



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.

which was built in the following year. The style is Gothic, built of the native blue limestone of this region. The spire is 108 feet high, surmounted by a cross 12 feet long. The cost of the building was about \$25,000, and in point of beauty and durability is in advance of many churches costing double this amount. *The Catholic church* is a fine brick building, it has only recently been completed.

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP.

The township of Sandyston was erected by Royal Patent from Wallpack in the year 1762. It is bounded north by Montague, south by Wallpack, east by Frankford and west by the Delaware, having an average length of seven and a quarter miles and a width of six. The township is well watered throughout by the Little and Big Flat Brook flowing through the centre, and forming a junction about a mile southeast of Peter's Valley, uniting with the Delaware at the southern extremity of Wallpack. The post-offices of this township are Hainesville, Laytons, Bevans, and Tuttle's Corner.

HAINESVILLE.

Hainesville is situated in the northern part of the township, on the "Little Flatbrook." The village is about a mile in length, extending along the Stage Road to Port Jervis, N. Y. It has only recently received the name of Hainesville, which was given to it in honor of Ex-Gov. Haines of this county. The place was previously known by the name of Sandyston. It was made a post village in 1825, previous to that time a tavern and two or three houses were all that was here; but in that year Parshall Howell built the hotel now standing, also one or two other houses, a store was also built. The mail was then brought twice a week on a four-horse stage which ran from Newark to ~~Montrose~~, N. Y. It was run night and day, stopping in this county at White Hall, Newton, Augusta, Tuttle's Corner, Sandyston, and Brick House. Hainesville has

Orange

the honor of being the birthplace of Simon Courtright. When a young man he emigrated to Virginia, but returned after a short stay and settled on a farm in this neighborhood. Soon after his return he was elected Justice of the Peace, and afterwards served three terms in the Legislature, he was for fifteen years a Judge in the county. There are three stores and an hotel, a blacksmith's, wheelwright's, cooper's, and undertaker's shop here. For some time past there has been little, if any, increase in the population.

HAINESVILLE CHURCH.

In 1855 a contract was given for a church in Hainesville. It was built in the same year on land deeded to "The Reformed Church" with the condition that any other orthodox denomination should have the right to worship in it, when it was not occupied by them. By this provision the Methodists have regularly held service here. The building only cost \$800 and is an outpost of the Minisink church in Montague. The first preacher was Rev. David A. Jones, who preached alternately in Montague and here.

The Methodist brethren are now discussing the question of building a church for themselves. They cherish the hope that the difficulties which delay their action will soon be removed.

LAYTONS, OR CENTREVILLE.

Laytons, known also as Centreville, was named nearly a half century ago, from John Layton, who for some time kept the hotel. About thirty years since the hotel changed hands and the party occupying it attempted to change its name to Centreville. In 1861 a post-office was established here with the old name of Laytons which re-established the name. The village is very beautiful, situated on the Little Flatbrook in the Minisink Valley, two miles from the Delaware, lying about midway between Hainesville and Peter's Valley. It contains an hotel, one store, one blacksmith's, one wheelwright's, and one cabinetmaker's shop. The church here called "Laytons Methodist Church" was built about the year 1830. It has

The original "Huford Corner"

since been rebuilt, services are held regularly. No record of this church could be found.

PETER'S VALLEY.

Peter's Valley, or "The Corners," as it is called, was named nearly a hundred years ago from Peter Vanness. It is situated in the lower part of the township. The hotel is one of the oldest buildings in the place, it was originally built for a school house, and religious services were performed in it on the Sabbath. It was a building one and a half stories high, afterwards raised to two. It is now occupied as an hotel. The scenery from the hills surrounding the town is not surpassed by any in our county. A post office has been recently placed here called "Bevans P. O." There is in the place a store, a blacksmith's shop, and two coopers' shops, besides the hotel.

PETER'S VALLEY REFORMED CHURCH.

The Reformed Church at Peter's Valley was built in the year 1840 on land that was deeded to it by Alpheus Gustin and wife, in the year 1838. The building cost \$14,000. It was repaired in 1865. This church, together with those at Bushkill, Wallpack and Dingman's are at present under the charge of Rev. G. S. Garrison and Rev. John F. Shaw.

A small church built since the "Reformed" is occupied by the Universalists.

Garrison

TUTTLE'S CORNER.

Tuttle's Corner can hardly be called a village. The hotel, where the mail is received, and a few houses being all the buildings it contains. There has been a postoffice here for many years. Previous to its establishment the mail was brought from Newton by the farmers themselves, each one taking his turn. It received its name from the first Postmaster of the place, *Benjamin Tuttle Esq.*

It is situated about four and a half miles from Branchville on the old stage road.

Built in 1838. by Jas C Bevans - Cost \$11,400.

\$14,000