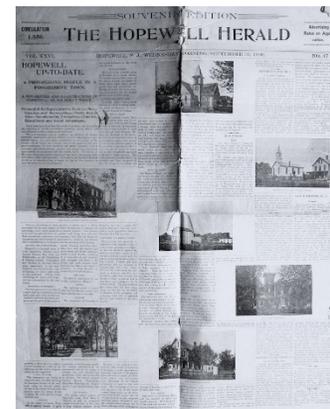

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See also the 1914 Progress Edition supplement of the Herald, published in May 1914, that features over 70 sketches and 60 photos, focusing more on the prominent municipal leaders and business people, and also covers Pennington.

There were two other similar promotional booklets published before and after this 1900 Souvenir Edition:

- *Healthful Historic Hopewell* (Normer Gray, 1897, 57 pp.) features brief descriptions of the advantages and businesses of "progressive" Hopewell, and includes 40 pages of photographs.
- *1909 Hopewell New Jersey* (Fry & Whitehead, 1909, 54 pp.) focuses on describing the advantages of Hopewell as a place of residence, with pages of photos and business ads.

All but one of the photos in this Souvenir Edition appear in at least one, if not both, of the two booklets. The images used in this document mostly come from the booklets (with the captions from the booklets), since these provide better scans than the 1900 newspaper.

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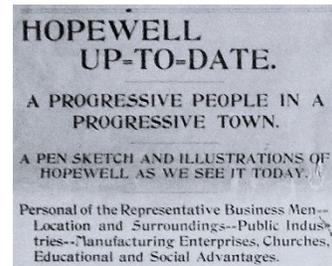
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Hopewell Up To Date.

A Progressive People In A Progressive Town.

**A Pen Sketch And Illustrations Of
Hopewell As We See It Today.**

**Personal Of The Representative Business Men -
Location and Surroundings - Public Industries -
Manufacturing Enterprises, Churches,
Educational And Social Advantages.**



Great cities have never been the result of accident, but invariably the outgrowth of natural and artificial conditions, clearly defined and unquestionable in their existence and influences.

The most important natural conditions are salubrity of climate, convenient geographical position, fertility of soil in the adjacent agricultural region, and particularly accessibility to all sections of the country - for all history bears witness, that no rich, populous and prosperous community, has ever flourished and grown powerful without commerce, and hitherto at least, commerce has always been dependent upon riparian communication with the outside world. No locality in the union has a more equitable climate, or one where the seasons glide more imperceptibly into each other. It is safe to say that for residential as well as manufacturing purposes four manufacturing purposes, no city on this continent is more favorably located than Hopewell.

It is not our mission in these columns to devote space to details connected with the early history of Hopewell, although to chronicle so interesting a story would indeed be a splendid pleasure. Our business is not with the past but with the present, with living men and their daily occupations, enterprises and successes; what they are doing for themselves and their borough in manufacturers, commerce and finance, and in contributing to the progress and advancement of the locality.

Location and Surroundings.

Hopewell is a borough town of 1,200 population, situated about midway between New York and Philadelphia, on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. Pennington and Trenton lie five and twelve miles, respectively, to the west. Princeton and Lawrenceville, seats of learning, lie about 8 miles to the southwest. Trolley lines connecting all places with Hopewell are contemplated in the near future.

Municipal Governments.

The local government consists of a mayor and six councilman and is based upon strict ideas of economy, consistent with safe and secure progress and the spirit of the people is decidedly in favor of every measure to make taxation low, while at the same time all we'll public improvements are well supported.

A City of Homes.

This designation can hardly be improved upon, for after admiring the handsome houses of the well-to-do along our favorite streets, the eye of the visitor will rest with pleasure upon the homes of the mechanic, the clerk and the young businessman.

Banking.

In the matter of banks, Hopewell is signally blessed. A good, sound, fiduciary institution flourishes here, with fat deposits and active loans, and its last statement shows a most healthy condition. It is conservatively and economically managed and there is the fullest and most implicit confidence and the officers and board of directors. A more extended account will be found elsewhere.

The Press.

The press is represented by one weekly publication - HERALD.

Hotels.

The traveling public is looked after by two first-class hotels that rank with the best in the state.

Churches.

The population of Hopewell is essentially a church-going people. All leading denominations are represented, and all the places of worship were well attended and prosperous. There are six churches as follows: Old School Baptist, Calvary Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, St. Alphonsus R. C. and Second Calvary Baptist.

Educational.

The public school system of Hopewell, under professor Miles D. Wagner, is said by competent judges to be the best in the state. A large Catholic Orphans' Home and school is located on the south side of town.

Manufacturing.

The bulk of the manufacturing in Hopewell is in stable articles. We herewith give a list of some of the classes of goods manufactured: Shirts, doors, sash, stairs, canned goods, ship and car timbers, &c. Besides, there are two starts there are two stone quarries, a creamery and the largest poultry farm in New Jersey.

Club and Social Life.

There are many religious social societies as well as fraternal orders. The lodges are Masonic, Jr. O. U. A. M, and Knights of the Pythias.

Retail Trade.

The surrounding country for a radius of several miles, and including a number of towns and villages of more or less note, is practically tributary to this borough in most of its lines of retail business. Besides this, Hopewell, as the principle town in an important region of agricultural country, is the natural market for the principle portion of the products of this region; thus a large amount of custom is drawn here to swell the general aggregate of its annual retail business. The trade, as a rule, is conducted by individuals and firms composed of men of enterprise, experience and integrity, and their stores will compare favorably with any other place of equal magnitude, either in character of goods or prices.



Presbyterian Church.

Facilities for Manufacturing.

Opportunities are presented at Hopewell, to the manufacturer, of a much more advantageous character than are offered by larger cities, inasmuch that while equal, if not superior conditions are at hand, the cost of living and therefore production is lower. Suitable and most convenient sites are available at comparatively little cost. Hopewell and its inhabitants are prepared to welcome any who may purpose to make this borough the theatre of their operations and to lend them every assistance that is in their power. The manufacturer who comes here will find everything provided for the successful furtherance of his enterprise, and a helping hand will be extended to him by every citizen of the community.

No place in the country is prepared to offer better inducements to the large or small manufacturer than does Hopewell at the present time, and while a center of refinement, culture and convenience, every advantage of the highest civilization is open to him who seeks. The inhabitants of this section are as a rule of the better classes, being made up of industrious and thrifty people who are willing to work in any congenial field that offers.

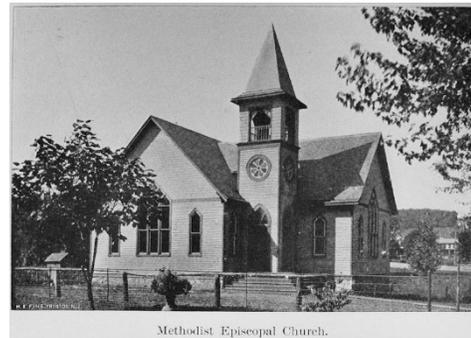
Hopewell's capital, although hitherto ample, has its limits, and some of the older capitalists have been trained to certain pursuits and may not be fitted for a change, hence the opportunities must be filled principally by incoming investors and manufacturers, who will, however, find the local businessmen and capitalists willing to join hands with willing and experienced managers.

Today Hopewell offers inducements which should attract the eager attention of capitalists seeking sound investments, and manufactures looking for a place where there is an active and growing market on the spot for their products.

Board of Trade.

The board of trade was organized largely through the efforts of our most public spirited citizens, is composed of about thirty-five of the leading business and professional man of the borough, who lend a much of their time, influence and council towards furthering the growth and prosperity of the place.

The executive officers for the current year are: L. Labaw, president; F. F. Holcombe, vice president; J. R. Wert, secretary; J. M. Race, treasurer. Since its organization it has been active in all measures calculated to advance the interests of Hopewell, and to demonstrate the advantages of the borough it stands able and willing to offer inducements to all who may purpose to cast their lot with us.



New Enterprise.

The united and sole aim of our citizens has always been to legislate economically and conservatively in municipal affairs, with a view to make Hopewell's industrial enterprises success will, because the truth is, the success of one is the success of all, and that of the general prosperity of the city.

Municipal taxation and public debt has never been piled upon our borough to become a blight to individual enterprise.

Real Estate.

Real estate in and around Hopewell has assumed an active and healthy demand. With the growth of the place and increase of population, naturally there arises a corresponding demand for residential sites. Much in the way of improvements have been accomplished in the suburbs and there are now many desirable sites available which may prove of advantage as investments as the borough continues to grow and expand, or which are generally suitable for business blocks, residences or manufacturing purposes. The price of real estate here today is low considering its real value and the prospects of future appreciation.

The borough is making rapid and satisfactory progress in the creation of new residences and places of business. During the past two years some very handsome buildings have been put up, and many more will follow in the near future. Capitalists and investors, as well as those who may be seeking the location in which to embark in business, will do well to look in this direction for a profitable field. We have elsewhere detailed of the conditions which are certain to make a Hopewell one of the most coming cities of New Jersey. We have spoken at length of its growing shipping trade, advantageous railroad facilities, delightful climate, admirable location, cheap sites for manufacturing and residents, good water supply, cheap living and other attractions, and need not further recapitulate. Its advance is certain; it cannot be otherwise.

Summary.

There can be no doubt entertained by anyone who takes notes who takes note of this rapid strides which Hopewell has recently made, as to its continued and most successful advancement. Its natural resources were at no time better supplement by its acquired advantages then they are today, and the new opportunities to inaugurate new enterprises and obtain homes, occupations and happiness are here open to all. Hopewell is the home of intellectual vigor, with a past full of interest, a present full of earnestness and a future full of promise.

Following will be found a sketch of our representative manufacturers, business and professional men, who are always identified with anything that has for its factor the benefitting of Hopewell.



RESIDENCE OF L. H. REED.



A. S. Cook's Residence

M. D. Puglia, Barber [Broad & Greenwood]

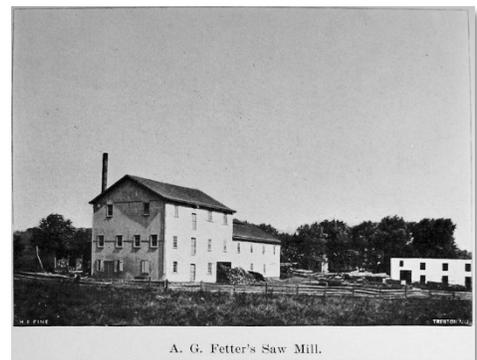
Few men living in Hopewell have not at some time patronized the barber shop of Mr. M. D. Puglia, the popular tonsorial artist whose shop is near Pierson's drug store.

Mr. Puglia has fitted up his place with modern and up-to-date fixtures, such as elegantly upholstered, patent reclining chairs, plate glass mirrors, &c., and these together with the choicest of tonics, powders and clean towels, combined with the expert skill of Mr. Puglia, insures to the delighted customer a smooth, easy shave or a first-class hair cut. Since locating in Hopewell four years ago Mr. Puglia has built up a fine trade and all speak in highest praise of his ability as an artist. We must not fail to add that as a musician Mr. Puglia has few if any equals and no superiors in this part of New Jersey. He is a born musician and can play almost any instrument, but his favorite is the violin. He is prepared to furnish music, any number of pieces, for parties, harvest homes, sociables, picnics, dances and entertainments at very reasonable rates considering the quality and grade of music furnished.

Mr. Puglia first saw the light of day beneath the azure skies of sunny Italy. He is well known throughout the state is one of our most popular citizens.

Hopewell's Saw Mill, A. G. Fetter, Proprietor [18 Louellen at Model]

As the object of this edition is to show the resources and facilities of our borough, we must not fail to mention the steam saw mill of A. G. Fetter, which is one of our most important industrial enterprises. The plant is well equipped with machinery for all necessary purposes and employment is given quite a number of men. The energies of the concern is devoted to the manufacture of ship, car and wagon timber, all of which is shipped away, the export trade being considerable. The N.Y.C. & H. R. Ry. are large consumers and a large and important business is transacted.



It is manufacturing concerns of this character that Hopewell is badly in need of. Mr. Fetter is essentially a self-made man and one our oldest and most substantial business men. Public spirited and progressive, he is identified with many projects which have materially assisted in our growth within recent years, among which is the Columbia Building and Loan Association, of which he is president.

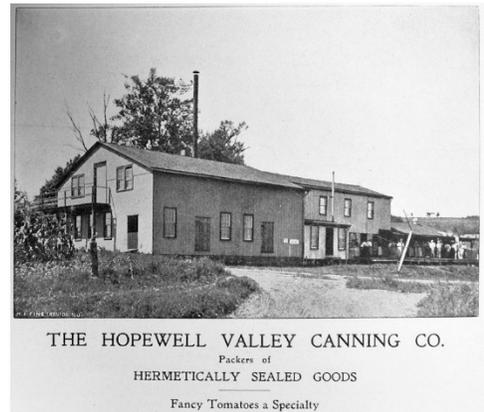
J. M. Ege, Hardware, Stoves and Farmers' Supplies

No house in this section has won a more deserved and substantial reputation for integrity and square dealing than that founded by Mr. J. M. Ege some ten or eleven years ago. It was originally started on a small scale, but by close attention to business, its proprietor has built up a trade second to none hereabouts and enlarged the stock from time to time until today no similar concern in the county, outside of Trenton, carries such a variety of goods. The energies of the concern are devoted to handling hardware, ranges, oil stoves, ready-mixed paints, agricultural implements and farmers' supplies generally.

Mr. Ege is one of the most enterprising, progressive and successful business men in Hopewell and one of our most respected citizens. He is now collector of the borough, as well as superintendent of the water company, and general manager of the telephone company. This enterprise naturally ranks high in a review of this character, inasmuch as its facilities are complete and unquestionably not surpassed by any similar concern in this part of the county.

Hopewell Valley Canning Co., Geo. E. Snowden, Supt. [2 Somerset]

Among the solidly established industrial enterprises of Hopewell, and one which contributes in no small degree to the reputation our borough enjoys as a distributing center, is the Hopewell Valley Canning Company, which was started in 1892. The company are packers of hermetically sealed goods, making a specialty of tomatoes, in which their product is said to among the very best on the market and has received very creditable editorial comment in the American Journal of Health. The plant is completely equipped with the very best of machinery known to the trade and 244,000 cans were put up last season. Although the season is short, six weeks employment is given to about 85 hands and over \$3,000 a year is paid out for labor alone. Last season about \$5,000 was paid to farmers for tomatoes. The company has been very successful since its organization and has paid a regular annual dividend of 5 per cent. on a par value capital of \$5,200. Many improvements have been added since it was started and the plant is now worth \$7,000. A. L. Holcombe is president, J. Hervey Stout vice-president, and Wm. I. Phillips secretary and treasurer. Directors: N. Stout Voorhees, D. L. Blackwell, David Stout and W. B. Van Pelt.



The plant is in charge of Superintendent Geo. E. Snowden, who has had an experience of twenty-two years in the canning business, understanding it thoroughly. It is due largely to his energetic efforts, experience and executive ability that the company have met with such a lucrative success.

Geo. E. Pierson, Ph. G., Druggist [1 W. Broad at Greenwood]

In a correct review of this character it is certainly obligatory to state that the pharmacy of Geo. E. Pierson is one of the best stocked country drug stores to be found anywhere. A practical pharmacist, thoroughly skilled in every department of his specialty. Mr. Pierson is also sufficiently actuated with the spirit of the times to keep abreast in all that materially contributes to the convenience of the public, and his store lacks nothing to make or render it attractive throughout. The stock is kept replenished at frequent intervals with fresh and pure drugs, and customers are assured that ingredients used in the compounding of physicians' prescriptions are the very best that money will buy. A handsome soda fountain, a full line of imported and domestic cigars, stationery and druggists' sundries help to make the place deservedly popular. During the eight years Mr. Pierson has been in business he can point with pride to the fact that he has yet the first time to substitute one drug for another, a practice very often resorted to by unscrupulous druggists.

Mr. Pierson is held in the highest estimation of our community and enjoys the complete confidence of the entire medical fraternity. He is secretary of the Columbia Building and Loan Association and interested in other local enterprises. Descriptive comment is idle as to those qualities which have placed him in the front rank, both as a pharmacist and member of our business community.

**Hopewell National Bank, A. L. Holcombe, President,
J. N. Race, Cashier [13 E. Broad]**

Established March 17, 1890, its career since its inception has been characterized by the most gratifying degree of prosperity and a general management through seasons of financial depression and commercial reverses, at once safe, conservative and enterprising. It has paid-in capital stock of \$50,000, with a surplus and undivided profits of \$17,647.62 more, which success must be attributed to the fidelity with which its officers and directors have administered their trusts. A legitimate national banking business is transacted in deposits, loans, collections and exchange, receiving the accounts of firms, corporations, farmers and individuals on the most favorable terms, discounting first-class paper loaning on approved collateral, etc.



Hopewell National Bank.

Superior facilities are enjoyed for collecting items throughout this and adjoining states. Its directory is composed of what is termed the solid men of Hopewell and vicinity and it will be seen by the following roster that our bank is in the hands of men of unquestioned integrity: A. L. Holcombe, president; S. V. Van Zandt, vice president, and Jno. N. Race, cashier. Directors: A. L. Holcombe, Jno. N. Race, B. Frank Lewis, S. V. Van Zandt, J. M. Dalrymple, F. F. Holcombe, A. C. Bond, L. Labaw, B. F. Holcombe, J. H. Schomp, L. S. Blackwell, J. Hervey Stout, A. T. Ege and D. L. Blackwell.

The policy of the Hopewell National Bank has always been to offer special facilities to the business accounts of its customers, holding itself ready at all times to extend any reasonable line of discounts as well as other accommodations consistent with safe and conservative banking. Accounts are solicited and with the very best of facilities our readers can rely upon the service and secure of the Hopewell National Bank with the utmost confidence.



A. LARISON HOLCOMBE.

President of the Hopewell National Bank,
President of the Hopewell Valley Banking Company,
President of the Hopewell People's Building-Loan and Savings Association,
and member of the Mercer County Board of Freeholders.

Hopewell Shirt Factory, Thos. Vaughn, Prop. [37-41 Railroad]

In detailing the various industries which are contributing to make the borough of Hopewell a leading center of distribution, the manufacture of shirts is entitled to a position of the first importance. Among the men who have had an important share in building up and maintaining this business in New Jersey, none deserve more credit than Thos. Vaughn, who came here in '92, erected the two-story brick building occupied, and has since met with almost phenomenal success. In fact, the output has been governed largely by the shortage of help.

The factory, which is 40 x 100 ft. in dimensions, is equipped with every modern device known to the industry. Employment is given to from 80 to 90 experienced hands, the amount of wages being distributed amounting the over \$25,000 annually. A factory of similar proportions is also operated at Clinton, N.J.



THE SHIRT FACTORY.

Mr. Vaughn is thoroughly experienced in every branch of the business, giving each department his personal attention. He is held in the highest estimation by the people of Hopewell and regarded as one of her most public spirited citizens and successful business men. The illustration of the building herewith presented, gives the reader a fair idea of its size and importance.

J. H. Titus, Livery and Exchange Stables [11-13 Seminary]

These admirably equipped livery stables, as well as the largest in Hopewell, are those of J. H. Titus, which will be found located in the rear of the Hopewell Hotel. Mr. Titus has had control of these stables for the past six or seven years and has during this time transacted a good substantial business. Several head of first-class driving horses are hitched to newly painted wagons and hired to responsible parties at reasonable rates, experienced drivers being furnished if desired. Private horses are also taken to board, the best of food and care being provided. These stables will be found as well, if not better equipped, as can be found anywhere in this section of the state.

Mr. Titus enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout the county and is regarded in Hopewell as a gentlemen of business ability and strict business veracity. He is a good judge of horse flesh, having been identified with horses on and off all his life.

I. L. Woodward, Baker - Broad St.

We are always glad to welcome to Hopewell men who are wide-awake, energetic and progressive, and in this connection we must refer to Mr. I. L. Woodward, who succeeded E. W. Golden, deceased last December, to the old establish bakery on Broad street. Two wagons are run through the country and in town, supplying fresh bread, rolls, pies, cakes, etc., daily, and a large and constantly increasing business is transacted. Nothing but the very best of flour, yeast, baking powder, butter, eggs and other ingredients are used, and these, together with the skill of an expert baker, insures a perfect product. A large majority of our Hopewell families are now using Woodward's bread almost exclusively and pronounce it equal in every way to the home-made article. Mr. Woodward takes great pride in the reputation his goods are gaining and may be fully trusted to keep them up to their present standard of excellence.

Personally Mr. Woodward is highly regarded and esteemed by the citizens of this community and it is a source of great satisfaction that a man of his progressiveness has made this departure into a business of such vital importance to our food supply.

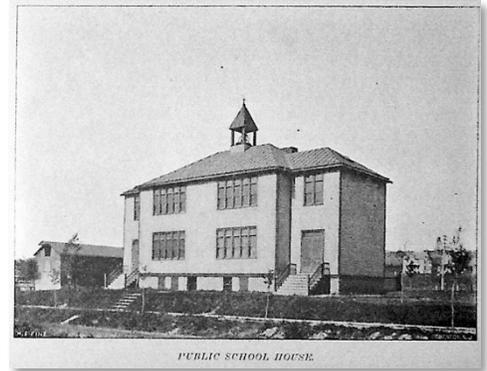
Louis K. Ege, Electrician

There is possibly at this time in the progress of enlightenment and inventive ingenuity, no business commanding greater technical knowledge than that of the mechanical harnessing of electricity. Mr. Louis K. Ege, having foreseen this field of unlimited possibilities, has been a close observer and student, and has established himself as a practical and mechanical electrical engineer. Mr. Ege is prepared to do all kinds of electric wiring, install burglar alarms, electric bells, put up private telephone lines and electrical work of every description. Mr. Ege has charge of the Hopewell Telephone and Construction Company and all complaints are immediately remedied. He was raised in this neighborhood and is one of our most popular and energetic young business men. A casual conversation with him is convincing proof of his ability in the line of his profession.

Amos C. Bond, Agricultural Implements, Stock Dealer, &c. - Seminary Ave.

Among the leading business men and most reputable citizens of Hopewell is Mr. Amos C. Bond, who conducts and implement business in the Bond Building, on Seminary avenue. Mr. Bond handles all kinds of farming machinery, windmills and gasoline engines, and his facilities enable him to offer these goods at prices which should attract the current of patronage in his direction. During the winter season he also deals in horses. Mr. Bond is regarded in commercial circles as one of our most substantial business men.

Beside a handsome residence here, he owns several fine farms in the immediate vicinity, and is identified with numerous other interests. He is a director of the Hopewell National Bank, is a Justice of the Peace, and one of our most progressive and energetic residents.



William I. Reid, Marble and Granite Works [9 Mercer]

The cemeteries in this vicinity are especially noticeable for the elegance and taste displayed in the costly and beautiful monuments and headstones which grace them, and many of these are the products of the enterprise of Mr. Wm. I. Reid. The energies of this gentleman are devoted to the manufacture and sale of marble and granite monuments, headstones, fences, tablets, statuary, vaults, coping, etc. Estimates are cheerfully furnished and notwithstanding the super excellence of the work, the prices and will be found to be based upon a plan of moderation entirely satisfactory to patrons.

Mr. Reid was born and raised here and is one of Hopewell's most enterprising and successful young business men. He is a skillful stone worker and has been in business here for himself for the past three years.

Geo. V. Van Neste, M.D., Physician and Surgeon

Success in any department of a business or profession depends to very large extent upon the intelligence, proficiency and ability which is brought to bear upon it. This is more particularly true and applicable to the medical profession than to any other. From the earliest times the art that alleviates and removes pain and heals the afflicted, has justly been regarded as among the highest and noblest of human functions, and in this connection it will not be amiss to refer to that well known practitioner Dr. Geo. V. Van Neste.

Dr. Van Neste has had an active experience in the practice of medicine extending over a period of seventeen years. Born at Weston, Somerset Co., N.J., his early education was derived from the local district schools; later in life he prepared for Rutgers College at Rev. Wm. Connell's classical institute. He graduated from Rutgers in 1879, and from that world renowned Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, in '83. After graduating he located at Millstone, where he practiced medicine for ten years, when he came to Hopewell, since which time he has enjoyed a large, influential and lucrative practice. Dr. Van Neste is a physician of broad knowledge and wide experience. He owns a beautiful home on Broad street and is held in the highest estimation by all who know him.

St. Lambert Farm, F. C. Bradley, Prop., Stock Raiser

Mr. Frank Bradley is one of Hopewell's best known and most successful citizens. Mr. Bradley is an extensive breeder of the famous St. Lambert breeds of Jersey cattle and has some of the finest butter-record cow in this or any other state. An elegant 200 acre farm is used for the breeding and rearing of this stock, and it is claimed that here can be seen some of the finest specimens of thoroughbred cattle to be found anywhere in this section.

Mr. Bradley also has a threshing outfit, which is kept constantly busy threshing grain for farmers throughout this and adjoining counties.

Mr. F. C. Bradley is one of our borough's most respected citizens and is a worthy representative of the stock raising interests of Hopewell. Personally he is so well and favorably known that any extended comment would seem idle.

James E. Pierson, Stock Dealer - Rosedale

The leading stock dealer in this neighborhood is Mr. James E. Pierson, who has been identified with this business and hereabouts for the past few years. Mr. Pierson is essentially what may be termed a self made man. By sheer pluck and hustling he has been very successful and is today regarded as the representative factor in his particular branch of trade.

Mr. Pierson is a buyer and raiser of live stock, cattle, calves, sheep, hogs, etc., a specialty being made of thoroughbred Jersey and Guernsey cows. He owns one of the finest farms in this neighborhood, located at Rosedale. Although a young man, Mr. Pierson has already outstripped his other competitors, and his success has been by treating everyone fair and square and conducting his business on an honorable and progressive basis. Personally he is an agreeable and courteous gentleman and one of our most popular citizens.

John A. Miller, M.D., Homoeopath [14 W. Broad]

One of the oldest and most respected citizens of Hopewell, and one whose name is familiar to everyone, Dr. John A. Miller, who has been closely identified with the history of our borough for the past thirty-five years.

Dr. Miller was born in Mercer County, but spent his boyhood days in the city of Burlington, tis state. Selecting medicine as his study he entered one of the best know medical colleges in Philadelphia and graduated in '64. After practicing in Burlington one year he came to Hopewell in 1865, where he has since enjoyed a large and lucrative practice.

The doctor has always taken a lively interest in the welfare of our borough. He has reached a ripe old age and is now taking life a little more leisurely than in former days.

Dr. Miller is highly esteemed by all who know him and is one of Hopewell's most successful physicians.



Geo. E. Fetter, D.V.S., M.D.V., Veterinarian

One of the most successful veterinary surgeons in this part of New Jersey is Dr. Geo. E. Fetter, who has become widely known for his thorough knowledge of his science and his success with the patients that have been entrusted to his care.

Dr. Fetter is a graduate of the National and Harvard Veterinary Colleges, and after graduation was appointed House Surgeon of the Harvard Veterinary Hospital, Boston. He is prepared to treat the diseases and injuries of all domesticated animals according to the latest approved and most scientific methods. Dentistry is also practiced and all operations in this section have met with the most gratifying results. The doctor has an office on Model avenue, but resides on Columbia avenue, and calls at any time, day or night, will be promptly answered.

Dr. Fetter is well known by our people and is a gentleman thoroughly reliable, and one in whom may be placed every confidence. Phone number 23.

Brophy Bros., General Merchandise - Skillman

Among the most prosperous firms in the vicinity of Hopewell is that of Brophy Bros., who conduct a large general store at Skillman, a few miles east of here. These enterprising young business men gained control of the business upon the demise of their father, Edward W. Brophy, three years ago, and by push, tact and progressive efforts have not only succeeded in gaining the old trade but have also largely increased it, until today no general store around here transacts a better or more satisfactory business. The premises utilized include a two-story building, in which is carried a particularly heavy stock of dry goods, groceries, shoes, hats and everything else usually found in a first-class general store.

The individual members of the firm are Charles W. Brophy and Thomas Brophy, both of which enjoy a wide acquaintance throughout this section and are regarded in commercial circles as being two of our most successful and progressive business men, whose success has been the result of their own individual efforts. Each possesses a great deal of the hustling element in their composition and are tireless and indefatigable workers who well deserve the success with which they have met.

Theo. A. Pierson, M.D., Physician and Surgeon [24 Blackwell / 10 E. Broad]

No medical practitioner in Hopewell enjoys to a greater degree the confidence and esteem of our citizens than Dr. Theo. A. Pierson, who has been here for the past six years.

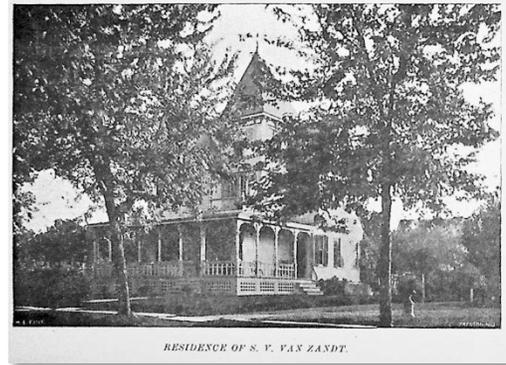
Dr. Pierson is a graduate pharmacist as well as a medical graduate and has become widely known hereabouts for his thorough knowledge of medicine. After graduating with high honors from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Baltimore, Md., in '94, he took a special course in surgery and general practice, and since he came to Hopewell has proved the thoroughness of his experience and skill as a practitioner. Dr. Pierson is today in enjoyment of one of the largest, if not the largest practice of any physician in Hopewell.

He is an active member of the Board of Health and the Board of Trade, president of the Enterprise Land Association, vice-president of the Hopewell Telephone and Construction Company, director of the Columbia Building and Loan Association and connected with other public interests, and is also the physician in charge at St. Michaels' Orphan Asylum.

Although a young man Dr. Pierson is a gentleman of scientific inclinations, whose experience and research, together with his natural aptitude for the diagnosis of disease, eminently qualify him for the confidence and high favor in which he is held by the best physicians throughout the state.

S. V. Van Zandt, Coal, Hay, Feed, Fertilizer - Skillman

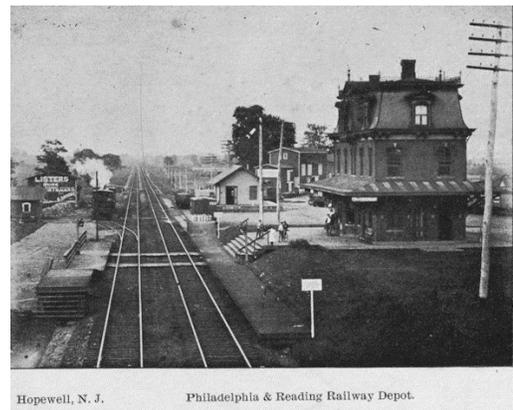
One of the most substantial business men and public spirited citizens of Hopewell is Mr. S. V. Van Zandt, who conducts the largest and most important commercial enterprise at Skillman, a few miles east of here. The plant is commodious, permitting of heavy reserve stocks being carried in all departments, so that orders of any magnitude can be filled promptly. Have, grain, feed, coal and fertilizers are handled, all of which is placed at the disposal of patrons at prices not easily duplicated elsewhere. The proprietor utilizing a plant which has no superior, along with an experienced, efficient and progressive management, is eminently in a position to avail himself of all advantages placed at his disposal.



Mr. Van Zandt is a man whose name is always found identified with progressive measures calculated for the advancement and betterment of Hopewell. He is an active member of the Board of Trade and Board of Health, is vice-president of The Hopewell National Bank and a director of The Columbia Building and Loan Association.

Wm. H. Slugg, Agent Phila. & Reading Railway [2 Railroad]

Among the many necessary facilities that we possess in Hopewell, none are of as vast importance as the great Philadelphia & Reading Railway. Without it we could not prosper and in deed we could never have risen to such proportions if this company had not established an office here and passed through. But it is largely due to its agent, Mr. Wm. H. Slugg, that such a large measure of success has been met within the last seven years.



When Mr. Slugg came here in the spring of '93 he immediately began to build up the business systematically and has increased it over 25 per cent. Mr. Slugg has never aspired to political position, although he has always taken on active interest in local affairs. He is a director of the People's Building Loan and Savings Association and the Hopewell Telephone and Construction Company.

His position at the depot is one which is full of trials, where few friends and lots of enemies can be easily made, but it can be truthfully said that Mr. Slugg has made lots of friends and few, if any, enemies. So, to his popularity must be credited the large increase in railroad business.

In conclusion we may add that no citizen of Hopewell is held in higher esteem than Mr. Wm. H. Slugg.

Paul M. H. Arnold, Tonsorial Artist - [27 W.] Broad St.

The barber shop of Mr. Paul Arnold, on Broad street, is patronized by the leading business men of Hopewell. The place is nicely fitted up with two elegantly upholstered chairs, mirrors, etc., and everything is calculated for the comfort and convenience of customers.

Mr. Arnold is himself what may be termed an artist and up-to-date hair cutter of extraordinary ability and we can truthfully say that his equal can hardly be found anywhere in the entire state of New Jersey. It has been said by some of our people that shaving is here made an agreeable task, and when once Arnold goes over one's face they will never let any other barber shave them.

Mr. Arnold has been a resident of this borough for many years, and is known for miles around. He transacts a business that is established and sure, and it don't make any difference how many barbers come to town, none of them can get his trade from him. Personally he is an agreeable and courteous gentleman and very popular among all classes.

Joshua S. Cope, Stone Quarryman

An enterprise that has materially assisted in extending Hopewell's reputation as a source of supply is the large stone quarries of Joshua S. Cope. A force of men are kept steadily at work getting out material for walks, drives, stone roads, etc. A great deal of trap rock and screenings are shipped to all parts of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Cope secured the contract for furnishing the stone for the Hopewell and Pennington road, the Pennington and Trenton road and the new Trenton reservoir. The quarries were first started about nine years ago, and all the development has been by its present owner. Mr. Cope is a gentleman of wide personal experience in this business and has by push and energy, backed by superior executive ability, built up a large and constantly growing demand for his material. He is well known in this neighborhood and is held in the highest estimation by everyone.

Alonzo Fesmire has been superintendent of the enterprise since it started.

Wm. N. Skillman, Agent Phila. & Reading Ry. - Skillman

The subject of this sketch, Mr. Wm. N. Skillman, is one of Hopewell's best known young business men and respected citizens. Mr. Skillman is agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co. at Skillman, a small station a few miles east of here. He was born and raised in this neighborhood, and since becoming old enough to choose a business entered the service of the above named company at Skillman, where is learned telegraphy as well as familiarized himself with freight and passenger business.

Mr. Skillman is a tireless and indefatigable worker, and since appointed agent at his station has made many friends and patrons for his company, and materially increased the business. He enjoys a wide acquaintance in this section and is held in the highest estimation of the entire community. He recently built a handsome residence on Hart avenue, which is one of the most attractive in this neighborhood.

Robert E. Ferris, General Store - Marshall's Corner

The above named gentleman may be classed among the successful and progressive business men around Hopewell. He conducts a general merchandise store at what is known as Marshall's Corner and transacts one of the best trades of any of the general stores in this vicinity. The stock is both heavy and comprehensive including everything usually found in a first-class general store.

Mr. Ferris enjoys a wide acquaintance and his wagon is a familiar sight in this part of the county. Honest representations and honest prices may be said to distinguish this establishment and its success has been due solely to this fact.

Mr. Ferris is a business man of recognized integrity and standing, and transactions once entered into with him always result in a connection mutually profitable and advantageous. Personally he is an agreeable conversationalist and one of the most active and wide-awake business man in this section.

Morrell Bros., Grocers - [21? E.] Broad at Seminary

As a proof of what enterprise and true business principle will achieve, we have but to refer to the splendid establishment of the Morrell Bros, at the corner of Broad street and Seminary avenue. These energetic young business men erected the building and commenced business about a year and a half ago, since which time they have, by adopting progressive methods and honorable dealing, succeeded in building up a large and flourishing trade. The store is nicely fitted up and the stock, selected with special reference to family trade, embraces fine staple and fancy groceries, canned goods and table delicacies, cereals, provisions and vegetables. It will be hardly necessary for us to allude to the character and standing of the house; we may, however, repeat the general verdict by saying that for fair dealing, low prices and prompt and satisfactory filling of orders, this house stands today fully on a par with any concern in Hopewell.

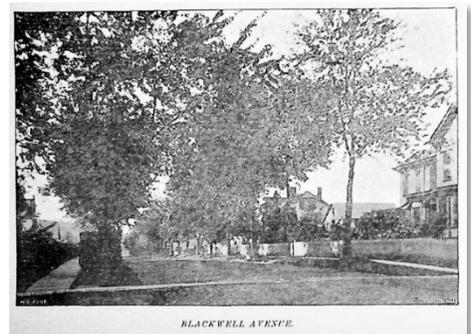
Both Mr. H. P. Morrell and Mr. T. M. Morrell are held in the highest estimation in commercial circles and are classed among the most enterprising, progressive and successful young business men of our borough.

J. Hervey Stout, Merchant Miller and Ice Dealer - Stoutsburg

One of the most prominent citizens and well known successful business men in this neighborhood is Mr. J. Hervey Stout, who, although not exactly a resident of Hopewell, yet is interested in many different local interests. At Stoutsburg, Mr. Stout operates the well know[n] mill at that place. He also is an ice dealer and his wagons are a frequent and familiar sight on our streets.

An old resident here Mr. Stout has been closely identified with the history, growth and development of Hopewell and immediate vicinity for a great many years and has always been found identified with every project having for its factor the benefitting of the place. He is vice-president of the Hopewell Canning Company, a director of the Hopewell National Bank and a prosperous and successful farmer. His influence and money have ever been used to promote progressiveness and thrift among our people, and we can conscientiously add that today no citizen is more highly regarded than him.

Mr. Stout was also a charter member of The Hopewell Herald Co., and is now a director of the First National Bank of Princeton. During the rebellion he served in the 30th Regt. N. J. Vols. He is a charter member of James M. Weart post, 108, G. A. R., and a prominent member of the New Jersey Society of Sons of the Revolution.



Israel G. Howell, Undertaker and Embalmer - [10] Front

The march of progress has wrought a complete revolution within a generation or so in that business devoted to obsequies and internments, and the modern funeral director has been elevated to the dignity of a profession. Representing this important profession here is Mr. Israel G. Howell, whose residence and office are located on Front street, opposite the depot.

Mr. Howell prepared himself for this work at the Medical University on Arch street, Philadelphia, where the celebrated Prof. Sullivan is demonstrator and lecturer on embalming, and Mr. Howell holds a certificate from this well known institution, qualifying him to execute embalming in accordance with the latest and most approved scientific methods. A specialty is made of handling, embalming and preserving the bodies of persons whose death was caused by gangrene, cancer, ovarian tumors, purple fever, dropsy and contagious diseases of all kinds. Personally Mr. Howell is a quiet, sensible, business man, and we need hardly add that nothing is wanting to maintain that dignity and decorum so essential to his profession.

Pleasant View Poultry Farm, Chas. A. Durling, Manager

One of the most beautifully situated farms in this vicinity is that which has appropriately been named "Pleasant View."

Chas. A. Durling, who is manager of this delightful place, is one of the best known poultry raisers in the state of New Jersey, and we can justly say that he presides over one of the best arranged and equipped plants for the raising of chickens to be found anywhere in the United States. Only strictly highbred fowls are raised; including White and Buff Leghorns, Black Minorcas and Buff and Barred Plymouth Rocks, among which are prize winners from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington. About 2,000 old and 4,000 young chickens are now at the farm. This season over 18,000 eggs have been sent to Europe for hatching purposes.

There are forty-seven buildings utilized, the largest being 300 feet long and 16 feet wide, with a 7 ½ ft. front and a walking space or alleyway in the rear of 6 ft. 2 in. It is built in the side of a hill, dug out, and is the only building of the kind in the country. Next year additional buildings will be erected to accommodate about 1,000 more laying stock. Mr. Durling has eight incubators with a capacity of 3,000 eggs. The young stock is raised in Star outdoor brooders, of which there are fifty-three. The facilities for feeding and preparing food is equally complete. There is machinery for grinding 200 pounds of green bone an hour, as well as grain grinders. The feed is all cooked by a large steam cooker. The business was established four years ago and has been very successful, the name of the Pleasant View Poultry Farm being familiar among poultry raisers throughout the civilized world.

Mr. Chas. Durling, on whose shoulders rests the responsibility for the success of the enterprise, is one of Hopewell's most energetic, progressive and wide-awake young business men.

N. D. Blackwell, General Merchandise [44 E. Broad at Princeton]

There are no more important enterprises that add so much to the importance of a place, as do the modern general merchandise establishments of the present day, and Hopewell is not behind other places in this respect as may be readily seen in a visit to the mammoth store of Mr. N. D. Blackwell.



This concern bears the distinction of being the oldest established business enterprise in our borough. The exact date of its foundation is unknown, but it has been in the Blackwell family for over a hundred years. The building occupied was erected in '56 or '57, the present owner having had control for nearly thirty years.

The stock carried is heavy and very comprehensive, and embraces dress goods in great variety, groceries, hardware, carpets, and in fact everything coming under the head of general merchandise. It has always been the aim of Mr. Blackwell to handle the best quality of goods and quote low prices, and it is owing to this fact, coupled with honorable dealing, that he has been so successful. A large trade has always been transacted here and the house has always been looked upon as one of the best and most reliable in Hopewell. Strict integrity and honorable dealing are the corner stones upon which Mr. Blackwell has conducted this enterprise to its present prominent position.

Mr. Blackwell is one of Hopewell's oldest and most respected citizens and is held in high esteem by everyone.

Wm. F. Drake, Contractor and Builder

This gentleman has a first-class reputation as a carpenter, contractor and builder, with an experience in the business covering many years. Mr. Drake came to Hopewell during its early days of progressiveness and has since put up many fine buildings which are a monument to his skill and ability as a builder. Among his buildings is the Holcombe Block and the Bank. He is prepared to furnish estimate upon short notice and his facilities are such as to complete all contracts according to specifications within time agreed.



Mr. Drake is a man of thorough business ability and a first-class mechanic, as his work in this neighborhood clearly proves. Correspondence is solicited from prospective builders, who will be furnished with all required information. Mr. Drake stands in the very front of successful contractors and is regarded as one of our most energetic, progressive and reliable builders and representative citizens.

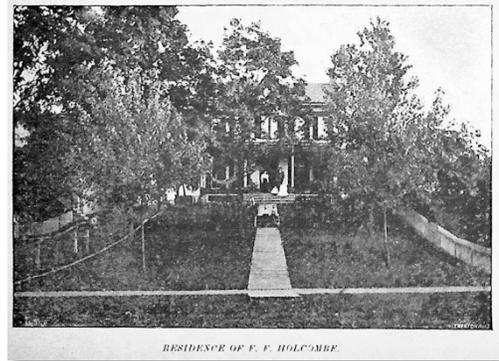
C.L. Williamson, Clothing, Dry Goods, Furnishing Goods, Shoes, Hats, Etc. [2-4 W. Broad]

The enterprise of Mr. C. L. Williamson, in Holcombe Block, will naturally rank high in a review of this character, inasmuch as its facilities are complete in every department and unquestionably not surpassed by any similar concern in the county, outside of Trenton.

The premises occupied are among the largest in Hopewell, and filled with a heavy and comprehensive assortment of goods, embracing a fine line of stylish and well made ready-made clothing, dry goods, hats and caps, neckwear, shoes, underwear, and gents' furnishing goods generally. It may be truthfully said that few places the size of Hopewell can produce as large and well a stocked store of the kind as this one. The business has been conducted for the past seven years by its present owner, who came here from Harlingen, where he conducted a large general store for eight years. Since Mr. Williamson came here he has sustained a well-earned reputation for reliability and honorable dealing and is today looked upon as one of our most trust worthy and successful merchants. He is assisted in the business by his son, Mr. J. S. Williamson, who is one our most popular and respected young men.

Holcombe & Titus, General Merchandise

As a business of the highest standing in the community, and one closely connected with the history, growth and development of the trade in Hopewell, the representative establishment of Holcombe & Titus has attained the highest position in commercial circles. The present partnership was formed about two years ago. The stock carried is heavy, embracing everything coming under the head of general merchandise, and an immense business is transacted. The house has a bearing of considerable utility in relation to all classes, and during the years it has been in active operation has enjoyed a time-honored reputation second to none in this borough. The members of this representative firm are F. Holcombe and E. S. Titus, both of which enjoy a standing in business and commercial circles of the highest.



Mr. Holcombe is now postmaster so that the junior member of the firm, Mr. Titus, has the responsibilities of the business wholly on his shoulders. Both are good, conservative business men and public spirited citizens.

J. L. Whitehead, Restaurant, Cigars, Confectionery, &c. [19 Blackwell]

This gentleman is one of Hopewell's old and most respected residents and his business which he started nearly seven years ago, is entitled to recognition in this review of Hopewell's commercial resources. The building occupied was erected in '94 and is owned by Mr. Whitehead. A very nice and prosperous little business is here transacted, the stock including a complete line of cigars and smoking tobaccos of different brands, confectionery, soft drinks, oils, &c. In the rear is a nicely fitted up restaurant and lunch room, where lunches or full cooked meals are served as well as oysters in season. Permanent and transient boarders are accommodated at reasonable rates. Mr. Whitehead also manufactures a very superior grade of ice cream that is pronounced to be pure, smooth and delicious in flavor. Parties are supplied in any desired quantity and flavor on short notice.

Personally Mr. Whitehead is highly regarded in the community and holds the confidence and esteem of all with whom he is brought in contact.

W. W. Drake, Mason and Builder

This gentleman has been identified with the building interests of Hopewell for a good many years, and has transacted many fine jobs in the way of putting up buildings and foundations, walling cellars, plain and ornamental plastering and brick and stone work of every description. Mr. Drake has established a reputation for doing a class of work that is durable and first-class in every particular. He is a jobbing mason as well as a contractor, and his patrons are among the very best people living in this neighborhood.

Mr. Drake is one of our most active and public spirited citizens and enjoys the esteem and confidence of the entire community. No better proof of this assertion can be offered than the fact that he was elected the first mayor of this borough, the highest gift in our citizens' power to bestow, and he has served the community with fidelity, honesty, and straight-forwardness that had won him many friends. During his incumbency he has served the best interests of the borough first, last and all the time and we can truthfully say we could not have a better mayor. Mr. Drake is treasurer of the Columbia Building and Loan Association and is prominently identified with Hopewell Lodge, No 155, F. & A. M.



Marion Voorhees, Hardware, Stoves, Farmers Supplies, &c.

The most casual observer of the trade resources of Hopewell will accord to the enterprise of the above named gentleman, a leading position in the mercantile arena of our borough. Established as late as April 1st, the concern as already demanded for itself recognition and a foremost position among leading concerns. A heavy stock is carried, including hardware, nails, hammocks, oil stoves, tinware, ready mixed paints, lawn mowers, pumps, wind mills and farmer supplies generally. Mr. Voorhees is a young man possessed of a great deal of the hustling element in his composition and by pursuing progressive methods has put himself in possession of a substantial and growing trade. Buying judiciously, Mr. Voorhees is enabled to offer inducements in the way of prices, not readily duplicated hereabouts. This is decidedly a representative concern and reflects credit both on its proprietor and the borough in which it is located.

Mr. Voorhees is another of our young business men who may be put in a class by themselves, for if our older and more conservative dealers are not careful they will be drove out of business for being behind the times.

William Milliken, Harness Maker - [E.] Broad [near Hamilton]

The enterprise of William Milliken, on Broad street, near N. D. Blackwell's store, was established six years ago. During the interval Mr. Milliken has gained a first-class trade from our citizens and farmers living in this vicinity, and acquired an enviable reputation as a No.1 workman. Mr. Milliken makes a specialty of manufacturing to order, light and heavy harness for either driving or heavy hauling. He uses only the best of material and guarantees perfect satisfaction in every instance. Repairing and jobbing is also given special attention. The largest and best assortment of harness, robes, nets, halters, collars and horse goods are to be seen here. Employment is given to one experienced harness maker and the business is a prosperous and growing one. All classes of goods are offered for sale at the lowest possible prices. Mr. Milliken is highly regarded for his skill, integrity and honorable business principles, and commands the respect of every one who has dealings with him.

John H. Merz, Jr., Watchmaker and Jeweler - [~7] W. Broad

One of the leading establishments of our rapidly growing borough is that of Jno. H. Merz, Jr., located on Broad St., near Pierson's drug store.

Mr. Merz carries in stock an excellent assortment of watches, clocks, jewelry and novelties. One of the principle features of this business, however, lies in the fact that it is an infirmary or hospital for disabled watches, clocks and jewelry, and that it is well patronized is attested by the mechanical surgeon who is kept almost constantly busy. That good work is done and satisfactory prices charged, is evidenced by the large trade this gentleman controls. No chronometer or watch, no matter how complicated, that has become out of order, but can here be made as good as new.

Mr. Merz has had an exhaustive experience in this business and has been here in Hopewell for the past ten years. Misrepresentations are never made here and our people know full well that Mr. Merz is a reliable and representative exponent of the jewelry business in Hopewell.

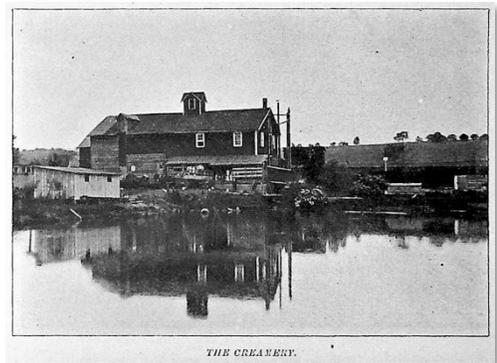
Mr. Merz is highly regarded in commercial circles and classed among our most reliable and trustworthy business men.

Hopewell Creamery, Hernig & Northrup, Props. - [56] Model

Among the industrial enterprises of Hopewell that are enjoying a prosperous existence, is the creamery operated by Hernig & Northrup. The firm also have a creamery at Wertsville and receive about 5,000 pounds of milk a day. The plant here is equipped with modern machinery, separators, &c., for separating the cream from the milk, which is shipped to Philadelphia.

The Hopewell Creamery was started thirteen years ago, but was of little importance until the present firm took charge, since which time it has been inestimable benefit to the farmers in this locality, who can here find a ready market for their product. The capacity is 10,000 pounds a day.

Messrs. Peter H. Hernig and D. A. Northrup are business men of standing and reliability and are to be congratulated for the success they have made of their business. Mr. Hernig resides in Philadelphia and is one of the leading mil dealers of that city, handling the product of seven different creameries. He has one of the finest milk houses in the Quaker City. Mr. Northrup is well known to our people and held in the highest estimation by everyone. Both are of the progressive, energetic stamp and have established a means by which our farmers can dispose of their milk, helping in no small way to promote the betterment of the borough and immediate locality.



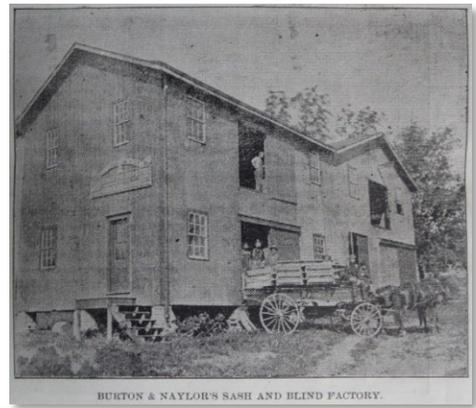
R. L. Savidge, General Merchandise - Mount Rose

In attempting to chronicle the retail business resources of Hopewell and vicinity we must not omit to note the old established enterprise of Mr. R. L. Savidge, located at Mount Rose. The business was conducted for over fifty years by Reuben Savidge, father of the present owner, who was, before his demise last April, a representative citizen of Mount Rose. Mr. R. L. Savidge purchased the business from his father's estate and reopened it about this first of August. The house has always enjoyed a large and prosperous trade, and under its new management will doubtless continue to prosper.

Mr. Savidge represents the Lister Agricultural Chemical Works, of Newark, and being on the road most of the time the store is left in charge of his son, Mr. C. R. Savidge, who will be found at the old stand ready to welcome all old friends and patrons and make new ones. Both he and his father are well known throughout the county and enjoy the respect of all with whom they are brought in contact. Both are of an energetic and progressive disposition and may be fully trusted to keep up the high reputation for first-class goods and low prices, for which to store has always been noted.

Hopewell Sash & Blind Factory, Burton & Naylor, Proprietors [18 Burton]

One of Hopewell's most important industrial enterprises is that of Burton & Naylor, which is kept almost constantly in operation. The plant is well equipped with wood-working machinery and labor saving devices known to the trade. Here is manufactured brackets, newel posts, doors, sash, blinds, window frames, moldings, etc., while the reputation the concern has gained for excellent work has been deservedly won, as can be attested by the many specimens to be found in our finest dwellings and best buildings. The firm ships a great deal of these goods away. Contractors and builders are supplied upon very favorable terms. Employment is given several skilled workmen, and a prosperous business is transacted.



Individually the members of this firm are John G. Burton and Johnson Naylor, both of which are skilled mechanics who have built up a substantial trade by their energetic efforts. Both are highly regarded hereabouts and classed among our most successful citizens.

Blackwell & Hill, Building Materials, Coal, Grain, Hay, Etc. [43 Railroad]

Generally speaking anything that has a tendency to promote building is a good thing for a community, for activity in this line of industry is one of the surest signs of progress; and progress and prosperity are as a general thing synonymous. Low prices on lumber and other building materials are therefore of a benefit to others besides those who actually propose to build, and an enterprise which has had much to do with the bringing about of the present very favorable rates quoted to Hopewell purchasers, is worthy of prominent and favorable mention. The premises utilized are large, the illustration herewith presented in connection with this article giving the reader a fair idea of the magnitude of the concern. Heavy reserve stocks of lumber, lime, cement and builders' supplies, hay, grain, straw, fertilizers, and the best varieties of Lehigh coal are carried.

This concern was established many years ago by Stephen Blackwell, deceased, father of one of the present owners, and has always been one of the most solid and substantial business enterprises of Hopewell, an immense trade being transacted. Individually the members of the firm are D. L. Blackwell and Joseph B. Hill, both of whom are looked upon and regarded as two of Hopewell's old reliable and most successful citizens. Mr. Blackwell is financially identified with numerous other enterprises, being treasurer of the People's Building Loan and Savings Association, vice-president of the Hopewell Water Company and a director of the Hopewell National Bank.

Hopewell Hotel, Peter Van Fleet, Proprietor [48 W. Broad at Mercer]

The Hopewell Hotel is the oldest and most liberally patronized public house of our borough and its very name has long been regarded as a synonym for comfort and good fare. Its broad piazzas extending along the entire side and front of the house, gives it a most comfortable and homelike appearance. This hotel enjoys an enviable reputation for its good accommodations and excellent meals, and the house is almost always filled to its full capacity. In connection is a bar stocked with the best of liquors and cigars, and large stables are located in the rear.

Mr. Van Fleet is one of the best known and most popular citizens in Mercer county. He is an experienced hotel man, having conducted a hotel at Woodsville before coming to Hopewell. Since taking the hold of the Hopewell House Mr. Van Fleet has endeavored to give us as good a country hotel as can be found anywhere. Mr. Van Fleet is one of Hopewell's most popular and respected citizens and one of those few men who understand how to conduct a first class country hotel in a respectable and orderly manner. Rates, \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day.

W. E. Golden, Furniture and Carpets - Model Ave.

A most important branch of commercial activity is the enterprise of Mr. W. E. Golden, on Model avenue, where may be seen a heavy stock of fine furniture, carpets, side boards, porch rockers, lawn settees, baby carriages, etc. It would be impossible to describe the many different styles, shapes, colors and patterns of goods carried, a visit being necessary to form the least idea of its size and variety. The establishment is representative of all that is first-class and the most particular are sure to find something to suit, while the house has always been noted for reasonable prices, the facilities of its proprietor enabling him to sell much cheaper than Trenton dealers who have heavy rents and other expenses to meet.

Mr. Golden started here in business about one year ago and has made rapid progress, already commanding for himself a leading position among our most successful dealers. He enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout this neighborhood and is regarded by everyone as one of Hopewell's energetic, progressive and most reliable young business men.

Kesler & Reed, Dry Goods, Notions, Furnishings, Etc. [Broad]

Among the largest and most prominent commercial enterprises to be found in Hopewell, that of Kesler & Reed is deserving of special mention. The business was originally established six years ago by Mr. Wm. H. Kesler, Mr. Reed being admitted to partnership a year ago last February. The stock carried is the largest and most varied to be found in this section, such as dry goods and dress materials, notions, ladies' and gentleman's furnishing goods, skirts, waists and millinery supplies, while the prices will be found as low as consistent with honorable dealing and quality of goods handled.

Both Mr. Kesler and Mr. Reed are live, progressive business men and are not slow to secure new goods as soon as they appear on the market. It is stores of this kind, backed by men with a disposition to be energetic and progressive, that Hopewell owes much of its growth the past few years. Both members of the firm are regarded as successful merchants and are held in the highest estimation of our community.



A. G. Reid's Country Residence

Joseph H. Moore, Flours, Feed, Coal, etc. - Glen Moore

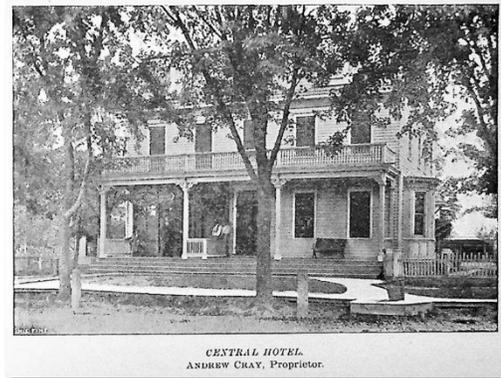
Joseph H. Moore, the subject of this sketch, may properly be classed among the substantial and progressive business men in the vicinity of Hopewell and is one of the oldest residents at Glen Moore, where he conducts the mill at that place. He is also a large dealer in flour, feed, coal, etc., and transacts a large and flourishing business. The yards are connected by special railroad siding and the facilities for receiving supplies are of the best. After looking the field over this is about as reliable a coal yard as one can find—a place where fair weight, good honest coal is obtainable, thus it is that many of our families get their supplies here. Now is the time to lay in winter coal if money is to be saved. Mr. Moore has taken the agency for Mercer Co. for the famous Russenne Flour, which is manufactured from the choicest spring wheat, is rich in gluten and phosphates and makes a nutritious loaf which holds moisture well. This is one of the best brands on the market and gives universal satisfaction wherever used.

Mr. Moore is one of the most successful business men hereabouts.

Central Hotel, John Corcoran, Proprietor [15 E. Broad at Seminary]

This is Hopewell's leading hotel and has for several years been identified with the best public houses in central New Jersey.

Mr. Corcoran, its present proprietor, after conducting a hotel at Milford for four years, purchased this property about a year ago, since which time he has not only made many improvements but has also transacted a very successful business. The house is splendidly furnished throughout, possesses all conveniences, and has become famous among wheelmen and travelers for its excellent meals. In connection is a first-class bar and large stable and shedding accommodations. The Central Hotel is essentially the hotel of Hopewell and is in every respect conducted in a strictly first-class manner. Special rates are made to summer boarders, who will find here every inducement to make their stay pleasant and one that will be repeated.



Mr. Corcoran is one of Hopewell's most popular and respected citizens, and that his management has been a success and met with liberal appreciation, is attested by the business the house is doing. Mr. Corcoran was sheriff of Hunterdon county three years.

J. C. Harrison, Harness Manufacturer [64 W. Broad at Mercer]

The above named gentleman must be classed among the old, reliable and substantial citizens, and has been identified with the business life of Hopewell for some 27 years. During this time he has gained a wide acquaintance throughout this section of the state and well sustained a high reputation for honorable dealing. Since 1873 he has been engaged in the manufacture of harness. He also represents a number of the strongest fire and life insurance companies in the world and is prepared to place insurance on houses, stores, outbuildings, &c., at reasonable rates, guaranteeing absolute indemnity in case of conflagration and prompt adjustment and payment of all legitimate claims.

Mr. Harrison has always been active in furthering the best interests of Hopewell and has held numerous public offices, among which was assessor of Hopewell township and postmaster of the borough. He is now clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Mercer county, secretary of the People's Building Loan and Savings Association, and is a commissioner of deeds and notary public. Mr. Harrison is highly regarded in the community and classed among our most public spirited citizens.

Central Meat Market, Frank Naylor, Proprietor

A first-class meat market is a great convenience in any locality and none can be found anywhere that sustains a better reputation for handling the choicest fresh and salt meats at popular prices than that of Frank Naylor. Mr. Naylor makes it a point to be particular in the purchase of supplies and nothing is ever allowed to leave his place but that of the very best quality. The tenderest and choicest cuts of beef, veal, mutton, lamb and pork can here be had at all times and customers are assured of polite attention and courteous treatment as well as a superior article.

A wagon is run about town supplying patrons and all orders are delivered if desired. Mr. Naylor is rapidly building up a large and increasing trade from among the best families of Hopewell. He is an energetic and wide-awake young business man and is certainly deserving of the patronage of our people.

S. H. Millette, Livery and Boarding Stables [9 Railroad by Greenwood]

The best equipped boarding and livery stable in Hopewell is that of Mr. S. H. Millette, located almost directly opposite the railroad depot. The premises are large and commodious and well adapted for the business in hand. Mr. Millette has been here for the past eight years or longer and has built up a large patronage from those who appreciate first-class rigs. Several head of well groomed horses are kept for hire to responsible parties at reasonable rates. The wagons are all nicely painted so that the equippages coming from here always look like private conveyances. A hack meets all trains and baggage is delivered to all parts of the borough. There need be no worry about missing trains if an order is left for the hack to call. Special attention is given to boarding private horses, the best of food and care being provided in every instance.

Mr. Millette is considered, an excellent judge of horse flesh and is a gentleman highly respected whose word is his bond.



Jacob Stametz, Blacksmith, W. B. Merrill, Wheelwright

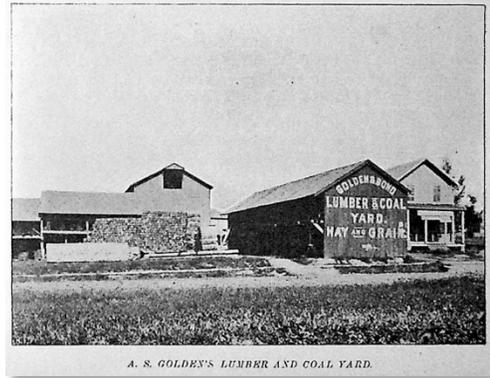
One of Hopewell's oldest and most respected citizens is Jacob Stametz, who has been engaged in the blacksmith business here on and off for the past thirty years.

He is a first-class mechanic and is still to be found at his old stand and doing a good business. All kinds of jobbing and repair work and wagon ironing is here executed in a substantial manner while only the most reasonable prices are charged.

Mr. W. B. Merrill, who occupies the shop adjoining as a wheelwright has been here eighteen years and is another of our old and reliable citizens. Wagon repairing, jobbing and trimming is done by him in the best manner at very low prices. Both of these gentlemen are citizens who have seen many changes in Hopewell during their residence here. Both are well known and held in the highest estimation of the entire community. Mr. Merrill is also a machinist and repairs all kinds of farming implements, etc.

**A. S. Golden, Building Materials, Coal and Agricultural Implements
- [24] Model**

The enterprise of A. S. Golden ranks high among the solid business concerns of Hopewell and has been closely identified with the history, growth and development of our borough for many years. Large yards are utilized on Model avenue, on which have been erected sheds and buildings for the housing of heavy stocks of rough and dressed lumber, agricultural implements, coal, fertilizers and farmers supplies. Mr. Golden is sole agent in this locality for the justly celebrated Johnston Harvester Co. machinery, the Hamilton & Evans corn planters and Russell's fertilizers. All machinery is set up by experienced men and fully guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction.



Mr. Golden has been in business here for the past 9 years, and by energy and enterprise has placed on a solid financial basis one of the largest concerns in Hopewell. The facilities enjoyed are of such a character that it enables him to supply contractors and builders with materials in any desired quantity promptly, and to figure as close as any man in the business. Personally Mr. Golden enjoys a high standing in the community and is regarded as one of Hopewell's most successful business men.