

## SURROUNDING TOWNS

The history of Fanwood is intermingled with that of the surrounding communities. Parades, sports, shopping, entertainment and all types of special events that exist in our neighboring towns have been enjoyed by Fanwood residents since Fanwood's inception. Fanwoodians have taken advantage of that which is available from our friends across the border.

The English conquest of 1664 ended fifty years of Dutch rule in the Elizabethtown area. The Duke of York gave to his friends a parcel of land that stretched from the Hudson River to the Delaware River. The recipients Lord John Berkley and Sir George Carteret named the land after the Isle of Jersey.

The towns in the area were purchased from the Indians. The price was a costly 2 coats, 2 guns, 2 kettles, 10 bars of lead, 20 handfuls of powder and wampum.

## ∞ Scotch Plains ∞

The Township of Scotch Plains was known originally as "Scotsplain" and derived its name and early heritage from the Scottish settlers reaching this area in the last part of the seventeenth century.

A large number of significant historic sites reflecting the Township's early eighteenth century and revolutionary heritage are still present in the community today. Many Scotch Plains residents were part of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. One story that occurred during the Revolutionary War is English Generals Cornwallis and Howe happened upon a home in the ash swamp area of Scotch Plains where its occupant was busily baking bread. The generals politely requested bread for their troops. The patriotic homeowner offered grudgingly a loaf of bread claiming, "I give you this sirs in fear, not in love". Both generals then refused and none of the soldiers ate bread.



*The Stagehouse Inn, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Front Street, served as a meeting place prior to the Revolutionary War and continued through the turn of the century which was when this photograph was taken.*