New Jerseyana: Somerset County


   One of 334/666 numbered copies of a total printing of 1000 copies. An important genealogical as well as illustrated architectural reference work on early Dutch houses and families. Includes Bergen and Hudson Counties as well as Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, and, to a lesser extent, the northwestern counties. Also Rockland, Richmond, and Kings and Queens Counties in New York. A very handsomely produced book, published by the Holland Society and with an introduction by Franklin D. Roosevelt.


   Sketch of this early Somerset County school.


   Most of the 317 named subscribers were from Middlesex and Somerset Counties, and particularly New Brunswick. Felcone, *Printing in New Jersey, 1754-1800*, 751; Evans 28262; ESTC W38121.


   Somerset County.

Somerset County and vicinity.

WITH A CONTEMPORARY BASKING RIDGE ASSOCIATION

6. BROWN, ISAAC V. *Memoirs of the Rev. Robert Finley, D.D. Late Pastor of the Presbyterian Congregation at Basking Ridge New-Jersey, and President of Franklin College, Located at Athens ... Georgia. With Brief Sketches of some of his Cotemporaries [sic], and Numerous Notes.* New Brunswick: W. Myer for Terhune & Letson, 1819. 8vo. 370 p. incl. silhouette frontis. With the contents leaf but without the copyright notice and errata slip which were tipped into some copies. Contemporary sheep (spine ends chipped, some wear, but tight). Considerably foxed. Inscribed: "Mrs. Ruth Woodard her book, Presented to her by a friend. Baskingride Decr. 16 18[cropped]." On the rear blanks are three pages of early-nineteenth-century Sanders family birth and death records.

First edition, first issue. Finley was the prime mover in the establishment of the American Colonization Society. He also kept a school for twenty years in Basking Ridge. Shortly before his death he became president of the University of Georgia. Isaac Van Arsdale Brown was minister of the Presbyterian church in Lawrenceville and founder of what is today the Lawrenceville School. Brown's book was reissued later in 1819 in duodecimo format. S&S 47441; Felcone, *New Jersey Books*, 440.

7. BURT, ENOCH. *Two Discourses on Visible Church Membership and the Important Duties Resulting from it. Preached at Lamington ... March 1811....* Trenton: George Sherman, 1811. 39 p. Removed.

$90


Washington's headquarters at Rocky Hill, Somerset County.

$25


Somerset County.

$60
10. CORWIN, EDWARD TANJORE. *Historical Discourse on Occasion of the Centennial Anniversary of the Reformed Dutch Church, of Millstone, 1866*. New York, 1866. 113 p. Folding map (short tear). Cloth (minor wear, spine ends chipped). $100

With a lengthy appendix of names. The excellent historical map shows the early landowners in Hillsborough and Franklin Townships, Somerset County.


Somerset County.


Cross-country trip by a group of New Jersey Christian Endeavorers led by T.E. Davis of Bound Brook.

13. DAVIS, T. E. Two of Davis' fine Bound Brook pamphlets, neatly bound together: *The Battle of Bound Brook. An Address Delivered before the Washington Camp Ground Association ... February 22, 1894* (Bound Brook, 1895) [bound with:] *First Houses of Bound Brook. An Address Delivered before the Washington Camp Ground Association ... February 22, 1893* (Bound Brook, 1893). Contemporary cloth. From the library of Laura H. Weart of Bound Brook. The second pamphlet is heavily annotated in the margins, presumably by Weart. $90

A nice Bound Brook Sammelband. Somerset County.


Also several other addresses. Somerset County.


ONE OF THE BEST CARTERET BOOK CLUB TITLES


One of 150 copies, printed by Monroe F. Dreher of Newark for members of the Carteret Book Club. Twenty handsome woodcuts by Ellis of early Dutch houses in Bergen, Passaic, and Somerset Counties, with text by James O. Betelle. One of the most desirable of the Carteret Book Club publications.

THE RARE ROWLAND ELLIS PORTFOLIO

18. ELLIS, ROWLAND C. Portfolio of twenty fine proof impressions of woodcuts of Dutch colonial houses in Bergen, Passaic, and Somerset Counties, each on a full 14 x 11 inch sheet, and each signed in pencil by Ellis. Enclosed in the original cloth-backed portfolio with cloth ties. Woodcuts fine, portfolio dust-soiled with spine very darkened. $900

In 1937 the New Jersey book collectors' club, the Carteret Book Club, published Rowland C. Ellis' *Colonial Dutch Houses in New Jersey. Twenty Wood Engravings*, a handsome book printed by Monroe F. Dreher of Newark and limited to 150 copies. The book contained twenty woodcuts by Ellis of early New Jersey Dutch houses, with text by James O. Betelle. Also available to members, in a very limited edition and probably at a very substantial price (no documentation has been found) was a complete suite of the Ellis woodcuts, pulled as proof impressions on large paper, each signed in full by Ellis. The prints were housed in a portfolio bound to match the printed book. In over 40 years of specializing in New Jerseyana, this is only the third copy of the portfolio that we have offered for sale.


Somerset County.

20. FINLEY, ROBERT. *A Sermon on the Baptism of John, Shewing it to be a Peculiar Dispensation, and No Example for Christians*. Elizabeth-Town: Shepard Kollock, 1807. 20 p. Stitched in contemporary plain wrappers. $125

Finley was a minister at Basking Ridge, Somerset County. S&S 12567.


Reprinted from *Somerset County Historical Quarterly*. 
22. FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP. *Finances, Franklin Township, for the Year Ending April 8, 1872.* Somerville: "Somerset Unionist" print., 1872. Broadside. 31 x 24 cm. Fine. $35

Itemized financial statement for the year. Somerset County.

23. FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP. *Finances of Franklin Township for the Year Ending April 9, 1873.* Somerville: "Somerset Unionist" print., 1873. Broadside. 31 x 24 cm. Fine. $35

Itemized financial statement for the year.


One of 300 numbered copies, privately printed. Mid-18th century New Jersey theologian.


Family memorial consisting chiefly of family letters written by Gaston (1816-1885), who was born in Basking Ridge, family in Somerville, &c. Somerset County and elsewhere.


"Having for its object the detection, pursuit, apprehension, arrest and prosecution of thieves, tramps, marauders and other depredators on persons and property...." Somerset County.


Pictorial history of the county, with sketches of the businesses that sponsored the book.


Somerset County.

29. KUSER, JOHN DRYDEN. *The Birds of Somerset Hills.* [Bernardsville], 1912. 160 p. 22 colored plates by Chester A. Reed. Full publisher's morocco. Extremities worn, a few gatherings slightly pulled, but a solid copy. $200

Historical sketch. Somerset county.


An excellent, handsomely illustrated account of the Sourland Mountain region of Hunterdon, Mercer, and Somerset Counties.

32. LUDLOW, GABRIEL. *Fifty Years of Bible Work. A Discourse Delivered on the Occasion of the Semi-Centenary Celebration of the Somerset Co. Bible Society, in... Somerville, N.J.* New Brunswick, 1867. 32 p. Wrappers. $30

33. LUDLOW, GABRIEL. *Fifty Years of Pastoral Work. A Sermon Preached in the Reformed Church, Neshanic, N.J., Sept. 5, 1871...*. New Brunswick, 1871. 48 p. Cloth. $35


Edited by Edward J. Maas. A competent, well-illustrated local history. Somerset County.


The classic Somerset County book as well as one of the icons of New Jerseyana collecting. The decorated endpapers are acidic and hopelessly brittle, and nearly all copies have broken inner hinges or have been recased. This copy is fine and fresh, and most desirable. It is an important Somerset County reference work and includes an extensive genealogical appendix.


Edited by Hubert G. Schmidt from Mellick's classic *The Story of an Old Farm*, published in 1889. Contains much of the local history but not the genealogy. Somerset County.
37. MESSLER, ABRAHAM. *Centennial History of Somerset County*. Somerville, 1878. 190, 8 p. Rebound in later buckram. $175

A nice copy of a book whose fragile original binding is usually in tatters.

38. MESSLER, ABRAHAM. *First Things in Old Somerset. A Collection of Articles Relating to Somerset County, N.J.... Including Sketches of Washington Rock, Chimney Rock and a List of the Freeholders in Somerset County in 1790*. Somerville, 1899. [4], 172 p. Port. Cloth. As in all copies, the hopelessly brittle endsheets are detached and the facing leaves are browned. $175

A scarce and fragile county history, and one of the standard Somerset County books. There are no fine copies.


Important source of Somerset County local history and genealogy.


Religious tract on the life of Eleanor, who was born in Elizabethtown and died at age eleven.

41. MESSLER, ABRAHAM. *The Importance of Cherishing Domestic Feeling in our Church: a Sermon Preached before the Classis of New Brunswick... at Grigstown, April 2d, 1845....* New York, 1845. 40 p. Removed. $40

Somerset County.

42. MESSLER, ABRAHAM. *The Lord in Zion. A Sermon Preached at the Dedication of the Reformed Dutch Church of Raritan, February 25, 1835.....* Somerville, 1835. 28 p. Removed. $45

43. MESSLER, ABRAHAM. *A Pastor's Memorial: Sermons Preached in the Reformed Dutch Church of Raritan; at Intervals of Five Years, on the Anniversary of his Settlement as Pastor*. New Brunswick, 1853. 126 p. $40

Somerville, Somerset County.

How the Conscientious Plumber charmed his way into the family of the Millionaire of Pea Pack by a series of tales. A delightful farce in the style of the *Arabian Nights' Entertainments*. Munkittrick lived in Summit at the time.


Full reproductions of four important 18th century New Jersey road maps, showing landowners' names, buildings, etc. Handsomely printed, and a fine reference work.

**VAN DOREN HONEYMAN'S OWN COPY**

46. _OUR HOME: A Monthly Magazine of Original Articles, Historical, Biographical, Scientific and Miscellaneous, Mostly by Somerset and Hunterdon County Writers, and on Subjects Largely Pertaining to these Counties_. Somerville: Vol. I no. 1, Jan. 1873, through vol. I no. 12, Dec. 1873. Twelve numbers, bound together in the original publisher's cloth binding, without ads. Spine ends worn away, inner hinges broken, front endpaper loose. Van Doren Honeyman's personal copy, with his bookplate on the front pastedown, part of a congratulatory letter from antiquarian Henry B. Dawson on the front flyleaf, and a few minor marginal notes. $300

All published. The ultimate copy of this important and scarce source of Somerset and Hunterdon County local history and genealogy, edited by A. Van Doren Honeyman. For the Somerset or Hunterdon County collector.

47. _OUR HOME: A Monthly Magazine of Original Articles, Historical, Biographical, Scientific and Miscellaneous, Mostly by Somerset and Hunterdon County Writers, and on Subjects Largely Pertaining to these Counties_. Somerville: Vol. I no. 1, Jan. 1873, through vol. I no. 12, Dec. 1873. Twelve numbers, bound together in the original publisher's cloth binding, without ads. $200

All published. An important source of Somerset and Hunterdon County local history and genealogy. Edited by A. Van Doren Honeyman. A scarce publication.

48. PARRY, SAMUEL. _An Historical Discourse, Delivered in the Presbyterian Church of Pluckamin ... March 12, 1901, on the Fiftieth Anniversary of its Organization_. Somerville, 1901. 72 p. Frontis. Wrappers. $45

Includes a list of all church members since 1851. Somerset County.

50. PENNINGTON, WILLIAM. Governor of New Jersey, 1837-1843. Partly printed appointment of Elias Brown as Justice of the Peace for Somerset County, 14 November 1837. Signed by Pennington and by James D. Westcott as Secretary of the State. One page, folio, with large wafer seal. Some fold wear. $50

51. PENNINGTON, WILLIAM. Governor of New Jersey, 1837-1843. Partly printed appointment of Elias Brown as Justice of the Peace for Somerset County, 28 October 1842. Signed by Pennington and by Charles G. McChesney as Secretary of State. One page, folio, with large wafer seal. $50


53. QUARRIE, GEORGE. Within a Jersey Circle. Tales of the Past, Grave and Gay, as Picked up from Old Jerseyites. Somerville, [1910]. 332 p. Numerous plates. White cloth a trifle soiled, as usual. $90

54. RANKIN, JOHN C. Historical Address Delivered ... Before the Somerset County Bible Society, at Somerville, N.J., at the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary .... Somerville, 1892. 16 p. Wrappers. $25


56. RODGERS, RAVAUD K. Fifty Years in the Ministry. A Sermon Preached in the Presbyterian Church, Bound Brook, N.J., April 26, 1868, on the Fiftieth Anniversary of his Licensure. New Brunswick, 1868. 19 p. Wrappers (brittle, chipped at edges). Somerset County. $35

57. RODGERS, RAVAUD K. Thanksgiving. A Sermon Preached in the Presbyterian Church, Bound Brook, N.J., November 28th, 1861, the Day of Thanksgiving Appointed by the Governor.... New Brunswick, 1861. 18 p. Wrappers. Faint old library stamp and scribblings on wrapper. $60
58. RYERSON, ALBERT WINSLOW. *The Ryerson Genealogy. Genealogy and History of the Knickerbocker Families of Ryerson, Ryerce, Ryerss; also Adriance and Martense Families; all Descendants of Martin and Adriaen Reyersz (Reyerszen), of Amsterdam, Holland*. Chicago, 1916 [i.e., Englewood, ca. 1990s]. 4to. xv, [1], 433 p. Cloth. $75


Pluckamin, Bedminster, Bernardsville, Basking Ridge, Lamington, Mendham, Peapack, and vicinity.

60. SNELL, JAMES P. *History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, New Jersey, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of its Prominent Men and Pioneers*. Philadelphia, 1881. 4to. 864 p. Plates. Modern buckram. Minor chipping of first two leaves, else very good. $300

The standard history of these two counties, and an essential reference work.

61. SOMERSET CLASSICAL INSTITUTE. *Addresses, etc., at the First Annual Re-Union of the Alumni Association, of the Somerset Classical Institute ... Somerville, N.J., Aug. 1st, 1873*. Newark, 1873. 15 p. Wrappers (very chipped and brittle). $20


Reprint of the 1873 edition. The first atlas of Somerset County, depicting landowners' names, locations of buildings, &.

**A COMPLETE RUN**

63. SOMERSET COUNTY HISTORICAL QUARTERLY. Somerville: Somerset County Historical Society. Vol. I no. 1, Jan. 1912, through vol. VIII no. 4, Oct. 1919. Plates. Cloth. In superb condition, in the original matched bindings which remain bright and fresh. The nicest set we have ever handled. $500

A complete run of this essential journal of Somerset (and, to a lesser extent, Hunterdon) County local history and genealogy. Edited by A. Van Doren Honeyman.
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<td>A fine and very detailed colonial New Jersey business agreement. Lane was formerly a New York merchant who moved his business to Bedminster in 1772, where he soon became a well-known resident. Lott and Lefferts were prominent New York merchants.</td>
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Promoting the water power company and the town of Somerville as a location for industrial development. Suggests that the three leading industrial sites in New Jersey are the Falls of the Passaic, at Paterson; the Raritan River, near Somerville; and the Falls of the Delaware, at Trenton. Garret D. Wall was the president of the water power company. The first copy we have seen.

**THE FIRST WALL MAP OF SOMERVILLE**

The first wall map of Somerville, depicting roads, locations of houses, schools (including a "colored school"), mills, churches, &c., as well landowners' names. Includes a list of names of subscribers to the map and their address or occupation. Surrounding the map proper are 24 inset engravings of individual residences. Like most mid-nineteenth-century local wall maps, this is a very rare map, and the first copy we have ever handled.

"75 years chronicled in words & photographs." Somerset County.

History of Franklin Township, Somerset County.

Juvenile moralistic tract. John Schureman Sutphen (1807-1822) was born in Bedminster, Somerset County.


Major General in the American Revolution and Somerset County resident.

80. THOMPSON, HENRY P. *Historical Sketch of the Bedminster Church.* Somerville, 1887. 26 p. Wrappers. A trifle brittle, but very good. $50

Includes a chronological list of consistories. Somerset County.


Somerset County.


Nicely done local history. Somerset County.


General history of Somerset County.

86. VAN PELT, ROBERT HOWARD. *A Genealogy of the Little Family of Somerset County, New Jersey. A Record of Robert Little (1754-1853) of Somerset County, New Jersey, and some of his Descendants.* Laguna Beach, Calif., 1992. 4to. [1], 378 p. Illus. Cloth. $75

Descendants of Robert Little (Liddle) of Bridgewater Township, Somerset County.

Much Somerset County and vicinity local history as well as Voorhees family history.

88. VOSSELLER, ELIAS. *Tucca-Ramma-Hacking*. Flemington: H.E. Deats, 1901. 12mo. 21 p. Wrappers. $20

Area near North Branch, Somerset County.

89. WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS, ROCKY HILL, NEW JERSEY. A Partial List of the Contents.... [N.p.], 1927. 40 p. Wrappers. $35

Inventory of the antiques, and the glorified junk, presented to Rockingham during the initial phase of its preservation in the 1890s.


Includes Passaic, Somerset, Morris, Essex, and Union Counties. The first volume is local history, the second biography/genealogy. The two volumes were published separately.


The history volume, complete in itself. Includes Passaic, Somerset, Morris, Essex, and Union Counties. A second volume, containing biography and genealogy, was issued separately.


A standard biographical encyclopedia of Middlesex, Monmouth, and Somerset counties.

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