



The Watchung Mountains (Scotch Plains), Fanwood, N.J., c. 1890. Even at the turn of the century, the area retained its rural quality.

Fanwood Township Tax Bill 1893.		Fanwood, N. J., October 1st, 1893.																																					
<p>Taxes are now due and payable to me BEFORE the 20th day of December next. If not paid before that date the delinquent will then be returned to a Justice of the Peace for Prosecution, and 12 per cent. interest and cost will be added.</p> <p>The Court of Appeals in cases of Taxation will meet at the Truck House of Excelsior H. & L. Co., Scotch Plains, on the Fourth Tuesday in November, at one o'clock, P.M.</p> <p>Taxes received at B. Cunnett's on Friday, December 14th, at J. Lambert's Mill on Saturday, December the 15th, from 9 A. M. to 12 M., at the Truck House of Excelsior H. & L. Co., at Scotch Plains, on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 17th and 18th, and at Chas. A. Smith's Office, near the R. R. Station, on Wednesday, the 19th, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.</p> <p>Taxes received at home on other days previous to the 20th Sunday excepted.</p> <p>Payment before the 20th day of December is respectfully requested.</p>																																							
RATE ON \$100.00 VALUATION.																																							
County Tax,	52	Cts.																																					
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State School Tax,	25	"																																					
Road Tax,	10	"																																					
Amount Exclusive of Specials,	100																																						
SPECIAL TAXES.																																							
Road District, No. 4,	7 1/2	Cts.																																					
School do do, 10,	25	do.																																					
do do do, 11,	25	do.																																					
do do do, 11, Millinery Co.,	27 1/2	do.																																					
do do do, 14,	25	do.																																					
Wm. HETFIELD, Collector,																																							
P. O. Box 1180, Plainfield, N. J.																																							
If sent by mail, please enclose postage stamp for receipt.																																							
P.O. PAYMENT IS REQUESTED.																																							
E.D. - Bring or send your Bill.																																							
<p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">Mr. William D. Johnson</p>		<p>Your Taxes due the Township of Fanwood for the year 1893 are:</p>																																					
Description of Property: <i>Lot & Barn</i>																																							
VALUATION - Real Estate,	\$ 100																																						
do. Personal,	25																																						
Total Valuation,	\$ 125																																						
Legal Deductions,																																							
Value of Taxable Property,	\$ 125	\$	Cts.																																				
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An 1893 Township Tax bill for Mr. William D. Johnson for one lot and barn. This township tax bill includes real estate tax, personal tax, school tax, and a variety of other assessments. How does this compare with tax bills today?