# Historic & Cultural Inventory

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GREEN TOWNSHIP SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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The 2005 Historic & Cultural Inventory of Green Township, Sussex County, New Jersey is a continuing effort to identify places of cultural/historic interest and value. It covers all time periods and is designed to be a basis for further historical endeavors within the township.

The wealth of historical information gathered during this project will be maintained for future use by the Environmental Advisory Committee and the Green Township Historical Society.

Whenever possible the original name or names of the owners will be used to identify property. Some other pertinent information may also be included when appropriate. In many cases the "former site of" will be reflected. Buildings, etc., constructed after 1860 generally will not appear unless they have a historic value.

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Cover photo by Leigha Hughen Tranquility Mill, built in 1844 Green Township does not have a Washington's Headquarters, or even a house that Washington slept in. No famous battles were fought here. Green Township however has an interesting history. It has grown slowly over the years in a beautiful section of Sussex County, New Jersey.

Over the years, what is now Green Township has been part of Burlington County, Hunterdon County and Morris County. Green Township was founded December 27, 1824 after Warren County was set off as a separate county. Its boundaries have changed many times. However, Green Township was to change boundaries on three different occasions. In 1829 Byram annexed the Waterloo and Byram Village sections. In 1853, the boundaries of Green Township were expanded to include Huntsville, the Hamlet of Brighton and a section of Whitehall from the old Newton Township. Hunts Pond and a section to the north were lost to Fredon in 1904, which reduced Green Township to its present size of 16½ square miles, one of the smaller municipalities in Sussex County.

The earliest residents of the township were the Indians who occupied the area from circa 10,000 BC. Significant Indian sites are at the Shotwell Farm and Dark Moon. A chert spear point of the Palmer type dating to 7,000 to 6,000 B.C. is the oldest artifact found to date. A few Indians of the Allamuchahocking band of Minisinks apparently still resided in the area until circa 1750.

European settlements in north/western New Jersey were begun in the mid 1600's. As reward for his work as surveyor of Indian reserved lands, Samuel H. Hunt was granted a large amount of land in 1656 by the King of England. His descendants still reside in the area.

The first homes were built in the Brighton Hamlet area circa 1725 to be near the iron mines and forges in Andover. From 1750 onward, villages and hamlets began to develop. Green Township currently has four villages - Greendell, Huntsburg, Huntsville and Tranquility; two hamlets - Brighton and Whitehall; three areas - Yellow Frame, Dark Moon and Wolf's Corner; and one community - Lake Tranquility.

George Washington passed through with his army on the way to Newburgh on the King's Highway. One contingent of Continental Troops camped at the Nathaniel Hart Farm in 1779.

Churches and schools were established early. Two of Green's original churches remain standing. Tranquility is still active and Greendell is now a residence. Two historic brick school houses are now private residences.

Two general stores and post offices in Greendell and Tranquility remain in operation.

The now abandoned Lackawanna and the Lehigh and Hudson railroads were extremely active in the early years of Green. Several important highways were established.

Although there are fewer dairy farms now, the number of horse stables, produce and tree farms have increased over the years.

Major stream-corridors include the Pequest River, Bear Brook and Trout Brook.

A 1930's two-room wooden school house on Kennedy Road became the Township's Municipal building after renovations. On December 9, 1992, the Municipal Offices of Green, and the Joint Municipal Court of Green, Andover Borough and Fredon moved into the new facility. On April 24, 1993, Mayor Marie S. Bilik (Green's first woman mayor) dedicated the building to the past, present and future residents of Green Township.

A Green Township Historical Society was founded November 1992 and held early meetings at the previous municipal building, a renovated creamery in Tranquility.

The township remains essentially rural, but has developed into a residential "bedroom community" of 3,500 people. However, there is much beautiful open space. Deer, bear, turkey, geese, eastern coyote and a myriad of other animals are present, and trout fishing is great.

The railroads no longer operate in the township and the creameries and gristmills are silent. Only a few farms are currently operating, but a rural atmosphere still prevails. A trip around the township reveals beautiful old stone houses, a 1750 inn and court house, old grist mills, lime kilns, foundations of long-gone buildings, quaint villages, etc. A little observation and research reveal a proud cultural heritage and history that to this day are continuing in Green Township - a wonderful little corner of America.

Green Township is proud of it's sons and daughters that have fought in all of our country's wars.

The Native American (Indian) history of Green Township dates to about 12,000 years ago, the Paleo Indian Period. The first people arrived in this time frame. Artifacts of these Paleo Indians have not been identified in Green Township, but have been found in nearby communities. The earliest reported artifacts are from the Early Archaic Period and date to circa 7,000 to 6,000 B.C. There is then a record of continual occupation up to the end of the Late Woodland prehistoric period, 1,600 A.D., and then into the historic period to circa 1750.

The first concrete reference referring to the land now occupied by Green Township appears in 1715 in a surveyor's journal. A paper prepared by Kevin Wright (undated) states the following:

"The Last Indian Purchase made by the West Jersey Council of Proprietors encompassed all lands above the branches of the Raritan River lying between the Delaware River and the poorly-defined bounds of the Eastern Division. Warren County and large parts of Sussex, Morris and Passaic Counties, were included in four deeds concluded on August 18, 1713. Actual surveying began in April 1715. Rival surveyors, acting on behalf of the proprietary shareholders, inevitably competed for the most promising lands and were quick to recognize their agricultural, industrial and mineral potential.

The Tohockonetcong band of Minisinks inhabited the Paulinskill valley. Their principal habitations were located on the margins of the Paulinskill Meadows at Newton and on the shores of Swartswood Lake. Our only knowledge of the Tohockonetcong band comes from West Jersey surveyor John Reading's Journal of 1715, wherein it is clear that this group had not participated in the Last Indian Purchase of the West Jersey Proprietors and so obstructed his surveying their lands. On May 26, 1715, an Indian guide from Allamuchahocking (Allamuchy), named Namalughalon, accompanied Reading along the path towards the Tohokkenetcong River (Paulinskill), crossing Paquassing (Pequest Creek). But passing the divide between the Pequest Creek and Paulinskill, "the Indian seemed very unwilling to go any further that way, saying that Tohokkenetkong Indians would be angry with him for showing their land. He went home again." The boundary between the neighboring Tohokkenetkong and Allamuchahocking bands was the slate ridge forming the watershed between these two tributaries of the Delaware River. The West Jersey Proprietors and their surveys did not comprehend or respect the family territories of autonomous bands, leading to disputes and fatal resentments."

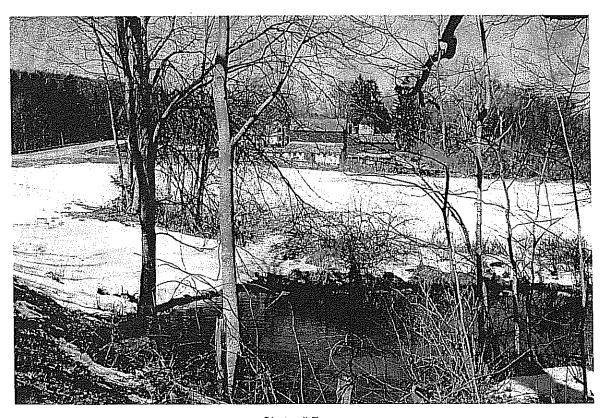
We now know the Pequest Creek (River) was called Paquassing and the valley was occupied by the Allamuchahocking band of Minisinks, one of whom was named Namalughalon. The Martinsburg slate ridge on the western edge of Green Township along Wintermute Road (Rt. 519) marked part of the boundary between the Tohokkenetkong and Allamuchahocking bands.

The remaining Indian Land claims and rights to Northern New Jersey were settled for 1,000 Spanish dollars. At the Council of Easton October 1758, peace and settlement was reached by the province of New Jersey and the Delaware and Minisink Indians who had removed to Pennsylvania and the west. The Indians agreed to no longer ally themselves with the French and to cease conducting bloody raids into New Jersey. They would also return all captives. Their participation in the French and Indian War 1754-1763 ended. Segughsonyout, Chief of the Oneidas, spoke for his cousins the Minisinks saying that they claimed they were "wronged out of a great deal of land." The rights to the remaining and disputed land in Northern New Jersey were settled with this agreement.

On October 21, 1758, Chief Egohokowen (also spelled Egotchowen) and Aquaywochtu, Chief of the Wapings (or Pomptons) agreed to settle for any wrongs and unsold lands in northern New Jesey for 1,000 Spanish dollars. The sale boundaries were defined as: "All the lands from the line between the provinces of New York and New Jersey, and down Hudsons' River, to the mouth of Rariton up the same to Alametung Falls, on the north branch of Rariton River, thence on a straight line to Paoqualin Mountain, where it joins on Delaware River, and thence up the Delaware to Cushytunk." This included all of Sussex County.

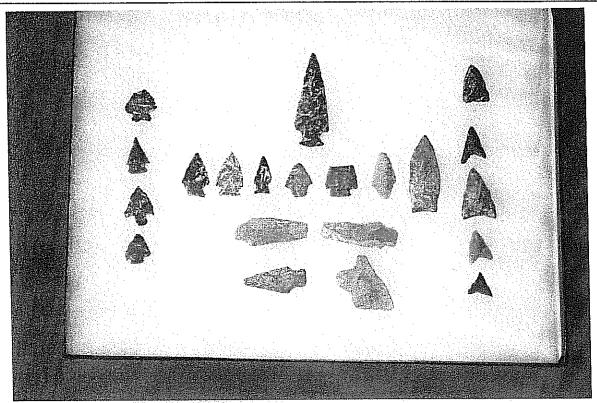
A history of Green Township was published by Thomas J. Beirne in 1974. In it he lists Indian sites throughout the Township. His sites are hard to pin-point, verify, confirm and some may be based on legend. He has stated:

- Large Indian settlement at Huntsville (twice).
- Large Indian settlement on Road from Whitehall to Tranquility.
- Large encampments at Greendell, Tranquility, and foot of Allamuchy Mountain.
- Whitehall, Indian Point Rock (habitats).
- Huntsburg extending into Dark Moon area.
- He also lists "campsites and villages in all sections of the township. Also, encampments on the Pequest River and Trout Brook.
- John Lawrence, when surveying the East/West Jersey Line in 1743 noted Indian wigwams in the area.



Shotwell Farm.

The field between the brook and farm buildings is the Indian site that was frequented by Indians for over 8,000 years.



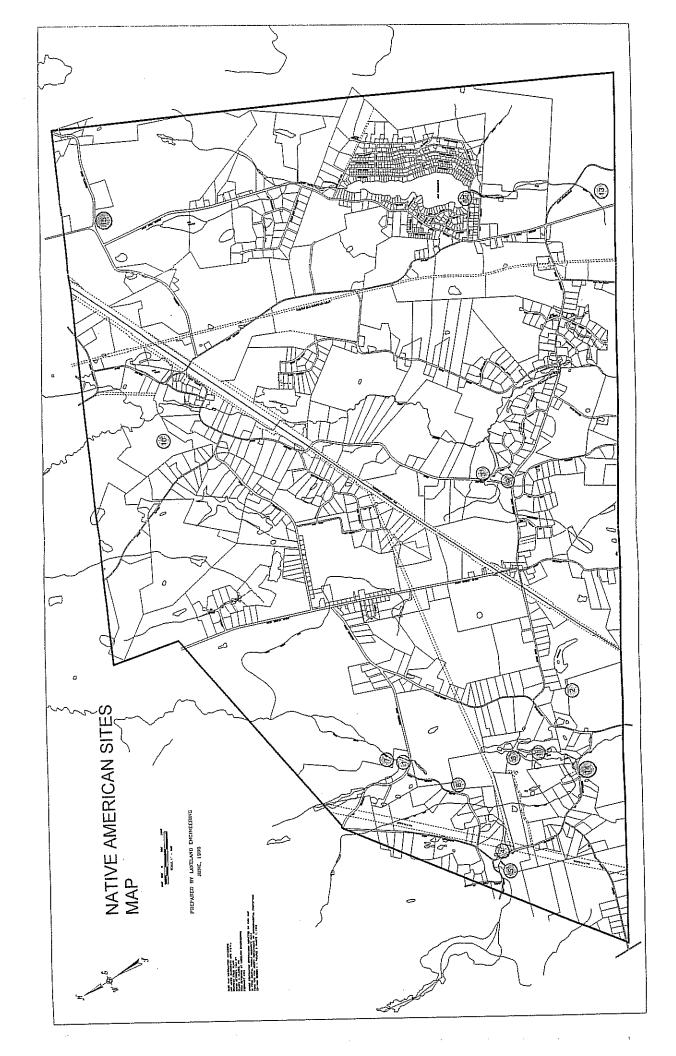
A few Indian projectile points from the Shotwell Farm site. The point left row, second from the top is identified as a Palmer Point, circa 7,000 to 6,000 B.C. The top point in the row is a MacCorkel point, circa 6,000 to 4,000 B.C. The large point, top center is a Normanskill, circa 2,000 to 500 B.C. The points in the far right row are Madison and Levanna triangular points, circa 700 to 1,700 A.D.

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| Code | Identification         | Dating              |  |  |  |
|------|------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| PI   | Paleo Indian           | 10,000 - 8,000 B.C. |  |  |  |
| EA   | Early Archaic          | 8,000 - 6,000 B.C.  |  |  |  |
| MA   | Middle Archaic         | 6,000 - 4,000 B.C.  |  |  |  |
| LA   | Late Archaic           | 4,000 - 2,000 B.C.  |  |  |  |
| TA   | Terminal Archaic       | 2,000 - 1,000 B.C.  |  |  |  |
| EW   | Early Woodland         | 1,000 - 1 B.C.      |  |  |  |
| MW   | Middle Woodland        | 1 B.C 1,000 A.D.    |  |  |  |
| LW   | Late Woodland/Historic | 1,000 - 1,750 A.D.  |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Sites are identified as to period and age by artifact identification/typology where possible based upon a survey conducted by Glenn Wershing, the Green Township Archaeologist. Note is made that Indian artifacts have been found in all sections of Green Township, especially near waterways such as the Pequest River, Trout Brook, Bear Brook and many swamps, streams and ponds. For the purpose of this inventory, only the larger or significant sites will be listed. The attached chart provides the code, identification and dating for the Green Township Indian sites.

- 1. Shotwell Farm Site, Shotwell Road. A prolific site with a wide range of artifacts dating from EA to LW.
- 2. Dark Moon Site, Henry Road. A prolific LW village site Carbon 14 dating to approximately 1,340 A.D. Extensive manufacture of triangular arrowheads, five lodge patterns have been identified through excavations by Warren Hartzell, avocational archaeologist. Thousands of triangular arrow heads have been found at the site.
- 3. Pequest Road Site, on the east side of Pequest Road approximately 50 yards north of the intersection with Old Pond Road, north side of the creek. A much used site dating from LA (and probably earlier) to LW.
- 4. Bear Brook Site, east side of Wintermute Road power line crossing. A chert work shop, no diagnostic artifacts found (hammer stones, blanks, cores, debitage).
- 5. **JacGlen (Wershing Farm) and adjacent areas**, Wintermute and Hunts Road. Habitation site with unique artifacts (mortar and manos, large cup stone) plus projectile points. Appears to be mostly MA and LA.
- 6. Hunts School Road Rock Shelter, east side of road in the cobble. A much used large rock shelter, mostly "excavated" years ago. Artifacts reviewed date to LA and LW.
- 7. **Whittingham Workshop**, off of Shotwell Road, adjacent to Shotwell Farm. Large workshop area. Hammer stones, chert, debitage and projectile points. LA to TA.
- 8. **Grass Pond Rock Shelter**, northwest end of Grass Pond Swamp. "Excavated" years ago. Unknown.
- 9. Pequest Road Rock Shelter, east side of Pequest Road approximately 50 yards from Kennedy Road. "Excavated" years ago. Unknown.
- Sand Springs Rock Shelter, north of Phillips Road and Mackerly Road junction. "Excavated" years ago. Prolific artifacts per W. Morris. Unknown.
- 11. Grass Pond Sites, both sides of Grass Pond, north of Wintermute Road. Sites have been collected for years. Besides projectile points, hammer stones, etc., a full grooved axe and a gouge were found. MA to L.W.
- 12. **Tranquility Dam Site**, Lake Tranquility. The late Arthur Staley reported that a site containing many artifacts was located just west of the present dam. Unknown.
- 13. County-Line Site, east of Route 517 on Trout-Brook. Area collected for years. Artifacts identified were EA to LW.
- 14. **Former Appleman Farm Site** on Wintermute Road located in fields on west side of Bear Brook below the bridge. Many artifacts were found over the years dating from EA to LW.
- 15. **Former Longcor Farm Site** at junction of Decker Pond Road and Whitehall Road. Scattered finds of artifacts were found in the fields dating from EA to LW.



1. John Ogden Farm House

Location:

Greendell Henry Road

Road: Date(s):

late 1700's

2. **Ephraim Green House** 

Location:

Greendell

Road: Date(s): Henry Road before 1790

3. John Wright Farm House

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Henry Road

Date(s):

prior to 1800

4. Thatcher Tenant Farm House (former site of)

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Wolfs Corner Road

Date(s):

circa 1800

Part of Enoch Thatcher Farm.

Demolished 11/12/97.

Amos Shiner House I 5.

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

circa 1800

6. Amos Shiner House II

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Kennedy/Wolf's Corner Roads

Date(s):

circa 1800

7. A. S. Bennett House

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Hamilton Road

Date(s):

1825

8. Christopher Hibler Farm House

Location:

between Greendell & Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

pre 1800

9. Isaac Shiner House

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

1830/40

T. H. Cook House 10.

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Hamilton Road

Date(s):

1834

11. John Drake Farm House

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

circa pre 1800

12. **Drake Carriage House** 

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

circa pre 1800

13. Samuel Hunt House

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Wintermute Road

Date(s):

late 1700's

14. Dr. Samuel Hunt - Hunt Farm House

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Shotwell Road 1780

Date(s):

Was used as an American Legion Home in 1920's.

15. Rock Ledge Farm House & Barns

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Shotwell Road

Date(s):

house, late 1700's

barns, 1840

16. **Thos Hunt House** 

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Huntsburg Hunts Road

across from mill

Date(s):

started soon after 1780

Much modified since.

17. **Kyle Farm House** 

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Wintermute Road

Date(s):

circa early 1800's

Demolished 2004.

18. Thos Hunt Farm House

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Hunts Road & Wintermute Road

Date(s):

built 1835

19. Nugent Farm House

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Wintermute Road

near Grass Pond

Date(s):

1850

20. B. & T. Hunt Houses (2) (former site of)

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Hunts Pond Road

Date(s):

prior to 1860

Foundations only.

21. Tillman House (former site of)

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Rt. 519, Wintermute Road

south end of Grass Pond

Date(s):

prior to 1860

22. Hunt Tenants Farm House

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Hunts Pond Road

Date(s):

after 1860

23. Miller's House for Hunts Mill (former site of)

Location:

Huntsburg, opposite Hunts Mill

Road:

Hunts Road

Date(s):

circa middle 1800's

24. Unidentified House (former site of)

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

**Hunts Road** 

Date(s):

pre-1860

Foundation only.

25. W. Hunt Farm House

Location:

Yellow Frame area

Road:

Yellow Frame Road

Date(s):

early 1800's

Older house foundations on site.

26. W. Hunt Tenant House

Location:

Yellow Frame area

Road:

Yellow Frame Road

Date(s):

early 1800's

demolished June 1998

27. George Armstrong Farm House

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

circa 1770

28. Donahoe Farm House (former site of)

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Maple Lane

Date(s):

circa middle 1700's

Demolished 1996.

29. Amos Hart Farm House

Location:

Lake Tranquility area

Road:

Decker Pond Road, Rt. 517

Date(s):

pre 1780

30. Joseph Slater House

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Decker Pond Road, Rt. 517

at blinking light

Date(s):

circa 1840

31. William Hart Farm House

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Creek Road

Date(s):

pre 1800

32. Drake House

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

circa 1870

Hunting lodge of Mr. Drake of bakery fame.

33. Nathaniel Drake Farm House

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Stuyvestant Road

Date(s):

original building 1858, several

additions.

Was originally a farm. Better known as Hogans,

Walter's Comer, the Still Resturant, etc.

34. Orr House

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

build 1855, several additions.

35. Anthony Longcor Farm House

Location:

Wolfe Corner area

Road:

Mackerly Road

Date(s):

present house built 1868

Older house on site demolished. Was Dr. Everitt house prior to 1800.

36. Buchner Farm House (1)

Location:

north Pequest Road area

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

circa 1780

Near culvert, wood construction, demolished January 2005. Stone foundation to slave quarters remain to the rear of the house.

37. Buchner Farm House (2)

Location:

north Pequest Road area

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

circa 1780

Stone construction.

38. Thomas Allen Farm House

Location:

Phillips Road area

Road:

on lane off Philips Road

Date(s):

circa 1750

39. Cornelius Hibler Farm House

Location:

Hibler Road north area

Road:

Hibler Road

Date(s):

circa 1794

40. William T. Hunt Houses

Location:

Whitehall area

Road:

Whitehall Road

north side of road near Iron Inn

Date(s):

prior to 1860

Note, most of Whitehall is not in Green Township.

41. Darius Young Farm House

Location:

Brighton

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

circa 1800

42. Samuel Wilgus Farm House

Location:

Brighton

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

pre 1827

43. William & Elizabeth Bond Farm House

Location:

Brighton

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

circa mid 1800's

Demolished

44. Abraham Hunt Farm House

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Sutton Road

Date(s):

circa 1798

Also known as Samuel Hill & Louis Wilson House

later

45. Hibler-Stack Farm House

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

circa 1789/1826

46. Coursen Farm House

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

built 1840

47. Panther Ledge Farm House

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

after 1850

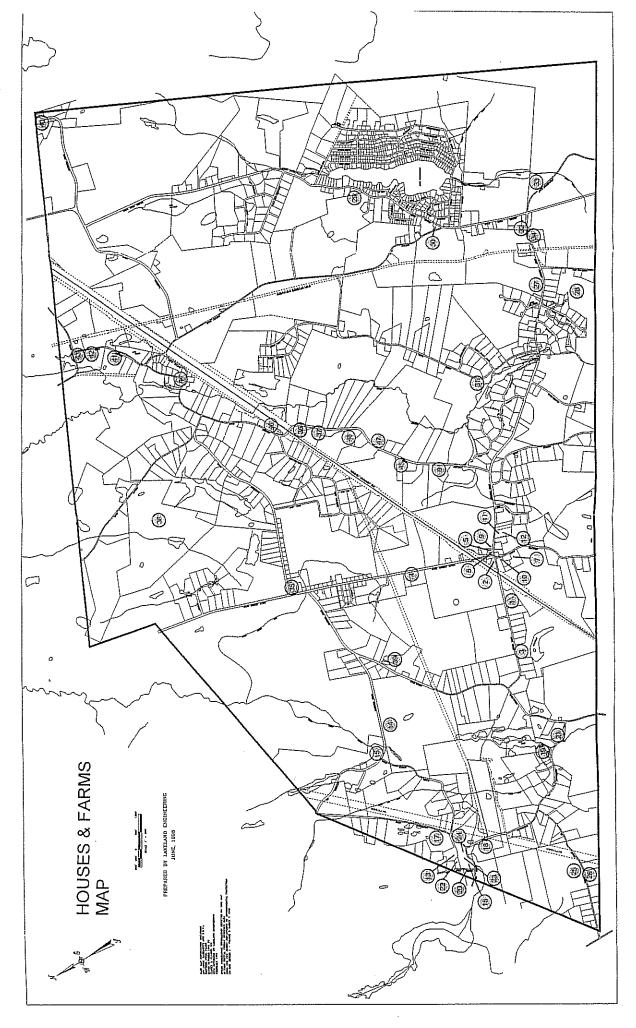
48. Hull House

Location: Road: Huntsville

Pequest Road

Date(s):

pre 1860



1. Greendell Church

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Wolfs Corner Road

Dates(s):

built 1866

Two story building, school on top floor. Top floor removed in 1927. Now a residence.

2. Roman Catholic Mission Church

Location:

Huntsburg, Nugent House

Road:

Wintermute Road

Dates(s):

1889

New Jersey Herald, Nov. 27, 1927.

3. Tranquility United Methodist Church

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Rt. 517 & Kennedy Road

Dates(s):

First church, 1828

Second church, 1866 to

present

4. Seventh Day Adventist Church

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Rt. 517

Dates(s):

1980 to present

5. Yellow Frame Presbyterian Church

Location:

Yellow Frame

Road:

corner of Rt. 94 & Yellow

Frame Road

Dates(s):

**built 1887** 

Only the back portion of land housing the carriage shed is in Green Township.

6. Brighton Log Cabin School (former site of)

Location:

Brighton

Road:

opposite Turtle Pond

north side of road

Date(s):

circa 1750's

7. Stone School House

Location:

Brighton

Road:

**Brighton Road** 

Date(s):

1835 - 1865

Log School House (former site of)

Location:

near middle school

Road:

Mackerly Road

Date(s):

circa 1854

Near present school.

9. Greensville School (former site of)

Location:

Greendell

1/2 mile south of village

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

1813 - 1815

(log cabin) Quakeress Betty Wilson was

teacher.

10. Greensville School (former site of)

Location:

Greendell

William Green's store

Road:

Wolfs Corner Road

Date(s):

1820 - 1823

Mr. Atkinson was teacher.

11. Large Log School House (former site of)

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Kennedy Road (?)

Date(s):

1824 - ?

Alexander Boyes was teacher.

12. Greendell School

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Wolfs Corner Road

Date(s):

1866 - 1923

Top floor of Greendell Church. Top floor

removed.

13. Huntsburg School

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Hunts School Road

Date(s):

built 1875, closed 1902

14. Huntsville School (former site of)

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Sutton Road

Date(s):

built 1865, buried 1907/08

Covered by DL&W fill for Railroad cutoff.

15. Huntsville School

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Sutton Road

Date(s):

built 1908, closed 1922

Brick structure.

16. Tranquility District Log School (former site of)

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Decker Pond Road (Rt. 517)

& Kennedy Road

Date(s):

prior to 1815 dilapidated cabin

Archibald Warden was teacher in 1815 and

several years prior.

17. Tranquility Log School House (former site of)

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Decker Pond Road (Rt. 517)

& Kennedy Road

Date(s):

1830

Area of Tranquility Church Community House.

18. Tranquility Church Community House &

School

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Decker Pond Road (Rt. 517)

& Kennedy Road

Date(s):

1878 - 1923

Center section of building was originally 1878 school. Also needed for classes sporadically in 1950's & 1960's.

19. Garden State Academy

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Decker Pond Road (Rt. 517)

Date(s):

1963

On the site of the former Hart-Coleman Farm,

pre 1800.

20. Green Township Middle School

Location:

between Huntsville & Wolfs

Corner Road

Road:

Mackerly Road

Date(s):

built 1967/68

Kindergarten through 8th grades. Expansion

2004.

21. Green Hills Church

Location:

Tranquility

Road: Date(s): Kennedy Road 2003

22. Green Township Primary School

Location:

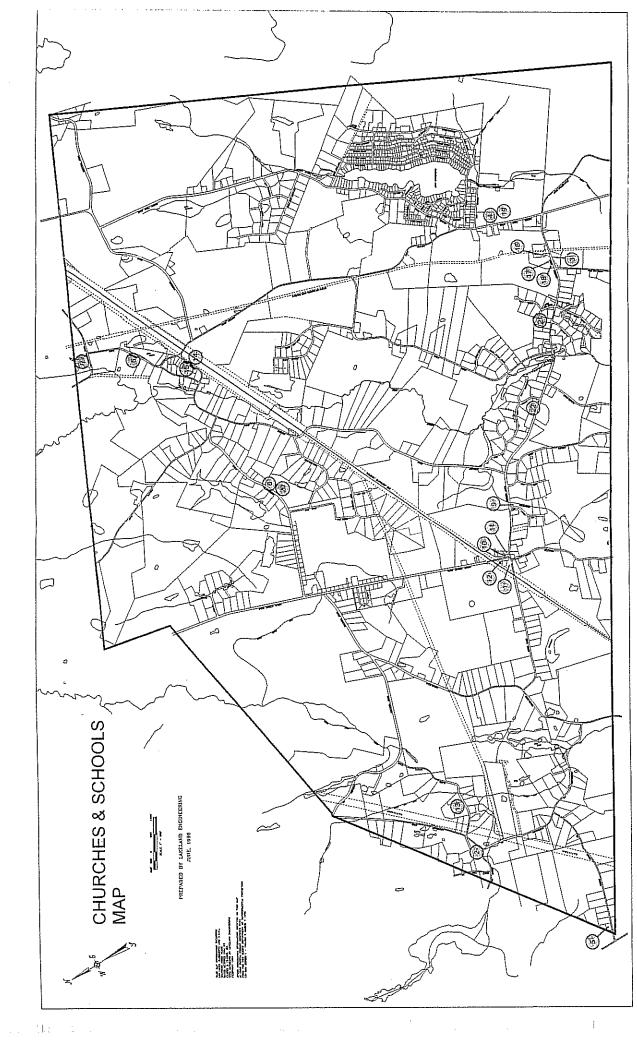
Tranquility

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

1923 to 1968



1. Greendell Delaware Lackawanna & Western Railroad Station & Signal Tower & Siding

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Wolfs Corner Road

Dates(s):

built circa 1909/1911

2. Pequest Fill for Lackawanna Cutoff

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

traverses township

Dates(s):

circa 1908/1911

3.12 miles, up to 110 feet in height, more than 6½ million

cubic yards of fill.

3. Pump House/Water Tank (former site of)

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road (west side of river)

Dates(s):

circa 1909/1912

For Lackawanna steam trains.

4. Lehigh & Hudson Railroad Station (former site of)

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Municipal Road

Dates(s):

1882 - 1939

5. Lehigh & Hudson Railroad Freight Station

(former site of)

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Kennedy & Municipal Road

Dates(s):

1882 - 1939

6. Clarita's Spring

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Shotwell Road

Flows from Swimming Pool Cave.

7. Swimming Pool Cave

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Shotwell Road

400 ft. length, Rickenbach formation, flooded except in periods of extreme drought.

8. Shotwell Cave

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Shotwell Road

40 ft. length, Rickenbach formation.

9. Rocky Ledge Cave

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Shotwell Road

55 ft. length, solution channel in Rickenbach

formation.

10. Sinkholes

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Shotwell Road

Geologic limestone formations. There are many sinkholes in Green Township; but these are significant (soft, deep, Rickenbach formation).

11. Dead End Creek

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Wintermute Road (Rt. 519) &

Shotwell Road

A disappearing stream. Fredon Township renamed their portion of the creek to Bear Brook to

accommodate name of a golf course and housing

project in Fredon Township...

12. 113th Infintry Training Barracks

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road, west near

school

Date(s):

circa 1947

Col Phillips

13. Rock Shelter & Cave

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Pequest Road

Cave portion filled in with stone in the past for safety

reasons.

14. Lawrence Line

Location:

north/east Green Township

boundary line

Road:

crosses several

Date(s):

1743

Divides east & west New Jersey.

15. Trinca Airport

Location:

north of Lake Tranquility

Road: Date(s): Airport Road built 1937

Built by John Trinca. Moved once.

16. Original Fire House Building

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

built 1950

Replaced older garage circa 1920's.

17. New Fire House

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

**Built 1995** 

18. First Aid Squad Building

Location:

Tranquility
Maple Lane

Road: Date(s):

built 1974

19. Coursen Barn

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

1934

Social gatherings (dances).

20. Lake Tranquility

Location:

eastern side of Township

Road:

east of Rt. 517

Date(s):

1939

Created by damning Trout Brook.

21. Dominick Papa Park

Location:

Lake Tranquility

Road:

Scenic Drive

Date(s):

1983

22. Evergreen Park

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

1997

23. Walter's Corner Ball Field

Location:

Tranquility, rear of tavern

Road:

Stuyvesant Road

Date(s):

circa 1934 to 1944

Had stands and refreshments and housed a semipro baseball team, The Tranquility Barons. Had

donkey baseball.

24. Wesley Field

Location:

across from Municipal

Building

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

1954

25. Fireman's Field

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

circa 1950

26. Hogan's Road Stand

Location:

Tanquility

Road:

Styversant

Date(s):

to 1934

Also had gas pumps. Sold to Walter Post.

27. Former Township Dump

Location:

between Greendell &

Tranquility

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

closed 1978

Dump is covered and sealed, not used

## 28. Whittingham Wildlife Management Area

Location:

Huntsburg/Wolfs Corner area

Road:

Shotwell/Wolfs Corner

Date(s):

1965

#### 29. Allamuchy State Park

Location:

Ridge south/east of Lake

Tranquility

Road:

east of Rt. 517

Date(s):

1960

### 30. Green Township Muncipal Building

(former school)

Location:

Greendell/Tranquility

Road:

Kennedy

Date(s):

dedicated April 1993

## 31. Brighton Lake Dam

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest

Date(s):

1750's to 1900

Dam on Pequest River formed Brighton Lake until washed out. Lake supplied water power to mills.

## 32. Pequest River Dam & Monitoring Station

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest

Date(s):

1937

Built by Works Progress Administration (WPA)

## 33. Concrete Swimming Pool

Location:

Hunstville

Road:

Pequest

Date(s):

1937

Below the Pequest River Bridge.

Built by Works Progress Administration in 1937.

Now silted in.

## 34. Conservancy Acreage

Location:

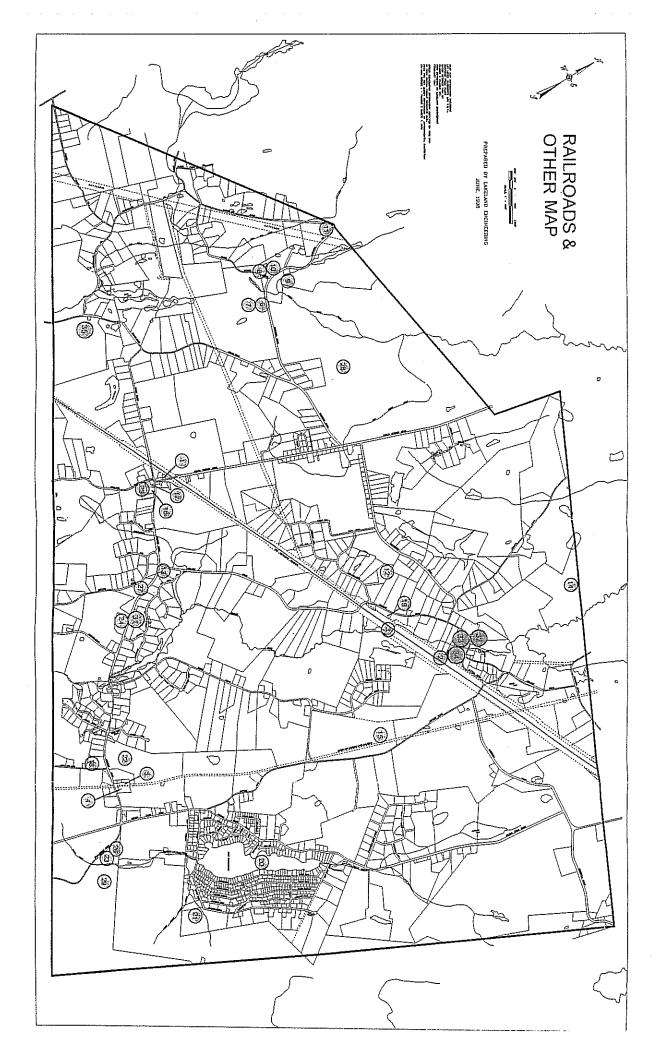
Dark Moon area

Road:

Hibler Road

Date(s):

2003



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Location:

Brighton

Road:

**Brighton Road** 

Date(s):

"turn-of-the-century", 1874 to

1917

Tannery Boot & Shoe Making (former site of) 2.

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Wolfs Corner Road

(across from hotel)

Date(s):

built in 1770, operated past 1824

Built by Ephraim Green.

3. Shiner's Cider Mill (former site of)

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Hamilton Road

Date(s):

early 1800's

Depues Mill (former site of) 4.

Location:

Greendell

1/2 mile south of Greensville

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

prior to 1800 to 1820

E.G. Coursen & William Green Store 5.

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

circa 1824

6. Greensville Hotel & Stage Coach Stop

(inn & tavern)

Location:

Greendell

Road:

corner of Hamilton & Kennedy

Roads

Date(s):

circa 1825

7. Greendell Railroad Ice House (former site of)

Location:

Greendell, next to railroad station

Date(s):

built 1912

Greendell Creamery Site (former site of) 8.

Location:

Greendell, next to Ice house on

Lackawanna Railroad

Date(s): built 1915, demolished 1930

9. Greendell Store

Location:

Greendell

Road:

Wolfs Corner Road

Date(s):

built in 1911

10. Blacksmith Shop (former site of)

Location:

Greensville

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

1802 to early 1900's

Amos Shiner.

Wheelwright Shop (former site of) 11.

Location:

Greensville

(near blacksmith shop)

Date(s):

circa 1824

Amos Shiner & Sons.

12. Huntsburg Mills (former site of)

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

**Hunts Road** 

Date(s):

1780 to late 1800's

Just above & below Hunts Mill on Bear Brook are the sites of a distillery, saw mills, fulling mill, grist mill, clover mill, plaster mill, foundry & mill pond.

**Hunts Grist Mill** 13.

Location:

Huntsburg

built 1844.

Road:

Hunts Road, on Bear Brook

Date(s):

operated until 1927

Four-story stone mill. Originally internal mill wheel,

then a turbine.

Huntsburg Store (former site of) 14.

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

corner of Hunts Road &

Wintermute Road (Rt. 519)

Date(s):

circa 1860 to 1901

15. Grist Mills (former site of)

Location:

Huntsville.

on the Pequest River

Road:

Pequest Road

built soon after 1750 Date(s): Built by Thomas Woolverton. Sold over the years &

known as Gaston's, Hunt's and Everitt's.

16. Huntsville Sawmill (former site of)

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road,

on the Pequest River

Date(s):

built soon after 1750

Built by Thomas Woolverton.

## 17. Woolverton Tavern / Stage Coach Stop / Court House / Home / Church

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

built in 1750

Stone Building. Private residence.

Once a defacto county seat.

# 18. Bango Forge & Blacksmith Shop, Icehouse, Store

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road,

on the Pequest River

Date(s):

built circa 1750 (or soon after)

Built by Thomas Woolverton.

#### 19. Huntsville Blacksmith Shop (former site of)

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

prior to 1846 to 1957

#### 20. J.S. Hill Store

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

prior to 1846

#### 21. Titman & Kelsey Store

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

prior to 1846

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Location:

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Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

middle 1800's, until 1911

Smith's store

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Location:

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Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

1855 to 1875

Former Titman & Kelsey Store building.

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Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

prior to 1860

#### 25. Huntsville Creamery (former site of)

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Whitehall Road

Date(s):

closed 1925

#### 26. Cheese Factory (Giamalvo)

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Whitehall Road

Date(s):

1951-1988

Building now used for other commercial purposes.

#### 27. Tranquility Mill

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

off Kennedy Road,

on the Pequest River

Date(s):

built in 1844,

operated to 1940

Built by Amos Kennedy.

Feed & grain, sawmill, cider mill, steam, electrical

power mill. Now a private residence.

## 28. Tranquility Store

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

built in 1844

Built by Amos Kennedy.

Was also a post office, was closed, now open.

#### 29. Tranquility Wheelwright Shop

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Kennedy Road,

on the Pequest River

Date(s):

built in 1844

Built by Amos Kennedy.

## 30. Tranquility Blacksmith Shop Site

(former site of)

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Kennedy & Creek Roads,

on the Pequest River

Date(s):

built in 1844

Built by Amos Kennedy. Part of foundation left.

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Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

circa 1920's

32. Tranquility Creamery / Ice House

Location:

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Road:

Kennedy Road, Lehigh & Hudson

Railroad siding

Date(s):

closed 1960

Served as municipal building from 1966 to 1992.

Converted to post office 1994.

33. Orr's Saw Mill

Location:

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Road:

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Date(s):

1965

34. Harris Pine Mills (former)

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

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Date(s):

1965 to 1985

Now used for other commercial purposes.

35. Ice House & Barn (former site of)

Location:

Wolfs Corner area

Road:

Mackerly & Wolfs Corner Road

Date(s):

circa late 1700's

Barn (partially standing) & ice house.

36. Decker Pond Ice House (former site of)

Location:

Decker Pond

Road:

Decker Pond Road

Date(s):

built circa 1900

burned early 1950's

Foundation remains.

37. Glendon-Chapin Mine (iron mine)

Location:

East side of Decker Pond Road

on northwest slope of

Allamuchy Mountains

Road:

east of Decker Pond Road

Date(s):

opened 1850 to 1869

Water filled pit and dump heaps remain. Magnetic ore

with gamets.

38. Clay Mining Pits

Location:

Tranquility, on Pequest River

(near Pittenger Farm)

Road:

Creek Road

Date(s):

circa 1760's

White clay-used in Huntsville pottery kilns & Andover

fumaces.

39. Pottery Kiln Site (yellow pottery)

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road

Dates & exact location unknown.

#### 40. Lime Kilns

a. Quaker Road

b. Mackerly Road

c. Shotwell Road (collapsed)

d. Wintermute Road (removed)

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f. Route 517/Decker Pond Road

g. Phillips Road (destroyed)

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Date(s): circa 1800's to early 1900's

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Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Hunts School Road

Date(s):

circa late 1800's

One of several quarries in the Township.

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Location:

Tranquility

Road:

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Date(s):

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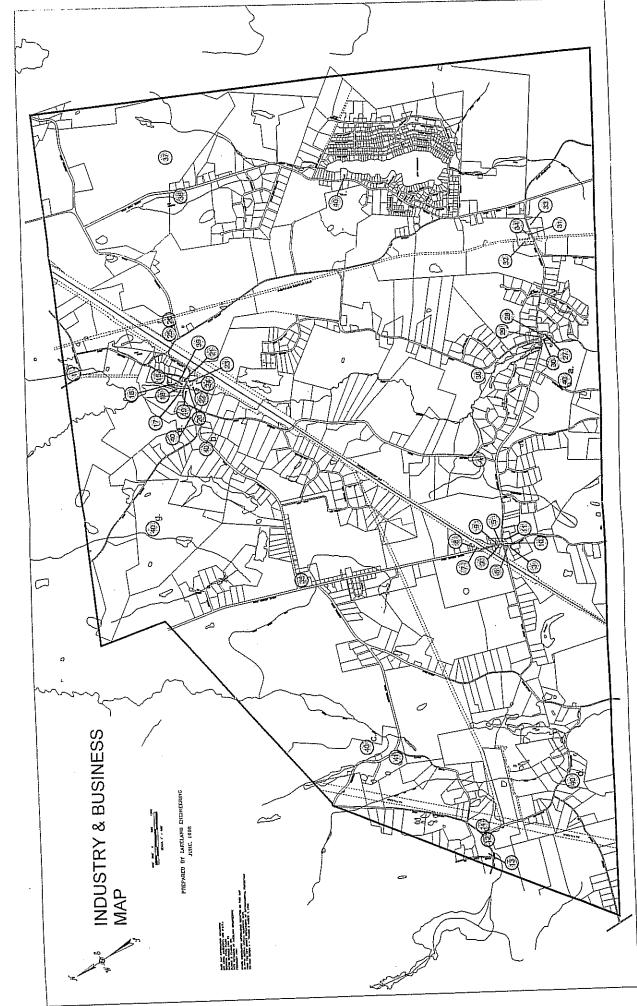
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Location:

Yellow Frame

Road:

Yellow Frame Road

Date(s):

1788 to present

A small portion of the cemetery is in Green Township.

#### 2. **Huntsville Cemetery**

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Sutton Road

Date(s):

circa 1750's to early 1900's

Back portion of cemetery was ploughed under by farmer years ago. Cemetery has been partially restored through Green Township Historical Society efforts and grants from the A.P. Kirby, Jr., Foundation, Inc., tombstone repair by Dr. Warbassa, and Sheriff

Department maintenance.

#### 3. Tranquility United Methodist Church Cemetery

(next to church)

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Decker Pond Road (Rt. 517) &

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

1828 to 1870

#### 4. **Tranquility United Methodist Church Cemetery**

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Maple Lane

Date(s):

1870 to present

#### 5. **Good Shepherd Cemetery**

Location:

Tranquility

Road:

Airport Road

Date(s):

2003

Twelve acres.

#### 6. **Greendell Post Office**

Date(s):

since 1824

Several locations and village name changes.

Now at the former fire house.

#### 7. Huntsburg Post Office (two former sites of)

Location:

Huntsburg

Road:

Hunts Road

Date(s):

1868 to 1901

The post office was first located at Hunts Mill, then the

Huntsburg Store (demolished).

#### 8. **Huntsville Post Office locations**

Location:

Huntsville

Road:

Pequest Road

Date(s):

1840, closed for a while, 1865

revived to 1926

Former locations: Post Office in General Store,

attached to Bango Forge, Kelsey house.

#### 9. **Old Tranquility Post Office**

Location:

Tranquility (in Tranquility Store)

Road:

Kennedy Road

Date(s):

established 1850, operated to

1987

#### 10. **New Tranquility Post Office**

Location:

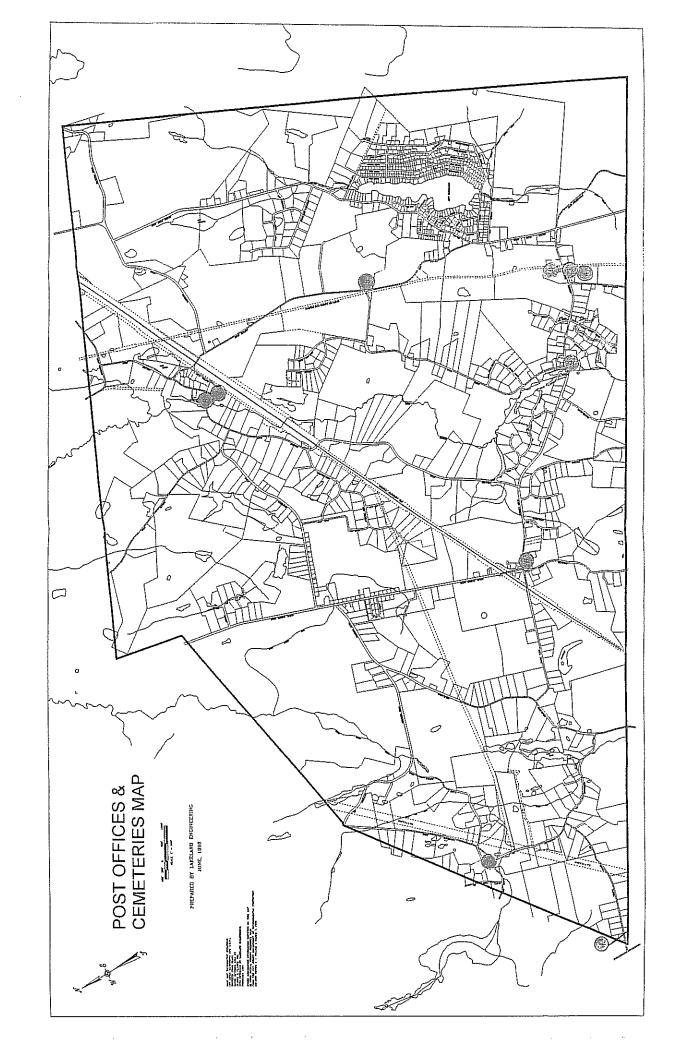
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Road:

Municipal Road

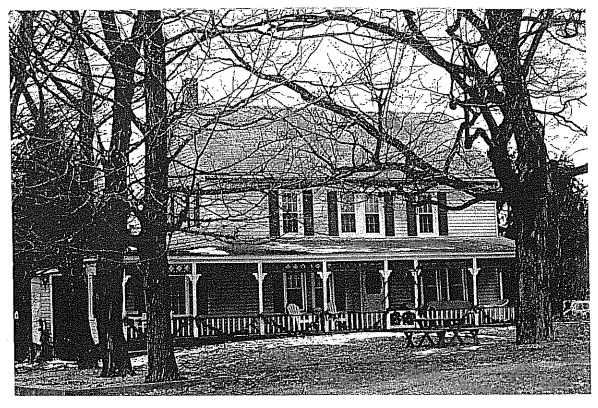
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1994 to present



Homes in the Brighton area began to be built in 1725. The hamlet was named after Brighton, England, by its first settlers. Plentiful local resources created many opportunities. Iron ore from three nearby mines, limestone quarried in the vicinity and charcoal made from the abundant forests all supported the nearby forges in Andover Borough.

By the end of the Revolutionary War, most of the fuel resources were depleted and the forge closed down. The Andover furnace was converted to a grist mill in 1816 to support the developing agriculture. The Dairymen's Association of Brighton was incorporated in 1874 for the purpose of establishing a creamery and of manufacturing butter and cheese. At its peak, the creamery produced 6,000 quarts of milk daily.



Samuel Wilgus Farm House built: pre-1827 ♦ photo date: January 2005

Dark Moon area of Green Township is located in south/central Green Township (Henry Road). Most of Dark Moon is located in Frelinghuysen Township. Many years ago there was an inn in Frelinghuysen Township known as the "Dark Moon Tavern." It was a double log house and was close to the line between Green and Frelinghuysen Townships. A signpost stood in front of the inn. The post had a swinging sign with a painted representation of a dark moon.

Just south of the site of the old Dark Moon Tavern, the public road passes through an old burying-ground where a log meetinghouse belonging to the Hardwick Presbyterian Church once stood. Headstones with inscriptions as old as 1769 bearing the names of Thomas Allen, Anna Hunt (wife of Abram Hunt) and John Wright are included in this burying-ground (these people's homes are inventoried in this publication). The overgrown cemetery is located in Frelinghuysen Township near the line between Green Township and Warren County. A new church was later built on Shaw's Lane, it is now known as Yellow Frame Church.

Nobody knows why the term "dark moon" was applied to the burying-ground and tavern. Perhaps because where the highway passes the cemetery and tavern, the rocks along the road cast dark shadows. It is said that the tavern was a meeting place for thieves and the dishonest.



Route 519 - Dark Moon Section.

Warren County line is in far background, Bear Brook to the right.

Greendell has been known as Greensville, Liberty and Lincoln over the years. Greensville was established in 1770 by Ephraim Green on what was then known as the King's Highway, a major route connecting Easton, Pennsylvania and points west and New York state. Ephraim Green, the man after whom Green Township was named, was a Quaker and preacher who operated a tannery and shoe- and boot-making trade. During the Revolutionary War he manufactured shoes for the use by soldiers in the Continental army. Ephraim Green also had a successful business making cranberry wine. He was a passionate preacher at the Friend's Meeting House, south of Greensville, in the Quaker settlement in Warren County.

William Green was the only one of Ephraim Green's sons to settle in Green. When his father died, he took over his father's business and partnered with E. G. Coursen. They established a store, the first in Greensville. Coursen & Green manufactured many boots and shoes which sold throughout the county. Amos Shiner moved to Greensville in 1802 and built a blacksmith and wheelwright shop business. He ran his business along with two of his sons Isaac and Andrew.

The village grew; apprentices were learning trades, the village had a tailor, a small shop for the manufacture spinning-wheels, mills, an ice house and a creamery. The village carpenter, Timothy H. Cook, built the Greensville Hotel and stagecoach stop in 1826 at the corner of Hamilton Road and Kennedy Road. The temperance movement ended his tavern business in 1872. Still a hotel and rooming house in the early 1900's, it is now an apartment building.

In 1866, the Greensville Union Chapel was built by the Greensville School District and members of the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations. The second story was used as a district school and the lower floor held religious meetings. The pastors of the Yellow frame and Tranquility Churches officiated for each of their denominations. The Greendell Church was established in 1877. The original building was replaced in 1927 with a one-story church, which is still standing. It is no longer used as a church and is now a private residence.

The Greendell Store on Wolf's Corner Road was built around 1911 and housed a post office. The Greendell Post Office has had many locations since.

Just past the Greendell store is the remains of the Greendell Railroad Station and Signal Tower, which were built in 1909 as part of the DL&W Cutoff (one of the wonders of the world). The DL&W ran from Hoboken, New Jersey to Buffalo, New York.

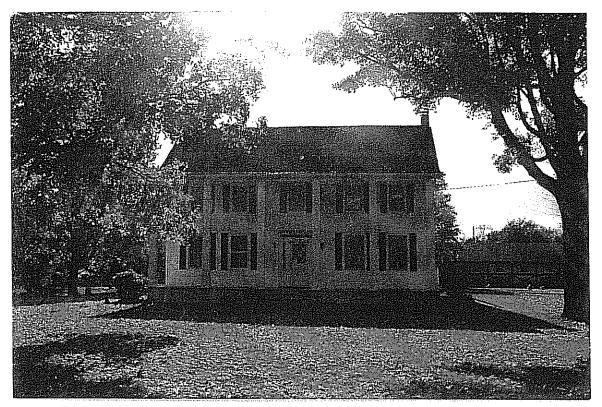


Ephraim Green House built: pre 1790 ♦ photo date: June 2005



**Greendell Church** 

built: 1866 ♦ photo date: January 2005
Original two-story building was used for religious meetings and school.
Second story removed in 1927. Now a private residence.



John Drake Farm House built: pre 1800 ♦ photo date: October 2004



The Greendell Store. built: 1911 ♦ photo date: January 2005

Huntsburg has been known as Brandy Hook, Washington and Hunt's Mills over the years. Samuel Hunt was a descendant of Samuel H. Hunt, the owner of a great deal of land in Sussex County. Samuel Hunt was a farmer and had requested that he be buried on a site called by the Indian name am-hole (Hunt's Pond). Upon his death in 1752, he was the first Hunt to be buried in this new cemetery.

Ralph Hunt took possession of his father's farm in 1768 and continued to farm it until 1780 when he built a grist mill, a saw mill and a distillery at Huntsburg. By using the water from Bear Brook, which runs out of Hunt's Pond, Ralph Hunt took advantage of a natural water resource. He was a very successful businessman. Ralph Hunt had twelve children and when he passed away in 1821 he was buried in his family's cemetery.

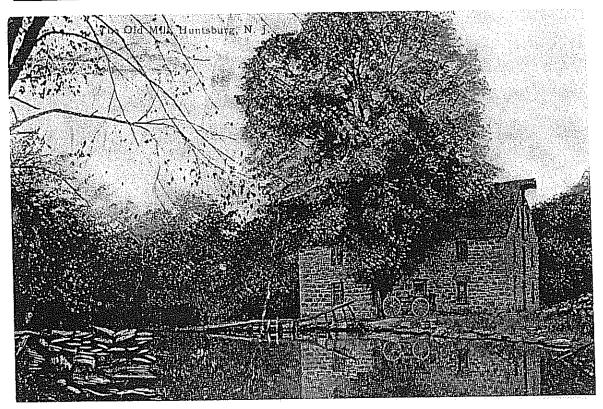
The mills were inherited by Thomas P. Hunt. He eliminated some of the mills that were not doing well by converting them into a clover mill. Soon, he added a foundry and a plaster mill. In 1844, as part of his improvements, he built a 2½ story stone grist mill with three sets of grinding wheels to replace the old wooden mill. While the new mill was under construction, the old one burned down. The Hunt gristmill is still standing. Thomas P. Hunt was the first storekeeper at Hunt's Mills.

When Thomas P. Hunt passed away in 1864, the estate was run by his family. In 1870, two of Thomas' nephews, Theodore F. Hunt and Joseph B. Hunt purchased the mill and adjoining farms from Thomas' heirs. "The Hunt Bros" business operated until the brothers split up in 1886. Joseph took the homestead farm. Theodore kept the mill and 100 acres of land. He replaced the old-fashioned mill wheel with a turbine for power. Theodore also served as postmaster of the Huntsburg Post Office which had opened in 1889.

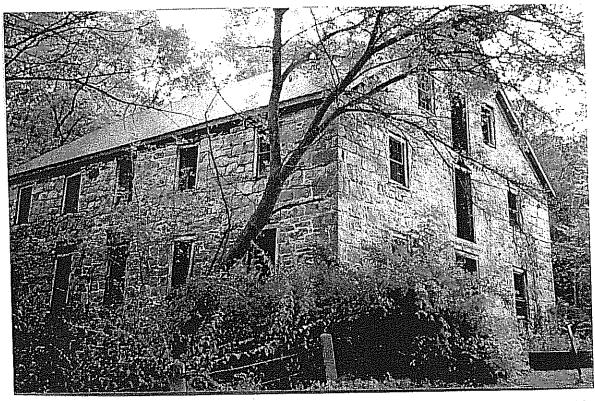
Of his many children, Theodore Hunt, Jr. was to inherit the mill at his father's death in 1908. The grist mill business by this time was declining and the mill finally closed in 1926.

The Huntsburg School, located on Hunt's School Road, was built in 1875. It closed in 1902 when the students went to the Greendell School. The brick structure is now a private residence.

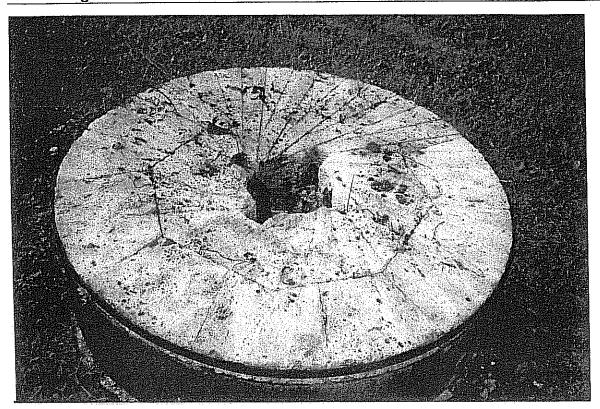
On the corner of Wintermute Road and Hunts Road (Rt. 519) is the Theo Hunt house built in 1834. The area has many foundations of old mills, etc., dating from the 1780's.



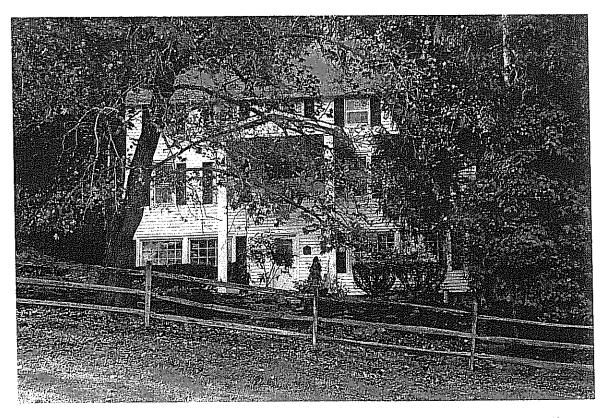
Old Huntsburg Mill (former site of) operated from 1780 to late 1800's & undated postcard



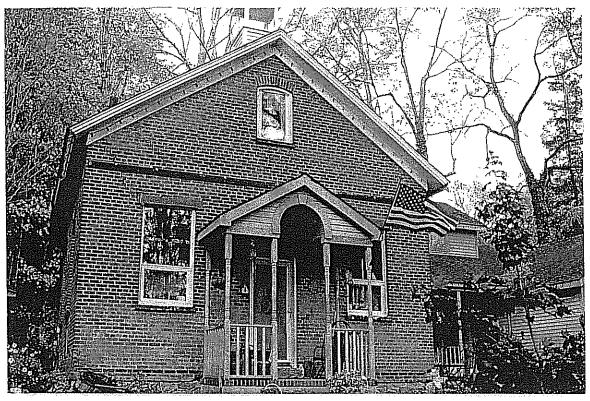
Hunts Mill built: 1844 ♦ undated photo



**Hunts Mill Grinding Stone** 



Thos Hunt Farm House built: 1835 ♦ photo date: October 2004



**Huntsburg School** (now private residence) built: 1875 ♦ closed: 1902 ♦ photo date; October 2004



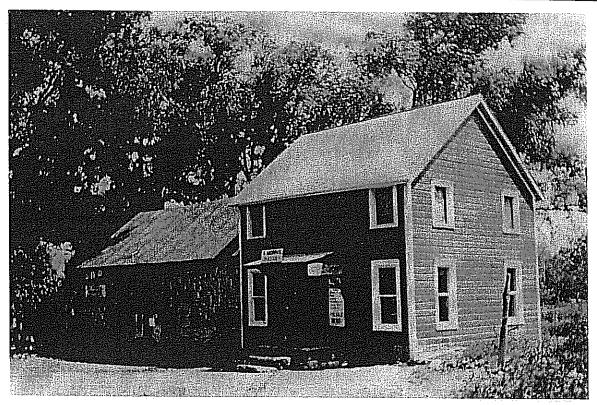
Nugent Farm House built: 1850 ♦ photo date: January 2005

The village of Huntsville has been known by many names over the years: Pettit's Mill, Macksville and Maxville. In 1750 Thomas Woolverton built a stone tavern which has been used, over the years, as a tavern, a stagecoach stop, county court house, church, and is now a private residence. Woolverton had been granted 91 acres of land in exchange for surveying part of western New Jersey. He obtained a license to keep tavern in 1753 and court was to be held there in 1756. On two occasions, court was canceled because of Indian problems. Court was later held in the town of Newton. On the Pequest River, he erected a log sawmill and a gristmill. He built a forge, obtained ore from the Andover Mine, but unfortunately, the forge was a failure. It was locally known as Bango Forge. No one can say what is meant by "Bango," but it is said that the local people would say that when the hammer was doing its work it cried continually, "Come, penny; go, pound." Over time, Bango Forge was to be used as a blacksmith shop, icehouse and store.

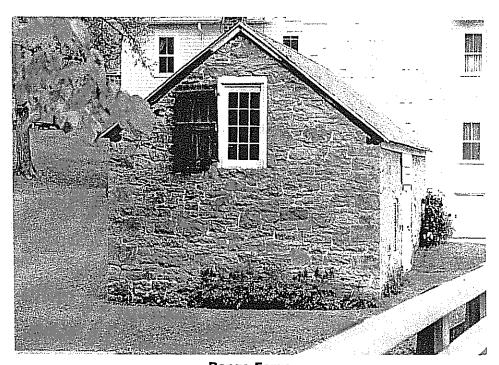
Thomas Woolverton sold the mill property to Nathaniel Pettit and the hamlet became known as Pettit's Mills. Yellow-ware pottery was produced there, but the proprietor is not known. The road through Pettit's Mills was a direct highway to Newark and New York. Many freight-wagons traveled through bringing supplies to and from New York. Pettit sold the property in 1792 to A. D. Woodruff, who passed the property to Joseph Gaston. When Gaston passed away, he passed his properties to his sons-in-law, Dr. Elijah Everett and Rev. John Boyd. Eventually, Judge Abram Hunt became the owner of the mill. The village was now known as Huntsville.

Judge Hunt's house continued to be a stopping place for travelers passing through Huntsville. Businesses continued and changed hands through the years. A post-office was established around 1840 as a point on the route from Newton to places in Warren County. It was closed for a while and in 1865, it was revived, finally closing in 1926.

A school was established in 1865 on Sutton Road. It was removed in 1907/08 when the DL&W railroad cutoff went through Huntsville. Another school was built in 1908 and closed in 1922 when the schools were consolidated. The building is now a private residence.

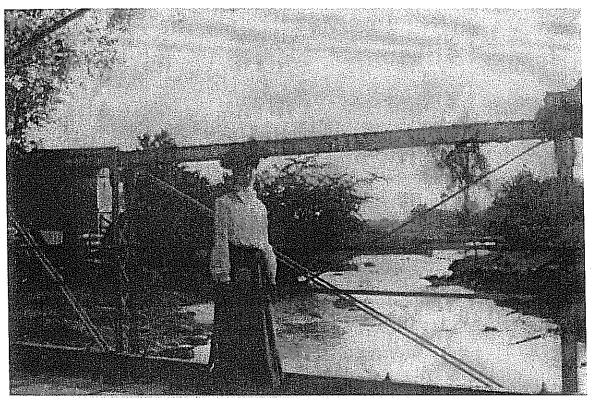


Huntsville General Store attached to Bango Forge built: Mid 1800's ♦ operated until 1911 ♦ undated photo



**Bango Forge**built: circa 1750 ♦ also used as blacksmith shop, icehouse and store

Huntsville

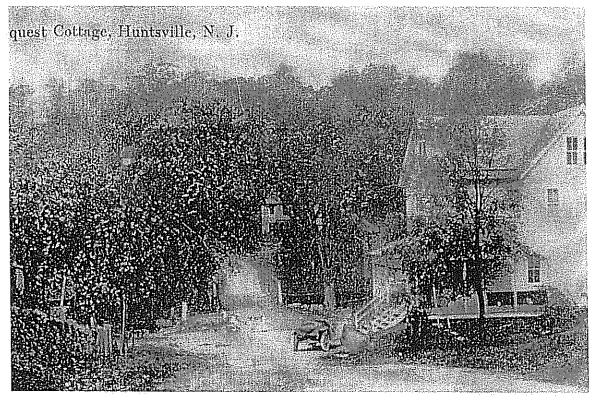


**4-story Huntsville Mill** (in the background on the Pequest River) built: circa 1750 ♦ undated photo



Huntsville Mill reduced to 2 stories (on the Pequest River) built: circa 1750 ♦ photo date: 1940

Huntsville

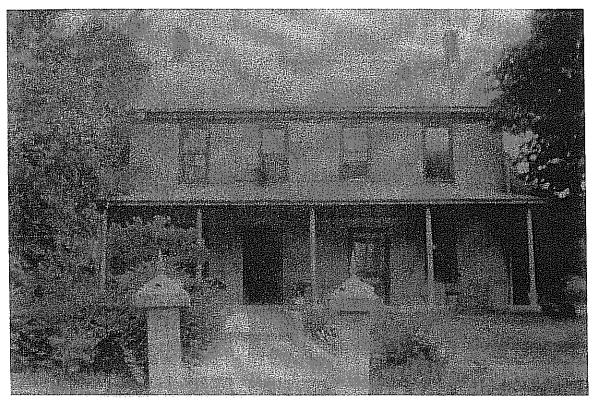


Village of Huntsville undated postcard



Village of Huntsville photo date: June 2000

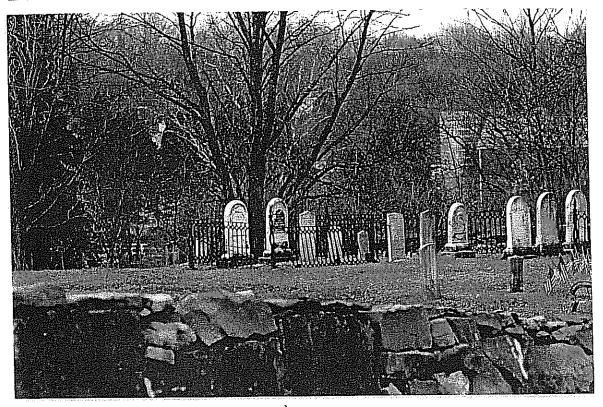
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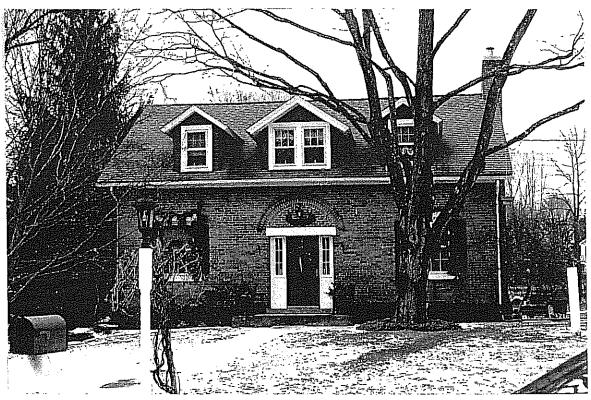
Woolverton Tavern built: 1750 ♦ undated photo



Woolverton Tavern
built: 1750 ♦ photo date: January 2005
also served as a stage coach stop, court house and church; now a private residence



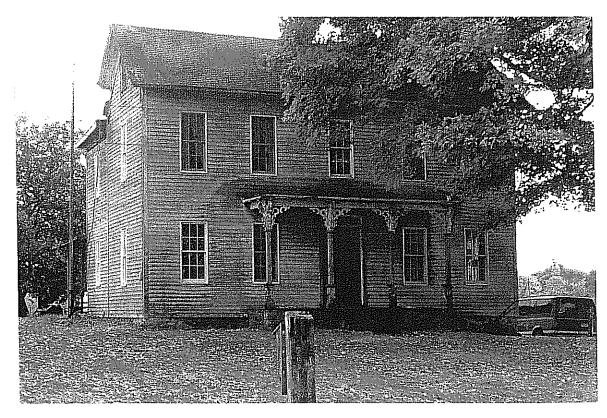
Huntsville Cemetary (located on Sutton Road)
circa 1750 ♦ The Green Township Historical Society has been restoring the cemetery.
Some of the descendants of the farm family that developed the Luther Hill Corn have a special cemetery plot in the abandoned Huntsville Cemetery.



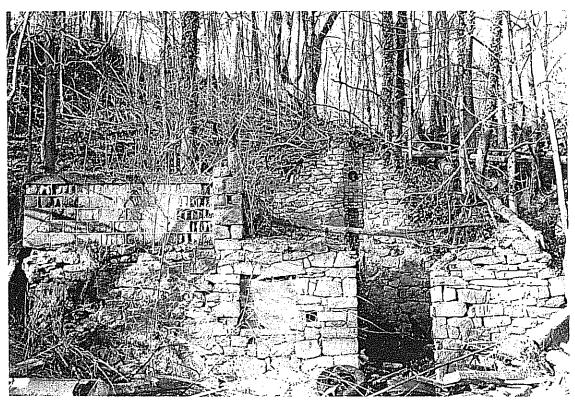
Huntsville School (now a private residence) built: 1908 ♦ closed: 1922 ♦ photo date: January 2005



Hibler-Stack Farm House
built: circa 1789/1826 ♦ photo date: October 2004



Panther Ledge Farm House built: after 1850 ♦ photo date: October 2004



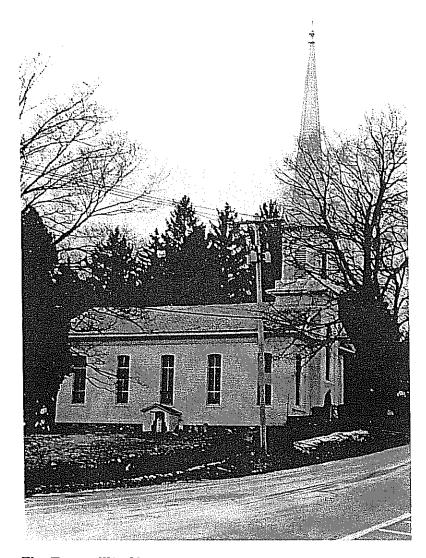
Ruins of Slave Quarters (rear of demolished Buchner Farm House (1) built: circa 1780 ♦ photo date: October 2004



Buchner Farm House (2) built: circa 1780 ♦ photo date: October 2004

Tranquility has been known as Kennedytown, Canadatown, Candytown and South Sussex over the years. During the 1890s, Tranquility took the name of the nearby church.

Amos Kennedy founded Tranquility in 1844. He was born on the Nathaniel Hart place, near Tranquility church. When his father, Moses Kennedy, left for Ohio, Amos Kennedy became a bound apprentice at the age of five. At 17, Amos Kennedy gained his freedom by purchasing his release. He paid fifty cents a day for each of his remaining four years. At his release, he received property from his maternal grandfather, William Hart (the primary land owner in the area). He married Catherine Stillwell in 1819, settled in an old house near Tranquility and became a farmer.



The Tranquility Church built: 1866 ♦ photo date: January 2005

In 1844 Amos Kennedy built a 2-1/2 story gristmill on the Pequest River which used water power to operate the feed and grain mill. At the time, local farmers complained that his dam was flooding their fields and took him to court. The court allowed the dam to remain.

Amos Kennedy built a wheelwright shop on the bank of the Pequest River, which is still standing. He built a Blacksmith Shop on the corner of Kennedy Road and Creek Road; it no longer exists. Many of the homes that he helped finance and build still stand.

Amos Kennedy built the Tranquility Store which also served as a gathering place for the community and in 1850 the Tranquility post office was established.

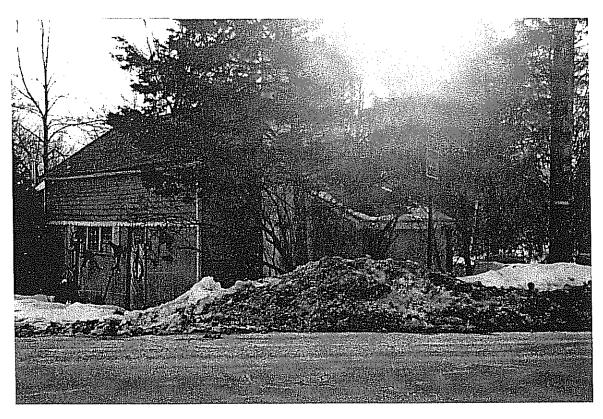
When Amos Kennedy retired, he left the operation of the mill to his son, Edgar V. Kennedy. Edgar Kennedy enlarged the mill and added a saw mill.

A cider press was added for use during the off-season. Because sometimes drought was a problem, Edgar Kennedy installed a furnace and steam engine. He was able to keep the mill operating 24 hours a day when other local mills were idle.

When Edgar Kennedy died in 1890, Clinton Vass (married to Edgar's daughter, Sarah Kennedy) took over. Their son, Frank Vass, added electricity to the mill. A generator powered by the gristmill's water flow provided electricity to the mill and the mill house. At this time, the Lehigh and Hudson River Railway was being built. The railroad provided easy transportation of local products to the cities in eastern New Jersey and New York. Business at the mill was prosperous.

Frank and Clara Garrison were the last owners to operate the mill. Unfortunately, the railroads that helped the local businesses in the past, also helped them to decline. Cheaper grain from the middle west competed with the local grains in both the eastern cities and local markets. Business struggled during the 1930s and the mill finally stopped operating in 1940. The mill is now preserved as a residence.

Lake Tranquility was created in 1939 when a dam was built across Trout Brook and the surrounding low land was flooded.



Tranquility Wheelwright Shop (now a private residence) built: 1844 ♦ photo date: February 1993



The Tranquility Store

built: 1844 & photo date: January 2005



Walter's Corners (tavern, restaurant, inn)
built: 1934 ♦ photo date: January 2005
Has been a series of restaurants with various names. Has been enlarged.



**Donahoe House** built: circa mid 1700's ♦ demolished: 1996 ♦ undated photo



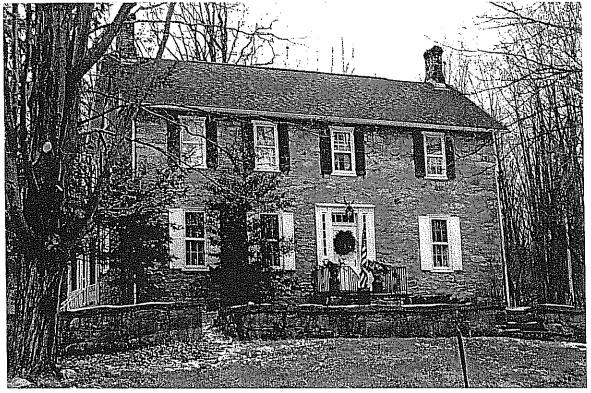
Orr House built: 1855 ♦ photo date: January 2005



Drake House built: 1870 ♦ photo date: January 2005



George Armstrong Farm House built: circa 1770 ♦ photo date: January 2005



Amos Hart Farm House built: pre 1780 ♦ photo date: January 2005

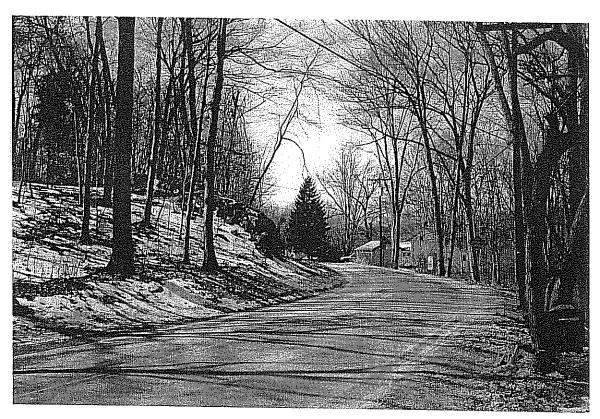


Joseph Slater House built: circa 1840 ♦ photo date: January 2005

Whitehall is a small hamlet located at the end of White Hall Road in north/eastern Green Township. Whitehall was named after the Royal Palace in London. Most of Whitehall is not in Green Township, but in Byram.

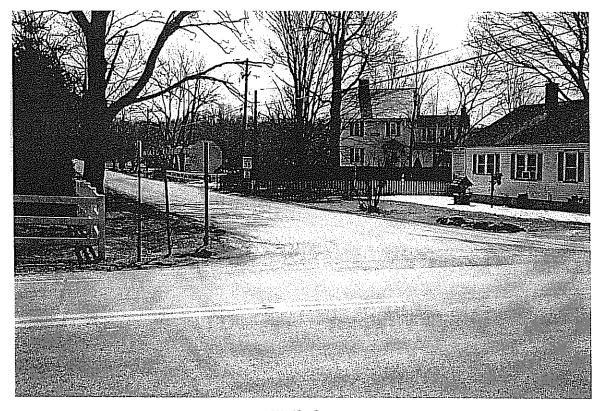
Whitehall was located along the Newton Morris Turnpike, which carried freight wagons between upstate New York and Newark. The village once included a tavern, a blacksmith shop, a forge and a foundry. When the Sussex Mine Railroad was built in 1854, the forge and foundry were buried beneath the bed, along with the foundations of some early houses.

Only a few of the original buildings remain. On the corner of White Hall Road is the old Iron Hotel.



White Hall Road
View from Byram Township line into Green Township.

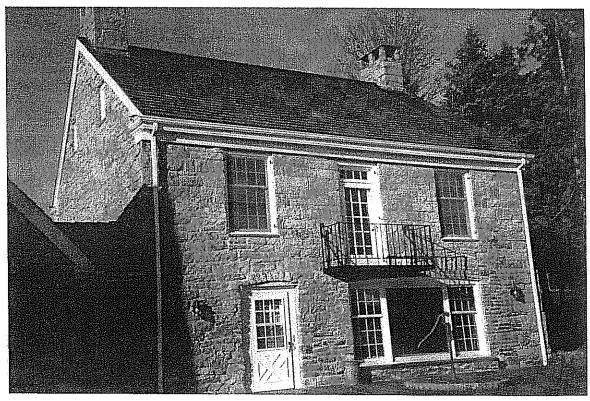
Wolf's Corner is located in central Green Township. Located northwest of Wolf's Corner is the Wittingham Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Walton C. Wittingham purchased the property to build a country home for his family. He built a large home, a coach house and a grist mill. He provided electricity with his own generator. The property became known as the Wittingham Estate. When the home burned down in the early 1900's, he sold the property to the state of New Jersey. A portion of the Wittingham Wildlife Management Area is in the Green Township.



**Wolfs Corner**Foreground Route 611 (Wolf's Corner Road) Mackerly Road in Background.



Anthony Longcor Farm House built: 1868 ♦ photo date: January 2005



Thomas Allen Farm House built: circa 1754 ♦ undated photo

Yellow Frame is located in western Green Township. Most of Yellow Frame is not in Green Township, but in Fredon.

The Yellow Frame Church was organized in 1750. Its name was originally the Hardwick Presbyterian Church and was located in the Dark Moon Area on Johnsonburg Road. In 1786 a larger church was needed and a new church was built on the corner of the King's Highway and Shaw's Lane (located in the cemetery across the road from the present church). In 1859 the name was changed from the Hardwick Presbyterian Church to the Yellow Frame Church because the building was painted yellow.

A new church was built in 1887opposite the old church. The Church is located at the corner of Yellow Frame Road and Route 94. The present church is located in Fredon Township, but a carriage shed behind the church is in Green Township.

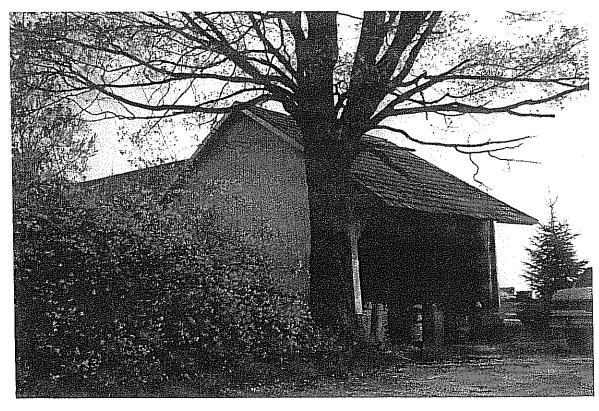
The cemetery across the road from the present church dates to 1786 and is believed to have twenty-two Revolutionary War soldiers buried there. Only a small portion of the cemetery is part of Green Township.



Yellow Frame Cemetery established: 1786 ♦ photo date: October 2004



Yellow Frame Church built: 1887 ♦ photo date: October 2004



Yellow Frame Church Carriage Shed photo date: April 1998

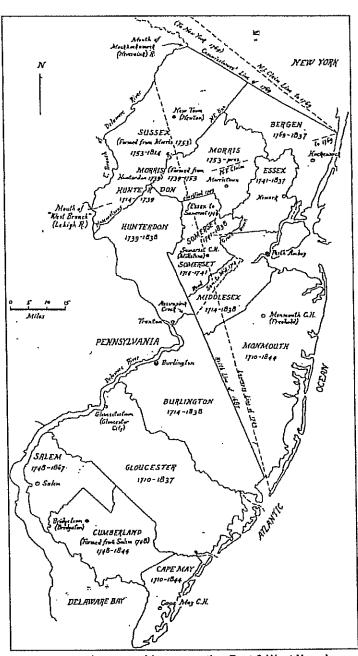
In March 1664 Charles II granted to his brother James, Duke of York, the lands between the Connecticut and Delaware Rivers. Soon after, the Duke granted to two powerful and devoted friends, Sir George Carteret and John, Lord Berkeley, that portion of his new domain which lay between the Hudson and the Delaware. The land was called New Jersey after the Isle of Jersey, one of the Channel Islands and the ancestral home of Carteret. The state was divided into East and West Jersey. A division line was established, but it was not until 1743 that John Lawrence was commissioned to survey the line.

The general location of the Lawrence Line is recorded on a map of New Jersey in a publication called "Morris County: A Moment in History, A Monument to Freedom." Reading extracts from the original field-book notes of John Lawrence as he ran the survey for the partition-line through Sussex County indicate that the line ran through Green Township. Thomas J. Beirne mentions the Lawrence Line on page 10 in his "History of Green Township."

As John Lawrence surveyed the line from south to north, he marked his line using trees. He marked line-trees, side-trees and mile-trees. As instructed he marked and labeled mile-trees according to the distance from the starting point of the survey.

The Books of Division at the Sussex County Hall of Records, contains a survey from 1808 showing the location of the 99 mile tree. The State Forest Fire Service in Franklin has a fire tower in Mount Olive called the 95 mile fire tower. By running a line through the point of the 99 mile tree, the point of the 95 mile forest station and along the boundary line that separates Stillwater Township from Hampton Township, the Lawrence Line has been verified.

The Lawrence Line in Green Township exists as a boundary line for many properties and shows as a distinct line on the township map.



Lawrence Line separating East & West New Jersey

by Richard Vohden

From James P. Snell's "History of Sussex and Warren Counties" we learn that Thomas Allen cut down the 100 mile tree that was a boundary marker on his 160 acres. The property now owned by the Kirby family (formally the Insinga Farm or the Hamilton Farm) is still intact as a 160 acre parcel.

Using a scale to measure one mile from the 99 mile point locates the 100 mile point at the intersection where a part of the Kirby Family Farm meets the Whittingham Wildlife Management Area. This point is also on the border line between Green and Fredon Townships just a short distance from the Andover line.

A survey from a mortgage document in the possession of Phil Insinga states, "Beginning at the beginning corner of the first tract at a stake and stones in the East and West Jersey line a corner of Samuel Hill's land thence along his line as the needle indicated in the year 1840 South forty degrees West sixteen chains to a large red oak tree, / a corner of Samuel Hill's land, . . . " At this location is an old oak tree. The circumference of the tree is 15'9" measured at four feet from the ground at the high side of the tree. The notes of John Lawrence indicate that in 1743 on this spot stood "A White Oak ab't 12" diameter on the edge of a hill of limestone." The tree does sit on the edge of a hill of limestone, but is probably a red or Scarlet Oak, not a White Oak.

On November 12, 1999, Ranger Jack Shuart of the New Jersey Forest Service examined the tree and attempted to determine the age by using an increment boring tool Ranger Shuart made several attempts to take a boring sample, but was unsuccessful because the tree is hollow. The walls surrounding the cavity are only inches thick. By taking leaf samples, Ranger Shuart also attempted to make a positive identification of the type of oak. Could another tree have grown to this size in the same spot, or did John Lawrence and his crew of surveyors make a mistake in the identification of the type of Oak?



Philip Insinga by the 99 mile tree (tree has since died)

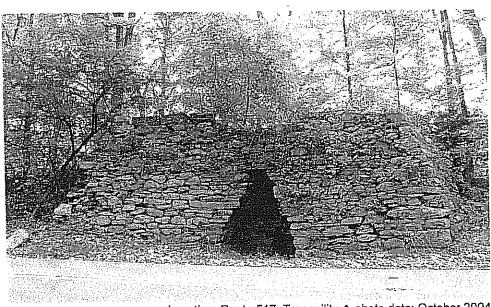
Limekilns were used by early farmers to produce fertilizer for their fields. Every farmer from the period of 1820 to 1900 had at least one limekiln. Larger farms had many. Limestone quarries were often nearby and provided the stones used to build the kilns and for burning.

To produce the lime, a layer of wood charcoal or coal was placed at the bottom of the kiln. Limestone was placed in layers and the fuel at the bottom was lighted and allowed to burn for several days. The heat would separate the lime and leave a fine or lumpy powder which was shoveled out, crushed and spread on the fields.

Limekilns ceased to be used around the turn of the century because of less expensive and more convenient soil enhancers. Many limekilns are still visible throughout town.



Location: Pequest Road, Huntsville > photo date: June 2000



Location: Route 517, Tranquility > photo date: October 2004

Before the European settlers arrived in North America, the Indians had established trails. These trails were used by the settlers until better roads were built to connect the area with major arteries of travel and the surrounding communities.

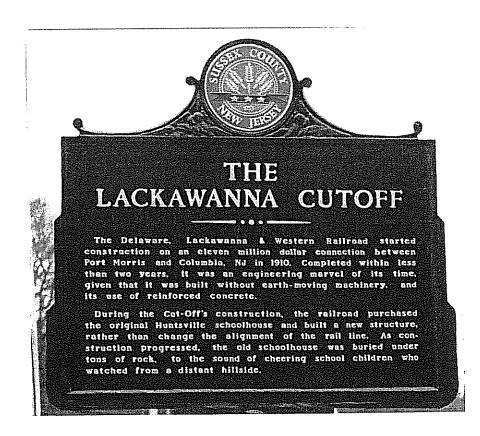
As the area grew and prospered, better roads became necessary and turnpikes were established. The King's Highway passed through Huntsville connecting Easton, Pennsylvania with Newark. It is said that the Continental Army and General Washington passed through the township on this highway. Another turnpike passed through the Whitehall section. It was called the Newton Morris Turnpike and connected Newark with upstate New York.

Stage coaches and wagons were the principal mode of transportation and trade until the railroads were built. Wagons transported the material required for building the Lackawanna Cut-Off, including the dynamite.

The first railroad in Green Township was built in 1854 and was known as the Sussex Mine Railroad. It passed through the hamlet of Whitehall and was designed to replace a mule road used to haul iron ore between Andover and Waterloo and the Morris Canal. Unfortunately, when cheaper grades of ore were discovered in the west, the track was abandoned. The track bed is still in existence.

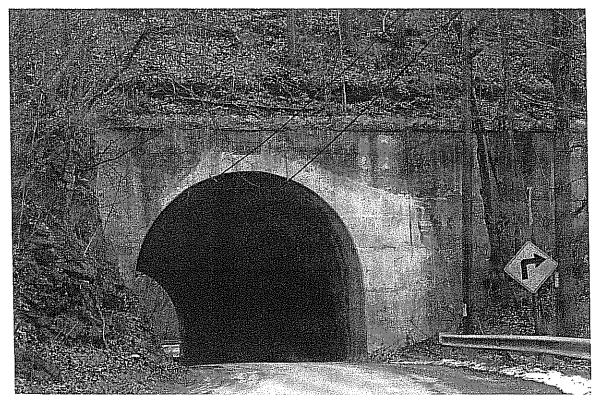
The Lehigh Hudson River Railroad was constructed in the early 1870's between Greycourt, New York, and Belvidere. This railroad passed through the hamlet of Brighton and had a station in Tranquility. By the turn of the century, the station was closed, and eventually the track was no longer used.

Considered an engineering marvel of its dav. Lackawanna Cut-Off was begun at the turn of the century (it was also known as the Pequest Fill). The Cut-Off required the building of a man-made mountain and took more than three years to complete. It extends for more than 3.12 miles and consists of rock and fill. It reaches a height of 110 feet and contains more than 61/2 million cubic vards of fill. The Huntsville school was buried to make way for the new railroad. It is said that school children cheered as their school was covered with tons of rock. station and control tower were built in Greendell. In the 1930's the station was abandoned when passenger service was relocated to Blairstown. The track bed is still in existence

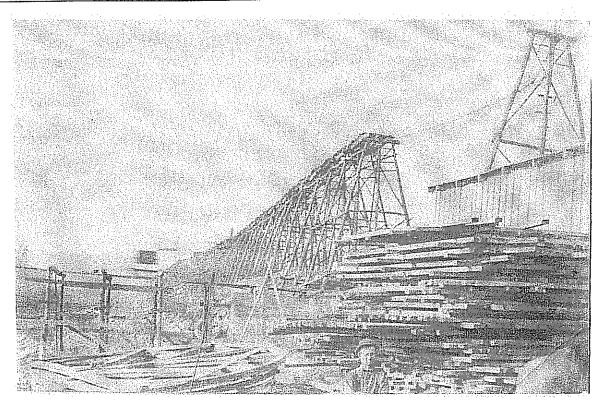




Abandoned Lackawanna Cutoff old station in foreground, railyard to right, old signal tower in right background

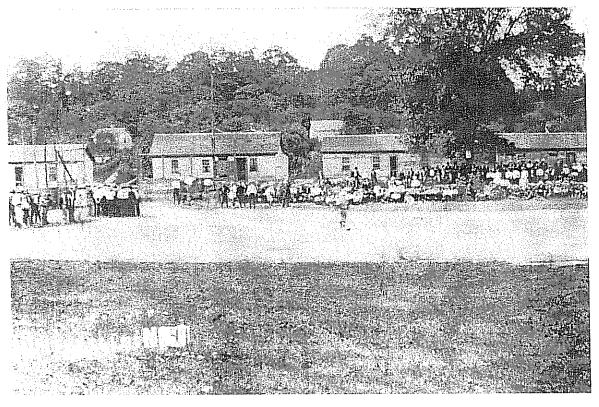


Lackawanna Cutoff Tunnel photo date: January 2005

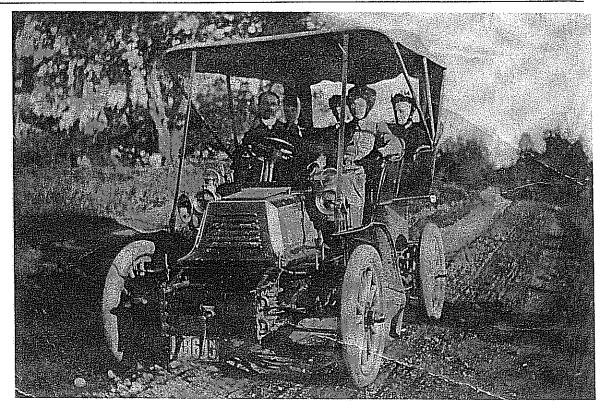


Support forms used during the building of the Lackwanna Cutoff. Rock and soil was transported to the site and deposited around the forms to create a man-made mountain on which the tracks were layed.

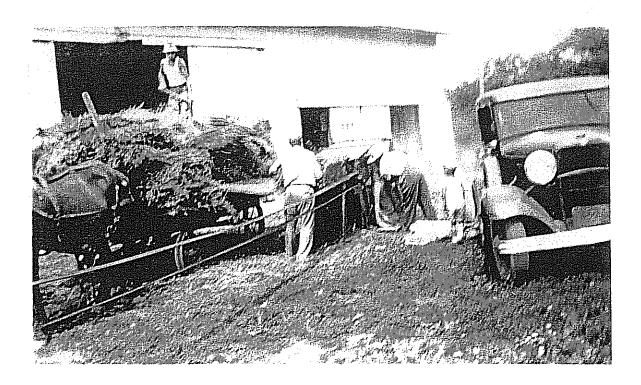
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Barracks built in Huntsville to house the Lackawanna Cutoff workers undated photo



Dirt roads used by early automobiles.
Undated photo



Transition between horse power and automobiles. undated photo

from A History of Green Township, Thomas J. Bierne

## Blacksmith Shops

- Shop located in the village of Whitehall. The dates are unknown but the remains are next to the Sussex Railroad right of way and near the Iron Hotel.
- Blacksmith business operated at Huntsville by Delancey McConnell on the site once occupied by the Bango Forge, prior to 1846.
- Blacksmith business operated by Isaac Stealey at Huntsville, 1846.
- Blacksmith shop along the Pequest River at Tranquility, opposite the wheelwright house.
- Shop located at Greensville, dates and location unknown.

### Creameries

- Large creamery at Brighton located near the banks of the Pequest River.
- Creamery at Huntsville probably on the site of the present cheese factory.
- Creamery at Tranquility, still standing and used today as the Green Township Municipal Building.

### Clover Mills

- Fulling mill and distillery at Hunt's Mills converted into a clover mill.
- Clover mill built by Kyle located near Hunt's Mills.

(Both of these mills probably operated some time prior to 1859.)

### Distillery

A distillery erected at Hunt's Mills about 1780 for the purpose of distilling apples and rye. Converted to part of a clover mill some time during the 1840's.

### Forges

- Bango forge located along the Pequest River near the village now known as Huntsville. The forge was built by Thomas Woolverton some time after 1750. It proved to be a failure; how long it operated is now known. Ore was obtained from the early Andover mines.
- Andover forge located at Whitehall, site buried beneath the Sussex Railroad right of way. Dates of operation probably before or during the early 1800's, continuing until work on the railroad was begun about 1850. Ore was obtained from the early Andover mines.

## Foundry

Foundry lobated at Hunt's Mills prior to 1860. Little is known regarding its location, purpose, or how long it operated.

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# Fulling Mill

Mill erected at Hunt's Mills complete with a carding machine about 1780, converted to a clover mill some time during the 1840's.

### Gristmills

- Mill built by Thomas Woolverton about 1750 along the Pequest River near Huntsville. Later operated as Pettit's gristmill and in 1792 bought and operated by A.D. Woodruff.
- A mill possibly located near Redding's Pond and operated by a man named Depue probably beginning prior to 1780.
- Mill erected at Hunt's Mills about 1780.
- Zophar gristmill built some time prior to 1800 near Greensville and operated until 1820.
- A mill built by Joseph Gaston at Pettit's Mills, later operated by Judge Hunt and in 1851 purchased from him by Lewis Willson.
- Four-story stone gristmill built at Hunt's Mills 1844, later converted from water wheel power to water turbine power. The building still stands.
- A mill built at Tranquility in 1844 along the Pequest River, originally operated by water wheel. It was enlarged in 1869, later converted to steam power, and operated until 1940.

### Inns and Taverns

- Iron Inn (or Iron Hotel) located in the hamlet of Whitehall; formerly a tavern known as the Tavern House.
- Tavern operated by Thomas Woolverton beginning in 1756 at the site near Huntsville; it continued to operate when the village was known as Pettit's Mills.
- Home of Judge Hunt was a stopping place for travelers as they passed through Huntsville.
- ► Greensville Hotel operated near the intersection of Greensville and Huntsville Roads.
- Licensed tavern maintained at Greensville between 1826 and 1872, until the temperance wave swept away the business of rum selling within the township.
- Dark Moon Inn located at one time on the main road to Johnsonburg, now only a legend. Its dates and exact location remain unknown.

### Plaster Mill

Mill established at Hunt's Mills prior to 1860; location and dates of operation are unknown.

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### Pottery

Yellow-ware pottery produced at Pettit's Mill, when and by whom is not known.

#### Sawmills

- A mill of unknown origin along the stream leading from Redding's Pont north of Huntsville.
- Mill built by Thomas Woolverton along the Pequest River near Huntsville some time after 1750, later operated as Pettit's sawmill and in 1792 bought and operated by A.D. Woodruff.
- A mill erected at Hunt's Mills about 1780.
- Mill built by Richard Hunt about 1780 on a site north of the present Huntsburg location.
- A mill in conjunction with the gristmill described above about 1844 located at Hunt's Mills.
- A mill built at Tranquility in 1869 and contained within the building housing the gristmill described above.
- A mill operated by Mr. Orr at Tranquility beginning in 1964, with equipment from the original Stuyvesant mill, presently operated by diesel power.

## Spinning Wheel

A small shop manufactured spinning wheels at Greensville. Its location and dates of operation are unknown, but it is assumed to have existed in the early 1800's.

## Tanning Vats and Shoemaking

- Ten or twelve tanning vats located at Greensville opposite the present location of the hotel.
- Tanning vats located at Huntsville; more specific information is unavailable.
- Shoemaking existed at Greensville from the time of the Revolutionary War until the middle 1800's.

### Wheelwright Shops

- A shop located along the Pequest River in the village of Tranquility opposite the Tranquility store.
- A shop located along the Pequest River near the site of the Woolverton Inn at Huntsville prior to 1860.
- A shop at Greensville; dates and location unknown.

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