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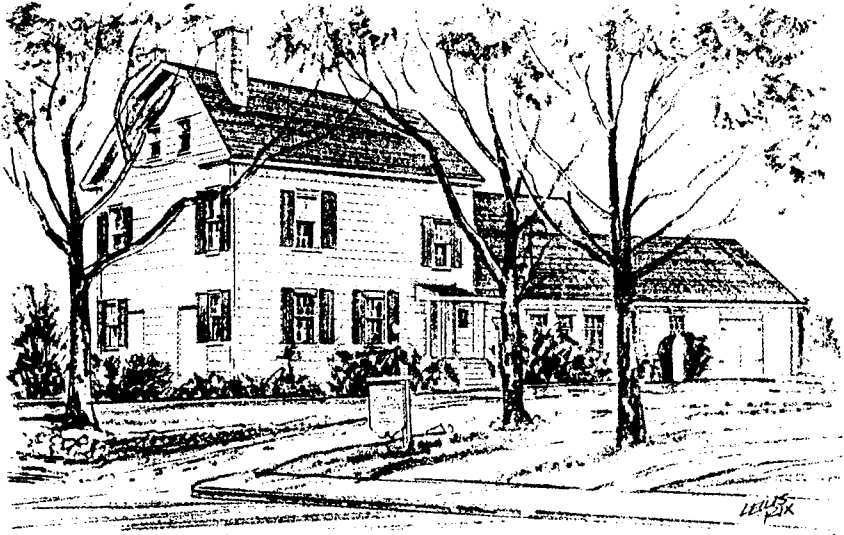
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FOREWORD

The author, Eric Muller, was born and raised in northern New Jersey and has been interested in local history since returning from sixty-one months' service in the armed forces of the United States in World War II, over two years of which were spent in the Pacific area.

He has been a resident of Livingston, New Jersey, since 1950. Upon moving there he acquired a copy of the American Guide Series book entitled "Livingston, the Story of a Community," written by workers of the Works Projects Administration of New Jersey. Reading this book whet the author's appetite for Livingston local history. Many of the people mentioned were still living in town. A goodly number of the old houses, many from the colonial period, were still occupied by descendants of the original owners and builders. This fascinated the author and he felt this was actually living local history.

A collection of slides depicting old local houses, historic sites and native residents is maintained by the author. This collection illustrates the evolution of the area from pre-colonial times, when it was known as the village of Canoe Brook, to the busy suburban township which is now Livingston.

Mr. Muller is a charter member of the Livingston Historical Society and has served that organization in the following capacities:

Historian and Scrapbook Custodian	1963-1974
Custodian of Membership Name Tags	1974-
Trustee	1977-1979
Vice President and Program Chairman	1980-1982
Ely Cemetery Committee Chairman	1986-

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I have been invited to come and talk with you about the Livingston Historical Society which, in September, 1988, celebrates its 25th anniversary. The society's scrapbooks were used as the research source.

The background events which led to the formation of the Livingston Historical Society started in February, 1960, when the New Jersey Department of Conservation decided to conduct an historic sites inventory for the State of New Jersey.

The Essex County committee consisted of:

1. Mrs. Richard Hartman of East Orange, Chairperson
2. Miss Miriam Studley of Livingston, Local Historian
3. Dr. William Cole of New Brunswick, Statewide Coordinator
4. Dr. Richard McCormick of New Brunswick, State Chairperson

An organizing committee for the historic sites in Livingston and Roseland was formed and consisted of:

1. William K. Page, Livingston, Coordinator and Chairperson
2. Miss Miriam Studley, Livingston, local historian and head of the New Jersey Department of the Newark Public Library
3. Miss Ella McChesney, Livingston school teacher and long-time resident
4. Mrs. Ruth L. Rockwood, Director of the Livingston Public Library
5. Mrs. Grace Dusenbery, long-time Livingston resident
6. Freeman Harrison, local historian and Livingston native whose ancestors lived in the Livingston area before the Revolutionary War
7. Mrs. Lillias Collins Cook, Roseland historian and reporter for the *Newark News*
8. Percy L. Teed, Roseland historian

The purpose of the Historic Sites Committee was to list and describe sites, structures, residences, churches, schools, stores,

inns, factories, mills, Indian sites, bridges, grave yards and places of any significance in the historical, cultural or economic development of Essex County up to the year 1900.

The project required field workers to locate and identify historic sites and to authenticate the same. From this work, the inventory was made with the approval of the National Park Service, the American Institute of Architects, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The formation and activities of this committee led to the establishment of the Livingston Historical Society.

During the summer of 1961 and the winter of 1962 William K. Page, Coordinator and Committee Chairman, took *approximately two hundred thirty-five photographs of old houses in the Livingston and Roseland areas, many of which are no longer standing today.*

To add impetus to historic preservation, in February, 1962, Bamberger's Department Store (now Macy's) announced that it was in the process of purchasing the Ira Condit Farm at the intersection of Walnut Street and South Orange Avenue where a large shopping mall was planned for construction. The farmhouse and outbuildings on the property would be demolished unless provision was made for preservation.

In October of the same year, the Advisory Council of the Livingston Department of Recreation and Parks proposed that the Township of Livingston purchase the old Force home on South Livingston Avenue at the Southeast corner of Memorial Park which was then owned by the Mowder family. It is probably the best example of early colonial architecture in the Township of Livingston because the middle section of the house was built in approximately 1745.

The Advisory Council, chaired by Fred Briggs, also proposed that a local historical society be organized so, on November 5, 1962, the Township Committee introduced an ordinance to appropriate \$30,000.00 for the purchase of the Force home to be developed into an historical center with the hope that an historical society would be formed to establish and maintain it.

Chairman Briggs wrote a letter to William K. Page on January 16, 1963, asking him to meet with the Advisory Council at the Force home on January 31 to discuss the formation of a Livingston Historical Society. In March, Livingston Mayor Frank Biondi sent a letter to William K. Page appointing him chairperson of an ad hoc committee to organize and set up a local historical society.

Mr. Page, who was Director of the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in West Orange, was an excellent choice. He was a dynamic leader in his quiet, unassuming and smiling way, a tireless worker who got things done. He had an exceptional talent for working with people and, without the use of flattery, instilled a feeling in others of selfworth. He was truly a sincere and unique individual and it was his leadership that nurtured the cooperation of all members of his committee. Everyone enjoyed working with him. I personally consider it a privilege to have known and worked with Bill. It was a great loss to the community when he was called to his reward while on one of his beloved woodland hikes on October 18, 1980.

The Ad Hoc Committee consisted of:

1. William K. Page, Chairperson
2. Freeman Harrison, local historian, Honorary Chairperson
3. Hon. Robert W. Kean, Honorary Chairperson (former Congressman and father of Governor Thomas Kean)
4. Gladys Cooper (Mrs. Peter B.)
5. Mrs. Ruth L. Rockwood, Director of the Livingston Public Library
6. Miss Miriam Studley, local historian
7. Mrs. Richard Swain, Livingston native
8. Edward Blake, architect
9. James P. Dowd, West Orange lawyer and a Livingston resident
10. Robert H. Harp, Township Manager
11. Harold Hoffman, Livingston Superintendent of Schools
12. William Klaber, West Essex Tribune owner and editor
13. Herbert Mitschele, local builder
14. John Pollock, Livingston Recreation Department
15. Stanley Paton, historian and authority on local Indians
16. William Sheridan and

17. Robert Spohn, Livingston resident, particularly interested in the research and preservation of local history

Mayor Biondi asked for a report by June 15, 1963.

The first committee meeting was held on April 4. Freeman Harrison, introduced by Bill Page, said in his homespun philosophical manner, "The way to get started is to start." Mr. Harrison also said that twenty-five years earlier a similar meeting had been held at Mr. Kean's home, but nothing had come of it. "It is important for a town to show respect for past and present landmarks."

Mr. Blake, the architect, spoke on the use to which the Force home would be put and the need for a thorough inspection to determine what strengthening and support would be required to make the building safe for visitors.

Assignments were made by Bill Page as follows: Gladys Cooper and Bob Spohn were asked to prepare a report with suggestions as to the use of the Force home as part of the concept of living history. James Dowd was asked to look into the legal aspects for the use of the home. The exterior was to be the responsibility of the Township Recreation Department; the interior, the responsibility of the yet-to-be-formed historical society. Freeman Harrison and John Pollock were to prepare ground rules for the formation of a home committee.

After inspecting the building and studying the structure carefully, Ed Blake and Herb Mitschele were to report at the next meeting. Stan Paton was to review material for restoring the old house which had been secured from the Cooperstown Museum by Miriam Studley.

The remainder of the meeting had to do with organizing the historical society.

The next meeting was held on April 18 at which Bill Page introduced Howard Wiseman, President of the Springfield Historical Society, so that he could inform us of the manner in which his society was organized and some of the problems encountered.

Ed Blake and Herb Mitschele reported that the first floor would have to be braced and shored up to make it safe and some bracing for the second floor would be required. At that time, the third floor was considered unsafe for large gatherings.

The next meeting was held two weeks later on May 1. All the mechanics for organizing the society and restoring the house for use were discussed and it was agreed to try to have the work of the committee completed so that an announcement could be made coinciding with the Township Sesquicentennial.

In the early part of July, four months from the date the committee had been appointed, Bill Page submitted the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Mayor Biondi. The mayor was extremely pleased with the result.

A Statement of Purpose was drafted as follows:

The purpose of the Livingston Historical Society is to foster and encourage an appreciation for the understanding of the development of the community.

The society function will be to discover, collect, preserve, publish and exhibit any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the area in all its facets.

The highest purpose of the society will be to help persons discover and enjoy the history of the community.

The goal of the society will be to interest all the residents of Livingston in their heritage.

The society will foster and direct the restoration of the Force home in keeping with the history of the property.

The activities and program of the society will be centered about the Force home.

Membership: All persons interested in supporting the

purposes of the Livingston Historical Society with the payment of requisite dues will be entitled to membership.

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| 1. Individual Membership | \$ 3.00 |
| 2. Husband and Wife Membership | 5.00 |
| 3. Student Membership | 1.00 |
| 4. Life Membership | 50.00 |

It was decided to have a special meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on July 22, 1963, in order to work out all the details, and to have the first meeting of the Livingston Historical Society on the fourth Monday of September, which was the 23rd of the month. Miss Studley said she would arrange to have Rev. Dr. Henry C. Beck, noted author, columnist, editor and New Jersey historian, as the speaker.

Another meeting was held on August 2 and all the details were completed for placing a membership coupon in the West Essex Tribune for charter members to attend the first meeting on September 23, 1963, at the Recreation Department building in Memorial Park.

Perhaps more than any other contemporary author, Henry Beck relished the diversity and fascination of New Jersey's rich store of legend, folklore, and folk history. His talk was entitled "Folklore's Contributions to New Jersey History." Over one hundred-fifty members were present in response to the well-organized and extremely successful membership drive. The following organizing committees were appointed to act for the Historical Society to effect a formal establishment and to commence a program of historical interest for the people of Livingston:

Honorary Chairmen:	Freeman Harrison The Hon. Robert W. Kean
Chairman:	William K. Page
Vice Chairman:	William Sheridan
Treasurer:	Robert Spohn
Secretary:	Mrs. Ruth Rockwood
Program Chairman:	Mrs. Bertha Swain
Membership Chairman:	Miss Olive Youngjohn
Hospitality Chairman:	Mrs. Robert Rowley
Acquisitions Chairman	Stanley Paton

Force Home
Restoration Chairman: Gordon Chamberlain
Architectural
Considerations Chairman: Edward Blake
Advisory Committee: Mrs. Gladys Cooper
Miss Miriam Studley, Historian
James P. Dowd, Lawyer
Robert H. Harp, Township Manager
Dr. Harold Hoffman, School Superintendent
William Klaber Jr., Editor, West Essex Tribune
John Pollock, Livingston
Recreation Department
Joseph Sharpless, Director
Livingston Recreation Department

At the second meeting on October 23 the speaker was Freeman Harrison, who had the more than ninety-five members present spellbound with his talk on life in old Livingston. Due to the impending Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the next meeting was postponed until January 17, 1964, when former Township Committeeman/Mayor Joseph J. Spurr spoke on "The 1930's — Livingston Becomes of Age."

The Society was off to a flying start and each month there were speakers on some phase of the history of Livingston. Bill Page showed slides and discussed the old historic homes of the area. Stan Paton spoke on the old Mt. Pleasant Turnpike and Route 10. Bertha Swain talked about the signers of the Declaration of Independence. It continued month after month, always with interesting speakers. However, the immediate concern was the restoration of the Force Home.

Shortly after the township purchased the home, Herbert Fisher of Bloomfield, a descendant of one of the original families of Bergen County, who had made a lifelong study of early New Jersey homes, toured the Force Home with the Ad Hoc Committee and presented his analysis of its various architectural features. He stated that the room on the west side with large hearth and fireplace was the original one-room colonial house. The built-in Dutch oven was estimated to have been built around 1745. The east three-story wing with its beautiful hard-maple staircase was probably built about 1810.

Now, to return to the task of restoring the house, it bears mention that the families who lived there in its later years fortunately did not make any significant structural changes except for a bathroom installed on the first floor.

The Emmonds, O'Reillys, and Stover families lived in the home without many of our modern conveniences. We are truly grateful to them for their appreciation of the colonial characteristics of the house, for it made restoring it much less difficult.

The restoration was started in the spring of 1964. The interior of the house was in very poor condition. Paint was peeling, walls had many cracks and fissures, and floors were covered with linoleum. Fortunately, Mr. Gordon Chamberlain and his committee had the knowledge and talent to supervise the work of restoration. Members worked evenings and weekends scraping, plastering, spackling and painting. We had many members with the necessary skills. Rudy Hampel, an expert cabinetmaker who did much fine work in the home, deserves special mention.

We begged and borrowed but did not steal all nature of needed materials such as wide random-width genuine colonial pine floorboards from the old Teed house across Mt. Pleasant Avenue from the Hopping Funeral Home. The Teed house was torn down and the boards, donated by the owner, were reversed and used to replace worn boards in the lower hallway of the Force Home.

In 1972 Rudy Hampel constructed the sink cabinet in the lower kitchen. The remaining part of the lower kitchen was restored by John Kowalchuk and Jack Lister, Livingston builders. They made the kitchen functional but as authentic as possible.

After many months of hard and sometimes discouraging episodes, the restoration of the interior walls and floors was completed and the home was ready to be furnished.

Over the years, many generous people donated furnishings. The Acquisitions Committee had to be selective so that everything was in keeping. Mid-eighteenth century furnishings

were appropriate for the old section, and early nineteenth century for the later addition.

Bertha Swain was appointed Acquisitions Chairman when Stan Paton moved to California in the summer of 1966. Bertha and Dick Swain worked tirelessly to accurately furnish the Force Home. Their labor of love for the task produced incredible results.

In April, 1969, David Shantz of the Brock Foundation, Inc., which was founded by Charles Edison, visited the Force Home. After being escorted on a tour of the house by Bertha and Dick, he was so impressed that he told them the Foundation had a large warehouse filled with valuable antiques and he invited them to make an appointment to visit the warehouse. Mr. Shantz said they could select anything they wished for the Force Home and it would be given on permanent loan. This generous gift of many valuable furnishings in December, 1970 just about completed the restoration.

After Marie Key was appointed chairperson of the herb garden, she and her husband Jack planned walkways to be built from old brick available when the building on the southwest corner of Livingston Avenue and Northfield Road, Johnson's Grocery store, was torn down. Before the brick could be laid, all the old mortar had to be cleaned off by willing members who also helped in the backbreaking chore of construction.

In 1969 the Buttery of the Force Home was restored with a donation by Herman and Jessie Strahman. It is located between the kitchen and barn and is a pantry-like room where butter was churned. Equipment used in the kitchen was also stored in this room. Items such as butter churns, cheese press, sausage stuffers, cabbage cutter and baking equipment are displayed on the shelves.

The extreme west end of the Force Home is a barn. In 1973 it was made into a museum of antique tools and farm implements. The antique broommaking machine also is displayed in this room. Members of the Society make brooms in much the same way as the early Livingston broommakers did. These brooms are for sale when we have them on hand.

The Force Home restoration is completed. After many hours of preparing the necessary documents and guiding them through bureaucratic red tape, the home now is listed on the New Jersey State Register of Historic Buildings in Washington, D.C. Official date of registration is December 29, 1981.

It should also be recorded that over the years the Livingston Historical Society and the Force Home have been blessed by many generous people and organizations who have donated time, talent and gifts. To name a few: Montclair Antiques Club, Northfield Garden Club, Livingston Garden Club, Livingston Woman's Club, Livingston Lions Club, and Livingston High School Key Club. I could go on and on; however, one organization that has been outstanding with gifts of money, labor and support has been the Livingston Kiwanis Club.

One of the Club's first and very ambitious projects was the job of partially dismantling and helping to move the cookhouse from the Bamberger property in the summer of 1964. Because of the historical significance of the old small building, used for cooking meals in the hot summer weather so that the main house of the Ira Condit Farm would remain more comfortable, it was offered to Livingston Historical Society by Bamberger's. However, it had to be moved immediately so that construction of the shopping mall would not be delayed.

At the last minute and to meet the deadline, Kiwanis Club members dismantled the brick fireplace and salvaged all the materials so that it could be reconstructed on a new site at the Force Home. They prepared the 12' x 18' building so that it could be moved on a flatbed trailer by Livingston Township employees under the direction of Arthur Hucker and Fire Chief Charles Schilling. It had to travel the Eisenhower Parkway before that road was paved.

Kiwanis donated the material and labor to prepare the footings at the new site, and under the direction of Rudy Hampel reconstructed the building and restored it to its original condition. This seemingly impossible job, considering the time allotted to salvage it from the wrecker's ball, had been accomplished.

In 1965 Bill Page and Miriam Studley located a mid-nineteenth century broommaking machine in the barn at the rear of the old Genung House at 183 Walnut Street, Livingston. It was used to make brooms in Livingston, which had a significant broommaking industry about 1850 to 1880. Silas Genung is listed as a broom manufacturer as recently as 1910 in the Livingston City Directory. He was probably one of the last local broom manufacturers.

Additional Historical Society Projects

In 1968 the Society went on its first bus trip, which was organized and conducted by Bill Sheridan. Bill led the group on an historic trip of Old Mine Road, one of the earliest roads in America which ran from the copper mines near the Delaware Water Gap to Kingston, New York. Historical sites along the route were visited. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Annual bus trips of historical interest have been a tradition with the Society ever since.

The Society began its yearly event of a Fourth of July Fair in 1970. This is our major annual fundraising project. On the Force homestead grounds, members set up tables with the help of the Livingston Kiwanis Club, and the fair is open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Members work at the tables of their choice: linens, used household goods, books and magazines, jewelry, herbs and plants, baked goods, collectibles, hot dogs and soda, iced tea and cookies. The fair is held at the same time as the Livingston Fourth of July celebration in Memorial Park, and good attendance results.

In March, 1981, Helen K. Muller organized and produced the society's first Colonial Craft Fair in the auditorium of Livingston Public Library. There were demonstrations of quilting, quilling, herbs, caning, broommaking, spinning, weaving, basket weaving, knitting and rughooking. The Fair was open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was well attended and very successful. This activity has been continued since its inception.

In 1982, another project was the idea of Helen K. Muller.

She compiled a guide for the 4.2 mile self-conducted walk or motor tour of the Livingston Historic Trail.

The trail starts at the Force Home and continues south on Livingston Avenue to Northfield Center. It then continues west on Northfield Avenue to Hillside Avenue; north on Hillside Avenue to Mt. Pleasant Avenue; east on Mt. Pleasant Avenue to Livingston Center; then south on Livingston Avenue to its starting point at the Force Home.

The Livingston Trailguide lists twenty-one houses and points of interest. It contains a brief description of each location. Others who contributed and prepared the Trailguide are:

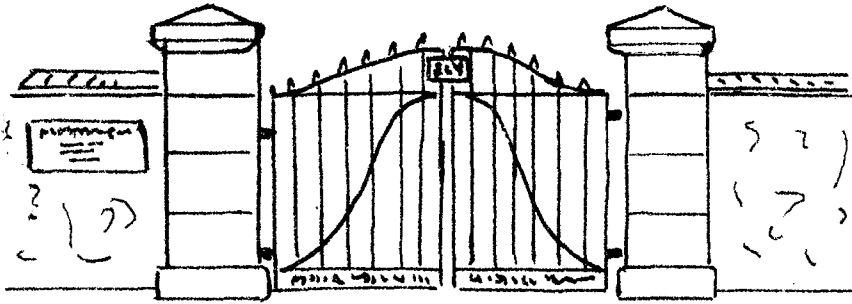
Patty Buday	Edith Squier Muller
Vera Fox	Frank Ransome
Frederick Muller	Florence Rathbun
Eric Muller	Dorothea Ochs Sutton

The Livingston Historic Trailguide has been a very popular item and over two thousand copies have been distributed. It has now completed its fourth printing. The seven-page guide is free on request from the Historical Society.

The Society has located and preserved numerous items of historical significance, such as the women's costume collection in the upstairs museum in the Force Home.

Each Christmas the Force Home is decorated in keeping with the colonial period and a Christmas Tea is held for members and guests. Old-fashioned mulled cider and finger foods are served for the enjoyment of all guests in celebration of the holiday period.

The Force Homestead is open for visitation and guided tours. Special tours may be arranged by contacting the Historical Society.



Restoration of the Historic Ely Cemetery

In 1980 Bob Spohn became president of the society and he had a dream. His dream was to clean up and restore the overgrown eyesore on Hillside Avenue which was the Ely Cemetery, historic burial ground of the Ely family. The cemetery had been neglected for almost twenty years and was a veritable jungle, overgrown with trees, brush and briars. In fact, the gravestones were barely visible due to the dense growth.

For more than two years Bob Spohn investigated every bit of information he could find on the Ely Cemetery. He acquired a file of more than ninety letters (forty of which he personally wrote) on the activity that transpired between 1960 and 1983 regarding the appointment of the Livingston Historical Society as trustee of the Ely Cemetery.

As a result of Bob's investigation a Mr. William Ely Chambers, Jr., was found living in Greenwich, Connecticut. Through Mr. Chambers, Bob found out that Mr. Chambers, his sister, Cathleen Farrington, who lived in Arizona, and a first cousin, Mary Jane Bedford, living in New York State, were the only remaining direct descendants of the original trustees of the Ely Cemetery Association, which was organized in 1901. Bob wrote a letter to Mr. Chambers in early February, 1983,

requesting that he meet at the Force Home with a committee of the Livingston Historical Society, consisting of:

Robert Spohn
Florence Tomshaw, Vice-President
Jack Key, Trustee
Eric Muller

George Clarkson attended the meeting, representing the Livingston Kiwanis Club, which was also interested in the Ely Cemetery.

The meeting was held as planned at the Force Home on February 23, 1983. Mr. Chambers stated at the meeting that he, his sister, Cathleen Farrington, and his cousin, Mary Jane Bedford, the three remaining descendants of the trustees, were in complete agreement to convey the property of Ely Cemetery to the Livingston Historical Society in return for a commitment on the part of the society to restore and preserve Ely Cemetery and to permit the burial of any Ely family descendant who requested interment there. (There has not been an interment since 1978.)

Bob Spohn wrote on March 14, 1983, to Peter Cooper, a member of the Livingston Historical Society, who was also an attorney with the law firm of Cooper, Harris, Dickson, Buermann, Camp and Boyd of Upper Montclair, New Jersey, inquiring as to the course Livingston Historical Society should follow to allow it to proceed with the restoration.

Mr. Cooper replied by suggesting that the society make application to the Essex County Superior Court to award trusteeship of Ely Cemetery to the society. Mr. Cooper was then directed to apply.

In late April, 1983, Mr. Chambers gave his permission, as one of the sole remaining descendants of the trustees of Ely Cemetery Association, to start work on the restoration.

The job of clearing started on June 7. Bob Spohn, John Muller, Harry Odenthal, Charles Bugbee, Eric Muller, and Helen Muller made up the work party. They worked on Tuesday and Saturday of each week, and two months later, on August 8,

1983, the brush and weeds were cut down and accumulated in a large pile. By September 9, 1983, all debris was disposed of.

On October 19, 1983, Judge Murray G. Simon of the Essex County Superior Court appointed the Livingston Historical Society trustee to Ely Cemetery.

The next job on the agenda was the repair and resetting of five damaged and broken gravestones. John Muller, Harry Odenthal and Charles Bugbee, under the direction of Eric Muller, completed the repair and resetting of the five gravestones by September, 1984.

The official dedication of the restored Ely Cemetery was held on October 19, 1984, with the installation of a bronze historical marker donated by the Kiwanis Club of Livingston. The marker was placed on the outside of the stone wall to the left of the gate.

At the March 25, 1985, regular society meeting, New Jersey State Assembly members Maureen Ogden and Bob Franks presented a resolution by the Assembly commending the Livingston Historical Society for the restoration of historic Ely Cemetery.

In May, 1985, Edna Teed Porter, who was born and raised in Livingston, donated an antique wrought iron and wood bench that stood in front of the Amos Harrison store at Livingston Center in 1900. The bench was restored with new wood by Eric Muller and placed in the Ely Cemetery. A crew of four dedicated members, Harry Odenthal, Monte Caliman, Jim Aylward and Eric Muller, kept the lawn mowed and trimmed and the shrubbery clipped.

Since 1985, the cemetery has been celebrating "Open Gate" days for the public on Memorial Day and Veterans Day of each year between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

So the dream of Bob Spohn, after five years of effort by a dedicated group of members of the Livingston Historical Society, has transformed the overgrown eyesore on Hillside

Avenue into a beautiful memorial cemetery park of the historic Ely family.

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I have attempted to give you some idea of the evolution of the Livingston Historical Society from its beginning to this 26th day of September, 1988, its twenty-fifth birthday. Only the surface has been scratched. I mentioned many names, but there are many more equally important. I offer my apology to those I did not name due to unintentional oversight and limited space and time.

The Livingston Historical Society deeply thanks all those persons and organizations who have assisted in making the society such a success. You have been a blessing.

Thank you one and all.

Eric W. Muller

Following is a list of past presidents of the Livingston Historical Society:

1963-1966	William K. Page
1966-1968	Joseph J. Spurr, II
1968-1970	Bertha Swain
1970-1972	Jessie Strahman
1972-1974	Dorothea Sutton
1974-1976	E. Maurice Hopkins
1976-1978	Virgil Key
1978-1980	Helen Muller
1980-1982	Robert Spohn
1982-1983	Phyllis Kowalchuk
1983-1985	Ellis Neff
1985-1 month	Justus Schifferes
1985-1986	Marion Hoesley
1986-1988	Richard Peterman
1988-1990	Charles Recktenwald
1990-	Joyce Klaber

Previous Publications In This Series

1966	November	Livingston and the Keans
1967	May	Ely Tavern, by Miriam Studley
1976	Bicentennial	Our Heritage, by Bertha Swain
1981	March	By the Old Bridge, by Lillias Cook
1981	November	Christmas Stories, by Freeman Harrison

