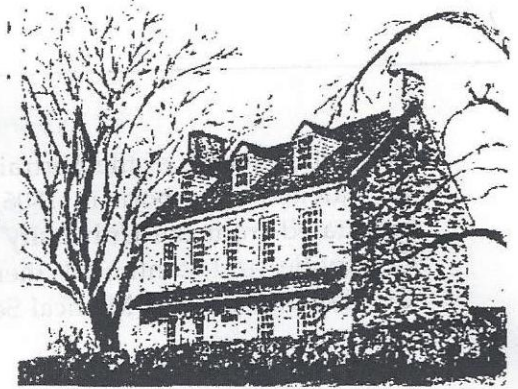


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PRESERVATION OF SWEDISH GRANARY UNDERWAY

By Jonathan E. Wood

In August, just after *The Patriot* had gone to press, Cumberland County Historical Society received notice from the 1772 Foundation, that they were providing a grant of \$10,000 to help fund a preservation plan for the seventeenth century Swedish Granary. Joan Berkey had made application for this grant.

During the same month, the American Swedish Historical Museum of Philadelphia informed us that the Swedish Granary had been included on their Google map of Swedish sites in the Delaware Valley. On December 27, 2011, members of the staff of the American Swedish Historical Museum came to Greenwich, visited the Gibbon House and saw the Swedish Granary for the first time. They were invited to help with its preservation.

CCHS Trustees in their February meeting voted to take Society funds as the match required to initiate the Preservation Plan. A letter was sent to Watson & Henry Associates to begin work on this plan.

The Swedish Granary now standing in back of the Gibbon House in Greenwich was originally located inside a barn in Lower Hopewell Township. The Granary was donated by its owner, Robert Fralinger, to Cumberland County Historical Society in 1976. It has weathered at the Gibbon House for thirty-five years and is in much need of preservation.

ANOTHER CEDARVILLE DOCTOR, ELI E. BATEMAN AND HIS WIFE ARE THE COUPLE IN THE PORTRAITS RESTORED WITH 2012 WINE AND CHEESE FUNDS

Accompanying the Wine & Cheese invitation for the May 19 event in Millville was a paragraph about the Ephraim Bateman portraits, owned by the Society and in need of restoration. A number of doubts were expressed at our identifying the Bateman portraits as those of Ephraim and Sarah. The Bateman family file contained a notice of the death of Dr. Eli Bateman and indicated it was his portrait and that of his wife that are in our possession. Research on the frames for the portraits revealed an 1840 style—one occurring long after the death of Dr. Ephraim Bateman.

Thus, the subjects of the portraits are Eli E. Bateman, M.D. and his wife, Sarah Moore Bateman. Eli Bateman was born in 1806, tutored in Greek and Latin by the Rev. Ethan Osborne and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1832. With his M.D., he began practice in Cedarville and continued there for fifty years. He served in 1856 as President of the Cumberland County Medical Society and several times as its treasurer. His death occurred in 1886.

REBA LUMMIS 1908-2012 ~ INSPIRATION AND BENEFACTOR

By Jonathan E. Wood

The death of Reba Lummis on April 14, 2012, brought sorrow to Cumberland County Historical Society and especially to the staff of the Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical and Historical Research Library. She had served as Trustee and Secretary for Cumberland County Historical Society, but Reba's great work was that of Benefactor.

Her husband, Warren C. Lummis, Jr., Esq., made investments for the Library and the Historical Society, which she enthusiastically supported. Their financial support is unparalleled in the Society's history. Beyond that, they were a working part of the Library staff, serving as volunteers one Sunday a month for years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lummis computerized various aids for local genealogists including the journals of Eli E. Bateman, M.D. of Cedarville (1780-1829) which have helped us so much recently with the work to restore his portrait and that of his wife, Sarah Moore Bateman.

Reba Lummis' remarkable life to age 103 was an inspiration at the Lummis Library.

FORTUNATE SURVIVAL: THE COLLECTION OF THE LEE FAMILY OF PORT ELIZABETH

By Joseph P. Mathews

In 2000, the Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical and Historical Research Library purchased a group of over 70 documents that had been placed at a curb for trash collection in Medford Township. They had been rescued from their fate by Ms. Shane Lewin, who recognized the Lee family provenance, determined the location of the Lee ancestral home, Port Elizabeth, and then offered them for sale to the library. I recently completed the archival arrangement of the Lee Family Collection and thought it would be a good idea, briefly to describe it here in order to pique the curiosity of potential readers and researchers.

It's unclear now who last owned these papers, but it's Benjamin Fisler Lee (1828-1909) who seems to have generated the largest part of them and who was in a good position to assess his own family's centrality to "the Port." His 96-page autobiography provides personal and family history as well as reflections on the town's promising start. It appears as if Benjamin was gathering materials for a chronicle of his family and his hometown—not that he didn't have other more pressing responsibilities. His son, the historian Francis Bazely Lee (1869-1914), describes Benjamin's various

political and business activities: partner with his father, Thomas, and brother, Francis, in the lumber business; New Jersey Supreme Court Clerk; railroad developer in South Jersey; Democratic party committeeman; and so on.

Benjamin's uncle, James, and father, Thomas, are represented in the collection, as are his brothers, Francis and Thomas, Jr. The first Lee to settle in Port Elizabeth was James (1771-1820), who arrived from the family home in Chester County, Pennsylvania in 1796 and stayed until 1814. Over the years, he served as postmaster, state assemblyman, common pleas judge and freeholder. He is best known as having built the first glasshouse in Port Elizabeth. There are just three documents relating to James Lee in the collection.

James' brother, Thomas (1780-1856), arrived in Port Elizabeth in 1798 and remained there all his life, except when he represented his district in the United States House of Representatives from 1833-1837. He ran a lumber business and was partners with Joshua Brick for a time. He led the Democratic Party in southern New Jersey. He and his wife, Rhoda, had seven children, three of whom produced documents in this collection. I have mentioned Benjamin above. Francis (1808-1888) was postmaster for a time and in business partnership with his father. Thomas, Jr. (1809-1836) became Assistant Surgeon in the United States Army. He died at home of consumption contracted in Florida in the Second Seminole War (see page 15 in Benjamin's autobiography).

We are indeed fortunate to have the Lee Family Collection. It provides unique insights into 19th century Port Elizabeth and into the enterprising family that helped shape its civic and commercial development.



The Eagle Glass Works in Port Elizabeth in the 1880's, founded by James Lee in 1799. It was the first glass producing facility in Cumberland County.

CIVIL WAR SERIES: Winter, Spring, Summer of 1862 **One Hundred Fifty Years Ago**

In the summer 2011 issue of the **Cumberland Patriot**, we discussed the results of the Union defeat at the first Battle of Bull Run bringing renewed enlistments from Cumberland County in the fall of 1861. The progress of the war was good for the North, especially in the west where New Orleans fell during April, 1862.

All the emphasis in the early years of the conflict was on the War for the Union. The progress along the Mississippi was not matched in the east where the march to Richmond was the center of stalemate and controversy where General McClellan's halting army brought consternation to Lincoln and the Congress.

By the spring of 1862, a second central issue of the Civil War became apparent. On April 16, emancipation of all slaves in Washington, D.C. was declared by Congress. At the same time, ever increasing inquiries came from Union commanders in conquered ex-Confederate territory as to what should be done with slaves who came into Federal territory expecting manumission. Tied to this was the question of using black males as soldiers.

During the summer of 1862, President Lincoln called for another 300,000 troops. This gave rise to the Second Great War Rally in Bridgeton. Both leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties spoke in favor of the War to Preserve the Union. By August 12, 1862, the 12th Regiment of enlisted men was forming with Company K from Bridgeton and vicinity. These men departed Bridgeton, but this time not by steamboat, but rather by train on the newly built West Jersey Railroad.

In the midst of all this came the Second Battle of Bull Run, another Union defeat. Immediately after this, with the call from the President for 9-month enlistments, came the forming of the companies in the 24th Regiment—but that's another story.

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEARTH

By Nancy Applegate

Did you know...?

- All colonial homesteads had a kitchen and an herb garden.
- Dandelions are not native to the Americas, but were brought here by the English and, by 1672, they were a well-established plant.
- Dandelions were prized not only as a food but for their medicinal powers.

ACQUISITIONS 2011-12

WARREN AND REBA LUMMIS GENEALOCIAL & HISTORICAL RESEARCH LIBRARY

By Warren Q. Adams

DONOR: Richard Martin Hepner (**Salisbury, MD**) The Search for Johannes, A Genealogy of the Hepners Who Settled in South Jersey.

DONOR: Bettye Bell (**Pitman, NJ**) The Bell's Of South Jersey.

DONOR: Purchase, *The Story of New Jersey's Civil Boundaries*, John Parr Snyder.

DONOR: Diament Family Tree, Estate of Dorothy Diament.

DONOR: Edward Sheppard (**Greenwich, NJ**) Photograph copies: Ragged Island; Wheaton Island; Hancock's Harbor; Goodwin Family; Buttonwood Farm; Kate Knight/Ronald & Anna Sheppard House; Goose Goslin & Bayside; Deer Shot, State of Maine Trip, 1945, exhibited in Othello; Map of Greenwich from the Historical Atlas of Cumberland County, 1876.

DONOR: Lisa Flowers (**Haddonfield, NJ**) Genealogy of the Hitchner & Sharp families.

DONOR: Rev. & Mrs. David Ramsey (**Sewell, NJ**) *History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, NJ*.

DONOR: William G. Nixon Estate (**Bridgeton, NJ**) Washington Banner Book, 1861-62, Pro Union handwritten entries, this is the Washington Debating Society of Bridgeton.

DONOR: Joan Evans (**Foster City, CA**) *Portraits of Our Patriots*, Lewis L. Humphreys, Patriot, living in Greenwich, NJ post-Revolutionary War.

DONOR: Peter Craig (**St. Davids, PA**) 1878 photograph of Ivy Hall showing Mae Perkins and her room from an outside view. She is the great-grandmother of Peter Craig.

DONOR: Jim Bergmann (**Bridgeton, NJ**) Photographs of the James Joshua Ewing House, Greenwich, one with Sam Ewing and one with Grace Ewing. A copy of a map of Gouldtown, NJ, 1910 showing residents' houses.

DONOR: Bayshore Discovery Project (**Port Norris, NJ**) Booklet, Bridgeton, Production Capital of Southern New Jersey, 1951, from a donation to Bayshore from Jesse Cline, Vineland, NJ.

DONOR: Purchase, *Printing in New Jersey, 1754-1800*, Joseph J. Felcone.

DONOR: Isabel Bacon by Fred Foster, Thomas & Ed Sheridan (**Clayton, NJ**) Scrap books of Bridgeton and Cumberland County history. Bacon family photograph album and broadsides of Tumbling Dam Park, 1898 and Greenwich Teaburning Monument Celebration, 1908 from the Walter H. Bacon family.

DONOR: Rodney Fox (**Ellsworth, ME**) Pencil collection of Millville and Cumberland County.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2012

September 29	Teaburners 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk, beginning at Morris Goodwin School
September 29 & 30	41 st Annual Greenwich Artisans' Faire & Marketplace at the Gibbon House
October 19, 20, 26	Halloween Ghost Walking Tours, beginning at the Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical & Historical Research Library
November 3	Annual CCHS Business/Dinner Meeting
December 9	44 th Annual "Christmas in Greenwich," beginning at the Gibbon House