour at least one month as first Lieutenant of that Company—and this deponent further saith that he remembers that the said Jeremiah Leeds was in the service at the time of the burning of Chestnut Neck in the fall of the year 1778, he continued to be the first Lieutenant of Capt. Joseph Conover Company. He saw him frequently whilst there, he also saw him at Leeds Point and Somers Point immediately after that event. The troops were in the service during this tour about two months and he believes the said Jeremiah Leeds was there and in the service that length of time—and this deponent further saith that the said Jeremiah was in the service

as a private at a place called the Fox Boroughs on Little Eggharbour River in the summer or fall of the year 1776. This deponent was there at the same time and during the time they was there a small Fort was built at that place. This deponent cannot say who the said Jeremiah was under at this place or how long he remained at this place, but knows he was there and helped build the fort.

Sworn and subscribed
the above date before
me

(signed)

his
Thomas x Ford
mark

Michael C. Fisher

A pension of \$60.00 per annum was granted to Jeremiah Leeds.

Family Record of Jeremiah Leeds.

Jeremiah Leeds was the first permanent resident of Absecon Island. He was the son of John Leeds*, b. 1708, and Sarah Mathis*, b. 7-19-1721, who were married in 1751. They lived at Leeds Point where Jeremiah was born 3-4-1754, and where he lived until he came to Absecon Island.

We cannot prove the date of his coming to Absecon Island. He is said to have come first just for the summer season, probably, like some other "off Shore" plantation owners, bringing his sheep for the summer pasturage, and taking them back before winter weather. He has stated in his pension papers that "since the Revolutionary War" he has "lived within ten miles" of where he was born, and that he was "living on Leeds Beach". Absecon Island was frequently referred to at that period, as "Leeds Beach". Since his last War service was in late October of 1778, it is possible that he started taking his live stock to Absecon Beach for the summer, as early as 1779. We have no proof of this, however. It is generally conceded that he was living permanently on the Island as early as 1783, which from his statement in his pension papers, would seem to be approximately correct.

He had married, December 16, 1776, Judith Steelman, daughter of Frederick Steelman 1st. Frederick Steelman, by early surveys, already owned much of the Island and Jeremiah Leeds gradually acquired title to most of the land above what later was known as South Atlantic City. He cleared and cultivated a large and productive farm, at that period called a "plantation", and sold produce to passing vessels. He raised cattle, horses and sheep, for which Absecon Island was particularly adapted. He prospered, and the traditional log cabin, with its two rooms and giant fireplace extending all the way across one end of the kitchen, was replaced by a comfortable frame dwelling. Pieces of his furniture are still in the possession of members of the family. It is said that the family returned to their mainland home where medical

* John Leeds was a grandson of Daniel Leeds, who came to Burlington County in 1678, and to Leeds Point to live about 1698. Sarah Mathis was the only daughter of Great John Mathis of Burlington County.

service was available, for the birth of all of the children except the youngest son, Robert Barclay, who was born on Absecon Island.

Some of his "off shore" friends were quite grieved at times, because he would not allow them to "go gunning" on his property. He allowed them to come and shoot wild geese and ducks, etc., sufficient for their immediate needs for food, but no more. He was a humane, kindly Quaker, and did not approve of killing for the love of killing. So the wild fowl and all the lovely birds that then frequented Absecon Island found sanctuary on the lands of Jeremiah Leeds. He built up and protected the sand dunes* with cedar brush, thus preserving the fresh water ponds where his live stock and the birds found plenty of fresh drinking water.

Jeremiah Leeds was twice married. Following the death of Judith, he married Millicent Steelman Ingersoll, his first wife's niece, and the widow of Isaac Ingersoll. By her first husband she had a daughter, Mary Ann, who became the wife of Daniel Lake Collins of Smith's Landing. (See Lake Family Genealogy, p. 85.) Millicent Steelman was b. 8-20-1792 and died in 1873. She was affectionately called "Aunt Millie" by her friends and neighbors. This Historical Society treasures in its museum hand woven woolen blankets with the initials M.S.L. woven in the corner, for which the yard was spun and the blankets woven by Millicent Steelman Leeds, from the wool of sheep raised on Absecon Island.

The children of Jeremiah and Judith (Stelman) Leeds were:

1. James, b. 2-26-1777. d. 1798.
2. Ruhamah, b. 1-21-1779. d. 8-20-1856. She married, 2-20-1801, Joseph Conover, who was b. 7-2-1777 and d. 3-25-1850.
3. Rachel, b. 10-24-1782. d. 4-22-1845. She married 1st Jesse Steelman, b. 9-27-1781. d. 11-3-1849. She married 2nd Mark Reed.
4. Adah, b. 4-25-1788. d. 10-25-1792.
5. Sarah, b. 3-26-1790. d. 10-18-1792.
6. Andrew, b. 4-30-1792. d. 9-5-1865. He married 1st Armenia Lake, who was born 4-26-1797 and died 9-14-1853. (See Lake Family Genealogy, p. 69.) He married 2nd Ellen De Kurts Bennett.

The children of Jeremiah and Millicent (Stelman) Leeds were:

7. Aaron.
8. Judith, married 1-16-1840, Richard Hackett, son of Richard Hackett and Hannah Mason.
9. Chalkley, b. 10-3-1824. d. 9-10-1908. He married 1st Margaret H. Gaskill, daughter of Edward Gaskill of Tuckerton, N. J. She was born in 1824 and died 10-22-1875. He married 2nd Rosella Young. Chalkley Leeds was Atlantic City's first Mayor

* Absecon Island, however, was not made up of sand dunes alone. The northern end of the Island had a growth of large trees, many of which were built into boats. There are those still living who remember the wild beauty of Margate back from the beach, with the cedar, holly and other trees and the wild tangle of wild grape vines, bitter sweet, and other vines and bushes. Those who remember, wish that a portion of this could have been preserved as a public park. This Society has on its shelves in the Sumers Mansion two large volumes of photographs taken by the late Silas R. Morse, among which are some views of this locality—all that remains to us of a distinctive beauty, belonging only to primeval Absecon Island.

and held many other offices in the young and growing city. He was an outstanding citizen of integrity and ability. He gave the land on which the First Methodist Church was built. The Atlantic County Historical Society is the proud possessor of his desk which he used as Mayor, with its famed "secret drawer" and "secret compartment" where numerous documents (or the family 'flatware') could be stored. This desk was presented by the family through Mrs. George H. Keates.

10. Robert Barclay was born on Absecon Island 5-2-1828 and died 4-16-1905. He was Atlantic City's first Postmaster and, like his brother, held many other offices and was noted for his integrity and ability. He kept some of Atlantic City's early hotels. His portrait hangs on the wall of the Atlantic County Historical Society's library in the Somers Mansion. He married 4-29-1852, Caroline English, who was b. 9-8-1834 and d. 5-7-1905. She was the daughter of Peter and Esther (Collins) English of English Creek. Esther Collins was the daughter of Levi and Asenath (Lake) Collins of Collins Mills. (See Lake Genealogy, p. 164.)

Those interested in the early deeds and land holdings of Jeremiah Leeds and others in early Atlantic City and Absecon Island, will find many given in A. L. English's little "History of Atlantic City" published in 1884, on the shelves of the Atlantic County Historical Society in the Somers Mansion. A. L. English also published the "Review", Atlantic City's first newspaper. He was a grandson of Peter and Esther (Collins) English.

Jeremiah Leeds died October 10, 1838, aged 84 years, and was buried in the Steelman family burying ground in Northfield. Some years ago, when arranging for a new "development" and opening new streets, most of the graves were removed. However, those of Jeremiah Leeds and Frederick Steelman and two others with small, low headstones, were not disturbed. This small plot is well cared for by the City of Northfield. In 1924, General Lafayette Chapter, N.S.D.A.R. had government headstones placed at the graves of Jeremiah Leeds and Frederick Steelman. Both of these men have many descendants who are members of General Lafayette Chapter, N.S.D.A.R.

Jeremiah Leeds died intestate, leaving two minor children, Chalkley and Robert Barkley. The Orphans' Court Records in the Surrogate's Office in Mays Landing show that the following Commissioners were appointed to divide his property: Joseph Garwood, Japhet Leeds and John A. Clement. These Commissioners apportioned the land holdings among his children as follows:

Ruhamah, wife of Joseph Conover, received fifty and one half (50½) acres on Absecon Beach and one hundred and eighty-five (185) acres on the mainland.

Rachel, wife of Jesse Steelman, received thirty four (34) acres on Absecon Beach and sixty six (66) acres on the mainland.

Andrew received three hundred and forty seven (347) acres on Absecon Beach.

Judith received two hundred and thirty four (234) acres on Absecon Beach.

Chalkley received two hundred and seventeen (217) acres on Absecon Beach.

Robert Barclay received one hundred and seventy six (176) acres on Absecon Beach.

This division of the real estate was approved by the following men for the Orphan's Court: Lewis M. Walker, Benjamin Weatherby and John A. Abbott.

This shows that Jeremiah Leeds "Plantation" on Absecon Island contained 1058½ acres. Some interesting photographs of early Leeds' houses (and others) on Absecon Island, showing their locations, can be found in John F. Hall's "Daily Union History of Atlantic City and County" on the shelves of this Historical Society's library in the Somers Mansion in Somers Point, N. J.

GEORGIANA C. BLAKE



CENSUS OF ATLANTIC CITY

August 13, 1855

Giving names of heads of families and number of males and females in their households.

Copied from the original records by Olive Conover Rundstrom

	White M—F	Colored M—F	Foreign M—F	White Children Between 5 & 16 Yrs. M—F	Colored Children Between 5 & 16 Yrs. M—F
Richard C. Souder	4—2			1	
Clinton Souder	1—1				
William Ackley	1—3	1—1		2—2	
Elisha Egbert	1—1				
John Horner	3—3			1—1	
Robert B. Leeds	1—3				
Casper Kranz			1		
Joshua Nole (?)	2—2			1	
Stephan Thomas		1—1			1
Edward Doyle			2—1		
A. C. English	1—2				
Richard Hackett	2—1			1—1	
Benjamin C. Downing	2—3				
John Leeds	1—1			2—2	
John G. W. Avery	1—1				
James Leeds	2—1		1	1—1	
Steelman Leeds	1—1				
Harriett Bertholamey	1				
Andrew Leeds	1				
Mikel Lawler			1—1		
M. McClees	3—2	3—2			
T. C. Garrett	2—2		2		
Thomas H. Bedlow	1	1	1—5	4	
Smith Grey	2—2				
C. S. Leeds	5—3			?—2	
Thomas McNellis	3—3	1	2—3	?—2	
Henry Campbell			1		
Samuel Adams	5—3			1	
Peter Malone	3	1			
Migikir Flanery			2		
James Floyd	1—1		1—1	1	
James S. Reaves	1—1				
Edward McDonald	1		12—2		
R. T. Evard	2—2		1	1—1	
E. Franks			4		
Amasa Bowen	2—2			1	1
Ryan Adams	4—2			1—1	
Joseph Showell	1—1			2	

Albert C. English, Assessor

13 August A. D. 1855

N.B.—Albert C. English was the father of A. L. English who published the "History of Atlantic City" in 1884; also a brother of Caroline English, wife of Robert Barclay Leeds.

G. C. B.

THE ATLANTIC CITY PENNY POSTS

by

Edward D. Randall

Among the pleasures of life in a small town fifty or sixty years ago, other than attending church on Sunday night to squire the young ladies home, going to the depot to see the trains come in and to the fire house to watch the horses, was going to the Post Office in the evening to get the mail. These pleasures are denied the young folks who live in cities, although with the curtailment of delivery, some of us may wish that the pleasures of the "good old days" might be ours again.

The latter pleasure prevailed in Atlantic City previous to July 1, 1887, when the Post Office Department authorized free delivery of mail by carriers. But for a number of years before that date delivery of mail could be had by patronizing a local delivery which was not authorized by, but probably ignored by the Department. Such Penny Posts, as they were called, were delivering the mail in many of the large cities—Blood's of Philadelphia, Honour's of Charleston and many others. Letters bearing the stamps of these Posts are eagerly sought after by collectors and in some cases are quite valuable.

An inquiry from a collector in Moorestown addressed to the Atlantic City Stamp Club started an investigation which discovered evidence that three of these services were in existence here. The results of this investigation were published in the Atlantic City Press on March 19, 1939. Later facts were printed on February 2, 1948.

The Atlantic City Review of August 8, 1884 printed the following notice:

"Mail Carrier E. S. Steltz is securing the patronage of a large number of cottages and business firms who find his service a great convenience. He may be addressed at P.O. Box 533 or can be seen at his office in the Progress House on Mississippi Ave."

Mr. Wilson Adams says that in 1884 a man from Philadelphia started a mail delivery but he cannot remember the man's name nor the charge. No stamp of this service has ever come to light. The service was discontinued at the end of the summer season.

A friend who was a visitor in Atlantic City as a boy in the middle eighties said that there was a man who used to deliver the mail to his home. He could not remember the man's name but did remember that the stamp used was "a little round black sticker."

Inquiry among some of the older residents brought to light that a man named Faunce operated a Penny Post and that later another Post had been in operation. Mr. William Clevenger, Attorney at Law, not only gave the writer considerable information, but went into his safe and opened his collection which had been there thirty years untouched. And there were two "little round black stickers."

Either in the fall of 1884 or early spring of 1885, Ansel Faunce, a carpenter by trade, set up on the lamp posts collection boxes which he made. Nearby stores were supplied with his stamps at 75c per 100. These stamps were black, die cut in a 20mm circle, with the inscription in red, and gummed. The inscription read "Faunce Atlantic City" around the edge and "Penny Post" in the center.

His service covered the downtown district from Tennessee Ave. to Georgia Ave. (There were no houses west of Georgia Ave.) It included the delivery of mail to and from the Post Office for his patrons, the charge being one cent per letter.

When the stores supplying the stamps were closed, Faunce's patrons dropped a penny in the box with the letter; and when they did not have a government stamp, additional coins were dropped in. Rarely was there any shortage.

The Atlantic City directory of 1885 gives Faunce's occupation as carpenter; 1886, carrier in P.O.; 1887, carpenter.

The third Penny Post was announced in the Atlantic City Review of May 15, 1886.

"Two obliging post office clerks, Hackney and Bolte, have established an uptown delivery service. They deliver all mail entrusted to them promptly after each mail and make collections from their boxes on the lamp posts twice daily."

They used a stamp similar to Faunce's, black, die cut in a 20mm circle, inscription in red and gummed. The inscription read "H and B Atlantic City" around the edge and "Penny Post" in the center.

This service was in operation at the same time during which Faunce operated downtown.

The directory of 1886 lists Evan J. Hackney and Charles Bolte as post office clerks. Both were well known. Evan was a brother of Mr. Harry W. Hackney, founder of Hackney's Restaurant. Charles Bolte was a brother of Mr. Arthur Bolte, Attorney. Hackney later engaged in the manufacture of patent medicines, while Bolte entered the Railway Post Office service, returning to Atlantic City as Superintendent of mails.

These Penny Posts ceased to operate on June 27, 1887 to make way for the regular Post Office carriers service which began July 1.

Faunce employed Wilson Adams, Mulford Sharp and Roland Hewitt in his service.

The first government carriers appointed by Dr. Willard Wright, the Post Master, were John Harold, William Culligan and George Webb. During the first summer the mail was so heavy that Faunce was hired to help out. He soon quit, saying that he made four times as much in his old service.

While the Penny Posts were in existence there is no direct evidence that the proprietors were officially appointed government carriers. It appears that they were supplementary to the U. S. Post Office and not in competition with it.

Besides the specimen in the possession of the Moorestown collector, the two in the Clevenger collection, others are in the collections of Mr. Elliot Perry of Westfield, and the writer. Mr. James E. Hughes has an H. and B. beautifully tied on a post card with the proper date. Perhaps you have one in your attic!!

"Drawings courtesy Pat Paragraphs, Westfield, N. J. Elliott Perry, Ed."



These stamps are twice the diameter of the actual stamps.

HEADSTONE RECORDS

IN CLARKS MILLS MEETING HOUSE CHURCHYARD

at

Clark's Mills, now Port Republic, Atlantic County, N. J.

T. C. October 31, 1793 Age 71 years.

S. C. March 25, 1800 Age 68 years

(These are the headstones of Thomas Clark (2nd in Egg Harbor, and his wife, Sarah (Parker) Clark).

Sacred to the memory of Thomas Clark who departed this life March 28, 1827 Aged 69 years 5 months and 21 days.

(Official Bronze Revolutionary Soldier Marker placed on grave by General Lafayette Chapter N.S.D.A.R. October 5, 1935.)

Sacred to the memory of Mary Giberson wife of Thomas Clark who departed this life December 24, 1845 Aged 65 years 7mo 16 days.

Sacred to the memory of Parker Clark who departed this life January 5, 1844 Aged 78 years.

(Official Bronze Revolutionary Soldier Marker placed on grave by General Lafayette Chapter N.S.D.A.R. October 5, 1935.)

Sacred to the memory of Martha wife of Parker Clark who departed this life July 18, 1839 Aged 69 years and 5 months.

Sacred to the memory of Walter Clark who departed this life August 20, 1844 Aged 48 years.

Sacred to the memory of Thomas P. Clark who departed this life September 22, 1819 in his 22nd year.

Sacred to the memory of Adrial Clark who departed this life November 15, 1828 Aged 69 years 10 months and 10 days.

(Official Bronze Revolutionary Soldier Marker placed on grave by General Lafayette Chapter N.S.D.A.R. October 5, 1935. Adrial Clark was the grandfather of the late Hon. Champ Clark).

Sacred to the memory of Judith wife of Adrial Clark who departed this life June 21, 1811 Aged 51 years 7mo and 14 days.

Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth daughter of Adrial and Judith Clark who departed this life October 9, 1821 in the 20 year of her age.

No Sickness of Sorrow or Pain

Shall ever disquiet her now

Her death to her spirit was gain

Since Christ was her life when below.

Sacred to the memory of Frances wife of Dr. Reuben Baker who departed this life March 7, 1832 Aged 40 years.

Sacred to the memory of Sherman Clark who departed this life October 1, 1847.

Absent or dead

Still let a friend be near

A sigh the living claim

The dead a tear.

Sacred to the memory of Edward Sapp who departed this life October 27, 1832 Aged 34 years 2 months and 10 days.

(This small stone stands in one corner at some distance from the other graves. It is probably the grave of a slave or bond servant.)

(Records copied by Georgiana C. Blake in 1936.

There are a dozen or more graves in this churchyard marked with native stones from which all lettering has disappeared. It seems likely that David Clark and Reuben Clark, Revolutionary Soldiers would be among them, with their wives, but we cannot prove this.) G.C.B.

On the river bank at the site of the Clark Plantation in Clarks landing are still these two headstones:

Here lyes the body of Mr. Thomas Clark
who died May 17, A.D. 1752
in the 65 year of his age.

Here lyes the body of Mrs. Ruth Clark
wife of Mr. Thomas Clark
who died June 2nd 1749
in the 53rd year of her age.

In Egg Harbor City Park is this one grave with the following headstone inscription:

Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Sibbel Shaler Consort of the late Timothy Shaler who departed this life on the 2nd day of April 1785 in the 52nd year of her age and whose mortal remains repose here together with those of her three infant children.

(Timothy Shaler was a Privateer Captain during the Revolutionary War. There were Shaler surveys in this section during the Colonial period. Their home probably stood near-by.)

In a Mathis family burying ground at Chestnut Neck, near the Monument are still these three graves:

Eliza Mathis wife of John S. Mathis born October 3, 1804 Died October 27 1850.

Martha Mathis wife of John Mathis born June 29 1762 Died April 12 1842.

John Mathis Born December 23 1753 Died October 20 1824.

In SMITH'S MEETING HOUSE CHURCHYARD at PORT REPUBLIC, N. J. are the following headstones:

Adams, Andrew died July 3, 1828 Aged 40 years.

Adams, Elizabeth died October 19 1841 Aged 26 years 1mo 8 days.

Adams Henry died December 10 1858 aged 28 yrs 4 mo 4 days.

Adams Josiah died July 11 1845 Aged 28 yrs 11mo 27 days.

Bell James born 1755 died September 17 1831.

(Official Bronze Revolutionary Soldier Marker placed on grave by General Lafayette Chapter N.S.D.A.R. October 5, 1935.)

Burnett Mary died March 9 1840 Aged 26 years 10mo 9 days.

Carter, Henrietta daughter of Josiah and Julia Ann Died November 23 1839 aged 14 months.

Endicott, Mary wife of John died October 13, 1808.

Endicott, Nehemiah Died July 2, 1840 Aged 23 yrs 4 mo.

Hatfield, Gilbert Infant son of Gilbert and Elizabeth Died March 15 1832 aged 13 days.

Hatfield, Gilbert, Infant son of Gilbert and Elizabeth Died June 27 1834 Aged 10mo 25 days.

Hick, William S. Died May 2, 1820 Aged 36 years.

Johnson, Rebecca Died August 30 1871 Aged 78 years.

Jubilee, Eliza Died July 17, 1841 Aged 40th year.

Leach ----- (?) (stone broken) Died (?) 1844.

Leech, Jesse Died June 15 1835 Aged 79 yrs 11mo 18 days Faithful and beloved member of the Methodist E. Church.

Sacred to the memory of Jesse Leech who departed this life June 18, 1855 (or 1835?) Aged 22 years.

Leech, Uz Died September 21, 1858 Aged 52 years.

Leeds, Benjamin Bayless born June 14 1821 Died October 15, 1822 Aged 1yr 4mo 1 day.

Leeds, Mary E. Born August 30 1828 Died October 2 1834 Children of Capt. Joel and Amy W. Leeds.

Morss, Joab son of Jonas and Abigail Born February 19, 1792 Died November 2 1820.

Morss, Mary Ann Wife of Joab and daughter of Thomas and Hannah Latham Died May 12, 1843.

Smith, Micajah Died April 6 1807 Aged 65 yrs 2mo 13 days.
(Official Bronze Revolutionary Soldier Marker placed on grave by General Lafayette Chapter N.S.D.A.R. October 5, 1935. Micajah Smith was Captain of the Privateer Sloop "Sly".)

Smith, Sarah Consort of Micajah Smith Died November 28 1802 Aged 57 years 10mo 10 days.

Sylcocks, Susanna Died January 18, 1856 in the 70th year of her age.

Vansant, Samuel born July 10, 1814 died January 27 1820 Phebe M. born June 11 1833 Died October 1, 1835 Children of Nicholas and Mercey VanSant.

Capt. John Vansant died 1820 aged 94 years.
(Official Bronze Revolutionary Soldier Marker placed on grave by General Lafayette Chapter N.S.D.A.R. October 5, 1935.)

His wife Rebecca died 1831 aged 80 years Parents of Rev. Nicholas VanSant Sr., Aged 90 years buried at Lower Bank Erected by J. W. VanSant Leclair, Iowa, Born January 9, 1810 Died February 24, 1902.

In the Dr. Richard Collins Burying Ground at the site of Collins' Mills, on the Moss Mill Road, near Smithville, N. J. are the following:

Richard Collins born May 1, 1725 Died June 17 1808 aged 83 years
(Official Bronze Revolutionary Soldier Marker placed on grave by General Lafayette Chapter N.S.D.A.R. June 26, 1936.)

Sarah Collins wife of Richard Collins born July 16 1735 Died January 12, 1801 Aged 65 years 6 mo's.

Matthew Collins born May 7 1764 Died September 29 1851.

In memory of Judith wife of Matthew Collins Died October 27 1822 Aged 54 years.

In memory of Levi Collins who departed this life the 24 of the 3rd month 1813 Aged 40 years 6 months and 4 days.

In memory of Asenath Sooy who departed this life July 18th 1860 aged 77 years 3 mo 25 days Here rests the last remains of earth.

Samuel G. Collins Died April 19 1834 Aged 31 years.

Richard Collins born Oct. 11 1798 Died May 22 1833.

Daniel L. Collins born July 17 1808 Died Nov. 5 1887.

Paul Sooy—Headstone broken and no dates on remaining part.

N.B.—This burial plot is enclosed by a substantial iron fence and was in good condition when copied by Georgiana C. Blake in 1932.

At some distance from the plot is an unmarked grave—probably the grave of a slave or bond servant.—G.C.B.

In the grounds of the Doughty family home, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McMullin in Absecon are the two following graves:

Abner Doughty born October 1735 died July 4 1821.

(Official Bronze Revolutionary Soldier Marker placed on grave by General Lafayette Chapter N.S.D.A.R. June 26, 1936.)

Leah Risley Holmes wife of Abner Doughty born May 13 1757 died February 2 1831.

In an old Steelman Burying Ground at Oxford Circle in Northfield, are the following graves:

Jeremiah Leeds 1 Lieut. in Capt. Conover's Co., 3 Battalion died in 1838.
(Government Headstone placed through General Lafayette Chapter N.S.D.A.R. April 12, 1924.)

Frederich Steelman Private died in 1782.

(Government Headstone placed through General Lafayette Chapter N.S.D.A.R. April 12, 1924.)

Rachel—(small low headstone).

Peter—(small low headstone).

In a Steelman Burying Ground on the Shore Road in Somers Point, N. J. are the following:

Capt. John Steelman born January 11, 1819 Died June 16, 1889.

Mary A. Steelman born April 4, 1829 Died December 12, 1915.

William B. Steelman born August 19 1826 died September 9 1902.

Francis Steelman died January 10 1900 Aged 68 years.

(The foregoing on one marker.)

Charles E. Steelman born April 13 1820 died September 23 1855.

Isaac B. Steelman born April 29 1817 died September 23 1843.

Deborah Steelman born July 31 1795 died May 7 1844

Francis Steelman born April 15 1779 died July 24 1854.

Sarah Steelman born December 24 1791 died September 12 1841.

Samuel Steelman born April 12 1788 died June 5 1849.

Abigail Steelman born December 9 1758 died May 10 1828.

John Steelman born May 4 1748 died January 8 1818.

Amelia Steelman born June 20 1794 died September 13 1875.

J. K. S.

Samuel S. Steelman born October 7, 1822 died October 21 1844 His body lies not here.

Ellis Steelman born April 7 1827 died January 21 1828.

Amelia wife of C. W. Carr born August 28 1853 died October 28, 1890.

In the COL. RICHARD SOMERS Burying Ground in the Public School grounds in Somers Point, are the following:

In Memory of Col. Richard Somers Deceased October 22d 1794 in the 57 year of his age.

Sophia wife of Richard Somers Deceased February 3rd 1797 in the 56th year of her age. Also their infant daughter Janc, aged 14 months.

Constant Somers Esq., Deceased June, 1797 in the 37th year of his age. Also of his son Edward.

In Memory of Constant Somers Junr.*, son of Constant and Sarah Somers, born 3rd Jany. 1794; died at Cronstadt, Russia, 29th of August, 1811.

Life in an instant took its flight
And winged its way to realms above
There to rejoice in endless light
And praise his God with songs of love.

* This young boy, only 17, was instantly killed when he fell through an open hatch into the hold, on board one of the family's vessels in Cronstadt, Russia.

In memory of
RICHARD SOMERS
son of Richard and Sophia Somers
Master Commandant
in the Navy of the United States
Born September 15, 1778.

He perished in the 25th year of his age, in the Ketch Intrepid, in the memorable attempt to destroy the Turkish flotilla, in the harbor of Tripoli, on the night of the 4th of September, 1804.

Distinguished for his energy
his courage and his manly sense of honor
Pro Patria non timidus mori.

Here lies buried Sarah Keen, widow of Capt. Jonas Keen of Philadelphia, daughter of Richard and Sophia Somers, born Dec. 31, 1772; died Jan. 21, 1850. Estimable for many virtues.

SMITH-IRELAND BURYING GROUND

On the grounds of Harry L. Godshall's Game Farm at Estellville, N. J., Between State Highway No 50 and South River,—about 500 yards west of the river.

Copied by Mr. & Mrs. Albert H. Breese August 5, 1952.

John Smith, Born Nov. 5, 1795 Died Jan. 2, 1845.

Elias Smith July 3, 1838 Age 72 Yrs. & 2 Mos.

Livinia H. Smith Born July 25(?) 18(?) Died March 30 1811.

Phebe Smith Died Nov. 7, 1832 Age 33 Yrs. & 2 Mos.

Hannah Smith Born Feb. 24, 1768 Died Jan 13, 1843 Age 74 Yrs.
10 Mos. & 20 Das.

Thomas Smith Died Oct. 8 1816 Age 31 Yrs. & 8 Mos.

Alice Wife of Jesse Smith Apr. 8 1806 Feb. 25, 1871.

David Smith Sept. 11, 1791 Feb. 12, 1863.

Abigal Ireland Died Feb. 16, 1838 Aged 88 Yrs. 7 Mos. 9 Das.

Japhet Ireland Died Feb. 20, 1810 Age 66 Yrs. 2 Mos. 28 Das.

Mary Wife of Japhet Ireland Died Mar. 20, 1801 Age 54 Yrs. 7. Mos.
22 Das.

Small sandstone marker about 8 inches wide, extending about same distance above ground. Found across top a design similar to a sunburst, and below, the figures 1776,—under this the figures 31. Remainder illegible. No doubt this small stone had been covered with leaves and debris for years. Otherwise all inscription on so soft a stone would have been entirely obliterated.

N.B.—Japhet Ireland was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War.

