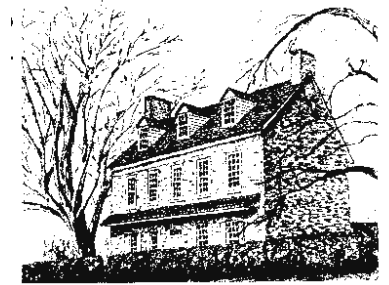


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Enjoy self-guided tours of private homes, religious and historic sites and local museums.

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As we wrap up 2019 and this being the last *Cumberland Patriot* of the year, we would like to send a friendly reminder that it is time to renew your membership. Any membership purchased prior to September 28th will need to be renewed for 2020. If you are unsure whether you are a lifetime member or not, please contact us at 856-455-8580.

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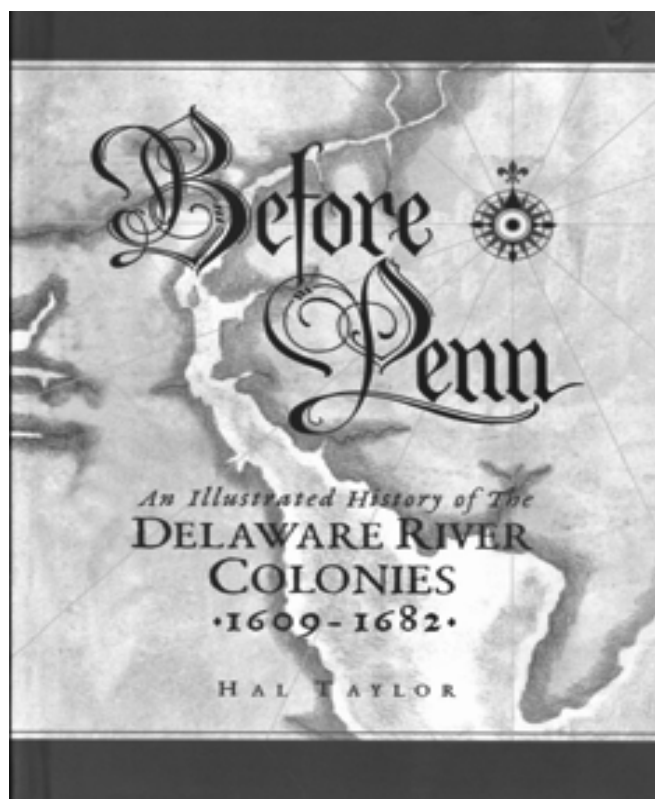
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**Review: *Before Penn: An Illustrated History of the Delaware River Colonies, 1609-1682* by Hal Taylor**  
*By Andrew Lawrence Ingersoll*

William Penn's arrival in the Delaware River Valley was a new chapter in his career. Within a decade his Pennsylvania colony would be one of the most populous colonies in North America. But Penn was not the first to attempt a colony along the Delaware River—if anything, he was the last. Penn is the end of a story that began nearly a century before. It is this story—what happened *before* Penn—that is the focus of Hal Taylor's new book: *Before Penn: An Illustrated History of the Delaware River Colonies, 1609-1682* (Beacon Publishing Group, 2019). From the Spanish, to the Swedish, to the Dutch, to the English, the book weaves many narratives into one story, highlighted by Taylor's original illustrations.

*Before Penn* relies heavily on secondary sources, which makes sense given the fact that this book was written to illuminate an often overlooked yet important part of the history of the settlement of the Delaware River Valley, and not as a thesis-driven addition to existing scholarship. While some of these secondary sources are outdated, the overall historical narrative creates a fresh look at the histories of the various Delaware River colonies established in the first three-quarters of the 17th Century. While the book, at times, is a bit laborious in terms of background context, the patchwork of narratives Taylor unites together establishes the menagerie of people, culture, and intents which played out along the Delaware River, providing a reader with an historical 'mise en place' of sorts.

While neither the first nor last book on the history of the Delaware River colonies, Hal Taylor's *Before Penn* is unique in its scope, providing an accurate and entertaining narrative, bejeweled with illustrations that serve to both bring the history to life, as well as provide the reader something on which to pause and reflect...and perhaps catch their breath.



## 19th CENTURY BIRTH LEDGER BY MARTHA AUSTIN REEVES (1760-1832) Part 3

By Bill Saunderlin

This article is a continuation of the list from the ledger book by Martha Austin Reeves. As a refresher, Martha acted as a midwife, logging the births that she attended from 1801 to 1832. They were known to have taken place in the Stow Creek/Shiloh area. The logged documentations in their entirety include medical supplies administered by her and births. These notations expand through five numbers of the *Vineland Historical Magazine*, a quarterly periodical. This article ran from July 1939 through July 1940.

Spellings of certain names may not be accurate. More of her birth records will be continued in the next *Cumberland Patriot* edition and beyond.

## Births – 1806

January  
14—Jeremiah Perry—daughter—Meryl  
18—George Hitchner—daughter—Mary Ann  
23—Benjamin West—daughter—Mary  
24—Henry Shriner—daughter—Sarah Ann  
25—Benjamin Dunham—daughter—Elizabeth

February  
9—Nancy Filer—daughter—Mary  
11—James Garton—son—Hosea R. Garton  
16—Joshua Barrett—son—?  
18—Silas Reynolds—son—Silas Seeley Reynolds  
21—Peter Hitchner—daughter—Eliza

March  
14—William Blew—son—Furman  
19—Jesse Bacon—daughter—Amy  
26—Enos Woodruff—son—David  
29—William Miller—son—Caesar [Negro]

April  
9—Robert Low—son—John Walling Low  
14—Preston Stratton—daughter—Rachel  
20—John Moore—daughter—Phebe  
21—Dennis Sheppard—son—Elijah

May  
1—Cornelius Reeves—son—Thomas Sheppard Reeves  
3—David Halter—daughter—Catherine  
11—Abel Griffy—son—?  
13—Isaac Hathorn—son—Isaac

June  
3—Joseph Bivins—daughter—Eliza  
7—Nathan Kelly—son—James

July  
12—Alvin Ayars—son—?  
22—David Golden—son—John  
27—Elnathan Davis—daughter—Hannah

August  
6—Jonathan Davis—daughter—?  
8—Nathan Ayars—son—?  
29—Joseph Corey—daughter—Lydia

September  
19—Caleb Barrett—son—David  
21—Jonathan Merriot—daughter—?  
25—David Bowen—son—Daniel  
25—Malon Davis—daughter—Susanna

October  
3—Mark Nobel—daughter—Phebe  
14—Martin Hitchner—son—David  
18—John Mixner—daughter—Lydia  
22—Hoshel Shull—son—John  
29—Recompence Whitaker—daughter—Caroline  
30—Joseph Conklin—daughter—Mary  
31—Joseph Pierson—daughter—Mary

November  
10—Abel Sheppard Jr.—son—Abel  
11—James McGilliard—son—John  
17—Jediah Hall—son—Isaac Hannan Hall

December  
18—Ephraim Bishop—son—Preston  
31—David Fraser—son—Samuel Davis Fraser

## Births – 1807

January  
1—Abel Sheppard, Sr.—son—Orasha  
5—Isaac Titsworth—son—Lewis  
14—John Shriner—daughter—Catherine  
20—Samuel Shull—son—Samuel Garrison Shull  
23—Samuel Merriot—son—Thomas Jones Merriot  
30—Jeremiah Casto—son—John  
31—Oliver Harris—daughter—Mary

February  
14—Joseph West—son—Miranda Sheppard West  
18—David Wallen—son—David  
26—Elijah Shaw—son—Edmond

March  
13—Thomas Bowen—daughter—Lydia  
16—George Johnson—son—Robert

April  
8—Samuel West—daughter—Maria  
9—David Cook—son—Joseph  
10—Andrew Johnson—daughter—Christina  
16—William Jones—daughter—Jane  
16—Lawrence Casper—daughter—Phebe  
18—Frederick Fox—daughter—Anna

May  
11—Sarah Fithian—daughter—Sarah Ann Fithian  
17—Joshua Mickle—daughter—Margaret  
20—David Royal—son—David  
31—Thomas Reeves—son—Samuel

June  
2—Jonathan Jarman—son—George  
6—Azewell Ayars—son—George  
13—William Royal—daughter—Hannah  
13—Simon Ayars—son—Job  
16—Varney Wells—son—Richard  
25—Benony Dare—son—Philip

July  
1—Alan Ayars—son—Hazard Garrison Ayars  
4—Thomas West—son—Lawrence  
22—Benjamin Davis—son—Benjamin

August  
2—Jonathan Merriot—daughter—?  
11—Preston Stratton—daughter—?  
29—Charles Davis—son—David Randolph Davis

September  
11—Ellis Roberson—son—Daniel  
14—Lott Loper—son—George  
19—Abel Griffy—daughter—Lydia  
23—George Cake—son—Richard Chew Cake

October  
6—Joel Yapp—son—Samuel  
9—Jedidiah Davis—daughter—Margaret Sheppard Davis  
1—Joshua Barrett—daughter—Mary Ann  
21—Jeremiah Parvin—daughter—Harriet Seeley Parvin  
30—David Platts—son—Moses

November  
7—John Walling—daughter—Lydia  
25—Henry Shoemaker—son—Charles  
27—Henry Danzenbaker—daughter—Hannah  
29—David Golden—daughter—?

December  
1—John West—son—Ephraim Randall West  
8—Samuel Thompson—daughter—Harriet  
30—Jonathan T. Garrison—son—Jonathan

## Births – 1808

January  
7—Thomas Long—son—John  
24—David Buckman—daughter—Maria  
25—George Hitchner—daughter—Sally Ann

March  
1—David Bowen—son—John  
5—Jeremiah Perry—daughter—Mary  
6—Arthur Garrison—son—Joel  
13—Joseph Bivens—daughter—Ruth  
14—David Garton—son—Furman  
27—Susanna Beckler—son—Hosea  
31—David Elwell—son—William

April  
5—Joel Berryman—daughter—Sally Ann  
6—John Reeves—son—James  
10—Asbury Maul—daughter—Susanna  
13—Jeremiah Foster—son—Josiah  
16—Levi Thomas—daughter—?  
30—Isaac Titsworth—son—John Davis Titsworth

May  
5—Isaac Hathorn—son—George  
13—Dennis Sheppard—son—Joel  
20—John Shimp—son—Joseph

June  
25—Obediah Bowen—son—George

July  
4—William Wright—son—James  
13—Jacob West, Jr.—son—Charles  
18—Jeremiah Stratton—daughter—Hannah  
28—Preston Stratton—son—Lorenzo Dow Stratton

August  
1—Elnathan Davis—daughter—Susanna  
12—Samuel West—daughter—Eliza Ann  
16—Robert Harris—son—John  
24—Robertson Ayars—son—Aaron Padgett Ayars  
27—Daniel Johnson—son—William

September  
19—David Halter—son—Jacob

October  
14—Oliver Harris—daughter—Eliza  
18—William Garrison, Esq.—son—  
Amos Fithian Garrison  
22—Andrew Johnson—son—Michael  
25—Jonathan Merriot—daughter—Mariah

November  
29—John Furman—son—Aaron Moore Furman

December  
5—Joseph Conklin—daughter—Lydia  
8—Henry Stax—daughter—Nancy  
14—George Shoemaker—daughter—Phebe  
30—Simon Ayars—daughter—Lydia Ann

## THE “PARK” BEFORE IT WAS A PARK

By Jim Bergmann

A park is an area usually set aside by local, state, or federal government for the use of its citizens. Today, we have Bridgeton City Park. It was not always called that; in fact, it was private land owned by the Cumberland Nail and Iron Works. It may have been used as a “park” as early as the 1850’s. It was definitely being used as a “park” by the 1800’s according to articles in the *Bridgeton Evening News*. The Cumberland Nail and Iron Works was allowing the citizens to use the raceway, woods and lake. The only road was the one that ran by the lake.

In the 1880’s, articles began to appear in the *Bridgeton Evening News* about activities in the “park.” Some of the news was good, some bad. A letter to the paper in May of 1880 from “A Rower” complained about the “men and boys at the railroad bridge.” This was the one over the raceway. Seems these gentlemen and boys were jumping off the trestle in a “perfectly nude state” which was “very unpleasant to the ladies.” These ladies were probably from Ivy Hall. Many also saw a “large colored picnic at the Tumbling Dam,” according to the “Dashes Here and There” column in the *Bridgeton Evening News*. Croquet was very popular as was boating.

In July of 1880, there were “nearly five hundred persons in and around the Tumbling Dam.” The column continued, “There was plenty of rum, no fighting; plenty of card playing, not much money lost...” In the same month, there was a “boating party...made up of some of our best German citizens.” On July 7th, “A disgusted visitor” wrote to the *Bridgeton Event News* about the condition in the “park.” The writer commented there was no City Park, but the owners of Cumberland Nail and Iron Works allowed citizens to use their property “free of charge.” Because it was free, he felt it was being used to excess and there were “one or more evils” that prevented “respectable people” from using it. He called for the removal of the “evils.” The “evils” he saw were “rum drinking, profanity, card playing and nude bathing.” He even listed where these “evils took place.” His suggestion was that Mr. Friant, who worked for the Cumberland Nail and Iron Works, should have them “clothe” Mr. Friant with the authority to arrest these evil doers, especially on the Sabbath. He wanted the Cumberland Nail and Iron Works to refuse people the right to be on their property on the Sabbath. He finished, “Let the law be enforced if there is any law.”

In an 1881 publication, there is an engraving with a caption that said, “Tumbling Dam, where large numbers picnic during the pleasant summer months.” The article continued, “the ‘Race’...is a popular resort for boating parties...the trees on either side...form an archway...in the shallow places and coves...the lovely pond lily lifts its snowy and fragrant flowers to the surface, at times forming a complete mass of whiteness, emitting a delicate perfume.” As today, there was a walkway or path on the east side and near the south end of Jeddy’s Pond, also known as Crystal Lake for the icehouse at its western end. The ice company was owned by a local family. On the south side of the pond were “boats and boat houses” belonging to the residences on the pond. Take a minute to imagine how pristine the woods, the pond and raceway and lake must have appeared in the Victorian Era. There were no canoes until almost two decades later, only boats or barges. More about the barges later.

There is a sad story about an unidentified and unclaimed child who was found drowned in Jeddy’s Pond in April of 1889. This child is buried in Broad Street Cemetery in the northeast section. The unmarked location is somewhere in the path that leads from the church to the chapel. The Burial Book does not tell if the child was male or female.

In the *Pioneer* newspaper of June 26, 1890, there was a front page headline that read “An Opportunity—A Grand Park Scheme for Bridgeton.” The writer described “delightful groves” and “mirror-like lakes and excellent drives...” Where these drives were located was not explained. His description continued: “above all is the winding, densely foliaged race, which leads from the very center of the city to Sunset Lake of the Tumbling Dam, which is a broad expanse of water bounded upon every side with shaded groves, in which pleasure is unrestricted.” The writer then wrote, “For years the Tumbling Dam has been a picnic ground. Away back in the past, it was known as the poor man’s Cape May.” He thought the “picnic grounds could be made very attractive, and with a pavilion for dancing and other pleasures. Then with boats to hire, there would be great attractions for the masses.” People from the city were talking about a park to rival others not just in New Jersey but all up and down the east coast. Would it happen? The reporter seemed to think so because he wrote, “In a few short years...the work will be accomplished and Bridgeton will have a park which will be creditable to the city, and great pleasures can be enjoyed for very small expenditures.” Some of this forecast would come true, but it would come at an expense.

More to come on how we got from the “park” to the park we know today in the next issue of the *Cumberland Patriot*.

## PROCESSING THE COUNTERFEIT: COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR, 1860

By Brittney Ingersoll

Cumberland County Historical Society regularly receives a number of different items that connect us to the past and to people all over the country and sometimes the world. We can learn a considerable amount from items that are donated here. Objects show us what individuals of the past valued, what they believed, their view of society, and concerns they held. Understanding all of the instilled notions and attributes of the items we house—whether paper, artifact, or object—is necessary in knowing the object's place in history.

A recent donation to the society is a pocket size bank note detector titled: *The United States Bank Detector. An Infallible Method of Detecting Counterfeit & Altered Bank Notes, At Sight*, published in 1860 by J.W. Whittemore in New Hampshire. The booklet is a little over 3.25 inches by 5.25 inches and consists of 24 pages. (1)

Counterfeit detectors grew in popularity and high demand in the 1830's due to the anxiety and lack of trust in the bank notes that were circulating. Banks were accepting specie in exchange for bank notes. The questionable value of bank notes occurred due to banks releasing an excessive number of bank notes and there not being enough specie to back up the notes they were dispensing. This issue also led to banks opening and closing quickly. Individuals could accept a bank note for a bank that had closed without their knowledge. Both instances caused the value of the notes to be the same as the counterfeit bills—nothing. (2)

Counterfeiters used a number of techniques and took full advantage of the bank note anxiety and exacerbated it in a number of ways. Counterfeiters replicated bank notes, created notes for banks that were out of state or never existed, and threw out the original design and created brand new bank notes for existing banks. Counterfeiters also benefited from the counterfeit detectors by either using them to improve their notes or by bribing publishers to “puff” notes of illegitimate, ill-founded, or shaky banks.”(3) Counterfeiters’ use of the detectors further blurred the line between counterfeit and genuine. (4)

The worth of the bank notes did not rest in their monetary value but in their ability to be passed off as authentic, whether genuine or counterfeit. Historian Stephen Mihm articulated that the value of the bills was in the confidence someone had in accepting them and their ability to be passed off. Someone accepting them and using them to purchase something gave them their worth. The value of the bank notes was in their capacity to continue circulation. (5)

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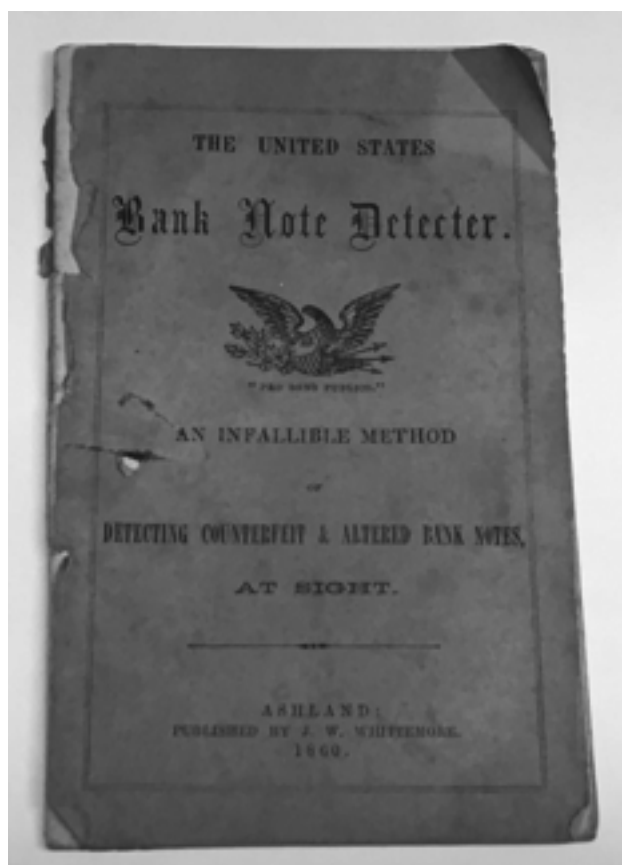


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## BARCUS, A BRIDGETON FAMILY OF COLOR IN THE CIVIL WAR AND BEYOND

*Dr. James Elton Johnson*

*Rowan University*

Jane and Ezekiel Barcus of Bridgeton had a June wedding in 1847 and, by 1860, their household included six children: Ellen, Mary, Caroline, Francis, Harrison, and John. In 1860, the children were 16, 14, 12, 10, 6, and 4 years old, respectively. (Figure 1) At a time when education was either unavailable or unaffordable for many, neither parent nor the oldest child could read or write, and none of the school age children were attending school. An amount of \$100 in Ezekiel's personal wealth signals a materially simple life with occasional niceties at special times like holidays. (1)

Twenty-three months after the Civil War began, Ezekiel quietly traveled to Philadelphia to enlist in the 54th Massachusetts Volunteers Infantry Regiment. Eventually assigned to Company B, his initial departure on March 11, 1863, demanded the utmost discretion because the recruitment of Black soldiers was still offensive to many White northerners committed to the notion that it was "a White man's war." Thus, of necessity, farewells were muted for these men and their families. Of that covert recruiting experience regimental, Captain Luis Emilio explains,

*Early in February quite a number of colored men were recruited in Philadelphia... Recruiting there was attended with great annoyance. The gathering place had to be kept secret, and the men sent to Massachusetts in small parties to avoid molestation or excitement...*

*The men sent and brought from Philadelphia went to form the major part of Company B... Companies A and B were filled by March 15. (2)*

Ezekiel, along with Greenwich Township acquaintance Henry Gladden, survived the 54th's famous charge against Fort Wagner on July 18, 1863 (depicted in the 1989 movie, *Glory*). Five months later, however, Ezekiel died of dysentery contracted from "drinking bad water." (Figure 2) Gladden would later recall, "the water affected all of them more or less and caused the deaths of many [and] that previous to going upon said island... Ezekiel was perfectly sound." (3)

From December 1863 till late summer 1868, Jane managed her household surviving on an \$8 per month federal widow's pension plus a \$2 stipend for each of her minor children, Harrison and John. As a Black woman, however, Jane's narrative was made more complicated by the War Department's initial racially based pay scale for its soldiers.

Until July 1864, African American soldiers were paid \$7 per month salary, regardless of rank. By contrast, White privates received \$13. In one of the most well-known acts of resistance to that policy, the 54th Massachusetts, while enduring severe economic deprivation at home for eighteen months, refused the unequal wages.<sup>(4)</sup> Moreover, while New Jersey denied voting rights for African Americans until passage of the 15th Amendment in 1870, the state also failed to extend the same \$6 per month stipend distributed to families of White volunteers to families of Black soldiers. Army salaries as well as most bounty payments were equalized by the end of the war in April 1865.

Ezekiel Barcus	31 M B - Brick Road	100 Dollars	1
Jane Barcus	32 F B - Wife	do	1
Ellen	12 F B -	do	1
Mary	14 F B -	do	1
Caroline	10 F B -	do	1
Francis A	6 M B -	do	1
Harrison	4 M B -	do	1
John	2 M B -	do	1
Joseph Smith	10 M B -	do	1
Samuel Brown	11 M B -	do	1

Figure 1

1860 census, Bridgeton, New Jersey Barcus household

I certify, on oath, that Ezekiel Barcus Private of Company B of the 54th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers of the State of Massachusetts, born in Bridgeton State of New Jersey, aged 26 years; 5 feet 4 inches high; dark complexion, black hair, and by occupation a bricklayer, having joined the company on its original organization at Bridgeton, New Jersey, and enrolled in it at the muster into the service of the United States at Bridgeton, New Jersey, on the 15th day of March, 1863, (or was mustered in service as a recruit, by \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1863, to serve in the Regiment,) for the term of Three Years and having served HONESTLY and FAITHFULLY with his Company in \_\_\_\_\_ to the present date, is now entitled to a PAYMENT by reason of Death by Disease on the date of death Dec 10 1864.

The said Ezekiel Barcus was last paid by Paymaster John Fisher to include the 31st day of August, 1863, and has pay due him from that time to the present date; he is entitled to pay and subsistence for TRAVELING to place of enrollment and whatever other allowances are authorized to volunteer soldiers, or militia, so much. He has received eighty dollars, 100 dollars, advanced by the United States on account of expenses.

There is to be stopped from him, on account of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ or other authorities for expenses, due, received on entering service, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars; also, for expenses of TRAVELING from place of enrollment to the place of residence, amounting to \_\_\_\_\_ dollars; and on account of the United States for expenses advanced to him from \_\_\_\_\_ and for other stoppages, viz: Ordinance Lost amounting to \$ 5 10 dollars;

and he has been SUBMITTED for TRAVELING to his place of enrollment, up to the \_\_\_\_\_, 1863.

He is indebted to \_\_\_\_\_ OUTLAW \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.  
He is indebted to \_\_\_\_\_ LAUNDERING \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

Given in Duplicate, at Bridgeton, New Jersey, this 15th day of December, 1863.

James W. Walton  
Capt. 54th Mass. Inf.  
Commanding Company.

Figure 2

Final Statement prepared for Private Ezekiel Barcus

Tragically, Jane passed away from an unrecorded cause of death on September 13, 1868. As primary caretaker of the household, Jane's untimely passing created an atypical childhood experience on the northern homefront. Further, if her death derived from a terminal illness, then Jane likely anguished over the fate of her children as her physical condition declined. The question of how premature deaths of child-rearing Civil War widows affected children's welfare deserves more study. Fortunately, Harrison and John, both younger than 14, were subsequently cared for by William Corse of Millville. That guardianship arrangement was approved on May 4, 1869. (5) (Figure 3)

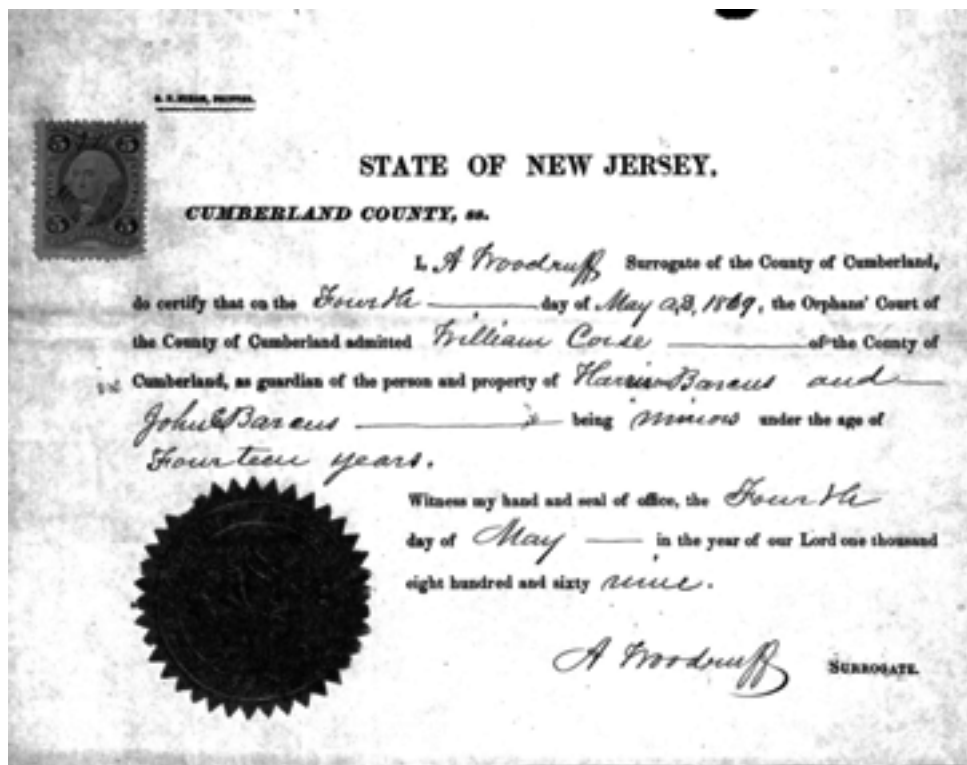


Figure 3  
Corse named guardian of Harrison and John Barcus

By the end of the century, Harrison was the most traceable of the Barcus clan. Having married Anna Wilson in 1881, the couple listed 8 surviving children on the 1900 census. Harrison's employment as a 42-year-old glass factory laborer, along with three of his sons, symbolized a rising industrial trend for Black northern labor in the early twentieth century. (6)

At least one Barcus family member served in World War 1. Harrison's son, Private Raphael Barcus of the army's Butchery Company, 322nd Regiment, 92nd Colored Division, returned home [to 124 Mill Street] aboard the troop ship Rhesus in August 1919. (7) The veteran married his wife, Lulu, in 1924 and after a career in several industrial labor jobs, including Cox Foundry on Water street, Jane and Ezekiel's grandson passed away, apparently childless, on April 4, 1962 at age 70. (11)

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**The following poem was found in the *Maurice River Memories*  
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written by Margaret Louise Mints from Port Norris, New Jersey.**

**GREENWICH**

Greate Street lies 'neath heavy shade  
Of old and lofty trees,  
Where once the Indian softly trod  
And rested there in ease.  
The song bird's notes were wafted  
O'er the waters cool and calm,  
And settlers found this place serene  
And felt secure from harm.

The homes they built were large and fine  
And framed with care and love,  
These folks were honest, poor and kind,  
And worshipped God above.  
They worked together in the fields  
And shared both joy and care,  
The village formed was their delight  
As it grew, peace lingered there.

With old familiar faces gone  
At rest in the village, fair,  
The whippoorwills hold vigil  
In the soft night's cool, fresh air.  
Why change this quiet, peaceful street  
Where once our fathers there  
Worked to make the village as it is now  
Delightful, quaint and rare.

Let lesser streets become the spot  
To house the modern plans,  
And leave our Greate Street as it is  
Unspoiled by modern hands.  
Its beauty and its old time charm  
Are likened unto gold,  
Precious, rare and changeless,  
Its value, still untold.

So let us then pause and recall  
What the modern pace can do,  
To change our now historic town  
To something fresh and new.  
Preserve the hopes and dreams of those  
Who made for us today,  
This lovely gem we treasure,  
"Greate Streete", the same, alway.

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**Jean Haspel, Egg Harbor Township, NJ**  
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**Smiley Stiles, Bridgeton, NJ**  
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**LIFETIME MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT**

CCHS has been working on redoing the membership list the past couple of years. We are constantly thinking of new ways to improve our membership mailings. One area of concern is updating information on our lifetime members. We are requesting our lifetime members to complete the following information and return the form to:

**CCHS**  
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**I am a lifetime member of the Cumberland County Historical Society.**

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## RECENT EVENTS

The 48th **ANNUAL GREENWICH ARTISANS' FAIRE & MARKETPLACE** was held on Saturday September 28, 2019 and Sunday, September 29, 2019. Thank you to all who joined us for a beautiful weekend. We are looking forward to seeing you next year!

This year, the annual **HALLOWEEN WALKING TOURS** were held three evenings in October. Every one of all ages enjoyed the haunted walk along Ye Greate Street. A special thank you to our local tour guide, Gregg Jones, and to all the volunteers who participated in this fun-filled event.

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2020

### **Speaker Series in January, 2020**

**Sunday, January 19, 2019 – 2 to 4 p.m.**

to be held at the Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical & Historical Library,  
located at 981 Ye Greate Street, Greenwich

Guest Speaker: Dr. Albert Zambone

Author of: *Daniel Morgan: A Revolutionary Life*.

### **Speaker Series in February, 2020**

**Sunday, February 23, 2020 – 2 to 4 p.m.**

to be held at the Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical & Historical Library,  
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Guest Speaker: Mr. Drew Tomlin

Author of: *Tidal Wave*

### **Speaker Series in March, 2020**

**Sunday, March 22, 2020 – 2 to 4 p.m.**

to be held at the Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical & Historical Library,  
located at 981 Ye Greate Street, Greenwich

Guest Speaker: Dr. James Elton Johnson

Author of: *Henrietta Crawford: African American Suffragist of South Jersey*

## ACQUISITIONS – LUMMIS LIBRARY 2019

By Warren Q. Adams

**DONOR: Schooley–Deemer Museum & Library, Matt Schooley (Greenwich, NJ) In Memory of Harry Alexander Deemer:** Deed William Watson to Matthias Hepner 1877; Deed Quit Claim Abner Ewing & Thomas Ewing, Enos & wife to John Ewing; Deed Annias Stathem & Wife to James. B. Hunt 1817; Indenture Aaron Stathem & Wife to John Ewing; Deed John Dare & wife to Johathan Walling, Jr.; Deed R. Francis Wood et ux to Samuel P. Sloan, Samuel C. Fithian & Charles S. Watson to James Brooks; Life, Ministry, Last Sickness and Death of Elias Hicks; Roster The State Grange of NJ, By-Laws and Rules of Order of Washington Camp No. 125; Before and After the Game Eat Abbotts Ice Cream, Bridgeton High School 1940 basketball schedule; Provisional Programmer of One Hundredth Laying of the Corner Stone of Presbyterian Church Bridgeton; *Tea Burning Town*; Owens Illinois Zippo Lighter; R. S. Watson & Son Button; Bridgeton in a Nut Shell with card, Photos in the Nut; 200 Years of Cumberland County, 1748-1948; Post Card to Cannery Supply Co. Bridgeton to Starr Bros. Salem 1894; Green binder of photographs, receipts and ephemera; Minch Bros Booklet; Warren Davis Jr. receipt 1894; Benjamin Hancock receipt 1897; Rails & Trails blocking sign Schooley-Deemer Museum and Library; Print, George Washington Crossing the Delaware River.

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**DONOR: Harriet Husted McGinnis (White Hall, MD)** Bridgeton Antiquarian League Resolution for Alma Bateman Husted; Industrial and Agricultural Review (2); Photo Bridgeton High School Typing Club 1962,63; Various Newspaper Articles; Post Card West Jersey Academy Cadets; Guiding Light taken at BHS, 1962; Large Scrap Book; Photo Otis Husted, Earl McCormick; BHS Commencement 1939; Open House Greenwich 1982; City Charter Bridgeton, NJ, 1909.

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