



Ye Old Tye News

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Special Edition

Special points of interest:

This edition highlights Dover's powerful role in early American history. Because of its important geographic location and the abundance of raw materials, Dover developed 100 years ahead of its time. Very few American towns can boast of the accomplishments that occurred in this tiny 2.9 square mile town over its 275 year history.

Replicas of Dover's Town Clock are available. A great Christmas gift. Call (973) 366-0629 to place an order.



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Museum House Grand Opening

DOVER-After two years of cleaning, repairing, sweeping, removing, replacing, tearing down, building up, painting, plastering, installing, scraping, and just about everything else that goes into renovating and remodeling an old house will soon be available for public view as the historical society prepares to open the first floor of the old historic Dr. Arthur W. Condict House, a home that was once part of the famed "Doctor's Row" along West Blackwell Street. Also locally known as the "church house" the new Dover History Museum will soon be displaying hundreds of old photographs of Dover along with artifacts depicting Dover's 275-year



history. Already, dozens of past and present Dover residents are offering various family treasures relating to Dover's history, the people, places and things that made it happen over the years.

With the first floor completed and ready to open, society members and supporters are looking at the second and third floors

to complete over the next eight years. Along with those repairs, the side enclosed porch needs to be repaired and remodeled along with the patching and sealing of leaks through the side brick walls.

Work sessions on the house are usually held Mondays and Thursday evenings. Anyone wishing

The Amazing Bob Wagner

WHARTON-Some call him amazing, some call him an artist and some call him a life-saver. No matter who you talk to, something nice is always said about Bob Wagner. Bob has truly been a life-saver to the historical society, because he practically single-

handily transformed the entire first floor of the Condict House into a masterpiece showcase. Bob has spent countless hours preparing the rooms for public display.

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Photos by Rick Kelly

2005 Paid Membership

The following members have paid their annual dues for 2005.

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Barbara & Gordon Dunn, Lk Suzy, FL
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 Joyce O'Malley, Dover
 Helen Peterson, Dover
 Raymond Porphy, Ridge Spring, SC
 Diane Power, Rockaway
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Upcoming Events for the Dover Area Historical Society

**Call the Historical Society's Hot
 Line (973) 361-3525**

NOV. 15—TUESDAY—7:30 PM

DOVER MOOSE LODGE

Regular Monthly Meeting

Dover Post Card History

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DEC. 20—TUESDAY-7:30 PM

MUSEUM HOUSE

Monthly Meeting & Christmas Get
 Together around the Fireplace &

Christmas Tree (Call 973-366-0629)

JAN 17—TUESDAY—7:30 PM

MUSEUM HOUSE

Regular Monthly Meeting

FEB. 21—TUESDAY—7:30 PM

MUSEUM HOUSE

Regular Monthly Meeting

Call (973) 361-6205 for details

MAR. 21 - TUESDAY - 7:30 PM

MUSEUM HOUSE

Regular Monthly Meeting

APR. 18 - TUESDAY—7:30 PM

MUSEUM HOUSE

BON-TON MOVIE NIGHT

Call (973) 361-3525 for details

MAY 16 - TUESDAY - 7:30 PM

MUSEUM HOUSE

Regular Monthly Meeting

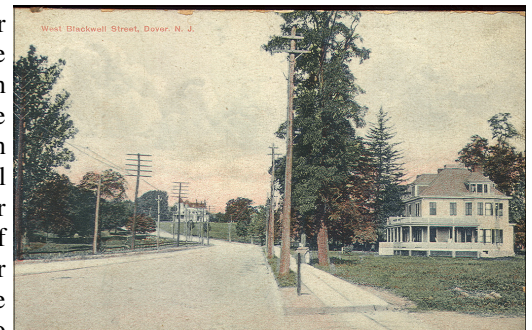
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*(These programs and dates are subject to
 change)* Historical Society meetings are
 held the third Tuesday of every month.

Hurd Farmhouse and Hurd Park Historic Recognition

DOVER-The owners of the Hurd Farmhouse estate won approval to subdivide the property into three building lots. The two new lots will be available for new constructions, thus degrading the integrity of this historic estate. The Board of Aldermen moved quickly to apply for historic status of the farmhouse and the entire Hurd Park. Catherine T. Messmer, Special Assistant to the Dean of Drew University was hired to study and

prepare the paper work for consideration to be placed on the Registry of Historic Sites. The town would then apply for a grant from the county historic preservation (open space) program. The historical society applauds town officials for realizing the historic importance of this site and their speedy actions for doing everything possible to save the Hurd Estate for future generations to



Dover Flea Market a Weekly Street Fair

Based on a Daily Record Story by Ellen Wilkove

DOVER—Since 1998, the Dover Marketplace has been operating the weekly Dover Flea Market every Sunday between April and December. Owners & operators Bob and Carol Brumale transform Dover's busy downtown streets into a festival-like atmosphere offering merchandise, food and entertainment to the thousands that visit Dover. The Dover Flea Market has become an institution, not only for Dover, but the entire state. This, however, is not Dover's first flea market. In 1995, the Chester Lions Club moved their flea market to Dover and operated the event for three years. Running into numerous problems, the club abandoned their efforts. What is not widely known is the fact that this also was not Dover's first flea market. Dover's place in the flea market world started in 1848 with the arrival of the first railroad to town. It was at this time that farmers, merchants and shoppers converged

on Dover to sell, buy and trade their goods and ship merchandise off to the NYC marketplace. This weekly event became so popular, that the town fathers proclaimed Dover "The Marketplace of 1848."

Now, 157 years later, Dover is again the center marketplace for shoppers from miles around. About 150 vendors work at the Dover Flea Market and about 25% of them travel around to other flea markets to make a full-time living of it. According to statistics, there are more than 2,250,000 vendors who work flea markets on a daily basis serving more than 1.5 billion shoppers a year. According to Mr. Brumale, "flea markets aren't going anywhere. It is a weather dependent business with some of the hardest working people in the world." According to some reports, flea market attendance is growing. However, stiff competition is taking hold in many parts of the country with the construction of the "big box" department

stores.

According to the National Flea Markets Association, "there is concern that dollar stores and big box discount stores are making an impact on flea markets; however, flea markets offer a wide variety, economical family entertainment and a visit constitutes an "event" for most shoppers who enjoy the outdoor atmosphere, aroma and the casual strolling.

Dover's weekly flea market offers something very unique as compared to other flea markets in the region. It gives visitors an opportunity to stroll through one of New Jersey's oldest mining, canal and railroad towns. Viewing 19th buildings that show a city that reached its peak as early as 1880. It also gives an early morning visitor an experience rarely felt anywhere in the NY-NJ metropolitan area. The stillness and calmness of busy downtown city streets offering the sweet sounds of the nearby church bells ringing out

Dover Flea Market (cont.)

Church bells echoing throughout the quiet streets with only the clinking of a few metal poles as vendors set up their canopies and tents. Then around 9 a.m. comes the gradual stomping of feet, people talking and babies crying to the tremendous herd of people shopping, talking and eating everything in sight by noontime. Then at the end of a warm summer day, the sweeper

-trucks going up and down cleaning all the litter and the removing of the street blockades thus allowing the return of the noisy traffic transforming Dover back to its normal busy climate.



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Dover

(cont. from page 1) Bob along with several members of the Rotary Club and members of the historical society have scrapped, peeled, sanded, cleaned, primed, painted and just about everything else that it takes to renovate a house in order to prepare it for a grand opening. The plans are to open the first floor of the museum house for displays and meetings, while work continues on the second and third floors. The historical society has a 10-year time-line in its 25-year lease with the Presbyterian Church to renovate and prepare the house for public display.

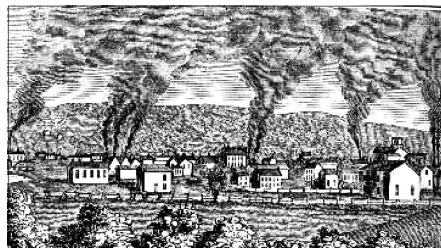


Dover's Mighty Iron Industry

History of a Powerful Small City of Iron and Steel

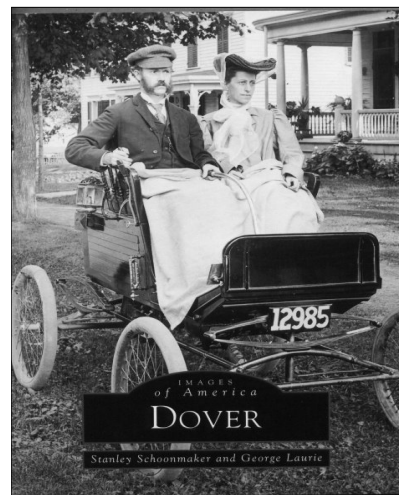
DOVER-Dover's early history is a story of power and might. A major industrial center for early American development, Dover has always been a major center for research and development. From the nearby iron mines to the iron and steel factories that turned out finished products, Dover was a major dot on the map. "Made in Dover, N.J." was an inscription read around the world. As early as 1840, when the railroad was determining its routes, a sketch was commissioned of Dover (right) depicting the smoke stacks and a small, thriving community already years ahead of itself as an industrial center. The sketch is looking south from today's Sanford Street, with the Grace Methodist Church to the right and the steeple of the Presbyterian Church beyond that, under construction. The railroad was extremely impressed with Dover's bustling activity

that tracks were soon laid to the town in 1848. This edition of Ye Old Tye News gives a glimpse of Dover's power and might. If any of these subjects interest you, all the information you could every want can easily be found by paying a visit to the Dover Public Library or the soon to be Dover



History Museum.

This original sketch of Dover was commissioned by the railroad c 1840.



Railroad officials were very impressed with the industrial activity of Dover at the time.

America's Leading Iron Producer

The Ulster Iron Works

"THE PITTSBURGH OF THE EAST"

DOVER-The Ulster Iron Works was actually a succession of works established in 1745 as the Quaker Iron Works, then purchased by Josiah Beaman in 1757, and later acquired by Canfield and Losey. Blackwell and McFarlan purchased the plant in 1816 and sold it following the Civil War. In 1889 the Dover Iron Works bought and operated a rolling mill and forge until it was bought out by the Ulster Iron

Works.

The Ulster Iron Works started in Saugerties, New York and was the first plant in America to manufacture iron by converting pig iron (cast iron) into wrought iron, using the "puddling" furnaces, and subsequently rolling it into bars, called "Ulster" iron. The plant ceased operations in 1950. The site was converted into the Dover Shopping Center. All that remains of this once powerful industry is a downtown parking lot behind a mini-mart store and the stone wall that



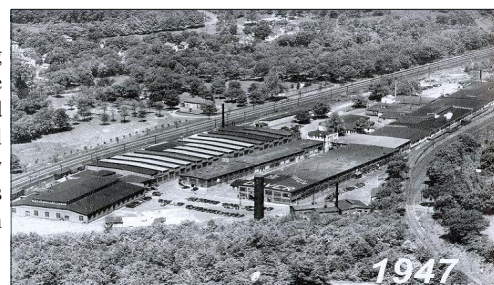
skirts the Rockaway River.

It's often been said that early locomotives that crossed the frontiers of America were held together by iron stay-bolts manufactured by the Ulster Iron Works in

The Nation Depended on the

Rich-Boynton "Perfect Range" Stove Works

DOVER-The Richard and Boynton Stove Works, manufactured house heating furnaces and pioneered the 4-legged cooking range, called the "*Perfect Cooking Range*." The firm was established in 1837. It moved to Dover from Brooklyn, in February 4, 1896 and occupied 12 buildings, including a foundry 300 feet long. At its peak, the company employed over 800, when running full time. During World War I the company made a specially designed furnace for heating army barracks. In 1928 the company transferred most of its production work to its Utica and Buffalo plants. The plant in Dover was closed permanently in May 1938 and in March 1939, Richardson & Boynton filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.



The Powerful MC KIERNAN-TERRY DRILL CO.

France Gave Special Recognition To The Dover Co. For Helping Win WWI &

DOVER—Around 1890, Samuel G. McKiernan, a contractor of Paterson, developed a rock drill of what is commonly known as the tripod type. A friendship grew between Gustave Reinber, associated with the Atlantic Dynamite Co. and the two became partners in the McKiernan Drill Co. The business grew to such an extent that in October 1900, a piece of property was purchased on Richards Ave. where its plant was established. The McKiernan drill became well and favorably known among mines that production largely increased.

In 1910 the McKiernan Drill Co. absorbed the Terry Core Drill Co. The company's drilling equipment became known around the world as the "one man" drill. Also in demand were the company's pile-driving equipment.

During WWI, the McKiernan-Terry Pile Hammers played an important part in the war effort. Their use in English dock-yards and artillery foundations throughout Europe. In France, the French engineers used them at the front for driving piles for the emplacement of guns. At the conclusion of the war, the French engineers made special mention of McKiernan-Terry pile hammers in a report submitted to the United States

Annual Membership dues:

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Virginia Shukailo, Dover
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Donald Seath, Wharton
William & Peg Shuler, Dover
Ida Stengel, Dover

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Iron—Steel Products Powered

The Dover Boiler Works

DOVER—The Dover Boiler Works, founded in 1874 by Foster F. Birch, grew from a small repair shop doing hand work with two employees, to the largest and best equipped contract plate shop in the Metropolitan area, making tanks, stacks, flues, bins, and hoppers. It also manufactured the Birch Heater. It employed between 100 and 125 men at its peak. It originally occupied a small rented building on the premises of the Ulster Iron

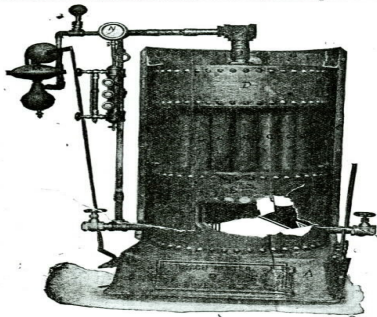
Works; later moving to the old school house at the foot of Morris Street.

Its worldwide distribution included tanks and stacks supplied to the Woolworth Building in New York City and to Mexico, South America, China, India, Russia, and the Philippines. A tank from the Dover Boiler Works was installed in the Empire State Building. In 1938 the plant was purchased by Koven.

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Dover's Railroad Tell America's Story Of The Once Powerful Railroad Industry

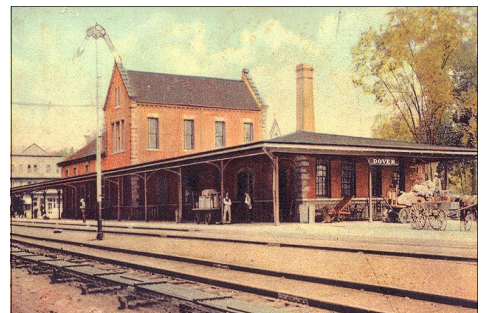
DOVER—The railroad yards have been a fixture in Dover for over 150 years. On July 31, 1848 the trains finally rolled into Dover. The trains arriving in Dover was a tremendous economic boom to the community. The trains ran six days a week and Sunday lay-over travelers would lodge in one of Dover's many hotels. Covered wagons from miles around, some as far away as Sussex, loaded with pork, flour, eggs, and other farming products, to find shipments to

the New York market or sale at Dover. The same year Dover was officially designated "*The Dover Market Place of 1848.*"

In 1899, the trains started running seven days a week. The railroad for many years had maintained car repair shops off of Salem Street. At its peak, the shops had employed nearly four-hundred people.

Today, Dover remains an important rail depot and is the focal point of the popular Midtown Direct. Commuters take advantage

of Dover's large Crescent Field Parking Lot to avoid driving their cars into the city.



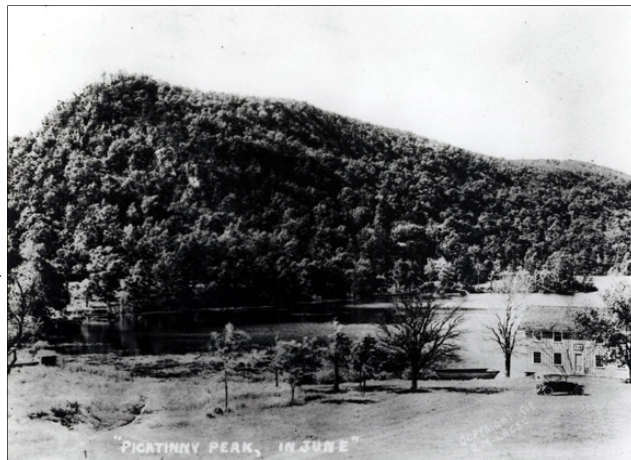
The Granddaddy Of Dover's Power & Might PICATINNY ARSENAL—U.S. ARMY & U.S. NAVY

DOVER—Although not physically located within the city limits of Dover, Picatinny Arsenal has been synonymous to Dover for over 100-years. Records show the property was first purchased in 1749 by Jonathan Osborne at the foot of Picatinny Peak and built a dam and erected a forge. In 1772 it became the Middle Forge acquired by Col. Jacob Ford and in 1778 by John Faesch. During the Revolutionary War Gen. Washington visited the site to arrange ammunition production for the Continental Army. It was during the Civil War that the U.S. Government realized a need for a controlled government facility to manufacture black powder. In 1879 Major F.H. Parker recommended the Middle Forge property and the 1,866 acres was purchased for \$62,000. On Sept. 6, 1880 the tract was opened as the Dover Powder Depot with the official name coming 4 days later as the

Picatinny Powder Depot. The Dover site was ideal for such a munitions center because of the available water power, rural, close to the rails and canal and hills to protect the public in the event of accidental explosions.

In 1907 Picatinny became the site of the Army's first smokeless powder production and changed its name to Picatinny Arsenal. During World War I the arsenal was a major producer of powdered loaded shells. In 1921, the arsenal began research of fuses and began production on explosive mines, grenades and large caliber ammunition. In

1926, a major explosion caused by lightening killed 19 employees and injured 38 others. Death toll could have been much worst if had not been a Saturday afternoon.



PICATINNY ARSENAL YESTERDAY — TODAY - TOMORROW

(cont.) following the explosion, but Mayor Thomas Bassett of Dover and the mayors of Rockaway and Wharton fought the move and won. The Navy maintained a major storage facility at the base during World War II and again was a major ammunition producer.

In 1946, Picatinny became a major rocket test and development site. From 1944 to 1960, Picatinny was the Naval Air Rockets Test Station. Picatinny remained an active research and development arsenal during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Even as recent at the

Persian Gulf War to today's war on terror, Picatinny remains a major player in America's military might.

PICATINNY TODAY

Now as America faces the Global War on Terror, troops in Afghanistan and Iraq have praised such Picatinny items as the 84mm AT4 Confined Space High Performance Picatinny Rail M249 and its collapsible butt stock M4 carbine, Weapons sights and target designators. Most recently Picatinny faced the possibility of being closed

by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. Through the efforts of loyal supporters and Picatinny's long history of serving the nation, the arsenal won the Pentagon's recommendation to remain open



Natures Gift to Dover-The Mighty Rockaway River

DOVER—Although it is one of New Jersey's smaller rivers, the Rockaway was once an important gateway to the vast magnetic iron deposits of Morris County. Its branches penetrate the northern hills where hundreds of shafts were sunk when New Jersey provided most of the iron for America. Forges and furnaces sprang up by the early colonists who produced iron household utensils and ammunition for the Revolutionary Army. Dover's first forge along the river was the Dover Quaker Works established in 1745 at the site of today's

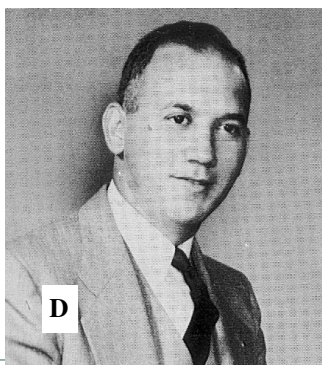
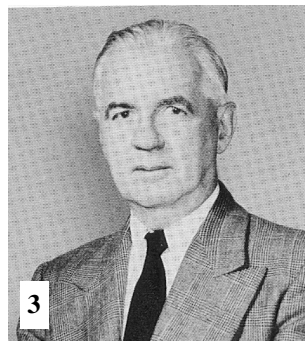
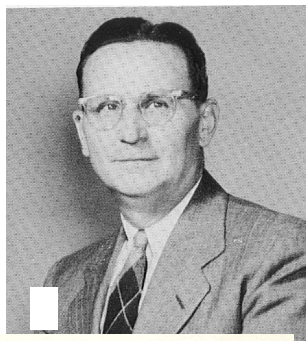
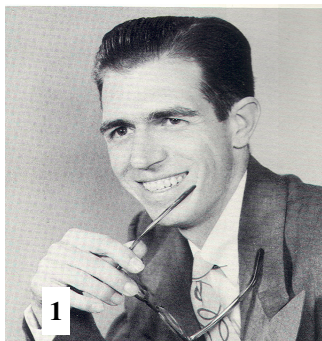
Kraurszer's MiniMart across from the fire station.

The Rockaway's main stream is fed by the tiny Lake Madonna on Sparta Mountain and runs about 40 miles long through Dover, Denville, Boonton and connects to the Whippany River at Pine Brook.

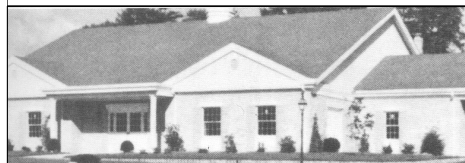
Rockaway appears to be the white man's shortening of the Indian name of the river, roga weighwero, which means "running out of a deep gorge."

As early as 1685 a party of Newark and Elizabeth pioneers set out for the Passaic River frontier. Taking pack horses, these men followed the streams back into the hills, through Dover, to find the "black stone" that the colonists had learned of from the Indians near Succassunna. As the veins of ore were discovered more and more forges and furnaces were built in and around Dover. Despite the opposition of the English ironmasters who tried to crush the infant enterprise, the colonists developed a powerful

Fifty-five years ago the following faces were familiar in the halls of Dover High School. Just see how many you can put the correct names to. Answers on next page.



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K. Robert Thompson, Denville
M. Thricmer, Murphysboro, IL

Mary Toye, Hackettstown
E. M. Visioli, Morristown
Louisa Wall, Dover

Miriam Willinger, Dover
Clara Wolford, Dover
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Dover



Munson Homestead Bridge & Wm. Penn

South Morris Street Bridge Still Stands Today - Unnoticed But Not Forgotten

DOVER-Tracing the earliest of Dover's history, one cannot forget about the Munson Homestead. Over the crest of the hill and down a hollow (S. Morris St.) where the first stream crosses the road, we find the old homestead of Munson's farm. This is a town's southernmost limit that was part of the **William Penn Return of 1715**. Historical records show Penn taking up a "Return" of 1250 acres, which included lands of Mill Brook, Franklin and the Munson Farm, now part of Dover. Ezekiel Munson was born in 1762 in Morristown and died in 1828 in Dover at the age of 66. He worked for John Jackson and ploughed the ground for Jacob Losey in what is now the business district of downtown Dover. Ezekiel sold the farm to Mahlon Prudden and Mahlon Munson bought it back. Mahlon was born in 1798 and died on the Munson Farm in 1881. A member of St John's Episcopal Church he often helped

Jacob Losey cart iron from the Dover works to the Elizabeth Port.

The Munson mine is located within the boundaries of Dover. The mine was located about one-half mile southeast of the railroad station. Two shafts were sunk in 1859. They were 120 feet deep, 150 feet apart, and connected by a drift. The vein was 4 feet wide, but in this width it included considerable rock. During its active life it yielded approximately 16 tons of ore daily, never really become a large producer. The area of the mine is presently occupied by older homes.

The Munson line goes back to Thomas Munson, born in 1612, Samuel born in 1643, Samuel Jr. born in 1668, Solomon born in 1740 and Ezekiel born in 1762. Mahlon was



born in 1798. Helen Munson was enrolled in Dover High School in 1914. Today, Joan Munson is a living descent of the Munson family. Joan is active in community affairs, the Dover Little Theater and Dover Renaissance. Such is the story of one of the oldest family lines in Dover history. **Pictured is the Munson Stone bridge at the foot of S. Morris St. which decided the northern most limit on William**

Outreach Update

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Stan Schoonmaker, Vice President and Outreach Chairman has been very active in providing Dover-related history programs to various organizations and schools in and around Dover.

Stan's first activity of the Fall Season was a PowerPoint Presentation to

the Hopatcong Rotary Club at their October 13th regular luncheon meeting. The subject was "100+ years on Blackwell Street" The Rotary Club meets weekly at the "Woodside".

Stan also completed working with the DHS Class of 1965 in preparing for their 40th Reunion. Any group or organization interested in the Historical Society's Outreach program should contact Stan at (973) 366-2319.

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- #2 Mr. Harvey Kuntzelman, Superintendent of Schools
- #3 Mr. William Black, Principal.
- #4 Mr. Lou Cronholm, Vice Principal.
- #5 Mr. Dale Weaver, Guidance

- Director.
- #6 Miss Cornelia Boyd, English Teacher.
- #7 Harry (Coo) DeLorenzo, Math Teacher, Head Basketball Coach.
- #8 Miss Mary Louise Hyland, Latin Teacher.
- #9 Mr. Donald Thomson, Science Teacher and later Superintendent of Schools.
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