



THE
HISTORICAL DIRECTORY

OF
SUSSEX COUNTY, N. J.

CONTAINING

A brief summary of events from its first Settlement, with
Descriptive and Historical Notices of each Town ;

ALSO,

The Name and Post-Office Address of each Freeholder.

EMBELLISHED WITH ILLUSTRATIONS

AND

A VALUABLE MAP OF THE COUNTY.

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1872.

five years ago a *Christian Church* was erected here. The first pastor was Rev. Alva Hermans. It has always had a good attendance, and has for its present pastor the Rev. George Searles.

HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP.

This township is eight miles long and five wide, bounded north by Vernon and Wantage; south, by Sparta; east, by Passaic and Morris counties; and west, by Wantage and Lafayette. Its population is about 1,700, consisting principally of miners.

The greater portion of the township is mountainous; the hills here are rich in mineral ore, both of iron and zinc.

The three principal villages, Franklin, Hamburgh and Hardystonville, are watered by the Wallkill, which runs through the township.

The Midland Railroad, recently completed from New York, passes through these three places, as also through Snufftown, a village on the east of the township. In the south-west corner, on a branch of the Wallkill, is a station of the Sussex Railroad called Monroe Corners.

FRANKLIN.

This place is ten miles north-east from Newton, and through the Midland and Sussex Railroads it is brought into direct communication with all points—north, south, east and west. It is situated on the Wallkill river. The mountains which surround it, contain an inexhaustible supply of iron and zinc.

The appearance of the place itself is very uninviting. The dwellings, almost all of them occupied by the miners, are small, and are scattered here and there, without any approach to order or plan of arrangement.

The largest blast furnace in the United States is now building here, and it is to be followed by two others of the same size. The ore to be smelted is brought from the mines by rail

and there dumped into position; this furnace will produce 50,000 tons of pig iron annually. With those resources and facilities, and an unlimited capital to develop the exhaustless mineral wealth of the place, Franklin will doubtless increase in population and importance, and will be an influential centre in our county.

A new and excellent schoolhouse has been recently built, and is already well filled with a large number of children living in and around the place.

HAMBURG.

This village is situated in the northwestern portion of the township. It was originally called Lower Hamburg.

Hamburg, like many of the villages along the route of the Midland Railroad, has, since the completion of this road, grown both in population and importance. A number of new buildings have been recently erected. A chapel has been built by the Presbyterians, and services are now held in it by the Rev. A. A. Haines. This is a branch of the North Church. A neat little Methodist church has just been finished, and was dedicated in September, 1872. The size of this building is 22 x 42 feet, and cost \$2,000.

The foundations of an Episcopal church have been laid, but nothing more will probably be done during the present year.

The Baptist church here, of which Rev. David Silver is pastor, is the oldest in the place; until the erection of their own churches the Methodists and Presbyterians held services in this building.

A fine large hotel has recently been put up; besides which there is the old "Hamburg House." Besides the buildings already mentioned it contains two grist mills, a lumber yard, blacksmith's shop and two or three stores. It has a population of about 250.

HARDYSTONVILLE

Was formerly called Upper Hamburg, but is now known only by its present name. It is two miles north of Franklin Fur-

nace, and about a mile south of Hamburg. A fine water power is obtained here from a tributary of the Wallkill, upon which a grist mill has been put up. It has an hotel and about half a dozen houses.

SNUFFTOWN

Is a small village in the eastern portion of this township. The Midland Railroad passes through it. There are two hotels, two stores and a Methodist church here. This was built in 1826, and rebuilt in 1863. Rev. Jos. H. Timbrel of Sparta is the present pastor. The post-office and district, a mile or two east of the village, is called Stockholm.

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP.

Lafayette Township, named from the Marquis de Lafayette, was the first place in the Union which took the name of that nobleman. The township is situated near the centre of the county, and is watered throughout by the east branch of the Paulenskill. It is bounded north by Wantage, south by Hampton and Andover, east by Sparta and Hardyston, and west by Frankford and Hampton. Its average width is three miles and its length six. Lafayette and Lower Lafayette, which includes Statesville, are the villages of this township.

The village of Lafayette is beautifully situated on the east branch of the Paulenskill, about five miles northeast from Newton. It was organized about forty years ago.

In the year 1836 an iron foundry was built, and for many years was very successfully worked, the pig iron being drawn mostly from Franklin, but about ten years ago this business began to fall off, and so continued to until 1865 or '6, when it was entirely abandoned.

Fifty years ago nothing distinguished the locality but a store, a few houses, a grist and sawmill, both carried on under the same roof. This building was of logs, put together in the