



Another

house in the lane (now Elmer Street) on the Philemon Elmer farm. It was built "of heavy logs with plaster between and was strong enough to resist attack from the Indians." The boys and girls of the village learned their Three R's and High C's there, throughout the Revolution. When the Township was established, a two-story brick-lined frame school house was erected just below the old burial ground. This was destroyed by fire in 1816, and the citizens voted to erect a brick academy on the site, "two stories high, the upper floor to be

used for church and town meetings, the lower for a village school." The stately elms which now arch the "Road to the Mountain," opposite the church green, were planted at this time.

The academy served as a school and place of assembly for more than half a century. Among the best known teachers, who sang exclusively in low voice, were Jonathan Miller, Jonathan Cory, Isaac Pierson, Dr. Sherman Cooper, Dr. Adrian Kinch, Chauncey B. Ripley, Laura Ripley and Elizabeth Stryker.



1814

Excerpts From The New Jersey Journal

1815

For Turnpike to Scotch Plains

Recompence Stanbery, David Osborn, Jonathan Meeker, of the Scotch Plains, in Westfield Township, have given Public Notice that they mean to present a bill to the State Legislature on the 19th instant for a Turnpike Road from Morristown, by way of New Providence, to the Scotch Plains.

The Westfield Academy

The Trustees of the Westfield Academy announce that they have engaged suitable teachers for the English and Classical Departments; and that the Schools are now open for the reception of Students. The village of Westfield is remarkably pleasant and healthy. Decent and convenient boarding may be procured. Parents and Guardians may depend on a strict attention being paid to the morals of the pupils. By Order of the Board, Jonathan Miller, Sec'y. Westfield (N. J.).

Expanding the Currency

Instructions have been received by the Collectors of Internal Revenue by which two or more citizens may unite in paying their U. S. taxes by a treasury note. This will obviate a difficulty much experienced and give a currency to this species of money.

Smith Williams Tan-Yard

Smith Williams offers his Tan-Yard, which contains nine acres and a dwelling house, barn and two-story shop, bark and beam house, a patent back mill and a never failing stream of water running alongside, together with a number of hides, bark, etc. Situated in the Township of Westfield on the road between Springfield and Scotch Plains. Jan. 24th.

Bank Declares Dividends

1815. The Directors of the State Bank of Elizabeth have declared a dividend for six months, to the first of April inst. of **One Dollar and Fifty-six Cents** on each share of the Capital Stock subscribed which will be paid to the stockholders or their legal representatives on demand. E. B. Dayton, cashier; Elizabeth-Town, April 4th.

Alarming Intelligence!

Just as our paper is going to press we received intelligence of a concerted plan to bring out every Federal vote. We have not room to relate particulars at present, but hope our Republican Brethren may take the alarm, stretch every nerve and frustrate these deep-laid plans. Elizabeth-town, Oct. 14th.